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# **LMP8646 Precision Current Limiter**

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# <span id="page-0-1"></span>**1 Features**

- <span id="page-0-3"></span>Provides Circuit Protection and Current Limiting
- Single Supply Operation
- –2-V to 76-V Common-Mode Voltage Range
- Variable Gain Set by External Resistor
- Adjustable Bandwidth Set by External Capacitor
- Buffered Output
- 3% Output Accuracy Achievable at  $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 100$ mV
- Key Specifications:
	- Supply Voltage Range 2.7 V to 12 V
	- Output Current (Source) 0 to 5 mA
	- Gain Accuracy 2.0% (max)
	- Transconductance 200 μA/V
	- Offset  $\pm 1$  mV (Maximum)
	- Quiescent Current 380 μA
	- Input Bias 12 μA (Typical)
	- PSRR 85 dB
	- CMRR 95 dB
	- Temperature Range −40°C to 125°C
	- 6-Pin SOT Package

# <span id="page-0-2"></span><span id="page-0-0"></span>**2 Applications**

- High-Side and Low-Side Current Limit
- Circuit Fault Protection
- Battery and Supercap Charging
- **LED Constant Current Drive**
- Power Management

# **3 Description**

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The LMP8646 is a precision current limiter used to improve the current limit accuracy of any switching or linear regulator with an available feedback node.

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The LMP8646 accepts input signals with a commonmode voltage ranging from –2 V to 76 V. It has a variable gain which is used to adjust the sense current. The gain is configured with a single external resistor,  $R<sub>G</sub>$ , providing a high level of flexibility and accuracy up to 2%. The adjustable bandwidth, which allows the device to be used with a variety of applications, is configurable with a single external capacitor in parallel with  $R_G$ . In addition, the output is buffered in order to provide a low output impedance.

The LMP8646 is an ideal choice for industrial, automotive, telecommunications, and consumer applications where circuit protection and improved precision systems are required. The LMP8646 is available in a 6-pin SOT package and can operate at temperature range of −40°C to 125°C.

#### **Device Information[\(1\)](#page-0-0)**



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

#### **Typical Application**





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#### **Changes from Revision A (March 2013) to Revision B Page**



• Changed layout of National Semiconductor Data Sheet to TI format .. [22](#page-21-0)



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# <span id="page-2-0"></span>**5 Pin Configuration and Functions**



### **Pin Functions**



# <span id="page-3-0"></span>**6 Specifications**

# <span id="page-3-1"></span>**6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings**

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



(1) *Absolute [Maximum](#page-3-1) Ratings* indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. *[Recommended](#page-3-3) Operating Conditions* indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but specific performance is not ensured. For ensured specifications and the test conditions, see the *Electrical [Characteristics:](#page-4-0) 2.7 V* tables.

(2) The maximum power dissipation must be derated at elevated temperatures and is dictated by T<sub>J(MAX)</sub>,  $\theta$ <sub>JA</sub>, and the ambient temperature, Τ<sub>Α</sub>. The maximum allowable power dissipation P<sub>DMAX</sub> = (Τ<sub>J(MAX)</sub> - Τ<sub>A</sub>)/ θ<sub>JA</sub> or the number given in Absolute Maximum Ratings, whichever is lower.

# <span id="page-3-2"></span>**6.2 ESD Ratings**



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

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

# <span id="page-3-3"></span>**6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions**



(1) The maximum power dissipation must be derated at elevated temperatures and is dictated by  $T_{J(MAX)}$ ,  $\theta_{JA}$ , and the ambient temperature,  $T_A$ . The maximum allowable power dissipation  $P_{DMAX}$  = ( $T_{J(MAX)}$  -  $T_A$ )/ $\theta_{JA}$  or the number given in Absolute Maximum Ratings, whichever is lower.

# <span id="page-3-4"></span>**6.4 Thermal Information**



(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spra953).

# <span id="page-4-0"></span>**6.5 Electrical Characteristics: 2.7 V**

Unless otherwise specified, all limits ensured for at T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>S</sub>= (V<sup>+</sup> − V<sup>-</sup>) = (2.7 V - 0 V) = 2.7 V, −2 V < V<sub>CM</sub> < 76 V, R<sub>G</sub>= 25 kΩ, R<sub>L</sub> = 10 kΩ.<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Electrical Table values apply only for factory testing conditions at the temperature indicated. Factory testing conditions result in very limited self-heating of the device such that T<sub>J</sub> = T<sub>A</sub>. No assurance of parametric performance is indicated in the electrical tables under conditions of internal self-heating where  $\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{J}$  >  $\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{A}$ .

All limits are specified by testing, design, or statistical analysis.

(3) Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at the time of characterization. Actual typical values may vary over time and will also depend on the application and configuration. The typical values are not tested and are not specified on shipped production material.

(4) Offset voltage temperature drift is determined by dividing the change in  $V_{OS}$  at the temperature extremes by the total temperature change.

This parameter is specified by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(6) Positive Bias Current corresponds to current flowing into the device.

(7) The number specified is the average of rising and falling slew rates and measured at 90% to 10%.

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# <span id="page-5-0"></span>**6.6 Electrical Characteristics: 5 V**

Unless otherwise specified, all limits ensured for at T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>S</sub>= V<sup>+</sup>-V<sup>-</sup>, V<sup>+</sup> = 5 V, V<sup>-</sup> = 0 V, −2 V < V<sub>CM</sub> < 76 V, R<sub>g</sub>= 25 kΩ,  $R_L$  = 10 kΩ.<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Electrical Table values apply only for factory testing conditions at the temperature indicated. Factory testing conditions result in very limited self-heating of the device such that  $T_{J} = T_A$ . No assurance of parametric performance is indicated in the electrical tables under conditions of internal self-heating where  $T_J > T_A$ .

All limits are specified by testing, design, or statistical analysis.

(3) Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at the time of characterization. Actual typical values may vary over time and will also depend on the application and configuration. The typical values are not tested and are not specified on shipped production material.

(4) Offset voltage temperature drift is determined by dividing the change in  $V_{OS}$  at the temperature extremes by the total temperature change.

(5) This parameter is specified by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(6) Positive Bias Current corresponds to current flowing into the device.

 $(7)$  The number specified is the average of rising and falling slew rates and measured at 90% to 10%.

### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**6.7 Electrical Characteristics: 12 V**

Unless otherwise specified, all limits ensured for at T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>S</sub>= V<sup>+</sup> - V<sup>-</sup>, V<sup>+</sup> = 12 V, V<sup>-</sup> = 0 V, -2 V < V<sub>CM</sub> < 76 V, R<sub>g</sub>= 25 kΩ, R<sub>L</sub> = 10 kΩ.<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Electrical Table values apply only for factory testing conditions at the temperature indicated. Factory testing conditions result in very limited self-heating of the device such that  $T_J = T_A$ . No assurance of parametric performance is indicated in the electrical tables under conditions of internal self-heating where  $T_J > T_A$ .

All limits are specified by testing, design, or statistical analysis.

(3) Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at the time of characterization. Actual typical values may vary over time and will also depend on the application and configuration. The typical values are not tested and are not specified on shipped production material.

(4) Offset voltage temperature drift is determined by dividing the change in  $V_{OS}$  at the temperature extremes by the total temperature change.

(5) This parameter is specified by design and/or characterization and is not tested in production.

(6) Positive Bias Current corresponds to current flowing into the device.

 $(7)$  The number specified is the average of rising and falling slew rates and measured at 90% to 10%.

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# **6.8 Typical Characteristics**

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# **Typical Characteristics (continued)**



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# **Typical Characteristics (continued)**





# **Typical Characteristics (continued)**



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# **Typical Characteristics (continued)**





# <span id="page-12-0"></span>**7 Detailed Description**

# <span id="page-12-1"></span>**7.1 Overview**

The LMP8646 is a single-supply precision current limiter with variable gain selected through an external resistor  $(R_G)$  and a variable bandwidth selected through an external capacitor  $(C_G)$  in parallel with  $R_G$ . Its common-mode of operation is –2 V to 76 V, and the LMP8646 has an buffered output to provide a low-output impedance. More details of the LMP8646's functional description can be seen in the following subsections.

# <span id="page-12-2"></span>**7.2 Functional Block Diagram**



### <span id="page-12-3"></span>**7.3 Feature Description**

#### **7.3.1 Theory of Operation**

As seen from [Figure](#page-13-0) 26, the sense current flowing through R<sub>SENSE</sub> develops a voltage drop equal to V<sub>SENSE</sub>. The high impedance inputs of the amplifier does not conduct this current and the high open-loop gain of the sense amplifier forces its noninverting input to the same voltage as the inverting input. In this way the voltage drop across  $R_{IN}$  matches  $V_{SENSE}$ . The current  $I_{IN}$  flowing through  $R_{IN}$  has the following equation:

 $I_{IN} = V_{SENSE}/ R_{IN} = R_{SENSE} * I_{SENSE}/ R_{IN}$ 

where

• 
$$
R_{IN} = 1/Gm = 1/(200 \mu AV) = 5 \text{ kOhm}
$$
 (1)

 $I_{IN}$  flows entirely across the external gain resistor  $R_G$  to develop a voltage drop equal to:  $V_{RG} = I_{IN}^*R_G = (V_{SENSE}/R_{IN})^*R_G = [(R_{SENSE}^*I_{SENSE}) / R_{IN}]^*R_G$  (2)

This voltage is buffered and showed at the output with a very low impedance allowing a very easy interface of the LMP8646 with the feedback of many voltage regulators. This output voltage has the following equation:



where

 $\mathsf{Gain} = \mathsf{R}_{G}/\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{IN}}$  (6)

# **Feature Description (continued)**



**Figure 26. Current Monitor**

### <span id="page-13-0"></span>*7.3.1.1 Maximum Output Voltage, V<sub>OUT MAX</sub>*

The maximum output voltage,  $V_{\text{OUT\_MAX}}$ , depends on the supply voltage,  $V_S = V^*$  - V<sup>-</sup>, and on the common-mode voltage,  $V_{CM} = (+IN + -IN) / 2$ .

The following subsections show three cases to calculate for  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}}$ .

#### **7.3.1.1.1 Case 1: −2 V < VCM < 1.8 V, and V<sup>S</sup> > 2.7 V**

$$
If V_S \geq 5 V,
$$

then  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}} = 1.3 V$ .

Else if 
$$
Vs = 2.7 V
$$
,

then  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}} = 1.1 V$ .

#### **7.3.1.1.2** Case 2: 1.8  $V < V_{CM} < V_S$ , and  $V_S > 3.3 V$

In this case,  $V_x$  is a fixed value that depends on the supply voltage.  $V_x$  has the following values:

If  $V_S = 12$  V, then  $V_X = 10$  V. Else if  $V_S = 5$  V, then  $V_X = 3.3$  V. Else if  $V_S = 2.7$  V, then  $V_X = 1.1$  V. If  $V_X \leq (V_{CM} - V_{SENSF} - 0.25)$ , then  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}} = V_X$ . Else,  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}} = (V_{\text{CM}} - V_{\text{SENSE}} - 0.25).$ 

For example, if  $V_{CM} = 4$  V,  $V_S = 5$  V (and thus  $V_X = 3.3$  V),  $V_{SENSE} = 0.1$  V, then  $V_{OUT\_MAX} = 3.3$  V because 3.3 V ≤ (4 - 0.1 - 0.25).

#### **7.3.1.1.3 Case 3:**  $V_{CM} > V_{S}$ , and  $V_{S} > 2.7 V$

If  $V_S = 12$  V, then  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}} = 10$  V. Else if  $V_S = 5$  V, then  $V_{\text{OUT MAX}} = 3.3$  V. Else if  $V_s = 2.7$  V, then  $V_{OUTMAX} = 1.1$  V.



### <span id="page-14-0"></span>**7.4 Device Functional Modes**

#### **7.4.1 Output Accuracy**

The output accuracy is the device error contributed by the LMP8646 based on its offset and gain errors. The LMP8646 output accuracy has the following equations:

Output Accuracy = 
$$
\left| \frac{V_{OUT\_THEO} - V_{OUT\_CAL}}{V_{OUT\_THEO}} \right| \times 100\%
$$
  
where  $V_{OUT\_THEO} = (V_{SENSE}) \times \frac{R_G}{1/Gm}$   
and  $V_{OUT\_CALC} = \frac{(V_{SENSE} + V_{OFFSET}) \times R_G}{1/[Gm (1 + Gm\_Accuracy)]}$ 

Output Accuracy Equations (7)

<span id="page-14-3"></span>For example, assume  $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 100 \text{ mV}$ ,  $R_G = 10 \text{ kOhm}$ , and it is known that  $V_{\text{OFFSET}} = 1 \text{ mV}$  and Gm\_Accuracy = 2% (Electrical Characteristics Table), then the output accuracy can be calculated as:

$$
V_{OUT\_THEO} = (100 \text{ mV}) \times \frac{10 \text{ k}\Omega}{1/(200 \mu)} = 0.2 \text{V}
$$
  

$$
V_{OUT\_CALC} = \frac{(100 \text{ mV} + 1 \text{ mV}) \times 10 \text{ k}\Omega}{1/[200 \mu (1 + 2/100)]} = 0.20604 \text{V}
$$
  
Output Accuracy =  $\left| \frac{0.2 \text{V} - 0.20604 \text{V}}{0.2 \text{V}} \right| \times 100 = 3.02\%$ 

Output Accuracy Example (8)

In fact, as  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  decreases, the output accuracy worsens as seen in [Figure](#page-14-1) 27. These equations provide a valuable tool to estimate how the LMP8646 affects the overall system performance. Knowing this information allows the system designer to pick the appropriate external resistances ( $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  and  $R_{\text{G}}$ ) to adjust for the tolerable system error. Examples of this tolerable system error can be seen in the next sections.



**Figure 27. Output Accuracy vs. V<sub>SENSE</sub>** 

#### <span id="page-14-2"></span><span id="page-14-1"></span>**7.4.2 Selection of the Sense Resistor, RSENSE**

The accuracy of the current measurement also depends on the value of the shunt resistor  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$ . Its value depends on the application and is a compromise between small-signal accuracy and maximum permissible voltage loss in the load line.

 $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  is directly proportional to  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  through the equation  $R_{\text{SENSE}} = (V_{\text{SENSE}}) / (I_{\text{SENSE}})$ . If  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  is small, then there is a smaller voltage loss in the load line, but the output accuracy is worse because the LMP8646 offset error will contribute more. Therefore, high values of R<sub>SENSE</sub> provide better output accuracy by minimizing the effects of offset, while low values of  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  minimize the voltage loss in the load line. For most applications, best performance is obtained with an  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  value that provides a  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  of 100 mV to 200 mV.

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### **Device Functional Modes (continued)**

#### *7.4.2.1 RSENSE Consideration for System Error*

The output accuracy described in the previous section talks about the error contributed just by the LMP8646. The system error, however, consists of the errors contributed by the LMP8646 as well as other external resistors such as  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  and  $R_{\text{G}}$ . Let's rewrite the output accuracy equation for the system error assuming that  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  is nonideal and  $R_G$  is ideal. This equation can be seen as:

System Error = 
$$
\left| \frac{V_{OUT\_THEO} - V_{OUT\_CAL}}{V_{OUT\_THEO}} \right| \times 100\%
$$
  
where  $V_{OUT\_THEO} = (R_{SENSE} \times I_{SENSE}) \times \frac{R_G}{1/Gm}$   
and  $V_{OUT\_CALC} = \frac{[R_{SENSE} (1+Tolerance) \times I_{SENSE} + V_{OFFSET}] \times R_G}{1/[Gm (1 + Gm\_Accuracy)]}$   
System Error Example Assuming  $R_{SENSE}$  is Non-ideal and  $R_G$  is Ideal

Continuing from the previous output accuracy example, we can calculate for the system error assuming that  $R_{\rm SENSE}$  = 100 mOhm (with 1% tolerance),  $I_{\rm SENSE}$  = 1A, and  $R_{\rm G}$  = 10 kOhm. From the Electrical Characteristics Table, it is also known that  $\rm V_{OFFSET}$  = 1 mV and Gm\_Accuracy = 2%.

$$
V_{OUT\_THEO} = (100 \text{ m}\Omega \times 1\text{A}) \times \frac{10 \text{ k}\Omega}{1/(200 \mu)} = 0.2 \text{V}
$$
  

$$
V_{OUT\_CALC} = \frac{[100 \text{ m}\Omega (1+1/100) \times 1\text{A} + 1\text{mV}] \times 10 \text{ k}\Omega}{1/[200 \mu (1 + 2/100)]} = 0.20808 \text{V}
$$
  
System Error =  $\left| \frac{0.2 \text{V} \cdot 0.20808 \text{V}}{0.2 \text{V}} \right| \times 100 = 4.04\%$ 

System Error Example Assuming RSENSE is Non-ideal and RG is Ideal (10)

Because an  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  tolerance will increase the system error, we recommend selecting an  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  resistor with low tolerance.



# <span id="page-16-0"></span>**8 Application and Implementation**

### **NOTE**

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

### <span id="page-16-1"></span>**8.1 Application Information**

The LMP8646 can be driven by many different regulators with a feedback pin and connected to many different types of loads such as capacititve and resistive. The following sections gives three typical applications of the LMP8646.

# <span id="page-16-2"></span>**8.2 Typical Applications**



#### **8.2.1 Application #1: Current Limiter With a Capacitive Load**

**Figure 28. SuperCap Application With LM3102 Regulator**

#### <span id="page-16-3"></span>*8.2.1.1 Design Requirements*

A supercap application requires a very high capacitive load to be charged. This example assumes the output capacitor is 5F with a limited sense current at 1.5A. The LM3102 will provide the current to charge the supercap, and the LMP8646 will monitor this current to make sure it does not exceed the desired 1.5A value.

#### *8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

To limit the capacitor current, first connect the LMP8646 output to the feedback pin of the LM3102, as shown in [Figure](#page-16-3) 28. This feedback voltage at the FB pin is compared to a 0.8V internal reference. Any voltage above this 0.8V means the output current is above the desired value of 1.5A, and the LM3102 will reduce its output current to maintain the desired 0.8V at the FB pin.

The following steps show the design procedures for this supercap application. In summary, the steps consist of selecting the components for the voltage regulator, integrating the LMP8646 and selecting the proper values for its gain, bandwidth, and output resistor, and adjusting these components to yield the desired performance.

#### **Step 1: Choose the components for the Regulator.**

Refer to the LM3102 evaluation board application note ([AN-1646](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA248)) to select the appropriate components for the LM3102 voltage regulator.

# **Step 2: Choose the sense resistor, RSENSE**

 $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  sets the voltage  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  between +IN and -IN and has the following equation:

 $R_{\text{SENSE}} = V_{\text{OUT}} / [(I_{\text{LIMIT}}) * (R_G / 5kOhm)]$  (11)

In general, RSENSE depends on the output voltage, limit current, and gain. Refer to section *[Selection](#page-14-2) of the Sense [Resistor,](#page-14-2) R<sub>SENSE</sub>* to choose the appropriate R<sub>SENSE</sub> value; this example uses 55 mOhm.

#### **Step 3: Choose the gain resistor, RG, for LMP8646**

 $R_G$  is chosen from the limited sense current. As stated,  $V_{OUT} = (R_{SENSE} * I_{LIMIT}) * (R_G / 5kOhm)$ . Since  $V_{OUT} = V_{FB}$ = 0.8V, the limited sense current is 1.5A, and  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  is 55 mOhm,  $R_G$  can be calculated as:<br> $R_G = (N_{\text{S问}} + 5 \times 10^6) / (B_{\text{S问}} + 1 \times 10^6)$ 

$$
R_G = (V_{OUT} * 5 kOhm) / (R_{SENSE} * I_{LIMIT})
$$
\n
$$
R_G = (0.8 * 5 kOhm) / (55 mOhm * 1.5A) = 50 kOhm (approximate)
$$
\n(13)

#### **Step 4: Choose the Bandwidth Capacitance, CG.**

The product of  $C_G$  and  $R_G$  determines the bandwidth for the LMP8646. Refer to the Typical Performance Characteristics plots to see the range for the LMP8646 bandwidth and gain. Since each application is very unique, the LMP8646 bandwidth capacitance,  $C_G$ , needs to be adjusted to fit the appropriate application.

Bench data has been collected for the supercap application with the LM3102 regulator, and we found that this application works best for a bandwidth of 500 Hz to 3 kHz. Operating outside of this recommended bandwidth range might create an undesirable load current ringing. We recommend choosing a bandwidth that is in the middle of this range and using the equation  $C_G = 1/(2^*pi^*R_G*)$  Bandwidth) to find  $C_G$ . For example, if the bandwidth is 1.75 kHz and R<sub>G</sub> is 50 kOhm, then C<sub>G</sub> is approximately 1.8 nF. After this selection, capture the plot for  $I_{LIMIT}$ and adjust  $C_G$  until a desired load current plot is obtained.

#### **Step 5: Calculate the Output Accuracy and Tolerable System Error**

Since the LMP8646 is a precision current limiter, the output current accuracy is extremely important. This accuracy is affected by the system error contributed by the LMP8646 device error and other errors contributed by external resistances, such as  $R_{\text{SENSF}}$  and  $R_{\text{G}}$ .

In this application,  $V_{\text{SENSE}} = I_{\text{LIMIT}} * R_{\text{SENSE}} = 1.5A * 55 \text{ mOhm} = 0.0825V$ , and  $R_G = 50 \text{ kOhm}$ . From the Electrical Characteristics Table, it is known that  $V_{OFFSET} = 1$  mV and Gm\_Accuracy = 2%. Using the equations shown in [Equation](#page-14-3) 8, the output accuracy can be calculated as 3.24%.

After figuring out the LMP8646 output accuracy, choose a tolerable system error or the output current accuracy that is bigger than the LMP8646 output accuracy. This tolerable system error will be labeled as  $I_{ERROR}$ , and it has the equation  $I_{EROR} = (I_{MAX} - I_{LIMIT})/I_{MAX}$  (%). In this example, we will choose an  $I_{EROR}$  of 5%, which will be used to calculate for ROUT shown in the next step.

#### **Step 6: Choose the output resistor, ROUT**

At start-up, the capacitor is not charged yet and thus the output voltage of the LM3102 is very small. Therefore, at start-up, the output current is at its maximum ( $I_{MAX}$ ). When the output voltage is at its nominal, then the output current will settle to the desired limited value. Because a large current error is not desired, ROUT needs to be chosen to stabilize the loop with minimal initial start-up current error. Follow the equations and example below to choose the appropriate value for ROUT to minimize this initial error.

As discussed in step 4, the allowable  $I_{EROR}$  is 5%, where  $I_{EROR} = (I_{MAX} - I_{LIMIT})/I_{MAX}$  (%). Therefore, the maximum allowable current is calculated as:  $I_{MAX} = I_{LINK}$  (1+  $I_{ERROR}$ ) = 1.5A  $*$  (1+ 5/100) = 1.575 A.

<span id="page-17-0"></span>Next, use [Equation](#page-17-0) 14 below to calculate for ROUT:

( $V<sub>O</sub>$  reg min  $-V<sub>FB</sub>$ ) RFBB<sub>RFBT</sub> ± VFB  $ROUT = (I_{MAX} * R_{SENSE} * Gain - V_{FB})$ 

 $(14)$ 

For example, assume the minimum LM3102 output voltage,  $V_{O\_REG\_MIN}$ , is 0.6V, then ROUT can be calculated as ROUT =  $[1.575A * 55 mOhm * (49.9k / 5k) - 0.8] / [(0.8 / 2k) - (0.6 - 0.8) / 10k] = 153.6 Ohm.$ 



Populate ROUT with a resistor that is as close as possible to 153.6 Ohm (this application uses 160 Ohm). If the limited sense current has a gain error and is not 1.5A at any point in time, then adjust this ROUT value to obtain the desired limit current.

We recommend that the value for ROUT is at least 50 Ohm.

#### **Step 7: Adjusting Components**

Capture the output current and output voltage plots and adjust the components as necessary. The most common components to adjust are  $C_G$  to decrease the current ripple and ROUT to get a low current error. An example output current and voltage plot can be seen in [Figure](#page-18-0) 29.

#### *8.2.1.3 Application Curve*



**Figure 29. SuperCap Application With LM3102 Regulator Plot**

#### <span id="page-18-0"></span>**8.2.2 Application #2: Current Limiter With a Resistive Load**



<span id="page-18-1"></span>

#### *8.2.2.1 Design Requirements*

This subsection describes the design process for a resistive load application with the LMZ12003 voltage regulator as seen in [Figure](#page-18-1) 30. To see the current limiting capability of the LMP8646, the open-loop current must be greater than the close-loop current. An open-loop occurs when the LMP8646 output is not connected the LMZ12003's feedback pin. For this example, we will let the open-loop current to be 1.5A and the close-loop current,  $I_{LIMIT}$ , to be 1A.

#### *8.2.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

#### **Step 1: Choose the components for the Regulator.**

Refer to the LMZ12003 application note [\(AN-2031](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA427)) to select the appropriate components for the LMZ12003.

#### **Step 2: Choose the sense resistor, R**<sub>SENSE</sub>

 $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  sets the voltage  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  between +IN and -IN and has the following equation:

 $R_{\text{SENSE}} = V_{\text{OUT}} / [(I_{\text{LIMIT}}) * (R_G / 5 \text{kOhm})]$  (15)

In general, RSENSE depends on the output voltage, limit current, and gain. Refer to section *[Selection](#page-14-2) of the Sense [Resistor,](#page-14-2) R<sub>SENSE</sub>* to choose the appropriate R<sub>SENSE</sub> value; this example uses 50 mOhm.

# **Step 3: Choose the gain resistor, RG, for LMP8646**

 $R_G$  is chosen from  $I_{LIMIT}$ . As stated,  $V_{OUT} = (R_{SENSE} * I_{LIMIT}) * (R_G / 5kOhm)$ . Since  $V_{OUT} = V_{FB} = 0.8V$ ,  $I_{LIMIT} = 1A$ , and  $R_{\text{SENSE}} = 50$  mOhm,  $R_G$  can be calculated as:

$$
R_{\rm G} = (V_{\rm OUT} * 5 \text{ kOhm}) / (R_{\rm SENSE} * I_{\rm LIMIT}) \tag{16}
$$

 $R_G = (0.8 * 5 kOhm) / (50 mOhm * 1A) = 80 kOhm$  (17)

#### **Step 4: Choose the Bandwidth Capacitance, CG.**

The product of  $C_G$  and  $R_G$  determines the bandwidth for the LMP8646. Refer to the Typical Performance Characteristics plots to see the range for the LMP8646 bandwidth and gain. Since each application is very unique, the LMP8646 bandwidth capacitance,  $C_G$ , needs to be adjusted to fit the appropriate application.

Bench data has been collected for this resistive load application with the LMZ12003 regulator, and we found that this application works best for a bandwidth of 2 kHz to 30 kHz. Operating anything less than this recommended bandwidth might prevent the LMP8646 from quickly limiting the current. We recommend choosing a bandwidth that is in the middle of this range and using the equation:  $C_G = 1/(2^*pi^*R_G*Bandwidth)$  to find  $C_G$  (this example uses a C<sub>G</sub> value of 0.1nF). After this selection, capture the load current plot and adjust C<sub>G</sub> until a desired output current plot is obtained.

#### **Step 5: Choose the output resistor, ROUT, for the LMP8646**

ROUT plays a very small role in the overall system performance for the resistive load application. ROUT was important in the supercap application because it affects the initial current error. Because current is directly proportional to voltage for a resistive load, the output current is not large at start-up. The bigger the ROUT, the longer it takes for the output voltage to reach its final value. We recommend that the value for ROUT is at least 50 Ohm, which is the chosen value for this example.

#### **Step 6: Adjusting Components**

Capture the output current and output voltage plots and adjust the components as necessary. The most common component to adjust is  $C_G$  for the bandwidth. An example of the output current and voltage plot can be seen in [Figure](#page-20-0) 31.



### *8.2.2.3 Application Curve*



**Figure 31. Plot for the Resistive Load Application With LMZ12003 Regulator Plot**

#### <span id="page-20-0"></span>**8.2.3 Application #3: Current Limiter With a Low-Dropout Regulator and Resistive Load**



**Figure 32. Resistive Load Application With LP38501 Regulator**

#### <span id="page-20-1"></span>*8.2.3.1 Design Requirements*

This next example is the same as the last example, except that the regulator is now a low-dropout regulator, the LP38501, as seen in [Figure](#page-20-1) 32. For this example, we will let the open-loop current to be 1.25A and the closeloop current,  $I_{LIMIT}$ , to be 1A.

#### *8.2.3.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

#### **Step 1: Choose the components for the Regulator.**

Refer to the LP38501 application note [\(AN-1830\)](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA339) to select the appropriate components for the LP38501.

#### **Step 2: Choose the sense resistor, RSENSE**

 $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  sets the voltage  $V_{\text{SENSE}}$  between +IN and -IN and has the following equation:

 $R_{\text{SENSE}} = V_{\text{OUT}} / [(I_{\text{LIMIT}}) * (R_G / 5 \text{kOhm})]$  (18)

In general, R<sub>SENSE</sub> depends on the output voltage, limit current, and gain. Refer to section *[Selection](#page-14-2) of the Sense [Resistor,](#page-14-2) R<sub>SENSE</sub>* to choose the appropriate R<sub>SENSE</sub> value; this example uses 58 mOhm.

#### **Step 3: Choose the gain resistor, RG, for LMP8646**



 $R_G$  is chosen from  $I_{LIMIT}$ . As stated,  $V_{OUT} = (R_{SENSE} * I_{LIMIT}) * (R_G / 5kOhm)$ . Since  $V_{OUT} = ADJ = 0.6V$ ,  $I_{LIMIT} = 1A$ , and  $R_{\text{SENSE}} = 58 \text{ mOhm}$ ,  $R_G$  can be calculated as:

$$
R_G = (V_{OUT} * 5 kOhm) / (R_{SENSE} * I_{LIMIT})
$$
\n
$$
R_G = (0.6 * 5 kOhm) / (58 mOhm * 1A) = 51.7 kOhm
$$
\n(19)

### **Step 4: Choose the Bandwidth Capacitance, CG.**

The product of  $C_G$  and  $R_G$  determines the bandwidth for the LMP8646. Refer to the Typical Performance Characteristics plots to see the range for the LMP8646 bandwidth and gain. Since each application is very unique, the LMP8646 bandwidth capacitance,  $C_G$ , needs to be adjusted to fit the appropriate application.

Bench data has been collected for this resistive load application with the LP38501 regulator, and we found that this application works best for a bandwidth of 50 Hz to 300 Hz. Operating anything larger than this recommended bandwidth might prevent the LMP8646 from quickly limiting the current. We recommend choosing a bandwidth that is in the middle of this range and using the equation:  $C_G = 1/(2^*)$  R<sub>G</sub>\*Bandwidth) to find  $C_G$  (this example uses a C<sub>G</sub> value of 10 nF). After this selection, capture the plot for  $I_{SENSE}$  and adjust C<sub>G</sub> until a desired sense current plot is obtained.

#### **Step 5: Choose the output resistor, ROUT, for the LMP8646**

ROUT plays a very small role in the overall system performance for the resistive load application. ROUT was important in the supercap application because it affects the initial current error. Because current is directly proportional to voltage for a resistive load, the output current is not large at start-up. The bigger the ROUT, the longer it takes for the output voltage to reach its final value. We recommend that the value for ROUT is at least 50 Ohm, which is the value we used for this example.

#### **Step 6: Adjusting Components**

Capture the output current and output voltage plots and adjust the components as necessary. The most common component to adjust is  $C_G$  for the bandwidth. An example plot of the output current and voltage can be seen in [Figure](#page-21-1) 33.

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>*8.2.3.3 Application Curve*



<span id="page-21-1"></span>**Figure 33. Plot for the Resistive Load Application With the LP38501 LDO Regulator**



# <span id="page-22-0"></span>**9 Power Supply Recommendations**

Source V+ with an external voltage as recommended in the electrical characteristics table. It is recommended to place a 100nF ceramic bypass capacitor to ground as close to possible to the V+ pin. In addition, an electrolytic or tantalum capacitor of 10μF is recommended. The bulk capacitor does not need to be in close vicinity with the LMP8646 and could be close to the voltage source terminals or at the output of the voltage regulator powering the LMP8646.

# <span id="page-22-1"></span>**10 Layout**

# <span id="page-22-2"></span>**10.1 Layout Guidelines**

- In a 4-layer board design, the recommended layer stack order from top to bottom is: signal, power, ground, and signal
- Bypass capacitors should be placed in close proximity to the V+ pin
- The trace for pins +IN and -IN should be big enough to handle the current running through it.

# **10.2 Layout Example**

<span id="page-22-3"></span>

**Figure 34. LMP8646 Evaluation Board Layout**



# <span id="page-23-0"></span>**11 Device and Documentation Support**

# <span id="page-23-1"></span>**11.1 Trademarks**

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# <span id="page-23-2"></span>**11.2 Electrostatic Discharge Caution**



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

# <span id="page-23-3"></span>**11.3 Glossary**

[SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

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

# <span id="page-23-4"></span>**12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information**

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



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# **PACKAGE OUTLINE**

# **DDC0006A SOT-23 - 1.1 max height**

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



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- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

3. Reference JEDEC MO-193.



# **EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT**

# **DDC0006A SOT-23 - 1.1 max height**

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



NOTES: (continued)

4. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

5. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.



# **EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN**

# **DDC0006A SOT-23 - 1.1 max height**

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



NOTES: (continued)

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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