# LV14240 SIMPLE SWITCHER® Power Converter 40V, 2A, 2MHz Step-Down Converter

1 Features

- New product available:
  - LMR51420 4.5V to 36V 2A synchronous buck converter
- For faster time to market:
  - TLVM13620 3.6V to 36V, 2A synchronous buck power module
- 4V to 40V input range
- 2A continuous output current
- 100mΩ high-side MOSFET
- 100ns minimum on time
- Current mode control
- Adjustable switching frequency from 200kHz to 2MHz
- Frequency synchronization to external clock
- Internal compensation for ease of use
- High duty cycle operation supported
- Precision enable input
- 1µA shutdown current
- External soft start
- Thermal, overvoltage, and short protection
- 8-pin SOIC with PowerPAD™ package

2 Applications

- Automotive battery regulation
- Industrial power supplies
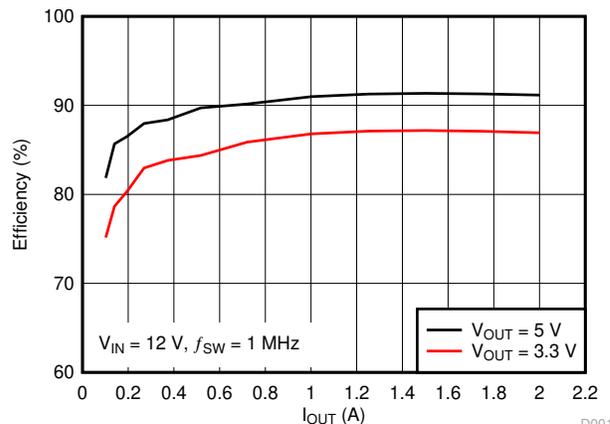- Telecom and datacom systems
- Battery-powered systems
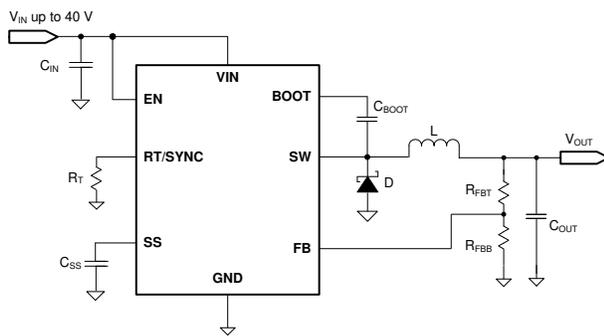
3 Description

The LV14240 is a 40V, 2A step-down regulator with an integrated high-side MOSFET. With a wide input range from 4V to 40V, the device is designed for various applications from industrial to automotive for power conditioning from unregulated sources. A wide adjustable switching frequency range allows either efficiency or external component size to be optimized. Internal loop compensation means that the user is free from the tedious task of loop compensation design. This feature also minimizes the external components of the device. A precision enable input allows simplification of regulator control and system power sequencing. The device also has built-in protection features such as cycle-by-cycle current limit, thermal sensing, and shutdown due to excessive power dissipation and output overvoltage protection.

Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE[1]	PACKAGE SIZE[2]
LV14240	DDA (HSOIC, 8)	4.90mm × 6.00mm

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

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HSOIC PACKAGE
(TOP VIEW)
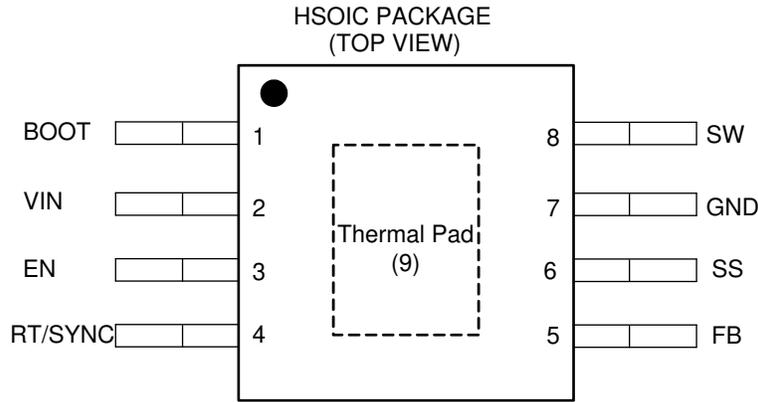
Figure 4-1. DDA Package, HSOIC 8-Pin Top View

Table 4-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE [1]	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
BOOT	1	O	Bootstrap capacitor connection for high-side MOSFET driver. Connect a high-quality 0.1-µF capacitor from BOOT to SW.
VIN	2	I	Connect to power supply and bypass capacitors C_{IN}. Path from VIN pin to high frequency bypass C_{IN} and GND must be as short as possible.
EN	3	I	Enable pin, with internal pullup current source. Pull below 1.2 V to disable. Float or connect to VIN to enable. Adjust the input under voltage lockout with two resistors. See *Enable and Adjustable Undervoltage Lockout*.
RT/SYNC	4	I	Resistor Timing or External Clock input. An internal amplifier holds this pin at a fixed voltage when using an external resistor to ground to set the switching frequency. If the pin is pulled above the PLL upper threshold, a mode change occurs and the pin becomes a synchronization input. The internal amplifier is disabled and the pin is a high impedance clock input to the internal PLL. If clocking edges stop, the internal amplifier is re-enabled and the operating mode returns to frequency programming by resistor.
FB	5	I	Feedback input pin, connect to the feedback divider to set V_{OUT}. Do not short this pin to ground during operation.
SS	6	O	Soft-start control pin. Connect to a capacitor to set soft-start time.
GND	7	G	System ground pin.
SW	8	O	Switching output of the regulator. Internally connected to high-side power MOSFET. Connect to power inductor.
Thermal Pad	9	G	Major heat dissipation path of the die. Must be connected to ground plane on PCB.

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

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltages	VIN, EN to GND	−0.3	44	V
	BOOT to GND	−0.3	49	
	SS to GND	−0.3	5	
	FB to GND	−0.3	5.5	
	RT/SYNC to GND	−0.3	3.6	
Output voltages	BOOT to SW		5.5	V
	SW to GND	−3	44	
T_J	Junction temperature	−40	150	°C
T_{stg}	Storage temperature	−65	150	°C

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

5.2 ESD Ratings

PARAMETER		DEFINITION	VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM) per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins[1]	2	kV
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins[2]	0.5	

(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.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Buck regulator	VIN	4	40	V
	VOUT	0.8	32	
	BOOT		45	
	SW	−1	40	
	FB	0	5	
Control	EN	0	40	V
	RT/SYNC	0	3.3	
	SS	0	3	
Frequency	Switching frequency range at RT mode	200	2000	kHz
	Switching frequency range at SYNC mode	250	2000	
Temperature	Operating junction temperature, T_J	−40	125	°C

Product Folder Links: *LV14240*

5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC[1]		DDA (HSOIC)	UNIT
		8 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	43.2	°C/W
ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	5.2	
ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	16.4	
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	52.1	
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	7.8	
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	16.4	

(1)   For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application note.

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

Limits apply over the recommended operating junction temperature (T_J) range of –40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise stated. Minimum and Maximum limits are specified through test, design or statistical correlation. Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at T_J = 25°C, and are provided for reference purposes only. Unless otherwise specified, the following conditions apply: V_{IN} = 4 V to 40 V.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
POWER SUPPLY (VIN PIN)						
V_{IN}	Operation input voltage		4		40	V
UVLO	Under voltage lockout thresholds	Rising threshold	3.5	3.7	3.9	V
		Hysteresis		285		mV
I_{SHDN}	Shutdown supply current	V_{EN} = 0 V, T_A = 25°C, 4 V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 40 V		1	3	µA
I_Q	Operating quiescent current (non- switching)	V_{FB} = 1 V, T_A = 25°C		300		µA
ENABLE (EN PIN)						
V_{EN_TH}	EN Threshold Voltage		1.05	1.20	1.38	V
I_{EN_PIN}	EN PIN current	Enable threshold +50 mV		–4.6		µA
		Enable threshold –50 mV		–1.0		
I_{EN_HYS}	EN hysteresis current			–3.6		µA
EXTERNAL SOFT-START						
I_{SS}	SS pin current	T_A = 25°C		3		µA
VOLTAGE REFERENCE (FB PIN)						
V_{FB}	Feedback voltage	T_J = 25°C	0.744	0.750	0.756	V
		T_J = –40°C to 125°C	0.735	0.750	0.765	V
HIGH-SIDE MOSFET						
R_{DS_ON}	On-resistance	V_{IN} = 12 V		100	180	mΩ
High-side MOSFET CURRENT LIMIT						
I_{LIMT}	Current limit	V_{IN} = 12 V, T_A = 25°C, Open Loop	2.5	3.2	3.8	A
THERMAL PERFORMANCE						
T_{SHDN}	Thermal shutdown threshold			170		°C
T_{HYS}	Hysteresis			12		

5.6 Switching Characteristics

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

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
f_{SW}	Switching frequency	R_T = 49.9 kΩ, 1% accuracy	400	500	600	kHz
V_{SYNC_HI}	SYNC clock high level threshold		1.7			V
V_{SYNC_LO}	SYNC clock low level threshold				0.5	
T_{SYNC_MIN}	Minimum SYNC input pulse width	Measured at 500 kHz, V_{SYNC_HI} > 3 V, V_{SYNC_LO} < 0.3 V		30		ns
T_{LOCK_IN}	PLL lock in time	Measured at 500 kHz		100		µs
T_{ON_MIN}	Minimum controllable on time	V_{IN} = 12 V, I_{Load} = 1 A		100		ns
D_{MAX}	Maximum duty cycle	f_{SW} = 200 kHz		97%		

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5.7 Typical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified the following conditions apply: V_{IN} = 12 V, f_{SW} = 1 MHz, L = 5.5 µH, C_{OUT} = 47 µF, T_A = 25°C.

V_{OUT} = 5 V f_{SW} = 1 MHz
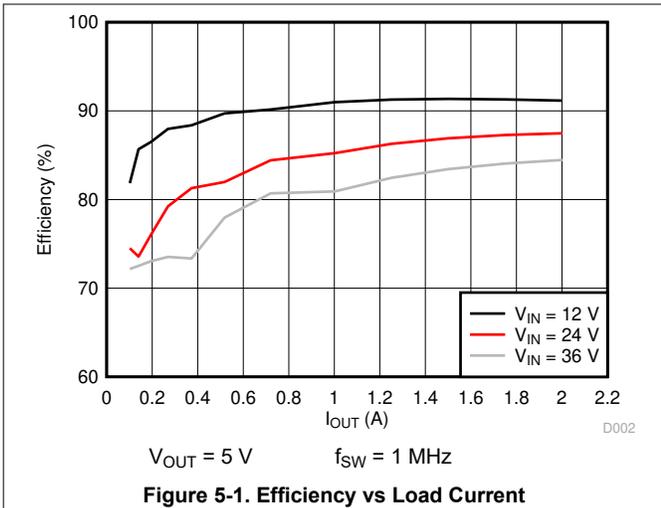
Figure 5-1. Efficiency vs Load Current

V_{OUT} = 5 V f_{SW} = 2 MHz
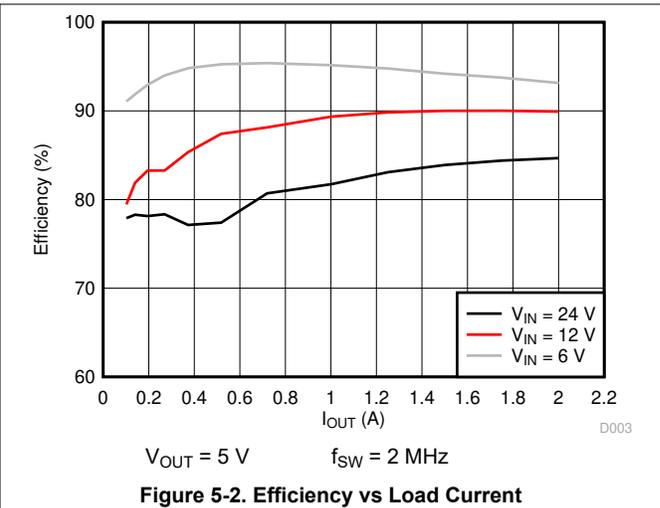
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V_{OUT} = 3.3 V f_{SW} = 1 MHz
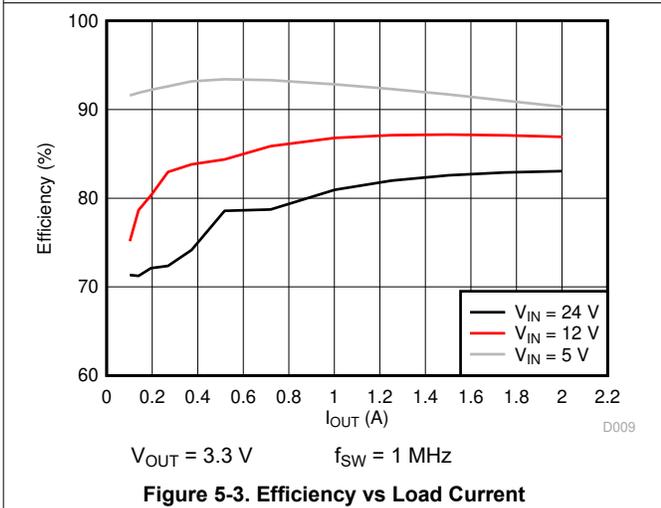
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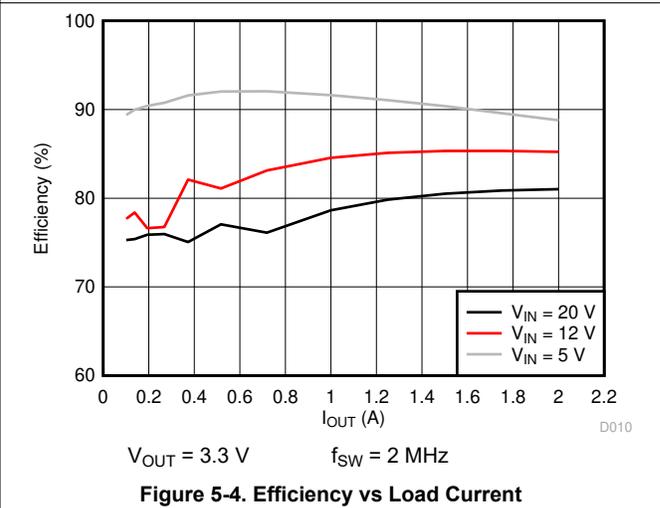
Figure 5-4. Efficiency vs Load Current

V_{OUT} = 5 V f_{SW} = 1 MHz
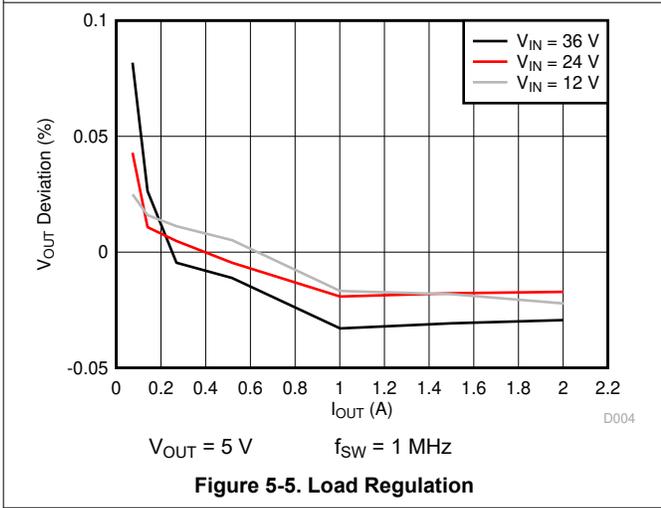
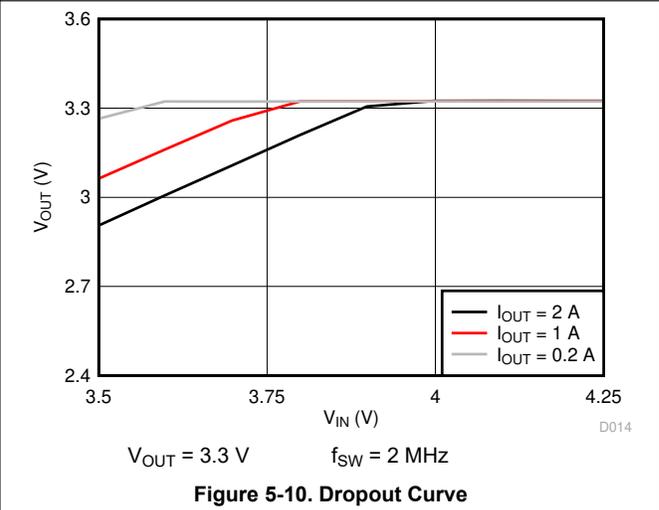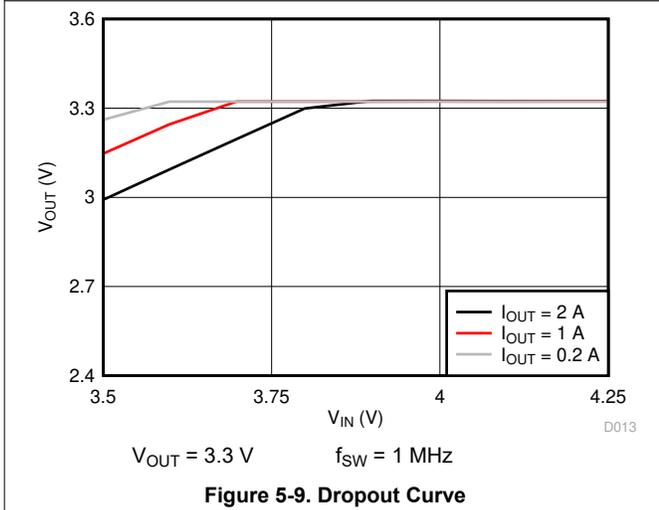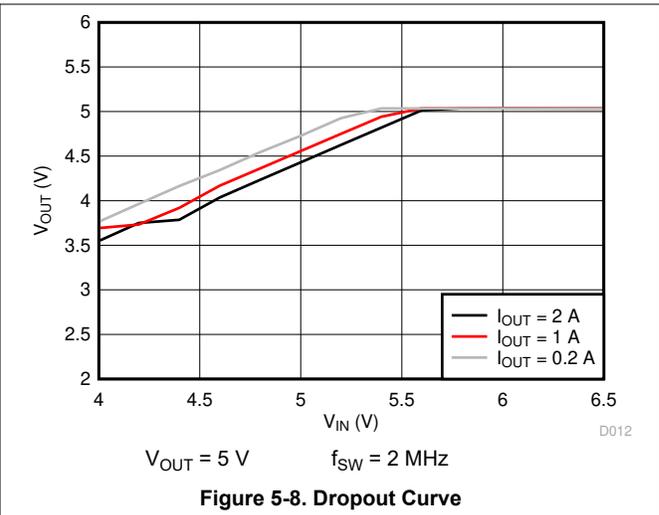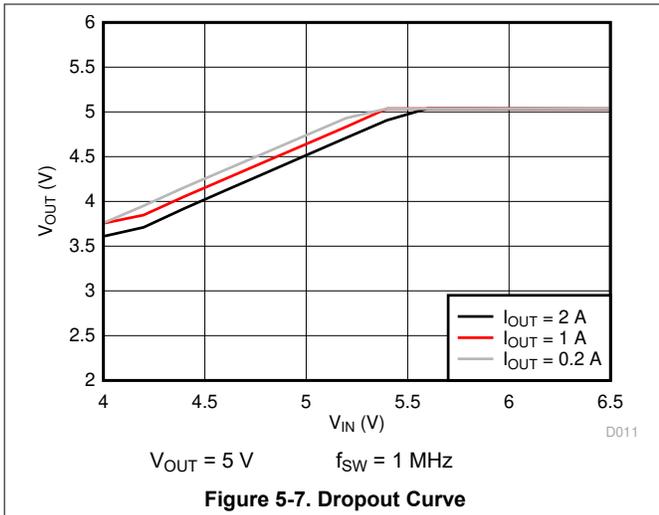**Figure 5-5. Load Regulation**
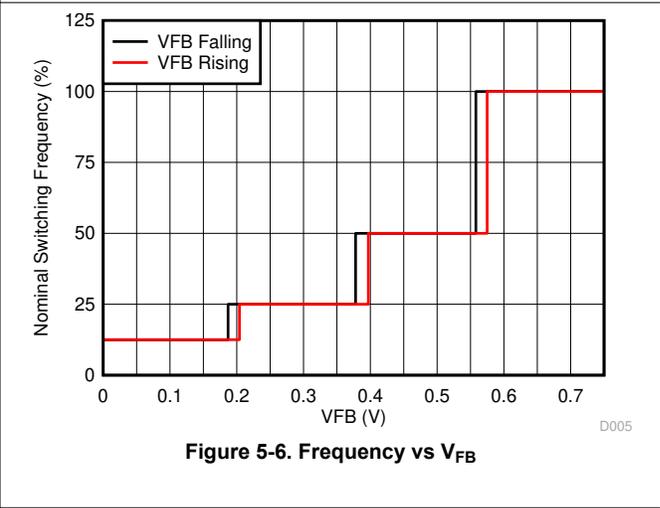
Figure 5-6. Frequency vs V_{FB}

5.7 Typical Characteristics (continued)

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V_{OUT} = 5 V f_{SW} = 1 MHz

Figure 5-7. Dropout Curve

V_{OUT} = 5 V f_{SW} = 2 MHz

Figure 5-8. Dropout Curve

V_{OUT} = 3.3 V f_{SW} = 1 MHz

Figure 5-9. Dropout Curve

V_{OUT} = 3.3 V f_{SW} = 2 MHz

Figure 5-10. Dropout Curve

Figure 5-11. Shutdown Current

I_{OUT} = 0 A

Figure 5-12. UVLO Threshold

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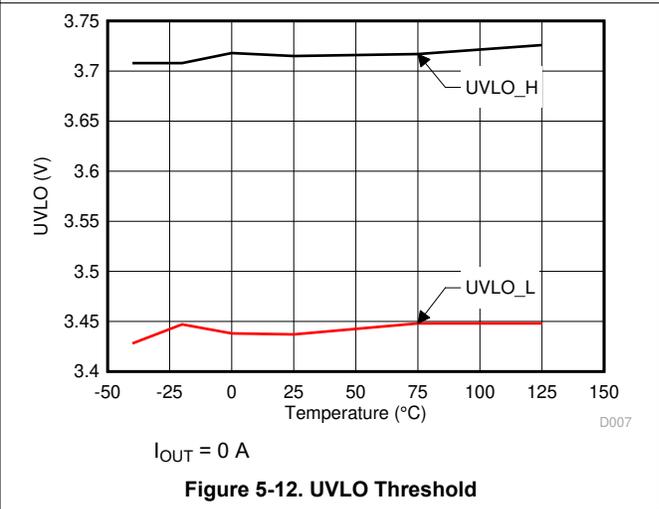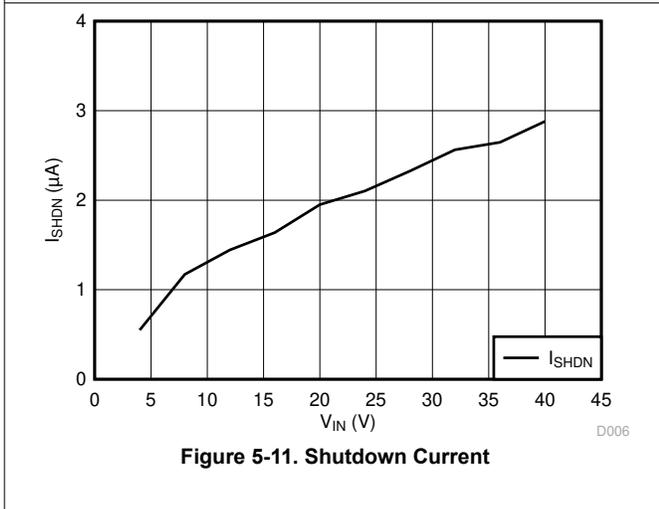
6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

The LV14240 SIMPLE SWITCHER® power converter regulator is an easy-to-use step-down DC-DC converter that operates from 4.0 V to 40 V supply voltage. The device integrates a 100-mΩ (typical) high-side MOSFET, and is capable of delivering up to 2-A DC load current with exceptional efficiency and thermal performance in a very small solution size. The operating current is typically 300 µA under no load condition (not switching). When the device is disabled, the supply current is typically 1 µA. An extended family is available in 3.5-A and 5-A load options in pin to pin compatible packages.

The LV14240 implements constant frequency peak current mode control with pulse skipping mode at light load to achieve high efficiency. The device is internally compensated, which reduces design time, and requires fewer external components. The switching frequency is programmable from 200 kHz to 2 MHz by an external resistor R_T. The LV14240 is also capable of synchronization to an external clock within the 250 kHz to 2 MHz frequency range, which allows the device to be optimized to fit small board space at higher frequency, or high efficient power conversion at lower frequency.

Other optional features are included for more comprehensive system requirements, including precision enable, adjustable soft-start time, and approximate 97% duty cycle by BOOT capacitor recharge circuit. These features provide a flexible and easy to use platform for a wide range of applications. Protection features include over temperature shutdown, V_{OUT} overvoltage protection (OVP), V_{IN} undervoltage lockout (UVLO), cycle-by-cycle current limit, and short-circuit protection with frequency fold-back.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram

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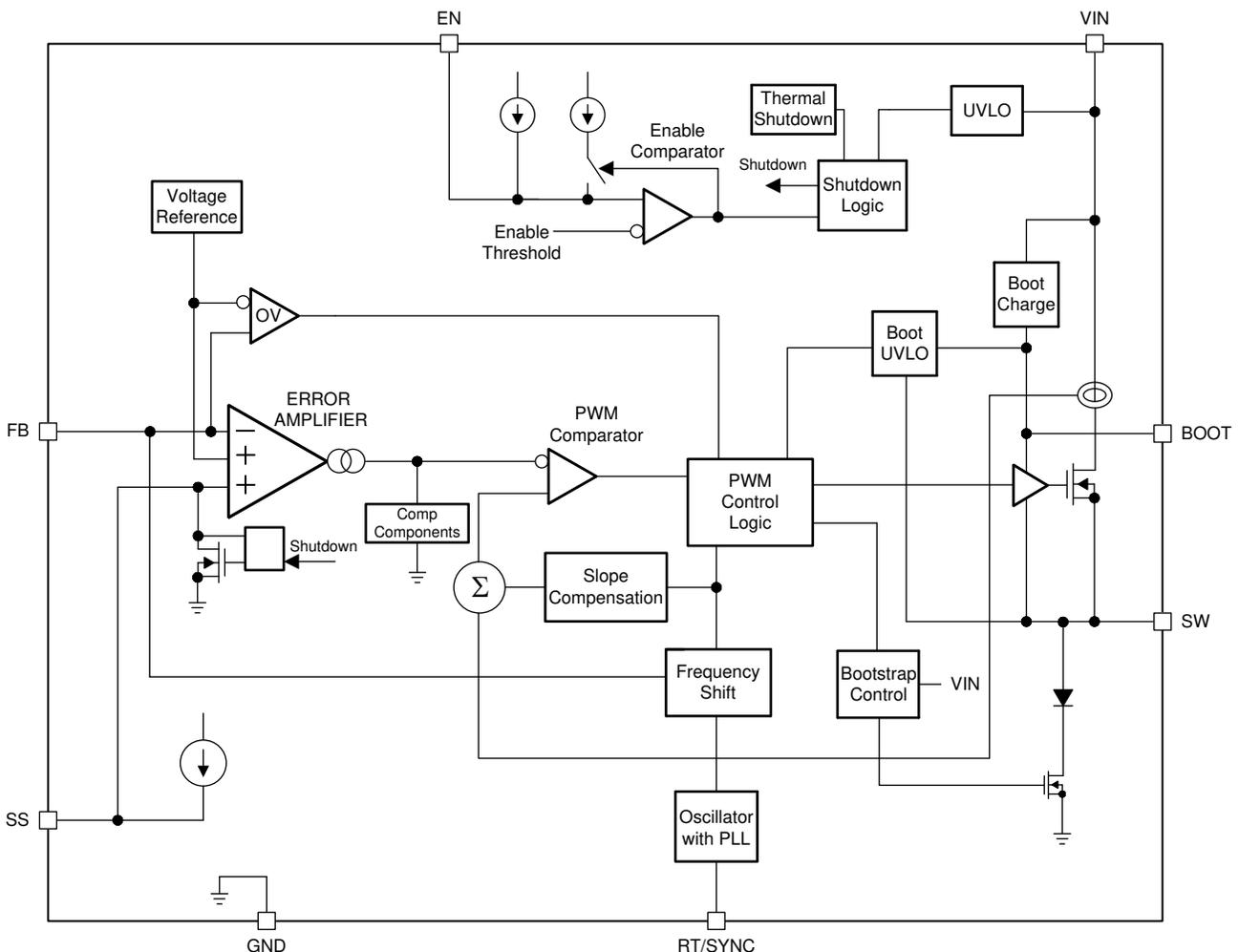
6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 Fixed Frequency Peak Current Mode Control

The following operation description of the LV14240 refers to the *Functional Block Diagram* and to the waveforms in Figure 6-1. LV14240 output voltage is regulated by turning on the high-side N-MOSFET with controlled ON time. During high-side switch ON time, the SW pin voltage swings up to approximately V_{IN}, and the inductor current i_L increase with linear slope $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) / L$. When high-side switch is off, inductor current discharges through freewheel diode with a slope of $-V_{OUT} / L$. The control parameter of Buck converter is defined as Duty Cycle $D = t_{ON} / T_{SW}$, where t_{ON} is the high-side switch ON time and T_{SW} is the switching period. The regulator control loop maintains a constant output voltage by adjusting the duty cycle D. In an ideal Buck converter, where losses are ignored, D is proportional to the output voltage and inversely proportional to the input voltage: $D = V_{OUT} / V_{IN}$.
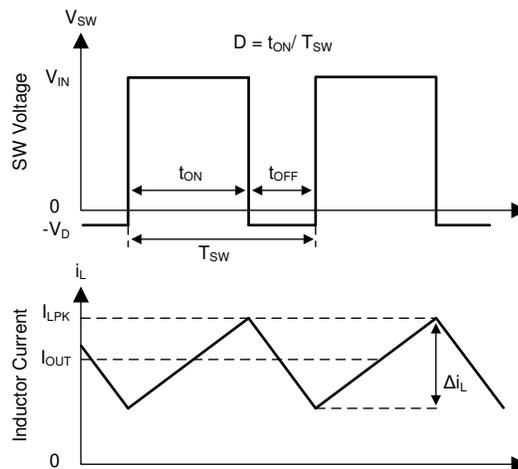

Figure 6-1. SW Node and Inductor Current Waveforms in Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM)

The LV14240 employs fixed frequency peak current mode control. A voltage feedback loop is used to get accurate DC voltage regulation by adjusting the peak current command based on voltage offset. The peak inductor current is sensed from the high-side switch and compared to the peak current to control the ON time of the high-side switch. The voltage feedback loop is internally compensated, which allows for fewer external components, makes design easy, and provides stable operation with almost any combination of output capacitors. The regulator operates with fixed switching frequency at normal load condition. At very light load, the LV14240 operates in pulse skipping mode to maintain high efficiency and the switching frequency decreases with reduced load current.

6.3.2 Slope Compensation

The LV14240 adds a compensating ramp to the MOSFET switch current sense signal. This slope compensation prevents sub-harmonic oscillations at duty cycle greater than 50%. The peak current limit of the high-side switch is not affected by the slope compensation and remains constant over the full duty cycle range.

6.3.3 Low Dropout Operation and Bootstrap Voltage (BOOT)

The LV14240 provides an integrated bootstrap voltage regulator. A small capacitor between the BOOT and SW pins provides the gate drive voltage for the high-side MOSFET. The BOOT capacitor is refreshed when the high-side MOSFET is off and the external low side diode conducts. The recommended value of the BOOT capacitor is 0.1 µF. TI recommends a ceramic capacitor with an X7R or X5R grade dielectric with a voltage rating of 16 V or higher for stable performance over temperature and voltage.

When operating with a low voltage difference from input to output, the high-side MOSFET of the LV14240 operates at approximate 97% duty cycle. When the high-side MOSFET is continuously on for 5 or 6 switching cycles (5 or 6 switching cycles for frequency lower than 1 MHz, and 10 or 11 switching cycles for frequency

higher than 1MHz) and the voltage from BOOT to SW drops below 3.2 V, the high-side MOSFET is turned off and an integrated low side MOSFET pulls SW low to recharge the BOOT capacitor.

Because the gate drive current sourced from the BOOT capacitor is small, the high-side MOSFET can remain on for many switching cycles before the MOSFET is turned off to refresh the capacitor. Thus the effective duty cycle of the switching regulator can be high, approaching 97%. The effective duty cycle of the converter during dropout is mainly influenced by the voltage drops across the power MOSFET, the inductor resistance, the low side diode voltage and the printed circuit board resistance.

6.3.4 Adjustable Output Voltage

The internal voltage reference produces a precise 0.75-V (typical) voltage reference over the operating temperature. The output voltage is set by a resistor divider from output voltage to the FB pin. TI recommends to use 1% tolerance or better and temperature coefficient of 100 ppm or lower divider resistors. Select the low side resistor R_{FBB} for the desired divider current and use Equation 1 to calculate high-side R_{FBT}. Larger value divider resistors are good for efficiency at light load. However, if the values are too high, the regulator is more susceptible to noise and voltage errors from the FB input current can become noticeable. TI recommends R_{FBB} in the range from 10 kΩ to 100 kΩ for most applications.
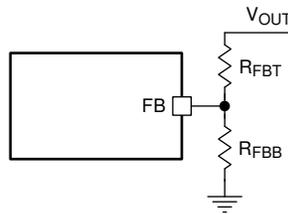

Figure 6-2. Output Voltage Setting

$$R_{FBT} = \frac{V_{OUT} - 0.75}{0.75} R_{FBB}$$

(1)

6.3.5 Enable and Adjustable Undervoltage Lockout

The LV14240 is enabled when the VIN pin voltage rises above 3.7 V (typical) and the EN pin voltage exceeds the enable threshold of 1.2 V (typical). The LV14240 is disabled when the VIN pin voltage falls below 3.52 V (typical) or when the EN pin voltage is below 1.2 V. The EN pin has an internal pull-up current source (typically I_{EN} = 1 µA) that enables operation of the LV14240 when the EN pin is floating.

Many applications benefit from the employment of an enable divider R_{ENT} and R_{ENB} in Figure 6-3 to establish a precision system UVLO level for the stage. System UVLO can be used for supplies operating from utility power as well as battery power. System UVLO can be used for sequencing, making sure of reliable operation, or supply protection, such as a battery. An external logic signal can also be used to drive EN input for system sequencing and protection.

When EN terminal voltage exceeds 1.2 V, an additional hysteresis current (typically I_{HYS} = 3.6 µA) is sourced out of EN terminal. When the EN terminal is pulled below 1.2 V, I_{HYS} current is removed. This additional current facilitates adjustable input voltage UVLO hysteresis. Use Equation 2 and Equation 3 to calculate R_{ENT} and R_{ENB} for desired UVLO hysteresis voltage.
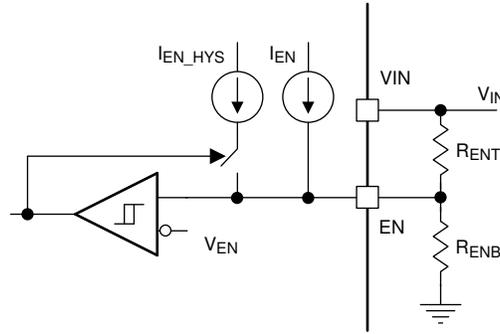
Figure 6-3. System UVLO By Enable Dividers

$$R_{ENT} = \frac{V_{START} - V_{STOP}}{I_{HYS}}$$

(2)

$$R_{ENB} = \frac{V_{EN}}{\dfrac{V_{START} - V_{EN}}{R_{ENT}} + I_{EN}}$$

(3)

where V_{START} is the desired voltage threshold to enable LV14240, V_{STOP} is the desired voltage threshold to disable device.

6.3.6 External Soft Start

The LV14240 has soft-start pin for programmable output ramp up time. The soft-start feature is used to prevent inrush current impacting the LV14240 and the load when power is first applied. The soft-start time can be programed by connecting an external capacitor C_{SS} from SS pin to GND. An internal current source (typically I_{SS} = 3 µA) charges C_{SS} and generates a ramp from 0 V to V_{REF}. The soft-start time can be calculated by Equation 4:

$$t_{SS}(ms) = \frac{C_{SS}(nF) \times V_{REF}(V)}{I_{SS}(\mu A)}$$

(4)

The internal soft-start resets while the device is disabled or in thermal shutdown.

6.3.7 Switching Frequency and Synchronization (RT/SYNC)

The switching frequency of the LV14240 can be programmed by the resistor R_T from the RT/SYNC pin and GND pin. The RT/SYNC pin can't be left floating or shorted to ground. To determine the timing resistance for a given switching frequency, use Equation 5 or the curve in Figure 6-4. Table 6-1 gives typical R_T values for a given f_{SW}.
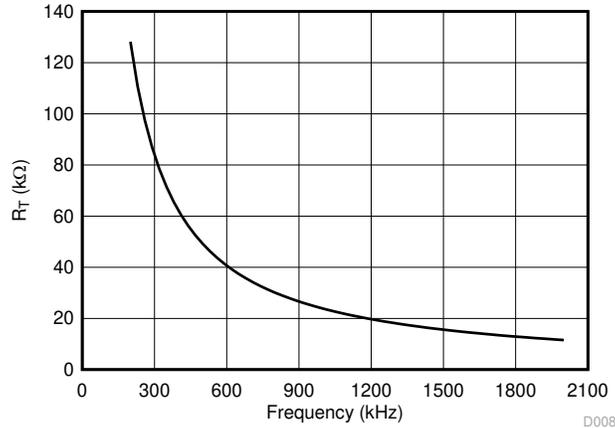
$$R_T(k\Omega) = 32537 \times f_{SW}(kHz)^{-1.045}$$

(5)

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Figure 6-4. RT vs Frequency Curve

Table 6-1. Typical Frequency Setting RT Resistance

f_{SW} (kHz)	R_T (kΩ)
200	127
350	71.5
500	49.9
750	32.4
1000	23.7
1500	15.8
2000	11.5

The LV14240 switching action can also be synchronized to an external clock from 250 kHz to 2 MHz. Connect a square wave to the RT/SYNC pin through either circuit network shown in Figure 6-5. Internal oscillator is synchronized by the falling edge of external clock. The recommendations for the external clock include: high level no lower than 1.7 V, low level no higher than 0.5 V and have a pulse width greater than 30 ns. When using a low impedance signal source, the frequency setting resistor R_T is connected in parallel with an AC coupling capacitor C_{COUP} to a termination resistor R_{TERM} (for example, 50 Ω). The two resistors in series provide the default frequency setting resistance when the signal source is turned off. A 10-pF ceramic capacitor can be used for C_{COUP}. Figure 6-6, Figure 6-7 and Figure 6-8 show the device synchronized to an external system clock.
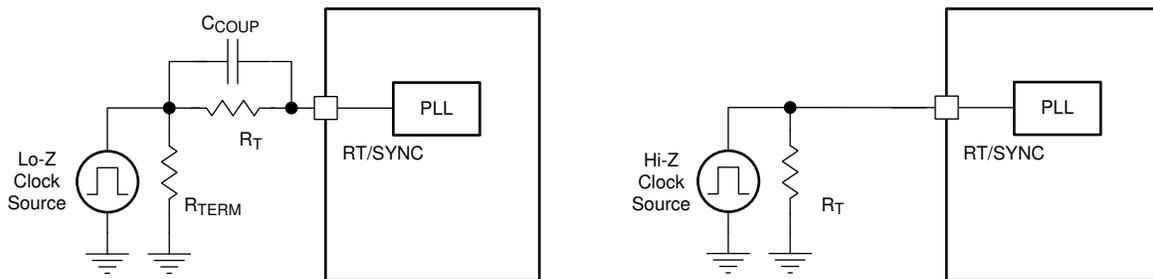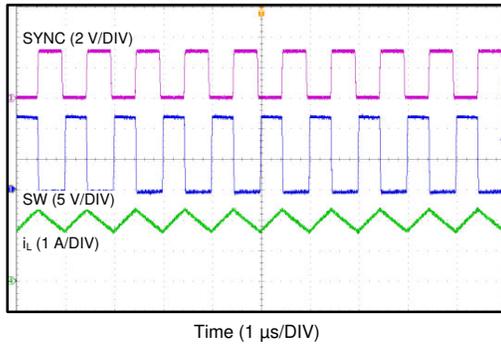

Figure 6-5. Synchronizing to an External Clock
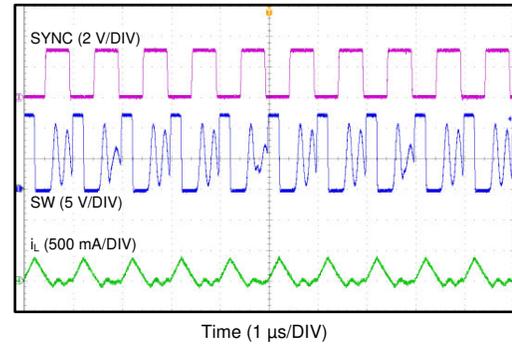
Figure 6-6. Synchronizing in CCM

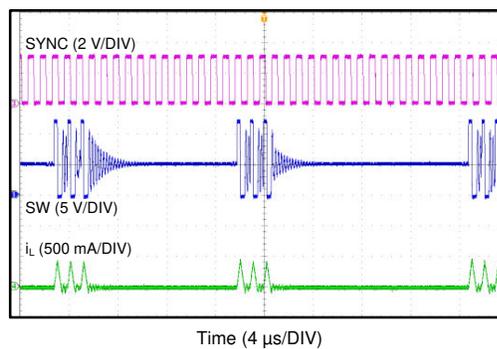**Figure 6-7. Synchronizing in DCM**

Figure 6-8. Synchronizing in PSM

Equation 6 calculates the maximum switching frequency limitation set by the minimum controllable on time and the input to output step down ratio. Setting the switching frequency above this value causes the regulator to skip switching pulses to achieve the low duty cycle required at maximum input voltage.

$$f_{SW(max)} = \frac{1}{t_{ON}} \times \left(\frac{I_{OUT} \times R_{IND} + V_{OUT} + V_D}{V_{IN\_MAX} - I_{OUT} \times R_{DS\_ON} + V_D} \right)$$

(6)

where

- I_{OUT} = Output current
- R_{IND} = Inductor series resistance
- V_{IN_MAX} = Maximum input voltage
- V_{OUT} = Output voltage
- V_D = Diode voltage drop
- R_{DS_ON} = High-side MOSFET switch on resistance
- t_{ON} = Minimum on time

6.3.8 Overcurrent and Short-Circuit Protection

The LV14240 is protected from overcurrent conditions by cycle-by-cycle current limiting on the peak current of the high-side MOSFET. High-side MOSFET overcurrent protection is implemented by the nature of the peak current mode control. The high-side switch current is compared to the output of the Error Amplifier (EA) minus slope compensation every switching cycle. Please refer to the *Functional Block Diagram* for more details. The peak current of high-side switch is limited by a clamped maximum peak current threshold which is constant. So

the peak current limit of the high-side switch is not affected by the slope compensation and remains constant over the full duty cycle range.

The LV14240 also implements a frequency fold-back to protect the converter in severe overcurrent or short conditions. The oscillator frequency is divided by 2, 4, and 8 as the FB pin voltage decrease to 75%, 50%, 25% of V_{REF}. The frequency fold-back increases the off time by increasing the period of the switching cycle, so that it provides more time for the inductor current to ramp down and leads to a lower average inductor current. Lower frequency also means lower switching loss. Frequency fold-back reduces power dissipation and prevents overheating and potential damage to the device.

6.3.9 Overvoltage Protection

The LV14240 employs an output overvoltage protection (OVP) circuit to minimize voltage overshoot when recovering from output fault conditions or strong unload transients in designs with low output capacitance. The OVP feature minimizes output overshoot by turning off high-side switch immediately when FB voltage reaches to the rising OVP threshold which is nominally 109% of the internal voltage reference V_{REF}. When the FB voltage drops below the falling OVP threshold which is nominally 107% of V_{REF}, the high-side MOSFET resumes normal operation.

6.3.10 Thermal Shutdown

The LV14240 provides an internal thermal shutdown to protect the device when the junction temperature exceeds 170°C (typical). The high-side MOSFET stops switching when thermal shundown activates. After the die temperature falls below 158°C (typical), the device reinitiates the power up sequence controlled by the internal soft-start circuitry.

6.4 Device Functional Modes

6.4.1 Pulse Skipping Mode

The LV14240 operates in pulse skipping mode (PSM) at light load current to improve efficiency by reducing switching and gate drive losses. If the output voltage is within regulation and the peak switching current at the end of any switching cycle is below the current threshold of 300 mA, the device enters PSM. The PSM current threshold is the peak switch current level corresponding to a nominal internal COMP voltage of 400 mV.

When in PSM, the internal COMP voltage is clamped at 400 mV and the high-side MOSFET is inhibited, and the device draws 300-µA (typical) input quiescent current. Because the device is not switching, the output voltage begins to decay. The voltage control loop responds to the falling output voltage by increasing the internal COMP voltage. The high-side MOSFET is enabled and switching resumes when the error amplifier lifts internal COMP voltage above 400 mV. The output voltage recovers to the regulated value, and internal COMP voltage eventually falls below the PSM threshold at which time the device again enters PSM.

Product Folder Links: *LV14240*

7 Application and Implementation

Note

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7.1 Application Information

The LV14240 is a step down DC-to-DC regulator. The device is typically used to convert a higher DC voltage to a lower DC voltage with a maximum output current of 2 A. The following design procedure can be used to select components for the LV14240. This section presents a simplified discussion of the design process.

7.2 Typical Application

The LV14240 only requires a few external components to convert from wide voltage range supply to a fixed output voltage. A schematic of 5-V/2-A application circuit is shown in Figure 7-1. The external components have to fulfill the needs of the application, but also the stability criteria of the device control loop.
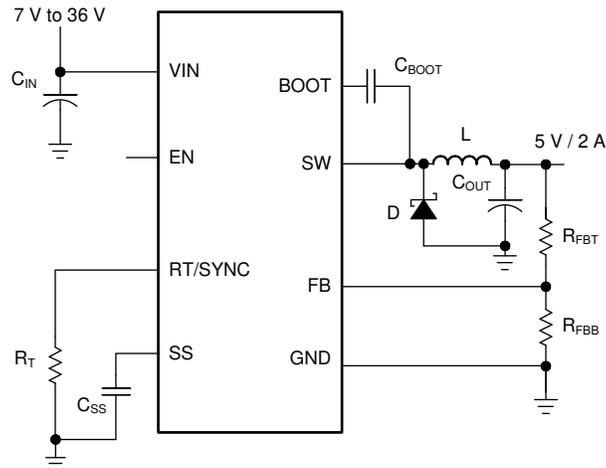

Figure 7-1. Application Circuit, 5-V Output

7.2.1 Design Requirements

This example details the design of a high frequency switching regulator using ceramic output capacitors. A few parameters must be known to start the design process. These parameters are typically determined at the system level:

Input voltage, V_{IN}	7 V to 36 V, typical 12 V
Output voltage, V_{OUT}	5.0 V
Maximum output current I_{O_MAX}	2 A
Transient response 0.2 A to 2 A	5%
Output voltage ripple	50 mV
Input voltage ripple	400 mV
Switching frequency f_{SW}	1 MHz
Soft-start time	5 ms

Product Folder Links: LV14240

7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

7.2.2.1 Output Voltage Set-Point

The output voltage of LV14240 is externally adjustable using a resistor divider network. The divider network is comprised of top feedback resistor R_{FBT} and bottom feedback resistor R_{FBB}. Equation 7 is used to determine the output voltage:

$$R_{FBT} = \frac{V_{OUT} - 0.75}{0.75} R_{FBB} \tag{7}$$

Choose the value of R_{FBT} to be 100 kΩ. With the desired output voltage set to 5 V and the V_{FB} = 0.75 V, the R_{FBB} value can then be calculated using Equation 7. The formula yields to a value 17.65 kΩ. Choose the closest available value of 17.8 kΩ for R_{FBB}.

7.2.2.2 Switching Frequency

For desired frequency, use Equation 8 to calculate the required value for R_T.

$$R_T(k\Omega) = 32537 \times f_{SW}(kHz)^{-1.045} \tag{8}$$

For 1 MHz, the calculated R_T is 23.8 kΩ and standard value 23.7 kΩ can be used to set the switching frequency at 1 MHz.

7.2.2.3 Output Inductor Selection

The most critical parameters for the inductor are the inductance, saturation current and the RMS current. The inductance is based on the desired peak-to-peak ripple current Δi_L. Because the ripple current increases with the input voltage, the maximum input voltage is always used to calculate the minimum inductance L_{MIN}. Use Equation 9 to calculate the minimum value of the output inductor. K_{IND} is a coefficient that represents the amount of inductor ripple current relative to the maximum output current. A reasonable value of K_{IND} must be 20%-40%. During an instantaneous short or over current operation event, the RMS and peak inductor current can be high. The inductor current rating must be higher than current limit.

$$\Delta i_L = \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN\_MAX} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN\_MAX} \times L \times f_{SW}} \tag{9}$$

$$L_{MIN} = \frac{V_{IN\_MAX} - V_{OUT}}{I_{OUT} \times K_{IND}} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN\_MAX} \times f_{SW}} \tag{10}$$

In general, choosing lower inductance in switching power supplies is preferable because it usually corresponds to faster transient response, smaller DCR, and reduced size for more compact designs. But too low of an inductance can generate too large of an inductor current ripple such that overcurrent protection at the full load can be falsely triggered. Too low of an inductance can also generate more conduction loss because the RMS current is slightly higher. Larger inductor current ripple also implies larger output voltage ripple with same output capacitors. With peak current mode control, TI does not recommend to have too small of an inductor current ripple. A larger peak current ripple improves the comparator signal to noise ratio.

For this design example, choose K_{IND} = 0.4, the minimum inductor value is calculated to be 5.38 µH, and a nearest standard value is chosen: 5.5 µH. A standard 5.5 µH ferrite inductor with a capability of 3 A RMS current and 4 A saturation current can be used.

7.2.2.4 Output Capacitor Selection

The output capacitors, C_{OUT}, must be chosen with care because the output capacitors directly affect the steady state output voltage ripple, loop stability and the voltage over and undershoot during load current transients.

The output ripple is essentially composed of two parts. One is caused by the inductor current ripple going through the Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) of the output capacitors:

$$\Delta V_{OUT\_ESR} = \Delta i_L \times ESR = K_{IND} \times I_{OUT} \times ESR \tag{11}$$

The other is caused by the inductor current ripple charging and discharging the output capacitors:

$$\Delta V_{OUT\_C} = \frac{\Delta i_L}{8 \times f_{SW} \times C_{OUT}} = \frac{K_{IND} \times I_{OUT}}{8 \times f_{SW} \times C_{OUT}} \tag{12}$$

The two components in the voltage ripple are not in phase, so the actual peak-to-peak ripple is smaller than the sum of two peaks.

Output capacitance is usually limited by transient performance specifications if the system requires tight voltage regulation with presence of large current steps and fast slew rate. When a fast large load increase happens, output capacitors provide the required charge before the inductor current can slew up to the appropriate level. The regulator control loop usually needs three or more clock cycles to respond to the output voltage droop. The output capacitance must be large enough to supply the current difference for three clock cycles to maintain the output voltage within the specified range. Equation 13 shows the minimum output capacitance needed for specified output undershoot. When a sudden large load decrease happens, the output capacitors absorb energy stored in the inductor. The catch diode cannot sink current so the energy stored in the inductor results in an output voltage overshoot. Equation 14 calculates the minimum capacitance required to keep the voltage overshoot within a specified range.

$$C_{OUT} > \frac{3 \times (I_{OH} - I_{OL})}{f_{SW} \times V_{US}} \tag{13}$$

$$C_{OUT} > \frac{I_{OH}^2 - I_{OL}^2}{(V_{OUT} + V_{OS})^2 - V_{OUT}^2} \times L \tag{14}$$

where

- K_{IND} = Ripple ratio of the inductor ripple current (Δi_L / I_{OUT})
- I_{OL} = Low level output current during load transient
- I_{OH} = High level output current during load transient
- V_{US} = Target output voltage undershoot
- V_{OS} = Target output voltage overshoot

For this design example, the target output ripple is 50 mV. Presuppose $\Delta V_{OUT\_ESR} = \Delta V_{OUT\_C} = 50$ mV, and chose $K_{IND} = 0.4$. Equation 11 yields ESR no larger than 62.5 mΩ and Equation 12 yields C_{OUT} no smaller than 2 μF. For the target over and undershoot range of this design, $V_{US} = V_{OS} = 5\% \times V_{OUT} = 250$ mV. The C_{OUT} can be calculated to be no smaller than 21.6 μF and 4.1 μF by Equation 13 and Equation 14 respectively. For stability consideration, one 47 μF output capacitor is needed at least. In summary, the most stringent criteria for the output capacitor is 47 μF. One 47-μF, 16-V, X7R ceramic capacitors with 5-mΩ ESR is used.

7.2.2.5 Schottky Diode Selection

The breakdown voltage rating of the diode is preferred to be 25% higher than the maximum input voltage. The current rating for the diode must be equal to the maximum output current for best reliability in most applications. In cases where the input voltage is much greater than the output voltage the average diode current is lower. In this case, using a diode with a lower average current rating, approximately (1-D) × I_{OUT}, is possible. However, the peak current rating must be higher than the maximum load current. A 2.5 A to 3 A rated diode is a good starting point.

7.2.2.6 *Input Capacitor Selection*

The LV14240 device requires high frequency input decoupling capacitors and a bulk input capacitor, depending on the application. The typical recommended value for the high frequency decoupling capacitor is 4.7 µF to 10 µF. TI recommends a high-quality ceramic capacitor type X5R or X7R with sufficiency voltage rating. To compensate the derating of ceramic capacitors, TI recommends a voltage rating of twice the maximum input voltage. Additionally, some bulk capacitance can be required, especially if the LV14240 circuit is not located within approximately 5 cm from the input voltage source. This capacitor is used to provide damping to the voltage spike due to the lead inductance of the cable or the trace. For this design, two 2.2-µF, X7R ceramic capacitors rated for 100 V are used. Use a 0.1 µF for high-frequency filtering and place as close as possible to the device pins.

7.2.2.7 *Bootstrap Capacitor Selection*

Every LV14240 design requires a bootstrap capacitor (C_{BOOT}). The recommended capacitor is 0.1 µF and rated 16 V or higher. The bootstrap capacitor is located between the SW pin and the BOOT pin. The bootstrap capacitor must be a high-quality ceramic type with an X7R or X5R grade dielectric for temperature stability.

7.2.2.8 Soft-Start Capacitor Selection

Use Equation 15 to calculate the soft-start capacitor value:

$$C_{SS}(nF) = \frac{t_{SS}(ms) \times I_{SS}(\mu A)}{V_{REF}(V)}$$

(15)

where

- C_{SS} = Soft-start capacitor value
- I_{SS} = Soft-start charging current (3 µA)
- t_{SS} = Desired soft-start time

For the desired soft-start time of 5 ms and soft-start charging current of 3 µA, the Equation 15 yields a soft-start capacitor value of 20 nF, a standard 22 nF ceramic capacitor is used.
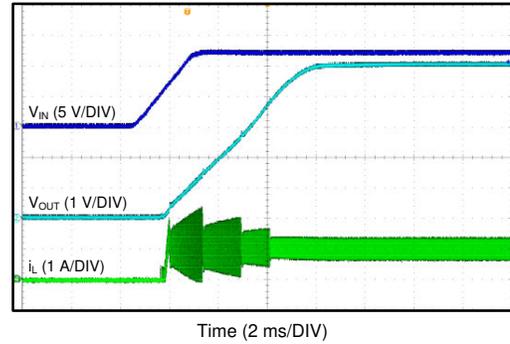
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7.2.3 Application Curves

Unless otherwise specified the following conditions apply: V_{IN} = 12 V, f_{SW} = 1 MHz, L = 5.5 µH, C_{OUT} = 47 µF, T_A = 25°C.
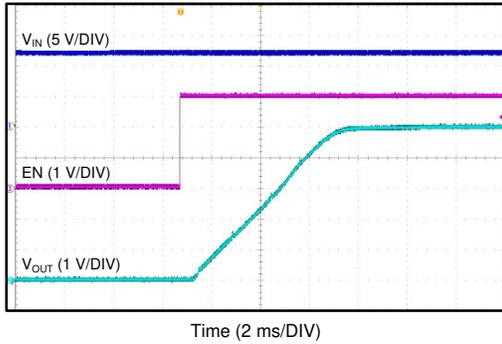
V_{IN} = 12 V	V_{OUT} = 5 V	I_{OUT} = 1 A

Figure 7-2. Start-up By EN

V_{IN} = 12 V	V_{OUT} = 5 V	I_{OUT} = 1 A

Figure 7-3. Start-up By V_{IN}
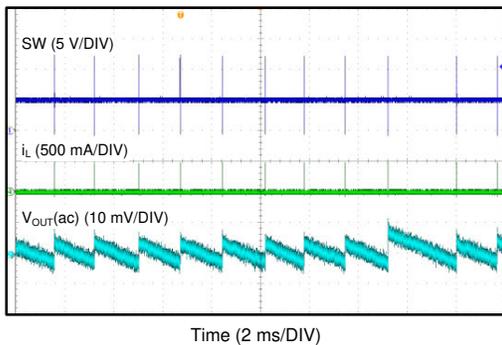
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Figure 7-4. Pulse Skipping Mode
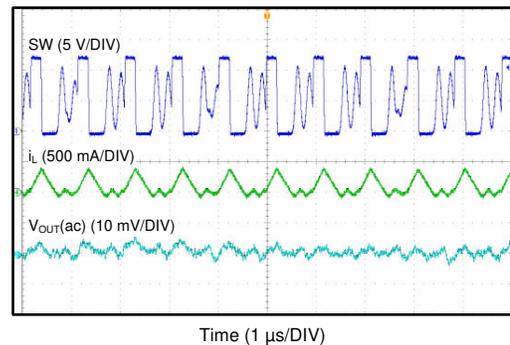
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Figure 7-5. DCM Mode
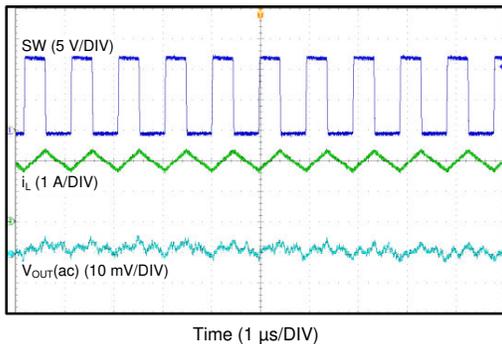
Figure 7-6. CCM Mode
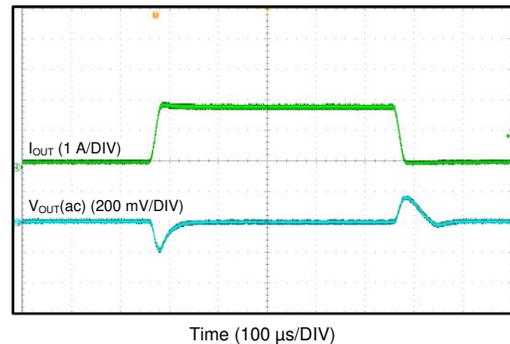
I_{OUT}: 10% → 100%   Slew rate = 100
of 2 A   mA/µs

Figure 7-7. Load Transient

Figure 7-8. Output Short

V_{IN} = 12 V V_{OUT} = 5 V

Figure 7-9. Output Short Recovery

V_{IN} = 12 V V_{OUT} = 5 V
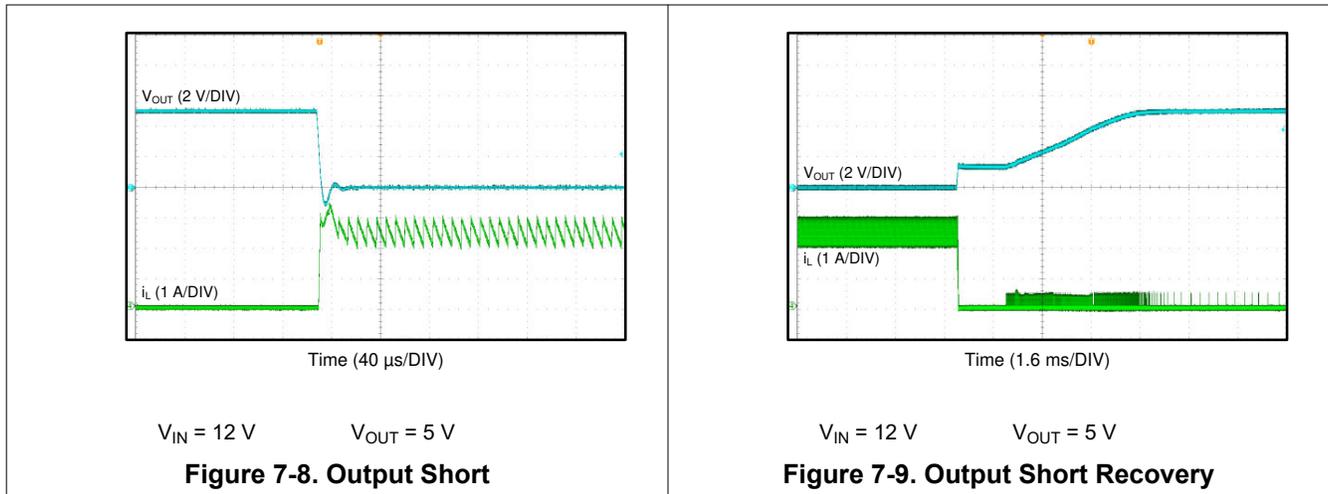
7.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The LV14240 is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 4 V and 40 V. This input supply must be able to withstand the maximum input current and maintain a stable voltage. The resistance of the input supply rail must be low enough that an input current transient does not cause a high enough drop at the LV14240 supply voltage that can cause a false UVLO fault triggering and system reset. If the input supply is located more than a few inches from the LV14240, additional bulk capacitance can be required in addition to the ceramic input capacitors. The amount of bulk capacitance is not critical, but a 47-µF or 100-µF electrolytic capacitor is a typical choice.

7.4 Layout

7.4.1 Layout Guidelines

Layout is a critical portion of good power supply design. The following guidelines help users design a PCB with the best power conversion performance, thermal performance, and minimized generation of unwanted EMI.

1. The feedback network, resistor R_{FBT} and R_{FBB}, must be kept close to the FB pin. V_{OUT} sense path away from noisy nodes and preferably through a layer on the other side of a shielding layer .
2. The input bypass capacitor C_{IN} must be placed as close as possible to the VIN pin and ground. Grounding for both the input and output capacitors must consist of localized top side planes that connect to the GND pin and PAD .
3. The inductor L must be placed close to the SW pin to reduce magnetic and electrostatic noise.
4. The output capacitor, C_{OUT} must be placed close to the junction of L and the diode D. The L, D, and C_{OUT} trace must be as short as possible to reduce conducted and radiated noise and increase overall efficiency.
5. The ground connection for the diode, C_{IN}, and C_{OUT} must be as small as possible and tied to the system ground plane in only one spot (preferably at the C_{OUT} ground point) to minimize conducted noise in the system ground plane
6. For more detail on switching power supply layout considerations, see application note AN-1149
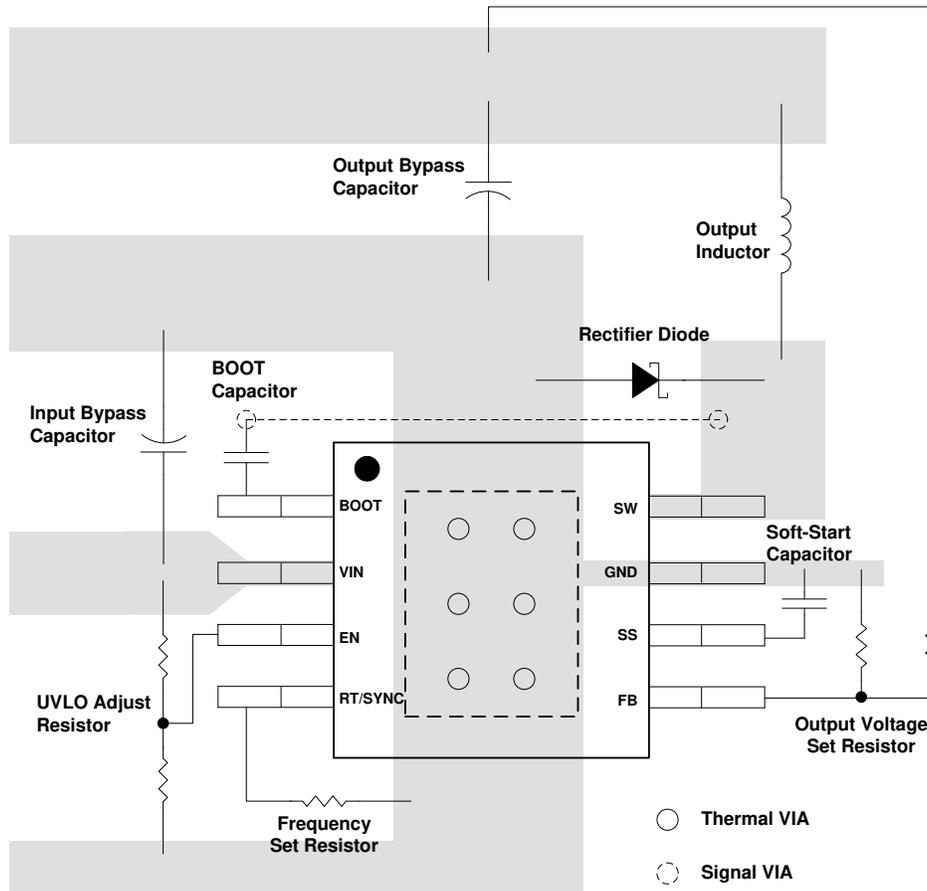
7.4.2 Layout Example

Figure 7-10. Layout

8 Device and Documentation Support

8.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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8.5 Glossary

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

9 Revision History

10 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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LV14240DDAR	Active	Production	SO PowerPAD (DDA) | 8	2500 | LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU | NIPDAUAG	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	14240
LV14240DDAR.A	Active	Production	SO PowerPAD (DDA) | 8	2500 | LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	14240

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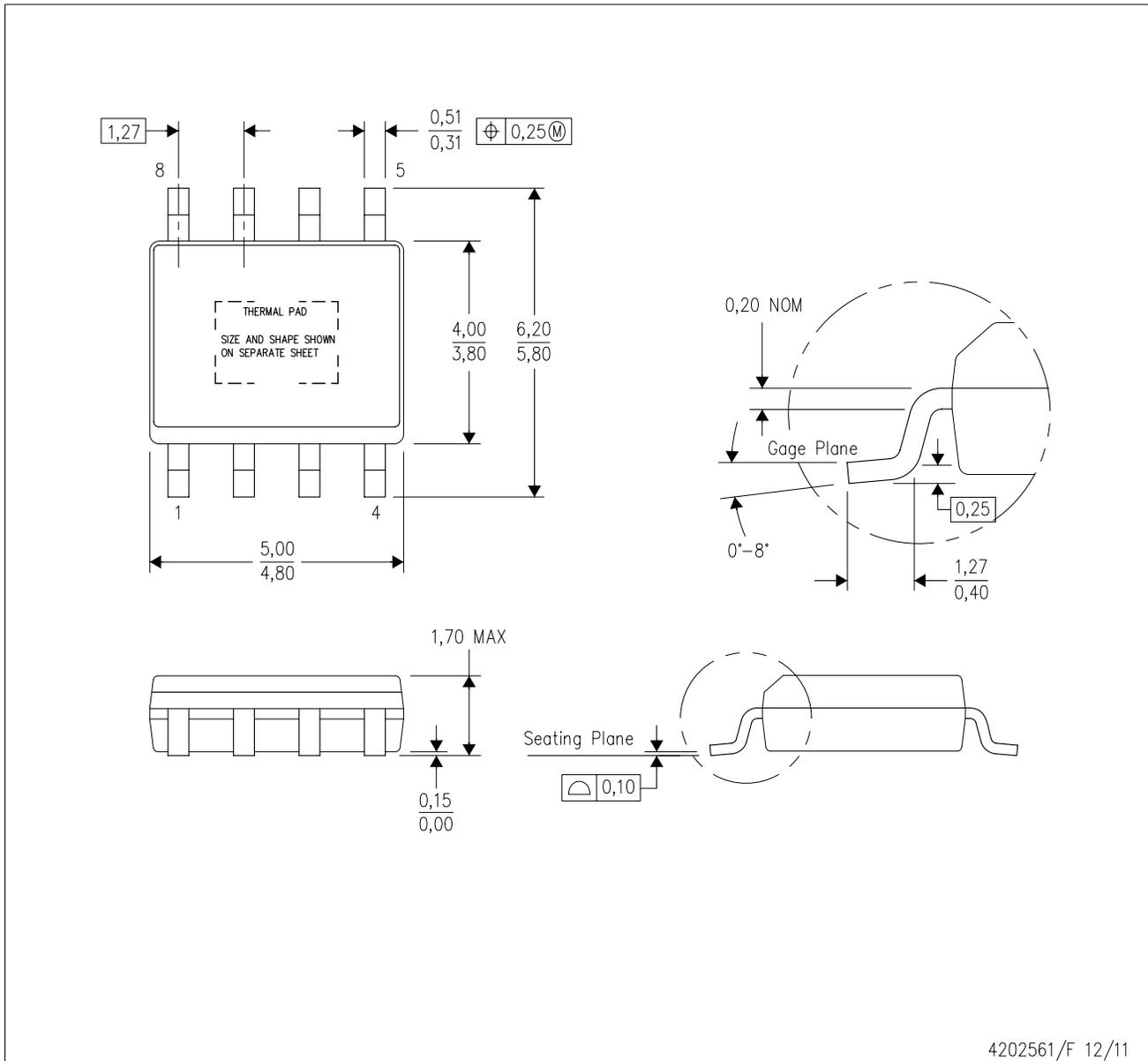
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1,27

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4,00
3,80   6,20
5,80

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Gage Plane

0°−8°

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0,40

1,70 MAX

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Seating Plane

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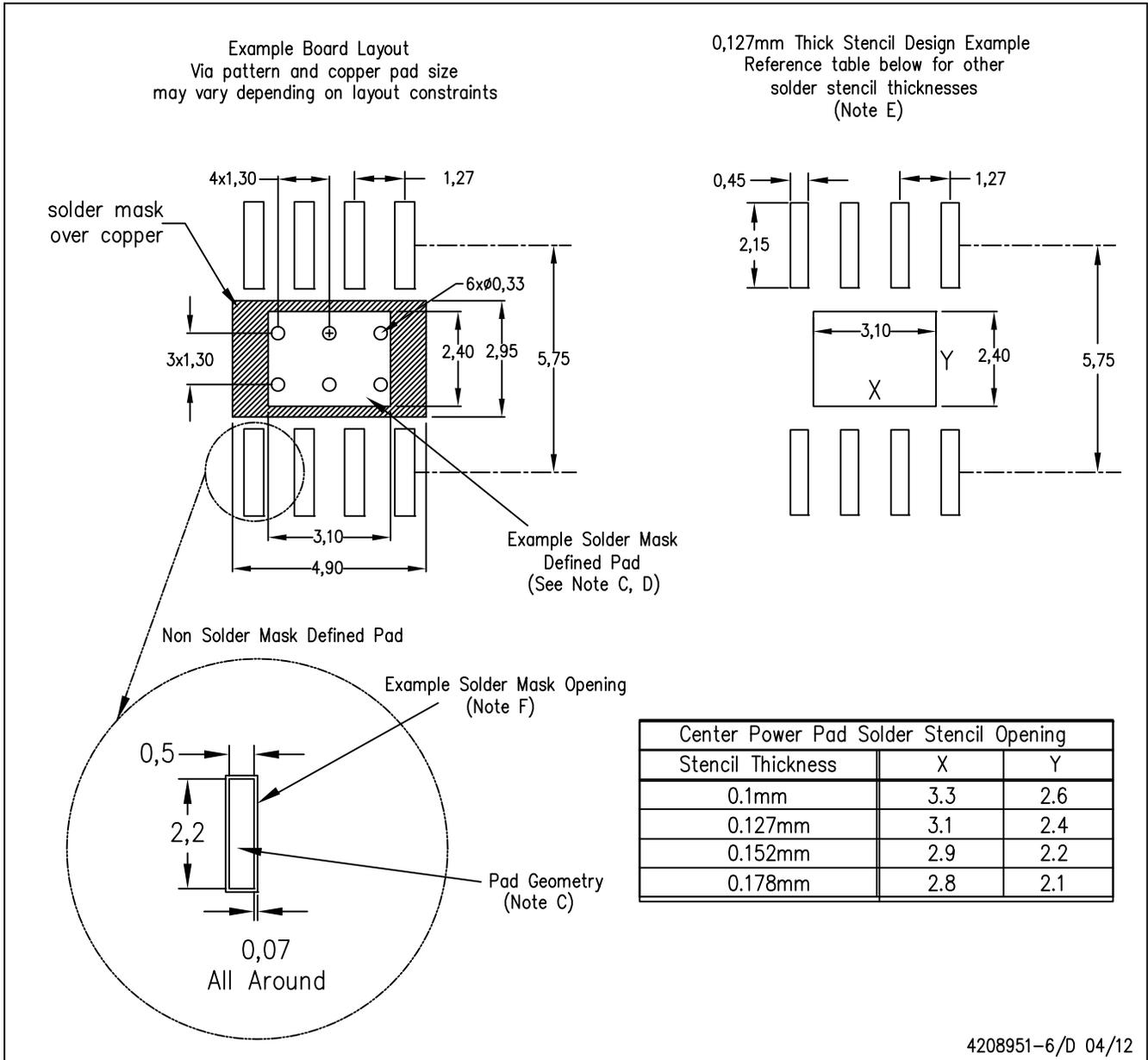The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.
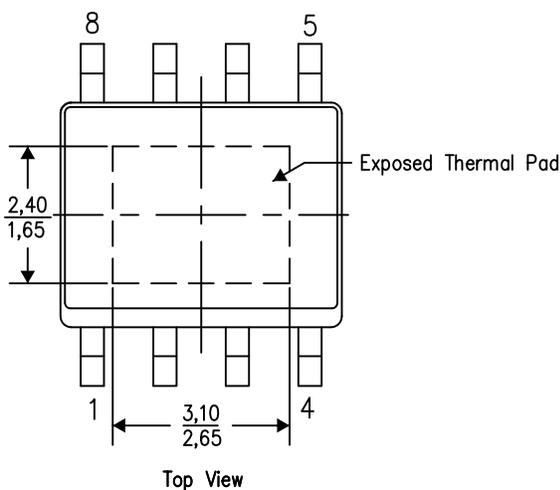
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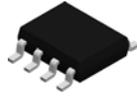NOTE: A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters

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Example Board Layout
Via pattern and copper pad size
may vary depending on layout constraints

0,127mm Thick Stencil Design Example
Reference table below for other
solder stencil thicknesses
(Note E)

solder mask
over copper

4x1,30   1,27

6x∅0,33

3x1,30

2,40 2,95   5,75

3,10

4,90

Example Solder Mask
Defined Pad
(See Note C, D)

0,45   1,27

2,15

3,10
X   Y   2,40   5,75

Non Solder Mask Defined Pad

Example Solder Mask Opening
(Note F)

0,5

2,2

0,07
All Around

Pad Geometry
(Note C)

Center Power Pad Solder Stencil Opening		
Stencil Thickness	X	Y
0.1mm	3.3	2.6
0.127mm	3.1	2.4
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E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should
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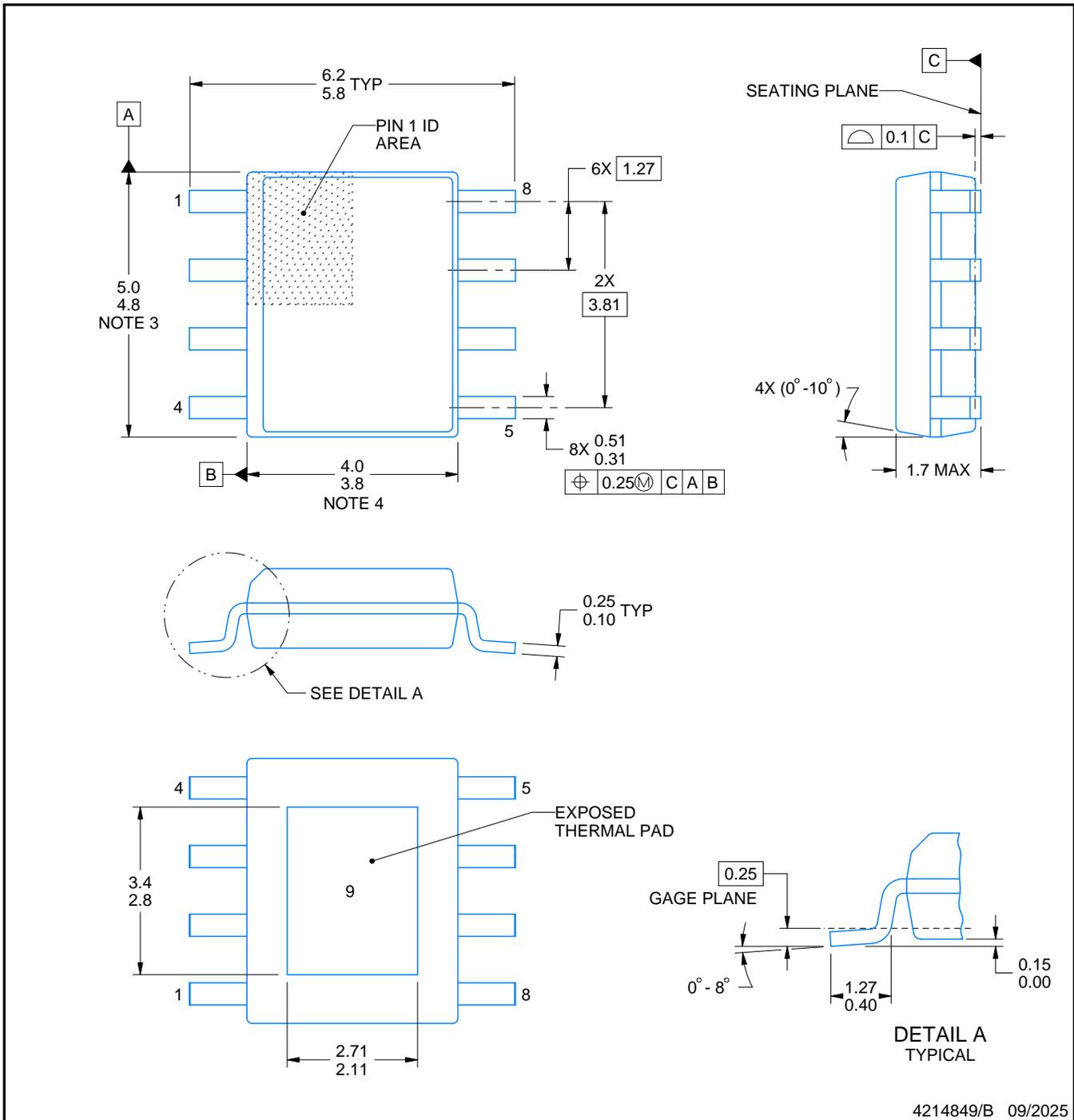PowerPAD is a trademark of Texas Instruments.

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5.8 TYP

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NOTE 4

C

SEATING PLANE

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SEE DETAIL A

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EXPOSED
THERMAL PAD

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GAGE PLANE

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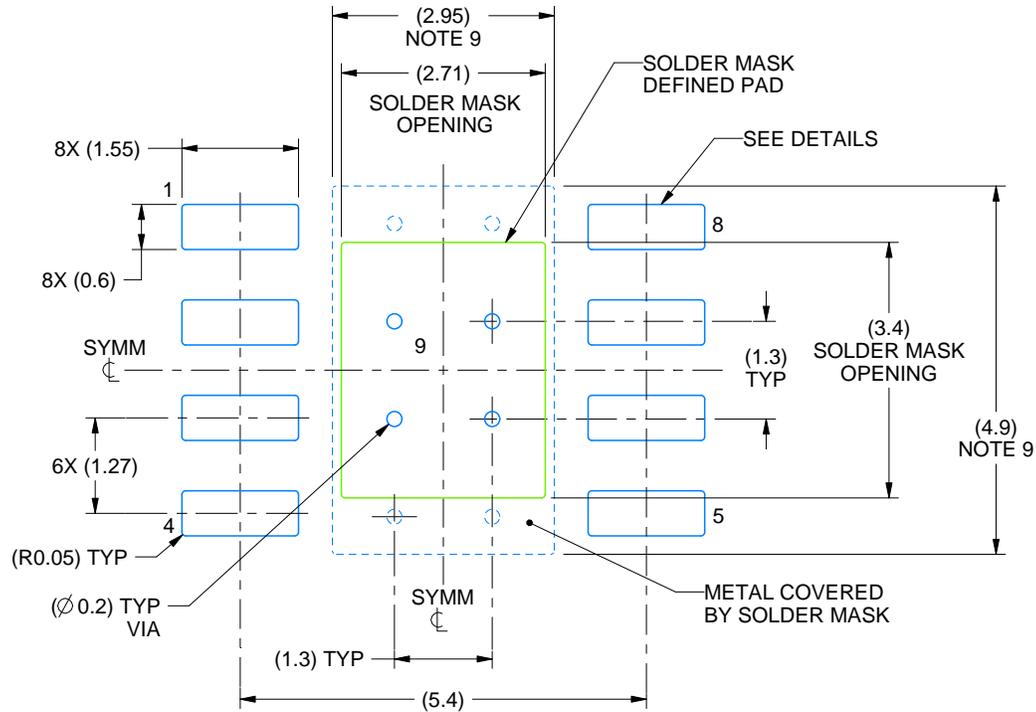
LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
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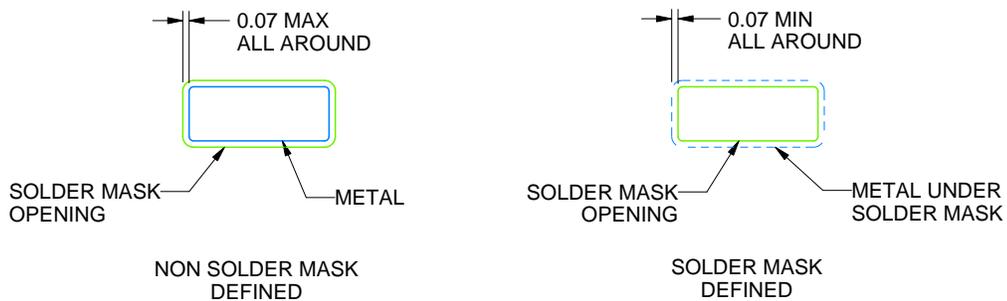
SOLDER MASK DETAILS
PADS 1-8

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NOTES: (continued)

6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.
8. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature numbers SLMA002 (www.ti.com/lit/slma002) and SLMA004 (www.ti.com/lit/slma004).
9. Size of metal pad may vary due to creepage requirement.
10. 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.

(2.71)
BASED ON
0.125 THICK
STENCIL

8X (1.55)

8X (0.6)

SYMM
℄

6X (1.27)

(R0.05) TYP

(3.4)
BASED ON
0.125 THICK
STENCIL

METAL COVERED
BY SOLDER MASK

SYMM
℄

(5.4)

SEE TABLE FOR
DIFFERENT OPENINGS
FOR OTHER STENCIL
THICKNESSES
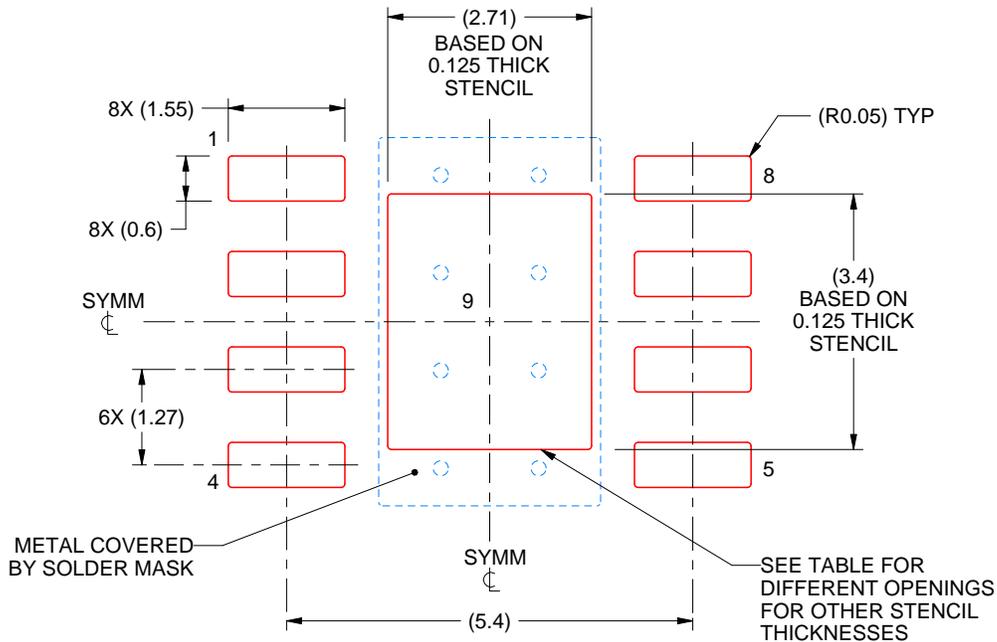
SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
EXPOSED PAD
100% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA
SCALE:10X

STENCIL THICKNESS	SOLDER STENCIL OPENING
0.1	3.03 X 3.80
0.125	2.71 X 3.40 (SHOWN)
0.150	2.47 X 3.10
0.175	2.29 X 2.87

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NOTES: (continued)

11. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
12. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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