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ISL6269

High-Performance Notebook PWM Controller with Bias Regulator and Audio-Frequency Clamp

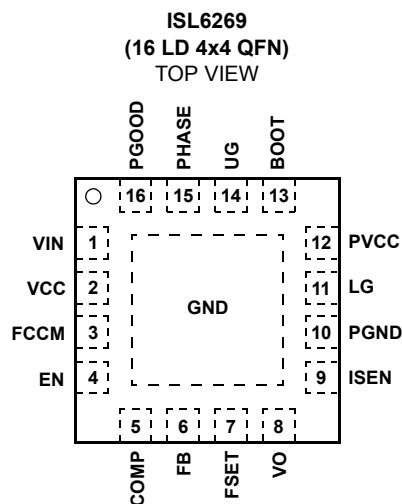
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The ISL6269 IC is a Single-Phase Synchronous-Buck PWM controller featuring Intersil's Robust Ripple Regulator (R³) technology that delivers truly superior dynamic response to input voltage and output load transients. Integrated MOSFET drivers, 5V LDO and bootstrap diode result in fewer components and smaller implementation area.

Intersil's R³ technology combines the best features of fixed-frequency PWM and hysteretic PWM while eliminating many of their shortcomings. R³ technology employs an innovative modulator that synthesizes an AC ripple voltage signal V_R, analogous to the output inductor ripple current. The AC signal V_R enters a window comparator where the lower threshold is the error amplifier output V_{COMP}, and the upper threshold is a programmable voltage reference V_W, resulting in generation of the PWM signal. The voltage reference V_W sets the steady state PWM frequency. Both edges of the PWM can be modulated in response to input voltage transients and output load transients, much faster than conventional fixed frequency PWM controllers. Unlike a conventional hysteretic converter, the ISL6269 has an error amplifier that provides ±1% voltage regulation at the FB pin.

The ISL6269 has a 1.5ms digital soft-start and can be started into a pre-biased output voltage. A resistor divider is used to program the output voltage setpoint. The ISL6269 can be configured to operate in continuous-conduction-mode (CCM) or diode-emulation-mode (DEM), which improves light-load efficiency. In CCM the controller always operates as a synchronous rectifier however, when DEM is enabled the low-side MOSFET is permitted to stay off, blocking negative current flow into the low-side MOSFET from the output inductor.

Pinout



Features

- High performance R³ technology
- Fast transient response
- +0.6V Internal Reference
 - ±0.6% tolerance over the commercial temperature range (0°C to +70°C)
 - ±1.0% tolerance over the industrial temperature range (-40°C to +85°C)
- Wide input voltage range: +7.0V to +25.0V
- Output voltage range: +0.6V to +3.3V
- Wide output load range: 0A to 25A
- Selectable diode emulation mode for increased light load efficiency
- Programmable PWM frequency: 200kHz to 600kHz
- Pre-biased output start-up capability
- Internal 5V LDO for self-biasing
- Integrated MOSFET drivers and bootstrap diode
- Internal digital soft-start
- Power good monitor
- PWM minimum frequency above audible spectrum
- Fault protection
 - Undervoltage protection
 - Soft crowbar overvoltage protection
 - Low-side MOSFET r_{DS(ON)} overcurrent protection
 - Over-temperature protection
 - Fault identification by PGOOD pull-down resistance
- Pb-free (RoHS compliant)

Applications

- PCI express graphical processing unit
- Auxiliary power rail
- VRM
- Network adapter

Ordering Information

PART NUMBER (Note)	PART MARKING	TEMP RANGE (°C)	PACKAGE (Pb-free)	PKG. DWG. #
ISL6269CRZ*	62 69CRZ	-10 to +100	16 Ld 4x4 QFN	L16.4x4
ISL6269IRZ*	62 69IRZ	-40 to +100	16 Ld 4x4 QFN	L16.4x4

*Add "-T" suffix for tape and reel. Please refer to TB347 for details on reel specifications.

NOTE: These Intersil Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets, molding compounds/die attach materials, and 100% matte tin plate plus anneal (e3 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations). Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.

Block Diagram

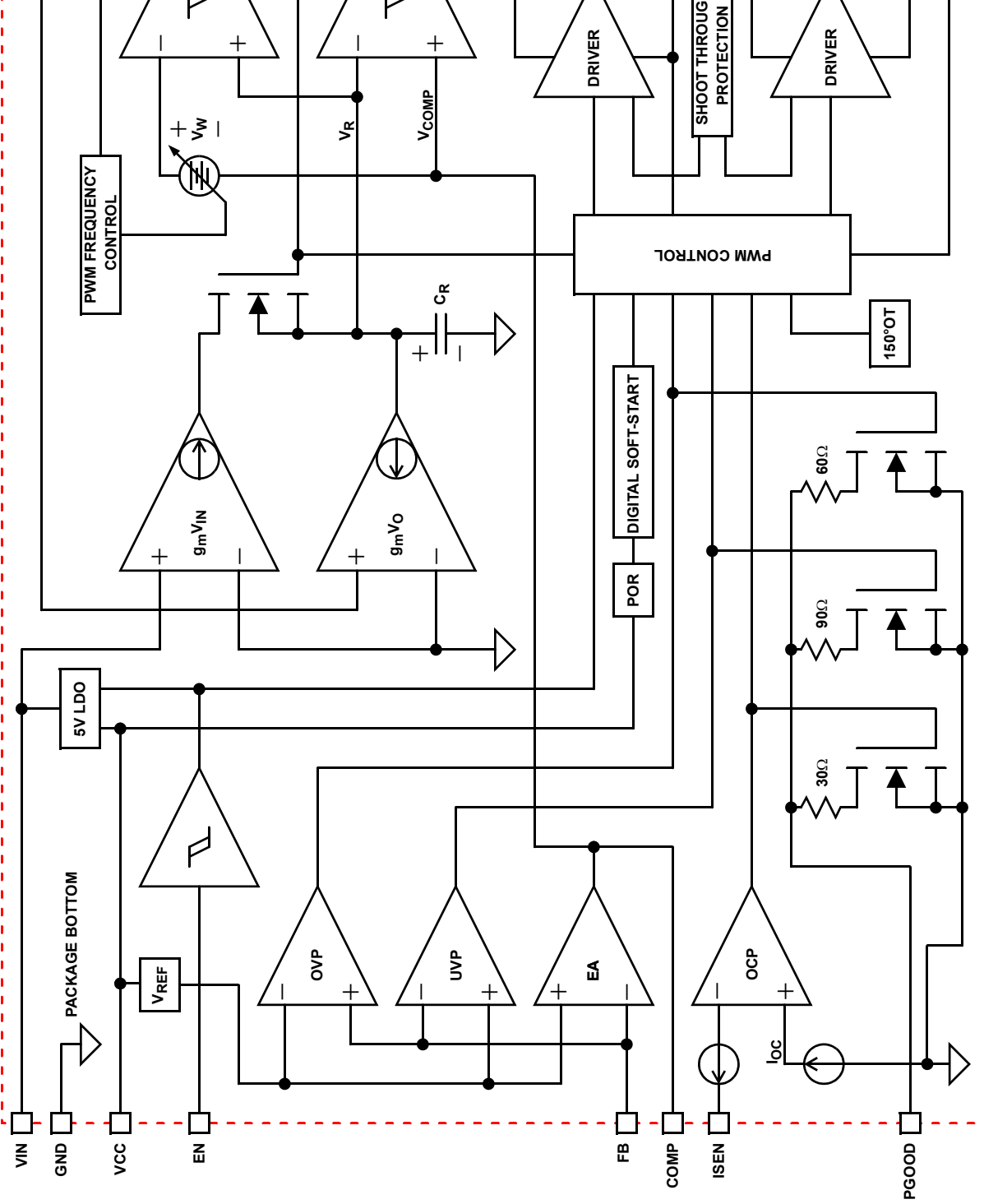


FIGURE 1. SCHEMATIC BLOCK DIAGRAM

Typical Application

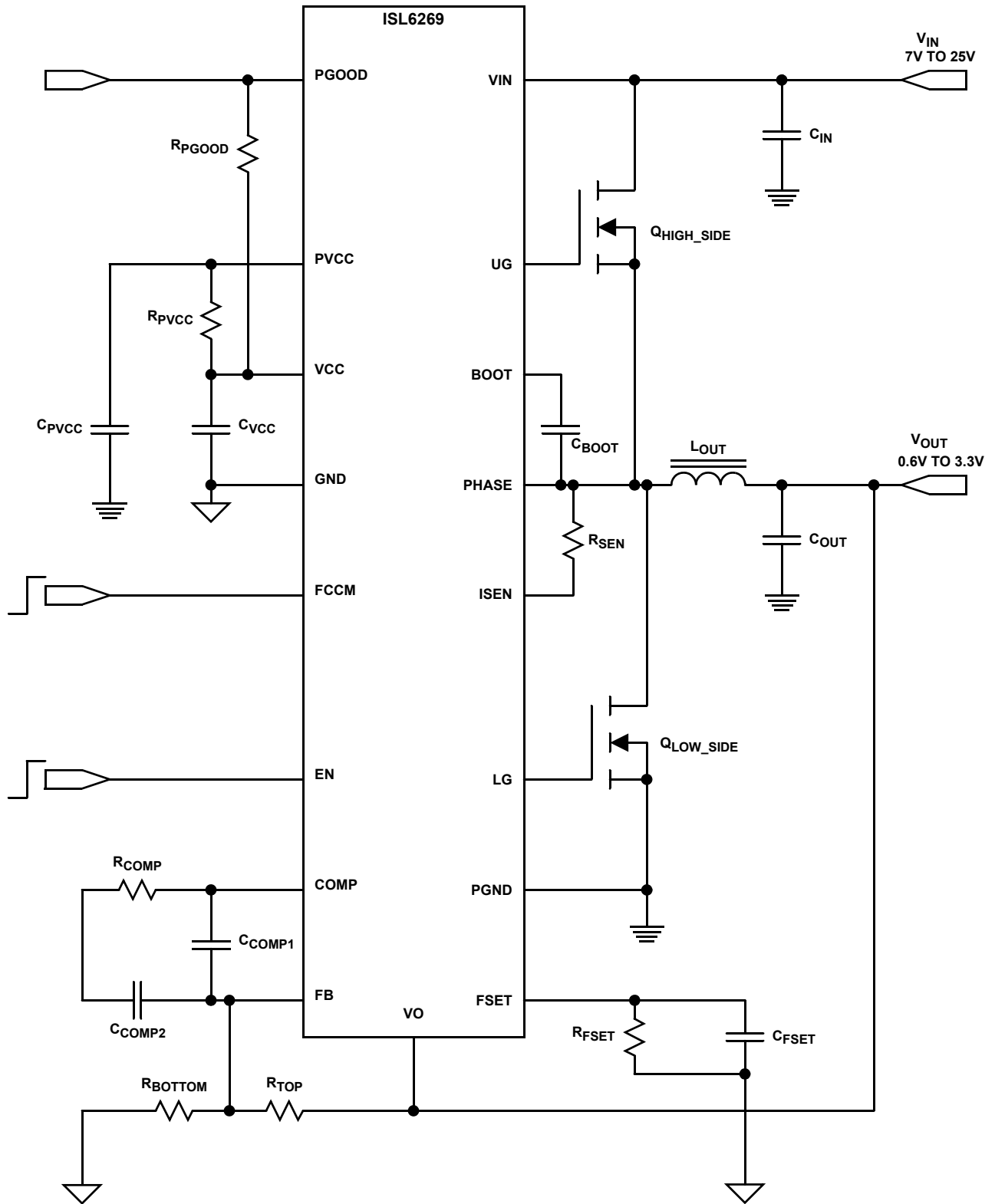


FIGURE 2. ISL6269 TYPICAL APPLICATION SCHEMATIC

Absolute Voltage Ratings

ISEN, VIN to GND	-0.3V to +28V
VCC, PGOOD to GND	-0.3V to +7.0V
PVCC to PGND	-0.3V to +7.0V
GND to PGND	-0.3V to +0.3V
EN, FCCM	-0.3V to GND, VCC +3.3V
VO, FB, COMP, FSET	-0.3V to GND, VCC +0.3V
PHASE to GND (DC)	-0.3V to +28V
($<100\text{ns}$ Pulse Width, $10\mu\text{J}$)	-5.0V
BOOT to GND, or PGND	-0.3V to +33V
BOOT to PHASE	-0.3V to +7V
UG (DC)	-0.3V to PHASE, BOOT +0.3V
($<200\text{ns}$ Pulse Width, $20\mu\text{J}$)	-4.0V
LG (DC)	-0.3V to PGND, PVCC +0.3V
($<100\text{ns}$ Pulse Width, $4\mu\text{J}$)	-2.0V

Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance (Typical, Notes 1, 2)	θ_{JA} ($^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$)	θ_{JC} ($^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$)
QFN Package	48	11.5
Junction Temperature Range	-55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +150 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Operating Temperature Range		
ISL6269CRZ	-10 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	
ISL6269IRZ	-40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Storage Temperature	-65 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +150 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Pb-Free Reflow Profile	see link below	
http://www.intersil.com/pbfree/Pb-FreeReflow.asp		

Recommended Operating Conditions

Ambient Temperature Range	
ISL6269CRZ	-10 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
ISL6269IRZ	-40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Supply Voltage (VIN to GND)	7V to 25V
PVCC to PGND	.5V \pm 5%

CAUTION: Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions may adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

NOTES:

- θ_{JA} is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high effective thermal conductivity test board with "direct attach" features. See Tech Brief TB379.
- For θ_{JC} , the "case temp" location is the center of the exposed metal pad on the package underside.

Electrical Specifications

These specifications apply for $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise stated. All typical specifications $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $\text{PVCC} = 5\text{V}$, $\text{VIN} = 15\text{V}$. Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are 100% tested at +25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified. Temperature limits established by characterization and are not production tested.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
VIN						
VIN Input Voltage Range	V_{VIN}		7.0	-	25	V
VIN Input Bias Current	I_{VIN}	EN = 5V, VIN = 25V	-	2.2	3.0	mA
VIN Shutdown Current	I_{VIN_SHDN}	EN = GND, VIN = 25V	-	0.1	1.0	μA
VCC LDO						
VCC Output Voltage Range	V_{VCC}	VIN = 7V to 25V, IVCC = 0mA to 80mA	4.75	5.00	5.25	V
Rising VCC POR Threshold Voltage	V_{VCC_THR}	$T_A = -10^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	4.35	4.45	4.55	V
			4.33	4.45	4.55	V
Falling VCC POR Threshold Voltage	V_{VCC_THF}	$T_A = -10^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	4.10	4.20	4.30	V
			4.08	4.20	4.30	V
PVCC						
PVCC Shutdown Current	I_{PVCC_SHDN}	EN = GND, PVCC = 5V	-	0.1	1.0	μA
REGULATION						
Reference Voltage	V_{REF}		-	0.6	-	V
Voltage Regulation Accuracy	V_{REG}	FB connected to COMP, $T_A = -10^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	-0.6	-	+0.6	%
		FB connected to COMP, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	-1.0	-	+1.0	%
PWM						
Frequency Range	f_{SW}	FCCM = 5V	200	-	600	kHz
		FCCM = GND, $T_A = -10^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	19	28	-	kHz
	f_{AUDIO}	FCCM to GND	18	28	-	kHz
Frequency-Set Accuracy		$f_{SW} = 300\text{kHz}$	-12	-	+12	%
VO Range	V_{VO}		0.60	-	3.30	V

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
VO Input Leakage	I_{VO}	VO = 0.60V	-	1.3	-	μA
		VO = 3.30V	-	7.0	-	μA
ERROR AMPLIFIER						
FB Input Bias Current	I_{FB}	FB = 0.60V	-0.5	-	+0.5	μA
COMP Source Current	I_{COMP_SRC}	FB = 0.40V, COMP = 3.20V	-	2.5	-	mA
COMP Sink Current	I_{COMP_SNK}	FB = 0.80V, COMP = 0.30V	-	0.3	-	mA
COMP High Clamp Voltage	V_{COMP_HC}	FB = 0.40V, Sink 50 μA	3.10	3.40	3.65	V
COMP Low Clamp Voltage	V_{COMP_LC}	FB = 0.80V, Source 50 μA	0.09	0.15	0.21	V
POWER GOOD						
PGOOD Pull-down Impedance	R_{PG_SS}	PGOOD = 5mA Sink, $T_A = -10^\circ\text{C}$ to $+100^\circ\text{C}$	75	95	125	Ω
		PGOOD = 5mA Sink	67	95	125	Ω
	R_{PG_UV}	PGOOD = 5mA Sink, $T_A = -10^\circ\text{C}$ to $+100^\circ\text{C}$	75	95	125	Ω
		PGOOD = 5mA Sink	67	95	125	Ω
	R_{PG_OV}	PGOOD = 5mA Sink, $T_A = -10^\circ\text{C}$ to $+100^\circ\text{C}$	50	63	85	Ω
		PGOOD = 5mA Sink	45	63	85	Ω
	R_{PG_OC}	PGOOD = 5mA Sink, $T_A = -10^\circ\text{C}$ to $+100^\circ\text{C}$	25	32	45	Ω
		PGOOD = 5mA Sink	22	32	45	Ω
PGOOD Leakage Current	I_{PGOOD}	PGOOD = 5V	-	0.1	1.0	μA
PGOOD Maximum Sink Current			-	5.0	-	mA
PGOOD Soft-Start Delay	t_{SS}	EN High to PGOOD High, $T_A = -10^\circ\text{C}$ to $+100^\circ\text{C}$	2.20	2.75	3.30	ms
		EN High to PGOOD High	2.20	2.75	3.50	ms
GATE DRIVER						
UG Pull-Up Resistance	R_{UGPU}	200mA Source Current	-	1.0	1.5	Ω
UG Source Current	I_{UGSRC}	UG - PHASE = 2.5V	-	2.0	-	A
UG Sink Resistance	R_{UGPD}	250mA Sink Current	-	1.0	1.5	Ω
UG Sink Current	I_{UGSNK}	UG - PHASE = 2.5V	-	2.0	-	A
LG Pull-Up Resistance	R_{LGPU}	250mA Source Current	-	1.0	1.5	Ω
LG Source Current	I_{LGSRC}	LG - PGND = 2.5V	-	2.0	-	A
LG Sink Resistance	R_{LGPD}	250mA Sink Current	-	0.5	0.9	Ω
LG Sink Current	I_{LGSNK}	LG - PGND = 2.5V	-	4.0	-	A
UG to LG Deadtime	t_{UGFLGR}	UG falling to LG rising, no load	-	21	-	ns
LG to UG Deadtime	t_{LGFUGR}	LG falling to UG rising, no load	-	14	-	ns
BOOTSTRAP DIODE						
Forward Voltage	V_F	PVCC = 5V, $I_F = 2\text{mA}$	-	0.58	-	V
Reverse Leakage	I_R	$V_R = 25\text{V}$	-	0.2	-	μA
CONTROL INPUTS						
EN High Threshold	V_{ENTHR}		2.0	-	-	V
EN Low Threshold	V_{ENTHF}		-	-	0.5	V
FCCM High Threshold	$V_{FCCMTHR}$		2.0	-	-	V
FCCM Low Threshold	$V_{FCCMTHF}$		-	-	1.0	V
EN Leakage	I_{ENL}	EN = 0V	-	0.1	1.0	μA
	I_{ENH}	EN = 5.0V	-	20	-	μA

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
FCCM Leakage	I_{FCCML}	FCCM = 0V	-	0.1	1.0	μA
	I_{FCCMH}	FCCM = 5.0V	-	2.0	-	μA
PROTECTION						
ISEN OCP Threshold	I_{OC}	ISEN sourcing, $T_A = -10^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+100^{\circ}\text{C}$	19	26	33	μA
		ISEN sourcing	17	26	33	μA
ISEN Short-Circuit Threshold	I_{SC}	ISEN sourcing	-	50	-	μA
UVP Threshold	V_{UV}		81	84	87	%
OVP Rising Threshold	V_{OVR}		113	116	119	%
OVP Falling Threshold	V_{OVF}		100	103	106	%
OTP Rising Threshold	T_{OTR}		-	150	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
OTP Hysteresis	T_{OTHYS}		-	25	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

Functional Pin Descriptions**VIN (Pin 1)**

The VIN pin measures the converter input voltage which is a required input to the R^3 PWM modulator. The VIN pin is also the input source for the integrated +5V LDO regulator. Connect across the drain of the high-side MOSFET to the GND pin.

VCC (Pin 2)

The VCC pin is the output of the integrated +5V LDO regulator, which provides the bias voltage for the IC. The VCC pin delivers regulated +5V whenever the EN pin is pulled above V_{ENTHR} . For best performance the LDO requires at least a $1\mu\text{F}$ MLCC decouple capacitor to the GND pin.

FCCM (Pin 3)

The FCCM pin configures the controller to operate in forced-continuous-conduction-mode (FCCM) or diode-emulation-mode (DEM). DEM is disabled when the FCCM pin is pulled above the rising threshold voltage $V_{FCCMTHR}$, conversely DEM is enabled when the FCCM pin is pulled below the falling threshold voltage $V_{FCCMTHF}$.

EN (Pin 4)

The EN pin is the on/off switch of the IC. When the EN pin is pulled above the rising threshold voltage V_{ENTHR} , the VCC 5V LDO ramps and begins regulating. The soft-start sequence begins after V_{VCC} is above the power-on reset (POR) rising threshold voltage V_{VCC_THR} . When the EN pin is pulled below the falling threshold voltage V_{ENTHF} , PWM immediately stops and V_{VCC} decays below the POR falling threshold voltage V_{VCC_THF} , at which time the IC turns off.

COMP (Pin 5)

The COMP pin is the output of the control-loop error amplifier. Compensation components for the control-loop connect across the COMP and FB pins.

FB (Pin 6)

The FB pin is the inverting input of the control-loop error amplifier. The converter output voltage regulates to 600mV from the FB pin to the GND pin. Program the desired output voltage with a resistor network connected across the VO, FB, and GND pins. Select the resistor values such that FB to GND is 600mV when the converter output voltage is at the programmed regulation value.

FSET (Pin 7)

The FSET pin programs the PWM switching frequency. Program the desired PWM frequency with a resistor and a capacitor connected across the FSET and GND pins.

VO (Pin 8)

The VO pin measures the converter output voltage and is used exclusively as an input to the R^3 PWM modulator. Connect at the physical location where the best output voltage regulation is desired.

ISEN (Pin 9)

The ISEN pin programs the threshold of the OCP overcurrent fault protection. Program the desired OCP threshold with a resistor connected across the ISEN and PHASE pins. The OCP threshold is programmed to detect the peak current of the output inductor. The peak current is the sum of the DC and AC components of the inductor current.

PGND (Pin 10)

The PGND pin conducts the turn-off transient current through the LG gate driver. The PGND pin must be connected to complete the pull-down circuit of the LG gate driver. The PGND pin should be connected to the source of the low-side MOSFET through a low impedance path, preferably in parallel with the trace connecting the LG pin to the gate of the low-side MOSFET. The adaptive shoot-through protection circuit, measures the low-side MOSFET gate-source voltage from the LG pin to the PGND pin.

LG (Pin 11)

The LG pin is the output of the low-side MOSFET gate driver. Connect to the gate of the low-side MOSFET.

PVCC (Pin 12)

The PVCC pin is the input voltage bias for the LG low-side MOSFET gate driver. Connect +5V from the PVCC pin to the PGND pin. Decouple with at least 1µF of an MLCC capacitor across the PVCC and PGND pins. The VCC output may be used for the PVCC input voltage source.

BOOT (Pin 13)

The BOOT pin stores the input voltage for the UG high-side MOSFET gate driver. Connect an MLCC capacitor across the BOOT and PHASE pins. The boot capacitor is charged through an internal boot diode connected from the PVCC pin to the BOOT pin, each time the PHASE pin drops below PVCC minus the voltage dropped across the internal boot diode.

UG (Pin 14)

The UG pin is the output of the high-side MOSFET gate driver. Connect to the gate of the high-side MOSFET.

PHASE (Pin 15)

The PHASE pin detects the voltage polarity of the PHASE node and is also the current return path for the UG high-side MOSFET gate driver. Connect the PHASE pin to the node consisting of the high-side MOSFET source, the low-side MOSFET drain, and the output inductor.

PGOOD (Pin 16)

The PGOOD pin is an open-drain output that indicates when the converter is able to supply regulated voltage. Connect the PGOOD pin to +5V through a pull-up resistor.

GND (Bottom Pad)

Signal common of the IC. Unless otherwise stated, signals are referenced to the GND pin, not the PGND pin.

Theory of Operation**Modulator**

The ISL6269 is a hybrid of fixed frequency PWM control, and variable frequency hysteretic control. Intersil's R³ technology can simultaneously affect the PWM switching frequency and PWM duty cycle in response to input voltage and output load transients. The term "Ripple" in the name "Robust-Ripple-Regulator" refers to the converter output inductor ripple current, not the converter output ripple voltage. The R³ modulator synthesizes an AC signal V_R , which is an ideal representation of the output inductor ripple current. The duty-cycle of V_R is the result of charge and discharge current through a ripple capacitor C_R . The current through C_R is provided by a transconductance amplifier g_m that measures the VIN and VO pin voltages. The positive slope of V_R can be written as:

$$V_{RPOS} = (g_m) \cdot (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \quad (\text{EQ. 1})$$

The negative slope of V_R can be written as:

$$V_{RNEG} = g_m \cdot V_{OUT} \quad (\text{EQ. 2})$$

Where g_m is the gain of the transconductance amplifier.

A window voltage V_W is referenced with respect to the error amplifier output voltage V_{COMP} , creating an envelope into which the ripple voltage V_R is compared. The amplitude of V_W is set by a resistor connected across the FSET and GND pins. The V_R , V_{COMP} , and V_W signals feed into a window comparator in which V_{COMP} is the lower threshold voltage and V_W is the higher threshold voltage. Figure 3 shows PWM pulses being generated as V_R traverses the V_W and V_{COMP} thresholds. The PWM switching frequency is proportional to the slew rates of the positive and negative slopes of V_R ; the PWM switching frequency is inversely proportional to the voltage between V_W and V_{COMP} .

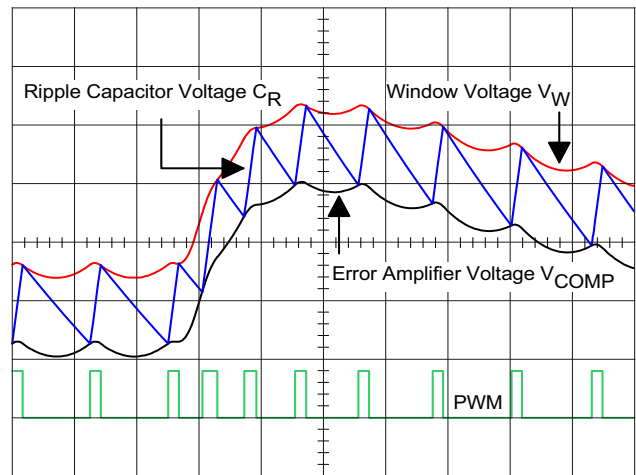


FIGURE 3. MODULATOR WAVEFORMS DURING LOAD TRANSIENT

EN, LDO, and POR

The VCC LDO regulates by pulling up towards the voltage at the VIN pin; the LDO has no pull-down capability. The LDO is enabled when the EN pin surpasses the rising EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHR} . The ISL6269 is enabled once V_{VCC} has increased above the rising power-on reset (POR) V_{VCC_THR} threshold voltage. The controller immediately stops generating PWM and disables the LDO when the EN pin is pulled below the falling EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHF} . The IC completely shuts off when V_{VCC} decreases below the falling POR V_{VCC_THF} threshold voltage.

Soft-Start, and PGOOD

The ISL6269 uses a digital soft-start circuit to ramp the output voltage of the converter to the programmed regulation setpoint at a predictable slew rate. The slew rate of the soft-start sequence has been selected to limit the inrush current through the output capacitors as they charge to the desired regulation voltage. When the EN pin is pulled above the rising EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHR} and V_{VCC} has ramped above the rising POR V_{VCC_THR} threshold voltage, the PGOOD Soft-Start Delay t_{SS} starts and the output voltage begins to rise. The

output voltage enters regulation in approximately 1.5ms and the PGOOD pin goes to high impedance once t_{SS} has elapsed.

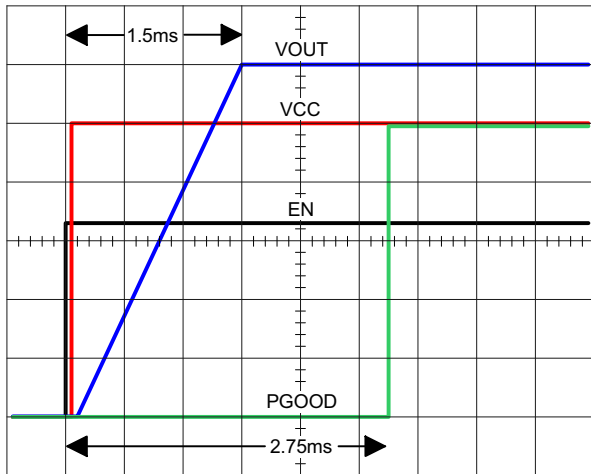


FIGURE 4. SOFT-START SEQUENCE

The PGOOD pin indicates when the converter is capable of supplying regulated voltage. The PGOOD pin is an undefined impedance if V_{VCC} has not reached the rising POR threshold V_{VCC_THR} , or if V_{VCC} is below the falling POR threshold V_{VCC_THF} . The ISL6269 features a unique fault-identification capability that can drastically reduce trouble-shooting time and effort. The pull-down resistance of the PGOOD pin corresponds to the fault status of the controller. During soft-start or if an undervoltage fault occurs, the PGOOD pull-down resistance is 95Ω , or 30Ω for an overcurrent fault, or 60Ω for an overvoltage fault.

TABLE 1. PGOOD PULL-DOWN RESISTANCE

CONDITION	PGOOD RESISTANCE
VCC Below POR	Undefined
Soft Start or Undervoltage	95Ω
Overvoltage	60Ω
Overcurrent	30Ω

MOSFET Gate-Drive Outputs LG and UG

The ISL6269 has internal gate-drivers for the high-side and low-side N-Channel MOSFETs. The LG gate-driver is optimized for low duty-cycle applications where the low-side MOSFET conduction losses are dominant, requiring a low $r_{DS(ON)}$ MOSFET. The LG pull-down resistance is small in order to clamp the gate of the MOSFET below the $V_{GS(th)}$ at turnoff. The current transient through the gate at turnoff can be considerable because the switching charge of a low $r_{DS(ON)}$ MOSFET can be large. Adaptive shoot-through protection prevents a gate-driver output from turning on until the opposite gate-driver output has fallen below approximately 1V. The dead-time shown in Figure 5 is extended by the additional period that the falling gate voltage stays above the 1V threshold. The high-side gate-driver output voltage is measured across the UG and PHASE pins while the low-side

gate-driver output voltage is measured across the LG and PGND pins. The power for the LG gate-driver is sourced directly from the PVCC pin. The power for the UG gate-driver is sourced from a “boot” capacitor connected across the BOOT and PHASE pins. The boot capacitor is charged from a 5V bias supply through a “boot diode” each time the low-side MOSFET turns on, pulling the PHASE pin low. The ISL6269 has an integrated boot diode connected from the PVCC pin to the BOOT pin.

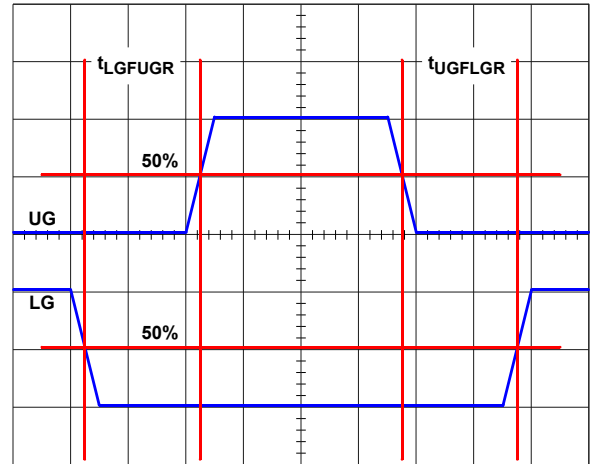


FIGURE 5. LG AND UG DEAD-TIME

Diode Emulation

The ISL6269 normally operates in continuous-conduction-mode (CCM), minimizing conduction losses by forcing the low-side MOSFET to operate as a synchronous rectifier. An improvement in light-load efficiency is achieved by allowing the converter to operate in diode-emulation-mode (DEM), where the low-side MOSFET behaves as a smart-diode, forcing the device to block negative inductor current flow. The ISL6269 can be configured to operate in DEM by setting the FCCM pin low. Setting the FCCM pin high will disable DEM.

Positive-going inductor current flows from either the source of the high-side MOSFET, or the drain of the low-side MOSFET. Negative-going inductor current usually flows into the drain of the low-side MOSFET. When the low-side MOSFET conducts positive inductor current, the phase voltage will be negative with respect to the GND and PGND pins. Conversely, when the low-side MOSFET conducts negative inductor current, the phase voltage will be positive with respect to the GND and PGND pins. Negative inductor current occurs when the output load current is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the inductor ripple current. Sinking negative inductor current through the low-side MOSFET lowers efficiency through unnecessary conduction losses. Efficiency can be further improved with a reduction of unnecessary switching losses by reducing the PWM frequency. It is characteristic of the R^3 architecture for the PWM frequency to decrease while in diode emulation. The extent of the frequency reduction is proportional to the reduction of load current. The ISL6269 features an audio filter that clamps the minimum

PWM frequency to a level beyond human hearing when the output load current becomes low enough.

With FCCM pulled low, the converter will automatically enter DEM after the PHASE pin has detected positive voltage, while the LG gate-driver pin is high, for eight consecutive PWM pulses. The converter will return to CCM on the following cycle after the PHASE pin detects negative voltage, indicating that the body diode of the low-side MOSFET is conducting positive inductor current.

Overcurrent and Short-Circuit Protection

The overcurrent protection (OCP) and short circuit protection (SCP) setpoint is programmed with resistor R_{SEN} that is connected across the ISEN and PHASE pins. The PHASE pin is connected to the drain terminal of the low-side MOSFET.

The SCP setpoint is internally set to twice the OCP setpoint. When an OCP or SCP fault is detected, the PGOOD pin will pull-down to 30Ω and latch off the converter. The fault will remain latched until the EN pin has been pulled below the falling EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHF} or if V_{VCC} has decayed below the falling POR threshold voltage V_{VCC_THF} .

The OCP circuit does not directly detect the DC load current leaving the converter. The OCP circuit detects the peak of positive-flowing output inductor current. The low-side MOSFET drain current I_D is assumed to be equal to the positive output inductor current when the high-side MOSFET is off. The inductor current develops a negative voltage across the $r_{DS(ON)}$ of the low-side MOSFET that is measured shortly after the LG gate-driver output goes high. The ISEN pin sources the OCP sense current I_{SEN} , through the OCP programming resistor R_{SEN} , forcing the ISEN pin to zero volts with respect to the GND pin. The negative voltage across the PHASE and GND pins is nulled by the voltage dropped across R_{SEN} as I_{SEN} conducts through it. An OCP fault occurs if I_{SEN} rises above the OCP threshold current I_{OC} while attempting to null the negative voltage across the PHASE and GND pins. I_{SEN} must exceed I_{OC} on all the PWM pulses that occur within $20\mu s$. If I_{SEN} falls below I_{OC} on a PWM pulse before $20\mu s$ has elapsed, the timer will be reset. An SCP fault will occur within $10\mu s$ when I_{SEN} exceeds twice I_{OC} . The relationship between I_D and I_{SEN} is written as:

$$I_{SEN} \cdot R_{SEN} = I_D \cdot r_{DS(ON)} \quad (\text{EQ. 3})$$

The value of R_{SEN} is then written as:

$$R_{SEN} = \frac{\left(I_{FL} + \frac{I_{PP}}{2}\right) \cdot OC_{SP} \cdot r_{DS(ON)}}{I_{OC}} \quad (\text{EQ. 4})$$

Where:

- R_{SEN} (Ω) is the resistor used to program the overcurrent setpoint
- I_{SEN} is the current sense current that is sourced from the ISEN pin
- I_{OC} is the I_{SEN} threshold current sourced from the ISEN pin that will activate the OCP circuit
- I_{FL} is the maximum continuous DC load current
- I_{PP} is the inductor peak-to-peak ripple current
- OC_{SP} is the desired overcurrent setpoint expressed as a multiplier relative to I_{FL}

Overvoltage Protection

When an OVP fault is detected, the PGOOD pin will pull-down to 60Ω and latch-off the converter. The OVP fault will remain latched until the V_{VCC} has decayed below the falling POR threshold voltage V_{VCC_THF} .

The OVP fault detection circuit triggers after the voltage across the FB and GND pins has increased above the rising overvoltage threshold V_{OVR} . Although the converter has latched-off in response to an OVP fault, the LG gate-driver output will retain the ability to toggle the low-side MOSFET on and off, in response to the output voltage transversing the V_{OVR} and V_{OVF} thresholds.

Undervoltage Protection

When a UVP fault is detected, the PGOOD pin will pull down to 95Ω and latch-off the converter. The fault will remain latched until the EN pin has been pulled below the falling EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHF} or if V_{VCC} has decayed below the falling POR threshold voltage V_{VCC_THF} . The UVP fault detection circuit triggers after the voltage across the FB and GND pins has fallen below the undervoltage threshold V_{UV} .

Over-Temperature

When the temperature of the ISL6269 increases above the rising threshold temperature T_{OTR} , the IC will enter an OTP state that suspends the PWM, forcing the LG and UG gate-driver outputs low. The status of the PGOOD pin does not change nor does the converter latch-off. The PWM remains suspended until the IC temperature falls below the hysteresis temperature T_{OTHYS} at which time normal PWM operation resumes. The OTP state can be reset if the EN pin is pulled below the falling EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHF} or if V_{VCC} decays below the falling POR threshold voltage V_{VCC_THF} . All other protection circuits function normally during OTP. It is likely that the IC will detect an UVP fault because in the absence of PWM, the output voltage immediately decays below the undervoltage threshold V_{UV} ; the PGOOD pin will pull-down to 95Ω and latch-off the converter. The UVP fault will remain latched until the EN pin has been pulled below the falling EN threshold voltage V_{ENTHF} or if V_{VCC} has decayed below the falling POR threshold voltage V_{VCC_THF} .

this guide, Intersil provides complete reference designs that include schematics, bills of materials, and example board layouts.

Selecting the LC Output Filter

The duty cycle of an ideal buck converter is a function of the input and the output voltage. This relationship is written as:

$$D = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \quad (\text{EQ. 9})$$

The output inductor peak-to-peak ripple current is written as:

$$I_{PP} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot (1 - D)}{f_{SW} \cdot L_{OUT}} \quad (\text{EQ. 10})$$

A typical step-down DC/DC converter will have an I_{PP} of 20% to 40% of the maximum DC output load current. The value of I_{PP} is selected based upon several criteria such as MOSFET switching loss, inductor core loss, and the resistive loss of the inductor winding. The DC copper loss of the inductor can be estimated by:

$$P_{COPPER} = I_{LOAD}^2 \cdot DCR \quad (\text{EQ. 11})$$

Where I_{LOAD} is the converter output DC current.

The copper loss can be significant so attention has to be given to the DCR selection. Another factor to consider when choosing the inductor is its saturation characteristics at elevated temperature. A saturated inductor could cause destruction of circuit components, as well as nuisance OCP faults.

A DC/DC buck regulator must have output capacitance C_{OUT} into which ripple current I_{PP} can flow. Current I_{PP} develops a corresponding ripple voltage V_{PP} across C_{OUT} , which is the sum of the voltage drop across the capacitor ESR and of the voltage change stemming from charge moved in and out of the capacitor. These two voltages are written as:

$$\Delta V_{ESR} = I_{PP} \cdot ESR \quad (\text{EQ. 12})$$

and

$$\Delta V_C = \frac{I_{PP}}{8 \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot f_{SW}} \quad (\text{EQ. 13})$$

If the output of the converter has to support a load with high pulsating current, several capacitors will need to be paralleled to reduce the total ESR until the required V_{PP} is achieved. The inductance of the capacitor can cause a brief voltage dip if the load transient has an extremely high slew rate. Low inductance capacitors constructed with reverse package geometry are available. A capacitor dissipates heat as a function of RMS current and frequency. Be sure that I_{PP} is shared by a sufficient quantity of paralleled capacitors so that they operate below the maximum rated RMS current at f_{SW} . Take into account that the rated value of a capacitor can fade as much as 50% as the DC voltage across it increases.

Selection of the Input Capacitor

The important parameters for the bulk input capacitance are the voltage rating and the RMS current rating. For reliable operation, select bulk capacitors with voltage and current ratings above the maximum input voltage and capable of supplying the RMS current required by the switching circuit. Their voltage rating should be at least 1.25 times greater than the maximum input voltage, while a voltage rating of 1.5 times is a preferred rating. Figure 7 is a graph of the input RMS ripple current, normalized relative to output load current, as a function of duty cycle that is adjusted for converter efficiency. The ripple current calculation is written as:

$$I_{IN_RMS} = \frac{\sqrt{(I_{MAX}^2 \cdot (D - D^2)) + (x \cdot I_{MAX}^2 \cdot \frac{D}{12})}}{I_{MAX}} \quad (\text{EQ. 14})$$

Where:

- I_{MAX} is the maximum continuous I_{LOAD} of the converter
- x is a multiplier (0 to 1) corresponding to the inductor peak-to-peak ripple amplitude expressed as a percentage of I_{MAX} (0% to 100%)
- D is the duty cycle that is adjusted to take into account the efficiency of the converter which is written as:

$$D = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \cdot EFF} \quad (\text{EQ. 15})$$

In addition to the bulk capacitance, some low ESL ceramic capacitance is recommended to decouple between the drain of the high-side MOSFET and the source of the low-side MOSFET.

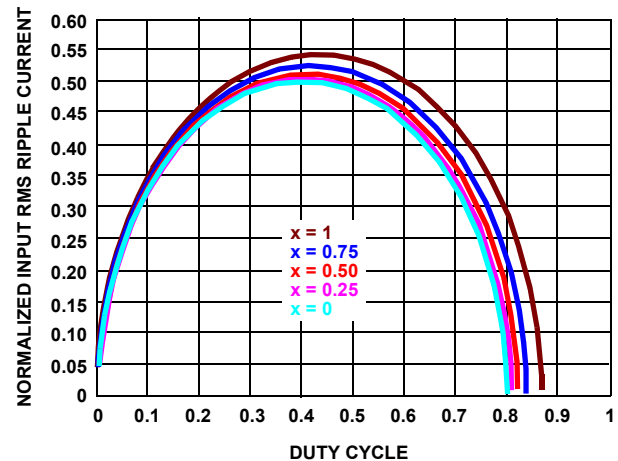


FIGURE 7. NORMALIZED RMS INPUT CURRENT FOR $x = 0.8$

MOSFET Selection and Considerations

Typically, a MOSFET cannot tolerate even brief excursions beyond their maximum drain to source voltage rating. The MOSFETs used in the power stage of the converter should have a maximum V_{DS} rating that exceeds the sum of the upper voltage tolerance of the input power source and the voltage spike that occurs when the MOSFET switches off.

There are several power MOSFETs readily available that are optimized for DC/DC converter applications. The preferred high-side MOSFET emphasizes low switch charge so that the device spends the least amount of time dissipating power in the linear region. Unlike the low-side MOSFET which has the drain-source voltage clamped by its body diode during turn off, the high-side MOSFET turns off with $V_{IN} - V_{OUT} - V_L$ across it. The preferred low-side MOSFET emphasizes low $r_{DS(ON)}$ when fully saturated to minimize conduction loss.

For the low-side MOSFET, (LS), the power loss can be assumed to be conductive only and is written as:

$$P_{CON_LS} \approx I_{LOAD}^2 \cdot r_{DS(ON)_LS} \cdot (1 - D) \quad (\text{EQ. 16})$$

For the high-side MOSFET, (HS), its conduction loss is written as:

$$P_{CON_HS} = I_{LOAD}^2 \cdot r_{DS(ON)_HS} \cdot D \quad (\text{EQ. 17})$$

For the high-side MOSFET, its switching loss is written as:

$$P_{SW_HS} = \frac{V_{IN} \cdot I_{VALLEY} \cdot t_{ON} \cdot f_{SW}}{2} + \frac{V_{IN} \cdot I_{PEAK} \cdot t_{OFF} \cdot f_{SW}}{2} \quad (\text{EQ. 18})$$

Where:

- I_{VALLEY} is the difference of the DC component of the inductor current minus 1/2 of the inductor ripple current
- I_{PEAK} is the sum of the DC component of the inductor current plus 1/2 of the inductor ripple current
- t_{ON} is the time required to drive the device into saturation
- t_{OFF} is the time required to drive the device into cut-off

Selecting The Bootstrap Capacitor

The selection of the bootstrap capacitor is written as:

$$C_{BOOT} = \frac{Q_g}{\Delta V_{BOOT}} \quad (\text{EQ. 19})$$

Where:

- Q_g is the total gate charge required to turn on the high-side MOSFET
- ΔV_{BOOT} , is the maximum allowed voltage decay across the boot capacitor each time the high-side MOSFET is switched on

As an example, suppose the high-side MOSFET has a total gate charge Q_g of 25nC at $V_{GS} = 5V$, and a ΔV_{BOOT} of 200mV. The calculated bootstrap capacitance is 0.125 μ F; for a comfortable margin select a capacitor that is double the calculated capacitance, in this example 0.22 μ F will suffice. Use an X7R or X5R ceramic capacitor.

Layout Considerations

As a general rule, power should be on the bottom layer of the PCB and weak analog or logic signals are on the top layer of the PCB. The ground-plane layer should be adjacent to the top layer to provide shielding. The ground plane layer should have an island located under the IC, the compensation components, and the FSET components. The island should be connected to the rest of the ground plane layer at one point.

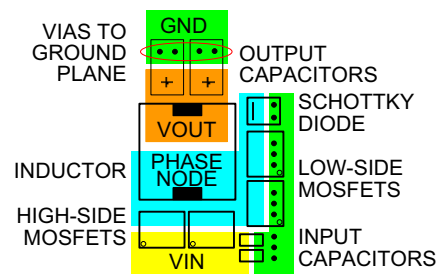


FIGURE 8. TYPICAL POWER COMPONENT PLACEMENT

Signal Ground and Power Ground

The bottom of the ISL6269 QFN package is the signal ground (GND) terminal for analog and logic signals of the IC. Connect the GND pad of the ISL6269 to the island of ground plane under the top layer using several vias, for a robust thermal and electrical conduction path. Connect the input capacitors, the output capacitors, and the source of the lower MOSFETs to the power ground plane.

PGND (PIN 10)

This is the return path for the pull-down of the LG low-side MOSFET gate driver. Ideally, PGND should be connected to the source of the low-side MOSFET with a low-resistance, low-inductance path.

VIN (PIN 1)

The VIN pin should be connected close to the drain of the high-side MOSFET, using a low resistance and low inductance path.

VCC (PIN 2)

For best performance, place the decoupling capacitor very close to the VCC and GND pins.

PVCC (PIN 12)

For best performance, place the decoupling capacitor very close to the PVCC and PGND pins, preferably on the same side of the PCB as the ISL6269 IC.

FCCM (PIN 3), EN (PIN 4), AND PGOOD (PIN 16)

These are logic inputs that are referenced to the GND pin. Treat as a typical logic signal.

COMP (PIN 5), FB (PIN 6), AND VO (PIN 8)

For best results, use an isolated sense line from the output load to the VO pin. The input impedance of the FB pin is high, so place the voltage programming and loop compensation components close to the VO, FB, and GND pins keeping the high impedance trace short.

FSET (PIN 7)

This pin requires a quiet environment. The resistor R_{FSET} and capacitor C_{FSET} should be placed directly adjacent to this pin. Keep fast moving nodes away from this pin.

ISEN (PIN 9)

Route the connection to the ISEN pin away from the traces and components connected to the FB pin, COMP pin, and FSET pin.

LG (PIN 11)

The signal going through this trace is both high dv/dt and high di/dt, with high peak charging and discharging current. Route this trace in parallel with the trace from the PGND pin. These two traces should be short, wide, and away from other traces. There should be no other weak signal traces in proximity with these traces on any layer.

BOOT (PIN 13), UG (PIN 14), AND PHASE (PIN 15)

The signals going through these traces are both high dv/dt and high di/dt, with high peak charging and discharging current. Route the UG and PHASE pins in parallel with short and wide traces. There should be no other weak signal traces in proximity with these traces on any layer.

Copper Size for the Phase Node

The parasitic capacitance and parasitic inductance of the phase node should be kept very low to minimize ringing. It is best to limit the size of the PHASE node copper in strict accordance with the current and thermal management of the application. An MLCC should be connected directly across the drain of the upper MOSFET and the source of the lower MOSFET to suppress the turn-off voltage spike.

Package Outline Drawing

L16.4x4

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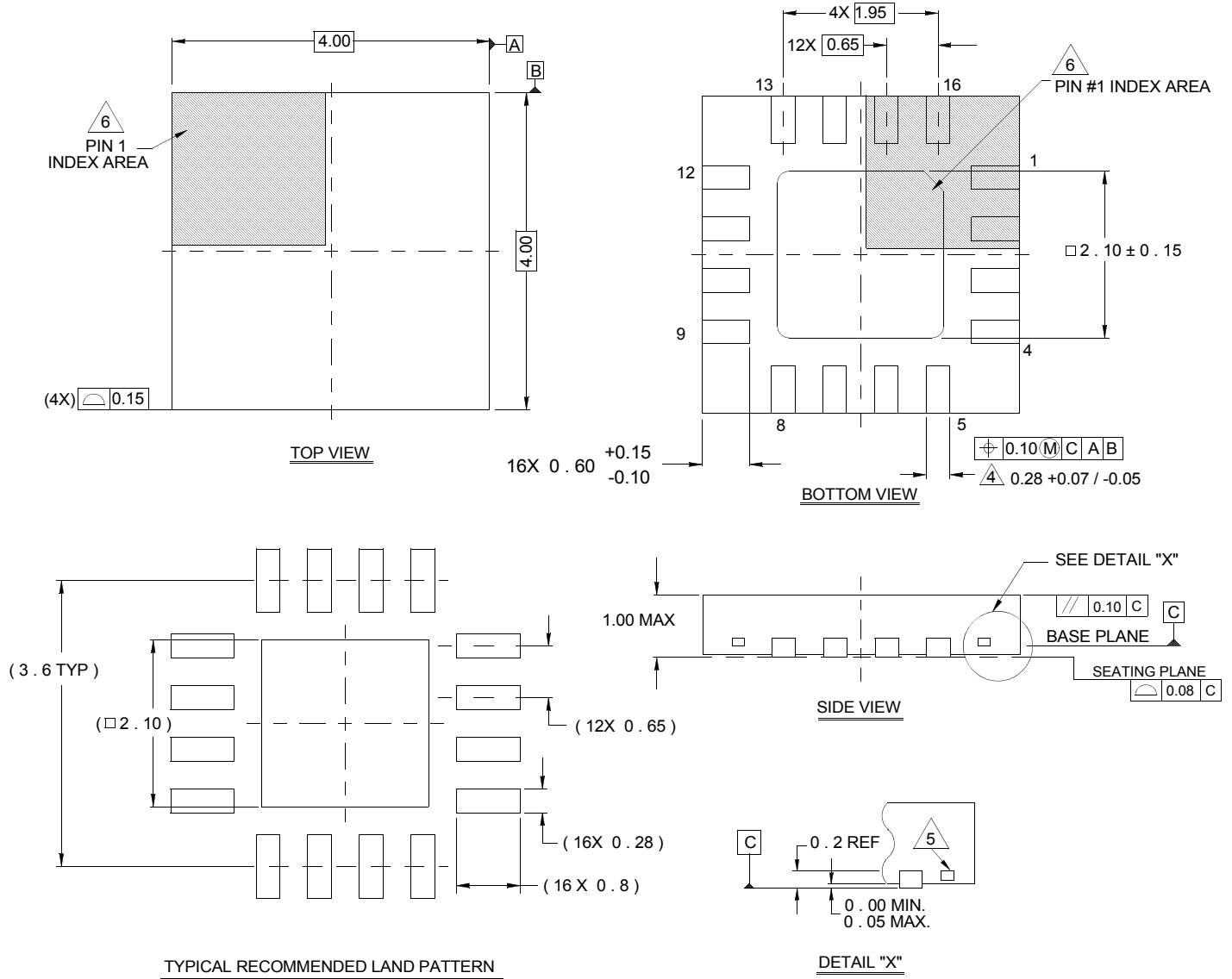
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2. Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to AMSE Y14.5m-1994.
3. Unless otherwise specified, tolerance : Decimal ± 0.05
4. Dimension b applies to the metallized terminal and is measured between 0.15mm and 0.30mm from the terminal tip.
5. Tiebar shown (if present) is a non-functional feature.
6. The configuration of the pin #1 identifier is optional, but must be located within the zone indicated. The pin #1 identifier may be either a mold or mark feature.

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