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TPS51388 4.5V to 24V, 12A, Synchronous Buck Converter

1 Features

- 4.5V to 24V input voltage range
- 0.6V to 5.5V output voltage
- Integrated 9.2mΩ and 4.5mΩ FETs
- Support 12A continuous output current
- 90uA low quiescent current
- ± 1.0% reference voltage accuracy (25°C)
- D-CAP3™ control mode architecture control for fast transient response
- Support POSCAP and all MLCC output capacitor
- Selectable Eco-mode and Out-of-Audio™ mode with dynamic change
- ULQ™ extended battery life during system standby
- Built-in output discharge function
- Integrated power-good indicator
- 600kHz and 1MHz selectable switching frequency
- Fixed 1.0ms soft-start time
- Large duty cycle operation
- Cycle-by-cycle overcurrent and negative overcurrent protection
- Latched output OV and UV protections
- Non-latched UVLO and OT protections
- –20°C to 125°C operating junction temperature
- 13-pin 3.0mm × 4.0mm HotRod™ VQFN package
- Create a custom design using the TPS51388 with the WEBENCH® Power Designer

2 Applications

- Notebook and PC computers
- Ultrabook, handheld tablet computers
- Industrial PC, single-board computers
- Non-military drone
- Distributed power systems
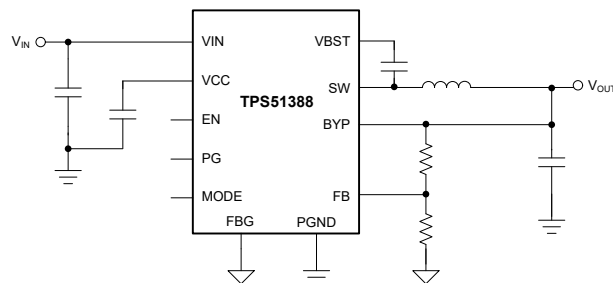
3 Description

The device is a monolithic, 12A, synchronous buck converter with integrated MOSFETs that enable high efficiency and offer ease-of-use with minimum external component count for space-conscious power systems.

The TPS51388 employs D-CAP3 control mode that provides fast transient response and excellent line and load regulation with internal compensation. The ULQ extended battery life feature is extremely beneficial for long battery life in low power operation. The large duty operation greatly improves the load transient performance when input voltage is low.

The EN pin can be used to set Eco-mode or Out-of-Audio (OOA) mode for light-load operation. The Eco-mode maintains high efficiency during light load operation. The OOA mode keeps the switching frequency above audible frequency with minimum reduction in efficiency. The EN pin can be toggled dynamically, even when the converter is in operation.
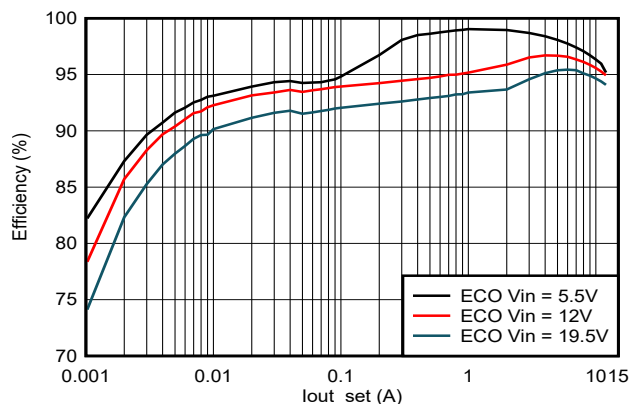
The TPS51388 integrates a power-good indicator and provides an output discharge function. The TPS51388 provides complete protection including OVP, UVP, OCP, OTP, and UVLO. The device is available in a 13-pin, 3.0mm × 4.0mm HotRod package, and the junction temperature is specified from –20°C to 125°C.

Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE[1]	PACKAGE SIZE[2]
TPS51388	VAB (VQFN-HR, 13)	4mm × 3mm

(1) For more information, see Section 10.
(2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.

Simplified Schematic

Efficiency vs Output Current, 600kHz, Eco-mode, V_{OUT} = 5.15V

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Table 4-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE[1]	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
VIN	1	P	Input voltage supply pin for the control circuitry. Connect the input decoupling capacitors between VIN and PGND.
SW	2,12	O	Switching node connection to the inductor and bootstrap capacitor for buck. This pin voltage swings from a diode voltage below the ground up to input voltage of buck.
PGND	3,11	G	Power GND terminal for the controller circuit and the internal circuitry.
PG	4	O	Power good indicator pin. This pin asserts low if the output voltage of buck is out of range due to thermal shutdown, dropout, over-voltage, EN shutdown or during slow start.
MODE	5	I	Mode selection pin. Pull MODE pin to voltage larger than 1V, connect the pin to EN or VCC for 600k operation. Pull MODE pin low to GND for 1MHz operation.
EN	6	I	Enable input of buck converter. The EN pin is also used to select light load operation mode. Pull EN above 2.2V for Eco-mode. Pull EN between 1V to 1.6V for OOA mode.
FB	7	I	Converter feedback input, connect FB to the output voltage with a feedback resistor divider.
BYP	8	I	External 5V VCC input, place a 1µF decoupling capacitor close to BYP and PGND, Or connect to the output of the buck regulator if output voltage is set between 4.8V to 5.2V. The pin also provides the bypass input for internal VCC LDO.This BYP external voltage must come after VIN voltage on and quit before VIN off.
FBG	9	I	Ground of internal analog circuitry. Decouple this pin to ground with a 4.7µF ceramic capacitor or leave the pin floating. Connect to Rfb_low if wanting to improve load transient performance.
VCC	10	O	Internal 5V LDO output. Power supply for internal analog circuits and driving. Decouple this pin to ground with a 2.2µF ceramic capacitor.
VBST	13	I	Boot-strap pin. Supply high side gate driver. Connect a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor between this pin and the SW pin.

(1)　I = input, O = output, P = power, G = ground

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltage	VIN	−0.3	28	V
	VBST	−0.3	32	V
	VBST-SW	−0.3	6	V
	EN, MODE, FB, BYP	−0.3	6	V
	PGND, FBG	−0.3	0.3	V
Output voltage	SW	−1	28	V
	SW (10ns transient)	−3	28	V
	PG, VCC	−0.3	6	V
T_J	Operating junction temperature	−20	150	°C
T_{stg}	Storage temperature	−55	150	°C

(1) Operation outside the Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent device damage. Absolute Maximum Ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. 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.

5.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001[1]	±2000	V
		Charged-device model (CDM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002[2]	±500	V

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltage	VIN	4.5	24	V
	VBST	−0.3	29.5	V
	VBST-SW	−0.3	5.5	V
	EN, MODE, FB, BYP	−0.3	5.5	V
	PGND, FBG	−0.3	0.3	V
Output voltage	SW	−1	24	V
	PG,VCC	−0.3	5.5	V
I_{OUT}	Output current		12	A
T_J	Operating junction temperature	−20	125	°C

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5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC[1]		TPS51388	UNIT
		VAB (VQFN)	
		13 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	53.8	°C/W
$R_{\theta JA\_effective}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance (4-layer custom board)[2]	26.8	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	32.9	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	11.5	°C/W
ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	2.4	°C/W
ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	11.5	°C/W

(1)   For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application note.
(2)   The effective $R_{\theta JA}$ is simulated based on TPS51388EVM.

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

T_J = –20°C to 125°C, V_{IN} = 12V, unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SUPPLY CURRENT						
VIN	Input voltage range		4.5		24	V
I_{VIN}	Non-switching supply current	No load, V_{EN} = 5V, non-switching		90		µA
I_{VINSDN}	Shutdown supply current	No load, V_{EN} = 0V		3		µA
VCC OUTPUT						
V_{CC}	VCC output voltage	V_{IN} > 5.2V, I_{VCC} ≤ 1 mA, Bypasss switch off	4.6	4.9	5.2	V
FEEDBACK VOLTAGE						
V_{FB}	FB voltage	T_J = 25°C	594	600	606	mV
		T_J = –20°C to 125°C	591	600	609	mV
DUTY CYCLE and FREQUENCY CONTROL						
F_{SW}	Switching frequency	CCM operation, MODE > 1V		600		kHz
		CCM operation, MODE < 0.4V		1000		kHz
$t_{ON(MIN)}$	SW minumum on time[1]			60		ns
$t_{OFF(MIN)}$	SW minimum off time[1]			130		ns
OOA Function						
T_{OOA}	Mode Operation Period		22	30	42	us
MOSFET and DRIVERS						
$R_{DS(ON)H}$	High side switch resistance	T_J = 25°C		9.2		mΩ
$R_{DS(ON)L}$	Low side switch resistance	T_J = 25°C		4.5		mΩ
OUTPUT DISCHARGE and SOFT START						
R_{DIS}	Discharge resistance	V_{EN} = 0V		50		Ω
t_{SS}	Soft-start time	Internal soft-start time		1		ms
POWER GOOD						
t_{PGDLY}	PG delay rising	PG from low to high		160		us
	PG delay falling	PG from high to low		30		us
V_{PGTH}	PG threshold	VFB falling (fault)		83		%
		VFB rising (good)		90		%
		VFB rising (fault)		120		%
		VFB falling (good)		115		%

5.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

T_J = –20°C to 125°C, V_{IN} = 12V, unless otherwise noted.

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{PG_L}	PG sink current capability	I_{OL} = 4mA			0.4	V
I_{PGLK}	PG leak current	V_{PGOOD} = 5.5V			1	µA
CURRENT LIMIT						
I_{OCL}	Overcurrent threshold (valley)	Valley current limit on LS FET, T_J = 25°C	12.5	14	16	A
	Overcurrent threshold (peak)	Peak current limit on HS FET, T_J = 25°C		22		A
I_{NOCL}	Negative over current threshold	Sinking current limit on LS FET, OOA operation		5.5		A
LOGIC THRESHOLD						
V_{ENH}	EN high-level input voltage	T_J = 25°C	1			V
V_{ENL}	EN low-level input voltage	T_J = 25°C			0.4	V
I_{EN}	Enable internal pull down current	V_{EN} = 0.3V		2		µA
$V_{EN(OOA)}$	OOA mode for EN pin		1		1.6	V
$V_{EN(ECO)}$	Eco-mode for EN pin		2.2		5.5	V
$V_{MODE(600k)}$	Mode threshold high-level	T_J = 25°C	1			V
$V_{MODE(1M)}$	Mode threshold low-level	T_J = 25°C			0.4	V
OUTPUT UNDERVOLTAGE AND OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION						
V_{OVP}	OVP trip threshold			120		%
t_{OVPDLY}	OVP prop deglitch			256		us
V_{UVP}	UVP trip threshold			60		%
t_{UVPDLY}	UVP prop deglitch			200		us
UVLO						
V_{UVLO}	VIN UVLO threshold	Wake up		4.25	4.45	V
		Shutdown	3.4	3.6		V
		Hysteresis		0.65		V
OVERTEMPERATURE PROTECTION						
T_{OTP}	OTP trip threshold[1]	Shutdown temperature		160		°C
T_{OTPHSY}	OTP hysteresis[1]	Hysteresis		20		°C

(1)   Specified by design. Not production tested.

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5.6 Typical Characteristics

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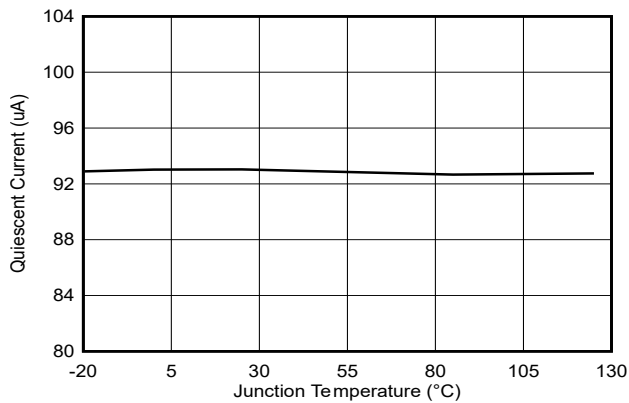

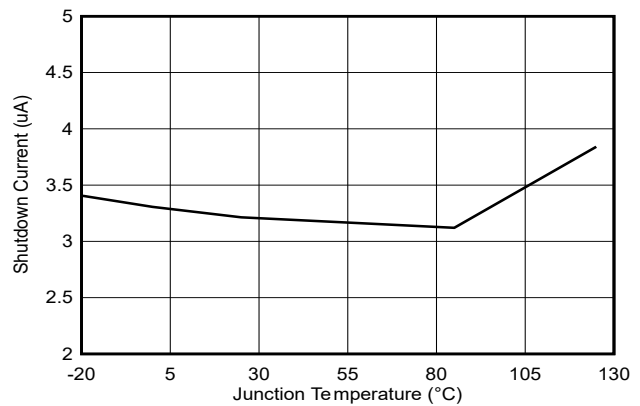**Figure 5-1. Supply Current vs Junction Temperature**
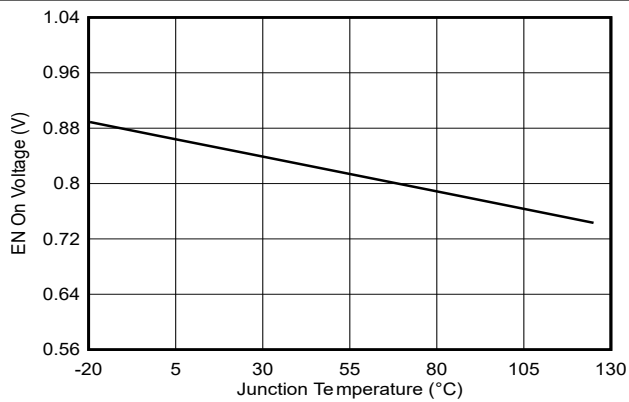

Figure 5-2. Shutdown Current vs Junction Temperature

Figure 5-3. Enable On Voltage vs Junction Temperature
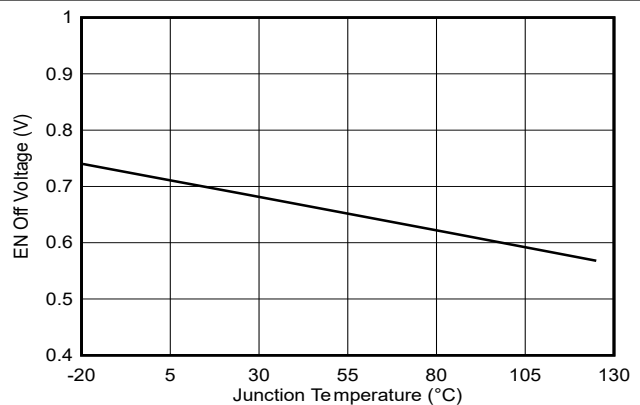
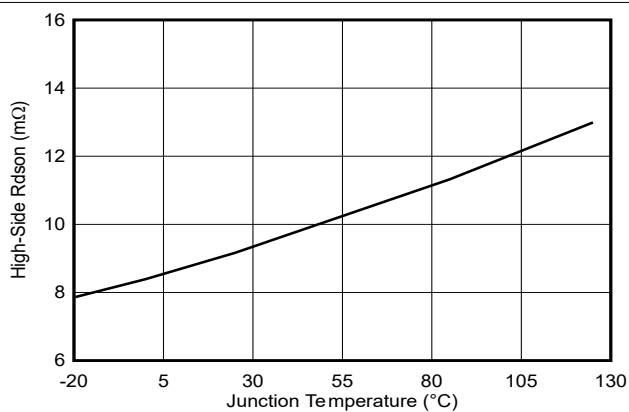

Figure 5-4. Enable Off Voltage vs Junction Temperature
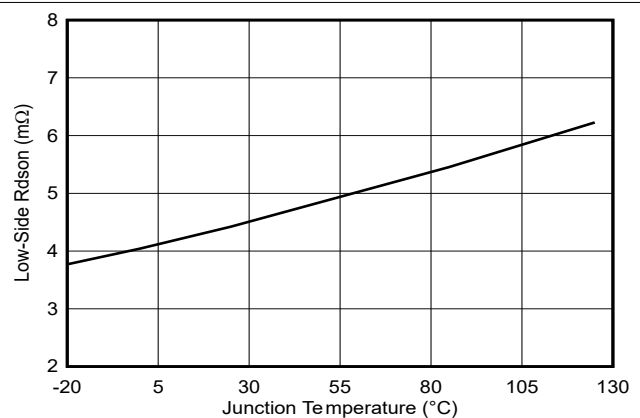

Figure 5-5. High-Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs Junction Temperature

Figure 5-6. Low-Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs Junction Temperature

5.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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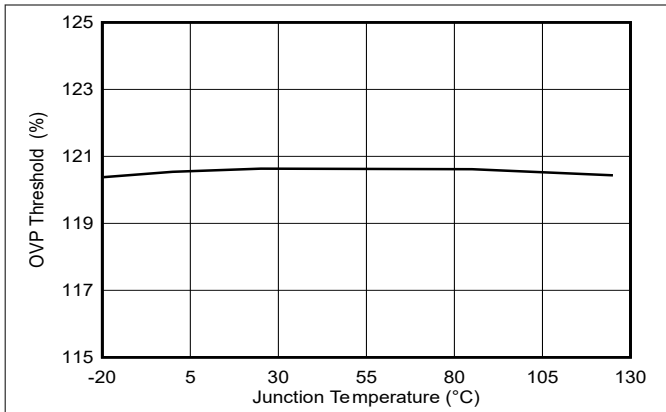
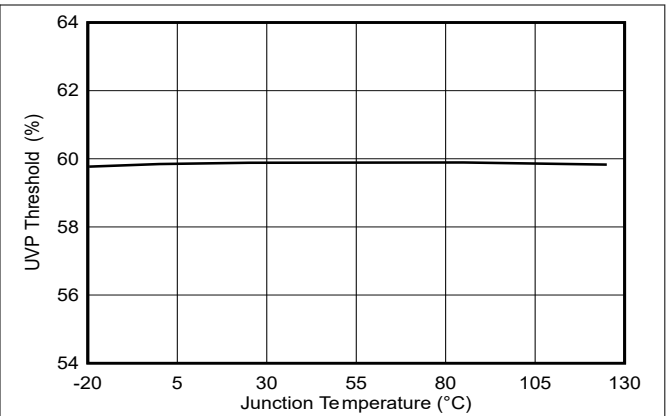**Figure 5-7. OVP Threshold vs Junction Temperature**

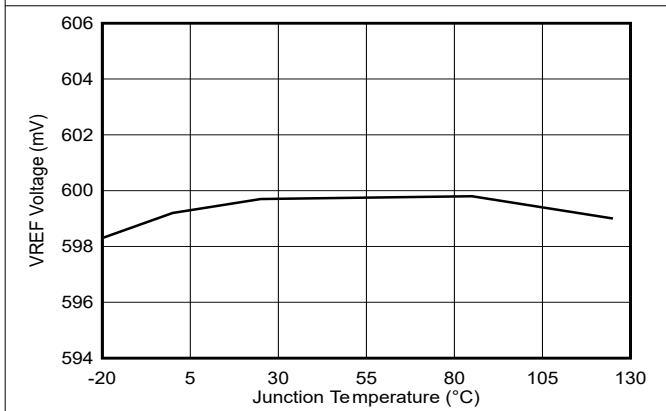**Figure 5-8. UVP Threshold vs Junction Temperature**
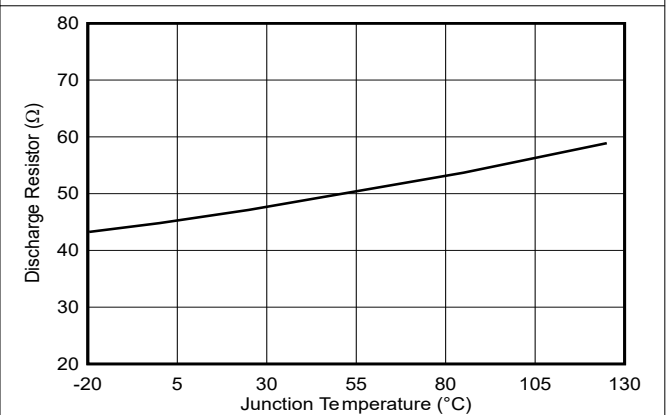

Figure 5-9. VFB Voltage vs Junction Temperature

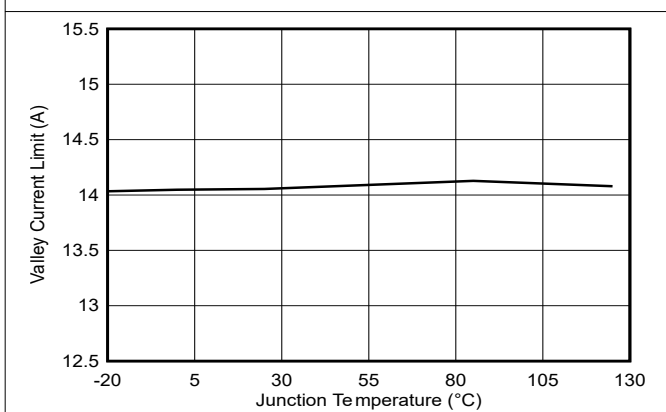**Figure 5-10. Discharge Resistor vs Junction Temperature**

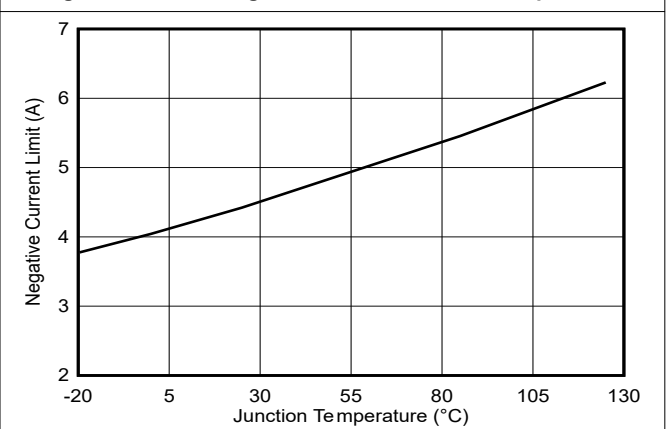**Figure 5-11. Valley Current Limit vs Junction Temperature**

Figure 5-12. Negative Current Limit vs Junction Temperature

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5.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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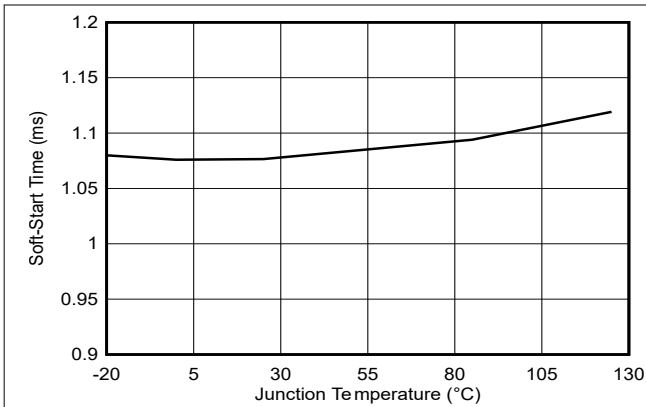

Figure 5-13. Soft-Start Time vs Junction Temperature
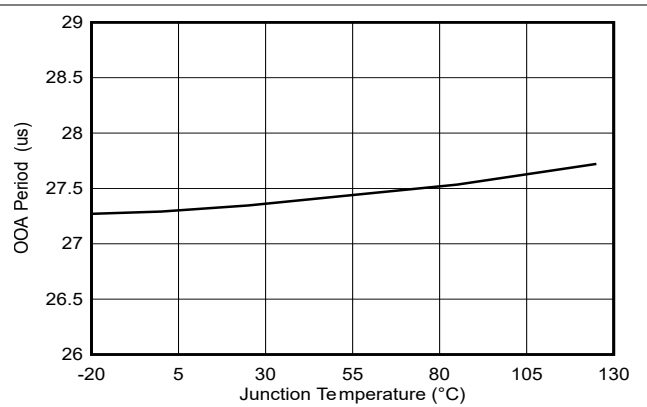
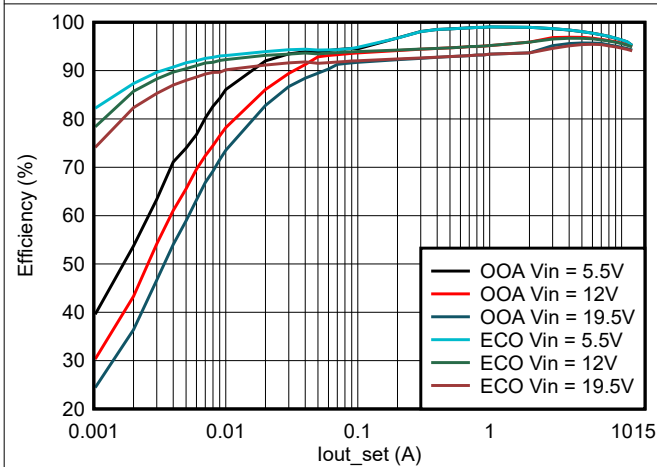

Figure 5-14. OOA Period vs Junction Temperature

Figure 5-15. Efficiency vs Load Current, 600kHz, V_{OUT} = 5.15V

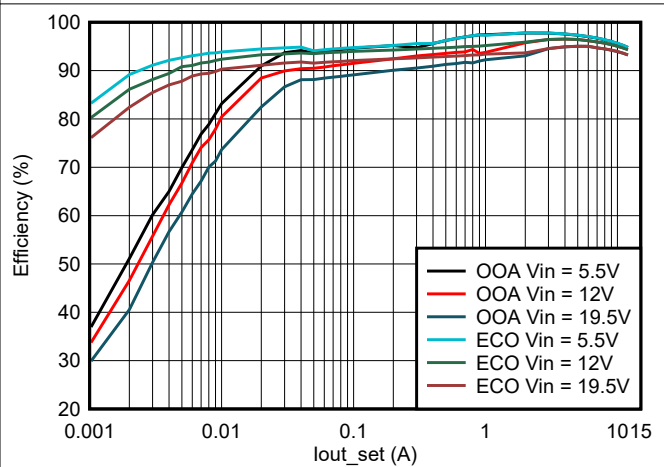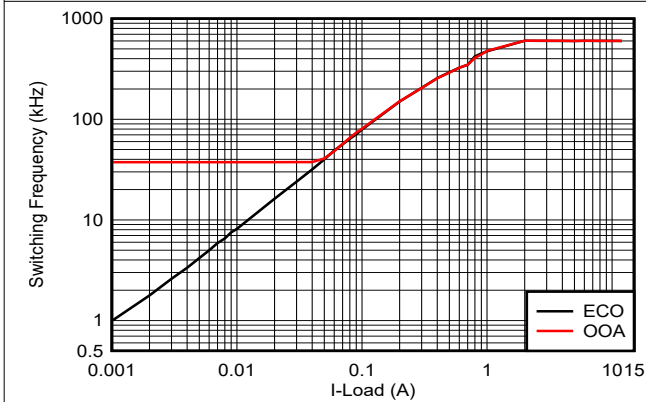**Figure 5-16. Efficiency vs Load Current, 1MHz, V_{OUT} = 5.15V**

Figure 5-17. Switching Frequency vs Load Current, F_{SW} = 600kHz

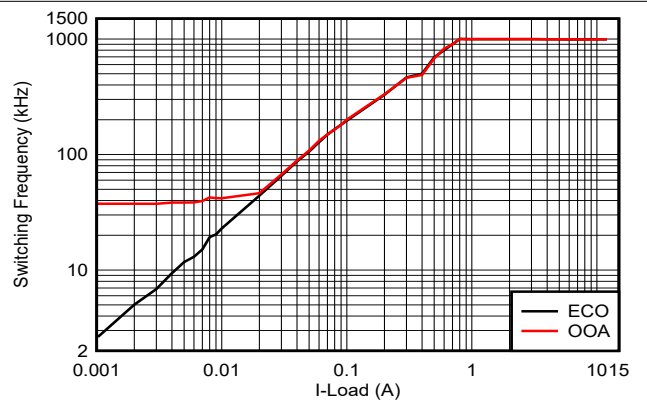**Figure 5-18. Switching Frequency vs Load Current, F_{SW} = 1MHz**

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6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

TPS51388 is 12A, integrated FET, synchronous step-down converters which can operate from 4.5 to 24V input voltage (VIN). TPS51388 is with adjustable 0.6V to 5.5V output voltage. The device has 9.2mΩ and 4.5mΩ integrated MOSFETs that enable high efficiency up to 12A. The device employs D-CAP3 control mode that provides fast transient response with no external compensation components and an accurate feedback voltage. The control topology provides seamless transition between CCM operating mode at higher load condition and DCM, Eco-mode operation at lighter load condition. DCM, Eco-mode allows the TPS51388 to maintain high efficiency at light load. TPS51388 also has selectable Out-of-Audio (OOA) mode to maintain a minimum of 25kHz switching frequency that is above audible range (20Hz – 20kHz). D-CAP3 control mode allows the use of low equivalent series resistance (ESR) output capacitors such as POSCAP or SP-CAP, and ultra-low ESR ceramic capacitors.

TPS51388 has 5V internal VCC LDO that creates bias for all internal circuitry. The undervoltage lockout (UVLO) circuit monitors the VCC pin voltage to protect the internal circuitry from low input voltages. TPS51388 has an internal pulldown current source on the EN pin, require external pullup circuit to enable buck converter.

TPS51388 features light load operation mode dynamic change by adjusting EN voltage level, which allows the device to change state between OOA Mode and Eco-mode dynamically. TPS51388 supports selectable 600kHz or 1MHz switching frequency by setting MODE pin voltage before soft start. The internal soft-start time is fixed 1ms to simplify the design circuit and reduce the external components.

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6.2 Functional Block Diagram
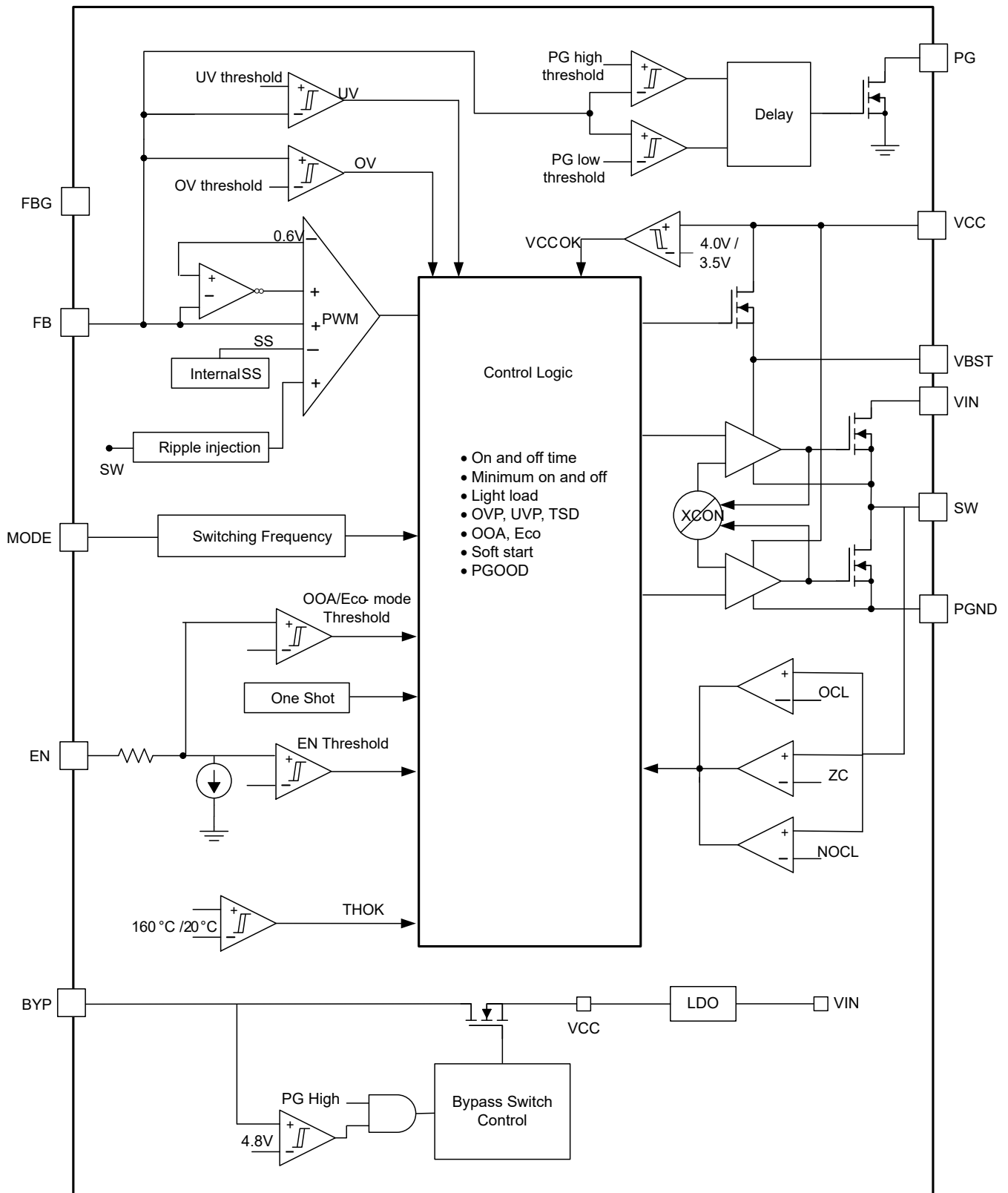
6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 PWM Operation and D-CAP3™ Control Mode

The main control loop of the buck is an adaptive on-time pulse width modulation (PWM) controller that supports a proprietary D-CAP3 control mode. The D-CAP3 control mode combines adaptive on-time control with an internal compensation circuit for pseudo-fixed frequency and low external component count configuration with both low-ESR and ceramic output capacitors. The D-CAP3 control mode is stable even with virtually no ripple at the output. The TPS51388 also includes an error amplifier that makes the output voltage high accurate.

At the beginning of each cycle, the high-side MOSFET is turned on. This MOSFET is turned off after an internal one-shot timer expires. This one-shot duration is set proportional to the converter input voltage, V_{IN}, and is inversely proportional to the output voltage, V_{OUT}, to maintain a pseudo-fixed frequency over the input voltage range, hence called adaptive on-time control. The one-shot timer is reset and the high-side MOSFET is turned on again when the feedback voltage falls below the reference voltage. An internal ripple generation circuit is added to the reference voltage to emulate the output ripple. This action enables the use of very low-ESR output capacitors such as multi-layered ceramic caps (MLCC). No external current sense network or loop compensation is required for D-CAP3 control mode.

For any control topology that is compensated internally, there is a range of the output filter the control topology can support. The output filter used with the TPS51388 is a low-pass L-C circuit. This L-C filter has a double-pole frequency calculated in Equation 1.

$$f_P = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times \sqrt{L_{OUT} \times C_{OUT}}} \qquad (1)$$

At low frequencies, the overall loop gain is set by the external output set-point resistor divider network and the internal gain of the TPS51388. The low-frequency L-C double pole has a 180 degree lag in-phase. At the output filter frequency, the gain rolls off at a –40dB per decade rate and the phase drops rapidly. The internal ripple generation network introduces a mid-frequency zero that reduces the gain roll off from –40dB to –20dB per decade and increases the phase to 90 degree one decade above the zero frequency. The inductor and capacitor selected for the output filter must be such that the double pole is placed close enough to the mid-frequency zero so that the phase boost provided by this mid-frequency zero provides adequate phase margin for the stability requirement. The crossover frequency of the overall system must usually be targeted to be less than one-third of the switching frequency (F_{SW}).

6.3.2 VCC Switchover Function

VCC switchover function is designed to bypass internal 5V LDO with the power from BYP and enhance light load efficiency. The VCC switchover is a seamless behavior of regulator and does not need any additional configuration.

The VCC pin switchover function is asserted when conditions are present:

- PGOOD is not pulled low
- VOUT voltage is higher than 4.8V and BYP pin is short to VOUT; Or external BYP voltage is higher than 4.8V.

In this switchover condition, one thing occurs: the VCC output is connected to BYP by internal switchover MOSFET. This BYP external voltage must come after VIN voltage on and quit before VIN off.

6.3.3 Soft Start

The TPS51388 has an internal 1ms soft start. When the EN pin becomes high, the internal soft-start function begins ramping up the reference voltage to the PWM comparator. If the output capacitor is prebiased at start-up, the device initiates switching and starts ramping up only after the internal reference voltage becomes greater than the feedback voltage VFB. This scheme makes sure that the converters ramp up smoothly into regulation point.

6.3.4 Large Duty Operation

The TPS51388 can support large duty operation by the internal T_{ON} extension function. When V_{IN}/V_{OUT} < 1.18 and the V_{FB} keeps lower than internal V_{REF}, the switching frequency is allowed to smoothly drop to make T_{ON} extended to implement the large duty operation and also improve the performance of the load transient performance. The TPS51388 can support up to 98% duty cycle operation.

6.3.5 Power Good

The Power-Good (PGOOD) pin is an open-drain output. TI recommends a pullup resistor of 100kΩ to pull the voltage up to VCC. After V_{FB} is between 90% and 115% of the target output voltage, the PGOOD is pulled high after a 200us de-glitch time. The PGOOD pin is pulled low when:
- FB pin voltage is lower than 83% or greater than 120% of reference voltage
- In OVP, UVP, or thermal shutdown event
- During the soft-start period

6.3.6 Overcurrent Protection and Undervoltage Protection

The TPS51388 has overcurrent protection and undervoltage protection. The output overcurrent protection (OCP) is implemented using a cycle-by-cycle low-side MOSFET valley current detection and high-side MOSFET peak current detection. The switching current is monitored by measuring the MOSFET drain to source voltage. This voltage is proportional to the switch current. To improve accuracy, the voltage sensing is temperature compensated.

During the on-time of the high-side FET switch, the switch current increases at a linear rate determined by Vin, Vout, the on-time, and the output inductor value. During the on-time of the low-side FET switch, this current decreases linearly. The average value of the switch current is the load current I_{OUT}. If the monitored current is above the OCL level, the converter maintains low-side FET on and delays the creation of a new pulse, even the voltage feedback loop requires one, until the current level becomes OCL level or lower. In subsequent switching cycles, the on-time is set to a fixed value and the current is monitored in the same manner.

There are some important considerations for this type of overcurrent protection. When the load current is higher than the $I_{OCL(VALLEY)}$ added by one half of the peak-to-peak inductor ripple current, or higher than $I_{OCL(PEAK)}$ subtracted by one half of the peak-to-peak inductor ripple current, the OCP is triggered and the output current is being limited, the output voltage tends to drop because the load demand is higher than what the converter can support. When the output voltage falls below 60% of the target voltage, the UVP comparator detects the fall, and the device is shut off after a wait time of 200μs. This protection is a latched function. The fault latching can be reset by EN going low or VCC power cycling.

The TPS51388 also implements negative overcurrent protection, which can prevent inductor current runaway when IC works in OOA mode. When the inductor valley current hits the negative overcurrent threshold (I_{NOCL} = –5.5A typical), the low-side FET turns off, then high-side FET turns on.

6.3.7 Overvoltage Protection

The TPS51388 has an overvoltage protection feature, which has the same implementation. When the output voltage becomes higher than 120% of the target voltage, the OVP comparator output goes high, and the output discharges and latches after a wait time of 256μs. This function is a latching operation, so this function needs to reset by EN going low or VIN power cycling.

6.3.8 UVLO Protection

The VIN undervoltage lockout (UVLO) protection monitors the VIN pin voltage to protect the internal circuitry from low input voltage. When the VIN voltage is lower than the UVLO threshold voltage, the device shuts off and outputs are discharged to prevent misoperation of the device. The converter begins operation again when the input voltage exceeds the threshold by a hysteresis of 650mV (typical). This protection is a non-latch protection.

6.3.9 Output Voltage Discharge

TPS51388 has a 50ohm discharge switch that discharges the output VOUT through the Vout pin during any event of fault like output overvoltage, output undervoltage, TSD, or if the VIN voltage is below the UVLO and when the EN pin voltage is below the turn-on threshold.

6.3.10 Thermal Shutdown

The TPS51388 monitors the internal die temperature. If the temperature exceeds the threshold value (typically 160°C), the device is shut off and the output is discharged. This protection is a non-latch protection. The device restarts operation when the temperature goes below the thermal shutdown threshold.

6.4 Device Functional Modes

6.4.1 Light Load Operation

The TPS51388 has the EN pin that can control two different states of operation at light load. Pull the EN above 2.2V for Eco-mode. Pull the EN between 1V to 1.6V for OOA mode. The EN pin can be toggled dynamically, even when the converter is in operation.

6.4.2 Advanced Eco-mode Control

The advanced Eco-mode control schemes to maintain high light load efficiency. As the output current decreases from heavy load conditions, the inductor current is also reduced and eventually comes to a point where the rippled valley touches zero level, which is the boundary between continuous conduction and discontinuous conduction modes. The rectifying MOSFET is turned off when the zero inductor current is detected. As the load current further decreases, the converter runs into discontinuous conduction mode. The on-time is kept almost the same as in continuous conduction mode so that discharging the output capacitor with smaller load current to the level of the reference voltage takes longer. This action makes the switching frequency lower, proportional to the load current, and keeps the light load efficiency high. Use Equation 2 to calculate the light load current where the transition to Eco-mode operation happens ($I_{OUT(LL)}$).

$$I_{OUT(LL)} = \frac{1}{2 \times L_{OUT} \times F_{SW}} \times \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \tag{2}$$

After identifying the application requirements, design the output inductance (L_{OUT}) so that the inductor peak-to-peak ripple current is approximately between 20% and 40% of $I_{OUT(max)}$ (peak current in the application). Sizing the inductor properly so that the valley current does not hit the negative low-side current limit is important.

6.4.3 Out-of-Audio™ Mode

Out-of-Audio (OOA) mode is a unique control feature that keeps the switching frequency above audible frequency with minimum reduction in efficiency. This mode prevents audio noise generation from the output capacitors and inductor. During Out-of-Audio operation, the OOA control circuit monitors the states of both high-side and low-side MOSFETs and forces them to switch. When both high-side and low-side MOSFETs are off for more than 30µs during a light-load condition, the low-side FET discharges until output voltage drops to trigger the high-side FET on or inductor current hits negative OC limit.

If the EN pin is selected to operate in OOA mode, when the device works at light load, the minimum switching frequency is above 20kHz, which avoids the audible noise in the system. When the device works in OOA mode, TI recommends setting the valley value of inductor current above –3A by choosing the appropriate inductor.

6.4.4 Mode Selection

TPS51388 has a MODE pin that can be used to select 600kHz or 1MHz switching frequency. The device reads the voltage on the MODE pin during start-up and latches onto one of the MODE options listed below in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1. MODE Pin Settings

VOLTAGE ON MODE	RECOMMENDED DESIGN	FREQUENCY (kHz)
> 1V	Pull high to VCC/EN	600
< 0.4V	Pull low to GND	1000

Figure 6-1 shows the typical start-up sequence of the device after the enable signal crosses the EN turn-on threshold. After the voltage on VCC crosses the rising UVLO threshold, finishing the frequency selection takes about 104µs. The output voltage starts ramping after the mode selection.
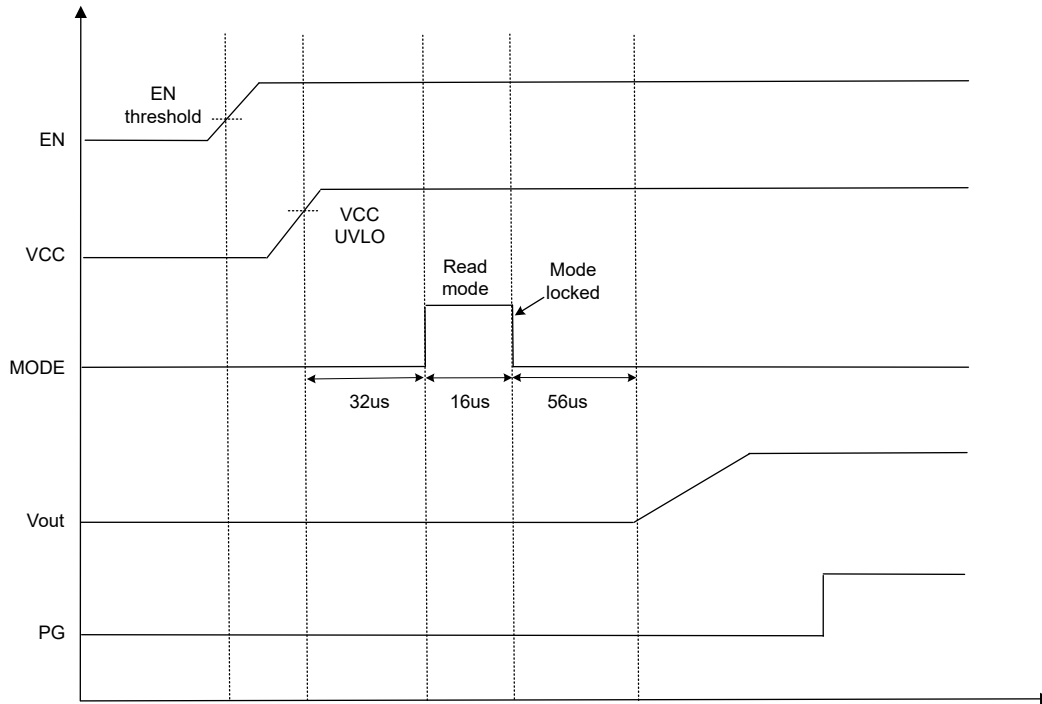

Figure 6-1. Power-Up Sequence

6.4.5 Standby Operation

The TPS51388 can be placed in standby mode by pulling the EN pin low. The device operates with a shutdown current of 3µA when in standby condition. EN pin is pulled low internally. When floating, the part is disabled by default.

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7 Application and Implementation

> **Note**
>
> Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

7.1 Application Information

The schematic in Figure 7-1 shows a typical application for TPS51388 with 5.15V output. This design converts an input voltage range of 5.5V to 24V down to 5.15V with a maximum output current of 12A.

7.2 Typical Application
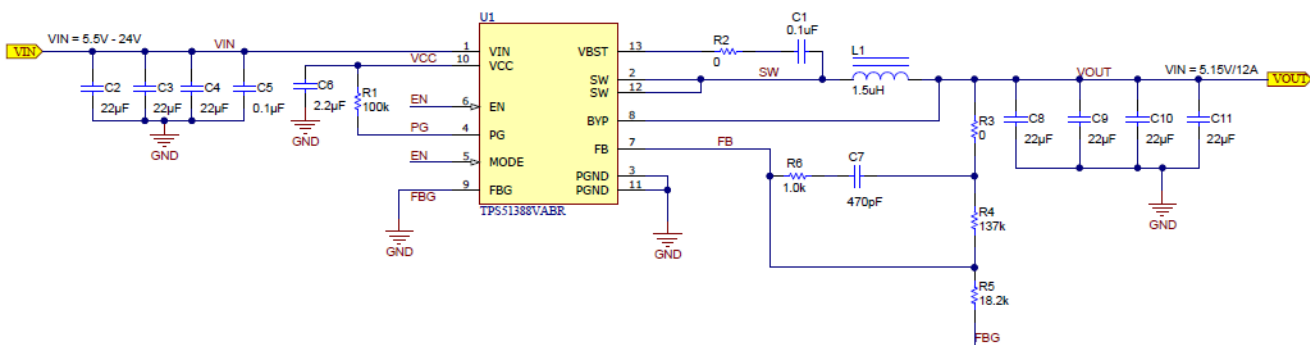
Figure 7-1. 5.15V, 12A Reference Design

7.2.1 Design Requirements

Table 7-1 lists the design parameters for this example.

Table 7-1. Design Parameters

PARAMETER		CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
OUTPUT						
V_{OUT}	Output voltage			5.15		V
I_{OUT}	Output current			12		A
V_{IN}	Input voltage		5.5	19.5	24	V
$V_{OUT(ripple)}$	Output voltage ripple	0A – 12A loading		40		mV_{P-P}
F_{SW}	Switching frequency			600		kHz
	Light load operating mode			Eco-mode		
T_A	Ambient temperature			25		°C

7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

7.2.2.1 Custom Design With WEBENCH® Tools

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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.

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

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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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7.2.2.2 External Component Selection

7.2.2.2.1 VOUT and FB Pin Configuration

As TPS51388 is with adjustable 0.6V to 5.5V output voltage, the user can change the output voltage above 0.6V, by changing FB resistor, See Equation 3 . A feedforward compensation can be used to improve load transient performance.

$$V_{OUT} = 0.6 \times \left(1 + \frac{R_{UPPER}}{R_{LOWER}}\right) \tag{3}$$

7.2.2.2.2 MODE Selection

The switching frequency is set by the voltage configured on the MODE pin. See Table 6-1 for possible MODE pin configurations. For this design example, the switching frequency is about 600kHz.

7.2.2.2.3 Inductor Selection

The inductor ripple current is filtered by the output capacitor. A higher inductor ripple current means the output capacitor must have a ripple current rating higher than the inductor ripple current. See Table 7-2 for recommended inductor values.

Use Equation 4 and Equation 5 to calculate the RMS and peak currents through the inductor. Make sure that the inductor is rated to handle these currents.

$$I_{L(rms)} = \sqrt{I^2_{OUT} + \frac{1}{12} \times \left[\frac{V_{OUT} \times \left(V_{IN(max)} - V_{OUT}\right)}{V_{IN(max)} \times L_{OUT} \times F_{SW}}\right]^2} \tag{4}$$

$$I_{L(peak)} = I_{OUT} + \frac{I_{OUT(ripple)}}{2} \tag{5}$$

Under transient and short-circuit conditions, the inductor current can increase up to the current limit of the device, choosing an inductor with a saturation current higher than the peak current under current limit condition is safe.

7.2.2.2.4 Output Capacitor Selection

After selecting the inductor, the output capacitor must be optimized. In D-CAP3 control mode, the regulator reacts within one cycle to the change in the duty cycle, so good transient performance can be achieved without needing large amounts of output capacitance. The recommended output capacitance range is given in the following table. Ceramic capacitors have very low ESR, otherwise the maximum ESR of the capacitor must be less than $V_{OUT(ripple)}/I_{OUT(ripple)}$.

Table 7-2. Recommended Component Values

V_{OUT} (V)	R_{LOWER} (kΩ)	R_{UPPER} (kΩ)	F_{sw} (kHz)	L_{OUT} (µH)	$C_{OUT(Range)}$ (µF)	R_{FF} (kΩ)	C_{FF} (pF)
1	15	10	600	0.47	188-500	—	—
1	15	10	1000	0.33/0.47	94-250	—	—
3.3	20	90	600	1.2	88-500	1	470
3.3	20	90	1000	1.0/1.2	44-250	1	470
5	15	110	600	1.5	88-500	1	470
5	15	110	1000	1.2/1.5	44-250	1	470

7.2.2.2.5 Input Capacitor Selection

The TPS51388 requires input decoupling capacitors on power supply input pin VIN, and the bulk capacitors are needed depending on the application. Use Equation 6 to calculate the minimum input capacitance required.

$$C_{IN(min)} = \frac{I_{OUT} \times V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(ripple)} \times V_{IN} \times F_{SW}}$$ (6)

TI recommends using a high-quality X5R or X7R input decoupling capacitors of nominal 44µF/35V on the input voltage pin VIN. The voltage rating on the input capacitor must be greater than the maximum input voltage. The capacitor must also have a ripple current rating greater than the maximum input current ripple of the application. Use Equation 7 to calculate the input ripple current:

$$I_{CIN(rms)} = I_{OUT} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(min)}} \times \frac{\left(V_{IN(min)} - V_{OUT}\right)}{V_{IN(min)}}}$$ (7)

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7.2.3 Application Curves

Figure 7-2 through Figure 7-19 apply to the circuit of Figure 7-1. V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 5.15V, F_{SW} = 600kHz, T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise specified.
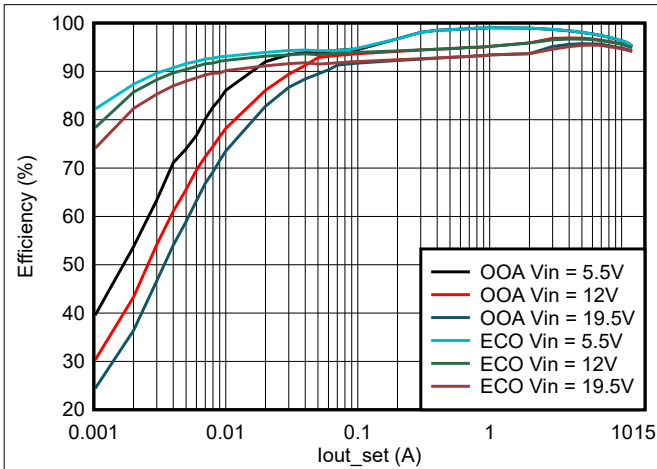
Figure 7-2. Efficiency Curve, 600kHz, V_{OUT} = 5.15V
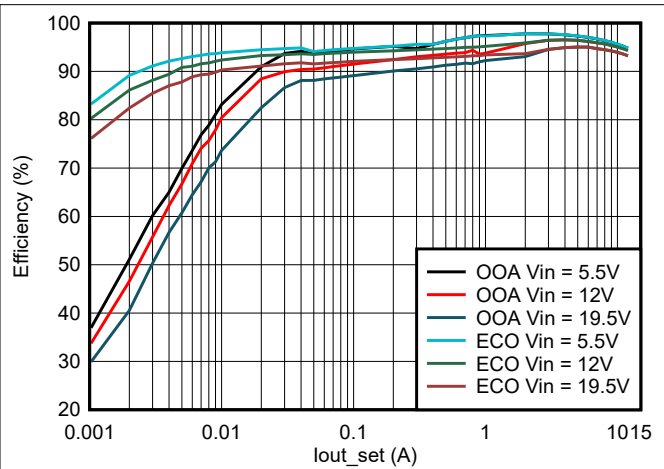
Figure 7-3. Efficiency Curve, 1MHz, V_{OUT} = 5.15V
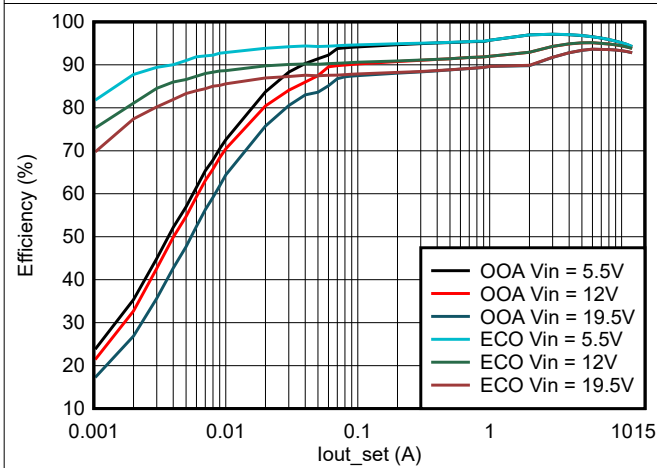
Figure 7-4. Efficiency Curve, 600kHz, V_{OUT} = 3.3V
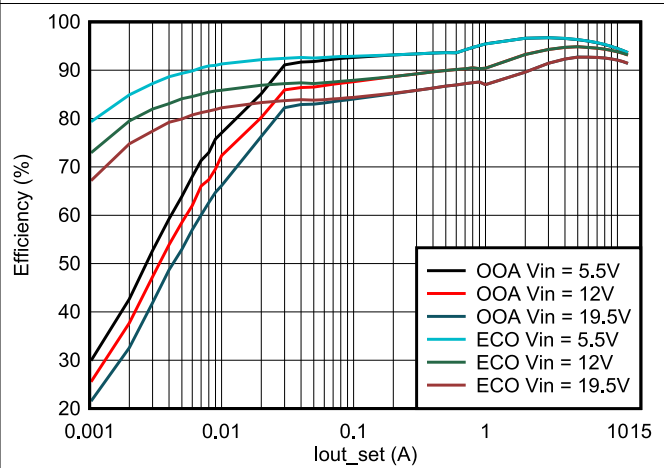
Figure 7-5. Efficiency Curve, 1MHz, V_{OUT} = 3.3V
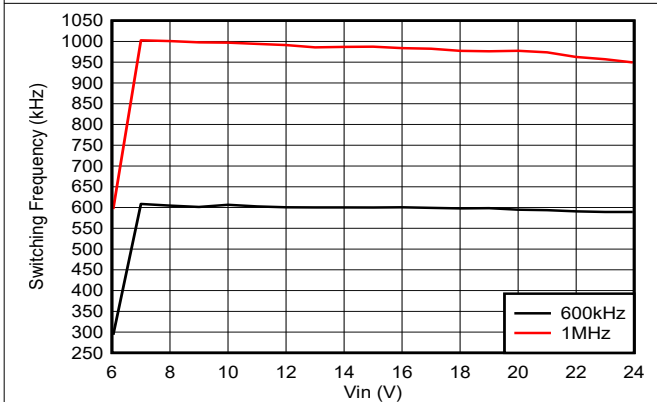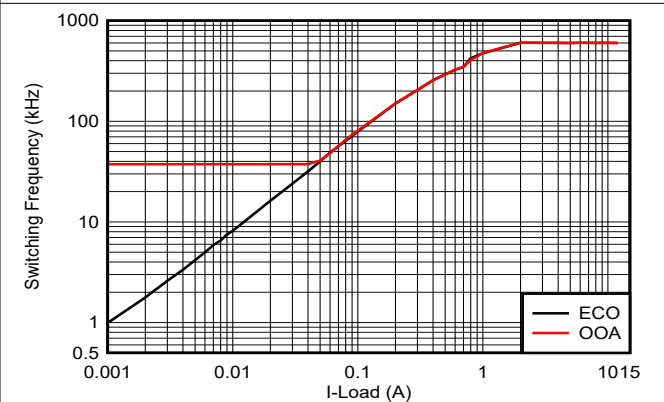

Figure 7-6. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage, I_{OUT} = 6A

Figure 7-7. Switching Frequency vs Output Load
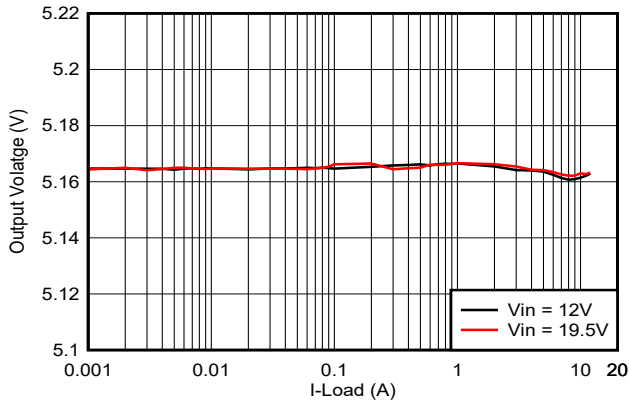
Figure 7-8. Load Regulation, V$_{in}$ = 12V / 19.5V
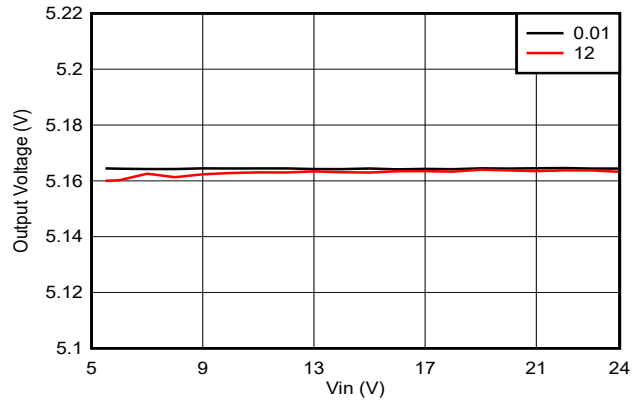
Figure 7-9. Line Regulation, I$_{OUT}$ = 0.01A / 12A
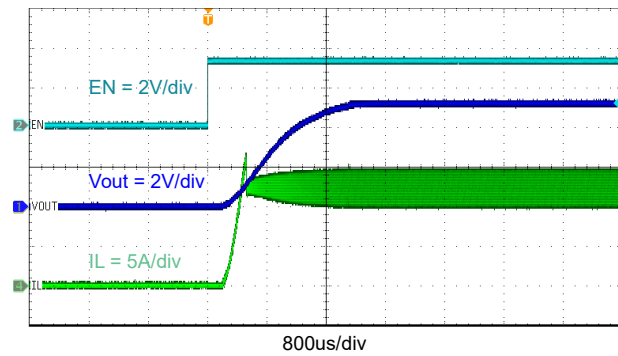
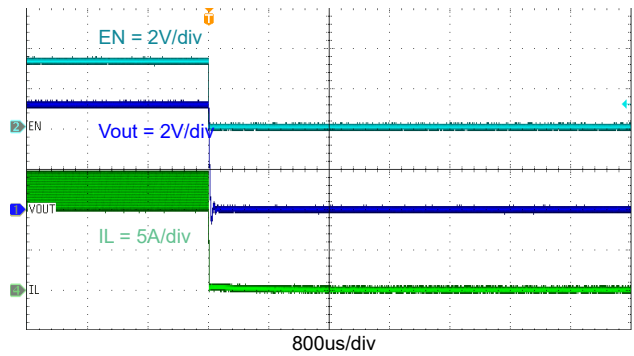**Figure 7-10. Start-Up Through EN, I$_{OUT}$ = 12A**

Figure 7-11. Shutdown Through EN, I$_{OUT}$ = 12A
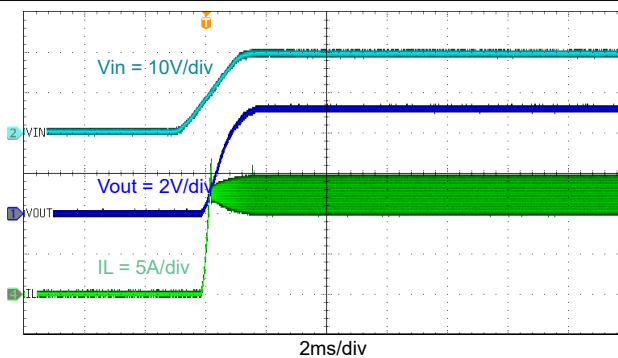

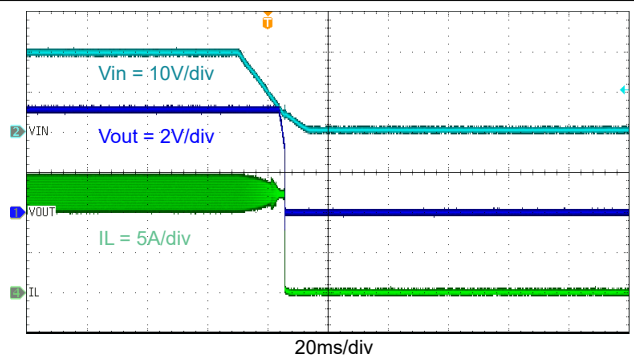**Figure 7-12. Start-Up Relative to VIN Rising, I$_{OUT}$ = 12A**

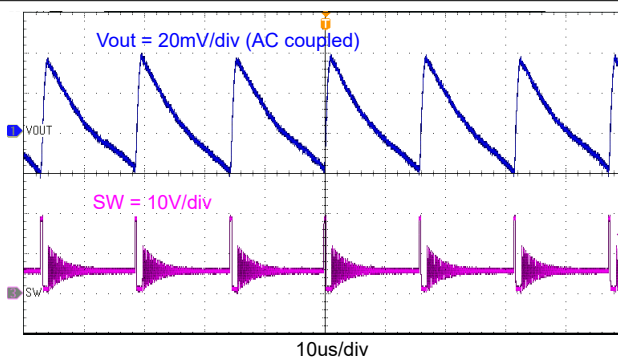**Figure 7-13. Shutdown Relative to VIN Falling, I$_{OUT}$ = 5A**

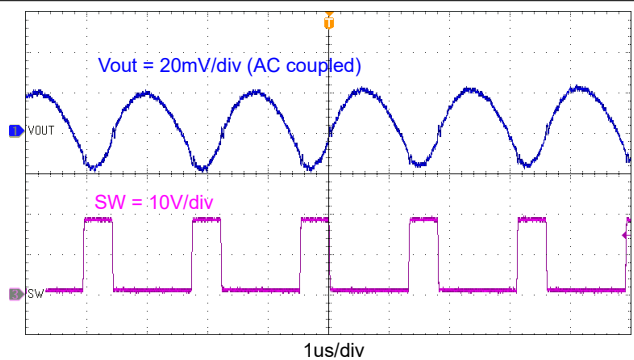**Figure 7-14. Output Voltage Ripple, I$_{OUT}$ = 0.1A**

Figure 7-15. Output Voltage Ripple, I$_{OUT}$ = 6A
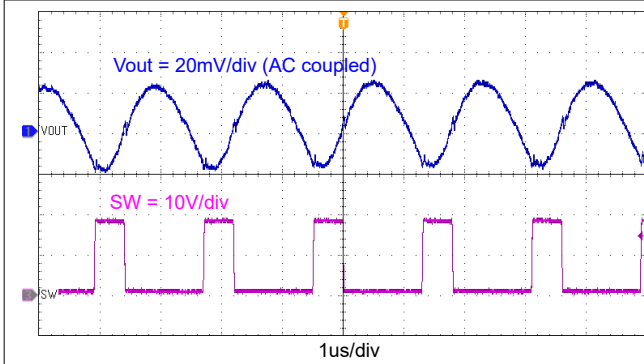
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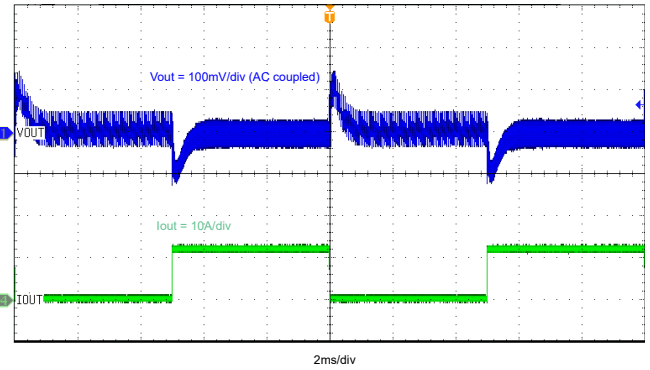**Figure 7-16. Output Voltage Ripple, I$_{OUT}$ = 12A**

Figure 7-17. Transient Response, 0A to 12A, Slew Rate = 1.6A/µs
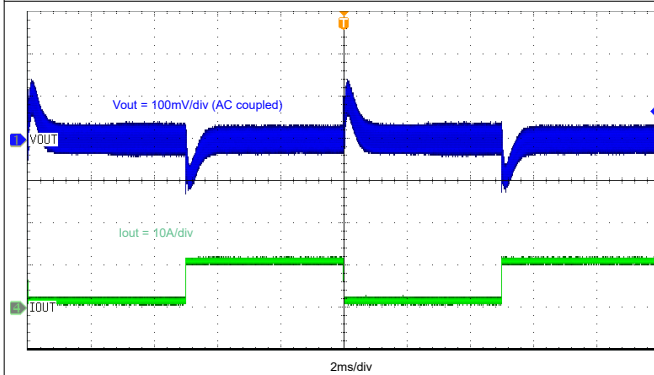

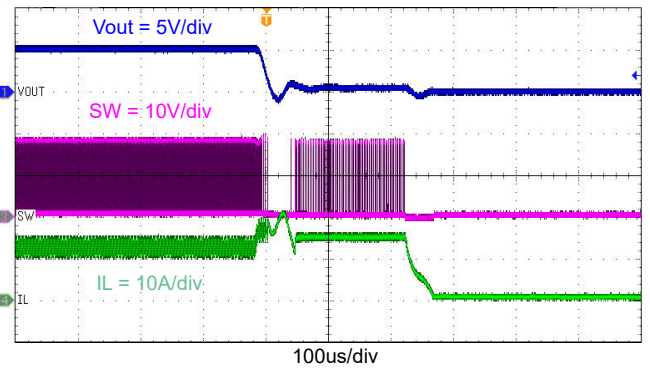**Figure 7-18. Transient Response, 1.2A to 10.8A, Slew Rate = 1.6A/µs**

Figure 7-19. Normal Operation to Output Hard Short

7.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPS51388 is intended to be powered by a well-regulated DC voltage. The input voltage range is 4.5V to 24V. The TPS51388 is a buck converter. The input supply voltage must be greater than the desired output voltage for proper operation. Input supply current must be appropriate for the desired output current. If the input voltage supply is located far away from the TPS51388 circuit, TI recommends some additional input bulk capacitance. Typical values are 100µF to 470µF.

7.4 Layout

7.4.1 Layout Guidelines

- Make note that the PCB layout of any DC/DC converter is critical to the excellent performance of the design. Bad PCB layout can disrupt the operation of a good schematic design. Even if the converter regulates correctly, bad PCB layout can mean the difference between a robust design and one that cannot be mass produced. Furthermore, the EMI performance of the converter is dependent on the PCB layout to a great extent. In a buck converter, the most critical PCB feature is the loop formed by the input capacitors and power ground. This loop carries large transient currents that can cause large transient voltages when reacting with the trace inductance. These unwanted transient voltages disrupt the proper operation of the converter. Because of this fact, the traces in this loop must be wide and short, and the loop area as small as possible to reduce the parasitic inductance.
- Use a four-layer PCB for good thermal performance and with maximum ground plane. 3-inch × 2.75-inch, top and bottom layer PCB with 2oz copper is used as example.
- Place the decoupling capacitors right across VIN and VCC as close as possible.
- Place output inductors and capacitors with IC at the same layer. The SW routing must be as short as possible to minimize EMI, and must be a width plane to carry big current. Enough vias must be added to the PGND connection of output capacitors and also as close to the output pin as possible.
- Place BST resistor and capacitor with IC at the same layer, close to BST and SW plane. TI recommends > 10-mil width trace to reduce line parasitic inductance.
- Make feedback 10 mil and routed away from the switching node, BST node, or other high speed digital signal.
- Make VIN trace wide to reduce the trace impedance and provide enough current capability.
- Place multiple vias under the device near VIN and PGND and near input capacitors to reduce parasitic inductance and improve thermal performance.

7.4.2 Layout Example

Figure 7-20 shows the recommended top-side layout. Component reference designators are the same as the circuit shown in *TPS51388 Step-Down Converter Evaluation Module* EVM user's guide.
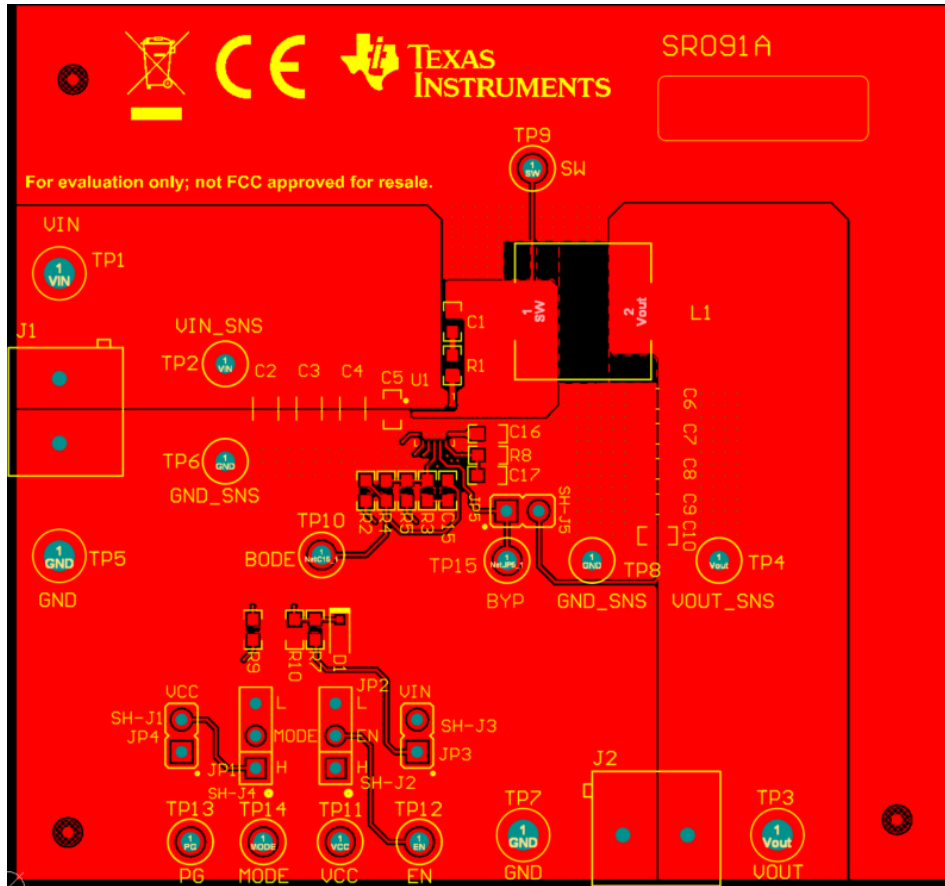

Figure 7-20. Top-Side Layout

8 Device and Documentation Support

8.1 Device Support

8.1.1 Development Support

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8.2 Documentation Support

8.2.1 Related Documentation

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Texas Instruments, *TPS51388 Step-Down Converter Evaluation Module* EVM user's guide

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

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

8.7 Glossary

TI Glossary   This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.
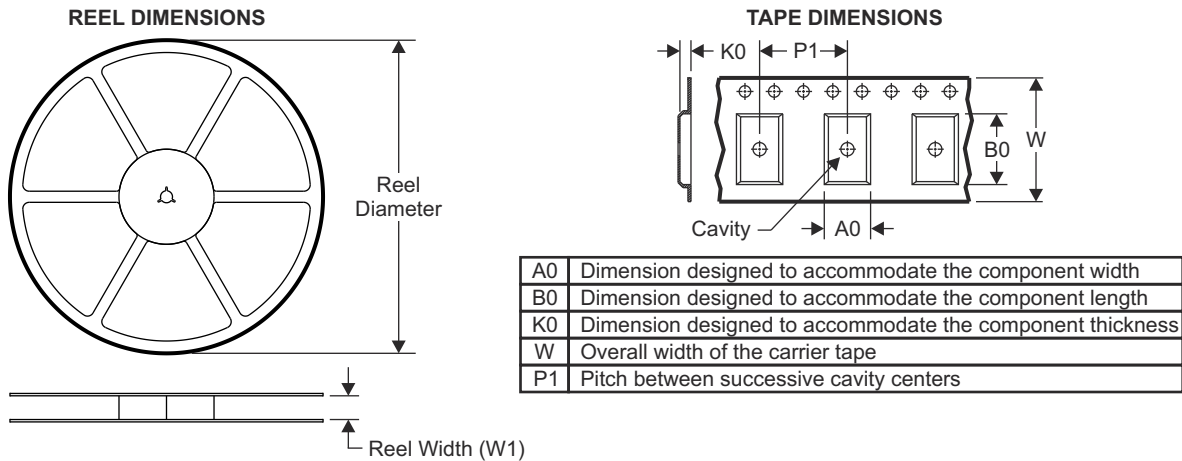
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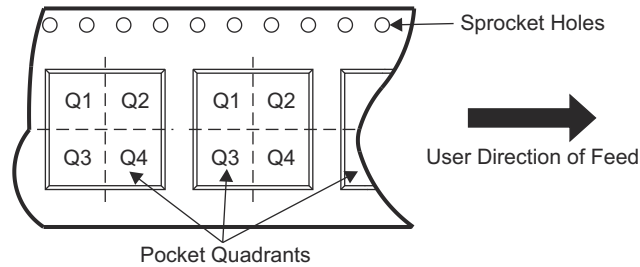| DATE	REVISION	NOTES
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10 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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

10.1 Tape and Reel Information

REEL DIMENSIONS

TAPE DIMENSIONS

A0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component width
B0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
K0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
W	Overall width of the carrier tape
P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE

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
TPS51388VABR	VQFN-HR	VAB	13	4000	330	12.4	3.3	4.3	1.1	8	12	Q1

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TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS
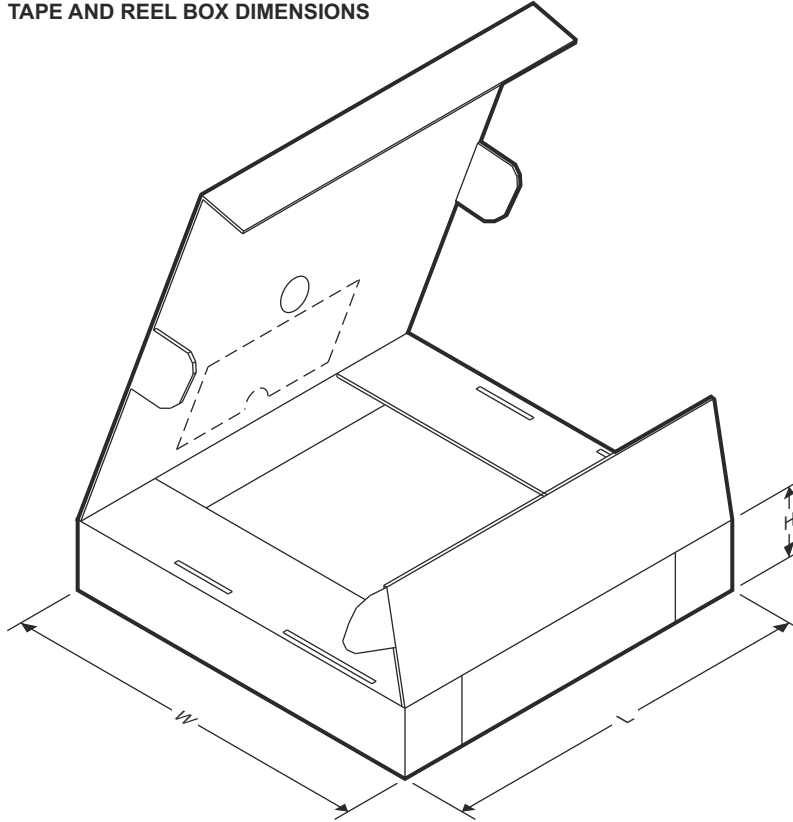
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TPS51388VABR	VQFN-HR	VAB	13	4000	367	367	35

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PACKAGE OUTLINE

VAB0013A

VQFN-HR - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

PIN 1 INDEX AREA

3.1 / 2.9 (B to A)

4.1 / 3.9

1.0 / 0.8

0.05 / 0.00

SEATING PLANE

[C]

0.08 C

5X 1.35± 0.05
(0.971)
2X 0.9
2X 0.45
2X 0.2± 0.05
0.000 PKG ℄
2X 0.2± 0.05
2X 0.45
2X 0.9
5X 1.35± 0.05

(0.1) TYP

(R0.244)

2X 1.125

2X 0.78± 0.05
2X 0.625
2X 0.125
2X 0.02± 0.05

(0.078)

0.000 PKG ℄

2X 0.45

1± 0.05

1.125
1.5± 0.05

2X 0.35 / 0.25

0.1 Ⓜ C A B
0.05 Ⓜ C

1.25

1.75

21X 0.25 / 0.15

0.1 Ⓜ C A B
0.05 Ⓜ C

(0.15) TYP

0.5± 0.05

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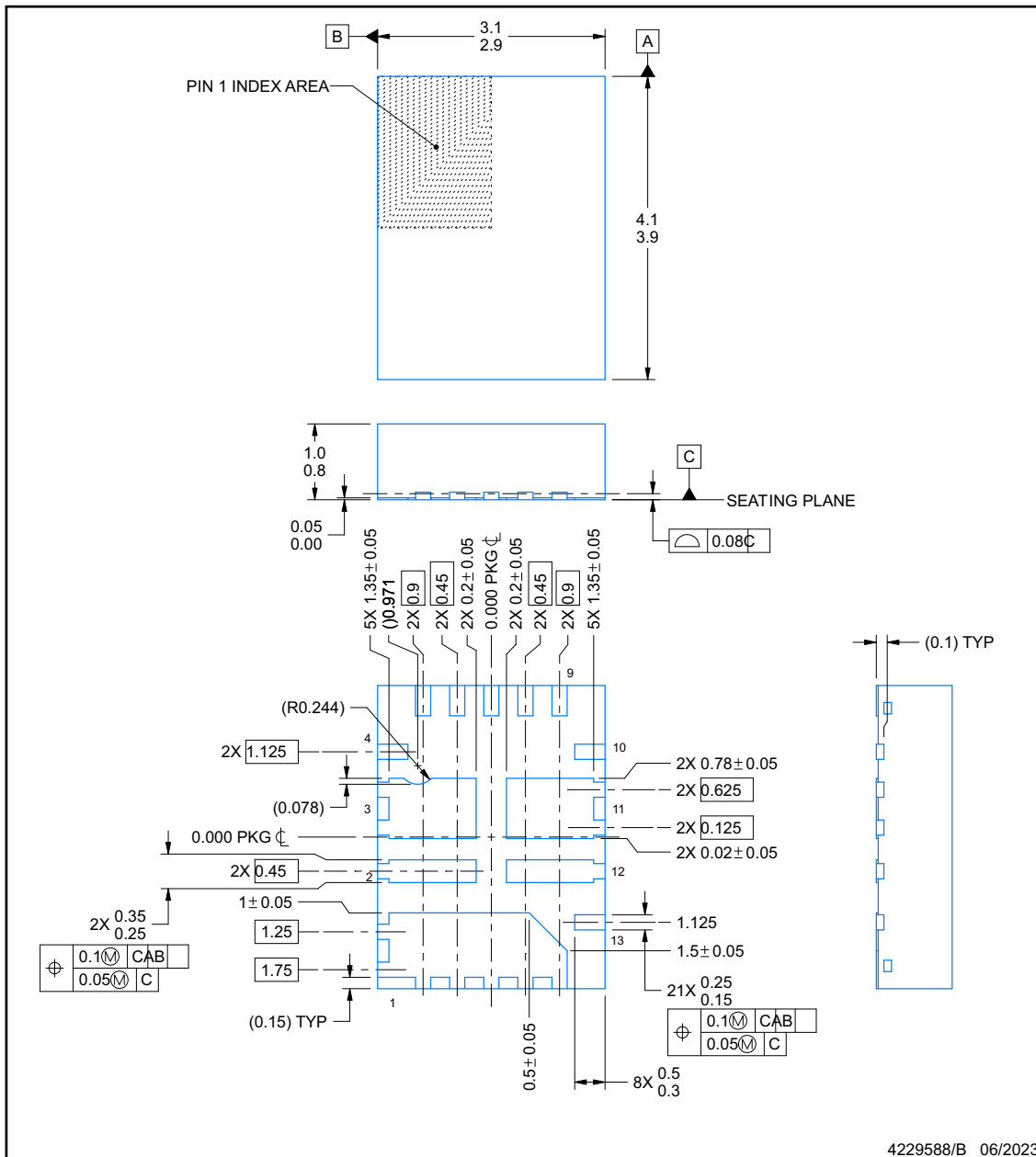
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NOTES:

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

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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

VAB0013A

VQFN-HR - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
SCALE: 20X

SOLDER MASK DETAILS

NON SOLDER MASK DEFINED

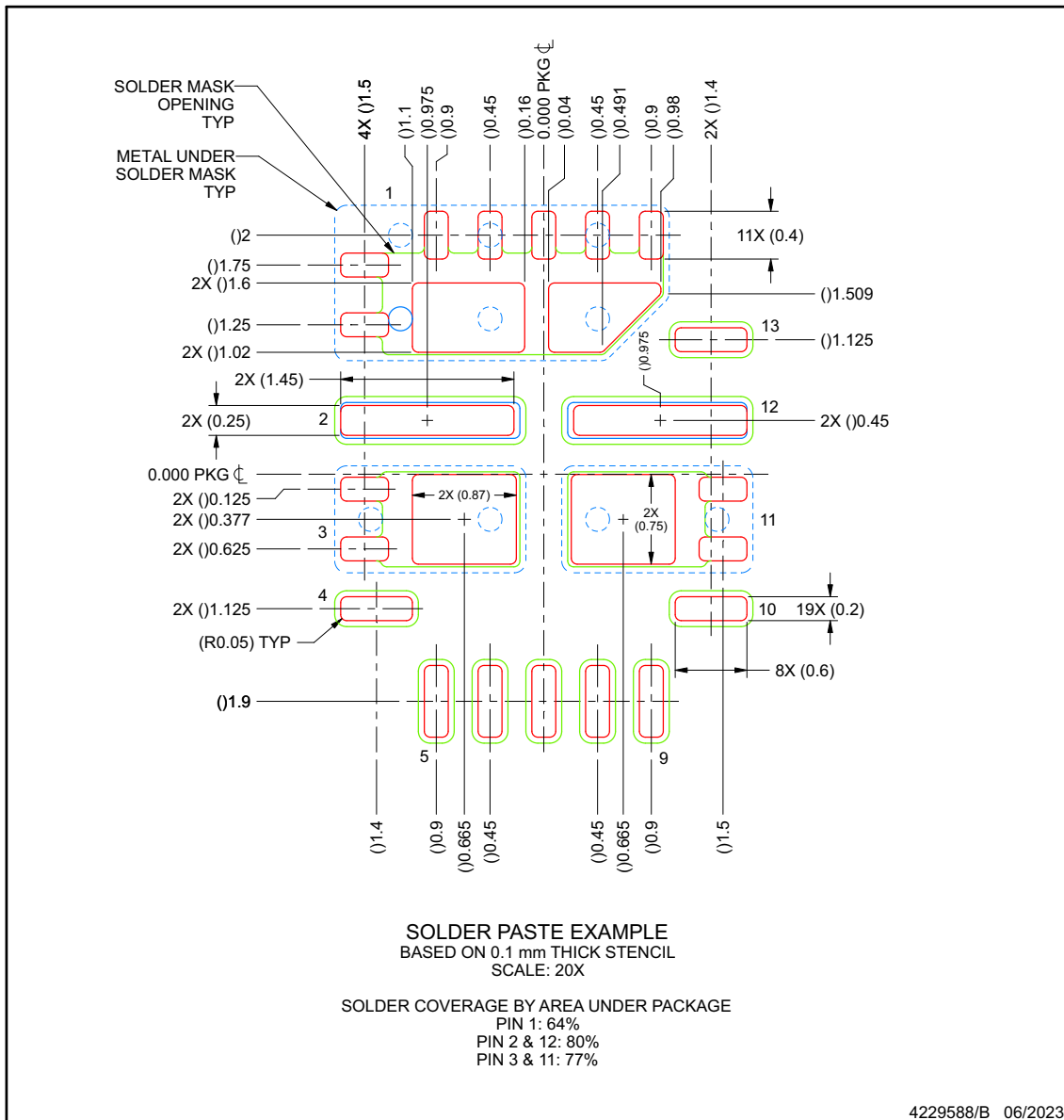SOLDER MASK DEFINED

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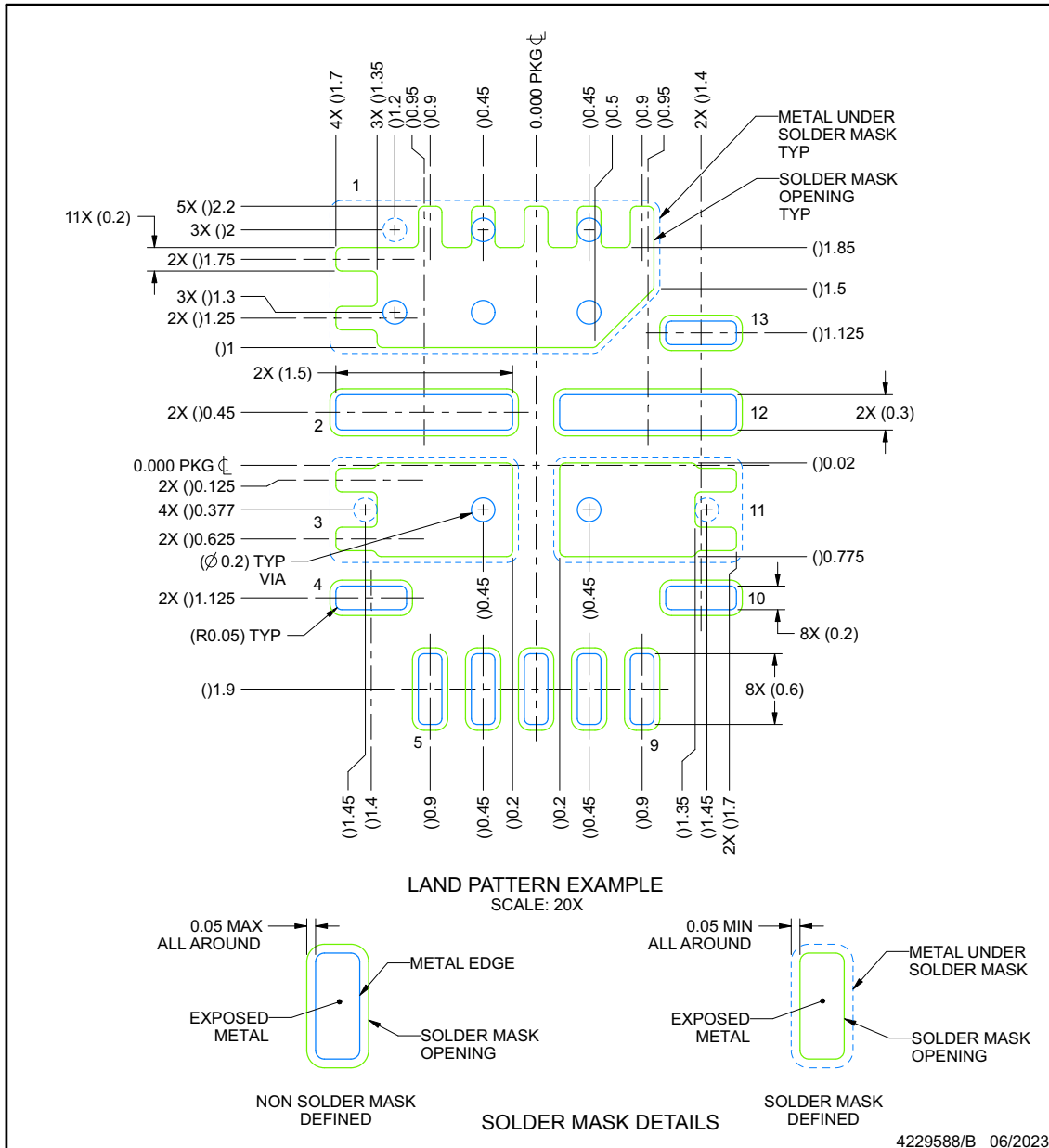
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4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).
5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

VAB0013A

VQFN-HR - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.1 mm THICK STENCIL
SCALE: 20X

SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE
PIN 1: 64%
PIN 2 & 12: 80%
PIN 3 & 11: 77%

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

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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
TPS51388VABR	ACTIVE	VQFN-HR	VAB	13	4000	RoHS & Green	SN	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	51388	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.

OBSOLETE: TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) **RoHS:** TI defines "RoHS" to mean semiconductor products that are compliant with the current EU RoHS requirements for all 10 RoHS substances, including the requirement that RoHS substance do not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials. Where designed to be soldered at high temperatures, "RoHS" products are suitable for use in specified lead-free processes. TI may reference these types of products as "Pb-Free".

RoHS Exempt: TI defines "RoHS Exempt" to mean products that contain lead but are compliant with EU RoHS pursuant to a specific EU RoHS exemption.

Green: TI defines "Green" to mean the content of Chlorine (Cl) and Bromine (Br) based flame retardants meet JS709B low halogen requirements of <=1000ppm threshold. Antimony trioxide based flame retardants must also meet the <=1000ppm threshold requirement.

(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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