

TPS40170-Q1 Automotive 4.5-V to 60-V, Wide-Input, Synchronous PWM Buck Controller

1 Features

- New, similar products available:
 - [LM5145-Q1](#) 75-V synchronous buck controller with wide input voltage and duty cycle ranges
 - [LM5146-Q1](#) 100-V synchronous buck DC/DC controller with wide duty-cycle range
- 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 1C
 - Device CDM ESD classification level C4B
- Wide-input voltage range from 4.5 V to 60 V
- 600-mV reference voltage with 1% accuracy
- Programmable UVLO and hysteresis
- Voltage-mode control with voltage feed-forward
- Programmable frequency between 100 kHz and 600 kHz
- Bidirectional frequency synchronization with primary and secondary option
- Low-side FET sensing overcurrent protection and high-side fet sensing short-circuit protection with integrated thermal compensation
- Programmable closed-loop soft start
- Supports pre-biased outputs
- Thermal shutdown at 165°C with hysteresis
- Voltage tracking
- Power good
- ENABLE with $1\text{-}\mu\text{A}$ low-current shutdown
- 8-V and 3.3-V LDO output
- Integrated bootstrap diode
- 20-pin 4.5-mm \times 3.5-mm VQFN (RGY) package

2 Applications

- Advanced driver assistance system (ADAS)
- Automotive infotainment and cluster

3 Description

The TPS40170-Q1 device is a full-featured, synchronous PWM buck controller that operates at an input voltage between 4.5 V and 60 V and is optimized for high-power-density, high-reliability dc-dc converter applications. The controller implements voltage-mode control with input-voltage feed-forward compensation that enables instant response to an input voltage change. The switching frequency is programmable from 100 kHz to 600 kHz.

The TPS40170-Q1 device has a complete set of system protection and monitoring features such as programmable UVLO, programmable overcurrent protection (OCP) by sensing the low-side FET, selectable short-circuit protection (SCP) by sensing the high-side FET, and thermal shutdown. The ENABLE pin allows for system shutdown in a low-current ($1\text{-}\mu\text{A}$ typical) mode. The controller supports pre-biased output, provides an open-drain PGOOD signal, and has closed-loop soft-start, output-voltage tracking, and adaptive dead-time control.

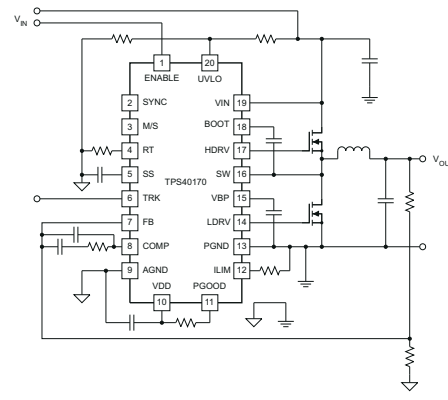
The TPS40170-Q1 device provides accurate output-voltage regulation within 1% accuracy. Additionally, the controller implements a novel scheme of bidirectional synchronization with one controller acting as the primary and other downstream controllers acting as secondaries, synchronized to the primary in-phase or 180° out-of-phase. Secondary controllers can be synchronized to an external clock within $\pm 30\%$ of the free-running switching frequency.

New products ([LM5145-Q1](#) and [LM5146-Q1](#)) offer reduced BOM cost, higher efficiency, and reduced design size among many other features.

Device Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE SIZE ⁽²⁾
TPS40170-Q1	RGY (VQFN, 20)	4.50 mm \times 3.50 mm

- (1) For all available packages, see [Section 10](#).
- (2) The package size (length \times width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.



Simplified Schematic



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4 Pin Configuration and Functions

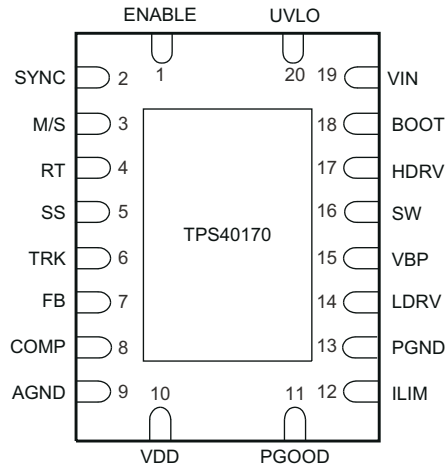


Figure 4-1. RGY PACKAGE QFN-20 (Top View)

Table 4-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE (1)	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
AGND	9	—	Analog signal ground. This pin must be electrically connected to power ground PGND externally.
BOOT	18	O	Boot-capacitor node for high-side FET gate driver. The boot capacitor is connected from this pin to SW.
COMP	8	O	Output of the internal error amplifier. The feedback loop compensation network is connected from this pin to the FB pin.
ENABLE	1	I	This pin must be high for the device to be enabled. If this pin is pulled low, the device is put in a low-power-consumption shutdown mode.
FB	7	I	Negative input to the error amplifier. The output voltage is fed back to this pin through a resistor-divider network.
HDRV	17	O	Gate-driver output for the high-side FET.
ILIM	12	I	A resistor from this pin to PGND sets the overcurrent limit. This pin provides source current used for the overcurrent-protection threshold setting.
LDRV	14	O	Gate driver output for the low-side FET. Also, a resistor from this pin to PGND sets the multiplier factor to determine the short-circuit current limit. If no resistor is present, the multiplier defaults to 7 times the ILIM pin voltage.
M/S	3	I	Primary- or secondary-mode selector pin for frequency synchronization. This pin must be tied to VIN for primary mode. In the secondary mode, this pin must be tied to AGND or left floating. If the pin is tied to AGND, the device synchronizes with a 180° phase shift. If the pin is left floating, the device synchronizes with a 0° phase shift.
PGND	13	—	Power ground. This pin must externally connect to the AGND at a single point.
PGOOD	11	O	Power-good indicator. This pin is an open-drain output pin, and TI recommends a 10-kΩ pullup resistor to be connected between this pin and VDD.
RT	4	I	A resistor from this pin to AGND sets the oscillator frequency. Even if operating in secondary mode, it is required to have a resistor at this pin to set the free-running switching frequency.
SS	5	I	Soft-start. A capacitor must be connected from this pin to AGND. The capacitor value sets the soft-start time.
SW	16	I	This pin must connect to the switching node of the synchronous buck converter. The high-side and low-side FET current sensing are also done from this node.
SYNC	2	I/O	Synchronization. This is a bidirectional pin used for frequency synchronization. In the primary mode, it is the SYNC output pin. In the secondary mode, it is a SYNC input pin. If unused, this pin can be left open.
TRK	6	I	Tracking. External signal at this pin is used for output voltage tracking. This pin goes directly to the internal error amplifier as a positive reference. The lesser of the voltages between V_{TRK} and the internal 600-mV reference sets the output voltage. If not used, this pin must be pulled up to VDD.
UVLO	20	I	Undervoltage lockout. A resistor divider on this pin from VIN to AGND can be used to set the UVLO threshold.

Table 4-1. Pin Functions (continued)

PIN		TYPE (1)	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
VBP	15	O	8-V regulated output for gate driver. A ceramic capacitor with a value between 1 μ F and 10 μ F must be connected from this pin to PGND
VDD	10	O	3.3-V regulated output. A ceramic bypass capacitor with a value between 0.1 μ F and 1 μ F must be connected between this pin and the AGND pin and placed closely to this pin.
VIN	19	I	Input voltage for the controller, which is also the input voltage for the dc-dc converter. A 1- μ F bypass capacitor from this pin to AGND must be added and placed closed to VIN.

(1) I = input, O = output

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) ⁽¹⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT	
Input voltage	VIN	-0.3	62	V	
	M/S	-0.3	VIN		
	UVLO	-0.3	16		
	SW	-5	VIN		
	BOOT		V _{SW} + 8.8		
Output voltage	HDRV	V _{SW}	BOOT	V	
	BOOT-SW, HDRV-SW (differential from BOOT or HDRV to SW)		-0.3		8.8
	VBP, LDRV, COMP, RT, ENABLE, PGOOD, SYNC		-0.3		8.8
	VDD, FB, TRK, SS, ILIM		-0.3		3.6
Grounding	AGND-PGND, PGND-AGND		200	200	mV
	PowerPAD to AGND (must be electrically connected external to device)		0		
Ambient temperature	T _A	-40	125	°C	
Storage temperature	T _{stg}	-55	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.

5.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT	
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per AEC Q100-002 ⁽¹⁾	±1500	V	
		Charged device model (CDM), per AEC Q100-011	Corner pins (SYNC, VDD, PGOOD, ILIM, VIN, UVLO, ENABLE)		±750
			Other pins		±500

- (1) AEC Q100-002 indicates HBM stressing is done in accordance with the ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 specification.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN}	Input voltage	4.5		60	V

5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		TPS40170-Q1		UNIT
		RGY		
		20 PINS		
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	35.4		°C/W
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case(top) thermal resistance	38.1		
R _{θJB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	10.8		
ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.5		
ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	10.9		
R _{θJC(bot)}	Junction-to-case(bottom) thermal resistance	4.3		

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

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

These specifications apply for $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{VIN} = 12\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
INPUT SUPPLY						
V _{VIN}	Input voltage range		4.5		60	V
I _{SD}	Shutdown current	V _{ENABLE} < 100 mV		1	2.5	μA
I _{QQ}	Operating current, drivers not switching	V _{ENABLE} ≥ 2 V, f _{SW} = 300 kHz			4.5	mA
ENABLE						
V _{DIS}	ENABLE pin voltage to disable the device				100	mV
V _{EN}	ENABLE pin voltage to enable the device		600			mV
I _{ENABLE}	ENABLE pin source current				300	nA
8-V AND 3.3-V REGULATORS						
V _{VBP}	8-V regulator output voltage	V _{ENABLE} ≥ 2 V, 8.2 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V, 0 mA < I _{IN} < 20 mA	7.8	8.0	8.3	V
V _{DO}	8-V regulator dropout voltage, V _{VIN-VVBP}	4.5 < V _{VIN} ≤ 8.2 V, V _{EN} ≥ 2 V, I _{IN} = 10 mA		110	200	mV
V _{VDD}	3.3-V regulator output voltage	V _{ENABLE} ≥ 2 V, 4.5 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V, 0 mA < I _{IN} < 5 mA	3.22	3.3	3.42	V
FIXED AND PROGRAMMABLE UVLO						
V _{UVLO}	Programmable UVLO ON voltage (at UVLO pin)	V _{ENABLE} ≥ 2 V	878	900	919	mV
I _{UVLO}	Hysteresis current out of UVLO pin	V _{ENABLE} ≥ 2 V, UVLO pin > V _{UVLO}	4.06	5	6.2	μA
V _{BP_{ON}}	VBP turnon voltage		3.85		4.4	V
V _{BP_{OFF}}	VBP turnoff voltage	V _{ENABLE} ≥ 2 V, UVLO pin > V _{UVLO}	3.6		4.05	
V _{BP_{HYS}}	VBP UVLO Hysteresis voltage		180		400	mV
REFERENCE						
V _{REF}	Reference voltage (+ input of the error amplifier)	T _J = 25°C, 4.5 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V -40°C ≤ T _J ≤ 125°C, 4.5 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V	594 591	600	606 609	mV
OSCILLATOR						
f _{SW}	Switching frequency	Range (typical)	100		600	kHz
		R _{RT} = 100 kΩ, 4.5 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V	90	100	110	
		R _{RT} = 31.6 kΩ, 4.5 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V	270	300	330	
		R _{RT} = 14.3 kΩ, 4.5 V < V _{VIN} ≤ 60 V	540	600	660	

5.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

These specifications apply for $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{\text{VIN}} = 12\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{VALLEY}	Valley voltage		0.7	1	1.2	V
$K_{\text{PWM}}^{(1)}$	PWM gain ($V_{\text{VIN}} / V_{\text{RAMP}}$)	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{VIN}} \leq 60\text{ V}$	14	15	16	V/V

5.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

These specifications apply for $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{VIN} = 12\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
PWM AND DUTY CYCLE						
$t_{ON(min)}$ ⁽¹⁾	Minimum controlled pulse	$V_{VIN} = 4.5\text{ V}$, $f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$		100	150	ns
		$V_{VIN} = 12\text{ V}$, $f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$		75	100	
		$V_{VIN} = 60\text{ V}$, $f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$		50	80	
$t_{OFF(max)}$ ⁽¹⁾	Minimum OFF time	$V_{VIN} = 12\text{ V}$, $f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$		170	250	ns
D_{MAX} ⁽¹⁾	Maximum duty cycle	$f_{SW} = 100\text{ kHz}$, $4.5\text{ V} < V_{VIN} \leq 60\text{ V}$		95%		
		$f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$, $4.5\text{ V} < V_{VIN} \leq 60\text{ V}$		91%		
		$f_{SW} = 600\text{ kHz}$, $4.5\text{ V} < V_{VIN} \leq 60\text{ V}$		82%		
ERROR AMPLIFIER						
GBWP ⁽¹⁾	Gain bandwidth product		7	10	13	MHz
A_{OL} ⁽¹⁾	Open-loop gain		80	90	95	dB
I_{IB}	Input bias current				100	nA
I_{EAOP}	Output source current	$V_{VFB} = 0\text{ V}$	2			mA
I_{EAOM}	Output sink current	$V_{VFB} = 1\text{ V}$	2			mA
PROGRAMMABLE SOFT START						
$I_{SS(source,start)}$	Soft-start source current	$V_{SS} < 0.5\text{ V}$, $V_{SS} = 0.25\text{ V}$	42	52	62	μA
$I_{SS(source,normal)}$	Soft-start source current	$V_{SS} > 0.5\text{ V}$, $V_{SS} = 1.5\text{ V}$	9.3	11.6	13.9	μA
$I_{SS(sink)}$	Soft-start sink current	$V_{SS} = 1.5\text{ V}$	0.77	1.05	1.33	μA
$V_{SS(ftH)}$	SS pin HIGH voltage during fault (OC or thermal) reset timing		2.38	2.5	2.61	V
$V_{SS(ftL)}$	SS pin LOW voltage during fault (OC or thermal) reset timing		235	300	375	mV
$V_{SS(steady_state)}$	SS pin voltage during steady-state		3.25	3.3	3.5	V
$V_{SS(offst)}$	Initial offset voltage from SS pin to error amplifier input		525	650	775	mV
TRACKING						
$V_{TRK(ctrl)}$ ⁽¹⁾	Range of TRK which overrides V_{REF}	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{IN} \leq 60\text{ V}$	0		600	mV
SYNCHRONIZATION (PRIMARY/SECONDARY)						
V_{MSTR}	M/S pin voltage in primary mode		3.9		V_{IN}	V
$V_{SLV(0)}$	M/S pin voltage in secondary 0° mode		1.25		1.75	V
$V_{SLV(180)}$	M/S pin voltage in secondary 180° mode		0		0.75	V
$I_{SYNC(in)}$	SYNC pin pulldown current	M/S configured as secondary- 0° or secondary-180°	8	11	14	μA
$V_{SYNC(in_high)}$	SYNC pin input high-voltage level		2			V
$V_{SYNC(in_low)}$	SYNC pin input low-voltage level				0.8	V
$t_{SYNC(high_min)}$	Minimum SYNC high pulse duration		40	50		ns
$t_{SYNC(low_min)}$	Minimum SYNC low pulse duration		40	50		ns

5.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

These specifications apply for $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{\text{VIN}} = 12\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
GATE DRIVERS						
R_{HDI}	High-side driver pullup resistance	$C_{\text{LOAD}} = 2.2\text{ nF}$, $I_{\text{DRV}} = 300\text{ mA}$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 125°C	1.37	2.64	4	Ω
R_{HDLO}	High-side driver pulldown resistance		1.08	2.4	4	Ω
R_{LDHI}	Low-side driver pullup resistance		1.37	2.4	4	Ω
R_{LDLO}	Low-side driver pulldown resistance		0.44	1.1	1.7	Ω
$t_{\text{NON-OVERLAP1}}$	Time delay between HDRV fall and LDRV rise	$C_{\text{LOAD}} = 2.2\text{ nF}$, $V_{\text{HDRV}} = 2\text{ V}$, $V_{\text{LDRV}} = 2\text{ V}$	50			ns
$t_{\text{NON-OVERLAP2}}$	Time delay between HDRV rise and LDRV fall		60			
OVERCURRENT PROTECTION (LOW-SIDE MOSFET SENSING)						
I_{ILIM}	ILIM pin source current	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{IN}} < 60\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	9	9.75	10.45	μA
		$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{IN}} < 60\text{ V}$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 125°C	7		12	
$I_{\text{ILIM(ss)}}$	ILIM pin source current during soft-start	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{IN}} < 60\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	15			μA
		$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{IN}} < 60\text{ V}$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 125°C	7		12	
$I_{\text{ILIM, Tc}}^{(1)}$	Temperature coefficient of ILIM current	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{IN}} < 60\text{ V}$	1400			ppm
$V_{\text{ILIM}}^{(1)}$	ILIM pin voltage operating range	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{IN}} < 60\text{ V}$	50		300	mV
OCP_{TH}	Overcurrent protection threshold (voltage across low-side FET for detecting overcurrent)	$R_{\text{ILIM}} = 10\text{ k}\Omega$, $I_{\text{ILIM}} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ ($V_{\text{ILIM}} = 100\text{ mV}$)	-110	-100	-84	mV
SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION HIGH-SIDE MOSFET SENSING						
$V_{\text{LDRV(max)}}$	LDRV pin maximum voltage during calibration	$R_{\text{LDRV}} = \text{open}$		300	360	mV
A_{OC3}	Multiplier factor to set the SCP based on OCP level setting at the ILIM pin	$R_{\text{LDRV}} = 10\text{ k}\Omega$	2.75	3.2	3.6	V/V
A_{OC7}		$R_{\text{LDRV}} = \text{open}$	6.4	7.25	7.91	V/V
A_{OC15}		$R_{\text{LDRV}} = 20\text{ k}\Omega$	13.9	16.4	18	V/V
THERMAL SHUTDOWN						
$T_{\text{SD,set}}^{(1)}$	Thermal shutdown set threshold	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{VIN}} < 60\text{ V}$	155	165	175	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
$T_{\text{SD,reset}}^{(1)}$	Thermal shutdown reset threshold		125	135	145	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
$T_{\text{hyst}}^{(1)}$	Thermal shutdown hysteresis		30			$^{\circ}\text{C}$
POWER GOOD						
V_{OV}	FB pin voltage upper limit for power good	$4.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{VIN}} < 60\text{ V}$	627	647	670	mV
V_{UV}	FB pin voltage lower limit for power good		527	552	570	
$V_{\text{PG,HYST}}$	Power good hysteresis voltage at FB pin		8.5	20	32	
$V_{\text{PG(out)}}$	PGOOD pin voltage when FB pin voltage $> V_{\text{OV}}$ or $< V_{\text{UV}}$, $I_{\text{PGD}} = 2\text{ mA}$		100			mV
$V_{\text{PG(np)}}$	PGOOD pin voltage when device power is removed	V_{VIN} is open, $10\text{-k}\Omega$ to $V_{\text{EXT}} = 5\text{ V}$		1	1.5	V
BOOT DIODE						
V_{DFWD}	Bootstrap diode forward voltage	$I = 20\text{ mA}$	0.5	0.7	0.9	V

5.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

These specifications apply for $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{VIN} = 12\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
R _{BOOT-SW}	Discharge resistor from BOOT to SW			1		MΩ

(1) Not production tested.

5.6 Typical Characteristics

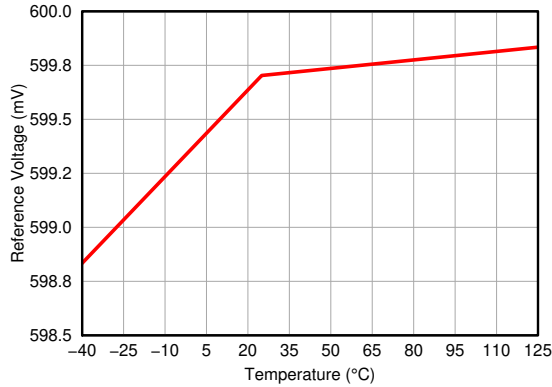


Figure 5-1. Reference Voltage vs Junction Temperature

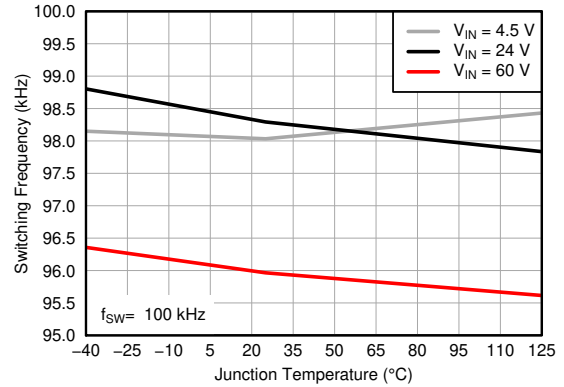


Figure 5-2. Switching Frequency vs Junction Temperature

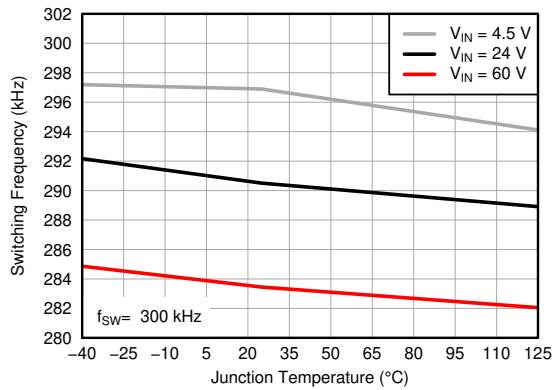


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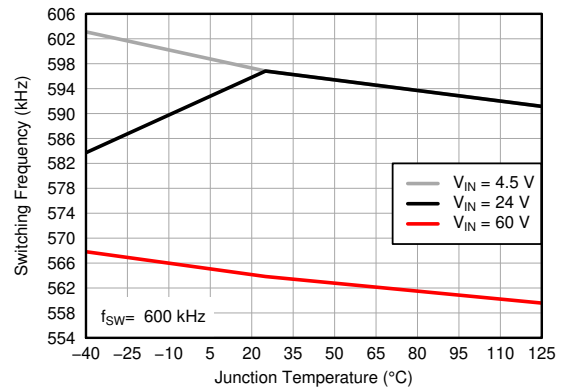


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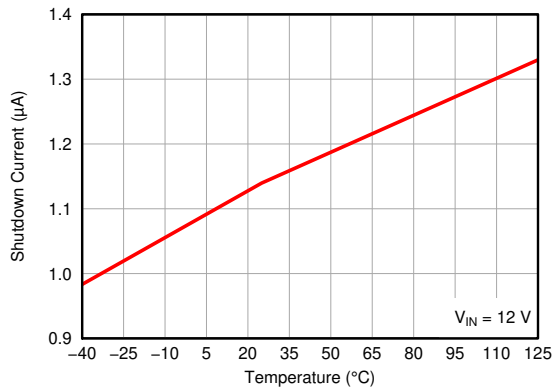


Figure 5-5. Shutdown Current vs Junction Temperature

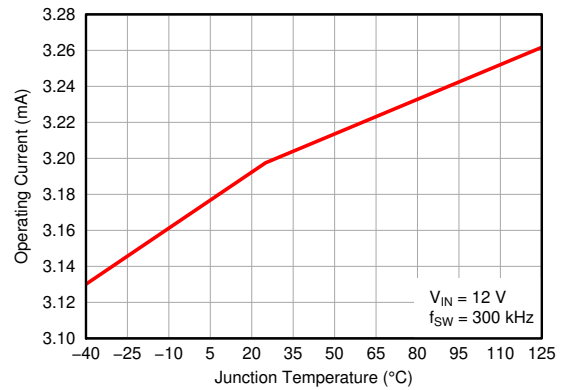


Figure 5-6. Operating Current vs Junction Temperature

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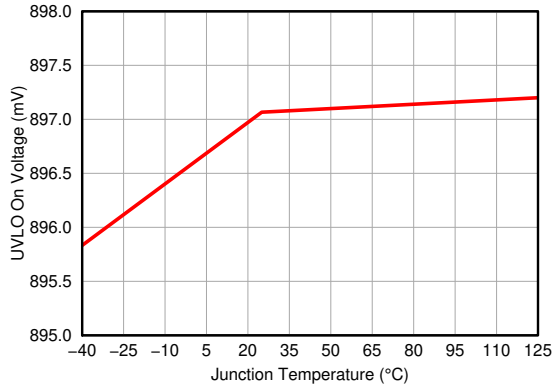


Figure 5-7. UVLO On Voltage vs Junction Temperature

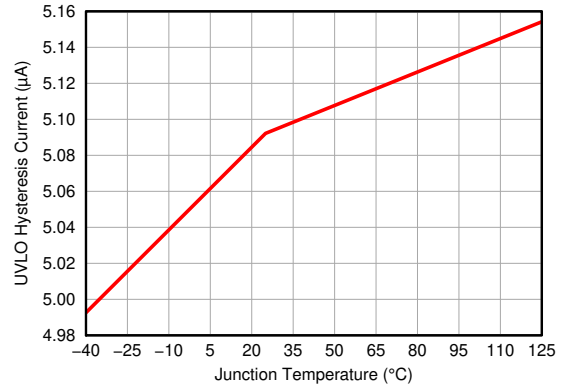


Figure 5-8. UVLO Hysteresis Current vs Junction Temperature

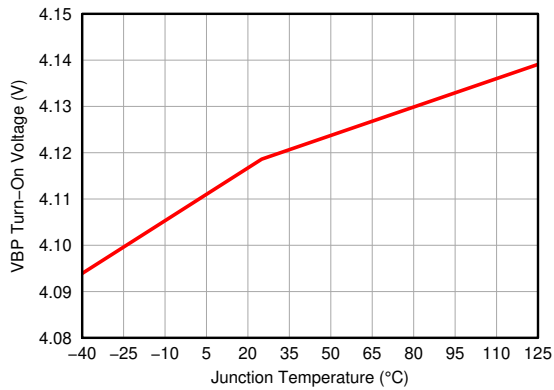


Figure 5-9. VBP Turnon Voltage vs Junction Temperature

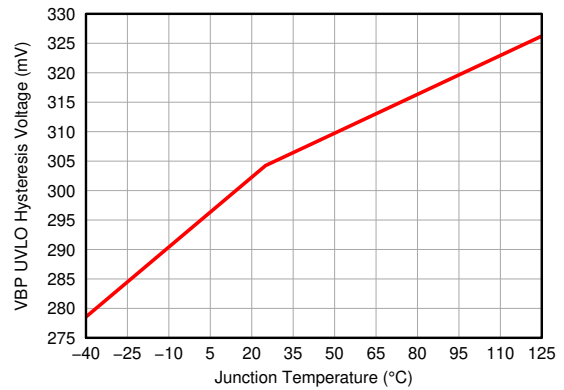


Figure 5-10. VBP UVLO Hysteresis Voltage

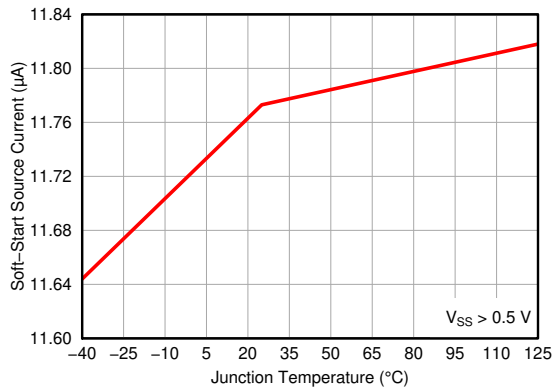


Figure 5-11. Soft-Start Source Current vs Junction Temperature

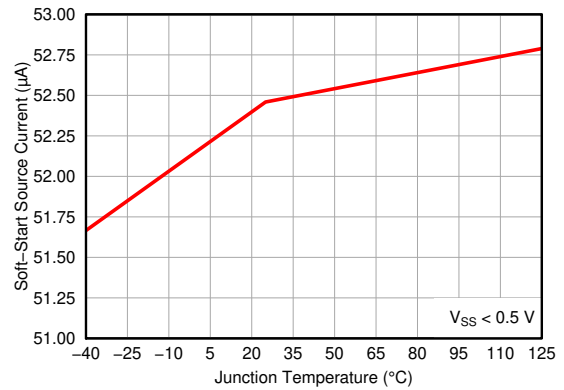


Figure 5-12. Soft-Start Source Current vs Junction Temperature

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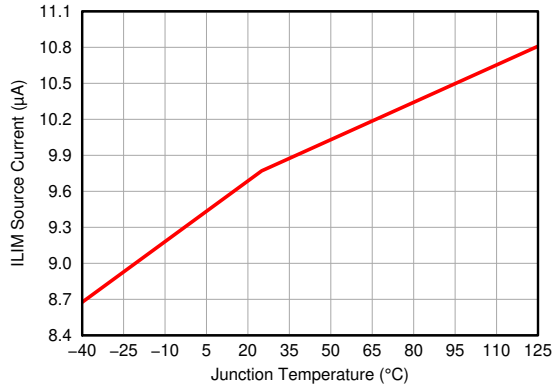


Figure 5-13. ILIM Source Current vs Junction Temperature

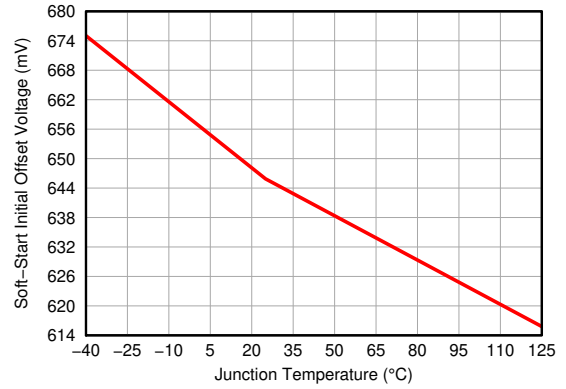


Figure 5-14. Soft-Start Initial Offset Voltage vs Junction Temperature

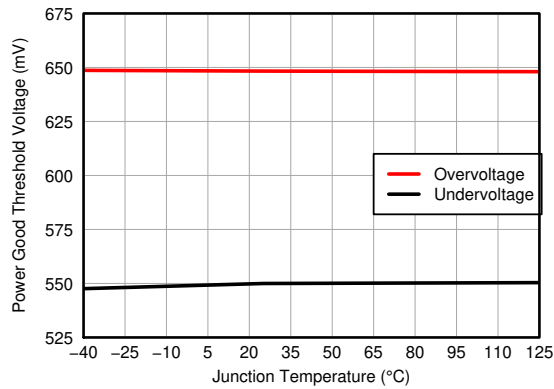


Figure 5-15. V_{OV}/V_{UV} Power Good Threshold Voltage

6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

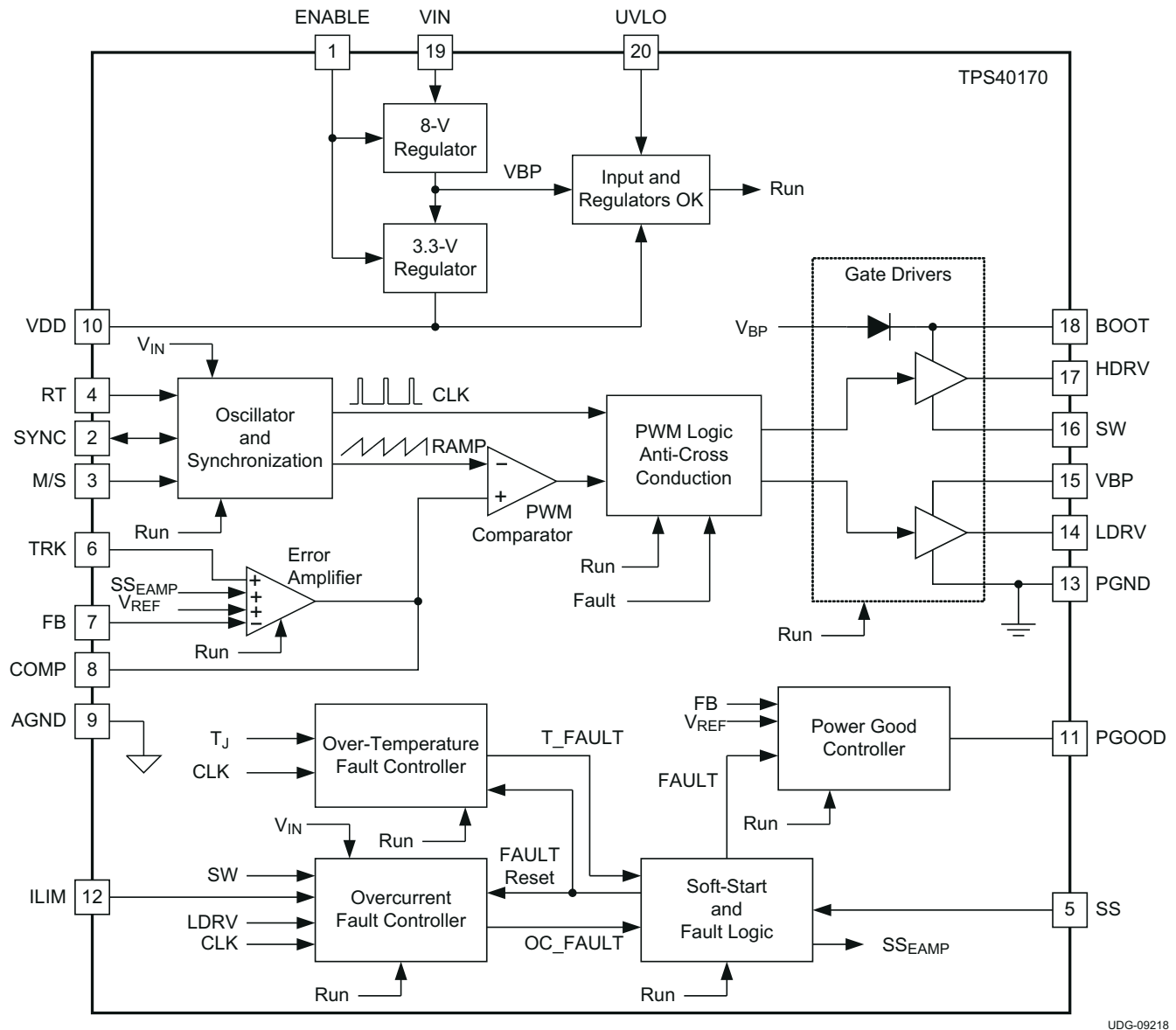
The TPS40170-Q1 device is a synchronous PWM buck controller that accepts a wide range of input voltages from 4.5 V to 60 V and features voltage-mode control with input-voltage feed-forward compensation. The switching frequency is programmable from 100 kHz to 600 kHz.

The TPS40170-Q1 device has a complete set of system protections such as programmable UVLO, programmable overcurrent protection (OCP), selectable short-circuit protection (SCP), and thermal shutdown. The ENABLE pin allows for system shutdown in a low-current (1- μ A typical) mode. The controller supports pre-biased outputs, provides an open-drain PGOOD signal, and has closed-loop programmable soft-start, output-voltage tracking, and adaptive dead-time control.

The TPS40170-Q1 device provides accurate output voltage regulation within 1% accuracy.

Additionally, the controller implements a novel scheme of bidirectional synchronization with one controller acting as the primary and other downstream controllers acting as secondaries, synchronized to the primary in-phase or 180° out-of-phase. Secondary controllers can be synchronized to an external clock within $\pm 30\%$ of the internal switching frequency.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram



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6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 LDO Linear Regulators and Enable

The TPS40170-Q1 device has two internal low-dropout (LDO) linear regulators. One has a nominal output voltage of V_{VBP} and is present at the VBP pin. This is the voltage that is mainly used for the gate-driver output. The other linear regulator has an output voltage of V_{VDD} and is present at the VDD pin. This voltage can be used in external low-current logic circuitry. The maximum allowable current drawn from the VDD pin must not exceed 5 mA.

The TPS40170-Q1 device has a dedicated device-enable pin (ENABLE). This simplifies user-level interface design because no multiplexed functions exist. If the ENABLE pin of the TPS40170-Q1 device is higher than V_{EN} , then the LDO regulators are enabled. To ensure that the LDO regulators are disabled, the ENABLE pin must be pulled below V_{DIS} . By pulling the ENABLE pin below V_{DIS} , the device is completely disabled and the current consumption is very low (nominally, 1 μ A). Both LDO regulators are actively discharged when the ENABLE pin is pulled below V_{DIS} . A functionally equivalent circuit to the enable circuitry on the TPS40170-Q1 device is shown in Figure 6-1.

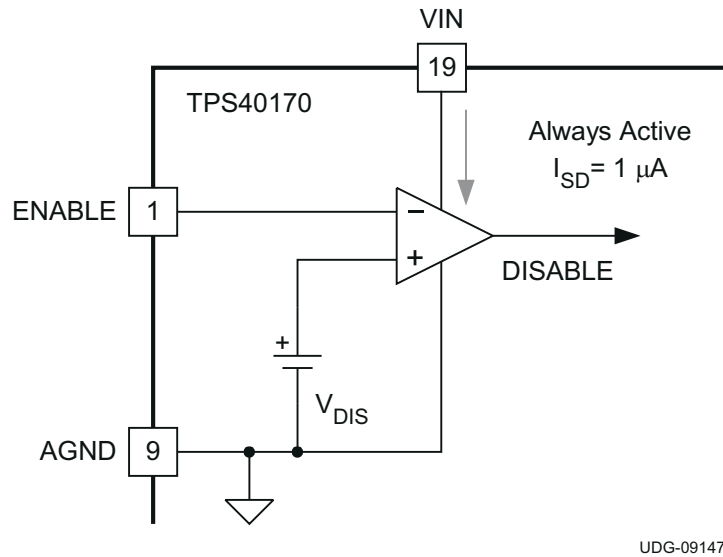


Figure 6-1. TPS40170-Q1 ENABLE Functional Block

The ENABLE pin must not be allowed to float. If the ENABLE function is not needed for the design, then it is suggested that the ENABLE pin be pulled up to VIN by a high-value resistor, ensuring that the current into the ENABLE pin does not exceed 10 μA . If it is not possible to meet this clamp current requirement, then it is suggested that a resistor divider from VIN to GND be used to connect to ENABLE pin. The resistor divider must be such that the ENABLE pin is higher than V_{EN} and lower than 8 V.

6.3.2 Input Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The TPS40170-Q1 device has both fixed and programmable input undervoltage lockout (UVLO). In order for the device to turn ON, all of the following conditions must be met:

- The ENABLE pin voltage must be greater than V_{EN} .
- The VBP voltage (at VBP pin) must be greater than $V_{\text{VBP(on)}}$.
- The UVLO pin must be greater than V_{UVLO} .

In order for the device to turn OFF, any one of the following conditions must be met:

- The ENABLE pin voltage must be less than V_{DIS} .
- The VBP voltage (at the VBP pin) must be less than $V_{\text{VBP(off)}}$.
- The UVLO pin must be less than V_{UVLO} .

Programming the input UVLO can be accomplished using the UVLO pin. A resistor divider from the input voltage (VIN pin) to GND sets the UVLO level. Once the input voltage reaches a value that meets the V_{UVLO} level at the UVLO pin, then a small hysteresis current, I_{UVLO} at the UVLO pin is switched in. The programmable UVLO function is shown in [Figure 6-2](#).

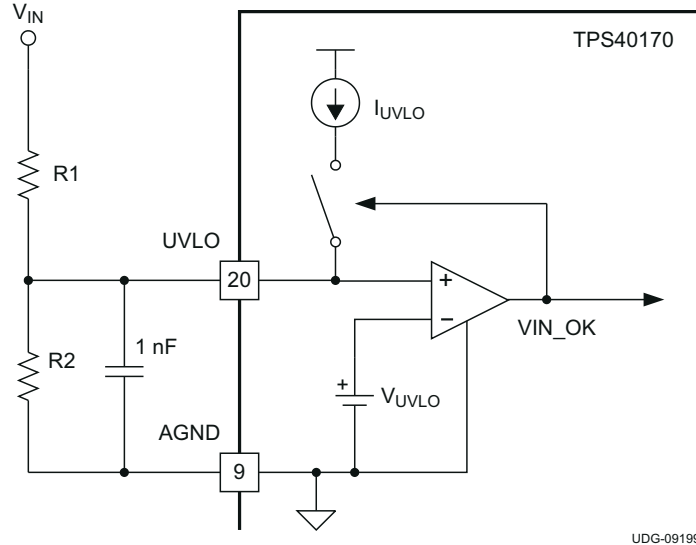


Figure 6-2. UVLO Functional Block Schematic

6.3.3 Equations for Programming the Input UVLO

Components R1 and R2 represent external resistors for programming UVLO and hysteresis; their values can be calculated in Equation 1 and Equation 2, respectively.

$$R_1 = \frac{V_{ON} - V_{OFF}}{I_{UVLO}} \quad (1)$$

$$R_2 = R_1 \times \frac{V_{UVLO}}{(V_{ON} - V_{UVLO})} \quad (2)$$

where

- V_{ON} is the desired turnon voltage of the converter.
- V_{OFF} is the desired turnoff voltage for the converter.
- I_{UVLO} is the hysteresis current generated by the device, 5 μ A (typical).
- V_{UVLO} is the UVLO pin threshold voltage, 0.9 V (typical).

Note

If the UVLO pin is connected to a voltage greater than 0.9 V, the programmable UVLO is disabled and the device defaults to an internal UVLO ($V_{VBP(on)}$ and $V_{VBP(off)}$). For example, the UVLO pin can be connected to VDD or the VBP pin to disable the programmable UVLO function.

A 1-nF ceramic bypass capacitor must be connected between the UVLO pin and GND.

6.3.4 Overcurrent Protection and Short-Circuit Protection (OCP and SCP)

The TPS40170-Q1 device has the capability to set a two-level overcurrent protection. The first level of overcurrent protection (OCP) is the normal overload setting based on low-side MOSFET voltage sensing. The second level of protection is the heavy overload setting, such as short-circuit based, on the high-side MOSFET voltage sensing. This protection takes effect immediately. The second level is termed short-circuit protection (SCP).

The OCP level is set by the ILIM pin voltage. A current (I_{ILIM}) is sourced into the ILIM pin from which a resistor R_{ILIM} is connected to GND. Resistor R_{ILIM} sets the first level of overcurrent limit. The OCP is based on the low-side FET voltage at the switch-node (SW pin) when LDRV is ON after a blanking time, which is the product

of inductor current and low-side FET turnon resistance $R_{DS(on)}$. The voltage is inverted and compared to ILIM pin voltage. If it is greater than the ILIM pin voltage, then a 3-bit counter inside the device increments the fault-count by 1 at the start of the next switching cycle. Alternatively, if it is less than the ILIM pin voltage, then the counter inside the device decrements the fault-count by 1. When the fault-count reaches 7, an overcurrent fault (OC_FAULT) is declared and both the HDRV and LDRV are turned OFF. Resistor R_{ILIM} can be calculated by Equation 3.

$$R_{ILIM} = \frac{I_{OC} \times R_{DS(on)}}{I_{ILIM}} = \frac{I_{OC} \times R_{DS(on)}}{9.0 \mu A} \tag{3}$$

The SCP level is set by a multiple of the ILIM pin voltage. The multiplier has three discrete values, 3, 7, or 15 times, which can be selected by choosing a 10-kΩ, open-circuit, or 20-kΩ resistor, respectively, from the LDRV pin to GND. This multiplier AOC information is translated during the t_{CAL} time, which starts after the enable and UVLO conditions are met.

The SCP is based on sensing the high-side FET voltage drop from V_{VIN} to V_{SW} when HDRV is ON after a blanking time, which is product of inductor current and high-side FET turnon resistance $R_{DS(on)}$. The voltage is compared to the product of the multiplier and the ILIM pin voltage. If the voltage exceeds the product, then the fault-count is immediately set to 7 and the OC_FAULT is declared. HDRV is terminated immediately without waiting for the duty cycle to end. When an OC_FAULT is declared, both the HDRV and LDRV are turned OFF. The appropriate multiplier (A), can be selected using Equation 4.

$$A = \frac{I_{SC} \times R_{DS(on)HS}}{I_{OC} \times R_{DS(on)LS}} \tag{4}$$

Figure 6-3 is a functional block diagram of the two-level overcurrent protection.

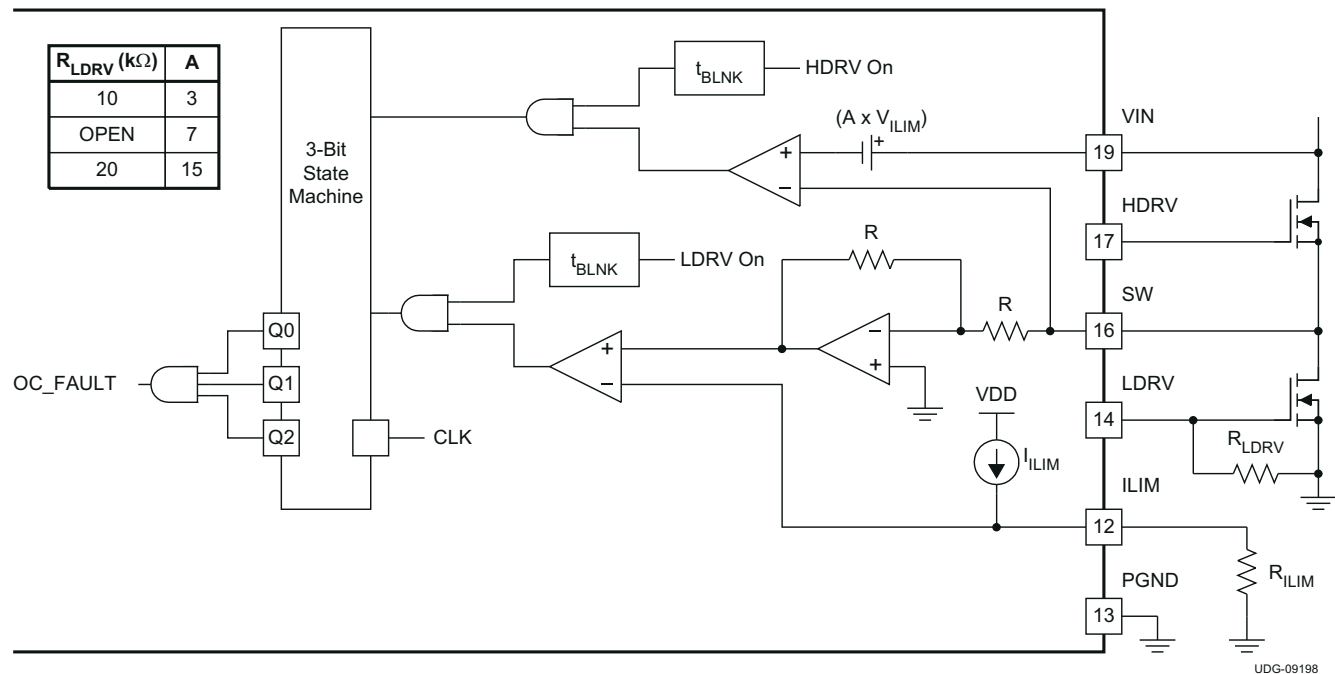


Figure 6-3. OCP and SCP Protection Functional Block Diagram

Note

Both OCP and SCP are based on low-side and high-side MOSFET voltage sensing at the SW node. Excessive ringing on the SW node can have a negative impact on the accuracy of OCP and SCP. Adding an R-C snubber from the SW node to GND helps minimize the potential impact.

6.3.5 Oscillator and Voltage Feed-Forward

TPS40170-Q1 device implements an oscillator with input-voltage feed-forward compensation that enables instant response to input voltage changes. Figure 6-4 shows the oscillator timing diagram for the TPS40170-Q1 device. The resistor from the RT pin to GND sets the free-running oscillator frequency. Voltage V_{RT} on the RT pin is made proportional to the input voltage (see Equation 5).

$$V_{RT} = \frac{V_{IN}}{K_{PWM}} \quad (5)$$

where

- $K = 15$

The resistor at the RT pin sets the current in the RT pin. The proportional current charges an internal 100-pF oscillator capacitor. The ramp voltage on this capacitor is compared with the RT pin voltage, V_{RT} . Once the ramp voltage reaches V_{RT} , the oscillator capacitor is discharged. The ramp that is generated by the oscillator (which is proportional to the input voltage) acts as voltage feed-forward ramp to be used in the PWM comparator.

The time between the start of the discharging oscillator capacitor and the start of the next charging cycle is fixed at 170 ns (typical). During the fixed discharge time, the PWM output is maintained as OFF. This is the minimum OFF-time of the PWM output.

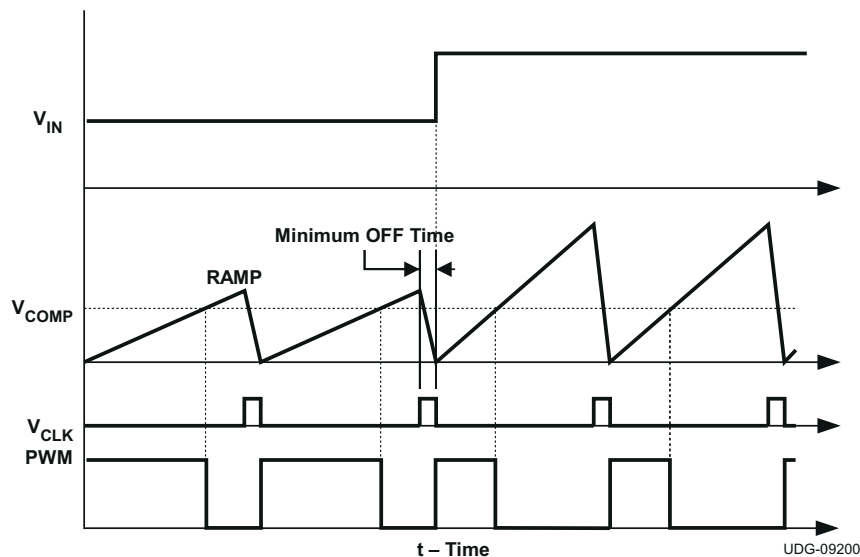


Figure 6-4. Feed-Forward Oscillator Timing Diagram

6.3.5.1 Calculating the Timing Resistance (R_{RT})

$$R_{RT} = \left(\frac{10^4}{f_{SW}} \right) - 2 \text{ (k}\Omega\text{)} \quad (6)$$

where

- f_{SW} is the switching frequency in kHz.

- R_{RT} is the resistor connected from RT pin to GND in k Ω .

6.3.6 Feed-Forward Oscillator Timing Diagram

Note

The switching frequency can be adjusted between 100 kHz and 600 kHz. The maximum switching frequency before skipping pulses is determined by the input voltage, output voltage, FET resistances, DCR of the inductor, and the minimum on-time of the TPS40170-Q1 device. Use [Equation 7](#) to determine the maximum switching frequency. For further details, see application note [SLYT293](#).

$$f_{SW(max)} = \frac{V_{OUT(min)} + (I_{OUT(min)} \times (R_{DS2} + R_{LOAD}))}{t_{ON(min)} \times (V_{IN(max)} - I_{OUT(min)} \times (R_{DS1} - R_{DS2}))} \quad (7)$$

where

- $f_{SW(max)}$ is the maximum switching frequency.
- $V_{OUT(min)}$ is the minimum output voltage.
- $V_{IN(max)}$ is the maximum input voltage.
- $I_{OUT(min)}$ is the minimum output current.
- R_{DS1} is the high-side FET resistance.
- R_{DS2} is the low-side FET resistance.
- R_{LOAD} is the inductor series resistance.

6.3.7 Soft-Start and Fault-Logic

A capacitor from the SS pin to GND defines the SS time, t_{SS} . The TPS40170-Q1 device enters into soft-start immediately after completion of the overcurrent calibration. The SS pin goes through the internal level-shifter circuit of the device before reaching one of the positive inputs of the error amplifier. The SS pin must reach approximately 0.65 V before the input to the error amplifier begins to rise above 0 V. To charge the SS pin from 0 V to 0.65 V faster, an extra charging current (40.4 μ A, typical.) is switched-in to the SS pin at the beginning of the soft-start in addition to the normal charging current (11.6 μ A, typical.). As the SS capacitor reaches 0.5 V, the extra charging current is turned off and only the normal charging current remains. [Figure 6-5](#) shows the soft-start function block.

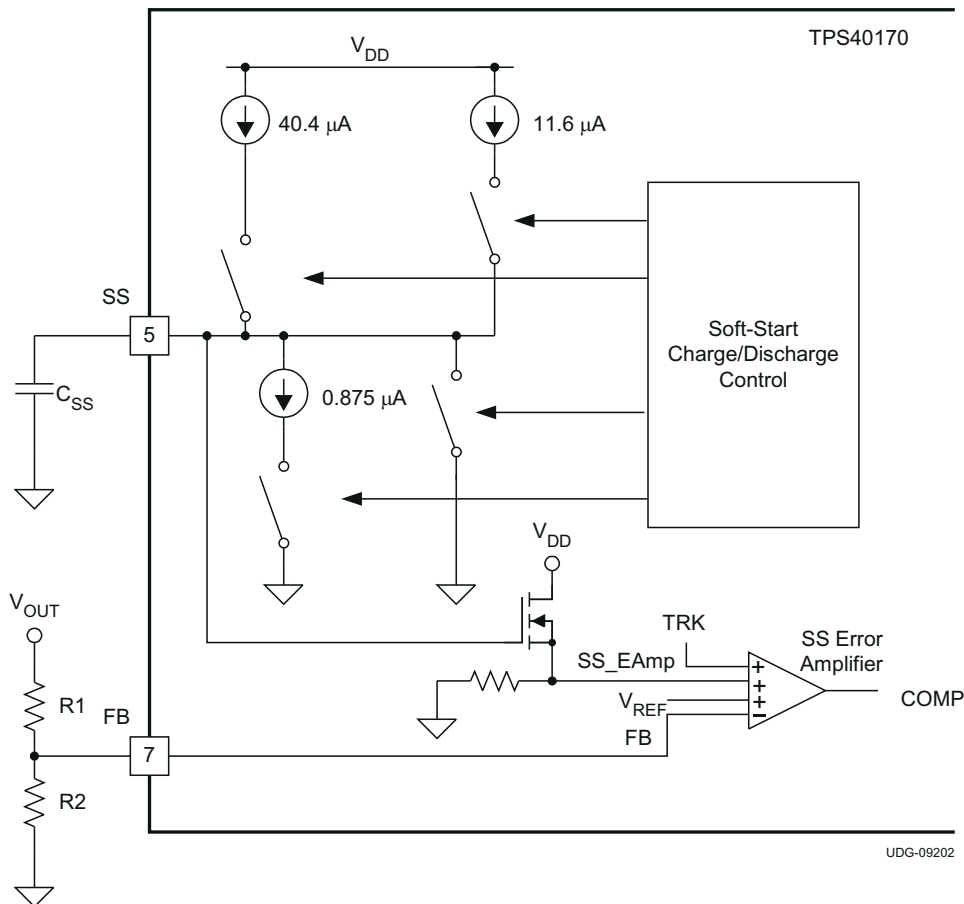


Figure 6-5. Soft-Start Schematic Block

As the SS pin voltage approaches 0.65 V, the positive input to the error amplifier begins to rise (see [Figure 6-6](#)). The output of the error amplifier (the COMP pin) starts rising. The rate of rise of the COMP voltage is mainly limited by the feedback-loop compensation network. Once V_{COMP} reaches the V_{valley} of the PWM ramp, the switching begins. The output is regulated to the error amplifier input through the FB pin in the feedback loop. Once the FB pin reaches the 600-mV reference voltage, the feedback node is regulated to the reference voltage, V_{REF} . The SS pin continues to rise and is clamped to V_{DD} .

The SS pin is discharged through an internal switch during the following conditions:

- Input (VIN) undervoltage lock out UVLO pin less than V_{UVLO}
- Overcurrent protection calibration time (t_{CAL})
- VBP less than threshold voltage ($V_{BP(off)}$)

Because it is discharged through an internal switch, the discharging time is relatively fast compared with the discharging time during the fault restart, which is discussed in the [Section 6.3.7.1](#) section.

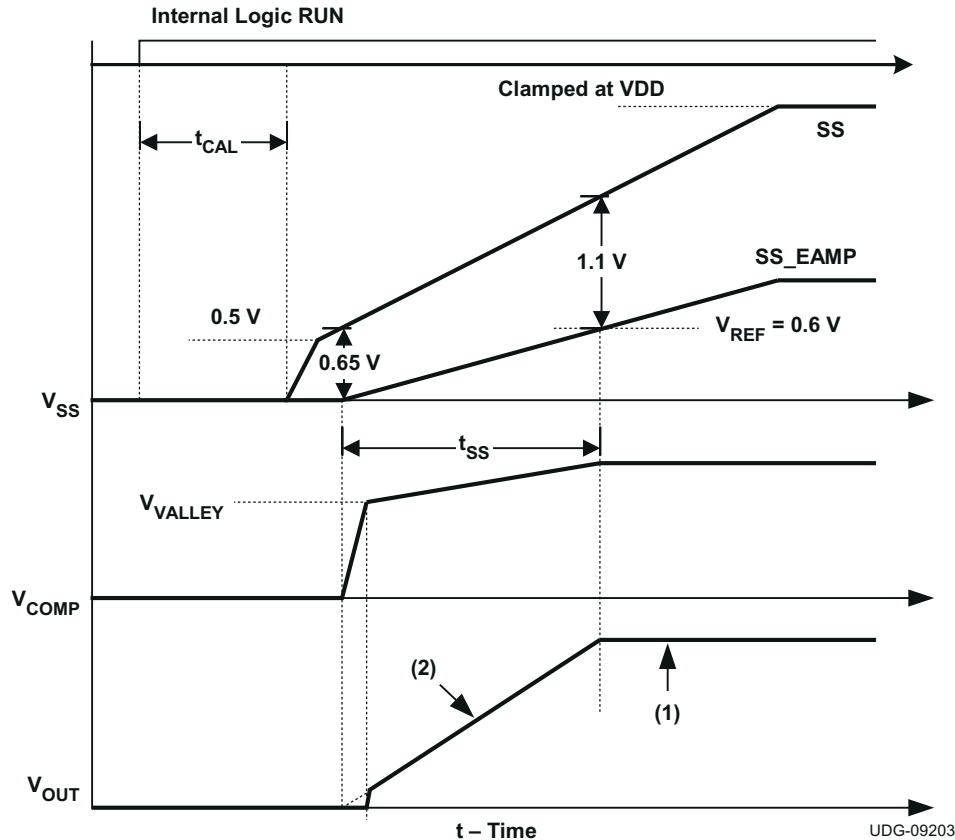


Figure 6-6. Soft-Start Waveforms

NoteReferring to [Figure 6-6](#):

- (1) VREF dominates the positive input of the error amplifier.
 (2) SS_EAMP dominates the positive input of the error amplifier.

For $0 < V_{SS_EAMP} < V_{REF}$

$$V_{OUT} = V_{SS(EAMP)} \times \frac{(R1+R2)}{R2} \quad (8)$$

For $V_{SS_EAMP} > V_{REF}$

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \times \frac{(R1+R2)}{R2} \quad (9)$$

6.3.7.1 Soft-Start During Overcurrent Fault

The soft-start block also has a role to control the fault-logic timing. If an overcurrent fault (OC_FAULT) is declared, the soft-start capacitor is discharged internally through the device by a small current $I_{SS(sink)}$ (1.05 μ A, typical). Once the SS pin capacitor is discharged to below $V_{SS(fft,low)}$ (300 mV, typical), the soft-start capacitor begins charging again. If the fault is persistent, a fault is declared which is determined by the overcurrent-protection state machine. If the soft-start capacitor is below $V_{SS(fft,high)}$ (2.5 V, typical), then the soft-start

capacitor continues to charge until it reaches $V_{SS(ft,high)}$ before a discharge cycle is initiated. This ensures that the re-start time-interval is always constant. [Figure 6-7](#) shows the restart timing.

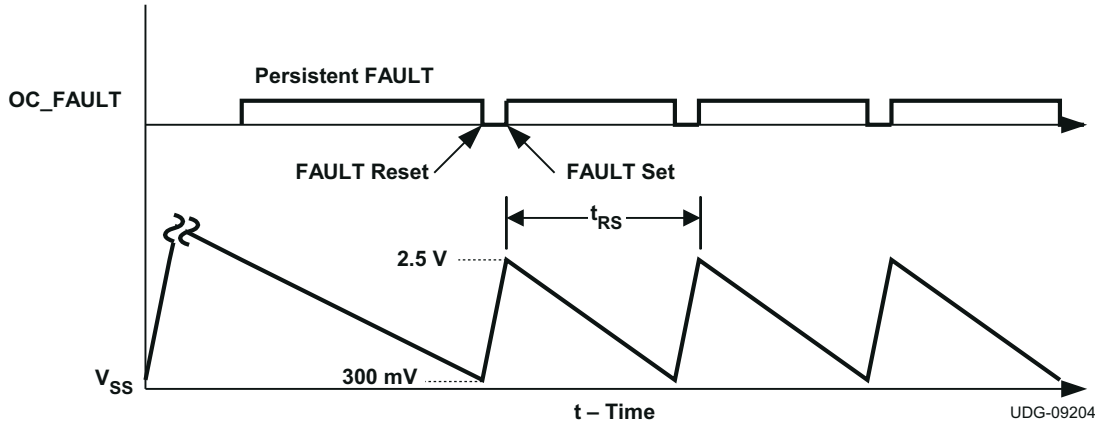


Figure 6-7. Overcurrent Fault Restart Timing

Note

For the feedback to be regulated to the SS_EAMP voltage, the TRK pin must be pulled high directly or through a resistor to VDD.

6.3.7.2 Equations for Soft-Start and Restart Time

The soft-start time (t_{SS}) is defined as the time taken for the internal SS_EAMP node to go from 0 V to the 0.6-V V_{REF} voltage. SS_EAMP starts rising as the SS pin goes beyond 0.65 V. The offset voltage between SS and SS_EAMP starts increasing as the SS pin voltage starts rising. [Figure 6-6](#) shows that the SS time can be defined as the time taken for the SS pin voltage to change by 1.05 V (see [Equation 10](#)).

$$C_{SS} = \frac{t_{SS}}{0.09} \tag{10}$$

The restart time (t_{RS}) is defined in [Equation 11](#) as the time taken for the soft-start capacitor (C_{SS}) to discharge from 2.5 V to 0.3 V and to then recharge up to 2.5 V.

$$t_{RS} \approx 2.28 \times C_{SS} \tag{11}$$

where

- C_{SS} is the soft-start capacitance in nF
- t_{SS} is the soft-start time in ms
- t_{RS} is the restart time in ms

Note

During soft-start ($V_{SS} < 2.5$ V), the overcurrent protection limit is 1.5 times the normal overcurrent protection limit. This allows a higher output capacitance to charge fully without activating overcurrent protection.

6.3.8 Overtemperature Fault

[Figure 6-8](#) shows the over temperature protection scheme. If the junction temperature of the device reaches the thermal shutdown limit of $t_{SD(set)}$ (165°C, typical) and SS charging is completed, an overtemperature FAULT

is declared. The soft-start capacitor begins to be discharged. During soft-start discharging period, the PWM switching is terminated; therefore, both HDRV and LDRV are driven low, turning off both MOSFETs.

The soft-start capacitor begins to charge and an overtemperature fault is reset whenever the soft-start capacitor is discharged below $V_{SS(ft,low)}$ (300 mV, typical). During each restart cycle, PWM switching is turned on. When SS is fully charged, PWM switching is terminated. These restarts repeat until the temperature of the device has fallen below the thermal reset level, $t_{SD(reset)}$ (135°C typical). PWM switching continues and the system returns to normal regulation.

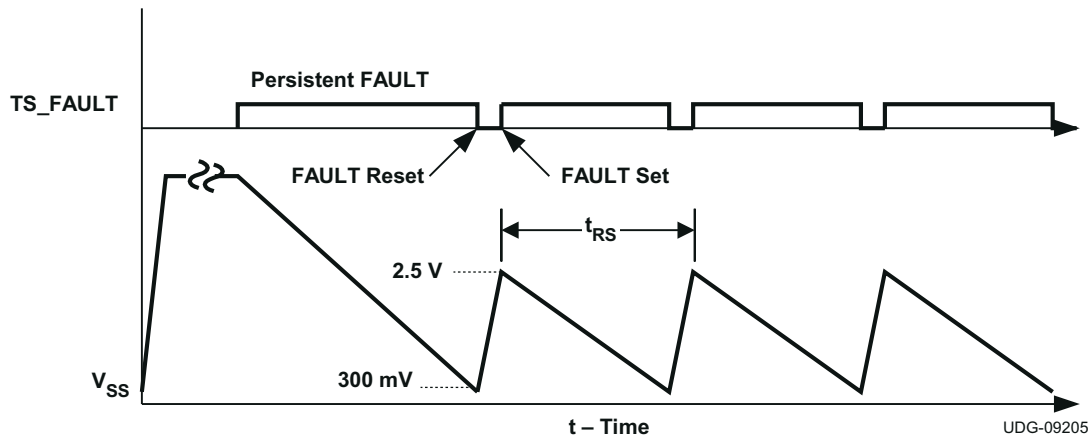


Figure 6-8. Overtemperature Fault Restart Timing

The soft-start timing during an overtemperature fault is the same as the soft-start timing during an overcurrent fault. See the *Equations for Soft-Start and Restart Time* section.

6.3.9 Tracking

The TRK pin is used for output voltage tracking. The output voltage is regulated so that the FB pin equals the lowest of the internal reference voltage (V_{REF}) or the level-shifted SS pin voltage (SS_{EAMP}) or the TRK pin voltage. Once the TRK pin goes above the reference voltage, then the output voltage is no longer governed by the TRK pin, but it is governed by the reference voltage.

If the voltage tracking function is used, then it must be noted that the SS pin capacitor must remain connected to SS pin and is also used for FAULT timing. For proper tracking using the TRK pin, the tracking voltage must be allowed to rise only after SS_{EAMP} has exceeded V_{REF} , so that there is no possibility of the TRK pin voltage being higher than the SS_{EAMP} voltage. From [Figure 6-6](#), for $SS_{EAMP} = 0.6$ V, the SS pin voltage is typically 1.7 V.

The maximum slew rate on the TRK pin must be determined by the output capacitance and feedback loop bandwidth. A higher slew rate can possibly trip overcurrent protection.

[Figure 6-9](#) shows the tracking functional block. For SS_{EAMP} voltages greater than TRK pin voltage, the V_{OUT} is given by [Equation 12](#) and [Equation 13](#).

For $0 \text{ V} < V_{TRK} < V_{REF}$

$$V_{OUT} = V_{TRK} \times \frac{(R1+R2)}{R2} \quad (12)$$

For $V_{TRK} > V_{REF}$

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \times \frac{(R1+R2)}{R2} \quad (13)$$

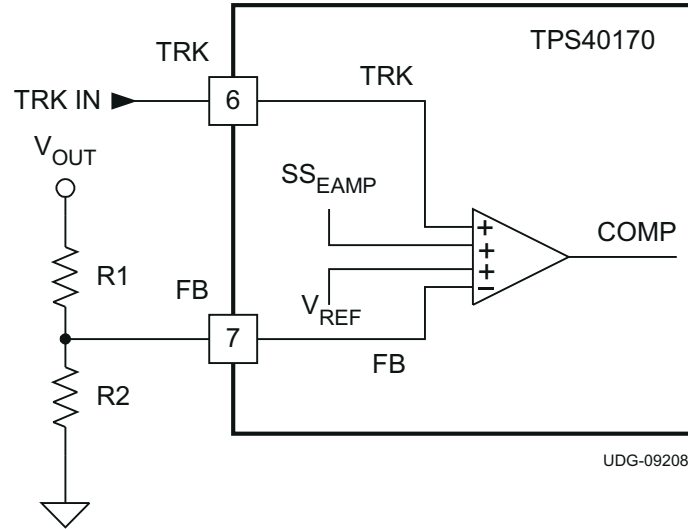


Figure 6-9. Tracking Functional Block

There are three potential applications for the tracking function.

- Simultaneous voltage tracking
- Ratiometric voltage tracking
- Sequential start-up mode

The tracking function configurations and waveforms are shown in [Figure 6-10](#), [Figure 6-11](#), [Figure 6-12](#), [Figure 6-13](#), [Figure 6-14](#), and [Figure 6-15](#) respectively.

In simultaneous voltage tracking, shown in [Figure 6-10](#), tracking signals V_{TRK1} and V_{TRK2} of two modules, POL1 and POL2, start up at the same time, and their output voltages V_{OUT1initial} and V_{OUT2initial} are approximately the same during initial startup. Because V_{TRK1} and V_{TRK2} are less than V_{REF} (0.6 V, typical), [Equation 12](#) is used. As a result, components selection must meet [Equation 14](#).

$$\left(\frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{R_1} \right) \times V_{TRK1} = \left(\frac{(R_3 + R_4)}{R_3} \right) \times V_{TRK2} \Rightarrow \frac{R_5}{R_6} = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{R_1}{(R_1 + R_2)} \right)}{\left(\frac{R_3}{(R_3 + R_4)} \right)} - 1 \right) \quad (14)$$

After the lower output voltage setting reaches the output-voltage V_{OUT1} set point, where V_{TRK1} increases above V_{REF}, the output voltage of the other one (V_{OUT2}) continues increasing until it reaches its own set point, where V_{TRK2} increases above V_{REF}. At that time, [Equation 13](#) is used. As a result, the resistor settings must meet [Equation 15](#) and [Equation 16](#).

$$V_{OUT1} = \left(\frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{R_1} \right) \times V_{REF} \quad (15)$$

$$V_{OUT2} = \left(\frac{(R_3 + R_4)}{R_3} \right) \times V_{REF} \quad (16)$$

[Equation 14](#) can be simplified into [Equation 17](#) by substituting terms from [Equation 15](#) and [Equation 16](#).

$$\left(\frac{R_5}{R_6}\right) = \left(\left(\frac{V_{OUT2}}{V_{OUT1}}\right) - 1\right) \tag{17}$$

If 5-V V_{OUT2} and 2.5-V V_{OUT1} are required, according to Equation 15, Equation 16, and Equation 17, the selected components can be as follows:

- $R_5 = R_6 = R_4 = R_2 = 10\text{ k}\Omega$
- $R_1 = 3.16\text{ k}\Omega$
- $R_3 = 1.37\text{ k}\Omega$

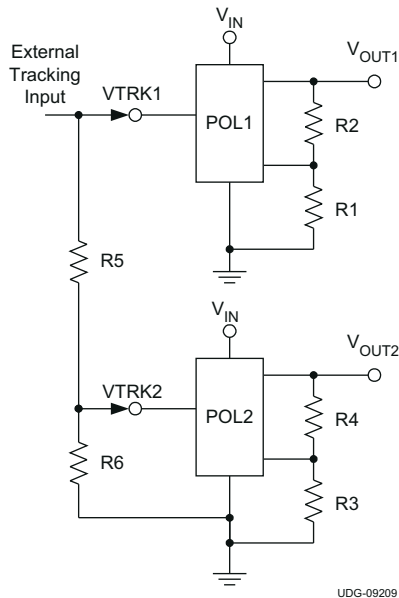


Figure 6-10. Simultaneous Voltage-Tracking Schematic

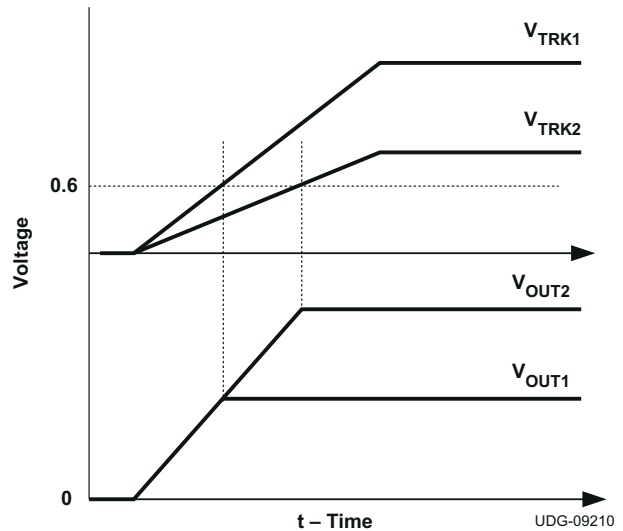


Figure 6-11. Simultaneous Voltage-Tracking Waveform

In ratiometric voltage tracking as shown in Figure 6-12, the two tracking voltages, VTRK1 and VTRK2, for two modules, POL1 and POL2, are the same. Their output voltages, VOUT1 and VOUT2, are different with different voltage dividers, R2–R1 and R4–R3. VOUT1 and VOUT2 increase proportionally and reach their output voltage set points at approximately the same time.

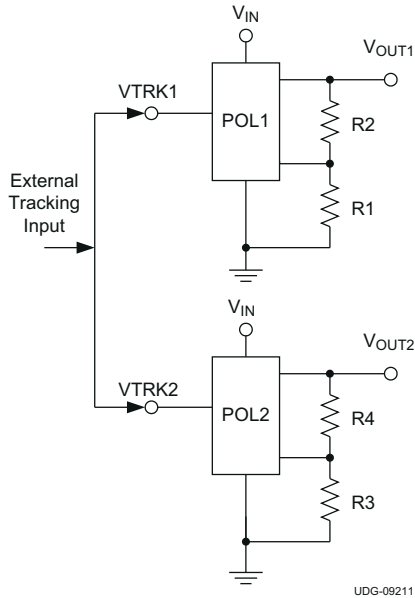


Figure 6-12. Ratiometric Voltage-Tracking Schematic

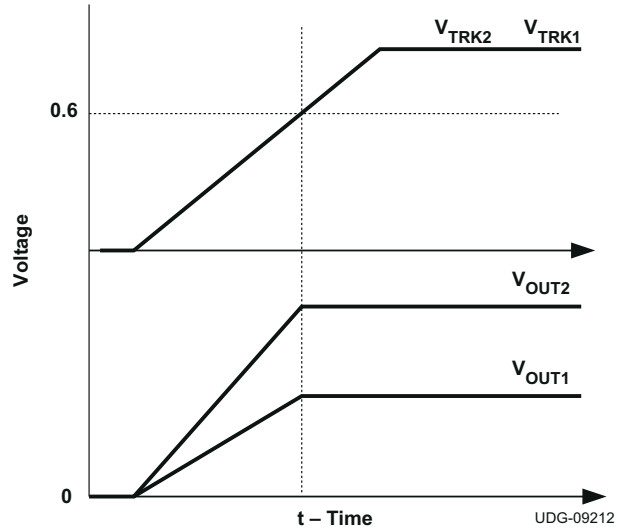


Figure 6-13. Ratiometric Voltage-Tracking Waveform

Sequential start-up is shown in Figure 6-14. During start-up of the first module, POL1, its PGOOD1 is pulled to low. Because PGOOD1 is connected to soft-start SS2 of the second module, POL2, is not able to charge its soft-start capacitor. After output voltage VOUT1 of POL1 reaches its setting point, PGOOD1 is released. POL2 starts charging its soft-start capacitor. Finally, output voltage VOUT2 of POL2 reaches its setting point.

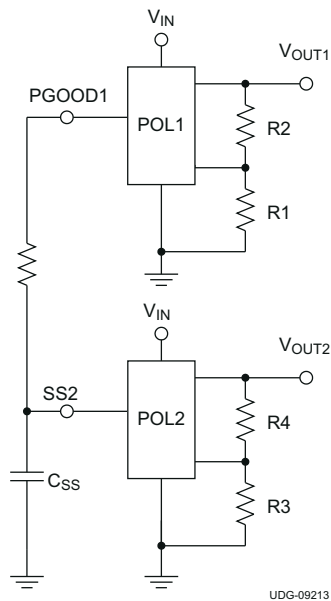


Figure 6-14. Sequential Start-Up Schematic

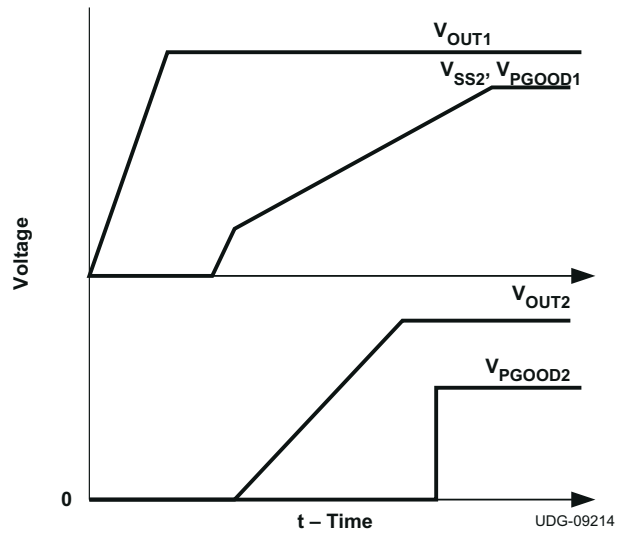


Figure 6-15. Sequential Start-Up Waveform

Note

The TRK pin has high impedance, so it is a noise-sensitive terminal. If the tracking function is used, TI recommends a small R-C filter at the TRK pin to filter out high-frequency noise.

If the tracking function is not used, the TRK pin must be pulled up directly or through a resistor (with a value between 10 k Ω and 100 k Ω) to VDD.

6.3.10 Adaptive Drivers

The drivers for the external high-side and low-side MOSFETs are capable of driving a gate-to-source voltage, V_{VBP} . The LDRV driver for the low-side MOSFET switches between VBP and PGND, while the HDRV driver for the high-side MOSFET is referenced to SW and switches between BOOT and SW. The drivers have non-overlapping timing that is governed by an adaptive delay circuit to minimize body-diode conduction in the synchronous rectifier.

6.3.11 Start-Up Into Pre-Biased Output

The TPS40170-Q1 device contains a circuit to prevent current from being pulled out of the output during startup, in case the output is pre-biased. When the soft-start commands a voltage higher than the pre-bias level (internal soft-start becomes greater than feedback voltage [V_{VFB}]), the controller slowly activates synchronous rectification by starting the first LDRV pulses with a narrow on-time (see [Figure 6-16](#)), where:

- $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$
- $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$
- $V_{PRE} = 1.4\text{ V}$
- $f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$
- $L = 0.6\text{ }\mu\text{H}$

LDRV pulses then increments the on-time on a cycle-by-cycle basis until it coincides with the time dictated by $(1 - D)$, where D is the duty cycle of the converter. This scheme prevents the initial sinking of the pre-bias output, and ensures that the output voltage (V_{OUT}) starts and ramps up smoothly into regulation and the control loop is given time to transition from pre-biased startup to normal mode operation with minimal disturbance to the output voltage. The time from the start of switching until the low-side MOSFET is turned on for the full $(1 - D)$ interval is between approximately 20 and 40 clock cycles.

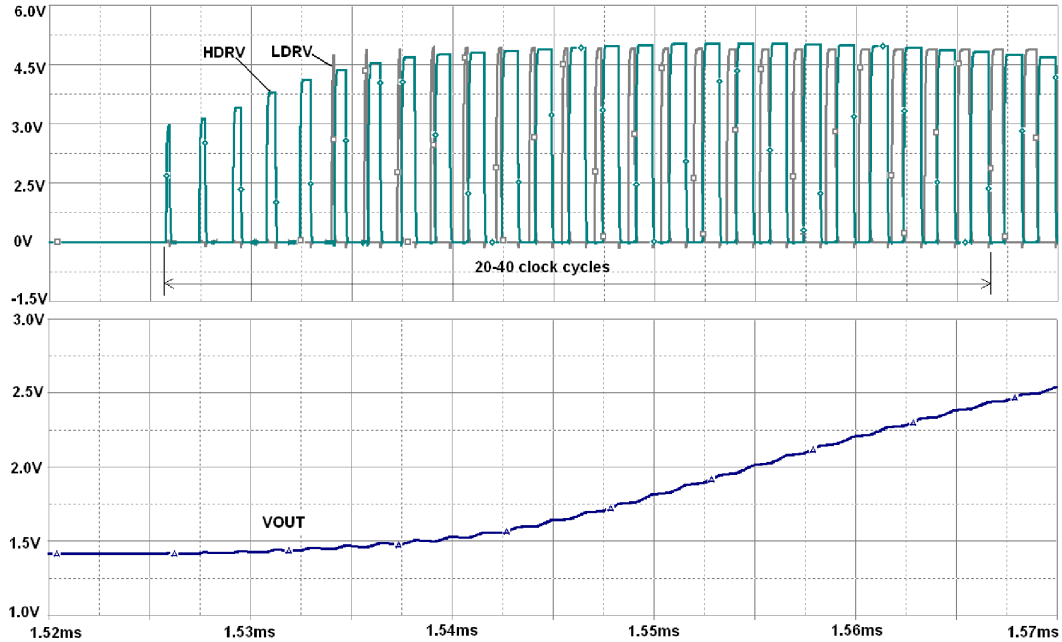


Figure 6-16. Start-Up Switching Waveform During Pre-Biased Condition

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If the output is pre-biased to a voltage higher than the voltage commanded by the reference, then the PWM switching does not start.

Note

When output is pre-biased at $V_{PREBIAS}$, that voltage also applies to the SW node during start-up. When the pre-bias circuitry commands the first few high-side pulses before the first low-side pulse is initiated, the gate voltage for the high-side MOSFET is as described in Equation 18. Alternatively, if the pre-bias level is high, it is possible that SCP can be tripped due to high the turnon resistance of the high-side MOSFET with low gate voltage. Once tripped, the device resets and then attempts to restart. The device can not be able to start up until the output is discharged to a lower voltage level either by an active load or through feedback resistors.

In the case of a high pre-bias level, a low gate-threshold-voltage-rated device is recommended for the high-side MOSFET, and increasing the SCP level also helps alleviate the problem.

$$V_{GATE(hs)} = (V_{BP} - V_{DFWD} - V_{PRE-BIAS}) \quad (18)$$

where

- $V_{GATE(hs)}$ is the gate voltage for the high-side MOSFET.
- V_{BP} is the BP regulator output.
- V_{DFWD} is bootstrap diode forward voltage.

6.3.13 Power Good (PGOOD)

The TPS40170-Q1 device provides an indication that the output voltage of the converter is within the specified limits of regulation as measured at the FB pin. The PGOOD pin is an open-drain signal and pulls low when

any condition exists which can indicate that the output of the supply can be out of regulation. These conditions include:

- V_{VFB} is not within the PGOOD threshold limits.
- Soft-start is active, that is, the SS pin voltage is below $V_{SS,FLT,HIGH}$ limit.
- An undervoltage condition exists for the device.
- An overcurrent or short-circuit fault is detected.
- An overtemperature fault is detected.

Figure 6-17 shows a situation where no fault is detected during the start-up, (the normal PGOOD situation). It shows that PGOOD goes high t_{PGD} (20 μ s, typical) after all the conditions (previously listed) are met.

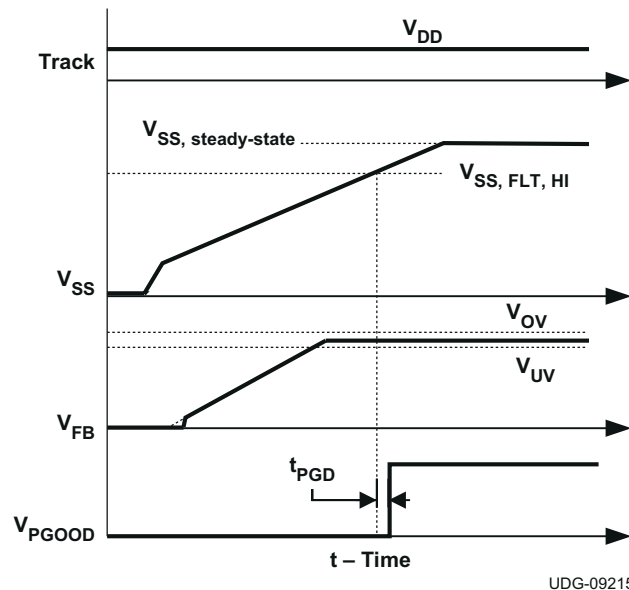


Figure 6-17. PGOOD Signal

When there is no power to the device, PGOOD is not able to pull close to GND if an auxiliary supply is used for the power-good indication. In this case, a built-in resistor connected from drain to gate on the PGOOD pulldown device allows the PGOOD pin to operate as a diode to GND.

6.3.14 PGND and AGND

Note

The TPS40170-Q1 device provides separate signal ground (AGND) and power ground (PGND) pins. PGND is primarily used for gate-driver ground return. AGND is an internal logic-signal ground return. These two ground signals are internally loosely connected by two anti-parallel diodes. PGND and AGND must be electrically connected externally.

6.3.15 Bootstrap Capacitor

A bootstrap capacitor with a value between 0.1 μ F and 0.22 μ F must be placed between the BOOT pin and the SW pin. It must be 10 times higher than MOSFET gate capacitance.

6.3.16 Bypass and Filtering

In an integrated circuit, supply bypassing is important for jitter-free operation. To decrease noise in the converter, ceramic bypass capacitors must be placed as close to the package as possible.

- VIN to GND: use a 0.1- μ F ceramic capacitor
- BP to GND: use a 1- μ F to 10- μ F ceramic capacitor. It must be 10 times greater than the bootstrap capacitance

- VDD to GND: use a 0.1- μ F to 1- μ F ceramic capacitor

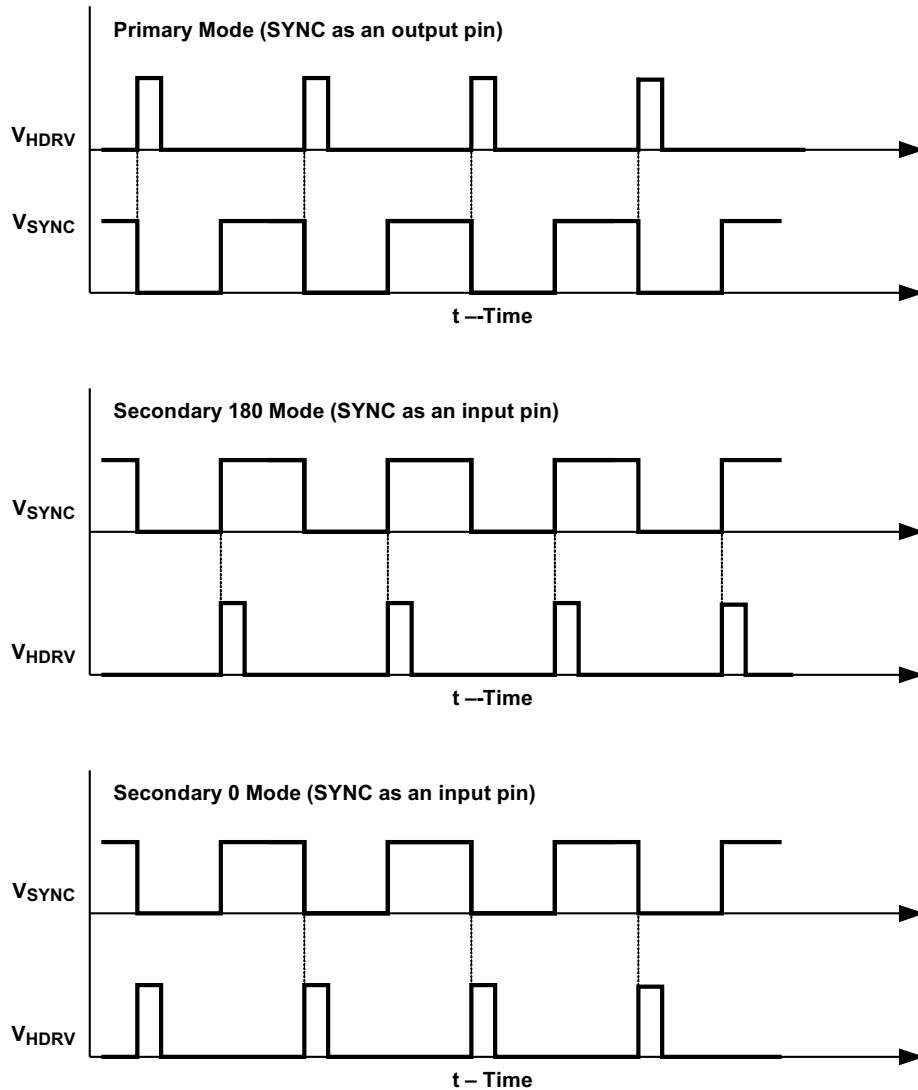
6.4 Device Functional Modes

6.4.1 Frequency Synchronization

The TPS40170-Q1 device has three modes.

- **Primary mode:** In this mode, the primary- or secondary-selector pin, (M/S) is connected to VIN. The SYNC pin emits a stream of pulses at the same frequency as the PWM switching frequency. The pulse stream at the SYNC pin is of 50% duty cycle and the same amplitude as V_{VBP} . Also, the falling edge of the voltage on SYNC pin is synchronized with the rising edge of HDRV.
- **Secondary–180° mode:** In this mode, the M/S pin is connected to GND. The SYNC pin of the TPS40170-Q1 device accepts a synchronization clock signal, and HDRV is synchronized with the rising edge of the incoming synchronization clock.
- **Secondary–0° mode:** In this mode, the M/S pin is left open. The SYNC pin of the TPS40170-Q1 device accepts a synchronization clock signal, and HDRV is synchronized with the falling edge of the incoming synchronization clock.

The two secondary modes can be synchronized to an external clock through the SYNC pin. They are shown in [Figure 6-18](#). The synchronization frequency must be within $\pm 30\%$ of its programmed free-running frequency.



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Figure 6-18. Frequency Synchronization Waveforms in Different Modes

TPS40170-Q1 device provides a smooth transition for the SYNC clock-signal loss in secondary mode. In secondary mode, a synchronization clock signal is provided externally through the SYNC pin to the device. The switching frequency is synchronized to the external SYNC clock signal. If for some reason the external clock signal is missing, the device switching frequency is automatically overridden by a transition frequency which is 0.7 times its programmed free-running frequency. This transition time is approximately 20 μ s. After that, the device switching frequency is changed to its programmed free-running frequency. [Figure 6-19](#) shows this process.

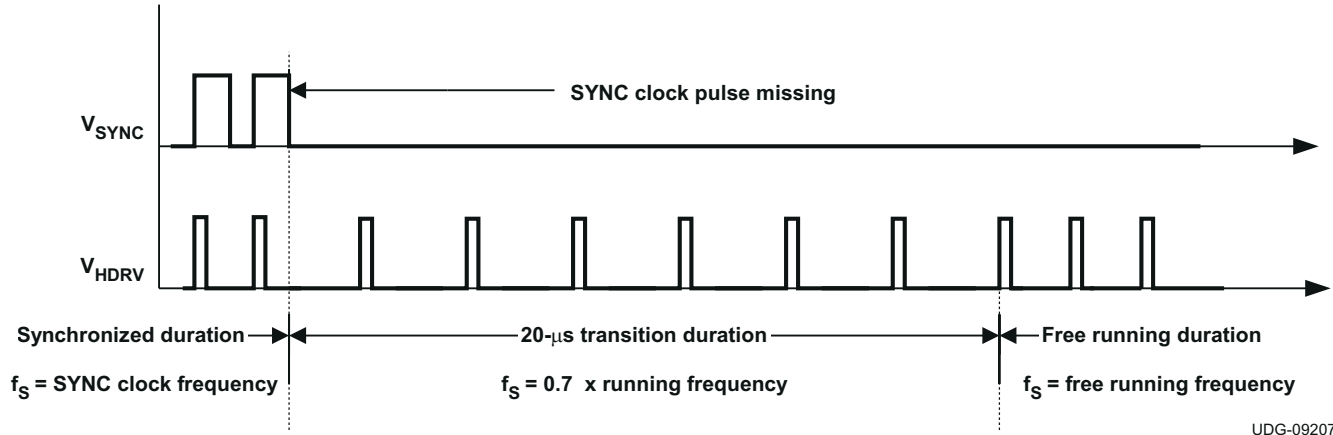


Figure 6-19. Transition for SYNC Clock Signal Missing (for Secondary–180° Mode)

Note

When the device is operating in the primary mode with duty ratio around 50%, PWM jittering can occur. Always configure the device into the secondary mode by either connecting the M/S pin to GND or leaving it floating if primary mode is not used.

When the external SYNC clock signal is used for synchronization, limit the maximum slew rate of the clock signal to 10 V/ μs to avoid potential PWM jittering, and connect the SYNC pin to the external clock signal through a 5-k Ω resistor.

7 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, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

7.1 Application Information

The wide-input TPS40170-Q1 controller can function in a very wide range of applications. This example describes the design process for a very wide-input (10 V to 60 V) to regulated 5-V output at a load current of 6 A.

7.2 Typical Application

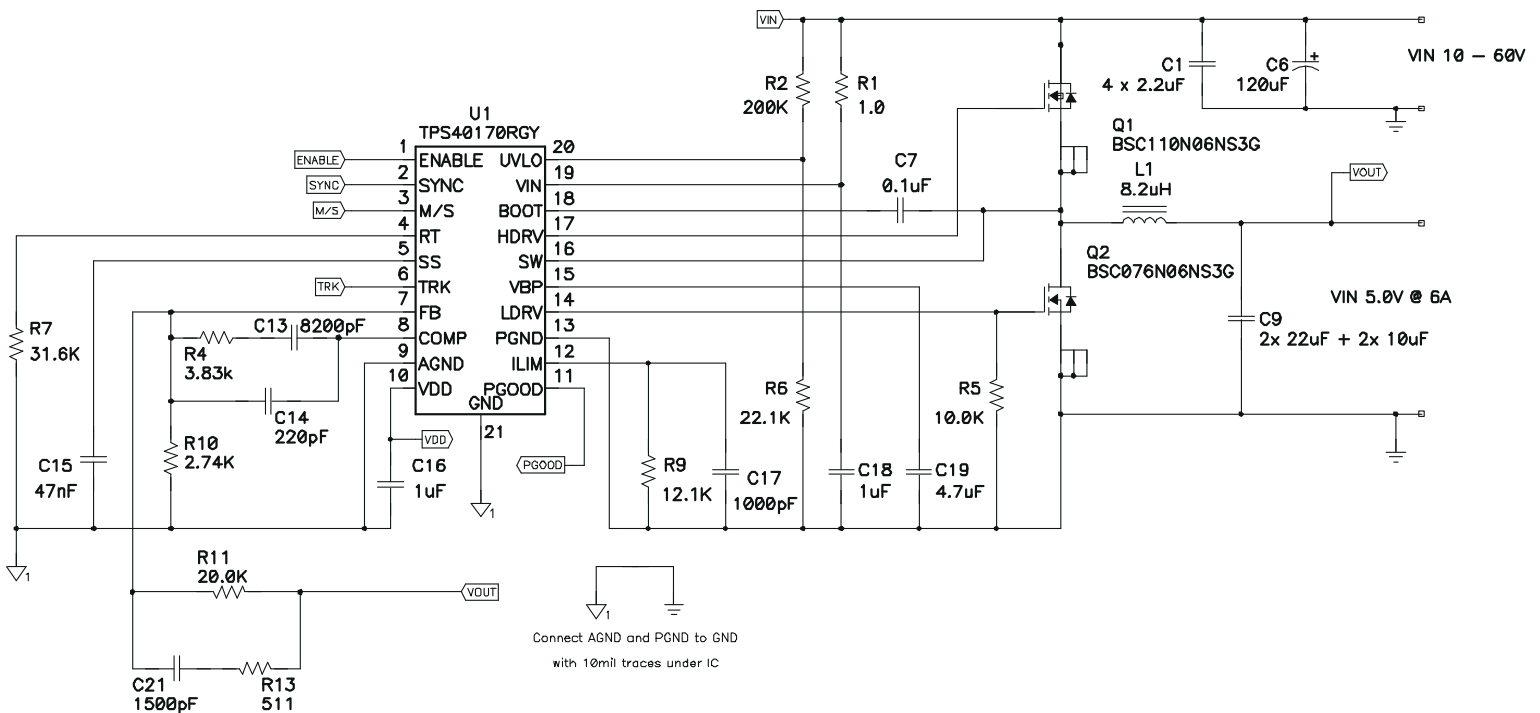


Figure 7-1. Design Example Application

7.2.1 Design Requirements

The design parameters are provided in [Table 7-1](#).

Table 7-1. Design Example Parameters

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN}	Input voltage		10		60	V
V _{IN(ripple)}	Input ripple	I _{OUT} = 6 A			0.5	V
V _{OUT}	Output voltage	0 A ≤ I _{OUT} ≤ 20 A	4.8	5	5.2	V
	Line regulation	10 V ≤ V _{IN} ≤ 60 V			0.5%	
	Load regulation	0 A ≤ I _{OUT} ≤ 6 A			0.5%	
V _{RIPPLE}	Output ripple	I _{OUT} = 6 A			100	mV
V _{OVER}	Output overshoot	ΔI _{OUT} = 2.5 A		250		mV
V _{UNDER}	Output undershoot	ΔI _{OUT} = -2.5 A		250		mV
I _{OUT}	Output current	10 V ≤ V _{IN} ≤ 60 V	0		6	A
t _{SS}	Soft-start time	V _{IN} = 24 V		4		ms
I _{SCP}	Short circuit current trip point		8			A
η	Efficiency	V _{IN} = 24 V, I _{OUT} = 6 A		94%		
f _{SW}	Switching frequency			300		kHz
	Size				1.5	in ²

7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Table 7-2. Design Example List of Materials

REFERENCE DESIGNATOR	QTY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PART NUMBER	MANUF
C1	4	2.2 μF	Capacitor, ceramic, 100-V, X7R, 15%	1210	Std	Std
C6	1	120 μF	Capacitor, aluminum, 63-V, 20%, KZE series	0.315 inch (0.8 cm)	KZE63VB121M10X16LL	Chemi-con
C7	1	0.1 μF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
C9	2 ea	22 μF 10 μF	Capacitor, ceramic, 16-V, X7R, 15%	1210	Std	Std
C13	1	8200 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
C14	1	220 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
C15	1	47 nF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
C16	1	1 μF	Capacitor, 16-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
C17	1	1000 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
C18	1	1 μF	Capacitor, ceramic, 100-V, X7R, 15%	1206	Std	Std
C19	1	4.7 μF	Capacitor, ceramic, 16-V, X5R, 15%	805	Std	Std
C21	1	1500 pF	Capacitor, ceramic, 50-V, X7R, 15%	603	Std	Std
L1	1	8.2 μH	Inductor, SMT, 10-A, 16-mΩ	0.51 inch ² (1.3 cm ²)	IHLP5050FDER8R2M01	Vishay
Q1	1		MOSFET, N-channel, 60-V, 50-A, 11-mΩ		BSC110N06NS3G	Infineon
Q2	1		MOSFET, N-channel, 60-V, 50-A, 7.6-mΩ		BSC076N06NS3G	Infineon
R10	1	2.74 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R4	1	3.83 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R5	1	10.0 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R9	1	12.1 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603

Table 7-2. Design Example List of Materials (continued)

REFERENCE DESIGNATOR	QTY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PART NUMBER	MANUF
R11	1	20.0 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R6	1	22.1 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R7	1	31.6 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R2	1	200 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
R13	1	511 kΩ	Resistor, chip, 1/16W, 1%	603	Std	R603
U1			IC, 4.5 V–60 V wide input sync. PWM buck controller		TPS40170-Q1RGY	Texas Instruments

7.2.2.1 Select A Switching Frequency

To maintain acceptable efficiency and meet minimum on-time requirements, a 300-kHz switching frequency is selected.

7.2.2.2 Inductor Selection (L1)

Synchronous buck power inductors are typically sized for approximately 20%–40% of peak-to-peak ripple current (I_{RIPPLE}). Given this target ripple current, the required inductor size can be calculated in Equation 19.

$$L \approx \frac{V_{\text{IN(max)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}}{0.3 \times I_{\text{OUT}}} \times \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{IN(max)}}} \times \frac{1}{f_{\text{SW}}} = \frac{60\text{V} - 5\text{V}}{0.3 \times 6\text{A}} \times \frac{5\text{V}}{60\text{V}} \times \frac{1}{300\text{kHz}} = 8.5\mu\text{H} \quad (19)$$

Selecting a standard 8.2-μH inductor value, solving for $I_{\text{RIPPLE}} = 1.86\text{A}$.

The rms current through the inductor is approximated by Equation 20.

$$I_{\text{L(rms)}} = \sqrt{(I_{\text{L(avg)}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (I_{\text{RIPPLE}})^2} = \sqrt{(I_{\text{OUT}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (I_{\text{RIPPLE}})^2} = \sqrt{(6)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (1.86)^2} = 6.02\text{A} \quad (20)$$

7.2.2.3 Output Capacitor Selection (C9)

The selection of the output capacitor is typically driven by the output transient response. Equation 21 and Equation 22 overestimate the voltage deviation to account for delays in the loop bandwidth and can be used to determine the required output capacitance:

$$V_{\text{OVER}} < \frac{I_{\text{TRAN}}}{C_{\text{OUT}}} \times \Delta T = \frac{I_{\text{TRAN}}}{C_{\text{OUT}}} \times \frac{I_{\text{TRAN}} \times L}{V_{\text{OUT}}} = \frac{(I_{\text{TRAN}})^2 \times L}{V_{\text{OUT}} \times C_{\text{OUT}}} \quad (21)$$

$$V_{\text{UNDER}} < \frac{I_{\text{TRAN}}}{C_{\text{OUT}}} \times \Delta T = \frac{I_{\text{TRAN}}}{C_{\text{OUT}}} \times \frac{I_{\text{TRAN}} \times L}{(V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})} = \frac{(I_{\text{TRAN}})^2 \times L}{(V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}}) \times C_{\text{OUT}}} \quad (22)$$

If $V_{\text{IN(min)}} > 2 \times V_{\text{OUT}}$, use overshoot to calculate minimum output capacitance. If $V_{\text{IN(min)}} < 2 \times V_{\text{OUT}}$, use undershoot to calculate minimum output capacitance.

$$C_{\text{OUT(min)}} = \frac{(I_{\text{TRAN(max)}})^2 \times L}{V_{\text{OUT}} \times V_{\text{OVER}}} = \frac{(3)^2 \times 8.2\mu\text{H}}{5 \times 250\text{mV}} = 59\mu\text{F} \quad (23)$$

With a minimum capacitance, the maximum allowable ESR is determined by the maximum ripple voltage and is approximated by Equation 24.

$$ESR_{MAX} = \frac{V_{RIPPLE(tot)} - V_{RIPPLE(cap)}}{I_{RIPPLE}} = \frac{V_{RIPPLE(tot)} - \left(\frac{I_{RIPPLE}}{8 \times C_{OUT} \times f_{SW}} \right)}{I_{RIPPLE}} = \frac{100\text{mV} - \left(\frac{1.86\text{A}}{8 \times 59\mu\text{F} \times 300\text{kHz}} \right)}{1.86\text{A}} = 47\text{m}\Omega \quad (24)$$

Two 1210, 22- μF , 16-V X7R ceramic capacitors plus two 0805 10- μF , 16-V X7R ceramic capacitors are selected to provide more than 59 μF of minimum capacitance (including tolerance and dc bias derating) and less than 47 m Ω of ESR (parallel ESR of approximately 4 m Ω).

7.2.2.4 Peak Current Rating of Inductor

With output capacitance, it is possible to calculate the charge current during start-up and determine the minimum saturation-current rating for the inductor. The start-up charging current is approximated by [Equation 25](#).

$$I_{CHARGE} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times C_{OUT}}{t_{SS}} = \frac{5\text{V} \times (2 \times 22\mu\text{F} + 2 \times 10\mu\text{F})}{4\text{ms}} = 0.08\text{A} \quad (25)$$

$$I_{L(peak)} = I_{OUT(max)} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times I_{RIPPLE} \right) + I_{CHARGE} = 6\text{A} + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.86\text{A} + 0.08\text{A} = 7.01\text{A} \quad (26)$$

An IHLP5050FDER8R2M01 8.2- μH capacitor is selected. This 10-A, 16-m Ω inductor exceeds the minimum inductor ratings in a 13-mm \times 13-mm package.

7.2.2.5 Input Capacitor Selection (C1, C6)

The input voltage ripple is divided between capacitance and ESR. For this design, $V_{RIPPLE(cap)} = 400\text{mV}$ and $V_{RIPPLE(ESR)} = 100\text{mV}$. The minimum capacitance and maximum ESR are estimated by:

$$C_{IN(min)} = \frac{I_{LOAD} \times V_{OUT}}{V_{RIPPLE(cap)} \times V_{IN} \times f_{SW}} = \frac{6\text{A} \times 5\text{V}}{400\text{mV} \times 10\text{V} \times 300\text{kHz}} = 25\mu\text{F} \quad (27)$$

$$ESR_{MAX} = \frac{V_{RIPPLE(esr)}}{I_{LOAD} + \frac{1}{2} \times I_{RIPPLE}} = \frac{100\text{mV}}{6.93\text{A}} = 14.4\text{m}\Omega \quad (28)$$

The rms current in the input capacitors is estimated in [Equation 29](#).

$$I_{RMS(cin)} = I_{LOAD} \times \sqrt{D \times (1-D)} = 6\text{A} \times \sqrt{0.5 \times (1-0.5)} = 3.0\text{A} \quad (29)$$

To achieve these values, four 1210, 2.2- μF , 100-V, X7R ceramic capacitors plus a 120- μF electrolytic capacitor are combined at the input. This provides a smaller size and overall cost than 10 ceramic input capacitors or an electrolytic capacitor with the ESR required.

Table 7-3. Inductor Summary

PARAMETER		VALUE	UNIT
L	Inductance	8.2	μH
$I_{L(rms)}$	RMS current (thermal rating)	6.02	A
$I_{L(peak)}$	Peak current (saturation rating)	7.01	A

7.2.2.6 MOSFET Switch Selection (Q1, Q2)

Using the J/K method for MOSFET optimization, apply [Equation 30](#) through [Equation 33](#).

High-side gate (Q1):

$$J = (10)^{-9} \times \left(\frac{V_{IN} \times I_{OUT}}{I_{DRIVE}} + \frac{Q_G}{Q_{SW}} \times V_{DRIVE} \right) \times f_{SW} \left(\frac{W}{nC} \right) \quad (30)$$

$$K = (10)^{-3} \left((I_{OUT})^2 + \frac{1}{12} \times (I_{P-P})^2 \right) \times \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \right) \left(\frac{W}{m\Omega} \right) \quad (31)$$

Low-side gate (Q2):

$$K = (10)^{-3} \left((I_{OUT})^2 + \frac{1}{12} \times (I_{P-P})^2 \right) \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \right) \left(\frac{W}{m\Omega} \right) \quad (32)$$

$$J = 10^{-9} \left(\frac{V_{FD} \times I_{OUT}}{I_{DRIVE}} + \frac{Q_G}{Q_{SW}} \times V_{DRIVE} \right) \times f_{SW} \left(\frac{W}{nC} \right) \quad (33)$$

Optimizing for 300 kHz, 24-V input, 5-V output at 6 A, calculate ratios of 5.9 mΩ/nC and 0.5 mΩ/nC for the high-side and low-side FETS, respectively. BSC110N06NS2 (ratio 1.2) and BSC076N06NS3 (ratio 0.69) MOSFETS are selected.

7.2.2.7 Timing Resistor (R7)

The switching frequency is programmed by the current through R_{RT} to GND. The R_{RT} value is calculated using Equation 34.

$$R_{RT} = \frac{(10)^4}{f_{SW}} - 2k\Omega = \frac{(10)^4}{300kHz} - 2 = 31.3k\Omega \approx 31.6k\Omega \quad (34)$$

7.2.2.8 UVLO Programming Resistors (R2, R6)

The UVLO hysteresis level is programmed by R2 using Equation 35.

$$R_{UVLO(hys)} = \frac{V_{UVLO(on)} - V_{UVLO(off)}}{I_{UVLO}} = \frac{9V - 8V}{5.0\mu A} = 200k\Omega \quad (35)$$

$$R_{UVLO(set)} > R_{UVLO(hys)} \frac{V_{UVLO(max)}}{(V_{UVLO_ON(min)} - V_{UVLO(max)})} = 200k\Omega \frac{0.919V}{(9.0V - 0.919V)} = 22.7k\Omega \approx 22.1k\Omega \quad (36)$$

7.2.2.9 Bootstrap Capacitor (C7)

To ensure proper charging of the high-side FET gate, limit the ripple voltage on the boost capacitor to less than 250 mV.

$$C_{BOOST} = \frac{Q_{G1}}{V_{BOOT(ripple)}} = \frac{25nC}{250mV} = 100nF \quad (37)$$

7.2.2.10 VIN Bypass Capacitor (C18)

Place a capacitor with a value of 1 μF. Select a capacitor with a value between 0.1 μF and 1.0 μF, X5R or better ceramic bypass capacitor for VIN as specified in Table 7-2. For this design, a 1.0-μF, 100 V, X7R capacitor has been selected.

7.2.2.11 VBP Bypass Capacitor (C19)

Select a capacitor with a value between 1 μF and 10 μF , X5R or better ceramic bypass capacitor for BP as specified in [Table 7-2](#). For this design a 4.7- μF , 16 V capacitor has been selected.

7.2.2.12 SS Timing Capacitor (C15)

The soft-start capacitor provides a smooth ramp of the error-amplifier reference voltage for controlled start-up. The soft-start capacitor is selected by using [Equation 38](#).

$$C_{SS} = \frac{t_{SS}}{0.09} = \frac{4\text{ms}}{0.09} = 44\text{nF} \approx 47\text{nF} \quad (38)$$

7.2.2.13 ILIM Resistor (R19, C17)

The TPS40170-Q1 controller uses the negative drop across the low-side FET at the end of the OFF time to measure the inductor current. Allowing for 30% over the minimum current limit for transient recovery and a 20% rise in $R_{DS(on)Q2}$ for self-heating of the MOSFET, the voltage drop across the low-side FET at the current limit is given by [Equation 39](#).

$$V_{OC} = \left((1.3 \times I_{OCP(min)}) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times I_{RIPPLE} \right) \right) \times 1.25 \times R_{DS(on)G2} = (1.3 \times 8\text{A} + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.86\text{A}) \times 1.25 \times 7.6\text{m}\Omega = 107.6\text{mV} \quad (39)$$

The internal current-limit temperature coefficient helps compensate for the MOSFET $R_{DS(on)}$ temperature coefficient, so the current-limit programming resistor is selected by [Equation 40](#).

$$R_{ILIM} = \frac{V_{OC}}{I_{OCSET(min)}} = \frac{107.6\text{mV}}{9.0\mu\text{A}} = 12.0\text{k}\Omega \approx 12.1\text{k}\Omega \quad (40)$$

A 1000-pF capacitor is placed in parallel to improve noise immunity of the current-limit set-point.

7.2.2.14 SCP Multiplier Selection (R5)

The TPS40170-Q1 controller uses a multiplier (A_{OC}) to translate the low-side overcurrent protection into a high-side $R_{DS(on)}$ pulse-by-pulse short-circuit protection. Ensure that [Equation 41](#) is true.

$$A_{OC} > \frac{I_{OCP(min)} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times I_{RIPPLE} \right)}{I_{OCP(min)} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times I_{RIPPLE} \right)} \times \frac{R_{DS(on)Q1}}{R_{DS(on)Q2}} = \frac{8\text{A} + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.86\text{A}}{8\text{A} + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.86\text{A}} \times \frac{11\text{m}\Omega}{7.6\text{m}\Omega} = 1.45 \quad (41)$$

$A_{OC} = 3$ is selected as the next-greater A_{OC} . The value of R5 is set to 10 k Ω .

7.2.2.15 Feedback Divider (R10, R11)

The TPS40170-Q1 controller uses a full operational amplifier with an internally fixed 0.6-V reference. The value of R11 is selected between 10 k Ω and 50 k Ω for a balance of feedback current and noise immunity. With the value of R11 set to 20 k Ω , the output voltage is programmed with a resistor divider given by [Equation 42](#).

$$R10 = \frac{V_{FB} \times R11}{(V_{OUT} - V_{FB})} = \frac{0.600\text{V} \times 20.0\text{k}\Omega}{(5.0\text{V} - 0.600\text{V})} = 2.73\text{k}\Omega \approx 2.74\text{k}\Omega \quad (42)$$

7.2.2.16 Compensation: (R4, R13, C13, C14, C21)

Using the TPS40k Loop Stability Tool for a 60-kHz bandwidth and a 50° phase margin with an R10 value of 20 k Ω , the following values are obtained. The tool is available from the TI Web site, Literature Number [SLUC263](#).

- C21 = C1 = 1500 pF
- C13 = C2 = 8200 pF
- C14 = C3 = 220 pF

- $R_{13} = R_2 = 511 \Omega$
- $R_4 = R_3 = 3.83 \text{ k}\Omega$

7.2.3 Application Curves

Figure 7-2 shows an efficiency graph for this design with 10-V to 60-V input and 5-V at 6-A output. Figure 7-3 shows a 24-V to 5-V at 6-A loop response, where $V_{IN} = 24 \text{ V}$ and $I_{OUT} = 6 \text{ A}$, yielding 58-kHz bandwidth, 51° phase margin. Figure 7-4 shows the output ripple 20 mV/div, 2 $\mu\text{s/div}$, 20 MHz bandwidth.

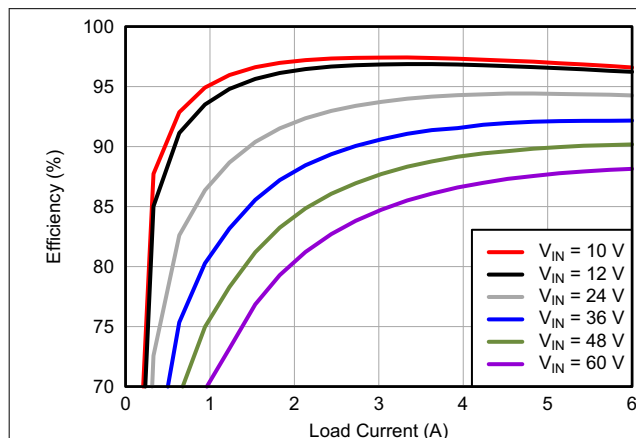


Figure 7-2. Efficiency vs Load Current

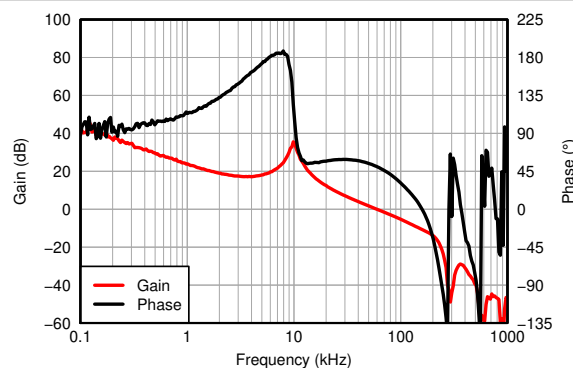


Figure 7-3. Loop Response

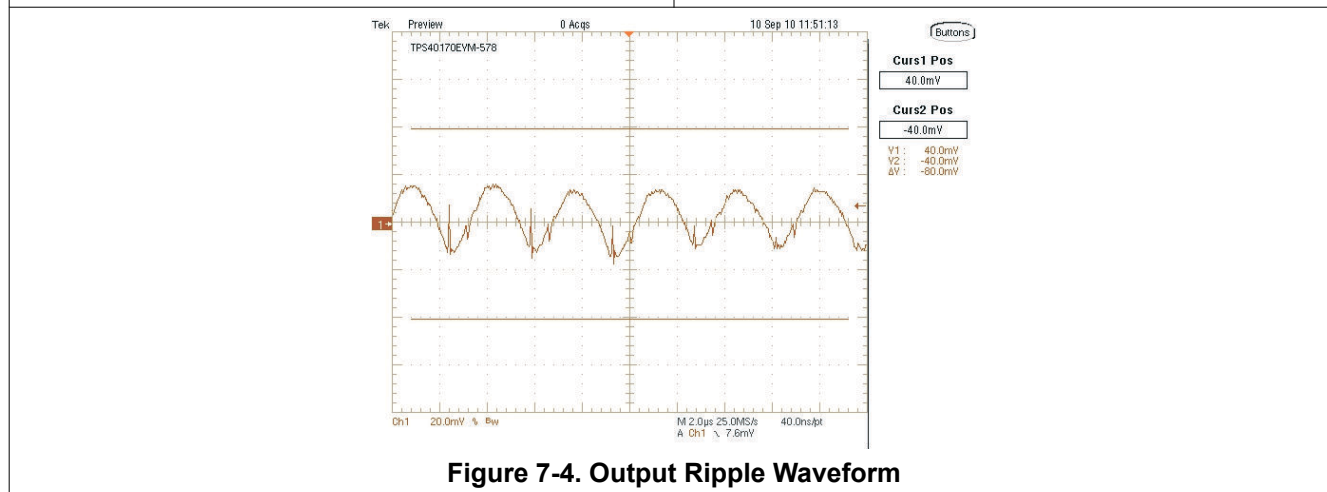


Figure 7-4. Output Ripple Waveform

7.3 Power Supply Recommendations

7.3.1 Bootstrap Resistor

A small resistor in series with the bootstrap capacitor reduces the turnon time of the internal MOSFET, thereby reducing the rising edge ringing of the SW node and reducing shoot-through induced by dv/dt . A bootstrap resistor value that is too large delays the turnon time of the high-side switch and can trigger an apparent SCP fault. See the [Design Examples](#) section.

7.3.2 SW-Node Snubber Capacitor

Observable voltage ringing at the SW node is caused by fast switching edges and parasitic inductance and capacitance. If the ringing results in excessive voltage on the SW node, or erratic operation of the converter, an R-C snubber can be used to dampen the ringing and ensure proper operation over the full load range. See the [Design Examples](#) section.

7.3.3 Input Resistor

The TPS40170-Q1 device has a wide input-voltage range, which allows for the device input to share a power source with the power-stage input. Power-stage switching noise can pollute the device power source if the layout is not adequate in minimizing noise. Power-stage switching noise can trigger a short-circuit fault. If so, adding a small resistor between the device input and power-stage input is recommended. This resistor, together with the device input capacitor, composes an R-C filter that filters out the switching noise from power stage. See the [Design Examples](#) section.

7.3.4 LDRV Gate Capacitor

Power-device selection is important for proper switching operation. If the low-side MOSFET has low gate capacitance C_{gs} (if $C_{gs} < C_{gd}$), there is a risk of short-through induced by high dv/dt at the switching node during high-side turnon. If this happens, add a small capacitance between LDRV and GND. See the [Design Examples](#) section.

7.4 Layout

7.4.1 Layout Guidelines

[Figure 7-5](#) illustrates an example layout. For the controller, it is important to connect carefully noise-sensitive signals such as RT, SS, FB, and COMP as close to the IC device as possible and connect to AGND as shown. The thermal pad must be connected to any internal PCB ground planes using multiple vias directly underneath the IC device. AGND and PGND must be connected at a single point.

High-performance FETs such as NexFET™ power MOSFETs from Texas Instruments, require careful attention to the layout. Minimize the distance between the positive node of the input ceramic capacitor and the drain pin of the control (high-side) FET. Minimize the distance between the negative node of the input ceramic capacitor and the source pin of the synchronize (low-side) FET. Because of the large gate drive, smaller gate charge, and faster turn-on times of the high-performance FETs, use a minimum of four 10- μ F ceramic input capacitors such as TDK #C3216X5R1A106M. Ensure the layout allows a continuous flow of the power planes.

The layout of the HPA578 EVM is shown in [Figure 7-5](#) through [Figure 7-8](#) for reference.

7.4.2 Layout Example

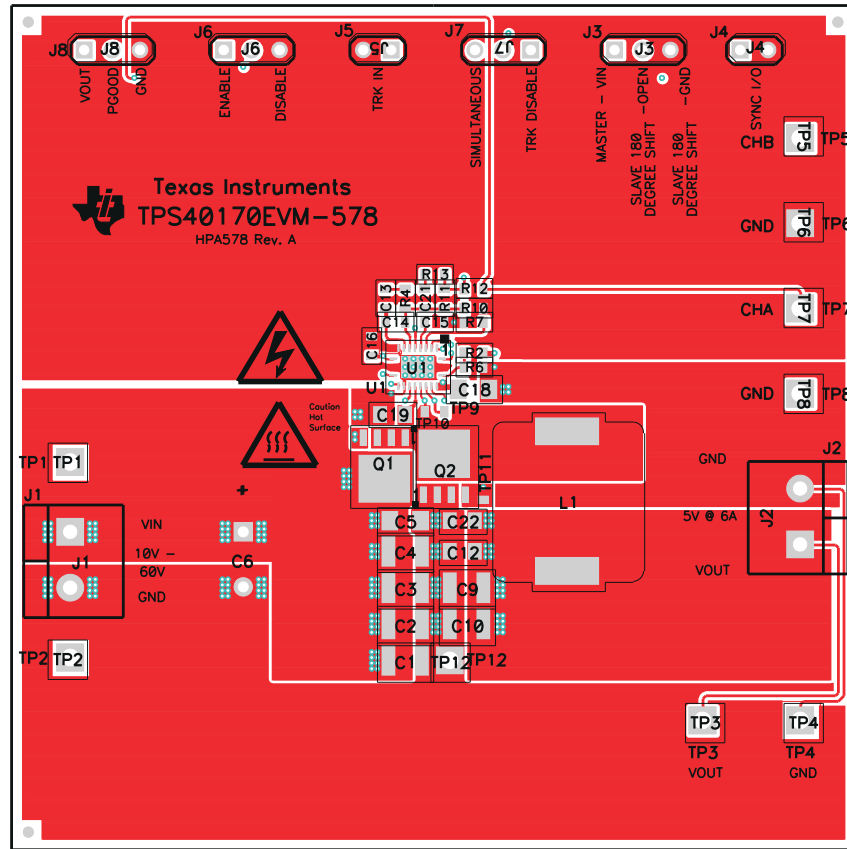


Figure 7-5. Top Copper, Viewed From Top

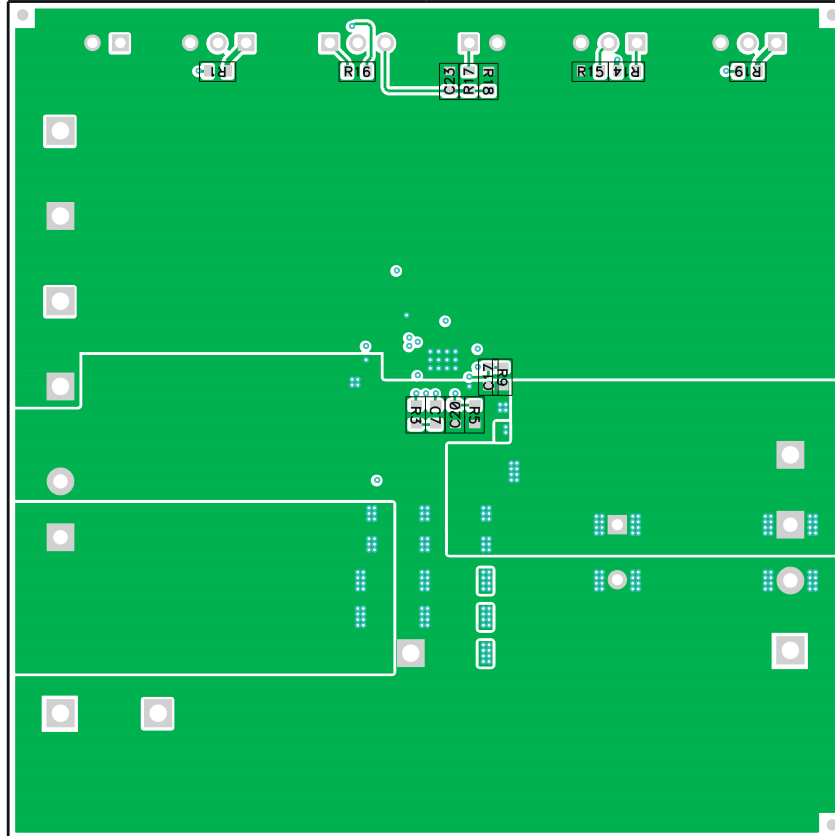


Figure 7-6. Bottom Copper, Viewed From Bottom

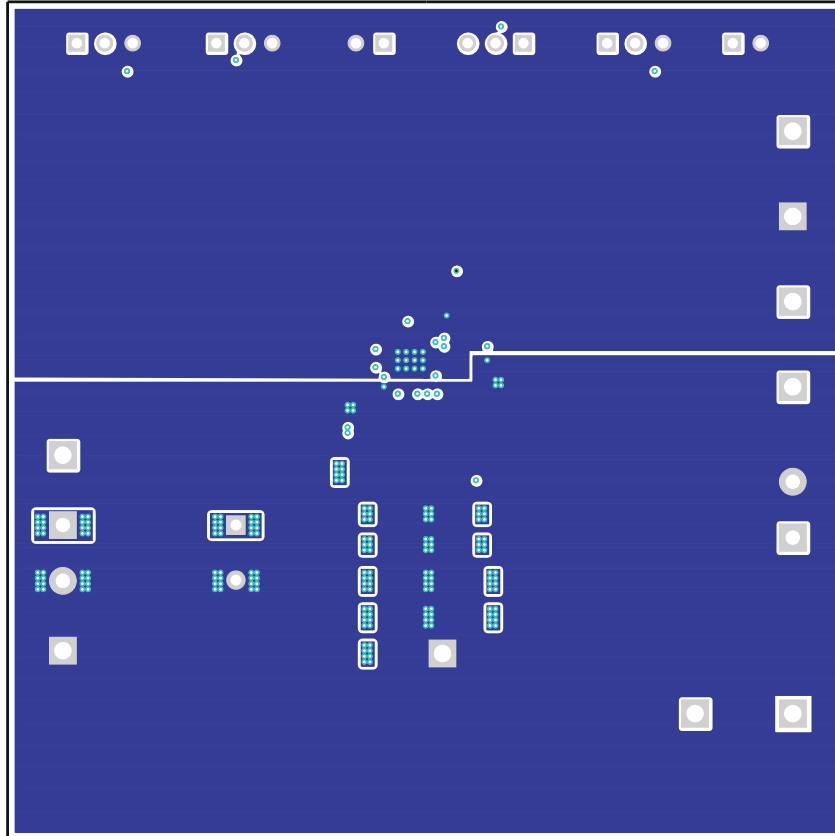


Figure 7-7. Internal Layer 1, Viewed From Top

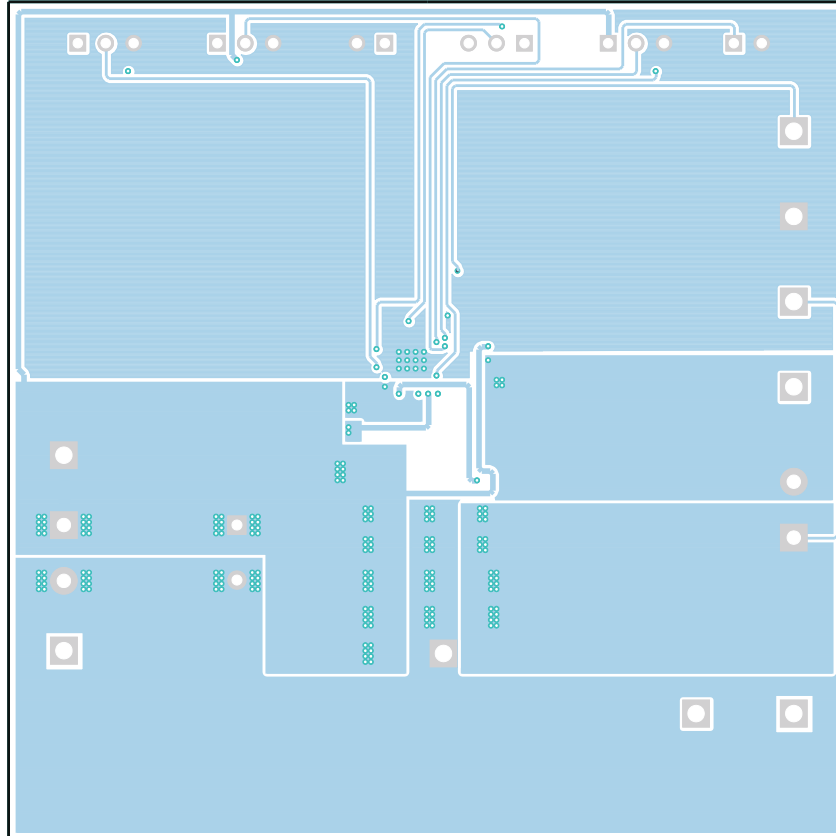


Figure 7-8. Internal Layer 2, Viewed From Top

8 Device and Documentation Support

8.1 Device Support

8.1.1 Third-Party Products Disclaimer

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8.2 Documentation Support

8.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Steve Mappus, *DV/DT Immunity Improved in Synchronous Buck Converters*. July, 2005, Power Electronics Technology.
- Texas Instruments, [TPS4005x Wide-Input Synchronous Buck Controller](#) data sheet
- Texas Instruments, [TPS40k Loop Stability Tool](#)

8.3 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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8.4 Support Resources

[TI E2E™ support forums](#) are an engineer's go-to source for fast, verified answers and design help — straight from the experts. Search existing answers or ask your own question to get the quick design help you need.

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This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

8.7 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

9 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

Changes from Revision B (December 2014) to Revision C (November 2023)	Page
• Added new, similar product introduction in the <i>Features</i> section.....	1
• Added 'Automotive' in the data sheet title	1
• Updated the numbering format for tables, figures, and cross-references throughout the document	1
• Added new, similar product introduction in the <i>Description</i> section.....	1
• Changed from BODY SIZE to PACKAGE SIZE and added a table note to the <i>Package Information</i> table.....	1
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Changes from Revision A (March 2012) to Revision B (December 2014)	Page
• Added <i>Handling Rating</i> table, <i>Feature Description</i> section, <i>Device Functional Modes</i> , <i>Application and Implementation</i> section, <i>Power Supply Recommendations</i> section, <i>Layout</i> section, <i>Device and Documentation Support</i> section, and <i>Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information</i> section	5
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• Changed I_{ILIM} and $I_{ILIM(ss)}$ values.....	6

10 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 Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead finish/ Ball material (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
TPS40170QRGYRQ1	ACTIVE	VQFN	RGY	20	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	PXXQ	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.

LIFEBUY: TI has announced that the device will be discontinued, and a lifetime-buy period is in effect.

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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "-" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

(6) Lead finish/Ball material - Orderable Devices may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead finish/Ball material values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

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- Catalog : [TPS40170](#)
- Enhanced Product : [TPS40170-EP](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Catalog - TI's standard catalog product
- Enhanced Product - Supports Defense, Aerospace and Medical Applications

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE


*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TPS40170QRGYRQ1	VQFN	RGY	20	3000	330.0	12.4	3.8	4.8	1.6	8.0	12.0	Q1

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS


*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
TPS40170QRGYRQ1	VQFN	RGY	20	3000	367.0	367.0	35.0

GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

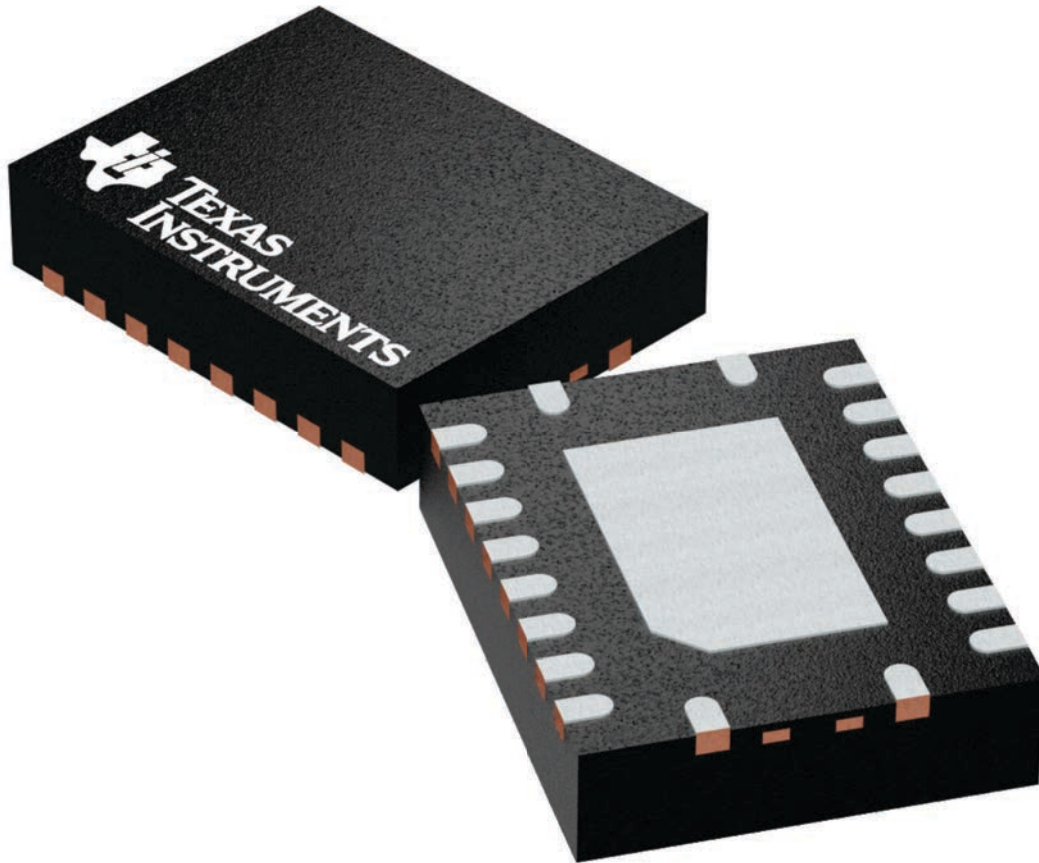
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VQFN - 1 mm max height

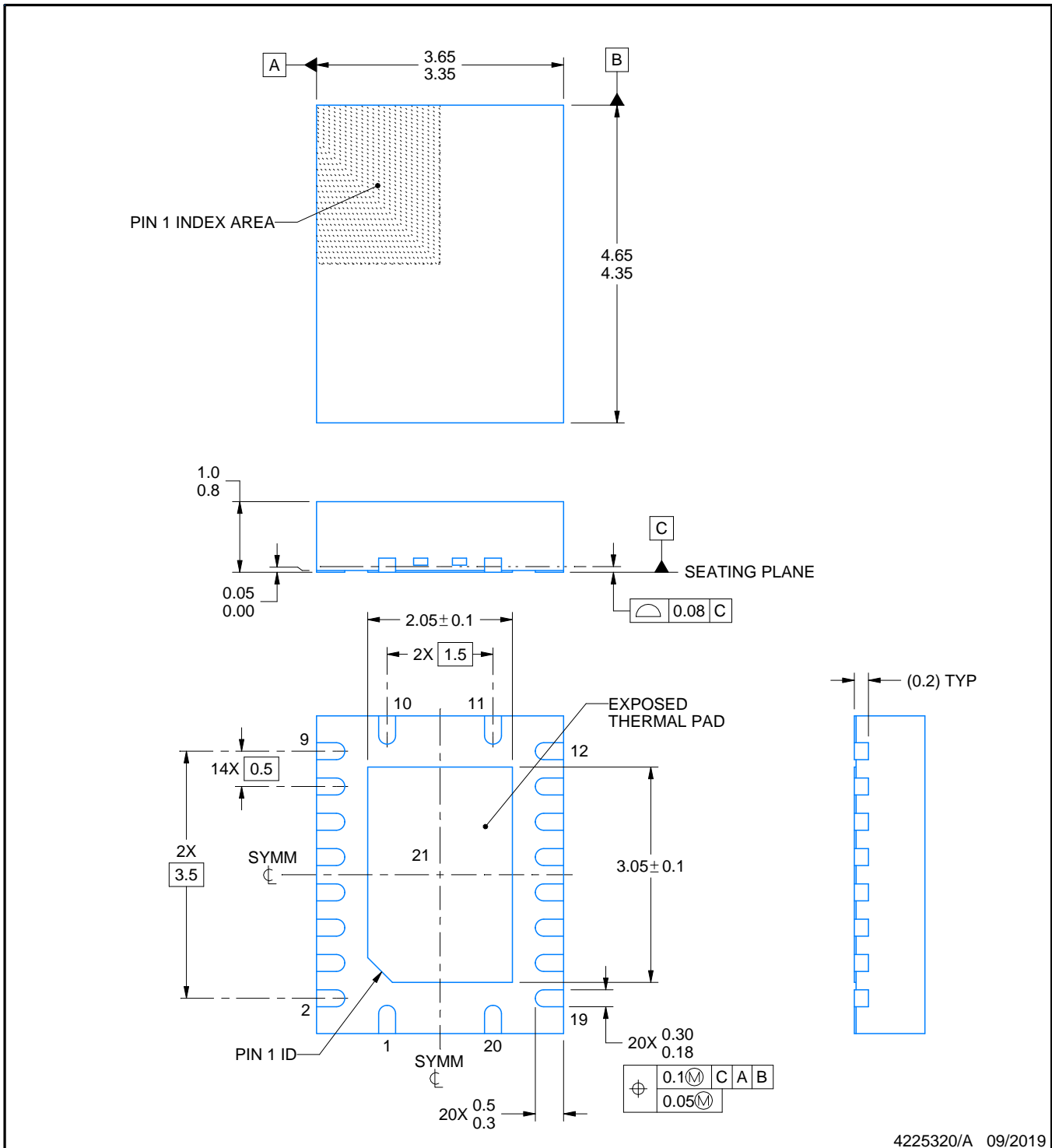
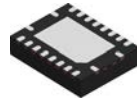
3.5 x 4.5, 0.5 mm pitch

PLASTIC QUAD FGLATPACK - NO LEAD

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Refer to the product data sheet for package details.



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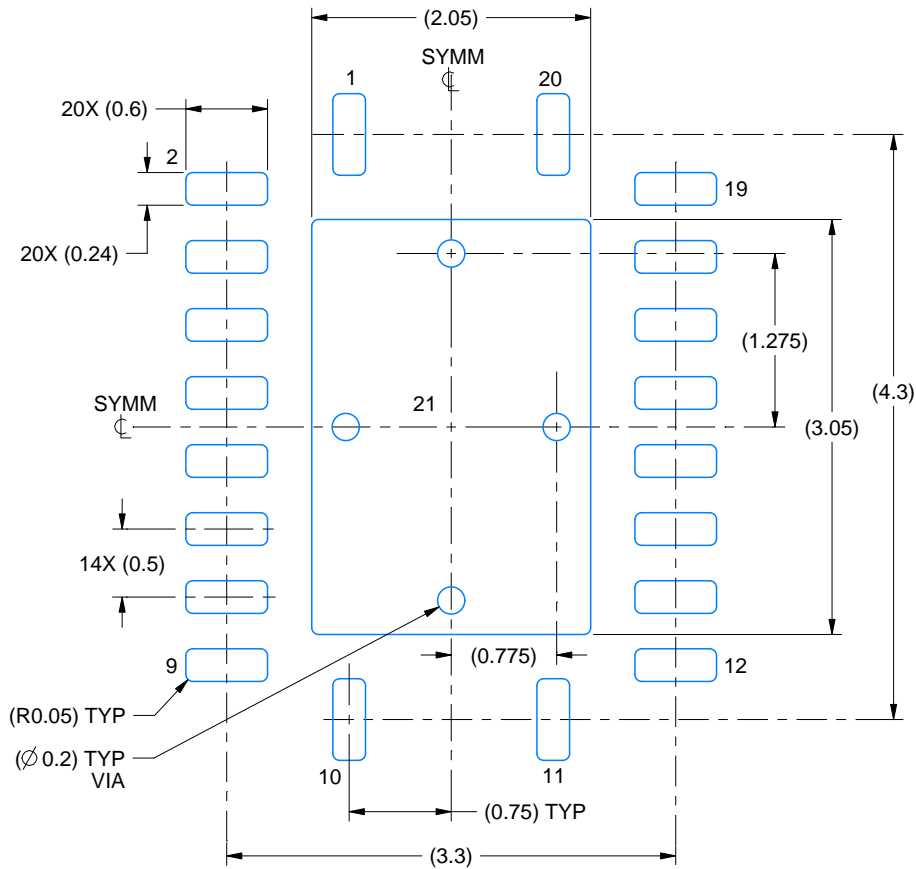
1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

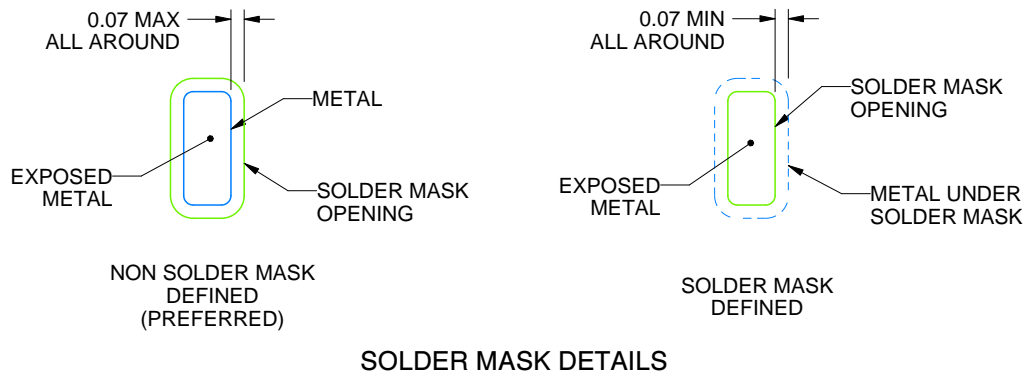
RGY0020A

VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:18X



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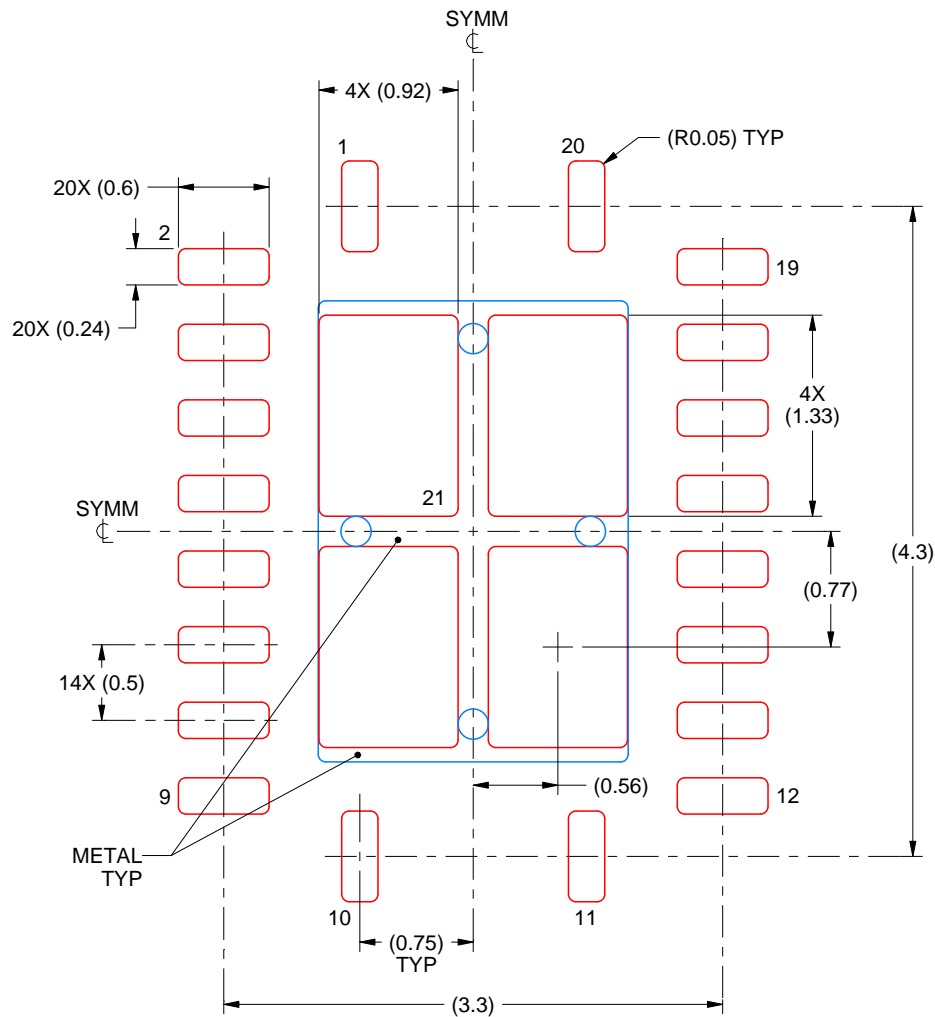
- This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/sluea271).
- Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RGY0020A

VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD 21
78% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE
SCALE:20X

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

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