

DRV8231A 電流検出およびレギュレーション内蔵 3.7A ブラシ付き DC モーター・ドライバ

1 特長

- N チャネル、H ブリッジ、ブラシ付き DC モーター・ドライバ
- 4.5V～33V の動作電源電圧範囲
- $R_{DS(on)}$ 、電圧、電流検出 / レギュレーションのピン互換バリエーション (外部シャント抵抗と内蔵電流ミラー)
 - DRV8870: 6.5V～45V、565mΩ、シャント
 - DRV8251: 4.5V～48V、450mΩ、シャント
 - DRV8251A: 4.5V～48V、450mΩ、ミラー
 - DRV8231: 4.5V～33V、600mΩ、シャント
 - DRV8231A: 4.5V～33V、600mΩ、ミラー
- 高い出力電流能力: 3.7A (ピーク)
- PWM 制御インターフェイス
- 1.8V、3.3V、5V のロジック入力電圧に対応
- ストール検出および電流レギュレーションのための IPROPI 電流検出機能を内蔵
- 低消費電力のスリープ・モード
 - $V_{VM} = 24V$ 、 $T_J = 25^\circ C$ で 1μA 未満
- 小さなパッケージと占有面積
 - PowerPAD™ 付き 8 ピン WSON、2.0 × 2.0mm
 - PowerPAD™ 付き 8 ピン HSOP、4.9 × 6.0mm
- 保護機能内蔵
 - VM 低電圧誤動作防止 (UVLO)
 - 自動リトライ過電流保護 (OCP)
 - サーマル・シャットダウン (TSD)

2 アプリケーション

- プリンタ
- ロボット掃除機
- 洗濯機 / 乾燥機
- コーヒーメーカー
- POS プリンタ
- 電気メーター
- ATM (現金自動預け払い機)
- 呼吸補助装置
- 外科用機器
- 電動病院用ベッド / ベッド制御
- フィットネス機器

3 概要

DRV8231A デバイスは、N チャネル H ブリッジ、チャージ・ポンプ、電流検出フィードバック、電流レギュレーション、保護回路を備えた統合型モーター・ドライバです。チャージ・ポンプは、N チャネル MOSFET ハーフ・ブリッジと 100% デューティ・サイクル駆動に対応することで効率を向上させています。

IPROPI ピンの内部電流ミラー・アーキテクチャは電流検出およびレギュレーションを実装しています。そのため、大電力シャント抵抗を使う必要がなく、基板面積を節約しシステム・コストを低減できます。IPROPI 電流検出力を使うと、マイクロコントローラはモーターのストールまたは負荷条件の変化を検出できます。外部電圧リファレンス・ピン (VREF) は、マイクロコントローラからの相互作用なしに、起動および停止時の電流レギュレーション・スレッシュホールドを決定します。

低消費電力スリープ・モードは、内部回路の多くをシャットダウンすることで非常に小さい静止電流を実現します。内部保護機能には、電源低電圧誤動作防止、出力過電流、デバイス過熱が含まれます。

DRV8231A は、各種の負荷と電源レールに最小限の設計変更で対応するため、スケラブルな $R_{DS(on)}$ と電源電圧の選択肢を取り揃えたピン互換デバイス・ファミリの一部です。このファミリのデバイスの詳細は、[セクション 5](#) をご覧ください。ポートフォリオ全体については、[ti.com](#) の [ブラシ付きモーター・ドライバ](#) をご覧ください。

製品情報⁽¹⁾

| 部品番号 | パッケージ | 本体サイズ (公称) |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| DRV8231A | HSOP (8) | 4.90mm × 6.00mm |
| | WSON (8) | 2.00mm × 2.00mm |

(1) 利用可能なすべてのパッケージについては、このデータシートの末尾にある注文情報を参照してください。

概略回路図

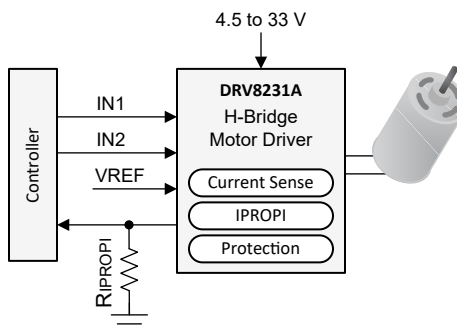


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4 Revision History

資料番号末尾の英字は改訂を表しています。その改訂履歴は英語版に準じています。

| DATE | REVISION | NOTES |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| November 2021 | * | Initial Release |

5 Device Comparison

表 5-1. Device Comparison Table

| Device name | Supply voltage (V) | R _{DS(on)} (mΩ) | Current regulation | Current-sense feedback | Overcurrent protection response | Package | Pin-to-pin devices |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DRV8870 | 6.5 to 45 | 565 | External Shunt Resistor | External Amplifier | Automatic Retry | HSOP (4.9x6) | DRV8870 , DRV8251 , DRV8231 |
| DRV8251 | 4.5 to 48 | 450 | | | Latched Disable | HSOP (4.9x6) | |
| DRV8231 | 4.5 to 33 | 600 | | | Automatic Retry | HSOP (4.9x6) WSOP (2x2) | |
| DRV8251A | 4.5 to 48 | 450 | Internal current mirror (IPROPI) | | Automatic Retry | HSOP (4.9x6) | DRV8251A , DRV8231A |
| DRV8231A | 4.5 to 33 | 600 | | | Automatic Retry | HSOP (4.9x6) WSOP (2x2) | |

6 Pin Configuration and Functions

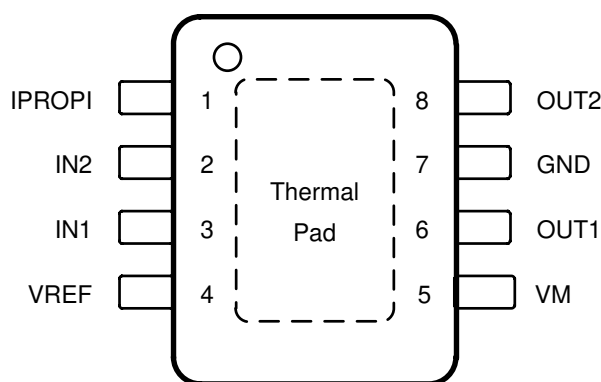


図 6-1. DDA Package 8-Pin HSOP Top View

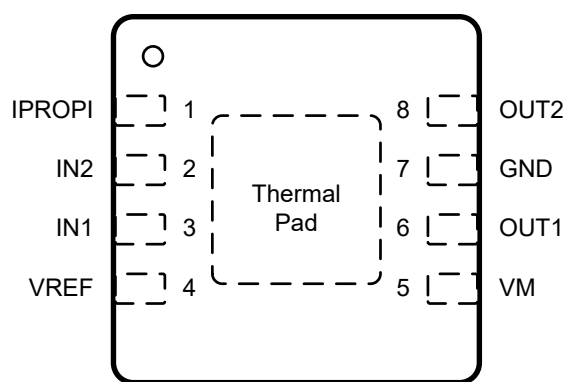


図 6-2. DSG Package 8-Pin HSOP Top View

表 6-1. Pin Functions

| PIN | | TYPE | DESCRIPTION |
|--------|-----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NAME | NO. | | |
| GND | 7 | PWR | Device power ground. Connect to system ground. |
| IN1 | 3 | I | Logic inputs. Controls the H-bridge output. Has internal pulldowns. See 表 8-2. |
| IN2 | 2 | I | Logic inputs. Controls the H-bridge output. Has internal pulldowns. See 表 8-2. |
| IPROPI | 1 | PWR | Analog current output proportional to load current. セクション 8.4.2.1. |
| OUT1 | 6 | O | H-bridge output. Connect directly to the motor or other inductive load. |
| OUT2 | 8 | O | H-bridge output. Connect directly to the motor or other inductive load. |
| VM | 5 | PWR | 4.5-V to 48-V power supply. Connect a 0.1-μF bypass capacitor to ground, as well as sufficient bulk capacitance, rated for the VM voltage. |
| VREF | 4 | I | Analog input. Apply a voltage between 0 to 5 V. For information on current regulation, see the セクション 8.4.2.1 section. |
| PAD | | — | Thermal pad. Connect to board ground. For good thermal dissipation, use large ground planes on multiple layers, and multiple nearby vias connecting those planes. |

7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

| | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------|
| Power supply pin voltage | VM | -0.3 | 35 | V |
| Power supply transient voltage ramp | VM | 0 | 2 | V/μs |
| Logic pin voltage | INx | -0.3 | 7 | V |
| Reference input pin voltage | VREF | -0.3 | 6 | V |
| Output pin voltage | OUTx | -0.7 | VM + 0.7 | V |
| Current sense input pin voltage | IPROPI | -0.3 | 5.75 | V |
| Output current | OUTx | Internally Limited | Internally Limited | A |
| Junction temperature, T _A | Junction temperature, T _A | -40 | 125 | °C |
| Junction temperature, T _J | | -40 | 150 | °C |
| Storage temperature, T _{stg} | | -65 | 150 | °C |

- (1) Operation outside the Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent device damage. Absolute Maximum Ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. If used outside the Recommended Operating Conditions but within the Absolute Maximum Ratings, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.

7.2 ESD Ratings

| | | | VALUE | UNIT |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| V _(ESD) | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾ | ±2000 | V |
| | | Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽²⁾ | ±500 | |

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ± 2000 V may actually have higher performance.
- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ± 500 V may actually have higher performance.

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

| | | | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V _{VM} | Power supply voltage | VM | 4.5 | | 33 | V |
| V _{VREF} | Reference voltage | VREF | 0 | | 3.6 | V |
| V _{IN} | Logic input voltage | INx | 0 | | 5.5 | V |
| f _{PWM} | PWM frequency | INx | 0 | | 200 | kHz |
| I _{OUT} ⁽¹⁾ | Peak output current | OUTx | 0 | | 3.7 | A |
| I _{IPROPI} | Peak output current | IPROPI | 0 | | 3 | mA |
| T _J | Operating junction temperature | | -40 | | 150 | °C |

- (1) Power dissipation and thermal limits must be observed

7.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾ | | DRV8231A | DRV8231A | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------|
| | | DDA (HSOP) | DSG (WSON) | |
| | | 8 PINS | 8 PINS | |
| R _{θJA} | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance | 42.8 | 66.5 | °C/W |
| R _{θJC(top)} | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance | 57.6 | 77.8 | °C/W |
| R _{θJB} | Junction-to-board thermal resistance | 16.8 | 32.8 | °C/W |

| THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾ | | DRV8231A | DRV8231A | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------|
| | | DDA (HSOP) | DSG (WSON) | |
| | | 8 PINS | 8 PINS | |
| Ψ_{JT} | Junction-to-top characterization parameter | 5.4 | 2.2 | °C/W |
| Ψ_{JB} | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 16.8 | 32.7 | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(bot)}$ | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | 6.2 | 12.2 | °C/W |

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report.

7.5 Electrical Characteristics

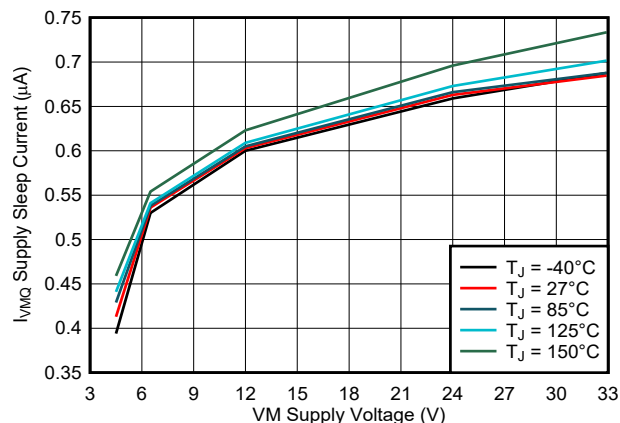
4.5 V ≤ V_{VM} ≤ 33 V, -40°C ≤ T_J ≤ 150°C (unless otherwise noted). Typical values are at T_J = 25 °C and V_{VM} = 24 V.

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| POWER SUPPLY (VM) | | | | | | |
| I_{VMQ} | VM sleep mode current | $V_{VM} = 24$ V, $IN1 = IN2 = 0$, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 1 | μA |
| I_{VM} | VM active mode current | $V_{VM} = 24$ V, $IN1 = IN2 = 1$ | | 3 | 4 | mA |
| t_{WAKE} | Turnon time | Control signal to active mode | | | 250 | μs |
| t_{SLEEP} | Turnoff time | Control signal to sleep mode | 0.8 | | 1.5 | ms |
| LOGIC-LEVEL INPUTS (INx) | | | | | | |
| V_{IL} | Input logic low voltage | | | | 0.5 | V |
| V_{IH} | Input logic high voltage | | 1.5 | | | V |
| V_{HYS} | Input hysteresis | | | 200 | | mV |
| I_{IL} | Input logic low current | $V_{IN} = 0$ V | -1 | | 1 | μA |
| I_{IH} | Input logic high current | $V_{IN} = 3.3$ V | | 33 | 100 | μA |
| R_{PD} | Input pulldown resistance | To GND | | 100 | | kΩ |
| DRIVER OUTPUTS (OUTx) | | | | | | |
| $R_{DS(on)_HS}$ | High-side MOSFET on resistance | $V_{VM} = 24$ V, $I = 1$ A, $f_{PWM} = 25$ kHz | | 300 | | mΩ |
| $R_{DS(on)_LS}$ | Low-side MOSFET on resistance | $V_{VM} = 24$ V, $I = 1$ A, $f_{PWM} = 25$ kHz | | 300 | | mΩ |
| V_{SD} | Body diode forward voltage | $I_{OUT} = 1$ A | | 0.8 | | V |
| t_{RISE} | Output rise time | $V_{VM} = 24$ V, OUTx rising from 10% to 90% | | 220 | | ns |
| t_{FALL} | Output fall time | $V_{VM} = 24$ V, OUTx falling from 90% to 10% | | 220 | | ns |
| t_{PD} | Input to output propagation delay | INx to OUTx | | 0.7 | 1 | μs |
| t_{DEAD} | Output dead time | | | 200 | | ns |
| INTEGRATED CURRENT SENSE AND REGULATION (IPROPI, VREF) | | | | | | |
| A_{IPROPI} | Current mirror scaling factor | | | 1500 | | μA/A |
| A_{ERR} | Current mirror total error | $I_{OUT} = 1$ A, $V_{VM} \geq 6.5$ V, $V_{IPROPI} \leq 3.0$ V | -6 | | 6 | % |
| t_{OFF} | Current regulation off time | | | 25 | | μs |
| t_{BLK} | Current regulation blanking time | | | 1.4 | | μs |
| t_{DELAY} | Current sense delay time | | | 1.1 | | μs |
| t_{DEG} | Current regulation deglitch time | | | 0.7 | | μs |
| PROTECTION CIRCUITS | | | | | | |
| V_{UVLO} | Supply undervoltage lockout (UVLO) | Supply rising | 4.15 | 4.3 | 4.45 | V |
| | | Supply falling | 4.05 | 4.2 | 4.35 | V |
| V_{UVLO_HYS} | Supply UVLO hysteresis | Rising to falling threshold | | 100 | | mV |
| t_{UVLO} | Supply undervoltage deglitch time | | | 10 | | μs |
| I_{OCP} | Overcurrent protection trip point | | 3.7 | | | A |
| t_{OCP} | Overcurrent protection deglitch time | | | 1.5 | | μs |
| t_{RETRY} | Overcurrent protection retry time | | | 3 | | ms |

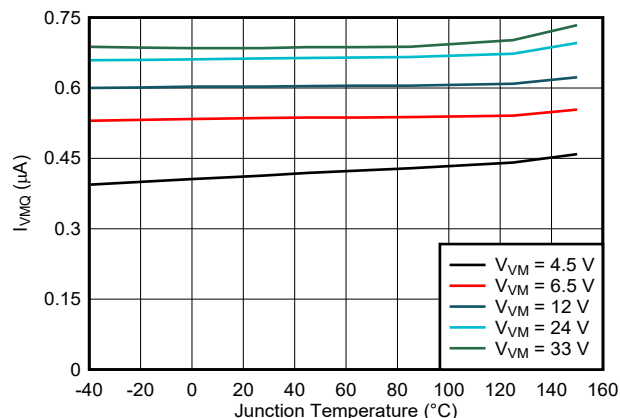
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| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| T_{TSD} | Thermal shutdown temperature | | 150 | 175 | | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| T_{HYS} | Thermal shutdown hysteresis | | | 40 | | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |

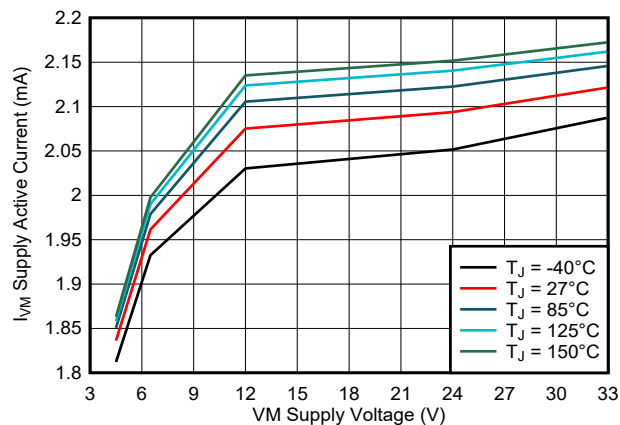
7.6 Typical Characteristics



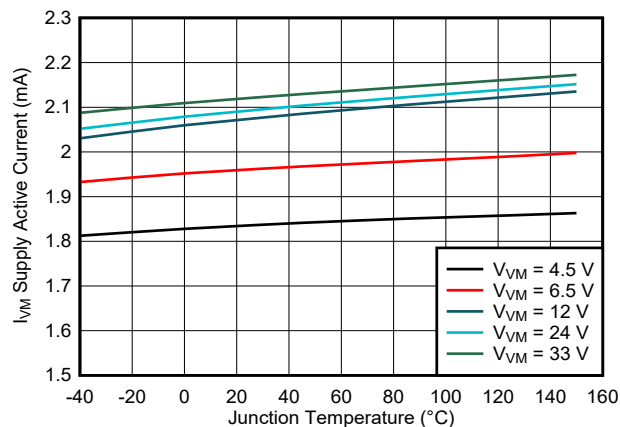
7-1. Sleep Current (I_{VMQ}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{VM})



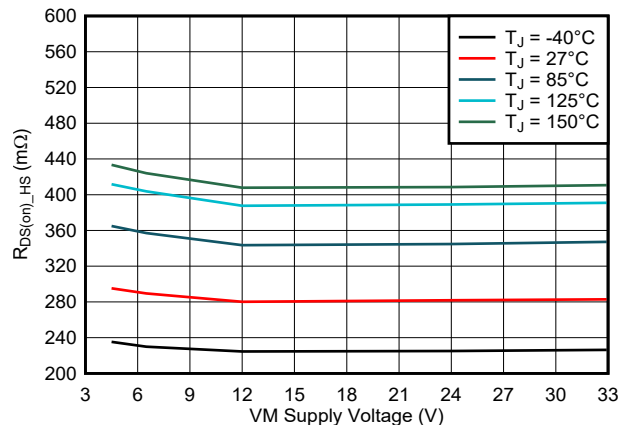
7-2. Sleep Current (I_{VMQ}) vs. Junction Temperature (T_J)



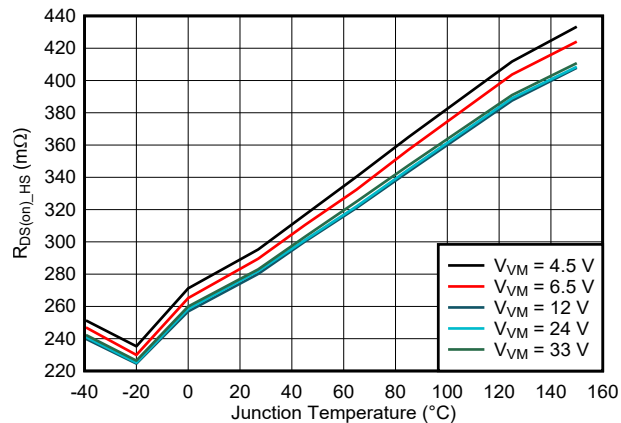
7-3. Active Current (I_{VM}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{VM})



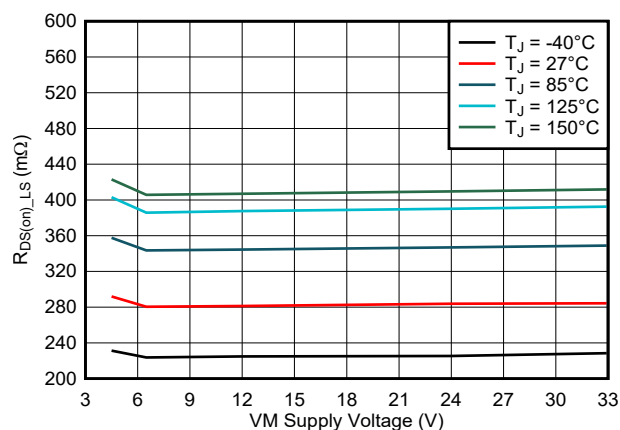
7-4. Active Current (I_{VM}) vs. Junction Temperature (T_J)



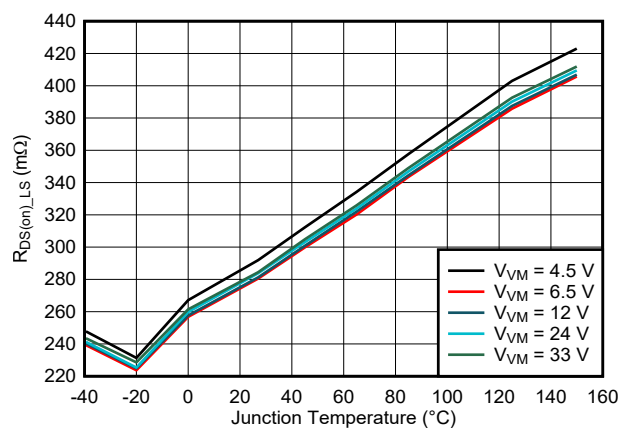
7-5. High-Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs. VM Supply Voltage



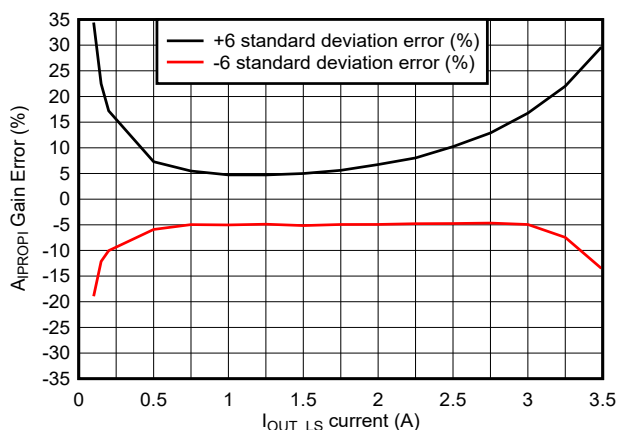
7-6. High-Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs. Junction Temperature (T_J)



7-7. Low-Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs. VM Supply Voltage



7-8. Low-Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs. Junction Temperature (T_J)



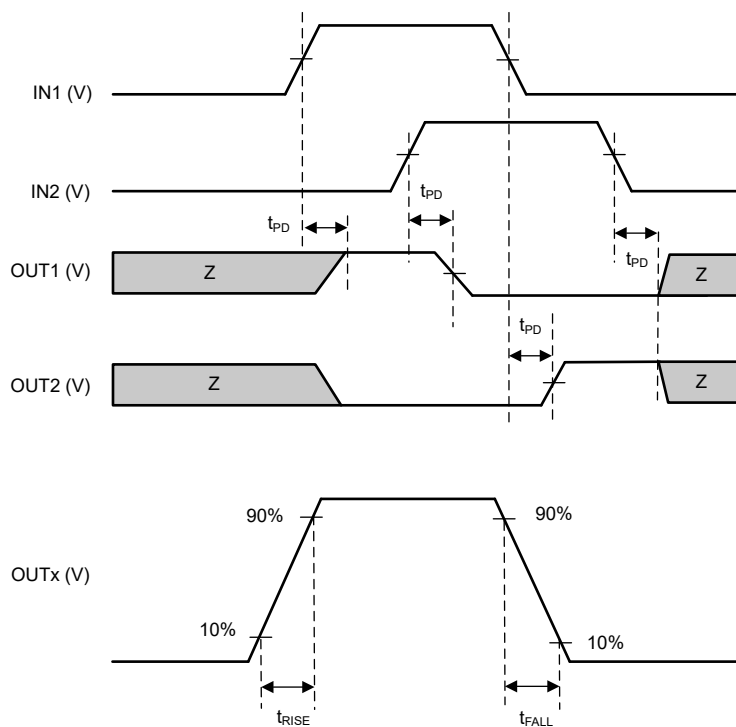
$6.5\text{ V} \leq V_{VM} \leq 33\text{ V}$

$0\text{ V} \leq V_{IPROPI} \leq 3\text{ V}$

$-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

7-9. Gain error of AIPROPI vs. Motor Current

7.7 Timing Diagrams



7-10. Input-to-Output Timing

8 Detailed Description

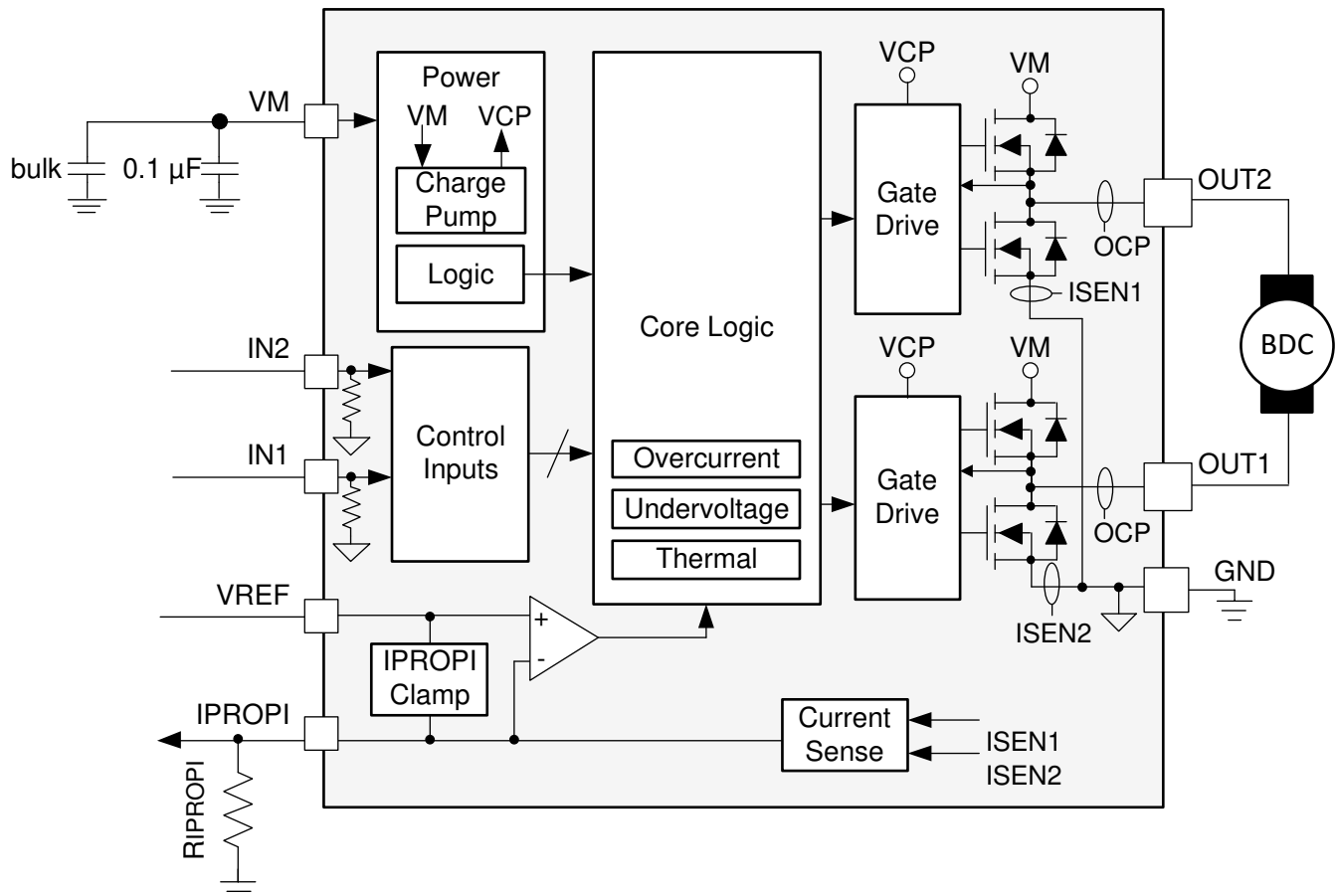
8.1 Overview

The DRV8231A is an 8-pin device for driving brushed DC motors from a 4.5-V to 33-V supply rail. Two logic inputs control the H-bridge driver, which consists of four N-channel MOSFETs that have a typical $R_{DS(on)}$ of 600 m Ω (including one high-side and one low-side FET). A single power input, VM, serves as both device power and the motor winding bias voltage. The integrated charge pump of the device boosts VM internally and fully enhances the high-side FETs. Motor speed can be controlled with pulse-width modulation at frequencies between 0 to 200 kHz. The device enters a low-power sleep mode by bringing both inputs low.

The DRV8231A also integrates current sense feedback to a microcontroller using current mirrors on the low-side power MOSFETs. The IPROPI pin sources a small current that is proportional to the current in the MOSFETs. This current can be converted to a proportional voltage using an external resistor (R_{IPROPI}). This integrated current sensing scheme out-performs traditional external shunt resistor sensing by providing current information even during the off-time slow decay recirculating period and removing the need for an external power shunt resistor. The integrated current regulation feature allows the device to limit the output current with a fixed off-time PWM chopping scheme. The VREF pin configures the current regulation level during motor operation to limit the load current.

A variety of integrated protection features protect the device in the case of a system fault. These include undervoltage lockout (UVLO), overcurrent protection (OCP), and overtemperature shutdown (TSD).

8.2 Functional Block Diagram



8.3 External Components

表 8-1 lists the recommended external components for the device.

表 8-1. Recommended external components

| COMPONENT | PIN 1 | PIN 2 | RECOMMENDED |
|------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------|
| C _{VM1} | VM | GND | 0.1-μF, low ESR ceramic capacitor, VM-rated. |
| C _{VM2} | VM | GND | セクション 10.1 , VM-rated. |

8.4 Feature Description

8.4.1 Bridge Control

The DRV8231A output consists of four N-channel MOSFETs that are designed to drive high current. These outputs are controlled by the two logic inputs IN1 and IN2 as listed in 表 8-2.

表 8-2. H-Bridge Control

| IN1 | IN2 | OUT1 | OUT2 | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|-----|--------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | High-Z | High-Z | Coast; H-bridge disabled to High-Z (sleep entered after 1 ms) |
| 0 | 1 | L | H | Reverse (Current OUT2 → OUT1) |
| 1 | 0 | H | L | Forward (Current OUT1 → OUT2) |
| 1 | 1 | L | L | Brake; low-side slow decay |

The inputs can be set to static voltages for 100% duty cycle drive, or they can be pulse-width modulated (PWM) for variable motor speed. When using PWM, switching between driving and braking typically works best. For example, to drive a motor forward with 50% of the maximum RPM, IN1 = 1 and IN2 = 0 during the driving period, and IN1 = 1 and IN2 = 1 during the other period. Alternatively, the coast mode (IN1 = 0, IN2 = 0) for *fast current decay* is also available. 図 8-1 shows how the motor current flows through the H-bridge. The input pins can be powered before VM is applied.

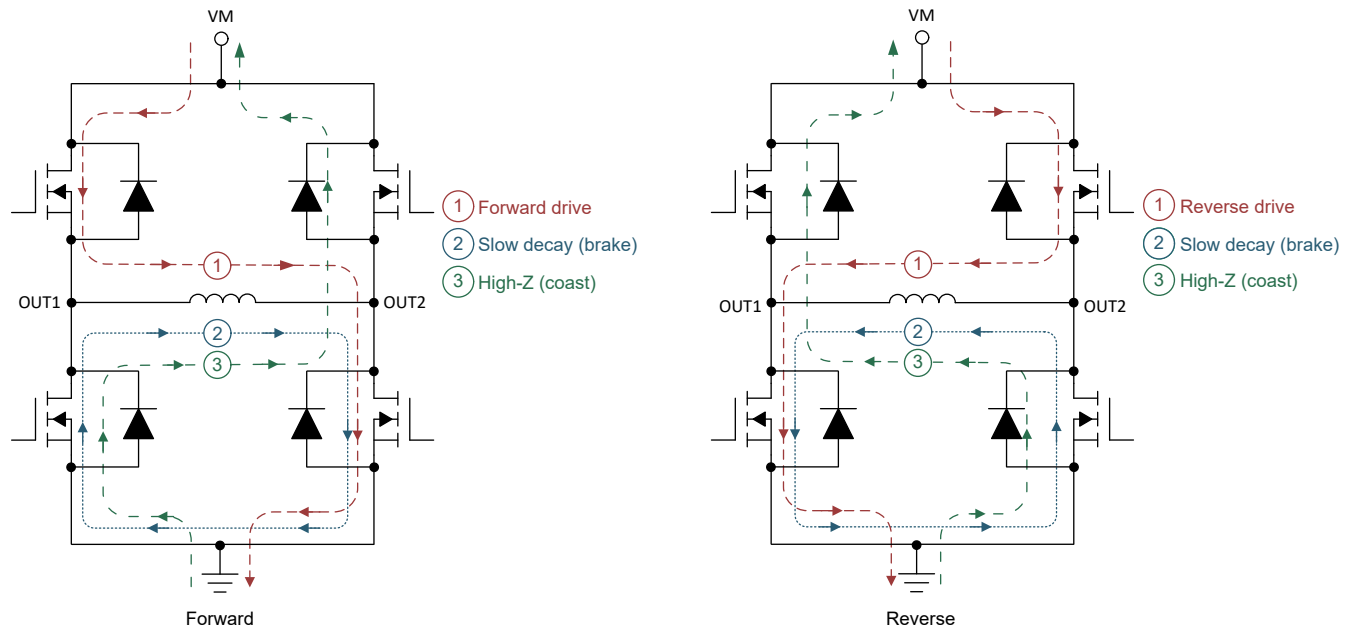
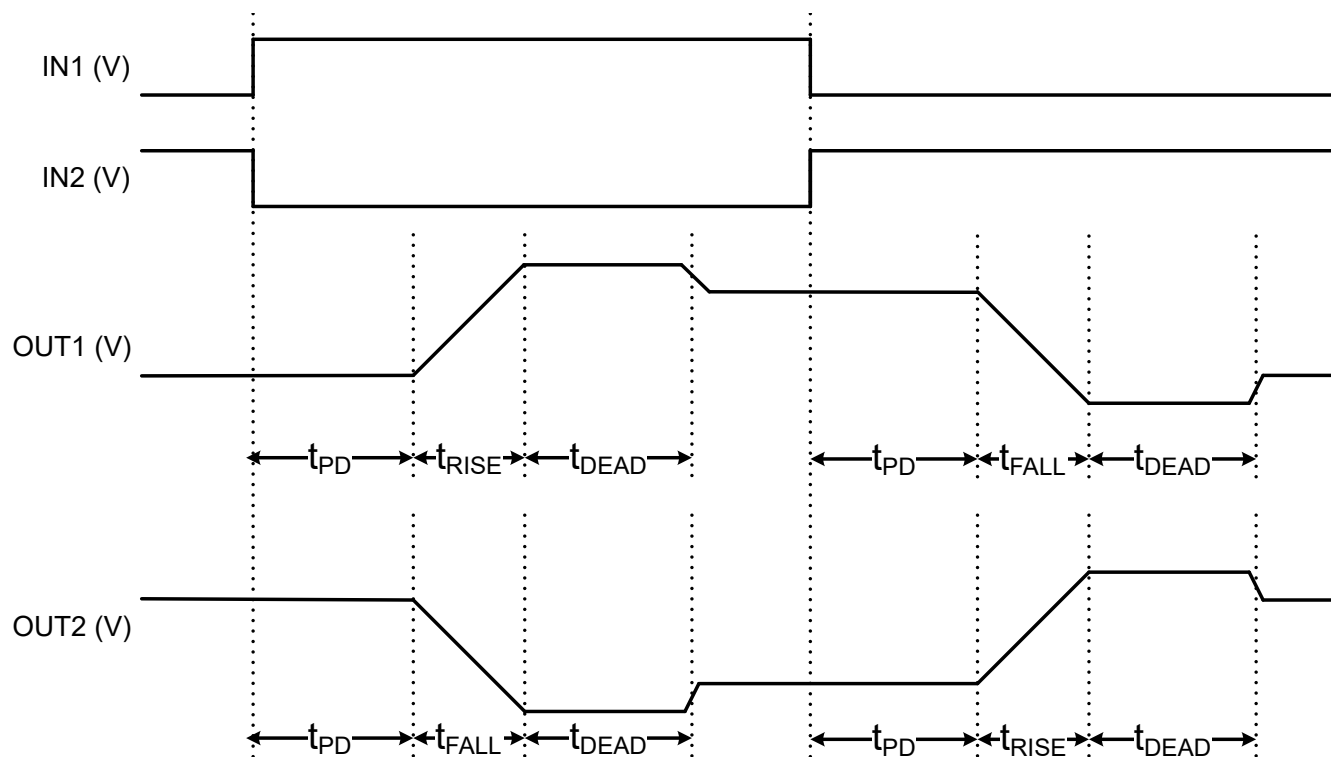


图 8-1. H-Bridge Current Paths

When an output changes from driving high to driving low, or driving low to driving high, dead time is automatically inserted to prevent shoot-through. The t_{DEAD} time is the time in the middle when the output is High-Z. If the output pin is measured during t_{DEAD} , the voltage depends on the direction of current. If the current is leaving the pin, the voltage is a diode drop below ground. If the current is entering the pin, the voltage is a diode drop above VM. This diode is the body diode of the high-side or low-side FET.

The propagation delay time (t_{PD}) is measured as the time between an input edge to output change. This time accounts for input deglitch time and other internal logic propagation delays. The input deglitch time prevents noise on the input pins from affecting the output state. Additional output slew delay timing accounts for FET turn on or turn off times (t_{RISE} and t_{FALL}).

图 8-2 below shows the timing of the inputs and outputs of the motor driver.

**图 8-2. H-Bridge Timing Diagram**

8.4.2 Current Sense and Regulation (IPROPI)

The DRV8231A device integrates current sensing, regulation, and feedback as part of the IPROPI feature. These features allow the device to sense the output current without an external sense resistor or sense circuitry reducing system size, cost, and complexity. This also allows for the device to limit the output current in the case of motor stall or high torque events and give detailed feedback to the controller about the load current through a current proportional output. [Figure 8-3](#) shows the IPROPI timings specified in the Electrical Characteristics table.

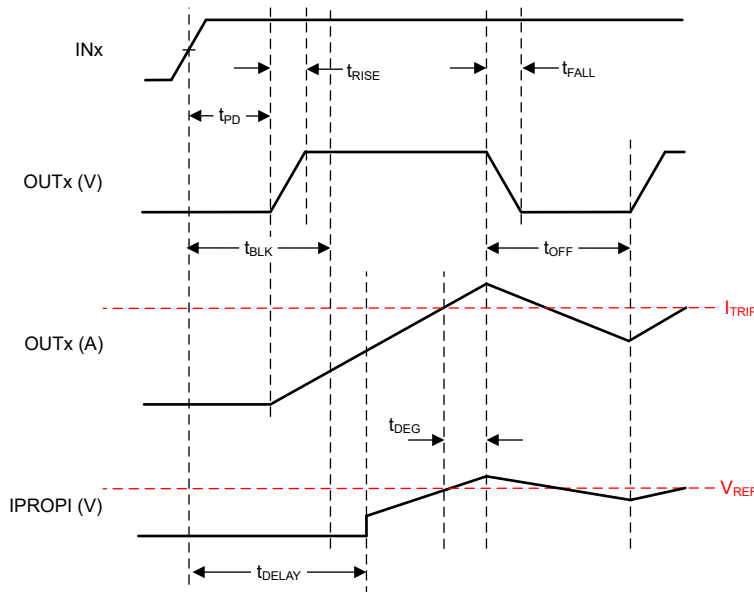


Figure 8-3. Detailed IPROPI Timing Diagram

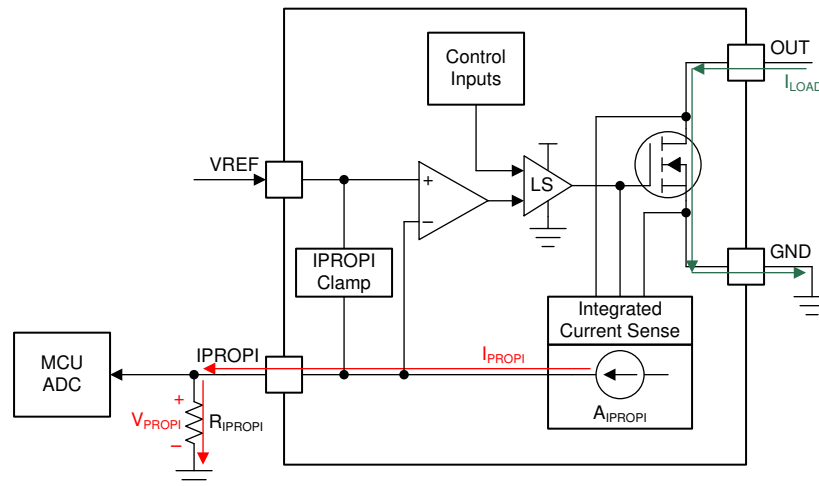
8.4.2.1 Current Sensing

The IPROPI pin outputs an analog current proportional to the current flowing through the low-side power MOSFETs in the H-bridge scaled by A_{IPROPI} . The IPROPI output current can be calculated by [Equation 1](#). The I_{LSx} in [Equation 1](#) is only valid when the current flows from drain to source in the low-side MOSFET. If current flows from source to drain or through the body diode, the value of I_{LSx} for that channel is zero. For instance, if the bridge is in the brake, slow-decay state, then the current out of IPROPI is only proportional to the current in one of the low-side MOSFETs.

$$I_{PROPI} (\mu A) = (I_{LS1} + I_{LS2}) (A) \times A_{IPROPI} (\mu A/A) \quad (1)$$

The A_{ERR} parameter in the Electrical Characteristics table is the error associated with the A_{IPROPI} gain. It indicates the combined effect of offset error added to the I_{OUT} current and gain error.

The motor current is measured by an internal current mirror architecture on the low-side FETs which removes the need for an external power sense resistor as shown in [Figure 8-4](#). The current mirror architecture allows for the motor winding current to be sensed in both the drive and brake low-side slow-decay periods allowing for continuous current monitoring in typical bidirectional brushed DC motor applications. In coast mode, the current is freewheeling and cannot be sensed because it flows from source to drain. However, the current can be sampled by briefly reenabling the driver in either drive or slow-decay modes and measuring the current before switching back to coast mode again.



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8-4. Integrated Current Sensing

The IPROPI pin should be connected to an external resistor (R_{IPROPI}) to ground in order to generate a proportional voltage (V_{IPROPI}) on the IPROPI pin with the I_{IPROPI} analog current output. This allows for the load current to be measured as the voltage drop across the R_{IPROPI} resistor with a standard analog to digital converter (ADC). The R_{IPROPI} resistor can be sized based on the expected load current in the application so that the full range of the controller ADC is utilized. Additionally, the DRV8251A device implements an internal IPROPI voltage clamp circuit to limit V_{IPROPI} with respect to V_{VREF} on the VREF pin and protect the external ADC in case of output overcurrent or unexpected high current events.

The corresponding IPROPI voltage to the output current can be calculated by 式 2.

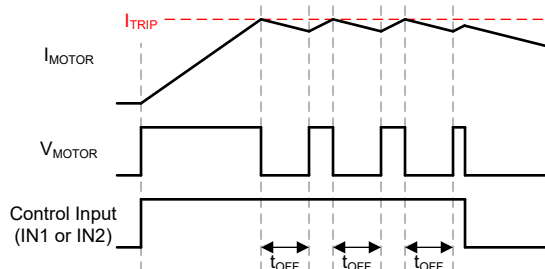
$$V_{IPROPI} (V) = I_{IPROPI} (A) \times R_{IPROPI} (\Omega) \quad (2)$$

The IPROPI output bandwidth is limited by the sense delay time (t_{DELAY}) of the internal current sensing circuit. This time is the delay from the low-side MOSFET enable command (from the INx pins) to the IPROPI output being ready.

If the device is alternating between drive and slow-decay (brake) in an H-bridge PWM pattern then the low-side MOSFET sensing the current is continuously on and the sense delay time has no impact to the IPROPI output. If a command on the INx pins disables the low-side MOSFETs (according to the logic tables in セクション 8.4.1), the IPROPI output will disable with the input logic signal. Although the low-side MOSFETs may still conduct current as they disable according to the device slew rate (noted in the Electrical Characteristics table by t_{RISE} time), IPROPI will not represent the current in the low-side MOSFETs during this turnoff time.

8.4.2.2 Current Regulation

The DRV8231A device integrates current regulation using a fixed off-time current chopping scheme. This allows the devices to limit the output current in case of motor stall, high torque, or other high current load events without involvement from the external controller as shown in 8-5.



8-5. Off-Time Current-Regulation

The current chopping threshold (I_{TRIP}) is set through a combination of the VREF voltage (V_{VREF}) and IPROPI output resistor (R_{IPROPI}). This is done by comparing the voltage drop across the external R_{IPROPI} resistor to V_{VREF} with an internal comparator.

$$I_{TRIP} (A) \times A_{IPROPI} (\mu A/A) = V_{VREF} (V) / R_{IPROPI} (\Omega) \quad (3)$$

For example, if $V_{VREF} = 3.3 V$, $R_{IPROPI} = 1375 \Omega$, and $A_{IPROPI} = 1500 \mu A/A$, then I_{TRIP} will be approximately 1.6 A.

The fixed off-time current chopping scheme supports up to 100% duty cycle current regulation since the H-bridge automatically enables after the t_{OFF} period and does not require a new control input edge on the INx pins to reset the outputs. When the motor current exceeds the I_{TRIP} threshold, the outputs will enter a current chopping mode with a fixed off time (t_{OFF}). During t_{OFF} , the H-bridge enters a brake/low-side slow decay state (both low-side MOSFETs ON) for t_{OFF} duration after I_{OUT} exceeds I_{TRIP} . After t_{OFF} , the outputs re-enable according to the control inputs if I_{OUT} is less than I_{TRIP} . If I_{OUT} is still greater than I_{TRIP} , the H-bridge enters another period of brake/low-side slow decay for t_{OFF} . If the state of the INx control pins changes during the t_{OFF} time, the remainder of the t_{OFF} time is ignored, and the outputs will again follow the inputs.

The I_{TRIP} comparator has both a blanking time (t_{BLK}) and a deglitch time (t_{DEG}). The internal blanking time helps to prevent voltage and current transients during output switching from effecting the current regulation. These transients may be caused by a capacitor inside the motor or on the connections to the motor terminals. The internal deglitch time ensures that transient conditions do not prematurely trigger the current regulation. In certain cases where the transient conditions are longer than the deglitch time, placing a 10-nF capacitor on the IPROPI pin, close to the device, will help filter the transients on IPROPI output so current regulation does not prematurely trigger. The capacitor value can be adjusted as needed, however large capacitor values may slow down the response time of the current regulation circuitry.

The internal current regulation and current feedback can be disabled by tying IPROPI to GND and setting the VREF pin voltage greater than GND. If current feedback is required and current regulation is not required, set V_{VREF} and R_{IPROPI} such that V_{IPROPI} never reaches the V_{VREF} threshold. For proper operation of the current regulation circuit, V_{VREF} must be within the range of the VREF pin voltages specified in the Recommended Operating Conditions table.

8.4.3 Protection Circuits

The DRV8231A device is fully protected against VM undervoltage, overcurrent, and overtemperature events.

8.4.3.1 Overcurrent Protection (OCP)

An analog current limit circuit on each FET limits the current through the FET by limiting the gate drive internally. If this analog current limit persists for longer than the OCP deglitch time (t_{OCP}), all FETs in the H-bridge will disable. The driver re-enables after the OCP retry period (t_{RETRY}) has passed. If the fault condition is still present, the cycle repeats as shown in [Figure 8-6](#).

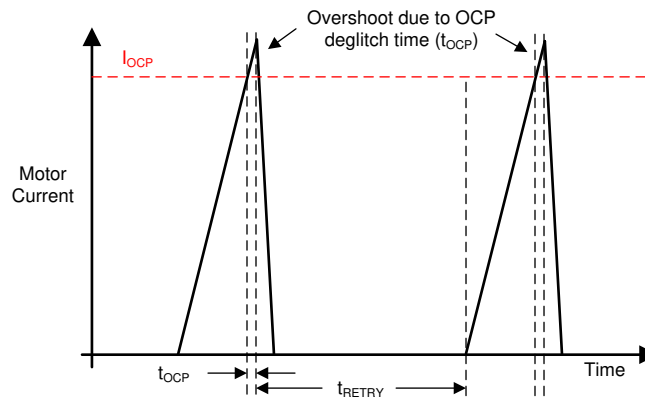


Figure 8-6. OCP Operation

Overcurrent conditions are detected independently on both high- and low-side FETs. This means that a short to ground, supply, or across the motor winding will all result in an overcurrent shutdown. Overcurrent protection does not use the current sense circuitry used for current regulation, so it functions regardless of VREF and IPROPI settings.

8.4.3.2 Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

If the die temperature exceeds safe limits, all FETs in the H-bridge are disabled. After the die temperature has fallen to a safe level, operation automatically resumes.

8.4.3.3 VM Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

Whenever the voltage on the VM pin falls below the UVLO falling threshold voltage, V_{UVLO} , all circuitry in the device is disabled, the output FETs are disabled, and all internal logic is reset. Operation continues when the V_{VM} voltage rises above the UVLO rising threshold as shown in [Figure 8-7](#).

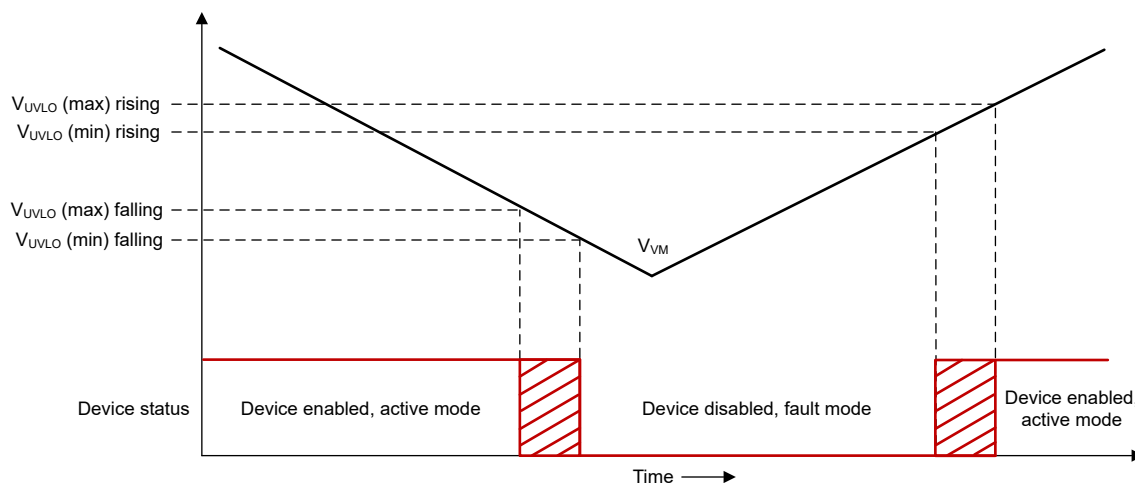


Figure 8-7. VM UVLO Operation

8.5 Device Functional Modes

表 8-3 summarizes the DRV8231A functional modes described in this section.

表 8-3. Modes of Operation

| MODE | CONDITION | H-BRIDGE | INTERNAL CIRCUITS |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Active Mode | IN1 or IN2 = logic high | Operating | Operating |
| Low-Power Sleep Mode | IN1 = IN2 = logic low | Disabled | Disabled |
| Fault Mode | Any fault condition met | Disabled | See 表 8-4 |

8.5.1 Active Mode

After the supply voltage on the VM pin has crossed the undervoltage threshold V_{UVLO} , the INx pins are in a state other than IN1 = 0 & IN2 = 0, and t_{WAKE} has elapsed, the device enters active mode. In this mode, the H-bridge, charge pump, and internal logic are active and the device is ready to receive inputs.

8.5.2 Low-Power Sleep Mode

When the IN1 and IN2 pins are both low for time t_{SLEEP} , the DRV8231A device enters a low-power sleep mode. In sleep mode, the outputs remain High-Z and the device draws minimal current from the supply pin (I_{VMQ}). If the device is powered up while all inputs are low, it immediately enters sleep mode. After any of the input pins are set high for longer than the duration of t_{WAKE} , the device becomes fully operational. 图 8-8 shows an example timing diagram for entering and leaving sleep mode.

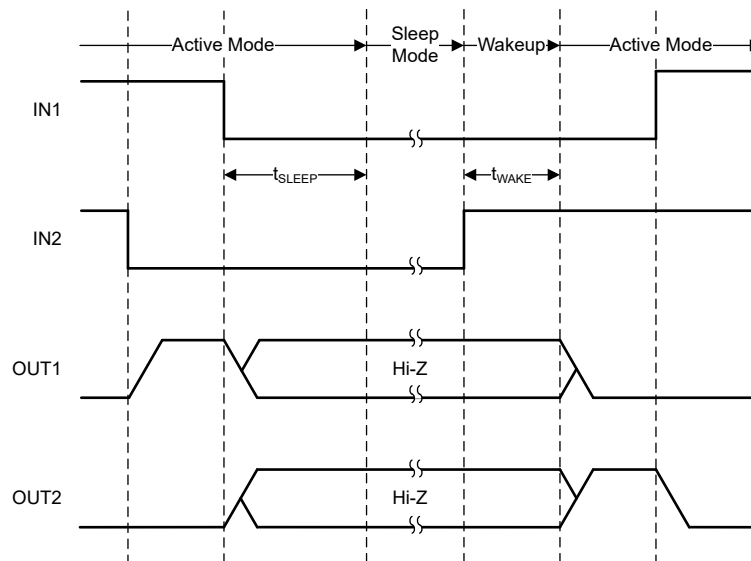


图 8-8. Sleep Mode Entry and Wakeup Timing Diagram

8.5.3 Fault Mode

The DRV8231A device enters a fault mode when a fault is encountered. This is utilized to protect the device and the output load. The device behavior in the fault mode is described in 表 8-4 and depends on the fault condition. The device will leave the fault mode and re-enter the active mode when the recovery condition is met.

表 8-4. Fault Conditions Summary

| FAULT | CONDITION | H-BRIDGE | INTERNAL CIRCUITS | RECOVERY |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| VM undervoltage (UVLO) | $V_M < V_{UVLO,falling}$ | Disabled | Disabled | $V_M > V_{UVLO,rising}$ |
| Overcurrent (OCP) | $I_{OUT} > I_{OCP}$ | Disabled | Operating | $I_{OUT} < I_{OCP}$ |
| Thermal Shutdown (TSD) | $T_J > T_{TSD}$ | Disabled | Operating | $T_J < T_{TSD} - T_{HYS}$ |

8.6 Pin Diagrams

8.6.1 Logic-Level Inputs

Figure 8-9 shows the input structure for the logic-level input pins IN1, IN2, PH/IN1, and EN/IN2.

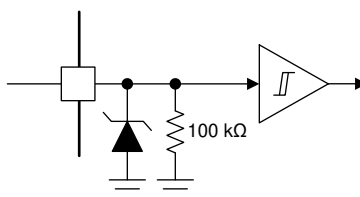


Figure 8-9. Logic-level input

9 Application and Implementation

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9.1 Application Information

The DRV8231A device is typically used to drive one brushed DC motor.

9.2 Typical Application

9.2.1 Brush DC Motor

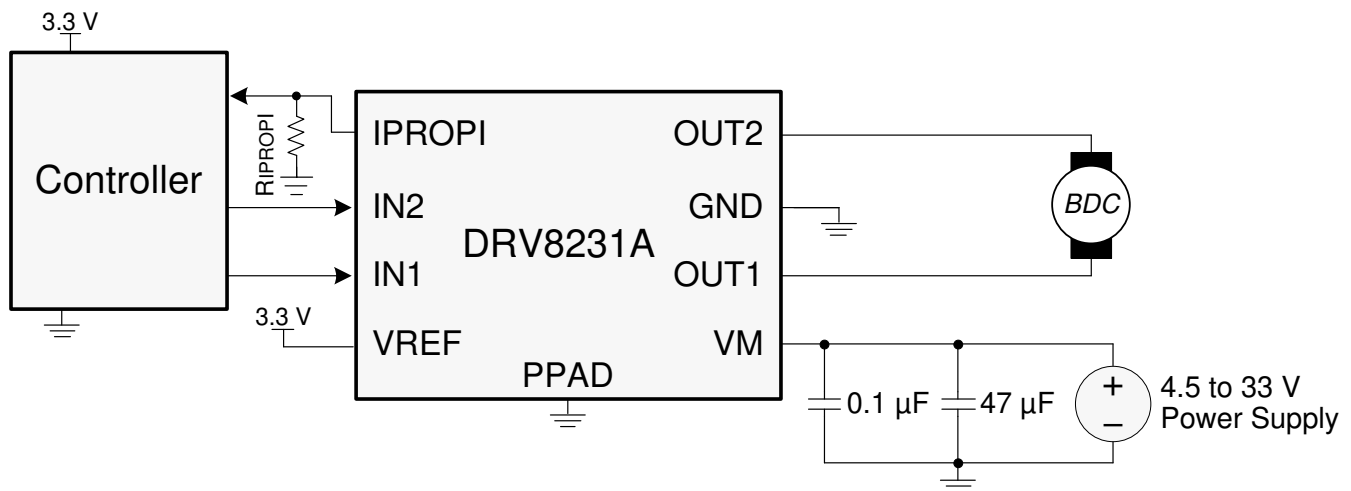


图 9-1. Typical Connections

9.2.1.1 Design Requirements

The table below lists the design parameters.

表 9-1. Design Parameters

| DESIGN PARAMETER | REFERENCE | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Motor voltage | V_{VM} | 12 V |
| Average motor current | I_{AVG} | 0.8 A |
| Motor inrush (startup) current | I_{INRUSH} | 2.1 A |
| Motor stall current | I_{STALL} | 2.1 A |
| Motor current trip point | I_{TRIP} | 1.9 A |
| VREF voltage | VREF | 3.3 V |
| IPROPI sense resistance | R_{IPROPI} | 1.5 kΩ |
| PWM frequency | f_{PWM} | 50 kHz |

9.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.1.2.1 Motor Voltage

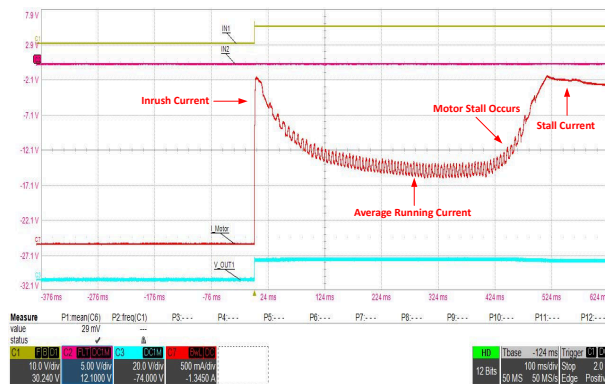
The motor voltage to use depends on the ratings of the motor selected and the desired RPM. A higher voltage spins a brushed DC motor faster with the same PWM duty cycle applied to the power FETs. A higher voltage also increases the rate of current change through the inductive motor windings.

9.2.1.2.2 Motor Current

Motors experience large currents at low speed, initial startup, and stalled rotor conditions. The large current at motor startup is sometimes called inrush current. The current regulation feature in the DRV8231A can help to limit these large currents. [Figure 9-4](#) and [Figure 9-5](#) show examples of limiting inrush current.

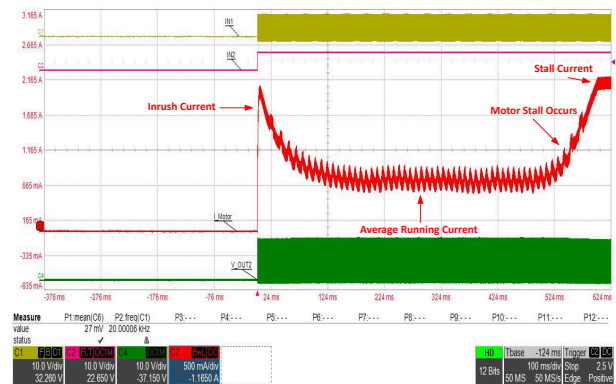
Alternatively, the microcontroller may limit the inrush current by ramping the PWM duty cycle during the startup time.

9.2.1.3 Application Curves



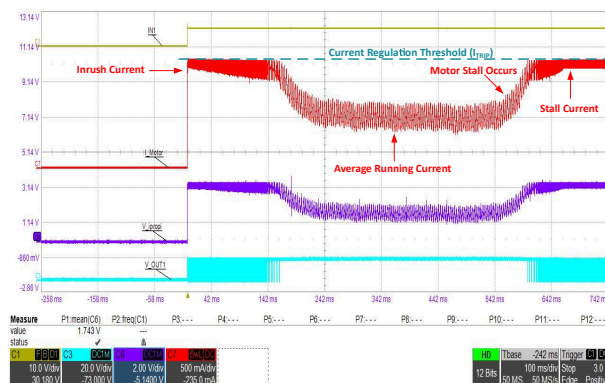
Ch 1 (Yellow) = IN1 Signal
Ch 2 (Magenta) = IN2 Signal
Ch 3 (Blue) = OUT1 Voltage
Ch 7 (Red) = Motor Current

Figure 9-2. Motor startup at 100% duty cycle



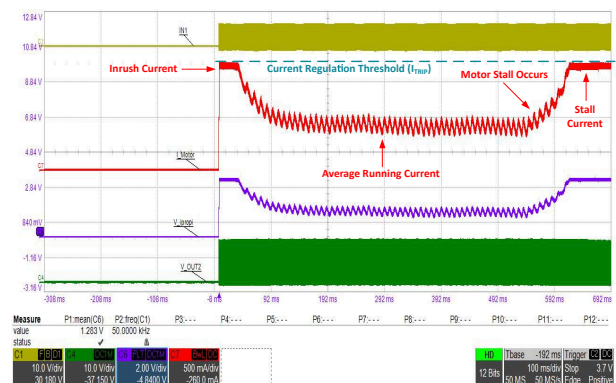
Ch 1 (Yellow) = IN1 Signal
Ch 2 (Magenta) = IN2 Signal
Ch 4 (Green) = OUT2 Voltage
Ch 7 (Red) = Motor Current

Figure 9-3. Motor startup at 50% duty cycle



Ch 1 (Yellow) = IN1 Signal
Ch 3 (Blue) = OUT1 Voltage
Ch 6 (Purple) = IPROPI Signal
Ch 7 (Red) = Motor Current

Figure 9-4. Motor startup at 100% duty cycle with current regulation



Ch 1 (Yellow) = IN1 Signal
Ch 4 (Green) = OUT2 Voltage
Ch 6 (Purple) = IPROPI Signal
Ch 7 (Red) = Motor Current

Figure 9-5. Motor startup at 50% duty cycle with current regulation

9.2.2 Stall Detection

Some applications require stall detection to notify the microcontroller of a locked rotor condition. A stall could be caused by one of two things: unintended mechanical blockage or the load reaching an end-stop in a constrained travel path. By using the IPROPI analog current sense feedback of the DRV8231A, the system can implement a simple stall detection scheme.

The principle of this stall detection scheme relies on the fact that motor current increases during stall conditions as shown in [Figure 9-6](#). To implement stall detection, the microcontroller reads the voltage on the IPROPI pin using an ADC and compares it to a stall threshold set in firmware. Alternatively, a comparator peripheral may be used to set this threshold as well.

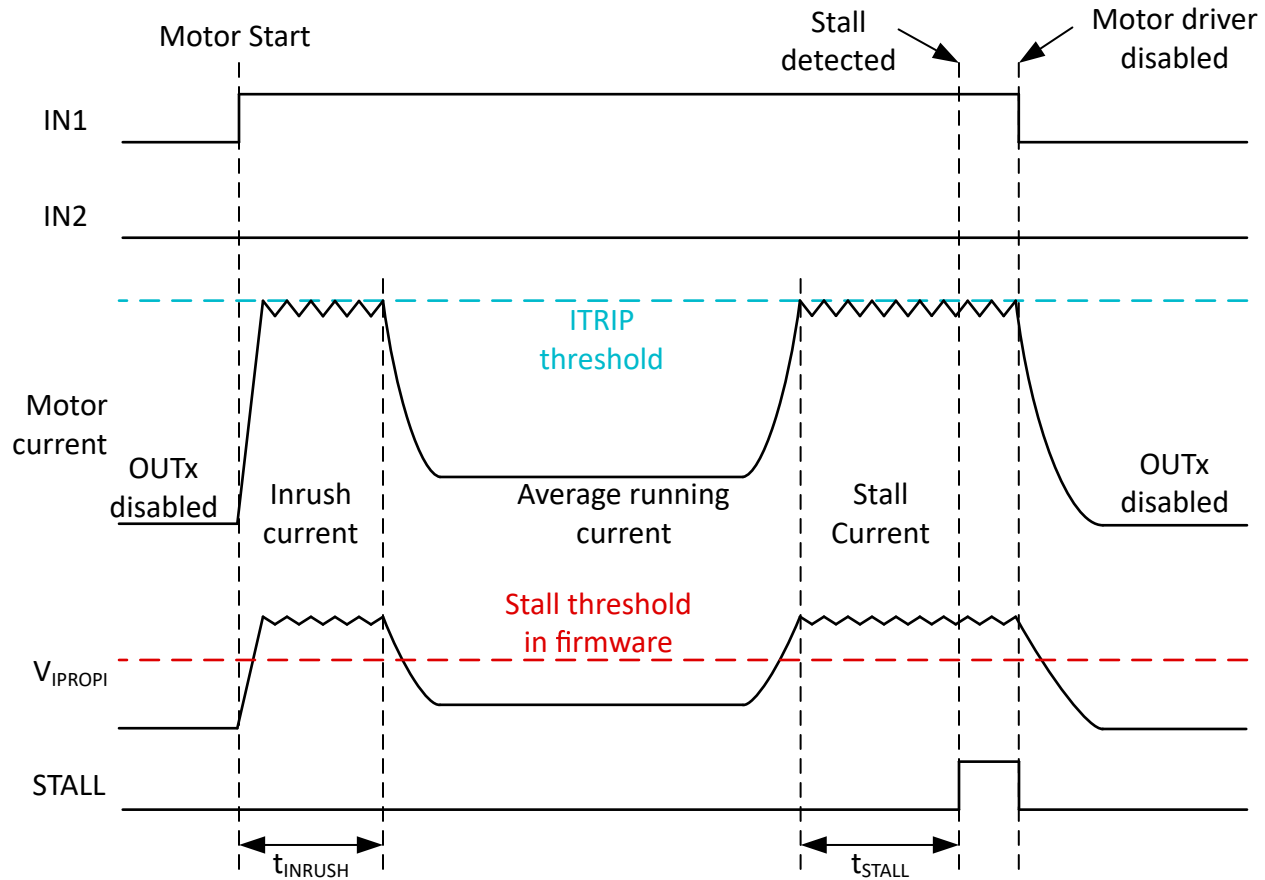


图 9-6. Motor Current Profile with STALL Signal

9.2.2.1 Design Requirements

The table below lists the design parameters.

表 9-2. Design Parameters

| DESIGN PARAMETER | REFERENCE | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Motor voltage | V_M | 14.4 V |
| Motor current trip point | I_{TRIP} | 900 mA |
| VREF voltage | VREF | 2 V |
| IPROPI resistance | R_{IPROPI} | 1.5 k Ω |
| Stall current trip point | I_{STALL} | 500 mA |
| Stall IPROPI voltage trip point | $V_{IPROPI,STALL}$ | 1 V |
| Inrush current ignore time | t_{INRUSH} | 65 ms |
| Stall detection time | t_{STALL} | 65 ms |

9.2.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.2.2.1 Stall Detection Timing

The microcontroller needs to decide whether or not the IPROPI signal indicates a motor stall. Large inrush current occurs during motor start up because motor speed is low. As the motor accelerates, the motor current drops to an average level because the back electromotive force (EMF) in the motor increases with speed. The inrush current should not be mistaken for a stall condition. One way to do this is for the microcontroller to ignore the IPROPI signal above the firmware stall threshold for the duration of the inrush current, t_{INRUSH} , at startup. The t_{INRUSH} timing should be determined experimentally because it depends on motor parameters, supply voltage, and mechanical load response times.

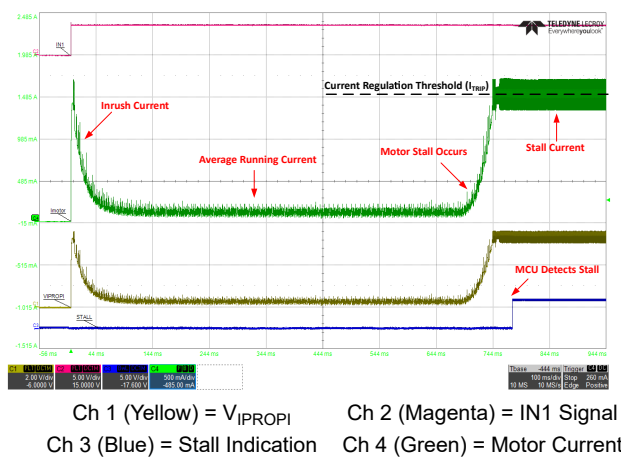
When a stall condition occurs, the motor current will increase from the average running current level because the back EMF is now 0 V. In some cases, it may be desirable to drive at the stall current for some time in case the motor can clear the blockage on its own. This might be useful for an unintended stall or high-torque condition on the motor. In this case, the system designer can choose a long stall detection time, t_{STALL} , before the microcontroller decides to take action. In other cases, like end-stop detection, a faster response might be desired to reduce power or minimize strong motor torque on the gears or end-stop. This corresponds to setting a shorter t_{STALL} time in the microcontroller.

Figure 9-6 illustrates the t_{INRUSH} and t_{STALL} timings and how they relate to the motor current waveform.

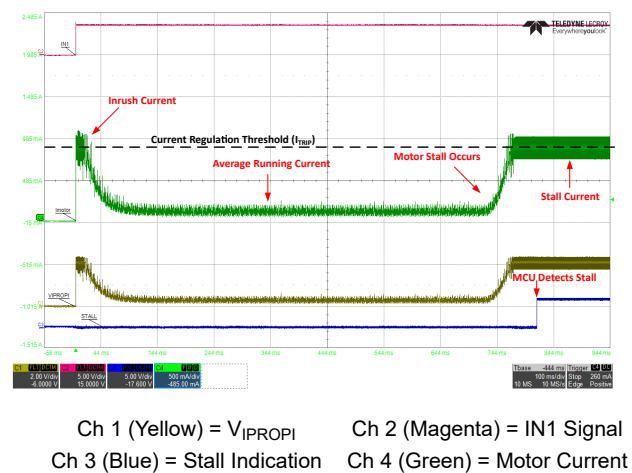
9.2.2.2.2 Stall Threshold Selection

The stall detection threshold in firmware should be chosen at a current level between the maximum stall current and the average running current of the motor as shown in [Figure 9-6](#).

9.2.2.3 Application Curves



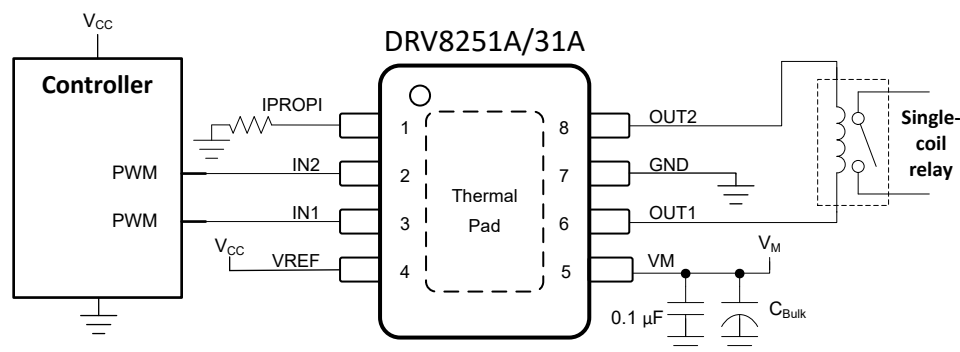
9-7. Example Waveform of Stall Detection



9-8. Stall Detected on IPROPI While Current Regulation Limits Inrush and Stall Currents

9.2.3 Relay Driving

The PWM interface may also be used to drive single- and dual-coil latching relays, as shown in the figures below.



☒ 9-9. Single-Coil Relay Driving

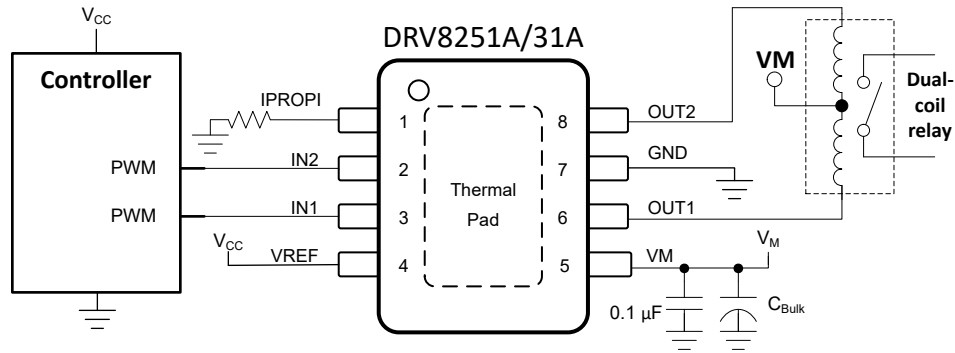


图 9-10. Dual-Coil Relay Driving

9.2.3.1 Design Requirements

表 9-3 provides example requirements for a single- or dual-coil relay application. Current regulation may also be configured to ensure the relay current is within the relay specification. This is important if the VM supply voltage is higher than the voltage rating of the relay.

表 9-3. System design requirements

| DESIGN PARAMETER | REFERENCE | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Motor supply voltage | V_M | 12 V |
| Microcontroller supply voltage | V_{CC} | 3.3 V |
| Single coil relay current | I_{Relay} | 500 mA pulse for 200 ms |
| Dual coil relay current | I_{OUT1}, I_{OUT2} | 100 mA pulse for 200 ms |

9.2.3.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.3.2.1 Control Interface for Single-Coil Relays

The PWM interface can be used to drive single-coil relays. To actuate the relay, the driver needs to drive current with either the forward or reverse states in the PWM table. After driving the relay, the outputs can be disabled ($IN1=IN2=0$) to put the driver to sleep and save energy. Alternatively, the outputs can be put into brake mode briefly after actuation to avoid back EMF effects from the relay or causing current to flow back from the relay into the VM supply node.

9.2.3.2.2 Control Interface for Dual-Coil Relays

A dual coil relay only require two low-side drivers if the center tap is connected to VM. The body diodes of the unused FETs act as freewheeling diodes, so additional freewheeling diodes are not needed when driving a dual-coil relay with the DRV8231A. The PWM interface can be used to control the dual-coil relay. The following figures show the schematic and timing diagram for driving dual-coil relays.

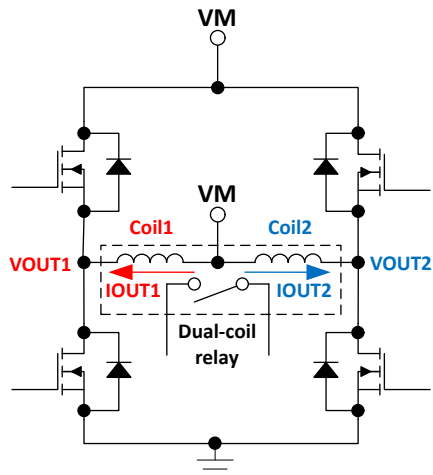


图 9-11. Schematic of dual-coil relay driven by the OUTx H-bridge

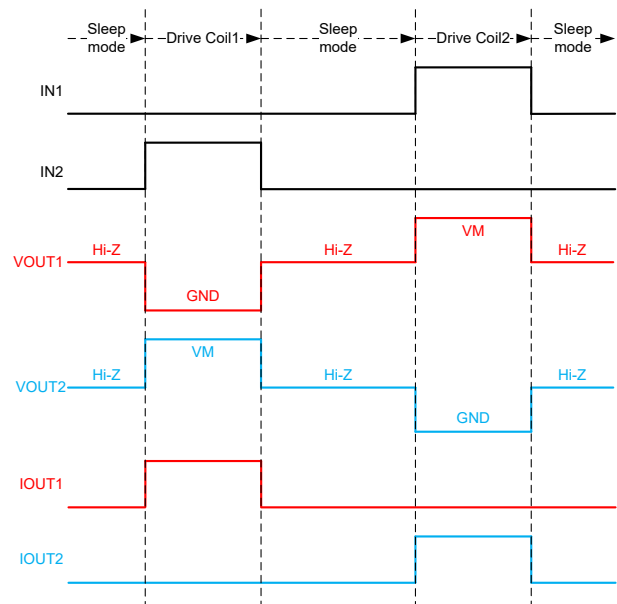


图 9-12. Timing diagram for driving a dual-coil relay with PWM interface

表 9-4 shows the logic table for the PWM interface. The descriptions in this table reflect how the input and output states drive the dual coil relay. When Coil1 is driven (OUT1 voltage is at GND), The voltage at OUT2 will go to VM. Because the center tap of the relay is also at VM, no current flows through Coil2. The same is true when Coil2 is driven; Coil1 shorts to VM. The body diodes of the high-side FETs act as freewheeling diodes, so extra external diodes are not needed. 图 9-15 shows oscilloscope traces for this application.

表 9-4. PWM control table for dual-coil relay driving

| IN1 | IN2 | OUT1 | OUT2 | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|-----|------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | Hi-Z | Hi-Z | Outputs disabled (H-Bridge Hi-Z) |
| 0 | 1 | L | H | Drive Coil1 |
| 1 | 0 | H | L | Drive Coil2 |
| 1 | 1 | L | L | Drive Coil1 and Coil2 (invalid state for a dual-coil latching relay) |

9.2.3.3 Application Curves

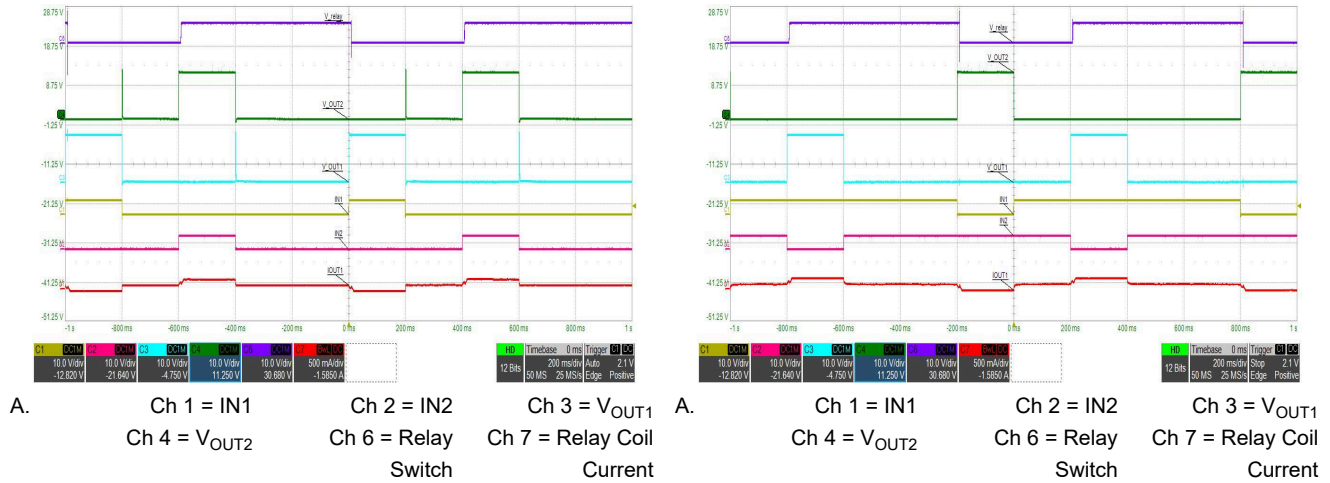


Figure 9-13. PWM driving for a single-coil latching relay with driving profile FORWARD → COAST → REVERSE → COAST

Figure 9-14. PWM driving for a single-coil latching relay with driving profile FORWARD → BRAKE → REVERSE → BRAKE

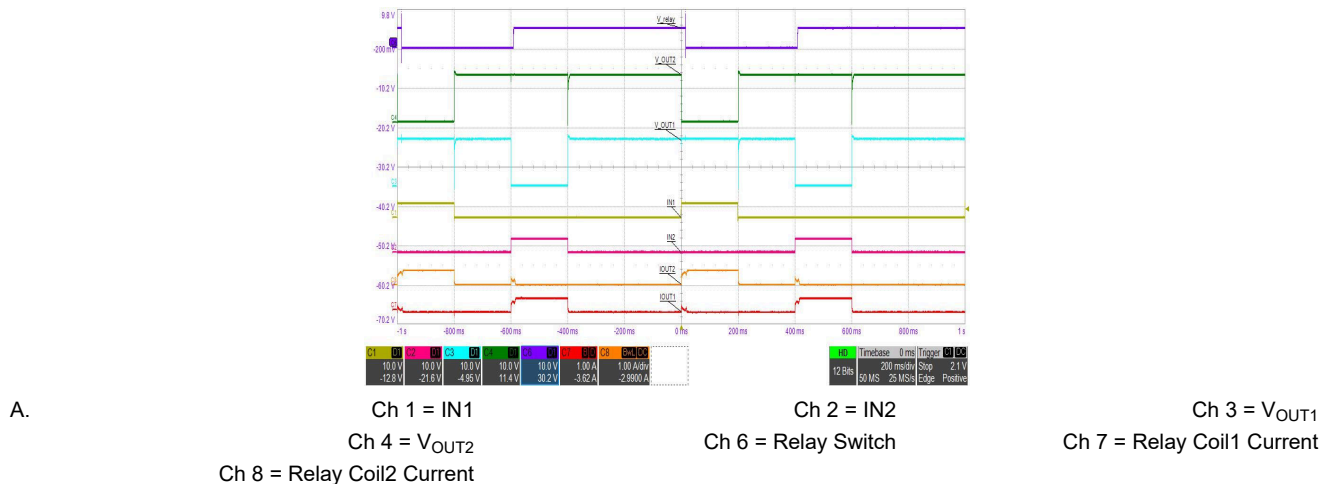


Figure 9-15. PWM driving for dual-coil relay

9.2.4 Multi-Sourcing with Standard Motor Driver Pinout

The DRV8870, DRV8251, and DRV8231 devices come in an industry standard package footprint in the DDA package. When the system needs current sensing, a current-sense amplifier may be used across the R_{SENSE} resistor to provide an amplified signal back to an microcontroller ADC as shown in [Figure 9-16](#). To reduce the size of the system bill of materials and cost, the IPROPI function in DRV8231A/51A can replace the current sense amplifier. During the board design process, both solutions, IPROPI and industry standard shunt devices, can be accommodated in the same board layout by placing and not placing (DNP) components as shown in [Figure 9-17](#). This allows the system to be flexible for lowest cost with the DRV8231A/51A or for use with second-source devices with the same pinout as DRV8870, DRV8231, and DRV8251.

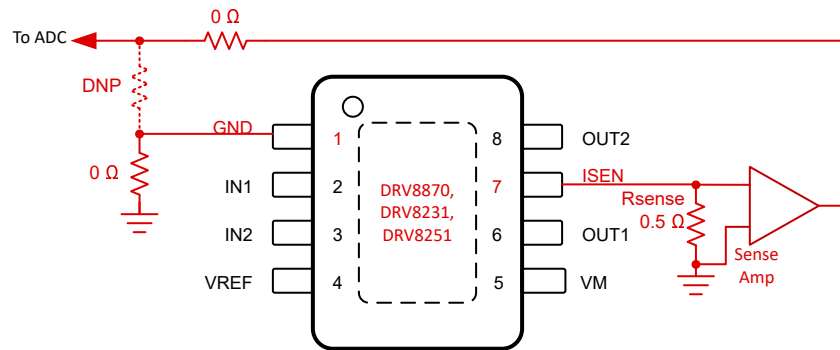


FIG 9-16. Standard Pinout with Current Sense Amplifier

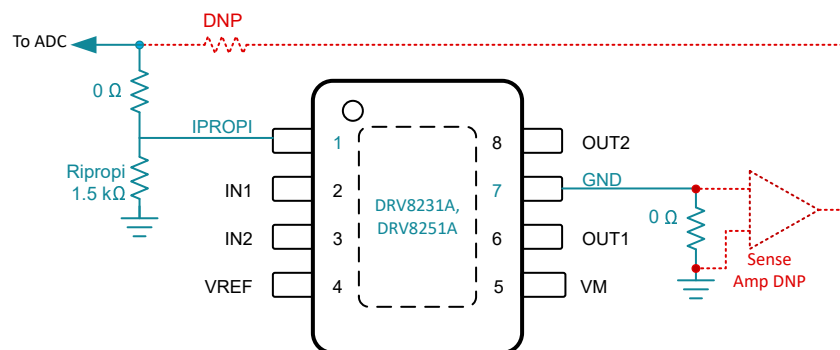


FIG 9-17. DRV8231A/51A Device Using IPROPI to Integrate The Current Sense Function into The Motor Driver

9.3 Current Capability and Thermal Performance

The output current and power dissipation capabilities of the driver depends heavily on the PCB design and external system conditions. This section provides some guidelines for calculating these values.

9.3.1 Power Dissipation and Output Current Capability

Total power dissipation for the device consists of three main components: quiescent supply current dissipation (P_{VM}), the power MOSFET switching losses (P_{SW}), and the power MOSFET $R_{DS(on)}$ (conduction) losses (P_{RDS}). While other factors may contribute additional power losses, they are typically insignificant compared to the three main items.

$$P_{TOT} = P_{VM} + P_{SW} + P_{RDS}$$

P_{VM} can be calculated from the nominal motor supply voltage (V_{VM}) and the I_{VM} active mode current specification.

$$P_{VM} = V_{VM} \times I_{VM} \quad (4)$$

$$P_{VM} = 96 \text{ mW} = 24 \text{ V} \times 4 \text{ mA} \quad (5)$$

P_{SW} can be calculated from the nominal motor supply voltage (V_{VM}), average output current (I_{AVG}), switching frequency (f_{PWM}) and the device output rise (t_{RISE}) and fall (t_{FALL}) time specifications.

$$P_{SW} = P_{SW_RISE} + P_{SW_FALL} \quad (6)$$

$$P_{SW_RISE} = 0.5 \times V_M \times I_{AVG} \times t_{RISE} \times f_{PWM} \quad (7)$$

$$P_{SW_FALL} = 0.5 \times V_M \times I_{AVG} \times t_{FALL} \times f_{PWM} \quad (8)$$

$$P_{SW_RISE} = 26.4 \text{ mW} = 0.5 \times 24 \text{ V} \times 0.5 \text{ A} \times 220 \text{ ns} \times 20 \text{ kHz} \quad (9)$$

$$P_{SW_FALL} = 26.4 \text{ mW} = 0.5 \text{ V} \times 0.5 \text{ A} \times 220 \text{ ns} \times 20 \text{ kHz} \quad (10)$$

$$P_{SW} = 53 \text{ mW} = 26.4 \text{ mW} + 26.4 \text{ mW} \quad (11)$$

P_{RDS} can be calculated from the device $R_{DS(on)}$ and average output current (I_{AVG}).

$$P_{RDS} = I_{AVG}^2 \times (R_{DS(ON)_HS} + R_{DS(ON)_LS}) \quad (12)$$

$R_{DS(ON)}$ has a strong correlation with the device temperature. Assuming a device junction temperature of 85 °C, $R_{DS(on)}$ could increase ~1.5x based on the normalized temperature data. The calculation below shows this derating factor. Alternatively, [セクション 7.6](#) shows curves that plot how $R_{DS(on)}$ changes with temperature.

$$P_{RDS} = 225 \text{ mW} = (0.5 \text{ A})^2 \times (300 \text{ m}\Omega \times 1.5 + 300 \text{ m}\Omega \times 1.5) \quad (13)$$

Based on the example calculations above, the expressions below calculate the total expected power dissipation for the device.

$$P_{TOT} = P_{VM} + P_{SW} + P_{RDS}$$

$$P_{TOT} = 374 \text{ mW} = 96 \text{ mW} + 53 \text{ mW} + 225 \text{ mW} \quad (14)$$

The driver's junction temperature can be estimated using P_{TOT} , device ambient temperature (T_A), and package thermal resistance ($R_{\theta JA}$). The value for $R_{\theta JA}$ depends heavily on the PCB design and copper heat sinking around the device. [セクション 9.3.2](#) describes this dependence in greater detail.

$$T_J = (P_{TOT} \times R_{\theta JA}) + T_A \quad (15)$$

$$T_J = 100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = (0.374 \text{ W} \times 40.4 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/W}) + 85^\circ\text{C} \quad (16)$$

The device junction temperature should remain below its absolute maximum rating for all system operating conditions. The calculations in this section provide reasonable estimates for junction temperature. However, other methods based on temperature measurements taken during system operation are more realistic and reliable. Additional information on motor driver current ratings and power dissipation can be found in [セクション 9.3.2](#) and [セクション 12.1.1](#).

9.3.2 Thermal Performance

The datasheet-specified junction-to-ambient thermal resistance, $R_{\theta JA}$, is primarily useful for comparing various drivers or approximating thermal performance. However, the actual system performance may be better or worse than this value depending on PCB stackup, routing, number of vias, and copper area around the thermal pad. The length of time the driver drives a particular current will also impact power dissipation and thermal performance. This section considers how to design for steady-state and transient thermal conditions.

The data in this section was simulated using the following criteria.

HSOP (DDA package)

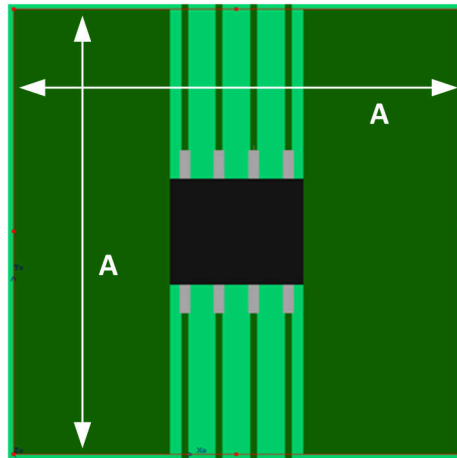
表 9-5. Simulation PCB Stackup Summary for HSOP package

| Layer | 2-layer | 4-layer |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Top Layer | HSOP footprint with 1- or 2-oz copper thickness. See 表 9-6 for copper area varied in simulation. Thermally connected with vias (2 vias, 1.2-mm spacing, 0.3-mm diameter, 0.025-mm copper plating) from HSOP thermal pad to bottom layer and internal ground plane (4-layer only). | |
| Layer 2, internal ground plane | N/A | 1-oz copper thickness, 74.2 mm x 74.2 mm copper area, thermally connected to HSOP thermal pad through vias. |
| Layer 3, internal supply plane | N/A | 1-oz copper thickness, 74.2 mm x 74.2 mm copper area, not connected to other layers. |

表 9-5. Simulation PCB Stackup Summary for HSOP package (continued)

| Layer | 2-layer | 4-layer |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bottom Layer | Ground plane with 1- or 2-oz copper thickness. See 表 9-6 for copper area varied in simulation. Thermally connected to HSOP thermal pad through vias. | 1- or 2-oz copper thickness. Copper area fixed at 4.90 mm × 6.00 mm in simulation. Thermally connected to HSOP thermal pad through vias. |

图 9-18 shows an example of the simulated board for the HSOP package. 表 9-6 shows the dimensions of the board that were varied for each simulation.

**图 9-18. HSOP PCB model top layer****表 9-6. Dimension A for 8-pin HSOP (DDA) package**

| Cu area (cm ²) | Dimension A (mm) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0.069 | Package thermal pad dimensions |
| 2 | 16.40 |
| 4 | 22.32 |
| 8 | 30.64 |
| 16 | 42.38 |

WSON (DSG package)**表 9-7. Simulation PCB Stackup Summary for WSON package**

| Layer | 2-layer | 4-layer |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Top Layer | WSOP footprint with 1- or 2-oz copper thickness. See 表 9-8 for copper area varied in simulation. Thermally connected with vias (2 vias, 1.2-mm spacing, 0.3-mm diameter, 0.025-mm copper plating) from WSON thermal pad to bottom layer and internal ground plane (4-layer only). | |
| Layer 2, internal ground plane | N/A | 1-oz copper thickness, 74.2 mm x 74.2 mm copper area, thermally connected to HSOP thermal pad through vias. |
| Layer 3, internal supply plane | N/A | 1-oz copper thickness, 74.2 mm x 74.2 mm copper area, not connected to other layers. |
| Bottom Layer | Ground plane with 1- or 2-oz copper thickness. See 表 9-8 for copper area varied in simulation. Thermally connected to WSON thermal pad through vias. | 1- or 2-oz copper thickness. Copper area fixed at 2.00 mm × 2.00 mm in simulation. Thermally connected to WSON thermal pad through vias. |

图 9-19 shows an example of the simulated board for the WSON package. 表 9-8 shows the dimensions of the board that were varied for each simulation.

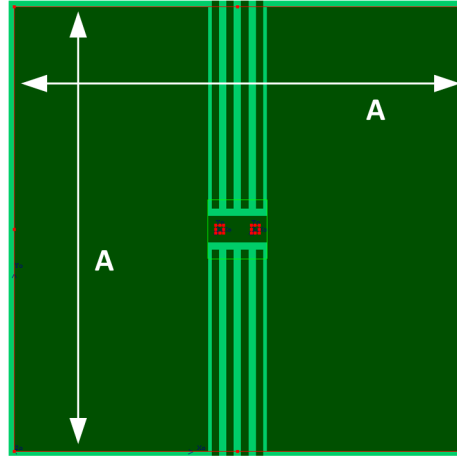


图 9-19. WSON PCB model top layer

表 9-8. Dimension A for 8-pin WSON package

| Cu area (mm ²) | Dimension A (mm) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0.015 | Package thermal pad dimensions |
| 2 | 15.11 |
| 4 | 20.98 |
| 8 | 29.27 |
| 16 | 40.99 |

9.3.2.1 Steady-State Thermal Performance

"Steady-state" conditions assume that the motor driver operates with a constant average current over a long period of time. The figures in this section show how $R_{\theta JA}$ and Ψ_{JB} (junction-to-board characterization parameter) change depending on copper area, copper thickness, and number of layers of the PCB. More copper area, more layers, and thicker copper planes decrease $R_{\theta JA}$ and Ψ_{JB} , which indicate better thermal performance from the PCB layout.

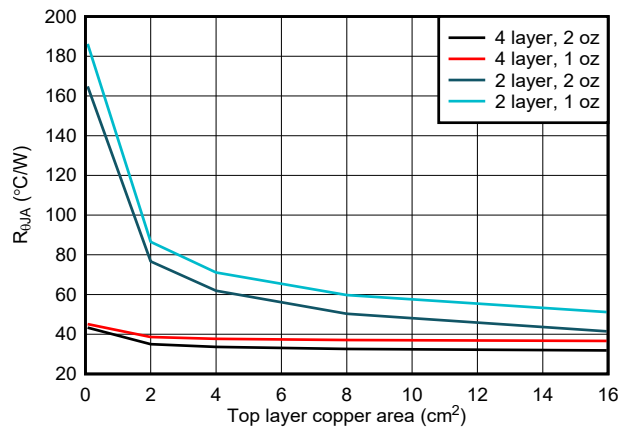


图 9-20. HSOP, PCB junction-to-ambient thermal resistance vs copper area

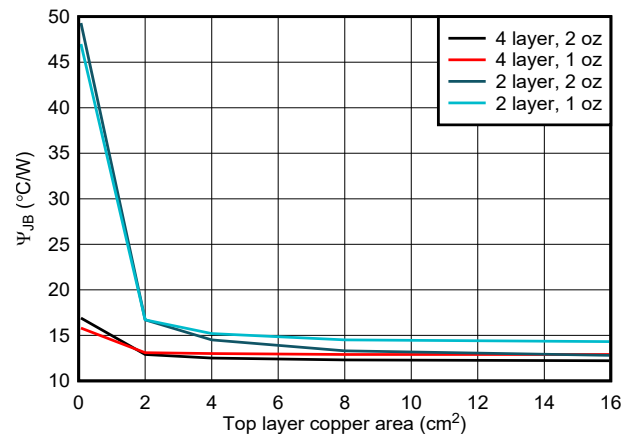


图 9-21. HSOP, junction-to-board characterization parameter vs copper area

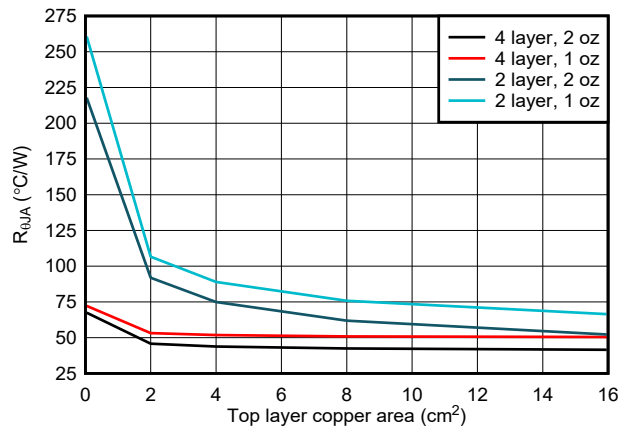


Figure 9-22. WSON, PCB junction-to-ambient thermal resistance vs copper area

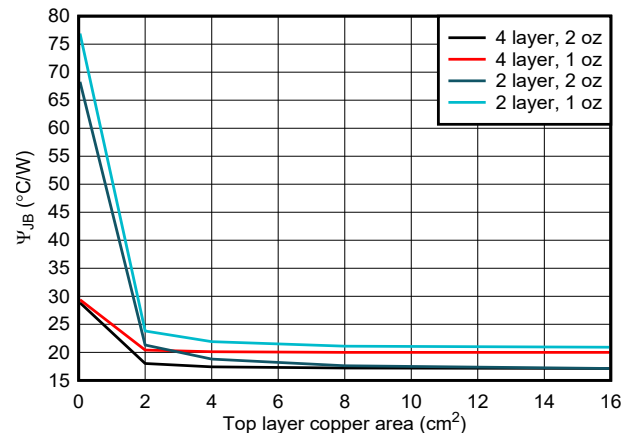


Figure 9-23. WSON, junction-to-board characterization parameter vs copper area

9.3.2.2 Transient Thermal Performance

The motor driver may experience different transient driving conditions that cause large currents to flow for a short duration of time. These may include

- Motor start-up when the rotor is initially stationary.
- Fault conditions when there is a supply or ground short to one of the motor outputs, and the overcurrent protection triggers.
- Briefly energizing a motor or solenoid for a limited time, then de-energizing.

For these transient cases, the duration of drive time is another factor that impacts thermal performance in addition to copper area and thickness. In transient cases, the thermal impedance parameter $Z_{\theta JA}$ denotes the junction-to-ambient thermal performance. The figures in this section show the simulated thermal impedances for 1-oz and 2-oz copper layouts for the HSOP and WSON packages. These graphs indicate better thermal performance with short current pulses. For short periods of drive time, the device die size and package dominates the thermal performance. For longer drive pulses, board layout has a more significant impact on thermal performance. Both graphs show the curves for thermal impedance split due to number of layers and copper area as the duration of the drive pulse duration increases. Long pulses can be considered steady-state performance.

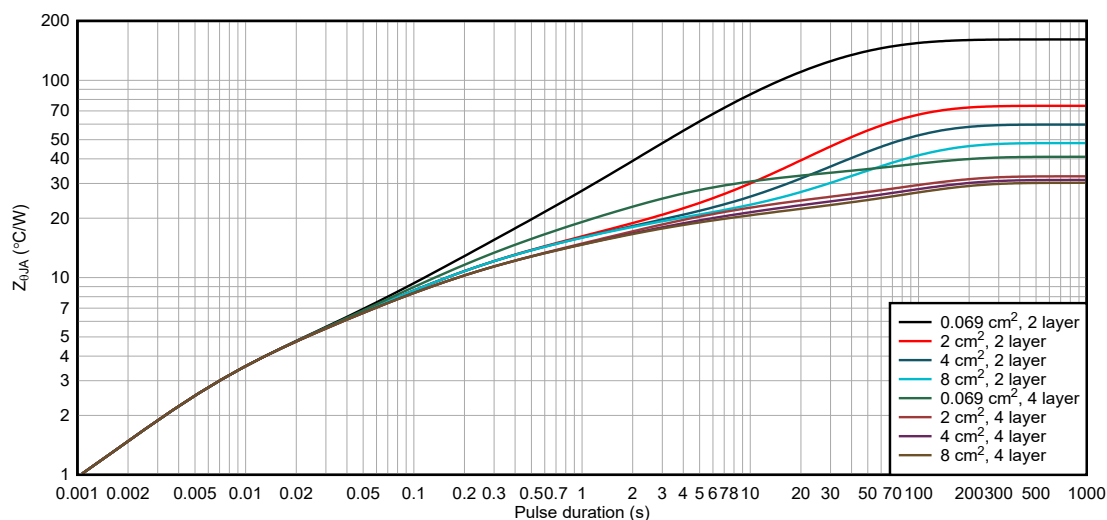
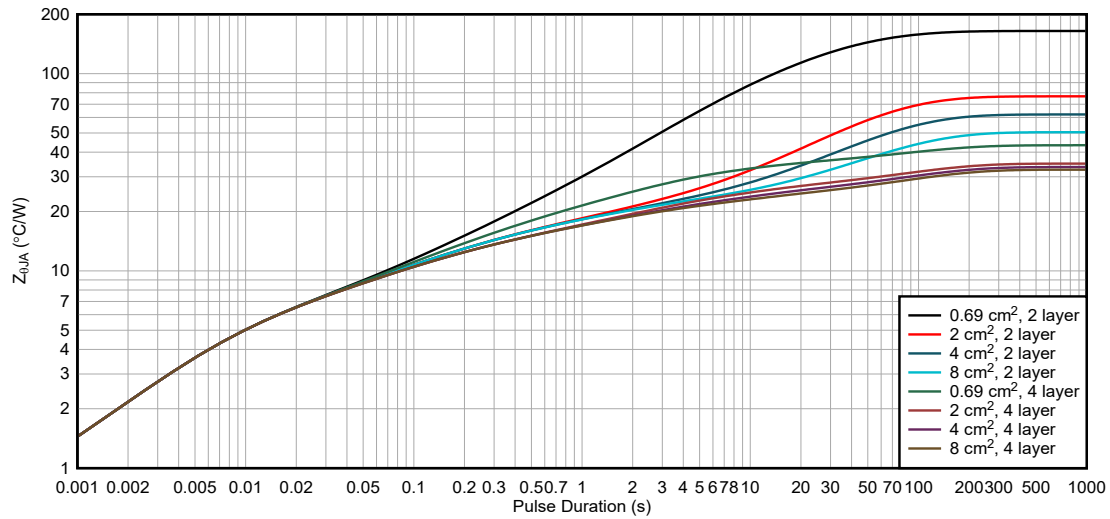
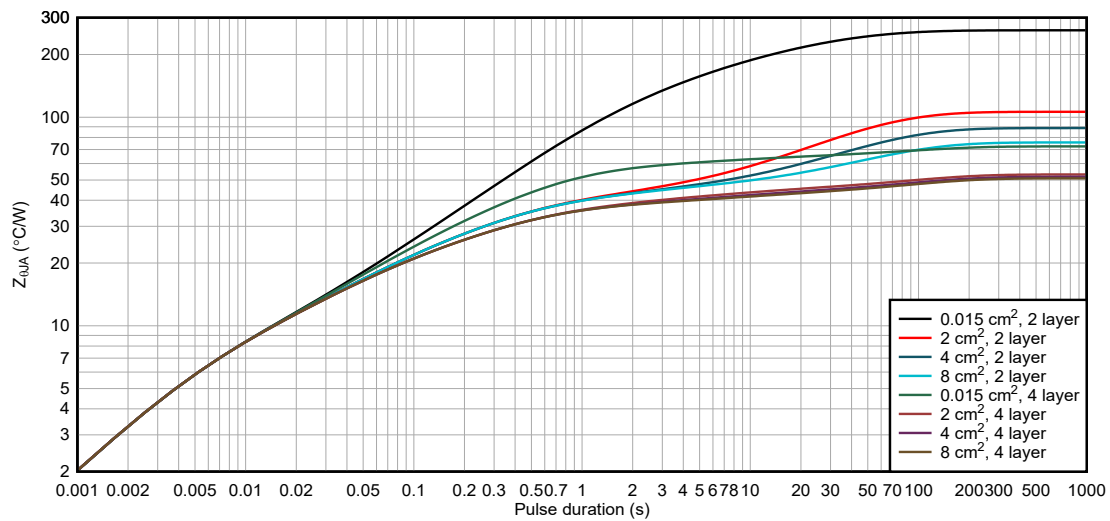


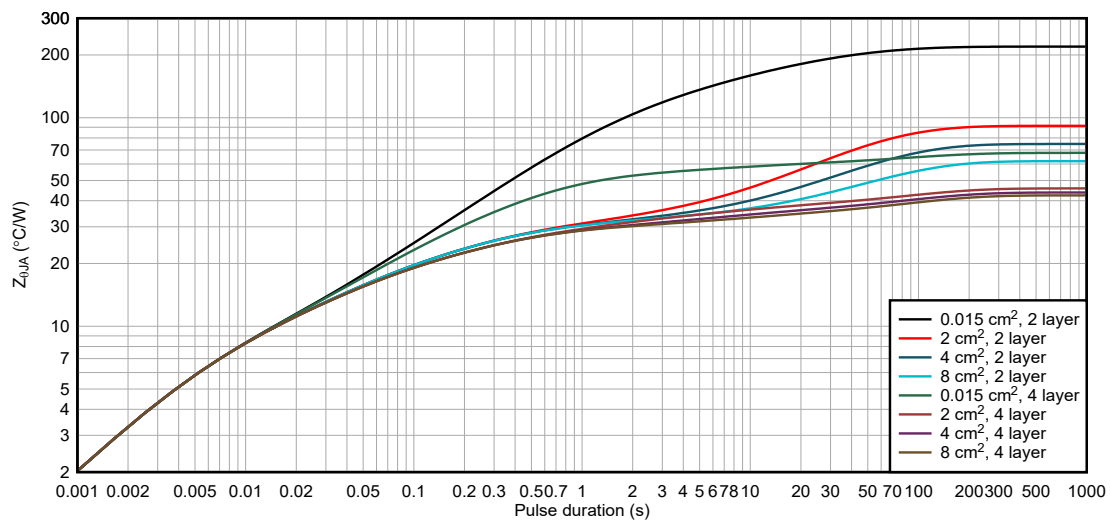
Figure 9-24. HSOP package junction-to-ambient thermal impedance for 1-oz copper layouts



9-25. HSOP package junction-to-ambient thermal impedance for 2-oz copper layouts



9-26. WSON package junction-to-ambient thermal impedance for 1-oz copper layouts



9-27. WSON package junction-to-ambient thermal impedance for 2-oz copper layouts

10 Power Supply Recommendations

10.1 Bulk Capacitance

Having appropriate local bulk capacitance is an important factor in motor drive system design. Having more bulk capacitance is generally beneficial, while the disadvantages are increased cost and physical size.

The amount of local capacitance needed depends on a variety of factors, including:

- The highest current required by the motor system
- The capacitance of the power supply and ability to source current
- The amount of parasitic inductance between the power supply and motor system
- The acceptable voltage ripple
- The type of motor used (brushed DC, brushless DC, stepper)
- The motor braking method

The inductance between the power supply and motor drive system limits how the rate current can change from the power supply. If the local bulk capacitance is too small, the system responds to excessive current demands or dumps from the motor with a change in voltage. When adequate bulk capacitance is used, the motor voltage remains stable and high current can be quickly supplied.

The data sheet generally provides a recommended value, but system-level testing is required to determine the appropriate sized bulk capacitor.

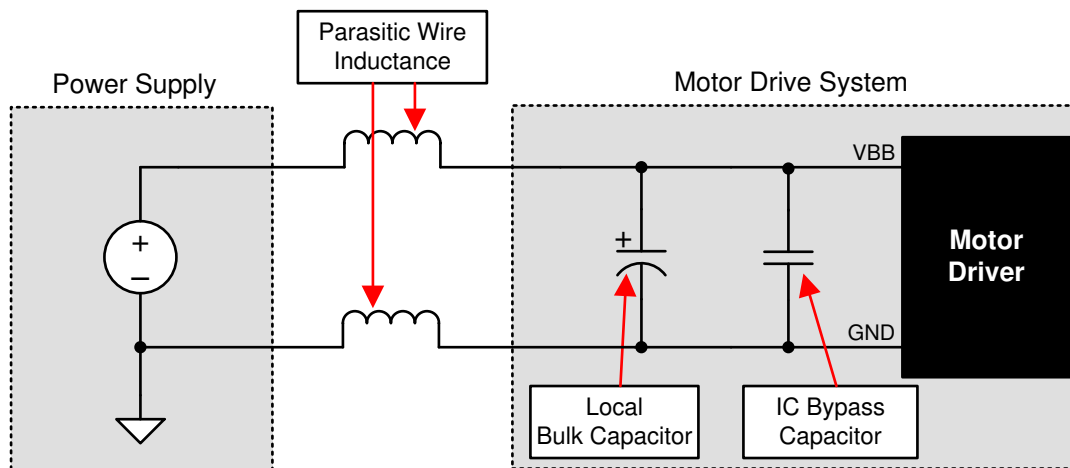


FIG 10-1. Example Setup of Motor Drive System With External Power Supply

The voltage rating for bulk capacitors should be higher than the operating voltage, to provide margin for cases when the motor transfers energy to the supply.

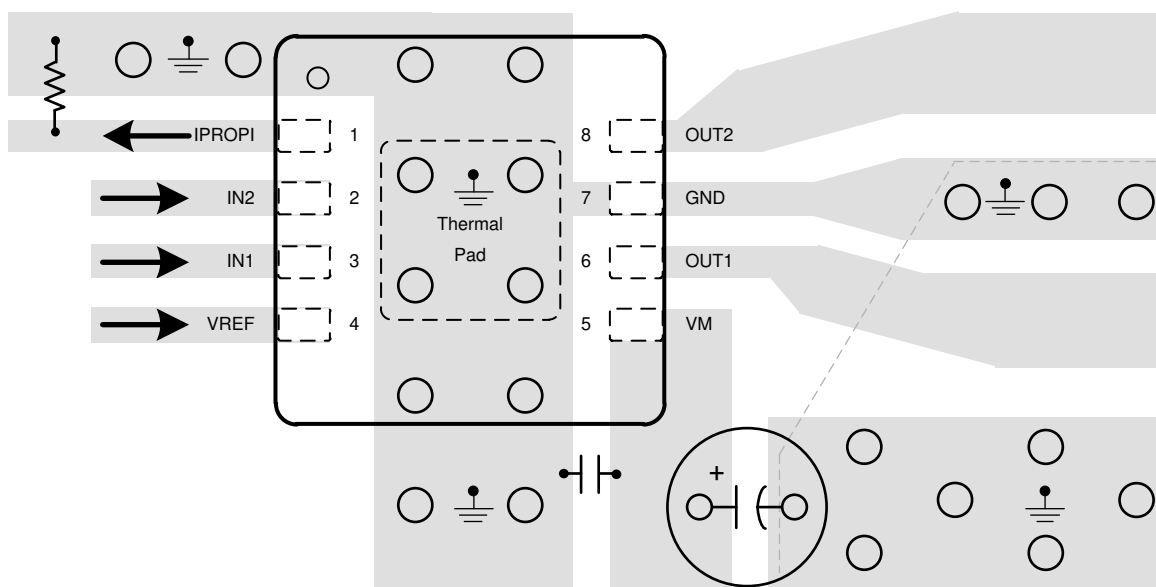
11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

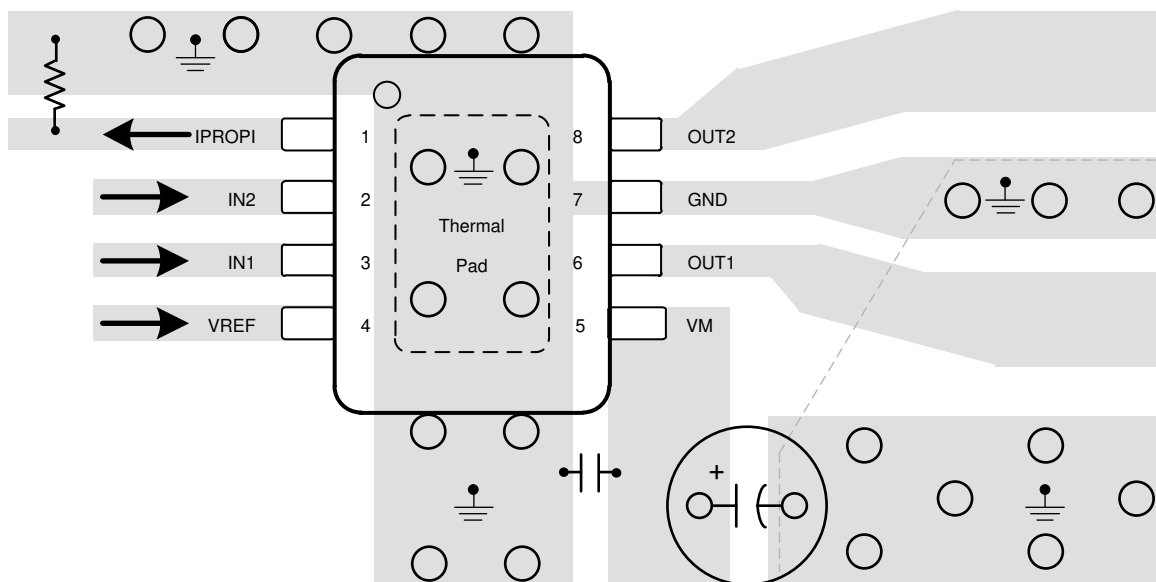
Since the DRV8231A integrates power MOSFETs capable of driving high current, careful attention should be paid to the layout design and external component placement. Some design and layout guidelines are provided below.

- Low ESR ceramic capacitors should be utilized for the VM to GND bypass capacitor. X5R and X7R types are recommended.
- The VM power supply capacitors should be placed as close to the device as possible to minimize the loop inductance.
- The VM power supply bulk capacitor can be of ceramic or electrolytic type, but should also be placed as close as possible to the device to minimize the loop inductance.
- VM, OUT1, OUT2, and GND carry the high current from the power supply to the outputs and back to ground. Thick metal routing should be utilized for these traces as is feasible.
- The device thermal pad should be attached to the PCB top layer ground plane and internal ground plane (when available) through thermal vias to maximize the PCB heat sinking.
- A recommended land pattern for the thermal vias is provided in the package drawing section.
- The copper plane area attached to the thermal pad should be maximized to ensure optimal heat sinking.

11.2 Layout Example



11-1. Layout Recommendation for DSG package



 **11-2. Layout Recommendation for DDA Package**

12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Documentation Support

12.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [Calculating Motor Driver Power Dissipation](#) application report
- Texas Instruments, [Current Recirculation and Decay Modes](#) application report
- Texas Instruments, [PowerPAD™ Made Easy](#) application report
- Texas Instruments, [PowerPAD™ Thermally Enhanced Package](#) application report
- Texas Instruments, [Understanding Motor Driver Current Ratings](#) application report

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12.3 Community Resources

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PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable part number | Status (1) | Material type (2) | Package Pins | Package qty Carrier | RoHS (3) | Lead finish/ Ball material (4) | MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking (6) |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| DRV8231ADDAR | Active | Production | SO PowerPAD (DDA) 8 | 3000 LARGE T&R | Yes | NIPDAU | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR | -40 to 150 | DRV8231A |
| DRV8231ADDAR.A | Active | Production | SO PowerPAD (DDA) 8 | 3000 LARGE T&R | Yes | NIPDAU | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR | -40 to 150 | DRV8231A |
| DRV8231ADSGR | Active | Production | WSO (DSG) 8 | 3000 LARGE T&R | Yes | NIPDAU | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 150 | 31A |
| DRV8231ADSGR.A | Active | Production | WSO (DSG) 8 | 3000 LARGE T&R | Yes | NIPDAU | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 150 | 31A |

⁽¹⁾ **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

⁽²⁾ **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

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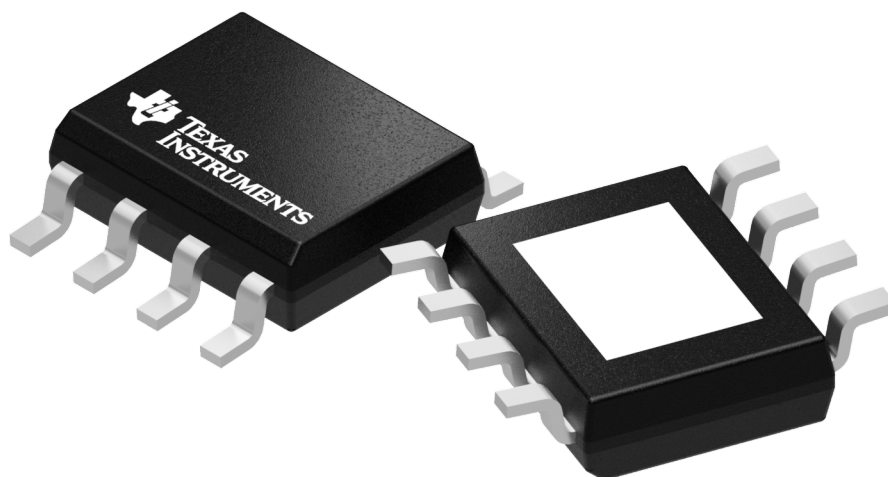
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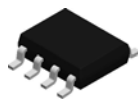
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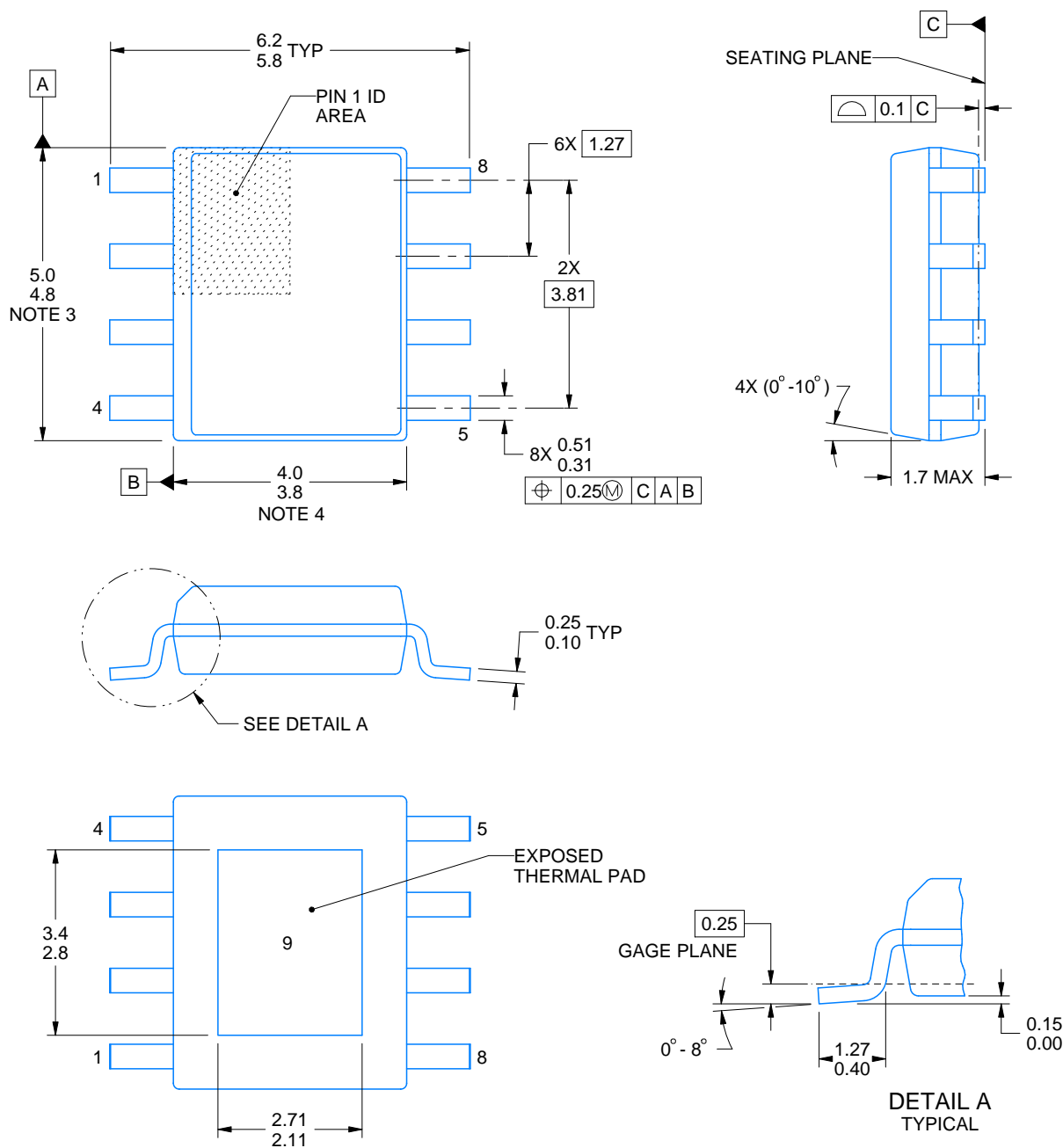
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PACKAGE OUTLINE

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PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE



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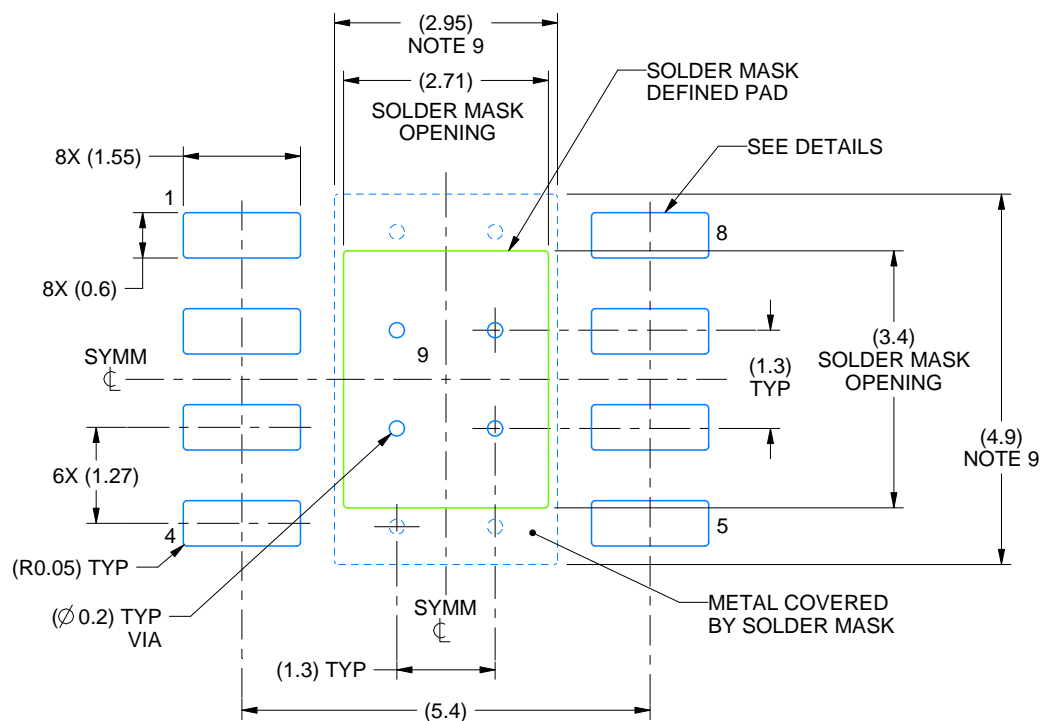
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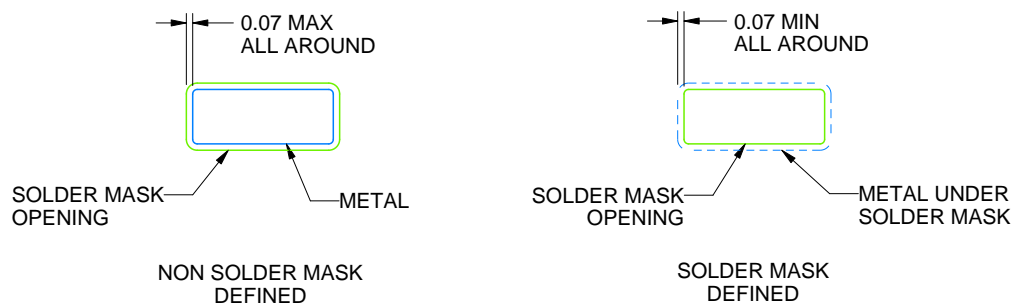
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SOLDER MASK DETAILS

PADS 1-8

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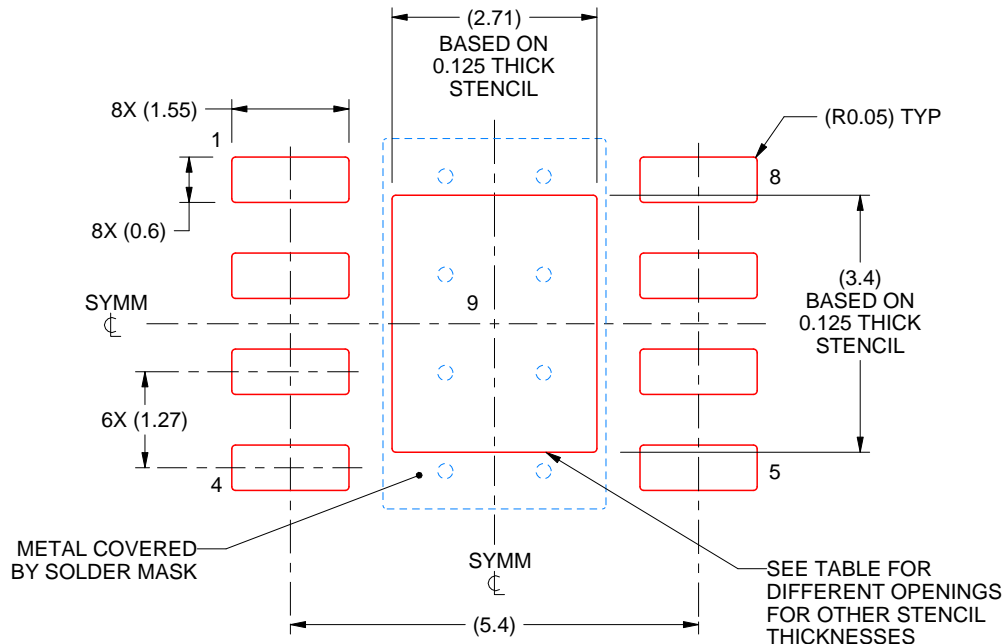
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9. Size of metal pad may vary due to creepage requirement.
10. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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PowerPAD™ SOIC - 1.7 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 | 3.03 X 3.80 |
| 0.125 | 2.71 X 3.40 (SHOWN) |
| 0.150 | 2.47 X 3.10 |
| 0.175 | 2.29 X 2.87 |

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11. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
12. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

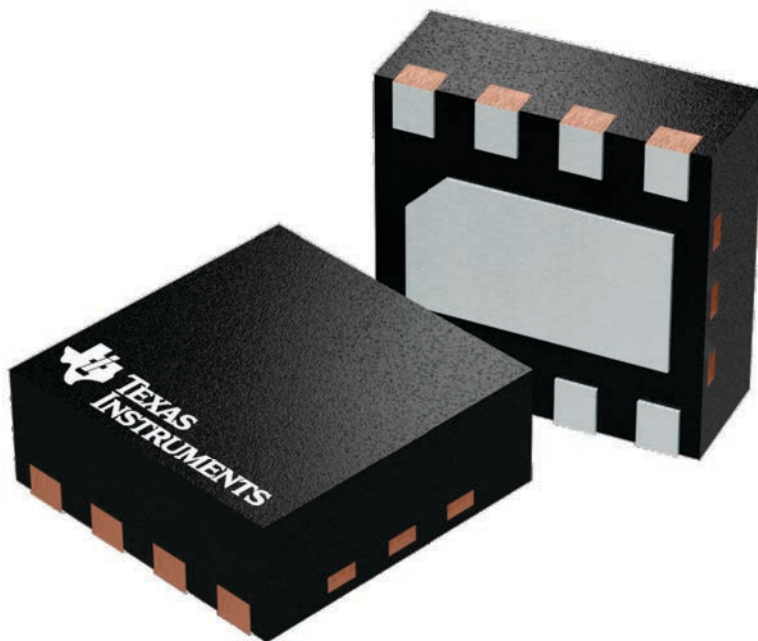
DSG 8

WSON - 0.8 mm max height

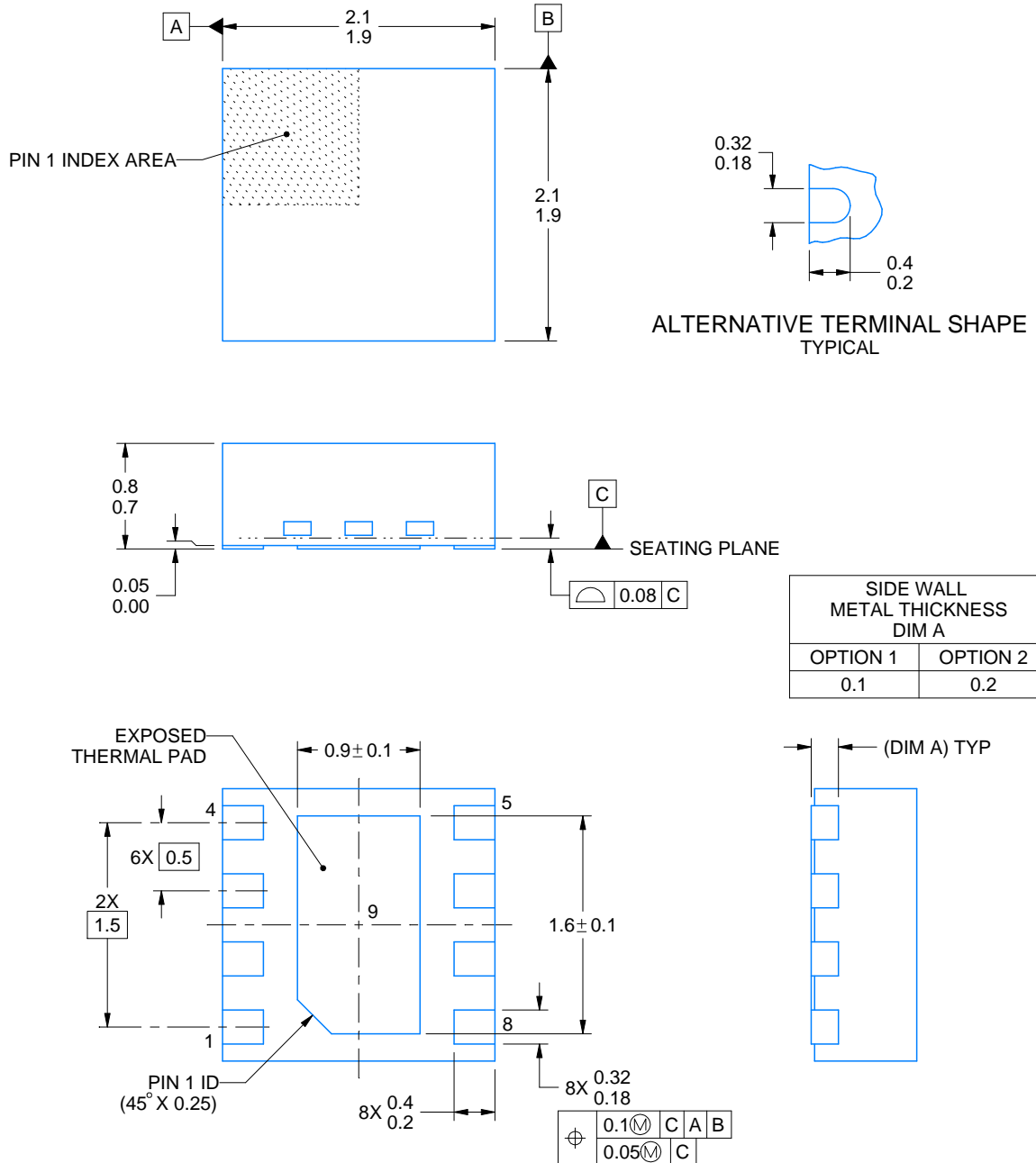
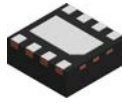
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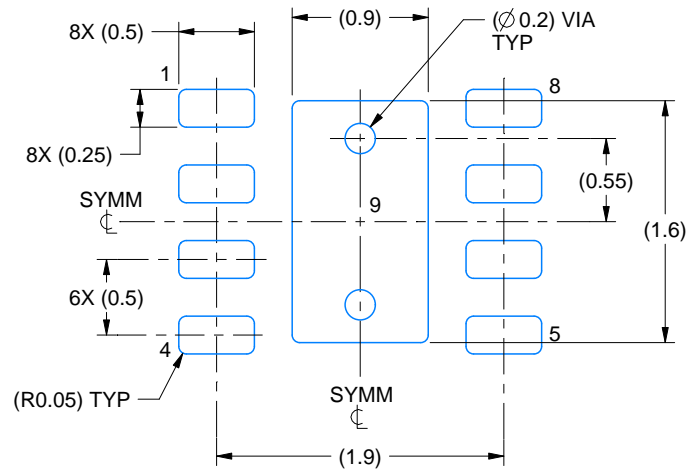
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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

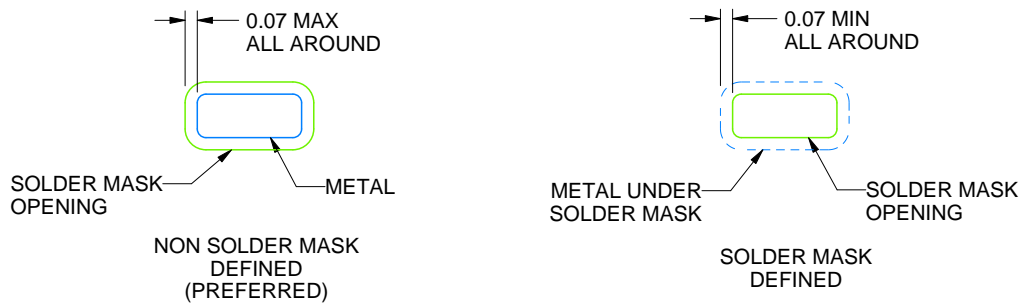
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SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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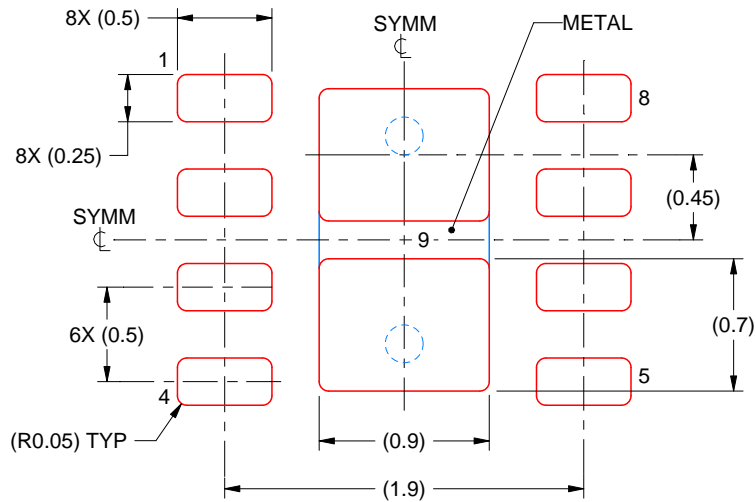
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DSG0008A

WSN - 0.8 mm max height

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD 9:
87% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE
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