TPS54528 4.5-V To 18-V Input, 5-A Synchronous Step-Down Converter With Eco-Mode™

1 Features
• D-CAP²™ Mode Enables Fast Transient Response
• Low Output Ripple and Allows Ceramic Output Capacitor
• Wide VIN Input Voltage Range: 4.5 V to 18 V
• Output Voltage Range: 0.76 V to 6 V
• Highly Efficient Integrated FETs Optimized for Lower Duty Cycle Applications
  – 65 mΩ (High Side) and 36 mΩ (Low Side)
• High Efficiency, less than 10 μA at shutdown
• High Initial Bandgap Reference Accuracy
• Adjustable Soft Start
• Pre-Biased Soft Start
• 650-kHz Switching Frequency (fSW)
• Cycle By Cycle Over Current Limit
• Auto-Skip Eco-mode™ for High Efficiency at Light Load

2 Applications
• Wide Range of Applications for Low Voltage System
  – Digital TV Power Supply
  – High Definition Blu-ray Disc™ Players
  – Networking Home Terminal
  – Digital Set Top Box (STB)

3 Description
The TPS54528 is an adaptive on-time D-CAP²™ mode synchronous buck converter. The TPS54528 enables system designers to complete the suite of various end-equipment power bus regulators with a cost effective, low component count, low standby current solution. The main control loop for the TPS54528 uses the D-CAP²™ mode control that provides a fast transient response with no external compensation components. The adaptive on-time control supports seamless transition between PWM mode at higher load conditions and Eco-mode™ operation at light loads. Eco-mode™ allows the TPS54528 to maintain high efficiency during lighter load conditions. The TPS54528 also has a proprietary circuit that enables the device to adopt to both low equivalent series resistance (ESR) output capacitors, such as POSCAP or SP-CAP, and ultra-low ESR ceramic capacitors. The device operates from 4.5-V to 18-V VIN input. The output voltage can be programmed between 0.76 V and 6 V. The device also features an adjustable soft start time. The TPS54528 is available in the 8-terminal DDA package, and designed to operate from −40°C to 85°C.

Device Information

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<td>TPS54528DDA</td>
<td>HSOP (8)</td>
<td>4.89 mm × 3.9 mm</td>
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4 Simplified Schematic

1.05-V, Load Transient Response

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- Formatted data sheet to meet new template requirements .................................................. 1
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- Moved ABS Max, Handling Ratings, ROC, Thermal Info, and Electrical Characteristics tables to the new “Specifications” section. .............................................. 4
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- Added "Power Supply Recommendations" section ................................................................... 15
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- Added CONDITIONS statement at the Typical Characteristics section heading........................ 6
- Changed 2-µA to 6µA in Soft Start and Pre-Biased Soft Start subsection and denominator in equation 2 ................. 9
# Terminal Configuration and Functions

## Terminal Functions

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<th>TERMINAL</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>EN</td>
<td>Enable input control. EN is active high and must be pulled up to enable the device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VFB</td>
<td>Converter feedback input. Connect to output voltage with feedback resistor divider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VREG5</td>
<td>5.5 V power supply output. A capacitor (typical 1 µF) should be connected to GND. VREG5 is not active when EN is low.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SS</td>
<td>Soft-start control. An external capacitor should be connected to GND.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>Ground terminal. Power ground return for switching circuit. Connect sensitive SS and VFB returns to GND at a single point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SW</td>
<td>Switch node connection between high-side NFET and low-side NFET.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VBST</td>
<td>Supply input for the high-side FET gate drive circuit. Connect 0.1µF capacitor between VBST and SW terminals. An internal diode is connected between VREG5 and VBST.</td>
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<tr>
<td>VIN</td>
<td>Input voltage supply terminal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exposed Thermal Pad</td>
<td>Thermal pad of the package. Must be soldered to achieve appropriate dissipation. Must be connected to GND.</td>
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![DDA-8 PACKAGE](top_view.png)
# Specifications

## 7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) \(^{(1)}\)

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<td>VBST (10 ns transient)</td>
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<td>V</td>
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<td>VBST (vs SW)</td>
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<td>VFB, SS</td>
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<td>SW</td>
<td>-2</td>
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<td>SW (10 ns transient)</td>
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<td>VBST (vs SW)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Input voltage range</td>
<td>VBST</td>
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<tr>
<td>VREG5</td>
<td>-0.3</td>
<td>6.5</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>-0.3</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output voltage range</td>
<td>Voltage from GND to thermal pad, V&lt;sub&gt;diff&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>150</td>
<td>°C</td>
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\(^{(1)}\) 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.

## 7.2 Handling Ratings

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<td>Charged Device Model (CDM)</td>
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<td>SS</td>
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<td>EN</td>
<td>-0.1</td>
<td>18</td>
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7.4 Thermal Information

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<td>Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance</td>
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<td>Junction-to-board thermal resistance</td>
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<td>ψJT</td>
<td>Junction-to-top characterization parameter</td>
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<td>θJCbot</td>
<td>Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance</td>
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(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the IC Package Thermal Metrics application report, SPRA953.

7.5 Electrical Characteristics

over operating free-air temperature range, VIN = 12 V (unless otherwise noted)

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<td>Operating - non-switching supply current</td>
<td>VIN current, TA = 25°C, EN = 5 V, VFB = 0.8 V</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>1200</td>
<td>μA</td>
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<td>VINSDN</td>
<td>Shutdown supply current</td>
<td>VIN current, TA = 25°C, EN = 0 V</td>
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<td>EN low-level input voltage</td>
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<td>VFBTH</td>
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<td>773</td>
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<td>TA = -40 to 85°C, VO = 1.05 V, continuous mode operation(1)</td>
<td>751</td>
<td>765</td>
<td>779</td>
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<td>IVD</td>
<td>VFB input current</td>
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<td>±0.15</td>
<td>μA</td>
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<td>VREGS output voltage</td>
<td>TA = 25°C, 6.0 V &lt; VIN &lt; 18 V, 0 &lt; IREGS &lt; 5 mA</td>
<td>5.2</td>
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<td>VLN5</td>
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<td>High side switch resistance</td>
<td>25°C, VBST - SW = 5.5 V</td>
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<td>mΩ</td>
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<td>Low side switch resistance</td>
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<td>Thermal shutdown threshold</td>
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<td>Hysteresis (1)</td>
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(1) Not production tested.
Electrical Characteristics (continued)
over operating free-air temperature range, \( V_{IN} = 12 \) V (unless otherwise noted)

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<td>SOFT START</td>
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<td>( I_{SS} )</td>
<td>SS charge current</td>
<td>( V_{SS} = 1 ) V</td>
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<td>SS discharge current</td>
<td>( V_{SS} = 0.5 ) V</td>
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<td>UVLO</td>
<td>UVLO threshold</td>
<td>Wake up ( V_{REG} ) voltage</td>
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7.6 Timing Requirements - On-Time Timer Control

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<tr>
<td>( I_{ON} )</td>
<td>On time ( V_{IN} = 12 ) V, ( V_{O} = 1.05 ) V</td>
<td>150</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ns</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{OFF(MIN)} )</td>
<td>Minimum off time ( T_{A} = 25^\circ C, V_{FB} = 0.7 ) V</td>
<td>260</td>
<td>330</td>
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<td>ns</td>
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7.7 Typical Characteristics
\( V_{IN} = 12 \) V, \( T_{A} = 25^\circ C \) (unless otherwise noted).
Typical Characteristics (continued)
VIN = 12 V, TA = 25°C (unless otherwise noted).

**Figure 5. 1.05-V Output Voltage vs Input Voltage**

**Figure 6. Efficiency vs Output Current**

**Figure 7. Light Load Efficiency vs Output Current**

**Figure 8. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage**

**Figure 9. Switching Frequency vs Output Current**

**Figure 10. VFB Voltage vs Junction Temperature**

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

VIN = 12 V, $T_A = 25^\circ C$ (unless otherwise noted).

![Graph showing maximum power dissipation](image-url)

**Figure 11. Maximum Power Dissipation**
8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview
The TPS54528 is a 5-A synchronous step-down (buck) converter with two integrated N-channel MOSFETs. It operates using D-CAP2™ mode control. The fast transient response of D-CAP2™ control reduces the output capacitance required to meet a specific level of performance. Proprietary internal circuitry allows the use of low ESR output capacitors including ceramic and special polymer types.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Soft Start And Pre-Biased Soft Start
The soft start function is adjustable. When the EN terminal becomes high, 6μA current begins charging the capacitor which is connected from the SS terminal to GND. Smooth control of the output voltage is maintained during start up. The equation for the slow start time is shown in Equation 1. VFB voltage is 0.765 V and SS terminal source current is 6μA.

\[
t_{ss}(\text{ms}) = \frac{C6(\text{nF}) \times V_{FB}}{I_{SS}(\mu A)} \times 1.1 = \frac{C6(\text{nF}) \times 0.765 \times 1.1}{6}
\] (1)
Feature Description (continued)
The TPS54528 contains a unique circuit to prevent current from being pulled from the output during startup if the output is pre-biased. When the soft-start commands a voltage higher than the pre-bias level (internal soft start becomes greater than feedback voltage $V_{FB}$), the controller slowly activates synchronous rectification by starting the first low side FET gate driver pulses with a narrow on-time. It then increments that on-time on a cycle-by-cycle basis until it coincides with the time dictated by $(1-D)$, where D is the duty cycle of the converter. This scheme prevents the initial sinking of the pre-bias output, and ensure that the out voltage ($V_O$) starts and ramps up smoothly into regulation and the control loop is given time to transition from pre-biased start-up to normal mode operation.

8.3.2 Current Protection
The output overcurrent protection (OCP) is implemented using a cycle-by-cycle valley detect control circuit. The switch current is monitored by measuring the low-side FET switch voltage between the SW terminal and GND. 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 $V_{IN}$, $V_{OUT}$, 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 $I_{out}$. The TPS54528 constantly monitors the low-side FET switch voltage, which is proportional to the switch current, during the low-side on-time. If the measured voltage is above the voltage proportional to the current limit, an internal counter is incremented per each SW cycle and the converter maintains the low-side switch on until the measured voltage is below the voltage corresponding to the current limit at which time the switching cycle is terminated and a new switching cycle begins. In subsequent switching cycles, the on-time is set to a fixed value and the current is monitored in the same manner. If the over current condition exists for 7 consecutive switching cycles, the internal OCL threshold is set to a lower level, reducing the available output current. When a switching cycle occurs where the switch current is not above the lower OCL threshold, the counter is reset and the OCL limit is returned to the higher value.

There are some important considerations for this type of over-current protection. The peak current is the average load current plus one half of the peak-to-peak inductor current. The valley current is the average load current minus one half of the peak-to-peak inductor current. Since the valley current is used to detect the overcurrent threshold, the load current is higher than the over-current threshold. Also, when the current is being limited, the output voltage tends to fall as the demanded load current may be higher than the current available from the converter. When the over current condition is removed, the output voltage will return to the regulated value. This protection is non-latching.

8.3.3 UVLO Protection
Undervoltage lock out protection (UVLO) monitors the voltage of the $V_{REG5}$ terminal. When the $V_{REG5}$ voltage is lower than UVLO threshold voltage, the TPS54528 is shut off. This protection is non-latching.

8.3.4 Thermal Shutdown
TPS54528 monitors the temperature of itself. If the temperature exceeds the threshold value (typically 165°C), the device is shut off. This is non-latch protection.

8.4 Device Functional Modes
8.4.1 PWM Operation
The main control loop of the TPS54528 is an adaptive on-time pulse width modulation (PWM) controller that supports a proprietary D-CAP2™ mode control. D-CAP2™ mode control combines constant 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. It is stable even with virtually no ripple at the output.
Device Functional Modes (continued)

At the beginning of each cycle, the high-side MOSFET is turned on. This MOSFET is turned off after internal one shot timer expires. This one shot is set by the converter input voltage, \( V_{IN} \), and the output voltage, \( V_O \), to maintain a pseudo-fixed frequency over the input voltage range, hence it is 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 ramp is added to reference voltage to simulate output ripple, eliminating the need for ESR induced output ripple from D-CAP2™ mode control.

8.4.2 PWM Frequency And Adaptive On-Time Control

TPS54528 uses an adaptive on-time control scheme and does not have a dedicated on board oscillator. The TPS54528 runs with a pseudo-constant frequency of 700 kHz by using the input voltage and output voltage to set the on-time one-shot timer. The on-time is inversely proportional to the input voltage and proportional to the output voltage; therefore, when the duty ratio is \( V_{OUT}/V_{IN} \), the frequency is constant.

8.4.3 Auto-Skip Eco-Mode™ Control

The TPS54528 is designed with Auto-Skip Eco-mode™ to increase light load efficiency. As the output current decreases from heavy load condition, the inductor current is also reduced and eventually comes to point that its rippled valley touches zero level, which is the boundary between continuous conduction and discontinuous conduction modes. The rectifying MOSFET is turned off when its zero inductor current is detected. As the load current further decreases the converter run into discontinuous conduction mode. The on-time is kept almost the same as it was in the continuous conduction mode so that it takes longer time to discharge the output capacitor with smaller load current to the level of the reference voltage. The transition point to the light load operation \( I_{OUT(LL)} \) current can be calculated in Equation 2

\[
I_{OUT(LL)} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot L \cdot f_{SW}} \left( V_{IN} - V_{OUT} \right) \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}
\]  

\[
(2)
\]
9 Applications and Implementation

9.1 Application Information

The TPS54528 is designed to provide up to a 2-A output current from an input voltage source ranging from 4.5 V to 18 V. The output voltage is configurable from 0.76 V to 6 V. A simplified design procedure for a 1.05-V output is shown below.

9.2 Typical Application

![Diagram of 5-A Synchronous Step-Down (Buck) Converter](image)

**Figure 12. 5-A Synchronous Step-Down (Buck) Converter**

9.2.1 Design Requirements

*Figure 12* shows the schematic of the design example.

To begin the design process, the user must know a few application parameters:

- Input voltage range
- Output voltage
- Output current
- Output voltage ripple
- Input voltage ripple

9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.2.1 Output Voltage Resistors Selection

The output voltage is set with a resistor divider from the output node to the VFB terminal. It is recommended to use 1% tolerance or better divider resistors. Start by using Equation 3 to calculate $V_{OUT}$.

To improve efficiency at light loads consider using larger value resistors, high resistance is more susceptible to noise, and the voltage errors from the VFB input current are more noticeable.

$$V_{OUT} = 0.765 \times \left\{ 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right\}$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)
9.2.2.2 Output Filter Selection

The output filter used with the TPS54528 is an LC circuit. This LC filter has double pole at:

$$f_p = \frac{1}{2\pi L C}$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

At low frequencies, the overall loop gain is set by the output set-point resistor divider network and the internal gain of the TPS54528. The low frequency phase is 180 degrees. At the output filter pole frequency, the gain rolls off at a –40 dB per decade rate and the phase drops rapidly. D-CAP2™ introduces a high frequency zero that reduces the gain roll off to –20 dB per decade and increases the phase to 90 degrees one decade above the zero frequency. The inductor and capacitor selected for the output filter must be selected so that the double pole of Equation 4 is located below the high frequency zero but close enough that the phase boost provided by the high frequency zero provides adequate phase margin for a stable circuit. To meet this requirement use the values recommended in Table 1.

Table 1. Recommended Component Values

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(1) Optional

Since the DC gain is dependent on the output voltage, the required inductor value increases as the output voltage increases. For higher output voltages at or above 1.8 V, additional phase boost can be achieved by adding a feed forward capacitor (C4) in parallel with R1.

The inductor peak-to-peak ripple current, peak current and RMS current are calculated using Equation 5, Equation 6 and Equation 7. The inductor saturation current rating must be greater than the calculated peak current and the RMS or heating current rating must be greater than the calculated RMS current. Use 700 kHz for \(f_{SW}\).

Use 650 kHz for \(f_{SW}\). Make sure the chosen inductor is rated for the peak current of Equation 6 and the RMS current of Equation 7.

\[
I_{\text{PP}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{IN(max)}}} \cdot \frac{V_{\text{IN(max)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}}{L_0 \times f_{SW}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (5)

\[
I_{\text{peak}} = I_O + \frac{I_{\text{PP}}}{2}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (6)

\[
I_{\text{Lo(RMS)}} = \sqrt{I_O^2 + \frac{I_{\text{PP}}^2}{12}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (7)

For this design example, the calculated peak current is 5.51 A and the calculated RMS current is 5.01 A. The inductor used is a TDK SPM6530-1R5M100 with a peak current rating of 11.5 A and an RMS current rating of 11 A.

The capacitor value and ESR determines the amount of output voltage ripple. The TPS54528 is intended for use with ceramic or other low ESR capacitors. Recommended values range from 22µF to 68µF. Use Equation 8 to determine the required RMS current rating for the output capacitor.

\[
I_{\text{Co(RMS)}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \times (V_{\text{IN}} + V_{\text{OUT}})}{\sqrt{12 \times V_{\text{IN}} \times L_0 \times f_{SW}}}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (8)
For this design two TDK C3216X5R0J226M 22μF output capacitors are used. The typical ESR is 2 mΩ each. The calculated RMS current is 0.29 A and each output capacitor is rated for 4A.

9.2.2.3 Input Capacitor Selection

The TPS54528 requires an input decoupling capacitor and a bulk capacitor is needed depending on the application. A ceramic capacitor over 10 μF is recommended for the decoupling capacitor. An additional 0.1 μF capacitor (C3) from terminal 8 to ground is optional to provide additional high frequency filtering. The capacitor voltage rating needs to be greater than the maximum input voltage.

9.2.2.4 Bootstrap Capacitor Selection

A 0.1 μF. ceramic capacitor must be connected between the VBST to SW terminal for proper operation. It is recommended to use a ceramic capacitor.

9.2.2.5 Vreg5 Capacitor Selection

A 1-μF. ceramic capacitor must be connected between the VREG5 to GND terminal for proper operation. It is recommended to use a ceramic capacitor.

9.2.3 Application Performance Curves

Figure 13. Load Transient Response

Figure 14. Start-Up Wave Form

Figure 15. Voltage Ripple At Output

Figure 16. DCM Voltage Ripple At Output
10 Power Supply Recommendations

The input voltage range is from 4.5V to 18V. The input power supply and the input capacitors should be located as close to the device as possible to minimize the impedance of the power-supply line.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

1. The TPS54528 can supply large load currents up to 5 A, so heat dissipation may be a concern. The top side area adjacent to the TPS54528 should be filled with ground as much as possible to dissipate heat.
2. The bottom side area directly below the IC should a dedicated ground area. It should be directly connected to the thermal pad of the device using vias as shown. The ground area should be as large as practical. Additional internal layers can be dedicated as ground planes and connected to the vias as well.
3. Keep the input switching current loop as small as possible.
4. Keep the SW node as physically small and short as possible to minimize parasitic capacitance and inductance and to minimize radiated emissions. Kelvin connections should be brought from the output to the feedback terminal of the device.
5. Keep analog and non-switching components away from switching components.
6. Make a single point connection from the signal ground to power ground.
7. Do not allow switching current to flow under the device.
8. Keep the pattern lines for VIN and PGND broad.
9. Exposed pad of device must be connected to PGND with solder.
10. VREG5 capacitor should be placed near the device, and connected PGND.
11. Output capacitor should be connected to a broad pattern of the PGND.
12. Voltage feedback loop should be as short as possible, and preferably with ground shield.
13. Lower resistor of the voltage divider which is connected to the VFB terminal should be tied to SGND.
14. Providing sufficient via is preferable for VIN, SW and PGND connection.
15. PCB pattern for VIN, SW, and PGND should be as broad as possible.
16. VIN Capacitor should be placed as near as possible to the device.
11.2 Layout Example

VIA to Ground Plane
11.3 Thermal Information

This 8-terminal DDA package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be directly connected to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For additional information on the exposed thermal pad and how to use the advantage of its heat dissipating abilities, see the Technical Brief, PowerPAD™ Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 and Application Brief, PowerPAD™ Made Easy, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA004.

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

![Figure 18. Thermal Pad Dimensions](image-url)
12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Documentation Support

12.1.1 Related Documentation
D-CAP2™ Frequency Response Model, SLVA546
TPS54528EVM-052, 5-A, SWIFT™ Regulator Evaluation Module, SLVU480

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

12.4 Glossary
SLYZ022 — Ti Glossary.
This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms and definitions.

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information
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All dimensions are nominal.

- **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

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### TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS

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### TUBE

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**B** - Alignment groove width

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D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Technical Brief, PowerPad Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 for information regarding recommended board layout. This document is available at www.ti.com <http://www.ti.com>.
E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
F. This package complies to JEDEC MS-012 variation BA

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THERMAL INFORMATION

This PowerPAD™ package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached to a printed circuit board (PCB). The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the PCB. After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

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

![Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions](image)

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

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

Non Solder Mask Defined Pad

Example Solder Mask Opening (Note F)

Center Power Pad Solder Stencil Opening

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