

# TPS54540B-Q1 4.5-V to 42-V Input, 5-A, Step-Down DC-DC Converter With Eco-mode™

## 1 Features

- Qualified for Automotive Applications
- AEC-Q100 Qualified With the Following Results:
  - Device Temperature Grade 1: –40°C to 125°C Ambient Operating Temperature Range
  - Device HBM ESD Classification Level H1C
  - Device CDM ESD Classification Level C3B
- High-Efficiency at Light Loads With Pulse-Skipping Eco-mode™
- 92-mΩ High-Side MOSFET
- 146-μA Operating Quiescent Current and 2-μA Shutdown Current
- 100-kHz to 2.5-MHz Adjustable Switching Frequency
- Synchronizes to External Clock
- Low Dropout at Light Loads With Integrated BOOT Recharge FET
- Adjustable UVLO Voltage and Hysteresis
- 0.8-V 1% Internal Voltage Reference
- 8-Pin HSOP PowerPAD™ Package
- –40°C to 150°C T<sub>J</sub> Operating Range
- Supported by WEBENCH® Software Tool

## 2 Applications

- Vehicle Accessories: GPS (See [SLVA412](#)), Entertainment, ADAS, eCall
- USB-Dedicated Charging Ports and Battery Chargers (See [SLVA464](#))
- Industrial Automation and Motor Control

- 12-V, 24-V, and 48-V Industrial, Automotive, and Communications Power Systems

## 3 Description

The TPS54540B-Q1 device is a 42-V, 5-A, step-down regulator with an integrated high-side MOSFET. The device survives load-dump pulses up to 65 V per ISO 7637. Current mode control provides simple external compensation and flexible component selection. A low-ripple pulse-skip mode reduces the no load supply current to 146 μA. Shutdown supply current is reduced to 2 μA when the enable pin is pulled low.

Undervoltage lockout is internally set at 4.3 V but can be increased using an external resistor divider at the enable pin. The output voltage start-up ramp is internally controlled to provide a controlled start-up and eliminate overshoot.

A wide adjustable frequency range allows either efficiency or external component size to be optimized. Output current is limited cycle-by-cycle. Frequency foldback and thermal shutdown protect internal and external components during an overload condition.

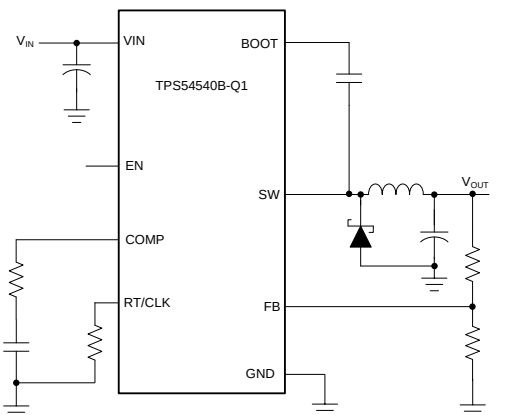
The TPS54540B-Q1 is available in an 8-pin thermally-enhanced HSOP PowerPAD package.

### Device Information<sup>(1)</sup>

| PART NUMBER  | PACKAGE  | BODY SIZE (NOM)   |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|
| TPS54540B-Q1 | HSOP (8) | 4.89 mm × 3.90 mm |

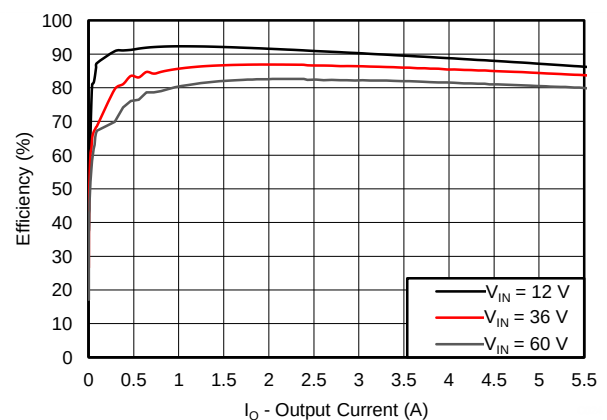
(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

### Simplified Schematic



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### Efficiency vs Load Current



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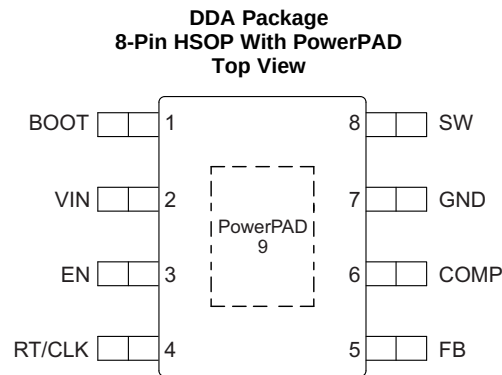
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## 4 Revision History

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| DATE          | REVISION | NOTES            |
|---------------|----------|------------------|
| February 2017 | *        | Initial release. |

## 5 Pin Configuration and Functions



### Pin Functions

| PIN      |     | I/O | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NAME     | NO. |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| BOOT     | 1   | I   | A bootstrap capacitor is required between BOOT and SW. If the voltage on this capacitor is below the minimum required to operate the high side MOSFET, the MOSFET stops switching until the capacitor is refreshed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| COMP     | 6   | I   | Error amplifier output and input to the output switch current (PWM) comparator. Connect frequency compensation components to this pin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| EN       | 3   | I   | Enable pin, with internal pullup current source. Pull below 1.2 V to disable. Float to enable. Adjust the input undervoltage lockout with two resistors. See the <a href="#">Enable and Adjusting Undervoltage Lockout</a> section.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| FB       | 5   | I   | Inverting input of the transconductance (gm) error amplifier.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| GND      | 7   | —   | Ground                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| RT/CLK   | 4   | I   | Resistor Timing and External Clock. An internal amplifier holds this pin at a fixed voltage when using an external resistor to ground to set the switching frequency. If the pin is pulled above the PLL upper threshold, a mode change occurs and the pin becomes a synchronization input. The internal amplifier is disabled and the pin is a high impedance clock input to the internal PLL. If clocking edges stop, the internal amplifier is reenabled and the operating mode returns to resistor frequency programming. |
| SW       | 8   | O   | The source of the internal high-side power MOSFET and switching node of the converter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| VIN      | 2   | I   | Input supply voltage is connected to this pin with a 4.5-V to 42-V operating range.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| PowerPAD | 9   | —   | GND pin must be electrically connected to the exposed pad on the printed-circuit-board for proper operation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## 6 Specifications

### 6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

|                                       |                     | MIN  | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------|-----|------|
| Voltage                               | VIN                 | −0.3 | 65  | V    |
|                                       | EN                  | −0.3 | 8.4 |      |
|                                       | FB                  | −0.3 | 3   |      |
|                                       | COMP                | −0.3 | 3   |      |
|                                       | RT/CLK              | −0.3 | 3.6 |      |
|                                       | BOOT-SW             | −0.3 | 8   |      |
|                                       | SW                  | −0.6 | 65  |      |
|                                       | SW, 10-ns Transient | −2   | 65  |      |
| Operating junction temperature        |                     | −40  | 150 | °C   |
| Storage temperature, T <sub>stg</sub> |                     | −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

|                    |                         |                                                                                | VALUE | UNIT |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| V <sub>(ESD)</sub> | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 <sup>(1)</sup>              | ±2000 | V    |
|                    |                         | Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 <sup>(2)</sup> | ±750  |      |

- (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

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

|                 |                                     | MIN                              | NOM | MAX  | UNIT |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|------|------|
| V <sub>IN</sub> | Input supply voltage <sup>(1)</sup> | V <sub>O</sub> + V <sub>do</sub> |     | 60   | V    |
| V <sub>O</sub>  | Output voltage                      | 0.8                              |     | 58.8 | V    |
| I <sub>O</sub>  | Output current                      | 0                                |     | 5    | A    |
| T <sub>J</sub>  | Junction Temperature                | −40                              |     | 150  | °C   |

- (1) See [Equation 1](#) in the Feature Description section.

### 6.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup> |                                              | TPS54540B-Q1 | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|------|
|                               |                                              | DDA (HSOP)   |      |
|                               |                                              | 8 PINS       |      |
| R <sub>θJA</sub>              | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance       | 41.7         | °C/W |
| R <sub>θJC(top)</sub>         | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance    | 52.7         | °C/W |
| R <sub>θJB</sub>              | Junction-to-board thermal resistance         | 22.6         | °C/W |
| Ψ <sub>JT</sub>               | Junction-to-top characterization parameter   | 7.9          | °C/W |
| Ψ <sub>JB</sub>               | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 22.5         | °C/W |
| R <sub>θJC(bot)</sub>         | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | 2.6          | °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

 $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 4.5\text{ V}$  to  $42\text{ V}$  (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                                               | TEST CONDITIONS                                 | MIN   | TYP   | MAX   | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| SUPPLY VOLTAGE (VIN PIN)                                |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Operating input voltage                                 |                                                 | 4.5   |       | 42    | V    |
| Internal undervoltage lockout threshold                 | Rising                                          | 4.1   | 4.3   | 4.48  | V    |
| Internal undervoltage lockout threshold hysteresis      |                                                 |       | 325   |       | mV   |
| Shutdown supply current                                 | EN = 0 V, 25°C, 4.5 V ≤ VIN ≤ 42 V              |       | 2.25  | 4.5   | μA   |
| Operating: nonswitching supply current                  | FB = 0.9 V, TA = 25°C                           |       | 146   | 175   |      |
| ENABLE AND UVLO (EN PIN)                                |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Enable threshold voltage                                | No voltage hysteresis, rising and falling       | 1.1   | 1.2   | 1.3   | V    |
| Input current                                           | Enable threshold 50 mV                          |       | −4.6  |       | μA   |
|                                                         | Enable threshold −50 mV                         | −0.58 | −1.2  | −1.8  |      |
| Hysteresis current                                      |                                                 | −2.2  | −3.4  | −4.5  | μA   |
| INTERNAL SOFT-START TIME                                |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Soft-start time                                         | fSW = 500 kHz, 10% to 90%                       |       | 2.1   |       | ms   |
| Soft-start time                                         | fSW = 2.5 MHz, 10% to 90%                       |       | 0.42  |       | ms   |
| VOLTAGE REFERENCE                                       |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Voltage reference                                       |                                                 | 0.792 | 0.8   | 0.808 | V    |
| HIGH-SIDE MOSFET                                        |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| On-resistance                                           | VIN = 12 V, BOOT-SW = 6 V                       |       | 92    | 190   | mΩ   |
| ERROR AMPLIFIER                                         |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Input current                                           |                                                 |       | 50    |       | nA   |
| Error amplifier transconductance (gM)                   | −2 μA < ICOMP < 2 μA, VCOMP = 1 V               |       | 350   |       | μS   |
| Error amplifier transconductance (gM) during soft-start | −2 μA < ICOMP < 2 μA, VCOMP = 1 V, VFB = 0.4 V  |       | 77    |       | μS   |
| Error amplifier DC gain                                 | VFB = 0.8 V                                     |       | 10000 |       | V/V  |
| Minimum unity gain bandwidth                            |                                                 |       | 2500  |       | kHz  |
| Error amplifier source and sink                         | V(Comp) = 1 V, 100-mV overdrive                 |       | ±30   |       | μA   |
| COMP to SW current transconductance                     |                                                 |       | 17    |       | A/V  |
| CURRENT LIMIT                                           |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Current limit threshold                                 | All VIN and temperatures, Open Loop             | 6.3   | 7.9   | 9.5   | A    |
|                                                         | All temperatures, VIN = 12 V, Open Loop         | 6.3   | 7.9   | 9.5   |      |
|                                                         | VIN = 12 V, TA = 25°C, Open Loop <sup>(1)</sup> | 7.0   | 7.9   | 8.8   |      |
| THERMAL SHUTDOWN                                        |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Thermal shutdown                                        |                                                 |       | 176   |       | °C   |
| Thermal shutdown hysteresis                             |                                                 |       | 12    |       | °C   |
| ERROR AMPLIFIER                                         |                                                 |       |       |       |      |
| Enable to COMP active                                   | VIN = 12 V, TA = 25°C                           |       | 346   |       | μs   |

(1) Open-loop current limit measured directly at the SW pin and is independent of the inductor value and slope compensation.

## 6.6 Timing Requirements

 $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 4.5\text{ V}$  to  $42\text{ V}$  (unless otherwise noted)

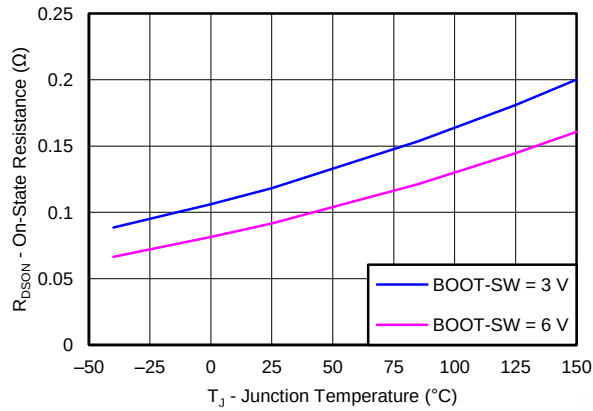
|                               | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| <b>RT/CLK</b>                 |     |     |     |      |
| Minimum CLK input pulse width |     | 15  |     | ns   |

## 6.7 Switching Characteristics

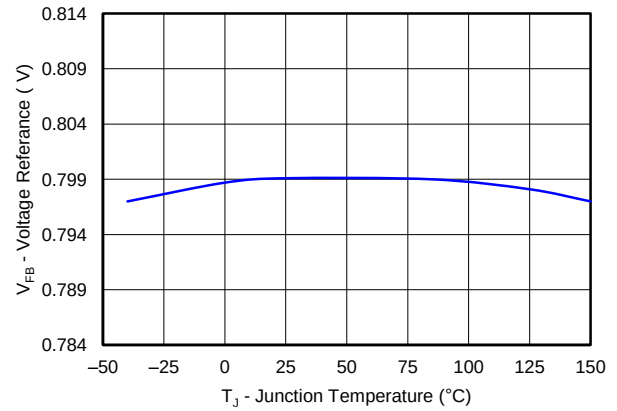
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| PARAMETER                                   |                     | TEST CONDITIONS                                | MIN | TYP  | MAX  | UNIT          |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|---------------|
| <b>CURRENT LIMIT</b>                        |                     |                                                |     |      |      |               |
| Current limit threshold delay               |                     |                                                |     | 60   |      | ns            |
| <b>RT/CLK</b>                               |                     |                                                |     |      |      |               |
| Switching frequency range using RT mode     |                     |                                                | 100 |      | 2500 | kHz           |
| $f_{SW}$                                    | Switching frequency | $R_T = 200\text{ k}\Omega$                     | 450 | 500  | 550  | kHz           |
| Switching frequency range using CLK mode    |                     |                                                | 160 |      | 2300 | kHz           |
| RT/CLK high threshold                       |                     |                                                |     | 1.55 | 2    | V             |
| RT/CLK low threshold                        |                     |                                                | 0.5 | 1.2  |      | V             |
| RT/CLK falling edge to SW rising edge delay |                     | Measured at 500 kHz with RT resistor in series |     | 55   |      | ns            |
| PLL lock in time                            |                     | Measured at 500 kHz                            |     | 78   |      | $\mu\text{s}$ |

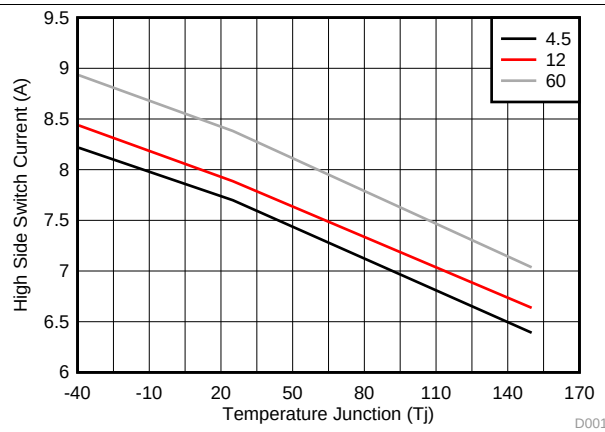
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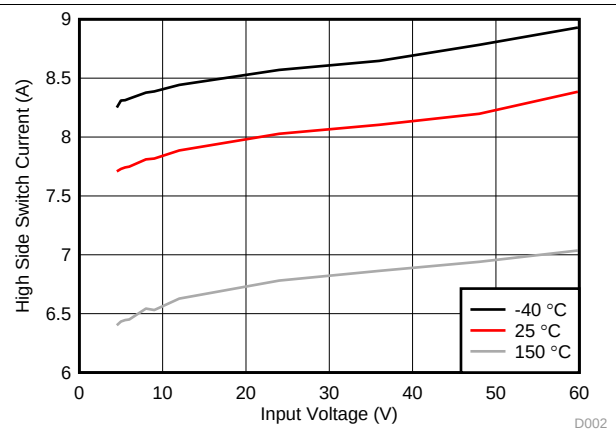
**Figure 1. ON-Resistance vs Junction Temperature**



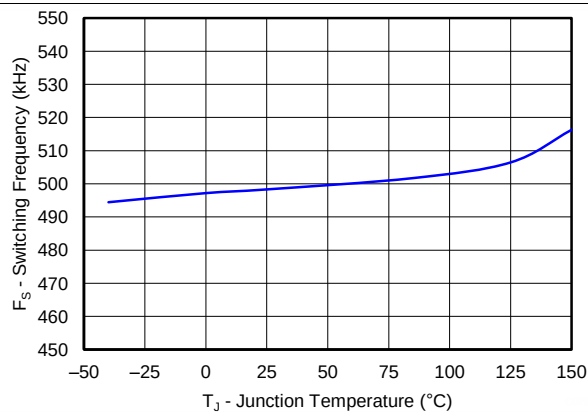
**Figure 2. Voltage Reference vs Junction Temperature**



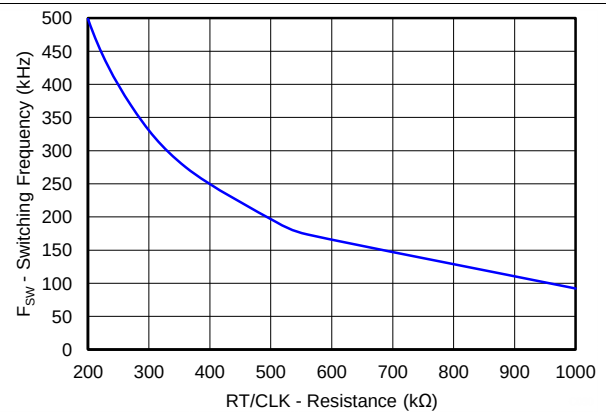
**Figure 3. High-side Switch Current Limit vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 4. High-side Switch Current Limit vs Input Voltage**

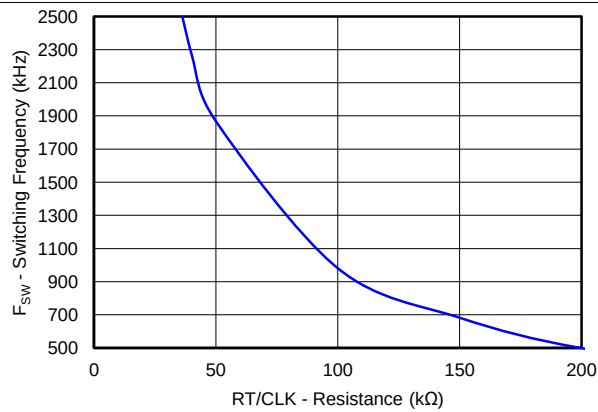


**Figure 5. Switching Frequency vs Junction Temperature**

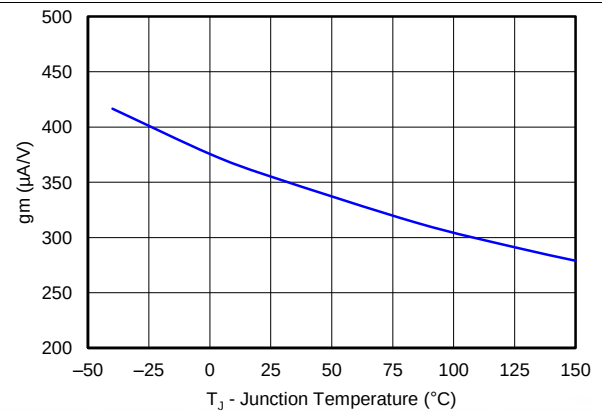


**Figure 6. Switching Frequency vs RT/CLK Resistance Low-Frequency Range**

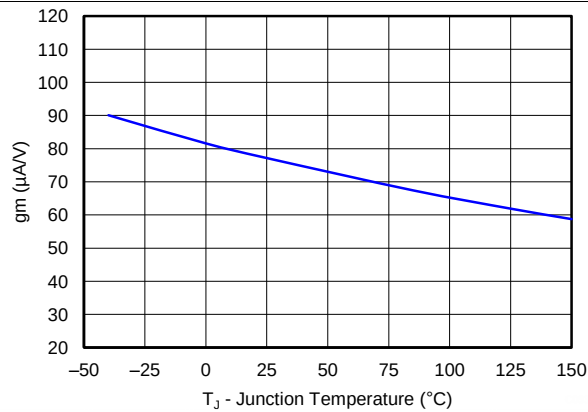
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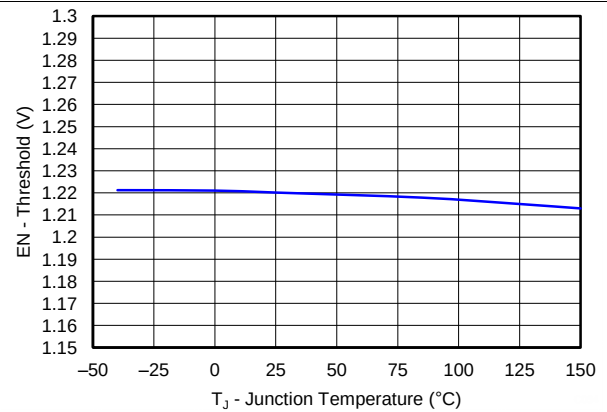
**Figure 7. Switching Frequency vs RT/CLK Resistance High-Frequency Range**



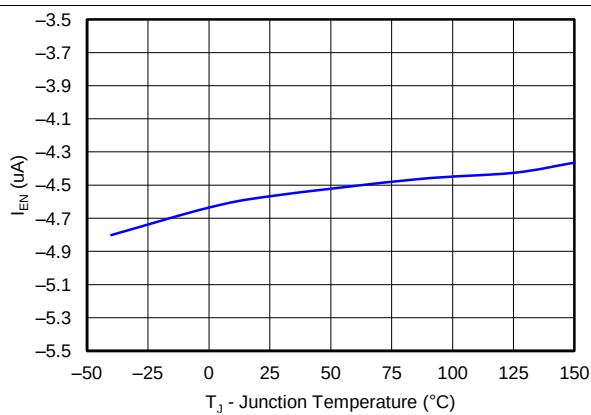
**Figure 8. EA Transconductance vs Junction Temperature**



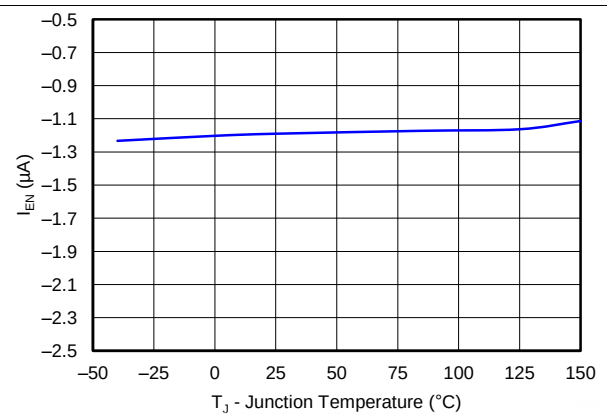
**Figure 9. EA Transconductance During Soft-Start vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 10. EN Pin Voltage vs Junction Temperature**



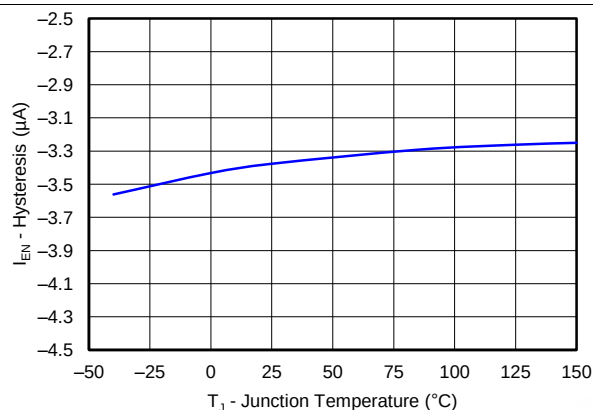
**Figure 11. EN Pin Current vs Junction Temperature**



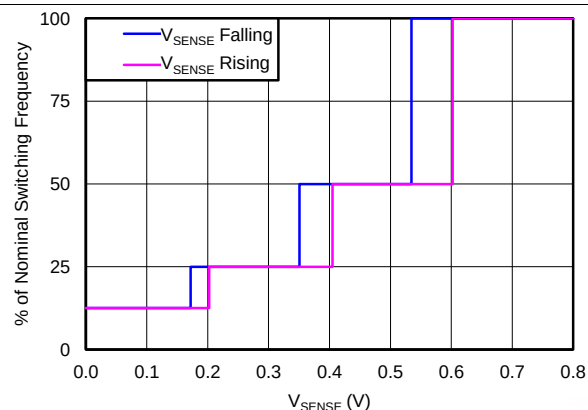
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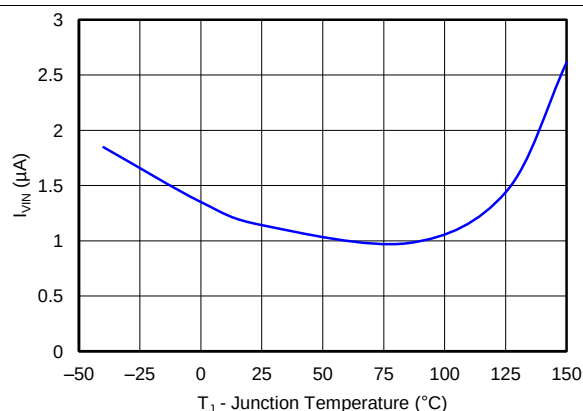
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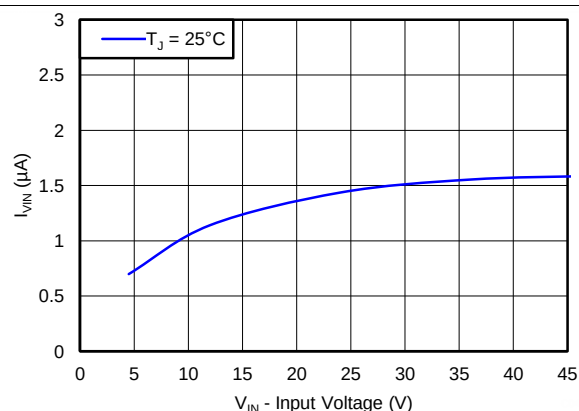
**Figure 13. EN Pin Current Hysteresis vs Junction Temperature**



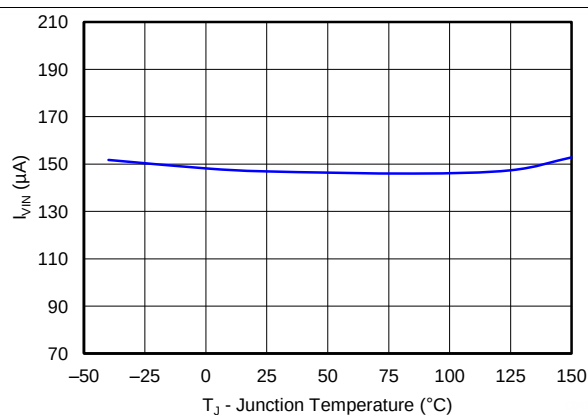
**Figure 14. Switching Frequency vs  $V_{SENSE}$**



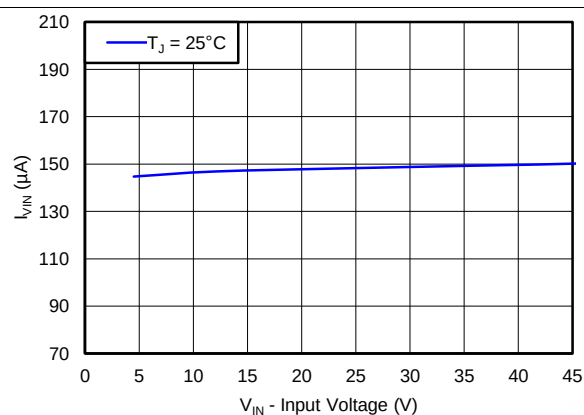
**Figure 15. Shutdown Supply Current vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 16. Shutdown Supply Current vs Input Voltage ( $V_{IN}$ )**

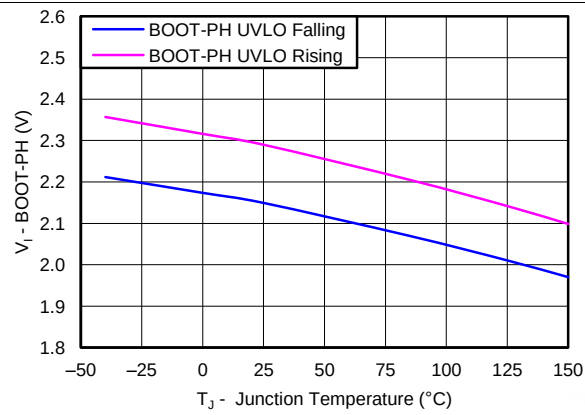


**Figure 17.  $V_{IN}$  Supply Current vs Junction Temperature**

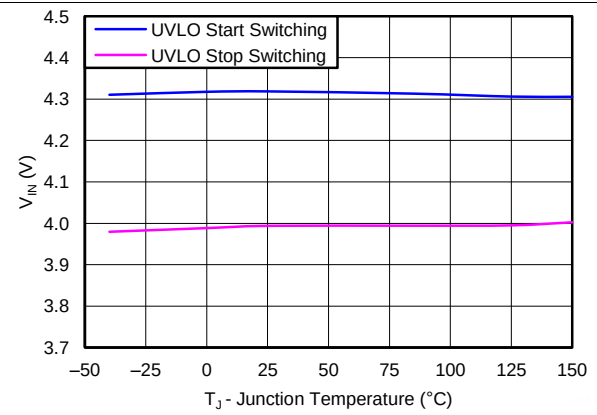


**Figure 18.  $V_{IN}$  Supply Current vs Input Voltage**

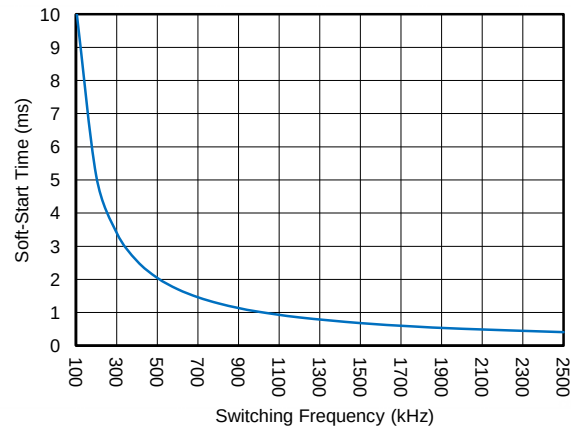
## Typical Characteristics (continued)



**Figure 19. BOOT-SW UVLO vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 20. Input Voltage UVLO vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 21. Soft-Start Time vs Switching Frequency**

## 7 Detailed Description

### 7.1 Overview

The TPS54540-Q1 device is a 42-V, 5-A, step-down (buck) regulator with an integrated high-side N-channel MOSFET. The device implements constant frequency, current mode control that reduces output capacitance and simplifies external frequency compensation. The wide switching frequency range of 100 kHz to 2500 kHz allows either efficiency or size optimization when selecting the output filter components. The switching frequency is adjusted using a resistor to ground connected to the RT/CLK pin. The device has an internal phase-locked loop (PLL) connected to the RT/CLK pin that will synchronize the power switch turnon to a falling edge of an external clock signal.

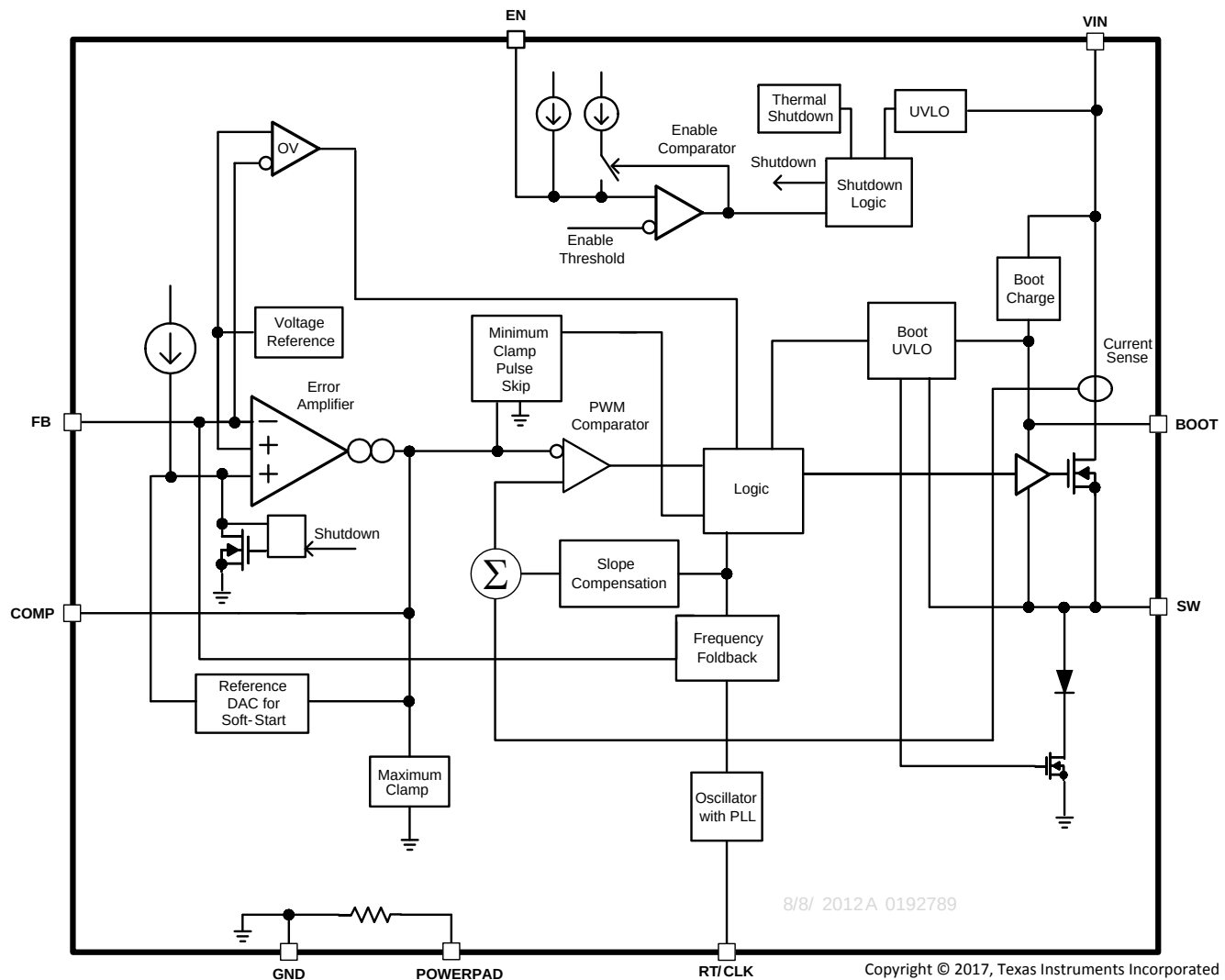
The TPS54540-Q1 device has a default input start-up voltage of approximately 4.3 V. The EN pin can be used to adjust the input voltage undervoltage lockout (UVLO) threshold with two external resistors. An internal pullup current source enables operation when the EN pin is floating. The operating current is 146  $\mu$ A under no load condition (not switching). When the device is disabled, the supply current is 2  $\mu$ A.

The integrated 92-m $\Omega$  high-side MOSFET supports high-efficiency power supply designs capable of delivering 5 A of continuous current to a load. The gate drive bias voltage for the integrated high-side MOSFET is supplied by a bootstrap capacitor connected from the BOOT to SW pins. The TPS54540-Q1 device reduces the external component count by integrating the bootstrap recharge diode. The BOOT pin capacitor voltage is monitored by a UVLO circuit which turns off the high-side MOSFET when the BOOT to SW voltage falls below a preset threshold. An automatic BOOT capacitor recharge circuit allows the TPS54540-Q1 device to operate at high duty cycles approaching 100%. Therefore, the maximum output voltage is near the minimum input supply voltage of the application. The minimum output voltage is the internal 0.8-V feedback reference.

Output overvoltage transients are minimized by an Overvoltage Protection (OVP) comparator. When the OVP comparator is activated, the high-side MOSFET is turned off and remains off until the output voltage is less than 106% of the desired output voltage.

The TPS54540-Q1 device includes an internal soft-start circuit that slows the output rise time during start-up to reduce in-rush current and output voltage overshoot. Output overload conditions reset the soft-start timer. When the overload condition is removed, the soft-start circuit controls the recovery from the fault output level to the nominal regulation voltage. A frequency foldback circuit reduces the switching frequency during start-up and overcurrent fault conditions to help maintain control of the inductor current.

## 7.2 Functional Block Diagram



## 7.3 Feature Description

### 7.3.1 Fixed Frequency PWM Control

The TPS54540-Q1 device uses fixed frequency, peak current mode control with adjustable switching frequency. The output voltage is compared through external resistors connected to the FB pin to an internal voltage reference by an error amplifier. An internal oscillator initiates the turnon of the high-side power switch. The error amplifier output at the COMP pin controls the high-side power switch current. When the high-side MOSFET switch current reaches the threshold level set by the COMP voltage, the power switch is turned off. The COMP pin voltage will increase and decrease as the output current increases and decreases. The device implements current limiting by clamping the COMP pin voltage to a maximum level. The pulse skipping Eco-mode is implemented with a minimum voltage clamp on the COMP pin.

### 7.3.2 Slope Compensation Output Current

The TPS54540-Q1 device adds a compensating ramp to the MOSFET switch current sense signal. This slope compensation prevents sub-harmonic oscillations at duty cycles greater than 50%. The peak current limit of the high-side switch is not affected by the slope compensation and remains constant over the full duty cycle range.

## Feature Description (continued)

### 7.3.3 Pulse-Skip Eco-mode

The TPS54540-Q1 device operates in a pulse-skipping Eco-mode at light load currents to improve efficiency by reducing switching and gate drive losses. If the output voltage is within regulation and the peak switch current at the end of any switching cycle is below the pulse skipping current threshold, the device enters Eco-mode. The pulse skipping current threshold is the peak switch current level corresponding to a nominal COMP voltage of 600 mV.

When in Eco-mode, the COMP pin voltage is clamped at 600 mV and the high-side MOSFET is inhibited. Because the device is not switching, the output voltage begins to decay. The voltage control loop responds to the falling output voltage by increasing the COMP pin voltage. The high-side MOSFET is enabled and switching resumes when the error amplifier lifts COMP above the pulse skipping threshold. The output voltage recovers to the regulated value, and COMP eventually falls below the Eco-mode pulse skipping threshold at which time the device again enters Eco-mode. The internal PLL remains operational when in Eco-mode. When operating at light load currents in Eco-mode, the switching transitions occur synchronously with the external clock signal.

During Eco-mode operation, the TPS54540-Q1 device senses and controls peak switch current, not the average load current. Therefore the load current at which the device enters Eco-mode is dependent on the output inductor value. As the load current approaches zero, the device enters a pulse-skip mode during which it draws only 152  $\mu$ A of input quiescent current. The circuit in [Figure 33](#) enters Eco-mode at about 18-mA output current, and with no external load has an average input current of 240  $\mu$ A.

### 7.3.4 Low Dropout Operation and Bootstrap Voltage (BOOT)

The TPS54540-Q1 device provides an integrated bootstrap voltage regulator. A small capacitor between the BOOT and SW pins provides the gate drive voltage for the high-side MOSFET. The BOOT capacitor is refreshed when the high-side MOSFET is off and the external low-side diode conducts. The recommended value of the BOOT capacitor is 0.1  $\mu$ F. For stable performance over temperature and voltage, TI recommends a ceramic capacitor with an X7R or X5R grade dielectric with a voltage rating of 10 V or higher.

When operating with a low voltage difference from input to output, the high-side MOSFET of the TPS54540-Q1 device will operate at 100% duty cycle as long as the BOOT to SW pin voltage is greater than 2.1 V. When the voltage from BOOT to SW drops to less than 2.1 V, the high-side MOSFET is turned off and an integrated low-side MOSFET pulls SW low to recharge the BOOT capacitor. To reduce the losses of the small low-side MOSFET at high-output voltages, it is disabled at 24-V output and reenabled when the output reaches 21.5 V.

Because the gate drive current sourced from the BOOT capacitor is small, the high-side MOSFET can remain on for many switching cycles before the MOSFET is turned off to refresh the capacitor. Thus, the effective duty cycle of the switching regulator can be high, approaching 100%. The effective duty cycle of the converter during dropout is mainly influenced by the voltage drops across the power MOSFET, the inductor resistance, the low-side diode voltage and the printed-circuit-board resistance.

[Equation 1](#) calculates the minimum input voltage required to regulate the output voltage and ensure proper operation of the device. This calculation must include tolerance of the component specifications and the variation of these specifications at their maximum operating temperature in the application.

$$V_{IN}(\min) = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F + R_{dc} \times I_{OUT}}{D} + R_{DS(on)} \times I_{OUT} - V_F$$

where

- $V_F$  = Schottky diode forward voltage
- $R_{dc}$  = DC resistance of inductor
- $R_{DS(on)}$  = High-side MOSFET resistance
- $D$  = Effective duty cycle of 99%

(1)

During high duty cycle (low dropout) conditions, inductor current ripple increases when the BOOT capacitor is being recharged resulting in an increase in output voltage ripple. Increased ripple occurs when the off time required to recharge the BOOT capacitor is longer than the high-side off time associated with cycle-by-cycle PWM control.

## Feature Description (continued)

At heavy loads, the minimum input voltage must be increased to insure a monotonic start-up. Equation 2 can be used to calculate the minimum input voltage for this condition.

$$V_{Omax} = D_{max} \times (V_{VINmin} - I_{Omax} \times R_{DS(on)} + V_F) - V_F - I_{Omax} \times R_{dc}$$

where

- $D_{max} \geq 0.9$
  - $R_{DS(on)} = 1 / (-0.3 \times VB2SW^2 + 3.577 \times VB2SW - 4.246)$
  - $VB2SW = V_{BOOT} + V_F$
  - $V_{BOOT} = (1.41 \times V_{VIN} - 0.554 - V_F \times f_{SW} - 1.847 \times 10^3 \times IB2SW) / (1.41 + f_{SW})$
  - $IB2SW = 100 \times 10^{-6}A$
- (2)

### 7.3.5 Error Amplifier

The TPS54540-Q1 voltage regulation loop is controlled by a transconductance error amplifier. The error amplifier compares the FB pin voltage to the lower of the internal soft-start voltage or the internal 0.8-V voltage reference. The transconductance (gm) of the error amplifier is 350  $\mu A/V$  during normal operation. During soft-start operation, the transconductance is reduced to 78  $\mu A/V$  and the error amplifier is referenced to the internal soft-start voltage.

The frequency compensation components (capacitor, series resistor and capacitor) are connected between the error amplifier output COMP pin and GND pin.

### 7.3.6 Adjusting the Output Voltage

The internal voltage reference produces a precise 0.8 V  $\pm 1\%$  voltage reference over the operating temperature and voltage range by scaling the output of a bandgap reference circuit. The output voltage is set by a resistor divider from the output node to the FB pin. TI recommends using 1% tolerance or better divider resistors. Select the low-side resistor  $R_{LS}$  for the desired divider current and use Equation 3 to calculate  $R_{HS}$ . To improve efficiency at light loads consider using larger value resistors. However, if the values are too high, the regulator will be more susceptible to noise and voltage errors from the FB input current may become noticeable.

$$R_{HS} = R_{LS} \times \left( \frac{V_{out} - 0.8V}{0.8V} \right)$$

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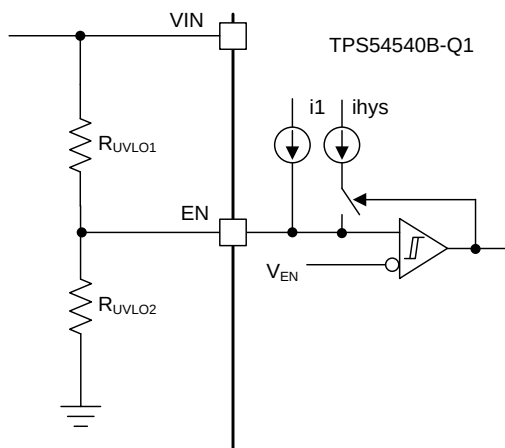
### 7.3.7 Enable and Adjusting Undervoltage Lockout

The TPS54540-Q1 device is enabled when the VIN pin voltage is greater than 4.3 V and the EN pin voltage exceeds the enable threshold of 1.2 V. The TPS54540-Q1 device is disabled when the VIN pin voltage falls less than 4 V or when the EN pin voltage is less than 1.2 V. The EN pin has an internal pullup current source, I1, of 1.2  $\mu A$  that enables operation of the TPS54540-Q1 device when the EN pin floats.

If an application requires a higher undervoltage lockout (UVLO) threshold, use the circuit shown in Figure 22 to adjust the input voltage UVLO with two external resistors. When the EN pin voltage exceeds 1.2 V, an additional 3.4  $\mu A$  of hysteresis current,  $I_{HYS}$ , is sourced out of the EN pin. When the EN pin is pulled to less than 1.2 V, the 3.4- $\mu A$   $I_{HYS}$  current is removed. This additional current facilitates adjustable input voltage UVLO hysteresis. Use Equation 4 to calculate  $R_{UVLO1}$  for the desired UVLO hysteresis voltage. Use Equation 5 to calculate  $R_{UVLO2}$  for the desired VIN start voltage.

In applications designed to start at relatively low input voltages (that is, from 4.5 V to 9 V) and withstand high input voltages (for example, 40 V), the EN pin may experience a voltage greater than the absolute maximum voltage of 8.4 V during the high input voltage condition. To avoid exceeding this voltage when using the EN resistors, the EN pin is clamped internally with a 5.8 V Zener diode that will sink up to 150  $\mu A$ .

## Feature Description (continued)



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**Figure 22. Adjustable Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)**

$$R_{UVLO1} = \frac{V_{START} - V_{STOP}}{I_{HYS}} \quad (4)$$

$$R_{UVLO2} = \frac{V_{ENA}}{\frac{V_{START} - V_{ENA}}{R_{UVLO1}} + I_1} \quad (5)$$

### 7.3.8 Internal Soft Start

The TPS54540-Q1 device has an internal digital soft start that ramps the reference voltage from zero volts to its final value in 1024 switching cycles. The internal soft-start time (10% to 90%) is calculated using Equation 6.

$$t_{SS}(ms) = \frac{1024}{f_{SW}(kHz)} \quad (6)$$

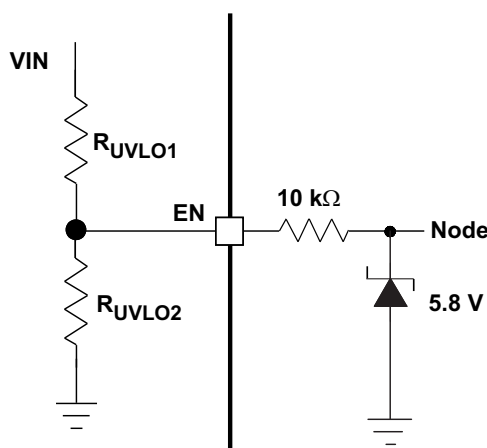
If the EN pin is pulled below the stop threshold of 1.2 V, switching stops and the internal soft start resets. The soft start also resets in thermal shutdown.

### 7.3.9 Constant Switching Frequency and Timing Resistor (RT/CLK) Pin)

The switching frequency of the TPS54540-Q1 device is adjustable over a wide range from 100 kHz to 2500 kHz by placing a resistor between the RT/CLK pin and GND pin. The RT/CLK pin voltage is typically 0.5 V, and must have a resistor to ground to set the switching frequency. To determine the timing resistance for a given switching frequency, use Equation 7 or Equation 8 or the curves in Figure 5 and Figure 6. To reduce the solution size one would typically set the switching frequency as high as possible, but tradeoffs of the conversion efficiency, maximum input voltage and minimum controllable on time should be considered. The minimum controllable on time is typically 135 ns, which limits the maximum operating frequency in applications with high input to output step down ratios. The maximum switching frequency is also limited by the frequency foldback circuit. See [Accurate Current Limit](#) for a more detailed discussion of the maximum switching frequency.

$$R_T(k\Omega) = \frac{101756}{f_{SW}(kHz)^{1.008}} \quad (7)$$

$$f_{SW}(kHz) = \frac{92417}{R_T(k\Omega)^{0.991}} \quad (8)$$



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**Figure 23. Internal EN Clamp**

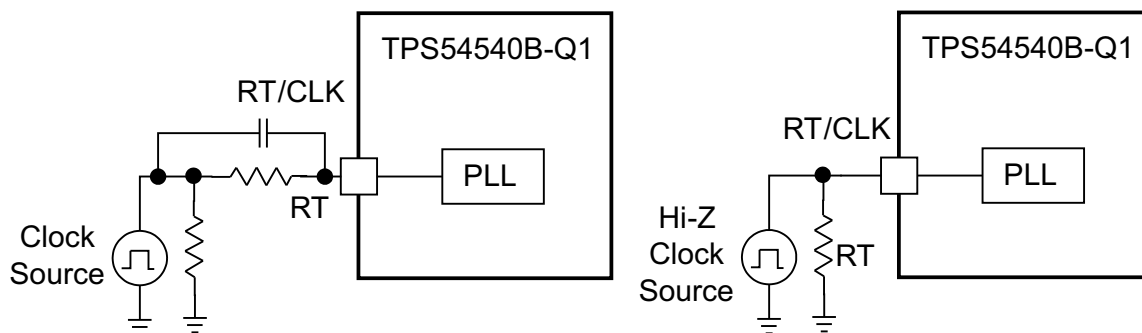
## Feature Description (continued)

### 7.3.10 Synchronization to RT/CLK Pin

The RT/CLK pin can receive a frequency synchronization signal from an external system clock. To implement this synchronization feature connect a square wave to the RT/CLK pin through either circuit network shown in Figure 24. The square wave applied to the RT/CLK pin must switch lower than 0.5 V and higher than 1.7 V and have a pulse-width greater than 15 ns. The synchronization frequency range is from 160 kHz to 2300 kHz. The rising edge of the SW will be synchronized to the falling edge of RT/CLK pin signal. The external synchronization circuit should be designed such that the default frequency set resistor is connected from the RT/CLK pin to ground when the synchronization signal is off. When using a low impedance signal source, the frequency set resistor is connected in parallel with an ac coupling capacitor to a termination resistor (for example, 50  $\Omega$ ) as shown in Figure 24. The two resistors in series provide the default frequency setting resistance when the signal source is turned off. The sum of the resistance should set the switching frequency close to the external CLK frequency. TI recommends ac-coupling the synchronization signal through a 10-pF ceramic capacitor to RT/CLK pin.

The first time the RT/CLK is pulled above the PLL threshold, the TPS54540-Q1 device switches from the RT resistor free-running frequency mode to the PLL synchronized mode. The internal 0.5-V voltage source is removed, and the RT/CLK pin becomes high impedance as the PLL starts to lock onto the external signal. The switching frequency can be higher or lower than the frequency set with the RT/CLK resistor. The device transitions from the resistor mode to the PLL mode, and locks onto the external clock frequency within 78  $\mu$ s. During the transition from the PLL mode to the resistor programmed mode, the switching frequency will fall to 150 kHz and then increase or decrease to the resistor programmed frequency when the 0.5-V bias voltage is reapplied to the RT/CLK resistor.

The switching frequency is divided by 8, 4, 2, and 1 as the FB pin voltage ramps from 0 V to 0.8 V. The device implements a digital frequency foldback to enable synchronizing to an external clock during normal start-up and fault conditions. Figure 25, Figure 26, and Figure 27 show the device synchronized to an external system clock in continuous conduction mode (CCM), discontinuous conduction (DCM), and pulse skip mode (Eco-mode).

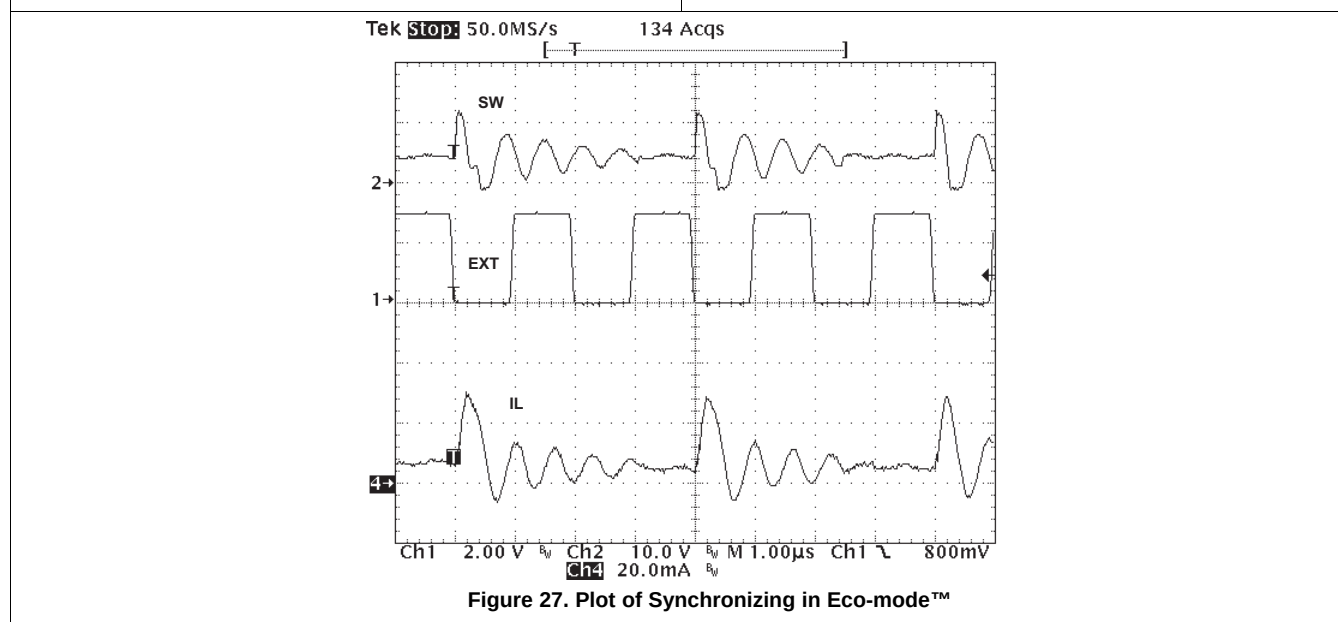
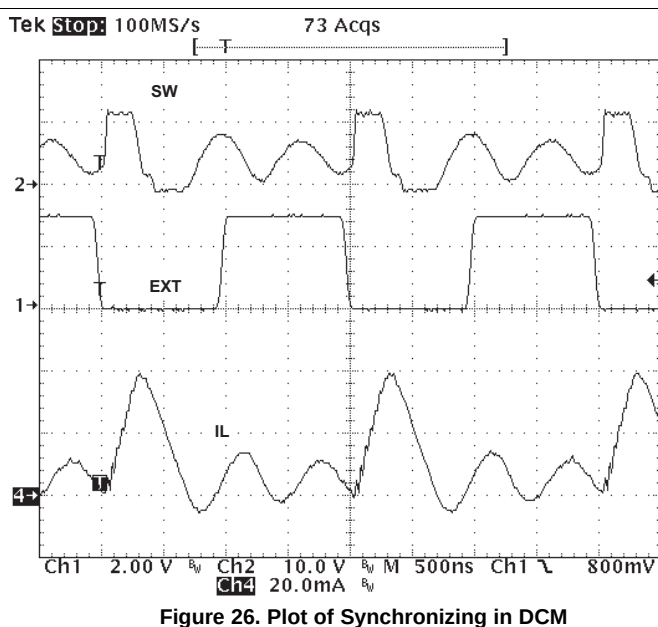
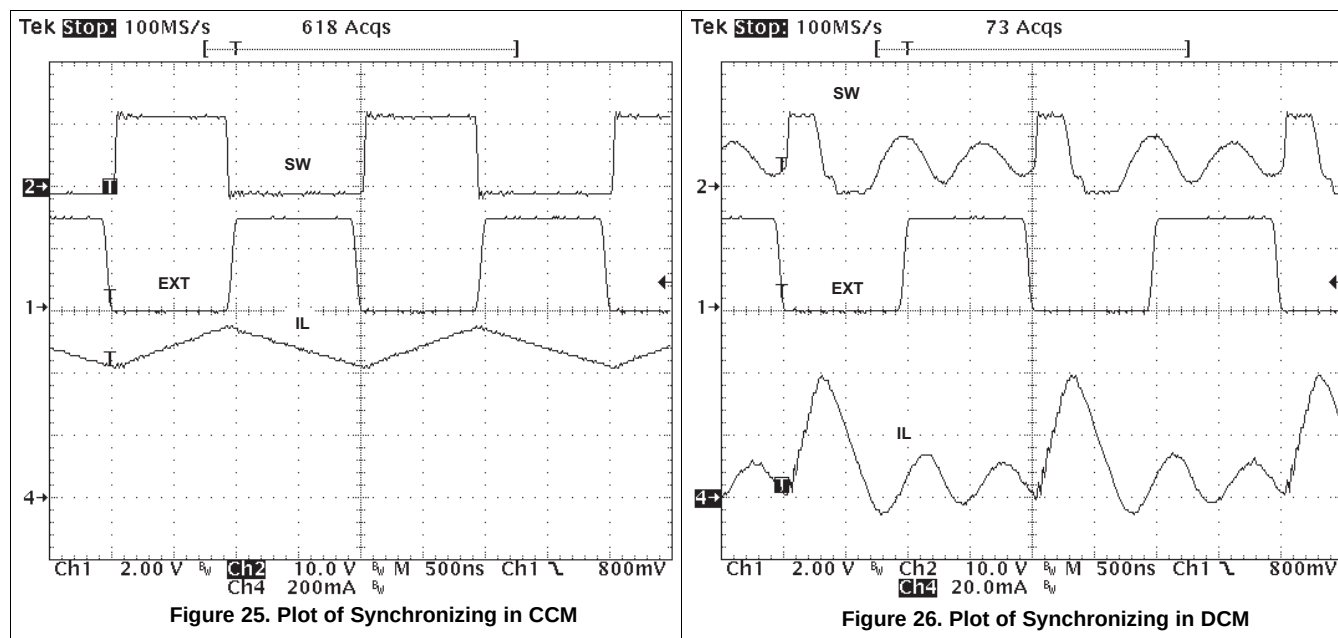


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**Figure 24. Synchronizing to a System Clock**



## Feature Description (continued)



### 7.3.11 Maximum Switching Frequency

To protect the converter in overload conditions at higher switching frequencies and input voltages, the TPS54540-Q1 device implements a frequency foldback. The oscillator frequency is divided by 1, 2, 4, and 8 as the FB pin voltage falls from 0.8 V to 0 V. The TPS54540-Q1 device uses a digital frequency foldback to enable synchronization to an external clock during normal start-up and fault conditions. During short circuit events, the inductor current can exceed the peak current limit because of the high input voltage and the minimum controllable on time. When the output voltage is forced low by the shorted load, the inductor current decreases slowly during the switch off time. The frequency foldback effectively increases the off time by increasing the period of the switching cycle providing more time for the inductor current to ramp down.

With a maximum frequency foldback ratio of 8, there is a maximum frequency at which the inductor current can be controlled by frequency foldback protection. Equation 10 calculates the maximum switching frequency at which the inductor current will remain under control when  $V_{OUT}$  is forced to  $V_{OUT(SC)}$ . The selected operating frequency should not exceed the calculated value.

## Feature Description (continued)

**Equation 9** calculates the maximum switching frequency limitation set by the minimum controllable on time and the input to output step down ratio. Setting the switching frequency above this value will cause the regulator to skip switching pulses to achieve the low duty cycle required at maximum input voltage.

$$f_{SW(max skip)} = \frac{1}{t_{ON}} \times \left( \frac{I_O \times R_{dc} + V_{OUT} + V_d}{V_{IN} - I_O \times R_{DS(on)} + V_d} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$f_{SW(shift)} = \frac{f_{DIV}}{t_{ON}} \times \left( \frac{I_{CL} \times R_{dc} + V_{OUT(sc)} + V_d}{V_{IN} - I_{CL} \times R_{DS(on)} + V_d} \right)$$

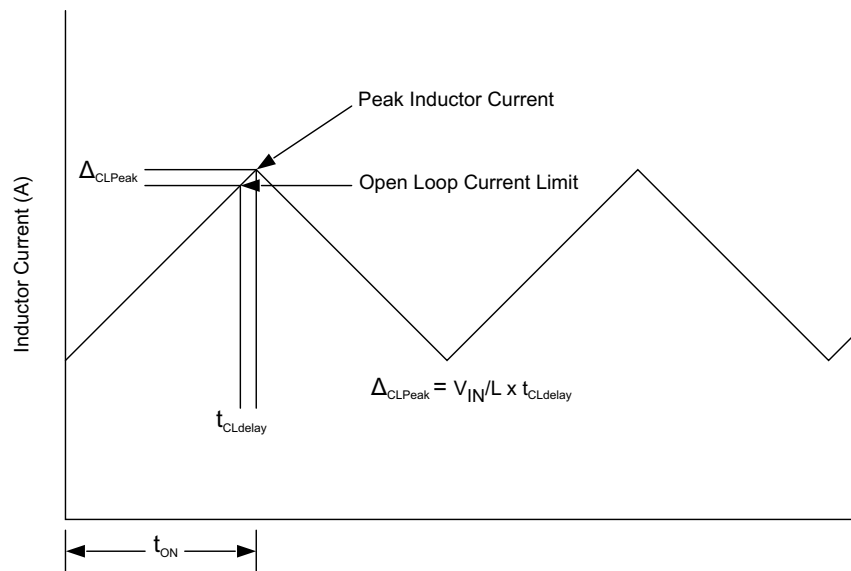
where

- $I_O$  = Output current
- $I_{CL}$  = Current limit
- $R_{dc}$  = inductor resistance
- $V_{IN}$  = maximum input voltage
- $V_{OUT}$  = output voltage
- $V_{OUTSC}$  = output voltage during short
- $V_d$  = diode voltage drop
- $R_{DS(on)}$  = switch on resistance
- $t_{ON}$  = controllable on time
- $f_{DIV}$  = frequency divide equals (1, 2, 4, or 8)

(10)

### 7.3.12 Accurate Current Limit

The TPS54540-Q1 device implements peak current mode control in which the COMP pin voltage controls the peak current of the high-side MOSFET. A signal proportional to the high-side switch current and the COMP pin voltage are compared each cycle. When the peak switch current intersects the COMP control voltage, the high-side switch is turned off. During overcurrent conditions that pull the output voltage low, the error amplifier increases switch current by driving the COMP pin high. The error amplifier output is clamped internally at a level which sets the peak switch current limit. The TPS54540-Q1 device provides an accurate current limit threshold with a typical current limit delay of 60 ns. With smaller inductor values, the delay will result in a higher peak inductor current. The relationship between the inductor value and the peak inductor current is shown in [Figure 28](#).



**Figure 28. Current Limit Delay**

## Feature Description (continued)

### 7.3.13 Overvoltage Protection

The TPS54540-Q1 device incorporates an output overvoltage protection (OVP) circuit to minimize voltage overshoot when recovering from output fault conditions or strong unload transients in designs with low-output capacitance. For example, when the power supply output is overloaded the error amplifier compares the actual output voltage to the internal reference voltage. If the FB pin voltage is lower than the internal reference voltage for a considerable time, the output of the error amplifier will increase to a maximum voltage corresponding to the peak current limit threshold. When the overload condition is removed, the regulator output rises and the error amplifier output transitions to the normal operating level. In some applications, the power supply output voltage can increase faster than the response of the error amplifier output resulting in an output overshoot.

The OVP feature minimizes output overshoot when using a low value output capacitor by comparing the FB pin voltage to the rising OVP threshold which is nominally 109% of the internal voltage reference. If the FB pin voltage is greater than the rising OVP threshold, the high-side MOSFET is immediately disabled to minimize output overshoot. When the FB voltage drops below the falling OVP threshold which is nominally 106% of the internal voltage reference, the high-side MOSFET resumes normal operation.

### 7.3.14 Thermal Shutdown

The TPS54540-Q1 device provides an internal thermal shutdown to protect the device when the junction temperature exceeds 176°C. The high-side MOSFET stops switching when the junction temperature exceeds the thermal trip threshold. Once the die temperature falls to less than 164°C, the device reinitiates the power-up sequence controlled by the internal soft-start circuitry.

### 7.3.15 Small Signal Model for Loop Response

Figure 29 shows an equivalent model for the TPS54540-Q1 device control loop, which can be simulated to check the frequency response and dynamic load response. The error amplifier is a transconductance amplifier with a  $g_{m_{EA}}$  of 350  $\mu A/V$ . The error amplifier can be modeled using an ideal voltage controlled current source. The resistor  $R_O$  and capacitor  $C_O$  model the open loop gain and frequency response of the amplifier. The 1-mV AC voltage source between the nodes a and b effectively breaks the control loop for the frequency response measurements. Plotting c/a provides the small signal response of the overall loop. The dynamic loop response can be evaluated by replacing  $R_L$  with a current source with the appropriate load step amplitude and step rate in a time domain analysis. This equivalent model is only valid for continuous conduction mode (CCM) operation.

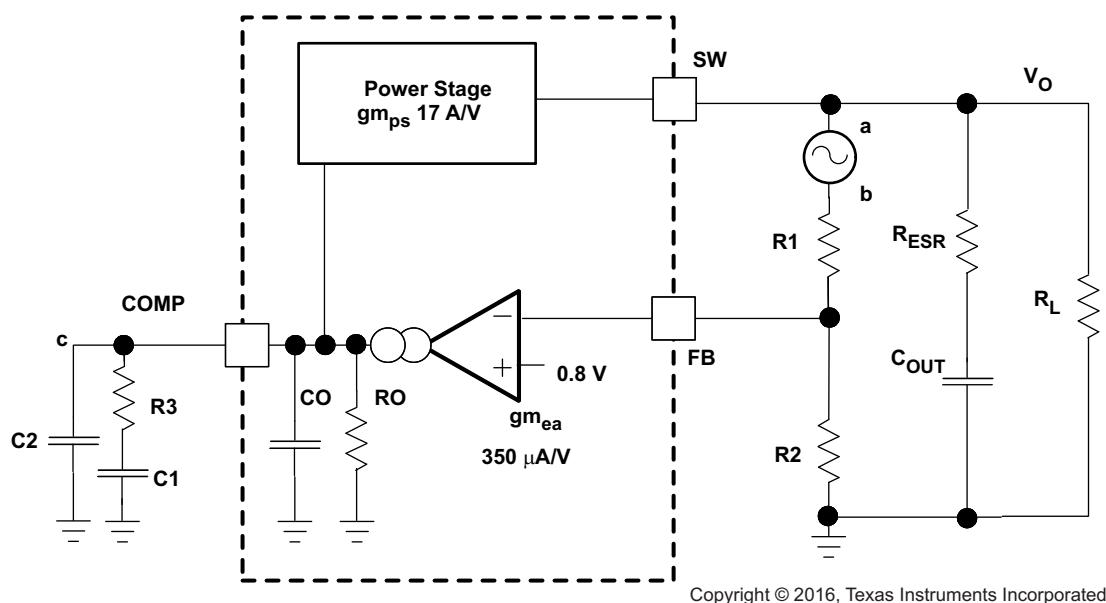


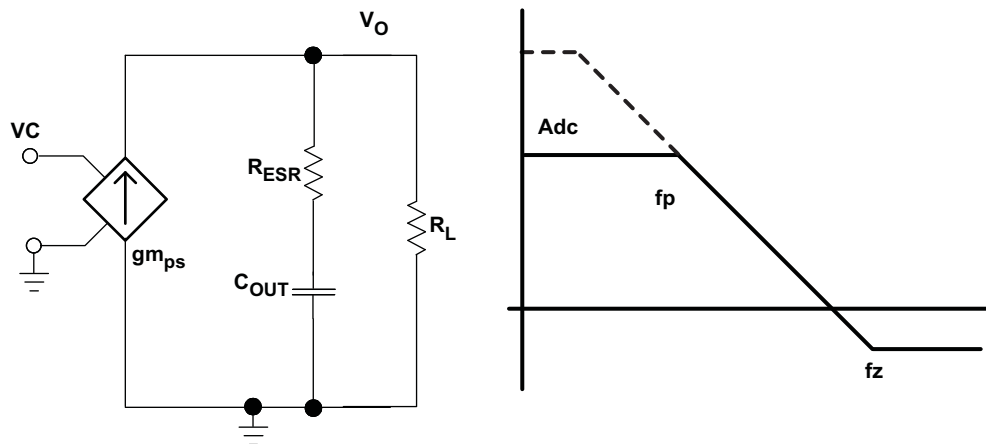
Figure 29. Small Signal Model for Loop Response

## Feature Description (continued)

### 7.3.16 Simple Small Signal Model for Peak Current Mode Control

Figure 30 describes a simple small signal model that can be used to design the frequency compensation. The TPS54540-Q1 power stage can be approximated by a voltage-controlled current source (duty cycle modulator) supplying current to the output capacitor and load resistor. The control to output transfer function is shown in Equation 11 and consists of a DC gain, one dominant pole, and one ESR zero. The quotient of the change in switch current and the change in COMP pin voltage (node c in Figure 29) is the power stage transconductance,  $gm_{PS}$ . The  $gm_{PS}$  for the TPS54540-Q1 device is 17 A/V. The low-frequency gain of the power stage is the product of the transconductance and the load resistance as shown in Equation 12.

As the load current increases and decreases, the low-frequency gain decreases and increases, respectively. This variation with the load may seem problematic at first glance, but fortunately the dominant pole moves with the load current (see Equation 13). The combined effect is highlighted by the dashed line in the right half of Figure 30. As the load current decreases, the gain increases and the pole frequency lowers, keeping the 0-dB crossover frequency the same with varying load conditions. The type of output capacitor chosen determines whether the ESR zero has a profound effect on the frequency compensation design. Using high ESR aluminum electrolytic capacitors may reduce the number frequency compensation components needed to stabilize the overall loop because the phase margin is increased by the ESR zero of the output capacitor (see Equation 14).



**Figure 30. Simple Small Signal Model and Frequency Response for Peak Current Mode Control**

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_C} = Adc \times \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_Z}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_P}\right)} \quad (11)$$

$$Adc = gm_{PS} \times R_L \quad (12)$$

$$f_P = \frac{1}{C_{OUT} \times R_L \times 2\pi} \quad (13)$$

$$f_Z = \frac{1}{C_{OUT} \times R_{ESR} \times 2\pi} \quad (14)$$

## Feature Description (continued)

### 7.3.17 Small Signal Model for Frequency Compensation

The TPS54540-Q1 uses a transconductance amplifier for the error amplifier and supports three of the commonly-used frequency compensation circuits. Compensation circuits Type 2A, Type 2B, and Type 1 are shown in Figure 31. Type 2 circuits are typically implemented in high bandwidth power-supply designs using low ESR output capacitors. The Type 1 circuit is used with power-supply designs with high-ESR aluminum electrolytic or tantalum capacitors. Equation 15 and Equation 16 relate the frequency response of the amplifier to the small signal model in Figure 31. The open-loop gain and bandwidth are modeled using the  $R_O$  and  $C_O$  shown in Figure 31. See the *Typical Applications* section for a design example using a Type 2A network with a low ESR output capacitor.

Equation 15 through Equation 24 are provided as a reference. An alternative is to use WEBENCH software tools to create a design based on the power supply requirements.

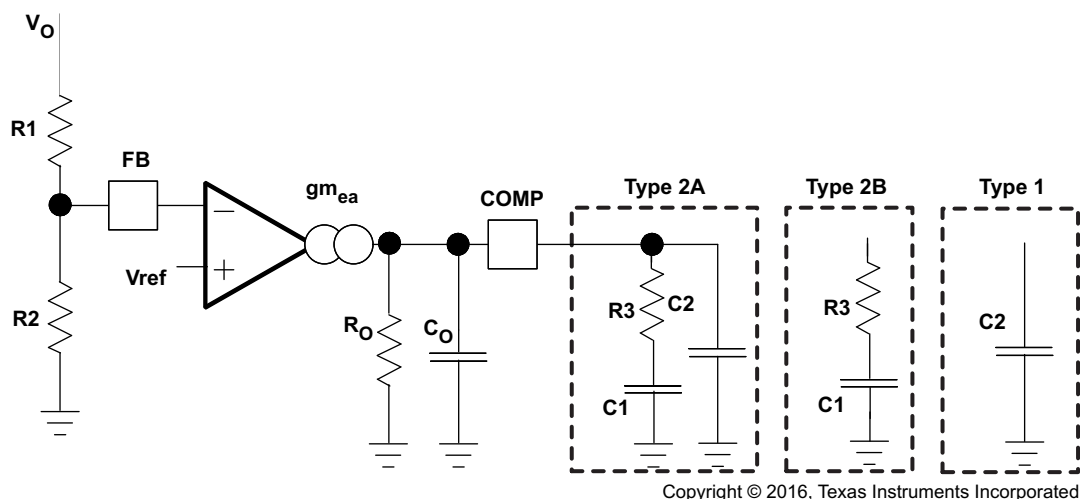


Figure 31. Types of Frequency Compensation

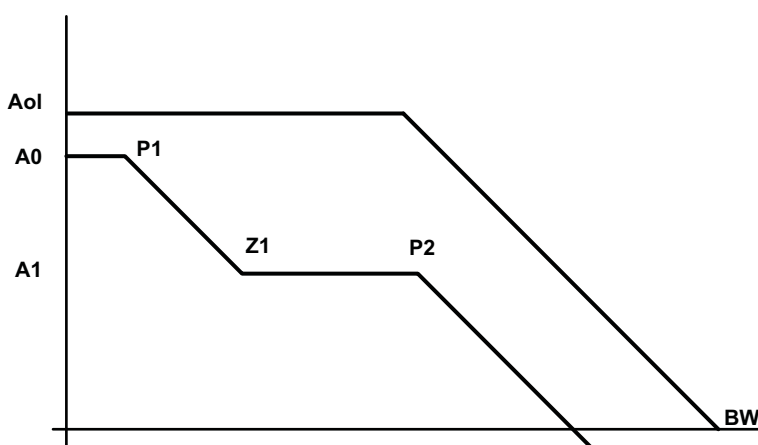


Figure 32. Frequency Response of the Type 2A and Type 2B Frequency Compensation

$$R_O = \frac{A_{ol}(V/V)}{g_{m_{ea}}} \quad (15)$$

$$C_O = \frac{g_{m_{ea}}}{2\pi \times BW \text{ (Hz)}} \quad (16)$$

## Feature Description (continued)

$$EA = A0 \times \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_{Z1}}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_{P1}}\right) \times \left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_{P2}}\right)} \quad (17)$$

$$A0 = g_{m_{ea}} \times R_o \times \frac{R2}{R1 + R2} \quad (18)$$

$$A1 = g_{m_{ea}} \times R_o || R3 \times \frac{R2}{R1 + R2} \quad (19)$$

$$P1 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R_o \times C1} \quad (20)$$

$$Z1 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R3 \times C1} \quad (21)$$

$$P2 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R3 || R_o \times (C2 + C_o)} \text{ type 2a} \quad (22)$$

$$P2 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R3 || R_o \times C_o} \text{ type 2b} \quad (23)$$

$$P2 = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R_o \times (C2 + C_o)} \text{ type 1} \quad (24)$$

## 7.4 Device Functional Modes

The TPS54540-Q1 device is designed to operate with input voltages greater than 4.5 V. When the VIN voltage is greater than the 4.3 V typical rising UVLO threshold and the EN voltage is above the 1.2 V typical threshold the device is active. If the VIN voltage falls below the typical 4-V UVLO turnoff threshold, the device stops switching. If the EN voltage falls below the 1.2-V threshold the device stops switching and enters a shutdown mode with low supply current of 2 µA typical.

The TPS54540-Q1 device operates in CCM when the output current is enough to keep the inductor current greater than 0 A at the end of each switching period. As a nonsynchronous converter, it will enter DCM at low-output currents when the inductor current falls to 0 A before the end of a switching period. At very low-output current the COMP voltage will drop to the pulse-skipping threshold and the device operates in a pulse-skipping Eco-mode. In this mode, the high-side MOSFET does not switch every switching period. This operating mode reduces power loss while keeping the output voltage regulated. For more information on Eco-mode, see the [Pulse-Skip Eco-mode](#) section.

## 8 Application and Implementation

### NOTE

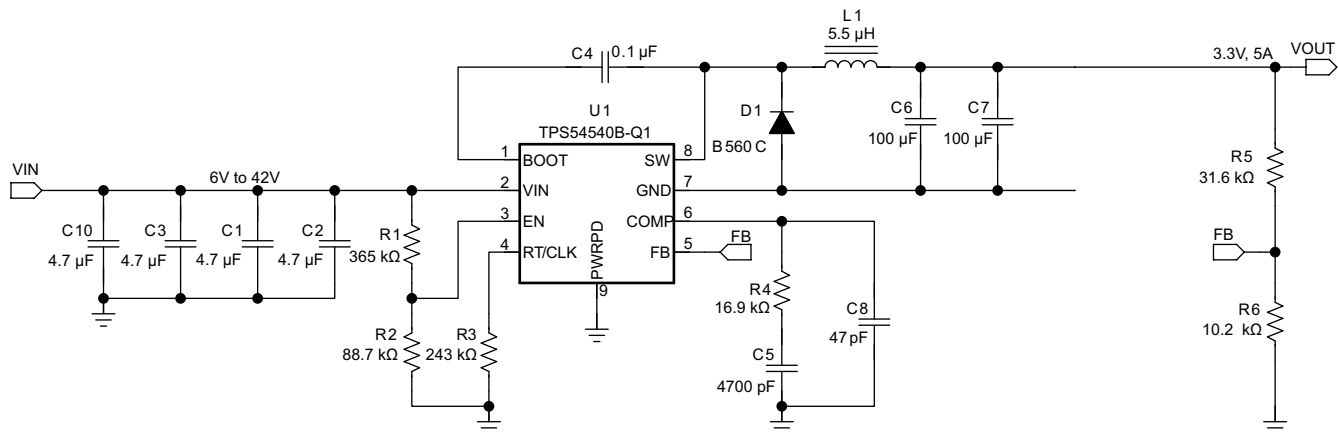
Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

### 8.1 Application Information

The TPS54540-Q1 device is a 42-V, 5-A, step-down regulator with an integrated high-side MOSFET. This device is typically used to convert a higher DC voltage to a lower DC voltage with a maximum available output current of 5 A. Example applications are: 12-V and 24-V industrial, automotive, and communications power systems. Use the following design procedure to select component values for the TPS54540-Q1 device. This procedure illustrates the design of a high-frequency switching regulator using ceramic output capacitors. Calculations can be done with the excel spreadsheet ([SLVC452](#)) located on the product page. Alternately, use the [WEBENCH](#) software to generate a complete design. The WEBENCH software uses an iterative design procedure and accesses a comprehensive database of components when generating a design. This section presents a simplified discussion of the design process.

### 8.2 Typical Applications

#### 8.2.1 Buck Converter With 6-V to 42-V Input and 3.3-V at 5-A Output



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Figure 33. 3.3-V Output TPS54540 Design Example

##### 8.2.1.1 Design Requirements

This guide illustrates the design of a high-frequency switching regulator using ceramic output capacitors. A few parameters must be known to start the design process. These requirements are typically determined at the system level. This example in [Figure 33](#) is designed with the known parameters listed in [Table 1](#).

Table 1. Design Parameters

| DESIGN PARAMETERS                             | EXAMPLE VALUE          |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Output Voltage                                | 3.3 V                  |
| Transient Response 1.25-A to 3.75-A load step | $\Delta V_{OUT} = 4\%$ |
| Maximum Output Current                        | 5 A                    |
| Input Voltage                                 | 12 V nom. 6 V to 42 V  |
| Output Voltage Ripple                         | 0.5% of $V_{OUT}$      |

**Table 1. Design Parameters (continued)**

| DESIGN PARAMETERS                | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Start Input Voltage (rising VIN) | 5.75 V        |
| Stop Input Voltage (falling VIN) | 4.5 V         |

### 8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

#### 8.2.1.2.1 Selecting the Switching Frequency

The first step is to choose a switching frequency for the regulator. Typically, the designer uses the highest switching frequency possible because this produces the smallest solution size. High switching frequency allows for lower value inductors and smaller output capacitors compared to a power supply that switches at a lower frequency. The switching frequency that can be selected is limited by the minimum on-time of the internal power switch, the input voltage, the output voltage and the frequency foldback protection.

[Equation 9](#) and [Equation 10](#) should be used to calculate the upper limit of the switching frequency for the regulator (see [Equation 25](#) and [Equation 26](#)). Choose the lower value result from the two equations. Switching frequencies higher than these values results in pulse skipping or the lack of overcurrent protection during a short circuit.

The typical minimum on time,  $t_{onmin}$ , is 135 ns for the TPS54540-Q1 device. [Equation 9](#) and [Equation 10](#) should be used to calculate the upper limit of the switching for the regulator (see [Equation 25](#) and [Equation 26](#)). For this example, the output voltage is 3.3 V and the maximum input voltage is 42 V. Assuming a diode voltage of 0.52 V, inductor DC resistance of 10.3 mΩ, typical switch resistance of 92-mΩ and 5-A load, from [Equation 9](#) the maximum switch frequency to avoid pulse skipping is 680 kHz. To ensure overcurrent runaway is not a concern during short circuits use [Equation 10](#) to determine the maximum switching frequency for frequency fold-back protection. With a current limit value of 6.3 A and short circuit output voltage of 0.1 V, the maximum switching frequency is 960 kHz.

For this design, a lower switching frequency of 400 kHz is chosen to operate comfortably below the calculated maximums. To determine the timing resistance for a given switching frequency, use [Equation 7](#) or the curve in [Equation 7](#). The switching frequency is set by resistor  $R_3$  shown in [Figure 33](#). For 400-kHz operation, the closest standard value resistor is 243 kΩ (see [Equation 27](#)).

$$f_{SW(max skip)} = \frac{1}{135ns} \times \left( \frac{5 A \times 10.3 m\Omega + 3.3 V + 0.52 V}{42 V - 5 A \times 92 m\Omega + 0.52 V} \right) = 680 kHz \quad (25)$$

$$f_{SW(shift)} = \frac{8}{135 ns} \times \left( \frac{6.3 A \times 10.3 m\Omega + 0.1 V + 0.52 V}{42 V - 6.3 A \times 92 m\Omega + 0.52 V} \right) = 960 kHz \quad (26)$$

$$RT (k\Omega) = \frac{101756}{400 (kHz)^{1.008}} = 242 k\Omega \quad (27)$$

#### 8.2.1.2.2 Output Inductor Selection ( $L_o$ )

To calculate the minimum value of the output inductor, use [Equation 28](#).

$K_{IND}$  is a ratio that represents the amount of inductor ripple current relative to the maximum output current. The inductor ripple current is filtered by the output capacitor. Therefore, choosing high inductor ripple currents impacts the selection of the output capacitor because the output capacitor must have a ripple current rating equal to or greater than the inductor ripple current. In general, the inductor ripple value is at the discretion of the designer, however, the following guidelines may be used.

For designs using low ESR output capacitors such as ceramics, a value as high as  $K_{IND} = 0.3$  may be desirable. When using higher ESR output capacitors,  $K_{IND} = 0.2$  yields better results. Because the inductor ripple current is part of the current mode PWM control system, the inductor ripple current should always be greater than 150 mA for stable PWM operation. In a wide input voltage regulator, it is best to choose relatively large inductor ripple current. This provides sufficient ripple current with the input voltage at the minimum.



For this design example,  $K_{IND} = 0.3$  and the inductor value is calculated to be  $5.1 \mu\text{H}$ . It is important that the RMS current and saturation current ratings of the inductor not be exceeded. The RMS and peak inductor current can be found from [Equation 30](#) and [Equation 31](#) (using [Equation 29](#)). For this design, the RMS inductor current is 5 A and the peak inductor current is 5.79 A. The chosen inductor is a WE 744325550, which has a saturation current rating of 12 A and an RMS current rating of 10 A. This inductor also has a typical inductance of  $5.5 \mu\text{H}$  at no load and  $4.8 \mu\text{H}$  at a 5-A load. Lastly, the chosen inductor has a DCR of  $10.3 \text{ m}\Omega$ .

As the equation set demonstrates, lower ripple currents will reduce the output voltage ripple of the regulator but will require a larger value of inductance. Selecting higher ripple currents will increase the output voltage ripple of the regulator but allow for a lower inductance value.

The current flowing through the inductor is the inductor ripple current plus the output current. During power-up, faults or transient load conditions, the inductor current can increase above the peak inductor current level calculated previously. In transient conditions, the inductor current can increase up to the switch current limit of the device. For this reason, the most conservative design approach is to choose an inductor with a saturation current rating equal to or greater than the switch current limit of the TPS54540 device, which is nominally 7.5 A.

$$L_{O(\min)} = \frac{V_{IN(\max)} - V_{OUT}}{I_{OUT} \times K_{IND}} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(\max)} \times f_{SW}} = \frac{42 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V}}{5 \text{ A} \times 0.3} \times \frac{3.3 \text{ V}}{42 \text{ V} \times 400 \text{ kHz}} = 5.1 \mu\text{H} \quad (28)$$

$$I_{RIPPLE} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN(\max)} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN(\max)} \times L_O \times f_{SW}} = \frac{3.3 \text{ V} \times (42 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V})}{42 \text{ V} \times 4.8 \mu\text{H} \times 400 \text{ kHz}} = 1.58 \text{ A} \quad (29)$$

$$I_{L(\text{rms})} = \sqrt{I_{OUT}^2 + \frac{1}{12} \times \left( \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN(\max)} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN(\max)} \times L_O \times f_{SW}} \right)^2} = \sqrt{(5 \text{ A})^2 + \frac{1}{12} \times \left( \frac{3.3 \text{ V} \times (42 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V})}{42 \text{ V} \times 4.8 \mu\text{H} \times 400 \text{ kHz}} \right)^2} = 5 \text{ A} \quad (30)$$

$$I_{L(\text{peak})} = I_{OUT} + \frac{I_{RIPPLE}}{2} = 5 \text{ A} + \frac{1.58 \text{ A}}{2} = 5.79 \text{ A} \quad (31)$$

### 8.2.1.2.3 Output Capacitor

There are three primary considerations for selecting the value of the output capacitor. The output capacitor determines the modulator pole, the output voltage ripple, and how the regulator responds to a large change in load current. The output capacitance must be selected based on the most stringent of these three criteria.

The desired response to a large change in the load current is the first criteria. The output capacitor needs to supply the increased load current until the regulator responds to the load step. A regulator does not respond immediately to a large, fast increase in the load current such as transitioning from no load to a full load. The regulator usually needs two or more clock cycles for the control loop to sense the change in output voltage and adjust the peak switch current in response to the higher load. The output capacitance must be large enough to supply the difference in current for 2 clock cycles to maintain the output voltage within the specified range. [Equation 32](#) shows the minimum output capacitance necessary, where  $\Delta I_{OUT}$  is the change in output current,  $f_{SW}$  is the regulators switching frequency and  $\Delta V_{OUT}$  is the allowable change in the output voltage. For this example, the transient load response is specified as a 4% change in  $V_{OUT}$  for a load step from 1.25 A to 3.75 A. Therefore,  $\Delta I_{OUT}$  is  $3.75 \text{ A} - 1.25 \text{ A} = 2.5 \text{ A}$  and  $\Delta V_{OUT} = 0.04 \times 3.3 \text{ V} = 0.13 \text{ V}$ . Using these numbers gives a minimum capacitance of  $95 \mu\text{F}$ . This value does not take the ESR of the output capacitor into account in the output voltage change. For ceramic capacitors, the ESR is usually small enough to be ignored. Aluminum electrolytic and tantalum capacitors have higher ESR that must be included in load step calculations.

The output capacitor must also be sized to absorb energy stored in the inductor when transitioning from a high to low load current. The catch diode of the regulator can not sink current so energy stored in the inductor can produce an output voltage overshoot when the load current rapidly decreases. A typical load step response is shown in [Figure 38](#). The excess energy absorbed in the output capacitor will increase the voltage on the capacitor. The capacitor must be sized to maintain the desired output voltage during these transient periods.

**Equation 33** calculates the minimum capacitance required to keep the output voltage overshoot to a desired value, where  $L_O$  is the value of the inductor,  $I_{OH}$  is the output current under heavy load,  $I_{OL}$  is the output under light load,  $V_f$  is the peak output voltage, and  $V_i$  is the initial voltage. For this example, the worst case load step will be from 3.75 A to 1.25 A. The output voltage increases during this load transition and the stated maximum in our specification is 4 % of the output voltage. This makes  $V_f = 1.04 \times 3.3 \text{ V} = 3.43 \text{ V}$ .  $V_i$  is the initial capacitor voltage that is the nominal output voltage of 3.3 V. Using these numbers in **Equation 33** yields a minimum capacitance of 68  $\mu\text{F}$ .

**Equation 34** calculates the minimum output capacitance needed to meet the output voltage ripple specification, where  $f_{sw}$  is the switching frequency,  $V_{ORIPPLE}$  is the maximum allowable output voltage ripple, and  $I_{RIPPLE}$  is the inductor ripple current. **Equation 34** yields 30  $\mu\text{F}$ .

**Equation 35** calculates the maximum ESR an output capacitor must meet the output voltage ripple specification. **Equation 35** indicates the equivalent ESR should be less than 10  $\text{m}\Omega$ .

The most stringent criteria for the output capacitor is 95  $\mu\text{F}$  required to maintain the output voltage within regulation tolerance during a load transient.

Capacitance deratings for aging, temperature and Eco-mode bias increases this minimum value. For this example,  $2 \times 100\text{-}\mu\text{F}$ , 6.3-V type X5R ceramic capacitors with 2  $\text{m}\Omega$  of ESR will be used. The derated capacitance is 130  $\mu\text{F}$ , well above the minimum required capacitance of 95  $\mu\text{F}$ .

Capacitors are generally rated for a maximum ripple current that can be filtered without degrading capacitor reliability, especially non ceramic capacitors. Some capacitor data sheets specify the root mean square (RMS) value of the maximum ripple current. **Equation 36** can be used to calculate the RMS ripple current that the output capacitor must support. For this example, **Equation 36** yields 460 mA.

$$C_{OUT} > \frac{2 \times \Delta I_{OUT}}{f_{SW} \times \Delta V_{OUT}} = \frac{2 \times 2.5 \text{ A}}{400 \text{ kHz} \times 0.13 \text{ V}} = 95 \mu\text{F} \quad (32)$$

$$C_{OUT} > L_O \times \frac{(I_{OH})^2 - (I_{OL})^2}{(V_f)^2 - (V_i)^2} = 4.8 \mu\text{H} \times \frac{(3.75 \text{ A}^2 - 1.25 \text{ A}^2)}{(3.43 \text{ V}^2 - 3.3 \text{ V}^2)} = 68 \mu\text{F} \quad (33)$$

$$C_{OUT} > \frac{1}{8 \times f_{SW}} \times \frac{1}{\left( \frac{V_{ORIPPLE}}{I_{RIPPLE}} \right)} = \frac{1}{8 \times 400 \text{ kHz}} \times \frac{1}{\left( \frac{16 \text{ mV}}{1.58 \text{ A}} \right)} = 30 \mu\text{F} \quad (34)$$

$$R_{ESR} < \frac{V_{ORIPPLE}}{I_{RIPPLE}} = \frac{16 \text{ mV}}{1.58 \text{ A}} = 10 \text{ m}\Omega \quad (35)$$

$$I_{COUT(rms)} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN(max)} - V_{OUT})}{\sqrt{12} \times V_{IN(max)} \times L_O \times f_{SW}} = \frac{3.3 \text{ V} \times (42 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V})}{\sqrt{12} \times 42 \text{ V} \times 4.8 \mu\text{H} \times 400 \text{ kHz}} = 460 \text{ mA} \quad (36)$$

#### 8.2.1.2.4 Catch Diode

The TPS54540 device requires an external catch diode between the SW pin and GND. The selected diode must have a reverse voltage rating equal to or greater than  $V_{IN(max)}$ . The peak current rating of the diode must be greater than the maximum inductor current. Schottky diodes are typically a good choice for the catch diode due to their low forward voltage. The lower the forward voltage of the diode, the higher the efficiency of the regulator.

Typically, diodes with higher voltage and current ratings have higher forward voltages. A diode with a minimum of 42-V reverse voltage is preferred to allow input voltage transients up to the rated voltage of the TPS54540-Q1 device.

For the example design, the PDS760-13 Schottky diode is selected for its lower forward voltage and good thermal characteristics compared to smaller devices. The typical forward voltage of the PDS760-13 is 0.52 V at 5 A and 25°C.

The diode must also be selected with an appropriate power rating. The diode conducts the output current during the off-time of the internal power switch. The off-time of the internal switch is a function of the maximum input voltage, the output voltage, and the switching frequency. The output current during the off-time is multiplied by the forward voltage of the diode to calculate the instantaneous conduction losses of the diode. At higher switching frequencies, the AC losses of the diode must be taken into account. The AC losses of the diode are due to the charging and discharging of the junction capacitance and reverse recovery charge. Equation 37 is used to calculate the total power dissipation, including conduction losses and AC losses of the diode.

The PDS760-13 diode has a junction capacitance of 300 pF. Using Equation 37, the total loss in the diode at the nominal input voltage is 1.9 W.

If the power supply spends a significant amount of time at light load currents or in sleep mode, consider using a diode, which has a low leakage current and slightly higher forward voltage drop.

$$P_D = \frac{(V_{IN(max)} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} \times V_{fd}}{V_{IN}} + \frac{C_j \times f_{SW} \times (V_{IN} + V_{fd})^2}{2} =$$

$$\frac{(12 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V}) \times 5 \text{ A} \times 0.52 \text{ V}}{12 \text{ V}} + \frac{300 \text{ pF} \times 400 \text{ kHz} \times (12 \text{ V} + 0.52 \text{ V})^2}{2} = 1.9 \text{ W} \quad (37)$$

#### 8.2.1.2.5 Input Capacitor

The TPS54540-Q1 device requires a high quality ceramic type X5R or X7R input decoupling capacitor with at least 3  $\mu\text{F}$  of effective capacitance. Some applications will benefit from additional bulk capacitance. The effective capacitance includes any loss of capacitance due to DC bias effects. The voltage rating of the input capacitor must be greater than the maximum input voltage. The capacitor must also have a ripple current rating greater than the maximum input current ripple of the TPS54540-Q1 device. The input ripple current can be calculated using Equation 38.

The value of a ceramic capacitor varies significantly with temperature and the Eco-mode bias applied to the capacitor. The capacitance variations due to temperature can be minimized by selecting a dielectric material that is more stable over temperature. X5R and X7R ceramic dielectrics are usually selected for switching regulator capacitors because they have a high capacitance to volume ratio and are fairly stable over temperature. The input capacitor must also be selected with consideration for the DC bias. The effective value of a capacitor decreases as the DC bias across a capacitor increases.

For this example design, a ceramic capacitor with at least a 42-V voltage rating is required to support transients up to the maximum input voltage. Common standard ceramic capacitor voltage ratings include 4 V, 6.3 V, 10 V, 16 V, 25 V, 50 V or 100 V. For this example, four 4.7- $\mu\text{F}$ , 50-V capacitors in parallel are used. Table 2 lists several choices of high voltage capacitors.

The input capacitance value determines the input ripple voltage of the regulator. The maximum input voltage ripple occurs at 50% duty cycle and can be calculated using Equation 39. Using the design example values,  $I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ A}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 18.8 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $f_{SW} = 400 \text{ kHz}$ , yields an input voltage ripple of 170 mV and a rms input ripple current of 2.5 A.

$$I_{CI(rms)} = I_{OUT} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(min)}} \times \frac{(V_{IN(min)} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN(min)}}} = 5 \text{ A} \times \sqrt{\frac{3.3 \text{ V}}{6 \text{ V}} \times \frac{(6 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V})}{6 \text{ V}}} = 2.5 \text{ A} \quad (38)$$

$$\Delta V_{IN} = \frac{I_{OUT} \times 0.25}{C_{IN} \times f_{SW}} = \frac{5 \text{ A} \times 0.25}{18.8 \mu\text{F} \times 400 \text{ kHz}} = 170 \text{ mV} \quad (39)$$

**Table 2. Capacitor Types**

| VENDOR | VALUE (μF) | EIA SIZE | VOLTAGE | DIELECTRIC | COMMENTS              |
|--------|------------|----------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| Murata | 1 to 2.2   | 1210     | 100 V   | X7R        | GRM32 series          |
|        | 1 to 4.7   |          | 50 V    |            |                       |
|        | 1          | 1206     | 100 V   |            | GRM31 series          |
|        | 1 to 2.2   |          | 50 V    |            |                       |
| Vishay | 1 to 1.8   | 2220     | 50 V    |            | VJ X7R series         |
|        | 1 to 1.2   |          | 100 V   |            |                       |
|        | 1 to 3.9   | 2225     | 50 V    |            |                       |
|        | 1 to 1.8   |          | 100 V   |            |                       |
| TDK    | 1 to 2.2   | 1812     | 100 V   |            | C series C4532        |
|        | 1.5 to 6.8 |          | 50 V    |            |                       |
|        | 1 to 2.2   | 1210     | 100 V   |            | C series C3225        |
|        | 1 to 3.3   |          | 50 V    |            |                       |
| AVX    | 1 to 4.7   | 1210     | 50 V    |            | X7R dielectric series |
|        | 1          |          | 100 V   |            |                       |
|        | 1 to 4.7   | 1812     | 50 V    |            |                       |
|        | 1 to 2.2   |          | 100 V   |            |                       |

#### 8.2.1.2.6 Bootstrap Capacitor Selection

A 0.1-μF ceramic capacitor must be connected between the BOOT and SW pins for proper operation. A ceramic capacitor with X5R or better grade dielectric is recommended. The capacitor should have a 10-V or higher voltage rating.

#### 8.2.1.2.7 Undervoltage Lockout Set Point

The undervoltage lockout (UVLO) can be adjusted using an external voltage divider on the EN pin of the TPS54540-Q1 device. The UVLO has two thresholds, one for power-up when the input voltage is rising and one for power-down or brown outs when the input voltage is falling. For the example design, the supply should turn on and start switching once the input voltage is greater than 5.75 V (UVLO start). After the regulator starts switching, it should continue to do so until the input voltage falls below 4.5 V (UVLO stop).

Programmable UVLO threshold voltages are set using the resistor divider of  $R_{UVLO1}$  and  $R_{UVLO2}$  between  $V_{IN}$  and ground connected to the EN pin. Equation 4 and Equation 5 calculate the resistance values necessary. For the example application, a 365 kΩ between  $V_{IN}$  and EN ( $R_{UVLO1}$ ) and a 88.7 kΩ between EN and ground ( $R_{UVLO2}$ ) are required to produce the 5.75-V and 4.5-V start and stop voltages.

$$R_{UVLO1} = \frac{V_{START} - V_{STOP}}{I_{HYS}} = \frac{5.75 \text{ V} - 4.5 \text{ V}}{3.4 \mu\text{A}} = 368 \text{ k}\Omega \quad (40)$$

$$R_{UVLO2} = \frac{V_{ENA}}{\frac{V_{START} - V_{ENA}}{R_{UVLO1}} + I_1} = \frac{1.2 \text{ V}}{\frac{5.75 \text{ V} - 1.2 \text{ V}}{365 \text{ k}\Omega} + 1.2 \mu\text{A}} = 88.7 \text{ k}\Omega \quad (41)$$

#### 8.2.1.2.8 Output Voltage and Feedback Resistors Selection

The voltage divider of R5 and R6 sets the output voltage. For the example design, 10.2 kΩ was selected for R6. Using Equation 3, R5 is calculated as 31.9 kΩ. The nearest standard 1% resistor is 31.6 kΩ. Due to the input current of the FB pin, the current flowing through the feedback network should be greater than 1 μA to maintain the output voltage accuracy. This requirement is satisfied if the value of R6 is less than 800 kΩ. Choosing higher resistor values decreases quiescent current and improves efficiency at low-output currents but may also introduce noise immunity problems. For more details about adjusting the output voltage, see Equation 42.

$$R_{HS} = R_{LS} \times \frac{V_{OUT} - 0.8 \text{ V}}{0.8 \text{ V}} = 10.2 \text{ k}\Omega \times \left( \frac{3.3 \text{ V} - 0.8 \text{ V}}{0.8 \text{ V}} \right) = 31.9 \text{ k}\Omega \quad (42)$$

### 8.2.1.2.9 Minimum $V_{IN}$

To ensure proper operation of the device and to keep the output voltage in regulation, the input voltage at the device must be above the value calculated with Equation 43. Using the typical values for the  $R_{DS(on)}$ ,  $R_{dc}$  and  $V_F$  in this application example, the minimum input voltage is 3.99 V. The BOOT-SW = 3 V curve in Figure 1 was used for  $R_{DS(on)} = 0.12 \Omega$  because the device will be operating with low drop out. When operating with low dropout, the BOOT-SW voltage is regulated at a lower voltage because the BOOT-SW capacitor is not refreshed every switching cycle. In the final application, the values of  $R_{DS(on)}$ ,  $R_{dc}$  and  $V_F$  used in this equation must include tolerance of the component specifications and the variation of these specifications at their maximum operating temperature in the application.

In this application example the calculated minimum input voltage is near the input voltage UVLO for the TPS54540B-Q1 so the device may turn off before going into drop out.

$$V_{IN}(\min) = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F + R_{dc} \times I_{OUT}}{0.99} + R_{DS(on)} \times I_{OUT} - V_F$$

$$V_{IN}(\min) = \frac{3.3V + 0.5V + 0.0103\Omega \times 5A}{0.99} + 0.12\Omega \times 5A - 0.5V = 3.99V \quad (43)$$

### 8.2.1.2.10 Compensation

There are several methods to design compensation for DC-DC regulators. The method presented here is easy to calculate and ignores the effects of the slope compensation that is internal to the device. Because the slope compensation is ignored, the actual crossover frequency will be lower than the crossover frequency used in the calculations. This method assumes the crossover frequency is between the modulator pole and the ESR zero and the ESR zero is at least 10 times greater the modulator pole.

To get started, the modulator pole,  $f_{p(mod)}$ , and the ESR zero,  $f_{z1}$  must be calculated using Equation 44 and Equation 45. For  $C_{OUT}$ , use a derated value of 130  $\mu F$ . Use equations Equation 46 and Equation 47 to estimate a starting point for the crossover frequency,  $f_{co}$ . For the example design,  $f_{p(mod)}$  is 1850 Hz and  $f_{z(mod)}$  is 610 kHz. Equation 45 is the geometric mean of the modulator pole and the ESR zero and Equation 47 is the mean of modulator pole and half of the switching frequency. Equation 46 yields 34 kHz and Equation 47 gives 19 kHz. Use the geometric mean value of Equation 46 and Equation 47 for an initial crossover frequency. For this example, after lab measurement, the crossover frequency target was increased to 30 kHz for an improved transient response.

Next, the compensation components are calculated. A resistor in series with a capacitor is used to create a compensating zero. A capacitor in parallel to these two components forms the compensating pole.

$$f_{p(mod)} = \frac{I_{OUT(max)}}{2 \times \pi \times V_{OUT} \times C_{OUT}} = \frac{5 A}{2 \times \pi \times 3.3 V \times 130 \mu F} = 1850 \text{ Hz} \quad (44)$$

$$f_{z(mod)} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times R_{ESR} \times C_{OUT}} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times 1 m\Omega \times 130 \mu F} = 610 \text{ kHz} \quad (45)$$

$$f_{co1} = \sqrt{f_{p(mod)} \times f_{z(mod)}} = \sqrt{1850 \text{ Hz} \times 610 \text{ kHz}} = 34 \text{ kHz} \quad (46)$$

$$f_{co2} = \sqrt{f_{p(mod)} \times \frac{f_{SW}}{2}} = \sqrt{1850 \text{ Hz} \times \frac{400 \text{ kHz}}{2}} = 19 \text{ kHz} \quad (47)$$

To determine the compensation resistor,  $R_4$ , use Equation 48. The typical power stage transconductance,  $g_{mps}$ , is 17 A/V. The output voltage,  $V_O$ , reference voltage,  $V_{REF}$ , and amplifier transconductance,  $g_{mea}$ , are 3.3 V, 0.8 V and 350  $\mu A/V$ , respectively.  $R_4$  is calculated to be 17 k $\Omega$  and a standard value of 16.9 k $\Omega$  is selected. Use Equation 49 to set the compensation zero to the modulator pole frequency. Equation 49 yields 5100 pF for compensating capacitor  $C_5$ . 4700 pF is used for this design.

$$R_4 = \left( \frac{2 \times \pi \times f_{co} \times C_{OUT}}{g_{mps}} \right) \times \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF} \times g_{mea}} \right) = \left( \frac{2 \times \pi \times 30 \text{ kHz} \times 130 \mu F}{17 \text{ A/V}} \right) \times \left( \frac{3.3V}{0.8 V \times 350 \mu A/V} \right) = 17 \text{ k}\Omega \quad (48)$$

$$C_5 = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times R_4 \times f_{p(mod)}} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times 16.9 \text{ k}\Omega \times 1850 \text{ Hz}} = 5100 \text{ pF} \quad (49)$$

A compensation pole can be implemented if desired by adding capacitor C8 in parallel with the series combination of R4 and C5. Use the larger value calculated from Equation 50 and Equation 51 for C8 to set the compensation pole. The selected value of C8 is 47 pF for this design example.

$$C8 = \frac{C_{OUT} \times R_{ESR}}{R4} = \frac{130 \mu F \times 1 m\Omega}{16.9 k\Omega} = 15 pF \quad (50)$$

$$C8 = \frac{1}{R4 \times f_{sw} \times \pi} = \frac{1}{16.9 k\Omega \times 400 kHz \times \pi} = 47 pF \quad (51)$$

#### 8.2.1.2.11 Power Dissipation Estimate

The formulas in Equation 52 and Equation 58 show how to estimate the TPS54540-Q1 power dissipation under continuous conduction mode (CCM) operation. These equations should not be used if the device is operating in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM).

The power dissipation of the IC includes conduction loss ( $P_{COND}$ ), switching loss ( $P_{SW}$ ), gate drive loss ( $P_{GD}$ ) and supply current ( $P_Q$ ). Example calculations are shown with the 12-V typical input voltage of the design example.

$$P_{COND} = (I_{OUT})^2 \times R_{DS(on)} \times \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \right) = 5 A^2 \times 92 m\Omega \times \frac{5 V}{12 V} = 0.958 W \quad (52)$$

$$P_{SW} = V_{IN} \times f_{SW} \times I_{OUT} \times t_{rise} = 12 V \times 400 kHz \times 5 A \times 4.9 ns = 0.118 W \quad (53)$$

$$P_{GD} = V_{IN} \times Q_G \times f_{SW} = 12 V \times 3nC \times 400 kHz = 0.014 W \quad (54)$$

$$P_Q = V_{IN} \times I_Q = 12 V \times 146 \mu A = 0.0018 W$$

where

- $I_{OUT}$  is the output current (A)
  - $R_{DS(on)}$  is the on-resistance of the high-side MOSFET ( $\Omega$ )
  - $V_{OUT}$  is the output voltage (V)
  - $V_{IN}$  is the input voltage (V)
  - $f_{sw}$  is the switching frequency (Hz)
  - $t_{rise}$  is the SW pin voltage rise time and can be estimated by  $t_{rise} = V_{IN} \times 0.16 ns/V + 3 ns$
  - $Q_G$  is the total gate charge of the internal MOSFET
  - $I_Q$  is the operating nonswitching supply current
- (55)

Therefore,

$$P_{TOT} = P_{COND} + P_{SW} + P_{GD} + P_Q = 0.958 W + 0.118 W + 0.014 W + 0.0018 W = 1.092 W \quad (56)$$

For given  $T_A$ ,

$$T_J = T_A + R_{TH} \times P_{TOT} \quad (57)$$

For given  $T_{JMAX} = 150^\circ C$

$$T_{A(max)} = T_{J(max)} - R_{TH} \times P_{TOT}$$

where

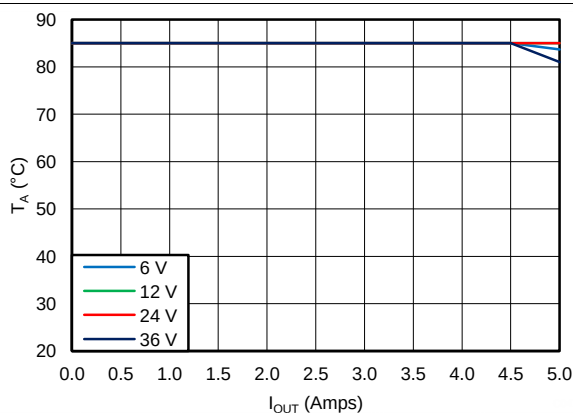
- $P_{tot}$  is the total device power dissipation (W)
  - $T_A$  is the ambient temperature ( $^\circ C$ )
  - $T_J$  is the junction temperature ( $^\circ C$ )
  - $R_{TH}$  is the thermal resistance of the package ( $^\circ C/W$ )
  - $T_{JMAX}$  is maximum junction temperature ( $^\circ C$ )
  - $T_{AMAX}$  is maximum ambient temperature ( $^\circ C$ )
- (58)



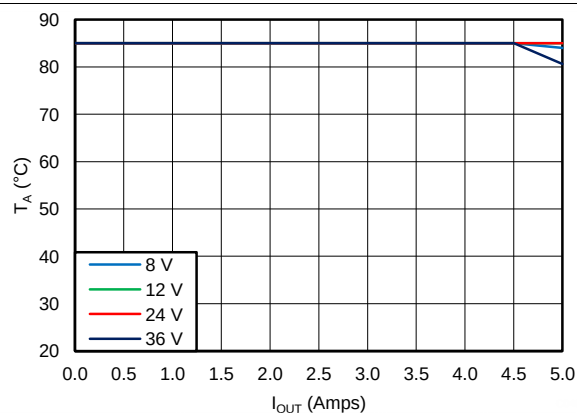
There will be additional power losses in the regulator circuit due to the inductor AC and Eco-mode losses, the catch diode and PCB trace resistance impacting the overall efficiency of the regulator.

#### 8.2.1.2.12 Safe Operating Area

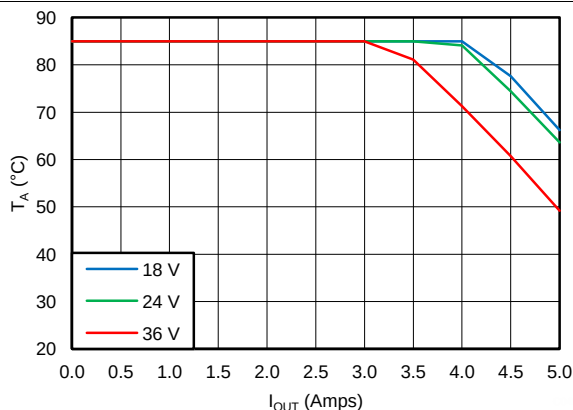
The safe operating area (SOA) of the device is shown in Figure 34, through Figure 37 for 3.3-V, 5-V, and 12-V outputs and varying amounts of forced air flow. The temperature derating curves represent the conditions at which the TPS54540-Q1 device is at or below the maximum operating temperature. The device is soldered directly to the EVM, which is a 4-layer double-sided PCB with 2-oz. copper. Careful attention must be paid to the other components chosen for the design, especially the catch diode.



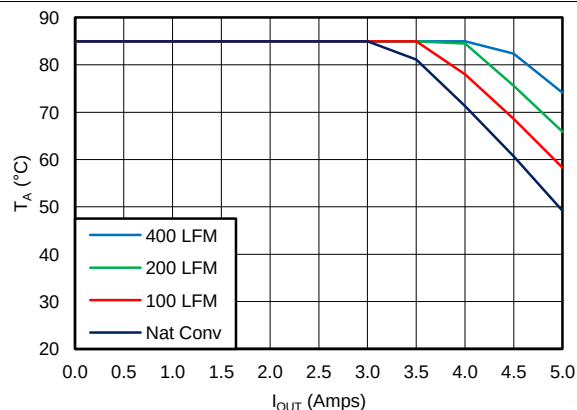
**Figure 34. 3.3-V Outputs**



**Figure 35. 5-V Outputs**



**Figure 36. 12-V Outputs**



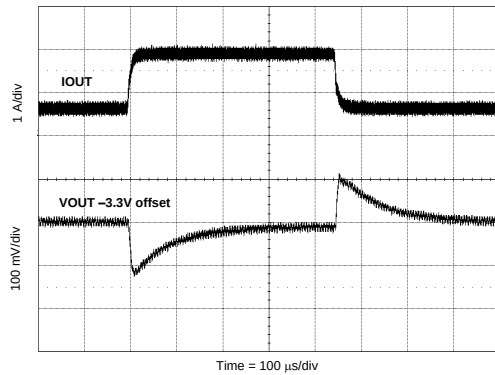
**Figure 37. Air Flow Conditions**  
 $V_{IN} = 36\text{ V}$ ,  $V_O = 12\text{ V}$

#### 8.2.1.2.13 Discontinuous Conduction Mode and Eco-mode Boundary

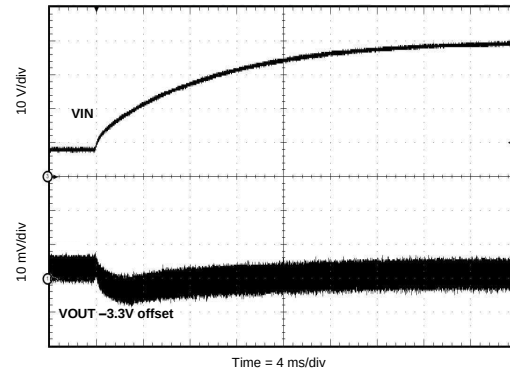
With an input voltage of 12 V, the power supply enters discontinuous conduction mode when the output current is less than 560 mA. The power supply enters Eco-mode when the output current is lower than 18 mA. The input current draw is 240  $\mu\text{A}$  with no load.

### 8.2.1.3 Application Curves

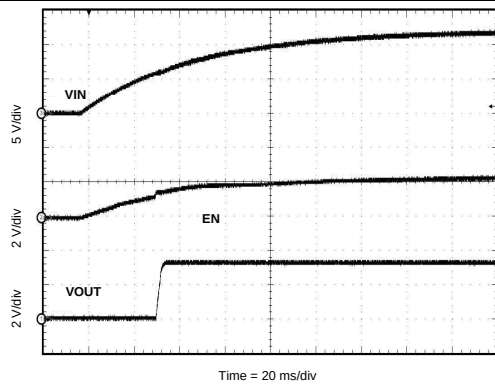
Measurements are taken with standard EVM using a 12-V input, 3.3-V output, and 5-A load unless otherwise noted.



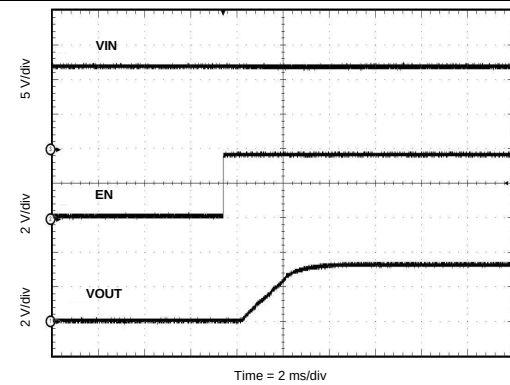
**Figure 38. Load Transient**



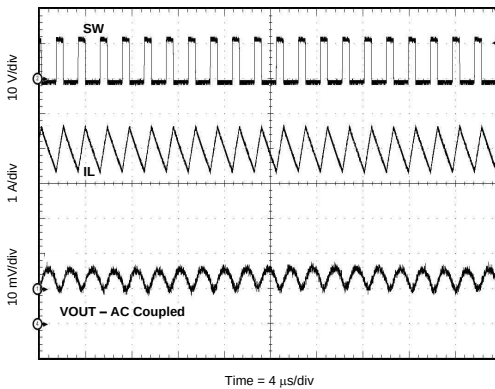
**Figure 39. Line Transient (8 V to 40 V)**



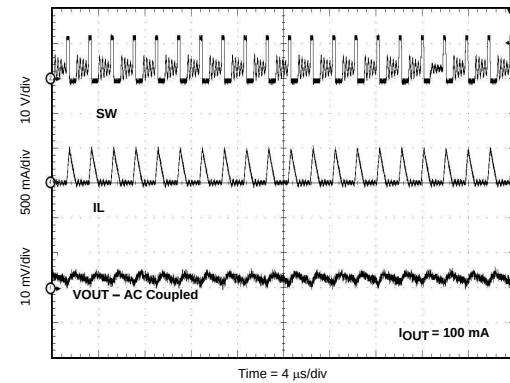
**Figure 40. Start-Up With VIN**



**Figure 41. Start-Up With EN**



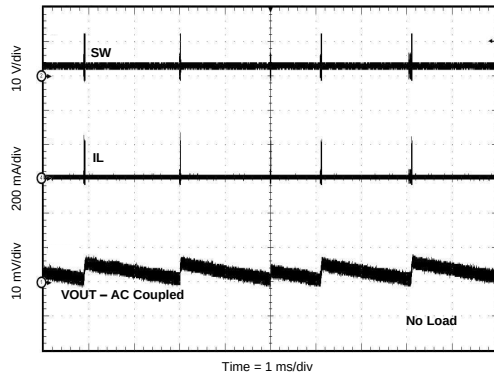
**Figure 42. Output Ripple CCM**



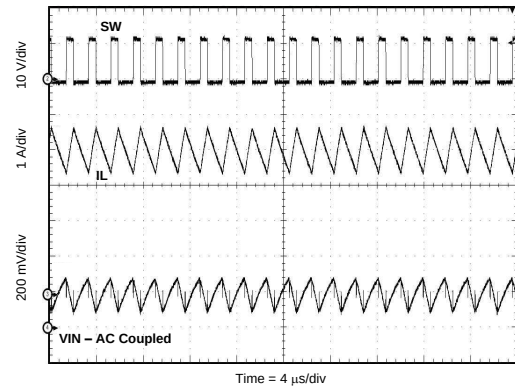
**Figure 43. Output Ripple DCM**



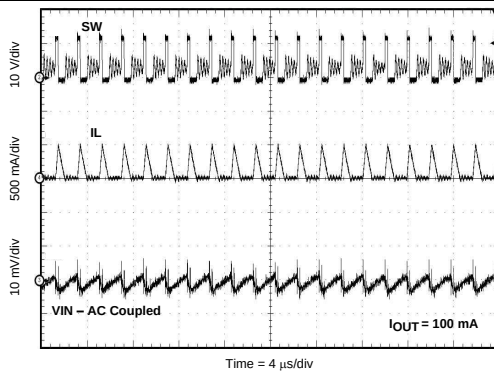
Measurements are taken with standard EVM using a 12-V input, 3.3-V output, and 5-A load unless otherwise noted.



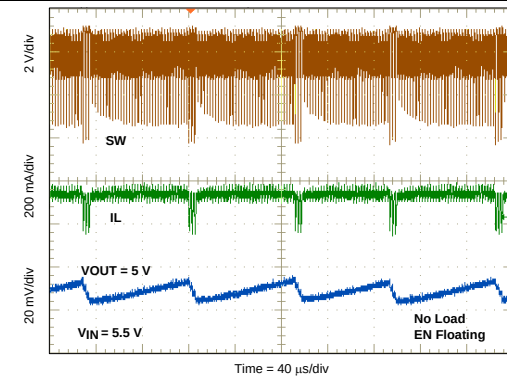
**Figure 44. Output Ripple PSM**



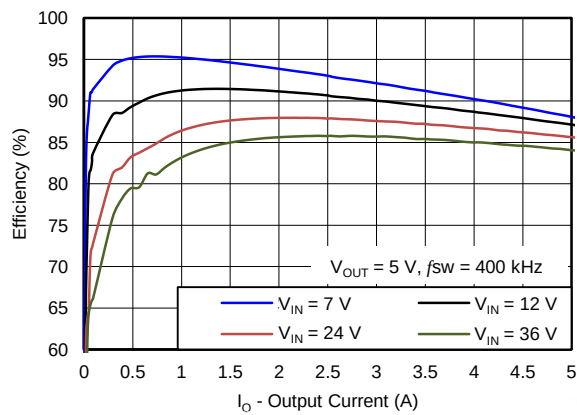
**Figure 45. Input Ripple CCM**



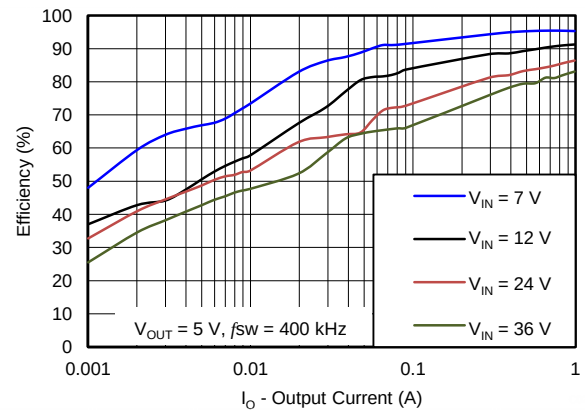
**Figure 46. Input Ripple DCM**



**Figure 47. Low Dropout Operation**

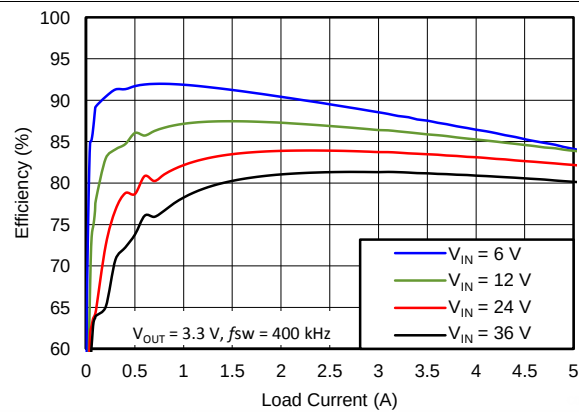
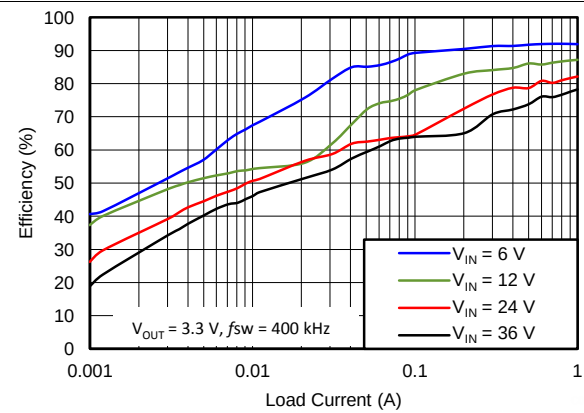
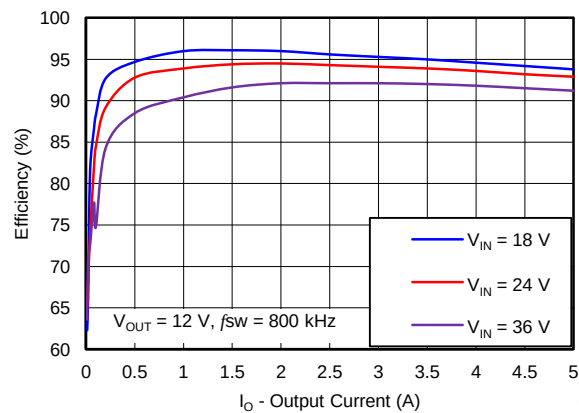
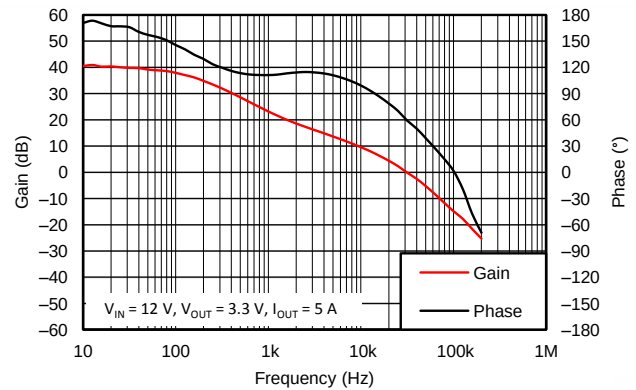
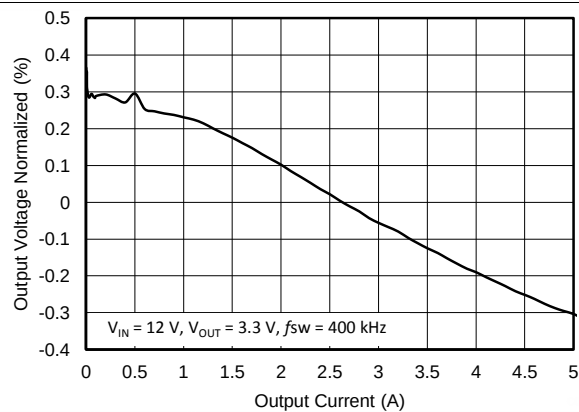
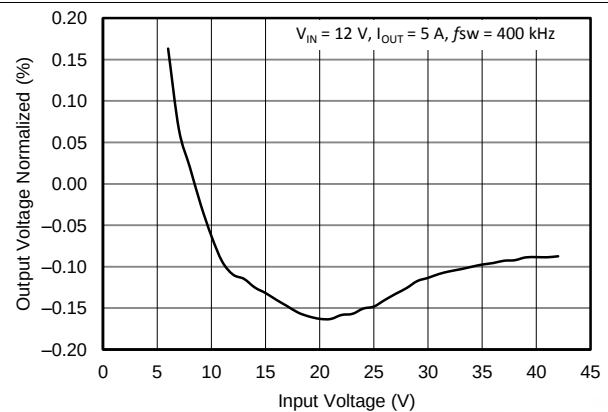


**Figure 48. Efficiency vs Load Current**



**Figure 49. Light Load Efficiency**

Measurements are taken with standard EVM using a 12-V input, 3.3-V output, and 5-A load unless otherwise noted.


**Figure 50. Efficiency vs Load Current**

**Figure 51. Light Load Efficiency**

**Figure 52. Efficiency vs Output Current**

**Figure 53. Overall Loop Frequency Response**

**Figure 54. Regulation vs Load Current**

**Figure 55. Regulation vs Input Voltage**



## 9 Power Supply Recommendations

The device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range from 4.5 V to 42 V. This input supply must remain within this range. If the input supply is located more than a few inches from the TPS54540-Q1 converter, additional bulk capacitance may be required in addition to the ceramic bypass capacitors. An electrolytic capacitor with a value of 100  $\mu$ F is a typical choice.

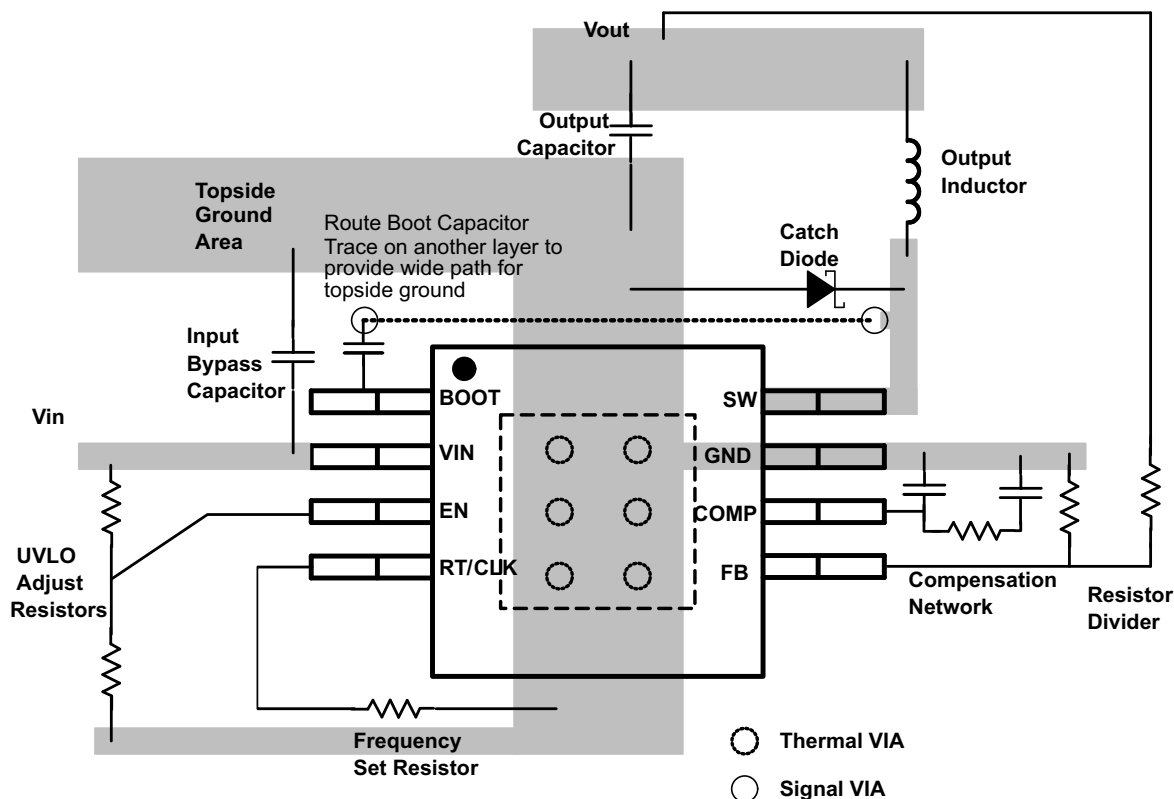
## 10 Layout

### 10.1 Layout Guidelines

Layout is a critical portion of good power supply design. There are several signal paths that conduct fast changing currents or voltages that can interact with stray inductance or parasitic capacitance to generate noise or degrade performance. To reduce parasitic effects, the VIN pin should be bypassed to ground with a low-ESR ceramic bypass capacitor with X5R or X7R dielectric. Take care to minimize the loop area formed by the bypass capacitor connections, the VIN pin, and the anode of the catch diode. See Figure 58 for a PCB layout example. The GND pin should be tied directly to the power pad under the IC and the power pad.

The power pad must be connected to internal PCB ground planes using multiple vias directly under the IC. The SW pin should be routed to the cathode of the catch diode and to the output inductor. Because the SW connection is the switching node, the catch diode and output inductor must be located close to the SW pins, and the area of the PCB conductor minimized to prevent excessive capacitive coupling. For operation at full rated load, the top side ground area must provide adequate heat dissipating area. The RT/CLK pin is sensitive to noise so the RT resistor should be located as close as possible to the IC and routed with minimal lengths of trace. The additional external components can be placed approximately as shown. It may be possible to obtain acceptable performance with alternate PCB layouts; however, this layout has been shown to produce good results and is meant as a guideline.

### 10.2 Layout Example



**Figure 58. PCB Layout Example**

## 10.3 Estimated Circuit Area

Boxing in the components in the design of [Figure 33](#) the estimated printed-circuit-board area is 1.025 in<sup>2</sup> (661 mm<sup>2</sup>). This area does not include test points or connectors. If the area needs to be reduced, this can be done by using a two sided assembly and replacing the 0603 sized passives with a smaller sized equivalent.

## 11 Device and Documentation Support

### 11.1 Device Support

#### 11.1.1 Development Support

For the *TPS54360 and TPS54361 Family Design Excel Tool*, see the following:

- Design Calculator zip file ([SLVC452](#))

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### 11.2 Documentation Support

#### 11.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- *Creating GSM Power Supply from TPS54260* ([SLVA412](#))
- *Creating a Universal Car Charger for USB Devices From the TPS54240 and TPS2511* ([SLVA464](#))
- *Create an Inverting Power Supply from a Step-Down Regulator* ([SLVA317](#))
- *Create a Split-Rail Power Supply with a Wide Input Voltage Buck Regulator* ([SLVA369](#))

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### 11.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



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

### 11.6 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

## 12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable part number            | Status<br>(1) | Material type<br>(2) | Package   Pins           | Package qty   Carrier | RoHS<br>(3) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(4) | MSL rating/<br>Peak reflow<br>(5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking<br>(6) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">TPS54540BQDDAQ1</a>  | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 75   TUBE             | Yes         | NIPDAU   NIPDAUAG                    | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 5454BQ              |
| TPS54540BQDDAQ1.B                | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 75   TUBE             | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 5454BQ              |
| <a href="#">TPS54540BQDDARQ1</a> | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU   NIPDAUAG                    | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 5454BQ              |
| TPS54540BQDDARQ1.B               | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 5454BQ              |

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

<sup>(2)</sup> **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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<sup>(6)</sup> **Part marking:** There may be an additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category of the part.

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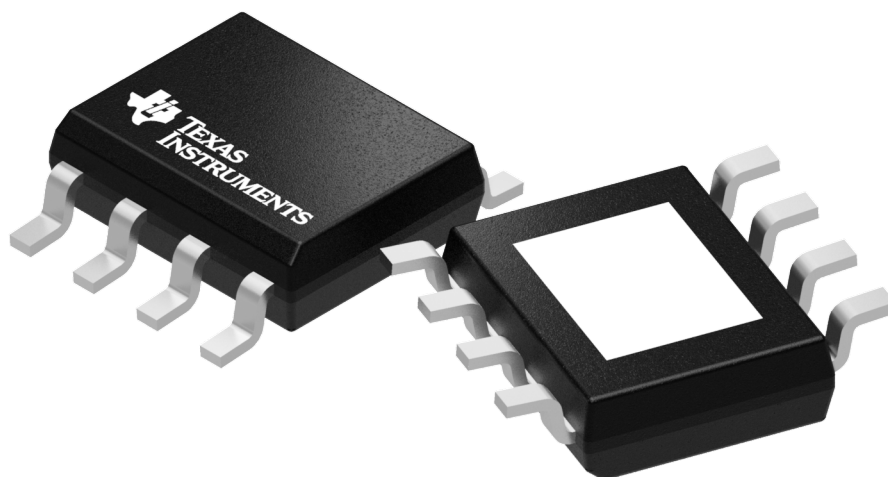
**OTHER QUALIFIED VERSIONS OF TPS54540B-Q1 :**

- Catalog : [TPS54540B](#)

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- Catalog - TI's standard catalog product

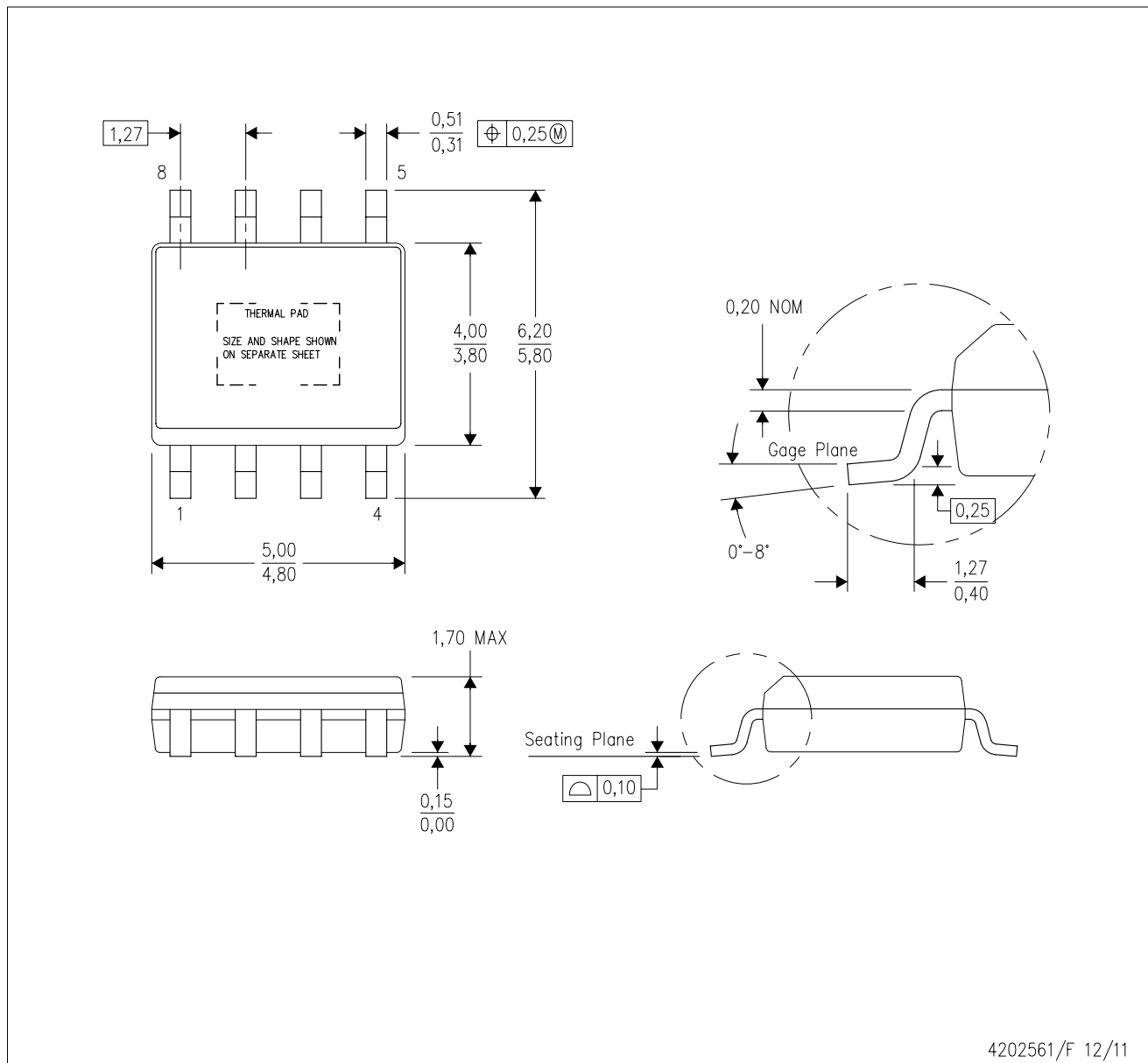




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Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

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PowerPAD™ PLASTIC SMALL-OUTLINE



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  - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - C. Body dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusion not to exceed 0,15.
  - D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Technical Brief, PowerPad Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 for information regarding recommended board layout. This document is available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com) <<http://www.ti.com>>.
  - E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
  - F. This package complies to JEDEC MS-012 variation BA

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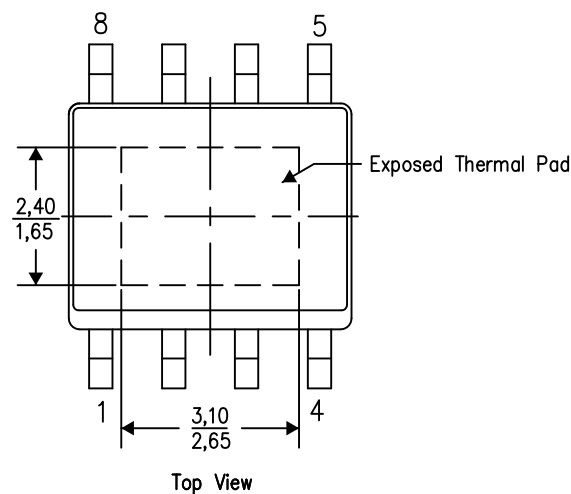
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## THERMAL INFORMATION

This PowerPAD™ package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached to a printed circuit board (PCB). The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the PCB. After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For additional information on the PowerPAD package and how to take advantage of its heat dissipating abilities, refer to Technical Brief, PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 and Application Brief, PowerPAD Made Easy, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA004. Both documents are available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.



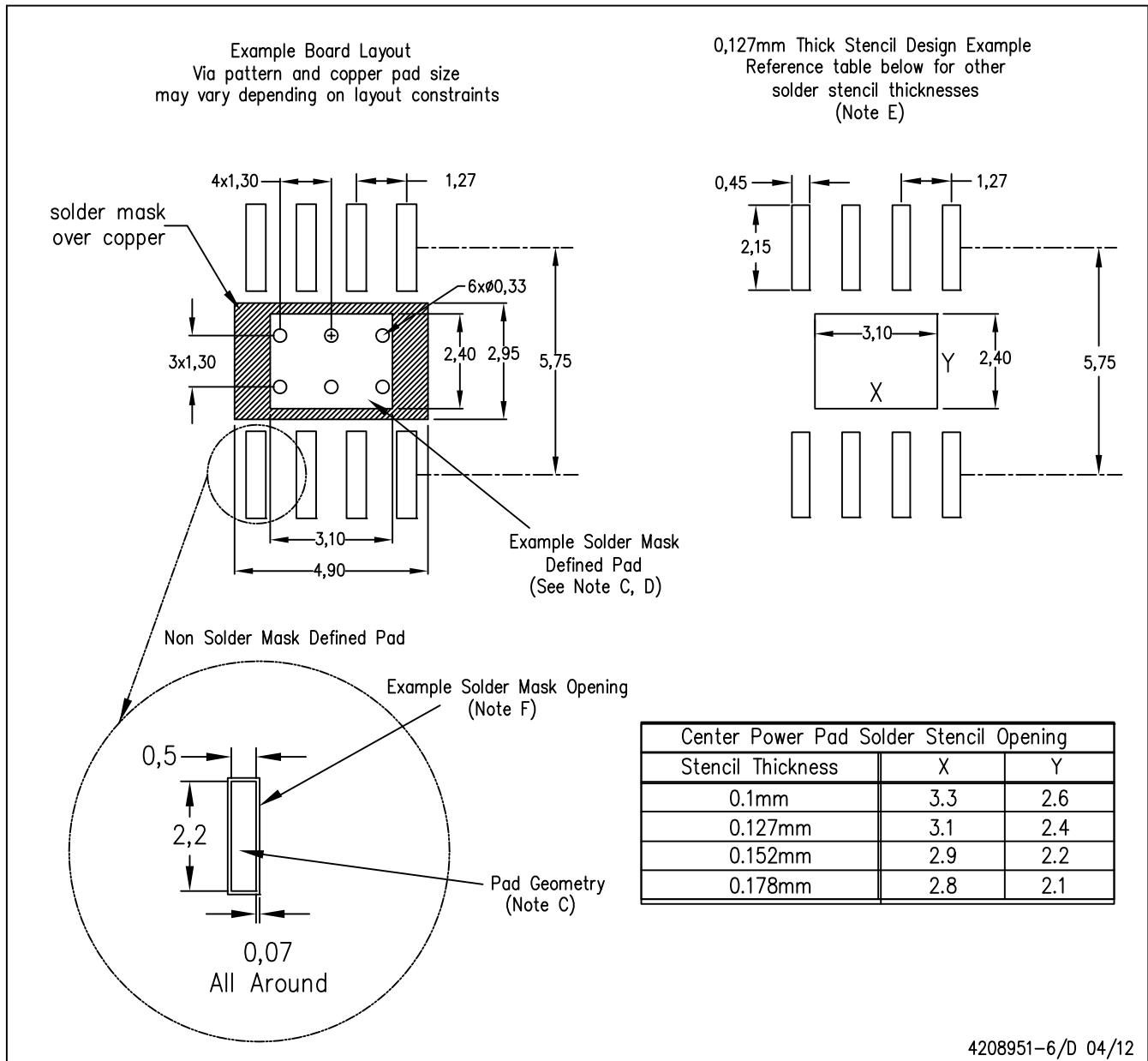
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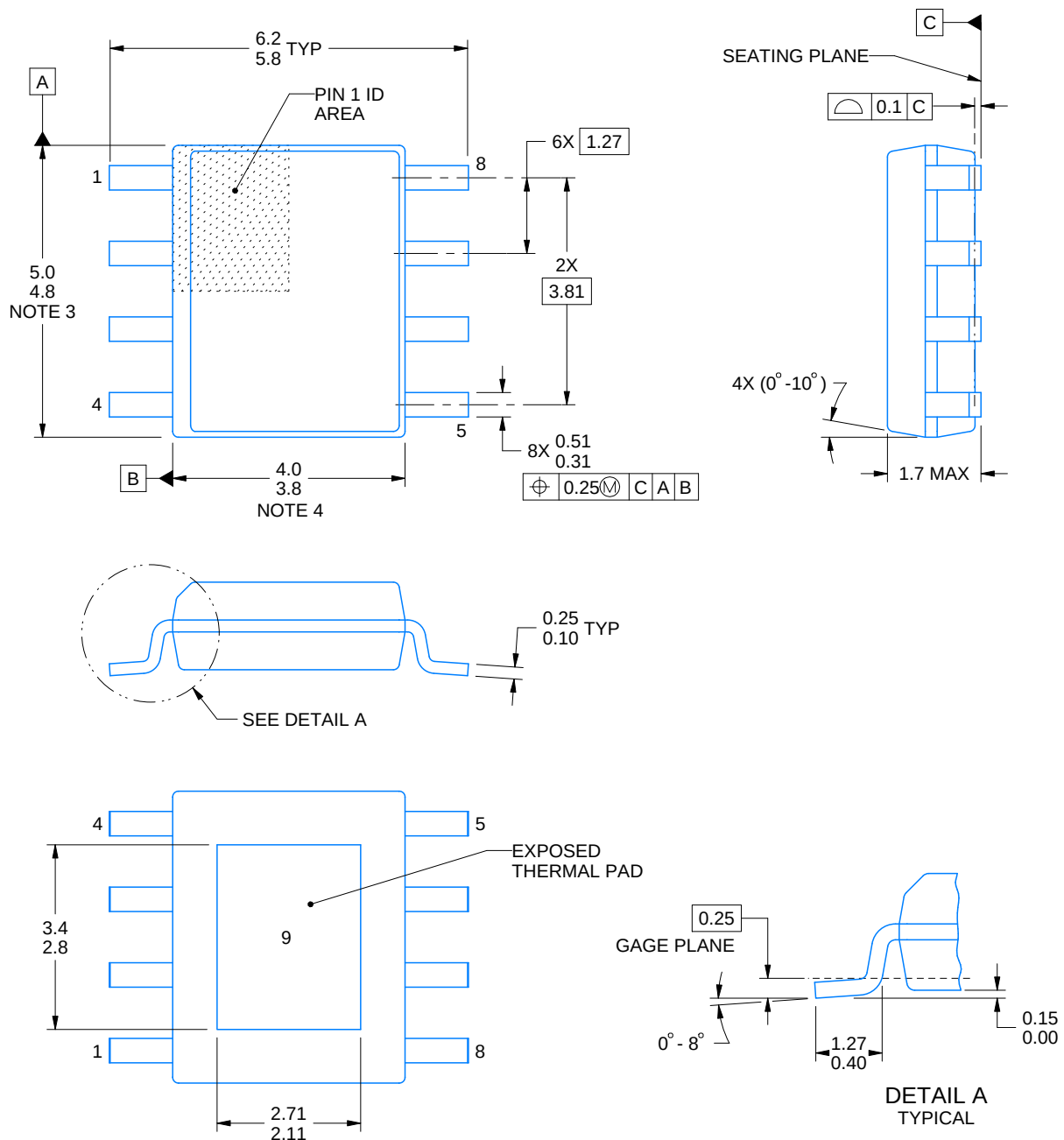
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  - This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Technical Brief, PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002, SLMA004, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com) <<http://www.ti.com>>. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
  - Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Example stencil design based on a 50% volumetric metal load solder paste. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.
  - Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads.

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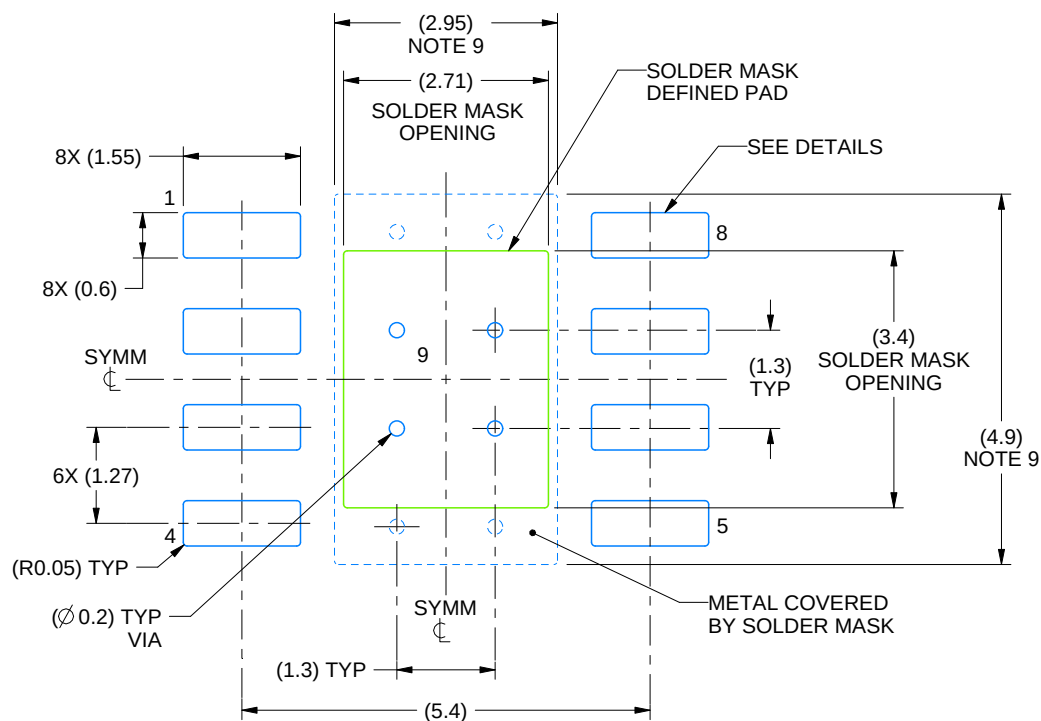
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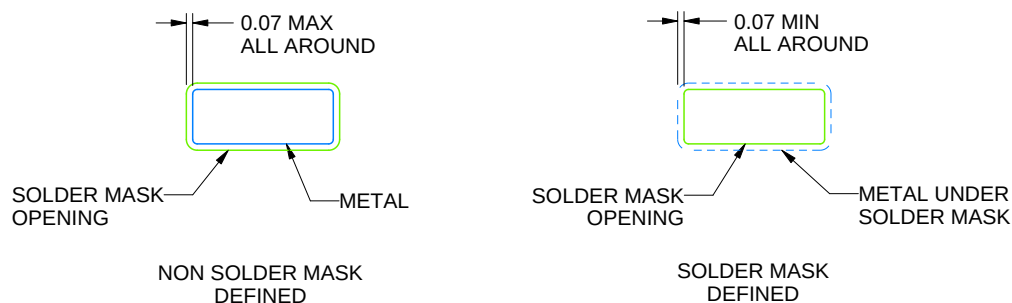
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## PowerPAD™ SOIC - 1.7 mm max height

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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
SCALE:10X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS  
PADS 1-8

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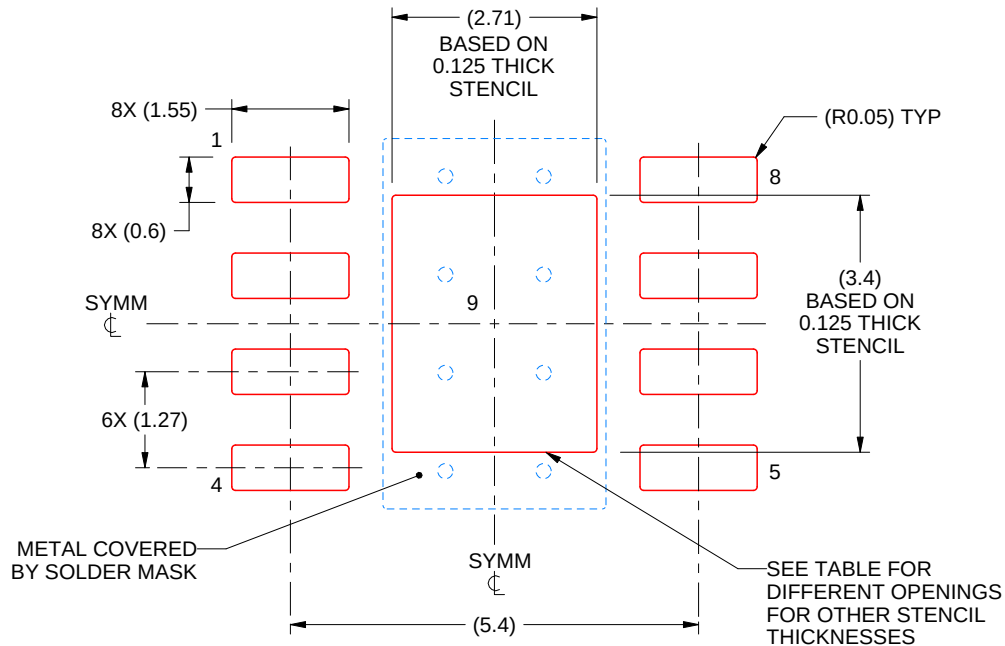
6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.
8. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature numbers SLMA002 ([www.ti.com/lit/slma002](http://www.ti.com/lit/slma002))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

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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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12. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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