

DRV8421 18V 2A Dual H-Bridge Stepper Driver

1 Features

- Dual H-Bridge Motor Driver
 - Single/Dual Brushed DC
 - Stepper
 - Solenoids
- 4 to 18V Operating Supply Voltage Range
- Low ON-resistance: HS + LS = 900mΩ (Typical, 25°C)
- High Output Current per H-Bridge
 - 2A Maximum Driver Current at 12V and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$
 - **Parallel Mode Available Capable of 4A**
Maximum Driver Current at 12V and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$
- Device versions:
 - **DRV8421A (4-wire input): Independent Half Bridge Control**
 - **DRV8421B (2-wire input): Sleep Mode, Fault detect**
- Similar LV Stepper Drivers:
 - [DRV8410](#): 1.65 to 11V (800mΩ $R_{DS(ON)}$)
 - [DRV8411](#): 1.65 to 11V (400mΩ $R_{DS(ON)}$)
 - [DRV8411A](#): 1.65 to 11V (400mΩ $R_{DS(ON)}$)
- PWM Control Interface
- Low-Current 3μA Sleep Mode (2-wire input version only)
- Thermally-Enhanced Surface Mount Package
- Protection Features
 - VM Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)
 - Overcurrent Protection (OCP)
 - Thermal Shutdown (TSD)
 - Fault Condition Indication Pin (nFAULT) (2-wire input version only)

2 Applications

- Household Appliances
 - Printers/Scanners
 - Refrigerators
 - Vacuum Cleaners
 - Clothes Dryer
- General Brushed and Stepper Motors

3 Description

The DRV8421 provides a dual H-bridge motor driver for home appliances and other mechatronic applications. The device can be used to drive one or two DC motors, a bipolar stepper motor, or other loads. A simple PWM interface allows easy interfacing to controller circuits.

The output block of each H-bridge driver consists of N-channel power MOSFETs configured as full H-bridges to drive the motor windings. The DRV8421 is capable of driving a maximum current of 2A from each output or 4A in parallel mode (with proper heat sinking, at 12V and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$).

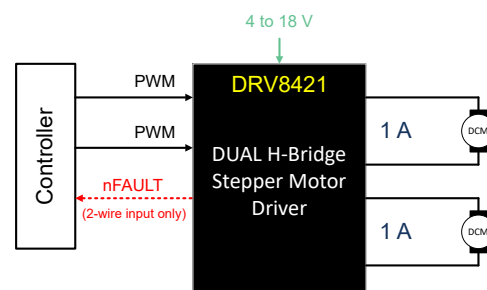
The device contains two versions having a 4-wire input (DRV8421A) or a 2-wire input (DRV8421B). The 2-wire input version (DRV8421B) contains features like enable and fault detection, while the 4-wire input version (DRV8421A) can drive four half bridges based on signals to four input terminals. A low-power sleep mode is also provided for the 2-wire input version. It shuts down internal circuitry to achieve very-low quiescent current draw. This sleep mode can be set by pulling the enable pin low.

Internal protection functions are provided for UVLO, OCP, short-circuit protection, and overtemperature. Fault conditions are indicated by a nFAULT pin in the DRV8421B, the 2-wire input device.

Device Information (1)

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	PACKAGE SIZE (2)
DRV8421ADGQ	HVSSOP (10)	3.00mm × 3.00mm
DRV8421BDGQ	HVSSOP (10)	3.00mm × 3.00mm
DRV8421ADFU	SSOP (10)	3.90mm × 4.90mm
DRV8421BDFU	SSOP (10)	3.90mm × 4.90mm

- (1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.
- (2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable



Simplified Schematic



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4 Device Comparison

Table 4-1. Device Comparison Table

Part Number	Package	Supply VM (V)	R _{DS(ON)} (mΩ)	Overcurrent Protection (OCP) Limit (A)	Current Regulation	Current Sense	Package Size
DRV8421	HVSSOP (10)	4 to 18	900	2	No	No	3.0mm x 3.0mm
	SSOP (10)	4 to 18	900	2	No	No	3.9mm x 4.9mm
DRV8848	HTSSOP (16)	4 to 18	900	2	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	5.0mm x 6.4mm
DRV8410	HTSSOP (16)	1.65 to 11	800	2.5	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	5.0mm x 6.4mm
	WQFN (16)	1.65 to 11	800	2.5	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	3.0mm x 3.0mm
	Thin-SOT (16)	1.65 to 11	800	2.5	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	4.2mm x 2.0mm
DRV8411	HTSSOP (16)	1.65 to 11	400	4	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	5.0mm x 6.4mm
	WQFN (16)	1.65 to 11	400	4	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	3.0mm x 3.0mm
	Thin-SOT (16)	1.65 to 11	400	4	Yes	External Shunt Resistor	4.2mm x 2.0mm
DRV8411A	HTSSOP (16)	1.65 to 11	400	4	Yes	Current Mirror (IPROPI)	5.0mm x 6.4mm
	WQFN (16)	1.65 to 11	400	4	Yes	Current Mirror (IPROPI)	3.0mm x 3.0mm
	Thin-SOT (16)	1.65 to 11	400	4	Yes	Current Mirror (IPROPI)	4.2mm x 2.0mm

5 Pin Configuration and Functions

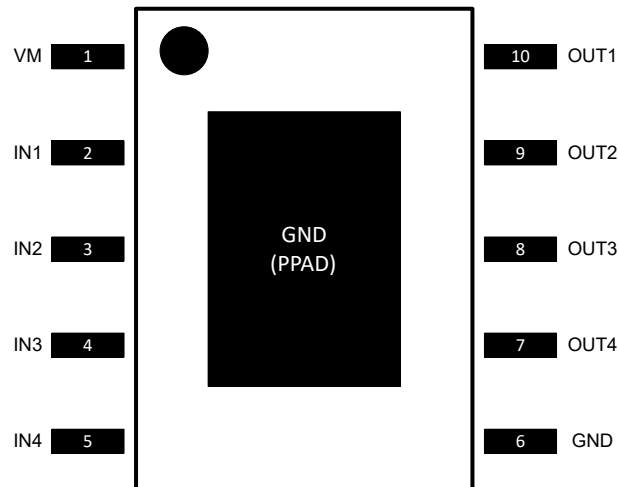


Figure 5-1. DRV8421A PWP Package 10-Pin HVSSOP Top View

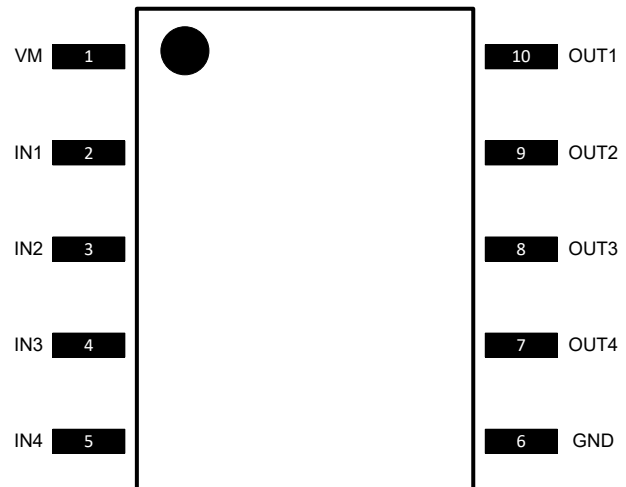


Figure 5-2. DRV8421A 10-Pin SSOP Top View

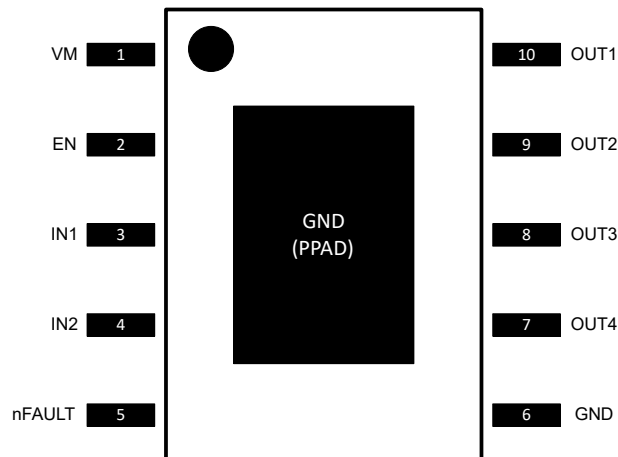


Figure 5-3. DRV8421B PWP Package 10-Pin HVSSOP Top View

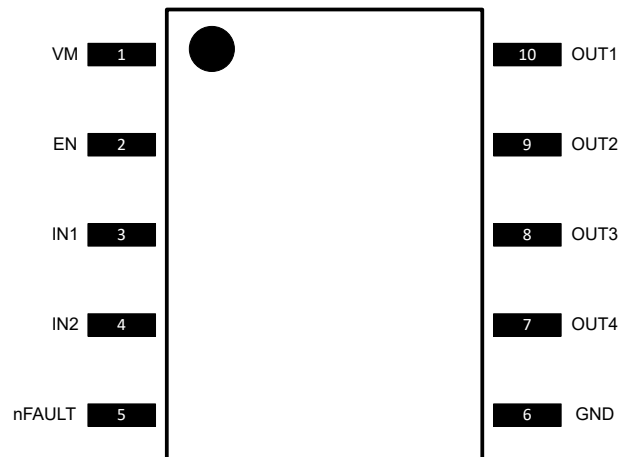


Figure 5-4. DRV8421B 10-Pin SSOP Top View

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

NAME	PIN NO.		TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION	
	4-wire input (8421A)	2-wire input (8421B)			
IN1	2	3	I	Input 1	Controls OUT1
IN2	3	4	I	Input 2	Controls OUT2
IN3	4	-	I	Input 3	Controls OUT3
IN4	5	-	I	Input 4	Controls OUT4
EN	-	2	I	Enable Pin	Enable or sleep mode input. Device enables with pin pulled high; sleep mode activated with pin pulled low for time more than t_{SLEEP}
nFAULT	-	5	OD	Fault Indication Pin	Pulled logic low with fault condition; open-drain output requires external pullup

Table 5-1. Pin Functions (continued)

PIN			TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION	
NAME	NO.				
	4-wire input (8421A)	2-wire input (8421B)			
OUT1	10	10	O	Output 1	Controls OUT1; internal pulldown
OUT2	9	9	O	Output 2	Controls OUT2; internal pulldown
OUT3	8	8	O	Output 3	Controls OUT3; internal pulldown
OUT4	7	7	O	Output 4	Controls OUT4; internal pulldown
GND	6	6	PWR	Device ground	GND pin to be connected to ground
VM	1	1	PWR	Power supply	Connect to motor power supply; bypass to GND with a 0.1 and 10µF (minimum) ceramic capacitor rated for VM

(1) I = Input, O = Output, PWR = Power

Table 5-2. External Components

COMPONENT	PIN 1	PIN 2	RECOMMENDED
C _{VM}	VM	GND	10µF (minimum) ceramic capacitor rated for VM
C _{VM}	VM	GND	0.1µF ceramic capacitor rated for VM
R _{nFAULT}	VCC ⁽¹⁾	nFAULT	>1kΩ

(1) VCC is not a pin on the DRV8421, but a VCC supply voltage pullup is required for open-drain output nFAULT

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Over operating free-air temperature range referenced with respect to GND (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
	Power supply voltage (VM)	-0.3	20	V
	Power supply voltage ramp rate (VM)	0	2	V/μs
	Control pin voltage (IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4, EN, nFAULT)	-0.3	7	V
	Continuous phase node pin voltage (OUT1, OUT2, OUT3, OUT4)	-0.3	V _{VM} + 0.6	V
	Peak drive current (OUT1, OUT2, OUT3, OUT4)	Internally limited		A
T _J	Operating junction temperature	-40	150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	-65	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings Comm

			VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins ⁽¹⁾	±4000	V
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins ⁽²⁾	±1500	

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V _{VM}	Power supply voltage range ⁽¹⁾	4		18	V
f _{PWM}	Applied INPUT Signal	0		250	kHz
I _{rms}	Motor rms current per H-bridge ⁽²⁾	0		2	A
T _A	Operating ambient temperature	-40		85	°C

- (1) Note that R_{DS(ON)} increases and maximum output current is reduced at VM supply voltages below 5 V.

- (2) Power dissipation and thermal limits must be observed.

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		DRV8421		UNIT
		DFU (SSOP)	DGQ (HVSSOP)	
		10 PINS	10 PINS	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	105.6	62.5	°C/W
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	53.5	80.5	°C/W
R _{θJB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	53.7	28.5	°C/W
Ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	9.2	6.7	°C/W
Ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	53.0	28.4	°C/W
R _{θJC(bot)}	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	N/A	7.8	°C/W

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report, [SPRA953](#).

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, over recommended operating conditions unless otherwise noted

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
POWER SUPPLIES (VM)						
V_{VM}	VM operating voltage		4		18	V
I_{VM}	VM operating supply current	$V_{VM} = 12\text{ V}$, excluding winding current	1.2	1.35	1.5	mA
I_{VMQ}	VM sleep mode supply current (2-wire input only)	$V_{VM} = 12\text{ V}$, $EN = 0$ (2-wire input only)	0.5	1.2	3	μA
t_{SLEEP}	Sleep time (2-wire input only)	$EN = 1$ to sleep mode (2-wire input only)			1	ms
t_{WAKE}	Wake time (2-wire input only)	$EN = 0$ to output transition (2-wire input only)			1	ms
t_{ON}	Power-on time	$V_{VM} > V_{UVLO}$ rising to output transition			1	ms
LOGIC-LEVEL INPUTS (IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4, EN)						
V_{IL}	Input logic low voltage		0		0.7	V
V_{IH}	Input logic high voltage		1.6		5.5	V
V_{HYS}	Input logic hysteresis		100			mV
I_{IL}	Input logic low current	$V_I = 0\text{ V}$	-1		1	μA
I_{IH}	Input logic high current	$V_I = 5\text{ V}$	1		30	μA
R_{PD}	Pulldown resistance (2-wire input version)	IN1		200		k Ω
		IN2		170		k Ω
R_{PD}	Pulldown resistance (4-wire input version)	IN1/IN2		200		k Ω
		IN3/IN4		170		k Ω
R_{PD}	Pulldown resistance	EN (2-wire input only)		500		k Ω
t_{DEG}	Input deglitch time	INx		200		ns
t_{PROP}	Propagation delay	INx edge to output change		400		ns
CONTROL OUTPUTS (NFAULT)						
V_{OL}	Output logic low voltage	$I_O = 5\text{ mA}$			0.5	V
I_{OH}	Output logic high leakage	$V_O = 3.3\text{ V}$	-1		1	μA
MOTOR DRIVER OUTPUTS (OUT1, OUT2, OUT3, OUT4)						
$R_{DS(ON)}$	High-side FET on resistance	$V_{VM} = 12\text{ V}$, $I_O = 0.5\text{ A}$, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		550		m Ω
$R_{DS(ON)}$	High-side FET on resistance	$V_{VM} = 12\text{ V}$, $I_O = 0.5\text{ A}$, $T_J = 85^\circ\text{C}$ ⁽¹⁾		660		m Ω
$R_{DS(ON)}$	Low-side FET on resistance	$V_{VM} = 12\text{ V}$, $I_O = 0.5\text{ A}$, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		350		m Ω
$R_{DS(ON)}$	Low-side FET on resistance	$V_{VM} = 12\text{ V}$, $I_O = 0.5\text{ A}$, $T_J = 85^\circ\text{C}$ ⁽¹⁾		420		m Ω
I_{OFF}	Off-state leakage current	$V_{VM} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (2-wire input only)	-1		1	μA
t_{RISE}	Output rise time			60		ns
t_{FALL}	Output fall time			60		ns
t_{DEAD}	Output dead time	Internal dead time		200		ns
PROTECTION CIRCUITS						
V_{UVLO}	VM undervoltage lockout	V_{VM} falling; UVLO report			2.9	V
		V_{VM} rising; UVLO recovery			3	V
I_{OCP}	Overcurrent protection trip level		2			A
t_{DEG}	Overcurrent deglitch time			2.8		μs
t_{OCP}	Overcurrent protection period			1.6		ms
T_{SD} ⁽¹⁾	Thermal shutdown temperature	Die temperature T_J	150	160	180	$^\circ\text{C}$
T_{HYS} ⁽¹⁾	Thermal shutdown hysteresis	Die temperature T_J		35		$^\circ\text{C}$

(1) Not tested in production; limits are based on characterization data

6.6 Timing Requirements

NO.			MIN	MAX	UNIT
1	t_1	Delay time, xIN1 to xOUT1	100	600	ns
2	t_2	Delay time, xIN2 to xOUT1	100	600	ns
3	t_3	Delay time, xIN1 to xOUT2	100	600	ns
4	t_4	Delay time, xIN2 to xOUT2	100	600	ns
5	t_R	Output rise time	50	150	ns
6	t_F	Output fall time	50	150	ns

6.7 Typical Characteristics

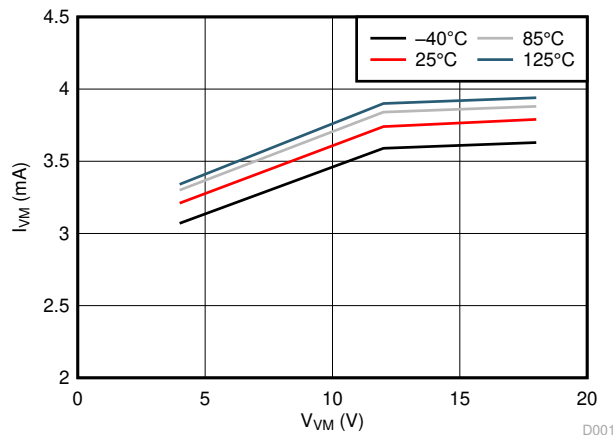


Figure 6-1. I_{VM} vs V_{VM}

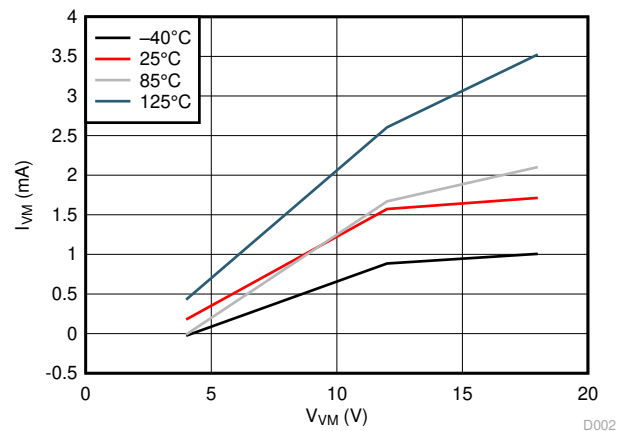


Figure 6-2. I_{VMQ} vs V_{VM}

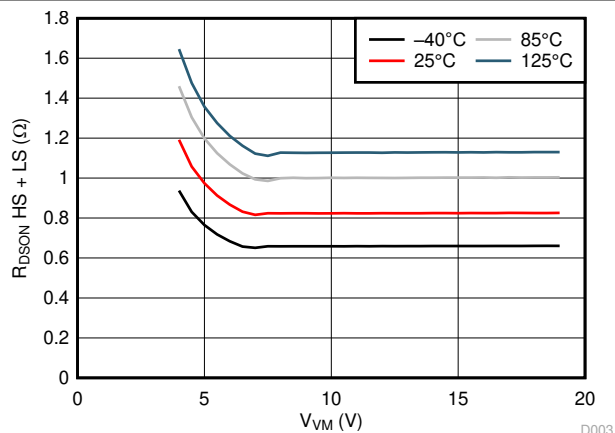


Figure 6-3. $R_{DS(on)}$ vs V_{VM}

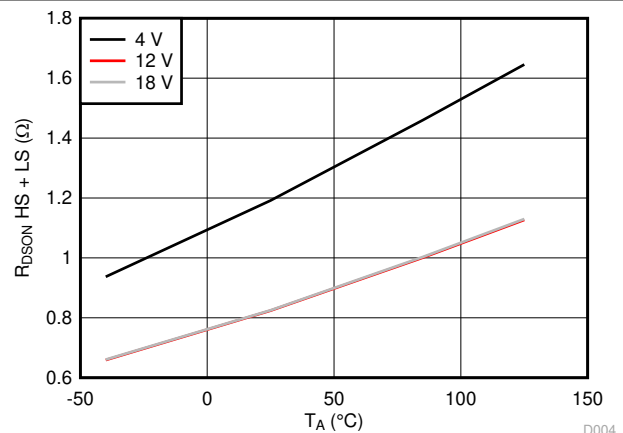


Figure 6-4. $R_{DS(on)}$ vs Temperature

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The DRV8421 is an integrated stepper motor driver solution for two DC motors or a bipolar stepper motor. The device integrates two H-bridges that use NMOS drivers. It can be powered with a supply range between 4 to 18 V and is capable of driving a maximum of 2 A driver current (4 A in parallel mode operation).

A simple PWM interface allows easy interfacing to the controller circuit.

Two versions exist in the device, namely, DRV8421A, a 4-wire input device, and DRV8421B, a 2-wire input device. The DRV8421A allows control of four half bridges using four inputs while the DRV8421B has two inputs to control four half bridges. The DRV8421B consists of additional features like the low-power sleep mode to save power when not driving the motor and fault detection using the nFAULT pin.

7.2 Functional Block Diagrams

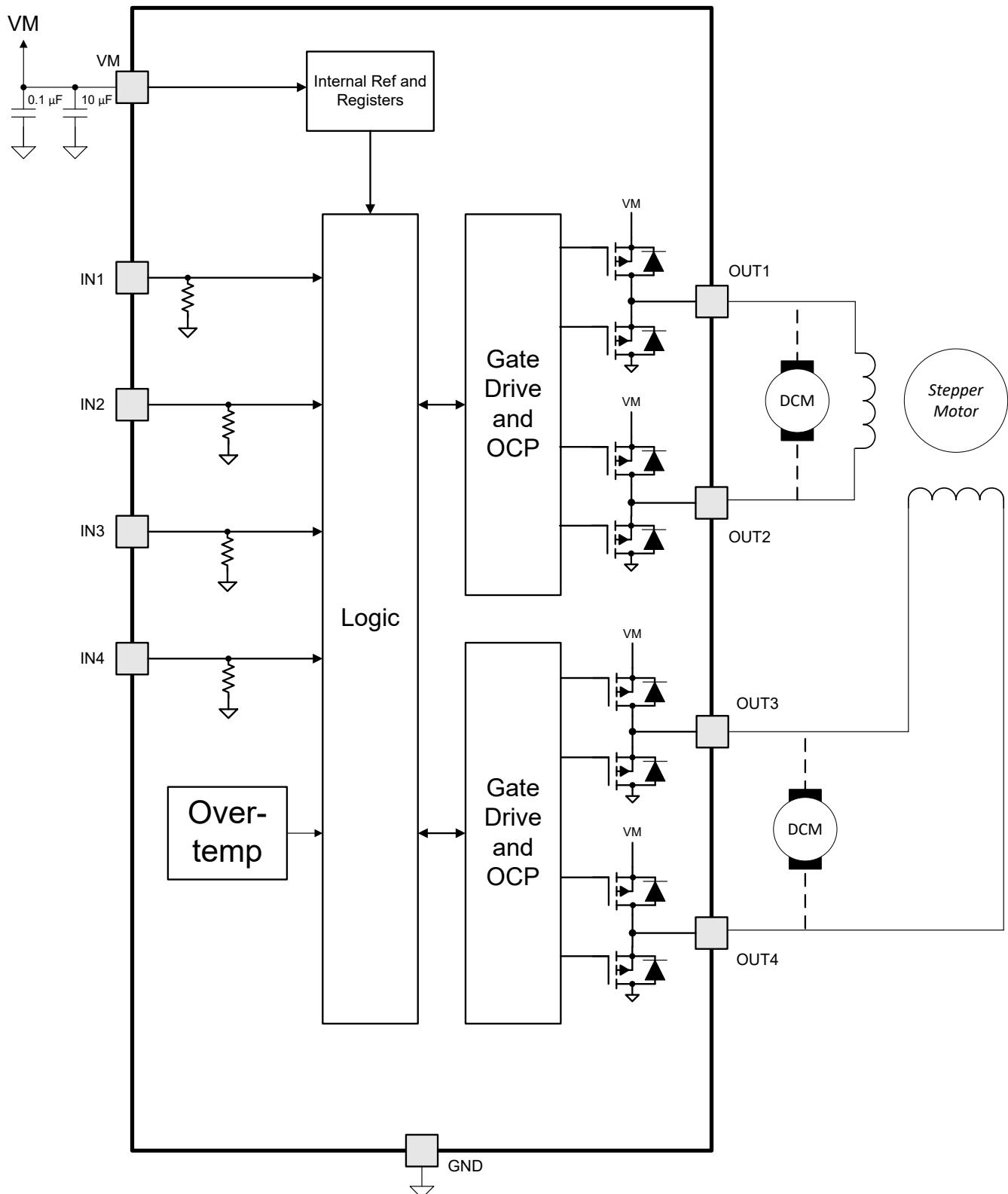


Figure 7-1. DRV8421A: 4-wire input

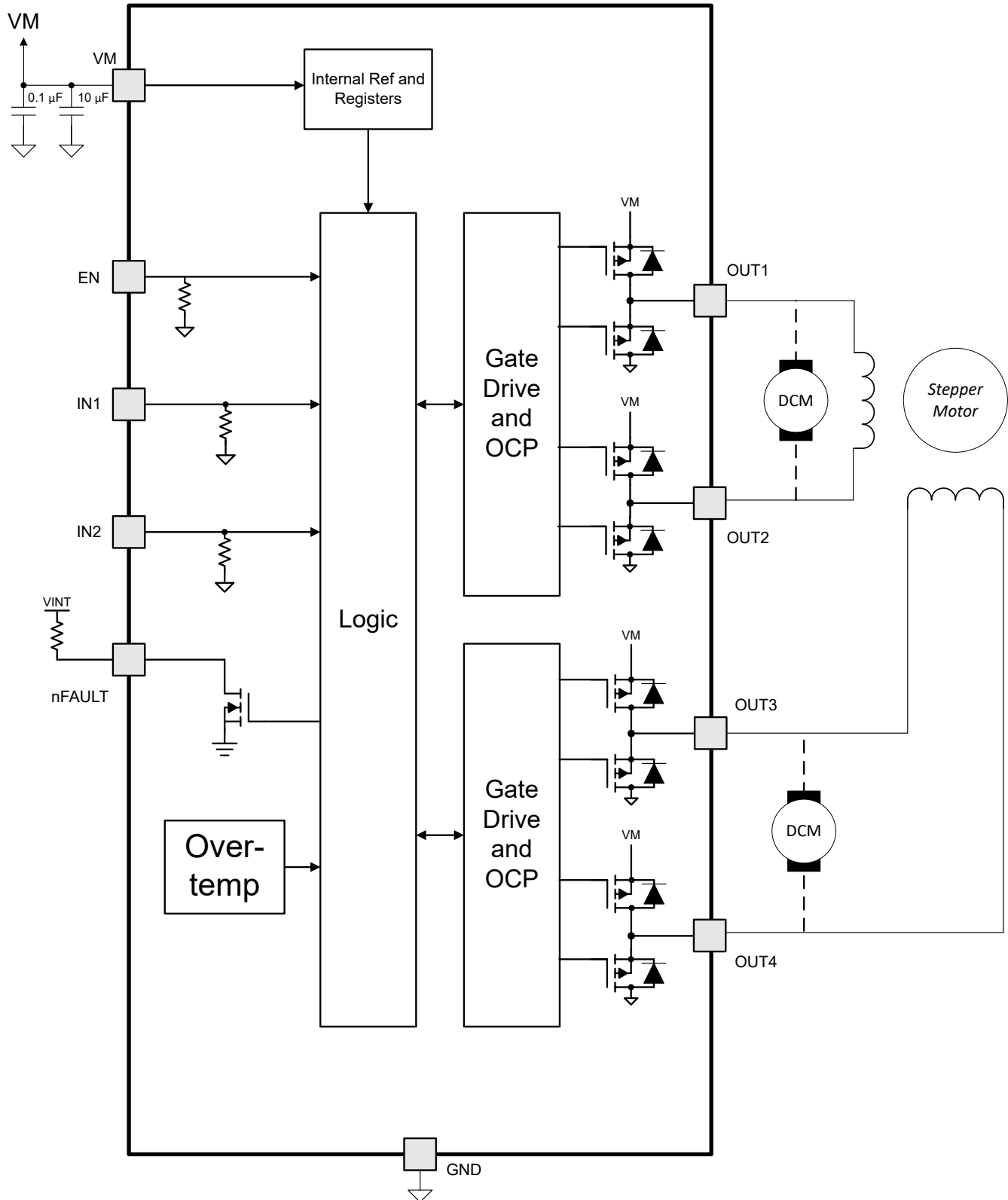


Figure 7-2. DRV8421B: 2-wire input

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 PWM Motor Drivers

DRV8421 contains two identical H-bridge motor drivers with current-control PWM circuitry. Figure 7-3 shows a block diagram of the circuitry for DRV8421.

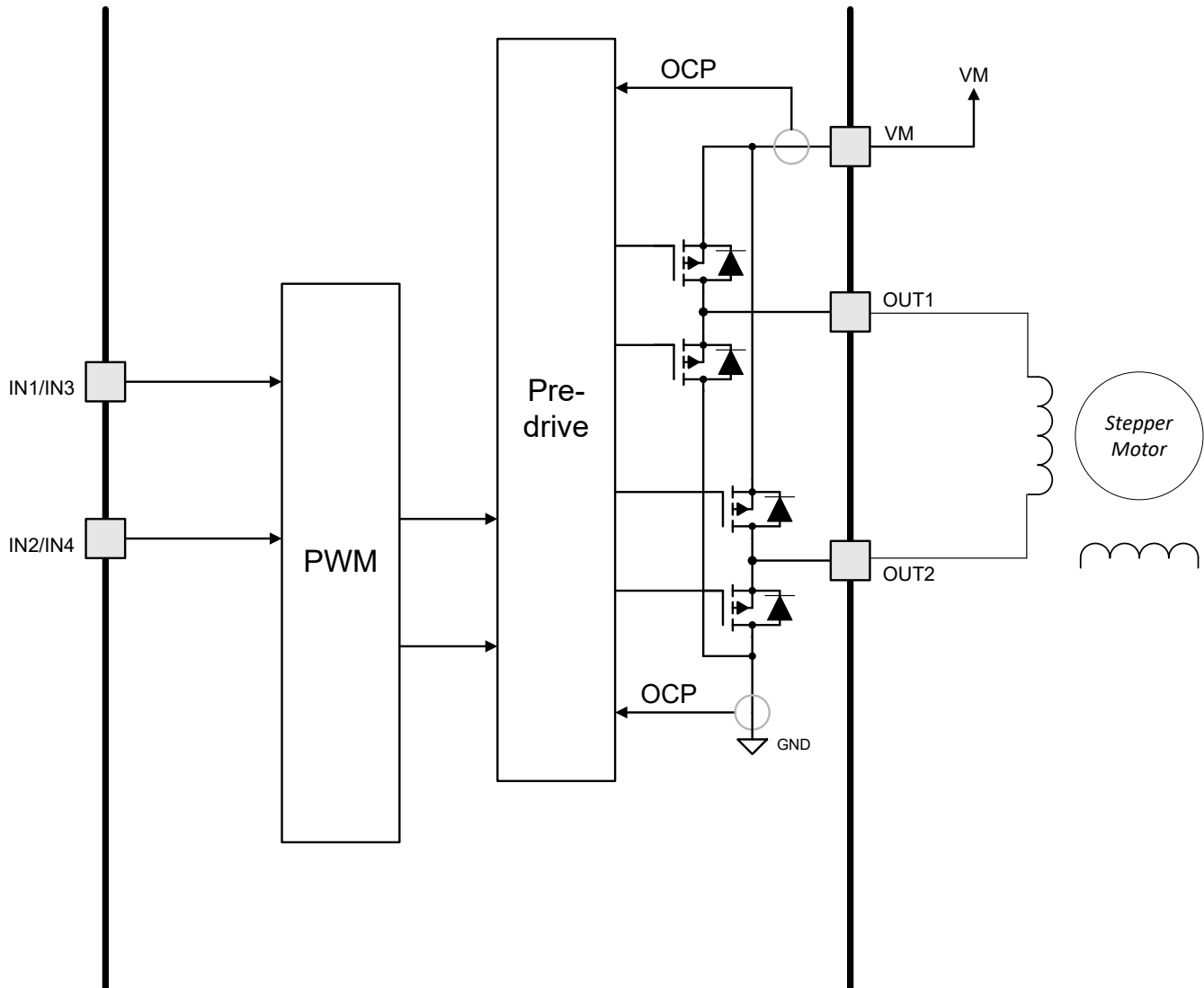


Figure 7-3. PWM Motor Driver Circuitry

7.3.2 Truth Tables

DRV8421A: 4-wire input version shows the logic for the inputs IN1, IN2, IN3, and IN4. **DRV8421B: 2-wire input version** shows the logic for the inputs IN1 and IN2.

Table 7-1. DRV8421A: 4-wire input version

Inputs				Outputs				Function
IN1	IN2	IN3	IN4	OUT1	OUT2	OUT3	OUT4	
0	0	0	0	Off	Off	Off	Off	Standby (Hi-Z)
0	0	-		Off	Off	-		Standby (Hi-Z)
1	0			1	0			Forward
0	1			0	1			Reverse
1	1			0	0			Brake
-		0	0	-		Off	Off	Standby (Hi-Z)
		1	0			1	0	Forward
		0	1			0	1	Reverse
		1	1			0	0	Brake

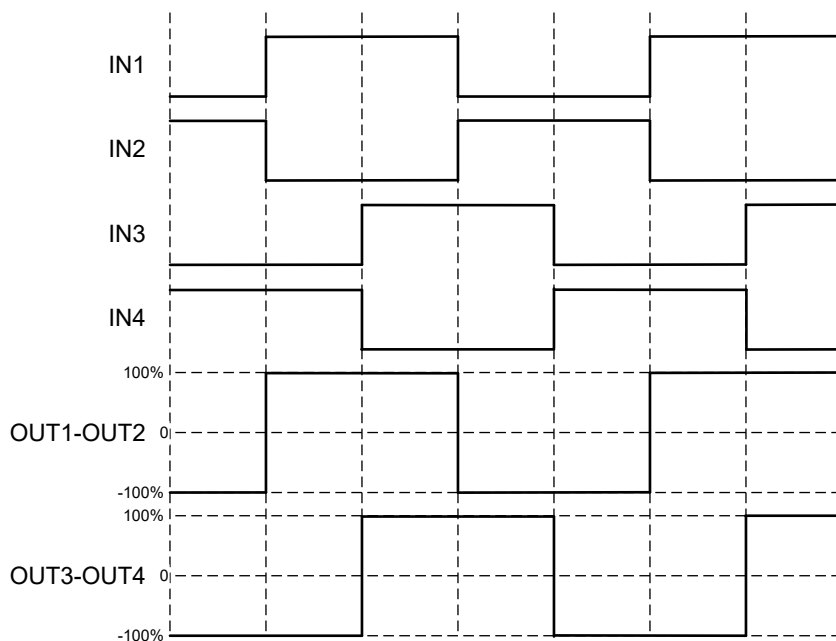


Figure 7-4. Full-Step Mode

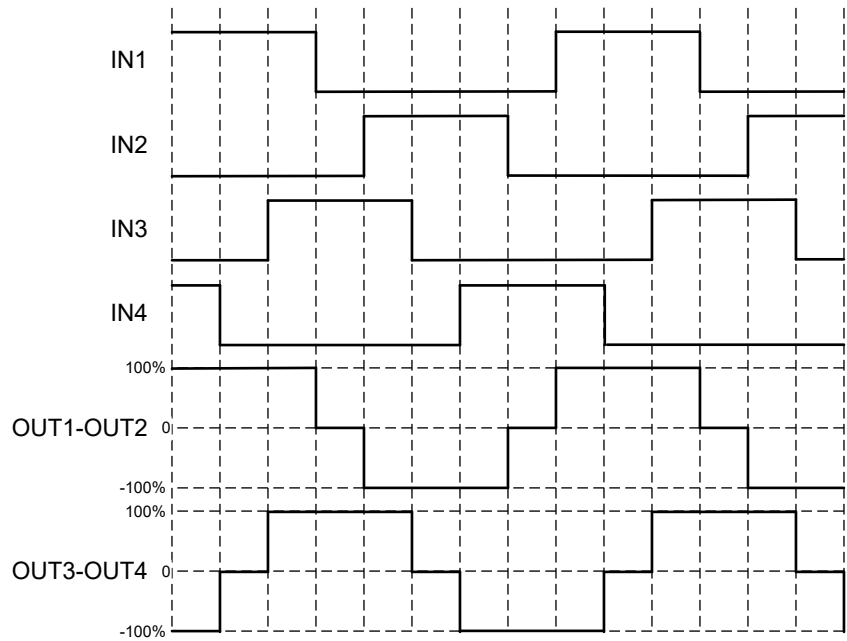


Figure 7-5. Half-Step Mode

Table 7-2. DRV8421B: 2-wire input version

Inputs			Outputs				Function	
EN	IN1	IN2	OUT1	OUT2	OUT3	OUT4		
L	X	X	Off	Off	Off	Off	Standby/Low Power Sleep Mode	
H	L	-	H	L	-		Channel 1	Forward
	H	-	L	H				Reverse
	-	L	-		H	L	Channel 2	Forward
	-	H			L	H		Reverse

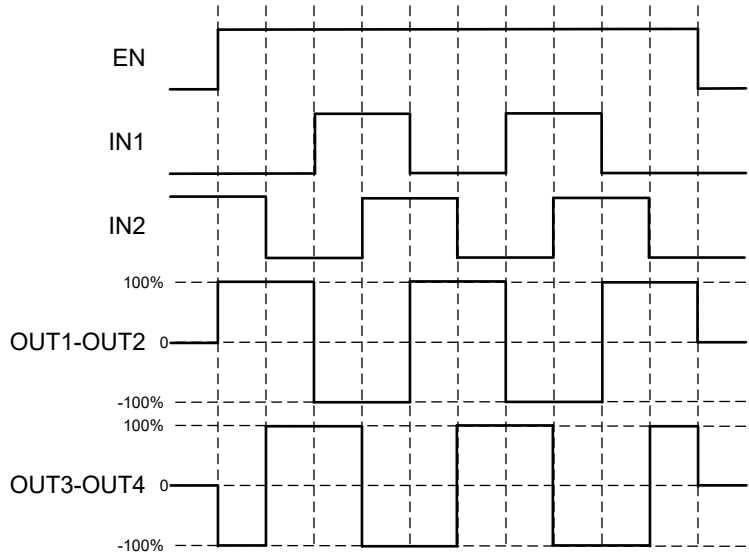


Figure 7-6. Full-Step Mode

7.3.3 Parallel Operation

The two drivers can be used in parallel to deliver twice the current to a single motor. To enter parallel mode in DRV8421A, the 4-wire input version, the following actions must be taken (refer to [Figure 7-7](#)):

1. IN1 and IN3 must be tied together
2. IN2 and IN4 must be tied together
3. OUT1 and OUT3 must be tied together
4. OUT2 and OUT4 must be tied together

To exit parallel mode, all inputs must be made independent and the device must be powered-up.

Table 7-3. Parallel Mode Operation: DRV8421A (4-wire input)

Inputs				Outputs				Function
IN1	IN2	IN3	IN4	OUT1	OUT2	OUT3	OUT4	
0	0	0	0	Off	Off	Off	Off	Standby (Hi-Z)
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	Forward
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	Reverse
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	Brake

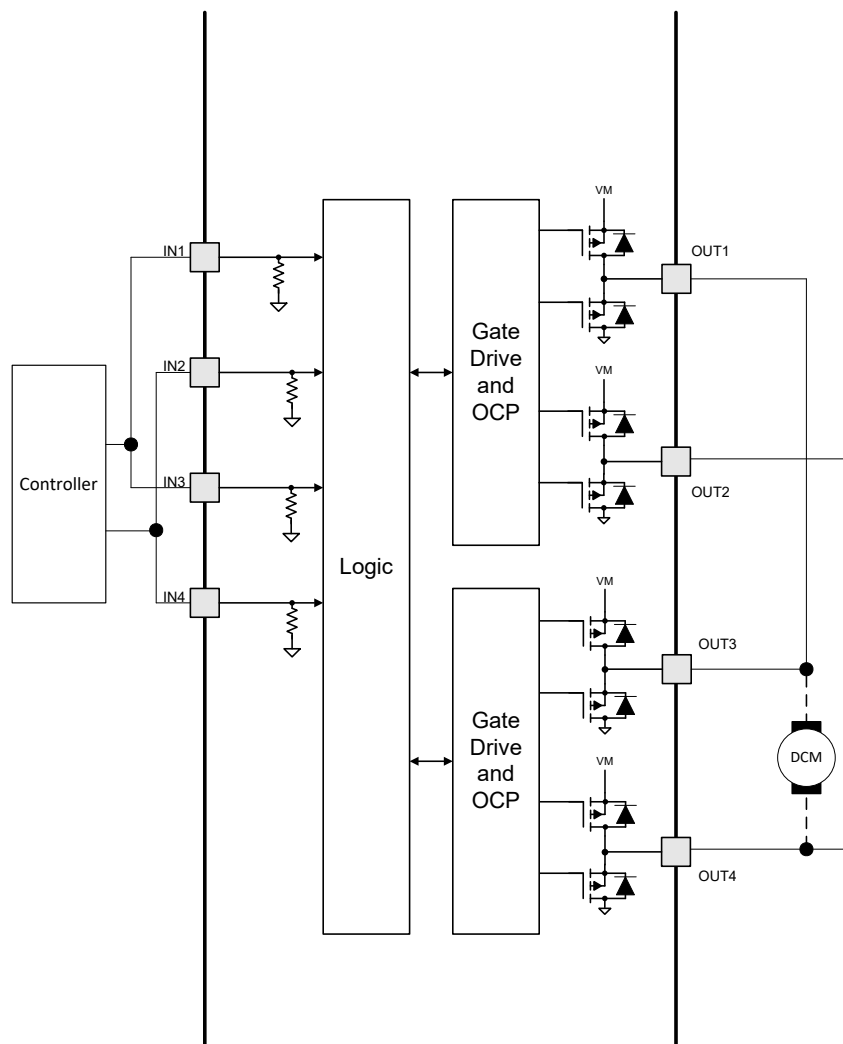


Figure 7-7. Parallel Mode Operation: DRV8421A

For the DRV8421B, the 2-wire input version, parallel mode operation can be achieved by taking the following steps (refer to [Figure 7-8](#)):

1. IN1 and IN2 must be tied together
2. OUT1 and OUT3 must be tied together
3. OUT2 and OUT4 must be tied together

To exit parallel mode, all inputs must be made independent and the device must be powered-up.

Table 7-4. Parallel Mode Operation: DRV8421B (2-wire input)

Inputs			Outputs				Function
EN	IN1	IN2	OUT1	OUT2	OUT3	OUT4	
L	X	X	Off	Off	Off	Off	Standby/Low Power Sleep Mode
H	L	L	H	L	H	L	Forward
	H	H	L	H	L	H	Reverse

Note

Providing 50% duty cycle to IN1/IN2 tied together will stop the motor in DRV8421B Parallel Mode. To move forward, provide a duty cycle lower than 50%. To move reverse, provide a duty cycle higher than 50%.

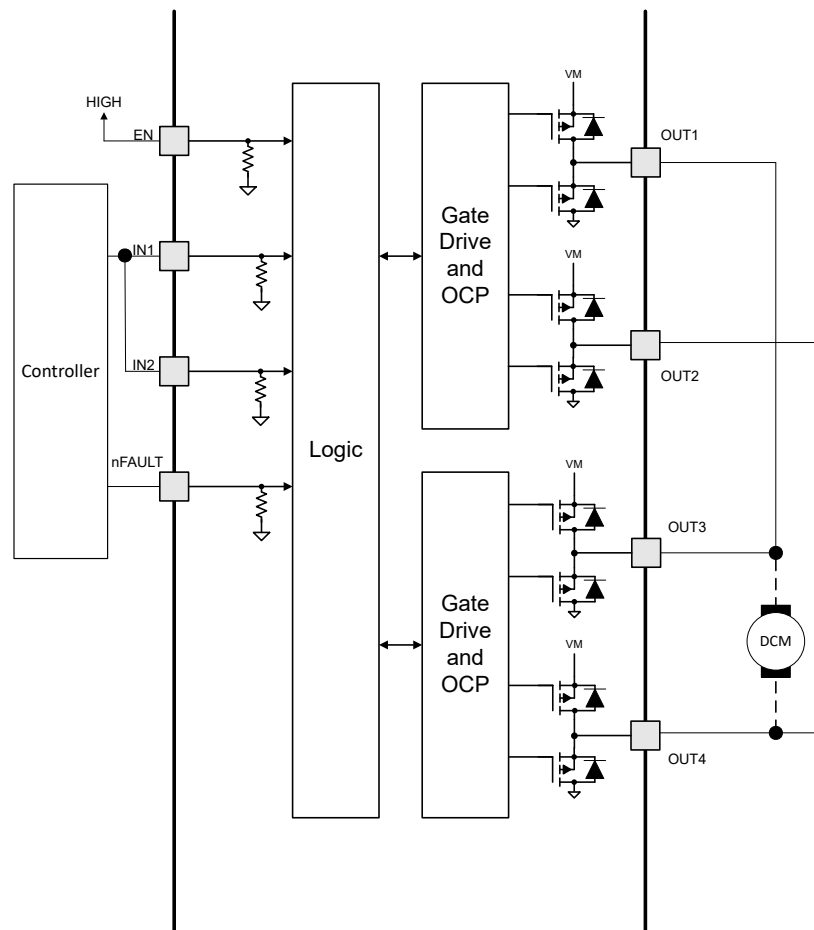


Figure 7-8. Parallel Mode Operation: DRV8421B

7.3.4 Protection Circuits

The DRV8421 is fully protected against undervoltage, overcurrent, and overtemperature events.

7.3.4.1 OCP

An analog current limit circuit on each FET limits the current through the FET by limiting the gate drive. If this analog current limit persists for longer than the OCP deglitch time t_{OCP} , all FETs in the H-bridge are disabled. In addition, in DRV8421B, the nFAULT pin is driven low. The device remains disabled until the retry time t_{RETRY} occurs. The OCP is independent for each H-bridge.

Overcurrent conditions are detected independently on both high-side and low-side devices; that is, a short to ground, supply, or across the motor winding all result in an OCP event.

7.3.4.2 TSD

If the die temperature exceeds safe limits T_{TSD} , all FETs in the H-bridge are disabled. In addition, in DRV8421B, the nFAULT pin is driven low. After the die temperature has fallen to a safe level, operation automatically resumes. The nFAULT pin in DRV8421B is released after operation has resumed.

7.3.4.3 UVLO

If at any time the voltage on the VM pin falls below the UVLO falling threshold voltage, V_{UVLO} , all circuitry in the device is disabled, and all internal logic is reset. Operation resumes when V_{VM} rises above the UVLO rising threshold. In DRV8421B, the nFAULT pin is driven low during an undervoltage condition and is released after operation has resumed.

Table 7-5. Fault Handling

FAULT	ERROR REPORT	H-BRIDGE	INTERNAL CIRCUITS	RECOVERY
VM undervoltage (UVLO)	nFAULT unlatched (DRV8421B only)	Disabled	Shut down	System and fault clears on recovery
Overcurrent (OCP)	nFAULT unlatched (DRV8421B only)	Disabled	Operating	System and fault clears on recovery and motor is driven after time, t_{RETRY}
Thermal shutdown (TSD)	nFAULT unlatched (DRV8421B only)	Disabled	Operating	System and fault clears on recovery

7.4 Device Functional Modes

The DRV8421A is active until power is switched off. The DRV8421B is active until power is switched off or unless the EN pin is brought logic low which forces the device into sleep mode. In sleep mode, the H-bridge FETs are disabled Hi-Z. Note that t_{SLEEP} must elapse EN pin before the device goes to sleep mode. The DRV8421B is brought out of sleep mode automatically if EN pin is brought logic high. Note that t_{WAKE} must elapse before the output change state after wake-up.

When V_{VM} falls below the VM UVLO threshold (V_{UVLO}), the output driver and internal logic are reset.

Table 7-6. Functional Modes

MODE	CONDITION	H-BRIDGE	VINT
Operating	$4\text{ V} < V_{VM} < 18\text{ V}$ nSLEEP pin = 1	Operating	Operating
Sleep	$4\text{ V} < V_{VM} < 18\text{ V}$ EN pin = 0	Disabled	Disabled
Fault	Any fault condition met	Disabled	Depends on fault

8 Application and Implementation

Note

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8.1 Application Information

The DRV8421 is used in stepper or brushed DC motor control.

8.2 Typical Application

The user can configure the DRV8421 with the following design procedure.

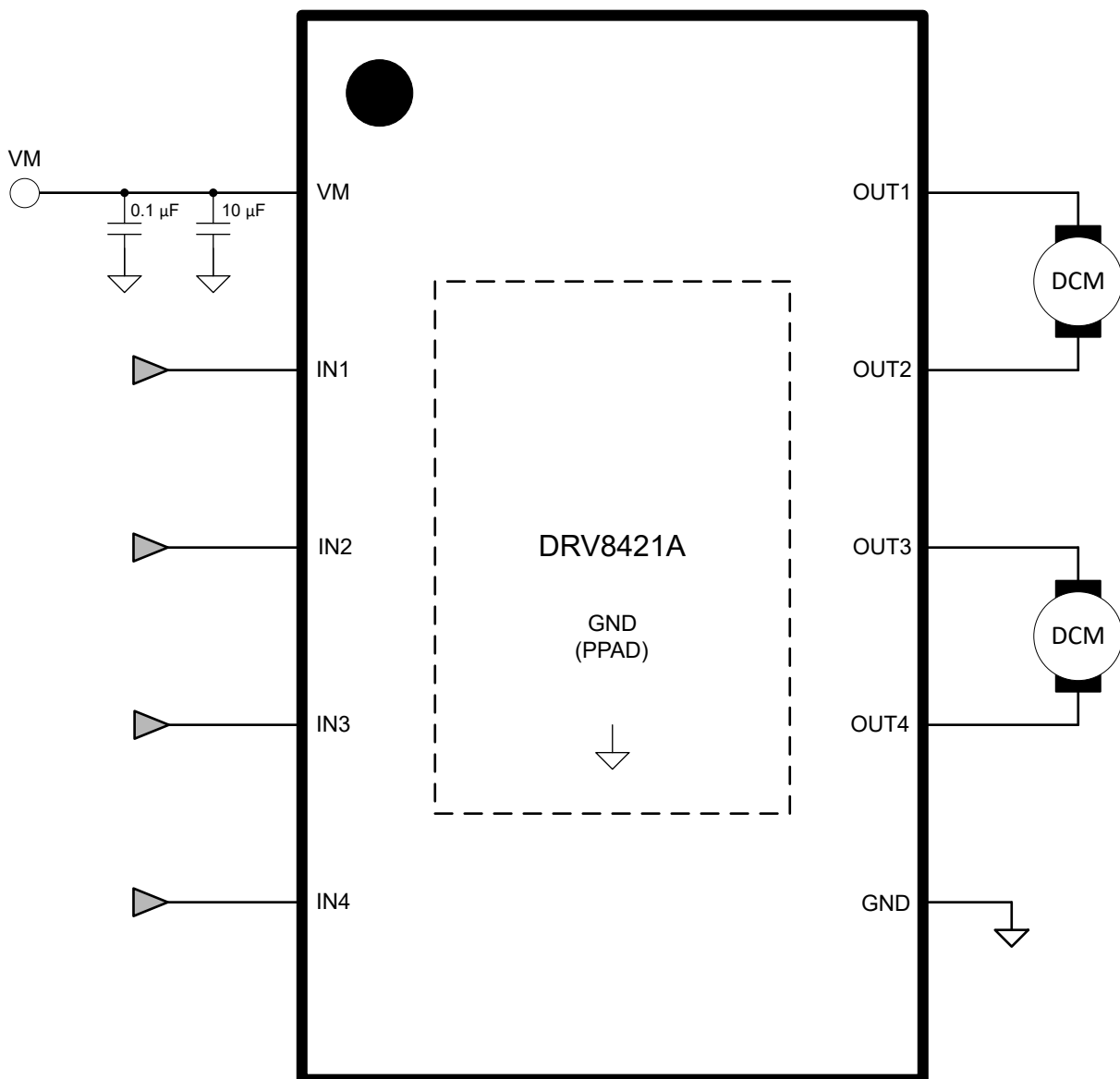


Figure 8-1. Typical Application Schematic: 4-wire input version

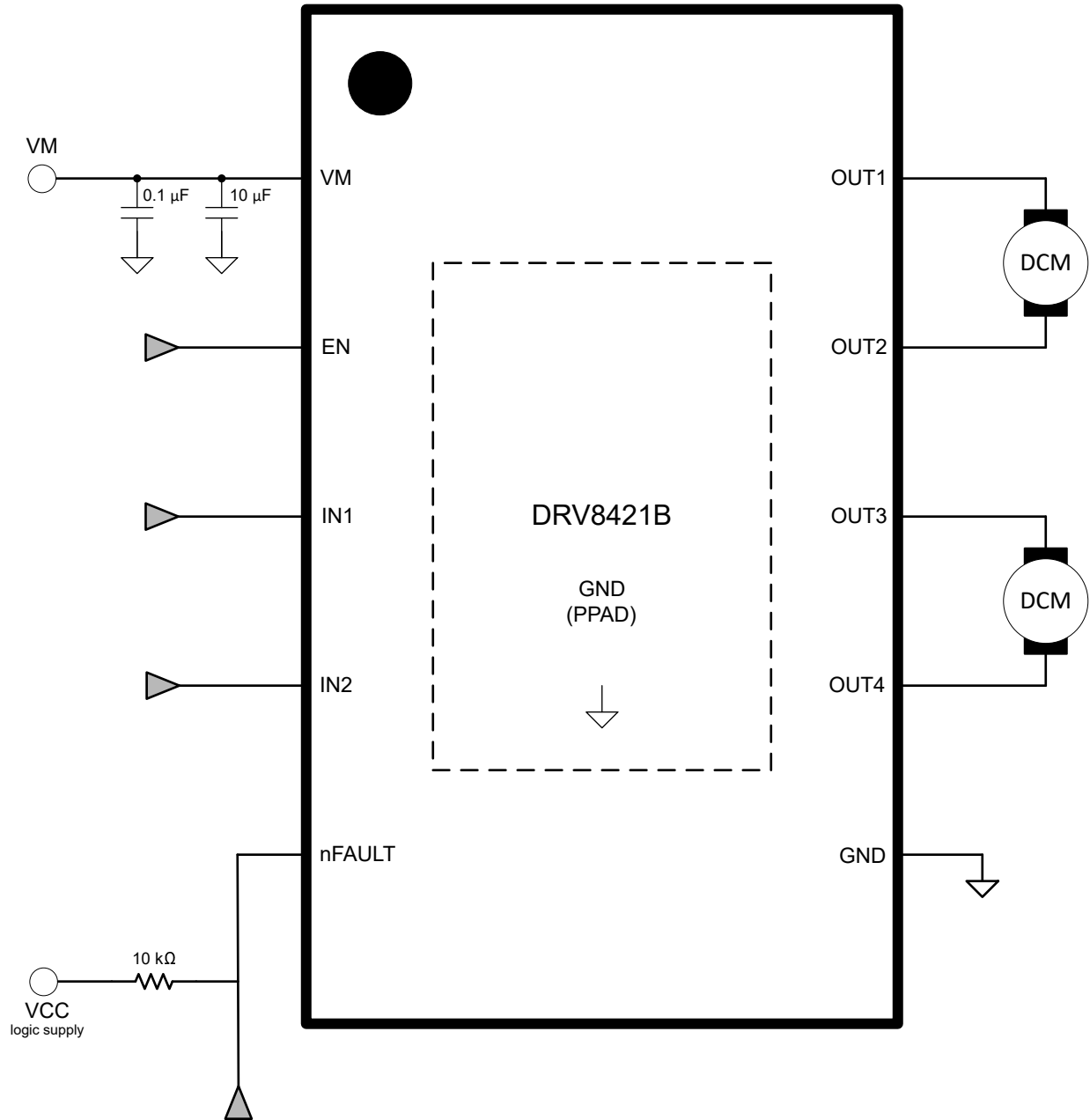


Figure 8-2. Typical Application Schematic: 2-wire input version

8.2.1 Design Requirements

Table 8-1 gives design input parameters for system design.

Table 8-1. Design Parameters

DESIGN PARAMETER	REFERENCE	EXAMPLE VALUE
Nominal supply voltage	V_{VM}	12 V
Supply voltage range		4 to 18 V
Motor winding resistance	R_L	3 Ω/phase
Motor winding inductance	L_L	330 μH/phase

8.2.2 Application Curves

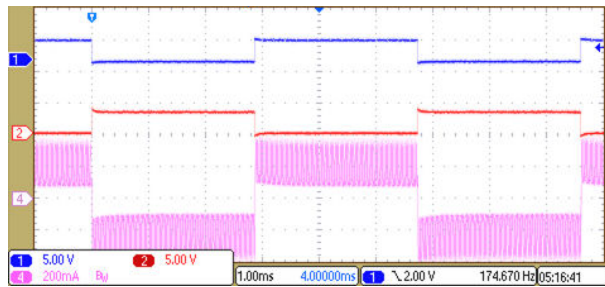


Figure 8-3. Stepper Mode Operation

8.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The DRV8421 is designed to operate from an input voltage supply (V_{VM}) range between 4 and 18V. Place a 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitor rated for VM as close to the DRV8421 as possible. In addition, the user must include a bulk capacitor of at least 10 μ F on VM.

8.3.1 Bulk Capacitance Sizing

Bulk capacitance sizing is an important factor in motor drive system design. It depends on a variety of factors including:

- Type of power supply
- Acceptable supply voltage ripple
- Parasitic inductance in the power supply wiring
- Type of motor (brushed DC, brushless DC, stepper)
- Motor startup current
- Motor braking method

The inductance between the power supply and motor drive system limits the rate that 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. Size the bulk capacitance to meet acceptable voltage ripple levels.

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

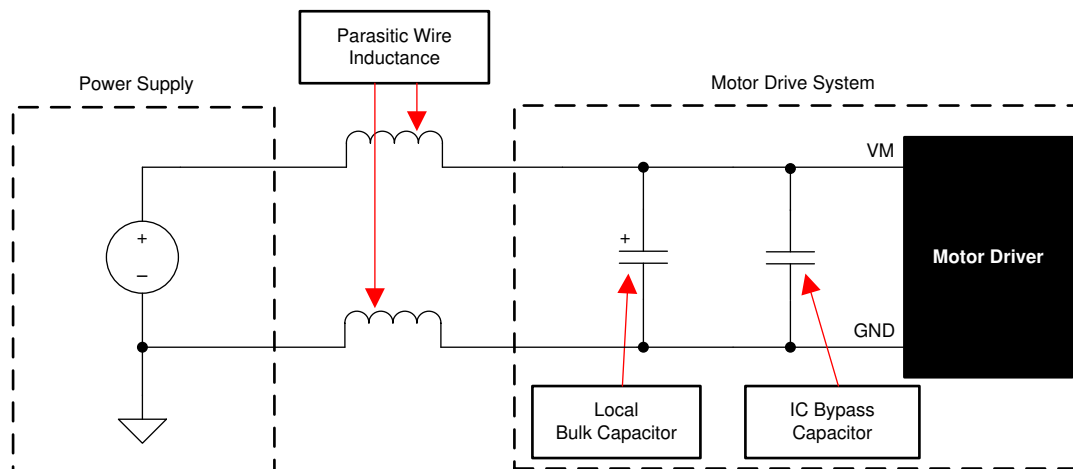


Figure 8-4. Setup of Motor Drive System With External Power Supply

8.4 Layout

8.4.1 Layout Guidelines

Bypass the VM terminal to GND using a low-ESR ceramic bypass capacitor with a recommended value of 10 μF rated for VM. Place this capacitor as close to the VM pin as possible with a thick trace or ground plane connection to the device GND pin.

8.4.2 Layout Example

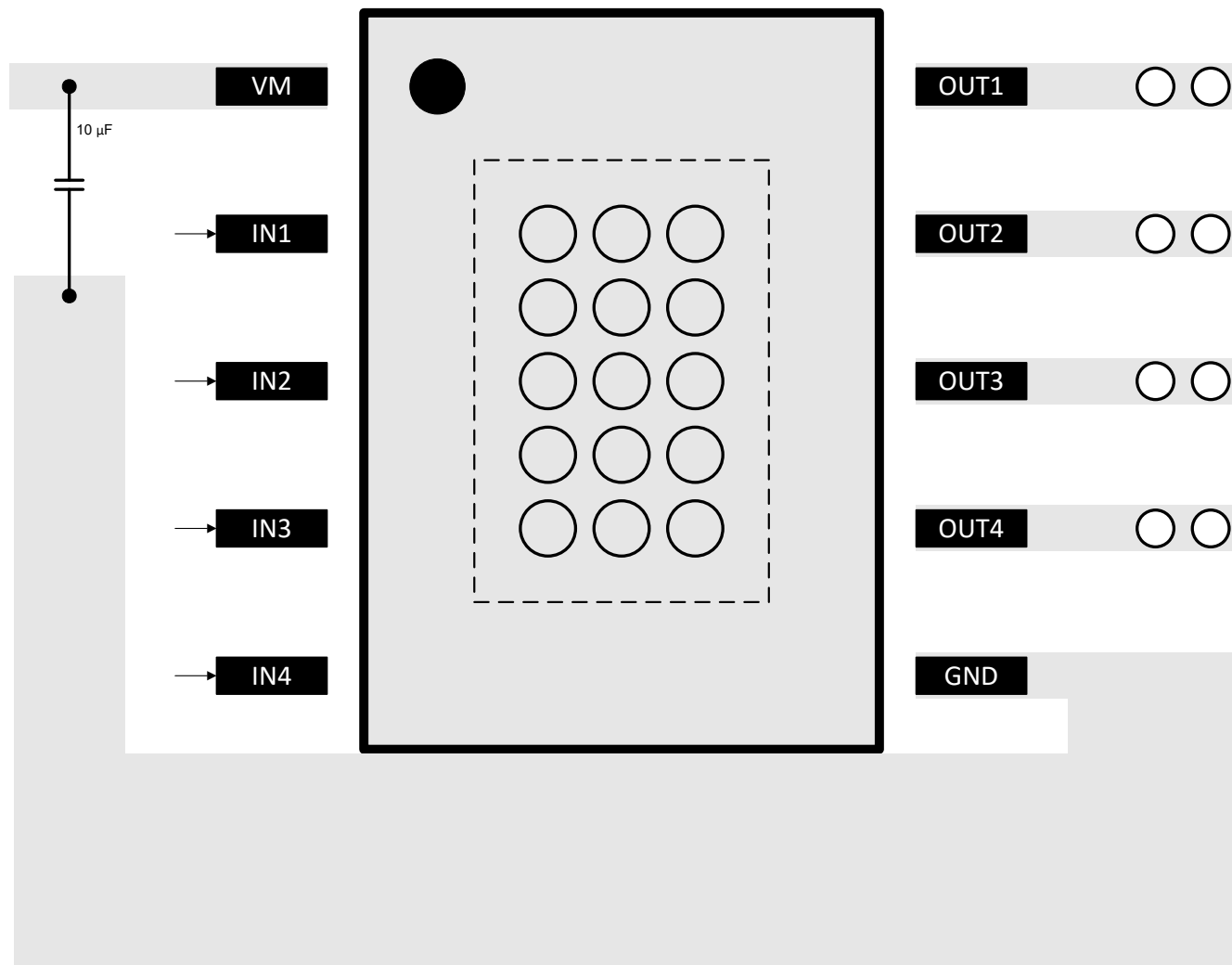


Figure 8-5. Layout Recommendation: DRV8421A

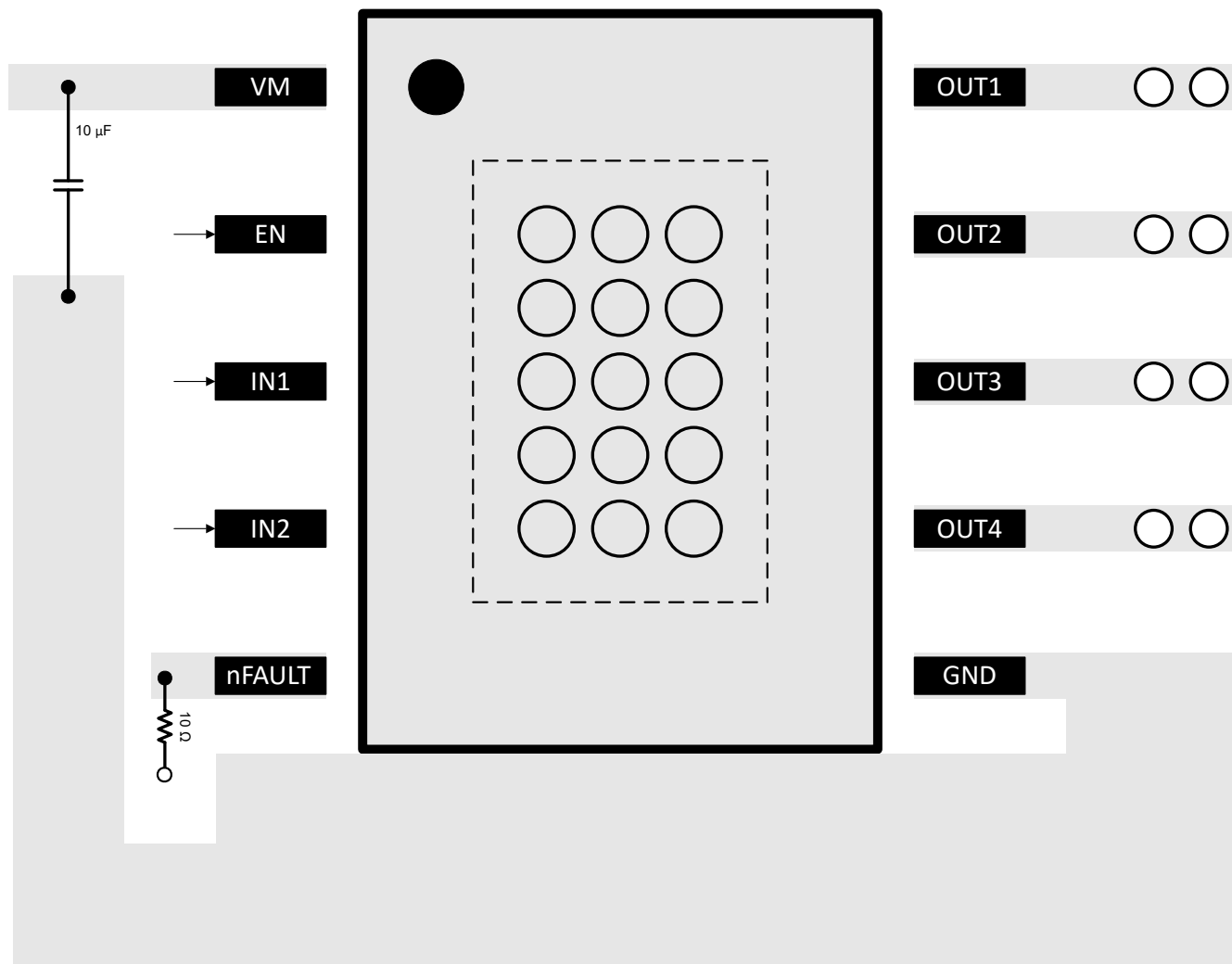


Figure 8-6. Layout Recommendation: DRV8421B

9 Device and Documentation Support

9.1 Community Resources

9.2 Trademarks

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10 Revision History

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DATE	REVISION	NOTES
June 2024	*	Initial Release

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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)
DRV8421ADFUR	Active	Production	SSOP (DFU) 10	4000 LARGE T&R	Yes	Call TI	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	DRV8421A
DRV8421ADGQR	Active	Production	HVSSOP (DGQ) 10	2500 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	8421A
DRV8421ADGQR.A	Active	Production	HVSSOP (DGQ) 10	2500 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	8421A
DRV8421BDFUR	Active	Production	SSOP (DFU) 10	4000 LARGE T&R	Yes	Call TI	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	DRV8421B
DRV8421BDGQR	Active	Production	HVSSOP (DGQ) 10	2500 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	8421B
DRV8421BDGQR.A	Active	Production	HVSSOP (DGQ) 10	2500 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	8421B

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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
DRV8421ADFUR	SSOP	DFU	10	4000	330.0	17.6	6.4	5.4	2.1	4.0	12.0	Q1
DRV8421ADGQR	HVSSOP	DGQ	10	2500	330.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
DRV8421BDFUR	SSOP	DFU	10	4000	330.0	17.6	6.4	5.4	2.1	4.0	12.0	Q1
DRV8421BDGQR	HVSSOP	DGQ	10	2500	330.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
DRV8421ADFUR	SSOP	DFU	10	4000	336.0	336.0	48.0
DRV8421ADGQR	HVSSOP	DGQ	10	2500	353.0	353.0	32.0
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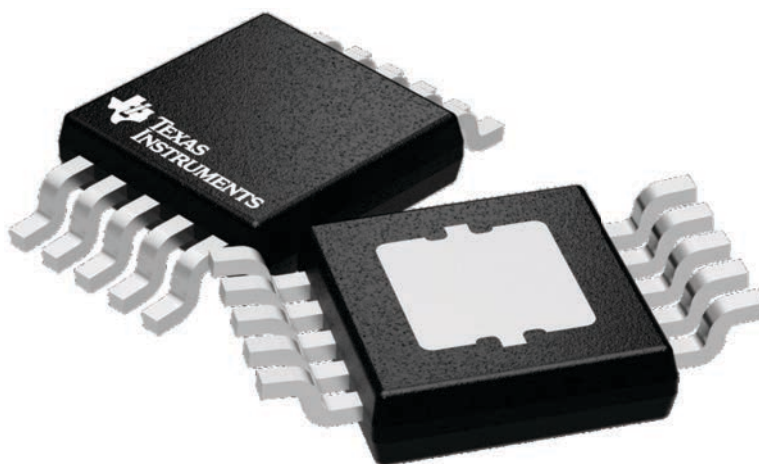
GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

DGQ 10

PowerPAD™ HVSSOP - 1.1 mm max height

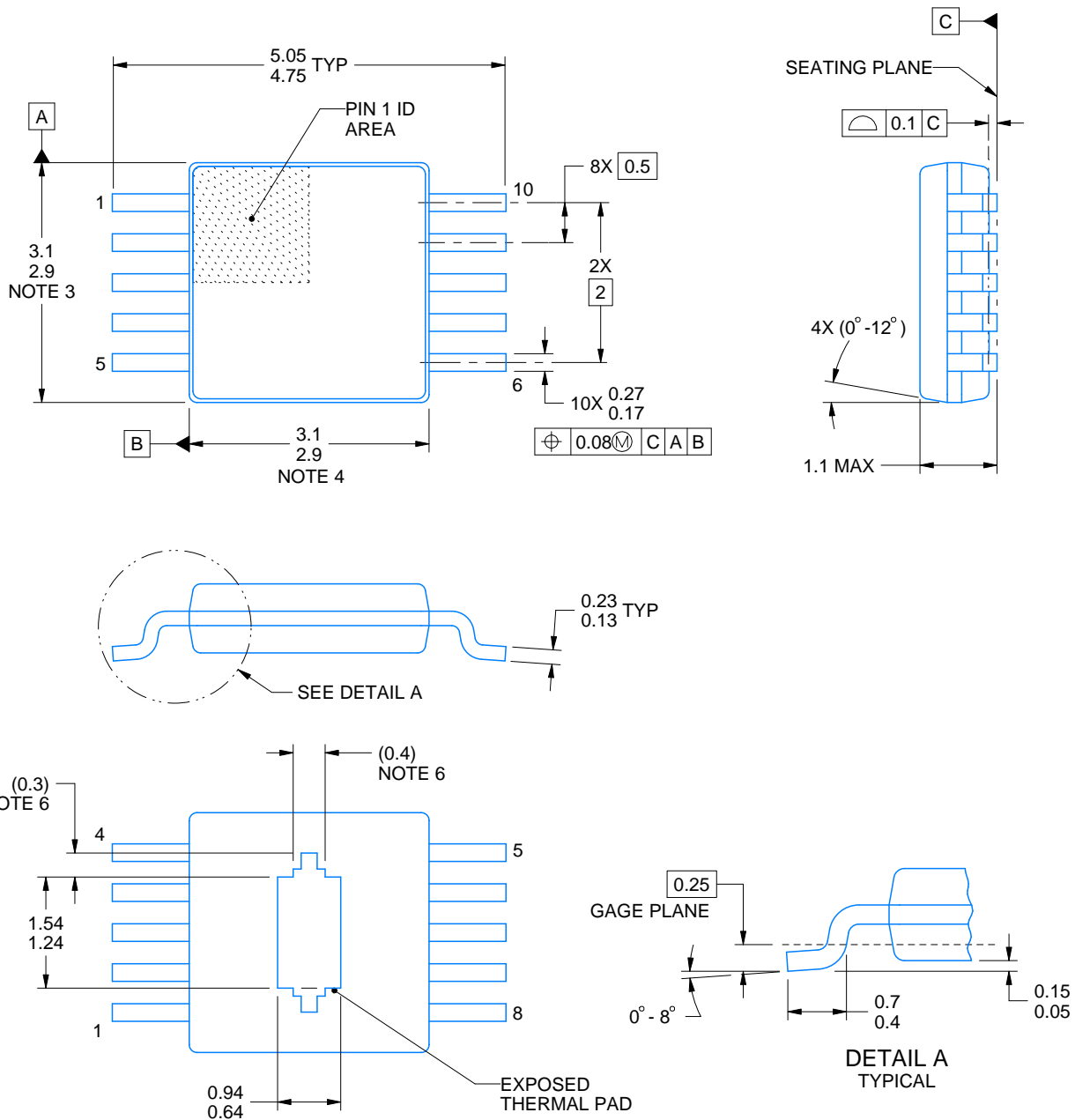
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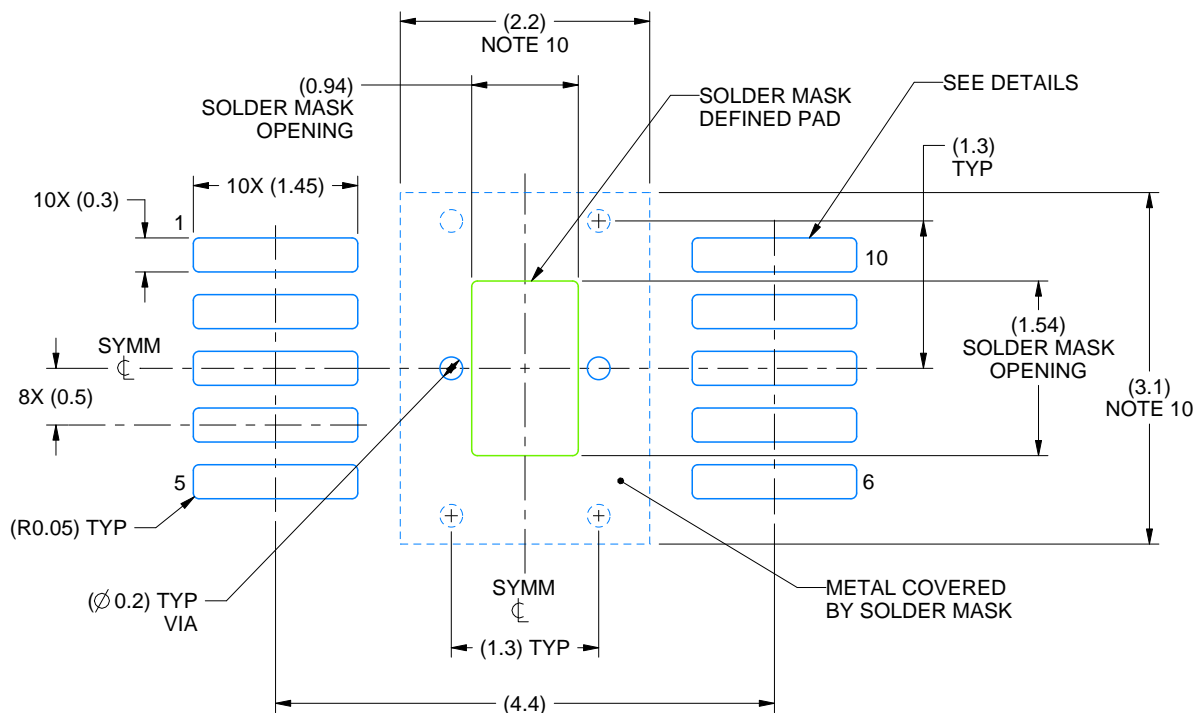
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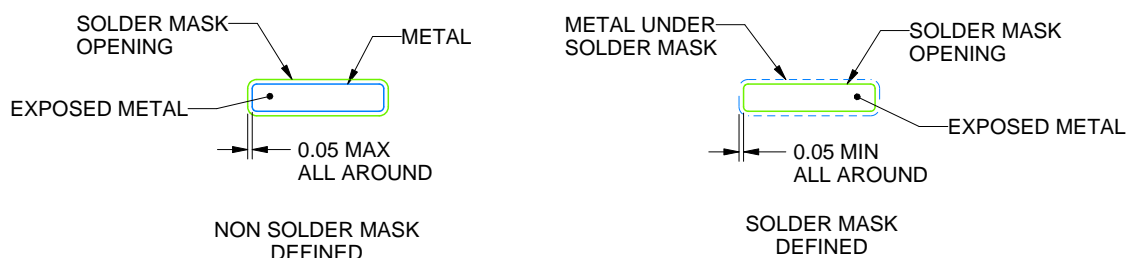
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PowerPAD™ - 1.1 mm max height

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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:15X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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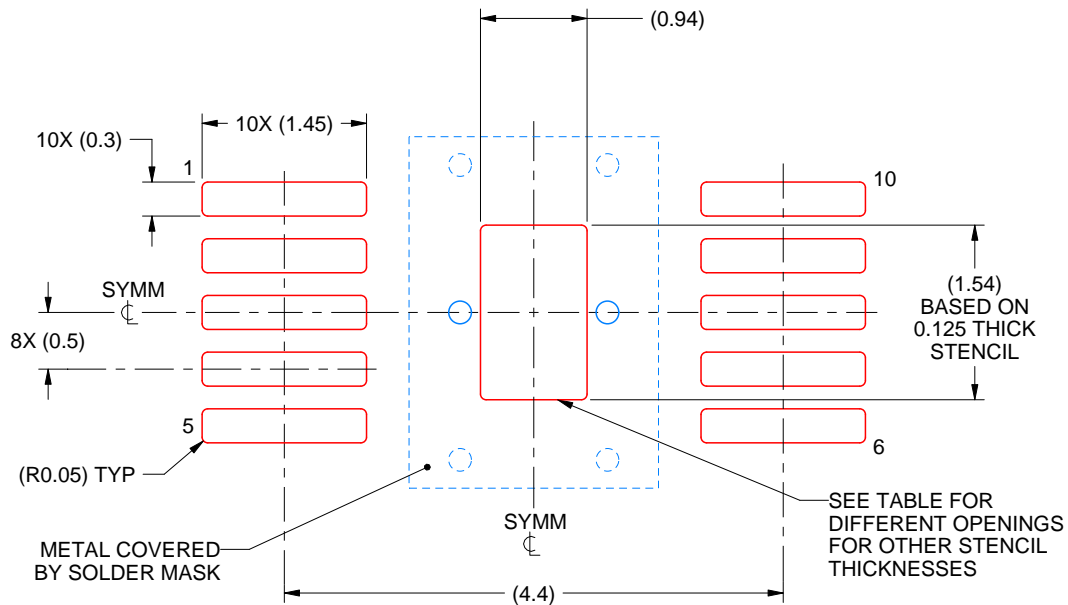
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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PowerPAD™ - 1.1 mm max height

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
EXPOSED PAD
100% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA
SCALE:15X

STENCIL THICKNESS	SOLDER STENCIL OPENING
0.100	1.05 X 1.72
0.125	0.94 X 1.54 (SHOWN)
0.150	0.86 X 1.41
0.175	0.79 X 1.30

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SSOP - 1.75 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE PACKAGE



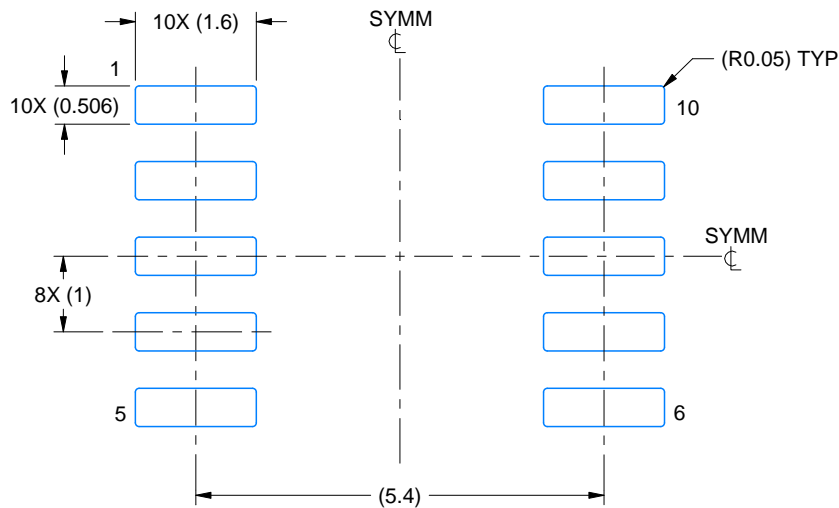
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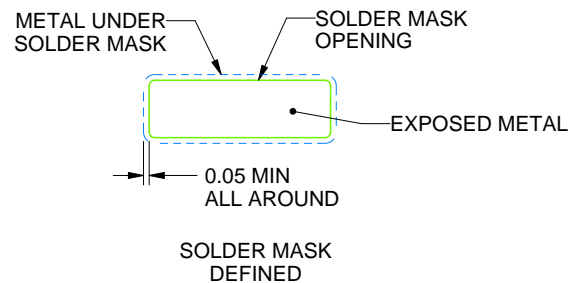
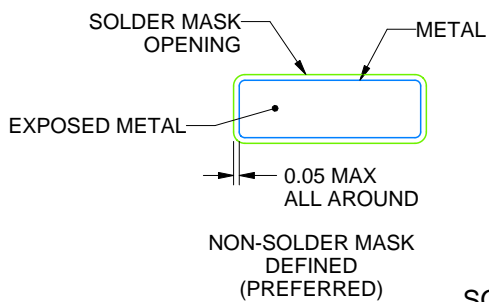
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SSOP - 1.75 mm max height

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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
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SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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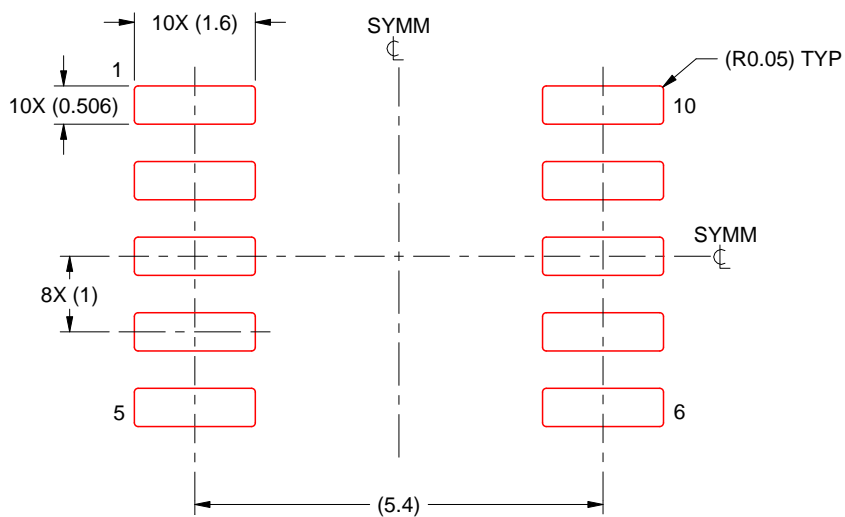
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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SSOP - 1.75 mm max height

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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL
SCALE: 10X

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