

## ENHANCED, LOW-INPUT VOLTAGE-MODE SYNCHRONOUS BUCK CONTROLLER

### FEATURES

- Operating Input Voltage 2.25 V to 5.5 V
- Output Voltage as Low as 0.7 V
- 1% Internal 0.7 V Reference
- Predictive Gate Drive™ N-Channel MOSFET Drivers for Higher Efficiency
- Externally Adjustable Soft-Start and Short Circuit Current Limit
- Programmable Fixed-Frequency 100 KHz-to-1 MHz Voltage-Mode Control
- Source-Only Current or Source/Sink Current
- Quick Response Output Transient Comparators with Power Good Indication Provide Output Status
- 16-Pin PowerPAD™ Package

### APPLICATIONS

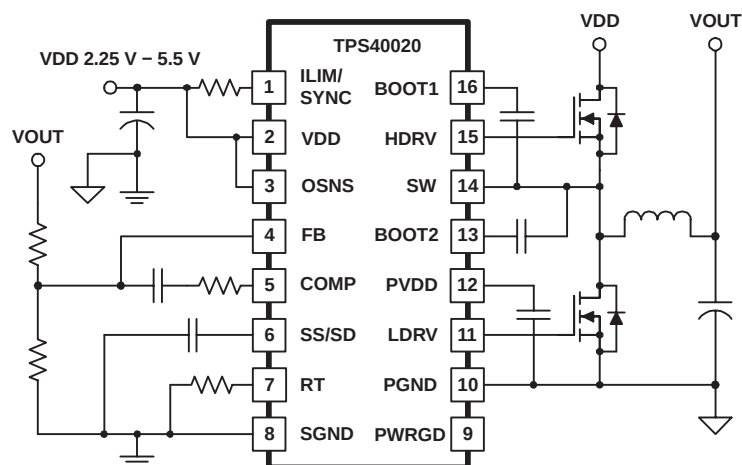
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### DESCRIPTION

The TPS4002x family of dc-to-dc controllers are designed for non-isolated synchronous buck regulators, providing enhanced operation and design flexibility through user programmability.

The TPS4002x utilizes a proprietary Predictive Gate Drive™ technology to minimize the diode conduction losses associated with the high-side and synchronous rectifier N-channel MOSFET transistors. The integrated charge pump with boost circuit provides a regulated 5-V gate drive for both the high side and synchronous rectifier N-channel MOSFETs. The use of the Predictive Gate Drive™ technology and charge pump/boost circuits combine to provide a highly efficient, smaller and less expensive converter.

Design flexibility is provided through user programmability of such functions as: operating frequency, short circuit current detection thresholds, soft-start ramp time, and external synchronization frequency. The operating frequency is programmable using a single resistor over a frequency range of 100 kHz to 1 MHz. Higher operating frequencies yield smaller component values for a given converter power level as well as faster loop closure.



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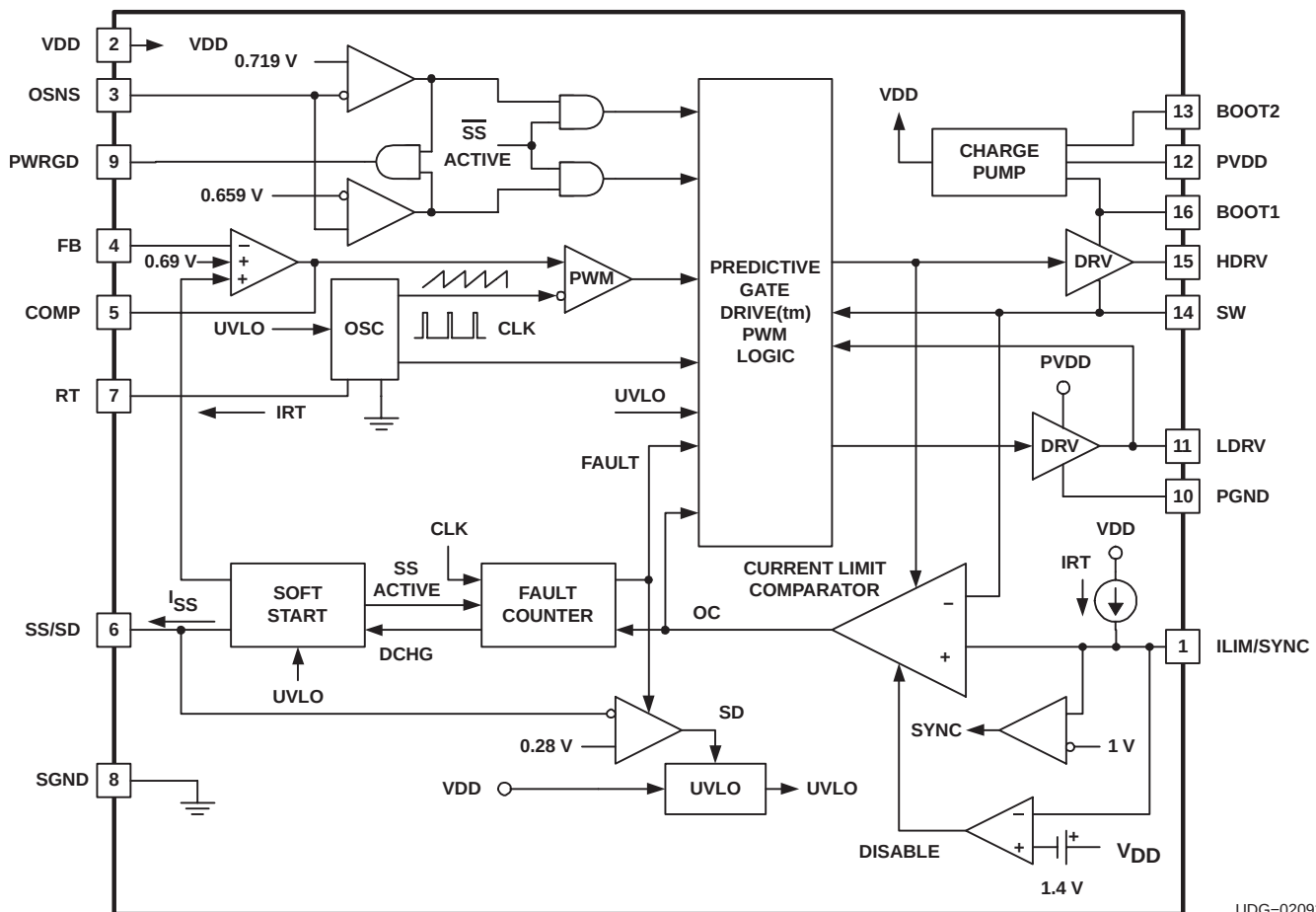
**DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)**

The short circuit current detection is programmable through a single resistor, allowing the short circuit current limit detection threshold to be easily tailored to accommodate different size ( $R_{DS(on)}$ ) MOSFETs. The short circuit current function provides pulse-by-pulse current limiting during soft-start and short term transient conditions as well as a fault counter to handle longer duration short circuit current conditions. If a fault is detected the controller shuts down for a period of time determined by six (6) consecutive soft-start cycles. The controller automatically retries the output every seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) soft-start cycle.

In addition to determining the off time during a fault condition, the soft-start ramp provides a closed loop controlled ramp of the converter output during startup. Programmability allows the ramp rate to be adjusted for a wide variety of output L-C component values.

The output voltage transient comparators provide a quick response, first strike, approach to output voltage transients. The output voltage is sensed through a resistor divider at the OSNS pin. If an overvoltage condition is detected the HDRV gate drive is shut-off and the LDRV gate drive is turned on until the output is returned to regulation. Similarly, if an output undervoltage condition is sensed the HDRV gate drive goes to 95% duty cycle to pump the output back up quickly. In either case, the PowerGood open drain output pulls low to indicate an output voltage out of regulation condition. The PowerGood output can be daisy-chained to the SS/SD pin or enable pin of other controllers or converters for output voltage sequencing. The transient comparators can be disabled by simply tying the OSNS pin to VDD.

The TPS4002x can be externally synchronized through the ILIM/SYNC pin up to  $1.5\times$  the free-running frequency. This allows multiple controllers to be synchronized to eliminate EMI concerns due to input beat frequencies between controllers.

**INTERNAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**


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These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

| T <sub>A</sub> | LOAD CURRENT <sup>(1)</sup> | PACKAGE                             | PART NUMBER |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| –40°C to 85°C  | SOURCE                      | Plastic HTSSOP (PWP) <sup>(2)</sup> | TPS40020PWP |
|                | SOURCE/SINK                 | Plastic HTSSOP (PWP) <sup>(2)</sup> | TPS40021PWP |

(1) See page 7 for explanation.

(2) The PWP package is also available taped and reeled. Add an R suffix to the device type (i.e., TPS40020PWPR). See the application section of the data sheet for PowerPAD drawing and layout information.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

over operating free-air temperature range unless otherwise noted<sup>(4)</sup>

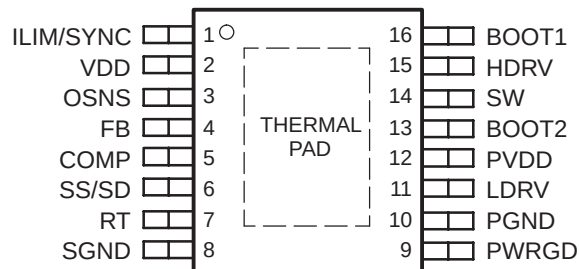
|                                                              |                            | TPS4002X            | UNIT |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------|
| Input voltage range, V <sub>IN</sub>                         | SS/SD, VDD, PVDD, OSNS     | –0.3 to 6           | V    |
|                                                              | BOOT2, BOOT1               | V <sub>SW</sub> + 6 |      |
|                                                              | SW                         | –3.0 to 10.5        |      |
|                                                              | SWT (SW transient < 50 ns) | –5                  |      |
|                                                              | FB, ILIM                   | –0.3 to 6.0         |      |
| Output voltage range, V <sub>OUT</sub>                       | COMP, PWRGD, RT            | –0.3 to 6           | mA   |
| Sink current, I <sub>S</sub>                                 | PWRGD                      | 10                  |      |
| Operating virtual junction temperature range, T <sub>J</sub> |                            | –40 to 125          |      |
| Storage temperature, T <sub>stg</sub>                        |                            | –55 to 150          |      |
| Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 10 seconds |                            | 260                 |      |

(4) Stresses beyond those listed under “absolute maximum ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under “recommended operating conditions” is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

|                                                | MIN  | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|------|
| Input voltage, V <sub>IN</sub>                 | 2.25 |     | 5.5 | V    |
| Operating junction temperature, T <sub>J</sub> | –40  |     | 85  | °C   |

PWP PACKAGE<sup>(5)(6)</sup>  
(TOP VIEW)



(5) For more information on the PWP package, refer to TI Technical Brief, Literature No. SLMA002.

(6) PowerPAD™ heat slug must be connected to SGND (Pin 8), or electrically isolated from all other pins.

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**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**
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| PARAMETER         |                                            | TEST CONDITIONS                                                                                   | MIN   | TYP   | MAX   | UNIT   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| INPUT SUPPLY      |                                            |                                                                                                   |       |       |       |        |
| V <sub>DD</sub>   | Input voltage range, VDD                   |                                                                                                   | 2.25  |       | 5.50  | V      |
| V <sub>PVDD</sub> | PVDD pin voltage                           | V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.3 V                                                                           |       | 4.9   | 5.2   |        |
| I <sub>DD</sub>   | Switching current                          | 500 kHz, No load on HDRV, LDRV                                                                    |       | 3.5   | 5.0   | mA     |
|                   | Quiescent current                          | FB = 0.8 V                                                                                        |       | 2.0   | 3.0   |        |
|                   | Shutdown current                           | SS/SD = 0 V, Outputs OFF                                                                          |       | 0.38  | 1.00  |        |
| V <sub>UVLO</sub> | Minimum on-voltage                         |                                                                                                   | 1.95  | 2.05  | 2.15  | V      |
|                   | Hysteresis                                 |                                                                                                   | 80    | 130   | 200   | mV     |
| OSCILLATOR        |                                            |                                                                                                   |       |       |       |        |
| f <sub>OSC</sub>  | Accuracy                                   | 2.25 V ≤ V <sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.00 V, R <sub>T</sub> = 69.8 kΩ                                       | 425   | 500   | 575   | kHz    |
|                   |                                            | 2.25 V ≤ V <sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.00 V, R <sub>T</sub> = 34.8 kΩ                                       | 800   | 950   | 1100  |        |
| V <sub>RAMP</sub> | Ramp voltage                               | V <sub>PEAK</sub> –V <sub>VAL</sub>                                                               | 0.80  | 0.93  | 1.07  | V      |
| V <sub>VAL</sub>  | Ramp valley voltage                        |                                                                                                   | 0.24  | 0.31  | 0.41  |        |
| PWM               |                                            |                                                                                                   |       |       |       |        |
| d <sub>MAX</sub>  | Maximum duty cycle                         | V <sub>OSNS</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> , R <sub>T</sub> = 34.8 kΩ, V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.3 V, FB = 0 V | 85%   | 94%   |       |        |
|                   |                                            | V <sub>OSNS</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub> , R <sub>T</sub> = 70 kΩ, V <sub>DD</sub> = 5.0 V, FB = 0 V   | 90%   | 95%   |       |        |
| d <sub>MIN</sub>  | Minimum duty cycle                         |                                                                                                   |       |       | 0%    |        |
| t <sub>MIN</sub>  | Minimum HDRV on-time(2)                    |                                                                                                   |       | 250   |       | ns     |
| ERROR AMPLIFIER   |                                            |                                                                                                   |       |       |       |        |
| V <sub>FB</sub>   | Feedback input voltage                     | –40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 85°C, 2.25V ≤ V <sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.00V                                    | 0.685 | 0.690 | 0.697 | V      |
| I <sub>BIAS</sub> | Input bias current                         |                                                                                                   |       | 30    | 130   | nA     |
| V <sub>OH</sub>   | High-level output voltage                  | I <sub>OH</sub> = 0.5 mA, V <sub>FB</sub> = GND                                                   | 2.0   | 2.5   |       | V      |
| V <sub>OL</sub>   | Low-level output voltage                   | I <sub>OL</sub> = 0.5 mA, V <sub>FB</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub>                                       |       | 0.08  | 0.15  |        |
| I <sub>OH</sub>   | High-level output source current           | V <sub>FB</sub> = GND                                                                             | 3     | 7     |       | mA     |
| I <sub>OL</sub>   | Low-level output sink current              | V <sub>FB</sub> = V <sub>DD</sub>                                                                 | 3     | 8     |       |        |
| GBW               | Gain bandwidth(1)                          |                                                                                                   | 5     | 10    |       | MHz    |
| AOL               | Open loop gain(1)                          |                                                                                                   | 55    | 85    |       | dB     |
| CURRENT LIMIT     |                                            |                                                                                                   |       |       |       |        |
| I <sub>SINK</sub> | Current limit sink current                 | 2.25 V ≤ V <sub>DD</sub> ≤ 5.00 V, R <sub>T</sub> = 69.8 kΩ                                       | 165   | 190   | 215   | μA     |
| V <sub>OS</sub>   | Current limit offset voltage               |                                                                                                   | –20   | 0     | 20    | mV     |
| t <sub>ON</sub>   | Minimum HDRV on–time in overcurrent        | V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.3 V                                                                           |       | 200   | 300   | ns     |
| t <sub>ON</sub>   | Switch leading-edge blanking pulse time(1) |                                                                                                   |       | 140   |       |        |
| t <sub>SS</sub>   | Soft-start cycles                          |                                                                                                   |       | 6     |       | cycles |
| V <sub>ILIM</sub> | Current limit input voltage range          |                                                                                                   | 2     |       | VDD   | V      |
| SOFT START        |                                            |                                                                                                   |       |       |       |        |
| I <sub>SS</sub>   | Soft-start source current                  | Outputs = OFF                                                                                     | 2.0   | 3.3   | 5.4   | μA     |

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(2) Operation below the minimum on-time could result in overlap of the HDRV and LDRV outputs.

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| PARAMETER             |                                                            | TEST CONDITIONS                                                       | MIN  | TYP  | MAX  | UNIT |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| SHUTDOWN              |                                                            |                                                                       |      |      |      |      |
| VSD                   | Shutdown threshold voltage                                 |                                                                       | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.29 | V    |
| VEN                   | Device enable threshold voltage                            |                                                                       | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.32 |      |
| OUTPUT DRIVER         |                                                            |                                                                       |      |      |      |      |
| RHDI                  | High-side driver pull-up resistance                        | V(BOOT1) - V(SW) = 3.3 V,<br>ISOURCE = 100mA                          | 1.0  | 2.5  | 5.0  | Ω    |
| RHDLO                 | High-side driver pull-down resistance                      | V(BOOT1) - V(SW) = 3.3 V,<br>ISINK =100mA                             | 0.8  | 1.5  | 3.0  |      |
| RLDI                  | Low-side driver pull-up resistance                         | PVDD = 3.3 V, ISOURCE =100 mA                                         | 1.0  | 2.5  | 5.0  |      |
| RLDLO                 | Low-side driver pull-down resistance                       | PVDD = 3.3 V, ISINK =100 mA                                           | 0.45 | 0.80 | 1.50 |      |
| tLRISE                | Low-side driver rise time                                  | CLOAD = 1 nF                                                          |      | 15   | 35   | ns   |
| tLFALL                | Low-side driver fall time                                  |                                                                       |      | 10   | 25   |      |
| tHRISE                | High-side driver rise time                                 |                                                                       |      | 15   | 35   |      |
| tHFALL                | High-side driver fall time                                 |                                                                       |      | 10   | 25   |      |
| THERMAL SHUTDOWN      |                                                            |                                                                       |      |      |      |      |
| TSD                   | Shutdown temperature(1)                                    |                                                                       |      | 165  |      | °C   |
|                       | Hysteresis(1)                                              |                                                                       |      | 15   |      |      |
| CHARGE PUMP           |                                                            |                                                                       |      |      |      |      |
| RVB2                  | RDS(on) VDD to BOOT2                                       | VDD = 5.0 V, ISOURCE =10 mA                                           | 2.8  | 6.6  | 10.4 | Ω    |
| RB2P                  | RDS(on) BOOT2 to PVDD                                      | VDD = 5.0 V, ISOURCE =10 mA                                           | 2.8  | 5.6  | 8.4  |      |
| RPB1                  | RDS(on) PVDD to BOOT1                                      | VDD = 5.0 V, ISOURCE =10 mA                                           | 2.9  | 5.9  | 8.9  |      |
| POWER GOOD            |                                                            |                                                                       |      |      |      |      |
| VPGD                  | Pull-down voltage                                          | VOSNS = 0.8 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V                         | 50   | 90   | 140  | mV   |
| tONHPL                | Output sense high to power good low delay time             | 0.7 V ≤ VOSNS ≤ 0.8 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V                 | 6    | 10   | 14   | μs   |
| tONLPL                | Output sense low to power good low delay time              | 0.6 V ≤ VOSNS ≤ 0.7 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V                 | 6    | 10   | 14   |      |
| tSDHPH                | Shutdown high to power good high delay time                | VOSNS = 0.7 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V, 0.0 V ≤ VSS/SD ≤ 0.4 V | 2    | 4    | 6    |      |
| tSDLPL                | Shutdown low to power good low delay time                  | VOSNS = 0.7 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V, 0.0 V ≤ VSS/SD ≤ 0.4 V | 0.5  | 1.5  | 3.0  |      |
| tONHPH                | Output sense high to nominal to power good high delay time | 0.7 V ≤ VOSNS ≤ 0.8 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V                 | 140  | 500  | 1000 | ns   |
| tONLPH                | Output sense low to nominal to power good high delay time  | 0.6 V ≤ VOSNS ≤ 0.7 V, IPWRGD =0.5 mA,<br>VDD = 3.3 V                 | 140  | 500  | 1000 |      |
| TRANSIENT COMPARATORS |                                                            |                                                                       |      |      |      |      |
| VOV                   | Overvoltage output threshold voltage                       | Referenced to VFB                                                     | 23   | 29   | 35   | mV   |
|                       | Hysteresis                                                 |                                                                       | 8    | 15   | 22   |      |
| VUV                   | Undervoltage output threshold voltage                      |                                                                       | -37  | -31  | -25  |      |
|                       | Hysteresis                                                 |                                                                       | 8    | 15   | 22   |      |
| VDIS                  | OSNS minimum disable voltage                               | Referenced to VDD                                                     | 0.5  |      |      | V    |

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| PARAMETER                         |                                                        |          | TEST CONDITIONS     | MIN  | TYP  | MAX | UNIT |    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------|------|-----|------|----|
| SYNCHRONIZATION                   |                                                        |          |                     |      |      |     |      |    |
| V <sub>ENSY</sub>                 | Synchronization enable low threshold voltage           |          |                     | 0.7  |      |     | V    |    |
| V <sub>BLNK</sub>                 | Synchronization current limit enable threshold voltage |          | Referenced to VDD   | −0.7 |      |     |      |    |
| t <sub>MIN</sub>                  | Minimum synchronization input pulse width              |          |                     | 35   |      |     | 50   | ns |
| PREDICTIVE DELAY                  |                                                        |          |                     |      |      |     |      |    |
| V <sub>SWP</sub>                  | Sense voltage to modulate delay                        |          |                     | −200 |      |     |      | mV |
| t <sub>LDHD</sub>                 | Maximum delay modulation                               |          | LDRV OFF-to-HDRV ON | 40   | 65   | 90  | ns   |    |
|                                   | Counter delay/bit time                                 |          | LDRV OFF-to-HDRV ON | 2.5  | 4.5  | 6.2 |      |    |
| t <sub>HDLD</sub>                 | Maximum delay modulation                               |          | HDRV OFF-to-LDRV ON | 55   | 80   | 105 |      |    |
|                                   | Counter delay/bit time                                 |          | HDRV OFF-to-LDRV ON | 2.2  | 5.0  | 6.5 |      |    |
| RECTIFIER ZERO CURRENT COMPARATOR |                                                        |          |                     |      |      |     |      |    |
| V <sub>SW</sub>                   | Sense voltage to turn off rectifier MOSFET             | TPS40020 | LDRV output = OFF   | −5   | −2.5 | 2   | mV   |    |
| t <sub>ZBLNK</sub>                | Zero current blanking time <sup>(1)</sup>              |          |                     | 150  |      |     | ns   |    |

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**TERMINAL FUNCTIONS**

| TERMINAL<br>NAME | NO. | I/O | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BOOT1            | 16  | I   | This pin provides a bootstrapped supply for the high side FET driver, enabling the gate of the high side FET to be driven above the input supply rail. Connect a capacitor from this pin to the SW pin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| BOOT2            | 13  | I   | This pin provides a secondary bootstrapping necessary for generation of PVDD. Connect a capacitor from this pin to SW.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| COMP             | 5   | O   | Output of the error amplifier. Refer to <i>Electrical Characteristics</i> table for loading constraints.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| FB               | 4   | I   | Inverting input of the error amplifier. In normal operation, V <sub>FB</sub> is equal to the internal reference level of 690 mV.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| HDRV             | 15  | O   | The gate drive output for the high side N-channel MOSFET switch is bootstrapped to near PVDD for good enhancement of the high-side switch. The HDRV switches from BOOT1 to SW.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ILIM/SYNC        | 1   | I   | The current limit pin is used to set the current limit threshold. A current sink from this pin to GND sets the threshold voltage for output short circuit current across a resistor connected to VDD. Synchronization is accomplished by pulling I <sub>MAX</sub> to less than 1 V for a period greater than the minimum pulse width and then releasing. An open collector or drain device should be used. These pulses must be of higher frequency than the free running frequency of the local oscillator. |
| LDRV             | 11  | O   | Gate drive output for the low-side synchronous rectifier N-channel MOSFET. LDRV switches from PVDD to PGND.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| OSNS             | 3   | O   | The output sense pin is connected to a resistor divider from VOUT to GND (identical to the main feedback loop) and is used to sense power good condition and provides reference for the transient comparators.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| PGND             | 10  | O   | Power (high-current) ground used by LDRV.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| PWRGD            | 9   | -   | Power good. This is an open-drain output which connects to the supply via an external resistor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PVDD             | 12  | O   | This pin is the regulated output of the charge-pump and provides the supply voltage for the LDRV driver stage. PVDD also drives the bootstrap circuit which generates the voltage on BOOT1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| RT               | 7   | I   | External pin for programming the oscillator frequency. Connected a resistor between this pin and GND.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| SGND             | 8   | -   | Signal ground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| SS/SD            | 6   | I   | The soft-start/shutdown pin provides user programmable soft-start timing and shutdown capability for the controller.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SW               | 14  | I   | This pin, used for overcurrent, zero-current, and in the anti-cross conduction sensing is connected to the switched node on the converter. Output short circuit is detected by sensing the voltage at this pin with respect to VDD while the high-side switch is on. Zero current is detected by sensing the pin voltage with respect to ground when the low-side rectifier MOSFET is on.                                                                                                                    |
| VDD              | 2   | I   | Power input for the device. Maximum voltage is 5.5 V. De-coupling of this pin is required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

The TPS4002x series of devices are low-input voltage, synchronous, voltage mode-buck controllers. A typical application circuit is shown in Figure 1. These controllers are designed to allow construction of high-performance dc-to-dc converters with input voltages from 2.25 V to 5.5 V, and output voltages as low as 690 mV. Using a top side N-channel MOSFET for the primary buck switch results in lower switch resistance for a given gate charge.

The device controls the delays from main switch off to rectifier turn on and from rectifier turn off to main switch turn on in a way that minimizes diode losses (both conduction and recovery) in the synchronous rectifier. The reduction in these losses is significant and can mean that for a given converter power level, smaller FETs can be used, or that heat sinking can be reduced or even eliminated.

The TPS40021 is the controller of choice for most general purpose synchronous buck designs, operating in two quadrant mode (i.e. source or sink current) full time. This choice provides the best performance for output voltage load transient response over the widest load current range.

The TPS40020 operates in single quadrant mode (source current only) full time, allowing the paralleling of converters. Single quadrant operation ensures one converter does not pull current from a paralleled converter. A converter using one of these controllers emulates a non-synchronous buck converter at light loads. When current in the output inductor attempts to reverse, an internal zero-current detection circuit turns OFF the synchronous rectifier and causes the current flow in the inductor to become discontinuous. At average load currents greater than the peak amplitude of the inductor ripple current, the converter returns to operation as a synchronous buck converter to maximize efficiency.

The controller provides for a coarse short circuit current-limit function that provides pulse-by-pulse current limiting, as well as integrates short circuit current pulses to determine the existence of a persistent fault state at the converter output. If a fault is detected, the converter shuts down for a period of time (determined by six soft-start cycles) and then restarts. The current-limit threshold is adjustable with a single resistor connected from VDD to the ILIM/SYNC pin. This overcurrent function is designed to protect against catastrophic faults only, and cannot be guaranteed to protect against all overcurrent conditions.

The controller implements a closed-loop soft start function. Startup ramp time is set by a single external capacitor connected to the SS/SD pin. The SS/SD pin also doubles as a shutdown function.

## VOLTAGE REFERENCE

The bandgap cell is designed with a trimmed, curvature corrected ( $< 1\%$ ) 0.69-V output, allowing output voltages as low as 690 mV to be obtained.

## Oscillator

The ramp waveform is a saw-tooth form at the PWM frequency with a peak voltage of 1.25 V, and a valley of 0.3 V. The PWM duty cycle is limited to a maximum of 97%, allowing the bootstrap and charge pump capacitors to charge during every cycle.



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### Bootstrap/Charge Pump

The TPS4002X series includes a charge pump to boost the drive voltage to the power MOSFET's to higher levels when the input supply is low. A capacitor connected from PVDD to PGND is the storage cap for the pump. A capacitor connected from SW to BOOT2 gets charged every switching cycle while LDRV is high and its charge is dumped on the PVDD capacitor when HDRV goes high. An internal switch disables the charge pump when the voltage on PVDD reaches approximately 4.8 V and enables pumping when PVDD falls to approximately 4.6 V. The high-side driver uses the capacitor from SW to BOOT1 as its power supply. When SW is low, this capacitor charges from the PVDD capacitor. When the SW pin goes high, this capacitor provides above-rail drive for the high-side N-channel FET.

PVDD, BOOT1 and BOOT2 are pre-charged to the VDD voltage during a shutdown condition. For low-input voltage converters, utilizing higher gate threshold voltage MOSFETs, it may be necessary to add an Schottky diode from VDD (anode) to BOOT1 to guarantee sufficient voltage for initial start up. Once switching starts the charge pump reverses bias on the Schottky diode.

When operating the TPS40020 under no load or extremely light-load conditions the controller will be operating in discontinuous Mode (DCM); reverse current is prevented from flowing in the synchronous rectifier. In DCM the on times for both the HDRV and LDRV pulses can become too narrow to provide adequate charging of PVDD and BOOT1 outputs, causing their voltages to collapse. Insufficient PVDD and BOOT1 voltages prevent the external MOSFETs from becoming fully enhanced, causing loss of converter output regulation. Schottky diodes from VIN (anode) to PVDD, and VIN (anode) to BOOT1, as well as a pre-load can be added to maintain PVDD and BOOT1 at voltage levels sufficient enough to fully enhance the external MOSFETs. The amount of pre-load typically ranges from 50 mA to 100 mA depending on operating conditions and external MOSFET selection.

### Drivers

The HDRV and LDRV MOSFET drivers are capable of driving gate-to-source voltages up to 5.0 V. Using appropriate MOSFETs, a 25-A converter can be achieved. The LDRV driver switches between VDD and ground, while the HDRV driver is referenced to SW and switches between BOOT1 and SW. The maximum voltage between BOOT1 and SW is 5.0 V when PVDD is in regulation.



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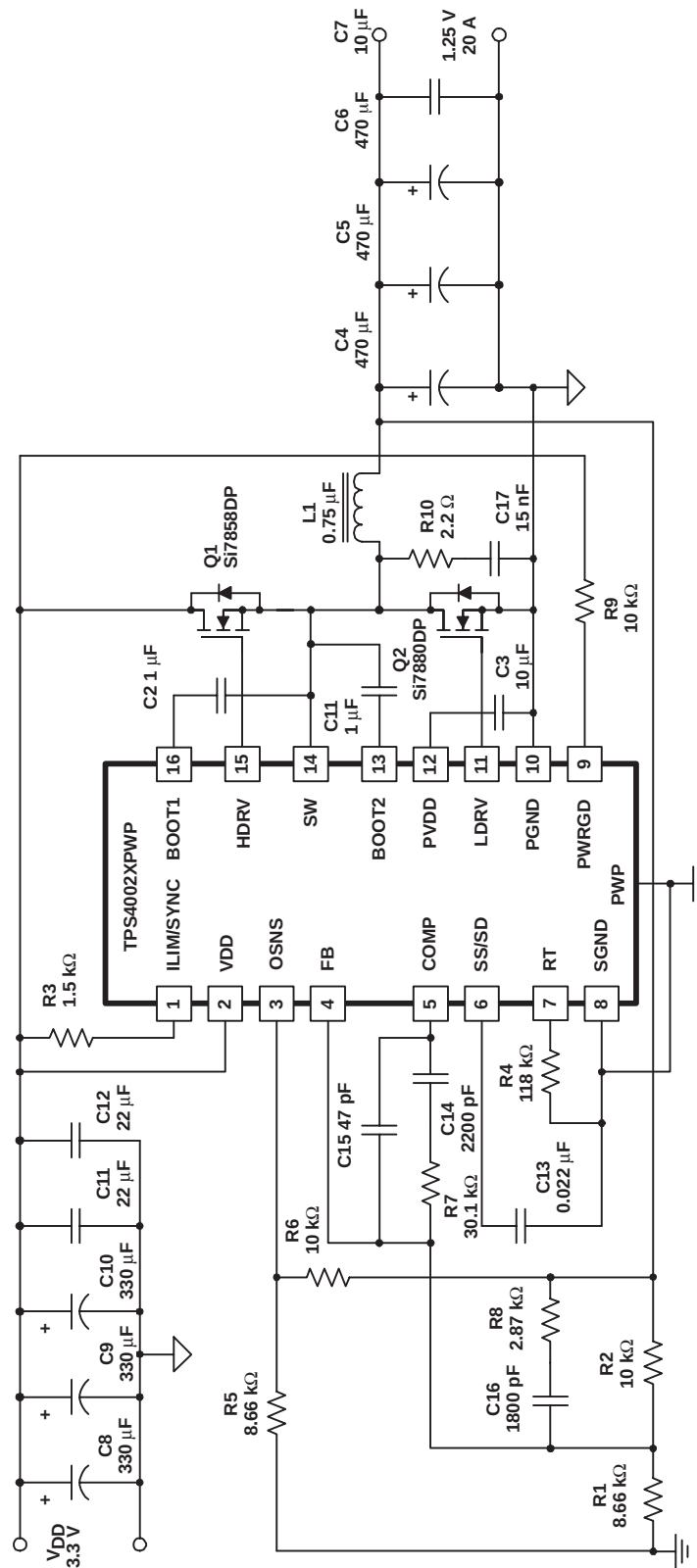


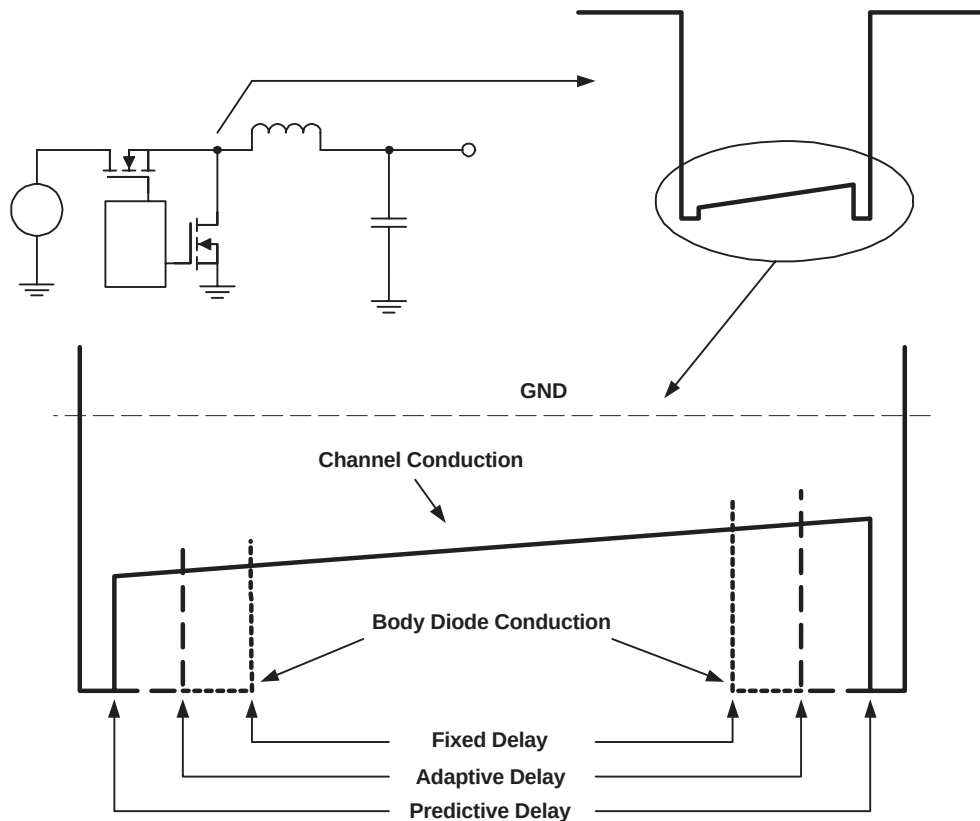
Figure 1. Typical Application

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### Synchronous Rectification and Predictive Gate Delay

In a normal buck converter, when the high-side switch turns off, current is flowing in the inductor. Since this current cannot be stopped immediately a rectifier or catch device is used to give this current a path to flow and maintain voltage levels at a safe level. This device can be a simple diode or it can be an actively-controlled transistor if a control signal is available to drive it. The TPS4002X provides a signal to drive an N-channel MOSFET as a synchronous rectifier. This control signal is carefully coordinated with the drive signal for the main switch so that there is absolute minimum dead-time between the turn off of one FET and the turn on of the other. This TI-patented function, predictive gate delay, uses information from the current switching cycle to adjust the delays for the next cycle virtually eliminating diode conduction while preventing cross-conduction or shoot through. Figure 2 shows the switch-node voltage waveform for a synchronously rectified buck converter during the synchronous rectification period. Illustrated are the relative effects of a fixed delay drive scheme (constant, pre-set delays for the turn-off to turn-on intervals), an adaptive delay drive scheme (variable delays based on voltages sensed on the current switching cycle) and TI's predictive delay drive scheme. Since the diode voltage drop is greater than the conduction drop of the FET, the longer time spent in diode conduction, the more power dissipated in the rectifier and the lower the efficiency. Also, not shown in the figure, is the fact that the predictive delay circuit can actually prevent the body diode from becoming forward biased at all, avoiding reverse recovery and its associated losses. This results in a significant power savings when the main FET turns on.

The predictive gate drive architecture on the TPS40020/21 requires a minimum pulse width of greater than 150 ns for proper operation. At pulse widths below 150 ns, the low-side FET turn-on could overlap the high-side FET turn-off leading to cross conduction in the power stage.



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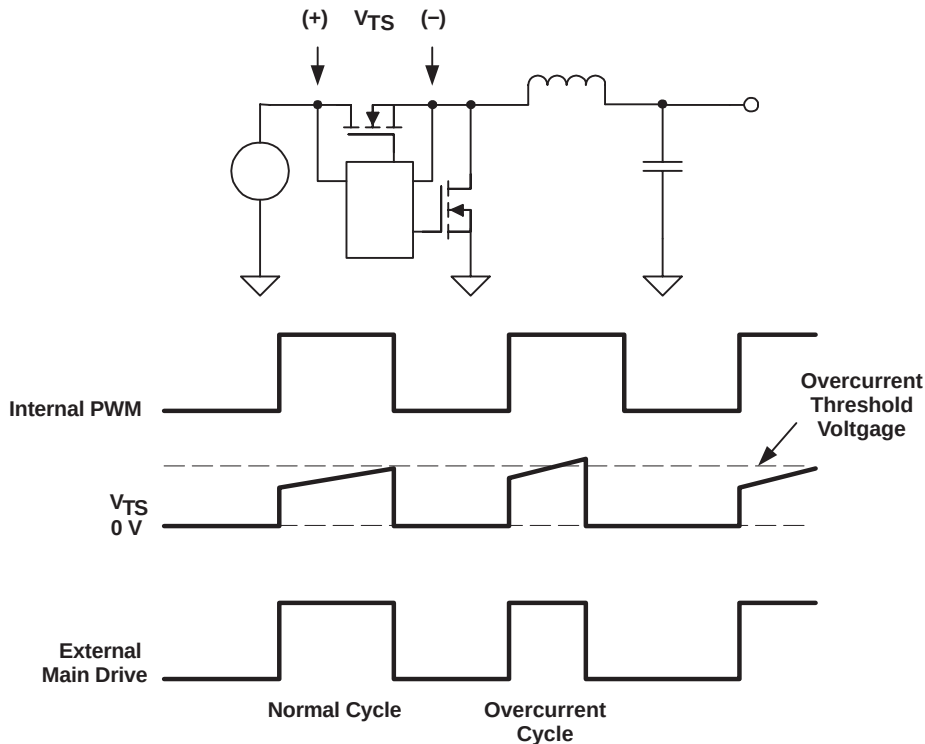
**Figure 2. Switch Node Waveforms for Synchronous Buck Converter**

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### Output Short Circuit Protection

Output short circuit protection in the TPS4002x is sensed by looking at the voltage across the main FET while it is on. If the voltage exceeds a pre-set threshold, the current pulse is terminated, and a counter inside the device is incremented. If this counter fills up, a fault condition is declared and the chip disables switching for a period of time and then attempts to restart the converter with a full soft-start cycle. The more detailed explanation follows.

In each switching cycle, a comparator looks at the voltage across the top side FET while it is on. If the voltage across that FET exceeds a programmable threshold voltage, then the current switching pulse is terminated and a 3-bit counter (eight counts) is incremented by one count. If during the switching cycle the top side FET voltage does not exceed a preset threshold, then this counter is decremented by one count. (The counter does not wrap around from seven to zero or from zero to seven). If the counter reaches a full count of seven, the device declares that a fault condition exists at the output of the converter. In this state, switching stops and the soft-start capacitor is discharged. The counter is decremented by one by the soft start cap discharge. When the soft-start capacitor is fully discharged, the discharge circuit is turned off and the cap is allowed to charge up at the nominal charging rate. When the soft-start capacitor reaches approximately 1.3 V, it is discharged again and the overcurrent counter is decremented by one count. The capacitor is charged and discharged, and the counter decremented until the count reaches zero (a total of six times). When this happens, the outputs are again enabled as the soft-start capacitor generates a reference ramp for the converter to follow while attempting to restart. During this soft-start interval (whether or not the controller is attempting to do a fault recovery or starting for the first time), pulse-by-pulse current limiting is in effect, but overcurrent pulses are not counted to declare a fault until the soft-start cycle has been completed. It is possible to have a supply try to bring up a short circuit for the duration of the soft-start period plus seven switching cycles. Power stage designs should take this into account if it makes a difference thermally. Figure 3 shows the details of the overcurrent operation.

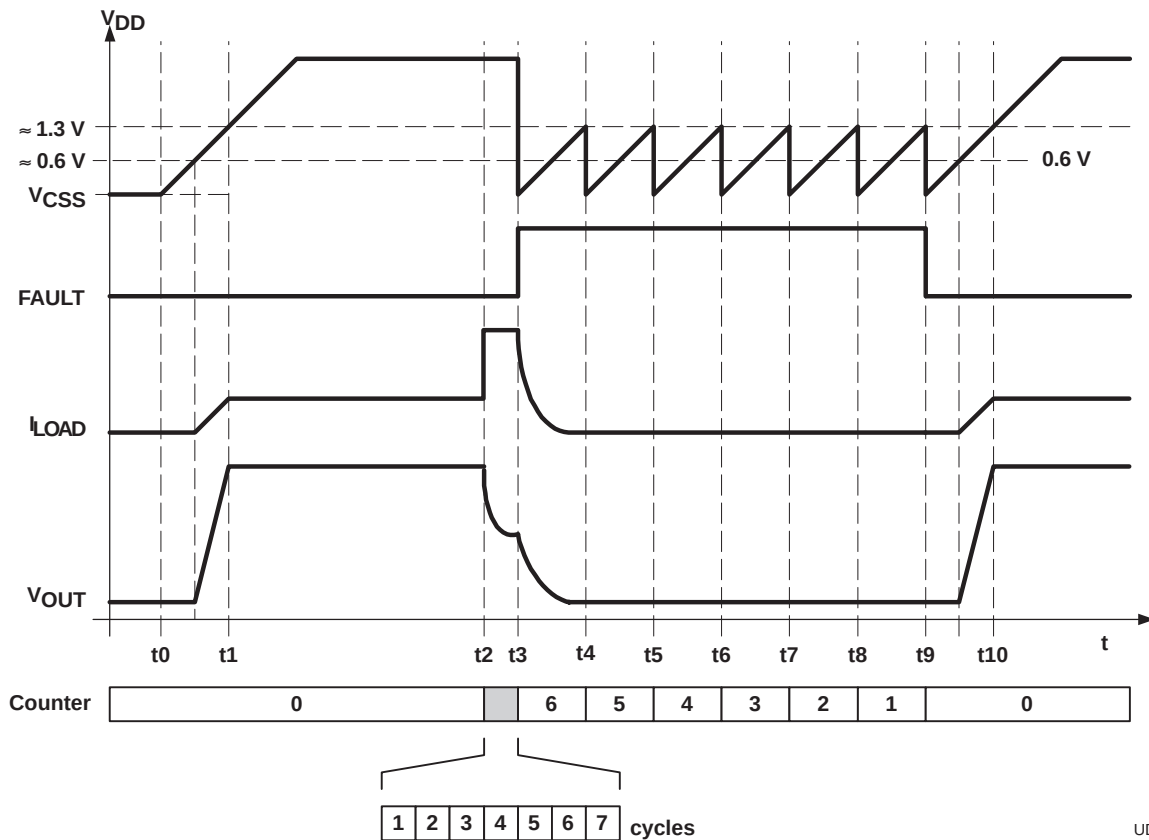


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Figure 3. Switch Node Waveforms for Synchronous Buck Converter

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Figure 4 shows the behavior of key signals during initial startup, during a fault and a successfully fault recovery. At time  $t_0$ , power is applied to the converter. The voltage on the soft-start capacitor ( $V_{CSS}$ ) begins to ramp up. At  $t_1$ , the soft-start period is over and the converter is regulating its output at the desired voltage level. From  $t_0$  to  $t_1$ , pulse-by-pulse current limiting was in effect, and from  $t_1$  onward, overcurrent pulses are counted for purposes of determining if a fault exists. At  $t_2$ , a heavy overload is applied to the converter. This overload is in excess of the overcurrent threshold, the converter starts limiting current and the output voltage falls to some level depending on the overload applied. During the period from  $t_2$  to  $t_3$ , the counter is counting overcurrent pulses and at time  $t_3$  reaches a full count of 7. The soft-start capacitor is then discharged, the outputs are disabled, the counter decremented, and a fault condition is declared.



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**Figure 4. Overcurrent/Fault Waveforms**

When the soft-start capacitor is fully discharged, it begins charging again at the same rate that it does on startup, with a nominal  $3\text{-}\mu\text{A}$  current source. As the capacitor voltage reaches full charge, it is discharged again and the counter is decremented by one count. These transitions occur at  $t_3$  through  $t_9$ . At  $t_9$ , the counter has been decremented to zero. Now the fault logic is cleared, the outputs are enabled and the converter attempts to restart with a full soft-start cycle. The converter comes into regulation at  $t_{10}$ .

The internal SS signal is a diode drop below  $V_{CSS}$ . When  $V_{CSS}$  reaches one diode drop above ground, ( $\approx 0.6\text{ V}$ ) the output ( $V_{OUT}$ ) begins its soft-start ramp.

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### Setting the Short Circuit Current Limit Threshold

Connecting a resistor from VDD to ILIM sets the current limit. A current sink in the chip causes a voltage drop across the resistor connected to ILIM. This voltage drop is the short circuit current threshold for the part. The current that the ILIM pin sinks is dependent on the value of the resistor connected to RT and is given by:

$$I_{ILIM} = 19.0 \times \frac{0.69 \text{ V}}{R_T} \quad (1)$$

The tolerance of the current sink is too loose to do an accurate current limit. The main purpose is for hard fault protection of the power switches. Given the tolerance of the ILIM sink current, and the  $R_{DS(on)}$  range for a MOSFET, it is generally possible to apply a load that thermally damages the converter. This device is intended for embedded converters where load characteristics are defined and can be controlled. A small capacitor can be added between ILIM and VDD for filtering. However, capacitors should not be used if the synchronization function is to be used.

### Soft-Start and Shutdown

The soft-start and shutdown functions are common to the SS/SD pin. The voltage at this pin over-rides the reference voltage on the error amplifier during startup. This controls the output voltage slew rate and the surge current required to charge the output capacitor at startup, allowing for a smooth startup with no overshoot of the output voltage. Initial HDRV pulse widths during Soft-Start are typically very narrow, likely less than 150ns. As a result, HDRV and LDRV can be on simultaneously, resulting in cross-conduction the MOSFETs of the power stage. To minimize cross-conduction during soft-start, the soft-start time when the pulse widths are less than 150ns should be kept to a minimum. A shutdown feature can be implemented by pulling SS/SD to GND via a transistor as shown in Figure 5.

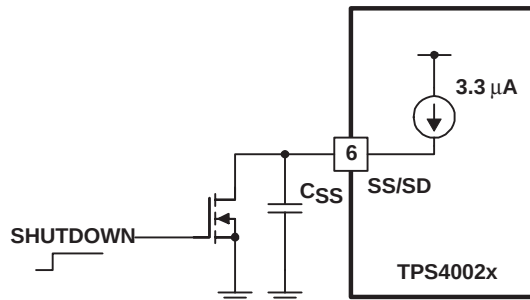


Figure 5. Shutdown Implementation

$$C_{SS} = \frac{I_{SS}}{V_{FB}} \times t_{SS} \text{ (F)} \quad (2)$$

where

- $t_{SS}$  is the start up time in seconds

### Switching Frequency

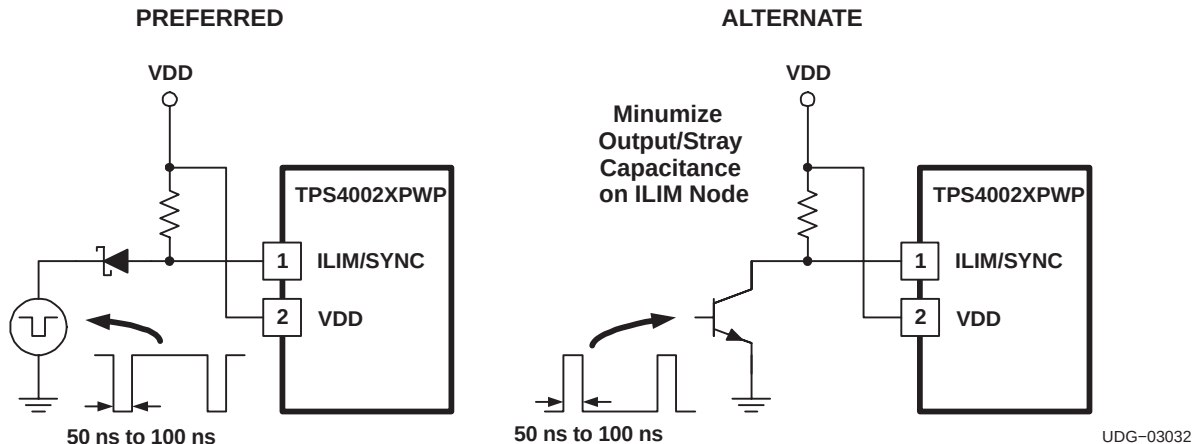
The switching frequency is programmed by a resistor from RT to SGND. Nominal switching frequency can be calculated by:

$$R_T \text{ (k}\Omega\text{)} = \frac{37.736 \times 10^3}{f_{OSC} \text{ (kHz)}} - 5.09 \text{ (k}\Omega\text{)} \quad (3)$$

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### Synchronization

The TPS4002x can be synchronized to an external reference frequency higher than the free running oscillator frequency. The recommended method is to use a diode and a push pull drive signal as shown in Figure 6.



**Figure 6. Synchronization Methods**

This design allows synchronization up to the maximum operating frequency of 1 MHz. For best results the nominal operating frequency of a converter that is to be synchronized should be kept as close as practicable to the synchronization frequency to avoid excessive noise induced pulse width jitter. A good target is to shoot for the free run frequency to be 80% of the synchronized frequency. This ensures that the synchronization source is the frequency determining element in the system and not to adversely affect noise immunity.

Other methods of implementing the synchronization function include using an open collector or open drain output device directly, or discreet devices to pull the ILIM/SYNC pin down. These do work but performance can suffer at high frequency because the ILIM/SYNC pin must rise to ( $V_{DD} - 1.0$  V) before the next switching cycle begins. Any time that this requires is directly subtracted from the maximum pulse width available and should be considered when choosing devices to drive ILIM/SYNC. Consequently, the lowest output capacitance devices work best.

During a synchronization cycle, the current sink on the ILIM/SYNC pin becomes disabled when ILIM/SYNC is pulled below 1.0 V. The ILIM/SYNC current sink remains disabled until ILIM/SYNC reaches ( $V_{DD} - 1.0$  V) This removes the load on the ILIM/SYNC pin to allow the voltage to slew rapidly depending on the ILIM resistor and any stray capacitance on the pin. To maximize this slew rate, minimize stray capacitance on this pin.

The duration of the synchronization pulse pulling ILIM/SYNC low should be between 50 ns and 100 ns. Longer durations may limit the maximum obtainable duty cycle.

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### Transient Comparators and Power Good

The TPS4002x makes use of a separate pin, OSNS, to monitor output voltage for these two functions. In normal operation, OSNS is connected to the output via a resistor divider. It is important to make this divider the same ratio as the divider for the feedback network so that in normal operation the voltage at OSNS is the same as the voltage at FB, 0.69 V nominal.

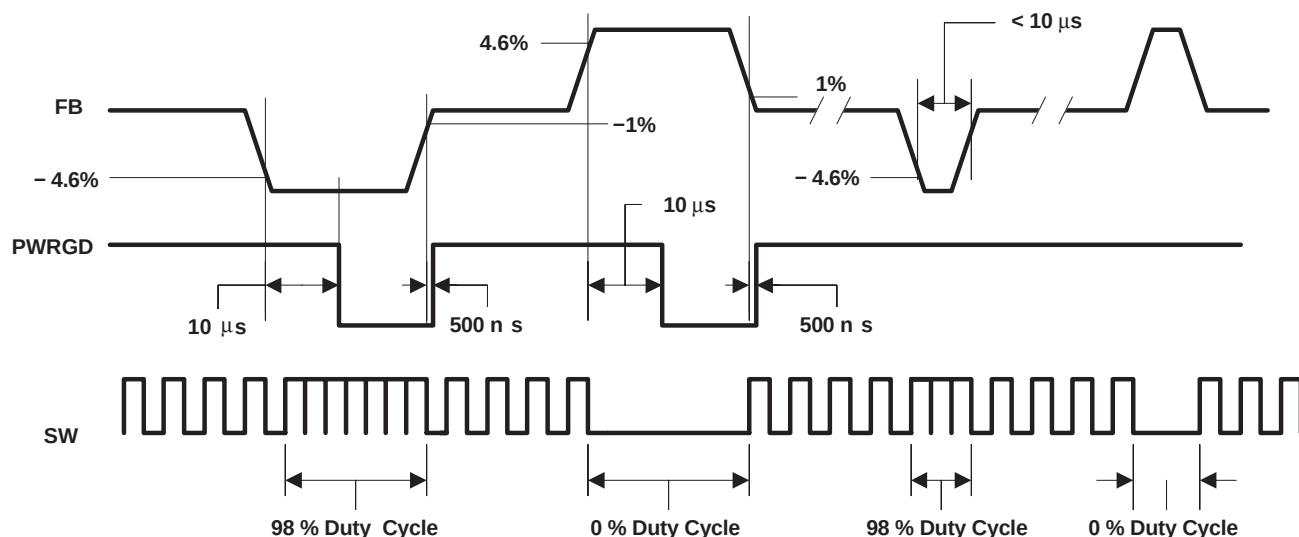
The PWRGD pin is an open drain output that is pulled low when the voltage at OSNS falls outside  $0.69\text{ V} \pm 4.6\%$  (approximately). A delay has been purposely built into the PWRGD pin pulling low in response to an out of band voltage on OSNS, to minimize the need for filtering the signal in the event of a noise glitch causing a brief out of band OSNS voltage. The PWRGD signal returns to high when the OSNS signal returns to approximately  $\pm 1\%$  of nominal ( $0.69\text{ V} \pm 1\%$ ).

The transient comparators override the conventional voltage control loop when the output voltage exceeds a  $\pm 4.6\%$  window. If the output transition is high (i.e. load steps down from 90% load to 10 % load) then the HDRV gate drive is terminated, 0% duty cycle, the LDRV gate drive is turned on to sink output current until  $V_{OUT}$  returns to within 1% of nominal. Conversely when  $V_{OUT}$  drops outside the window (i.e. step load increases from 10% load to 90% load) HDRV increases to maximum duty cycle until  $V_{OUT}$  returns to within 1% of nominal. (See Figure 7.)

During start-up, the transient comparators control the state of PWRGD as previously described. However, the operation of the gate drive outputs is not affected. (See Figure 8)

The transient comparators provide an improvement in load transient recovery time if used properly. In some situations, recovery time may be one half of the time required without transient comparators. Keep in mind that the transient comparator concept is a double-edged sword. While they provide improved transient recovery time, they can also lead to instability if incorrectly applied. For proper functionality, design a feedback loop for the converter that places the closed loop unity gain frequency at least five times higher than the 0 dB frequency of the output L-C filter. If not, the feedback loop cannot respond to the ring of the L-C on a transient event. The ring is likely to be large enough to disturb the transient comparators and the result is a power oscillator. Another helpful action is to ground the feedback loop divider and the OSNS divider at the SGND pin. Make sure both dividers measure the same physical location on the output bus. These help avoid problems with resistive drops at higher loads causing problems.

Connecting OSNS to VDD disables the transient comparators. This also disables the PWRGD function. Alternatively, OSNS and FB can be tied together. This connection allows a proper PWRGD at startup, though transient performance diminishes.

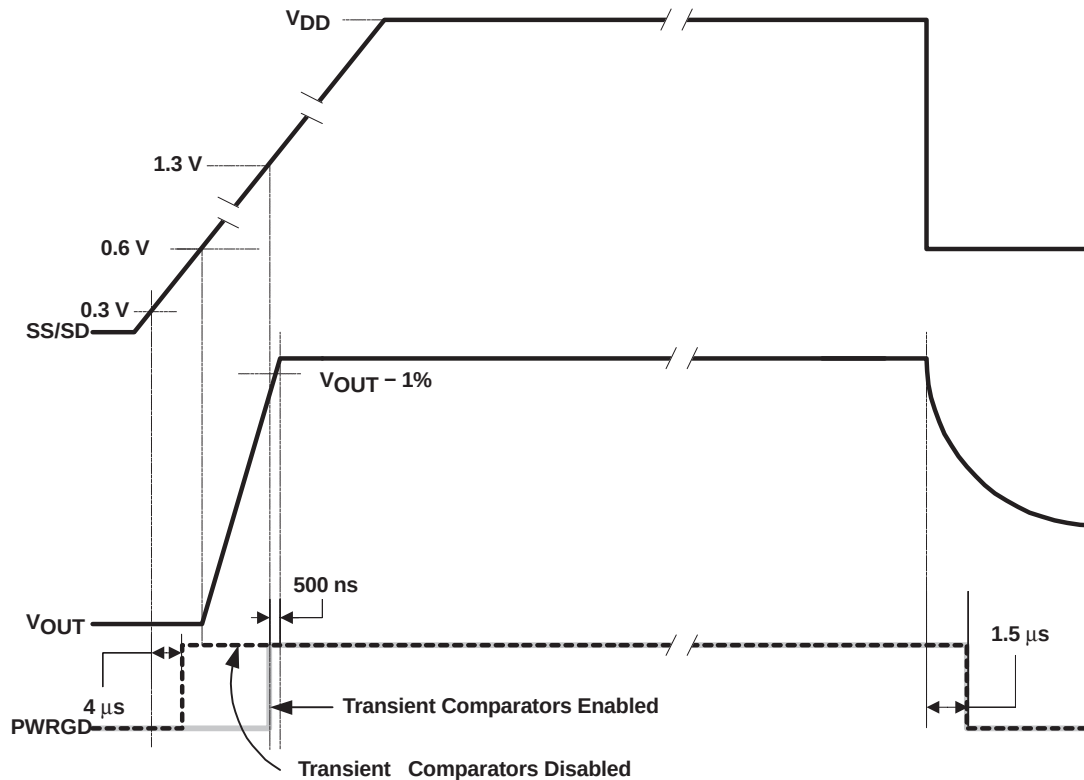


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Figure 7. Duty Cycle Waveforms



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Figure 8. Transient Comparator Waveforms

## Layout Considerations

Successful operation of the TPS4002x family of controllers is dependent upon the proper converter layout and grounding techniques. High current returns for the SR MOSFET's source, input capacitance, output capacitance, PVDD capacitance, and input bypass capacitors (if applicable), should be kept on a single ground plane or wide trace connected to the PGND (pin10) through a short wide trace. Control components connected to signal ground, as well as the PowerPad thermal pad, should be connected to a single ground plane connected to SGND (Pin 8) through a short trace. SGND and PGND should be connected at a single point using a narrow trace.

Proper operation of Predictive Gate Drive™ technology and  $I_{ZERO}$  functions are dependent upon detecting low-voltage thresholds on the SW node. To ensure that the signal at the SW pin accurately represents the voltage at the main switching node, the connection from SW (pin 14) to the main switching node of the converter should be kept as short and wide as possible and should ideally be kept on the top level with the power components. If the SW trace must traverse multiple board layers between the TPS4002x and the main switching node, multiple vias should be used to minimize the trace impedance.

Gate drive outputs, LDRV and HDRV (pins 11 and 15, respectively) should be kept as short as possible to minimize inductances in the traces. If the gate drive outputs need to traverse multiple board layers multiple vias should be used.

Charge pump components, BOOT1, BOOT2, PVDD, and any input bypass capacitors (if required), should be kept as close as possible to their respective pins. Ceramic bypass capacitors should be used if the input capacitors are located more than a couple of inches away from the TPS4002X. If a bypass capacitor is not needed the trace from the input capacitors to VDD (pin2) should be kept as short and wide as possible to minimize trace impedance. If multiple board layers are traversed multiple vias should be used.

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Manufacturer's instructions should be followed for proper layout of the external MOSFETs. Thermal impedances given in the manufacturer's datasheets are for a given mounting technique with a specified surface area under the drain of the MOSFET. PowerPad package information can be found in the APPLICATION INFORMATION section of this datasheet.

Refer to TPS40021 EVM-001 High Efficiency Synchronous Buck Converter with PWM Controller Evaluation Module (HPA009) User's Guide, (Literature No. sluu144A) for a typical board layout.

The PowerPAD package provides low thermal impedance for heat removal from the device. The PowerPAD derives its name and low thermal impedance from the large bonding pad on the bottom of the device. The circuit board must have an area of solder-tinned-copper underneath the package. The dimensions of this area depends on the size of the PowerPAD package. For a 16-pin TSSOP (PWP) package the area is 5 mm x 3.4 mm [3].

Thermal vias connect this area to internal or external copper planes and should have a drill diameter sufficiently small so that the via hole is effectively plugged when the barrel of the via is plated with copper. This plug is needed to prevent wicking the solder away from the interface between the package body and the solder-tinned area under the device during solder reflow. Drill diameters of 0.33 mm (13 mils) works well when 1-oz copper is plated at the surface of the board while simultaneously plating the barrel of the via. If the thermal vias are not plugged when the copper plating is performed, then a solder mask material should be used to cap the vias with a diameter equal to the via diameter of 0.1 mm minimum. This capping prevents the solder from being wicked through the thermal vias and potentially creating a solder void under the package. Refer to *PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package*<sup>[3]</sup> for more information on the PowerPAD package.

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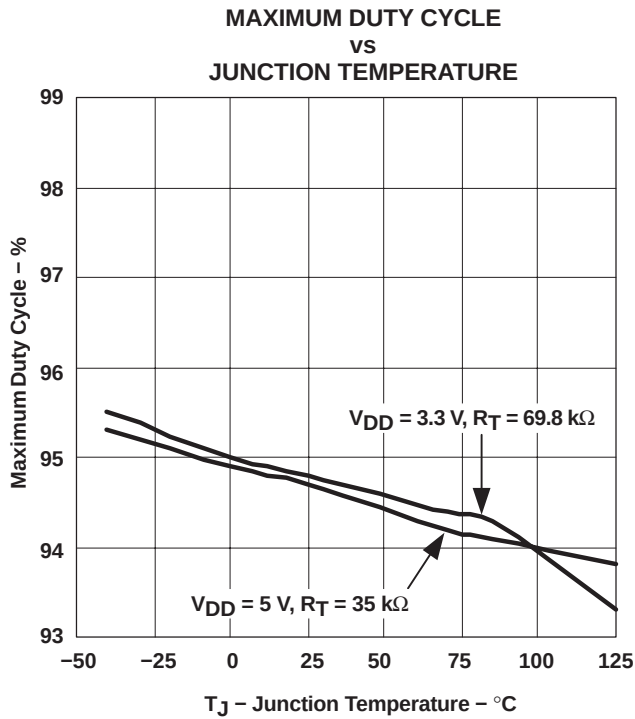


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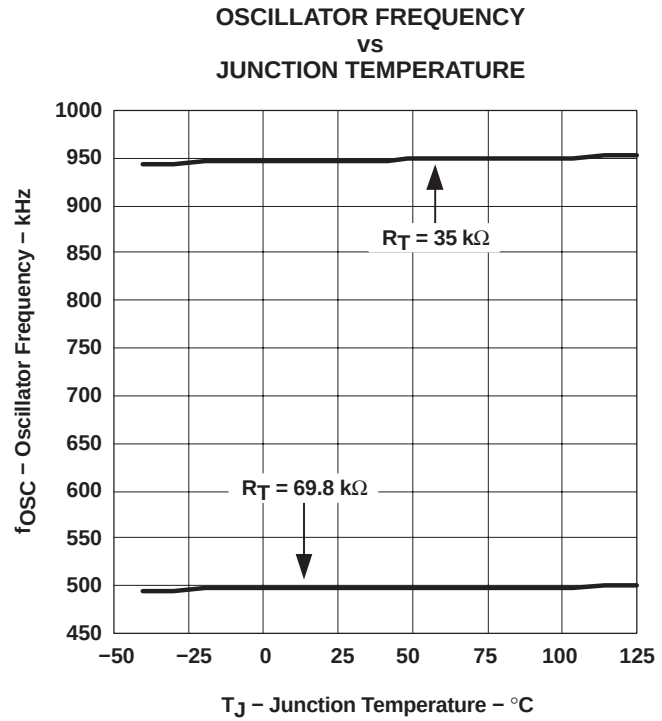


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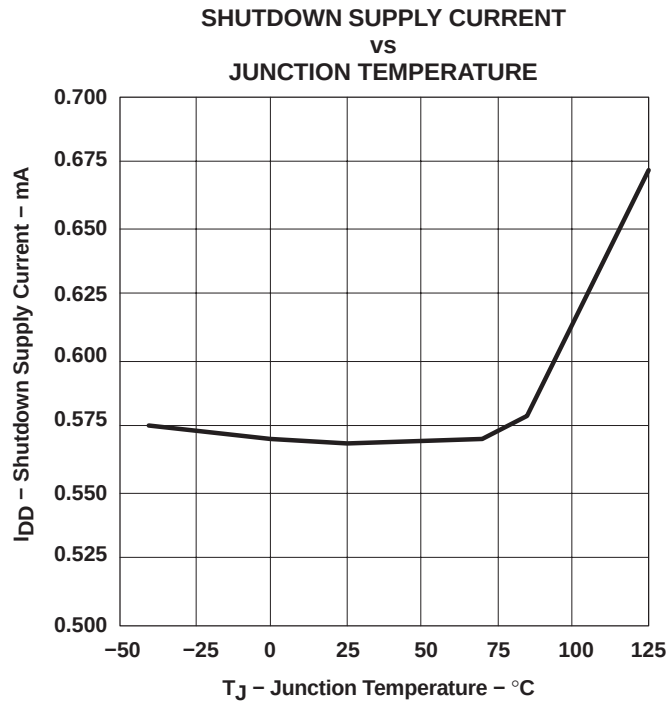


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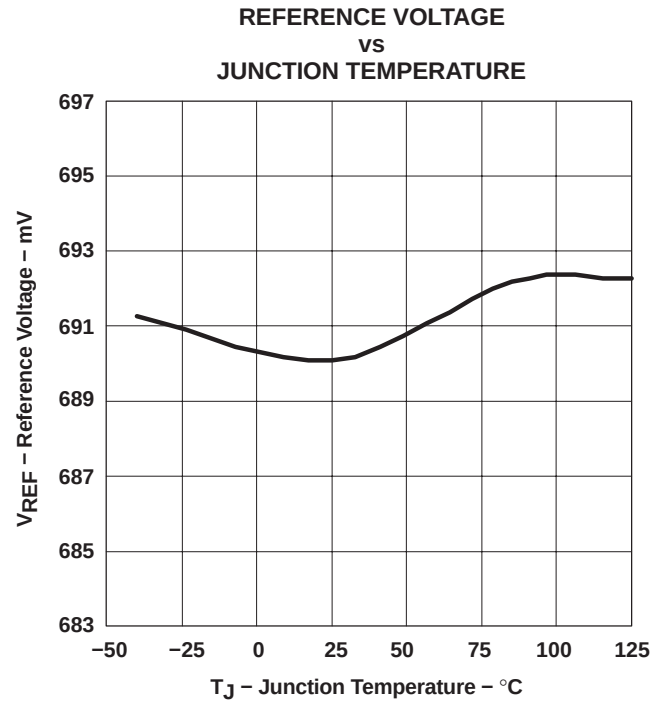


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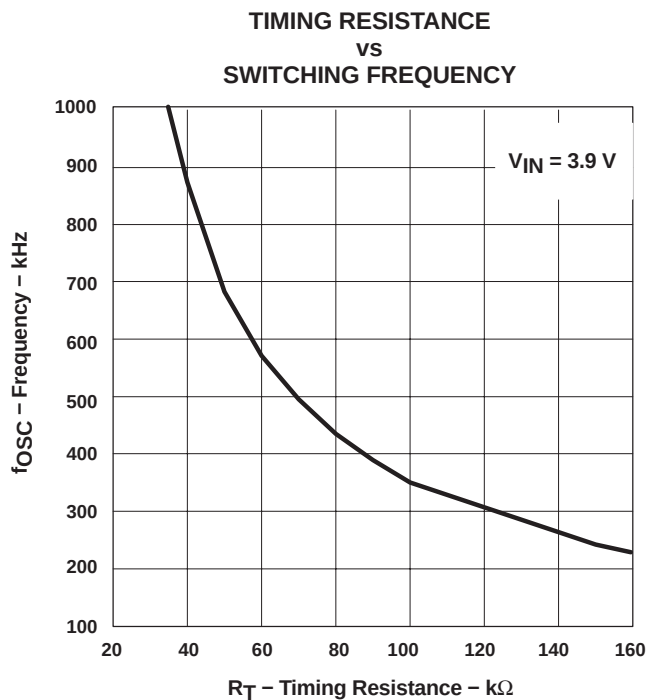


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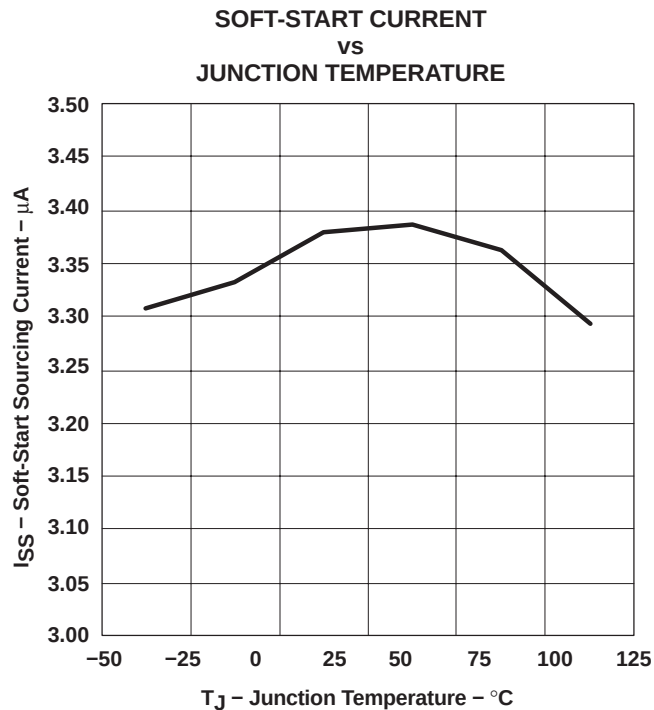


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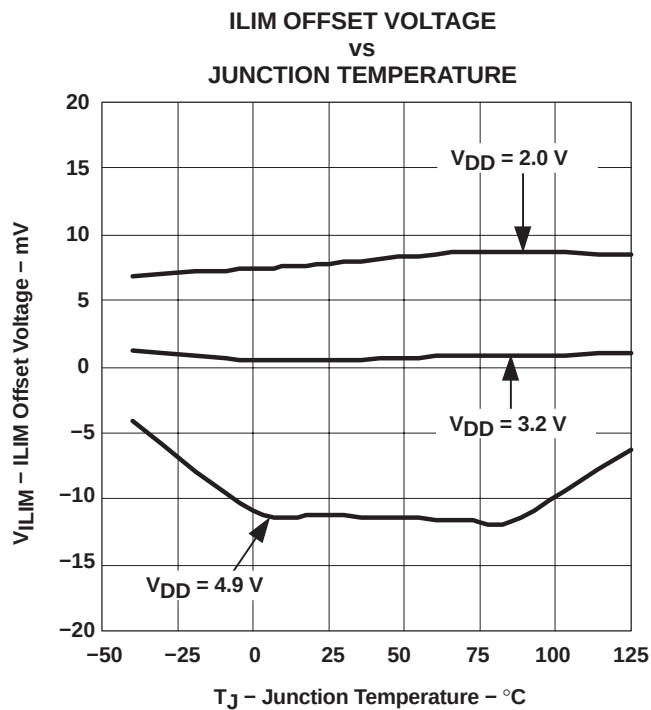


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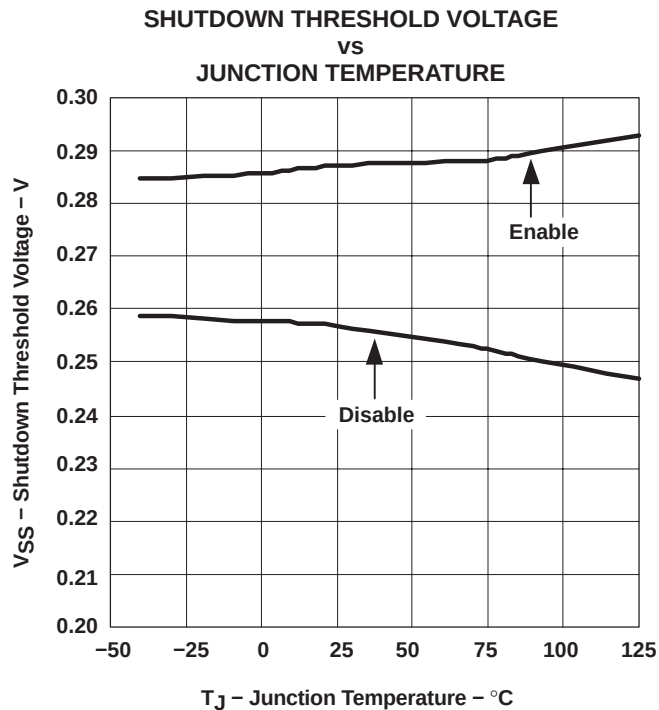


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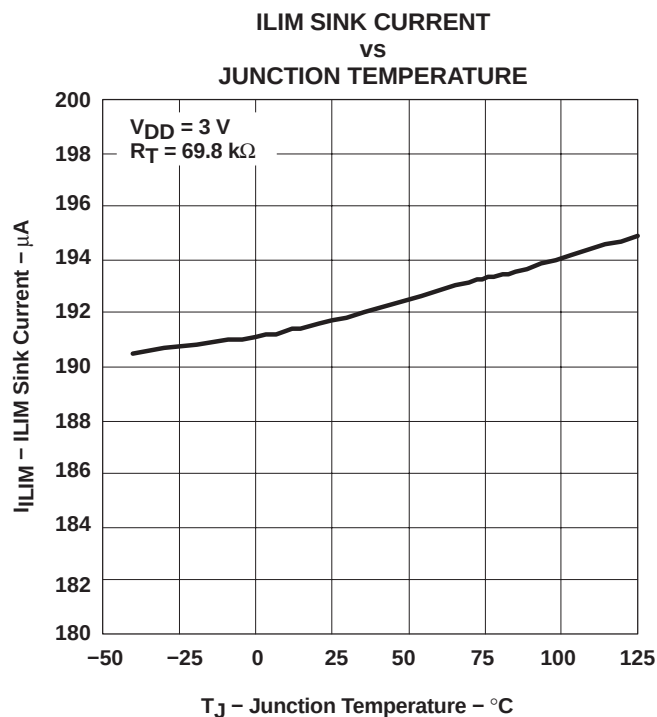


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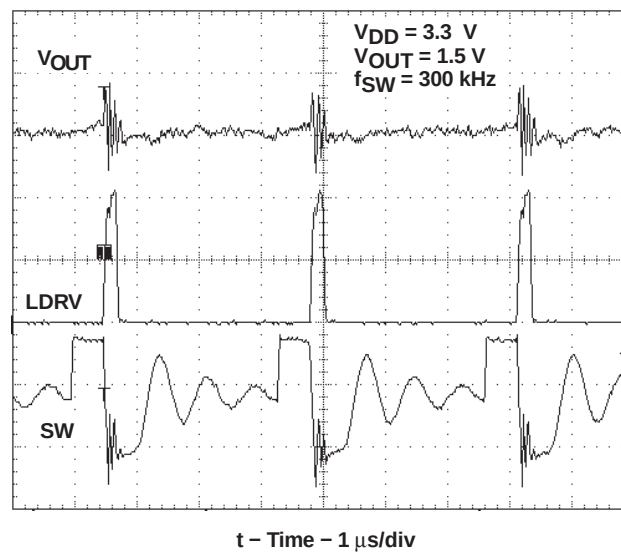


Figure 18. TPS40020 Discontinuous Mode (DCM)

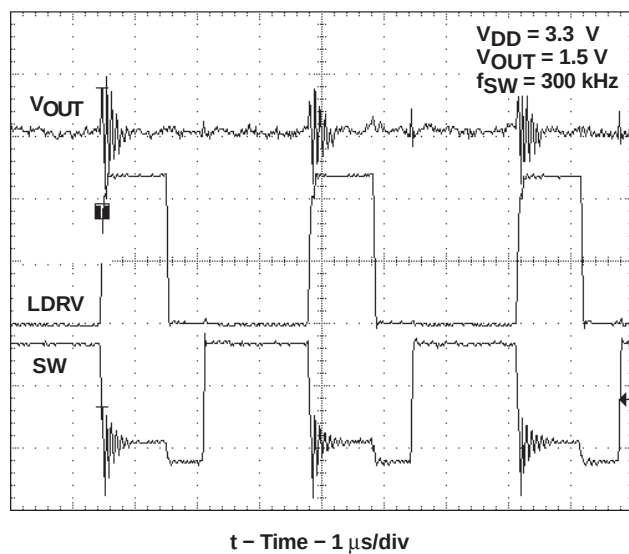
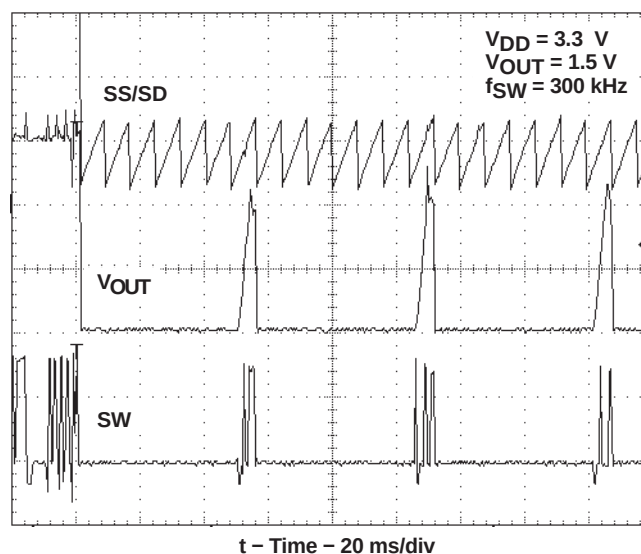
Figure 19. TPS40020  $I_{ZERO}$  Detection - DCM

Figure 20. Output Current Fault Operation

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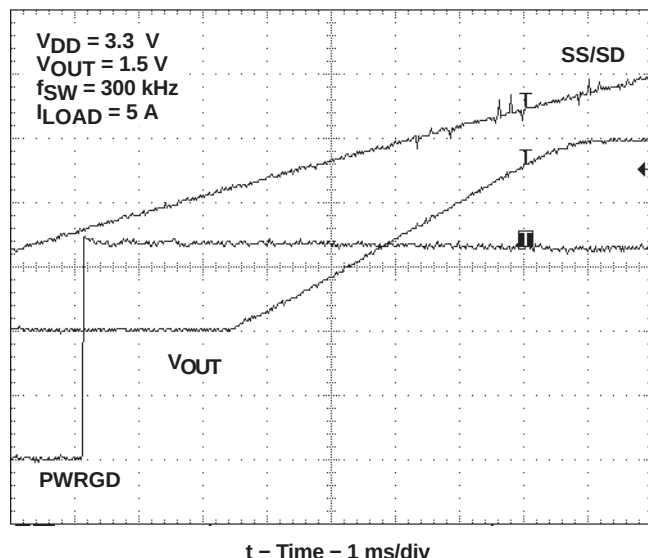


Figure 21. Start-Up Operation Without Transient Comparators

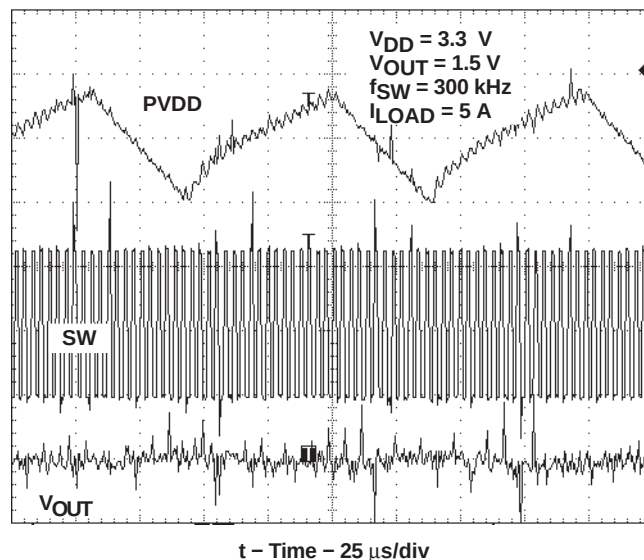


Figure 22. PVDD Hysteresis

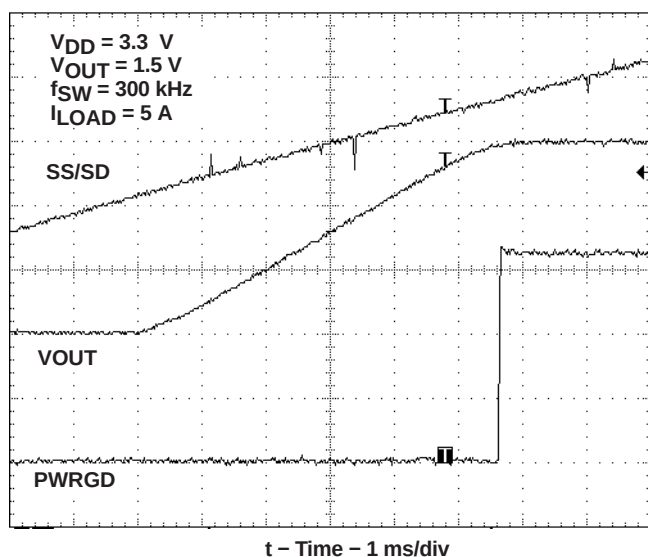


Figure 23. Start-Up Operation With Transient Comparators

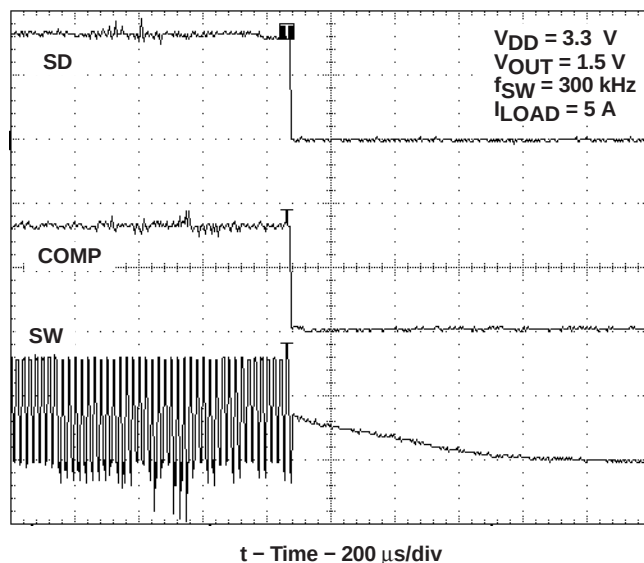


Figure 24. COMP Shutdown Operation

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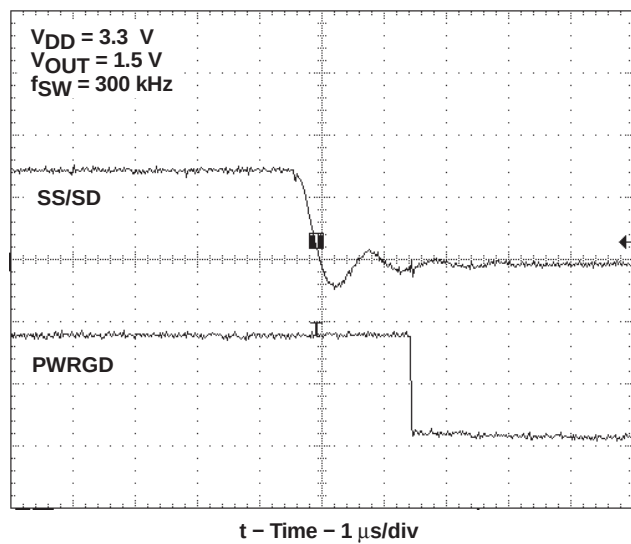


Figure 25. PWRGD Shutdown Operation

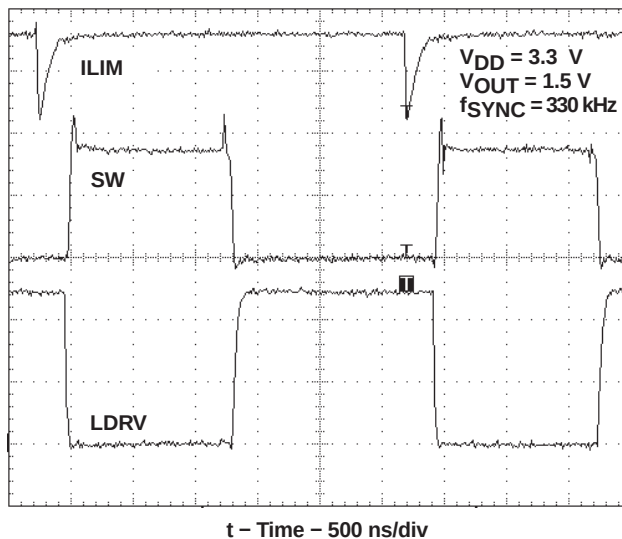


Figure 26. External Synchronization

## REFERENCE DESIGN

This design used the TPS40020 PWM controller to facilitate a step-down application from 3.3-V to 1.5 V. (see Figure 29) Design specifications include:

- Input voltage:  $2.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.0\text{ V}$
- Nominal output voltage: 3.3 V
- Output voltage  $V_{OUT}$ : 1.5 V
- Output current  $I_{OUT}$ : 20 A
- Switching frequency: 300 kHz

## DESIGN PROCEDURE

### Setting the Frequency

Choosing the optimum switching frequency is complicated. The higher the frequency, the smaller the inductance and capacitance needed, so the smaller the size, but then the the switching losses are higher, the efficiency is poorer. For this evaluation module, 300 kHz is chosen for reasonable efficiency and size.

A resistor R4, which is connected from pin 7 to ground, programs the oscillator frequency. The approximate operating frequency is calculated in equation (3)

$$R_T (\text{k}\Omega) = \frac{37.736 \times 10^3}{f_{OSC}(\text{kHz})} - 5.09 (\text{k}\Omega) \quad (4)$$

Using equation (2),  $R_T$  is calculated to be 120 k $\Omega$  and a 118-k $\Omega$  resistor is chosen for 300 kHz operation.

### Inductance Value

The inductance value can be calculated by equation (2).

$$L_{(min)} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f \times I_{RIPPLE}} \times \left( 1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(max)}} \right) \quad (5)$$

where  $I_{RIPPLE}$  is the ripple current flowing through the inductor, which affects the output voltage ripple and core losses.

Based on 24% ripple current and 300 kHz, the inductance value is calculated to 0.71  $\mu\text{H}$  and a 0.75- $\mu\text{H}$  inductor (part number is CDEP149-0R7) is chosen. The DCR of this inductor is 1.1 m $\Omega$  and the loss is 440 mW, which is approximately 1.5% of output power.

$$C_{OUT(min)} = \frac{I_{RIPPLE}}{8 \times f \times V_{RIPPLE}} \quad (6)$$

$$ESR_{OUT} = \frac{V_{RIPPLE}}{I_{RIPPLE}} \quad (7)$$

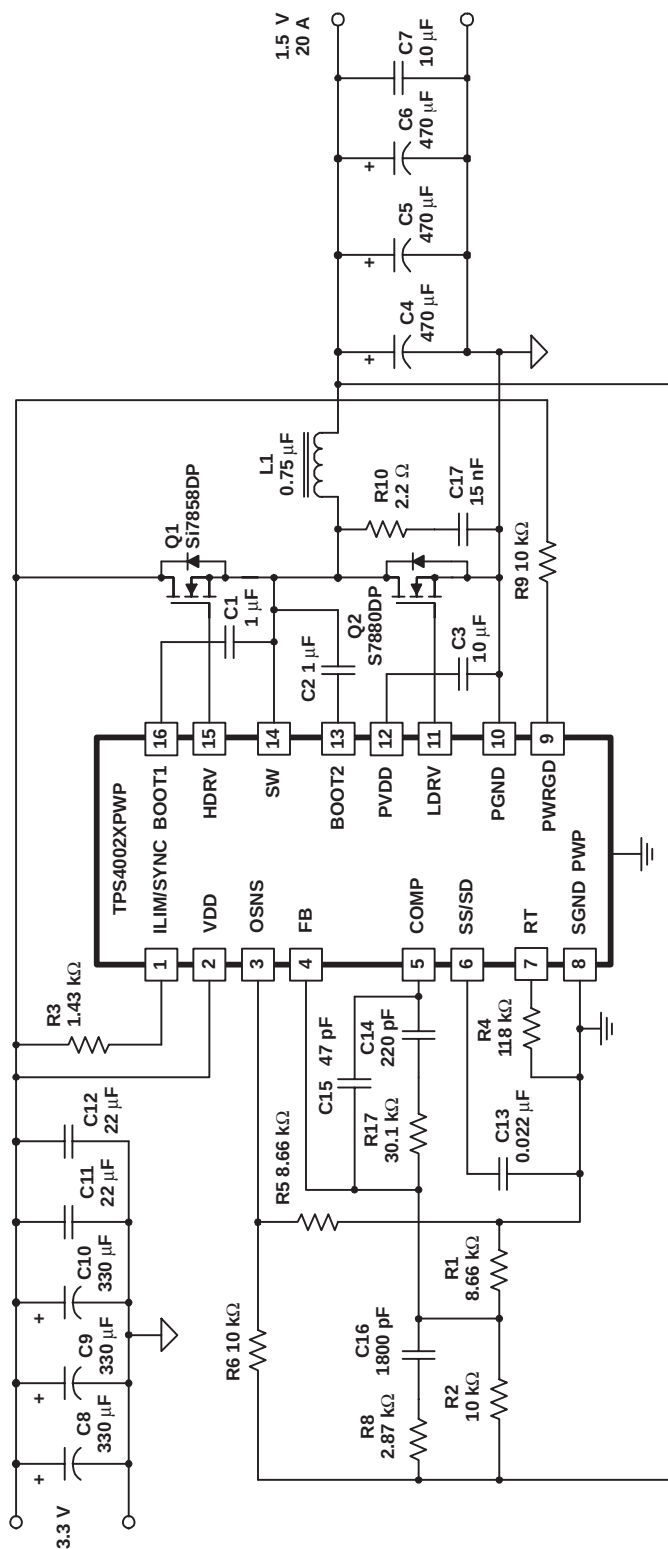
With 1.2% output voltage ripple, the needed capacitance is at least 109  $\mu\text{F}$  and its ESR should be less than 3.75 m $\Omega$ . Three 2-V, 470- $\mu\text{F}$ , POSCAP capacitors from Sanyo are used. The ESR is 10 m $\Omega$  each.

The required input capacitance is calculated in equation (5). The calculated value is approximately 390  $\mu\text{F}$  for a 100-mV input ripple. Three 6.0-V, 330- $\mu\text{F}$  POSCAP capacitors with 10 m $\Omega$  ESR are used to handle 10 A of RMS input current. Additionally, two ceramic capacitors are used to reduce the switching ripple current.

$$C_{IN(min)} = I_{OUT(max)} \times D_{(max)} \times \frac{1}{f_{OSC} \times V_{IN(ripple)}} \quad (8)$$



# REFERENCE DESIGN



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Figure 27. Reference Design Schematic

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### Input and Output Capacitors

The output capacitance and its ESR needed are calculated in equations (5) and (6).

### Compensation Design

Voltage-mode control is used in this evaluation module, using R2, R7, R8, C14, C15, and C16 to form a Type-III compensator network. The L-C frequency of the power stage is approximately 4.9-kHz and the ESR-zero is around 34 kHz. The overall crossover frequency,  $f_{0db}$ , is chosen at 43-kHz for reasonable transient response and stability. Two zeros  $f_{Z1}$  and  $f_{Z2}$  from the compensator are set at 2.4 kHz and 4 kHz. The two poles,  $f_{P1}$  and  $f_{P2}$  are set at 34 kHz and 115 kHz. The frequency of poles and zeros are defined by the following equations:

$$f_{Z1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R7 \times C14} \quad (9)$$

$$f_{Z2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R2 \times C16} \quad (\text{assuming } R2 \gg R8) \quad (10)$$

$$f_{P1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R8 \times C16} \quad (11)$$

$$f_{P2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R7 \times C15} \quad (\text{assuming } C14 \gg C15) \quad (12)$$

The transfer function for the compensator is calculated in equation (10).

$$A(s) = \frac{(1 + s \times C14 \times R7) \times [1 + s \times C16 \times (R2 + R3)]}{s \times R2 \times C14 \times \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{C15}{C14} \right) + s \times R7 \times C15 \right] \times (1 + s \times R8 \times C16)} \quad (13)$$

Figure 28 shows the close loop gain and phase. The overall crossover frequency is approximately 30 kHz. The phase margin is 57°.

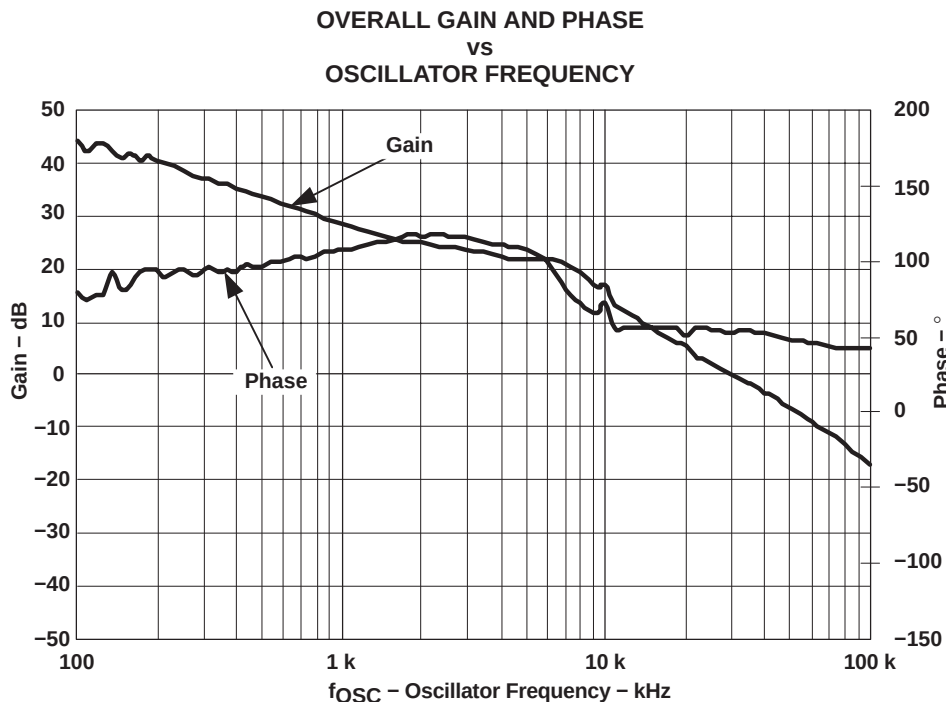


Figure 28.

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### MOSFETs and Diodes

For a 1.5-V output voltage, the lower the  $R_{DS(on)}$  of the MOSFET, the higher the efficiency. Due to the high current and high conduction loss, the MOSFET should have very low conduction resistance ( $R_{DS(on)}$ ) and thermal resistance. Si7858DP is chosen for its low  $R_{DS(on)}$  (between 3 mΩ and 4 mΩ) and Power-Pak package.

### Current Limiting

Resistor R3 sets the short current limit threshold. The  $R_{DS(on)}$  of the upper MOSFET is used as a current sensor. The current limit,  $I_{OUT(CL)}$  is initialized at 30% above the maximum output current,  $I_{OUT(max)}$ , which is 28 A. Then R3 can be calculated in equation (11) and yields a value of 1.4 kΩ. An R3 of 1.43 kΩ is selected.

$$I_{LIM} = \left( 19 \times \frac{V_{FB}}{R4} \right) = \left( 19 \times \frac{0.69 \text{ V}}{118 \text{ k}\Omega} \right) = 111.1 \text{ (}\mu\text{A)} \quad (14)$$

$$R3 = \frac{K \times R_{DS(on)} \times I_{OUT(CL)}}{I_{LIM}} = \frac{1.5 \times 0.004 \times 28 \text{ A}}{111.1 \text{ }\mu\text{A}} = 1.4 \text{ (k}\Omega) \quad (15)$$

where

- $R_{DS(on)}$  is the on-resistor of Q1 (4 mΩ)
- Temperature coefficient,  $K=1.5$
- $V_{FB} = 0.69 \text{ V}$
- $R4=118 \text{ k}\Omega$

### Voltage Sense Regulator

R1 and R2 operate as the output voltage divider. The error amplifier reference voltage ( $V_{FB}$ ) is 0.69 V. The relationship between the output voltage and divider is described in equation (8). Using a 10-kΩ resistor for R2 and 1.5-V output regulation, R1 is calculated as 8.52 kΩ, 8.66 kΩ is selected for R1.

$$\frac{V_{FB}}{R1} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{R1 + R2} \rightarrow \frac{0.69 \text{ V}}{R1} = \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{R1 + 10 \text{ k}\Omega} \rightarrow R1 = 8.52 \text{ k}\Omega \quad (16)$$

### Transient Comparator

The output voltage transient comparators provide a quick response, first strike, approach to output voltage transients. The output voltage is sensed through a resistor divider at the OSNS pin, using R5 and R6 shown in Figure 27. If an overvoltage condition is detected, the HDRV gate drive is shut off and the LDRV gate drive is turned on until the output is returned to regulation. Similarly, if an output undervoltage condition is sensed, the HDRV gate drive goes to 95% duty cycle to pump the output back up quickly. The voltage divider should be exactly the same as resistors R1 and R2 discussed previously. Resistor R5=8.66 kΩ and R6=10 kΩ in this evaluation module.

## REFERENCE DESIGN

### TEST RESULTS

#### Efficiency Curves

The tested efficiency at different loads and input voltages are shown in Figure 29. The maximum efficiency is as high as 93% at 1.5-V output. The efficiency is around 88% when the load current ( $I_{LOAD}$ ) is 20 A.

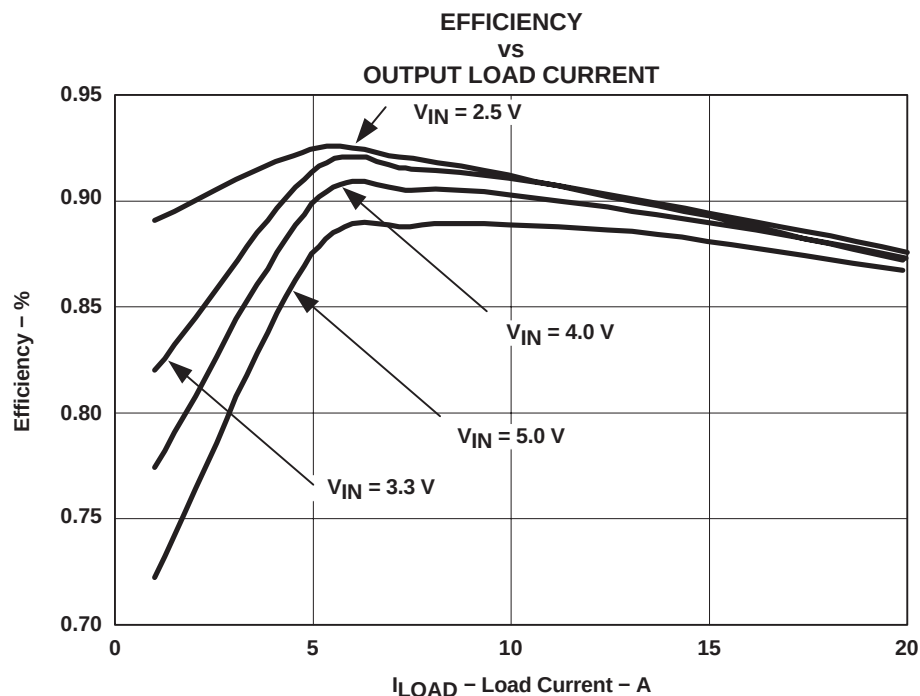
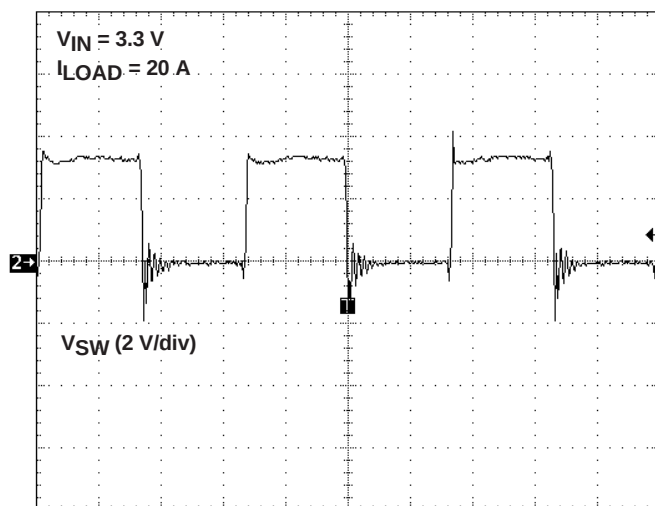


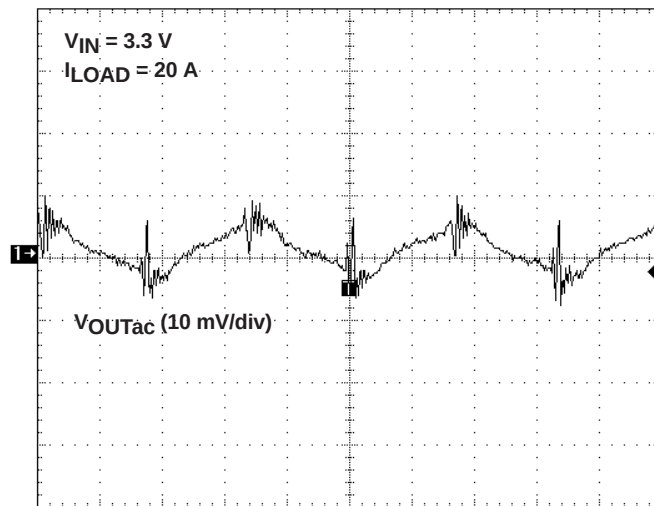
Figure 29.

#### Typical Operating Waveforms

Typical operating waveforms are shown in Figure 30 and 31.



t – Time – 1  $\mu$ s/div  
Figure 30



t – Time – 1  $\mu$ s/div  
Figure 31

## REFERENCE DESIGN

## Transient Response and Output Ripple Voltage

The output ripple is about 15 mV<sub>P-P</sub> at 20-A output. When the load changes from 4 A to 20 A, the overshooting voltage is about 35 mV.

Figures 32 and 33 show the transient waveform with and without the transient comparator. Using the transient comparator yields a settling time of 10-μs faster than without.

The output ripple is about 15 mV<sub>P-P</sub> at 20-A output which is shown in Figure 32. When the load changes from 0 A to 13 A, the overshoot voltage is approximately 80 mV, and the undershoot is approximately 60 mV as shown in Figure 34. When the transient comparator is triggered, the powergood (PWRGD) signal goes low.

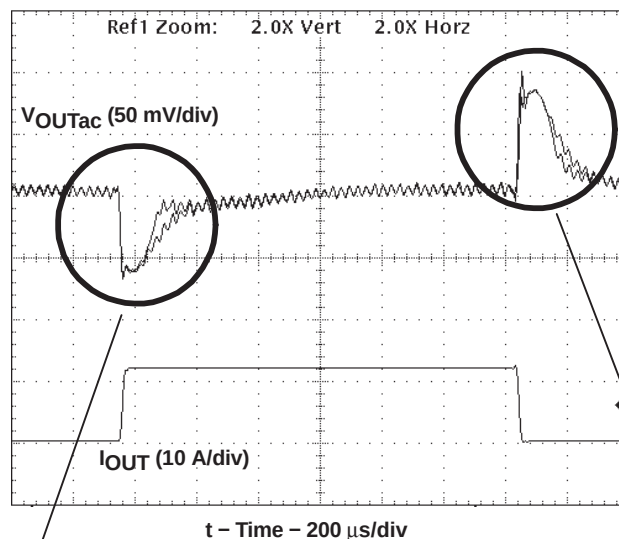


Figure 32. Transient Response Undershoot

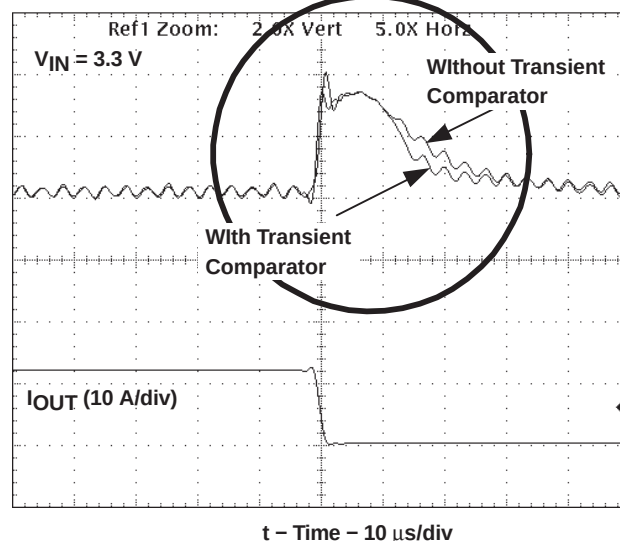
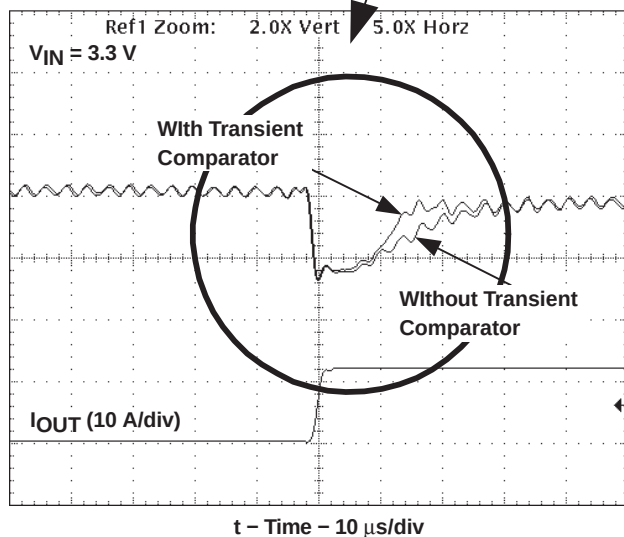


Figure 33. Transient Response Overshoot

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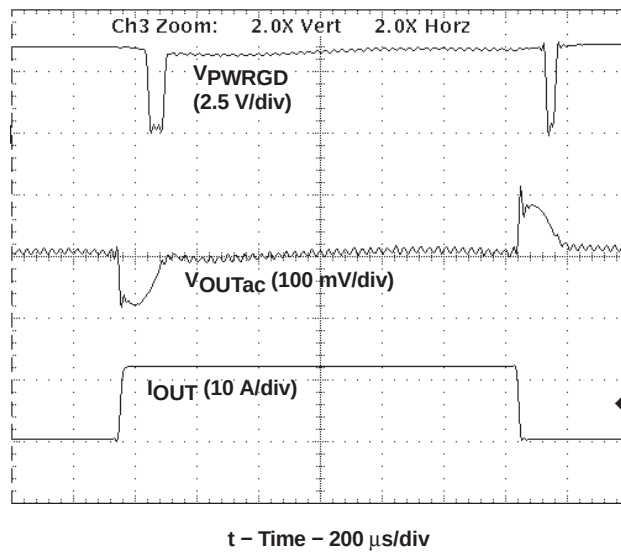


Figure 34. Transient Response

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable part number | Status<br>(1) | Material type<br>(2) | Package   Pins    | Package qty   Carrier | RoHS<br>(3) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(4) | MSL rating/<br>Peak reflow<br>(5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking<br>(6) |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| TPS40020PWP           | Active        | Production           | HTSSOP (PWP)   16 | 90   TUBE             | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 85    | 40020               |
| TPS40020PWP.A         | Active        | Production           | HTSSOP (PWP)   16 | 90   TUBE             | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 85    | 40020               |
| TPS40021PWP           | Active        | Production           | HTSSOP (PWP)   16 | 90   TUBE             | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 85    | 40021               |
| TPS40021PWP.A         | Active        | Production           | HTSSOP (PWP)   16 | 90   TUBE             | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 85    | 40021               |
| TPS40021PWPR          | NRND          | Production           | HTSSOP (PWP)   16 | 2000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 85    | 40021               |
| TPS40021PWPR.A        | NRND          | Production           | HTSSOP (PWP)   16 | 2000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 85    | 40021               |

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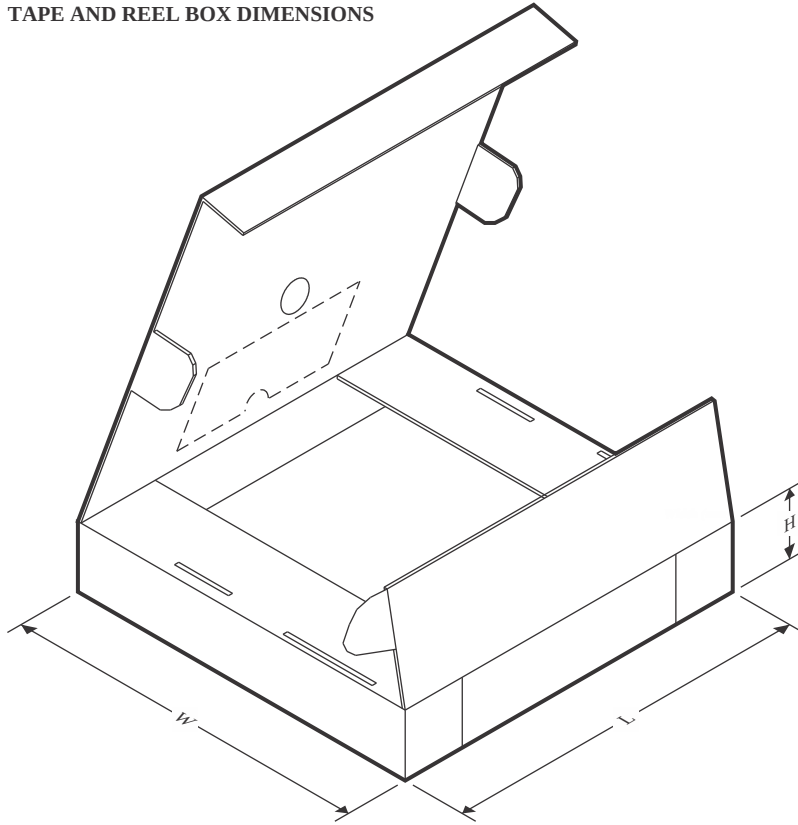
## TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION



\*All dimensions are nominal

| Device       | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| TPS40021PWPR | HTSSOP       | PWP             | 16   | 2000 | 330.0              | 12.4               | 6.9     | 5.6     | 1.6     | 8.0     | 12.0   | Q1            |

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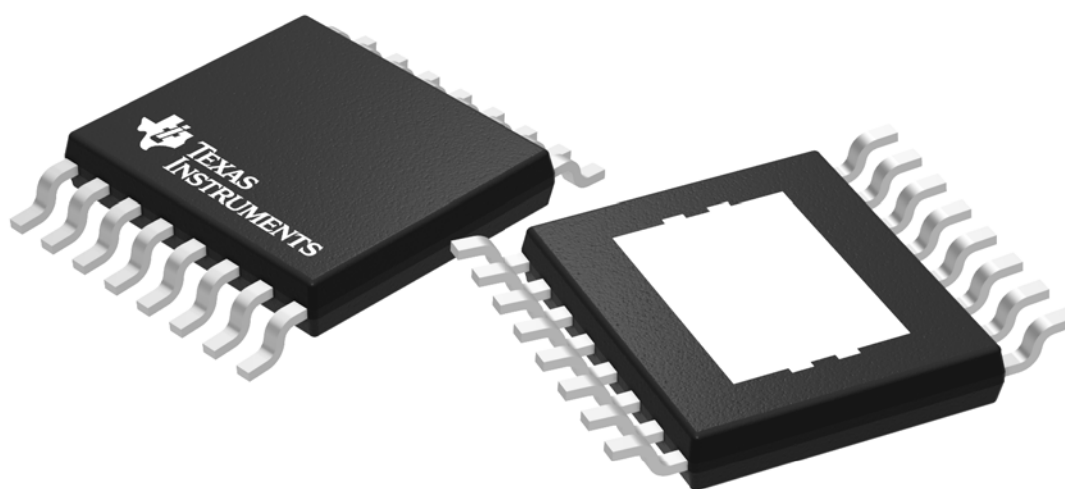
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| Device       | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
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| TPS40021PWPR | HTSSOP       | PWP             | 16   | 2000 | 350.0       | 350.0      | 43.0        |

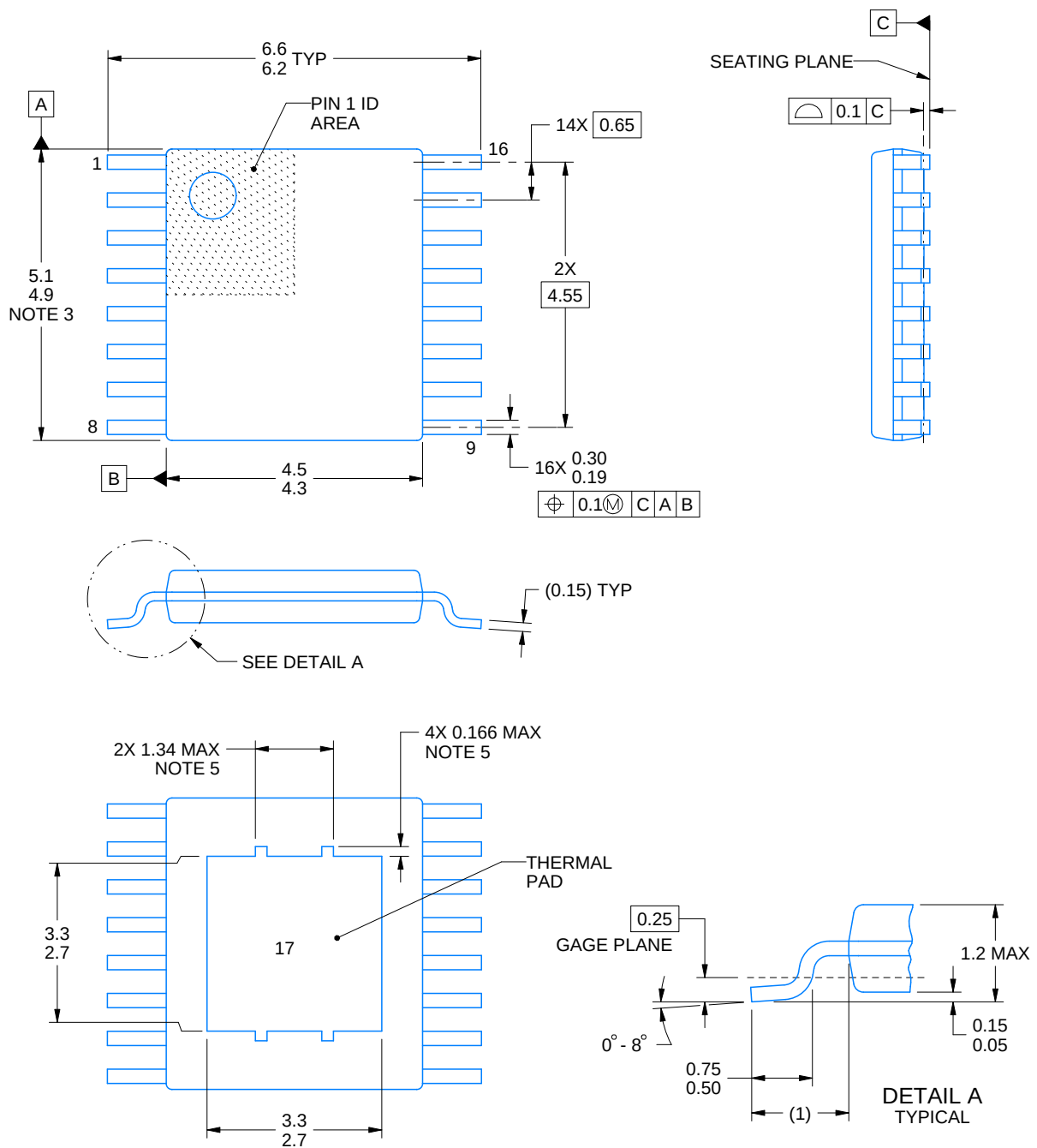
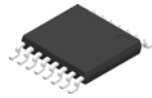
**TUBE**


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| Device        | Package Name | Package Type | Pins | SPQ | L (mm) | W (mm) | T (μm) | B (mm) |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| TPS40020PWP   | PWP          | HTSSOP       | 16   | 90  | 530    | 10.2   | 3600   | 3.5    |
| TPS40020PWP.A | PWP          | HTSSOP       | 16   | 90  | 530    | 10.2   | 3600   | 3.5    |
| TPS40021PWP   | PWP          | HTSSOP       | 16   | 90  | 530    | 10.2   | 3600   | 3.5    |
| TPS40021PWP.A | PWP          | HTSSOP       | 16   | 90  | 530    | 10.2   | 3600   | 3.5    |



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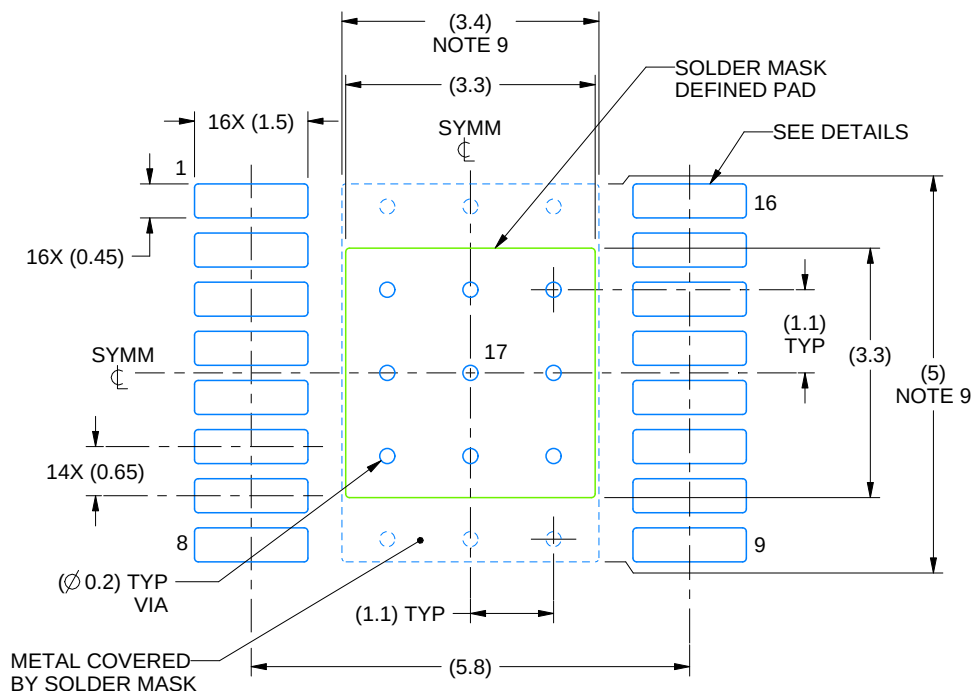
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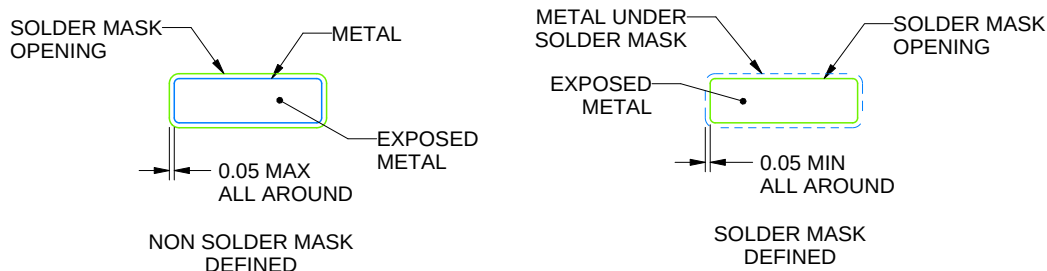
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PowerPAD™ HTSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN  
SCALE:10X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS  
PADS 1-16

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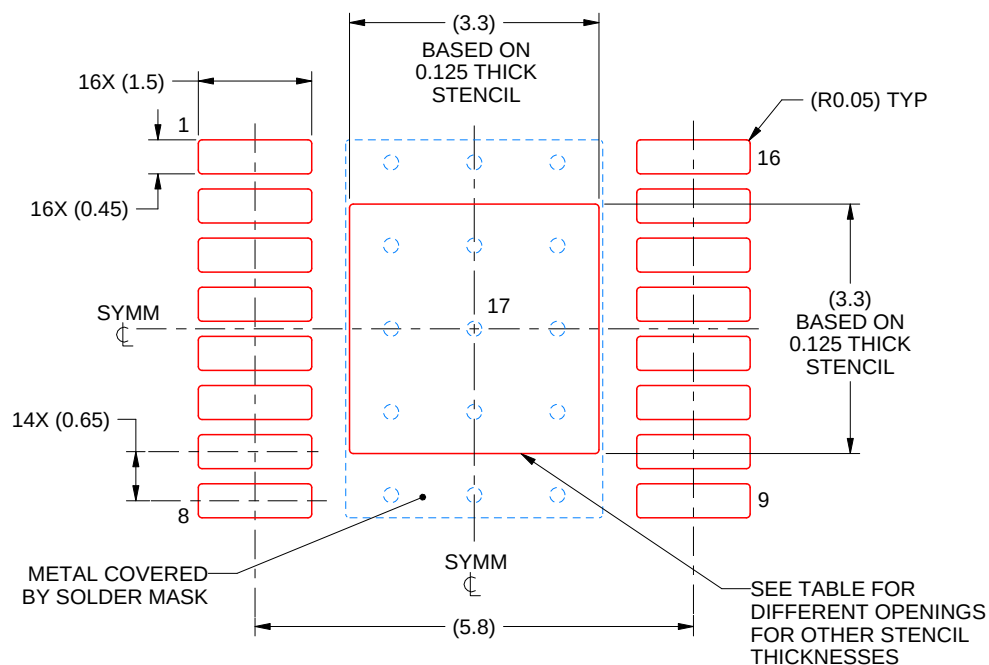
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6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.
8. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature numbers SLMA002 ([www.ti.com/lit/slma002](http://www.ti.com/lit/slma002)) and SLMA004 ([www.ti.com/lit/slma004](http://www.ti.com/lit/slma004)).
9. Size of metal pad may vary due to creepage requirement.

**PWP0016A**

## PowerPAD™ HTSSOP - 1.2 mm max height

## PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED PAD  
100% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA  
SCALE:10X

| STENCIL THICKNESS | SOLDER STENCIL OPENING |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 0.1               | 3.69 X 3.69            |
| 0.125             | 3.3 X 3.3 (SHOWN)      |
| 0.15              | 3.01 X 3.01            |
| 0.175             | 2.79 X 2.79            |

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10. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
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