

# LM5012-Q1 Automotive 100-V Input, 2.5-A Non-Synchronous Buck DC/DC Converter With Ultra-low $I_Q$

## 1 Features

- AEC-Q100-qualified for automotive applications
  - Device temperature grade 1:  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ , ambient temperature range
- **Functional Safety-Capable**
  - [Documentation available to aid functional safety system design](#)
- Designed for reliable and rugged applications
  - Wide input voltage range of 6 V to 100 V
  - $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$  junction temperature range
  - Fixed 3.5-ms internal soft-start timer
  - Peak current-limit protection
  - Input UVLO and thermal shutdown protection
- Optimized for ultra-low EMI requirements
  - Meets [CISPR 25 Class 5](#) standard
- Suited for scalable automotive power supplies
  - Pin-to-pin compatible with the LM5163-Q1 LM5164-Q1 (100 V, 0.5 A or 1 A), and LM5013-Q1 (100 V, 3.5 A)
  - 50-ns low minimum on times and off times
  - 10- $\mu\text{A}$  no-load sleep current
  - 3.1- $\mu\text{A}$  shutdown quiescent current
- Integration reduces solution size and cost
  - COT mode control architecture
  - Integrated 100-V, 0.25- $\Omega$  power MOSFET
  - 1.2-V internal voltage reference
  - No loop compensation components
  - Internal VCC bias regulator and boot diode
- Create a custom regulator design with the LM5013-Q1 using [WEBENCH® Power Designer](#)

## 2 Applications

- [Hybrid, electric, and powertrain systems](#)
- [Inverter and motor control](#)
- [48-V to 12-V DC/DC converter](#)

## 3 Description

The LM5012-Q1 non-synchronous buck converter is designed to regulate over a wide input voltage range, minimizing the need for external surge suppression components. A minimum controllable on time of 50 ns facilitates large step-down conversion ratio, enabling the direct step-down for 48 -V nominal input to low-voltage rails for reduced systems complexity and solution cost. The LM5012-Q1 operates during input voltage dips as low as 6 V, at nearly 100 % duty cycle if needed, making it an excellent choice for high-performance 48-V battery automotive application and MHEV/EV systems.

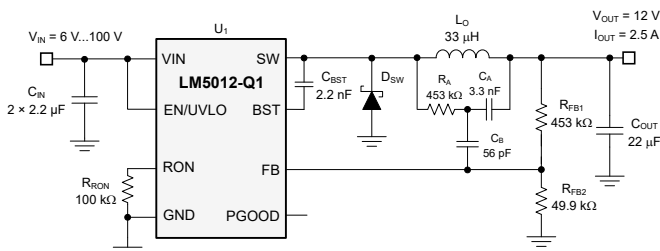
With an integrated high-side power MOSFET, the LM5012-Q1 delivers up to 2.5 A of output current. A constant on-time (COT) control architecture provides nearly constant switching frequency with excellent load and line transient response. Additional features of the LM5012-Q1 include ultra-low  $I_Q$  operation for high light-load efficiency, innovative peak overcurrent protection, integrated VCC bias supply and bootstrap diode, precision enable and input UVLO, and thermal shutdown protection with automatic recovery. An open-drain PGOOD indicator provides sequencing, fault reporting, and output voltage monitoring.

The LM5012-Q1 2.5 A is qualified to automotive AEC-Q100 grade 1 and is available in a 8-pin SO PowerPAD™ integrated circuit package. The device 1.27-mm pin pitch provides adequate spacing for high-voltage applications.

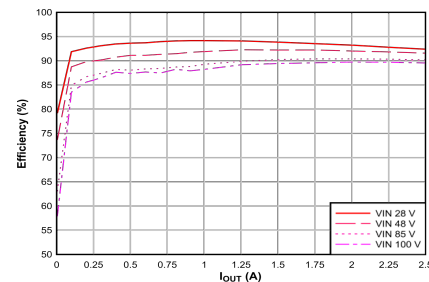
### Package Information

Part Number	Package <sup>(1)</sup>	Body Size (NOM)
LM5012-Q1	DDA (SO PowerPAD, 8)	4.89 mm × 3.90 mm

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



**Typical Application,  $V_{IN(nom)} = 48\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$ ,  
 $I_{OUT(max)} = 2.5\text{ A}$ ,  $F_{SW(nom)} = 300\text{ kHz}$**



**Typical Application Efficiency,  $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$**



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## 4 Revision History

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

DATE	REVISION	NOTES
October 2022	*	Initial Release

## 5 Device Comparison Table

Device	Description	Orderable Part Number	Package	V <sub>IN</sub>	I <sub>OUT</sub>
LM5163-Q1	Automotive 100-V input, 0.5-A synchronous buck converter	LM5163QDDARQ1	SO PowerPAD (8) integrated circuit package	100 V	0.5 A
LM5164-Q1	Automotive 100-V input, 1-A synchronous buck converter	LM5164QDDARQ1	SO PowerPAD (8) integrated circuit package	100 V	1 A
LM5012-Q1	Automotive 100-V, 2.5-A non-synchronous buck converter	LM5012QDDARQ1	SO PowerPAD (8) integrated circuit package	100 V	2.5 A
LM5012	100-V input, 2.5-A non-synchronous buck converter	LM5012DDAR	SO PowerPAD (8) integrated circuit package	100 V	2.5 A
LM5013-Q1	Automotive, 100-V, 3.5-A non-synchronous buck converter	LM5013QDDARQ1	SO PowerPAD (8) integrated circuit package	100 V	3.5 A
LM5013	100-V, 3.5-A non-synchronous buck converter	LM5013DDAR	SO PowerPAD (8) integrated circuit package	100 V	3.5 A

## 6 Pin Configuration and Functions

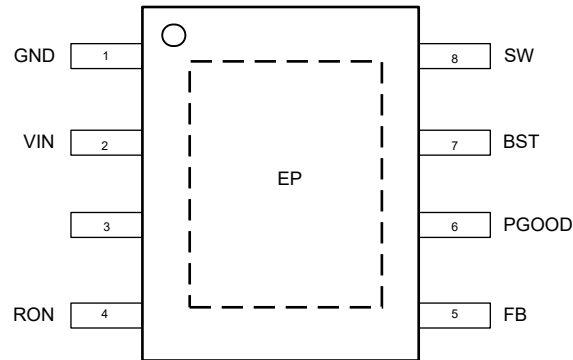


Figure 6-1. 8-Pin SO PowerPAD™ Integrated Circuit Package DDA Package (Top View)

Table 6-1. Pin Functions

Pin		Type <sup>(1)</sup>	Description
Name	NO.		
GND	1	G	Ground connection for internal circuits
VIN	2	P	Regulator supply input pin to high-side power MOSFET and internal bias regulator. Connect directly to the input supply of the buck converter with short, low impedance paths.
EN/UVLO	3	I	Precision enable and undervoltage lockout (UVLO) programming pin. If the EN/UVLO voltage is below 1.1 V, the converter is in shutdown mode with all functions disabled. If the UVLO voltage is greater than 1.1 V and below 1.5 V, the converter is in standby mode with the internal VCC regulator operational and no switching. If the EN/UVLO voltage is above 1.5 V, the start-up sequence begins.
RON	4	I	On-time programming pin. A resistor between this pin and GND sets the buck switch on time.
FB	5	I	Feedback input of voltage regulation comparator
PGOOD	6	O	Power-good indicator. This pin is an open-drain output pin. Connect to a source voltage through an external pullup resistor between 10 kΩ to 100 kΩ.
BST	7	P	Bootstrap gate-drive supply. Required to connect a high-quality 2.2-nF, 50-V X7R ceramic capacitor between BST and SW to bias the internal high-side gate driver.
SW	8	P	Switching node that is internally connected to the source of the high-side NMOS buck switch. Connect to the switching node of the power inductor and Schottky diode.
EP	—	—	Exposed pad of the package. No internal electrical connection. Connect the EP to the GND pin and connect to a large copper plane to reduce thermal resistance.

(1) G = Ground, I = Input, O = Output, P = Power

## 7 Specifications

### 7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Over operating junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted) <sup>(1)</sup>

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Pin voltage	VIN to GND	-0.3	100	V
Pin voltage	SW to GND	-1.5	100	V
Pin voltage	SW to GND, <20-ns transient	-3		V
Pin voltage	BST to GND	-3	105.5	V
Pin voltage	BST to SW	-0.3	5.5	V
Pin voltage	EN/UVLO to GND	-0.3	100	V
Pin voltage	FB, RON to GND	-0.3	5.5	V
Pin voltage	PGOOD to GND	-0.3	14	V
Bootstrap capacitor	External BST to SW capacitor	1.5	2.5	nF
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating junction temperature	-40	150	°C
T <sub>stg</sub>	Storage temperature	-65	150	°C

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

### 7.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT	
V <sub>(ESD)</sub>	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per AEC-Q100-002 <sup>(1)</sup> HBM ESD Classification Level 2	±2000	V	
		Charge device model (CDM), per AEC-Q100-011, CDM ESD Classification Level C4B	All pins except corner pins	±500	V
			Corner pins	±750	V

- (1) AEC Q100-002 indicates that HBM stressing shall be in accordance with the ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 specification

### 7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

Over the operating junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted).

			MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input voltage range		6		100	V
	Pin voltage	SW to GND	-0.3		100	V
	Pin voltage	BST to GND	-0.3		105.5	V
	Pin voltage	BST to SW	-0.3		5.5	V
	Pin voltage	FB, RON to GND	-0.3		5.5	V
	Pin voltage	EN/UVLO to GND	-0.3		100	V
	PGOOD to GND		-0.3		14	V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output current range			2	2.5	A
	F <sub>SW</sub>				1000	kHz
t <sub>ON</sub>	Programmable on-time		50		1000	ns
C <sub>BST</sub>	External BST to SW capacitance		1.5	2.2	2.5	nF
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating junction temperature		-40		150	°C

### 7.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup>		DDA (SOIC)	UNIT
		8 PINS	
R <sub>θJA</sub>	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance (LM5013-Q1 EVM)	29.0	°C/W
R <sub>θJA</sub>	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	34.8	°C/W
R <sub>θJC(top)</sub>	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	22.8	°C/W
R <sub>θJB</sub>	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	9.5	°C/W
R <sub>θJC(bot)</sub>	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	1.3	°C/W
Ψ <sub>JB</sub>	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	9.4	°C/W
Ψ <sub>JT</sub>	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.3	°C/W

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

### 7.5 Electrical Characteristics

T<sub>J</sub> = -40°C to +150°C, V<sub>IN</sub> = 24 V. Typical values are at T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C and V<sub>EN/UVLO</sub> = 2 V (unless otherwise noted).

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>SUPPLY CURRENT</b>						
I <sub>Q-SHUTDOWN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> shutdown current	V <sub>EN/UVLO</sub> = 0V		3.1	9.9	μA
I <sub>Q-SLEEP</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> sleep current	V <sub>EN</sub> = 2.5 V, V <sub>FB</sub> = 1.5 V, V <sub>BST</sub> - V <sub>SW</sub> = 5 V, non-switching		10	20	μA
I <sub>Q-STANDBY</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> standby current	V <sub>EN</sub> = 1.2 V		25	40	μA
I <sub>Q-ACTIVE</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> Active current	V <sub>EN</sub> = 2.5 V		450		μA
<b>EN/UVLO</b>						
V <sub>SD-RISING</sub>	Shutdown threshold				1.1	V
V <sub>SD-FALLING</sub>	Shutdown threshold		0.45			V
V <sub>EN-RISING</sub>	EN threshold rising		1.43	1.5	1.6	V
V <sub>EN-FALLING</sub>	EN threshold falling		1.35	1.4	1.47	V
<b>FEEDBACK VOLTAGE</b>						
V <sub>REF</sub>	FB regulation voltage		1.181	1.2	1.218	V
<b>TIMING</b>						
t <sub>ON1</sub>	On-time1	V <sub>VIN</sub> = 12 V, R <sub>RON</sub> = 75 kΩ		2550		ns
t <sub>ON2</sub>	On-time2	V <sub>VIN</sub> = 12 V, R <sub>RON</sub> = 25 kΩ		830		ns
t <sub>ON3</sub>	On-time3	V <sub>VIN</sub> = 48 V, R <sub>RON</sub> = 75 kΩ		625		ns

## 7.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

$T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$ . Typical values are at  $T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $V_{EN/UVLO} = 2\text{ V}$  (unless otherwise noted).

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$t_{ON4}$	On-time4	$V_{VIN} = 48\text{ V}$ , $R_{RON} = 25\text{ k}\Omega$		245		ns
$t_{ON5}$	On-time5	$V_{VIN} = 100\text{ V}$ , $R_{RON} = 75\text{ k}\Omega$		330		ns
$t_{ON6}$	On-time6	$V_{VIN} = 100\text{ V}$ , $R_{RON} = 25\text{ k}\Omega$		128		ns
<b>PGOOD</b>						
$V_{PG-UTH}$	FB upper threshold for PGOOD low to high	$V_{FB}$ rising	1.1	1.14	1.2	V
$V_{PG-LTH}$	FB lower threshold for PGOOD high to low	$V_{FB}$ falling	1.05	1.08	1.12	V
$V_{PG-HYS}$	PGOOD upper and lower threshold hysteresis	$V_{FB}$ falling		60		mV
$R_{PG}$	PGOOD pulldown resistance	$V_{FB} = 1\text{ V}$		8		$\Omega$
<b>BOOTSTRAP</b>						
$V_{BST-UV}$	Gate drive UVLO	$V_{BST}$ falling		2.4	3.4	V
<b>POWER SWITCH</b>						
$R_{DSON-HS}$	High-side MOSFET $R_{DSON}$	$I_{SW} = -100\text{ mA}$		0.25		$\Omega$
<b>SOFT START</b>						
$t_{SS}$	Internal soft-start		1.75	3.5	4.75	ms
<b>CURRENT LIMIT</b>						
$I_{PEAK}$	Peak current limit threshold		2.8	3.2	3.6	A
<b>THERMAL SHUTDOWN</b>						
$T_{J-SD}$	Thermal shutdown threshold <sup>(1)</sup>	Temperature rising		175		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
$T_{J-HYS}$	Thermal shutdown hysteresis <sup>(1)</sup>			10		$^{\circ}\text{C}$

(1) Specified by design. Not product tested.

## 7.6 Typical Characteristics

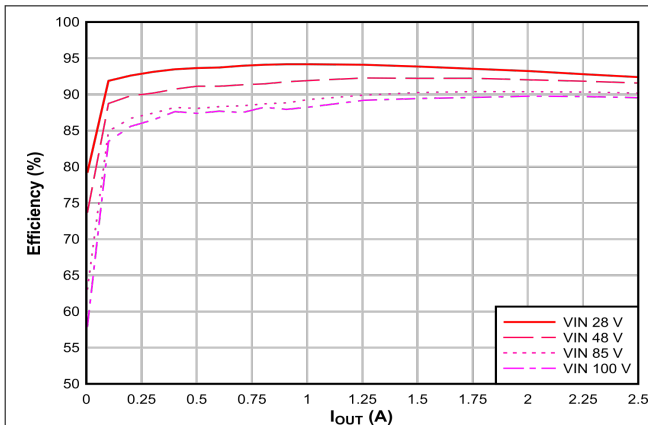


Figure 7-1. Conversion Efficiency (Linear Scale)

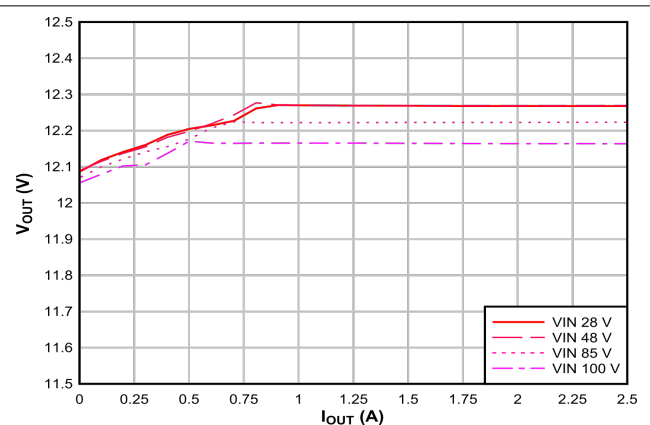


Figure 7-2. Load and Line Regulation

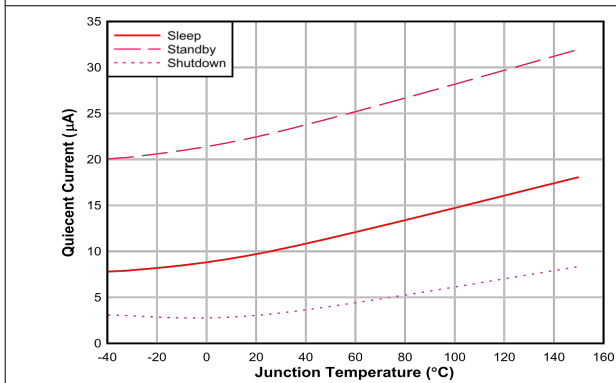


Figure 7-3. Shutdown, Sleep, and Supply Current Versus Temperature

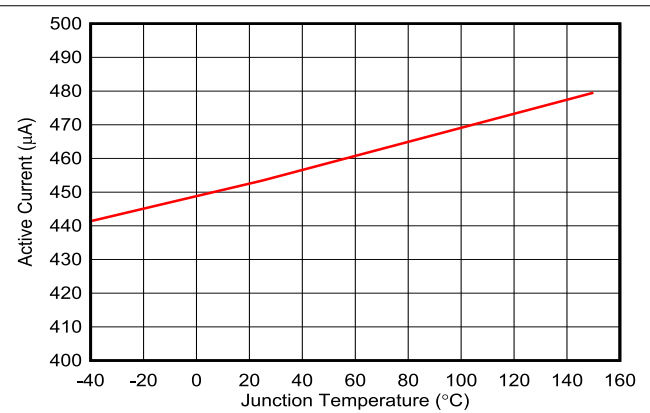


Figure 7-4.  $V_{IN}$  Active Current Versus Temperature

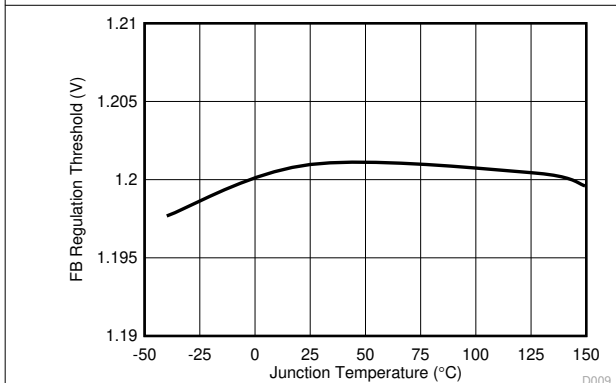


Figure 7-5. Feedback Comparator Threshold Versus Temperature

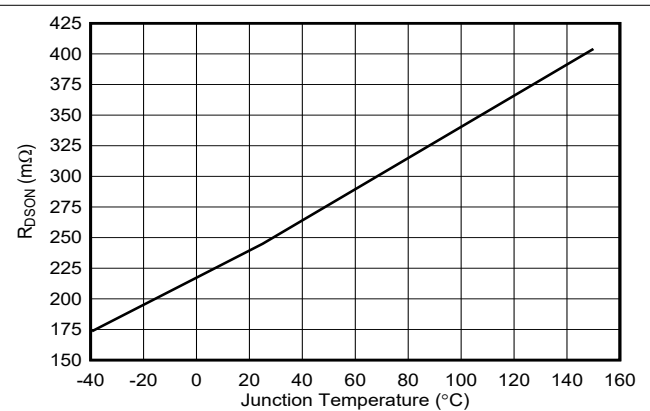
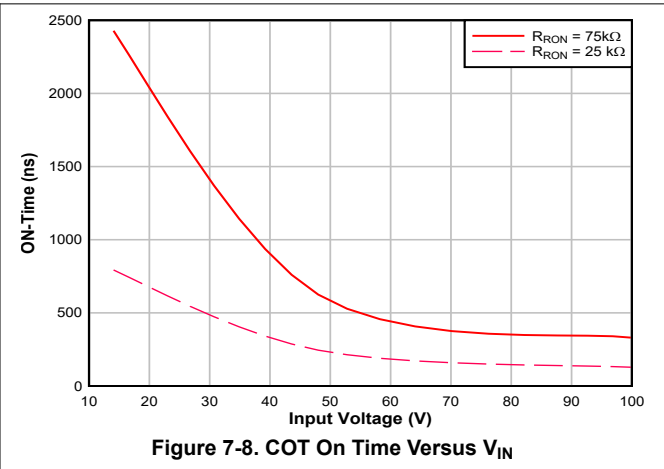
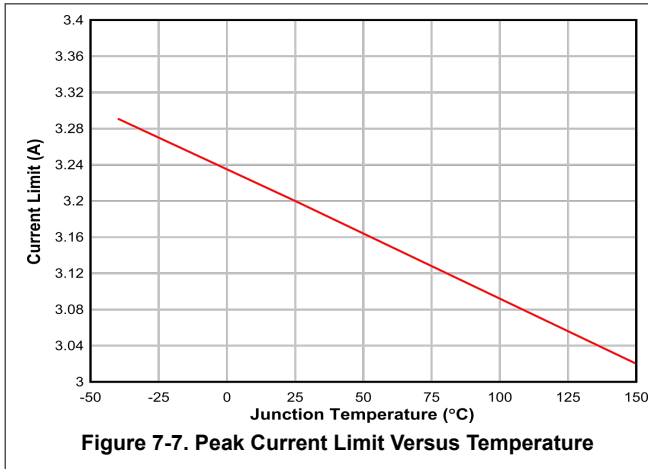


Figure 7-6. MOSFETs On-State Resistance Versus Temperature



## 7.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)



## 8 Detailed Description

### 8.1 Overview

The LM5012-Q1 is an easy-to-use, ultra-low  $I_Q$  constant on-time (COT) non-synchronous step-down buck regulator. With an integrated high-side power MOSFET, the LM5012-Q1 is a low-cost, highly efficient buck converter that operates from a wide input voltage of 6 V to 100 V, delivering up to 2.5-A DC load current. The LM5012-Q1 is available in an 8-pin SO PowerPAD integrated circuit package with 1.27-mm pin pitch for adequate spacing in high-voltage applications. This constant on-time (COT) converter is ideal for low-noise, high-current, and fast load transient requirements, operating with an adaptive on-time switching pulse. Over the input voltage range, input voltage feedforward is used to achieve a quasi-fixed switching frequency. A controllable on time as low as 50 ns permits high step-down ratios and a minimum forced off time of 50 ns provides extremely high duty cycles, allowing  $V_{IN}$  to drop close to  $V_{OUT}$  before frequency foldback occurs. At light loads, the device transitions into an ultra-low  $I_Q$  mode to maintain high efficiency and prevents draining battery cells connected to the input when the system is in standby. The LM5012-Q1 implements a peak current limit detection circuit to ensure robust protection during output short circuit conditions. Control loop compensation is not required for this regulator, reducing design time and external component count.

The LM5012-Q1 incorporates additional features for comprehensive system requirements:

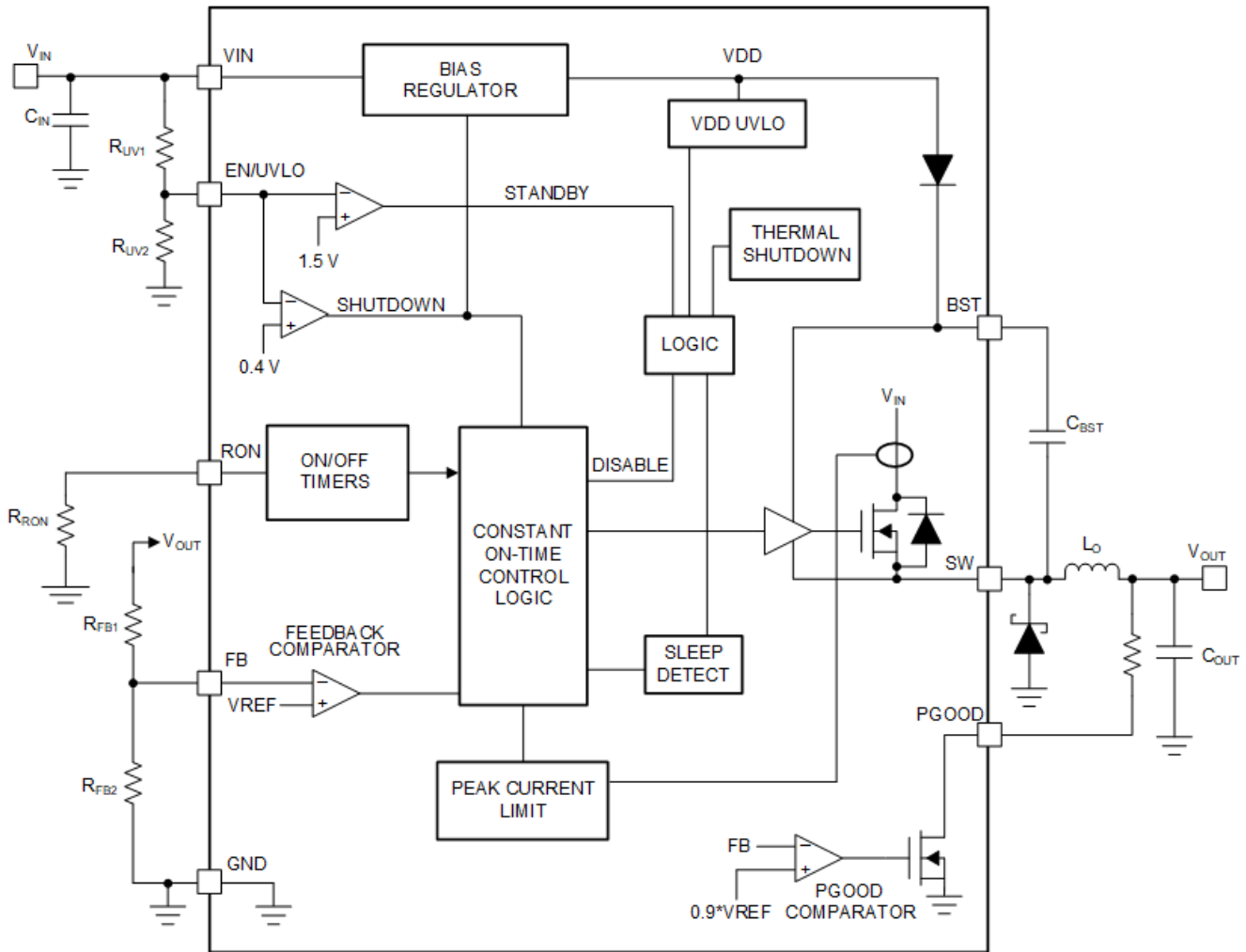
- Power-rail sequencing and fault reporting
- Internally-fixed soft start
- Open-drain power good
- Monotonic start-up into prebiased loads
- Precision enable for programmable line undervoltage lockout (UVLO)
- Smart cycle-by-cycle current limit for optimal inductor sizing
- Thermal shutdown with automatic recovery

These features enable a flexible and easy-to-use platform for a wide range of applications. The LM5012-Q1 supports a wide range of end-equipment systems requiring a regulated output from a high input supply where the transient voltage deviates from the DC level. The following are examples of such end equipment systems:

- 48-V automotive systems
- High cell-count battery-pack systems
- Hybrid, electric, and powertrain systems
- Inverter and motor control

The pin arrangement is designed for a simple layout requiring only a few external components.

## 8.2 Functional Block Diagram



## 8.3 Feature Description

### 8.3.1 Control Architecture

The LM5012 step-down switching converter employs a constant on-time (COT) control scheme. The COT control scheme sets a fixed on time,  $t_{ON}$ , of the high-side FET using a timing resistor ( $R_{ON}$ ).  $t_{ON}$  is adjusted as  $V_{IN}$  changes and is inversely proportional to the input voltage to maintain a fixed frequency when in continuous conduction mode (CCM). After  $t_{ON}$  expires, the high-side FET remains off until the feedback pin is equal or below the 1.2-V reference voltage. To maintain stability, the feedback comparator requires a minimal ripple voltage that is in-phase with the inductor current during the off time. Furthermore, this change in feedback voltage during the off time must be large enough to dominate any noise present at the feedback node. The minimum recommended feedback ripple voltage is 20 mV. See [Table 8-1](#) for different types of ripple injection schemes that ensure stability over the full input voltage range.

During a rapid start-up or a positive load step, the regulator operates with minimum off times until regulation is achieved. This feature enables extremely fast load transient response with minimum output voltage undershoot. When regulating the output in steady-state operation, the off time automatically adjusts itself to produce the SW-pin duty cycle required for output voltage regulation to maintain a fixed switching frequency. In CCM, the switching frequency,  $F_{SW}$ , is programmed by the  $R_{RON}$  resistor. Use [Equation 1](#) to calculate the switching frequency.

$$F_{SW} \text{ (kHz)} = \frac{V_{OUT} \text{ (V)} \cdot 2500}{R_{RON} \text{ (k}\Omega\text{)}} \quad (1)$$

**Table 8-1. Ripple Generation Methods**

Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
Lowest Cost	Reduced Ripple	Minimum Ripple
$R_{ESR} \geq \frac{20\text{mV} \cdot V_{OUT}}{V_{FB1} \cdot \Delta I_{L(\text{nom})}}$ $R_{ESR} \geq \frac{V_{OUT}}{2 \cdot V_{IN} \cdot F_{SW} \cdot C_{OUT}}$	$R_{ESR} \geq \frac{20\text{mV}}{\Delta I_{L(\text{nom})}}$ $R_{ESR} \geq \frac{V_{OUT}}{2 \cdot V_{IN} \cdot F_{SW} \cdot C_{OUT}}$ $C_{FF} \geq \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot F_{SW} \cdot (R_{FB1} \parallel R_{FB2})}$	$C_A \geq \frac{10}{F_{SW} \cdot (R_{FB1} \parallel R_{FB2})}$ $R_A C_A \leq \frac{(V_{IN-\text{nom}} - V_{OUT}) \cdot t_{ON} (@V_{IN-\text{nom}})}{20\text{mV}}$ $C_B \geq \frac{t_{TR-\text{settling}}}{3 \cdot R_{FB1}}$

Table 8-1 presents three different methods for generating appropriate voltage ripple at the feedback node. Type-1 ripple generation method uses a single resistor,  $R_{ESR}$ , in series with the output capacitor. The generated voltage ripple has two components: capacitive ripple caused by the inductor ripple current charging and discharging the output capacitor and resistive ripple caused by the inductor ripple current flowing into the output capacitor and through series resistance,  $R_{ESR}$ . The capacitive ripple component is out-of-phase with the inductor current and does not decrease monotonically during the off time. The resistive ripple component is in-phase with the inductor current and decreases monotonically during the off time. The resistive ripple must exceed the capacitive ripple at  $V_{OUT}$  for stable operation. If this condition is not satisfied, unstable switching behavior is observed in COT converters with multiple on-time bursts in close succession followed by a long off time. The lowest cost bill of materials (BOM) define the value of the series resistance  $R_{ESR}$  to ensure sufficient in-phase ripple at the feedback node.

Type-2 ripple generation uses a  $C_{FF}$  capacitor in addition to the series resistor. As the output voltage ripple is directly AC-coupled by  $C_{FF}$  to the feedback node, the  $R_{ESR}$  and ultimately the output voltage ripple, are reduced by a factor of  $V_{OUT} / V_{FB1}$ .

Type-3 ripple generation uses an RC network consisting of  $R_A$  and  $C_A$ , and the switch node voltage to generate a triangular ramp that is in-phase with the inductor current. This triangular wave is the AC-coupled into the feedback node with capacitor  $C_B$ . Because this circuit does not use output voltage ripple, it is suited for applications where low output voltage ripple is critical. The [Selecting an Ideal Ripple Generation Network for Your COT Buck Converter](#) application report provides additional details on this topic.

#### Note

For all methods specified, 12 mV is the minimum FB ripple voltage. 20 mV is calculated as a conservative figure. For wide- $V_{IN}$  ranges, calculating for 20 mV can be insufficient to achieve 12-mV FB ripple at minimum input voltage. Careful evaluation should be done to ensure the minimum ripple requirement is fulfilled, or the design can be faced with large output ripple, irregular switching at the application minimum output voltage.

### 8.3.2 Internal VCC Regulator and Bootstrap Capacitor

The LM5012-Q1 contains an internal linear regulator that is powered from  $V_{IN}$  with a nominal output of 5 V, eliminating the need for an external capacitor to stabilize the linear regulator. The internal VCC regulator supplies current to internal circuit blocks including the non-synchronous FET driver and logic circuits. The input pin ( $V_{IN}$ ) can be connected directly to line voltages up to 100 V. As the power MOSFET has a low total gate charge, use a low bootstrap capacitor value to reduce the stress on the internal regulator. It is required to select a high-quality ceramic bootstrap capacitor with an effective value of 2.2-nF, 50-V X7R as specified in the [Absolute Maximum Ratings](#). VCC does not have current limit protection, so selecting a higher value capacitance stresses the internal VCC regulator and can damage the device. A lower capacitance than required is not sufficient to drive the internal gate of the power MOSFET. An internal diode connects from the VCC regulator to the BST pin to replenish the charge in the high-side gate drive bootstrap capacitor when the SW voltage is low.

### 8.3.3 Regulation Comparator

The feedback voltage at FB is compared to an internal 1.2-V reference. The LM5012-Q1 voltage regulation loop regulates the output voltage by maintaining the FB voltage equal to the internal reference voltage,  $V_{REF}$ . A resistor divider programs the ratio from output voltage,  $V_{OUT}$ , to FB.

For a target  $V_{OUT}$  setpoint, use [Equation 2](#) to calculate  $R_{FB2}$  based on the selected  $R_{FB1}$ .

$$R_{FB2} = \frac{1.2V}{V_{OUT} - 1.2V} \cdot R_{FB1} \quad (2)$$

TI recommends selecting  $R_{FB1}$  in the range of 100 k $\Omega$  to 1 M $\Omega$  for most applications. A larger  $R_{FB1}$  consumes less DC current, which is mandatory if light-load efficiency is critical.  $R_{FB1}$  larger than 1 M $\Omega$  is not recommended as the feedback path becomes more susceptible to noise. Make sure to route the feedback trace away from the noisy area of the PCB and minimize the feedback node size. Route the feedback trace away from the noisy areas of the PCB and minimize the feedback node size. FB resistors, type 3 ripple injection resistors, or both must be kept close to the device pin.

### 8.3.4 Internal Soft Start

The LM5012-Q1 employs an internal soft-start control ramp that allows the output voltage to gradually reach a steady-state operating point, thereby reducing start-up stresses and current surges. The soft-start feature produces a controlled, monotonic output voltage start-up. The soft-start time is internally set to 3.5 ms.

### 8.3.5 On-Time Generator

The on time of the LM5012-Q1 high-side FET is determined by the  $R_{RON}$  resistor and is inversely proportional to the input voltage,  $V_{IN}$ . The inverse relationship with  $V_{IN}$  results in a nearly constant frequency as  $V_{IN}$  is varied. Use [Equation 3](#) to calculate the on time.

$$t_{ON} (\mu s) = \frac{R_{RON} (k\Omega)}{V_{IN} (V) \cdot 2.5} \quad (3)$$

Use [Equation 4](#) to determine the  $R_{RON}$  resistor to set a specific switching frequency in CCM.

$$R_{RON} (k\Omega) = \frac{V_{OUT} (V) \cdot 2500}{F_{SW} (kHz)} \quad (4)$$

Select  $R_{RON}$  for a minimum on time (at maximum  $V_{IN}$ ) greater than 50 ns for proper operation. In addition to this minimum on time, the maximum frequency for this device is limited to 1 MHz.

### 8.3.6 Current Limit

The LM5012-Q1 manages overcurrent conditions with cycle-by-cycle current limiting of the peak inductor current. The current sensed in the high-side MOSFET is compared every switching cycle to the current limit threshold (3.2 A). There is a 100-ns leading-edge blanking time following the high-side MOSFET turn-on transition to eliminate false tripping off the current limit comparator. To protect the converter from potential current runaway conditions, the LM5012-Q1 includes a  $t_{OFF}$  timer that is proportional to  $V_{IN}$  and  $V_{OUT}$  that is enabled if a 3.2-A peak current limit is detected. As shown in [Figure 8-1](#), if the peak current in the high-side MOSFET exceeds 3.2 A (typical), the present cycle is immediately terminated regardless of the programmed on time ( $t_{ON}$ ), the high-side MOSFET is turned off and the  $t_{OFF}$  timer is activated. This action allows the peak inductor current to fall from 3.2-A peak to an acceptable value to ensure no excessive current in the power stage. This method folds back the switching frequency to prevent overheating and limits the average output current to less than 3.2 A to ensure proper short-circuit and heavy-load protection of the LM5012-Q1. This innovative current limit scheme enables ultra-low duty-cycle operation, permitting large step-down voltage conversions while ensuring robust protection of the converter.

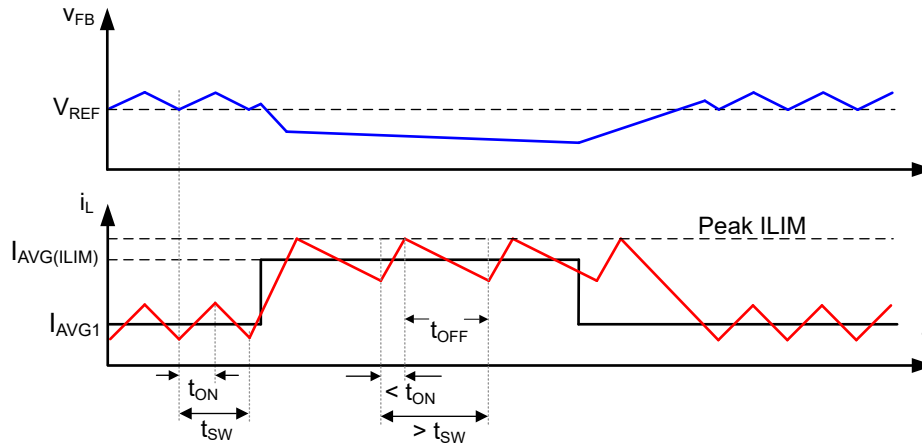


Figure 8-1. Current Limit Timing Diagram

### 8.3.7 N-Channel Buck Switch and Driver

The LM5012-Q1 integrates an N-channel buck switch and an associated floating high-side gate driver. The gate-driver circuit works in conjunction with an external bootstrap capacitor and an internal high-voltage bootstrap diode. A high-quality 2.2-nF, 50-V X7R ceramic capacitor connected between the BST and SW pins provides the voltage to the high-side driver during the buck switch on time. During the off time, the SW pin is pulled down to approximately 0 V, and the bootstrap capacitor charges from the internal VCC through the internal bootstrap diode. The minimum off timer, set to 50 ns (typical), ensures a minimum time each cycle to recharge the bootstrap capacitor. When the on time is less than 300 ns, the minimum off timer is forced to 250 ns to ensure that the BST capacitor is charged in a single cycle. This is vital during wake-up from sleep mode when the BST capacitor is most likely discharged.

### 8.3.8 Schottky Diode Selection

A Schottky diode is required for all LM5012-Q1 applications to re-circulate the energy in the output inductor when the high-side MOSFET is off. The reverse breakdown rating of the diode must be greater than the maximum  $V_{IN}$  plus a 25% safety margin, as specified in Section 9. The current rating of the diode must exceed the maximum DC output current and support the peak current limit (IPEAK current limit) for the best reliability. In this case, the diode carries the maximum load current.

### 8.3.9 Enable/Undervoltage Lockout (EN/UVLO)

The LM5012-Q1 contains a dual-level EN/UVLO circuit. When the EN/UVLO voltage is below 1.1 V (typical), the converter is in a low-current shutdown mode and the input quiescent current ( $I_Q$ ) is dropped down to 3  $\mu$ A. When the voltage is greater than 1.1 V but less than 1.5 V (typical), the converter is in standby mode. In standby mode, the internal bias regulator is active while the control circuit is disabled. When the voltage exceeds the rising threshold of 1.5 V (typical), normal operation begins. Install a resistor divider from  $V_{IN}$  to GND to set the minimum operating voltage of the regulator. Use Equation 5 and Equation 6 to calculate the input UVLO turn-on and turn-off voltages, respectively.

$$V_{IN(on)} = 1.5 \text{ V} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{R_{UV1}}{R_{UV2}} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$V_{IN(off)} = 1.4 \text{ V} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{R_{UV1}}{R_{UV2}} \right) \quad (6)$$

TI recommends selecting  $R_{UV1}$  in the range of no more than 1 M $\Omega$  for most applications. A larger  $R_{UV1}$  consumes less DC current, which is mandatory if light-load efficiency is critical. If input UVLO is not required, the power-supply designer can either drive EN/UVLO as an enable input driven by a logic signal or connect it directly

to VIN. If EN/UVLO is directly connected to VIN, the regulator begins switching as soon as the internal bias rails are active.

### 8.3.10 Power Good (PGOOD)

The LM5012-Q1 provides a PGOOD flag pin to indicate when the output voltage is within the regulation level. Use the PGOOD signal for start-up sequencing of downstream converters or for fault protection and output monitoring. PGOOD is an open-drain output that requires a pullup resistor to a DC supply not greater than 14 V. The typical range of pullup resistance is 10 k $\Omega$  to 100 k $\Omega$ . If necessary, use a resistor divider to decrease the voltage from a higher voltage pullup rail. When the FB voltage exceeds 95% of the internal reference,  $V_{REF}$ , the internal PGOOD switch turns off and PGOOD can be pulled high by the external pullup. If the FB voltage falls below 90% of  $V_{REF}$ , an internal 8- $\Omega$  PGOOD switch turns on and PGOOD is pulled low to indicate that the output voltage is out of regulation. The rising edge of PGOOD has a built-in deglitch delay of 5  $\mu$ s.

### 8.3.11 Thermal Protection

The LM5012-Q1 includes an internal junction temperature monitor to protect the device in the event of a higher than normal junction temperature. If the junction temperature exceeds 175°C (typical), thermal shutdown occurs to prevent further power dissipation and temperature rise. The LM5012-Q1 initiates a restart sequence when the junction temperature falls to 165°C, based on a typical thermal shutdown hysteresis of 10°C. This is a non-latching protection, so the device cycles into and out of thermal shutdown if the fault persists.

## 8.4 Device Functional Modes

### 8.4.1 Shutdown Mode

EN/UVLO provides ON and OFF control for the LM5012-Q1. When  $V_{EN/UVLO}$  is below approximately 1.1 V, the device is in shutdown mode. Both the internal linear regulator and the switching regulator are off. The quiescent current in shutdown mode drops to 3  $\mu\text{A}$  at  $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$ . The LM5012-Q1 also employs internal bias rail undervoltage protection. If the internal bias supply voltage is below the UV threshold, the regulator remains off.

### 8.4.2 Standby Mode

The LM5012-Q1 enters standby mode during light or no-load on the output. The LM5012-Q1 enters standby mode to prevent draining the input power supply. All internal controller circuits are turned off to reduce the current consumption. The quiescent current in standby mode is 25  $\mu\text{A}$  (typical).

### 8.4.3 Active Mode

The LM5012-Q1 is in active mode when  $V_{EN/UVLO}$  is above the precision enable threshold and the internal bias rail is above its UV threshold. In COT active mode, the LM5012-Q1 is in one of three modes depending on the load current:

- CCM with fixed switching frequency when load current is above half of the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple
- The LM5012-Q1 enters discontinuous conduction mode when the load current is less than half of the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple in CCM operation.
- Current limit CCM with peak current limit protection when an overcurrent condition is applied at the output

### 8.4.4 Sleep Mode

During discontinuous conduction mode, the load current is lower than half of the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple and the switching frequency decreases when the load is further decreased in pulse skipping mode. A switching pulse is set when  $V_{FB}$  drops below 1.2 V.

As the frequency of operation decreases and  $V_{FB}$  remains above 1.2 V ( $V_{REF}$ ) with the output capacitor sourcing the load current for greater than 15  $\mu\text{s}$ , the converter enters an ultra-low  $I_Q$  sleep mode to prevent draining the input power supply. The input quiescent current ( $I_Q$ ) required by the LM5012-Q1 decreases to 10  $\mu\text{A}$  in sleep mode, improving the light-load efficiency of the regulator. In this mode, all internal controller circuits are turned off to ensure very low current consumption by the device. Such low  $I_Q$  renders the LM5012-Q1 as the best option to extend operating lifetime for off-battery applications. The FB comparator and internal bias rail are active to detect when the FB voltage drops below the internal reference,  $V_{REF}$ , and the converter transitions out of sleep mode into active mode. There is a 9- $\mu\text{s}$  wake-up delay from sleep to active states.



## 9 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.

### 9.1 Application Information

The LM5012-Q1 requires only a few external components to step down from a wide range of supply voltages to a fixed output voltage. Several features are integrated to meet system design requirements, including the following:

- Precision enable
- Input voltage UVLO
- Internal soft start
- Programmable switching frequency
- A PGOOD indicator

To expedite the process of designing with LM5012-Q1, a LM5012-Q1 design calculator is available on the product folder under the *Design tools & simulation* section. This calculator is complemented by an evaluation module for order, PSPICE models, as well as TI's [WEBENCH® Power Designer](#).

### 9.2 Typical Application

Figure 9-1 shows the schematic for 48-V to 12-V conversion.

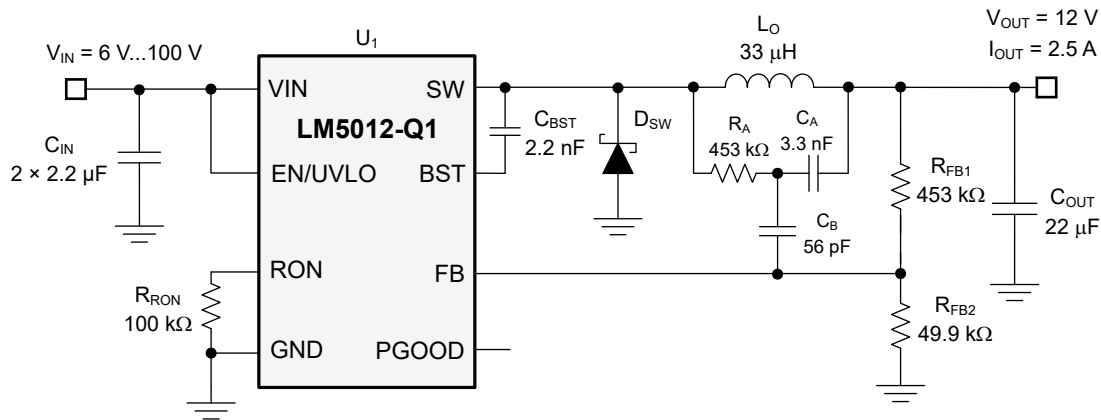


Figure 9-1. Typical Application,  $V_{IN(nom)} = 48\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT(max)} = 2.5\text{ A}$ ,  $F_{SW(nom)} = 300\text{ kHz}$

### Note

This and subsequent design examples are provided herein to showcase the LM5012-Q1 converter in several different applications. Depending on the source impedance of the input supply bus, an electrolytic capacitor can be required at the input to ensure stability, particularly at low input voltage and high output current operating conditions. See the [Power Supply Recommendations](#) for more details.

#### 9.2.1 Design Requirements

The target full-load efficiency is 92% based on a nominal input voltage of 48 V and an output voltage of 12 V. The required input voltage range is 15 V to 100 V. The switching frequency is set by resistor  $R_{ON}$  at 300 kHz. The output voltage soft-start time is 3.5 ms. Refer to [Detailed Design Procedure](#) for more details on component selection.

## 9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

### 9.2.2.1 Custom Design With WEBENCH® Tools

[Click here](#) to create a custom design using the LM5012-Q1 device with the WEBENCH® Power Designer.

1. Start by entering the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ), output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ), and output current ( $I_{OUT}$ ) requirements.
2. Optimize the design for key parameters such as efficiency, footprint, and cost using the optimizer dial.

The WEBENCH Power Designer provides a customized schematic along with a list of materials with real-time pricing and component availability.

In most cases, these actions are available:

- Run electrical simulations to see important waveforms and circuit performance
- Run thermal simulations to understand board thermal performance
- Export customized schematic and layout into popular CAD formats
- Print PDF reports for the design, and share the design with colleagues

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### 9.2.2.2 Switching Frequency ( $R_{RON}$ )

The switching frequency of the LM5012-Q1 is set by the on-time programming resistor placed at  $R_{RON}$ . As shown by [Equation 7](#), a standard 100-k $\Omega$ , 1% resistor sets the switching frequency at 300 kHz.

$$R_{RON}(k\Omega) = \frac{V_{OUT}(V) \cdot 2500}{F_{SW}(kHz)} \quad (7)$$

Note that at very low duty cycles, the 50-ns minimum controllable on time of the high-side MOSFET,  $t_{ON(min)}$ , limits the maximum switching frequency. In CCM,  $t_{ON(min)}$  limits the voltage conversion step-down ratio for a given switching frequency. Use [Equation 8](#) to calculate the minimum controllable duty cycle.

$$D_{MIN} = t_{ON(min)} \cdot F_{SW} \quad (8)$$

Ultimately, the choice of switching frequency for a given output voltage affects the available input voltage range, solution size, and efficiency. Use [Equation 9](#) to calculate the maximum supply voltage for a given  $t_{ON(min)}$  before switching frequency reduction occurs.

$$V_{IN(max)} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{t_{ON(min)} \cdot F_{SW}} \quad (9)$$

### 9.2.2.3 Buck Inductor ( $L_O$ )

Use [Equation 10](#) and [Equation 11](#) to calculate the inductor ripple current (assuming CCM operation) and peak inductor current, respectively.

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{V_{OUT}}{F_{SW} \cdot L_O} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (10)$$

$$I_{L(peak)} = I_{OUT(max)} + \frac{\Delta I_L}{2} \quad (11)$$

For most applications, choose an inductance such that the inductor ripple current,  $\Delta I_L$ , is between 30% and 50% of the rated load current at nominal input voltage. Use [Equation 12](#) to calculate the inductance.

$$L_O = \frac{V_{OUT}}{F_{SW} \cdot \Delta I_L} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(nom)}} \right) \quad (12)$$

For applications in which the device must support input transients exceeding 72 V, TI advises to select the inductor to be at least 22  $\mu$ H. This action ensures that excessive current rise does not occur in the power stage due to the large inductor current slew that can occur during an output short-circuit condition.

Choosing a 33- $\mu$ H inductor in this design results in 909-mA peak-to-peak ripple current at a nominal input voltage of 48 V, equivalent to 36% of the 2.5-A rated load current. For designs that must operate up to the maximum input voltage at the full-rated load current of 2.5 A, the inductance must increase to ensure current limit ( $I_{PEAK}$  current limit) is not hit.

Check the inductor data sheet to make sure the saturation current of the inductor is well above the current limit setting of the LM5012-Q1. TI recommends that the saturation current be greater than 4.5 A. Ferrite-core inductors have relatively lower core losses and are preferred at high switching frequencies, but exhibit a hard saturation characteristic — the inductance collapses abruptly when the saturation current is exceeded. This results in an abrupt increase in inductor ripple current, higher output voltage ripple, and reduced efficiency, in turn compromising reliability. Note that inductor saturation current levels generally decrease as the core temperature increases.

#### 9.2.2.4 Output Capacitor ( $C_{OUT}$ )

Select a ceramic output capacitor to limit the capacitive voltage ripple at the converter output. This is the sinusoidal ripple voltage that is generated from the triangular inductor current ripple flowing into and out of the capacitor. Select an output capacitance using [Equation 13](#) to limit the voltage ripple component to 0.5% of the output voltage.

$$C_{OUT} \geq \frac{\Delta I_L}{8 \cdot F_{SW} \cdot V_{OUT(ripple)}} \quad (13)$$

Substituting  $\Delta I_{L(nom)}$  of 909-mA gives  $C_{OUT}$  greater than 7  $\mu$ F. Considering the voltage coefficients of ceramic capacitors, a 22- $\mu$ F, 25-V rated capacitor with X7R dielectric is selected.

#### 9.2.2.5 Input Capacitor ( $C_{IN}$ )

An input capacitor is necessary to limit the input ripple voltage while providing AC current to the buck power stage at every switching cycle. To minimize the parasitic inductance in the switching loop, position the input capacitors as close as possible to the VIN and GND pins of the LM5012-Q1. The input capacitors conduct a square-wave current of peak-to-peak amplitude equal to the output current. It follows that the resultant capacitive component of AC ripple voltage is a triangular waveform.

Along with the ESR-related ripple component, use [Equation 14](#) to calculate the peak-to-peak ripple voltage amplitude.

$$V_{IN(ripple)} = \frac{I_{OUT} \cdot D \cdot (1-D)}{F_{SW} \cdot C_{IN}} + I_{OUT} \cdot R_{ESR} \quad (14)$$

Use [Equation 15](#) to calculate the input capacitance required for a load current, based on an input voltage ripple specification ( $\Delta V_{IN}$ ).

$$C_{IN} \geq \frac{I_{OUT} \cdot D \cdot (1-D)}{F_{SW} \cdot (V_{IN(ripple)} - I_{OUT} \cdot R_{ESR})} \quad (15)$$

The recommended high-frequency input capacitance is 4.4  $\mu\text{F}$  or higher. Ensure the input capacitor is a high-quality X7S or X7R ceramic capacitor with sufficient voltage rating for  $C_{\text{IN}}$ . Based on the voltage coefficient of ceramic capacitors, choose a voltage rating preferably twice the maximum input voltage. Additionally, some bulk capacitance can be required for large input loop inductance or long wire harnesses used in the system. This capacitor provides parallel damping to the resonance associated with parasitic inductance of the supply lines and high-Q ceramics. See the [Power Supply Recommendations](#) for more detail.

### 9.2.2.6 Type 3 Ripple Network

A Type 3 ripple generation network uses an RC filter consisting of  $R_{\text{A}}$  and  $C_{\text{A}}$  across SW and  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  to generate a triangular ramp that is in-phase with the inductor current. This triangular ramp is then AC-coupled into the feedback node using capacitor  $C_{\text{B}}$  as shown in [Figure 9-1](#). Type 3 ripple injection is suited for applications where low output voltage ripple is crucial.

Use [Equation 16](#) and [Equation 17](#) to calculate  $R_{\text{A}}$  and  $C_{\text{A}}$  to provide the required ripple amplitude at the FB pin.

$$C_{\text{A}} \geq \frac{10}{f_{\text{SW}} \cdot (R_{\text{FB1}} \parallel R_{\text{FB2}})} \quad (16)$$

For the feedback resistors  $R_{\text{FBT}} = 453 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $R_{\text{FBB}} = 49.9 \text{ k}\Omega$  values shown in [Figure 9-1](#), [Equation 16](#) dictates a minimum  $C_{\text{A}}$  of 742 pF. In this design, a 3300-pF capacitance is chosen. This is done to keep  $R_{\text{A}}$  within practical limits between 100 k $\Omega$  and 1 M $\Omega$  when using [Equation 17](#).

$$R_{\text{A}} \times C_{\text{A}} \leq \frac{(V_{\text{IN(nom)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}) \times t_{\text{ON(nom)}}}{20\text{mV}} \quad (17)$$

Based on  $C_{\text{A}}$  set at 3.3 nF,  $R_{\text{A}}$  is calculated to be 453 k $\Omega$  to provide a 20-mV ripple voltage at FB. The general recommendation for a Type 3 network is to calculate  $R_{\text{A}}$  and  $C_{\text{A}}$  to get 20 mV of ripple at typical operating conditions. A smaller  $R_{\text{A}}$  can be required to operate below nominal 48-V input.

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#### Note

12 mV of FB ripple or more must be ensured at the minimum input voltage of the design to ensure stability.

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While the amplitude of the generated ripple does not affect the output voltage ripple, it impacts the output regulation as it reflects as a DC error of approximately half the amplitude of the generated ripple. For example, a converter circuit with Type 3 network that generates a 40-mV ripple voltage at the feedback node has approximately 10-mV worse load regulation scaled up through the FB divider to  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  than the same circuit that generates a 20-mV ripple at FB. Use [Equation 18](#) to calculate the coupling capacitance,  $C_{\text{B}}$ .

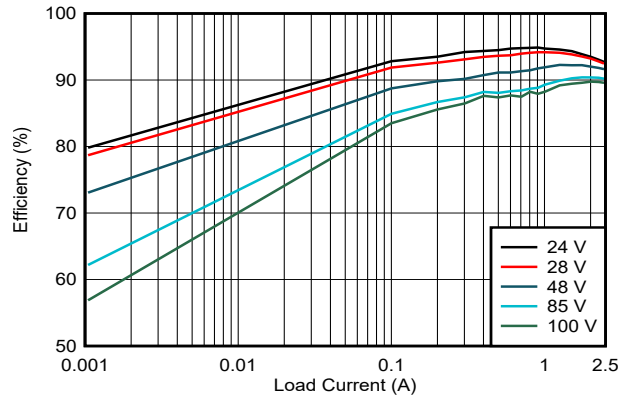
$$C_{\text{B}} \geq \frac{t_{\text{TR-settling}}}{3 \cdot R_{\text{FB1}}} \quad (18)$$

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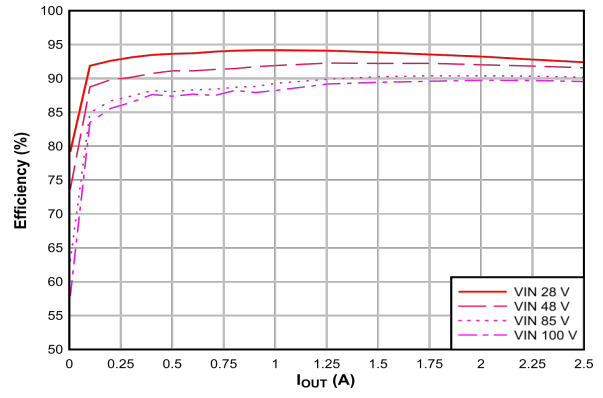
- $t_{\text{TR-settling}}$  is the desired load transient response settling time.

$C_{\text{B}}$  calculates to 56 pF based on a 75- $\mu\text{s}$  settling time. This value avoids excessive coupling capacitor discharge by the feedback resistors during sleep intervals when operating at light loads. To avoid capacitance fall-off with DC bias, use a C0G or NP0 dielectric capacitor for  $C_{\text{B}}$ .

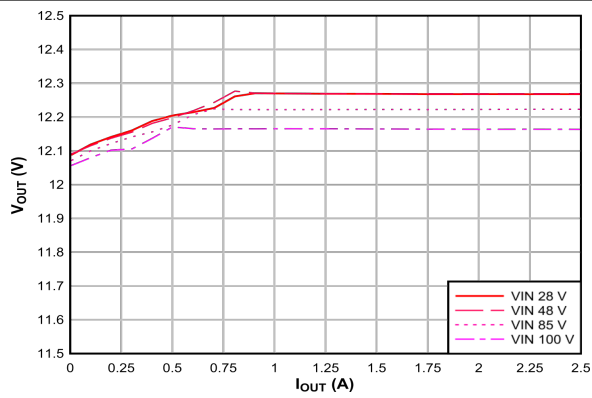
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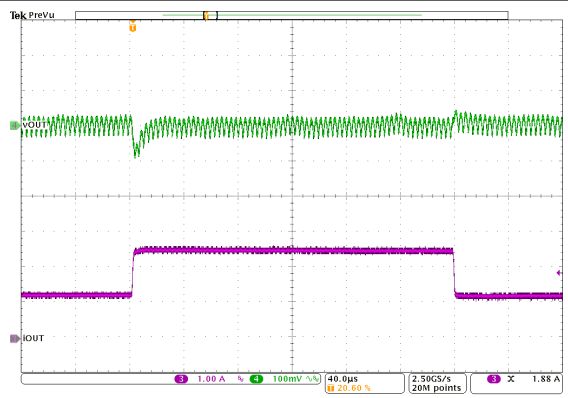
**Figure 9-2. Conversion Efficiency (Log Scale)**



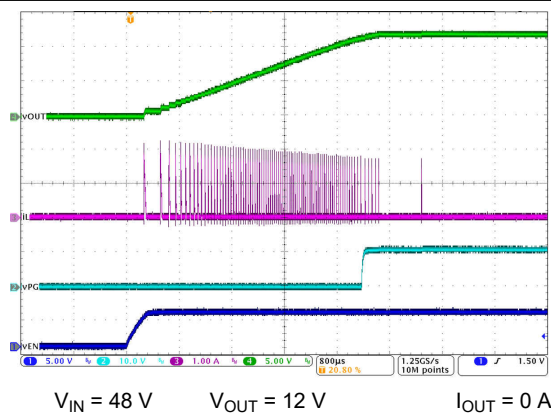
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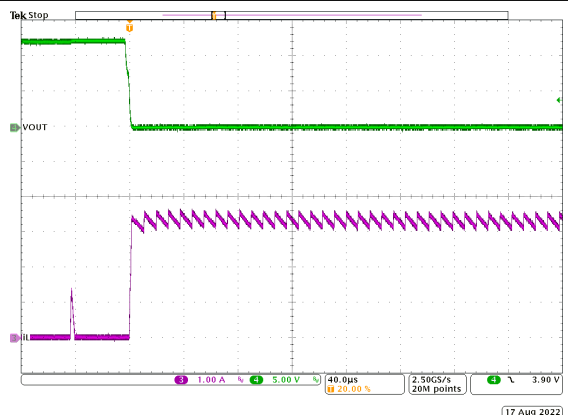
**Figure 9-4. Load and Line Regulation Performance**



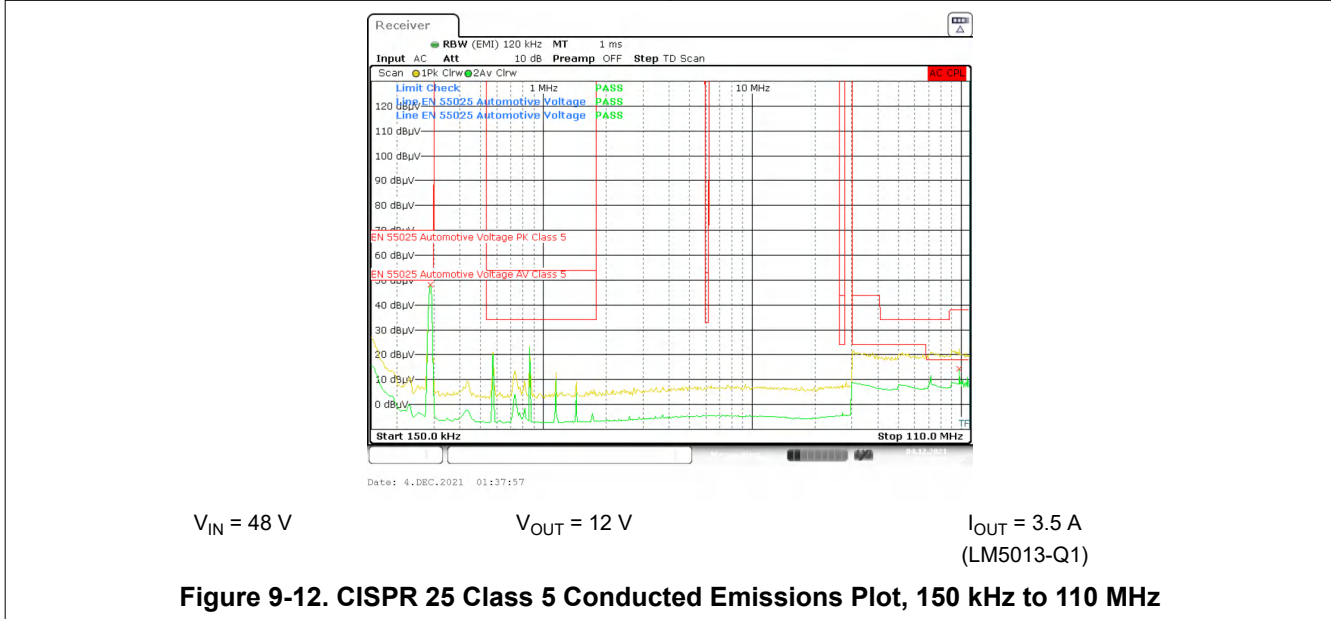
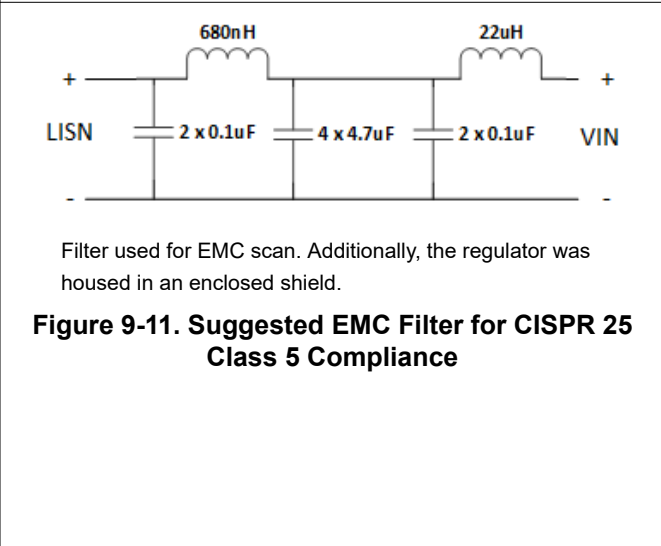
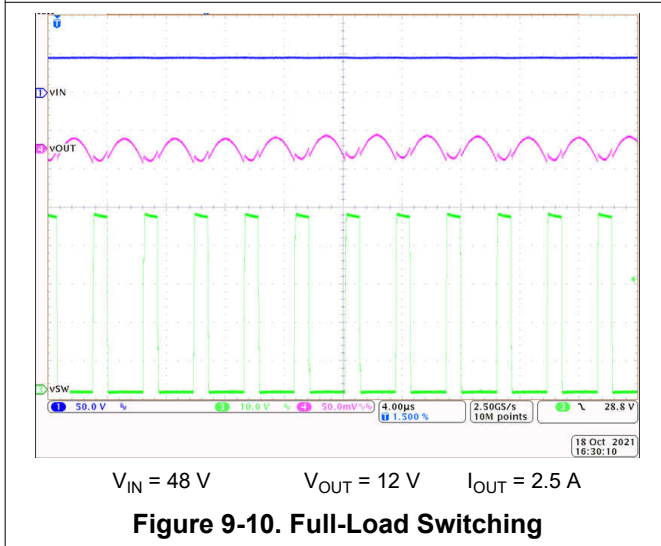
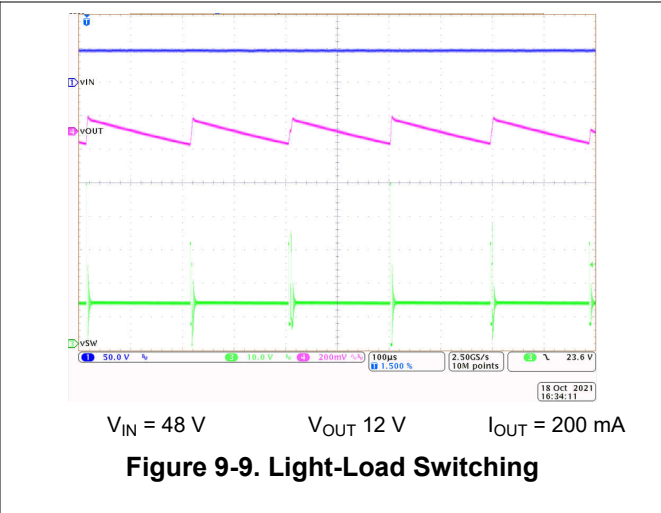
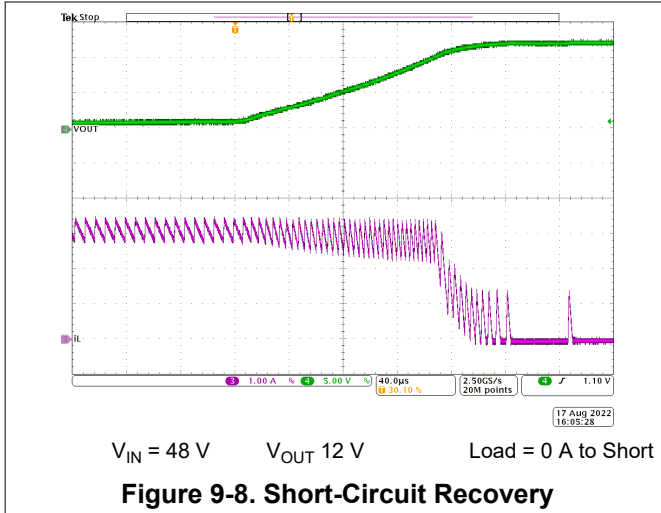
**Figure 9-5. Load Step Response**



**Figure 9-6. No-Load Start-Up with EN/UVLO**



**Figure 9-7. Short Circuit Applied**



## 9.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The LM5012-Q1 buck converter is designed to operate from a wide input voltage range between 6 V and 100 V. In addition, the input supply must be capable of delivering the required input current to the fully loaded regulator. Use [Equation 19](#) to estimate the average input current.

$$I_{IN} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \cdot \eta} \quad (19)$$

where

- $\eta$  is the efficiency.

If the converter is connected to an input supply through long wires or PCB traces with a large impedance, take special care to achieve stable performance. The parasitic inductance and resistance of the input cables can have an adverse effect on converter operation. The parasitic inductance in combination with the low-ESR ceramic input capacitors form an underdamped resonant circuit. This circuit can cause overvoltage transients at VIN each time the input supply is cycled ON and OFF. The parasitic resistance causes the input voltage to dip during a load transient. If the converter is operating close to the minimum input voltage, this dip can cause false UVLO fault triggering and a system reset, in addition to potential stability issues. The circuit can be damped with a "parallel damping network." For example, a 22- $\mu$ F damping capacitor in series with a 1.4- $\Omega$  resistor connected to the VIN node creates a parallel damped network, providing sufficient damping for a 8.2- $\mu$ H input filter inductor and 4.4- $\mu$ F ceramic input capacitance. Damping is not only needed for an input EMC filter, but also when the application uses a power harness which can present a large input loop inductance. For example, two cables (one for VIN and one for GND), each one meter (approximately three feet) long with approximately 1-mm diameter (18 AWG), placed 1 cm (approximately 0.4 inch) apart, forms a rectangular loop resulting in about 1.2  $\mu$ H of inductance. The [Input Filter Design for Switching Power Supplies Application Report](#) provides more detail on this topic.

An EMI input filter is often used in front of the regulator that, unless carefully designed, can lead to instability as well as some of the effects mentioned above. The [Simple Success with Conducted EMI for DC-DC Converters Application Report](#) provides helpful suggestions when designing an input filter for any switching regulator.

## 9.4 Layout

### 9.4.1 Layout Guidelines

PCB layout is a critical portion of good power supply design. There are several paths that conduct high slew-rate currents or voltages that can interact with stray inductance or parasitic capacitance to generate noise and EMI or degrade the power supply performance.

- To help eliminate these problems, bypass the VIN pin to GND with a low-ESR ceramic bypass capacitor with a high-quality dielectric. Place  $C_{IN}$  as close as possible to the LM5012-Q1 VIN and GND pins. Grounding for both the input and output capacitors must consist of localized top-side planes that connect to the GND pin and GND PAD.
- Minimize the loop area formed by the input capacitor connections to the VIN and GND pins.
- Locate the inductor and Schottky diode close to the SW pin. Minimize the area of the SW trace or plane to prevent excessive capacitive coupling.
- Place the Schottky diode anode terminal in close proximity to the input capacitor ground/return.
- Tie the GND pin directly to the power pad under the device and to a heat-sinking PCB ground plane.
- Use a ground plane in one of the middle layers as a noise shielding and heat dissipation path.
- Place a single-point ground connection to the plane. Route the ground connections for the feedback, soft start, and enable components to the ground plane. This prevents any switched or load currents from flowing in analog ground traces. If not properly handled, poor grounding results in degraded load regulation or erratic output voltage ripple behavior.
- Make  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ , and ground bus connections as wide as possible. This reduces any voltage drops on the input or output paths of the converter and maximizes efficiency.



- Minimize trace length to the FB pin. Place both feedback resistors,  $R_{FB1}$  and  $R_{FB2}$ , close to the FB pin. Place  $C_{FF}$  (if needed) directly in parallel with  $R_{FB1}$ . If output setpoint accuracy at the load is important, connect the  $V_{OUT}$  sense at the load. Route the  $V_{OUT}$  sense path away from noisy nodes and preferably through a layer on the other side of a grounded shielding layer.
- The RON pin is sensitive to noise. Thus, locate the  $R_{RON}$  resistor as close as possible to the device and route with minimal lengths of trace. The parasitic capacitance from RON to GND must not exceed 20 pF.
- Provide adequate heat sinking for the LM5012-Q1 to keep the junction temperature below 150°C. For operation at full rated load, the top-side ground plane is an important heat-dissipating area. Use an array of heat-sinking vias to connect the exposed pad to the PCB ground plane. If the PCB has multiple copper layers, these thermal vias must also be connected to inner layer heat-spreading ground planes.
- Reference [Section 9.4.2](#).

#### 9.4.1.1 Compact PCB Layout for EMI Reduction

Radiated EMI generated by high di/dt components relates to pulsing currents in switching converters. The larger area covered by the path of a pulsing current, the more electromagnetic emission is generated. The key to minimizing radiated EMI is to identify the pulsing current path and minimize the area of that path.

Figure 9-13 denotes the critical switching loop of the buck converter power stage in terms of EMI. The topological architecture of a buck converter means that a particularly high di/dt current path exists in the loop comprising the input capacitor, the integrated MOSFET of the LM5012-Q1, and Schottky diode. It becomes mandatory to reduce the parasitic inductance of this loop by minimizing the effective loop area.

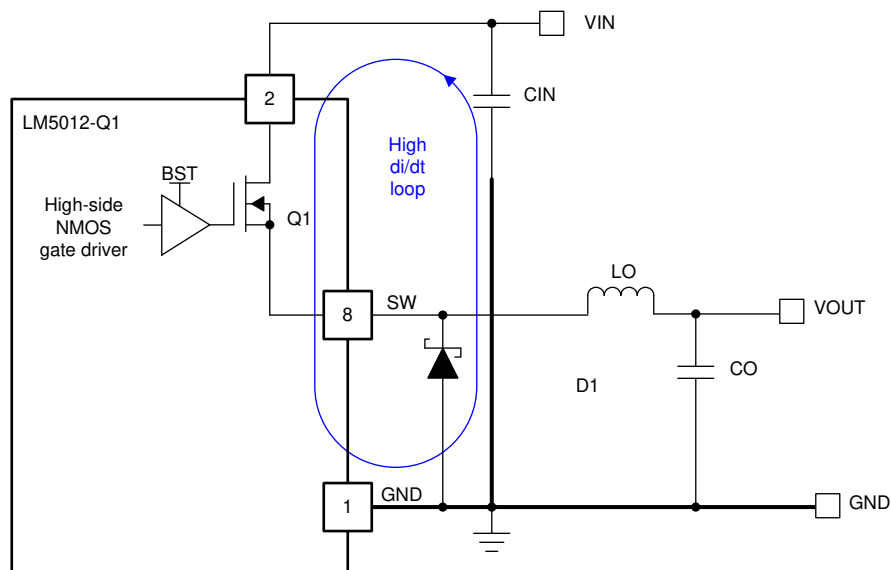


Figure 9-13. DC/DC Buck Converter With Power Stage Circuit Switching Loop

The input capacitor provides the primary path for the high di/dt components of the current of the high-side MOSFET. Placing a ceramic capacitor as close as possible to the VIN and GND pins is the key to EMI reduction. In addition, the cathode of the Schottky diode must be placed closely to the SW pin of the device, while its anode is kept closely to the GND pin.

Keep the trace connecting SW to the inductor as short as possible and just wide enough to carry the load current without excessive heating. Use short, thick traces or copper pours (shapes) for current conduction path to minimize parasitic resistance. Place the output capacitor close to the  $V_{OUT}$  side of the inductor, and connect the return terminal of the capacitor to the GND pin and exposed PAD of the LM5012-Q1.

#### 9.4.1.2 Feedback Resistors

Reduce noise sensitivity of the output voltage feedback path by placing the resistor divider close to the FB pin, rather than close to the load. This reduces the trace length of FB signal and noise coupling. The FB pin is the



input to the feedback comparator, and as such, is a high impedance node sensitive to noise. The output node is a low impedance node, so the trace from  $V_{OUT}$  to the resistor divider can be long if a short path is not available.

Route the voltage sense trace from the load to the feedback resistor divider, keeping away from the SW node, the inductor, and  $V_{IN}$  to avoid contaminating the feedback signal with switch noise, while also minimizing the trace length. This is most important when high feedback resistances greater than 100 k $\Omega$  are used to set the output voltage. Also, route the voltage sense trace on a different layer from the inductor, SW node, and  $V_{IN}$  so there is a ground plane that separates the feedback trace from the inductor and SW node copper polygon. This provides further shielding for the voltage feedback path from switching noise sources.

## 9.4.2 Layout Example

Figure 9-14 shows an example layout for the PCB top layer of a 2-layer board with essential components placed on the top side.

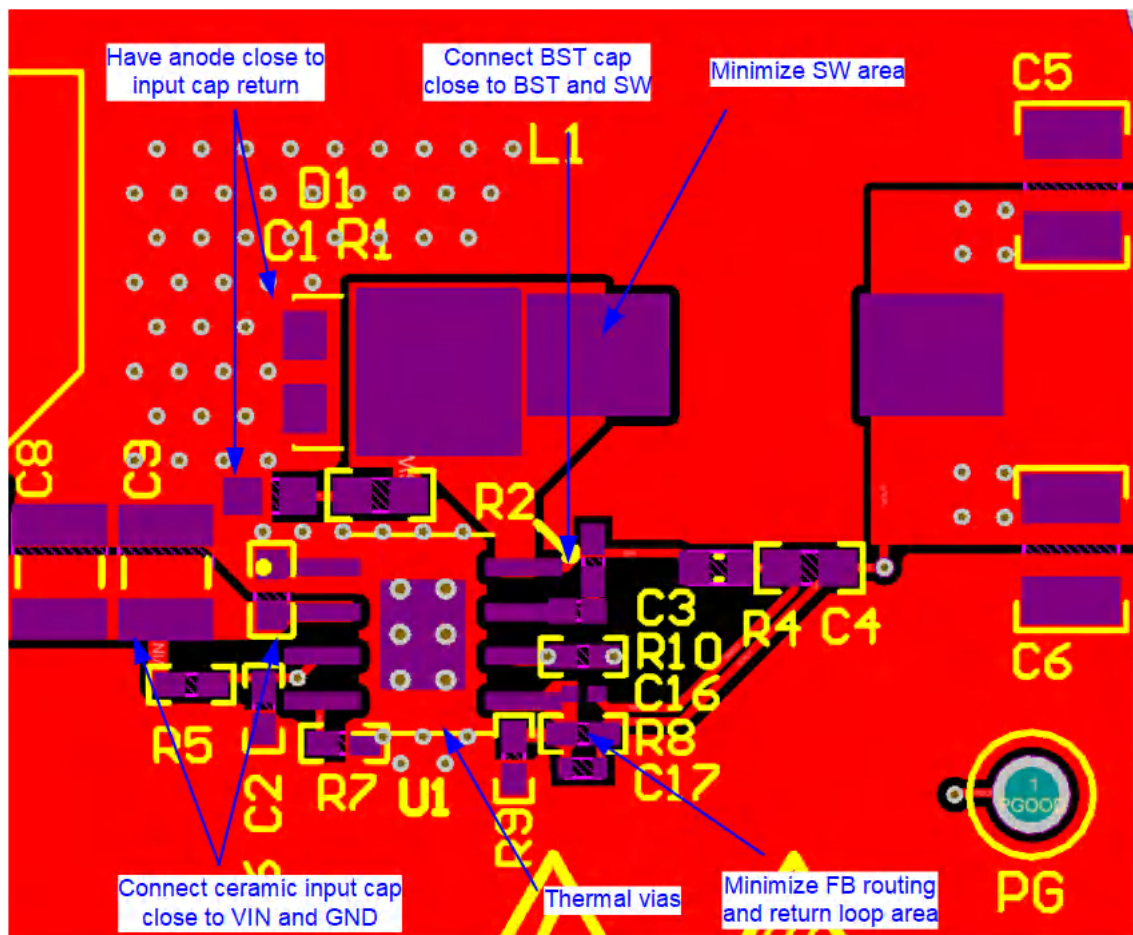


Figure 9-14. LM5012-Q1 Layout Example

### 9.4.2.1 Thermal Considerations

As with any power conversion device, the LM5012-Q1 dissipates internal power while operating. The effect of this power dissipation is to raise the internal temperature of the converter above ambient. The internal die temperature ( $T_J$ ) is a function of the following:

- Ambient temperature
- Power loss
- Effective thermal resistance,  $R_{\theta JA}$ , of the application
- PCB layout

The maximum internal die temperature for the LM5012-Q1 must be limited to 150°C. This establishes a limit on the maximum device power dissipation and, therefore, the load current. Equation 20 shows the relationships between the important parameters. It is easy to see that larger ambient temperatures ( $T_A$ ) and larger values of  $R_{\theta JA}$  reduce the maximum available output current. The converter efficiency can be estimated by using the curves provided in this data sheet. Note that these curves include the power loss in the inductor. If the desired operating conditions cannot be found in one of the curves, then interpolation can be used to estimate the efficiency. Alternatively, the EVM can be adjusted to match the desired application requirements and the efficiency can be measured directly. The correct value of  $R_{\theta JA}$  is more difficult to estimate. As stated in the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics Application Report](#), the value of  $R_{\theta JA}$  given in the [Thermal Information](#) is not valid for design purposes and must not be used to estimate the thermal performance of the

application. The values reported in that table were measured under a specific set of conditions that are rarely obtained in an actual application. The data given for  $R_{\theta JC(bott)}$  and  $\Psi_{JT}$  can be useful when determining thermal performance. The value of  $R_{\theta JA(EVM)}$  is applicable to the LM5168PEVM and is given for reference only. See the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics Application Report](#) for more information and the resources given at the end of this section.

$$I_{OUT}|_{MAX} = \frac{(T_J - T_A)}{R_{\theta JA}} \cdot \frac{\eta}{(1 - \eta)} \cdot \frac{1}{V_{OUT}} \quad (20)$$

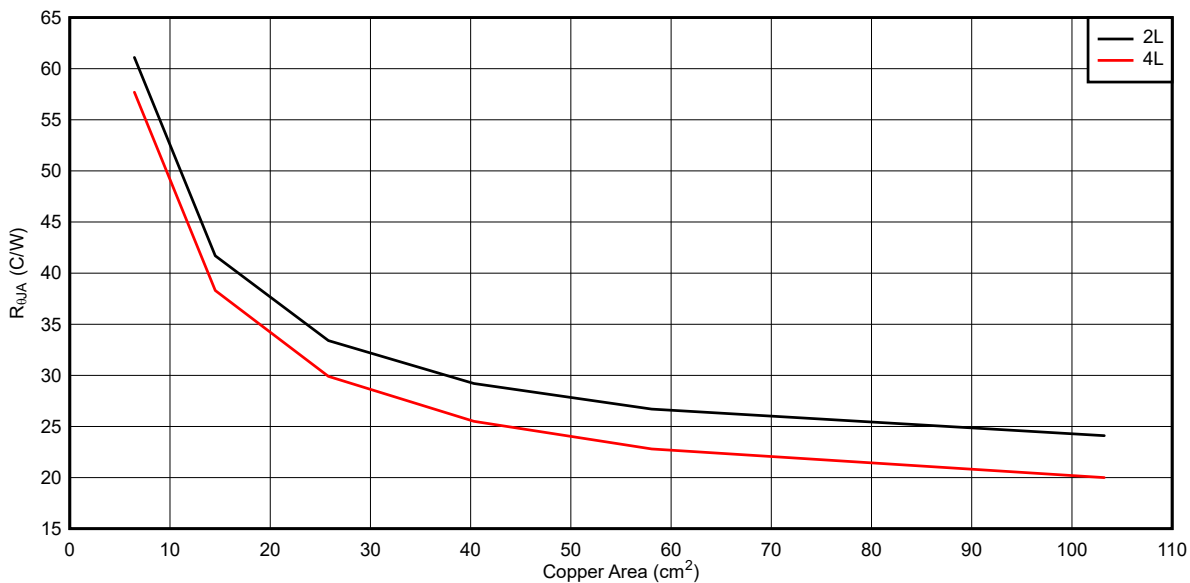
where

- $\eta$  is the efficiency.

The effective  $R_{\theta JA}$  is a critical parameter and depends on many factors such as the following:

- Power dissipation
- Air temperature and flow
- PCB area
- Copper heat-sink area
- Number of thermal vias under the package
- Adjacent component placement

The LM5012-Q1 features a die attach paddle, or "thermal pad" (EP), to provide a place to solder down to the PCB heat-sinking copper. This provides a good heat conduction path from the regulator junction to the heat sink and must be properly soldered to the PCB heat sink copper. Typical examples of can be found in [Figure 9-15](#). The copper area given in the graph is for each layer. The top and bottom layers are 2-oz copper each, while the inner layers are 1 oz. Remember that the data given in the graph is for illustration purposes only, and the actual performance in any given application depends on all of the previously mentioned factors.



**Figure 9-15. Typical  $R_{\theta JA}$  vs Copper Area**

To continue with the design example, assume that the user has an ambient temperature of 70°C and wishes to estimate the required area to keep the device junction temperature below 125°C, at full load. From the curves in [Conversion Efficiency \(Linear Scale\)](#). Typical  $R_{\theta JA}$  vs Copper Area, an efficiency of about 92% was found at an input voltage of 48 V with an output of 12 V with a 1.75-A load. The efficiency is somewhat less at high junction temperature, so an efficiency of approximately 90% is assumed. This gives a total loss of about 2.3 W. Subtracting out the conduction loss alone for the inductor and catch diode, the user arrives at a device dissipation of 1.54 W. With this information, the user can calculate the required  $R_{\theta JA}$  of about 30°C/W. Based on [Figure 9-15](#), the required copper area is about 40 cm<sup>2</sup>, for a two-layer PCB.

The engineer's best judgment is to be used if using a lossy inductor, diode, or both in the application, as their large loss can contribute to localized heating of the component, as well, the nearby regulator. As an example, biasing the Schottky diode ( $D_{SW}$  with 1.3-A continuous current (average current for 1.75-A load current) results in approximately 10°C rise in the case temperature of the regulator. This should be "buffered" for in the ambient temperature used in the previous calculation. For more details on these calculations, please see the [PCB Thermal Design Tips for Automotive DC/DC Converters Application Note](#).

The following resource can be used as a guide to optimal thermal PCB design and estimating  $R_{\theta JA}$  for a given application environment:

- [LM5013 Thermal Optimization and Example PCB design](#)
- [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics Application Report](#)
- [AN-2020 Thermal Design By Insight, Not Hindsight Application Report](#)
- [A Guide to Board Layout for Best Thermal Resistance for Exposed Pad Packages Application Report](#)
- [Using New Thermal Metrics Application Report](#)
- [PCB Thermal Design Tips for Automotive DC/DC Converters Application Report](#)

## 10 Device and Documentation Support

### 10.1 Device Support

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#### 10.1.2 Development Support

- [LM5012 Quickstart Calculator](#)
- [LM5012-Q1 Simulation Models](#)
- [TI Reference Design Library](#)
- Technical Articles:
  - [Use a Low-quiescent-current Switcher for High-voltage Conversion](#)
  - [Powering Smart Sensor Transmitters in Industrial Applications](#)
  - [Industrial Strength Design – Part 1](#)
  - [Trends in Building Automation: Predictive Maintenance](#)
  - [Trends in Building Automation: Connected Sensors for User Comfort](#)

##### 10.1.2.1 Custom Design With WEBENCH® Tools

[Click here](#) to create a custom design using the LM5012-Q1 device with the WEBENCH® Power Designer.

1. Start by entering the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ), output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ), and output current ( $I_{OUT}$ ) requirements.
2. Optimize the design for key parameters such as efficiency, footprint, and cost using the optimizer dial.
3. Compare the generated design with other possible solutions from Texas Instruments.

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- Run thermal simulations to understand board thermal performance
- Export customized schematic and layout into popular CAD formats
- Print PDF reports for the design, and share the design with colleagues

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### 10.2 Documentation Support

#### 10.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [LM5012/3/4/3/4-Q1EVM-041 EVM User's Guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Selecting an Ideal Ripple Generation Network for Your COT Buck Converter Application Report](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Valuing Wide  \$V\_{IN}\$ , Low-EMI Synchronous Buck Circuits for Cost-Effective, Demanding Applications White Paper](#)
- Texas Instruments, [An Overview of Conducted EMI Specifications for Power Supplies White Paper](#)
- Texas Instruments, [An Overview of Radiated EMI Specifications for Power Supplies White Paper](#)
- Texas Instruments, [24-V AC Power Stage with Wide  \$V\_{IN}\$  Converter and Battery Gauge for Smart Thermostat Design Guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Accurate Gauging and 50- \$\mu\$ A Standby Current, 13S, 48-V Li-ion Battery Pack Reference Design Guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [AN-2162: Simple Success with Conducted EMI from DC/DC Converters Application Report](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Powering Drones with a Wide  \$V\_{IN}\$  DC/DC Converter Application Report](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Using New Thermal Metrics Application Report](#)

- Texas Instruments, [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics Application Report](#)

### 10.3 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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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.

### 10.7 Glossary

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

## 11 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
LM5012QDDARQ1	ACTIVE	SO PowerPAD	DDA	8	2500	RoHS & Green	NIPDAUAG	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 150	LM5012	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.

**NRND:** Not recommended for new designs. Device is in production to support existing customers, but TI does not recommend using this part in a new design.

**PREVIEW:** Device has been announced but is not in production. Samples may or may not be available.

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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 : [LM5012](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Catalog - TI's standard catalog product



**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
LM5012QDDARQ1	SO PowerPAD	DDA	8	2500	330.0	12.8	6.4	5.2	2.1	8.0	12.0	Q1

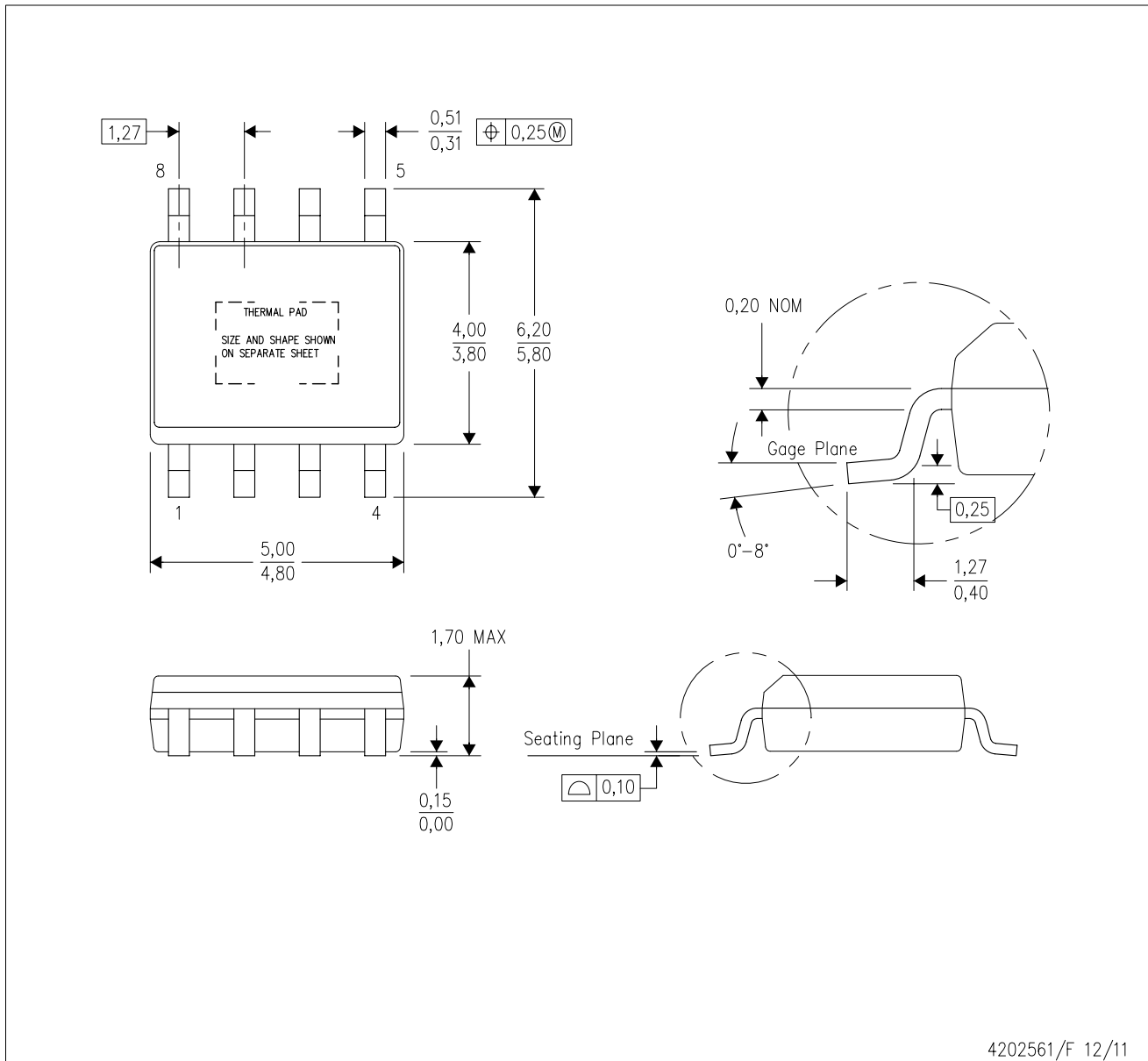
**TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS**


\*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
LM5012QDDARQ1	SO PowerPAD	DDA	8	2500	366.0	364.0	50.0

DDA (R-PDSO-G8)

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  - See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
  - This package complies to JEDEC MS-012 variation BA

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

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



Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions

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  - E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Example stencil design based on a 50% volumetric metal load solder paste. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.
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