

# Split-Rail Converter With Configurable Dual, Positive and Negative Outputs Reference Design



## Description

The LM2733 boost converter design generates a positive and negative output. An analog dc input voltage can be used to configure the outputs. Both outputs can be dynamically changed using an external voltage.

## Features

- Current mode boost converter
- Configurable outputs
- Negative and positive output
- High 1.6-MHz switching frequency

## Applications

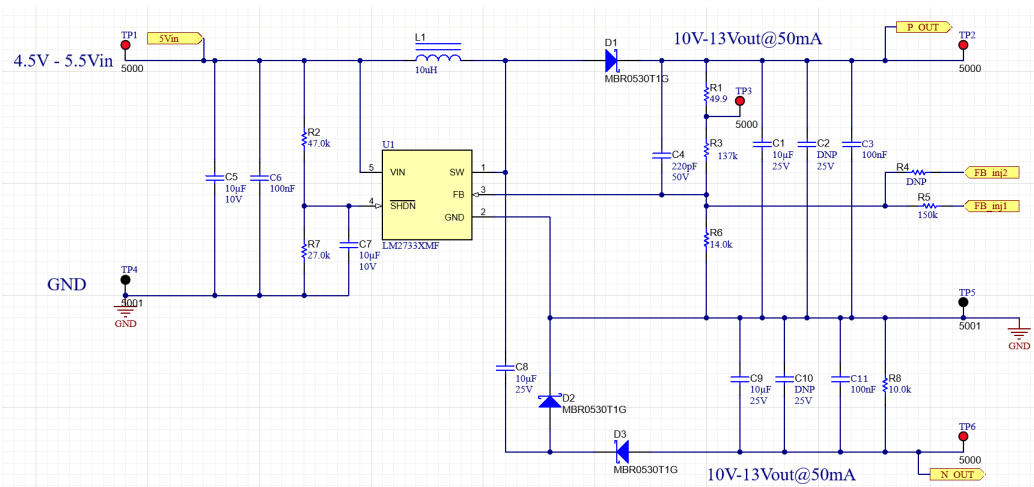
- [Robot servo drive](#)



Top Photo



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Schematic

## 1 Test Prerequisites

### 1.1 Voltage and Current Requirements

**Table 1-1. Voltage and Current Requirements**

Parameter	Specifications
Input voltage Range	4.5 V to 5.5 V
Output Voltage 1	10 V to 13 V
Maximum Output Current 1	50 mA
Maximum Output Voltage 2	-13 V to -10 V
Maximum Output Current 2	50 mA
IC	LM2733X
Switching Frequency	1.6 MHz (data sheet)
Topology	Boost

### 1.2 Considerations

All testings were done with 5-V input voltage. Unless otherwise indicated, resistors were used as load.

### 1.3 Dimensions

The size of the two-layer board is 32.4 mm × 30.5 mm.

## 2 Testing and Results

### 2.1 Efficiency and Load Regulation Graphs

#### 2.1.1 Symmetrical Load

##### 2.1.1.1 Efficiency and Loss

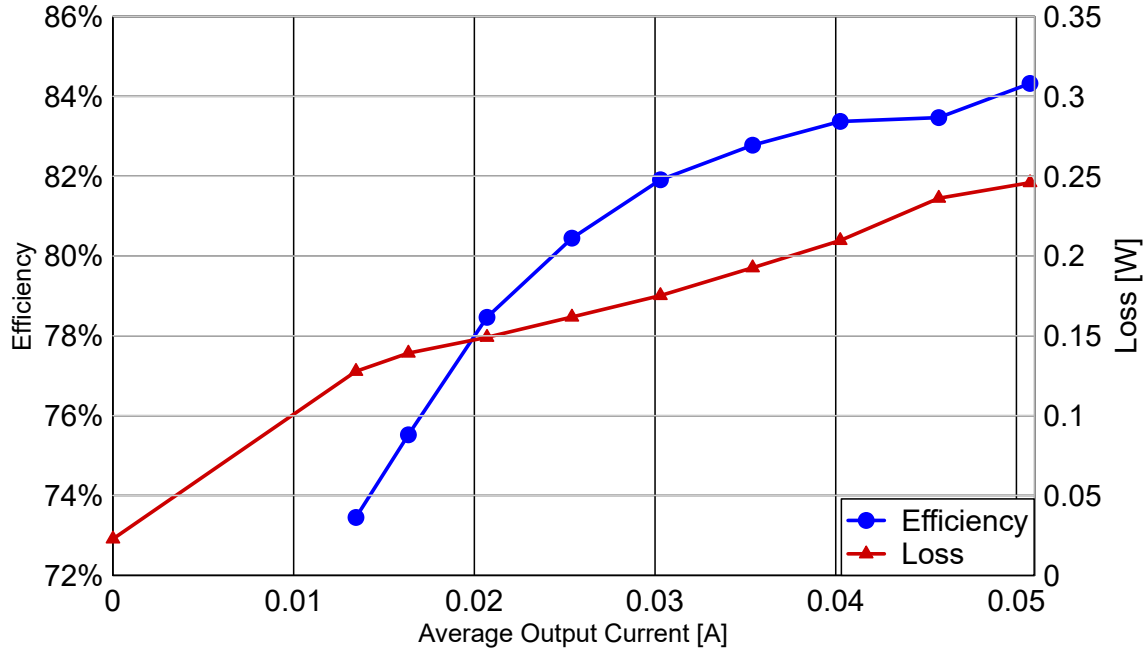


Figure 2-1. Efficiency and Loss vs Average Output Current (Symmetrical Load)

##### 2.1.1.2 Load Regulation

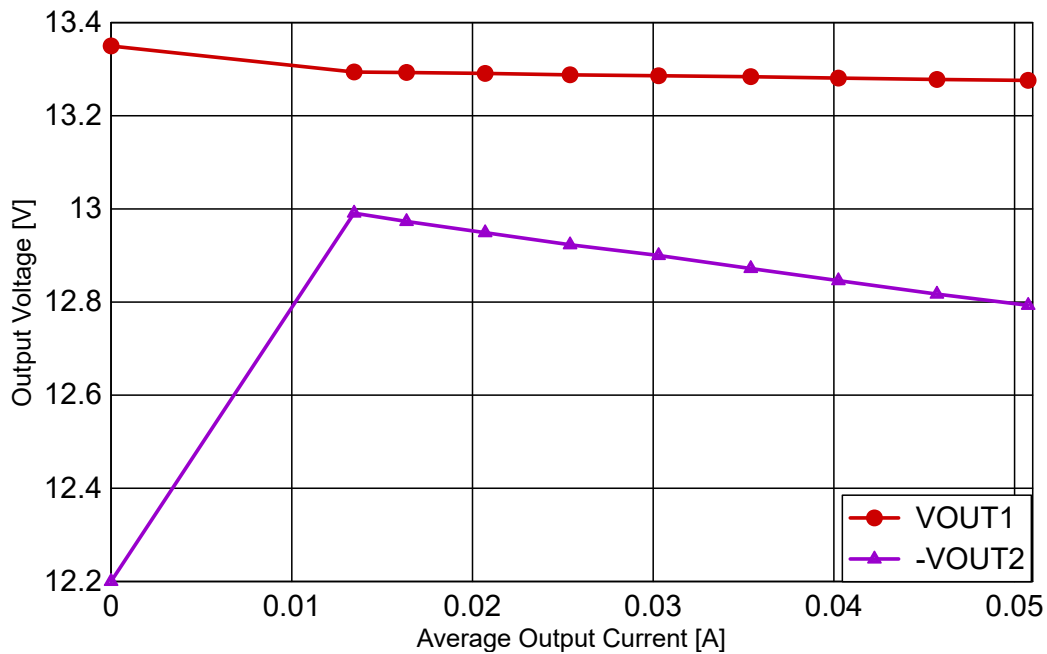


Figure 2-2. Load Regulation (Symmetrical Load)

## 2.1.2 Nonsymmetrical Load

### 2.1.2.1 One Output 50 mA, Other Output Varying

#### 2.1.2.1.1 Efficiency

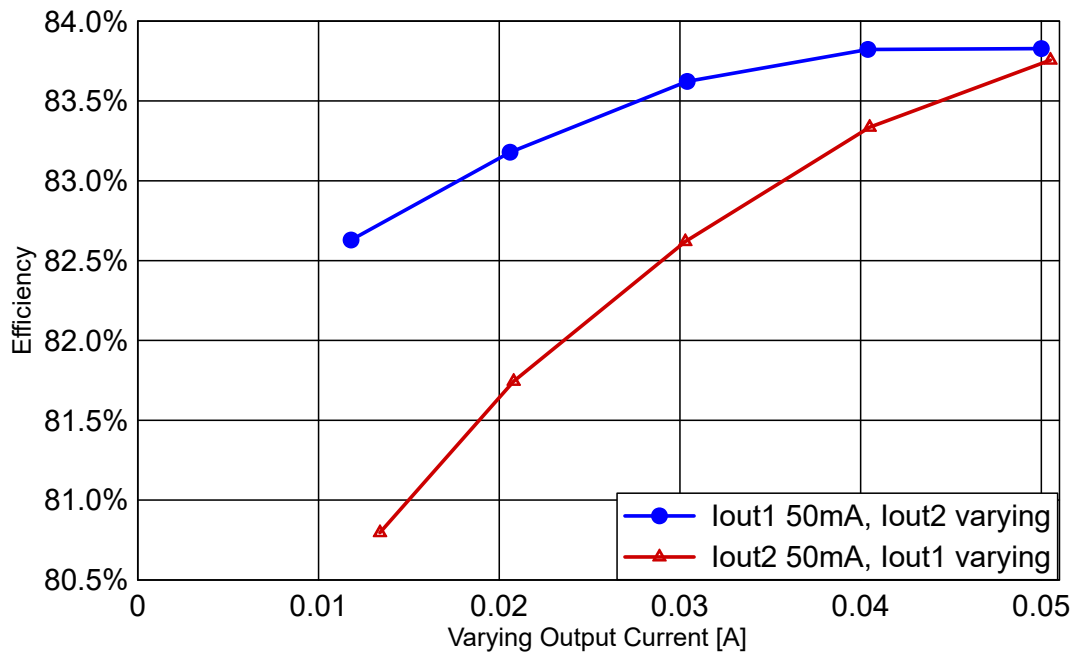


Figure 2-3. Efficiency  $\Rightarrow$  One Output 50 mA, Other Output Varies

#### 2.1.2.1.2 Loss

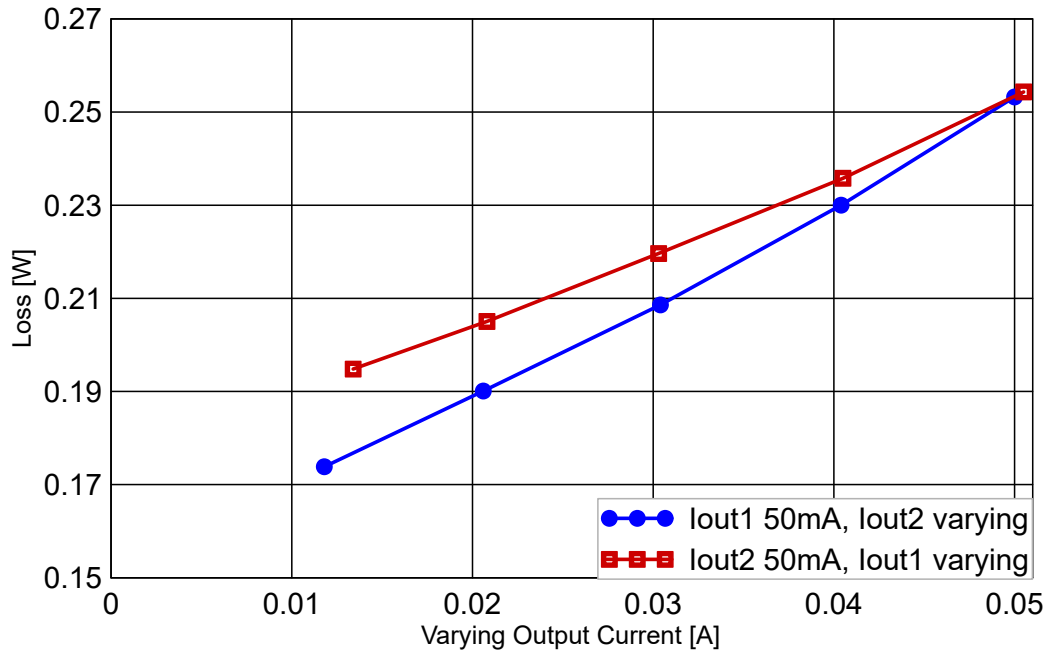


Figure 2-4. Loss  $\Rightarrow$  One Output 50 mA, Other Output Varies

2.1.2.1.3 Load Regulation

2.1.2.1.3.1 Positive Output Voltage

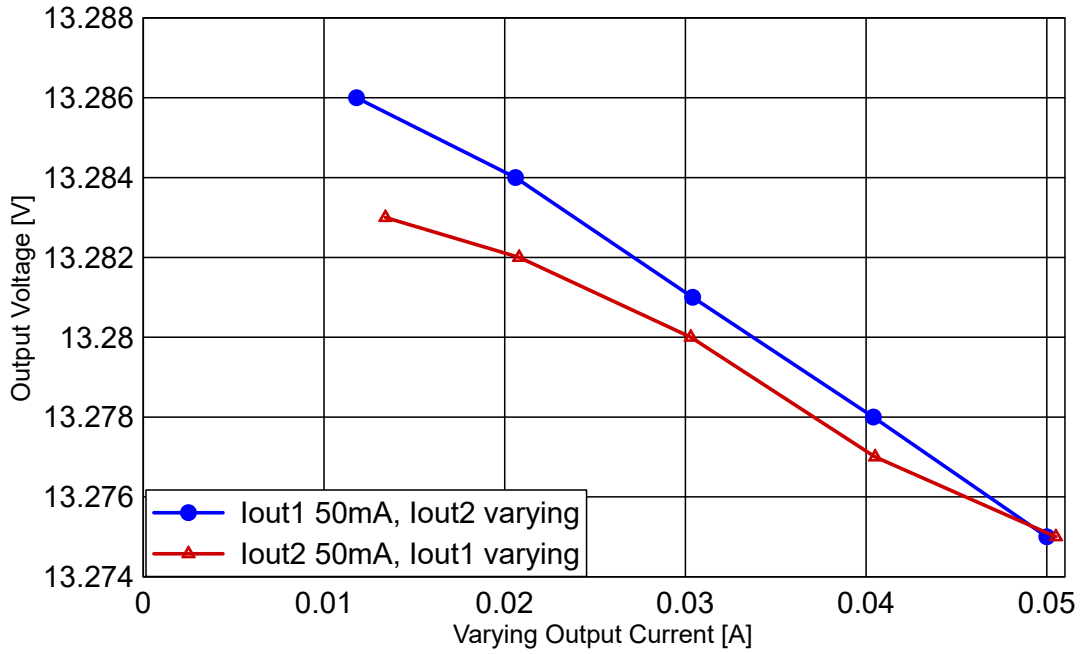


Figure 2-5. Positive Output ⇒ One Output 50 mA, Other Output Varies

2.1.2.1.3.2 Negative Output Voltage

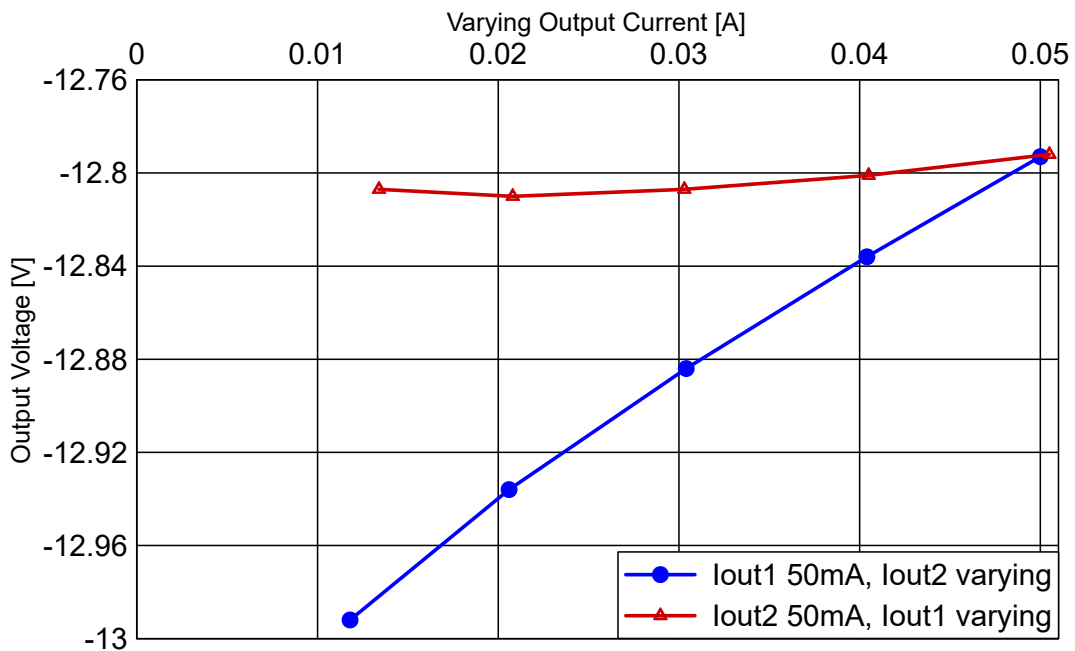


Figure 2-6. Positive Output ⇒ One Output 50 mA, Other Output Varies

### 2.1.2.2 One Output Loaded With 1 kΩ, Other Output is Varying

#### 2.1.2.2.1 Efficiency

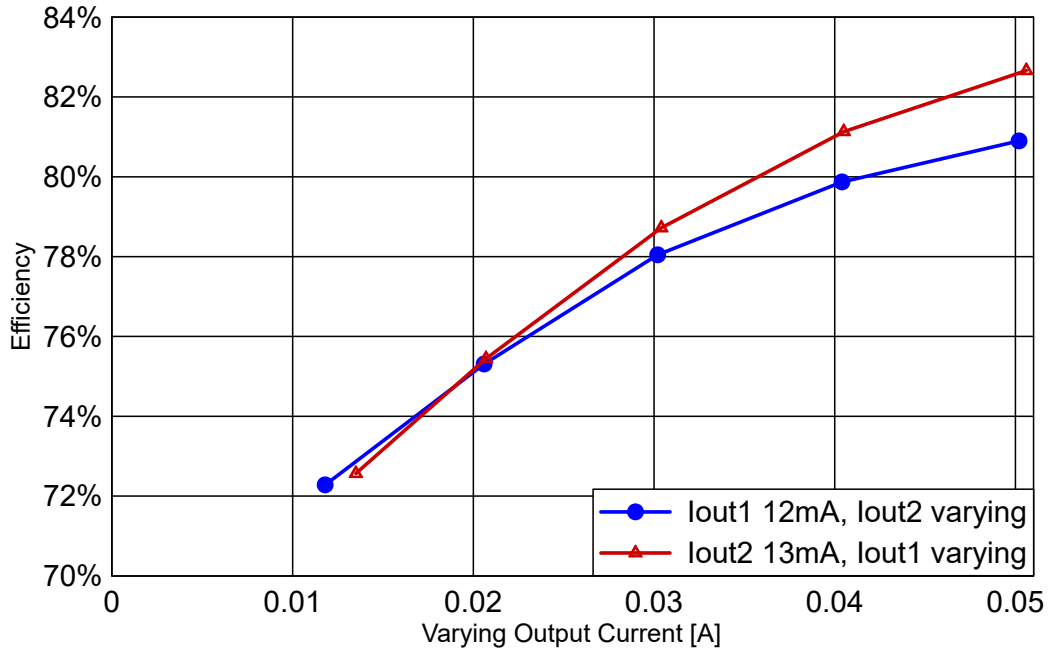


Figure 2-7. Efficiency  $\Rightarrow$  One Output 1-kΩ Load, Other Output Varies

#### 2.1.2.2.2 Loss

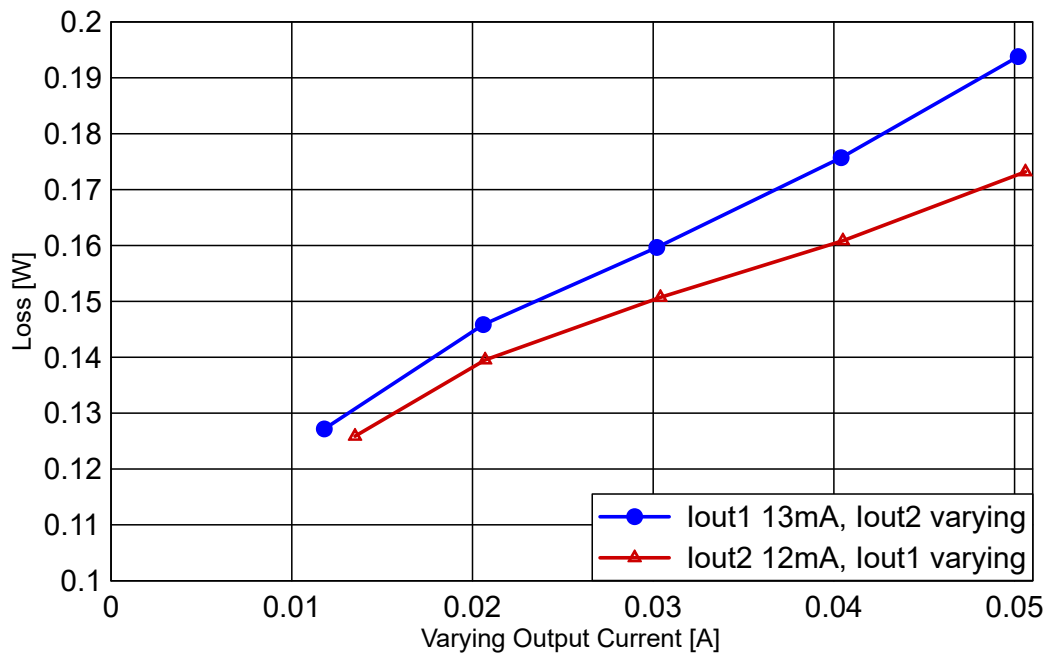


Figure 2-8. Loss  $\Rightarrow$  One Output 1-kΩ Load, Other Output Varies

2.1.2.2.3 Load Regulation

2.1.2.2.3.1 Positive Output Voltage

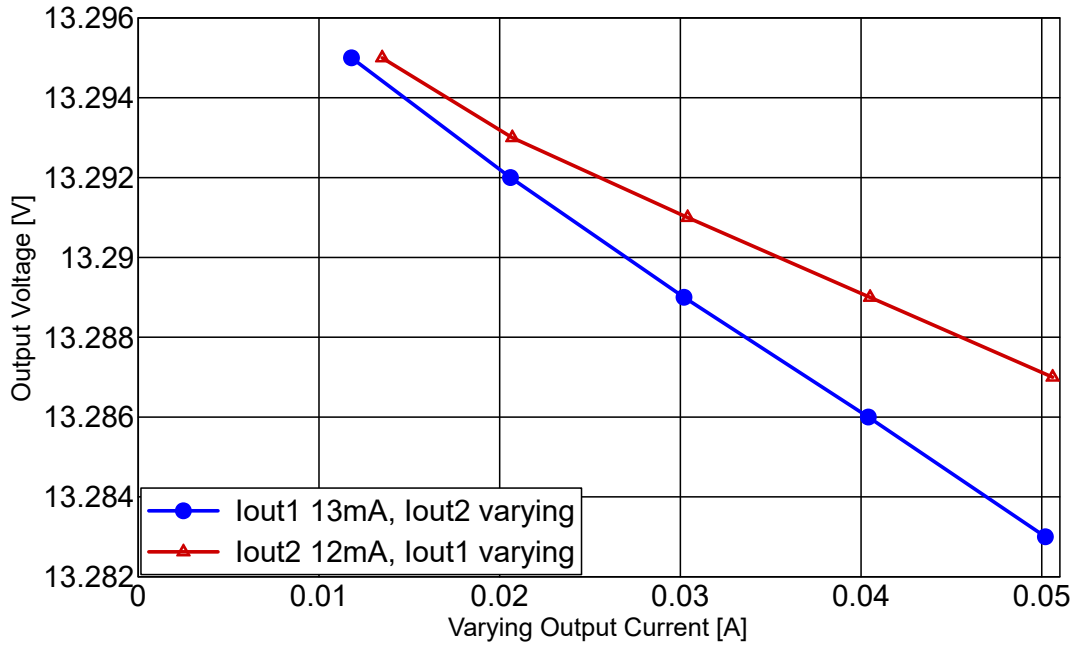


Figure 2-9. Positive Output ⇒ One Output 1-kΩ, Other Output Varies

2.1.2.2.3.2 Negative Output Voltage

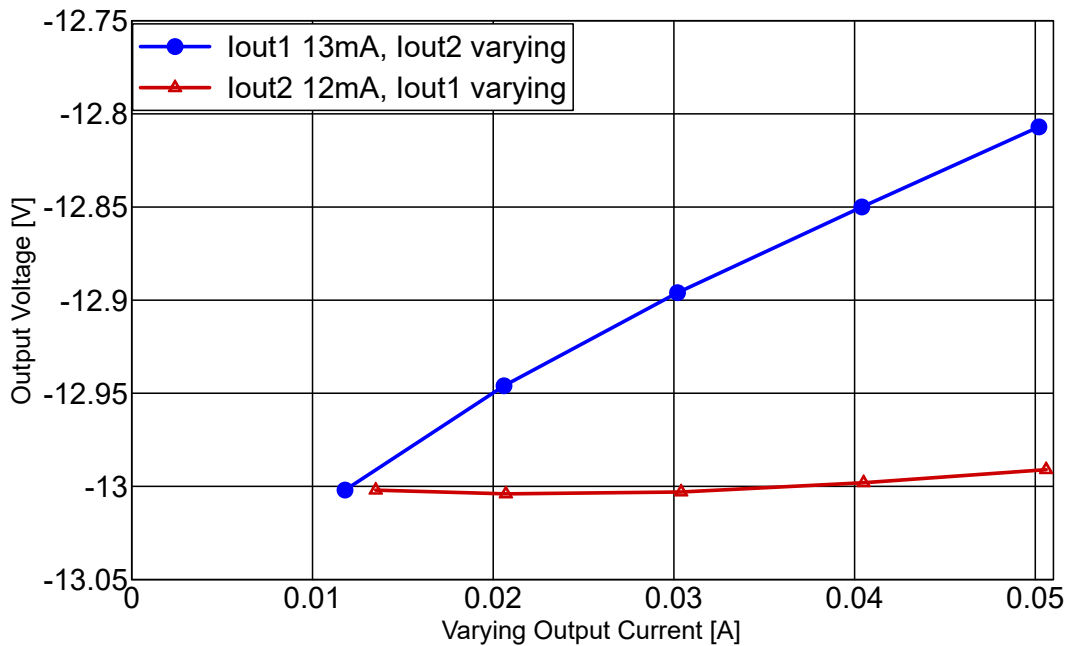


Figure 2-10. Negative Output ⇒ One Output 1-kΩ, Other Output Varies

### 2.1.3 Scaling the Output Voltage

The output is scalable by injecting a voltage at the FB-pin thru a resistor.

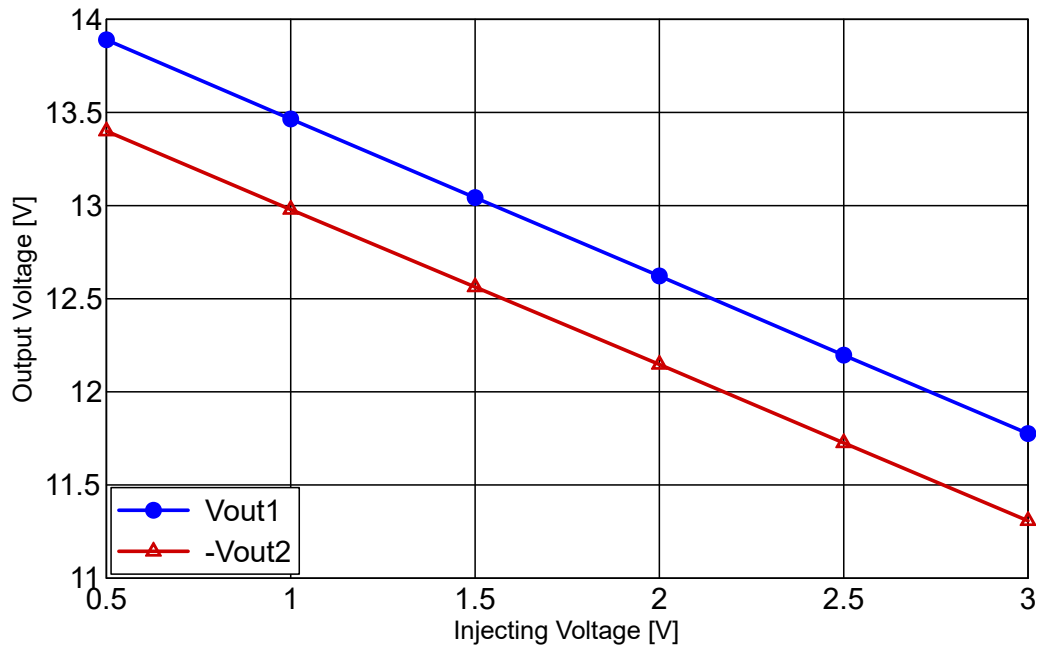


Figure 2-11. Output Voltage vs Injecting Voltage

During the measurement for Figure 2-11 the values for efficiency and loss were obtained. The result is seen in Figure 2-12.

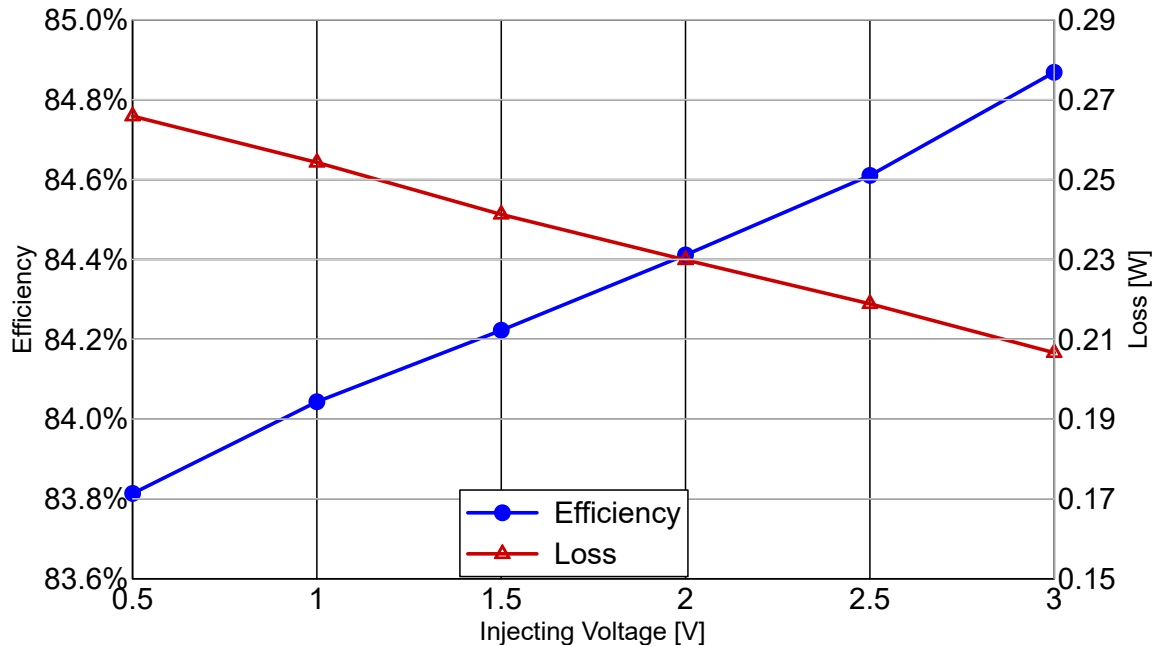


Figure 2-12. Efficiency and Loss vs Injecting Voltage



## 2.2 Thermal Images

The thermal image is shown in the following figure.

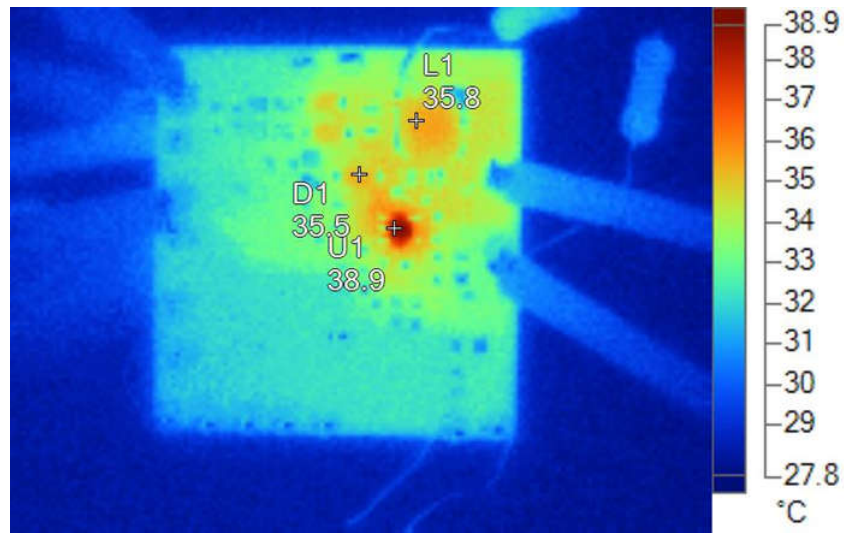


Figure 2-13. Thermal Image 50-mA Output Current on Each Output

Table 2-1. Summary of the Thermal Image

Name	Temperature
D1	35.5°C
L1	35.8°C
U1	38.9°C

### 2.3 Bode Plots With Dynamic Voltage Scaling

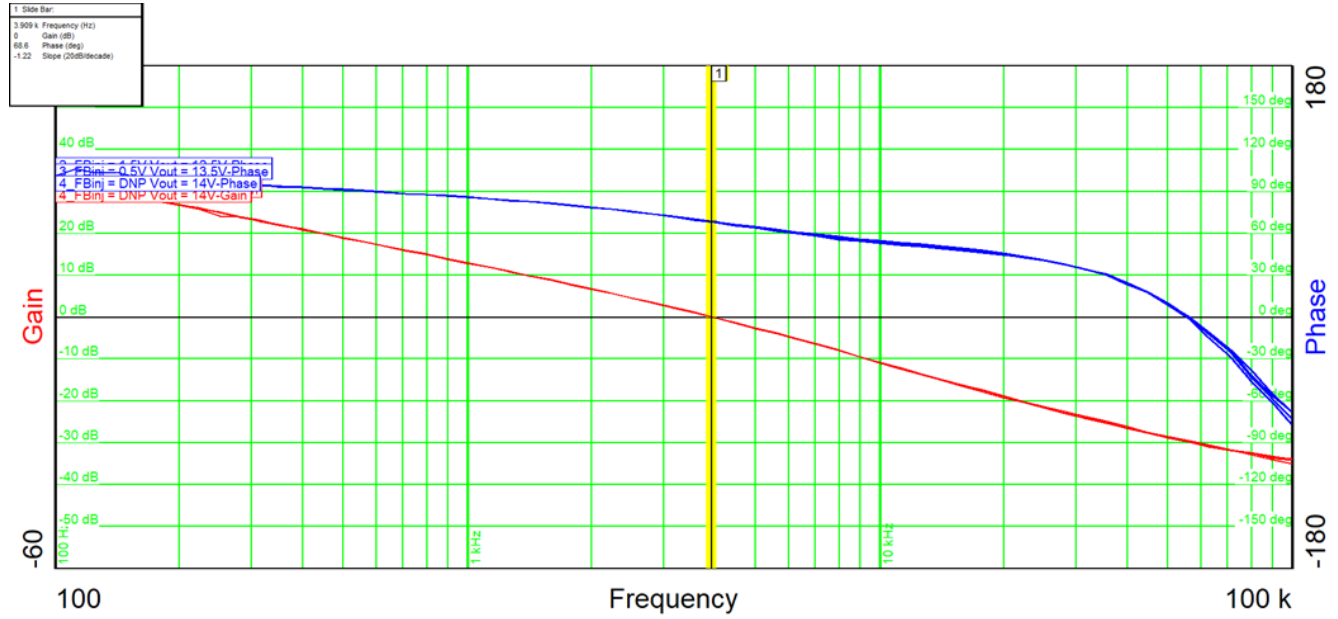


Figure 2-14. Bode Plot

Table 2-2. Summary of Measurement 1

Measurement 1	
Injection voltage TP8	open
Input voltage	5 V
Output voltage	14 V
Load current	full load
Bandwidth	3.9 kHz
Phase margin	68°
Gain margin	29 dB

Table 2-3. Summary of Measurement 2

Measurement 2	
Injection voltage TP8	3.3 V
Input voltage	5 V
Output voltage	11 V
Load current	full load
Bandwidth	3.9 kHz
Phase margin	69°
Gain margin	29 dB

### 3 Waveforms

#### 3.1 Switching

##### 3.1.1 Switchnode SW-GND

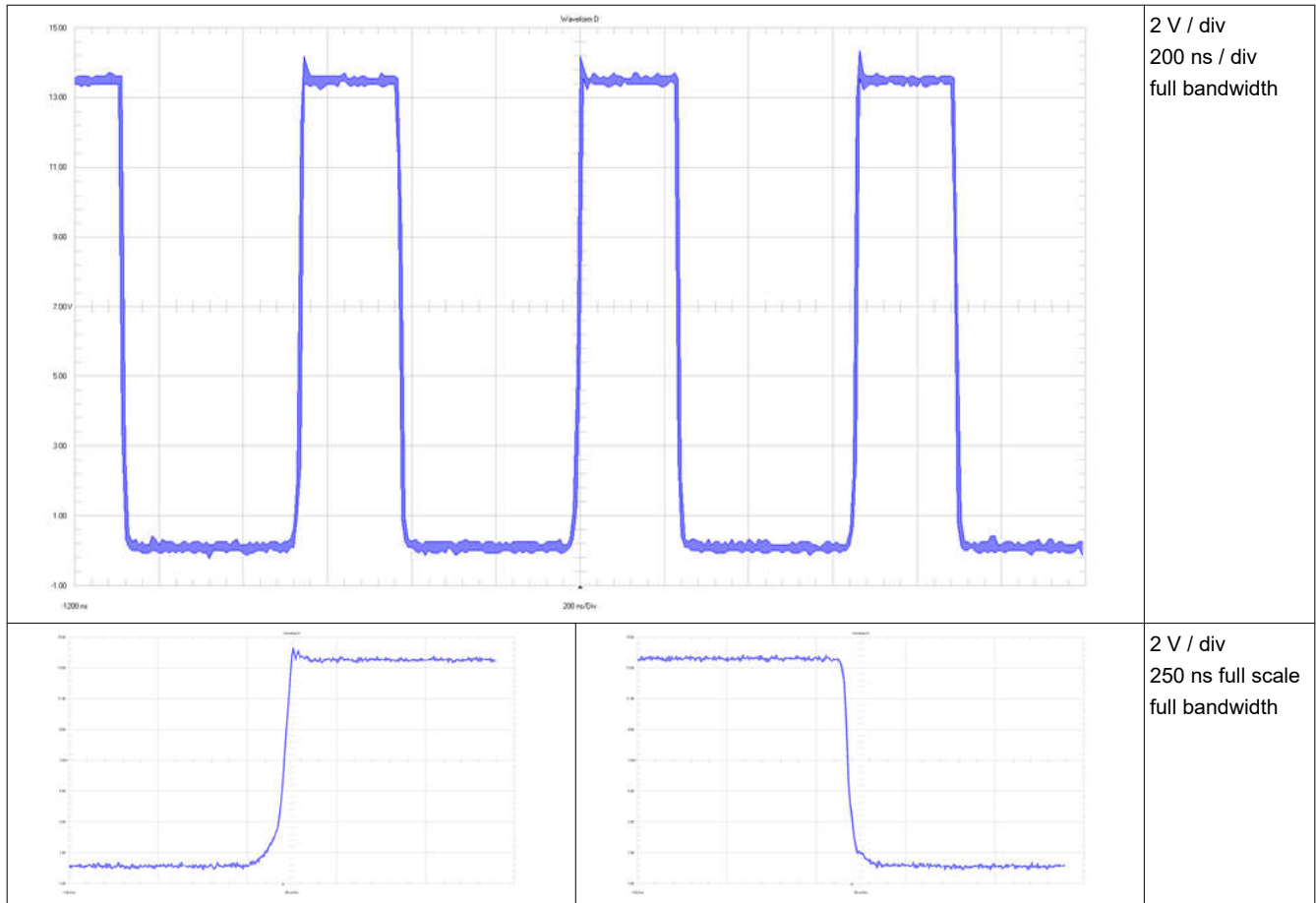
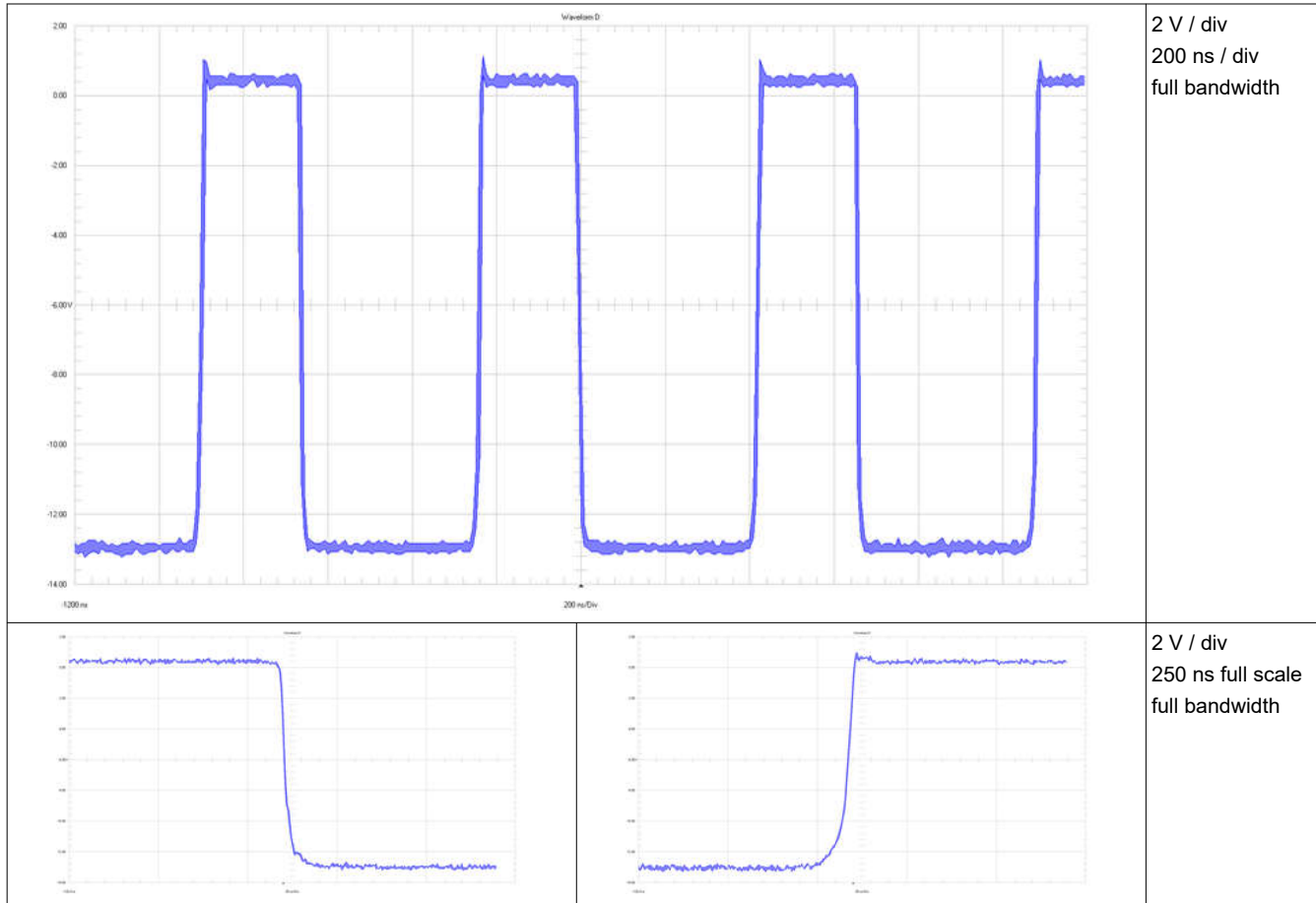


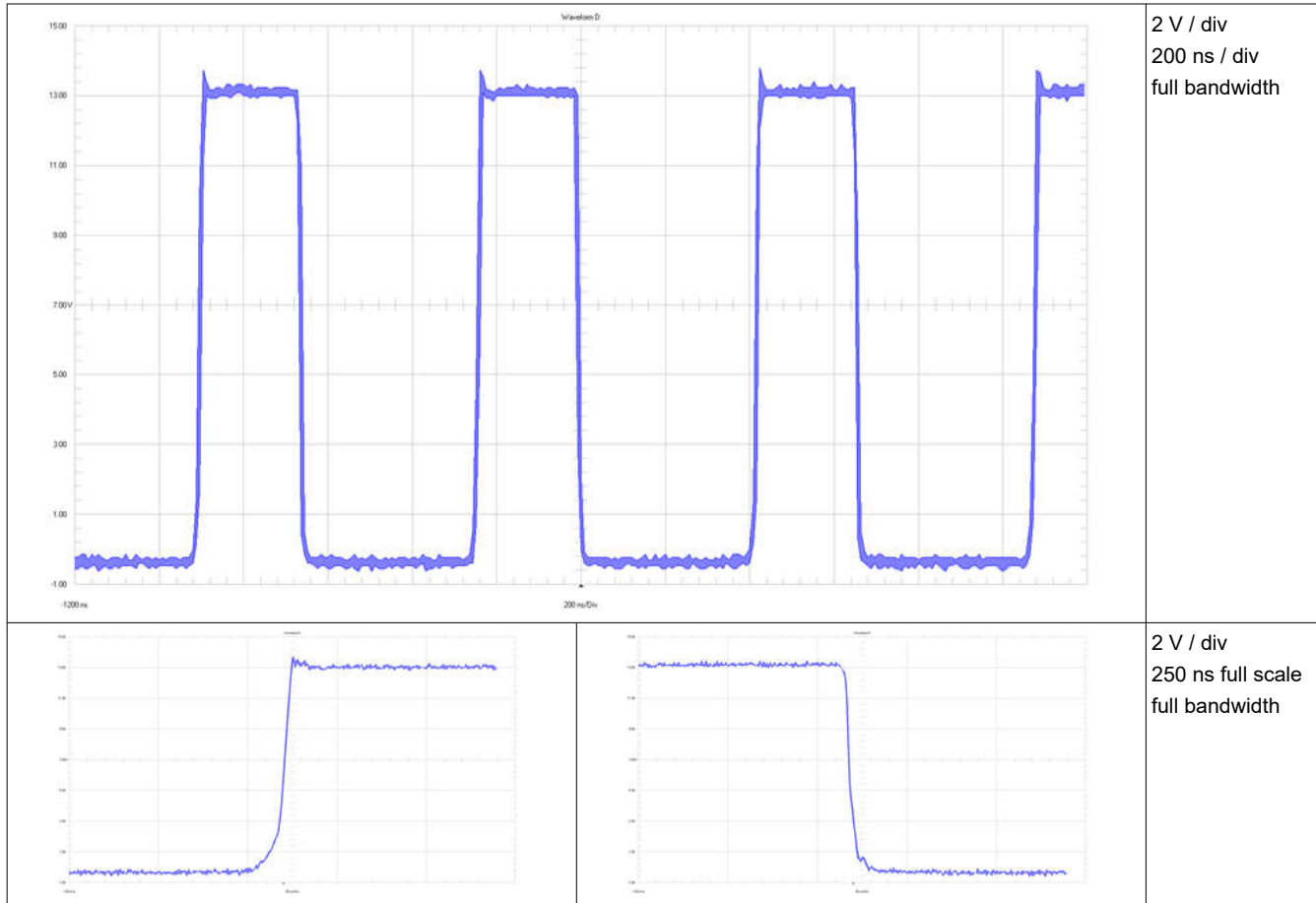
Figure 3-1. Waveform SW-GND

### 3.1.2 SW to P\_OUT (D1)



**Figure 3-2. Waveform SW to P\_OUT**

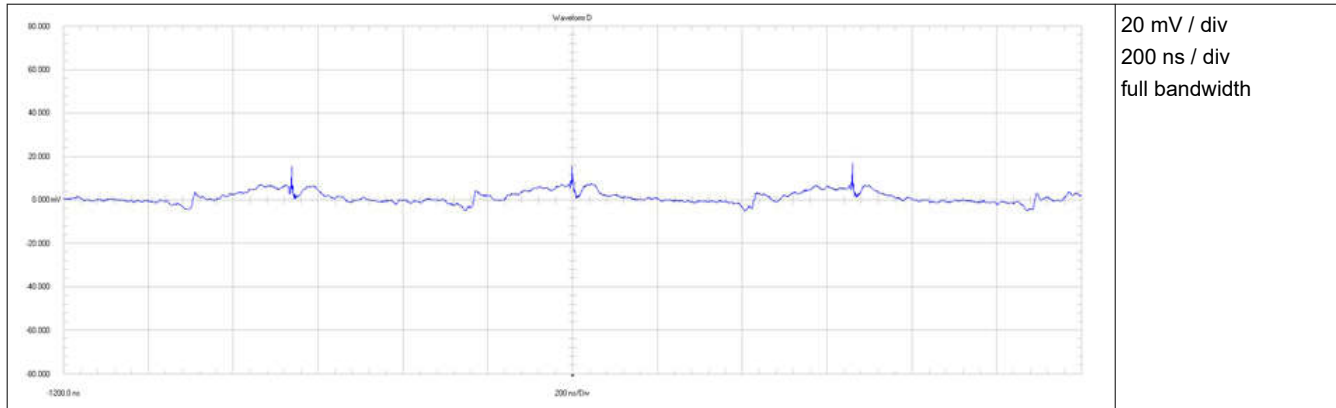
### 3.1.3 Waveform on D3 Referenced to N\_OUT



**Figure 3-3. Waveform Measured on D3**

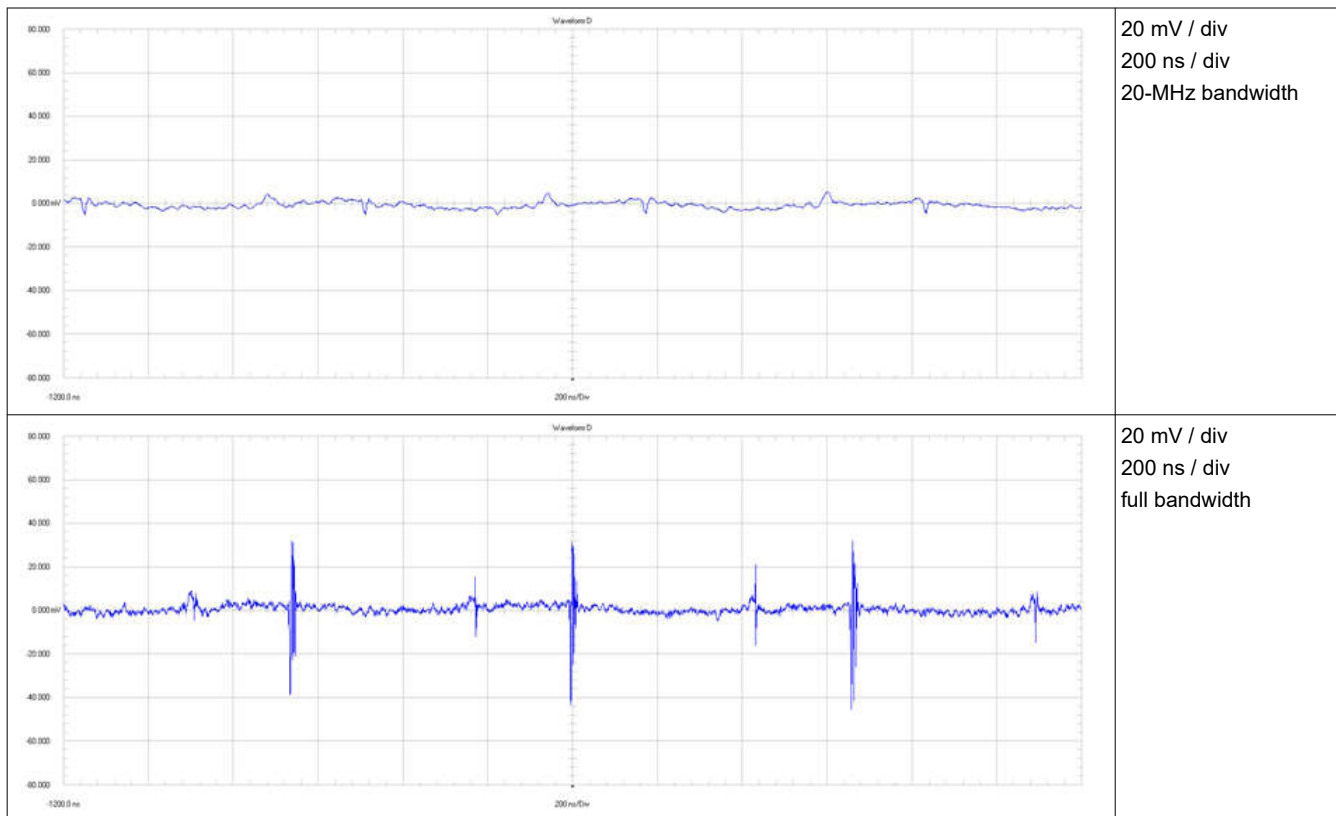
### 3.2 Output Voltage Ripple

#### 3.2.1 Positive Output Voltage (P\_OUT)



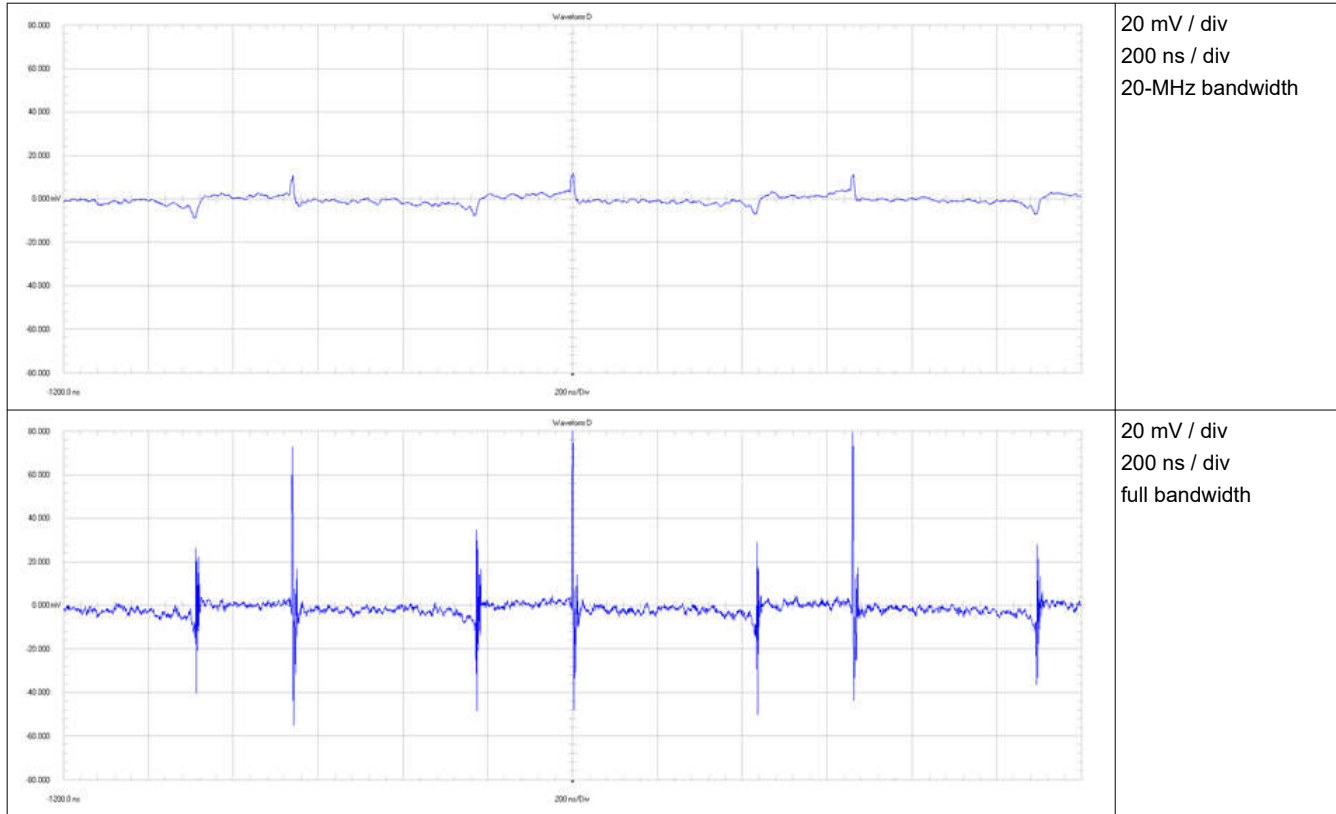
**Figure 3-4. Positive Output Voltage Ripple (P\_OUT)**

#### 3.2.2 Negative Output Voltage (N\_OUT)



**Figure 3-5. Negative Output Voltage Ripple (N\_OUT)**

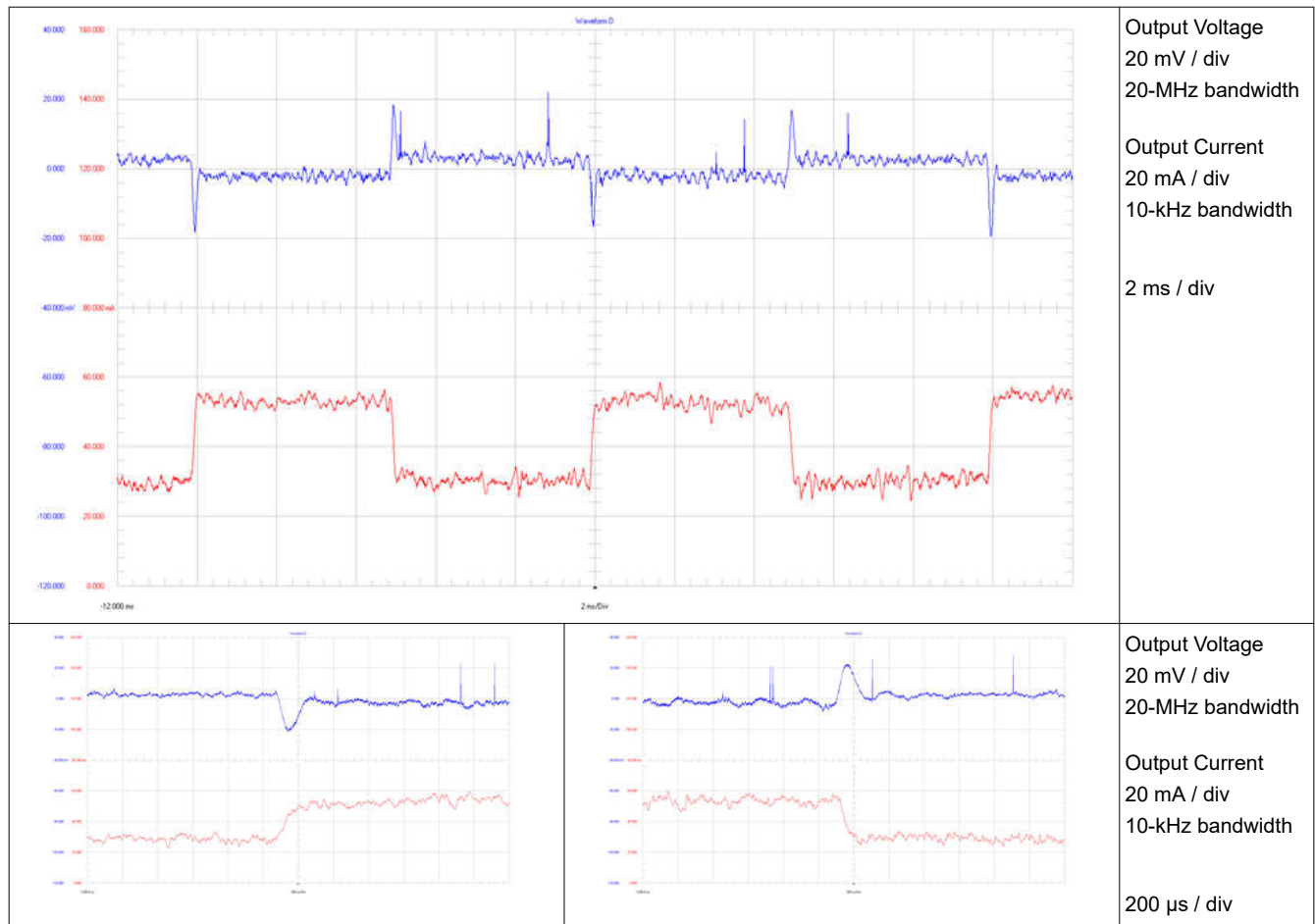
### 3.3 Input Voltage Ripple



**Figure 3-6. Input Voltage Ripple**

### 3.4 Load Transients

The electronic switches between 27-mA and 51-mA output current with a frequency of 100 Hz.



**Figure 3-7. Transient**



### 3.5 Start-Up Sequence

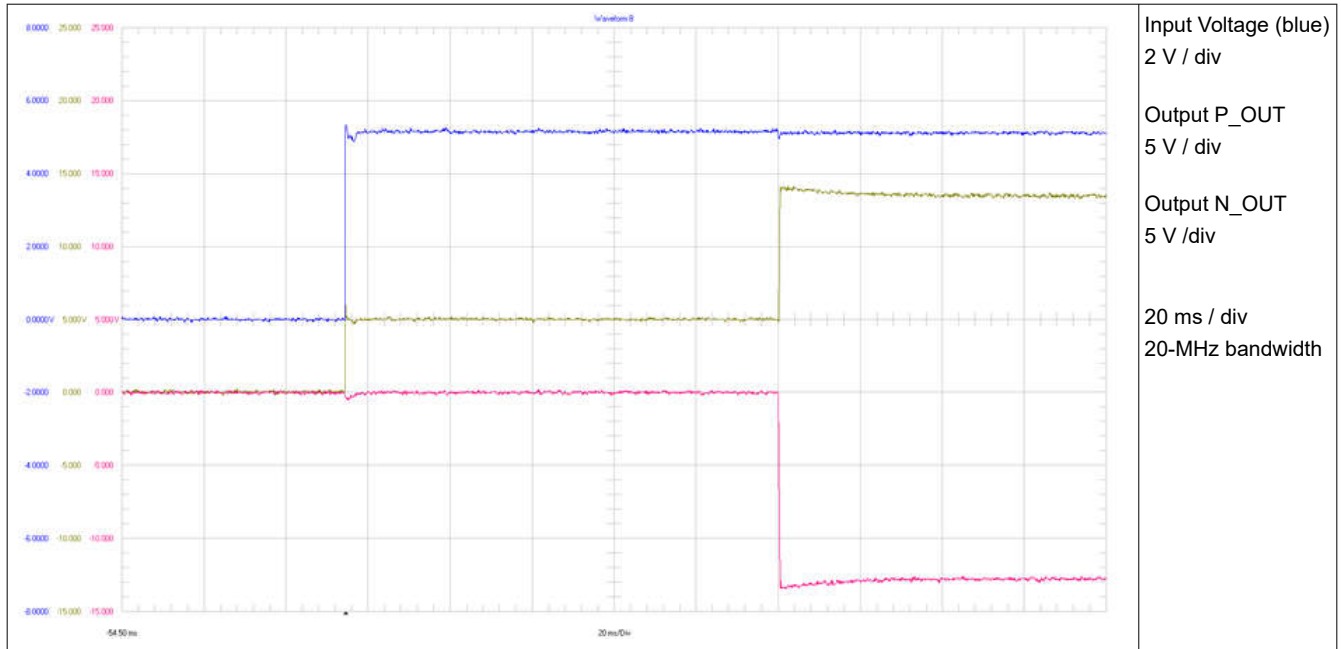


Figure 3-8. Start-Up Sequence

### 3.6 Shutdown Sequence

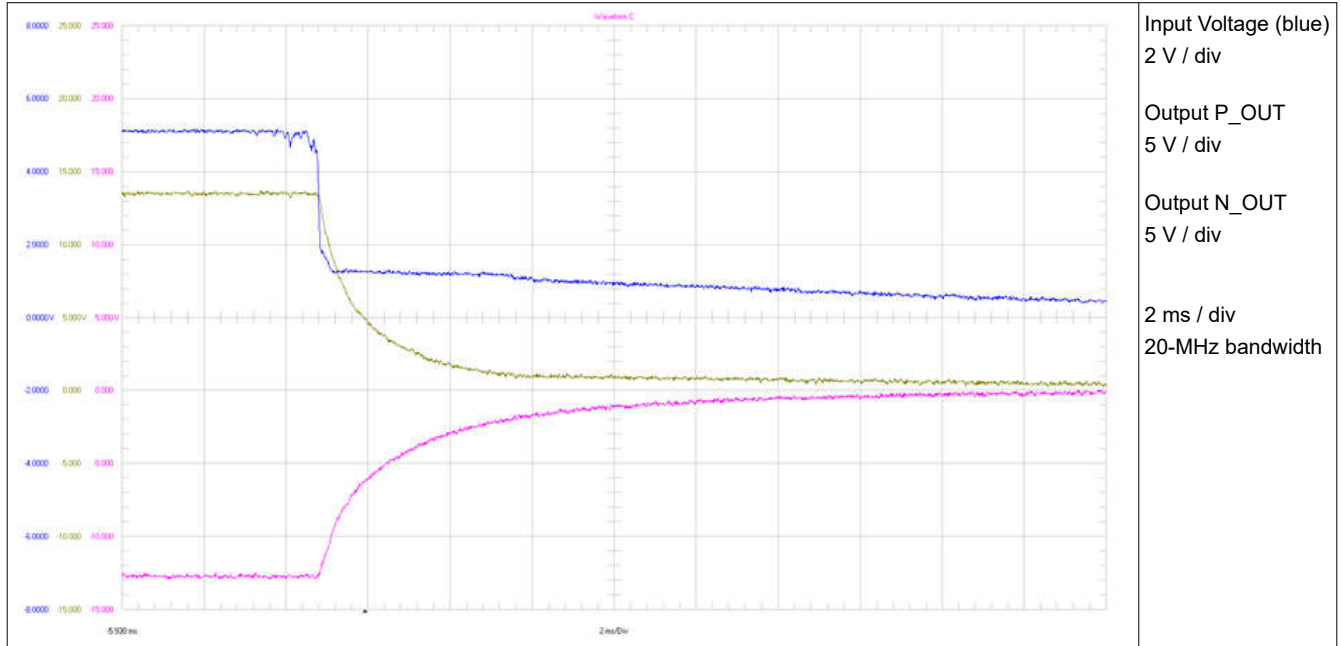


Figure 3-9. Shutdown Sequence

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