TPS61169 38-V High Current-Boost WLED Driver
With PWM Control

1 Features

- 2.7-V to 5.5-V Input Voltage
- Integrated 40-V, 1.8-A MOSFET
- Drives LED String up to 38 V
- 1.2-A Minimum Switch Current Limit
- 1.2-MHz Switching Frequency
- 204-mV Reference Voltage
- Internal Compensation
- PWM Brightness Control
- Open LED Protection
- Undervoltage Protection
- Built-in Soft-Start
- Thermal Shutdown
- Up to 90% Efficiency

2 Applications

- Smartphone Backlighting
- Tablet Backlighting
- PDAs, Handheld Computers, GPS Receivers
- Portable Media Players, Portable TVs
- White LED Backlighting for Small and Media Form-Factor Displays
- Handheld Data Terminals (EPOS)
- Handheld Medical Equipment
- Thermostat Display
- Blood Glucose Meters
- Flashlights
- Refrigerators and Ovens

3 Description

With a 40-V rated integrated switch FET, the TPS61169 is a boost converter that drives LEDs in series. The boost converter has a 40-V, 1.8-A internal MOSFET with minimum 1.2-A current limit; thus it can drive single or parallel LED strings for small- to large-size panel backlighting. The default white LED current is set with the external sensor resistor, R_{SET}, and the feedback voltage is regulated to 204 mV, as shown in the Simplified Schematic. During the operation, the LED current can be controlled by using a pulse width modulation (PWM) signal applied to the CTRL pin, through which the duty cycle determines the feedback reference voltage. The TPS61169 does not burst the LED current; therefore, it does not generate audible noises on the output capacitor. For maximum protection, the device features integrated open LED protection that disables the TPS61169 to prevent the output voltage from exceeding the absolute maximum voltage ratings of the device during open LED conditions.

The TPS61169 is available in a space-saving 5-pin SC70 package.

Device Information

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<th>PACKAGE</th>
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<td>TPS61169</td>
<td>SOT (5)</td>
<td>2.00 mm x 1.25 mm</td>
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(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

4 Simplified Schematic

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5 Revision History
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- Added new items to "Applications" on page 1 ................................................................. 1
- Changed Handling Ratings to ESD Ratings table; move storage temperature range from Handling Ratings to Abs Max table .................................................................................................................................................. 4
6 Pin Configuration and Functions

![DCK Package 5-Pin SC70 (Top View)]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PIN NUMBER</th>
<th>PIN NAME</th>
<th>I/O</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>SW</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Drain connection of the internal power FET.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>O</td>
<td>Ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>FB</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Feedback pin for current. Connect the sense resistor from FB to GND.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>CTRL</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>PWM dimming signal input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>VIN</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Supply input pin</td>
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7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings
over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)(1)

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<tr>
<th>Voltage(2)</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<td>VIN, CTRL, PWM, FB</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SW</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pd</td>
<td>Continuous power dissipation</td>
<td>See Thermal Information Table</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tj</td>
<td>Operating junction temperature</td>
<td>–40</td>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tstg</td>
<td>Storage temperature</td>
<td>–65</td>
<td>150</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.
(2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

7.2 ESD Ratings

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<tr>
<th>V(ESD)</th>
<th>ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE</th>
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<tr>
<td>HUMAN-BODY MODEL (HBM), PER ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001(1)</td>
<td>±2000</td>
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<tr>
<td>CHARGED-DEVICE MODEL (CDM), PER JEDEC SPECIFICATION JESD22-C101(2)</td>
<td>±500</td>
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(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.

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>NOM</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>VIN</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>VOUT</td>
<td>V_IN</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td>Inductor</td>
<td>4.7</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>µH</td>
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<td>C_I</td>
<td>Input capacitor</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>µF</td>
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<td>C_O</td>
<td>Output capacitor</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>µF</td>
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<tr>
<td>F_PWM</td>
<td>PWM dimming signal frequency</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>kHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>D_PWM</td>
<td>PWM dimming signal duty cycle</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tj</td>
<td>Operating junction temperature</td>
<td>–40</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>°C</td>
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7.4 Thermal Information

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<th>THERMAL METRIC(1)</th>
<th>TPS61169</th>
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<td>DCK (SC70) 5 PINS</td>
<td>263.8</td>
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<td>Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance(2)</td>
<td>76.1</td>
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<td>Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance(3)</td>
<td>51.4</td>
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<td>Junction-to-board thermal resistance(4)</td>
<td>1.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Junction-to-top characterization parameter(5)</td>
<td>50.7</td>
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(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report, SPRA953.
(2) The junction-to-ambient thermal resistance under natural convection is obtained in a simulation on a JEDEC-standard, high-K board, as specified in JESD51-7, in an environment described in JESD51-2a.
(3) The junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance is obtained by simulating a cold plate test on the package top. No specific JEDEC-standard test exists, but a close description can be found in the ANSI SEMI standard G30-88.
(4) The junction-to-board thermal resistance is obtained by simulating in an environment with a ring cold plate fixture to control the PCB temperature, as described in JESD51-8.
(5) The junction-to-top characterization parameter, \( \psi_{JT} \), estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data for obtaining \( R_{JA} \), using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).
(6) The junction-to-board characterization parameter, \( \psi_{JB} \), estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data for obtaining \( R_{JB} \), using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).
7.5 Electrical Characteristics

Over operating free-air temperature range, \( V_{IN} = 3.6 \, \text{V} \), \( \text{CTRL} = V_{IN} \) (unless otherwise specified).

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<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>TEST CONDITIONS</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>TYP</th>
<th>MAX</th>
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<td>( V_{IN} )</td>
<td>Input voltage range</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td></td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{IN, UVLO} )</td>
<td>Undervoltage lockout threshold ( V_{IN} ) falling, ( V_{IN} ) rising</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>2.6</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{IN, HYS} )</td>
<td>( V_{IN} ) UVLO hysteresis</td>
<td>200</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>mV</td>
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<td>( I_{Q, VN} )</td>
<td>Operating quiescent current into ( V_{IN} ) Device enable, switching 1.2 MHz and no load.</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>0.45</td>
<td></td>
<td>mA</td>
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<td>( I_{SD} )</td>
<td>Shutdown current ( \text{CTRL} = \text{GND} )</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>\mu A</td>
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<td><strong>CONTROL LOGIC AND TIMING</strong></td>
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<td>( V_{HI} )</td>
<td>CTRL Logic high voltage</td>
<td>1.2</td>
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<td>V</td>
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<td>( V_{L} )</td>
<td>CTRL Logic Low voltage</td>
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<td>( R_{PD} )</td>
<td>CTRL pin internal pull-down resistor</td>
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<td>K\Omega</td>
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<td>( I_{SD} )</td>
<td>CTRL logic low time to shutdown ( \text{CTRL} ) high to low</td>
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<td>ms</td>
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<td><strong>VOLTAGE AND CURRENT REGULATION</strong></td>
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<td>( V_{REF} )</td>
<td>Voltage feedback regulation voltage Duty = 100%, ( T_{A} \geq 25^\circ \text{C} )</td>
<td>188</td>
<td>204</td>
<td>220</td>
<td>mV</td>
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<td>( I_{FB} )</td>
<td>FB pin bias current ( V_{FB} = 204 , \text{mV} )</td>
<td></td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td></td>
<td>\mu A</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{REF} )</td>
<td>( V_{REF} ) filter time constant</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ms</td>
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<td>( R_{DS(ON)} )</td>
<td>N-channel MOSFET on-resistance ( V_{SW} = 35 , \text{V} )</td>
<td>0.35</td>
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<td>\Omega</td>
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<td><strong>SWITCHING FREQUENCY</strong></td>
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<td>( f_{SW} )</td>
<td>Switching frequency ( V_{IN} = 3 , \text{V} )</td>
<td>0.75</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>MHz</td>
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<td><strong>PROTECTION AND SOFT START</strong></td>
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<td>( I_{LM} )</td>
<td>Switching MOSFET current limit ( D = D_{\text{MAX}}, T_{A} \leq 85^\circ \text{C} )</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>( I_{LM, \text{Start}} )</td>
<td>Switching MOSFET start-up current limit ( T_{A} \leq 85^\circ \text{C} )</td>
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<td>( I_{\text{Half, LIM}} )</td>
<td>Time step for half current limit</td>
<td>6.5</td>
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<td>ms</td>
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<td>( V_{OVP, SW} )</td>
<td>Output voltage overvoltage threshold ( 36 )</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>37.5</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td><strong>THERMAL SHUTDOWN</strong></td>
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<td>Thermal shutdown hysteresis ( 15 )</td>
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<td>\circ C</td>
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7.6 Typical Characteristics
At $T_A = 25^\circ C$, unless otherwise noted.

![Figure 1. FB Voltage vs Dimming Duty Cycle](image1)

![Figure 2. Current Limit vs Temperature](image2)
8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The TPS61169 is a high-efficiency, high-output voltage boost converter in small package size. The device integrates 40-V/1.8-A switch FET and is designed for output voltage up to 39 V with a switch peak current limit of 1.2 A minimum. Its large driving capability can drive single or parallel LED strings for small to large size panel backlighting.

The TPS61169 operates in a current mode scheme with quasi-constant frequency. It is internally compensated for maximum flexibility and stability. The switching frequency is 1.2 MHz, and the minimum input voltage is 2.7 V. During the on-time, the current rises into the inductor. When the current reaches a threshold value set by the internal GM amplifier, the power switch MOSFET is turned off. The polarity of the inductor changes and forward biases the schottky diode which lets the current flow towards the output of the boost converter. The off-time is fixed for a certain $V_{IN}$ and $V_{OUT}$, and therefore maintains the same frequency when varying these parameters.

However, for different output loads, the frequency slightly changes due to the voltage drop across the RDS(ON) of the power switch MOSFET, this has an effect on the voltage across the inductor and thus on $t_{ON}$ ($t_{OFF}$ remains fixed). The fixed off-time maintains a quasi-fixed frequency that provides better stability for the system over a wider range of input and output voltages than conventional boost converters. The TPS61169 topology has also the benefits of providing very good load and line regulations, and excellent line and load transient responses.

The feedback loop regulates the FB pin to a low reference voltage (204 mV typical), reducing the power dissipation in the current sense resistor.
8.2 Functional Block Diagram

8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Soft Start-Up
Soft-start circuitry is integrated into the IC to avoid high inrush current spike during start-up. After the device is enabled, the GM amplifier output voltage ramps up very slowly, which ensures that the output voltage rises slowly to reduce the input current. During this period, the switch current limit is set to 0.72 A. After around 6.5 ms, the switch current limit changes back to $I_{LIM}$, and the FB pin voltage ramps up to the reference voltage slowly. These features ensure the smooth start-up and minimize the inrush current. See Figure 12 for a typical example.

8.3.2 Open LED Protection
Open LED protection circuitry prevents IC damage as the result of white LED disconnection. The TPS61169 monitors the voltage at the SW pin and FB pin during each switching cycle. The circuitry turns off the switch FET and shuts down the IC when both of the following conditions persist for 3 switching cycles: (1) the SW voltage exceeds the VOVP threshold, and (2) the FB voltage is less than 30 mV. As the result, the output voltage falls to the level of the input supply. The device remains in shutdown mode until it is enabled by toggling the CTRL pin.
Feature Description (continued)

8.3.3 Shutdown

The TPS61169 enters shutdown mode when the CTRL voltage is logic low for more than 2.5 ms. During shutdown, the input supply current for the device is less than 2 μA (max). Although the internal switch FET does not switch in shutdown, there is still a DC current path between the input and the LEDs through the inductor and Schottky diode. The minimum forward voltage of the LED array must exceed the maximum input voltage to ensure that the LEDs remain off in shutdown.

8.3.4 Current Program

The FB voltage is regulated by a low 204-mV reference voltage. The LED current is programmed externally using a current-sense resistor in series with the LED string(s). The value of the $R_{SET}$ is calculated using:

$$I_{LED} = \frac{V_{FB}}{R_{SET}}$$

where

- $I_{LED}$ = total output current of LED string(s)
- $V_{FB}$ = regulated voltage of FB pin
- $R_{SET}$ = current sense resistor

The output current tolerance depends on the FB accuracy and the current sensor resistor accuracy.

8.3.5 LED Brightness Dimming

The TPS61169 receives PWM dimming signal at CTRL pin to control the total output current. When the CTRL pin is constantly high, the FB voltage is regulated to 204 mV typically. When the duty cycle of the input PWM signal is low, the regulation voltage at FB pin is reduced, and the total output current is reduced; therefore, it achieves LED brightness dimming. The relationship between the duty cycle and FB regulation voltage is given by:

$$V_{FB} = \text{Duty} \times 204 \text{ mV}$$

where

- Duty = Duty cycle of the PWM signal
- 204 mV = internal reference voltage

Thus, the user can easily control the WLED brightness by controlling the duty cycle of the PWM signal.

As shown in Figure 3, the IC chops up the internal 204-mV reference voltage at the duty cycle of the PWM signal. The pulse signal is then filtered by an internal low-pass filter. The output of the filter is connected to the GM amplifier as the reference voltage for the FB pin regulation. Therefore, although a PWM signal is used for brightness dimming, only the WLED DC current is modulated, which is often referred as analog dimming. This eliminates the audible noise which often occurs when the LED current is pulsed in replica of the frequency and duty cycle of PWM control. Unlike other methods which filter the PWM signal for analog dimming, TPS61169 regulation voltage is independent of the PWM logic voltage level which often has large variations.

For optimum performance, use the PWM dimming frequency in the range of 5 kHz to 100 kHz. If the PWM frequency is lower than 5 kHz, it is out of the low pass filter's filter range, the FB regulation voltage ripple becomes large, causing large output ripple and may generate audible noise.
Feature Description (continued)

8.3.6 Undervoltage Lockout
An undervoltage lockout prevents operation of the device at input voltages below typical 2 V. When the input voltage is below the undervoltage threshold, the device is shut down, and the internal switch FET is turned off. If the input voltage rises by undervoltage lockout hysteresis, the IC restarts.

8.3.7 Thermal Foldback and Thermal Shutdown
When TPS61169 drives heavy load for large size panel applications, the power dissipation increases a lot and the device junction temperature may reach a very high value, affecting the device function and reliability. In order to lower the thermal stress, the TPS61169 features a thermal foldback function. When the junction temperature is higher than 100°C, the switch current limit $I_{LIM}$ is reduced automatically as Figure 2 shows. This thermal foldback mechanism controls the power dissipation and keeps the junction temperature from rising to a very high value. If the typical junction temperature of 160°C is exceeded, an internal thermal shutdown turns off the device. The device is released from shutdown automatically when the junction temperature decreases by 15°C.

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Operation With CTRL
The enable rising edge threshold voltage is 1.2 V. When the CTRL pin is held below that voltage the device is disabled and switching is inhibited. The IC quiescent current is reduced in this state. When input voltage is above the UVLO threshold, and the CTRL pin voltage is increased above the rising edge threshold, the device becomes active. Switching enables, and the soft-start sequence initiates.
9 Application and Implementation

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

9.1 Application Information
The TPS61169 device is a step-up DC-DC converter which can drive single or parallel LED strings for small- to large-size panel backlighting. This section includes a design procedure (Detailed Design Procedure) to select component values for the TPS61169 typical application (Figure 4).

9.2 Typical Application

Figure 4. TPS61169 2.7-V to 5.5-V Input, 10 LEDs in Series Output Converter

9.2.1 Design Requirements
For this design example, use the parameters listed in Table 1 as the input parameters.

Table 1. Design Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DESIGN PARAMETER</th>
<th>EXAMPLE VALUE</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Input voltage range</td>
<td>2.7 V to 5.5 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output, LED number in a string</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output, LED string number</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output, LED current per string</td>
<td>20 mA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.2.1 Inductor Selection
The selection of the inductor affects power efficiency, steady state operation as well as transient behavior and loop stability. These factors make it the most important component in power regulator design. There are three important inductor specifications, inductor value, DC resistance and saturation current. Considering inductor value alone is not enough. The inductor value determines the inductor ripple current. Choose an inductor that can handle the necessary peak current without saturating. Follow Equation 3 to Equation 4 to calculate the peak current of the inductor. To calculate the current in the worst case, use the minimum input voltage, maximum output voltage and maximum load current of application. In a boost regulator, the input DC current can be calculated as Equation 3.
\[ I_{L(DC)} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \times \eta} \]

where
- \( V_{OUT} \) = boost output voltage
- \( I_{OUT} \) = boost output current
- \( V_{IN} \) = boost input voltage
- \( \eta \) = power conversion efficiency

The inductor current peak to peak ripple can be calculated as Equation 4.

\[ \Delta I_{L(PP)} = \frac{1}{L \times \left( \frac{1}{V_{OUT} - V_{IN}} + \frac{1}{V_{IN}} \right) \times F_S} \]

where
- \( \Delta I_{L(PP)} \) = inductor peak-to-peak ripple
- \( L \) = inductor value
- \( F_S \) = boost switching frequency
- \( V_{OUT} \) = boost output voltage
- \( V_{IN} \) = boost input voltage

Therefore, the peak current \( I_{L(P)} \) seen by the inductor is calculated with Equation 5.

\[ I_{L(P)} = I_{L(DC)} + \frac{\Delta I_{L(PP)}}{2} \] (4)

Inductor values can have \( \pm 20\% \) tolerance with no current bias. When the inductor current approaches saturation level, its inductance can decrease 20% to 35% from the 0-A value depending on how the inductor vendor defines saturation current. Using an inductor with a smaller inductance value forces discontinuous PWM when the inductor current ramps down to zero before the end of each switching cycle. This reduces the boost converter’s maximum output current, causes large input voltage ripple and reduces efficiency. Large inductance value provides much more output current and higher conversion efficiency. For these reasons, a 4.7-\( \mu \)H to 10-\( \mu \)H inductor value range is recommended, and 4.7-\( \mu \)H inductor is recommended for higher than 5-V input voltage by considering inductor peak current and loop stability. Table 2 lists the recommended inductor for the TPS61169.

### Table 2. Recommended Inductors for TPS61169

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<tr>
<th>PART NUMBER</th>
<th>( L ) (( \mu )H)</th>
<th>DCR MAX (m( \Omega ))</th>
<th>SATURATION CURRENT (A)</th>
<th>SIZE (( L \times W \times H ) mm)</th>
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### 9.2.2.2 Schottky Diode Selection

The TPS61169 demands a low forward voltage, high-speed and low capacitance Schottky diode for optimum efficiency. Ensure that the diode average and peak current rating exceeds the average output current and peak inductor current. In addition, the diode reverse breakdown voltage must exceed the open LED protection voltage. ONSemiconductor NSR0240 is recommended for the TPS61169.

### 9.2.2.3 Output Capacitor Selection

The output capacitor is mainly selected to meet the requirement for the output ripple and loop stability. This ripple voltage is related to capacitor capacitance and its equivalent series resistance (ESR). Assuming a capacitor with zero ESR, the minimum capacitance needed for a given ripple can be calculated with Equation 6:

\[ C_{OUT} = \frac{(V_{OUT} - V_{IN}) \times I_{OUT}}{V_{OUT} \times F_S \times V_{ripple}} \]
where

\[ \text{V}_\text{ripple} = \text{peak-to-peak output ripple} \]  

(6)

The additional part of the ripple caused by ESR is calculated using: \( \text{V}_{\text{ ripple \_ESR}} = \text{I}_{\text{OUT}} \times \text{R}_{\text{ESR}} \)

Due to its low ESR, \( \text{V}_{\text{ ripple \_ESR}} \) could be neglected for ceramic capacitors, a 1-\( \mu \)F to 4.7-\( \mu \)F capacitor is recommended for typical application.

### 9.2.2.4 LED Current Set Resistor

The LED current set resistor can be calculated by Equation 1.

### 9.2.2.5 Thermal Considerations

The allowable IC junction temperature must be considered under normal operating conditions. This restriction limits the power dissipation of the TPS61169. The allowable power dissipation for the device can be determined by Equation 7:

\[ P_D = \frac{T_J - T_A}{R_{\theta JA}} \]

where

- \( T_J \) is allowable junction temperature given in recommended operating conditions
- \( T_A \) is the ambient temperature for the application
- \( R_{\theta JA} \) is the thermal resistance junction-to-ambient given in Power Dissipation Table

(7)

The TPS61169 device also features a thermal foldback function to reduce the thermal stress automatically.

### 9.3 Application Curves

Typical application condition is as in Figure 4, \( V_{\text{IN}} = 3.6 \) V, \( R_{\text{SET}} = 10.2 \) \( \Omega \), \( L = 4.7 \) \( \mu \)H, \( C_{\text{OUT}} = 1 \) \( \mu \)F, 10 LEDs in series (unless otherwise specified).

**Figure 5. Efficiency vs Dimming Duty Cycle**

**Figure 6. Efficiency vs Dimming Duty Cycle**
Application Curves (continued)

Typical application condition is as in Figure 4, $V_{\text{IN}} = 3.6$ V, $R_{\text{SET}} = 10.2 \Omega$, $L = 4.7 \mu$H, $C_{\text{OUT}} = 1 \mu$F, 10 LEDs in series (unless otherwise specified).

![Efficiency vs Dimming Duty Cycle](image1)

![Efficiency vs Dimming Duty Cycle](image2)

![Switching-Dimming Duty = 100%](image3)

![Switching-Dimming Duty = 50%](image4)

![Switching-Dimming Duty = 10%](image5)

![Start-Up Dimming Duty = 100%](image6)
Application Curves (continued)

Typical application condition is as in Figure 4, $V_{IN} = 3.6$ V, $R_{SET} = 10.2$ Ω, $L = 4.7$ µH, $C_{OUT} = 1$ µF, 10 LEDs in series (unless otherwise specified).

Figure 13. Start-Up Dimming Duty = 50%

Figure 14. Shutdown Dimming Duty = 100%

Figure 15. Shutdown Dimming Duty = 1%-100%-1%

Figure 16. Dimming Transient-Dimming

Figure 17. Open LED Protection
10 Power Supply Recommendations

The device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 2.7 V and 5.5 V. This input supply must be well regulated. If the input supply is located more than a few inches from the TPS61169 device, additional bulk capacitance may be required in addition to the ceramic bypass capacitors.

11 Layout

11.1 Layout Guidelines

As for all switching power supplies, especially those high frequency and high current ones, layout is an important design step. If layout is not carefully done, the regulator could suffer from instability as well as noise problems. Therefore, use wide and short traces for high current paths. The input capacitor $C_{\text{IN}}$ must be close to $\text{VIN}$ pin and GND pin in order to reduce the input ripple seen by the device. If possible choose higher capacitance value for it. The SW pin carries high current with fast rising and falling edge; therefore, the connection between the SW pin to the inductor must be kept as short and wide as possible. The output capacitor $C_{\text{OUT}}$ must be put close to $\text{VOUT}$ pin. It is also beneficial to have the ground of $C_{\text{OUT}}$ close to the GND pin because there is large ground return current flowing between them. FB resistor must be put close to FB pin. When laying out signal ground, TI recommends using short traces separated from power ground traces, and connect them together at a single point close to the GND pin.

11.2 Layout Example

![Figure 18. TPS61169 Board Layout](image-url)
12 Device and Documentation Support

12.1 Device Support

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12.4 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.

12.5 Glossary

**SLYZ022 — TI Glossary.**
This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.
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NOTES:
A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
C. Body dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusion. Mold flash and protrusion shall not exceed 0.15 per side.
D. Falls within JEDEC MO-203 variation AA.
Example Board Layout

Stencil Openings
Based on a stencil thickness of 0.127mm (0.005 inch).

NOTES:
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