17-V, 1.5-A, SYNCHRONOUS STEP-DOWN CONVERTER

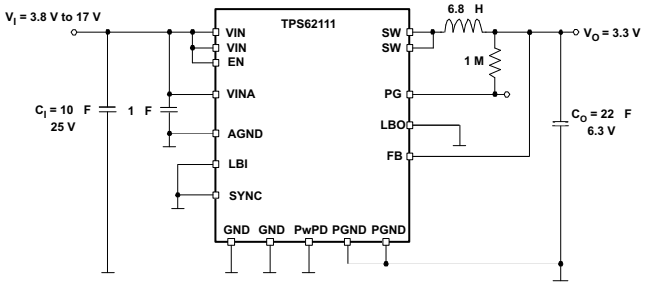
FEATURES

- **High-Efficiency Synchronous Step-Down Converter With up to 95% Efficiency**
- **3.1-V to 17-V Operating Input Voltage Range**
- **Adjustable Output Voltage Range From 1.2 V to 16 V**
- **Fixed Output Voltage Options Available in 3.3 V and 5 V**
- **Synchronizable to External Clock Signal up to 1.4 MHz**
- **Up to 1.5-A Output Current**
- **High Efficiency Over a Wide Load Current Range Due to PFM/PWM Operation Mode**
- **100% Maximum Duty Cycle for Lowest Dropout**
- **20-µA Quiescent Current (Typical)**
- **Overtemperature and Overcurrent Protected**
- **Available in 16-Pin QFN Package**

APPLICATIONS

- **Point-of-Load Regulation From 12-V Bus**
- **Organizers, PDAs, and Handheld PCs**
- **Handheld Scanners**

TYPICAL APPLICATION

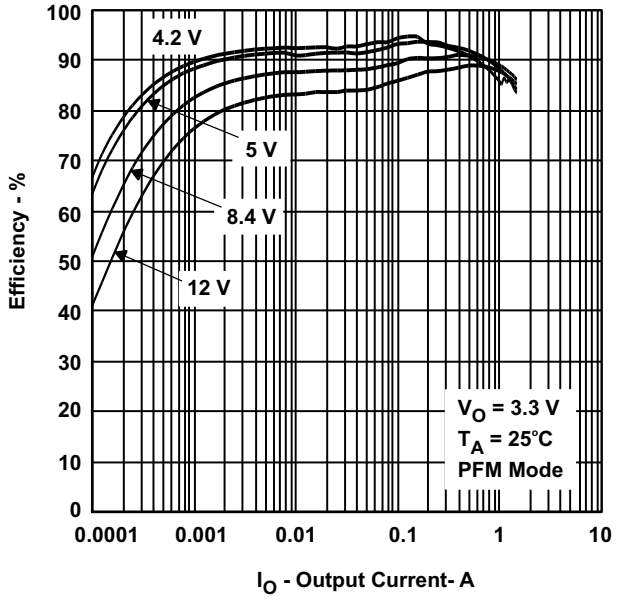


DESCRIPTION

The TPS6211x devices are a family of low-noise synchronous step-down dc-dc converters that are ideally suited for systems powered from a 2-cell Li-ion battery or from a 12-V or 15-V rail.

The TPS6211x is a synchronous PWM converter with integrated – and P-channel power MOSFET switches. Synchronous rectification is used to increase efficiency and to reduce external component count. To achieve highest efficiency over a wide load current range, the converter enters a power-saving, pulse-frequency modulation (PFM) mode at light load currents. Operating frequency is typically 1 MHz, allowing the use of small inductor and capacitor values. The device can be synchronized to an external clock signal in the range of 0.8 MHz to 1.4 MHz. For low noise operation, the converter can be operated in PWM-only mode. In the shutdown mode, the current consumption is reduced to less than 2 µA. The TPS6211x is available in the 16-pin (RSA) QFN package, and operates over a free-air temperature range of –40°C to 85°C.

TPS62111
Efficiency vs Output Current



This device contains circuits to protect its inputs and outputs against damage due to high static voltages or electrostatic fields. These circuits have been qualified to protect this device against electrostatic discharges; HBM according to EIA/JESD22-A114-B, MM according EIA/JESD22-A115-A, and CDM according EIA/JESD22C101C; however, it is advised that precautions be taken to avoid application of any voltage higher than maximum-rated voltages to these high-impedance circuits. During storage or handling the device leads should be shorted together or the device should be placed in conductive foam. In a circuit, unused inputs should always be connected to an appropriate logic voltage level, preferably either VCC or ground. Specific guidelines for handling devices of this type are contained in the publication Guidelines for Handling Electrostatic-Discharge-Sensitive (ESDS) Devices and Assemblies available from Texas Instruments.

ORDERING INFORMATION

PLASTIC QFN 16 PIN(1) (RSA)	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	LBI/LBO FUNCTIONALITY	MARKING
TPS62110	Adjustable 1.2 V to 16 V	Standard	TPS62110
TPS62111	3.3 V	Standard	TPS62111
TPS62112	5 V	Standard	TPS62112

(1) The RSA package is available in tape and reel. Add R suffix (TPS62110RSAR) to order quantities of 3000 parts per reel. Add T suffix (TPS62110RSAT) to order quantities of 250 parts per reel.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)

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

		UNIT
V_{CC}	Supply voltage at VIN, VINA	–0.3 V to 20 V
V_I	Voltage at SW	–0.3 V to V_I
	Voltage at EN, SYNC, LBO, PG	–0.3 V to 20 V
	Voltage at LBI, FB	–0.3 V to 7 V
I_O	Output current at SW	2400 mA
T_J	Maximum junction temperature	150°C
T_A	Operating free-air temperature	–40°C to 85°C
T_{stg}	Storage temperature	–65°C to 150°C
	Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16-inch) from case for 10 seconds	300°C

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

DISSIPATION RATINGS(1)

PACKAGE	$T_A \le 25°C$ POWER RATING	DERATING FACTOR ABOVE $T_A = 25°C$	$T_A = 70°C$ POWER RATING	$T_A = 85°C$ POWER RATING
RSA	2.5 W	25 mW/°C	1.375 W	1 W

(1) Based on a thermal resistance of 40 K/W soldered onto a high K board.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V_{CC}	Supply voltage at VIN , VINA	3.1		17	V
	Maximum voltage at power-good, LBO, EN, SYNC			17	V
T_J	Operating junction temperature	–40		125	°C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

V_I = 12 V, V_O = 3.3 V, I_O = 600 mA, EN = V_I, T_A = –40°C to 85°C (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SUPPLY CURRENT						
V_I	Input voltage range		3.1		17	V
$I_{(Q)}$	Operating quiescent current	I_O = 0 mA, SYNC = GND, V_I = 7.2 V, T_A = 25°C (1)		20		µA
		I_O = 0 mA, SYNC = GND, V_I = 17 V (1)		23	26	
$I_{(SD)}$	Shutdown current	EN = GND		1.5	5	µA
		EN = GND, T_A = 25°C, V_I = 7.2 V		1.5	3	
ENABLE						
V_{IH}	EN high-level input voltage		1.3			V
V_{IL}	EN low-level input voltage				0.3	V
	EN trip-point hysteresis			170		mV
I_{IKG}	EN input leakage current	EN = GND or V_I, V_I = 12 V		0.01	0.2	µA
$I_{(EN)}$	EN input current	0.6 V ≤ $V_{(EN)}$ ≤ 4 V		10	20	µA
$V_{(UVLO)}$	Undervoltage lockout threshold	Input voltage falling	2.8	3	3.1	V
	Undervoltage lockout hysteresis			250	300	mV
POWER SWITCH						
$r_{DS(ON)}$	P-channel MOSFET on-resistance	V_I ≥ 5.4 V; I_O = 350 mA		165	250	mΩ
		V_I = 3.5 V; I_O = 200 mA		340		
		V_I = 3 V; I_O = 100 mA		490		
	P-channel MOSFET leakage current	V_{DS} = 17 V		0.1	1	µA
	P-channel MOSFET current limit	V_I = 7.2 V, V_O = 3.3 V		2400		mA
$r_{DS(ON)}$	N-channel MOSFET on-resistance	V_I ≥ 5.4 V; I_O = 350 mA		145	200	mΩ
		V_I = 3.5 V; I_O = 200 mA		170		
		V_I = 3 V; I_O = 100 mA		200		
	N-channel MOSFET leakage current	V_{DS} = 17 V		0.1	2	µA
POWER GOOD OUTPUT , LBI, LBO						
$V_{(PG)}$	Power good trip voltage			V_O - 1.6%		V
	Power good delay time	V_O ramping positive		50		µs
		V_O ramping negative		200		
V_{OL}	PG, LBO output low voltage	$V_{(FB)}$ = 0.8 × V_O nominal, I_{OL} = 1 mA			0.3	V
I_{OL}	PG, LBO sink current			1		mA
	PG, LBO output leakage current	$V_{(FB)}$ = V_O nominal, $V_{(LBI)}$ = V_I		0.01	0.25	µA
	Minimum supply voltage for valid power good, LBI, LBO signal			3		V
V_{LBI}	Low battery input trip voltage	Input voltage falling		1.256		V
ILBI	LBI input leakage current			10	100	nA
	Low battery input trip-point accuracy				1.5%	
$V_{LBI,HYS}$	Low battery input hysteresis			25		mV
OSCILLATOR						
f_S	Oscillator frequency		900	1000	1100	kHz
$f_{(SYNC)}$	Synchronization range	CMOS-logic clock signal on SYNC pin	800		1400	kHz
V_{IH}	SYNC high-level input voltage		1.5			V
V_{IL}	SYNC low-level input voltage				0.3	V

(1) Device is not switching.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

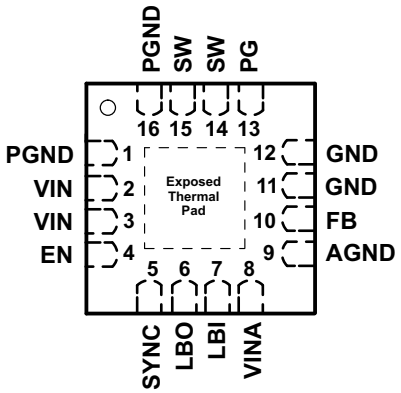
V_I = 12 V, V_O = 3.3 V, I_O = 600 mA, EN = V_I, T_A = –40°C to 85°C (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
I_{lkg}	SYNC input leakage current	SYNC = GND or VIN			0.01	0.2	µA
	SYNC trip-point hysteresis				170		mV
	SYNC input current	0.6 V ≤ $V_{(SYNC)}$ ≤ 4 V			10	20	µA
	Duty cycle of external clock signal			30%		90%	
OUTPUT							
V_O	Adjustable output voltage range	TPS62110		1.153		16	V
V_{FB}	Feedback voltage	TPS62110			1.153		V
	FB leakage current	TPS62110			10	100	nA
	Feedback voltage tolerance	TPS62110	V_I = 3.1 V to 17 V; 0 mA < I_O < 1500 mA(2)	–2%		2%	
	Fixed output voltage tolerance(3)	TPS62111	V_I = 3.8 V to 17 V; 0 mA < I_O < 1500 mA(2)	–3%		3%	
		TPS62112	V_I = 5.5 V to 17 V; 0 mA < I_O < 1500 mA(2)	–3%		3%	
I_O	Maximum output current	V_I ≥ 3 V (once undervoltage lockout voltage exceeded)			100		mA
		V_I ≥ 3.5 V			500		
		V_I ≥ 4.3 V			1200		
		V_I ≥ 6 V			1500		
	Current into internal voltage divider for fixed voltage versions				5		µA
η	Efficiency	V_I = 7.2 V; V_O = 3.3 V; I_O = 600 mA			92%		
		V_I = 12 V, V_o = 5 V, I_o = 600 mA					
	Duty cycle range for main switches	at 1 MHz		10%		100%	
	Minimum t_{on} time for main switch			100			ns
	Shutdown temperature				145		°C
	Start-up time	I_O = 800 mA, V_I = 12 V, V_o = 3.3 V			1		ms

(2) The maximum output current depends on the input voltage. See the *maximum output current* for further restrictions on the minimum input voltage.
(3) The output voltage accuracy includes line and load regulation over the full temperature range T_A = -40°C to 85°C. See the section for no-load operation in this data sheet.

DEVICE INFORMATION

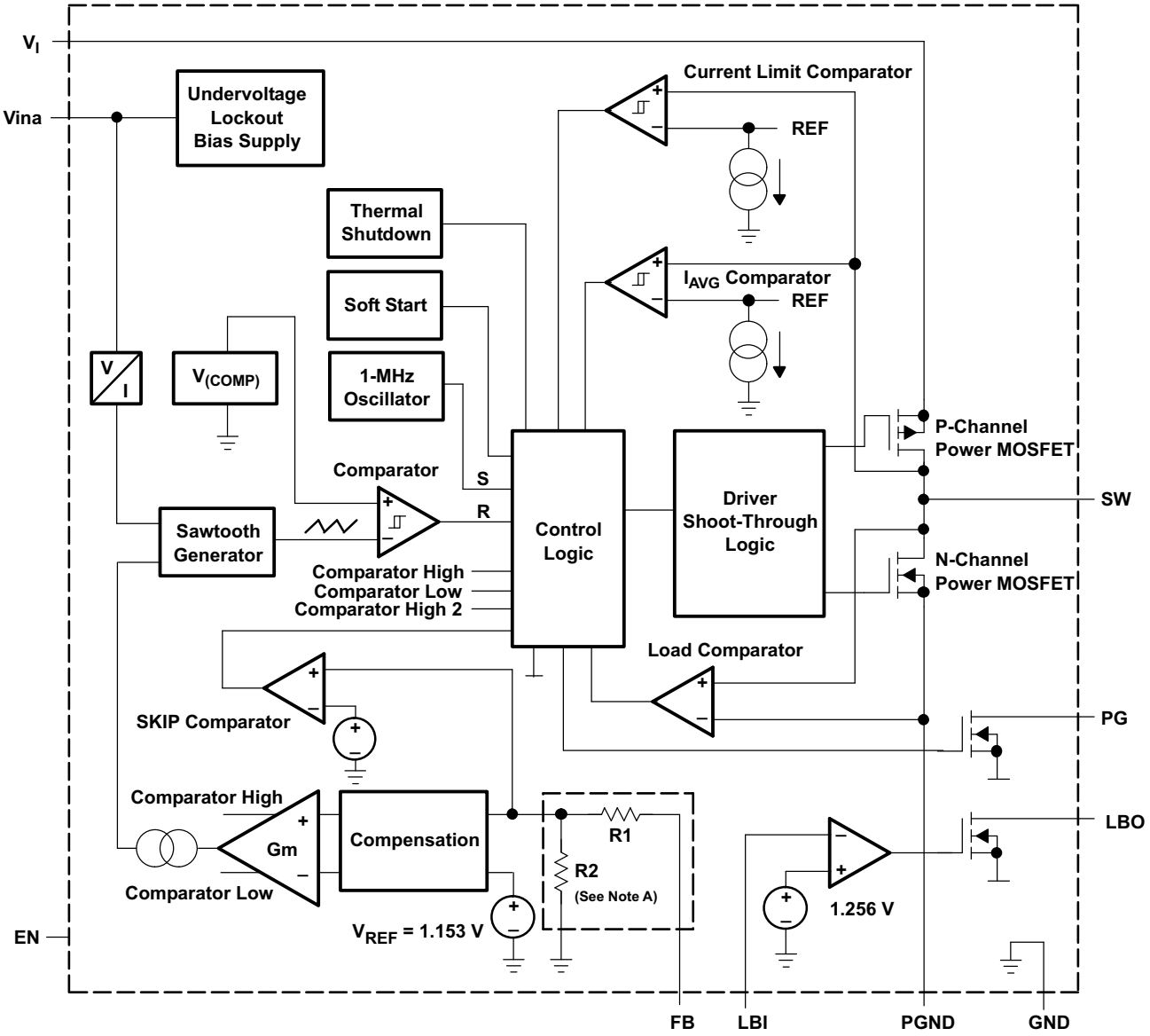
PIN ASSIGNMENT TOP VIEW



TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

TERMINAL		I/O	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
EN	4	I	Enable. A logic high enables the converter; logic low forces the device into shutdown mode reducing the supply current to less than 2 µA.
FB	10	I	Feedback pin for the fixed output voltage option. For the adjustable version, an external resistive divider is connected to this pin. The internal voltage divider is disabled for the adjustable version.
LBO	6	O	Open-drain, low-battery output. This pin is pulled low if LBI is below its threshold.
GND	11, 12	I	Ground
LBI	7	I	Low-battery input
SW	14, 15	O	Connect the inductor to this pin. This pin is the switch pin and connected to the drain of the internal power MOSFETS.
PG	13	O	Power good comparator output. This is an open-drain output. A pullup resistor should be connected between PG and VOUT. The output goes active high when the output voltage is greater than 98.4% of the nominal value.
PGND	1, 16	I	Power ground. Connect all power grounds to this pin.
AGND	9	I	Analog ground, connect to GND and PGND
SYNC	5	I	Input for synchronization to external clock signal. Synchronizes the converter switching frequency to an external clock signal with CMOS level: SYNC = HIGH: Low-noise mode enabled, fixed frequency PWM operation is forced SYNC = LOW (GND): Power save mode enabled, PFM/PWM Mode enabled
VIN	2, 3	I	Supply voltage input (power stage)
VINA	8	I	Supply voltage input (support circuits)
PowerPAD™			Connect to AGND

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



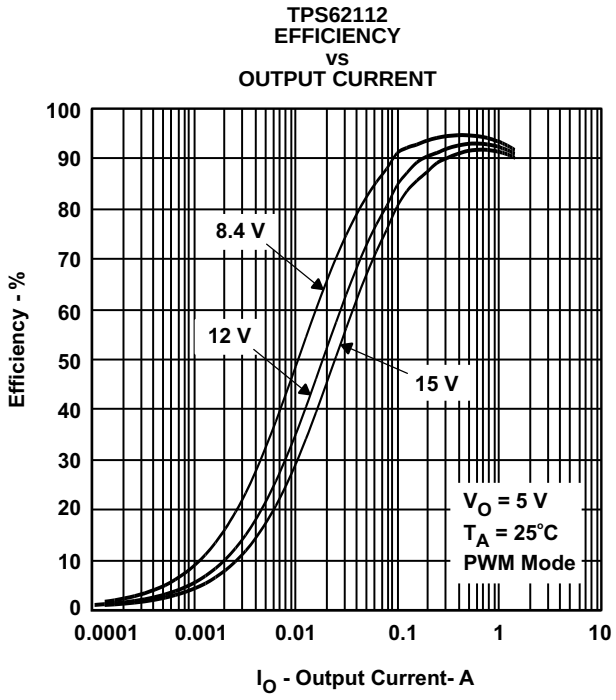
A. For the adjustable version (TPS62110), the internal feedback divider is disabled and the FB pin is directly connected to the internal GM amplifier.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Table of Graphs

			FIGURE
Efficiency	vs	Output current (5 V)	1, 2
Efficiency	vs	Output current (3.3 V)	3, 4, 5
Maximum output current	vs	Input voltage	6
Efficiency	vs	Output current (1.8 V)	7, 8
Efficiency	vs	Output current (1.5 V)	9, 10
Line transient response			11
Load transient response			12
Output ripple			13
Start-up timing			14
Switching frequency	vs	Input voltage	15
Quiescent current	vs	Input voltage	16

Graphs with V_O = 1.8 V were taken using the circuit according to Figure 20.



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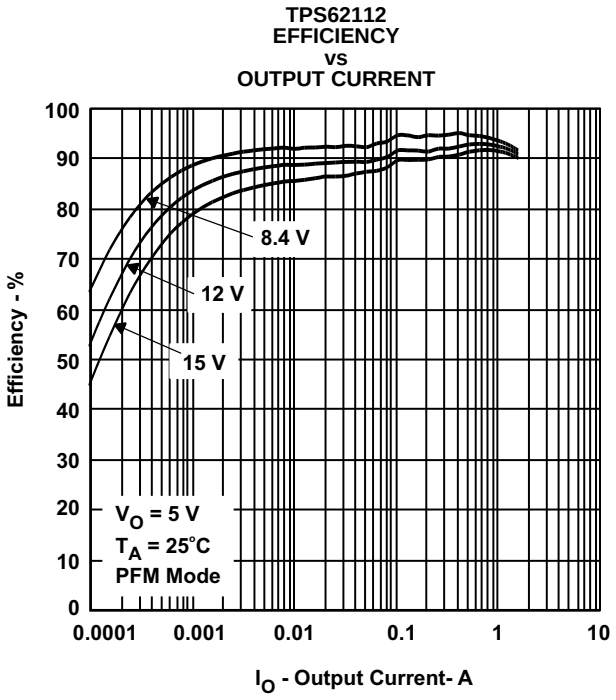

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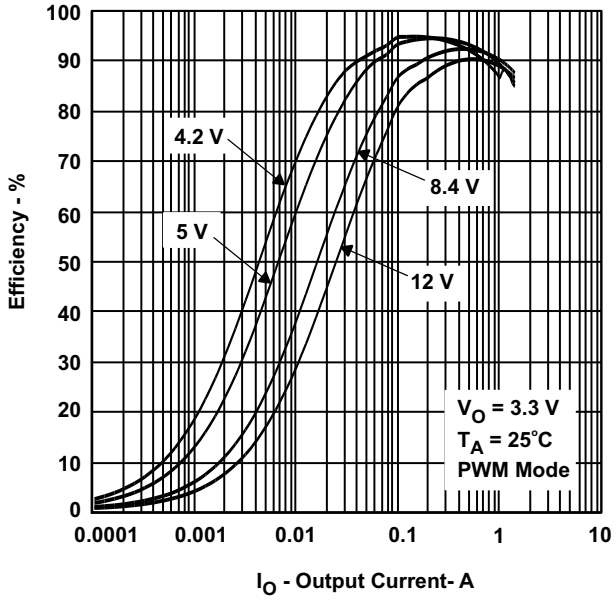
TPS62111
EFFICIENCY
vs
OUTPUT CURRENT



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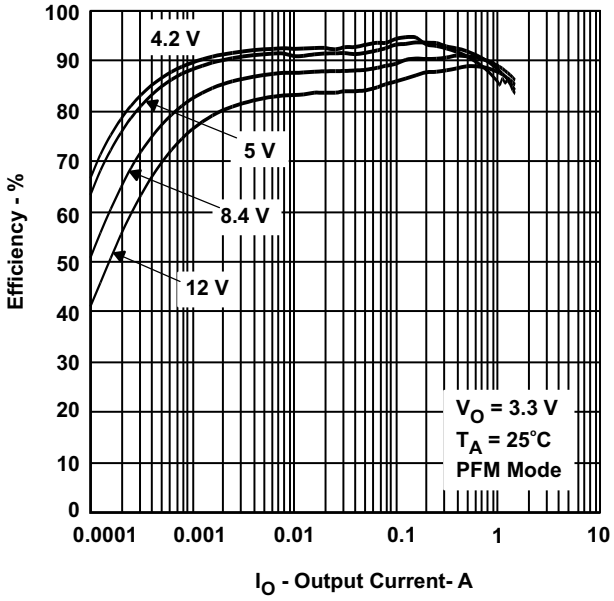

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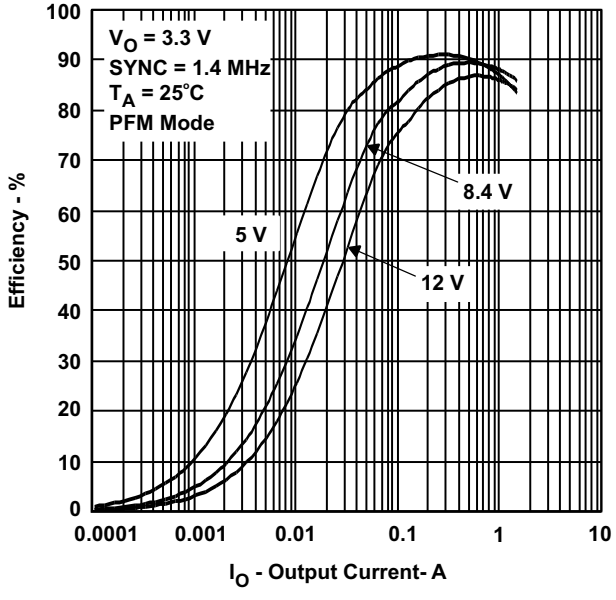
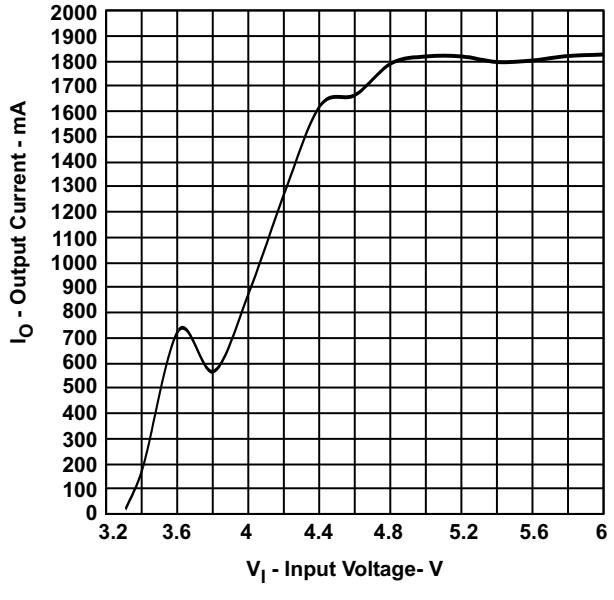


Figure 5.

TPS62111
MAXIMUM OUTPUT CURRENT
vs
INPUT VOLTAGE



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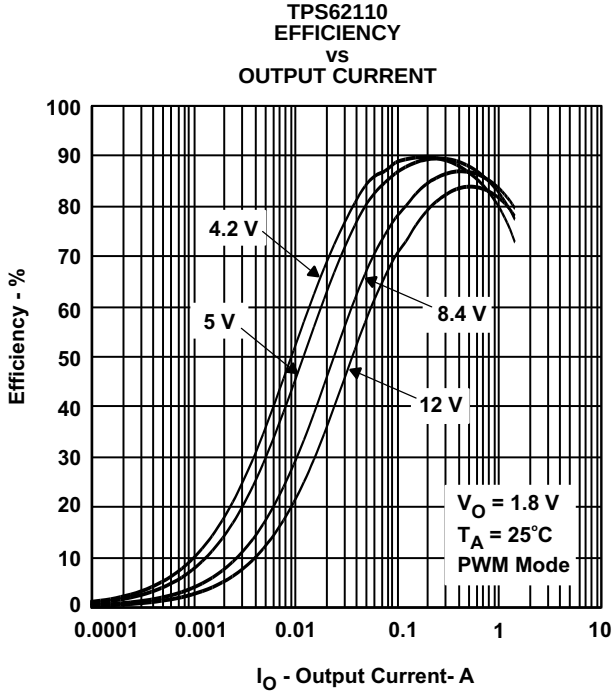

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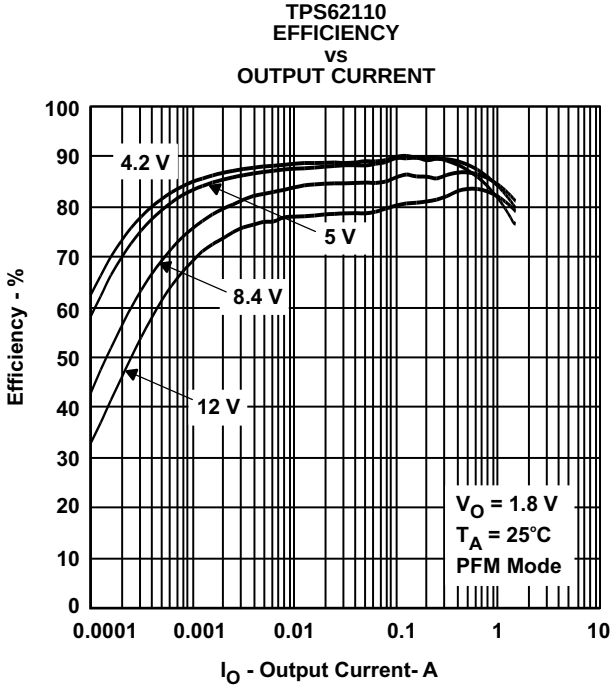

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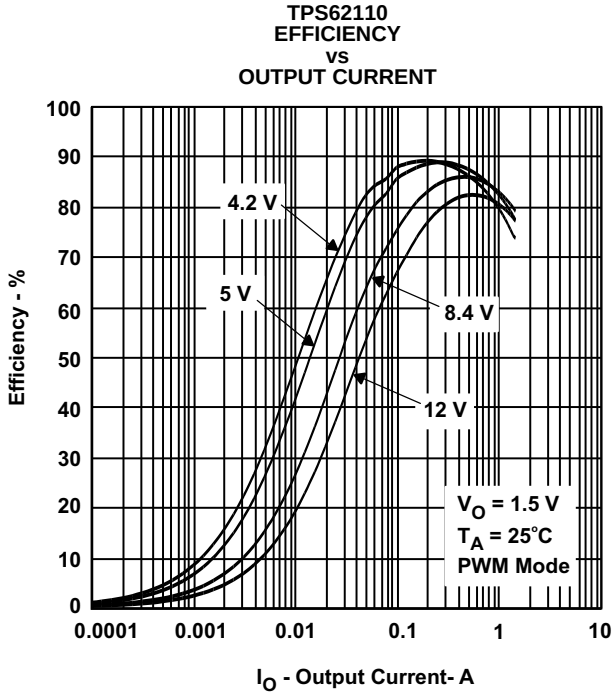

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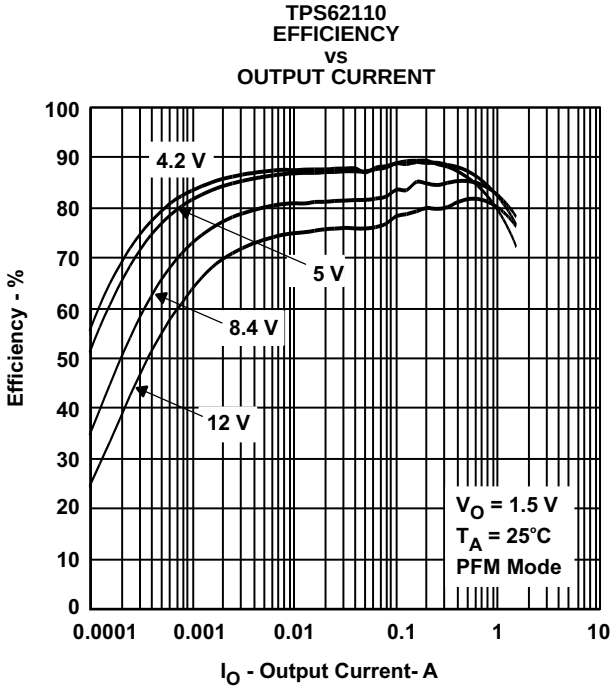

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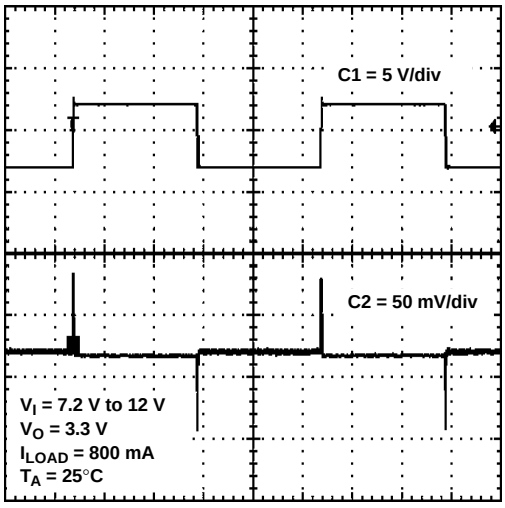
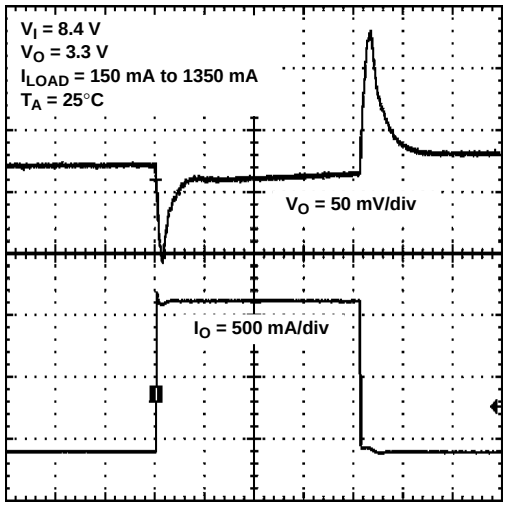
TPS62111
LINE TRANSIENT



t − Time = 2 ms/div

Figure 11.

TPS62111
LOAD TRANSIENT

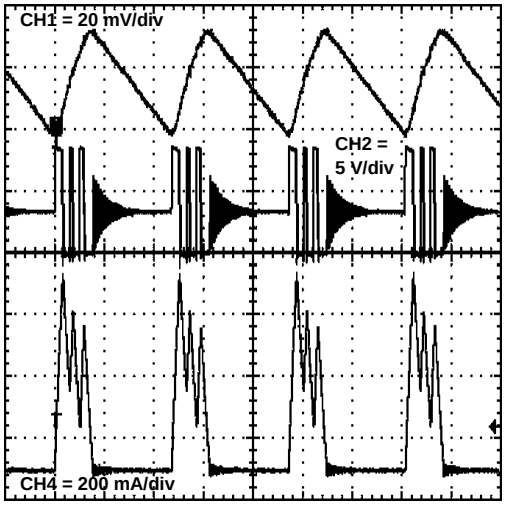


t − Time = 20 μs/div

Figure 12.

TPS62111
OUTPUT RIPPLE

V_I = 8.4 V, V_O = 3.3 V **I_{LOAD} = 100 mA, T_A = 25°C**

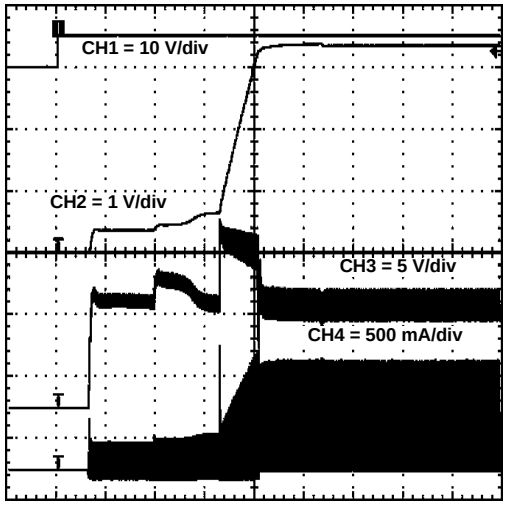


t − Time = 5 μs/div

Figure 13.

TPS62111
START-UP TIMING

V_I = 12 V, V_O = 3.3 V **I_{LOAD} = 800 mA, T_A = 25°C**



t − Time = 200 μs/div

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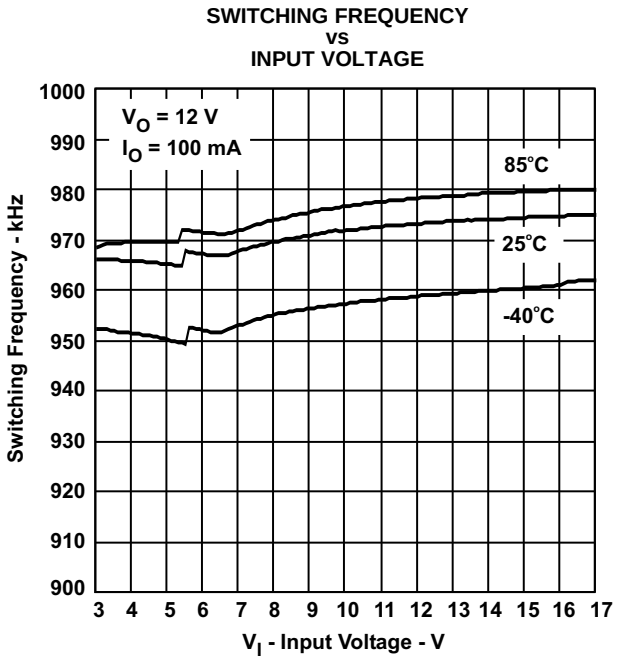

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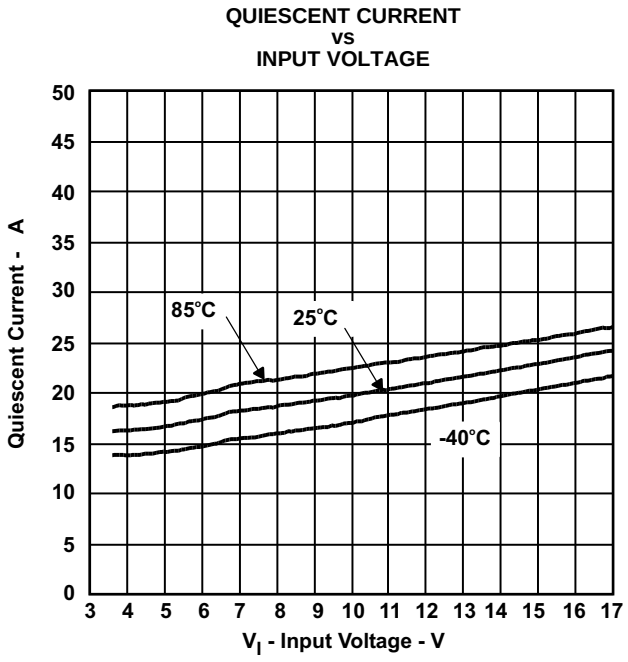

Figure 16.

The graphs were generated using the EVM with the setup according to Figure 17 unless otherwise noted. The output voltage divider was adjusted according to **Table 4**. Graphs for an output voltage of 5 V and 3.3 V were generated using TPS62111 and TPS62112 with R1 = 0 Ω and R2 = open.

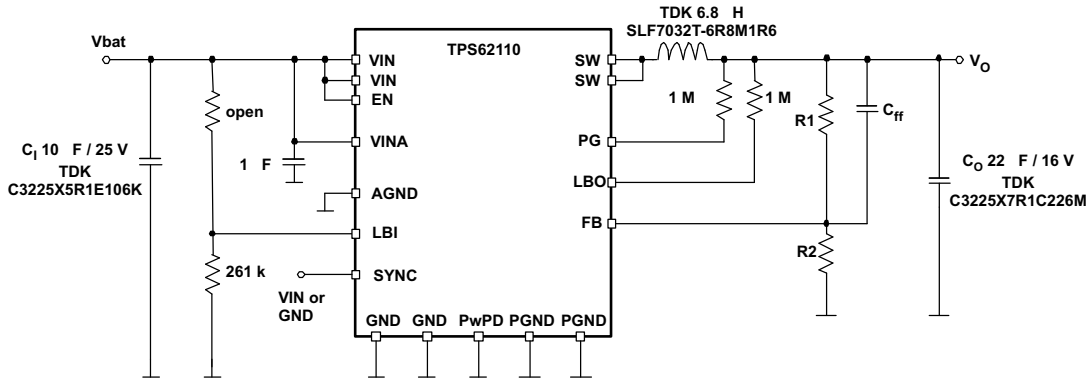

Figure 17. Test Setup

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

OPERATION

The TPS6211x is a synchronous step-down converter that operates with a 1-MHz fixed frequency pulse width modulation (PWM) at moderate-to-heavy load currents and enters the power save mode at light load current.

During PWM operation, the converter uses a unique fast response voltage mode control scheme with input voltage feedforward. Good line and load regulation is achieved with the use of small input and output ceramic capacitors. At the beginning of each clock cycle initiated by the clock signal (S), the P-channel MOSFET switch is turned on, and the inductor current ramps up until the comparator trips and the control logic turns the switch off. The switch is turned off by the current limit comparator if the current limit of the P-channel switch is exceeded. After the dead time prevents current shoot through, the N-channel MOSFET rectifier is turned on, and the inductor current ramps down. The next cycle is initiated by the clock signal turning off the N-channel rectifier, and turning on the P-channel switch.

The error amplifier as well as the input voltage determines the rise time of the sawtooth generator. Therefore, any change in input voltage or output voltage directly controls the duty cycle of the converter giving a very good line and load transient regulation.

CONSTANT FREQUENCY MODE OPERATION (SYNC = HIGH)

In constant frequency mode, the output voltage is regulated by varying the duty cycle of the PWM signal in the range of 100% to 10%. Connecting the SYNC pin to a voltage greater than 1.5 V forces the converter to operate permanently in the PWM mode even at light or no-load currents. The advantage is that the converter operates with a fixed switching frequency that allows simple filtering of the switching frequency for noise-sensitive applications. In this mode, the efficiency is lower compared to the power save mode during light loads. The N-MOSFET of the devices stay on even when the current into the output drops to zero. This prevents the device from going into discontinuous mode, and the device transfers unused energy back to the input. Therefore, there is no ringing at the output, which usually occurs in discontinuous mode. The duty cycle range in constant frequency mode is 100% to 10%.

It is possible to switch from forced PWM mode to the power save mode during operation by pulling the SYNC pin LOW. The flexible configuration of the SYNC pin during operation of the device allows efficient power management by adjusting the operation of the TPS6211x to the specific system requirements.

POWER SAVE MODE OPERATION (SYNC = LOW)

As the load current decreases, the converter enters the power save mode operation. During power save mode, the converter operates with reduced switching frequency in pulse frequency modulation (PFM), and with a minimum quiescent current to maintain high efficiency. Whenever the average output current goes below the skip threshold, the converter enters the power save mode. The average current depends on the input voltage. It is about 200 mA at low input voltages and up to 400 mA with maximum input voltage. The average output current must be below the threshold for at least 32 clock cycles to enter the power save mode. During the power save mode, the output voltage is monitored with a comparator and the output voltage is regulated in to a typical value between the nominal output voltage and 0.8% above the nominal output voltage. When the output voltage falls below the nominal output voltage, the P-channel switch turns on. The P-channel switch is turned off as the peak switch current is reached. The N-channel rectifier is turned on, and the inductor current ramps down. As the inductor current approaches zero, the N-channel rectifier is turned off and the switch is turned on starting the next pulse. When the output voltage can not be reached with a single pulse, the device continues to switch with its normal operating frequency until the comparator detects the output voltage to be 0.8% above the nominal output voltage. This control method reduces the quiescent current to 20 µA (typical), and reduces the switching frequency to a minimum that achieves the highest converter efficiency.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (continued)

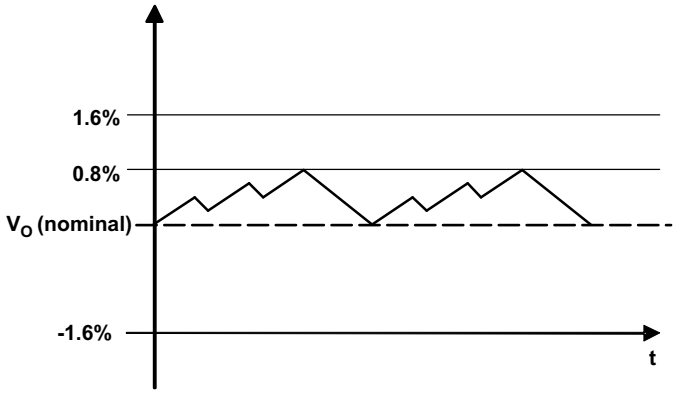

Figure 18. Power Save Mode Output Voltage Thresholds

The typical PFM (SKIP) current threshold for the TPS6211x is given by:

$$I_{SKIP} \quad \frac{V_I}{25} \tag{1}$$

Equation 1 is valid for input voltages up to 7 V. For higher voltages, the skip current threshold is not increased further. The converter enters the fixed frequency PWM mode as soon as the output voltage falls below V_O - 1.6% (nominal).

SOFT START

The TPS6211x has an internal soft-start circuit that limits the inrush current during start-up. This prevents possible voltage drops of the input voltage when a battery or a high-impedance power source is connected to the input of the TPS6211x.

The soft start is implemented as a digital circuit increasing the switch current in steps of 300 mA, 600 mA, 1200 mA. The typical switch current limit is 2.4 A. Therefore, the start-up time depends on the output capacitor and load current. Typical start-up time with a 22-µF output capacitor and 800-mA load current is 1 ms.

100% DUTY CYCLE LOW DROPOUT OPERATION

The TPS6211x offers the lowest possible input to output voltage difference while still maintaining operation with the use of the 100% duty cycle mode. In this mode, the P-channel switch is constantly turned on. This is particularly useful in battery-powered applications to achieve the longest operation time, taking full advantage of the whole battery voltage range. The minimum input voltage to maintain regulation depends on the load current and output voltage, and is calculated as:

$$V_I \min \quad V_O \max \quad I_O \max \quad r_{DS(on)} \max \quad R_{(L)} \tag{2}$$

with:

$I_O$max = maximum output current plus inductor ripple current
$r_{DS(on)}$max = maximum P-channel switch $r_{DS(on)}$
$R_{(L)}$ = dc resistance of the inductor
$V_O$max = nominal output voltage plus maximum output voltage tolerance

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (continued)

ENABLE

Logic low on EN forces the TPS6211x into shutdown. In shutdown, the power switch, drivers, voltage reference, oscillator, and all other functions are turned off. The supply current is reduced to less than 2 µA in the shutdown mode. When the device is in thermal shutdown, the bandgap is forced to be switched on even if the device is set into shutdown by pulling EN to GND.

If an output voltage is present when the device is disabled, which could be due to an external voltage source or a super capacitor, the reverse leakage current is specified under electrical characteristics. Pulling the enable pin high starts up the TPS6211x with the soft start. If the EN pin is connected to any voltage other than V_I or GND, an increased leakage current of typically 10 µA and up to 20 µA can occur.

UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT

The undervoltage lockout circuit prevents the device from misoperation at low-input voltages. It prevents the converter from turning on the switch or rectifier MOSFET under undefined conditions. The minimum input voltage to start up the TPS6211x is 3.4 V (worst case). The device shuts down at 2.8 V minimum.

SYNCHRONIZATION

If no clock signal is applied, the converter operates with a typical switching frequency of 1 MHz. It is possible to synchronize the converter to an external clock within a frequency range from 0.8 MHz to 1.4 MHz. The device automatically detects the rising edge of the first clock and synchronizes immediately to the external clock. If the clock signal is stopped, the converter automatically switches back to the internal clock and continues operation. The switch over is initiated if no rising edge on the SYNC pin is detected for a duration of four clock cycles. Therefore, the maximum delay time can be 6.25 µs if the internal clock has its minimum frequency of 800 kHz

If the device is synchronized to an external clock, the power save mode is disabled, and the devices stay in forced PWM mode.

Connecting the SYNC pin to the GND pin enables the power save mode. The converter operates in the PWM mode at moderate-to-heavy loads, and in the PFM mode during light loads which maintains high efficiency over a wide load current range.

POWER GOOD COMPARATOR

The power good (PG) comparator has an open-drain output capable of sinking 1 mA (typical). The PG is only active when the device is enabled (EN=high). When the device is disabled (EN=low), the PG pin is pulled to GND.

The PG output is only valid after a 250-µs delay when the device is enabled, and the supply voltage is greater than the undervoltage lockout $V_{(UVLO)}$. PG is low during the first 250 µs after shutdown and in shutdown.

The PG pin becomes active high when the output voltage exceeds 98.4% (typical) of its nominal value. Leave the PG pin unconnected when not used.

LOW-BATTERY DETECTOR

The low-battery output (LBO) is an open-drain type which goes low when the voltage at the low-battery input (LBI) falls below the trip point of 1.256 V ±1.5%. The voltage at which the low-battery warning is issued can be adjusted with a resistive divider as shown in Figure 19. The sum of resistors (R1 + R2) as well as the sum of (R5 + R6) is recommended to be in the 100-kΩ to 1-MΩ range for high efficiency at low output current. An external pullup resistor can be connected to OUT, or any other voltage rail in the voltage range of 0 V to 16 V. During start-up, the LBO output signal is invalid for the first 500 µs. LBO is high impedance when the device is disabled. If the low-battery comparator function is not used, connect LBI to ground. The low-battery detector is disabled when the device is disabled.

The logic level of the LBO pin is not defined for the first 500 µs after EN is pulled high.

When the LBI is used to supervise the battery voltage and shut down the TPS62111 at low-input voltages, the battery voltage rises when the current drops to zero. The implemented hysteresis on the LBI pin may not be sufficient for all types of batteries. Figure 19 shows how an additional external hysteresis can be implemented.

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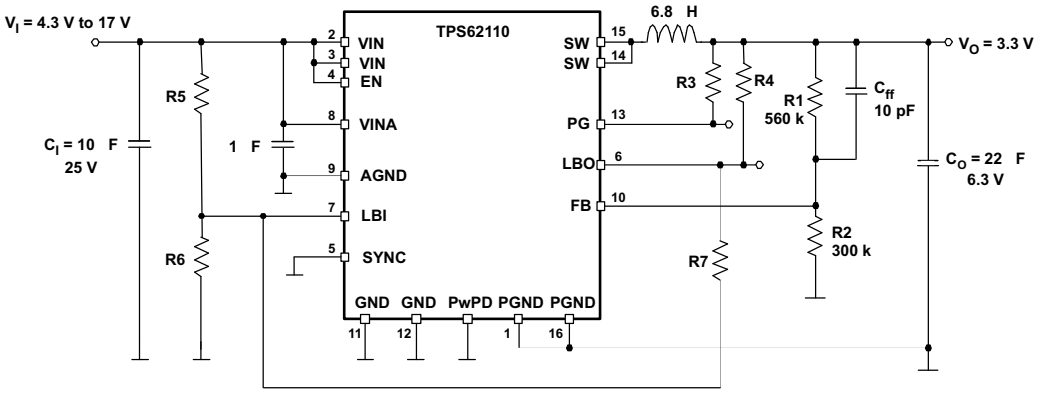

Figure 19. LBI With Increased Hysteresis

NO LOAD OPERATION

When the converter operates in the forced PWM mode and there is no load connected to the output, the converter regulates the output voltage by allowing the inductor current to reverse for a short time.

THEORY OR OPERATION / DESIGN PROCEDURE

Table 1. List of Inductors

MANUFACTURER (1)	TYPE	INDUCTANCE	DC RESISTANCE	SATURATION CURRENT
Coilcraft	MSS6132-682	6.8 µH	65 mR (max)	1.5 A
Epcos	B82462G4682M	6.8 µH	50 mR (max)	1.5 A
Sumida	CDRH5D28-6R2	6.2 µH	33 mR (typ)	1.8 A
TDK	SLF6028T-6R8M1R5	6.8 µH	35 mR (typ)	1.5 A
	SLF7032T-6R8M1R6	6.8 µH	41 mR (typ)	1.6 A
Wurth	7447789006	6.8 µH	44 mR (typ)	2.75 A
	7447779006	6.8 µH	33 mR (typ)	3.3 A
	744053006	6.2 µH	45 mR (typ)	1.8 A

(1) The manufacturer's part numbers are used for test purposes only.

Inductor Selection

The control loop of the TPS6211x family requires a certain value for the output inductor and the output capacitor for stable operation. As long as the nominal value of $L \times C \geq 6.2\ \mu H \times 22\ \mu F$, the control loop has enough phase margin and the device is stable. Reducing the inductor value without increasing the output capacitor (or vice versa) may cause stability problems. There are applications where it may be useful to increase the value of the output capacitor, e.g., for a low transient output voltage change. From a stability point of view, the inductor value could be decreased to keep the $L \times C$ product constant. However, there are drawbacks if the inductor value is decreased. A low inductor value causes a high inductor ripple current and therefore reduces the maximum dc output current. Table 2 gives the advantages and disadvantages when designing the inductor and output capacitor.

Table 2. Advantages and Disadvantages When Designing the Inductor and Output Capacitor

	INFLUENCE ON STABILITY	ADVANTAGE	DISADVANTAGE
Increase Cout (>22 µF)	Uncritical	Less output voltage ripple Less output voltage overshoot / undershoot during load transient	None
Decrease Cout (<22 µF)	Critical Increase inductor value >6.8 µH also	None	Higher output voltage ripple High output voltage overshoot / undershoot during load transient Less gain and phase margin
Increase L (>6.8 µH)	Uncritical	Less inductor current ripple Higher dc output current possible if operated close to the current limit	More energy stored in the inductor → higher voltage overshoot during load transient Smaller current rise → higher voltage undershoot during load transient → do not decrease the value of Cout due to these effects
Decrease L (<6.8 µH)	Critical Increase output capacitor value > 22 µF also	Small voltage overshoot / undershoot during load transient	High inductor current ripple especially at high input voltage and low output voltage

As it is shown in Table 2, the inductor value can be increased to higher values. For good performance, the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple should be less than 30% of the maximum dc output current. Especially at input voltages above 12 V, it makes sense to increase the inductor value in order to keep the inductor current ripple low. In such applications, the inductor value can be increased to 10 µH or 22 µH. Values above 22 µH should be avoided in order to keep the voltage overshoot during load transient in an acceptable range.

After choosing the inductor value, two additional inductor parameters should be considered:

1. current rating of the inductor
2. dc resistance

The dc resistance of the inductance directly influences the efficiency of the converter. Therefore, an inductor with lowest dc resistance should be selected for highest efficiency. In order to avoid saturation of the inductor, the inductor should be rated at least for the maximum output current plus the inductor ripple current which is calculated as:

$$I_L = V_O \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{V_O}{V_I}}{L \cdot f} \qquad I_{L\,max} = I_{O\,max} + \frac{I_L}{2} \tag{3}$$

Where:

f = Switching frequency (1000 kHz typical)

L = Inductor value

ΔI_L = Peak-to-peak inductor ripple current

I_L(max) = Maximum inductor current

The highest inductor current occurs at maximum V_I. A more conservative approach is to select the inductor current rating just for the maximum switch current of the TPS6211x which is 2.4 A (typically). See Table 1 for recommended inductors.

OUTPUT CAPACITOR SELECTION

A 22-µF (typical) output capacitor is needed with a 6.8-µH inductor. For an output voltage greater than 5 V, a 33-µF (minimum) output capacitor is required for stability. For best performance, a low ESR ceramic output capacitor is needed.

Just for completeness, the RMS ripple current is calculated as:

$$I_{RMS(C_O)} \quad V_O \quad \frac{1 \quad \frac{V_O}{V_I}}{L \quad f} \quad \frac{1}{2 \quad \sqrt{3}} \tag{4}$$

The overall output ripple voltage is the sum of the voltage spike caused by the output capacitor ESR plus the voltage ripple caused by charge and discharging the output capacitor:

$$V_O \quad V_O \quad \frac{1 \quad \frac{V_O}{V_I}}{L \quad f} \quad \frac{1}{8 \quad C_O \quad f} \quad R_{ESR} \tag{5}$$

Where the highest output voltage ripple occurs at the highest input voltage V_I.

INPUT CAPACITOR SELECTION

The nature of the buck converter is a pulsating input current; therefore, a low ESR input capacitor is required for best input voltage filtering, and minimizing the interference with other circuits caused by high input voltage spikes. The input capacitor should have a minimum value of 10 µF and can be increased without any limit for better input voltage filtering. The input capacitor should be rated for the maximum input ripple current calculated as:

$$I_{RMS} \quad I_{O\,max} \quad \sqrt{\frac{V_O}{V_I} \quad 1 \quad \frac{V_O}{V_I}} \tag{6}$$

The worst-case RMS ripple current occurs at D = 0.5 and is calculated as: $I_{RMS} = I_O/2$. Ceramic capacitors show a good performance because of their low ESR value, and they are less sensitive against voltage transients compared to tantalum capacitors. Place the input capacitor as close as possible to the input pin of the IC for best performance

FEEDFORWARD CAPACITOR SELECTION

The feedforward capacitor (C_{ff}) is needed to compensate for parasitic capacitance from the feedback pin to GND. Typically, a value of 4.7 pF to 22 pF is needed for an output voltage divider with a equivalent resistance (R1 in parallel with R2) in the 150-kΩ range. The value can be chosen based on best transient performance and lowest output voltage ripple in PFM mode.

RECOMMENDED CAPACITORS

It is recommended that only X5R or X7R ceramic capacitors be used as input/output capacitors. Ceramic capacitors show a dc-bias effect. This effect reduces the effective capacitance when a dc-bias voltage is applied across a ceramic capacitor, as on the output and input capacitor of a dc/dc converter. The effect may lead to a significant capacitance drop especially for high input/output voltages and small capacitor packages. See the manufacturer's data sheet about the performance with a dc bias voltage applied. It may be necessary to choose a higher voltage rating or nominal capacitance value in order to get the required value at the operating point. The capacitors listed in Table 3 have been tested with the TPS62110 with good performance.

Table 3. List of Capacitors

MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER	SIZE	VOLTAGE	CAPACITANCE	TYPE
Taiyo Yuden	TMK316BJ106KL	1206	25 V	10 µF	Ceramic
	EMK325BJ226KM	1210	16 V	22 µF	
TDK	C3225X5R1E106M	1210	25 V	10 µF	Ceramic
	C3225X7R1C226M		16 V	22 µF	
	C3216X5R1E106MT	1206	25 V	10 µF	

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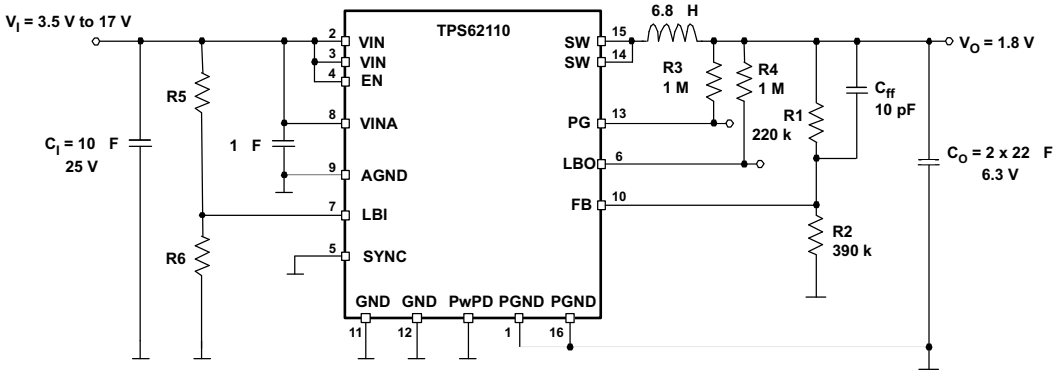


A. For an output voltage lower than 2.5 V, an output capacitor of 33 µF or greater is recommended to improve load transient.

Figure 20. Standard Connection for Adjustable Version

$$V_O = V_{FB} \times \frac{R1 + R2}{R2} \quad R1 = R2 \times \left(\frac{V_O}{V_{FB}} - 1\right) \quad R2 = \frac{R1}{\frac{V_O}{V_{FB}} - 1} \tag{7}$$

V_{FB} = 1.153 V

Table 4. Recommended Resistors

OUTPUT VOLTAGE	R1	R2	NOMINAL VOLTAGE	TYPICAL C_{ff}
9 V	680 kΩ	100 kΩ	8.993 V	22 pF
5 V	510 kΩ	150 kΩ	5.073 V	10 pF
3.3 V	560 kΩ	300 kΩ	3.305 V	10 pF
2.5 V	390 kΩ	330 kΩ	2.515 V	10 pF
1.8 V	220 kΩ	390 kΩ	1.803 V	10 pF
1.5 V	100 kΩ	330 kΩ	1.502 V	10 pF

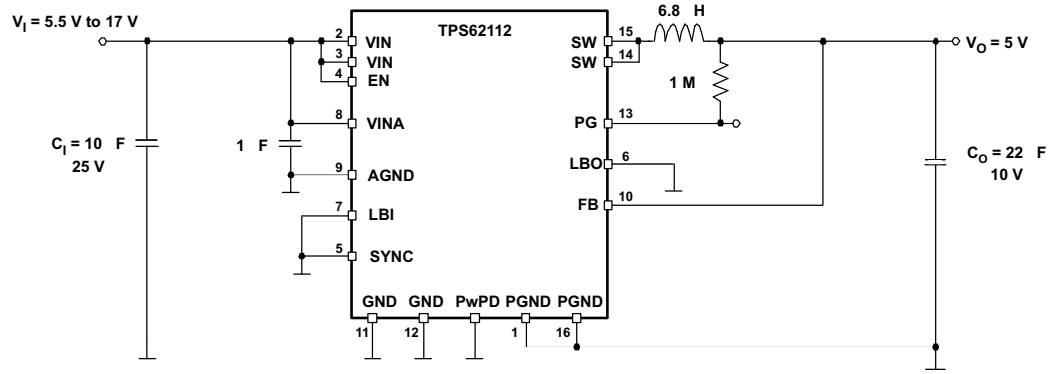
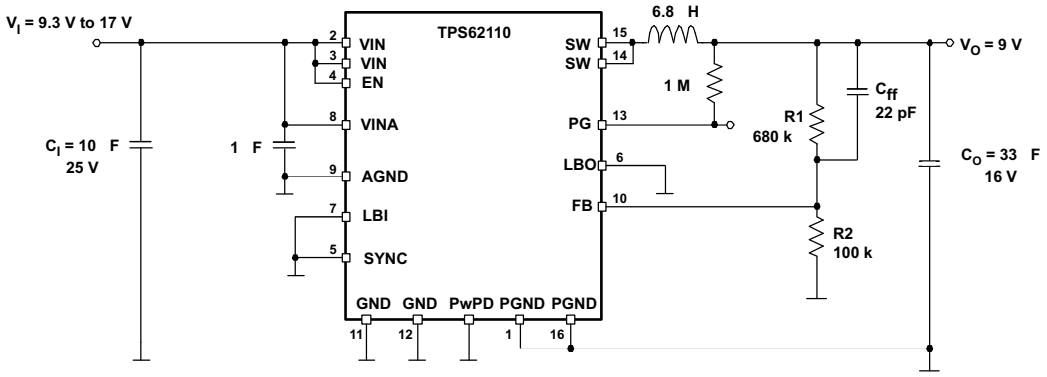


Figure 21. Standard Connection for Fixed Voltage Version



A. For an output voltage greater than 5 V, an output capacitor of 33 µF minimum is required for stability.

Figure 22. Application With 9-V Output

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp (3)
TPS62110RSAR	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62110RSARG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62110RSAT	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62110RSATG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62111RSAR	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62111RSARG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62111RSAT	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62111RSATG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62112RSAR	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62112RSARG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62112RSAT	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS62112RSATG4	ACTIVE	QFN	RSA	16	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR

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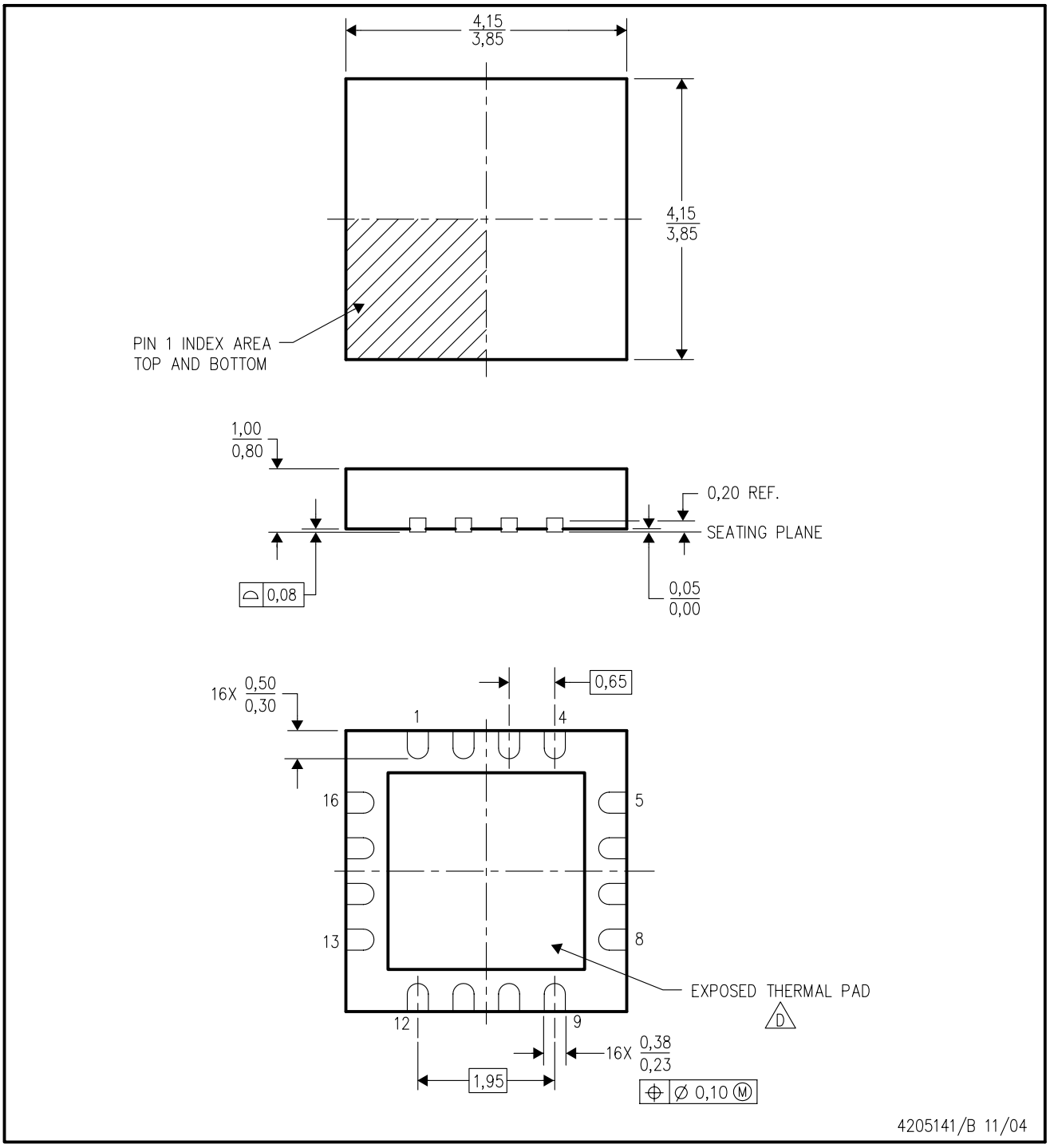

NOTES:
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B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
C. Quad Flatpack, No–leads (QFN) package configuration.
D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. See the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad dimensions.
E. Falls within JEDEC MO–220.

THERMAL PAD MECHANICAL DATA

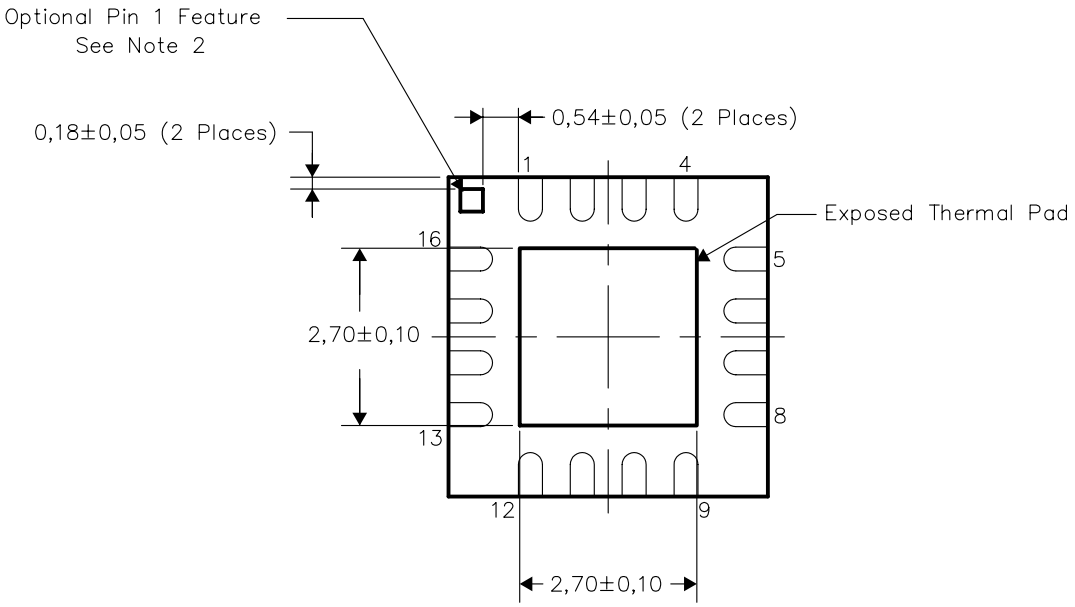
RSA (S–PQFP–N16)

THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (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 a ground or power plane (whichever is applicable), or alternatively, a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No–Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, Quad Flatpack No–Lead Logic Packages, Texas Instruments Literature No. SCBA017. This document is available at www.ti.com.

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



Bottom View

Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions

NOTES:

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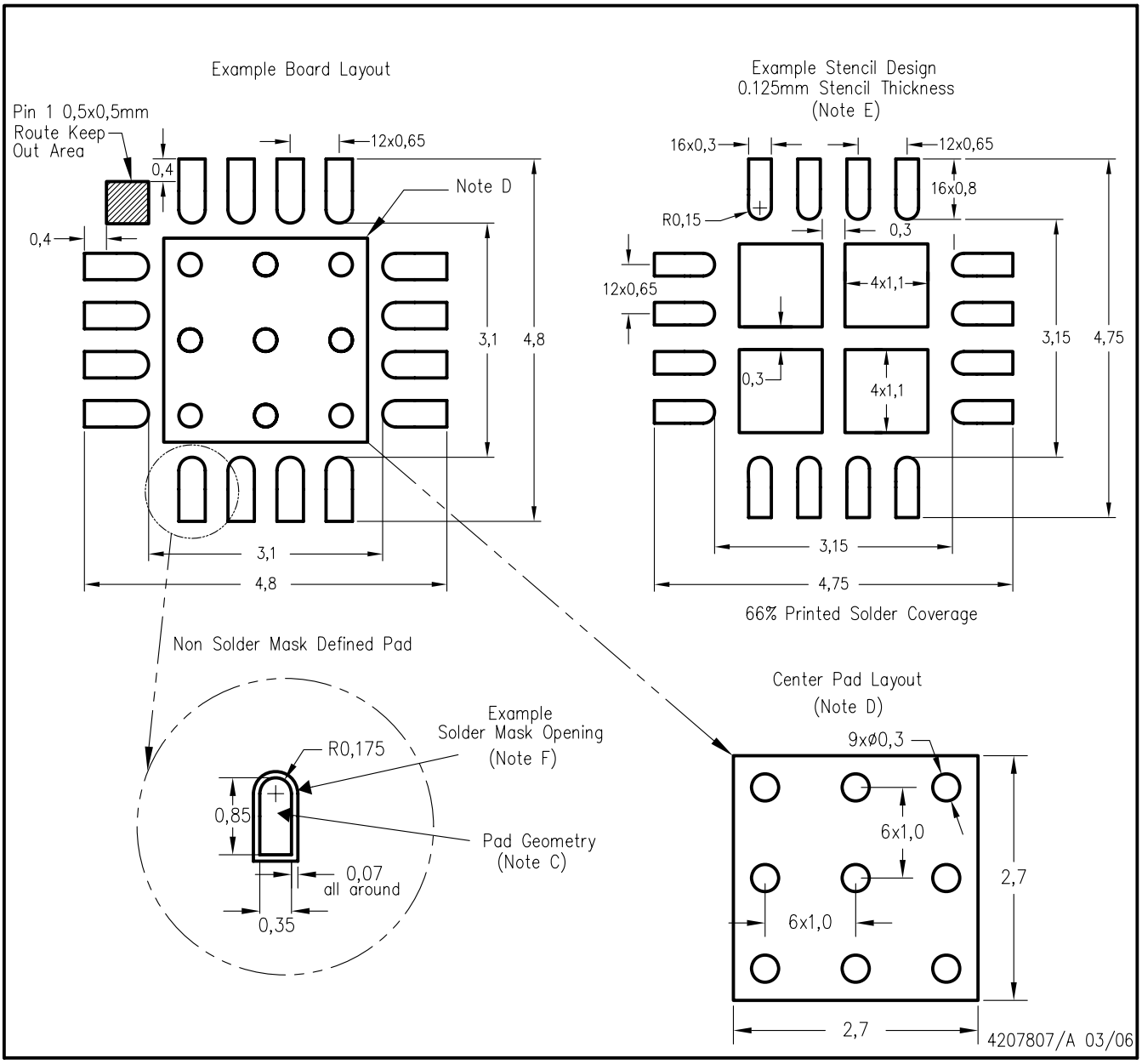

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