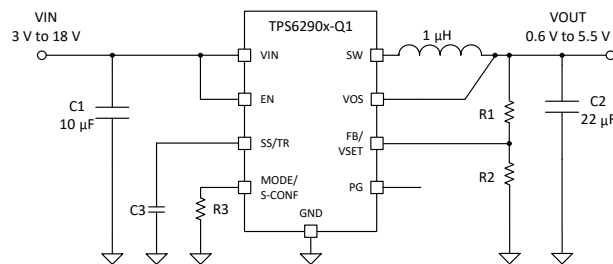


TPS62901-Q1 3-V to 18-V, 1-A, Automotive, Low I_Q Buck Converter with +165°C T_J

1 Features

- AEC-Q100 qualified for automotive applications:
 - Temperature grade 1: -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$, T_A
 - Level 2 device HBM ESD classification
 - Level C4B CDM ESD classification
- Functional Safety-Capable
 - Documentation available to aid functional safety system design
- Extended T_J range: up to 165°C
- High efficiency DCS-Control topology
 - $R_{DS(ON)}$: 62-m Ω high side, 22-m Ω low side
 - Seamless PWM/PFM transition
 - Internal compensation
- 4- μA low I_Q (typical)
- Up to 1-A continuous output current
- $\pm 1.5\%$ output voltage accuracy across temp
- Configurable output voltage options:
 - 0.6-V to 5.5-V V_{FB} external divider
 - V_{SET} internal divider
 - 16 options between 0.4 V and 5.5 V
- Flexibility through the MODE/S-CONF pin
 - 2.5-MHz or 1.0-MHz switching frequency
 - Forced PWM or Auto PFM (power save mode) with dynamic mode change option
 - Output discharge on and off
- No external bootstrap capacitor required
- Overcurrent and overtemperature protection
- 100% duty cycle mode
- Precise enable input
- Adjustable soft start and tracking
- Power-good output
- Optimized pinout for single-layer routing
- Wettable 2.2-mm $\times$ 2.0-mm VQFN package with 0.5-mm pitch
- Create a custom design with the TPS62901-Q1 using the [WEBENCH® Power Designer](#)



Simplified Schematic

2 Applications

- ADAS
- Body electronics and lighting
- Infotainment and cluster
- Hybrid, electric, and powertrain systems

3 Description

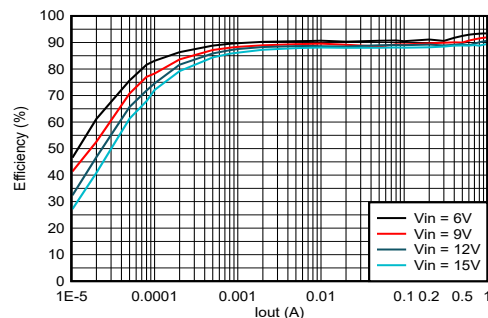
The TPS62901-Q1 is a highly efficient, small, and flexible synchronous step-down DC/DC converter that is easy to use. A selectable switching frequency of 2.5 MHz or 1.0 MHz allows the use of small inductors and provides fast transient response. The device supports high V_{OUT} accuracy of $\pm 1.5\%$ across the entire operating temperature range and enhanced load transient performance with the DCS-Control topology. The wide 3-V to 18-V input voltage range supports a variety of nominal inputs, like 12-V supply rails, single-cell or multi-cell Li-Ion, and 5-V or 3.3-V rails.

The TPS62901-Q1 can automatically enter power save mode (if auto PFM or PWM is selected) at light loads to maintain high efficiency. Additionally, to provide high efficiency at very small loads, the device has a low typical quiescent current of 4 μA . AEE, if enabled, provides high efficiency across V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , and load current. The device includes a MODE/Smart-CONF input to set the internal and external divider, switching frequency, output voltage discharge, and automatic power save mode or forced PWM operation.

Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE SIZE ⁽²⁾
TPS62901-Q1	RYT (VQFN, 9)	2.20 mm $\times$ 2.00 mm

- For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.
- The package size (length $\times$ width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.



Efficiency Versus Output Current (3.3 V_O at 2.5 MHz, 1 μH , Auto PFM or PWM)



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4 Revision History

DATE	REVISION	NOTES
June 2023	*	Initial release

5 Device Comparison Table

Device Number	Output Current	Input Voltage	Operating Temperature Range	Switching Frequency	PWM Mode	V _O Adjust
TPS62903-Q1	0 A – 3 A	3 V – 18 V	–40°C to 165°C	Selectable 1-MHz or 2.5-MHz options	Selectable auto PFM/PWM or forced PWM	Externally programmable or 16 internal options
TPS62902-Q1	0 A – 2 A					
TPS62901-Q1	0 A – 1 A					
TPS62903	0 A – 0.3 A	3 V – 18 V	–40°C to 125°C	Selectable 1-MHz or 2.5-MHz options	Selectable auto PFM/PWM or forced PWM	Externally programmable or 16 internal options
TPS62902	0 A – 2 A					
TPS62901	0 A – 1 A					

6 Pin Configuration and Functions

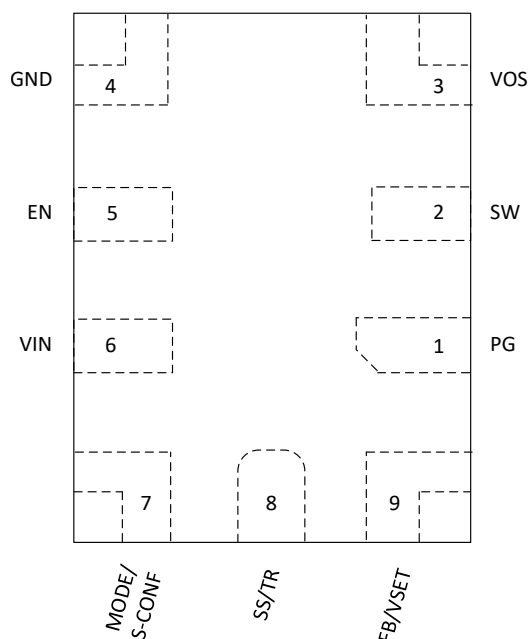


Figure 6-1. 9-Pin RYT VQFN Package (Top View, Device Pins Face Down)

Table 6-1. Pin Functions

Pin		Type ⁽¹⁾	Description
Name	Number		
PG	1	O	Open-drain power-good output. High = V_{OUT} is ready. Low = V_{OUT} is below nominal regulation. This pin requires a pullup resistor.
SW	2	—	Switch pin of the converter and is connected to the internal power switches. Connect the inductor between SW and the output capacitor.
VOS	3	I	Output voltage sense pin. Connect directly to the positive pin of the output capacitor.
GND	4	—	Ground pin. This pin must be connected directly to the common ground plane.
EN	5	I	Enable input pin. Connect to logic low to disable the device. Pull high to enable the device. Do not leave this pin unconnected.
VIN	6	I	Power supply input pin. Ensure the input capacitor is connected as close as possible between the VIN and GND pins.
MODE/ S-CONF	7	I	Device mode selection (auto PFM/PWM or forced PWM operation) and SmartConfig pin. Connect high, low, or to a resistor to configure the device according to Table 8-1 . Do not leave this pin unconnected.
SS/TR	8	I	Soft start and tracking pin. An external capacitor connected from this pin to GND defines the rise time for the internal reference voltage. The pin can also be used as an input for tracking and sequencing. The pin can be left floating for the fastest ramp-up time.
FB/VSET	9	I	Depends on device configuration (see Section 8.3.1 .) - FB: Voltage feedback input. Connect a resistive output voltage divider to this pin. - VSET: Output voltage setting pin. Connect a resistor to GND to choose the output voltage according to Table 8-2.

(1) O = output, I = input

7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Voltage ⁽²⁾	VIN, EN, PG, MODE/S-CONF	–0.3	19.5	V
Voltage ⁽²⁾	SW ⁽³⁾	–0.3	V _{IN} + 0.3	V
Voltage ⁽²⁾	SW (AC, less than 10ns) ⁽³⁾	–3.0	23	V
Voltage ⁽²⁾	FB/VSET, SS/TR, VOS	–0.3	6	V
T _J	Junction temperature	–55	165	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	–65	165	°C

- (1) Operation outside the Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent device damage. Absolute Maximum Ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. If used outside the Recommended Operating Conditions but within the Absolute Maximum Ratings, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.
- (2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.
- (3) While switching.

7.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per AEC-Q100-002 HBM ESD Classification Level 2, all pins ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Charged device model (CDM), per AEC-Q100-011 CDM ESD Classification level C4B.	All pins ±500	V
			Corner pins (3, 4, 7, and 9) ±750	

- (1) AEC Q100-002 indicates HBM stressing is done in accordance with the ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 specification.

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

Over operating junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V _I	Input voltage range	3.0		18	V
V _O	Output voltage range	0.4		5.5	V
C _I	Effective input capacitance	3	10		μF
C _O	Effective output capacitance (2.5MHz selection) ⁽¹⁾	10	22	100 ⁽¹⁾	μF
C _O	Effective output capacitance (1MHz selection) ⁽¹⁾	10	22	100 ⁽¹⁾	μF
L	Output inductance ⁽²⁾	1	2.2	4.7 ⁽³⁾	μH
I _{OUT}	Output current	0		1	A
I _{SINK_PG}	Sink current at PG-Pin			1	mA
T _J	Junction temperature ⁽⁴⁾	–40		165	°C

- (1) This is for capacitors directly at the output of the device. More capacitance is allowed if there is a series resistance associated to the capacitor.
- (2) Nominal inductance value.
- (3) Larger values of inductance can be used to reduce the ripple current, but larger values of inductance can have a negative impact on efficiency and the overall transient response.
- (4) Operating lifetime is derated at junction temperatures greater than 165°C.

7.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		VQFN (RYT)		UNIT
		JEDEC PCB	TPS6290xEVM-xxx	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	97.2	73.5	°C/W

7.4 Thermal Information (continued)

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		VQFN (RYT)		UNIT
		JEDEC PCB	TPS6290xEVM-xxx	
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	74.4	N/A	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	25	N/A	°C/W
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	2.7	4.3	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	24.7	28	°C/W

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report.

7.5 Electrical Characteristics

$V_I = 3\text{ V}$ to 18 V , $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+165^\circ\text{C}$, Typical values at $V_I = 12\text{ V}$ and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

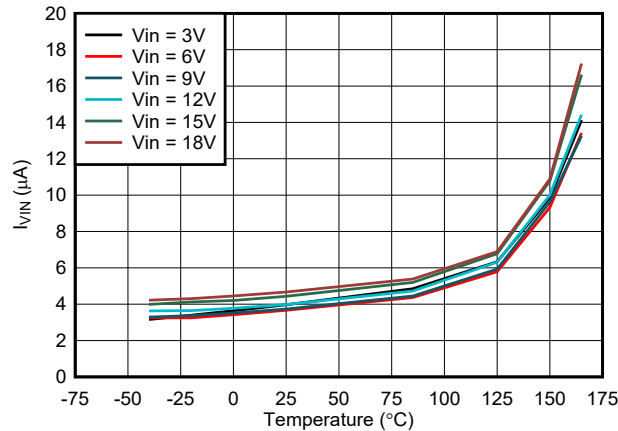
PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SUPPLY						
I_Q	Operating Quiescent Current (Power Save Mode)	$I_{out} = 0\text{ mA}$ device not switching		4		μA
$I_{Q,PWM}$	Operating Quiescent Current (PWM Mode)	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.2\text{ V}$; $I_{out} = 0\text{ mA}$, device switching		8		mA
I_{SD}	Shutdown current into VIN pin	$EN = 0\text{ V}$, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 150°C		0.27	3.5	μA
V_{UVLO}	Undervoltage Lockout	V_{IN} rising, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 150°C	2.85	2.925	3.0	V
	Undervoltage lockout	V_{IN} falling	2.71	2.79	2.87	V
V_{UVLO}	Undervoltage lockout hysteresis			130		mV
CONTROL & INTERFACE						
I_{LKG}	EN input leakage current	$EN = 5\text{ V}$		10	310	nA
$V_{IH,MODE}$	High-level input voltage at MODE/S-CONF Pin		1.0			V
$V_{IL,MODE}$	Low-level input voltage at MODE/S-CONF Pin				0.15	V
T_{SD}	Thermal shutdown threshold	T_J rising	168	175	185	°C
	Thermal shutdown hysteresis	T_J falling		12.5		
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage at EN-Pin		0.97	1.0	1.03	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage at EN-Pin		0.820	0.850	0.880	V
V_{PG}	Power-good threshold	V_{FB} rising, referenced to V_{FB} nominal	93%	96%	99%	
		V_{FB} falling, referenced to V_{FB} nominal	88%	92%	96%	
$V_{PG,HYS}$	Power-good threshold hysteresis		1.5%	3.5%	6%	
$V_{PG,OL}$	Low-level output voltage at PG pin	$I_{SINK} = 1\text{ mA}$			0.4	V
$I_{PG,LKG}$	Input leakage current into PG pin	$V_{PG} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 150°C		25	550	nA
$t_{PG,DLY}$	Power-good delay time	V_{FB} rising and falling		32		μs
C_{SET}	Maximum capacitance connected to VSET pin				30	pF
POWER SWITCHES						
$I_{LKG,SW}$	Leakage current into SW-Pin	$EN = 0\text{ V}$, $V_{SW} = V_{OS} = 5.5\text{ V}$, T_J up to 150°C		2	7	μA
$R_{DS,ON}$	High-side FET on resistance	$V_{IN} > 4\text{ V}$, $I_{SW} = 500\text{ mA}$		62	111	m Ω
	Low-side FET on resistance	$V_{IN} > 4\text{ V}$, $I_{SW} = 500\text{ mA}$		22	41	
I_{LIM}	High-side FET current limit		1.8	2.2	2.8	A
	Low-side FET current limit		1.6	2	2.4	A
$I_{LIM,SINK}$	Low-side FET sink current limit		1.3	1.7	2.5	A

7.5 Electrical Characteristics (continued)

$V_I = 3\text{ V to }18\text{ V}$, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C to }+165^\circ\text{C}$, Typical values at $V_I = 12\text{ V}$ and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
f_{SW}	Switching frequency	2.5-MHz selection		2.5		MHz
$T_{\text{ON(MIN)}}$	Minimum On-time			30		ns
f_{SW}	Switching frequency	1.0-MHz selection		1.0		MHz
OUTPUT						
V_O	Output voltage regulation	VSET Configuration selected, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-1%		+1%	
V_O	Output voltage regulation	VSET Configuration selected	-1.5%		+1.5%	
V_{FB}	Feedback regulation voltage	Adjustable Configuration selected		0.6		V
V_{FB}	Feedback voltage regulation	FB-Option selected. $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$.	-0.6%		+0.6%	
V_{FB}	Feedback voltage regulation	FB-Option selected	-1.25%		+1.25%	
I_{FB}	Input leakage current into FB pin	Adjustable configuration, $V_{\text{FB}} = 0.6\text{ V}$		1	70	nA
T_{delay}	Start-up delay time	$I_O = 0\text{ mA}$, time from EN=HIGH until start switching, Adjustable Configuration selected		600	1400	μs
	Start-up delay time	$I_O = 0\text{ mA}$, time from EN=HIGH until start switching, VSET Configuration selected. The typical value is based on the first option of VSET configuration.		650	1850	μs
T_{SS}	Soft-start time	$I_O = 0\text{ mA}$ after T_{delay} , from 1 st switching pulse until target V_O , $C_{\text{SS}} = \text{Open}$		150		μs
I_{SS}	SS/TR source current		2.25	2.5	2.75	μA
$V_{\text{FB}}/V_{\text{SS/TR}}$	Tracking gain, adjustable configuration			0.75		
$V_{\text{FB}}/V_{\text{SS/TR}}$	Tracking gain tolerance			± 8		mV
R_{DISCH}	Active discharge resistance	Discharge = ON - Option Selected, EN = LOW		7.5	30	Ω

7.6 Typical Characteristics



Measured with the device not switching

Figure 7-1. Quiescent Current vs Temperature

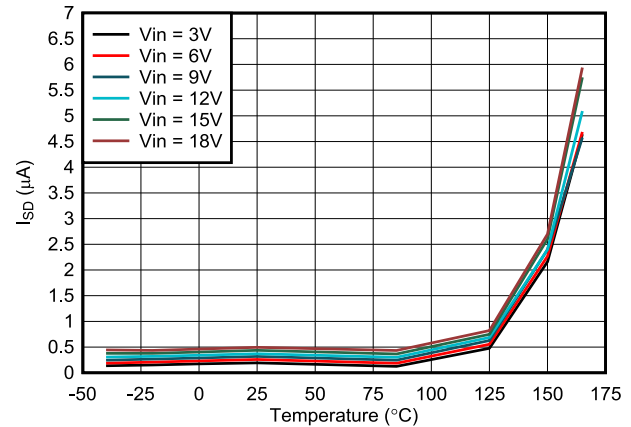


Figure 7-2. Shutdown Current vs Temperature

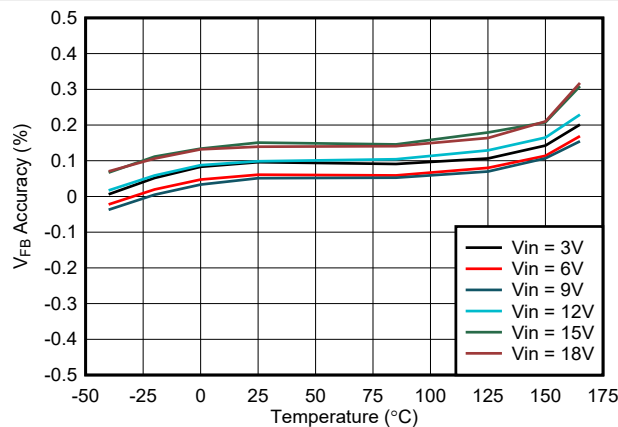
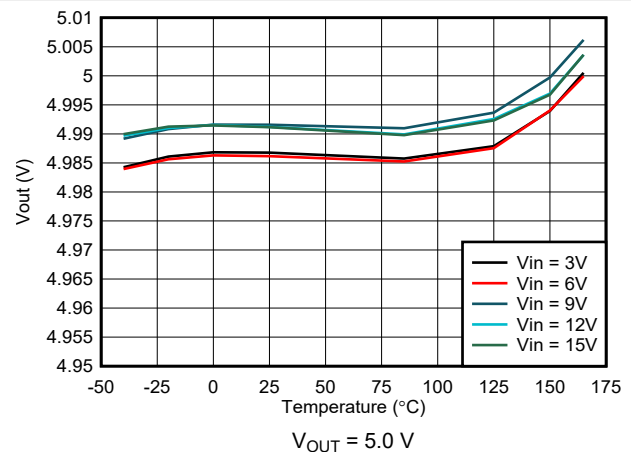
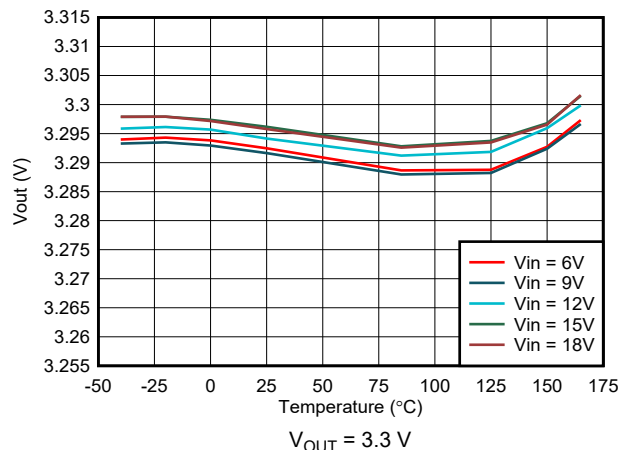


Figure 7-3. Feedback Voltage Accuracy - External Feedback Selected



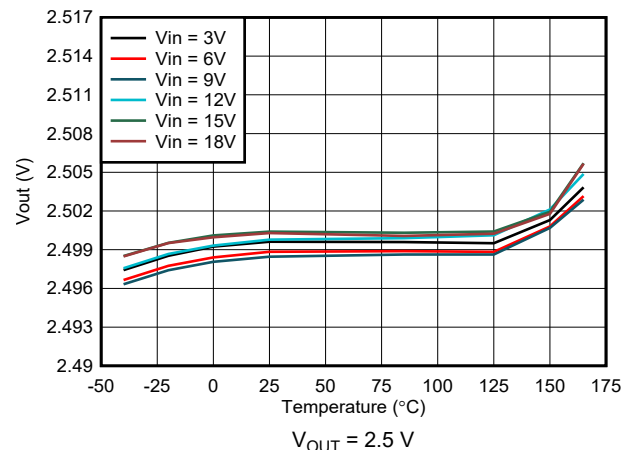
$V_{OUT} = 5.0\text{ V}$

Figure 7-4. Output Voltage Accuracy - VSET Selected



$V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$

Figure 7-5. Output Voltage Accuracy - VSET Selected



$V_{OUT} = 2.5\text{ V}$

Figure 7-6. Output Voltage Accuracy - VSET Selected

7.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

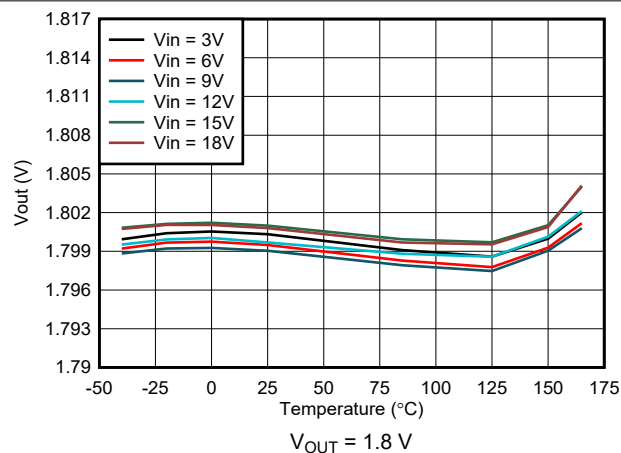


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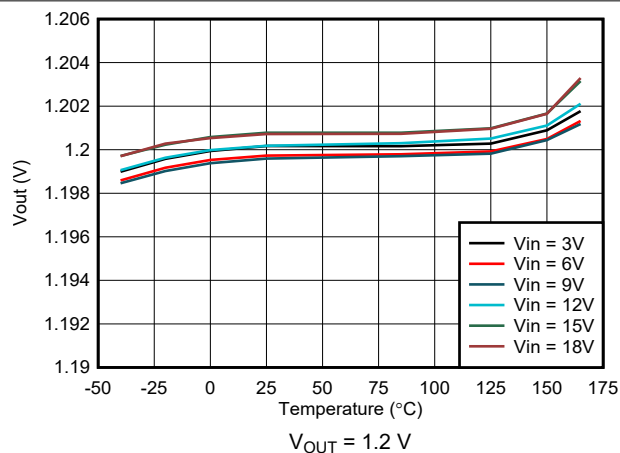


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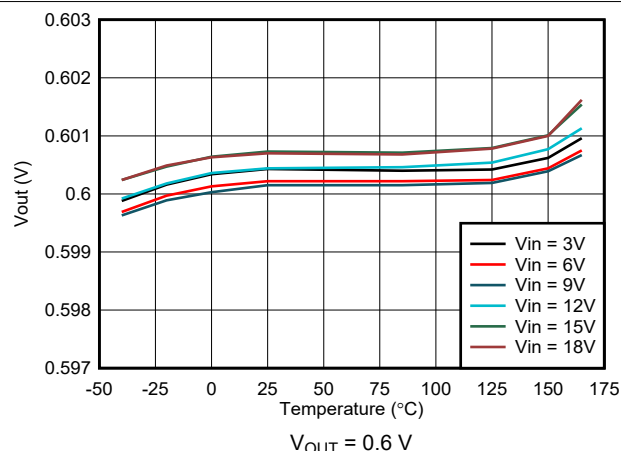


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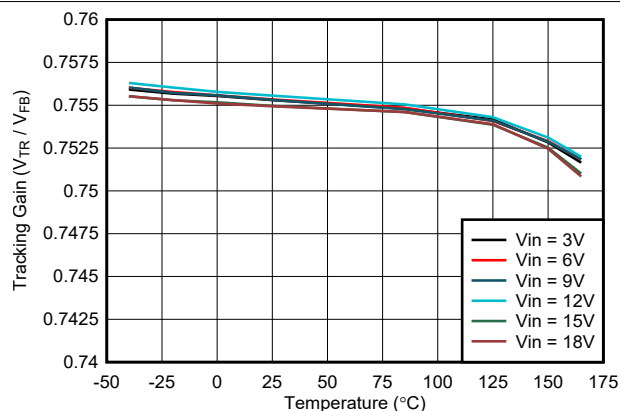


Figure 7-10. Tracking Voltage Gain vs Temperature

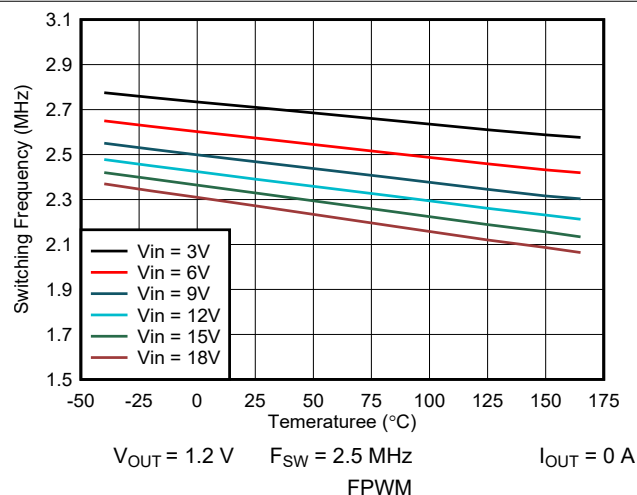


Figure 7-11. Switching Frequency vs Temperature

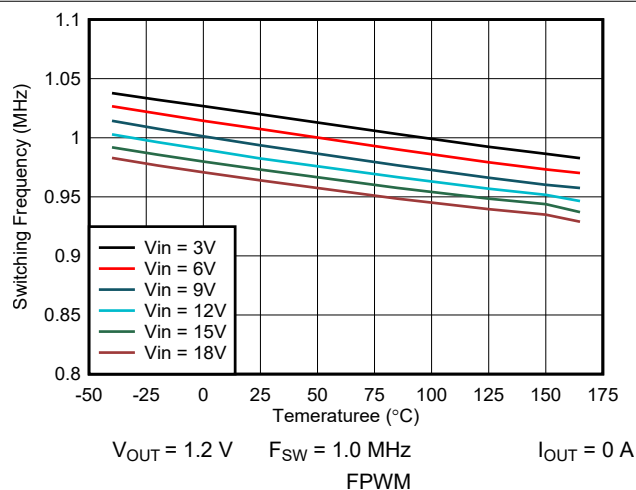


Figure 7-12. Switching Frequency vs Temperature

7.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

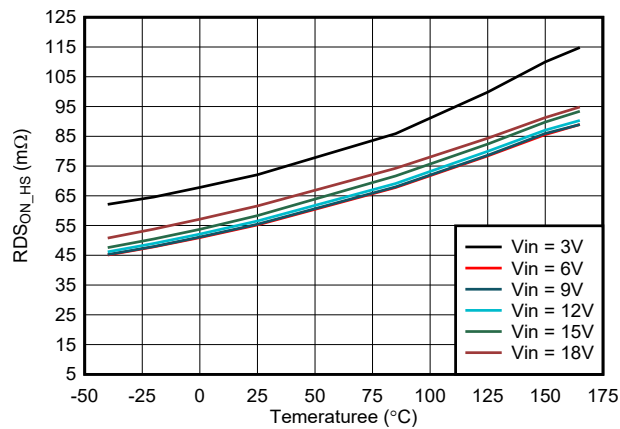


Figure 7-13. High Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs Temperature

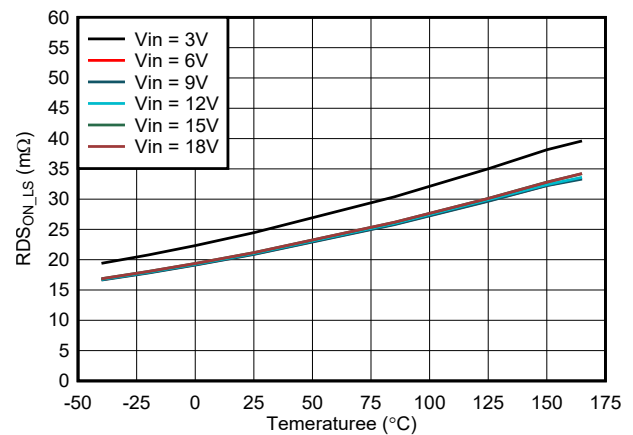


Figure 7-14. Low Side $R_{DS(on)}$ vs Temperature

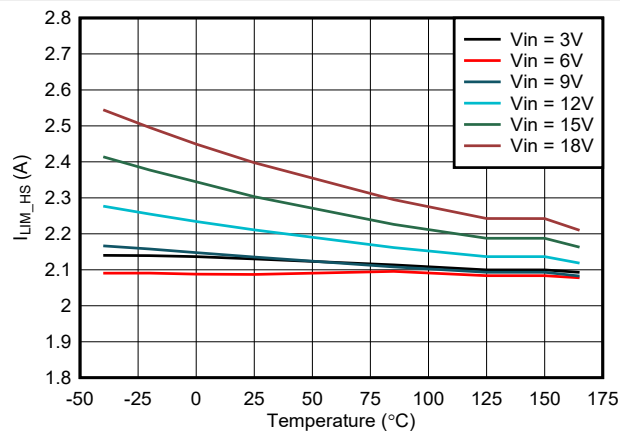


Figure 7-15. High Side I_{LIM} vs Temperature

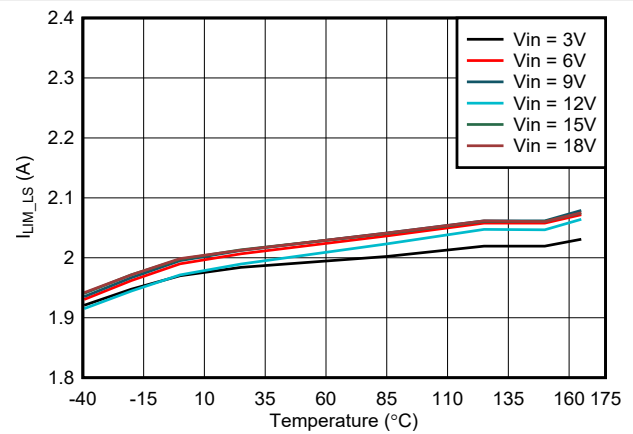


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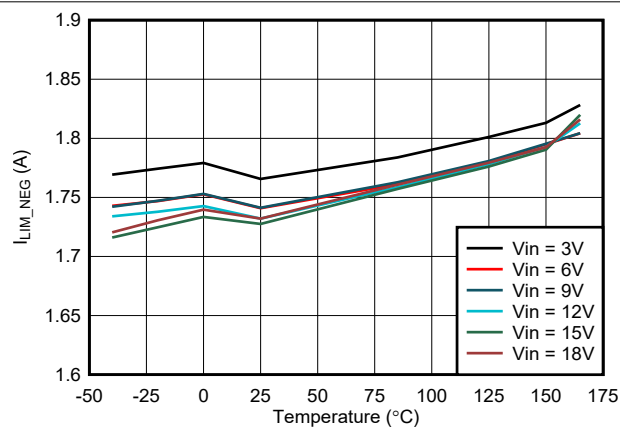


Figure 7-17. Negative I_{LIM} vs Temperature

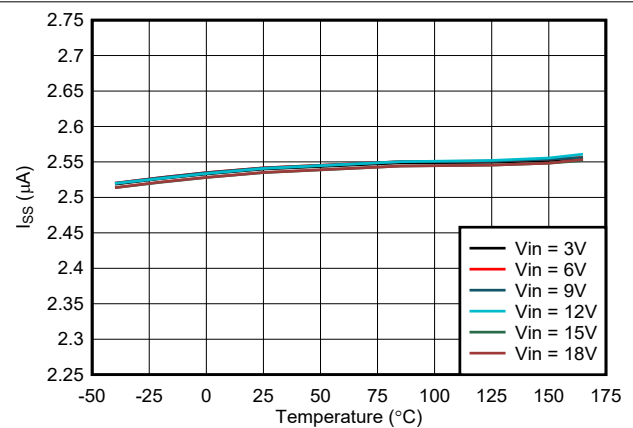


Figure 7-18. Soft Start Current vs Temperature

7.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

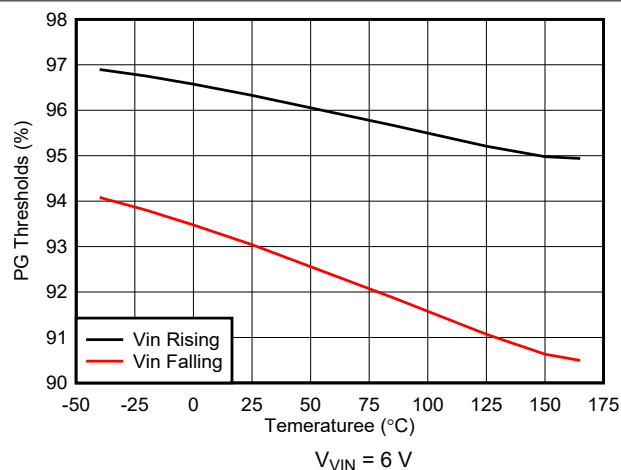


Figure 7-19. Power Good Thresholds vs Temperature

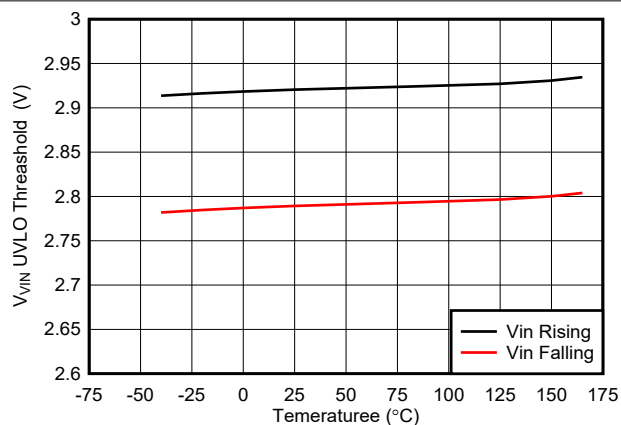


Figure 7-20. V_{VIN} UVLO Thresholds vs Temperature

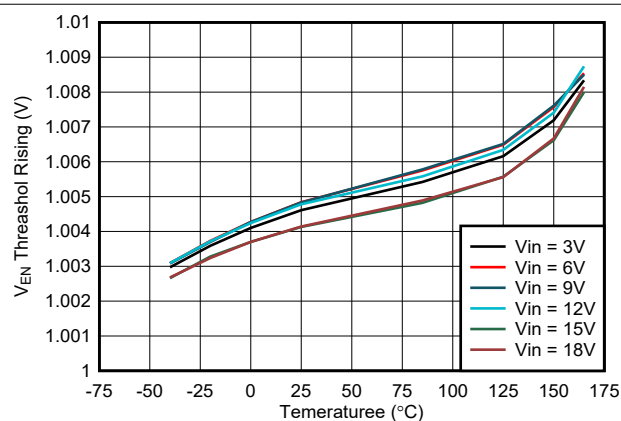


Figure 7-21. Percise EN Threshold vs Temperature

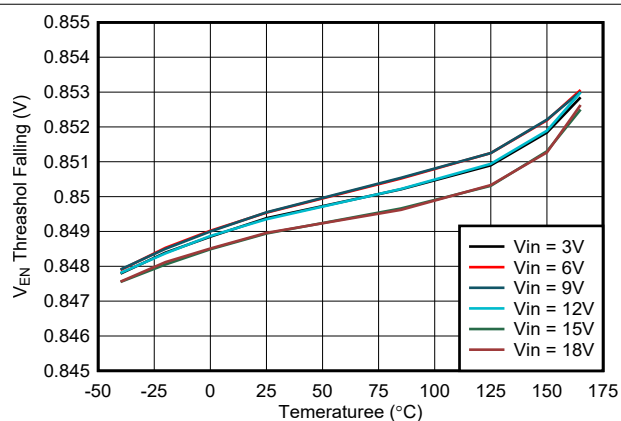


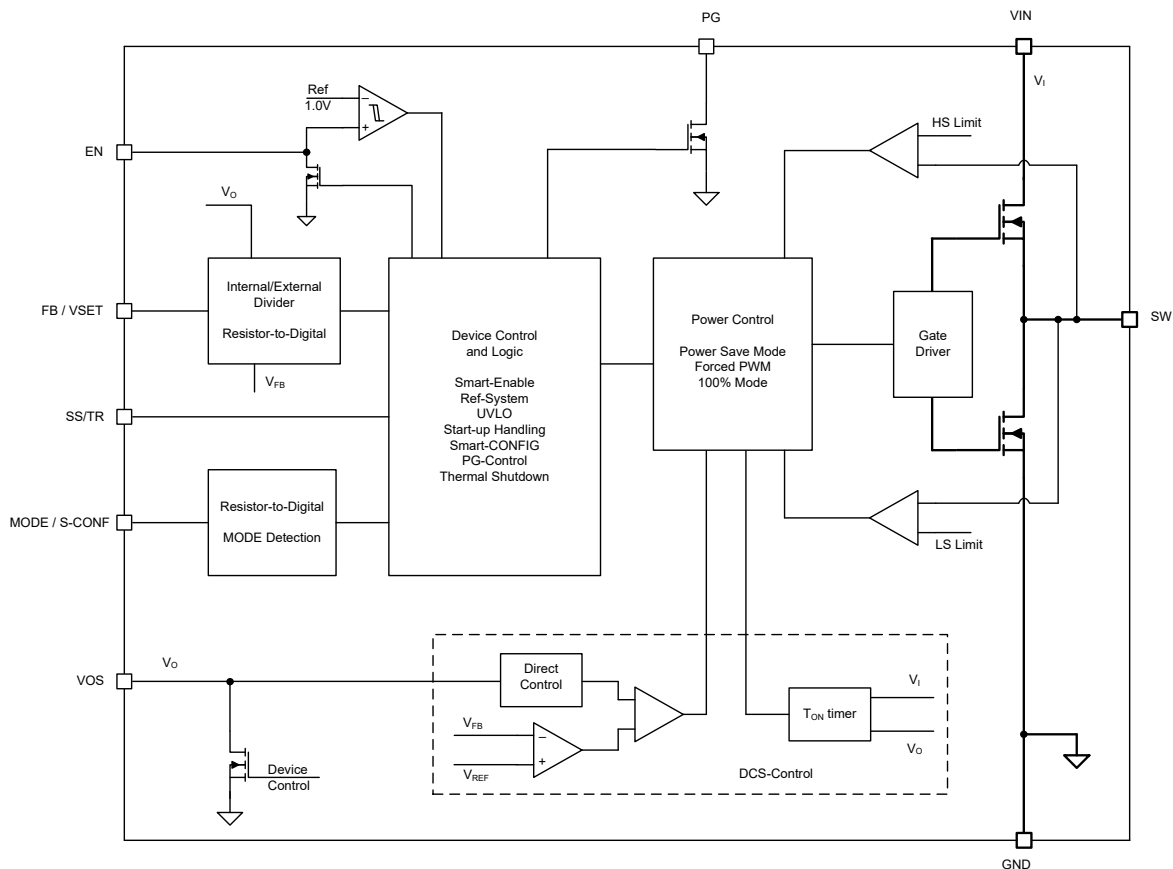
Figure 7-22. Percise EN Threshold vs Temperature

8 Detailed Description

8.1 Overview

The TPS62901-Q1 synchronous switched mode power converters are based on DCS-Control (Direct Control with Seamless Transition into power save mode). DCS-Control is an advanced regulation topology that combines the advantages of hysteretic, voltage mode, and current mode control. This control loop takes information about output voltage changes and feeds the information directly to a fast comparator stage. DCS-Control sets the switching frequency, which is constant for steady-state operating conditions, and provides immediate response to dynamic load changes. To get accurate DC load regulation, a voltage feedback loop is used. The internally compensated regulation network achieves fast and stable operation with small external components and low-ESR capacitors.

8.2 Functional Block Diagram



8.3 Feature Description

8.3.1 Mode Selection and Device Configuration MODE/S-CONF

With MODE/S-CONF (SmartConfig), this device features an input with two functions. This pin can be used to customize the device behavior in two ways:

- Select the device mode (Forced PWM or Auto PFM /PWM with AEE operation) with a HIGH-level or LOW-level.
- Select the device configuration (switching frequency, internal or external feedback, output discharge, and auto PFM/PWM mode) by connecting a single resistor to the MODE/S-CONF pin.

The TPS62901-Q1 interprets this pin during the start-up sequence after the internal OTP readout and before the device starts switching in soft start (see [Figure 8-1](#)). If the device reads a HIGH-level or LOW-level, the dynamic mode change is active and auto PFM/PWM or FPWM mode can be changed during operation. If the TPS62901-Q1 reads a resistor value, the device is configured according to the resistance value in [Table 8-1](#) and there is no further interpretation during operation and device mode or other configurations can only be changed by power cycling or disabling the device.

Note

The MODE/S-CONF pin must not be left floating. Connect the pin high, low, or to a resistor to configure the device according to [Table 8-1](#).

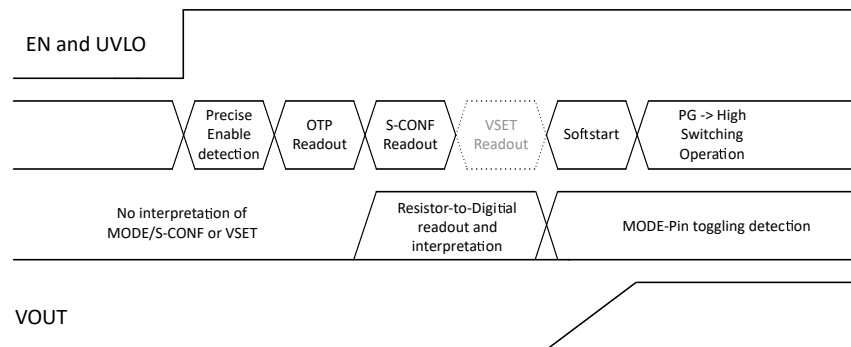


Figure 8-1. Interpretation of S-CONF and VSET Flow

Table 8-1. SmartConfig Setting Table

#	Level Or Resistor Value [Ω] (1)	FB/VSET Pin	F _{sw} (MHz)	Output Discharge	Mode (Auto Or Forced PWM)	Dynamic Mode Change
	Setting Options by Level					
1	GND	External FB	2.5(2)	yes	Auto PFM/PWM with AEE	Active
2	HIGH (> V _{IH_MODE})	External FB	2.5	yes	Forced PWM	
	Setting Options by Resistor					
3	7.15 k	External FB	2.5(2)	no	Auto PFM/PWM with AEE	Not active
4	8.87 k	External FB	2.5	no	Forced PWM	
5	11.0 k	External FB	1	yes	Auto PFM/PWM	
6	13.7 k	External FB	1	yes	Forced PWM	
7	16.9 k	External FB	1	no	Auto PFM/PWM	
8	21.0 k	External FB	1	no	Forced PWM	
9	26.1 k	VSET	2.5(2)	yes	Auto PFM/PWM with AEE	
10	32.4 k	VSET	2.5	yes	Forced PWM	
11	40.2 k	VSET	2.5(2)	no	Auto PFM/PWM with AEE	
12	49.9 k	VSET	2.5	no	Forced PWM	
13	61.9 k	VSET	1	yes	Auto PFM/PWM	
14	76.8 k	VSET	1	yes	Forced PWM	
15	95.3 k	VSET	1	no	Auto PFM/PWM	
16	118 k	VSET	1	no	Forced PWM	

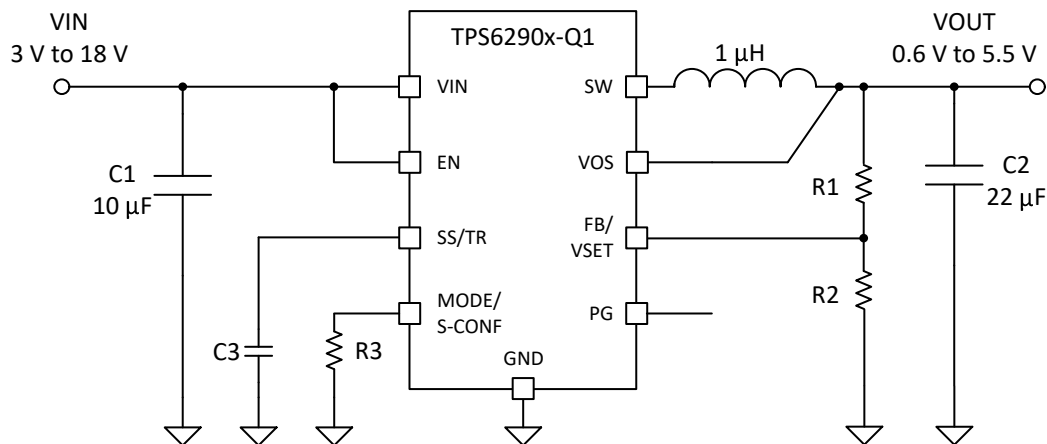
(1) E96 resistor series, 1% accuracy, temperature coefficient better or equal than ±200 ppm/°C

(2) F_{SW} varies based on V_{IN} and V_{OUT}. See [Section 8.4.3](#) for more details.

8.3.2 Adjustable V_O Operation (External Voltage Divider)

The TPS62901-Q1 can be programmed by the MODE/S-CONF pin to operating in a classical configuration where the FB/VSET pin is used as the feedback pin, sensing V_O through an external resistive divider. The TPS62901-Q1 can also be programmed to 1 of 16 different fixed output voltages (see [Section 8.3.3](#)).

If the device is configured to operate in the classical adjustable V_O operation, the FB/VSET pin is used as the feedback pin and must sense V_O through an external divider network. [Figure 8-2](#) shows the typical schematic for this configuration.

**Figure 8-2. Adjustable V_O Operation Schematic**

8.3.3 Selectable V_O Operation (VSET and Internal Voltage Divider)

If the device is configured to VSET operation, V_O is sensed only through the VOS pin by an internal resistor divider. The target V_O is programmed by an external resistor (R_{VSET}) connected between the VSET pin and GND. Figure 8-3 shows the typical schematic for this configuration.

CAUTION

The MODE/S-CONF pin must not be configured for external feedback operation (see Table 8-1) if only R_{VSET} ($R2$ as shown in Figure 8-3) is populated. This causes the output voltage to become unregulated and can damage to the device or surrounding circuitry.

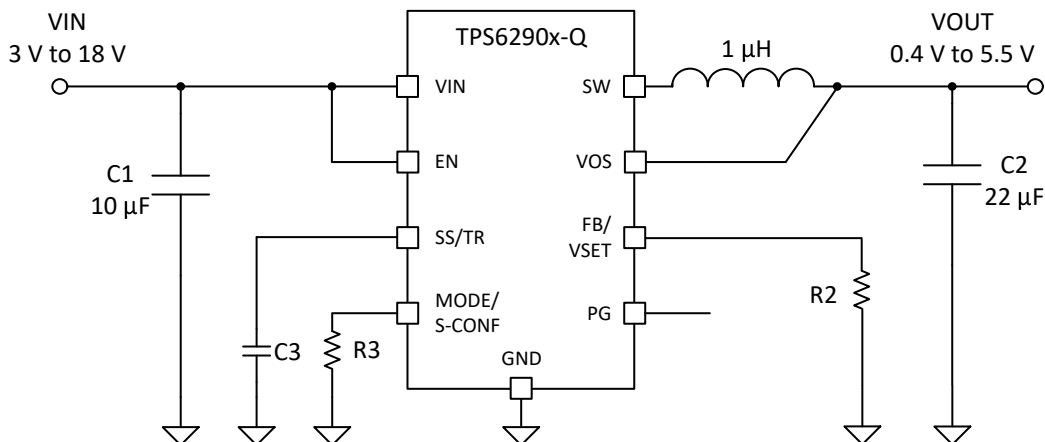


Figure 8-3. Selectable V_O Operation Schematic

Table 8-2. VSET Selection Table

#	Level Or Resistor Value [Ω] ⁽¹⁾	Target V_O [V]
1	GND	1.2
2	4.64 k	0.4
3	5.76 k	0.6
4	7.15 k	0.8
5	8.87 k	1.0
6	11.0 k	1.1
7	13.7 k	1.3
8	16.9 k	1.35
9	21.0 k	1.8
10	26.1 k	1.9
11	40.2 k	2.5
12	61.9 k	3.8
13	76.8 k	5.0
14	95.3 k	1.25
15	118.0 k	5.5
16	249.00 k or larger/Open	3.3

(1) E96 resistor series, 1% accuracy, temperature coefficient better or equal than ± 200 ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$

8.3.4 Soft Start and Tracking (SS/TR)

With the SS/TR pin, the user can adjust the soft-start behavior or track an external voltage source (see Section 8.3.4.1 for operation details).

The internal soft-start circuitry controls the output voltage slope during start-up. This avoids excessive inrush current and makes sure there is a controlled output voltage rise time. The soft-start circuitry also prevents unwanted voltage drops from high impedance power sources or batteries. When EN is set high to start operation, the device starts switching after the start-up delay, while the internal reference, and hence V_O , rises with a slope controlled by the 2.5µA (typical) I_{SS} current source and an external capacitor connected to the SS/TR pin and the 2.5µA (typical) I_{SS} current source.

Note

Shorting or pulling the SS/TR pin LOW externally prevents the device from switching as this sets the internal reference voltage to 0 V.

Note

Leaving the SS/TR pin unconnected provides the fastest start-up response, but this can result in some output voltage overshoot depending on the V_{out} value, load current, and external component sizes. Adding or increasing the soft-start capacitor (C_{SS}) minimizes or removes the voltage overshoot.

If the device is set to shut down ($EN = GND$), undervoltage lockout, or thermal shutdown, an internal resistor pulls the SS/TR pin down to make sure there is a proper low level. Returning from those states causes a new start-up sequence as set by the SS/TR connection.

8.3.4.1 Tracking Function

If a tracking function is desired, the SS/TR pin can be used for this purpose by connecting it to an external tracking voltage. The output voltage tracks that voltage with the typical gain and offset as specified in the [Electrical Characteristics](#).

Note

In forced PWM (FPWM) mode the output voltage increases and decreases with any changes in the tracking voltage, but in auto PFM (power save) mode, the output voltage only decreases based on the load current.

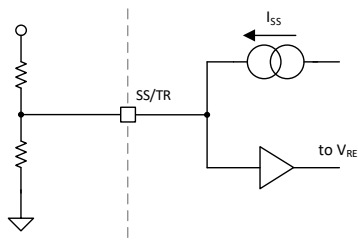


Figure 8-4. Tracking Operation Simplified Schematic

$$V_{FB} = 0.75 \times V_{SS/TR} \quad (1)$$

When the SS/TR pin voltage is above 0.8 V, the internal voltage is clamped and the device goes to normal regulation. This action works for rising and falling tracking voltages with the same behavior, as long as the input voltage is inside the recommended operating conditions. For decreasing the SS/TR pin voltage in PFM mode, the device does not sink current from the output. The resulting decrease of the output voltage can therefore be slower than the SS/TR pin voltage if the load is light. When driving the SS/TR pin with an external voltage, do not exceed the voltage rating of the SS/TR pin, which is 6 V. The SS/TR pin is internally connected with a resistor to GND when $EN = 0$.

If the input voltage drops below undervoltage lockout, the output voltage goes to zero, independent of the tracking voltage. [Figure 8-5](#) shows how to connect devices to get ratiometric and simultaneous sequencing by using the tracking function. See [Section 9.4.3](#) in the systems examples.

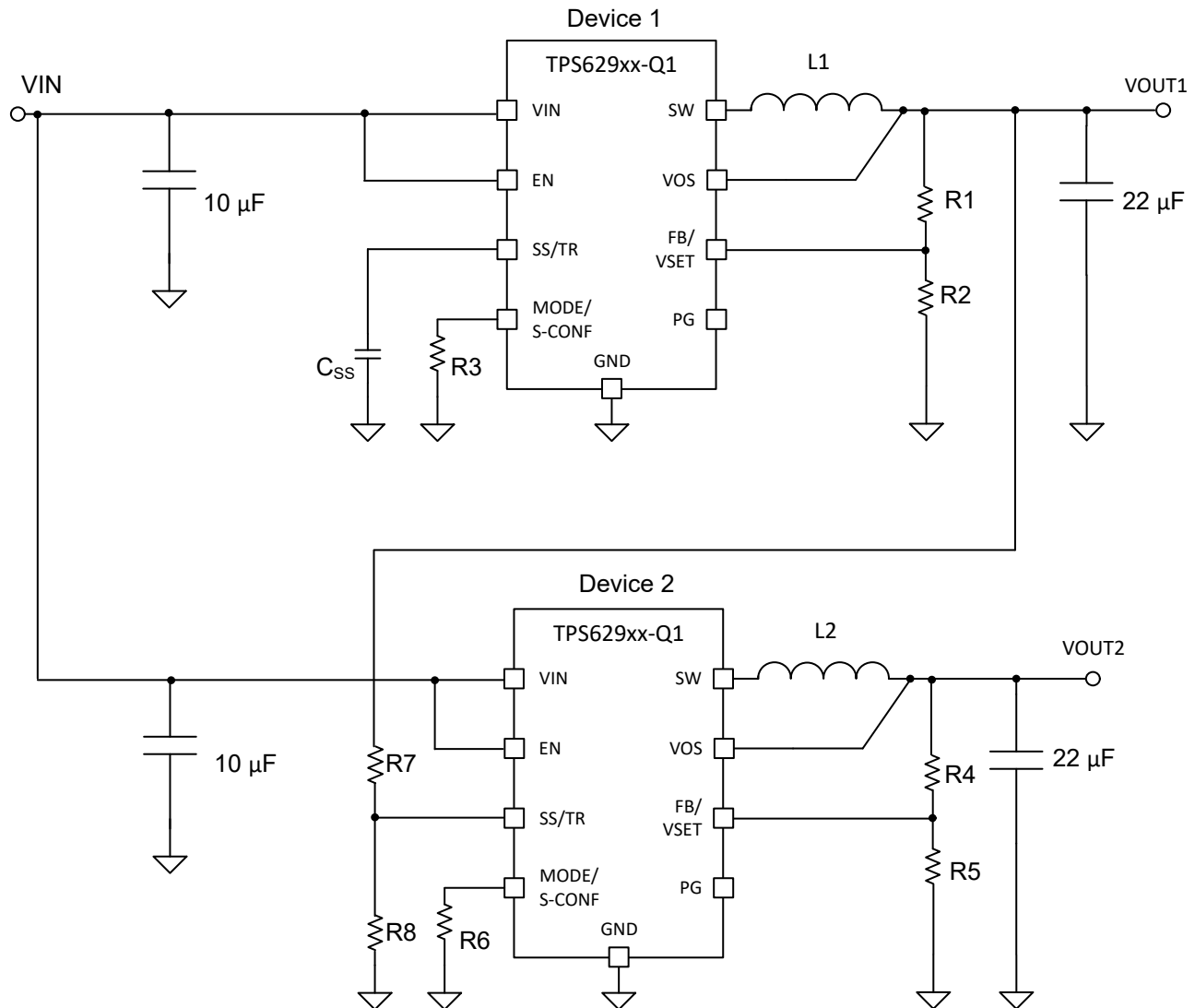


Figure 8-5. Schematic for Ratiometric and Simultaneous Start-Up

The resistive divider of R7 and R8 can be used to change the ramp rate of VOUT2 to be faster, slower, or the same as VOUT1.

A sequential start-up is achieved by connecting the PG pin of VOUT of device 1 to the EN pin of device 2. PG requires a pullup resistor. Ratiometric start-up sequence happens if both supplies are sharing the same soft-start capacitor. Equation 18 gives the soft-start time, though the SS/TR current has to be doubled. Details about these and other tracking and sequencing circuits are found in the [Sequencing and Tracking With the TPS621-Family and TPS821-Family](#) application report.

Note

If the voltage at the FB pin is below its typical value of 0.6 V, the output voltage accuracy can have a wider tolerance than specified. The current of 2.5 μA out of the SS/TR pin also has an influence on the tracking function, especially for high resistive external voltage dividers on the SS/TR pin.

8.3.5 Smart Enable with Precise Threshold

The voltage applied at the enable pin of the TPS62901-Q1 is compared to a fixed threshold rising voltage. This allows the user to drive the pin by a slowly changing voltage and enables the use of an external RC network to achieve a power-up delay.

The precise enable input allows the user to program the undervoltage lockout by adding a resistor divider to the input of the EN pin.

The enable input threshold for a falling edge is lower than the rising edge threshold. The TPS62901-Q1 starts operation when the rising threshold is exceeded. For proper operation, the EN pin must be terminated and must not be left floating. Pulling the EN pin low forces the device into shutdown. In this mode, the internal high-side and low-side MOSFETs are turned off and the entire internal control circuitry is switched off.

An internal resistor pulls the EN pin to GND when the device is disabled and avoids the pin to be floating (after the device is enabled, the pulldown is removed). This prevents an uncontrolled start-up of the device in case the EN pin cannot be driven to a low level safely. With EN low, the device is in shutdown mode. The device is turned on with EN set to a high level. The pulldown control circuit disconnects the pulldown resistor on the EN pin after the internal control logic and the reference have been powered up. With EN set to a low level, the device enters shutdown mode and the pulldown resistor is activated again.

8.3.6 Power Good (PG)

The TPS62901-Q1 has a built-in power-good (PG) feature to indicate whether the output voltage has reached its target and the device is ready. The PG signal can be used for start-up sequencing of multiple rails. The PG pin is an open-drain output that requires a pullup resistor to any voltage up to the recommended input voltage level. PG is low when the device is turned off due to EN, UVLO (undervoltage lockout), or thermal shutdown. V_{IN} must remain present for the PG pin to stay low.

If the power-good output is not used, TI recommends to tie to GND or leave the output open.

Table 8-3. Power-Good Indicator Functional Table

Logic Signals				PG Status
V_{IN}	EN Pin	Thermal Shutdown	V_{OUT}	
$V_{IN} > UVLO$	HIGH	No	V_{OUT} on target	High Impedance
			$V_{OUT} < \text{target}$	LOW
	LOW	Yes	x	LOW
		x	x	LOW
$1.8\text{ V} < V_{IN} < UVLO$	x	x	x	LOW
$V_{IN} < 1.8\text{ V}$	x	x	x	Undefined

Note

For prebiased V_{OUT} conditions (during start-up) of 60% or more of the programmed output voltage, a minimum 250- μs external soft start ($C_{SS} > 0.75\text{ nF}$) is required. If the 250- μs soft start minimum is not ensured and V_{OUT} is prebiased above 60% of the programmed output voltage during start-up, PG can be seen asserted "early" before V_{OUT} reaches the PG rising threshold, a glitch on PG can be observed, or both.

8.3.7 Output Discharge Function

The purpose of the discharge function is to make sure there is a defined down-ramp of the output voltage when the device is being disabled, and to also keep the output voltage close to 0 V when the device is off. This can be especially useful for applications with a system wide EN function that removes the output load in conjunction with disabling the power supply.

The output discharge feature is only active after the TPS62901-Q1 has been enabled at least once since the supply voltage was applied ($V_{VIN} > UVLO$). The internal discharge resistor is connected to the VOS pin. The discharge function is enabled as soon as the device is disabled, in thermal shutdown, or in undervoltage lockout. The minimum supply voltage required for the discharge function to remain active typically is 2 V.

8.3.8 Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

If the input voltage drops, the undervoltage lockout prevents mis-operation of the device by switching off both the power FETs. The device is fully operational for voltages above the rising UVLO threshold and turns off if the input voltage trips below the threshold for a falling supply voltage.

8.3.9 Current Limit and Short-Circuit Protection

The TPS62901-Q1 is protected against overload and short-circuit events. If the inductor current exceeds the high-side FET current limit (I_{LIMH}), the high-side switch is turned off and the low-side switch is turned on to ramp down the inductor current. The high-side FET turns on again only if the current in the low-side FET has decreased below the low-side FET current limit threshold AND the internal I_{LIM} recovery delay has expired.

Note

While the internal recovery delay generally keeps the switching frequency within the normal operating range of the device, the switching frequency is not tightly controlled during overload events.

Due to internal propagation delay, the actual current can exceed the static current limit during that time. The dynamic current limit is given as [Equation 2](#):

$$I_{peak(typ)} = I_{LIMH} + \frac{V_L}{L} \times t_{pd} \quad (2)$$

where

- I_{LIMH} is the static high-side FET current limit as specified in the [Electrical Characteristics](#).
- L is the effective inductance at the peak current.
- V_L is the voltage across the inductor ($V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$).
- t_{PD} is the internal propagation delay of typically 50 ns.

The current limit can exceed static values, especially if the input voltage is high and very small inductance is used. The dynamic high-side switch peak current can be calculated as follows:

$$I_{peak(typ)} = I_{LIMH} + \frac{V_{VIN} - V_{VOUT}}{L} \times 50ns \quad (3)$$

The TPS62901-Q1 also includes a low-side negative current limit ($I_{LIM:SINK}$) to protect against excessive negative currents that can occur in forced PWM mode under heavy to light load transient conditions. If the negative current in the low-side switch exceeds the $I_{LIM:SINK}$ threshold, the low-side switch is disabled. Both the low-side and high-side switches remain off until an internal timer re-enables the high-side switch based on the selected PWM switching frequency.

CAUTION

If Forced PWM (FPWM) mode is being used, TI recommends that the inductor be sized such that the inductor ripple current, ΔI_L (see [Equation 9](#)), does not exceed 2.6 A to avoid the potential for continuous operation of the negative current limit with no output load ($I_O = 0$ A).

8.3.10 High Temperature Specifications

The TPS62901-Q1 is capable of high operating junction temperatures up to 165°C. The AEC-Q100 Grade-1 maximum ambient temperature requirement ($T_{A_max} = 125^\circ\text{C}$) combined with power dissipation on integrated chips often results in device operating temperatures well above 125 °C. Additionally, although Grade 1 with extended temperature does not exist as a standard by itself, the 165°C maximum operating junction temperature allows for the TPS62901-Q1 to be used in applications with ambient temperatures upwards of 150°C that require less device power dissipation.

Note

For more information on the different thermal metrics for semiconductor integrated circuits (ICs) including the relationship between the operating junction (T_J) and ambient (T_A) temperatures of a device, refer to the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report.

The TPS62901-Q1 is designed to sustain these high temperatures while maintaining performance and reliability, which is accomplished by compliant electrical specifications up to $T_J = 165^{\circ}\text{C}$. In addition, extra reliability testing has been performed that exceeds the AEC-Q100 Grade 1 requirements.

8.3.11 Thermal Shutdown

The junction temperature, T_J , of the device is monitored by an internal temperature sensor. If T_J rises and exceeds the thermal shutdown threshold, T_{SD} , the device shuts down. Both the high-side and low-side power FETs are turned off and PG goes low. When T_J decreases below the hysteresis, the converter resumes normal operation, beginning with soft start. In PSM during a PFM skip pause (when both high-side and low-side FETs are off, the thermal shutdown feature is not active. A shutdown or restart is only triggered during a switching cycle. See [Section 8.4.2](#).

8.4 Device Functional Modes

8.4.1 Forced Pulse Width Modulation (FPWM) Operation

The TPS62901-Q1 has two operating modes: Forced PWM (FPWM) mode discussed in this section and auto PFM and PWM as discussed in [Section 8.4.2](#).

With the MODE/S-CONF pin configured for FPWM mode, the TPS62901-Q1 operates with pulse width modulation in continuous conduction mode (CCM) with a nominal switching frequency of either 2.5 MHz or 1.0 MHz. The frequency variation in PWM is controlled and depends on V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , and the inductance. The on time in forced PWM mode is given by [Equation 4](#):

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \frac{1}{f_{SW}} \quad (4)$$

For very small output voltages, a minimum on time of approximately 30 ns is kept to limit switching losses. The operating frequency is thereby reduced from its nominal value, which keeps efficiency high.

8.4.2 Power Save Mode Operation (Auto PFM and PWM)

When the MODE/S-CONF pin is configured for power save mode (auto PFM and PWM). The device operates in PWM mode as long the output current is higher than half of the ripple current of the inductor, and seamlessly transitions to PSM operation as the load decreases. In power save mode, the device operates in PFM mode by reducing the switching frequency linearly with the load current to maintain high efficiency under light load operation. The device remains in power save mode as long as the inductor current remains discontinuous, and the transition out of PSM also occurs seamlessly when the load current increases above the DCM boundary.

In addition to operating in PFM under light load, when the 2.5 MHz F_{SW} option is selected, the TPS62901-Q1 further adjusts the on time (T_{ON}), depending on the input voltage and the output voltage to maintain highest efficiency using the AEE function as described in [Section 8.4.3](#).

In power save mode, the T_{ON} time can be estimated using [Equation 4](#) for 1 MHz and [Equation 8](#) for 2.5 MHz.

For higher input voltages and small output voltages, an absolute minimum on time of approximately 30 ns is kept to limit switching losses. The operating frequency is thereby reduced from its nominal value, which keeps efficiency high. Using T_{ON} , the typical peak inductor current in power save mode is approximated by [Equation 5](#):

$$I_{LPSM_{peak}} = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L} \times T_{ON} \quad (5)$$

The output voltage ripple in power save mode is given by [Equation 6](#):

$$\Delta V = \frac{L \times V_{IN}^2}{200 \times C} + \left(\frac{1}{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}} + \frac{1}{V_{OUT}} \right) \quad (6)$$

where

- L is the effective inductance.
- C is the output effective capacitance.

Note

When V_{IN} decreases to typically 15% above V_{OUT} , the TPS62901-Q1 does not enter power save mode, regardless of the load current. The device maintains output regulation in PWM mode.

8.4.3 AEE (Automatic Efficiency Enhancement)

When the MODE/S-CONF pin is configured for auto PFM/PWM with AEE mode, the TPS62901-Q1 provides the highest efficiency over the entire input voltage and output voltage range by automatically adjusting the switching frequency of the converter (see [Equation 7](#)). To keep the efficiency high over the entire duty cycle range, the switching frequency is adjusted while maintaining the ripple current amplitudes. This feature compensates for the very small duty cycles of high V_{IN} to low V_{OUT} conversions, which can limit the control range in other topologies.

$$F_{SW} \left(\text{MHz} \right) = 10 \times V_{OUT} \times \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}^2} \quad (7)$$

Traditionally, the efficiency of a switched mode converter decreases if V_{OUT} decreases, V_{IN} increases, or both. By decreasing the switching losses at lower V_{OUT} values or higher V_{IN} values, the AEE feature provides an efficiency enhancement across various duty cycles, especially for the lower V_{OUT} values, where fixed frequency converters suffer from a significant efficiency drop.

To accomplish this, the AEE function in the TPS62901-Q1 adjusts the on time (TON) depending on the input voltage and the output voltage, and the on time in steady-state operation can be estimated as using [Equation 8](#):

$$T_{ON} \left(\text{ns} \right) = 100 \times \frac{V_{IN}}{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}} \quad (8)$$

By using the same TON configuration (see [Equation 9](#)) across the entire load range in AEE mode, the inductor ripple current in AEE mode becomes effectively independent of the output voltage and can be approximated by [Equation 9](#):

$$\Delta I_L \left(\text{mA} \right) = T_{ON} \times \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L} = 0.1 \times \frac{V_{IN} \left(\text{V} \right)}{L \left(\mu\text{H} \right)} \quad (9)$$

The TPS62901-Q1 operates in AEE mode as long as the output current is higher than half the ripple current of the inductor. To maintain high efficiency at light loads, the device enters power save mode at the boundary to discontinuous mode (DCM), which happens when the output current becomes smaller than half the inductor ripple current.

8.4.4 100% Duty-Cycle Operation

The duty cycle of the buck converter operating in PWM mode is given as $D = V_{OUT} / V_{IN}$. The duty cycle increases as the input voltage comes close to the output voltage and the off time gets smaller. When the minimum off time of typically 80 ns is reached, the TPS62901-Q1 scales down its switching frequency while it approaches 100% mode. In 100% mode, the device keeps the high-side switch on continuously. The high-side switch stays turned on as long as the output voltage is below the internal set point, allowing the conversion of small input to output voltage differences (for example, getting longest operation time of battery-powered applications). In 100% duty cycle mode, the low-side FET is switched off.

The minimum input voltage to maintain output voltage regulation, depending on the load current and the output voltage level, can be calculated as:

$$V_{IN \left(MIN \right)} = V_{OUT} + I_{OUT} \times \left(R_{DS \left(ON \right)} + R_L \right) \quad (10)$$

where

- I_{OUT} is the output current.
- $R_{DS \left(on \right)}$ is the on-state resistance of the high-side FET.
- R_L is the DC resistance of the inductor used.

8.4.5 Starting into a Prebiased Load

The TPS62901-Q1 is capable of starting into a prebiased output. The device only starts switching when the internal soft-start ramp is equal or higher than the feedback voltage. If the voltage at the feedback pin is biased to a higher voltage than the nominal value, the TPS62901-Q1 does not start switching unless the voltage at the feedback pin drops to the target. See the note in [Section 8.3.6](#) regarding the soft-start requirement during prebiased conditions.

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, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

9.1 Application Information

The TPS62901-Q1 devices are highly efficient, small, and highly flexible synchronous step-down DC/DC converters that are easy to use. A wide input voltage range of 3 V to 18 V supports a wide variety of inputs like 12-V supply rails, single-cell or multi-cell Li-Ion, and 5-V or 3.3-V rails.

9.2 Typical Application with Adjustable Output Voltage

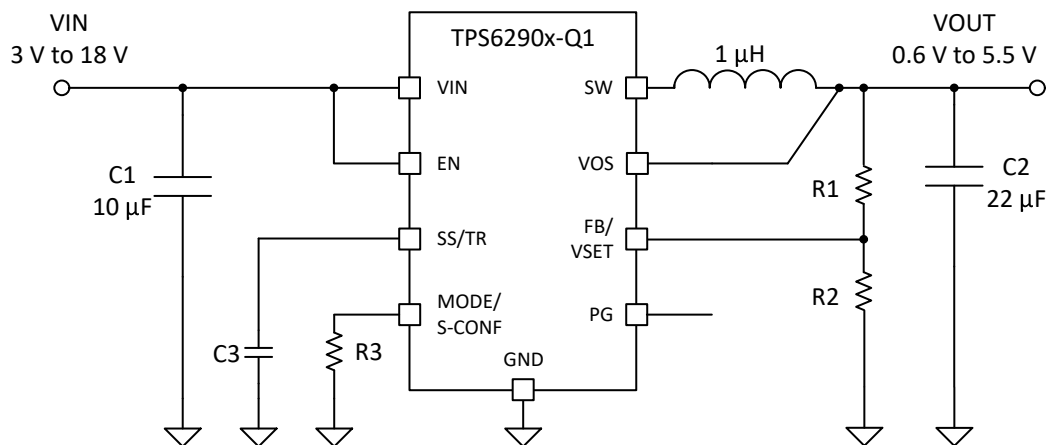


Figure 9-1. Typical Application Circuit

9.2.1 Design Requirements

Table 9-1. List of Components

Reference	Description	Manufacturer
IC	18 V, 1-A step-down converter	TPS62901-Q1 series; Texas Instruments
L	2.2-µH inductor	XGL4020-222; Coilcraft
CIN	10 µF, 25 V, Ceramic, X8R	CGA6P1X8R1E106K250AE, TDK
COUT	22 µF, 16 V, Ceramic, X8L	CGA6P1X8L1C226M250AC, TDK
CSS	Depends on soft-start time; see Section 9.2.2.3.3.3 .	AEC-Q200 qualified, 16 V, Ceramic, X8R
R1	Depending on V_{OUT} ; see Section 9.2.2.2 .	AEC-Q200 qualified, Standard 1% metal film
R2	Depending on V_{OUT} ; see Section 9.2.2.2 .	AEC-Q200 qualified, Standard 1% metal film
R3	Depending on device setting, see Section 8.3.1 .	AEC-Q200 qualified, Standard 1% metal film

9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.2.2.1 Custom Design With WEBENCH® Tools

[Click here](#) to create a custom design using the TPS62901-Q1 device with the WEBENCH® Power Designer.

1. Start by entering the input voltage (V_{IN}), output voltage (V_{OUT}), and output current (I_{OUT}) requirements.
2. Optimize the design for key parameters such as efficiency, footprint, and cost using the optimizer dial.

3. Compare the generated design with other possible solutions from Texas Instruments.

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

In most cases, these actions are available:

- Run electrical simulations to see important waveforms and circuit performance
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9.2.2.2 Programming the Output Voltage

When the MODE/S_CONF pin is configured for external feedback, the output voltage of the TPS62901-Q1 is fully adjustable. It can be programmed for output voltages from 0.6 V to 5.5 V using a resistor divider from V_{OUT} to GND. The voltage at the FB pin is regulated to 600 mV. The value of the output voltage is set by the selection of the resistor divider from Equation 11. TI recommends to choose resistor values that allow a current of at least 2 µA, meaning the value of R2 must not exceed 400 kΩ. Lower resistor values are recommended for highest accuracy and most robust design.

$$R_1 = R_2 \times \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{FB}} - 1 \right) \quad (11)$$

With typical V_{FB} = 0.6 V:

Table 9-2. Setting the Output Voltage

Nominal Output Voltage	R1	R2	Exact Output Voltage
0.75 V	24.9 kΩ	100 kΩ	0.749 V
1.2 V	100 kΩ	100 kΩ	1.2 V
1.5 V	150 kΩ	100 kΩ	1.5 V
1.8 V	200 kΩ	100 kΩ	1.8 V
2.0 V	49.9 kΩ	21.5 kΩ	1.992 V
2.5 V	100 kΩ	31.6 kΩ	2.498 V
3.0 V	100 kΩ	24.9 kΩ	3.009 V
3.3 V	113 kΩ	24.9 kΩ	3.322 V
5.0V	182 kΩ	24.9 kΩ	4.985 V

9.2.2.3 External Component Selection

The external components have to fulfill the needs of the application, but also the stability criteria of the control loop of the device. The TPS62901-Q1 is optimized to work within a range of external components.

9.2.2.3.1 Output Filter and Loop Stability

The TPS62901-Q1 is designed to be stable with a range of L-C filter combinations. The LC output filters inductance and capacitance have to be considered together, creating a double pole responsible for the corner frequency of the converter using Equation 12.

$$f_{LC} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L \times C}} \quad (12)$$

Proven nominal values for inductance and ceramic capacitance are given in Table 9-3 and are recommended for use with the effective capacitance considered to vary by +20% and –50%. Different values can work, but care has to be taken on the loop stability, which is affected. More information including a detailed LC stability matrix can be found in the [Optimizing the TPS62130/40/50/60 Output Filter](#) application report.

Table 9-3. Recommended LC Output Filter Combinations

	4.7 μ F	10 μ F	22 μ F	47 μ F	100 μ F	200 μ F
1 μ H		√	√ ⁽¹⁾	√	√	√ ⁽³⁾
1.5 μ H		√	√	√	√ ⁽³⁾	
2.2 μ H		√	√ ⁽²⁾	√	√ ⁽³⁾	
3.3 μ H	√	√	√	√		

- (1) This LC combination is the standard value and recommended for most applications with 2.5-MHz switching frequency.
 (2) This LC combination is the standard value and recommended for most applications with 1-MHz switching frequency.
 (3) Output capacitance must have a ESR of ≥ 10 m Ω for stable operation, see [Section 9.4.2](#).

The TPS62901-Q1 includes an internal 3-pF feedforward capacitor, connected between the VOS and FB pins. This capacitor impacts the frequency behavior and sets a pole and zero in the control loop with the resistors of the feedback divider, per [Equation 13](#) and [Equation 14](#):

$$f_{zero} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R_1 \times 3pF} \quad (13)$$

$$f_{pole} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 3pF} \times \left(\frac{1}{R_1} \times \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \quad (14)$$

Although the TPS62901-Q1 devices are stable without the pole and zero being in a particular location, an external feedforward capacitor can be added to adjust their locations to the specific needs of the application can provide better performance in power save mode, improved transient response, or both. A more detailed discussion on the optimization for stability versus transient response can be found in the [Optimizing Transient Response of Internally Compensated DC-DC Converters](#) and [Feedforward Capacitor to Improve Stability and Bandwidth of TPS621/821-Family](#) application reports.

9.2.2.3.2 Inductor Selection

The TPS62901-Q1 is designed for a nominal 1- μ H inductor. Larger values can be used to achieve a lower inductor current ripple, but they can have a negative impact on efficiency and transient response. Smaller values than 1 μ H cause a larger inductor current ripple, which causes larger negative inductor current in forced PWM mode at low or no output current. Therefore, TI does not recommend them at large voltages across the inductor as it is the case for high input voltages and low output voltages. Low-output current in forced PWM mode causes a larger negative inductor current peak, which can exceed the negative current limit. At low or no output current and small inductor values, the output voltage cannot be regulated any more. More detailed information on further LC combinations can be found in the [Optimizing the TPS62130/40/50/60 Output Filter](#) application report.

The inductor selection is affected by several factors like inductor ripple current, output ripple voltage, PWM-to-PFM transition point, and efficiency. In addition, the inductor selected has to be rated for appropriate saturation current and DC resistance (DCR). [Equation 15](#) calculates the maximum inductor current.

$$I_{L(MAX)} = I_{OUT(MAX)} + \frac{\Delta I_{L(MAX)}}{2} \quad (15)$$

$$\Delta I_{L(MAX)} = V_{OUT} \times \frac{1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(MAX)}}}{L_{(MIN)} \times f_{SW}} \quad (16)$$

where

- $I_{L(max)}$ is the maximum inductor current.
- $\Delta I_{L(max)}$ is the maximum peak-to-peak inductor ripple current.
- $L_{(min)}$ is the minimum effective inductor value.
- f_{sw} is the actual PWM switching frequency.
- V_{OUT} is the output voltage.
- $V_{IN(max)}$ is the maximum expected output voltage.

Calculating the maximum inductor current using the actual operating conditions gives the needed minimum saturation current of the inductor. TI recommends to add a margin of about 20%. A larger inductor value is also useful to get lower ripple current, but increases the transient response time and size as well. The following inductors have been used with the TPS62901-Q1 and are recommended for use:

Table 9-4. List of Inductors

Type	Inductance [μH]	Current [A] ⁽¹⁾	Dimensions [L × B × H] mm	Manufacturer
XGL4020-102ME	1.0 μH, ±20%	8.8	4.0 × 4.0 × 2.1	Coilcraft
XGL4020-222ME	2.2 μH, ±20%	6.2	4.0 × 4.0 × 2.1	Coilcraft

(1) I_{SAT} at 30% drop

The inductor value also determines the load current at which power save mode is entered:

$$I_{Load(PSM)} = \frac{1}{2} \times \Delta I_L \quad (17)$$

9.2.2.3.3 Capacitor Selection

9.2.2.3.3.1 Output Capacitor

The recommended value for the output capacitor is 22 μF. The architecture of the TPS62901-Q1 allows the use of tiny ceramic output capacitors with low equivalent series resistance (ESR). These capacitors provide low output voltage ripple and are recommended. To keep its low resistance up to high frequencies and to get narrow capacitance variation with temperature, TI recommends the use of X7R or X8R dielectric capacitors. Using a higher value has advantages like smaller voltage ripple and a tighter DC output accuracy in power save mode (see the [Optimizing the TPS62130/40/50/60 Output Filter](#) application report).

In power save mode, the output voltage ripple depends on the following:

- Output capacitance
- ESR
- ESL
- Peak inductor current

Using ceramic capacitors provides small ESR, ESL, and low ripple. The output capacitor must be as close as possible to the device.

For large output voltages, the DC bias effect of ceramic capacitors is large and the effective capacitance has to be observed.

9.2.2.3.3.2 Input Capacitor

For most applications, 10 μF nominal is sufficient and is recommended, though a larger value reduces input current ripple further. The input capacitor buffers the input voltage for transient events and also decouples the converter from the supply. TI recommends a low-ESR multilayer ceramic capacitor (MLCC) for best filtering and must be placed between VIN and GND as close as possible to those pins.

Table 9-5. List of Capacitors

Type ⁽¹⁾	Nominal Capacitance [μF]	Voltage Rating [V]	Size	Manufacturer
CGA6P1X8R1E106K250AE	10	25	1210	TDK
CGA6P1X8L1C226M250AC	22	16	1210	TDK

(1) Lower of I_{RMS} at 40°C rise or I_{SAT} at 30% drop

9.2.2.3.3.3 Soft-Start Capacitor

A capacitor connected between SS/TR pin and GND allows a user-programmable start-up slope of the output voltage.

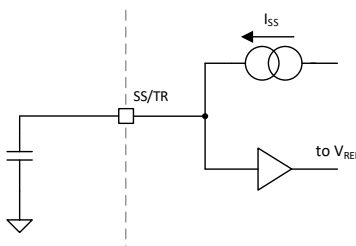


Figure 9-2. Soft-Start Operation Simplified Schematic

An internal constant current source is provided to charge the external capacitance. The capacitor required for a given soft-start ramp time is given by:

$$C_{SS} = T_{SS} \times \frac{I_{SS}}{V_{REF}} \quad (18)$$

where

- C_{SS} is the capacitance required at the SS/TR pin.
- T_{SS} is the desired soft-start ramp time.
- I_{SS} is the SS/TR source current, see the [Electrical Characteristics](#).
- V_{REF} is the feedback regulation voltage divided by tracking gain ($V_{FB} / 0.75$); see the [Electrical Characteristics](#).

The fastest achievable typical ramp time is 150 μ s, even if the external C_{SS} capacitance is lower than 680 pF or the pin is open.

9.2.3 Application Curves

9.2.3.1 Application Curves $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{ V}$

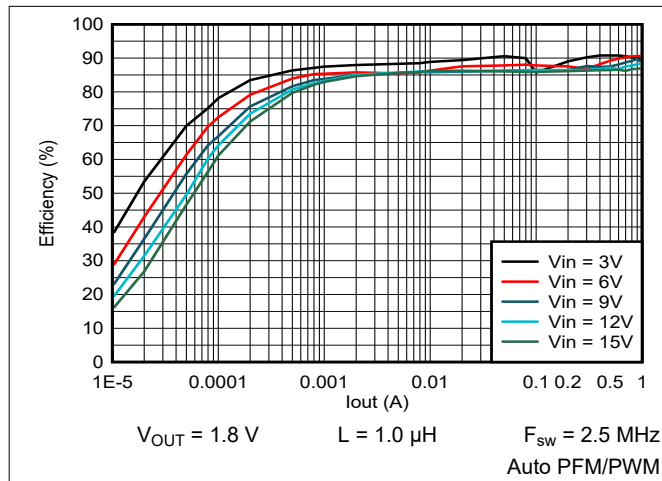


Figure 9-3. Efficiency vs Output Current

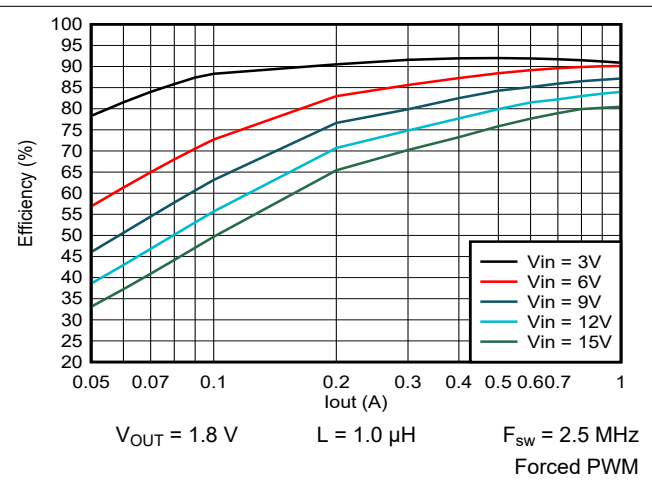


Figure 9-4. Efficiency vs Output Current

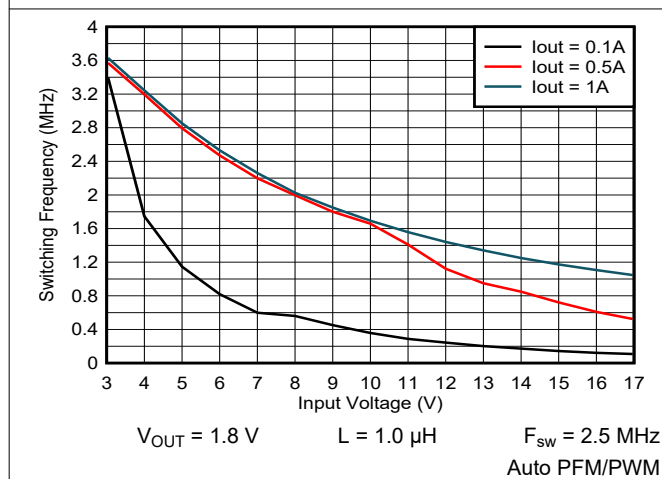


Figure 9-5. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

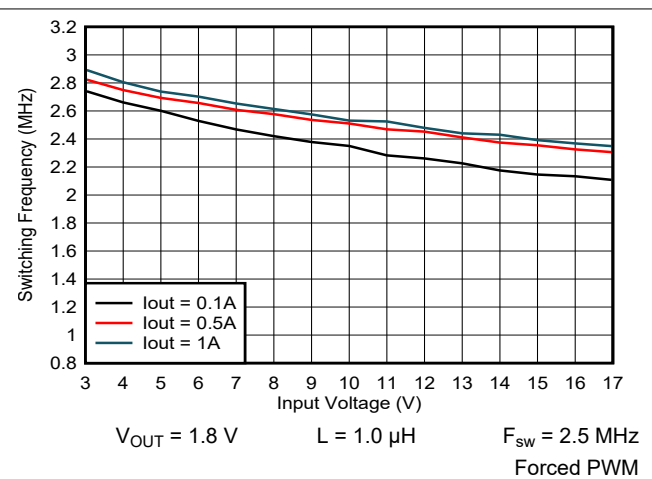


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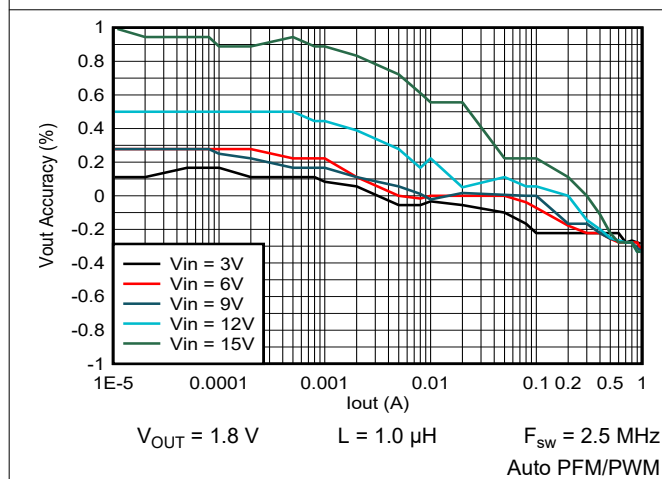


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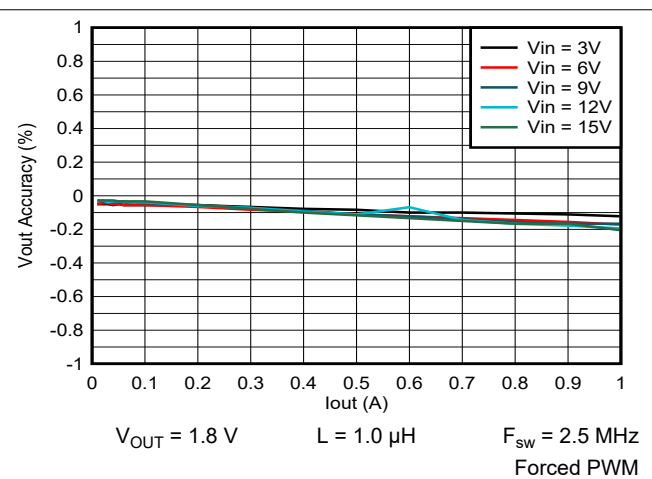


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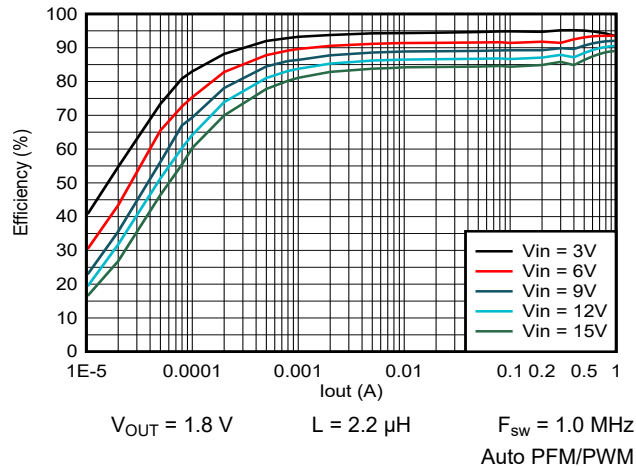


Figure 9-9. Efficiency vs Output Current

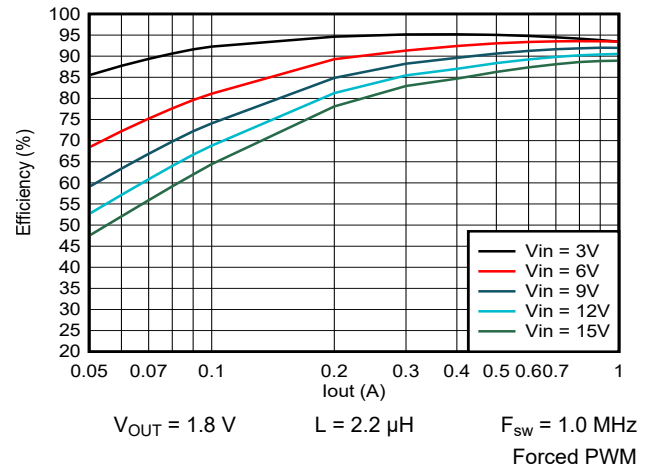


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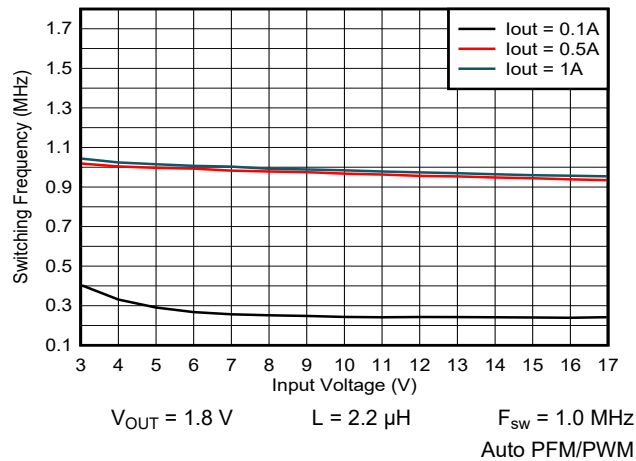


Figure 9-11. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

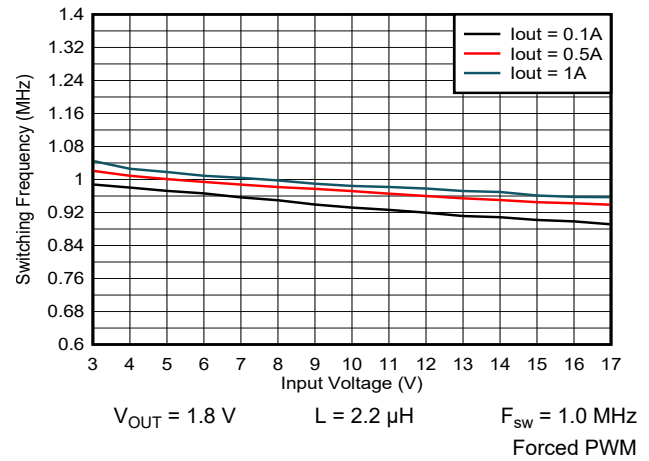


Figure 9-12. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

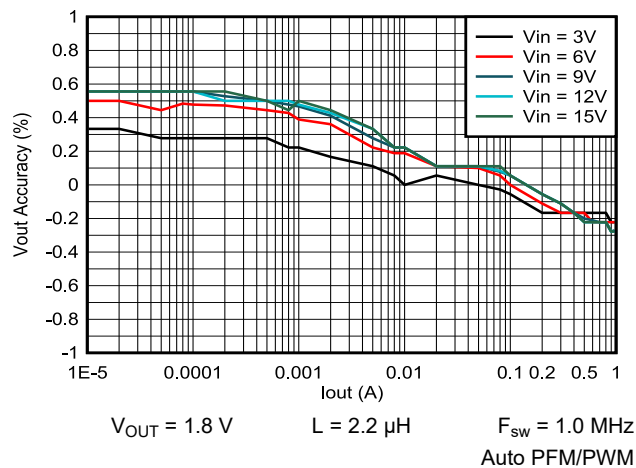


Figure 9-13. Output Voltage vs Output Current

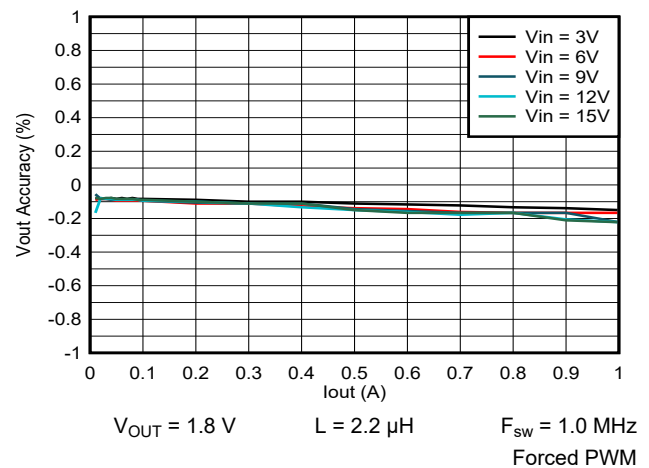


Figure 9-14. Output Voltage vs Output Current

9.2.3.2 Application Curves $V_{out} = 1.2\text{ V}$

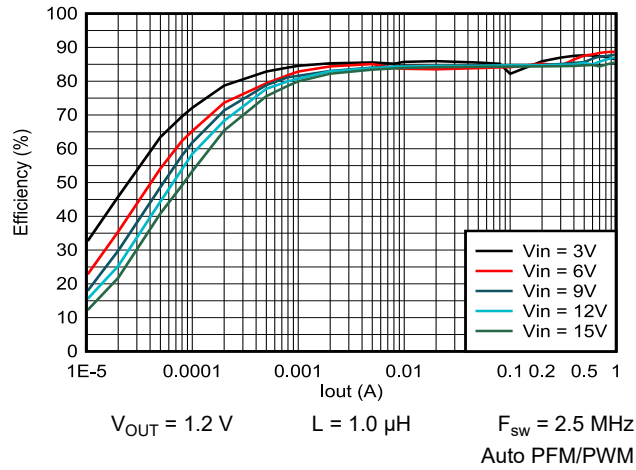


Figure 9-15. Efficiency vs Output Current

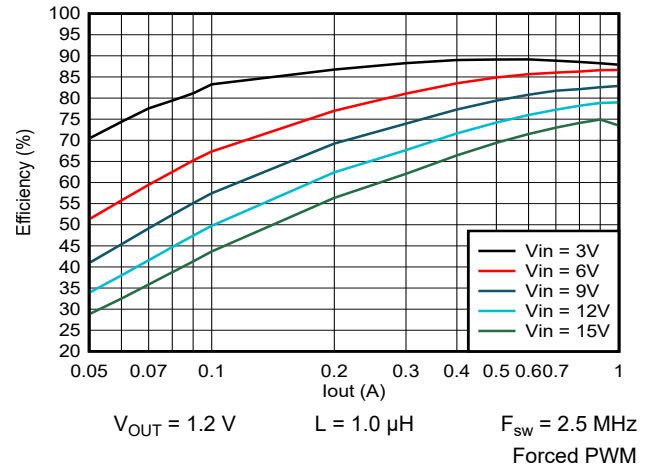


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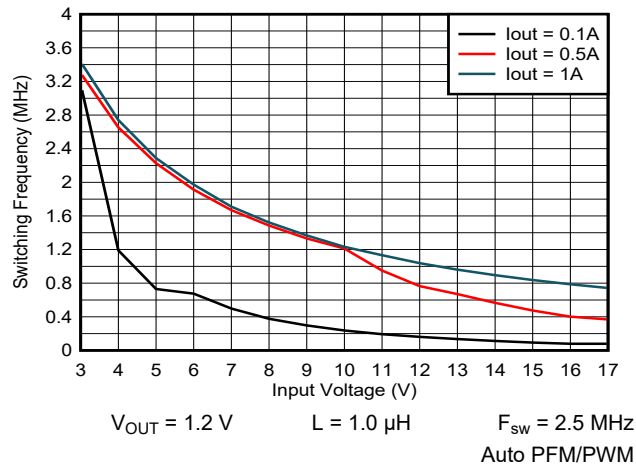


Figure 9-17. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

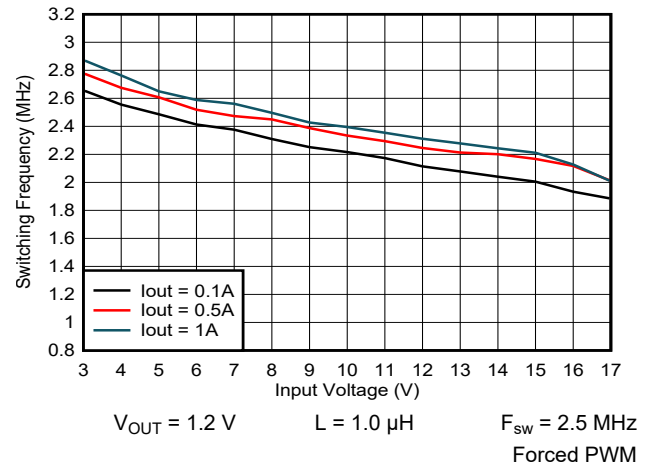


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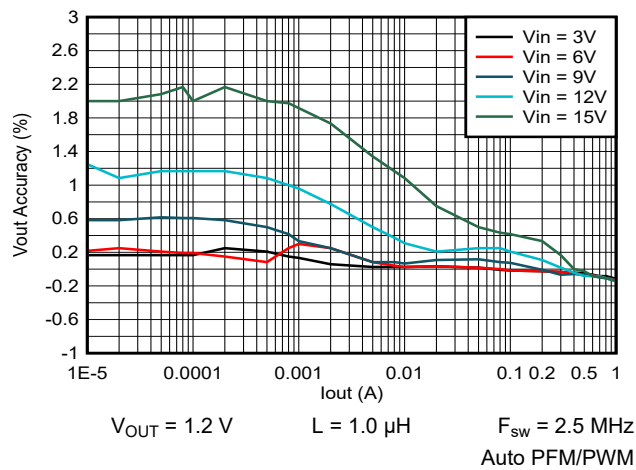


Figure 9-19. Output Voltage vs Output Current

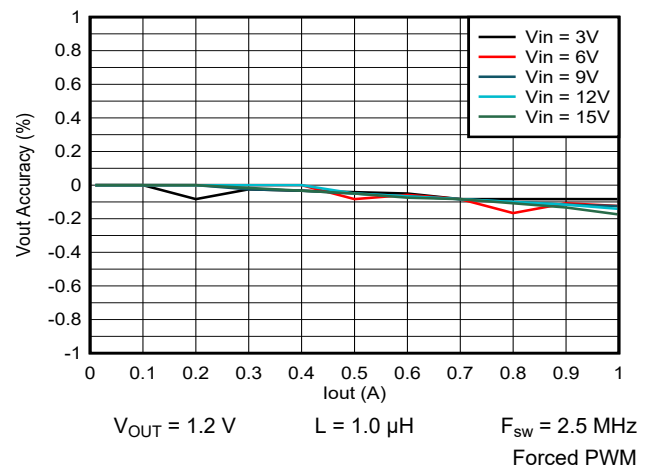


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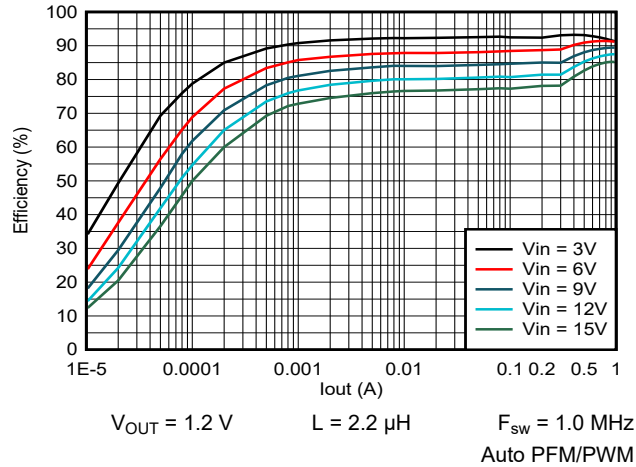


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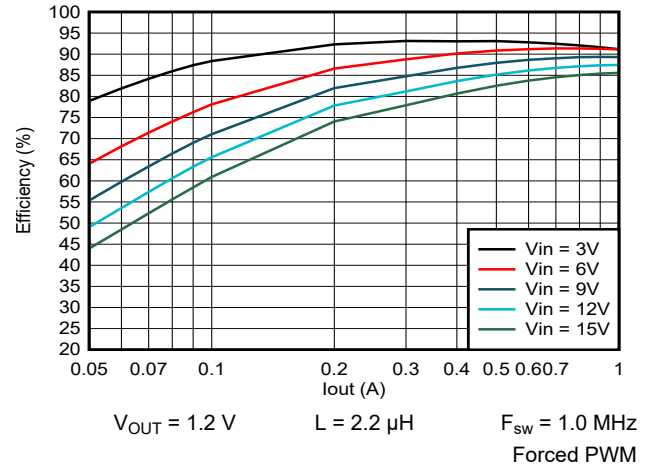


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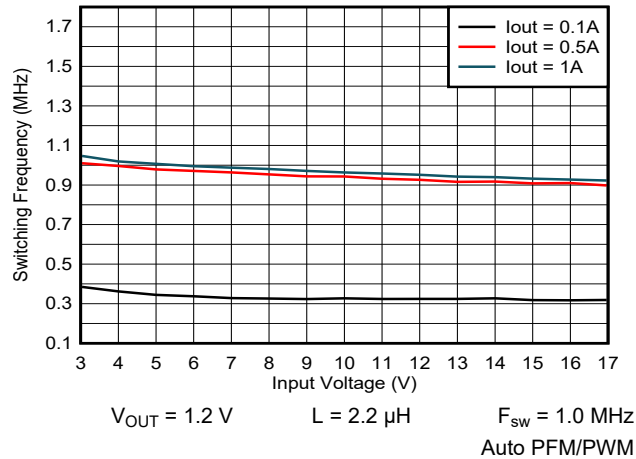


Figure 9-23. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

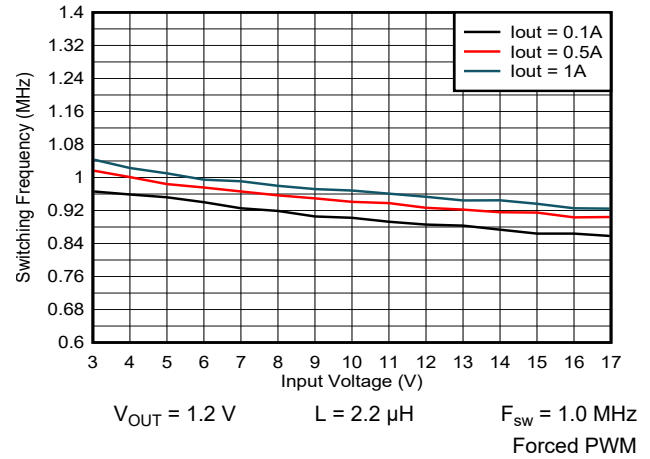


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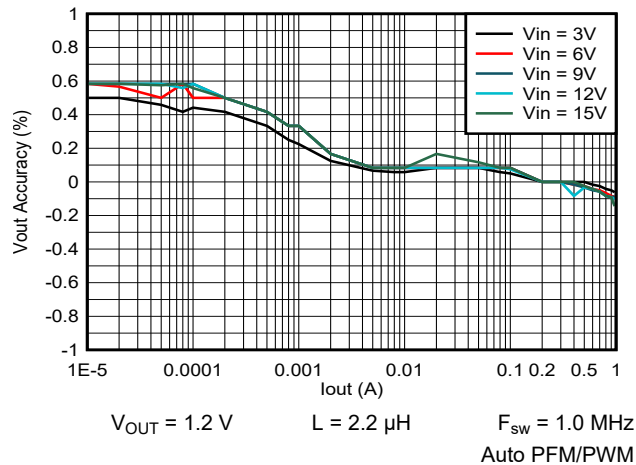


Figure 9-25. Output Voltage vs Output Current

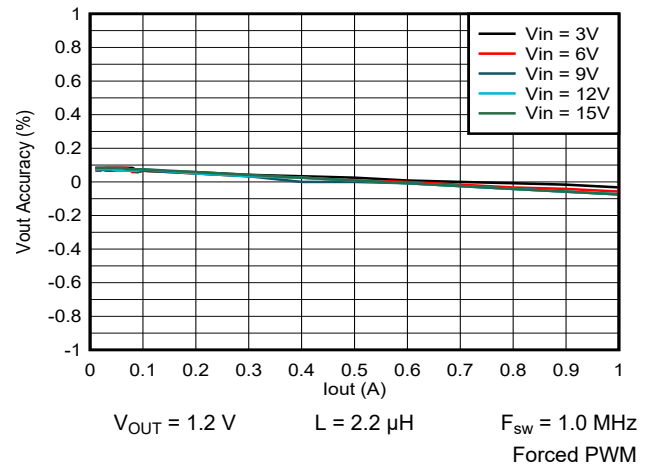


Figure 9-26. Output Voltage vs Output Current

9.2.3.3 Application Curves $V_{out} = 0.6\text{ V}$

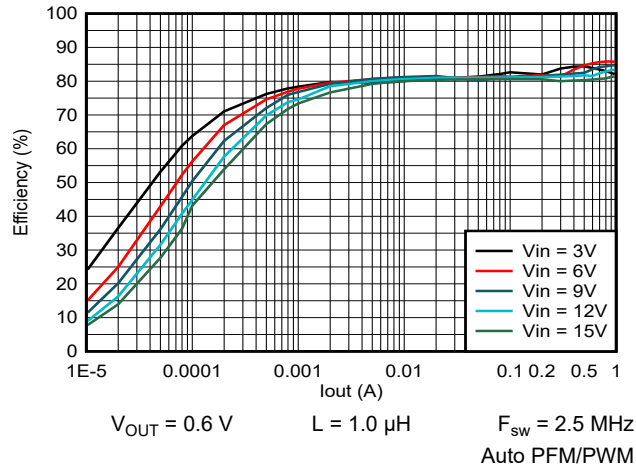


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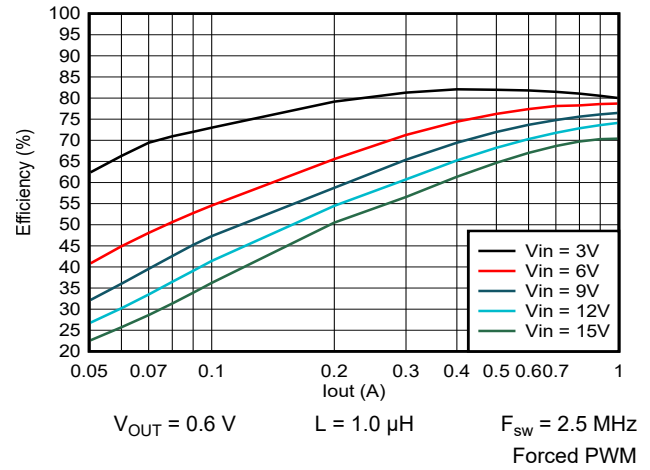


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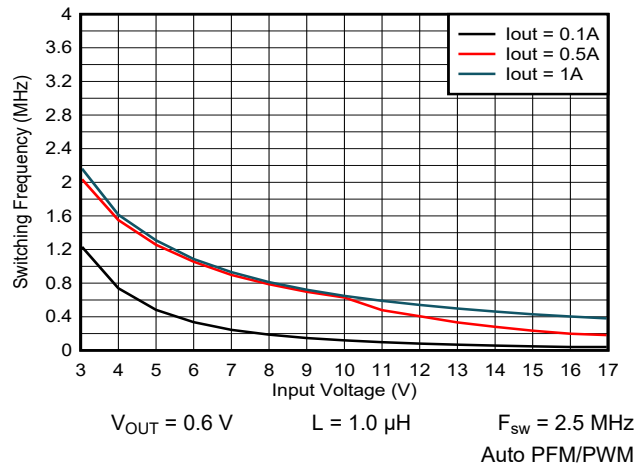


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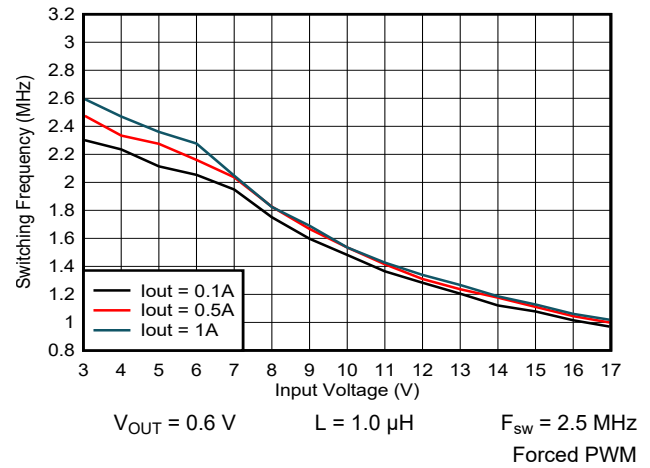


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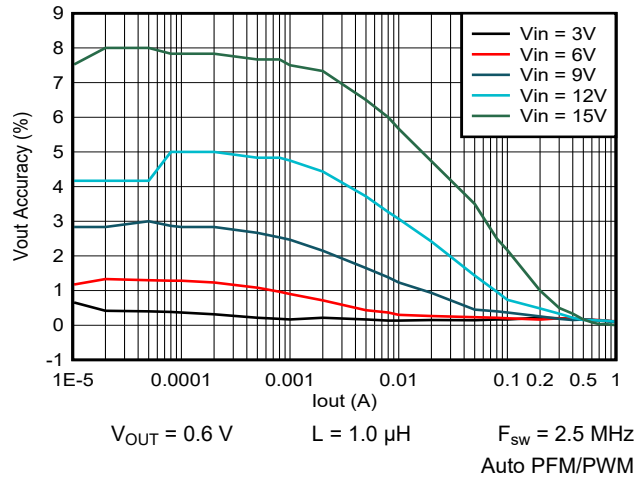


Figure 9-31. Output Voltage vs Output Current

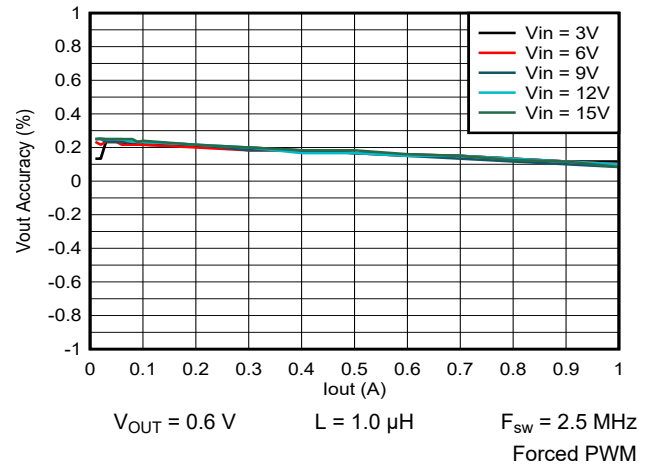


Figure 9-32. Output Voltage vs Output Current

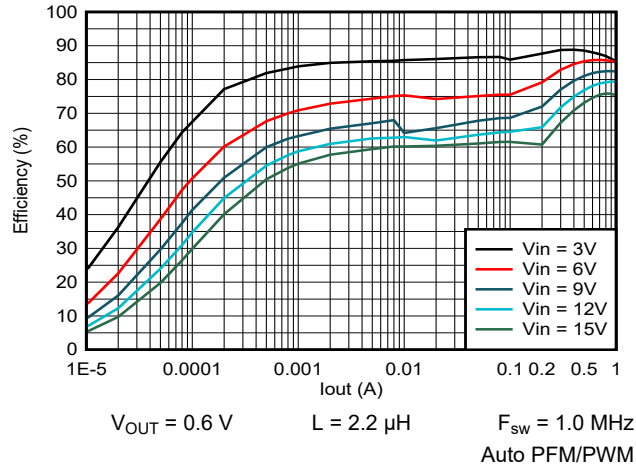


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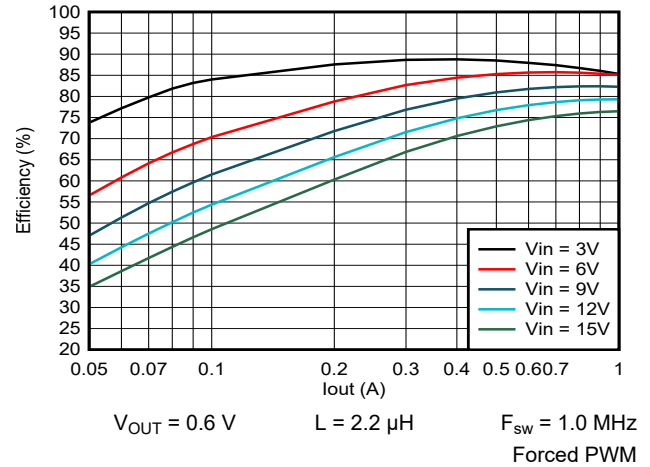


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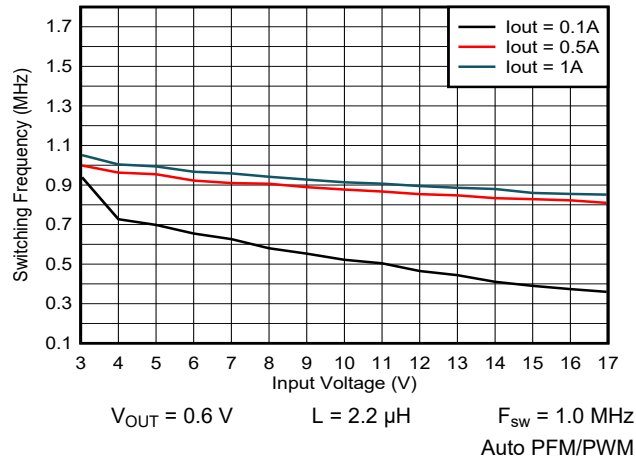


Figure 9-35. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

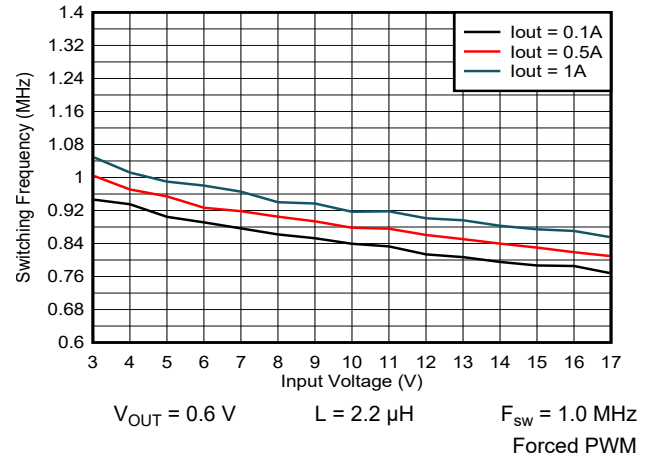


Figure 9-36. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

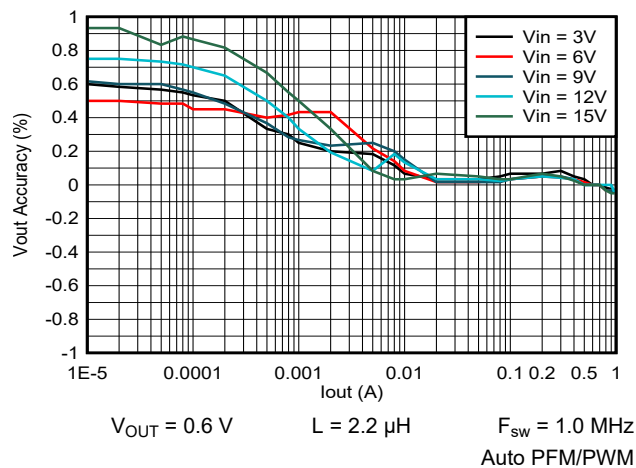


Figure 9-37. Output Voltage vs Output Current

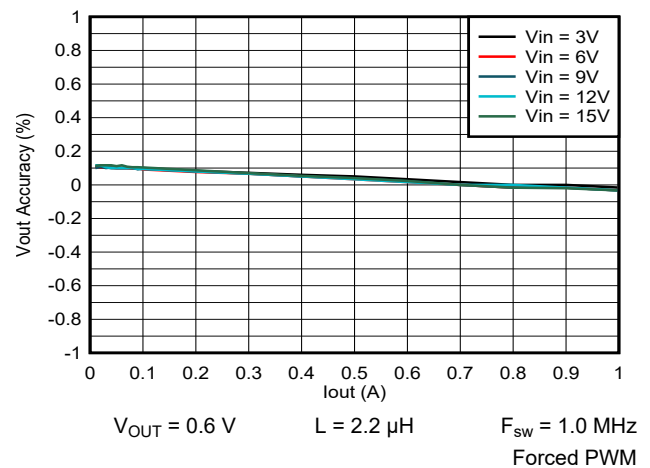


Figure 9-38. Output Voltage vs Output Current

9.3 Typical Application with Selectable V_{OUT} using VSET

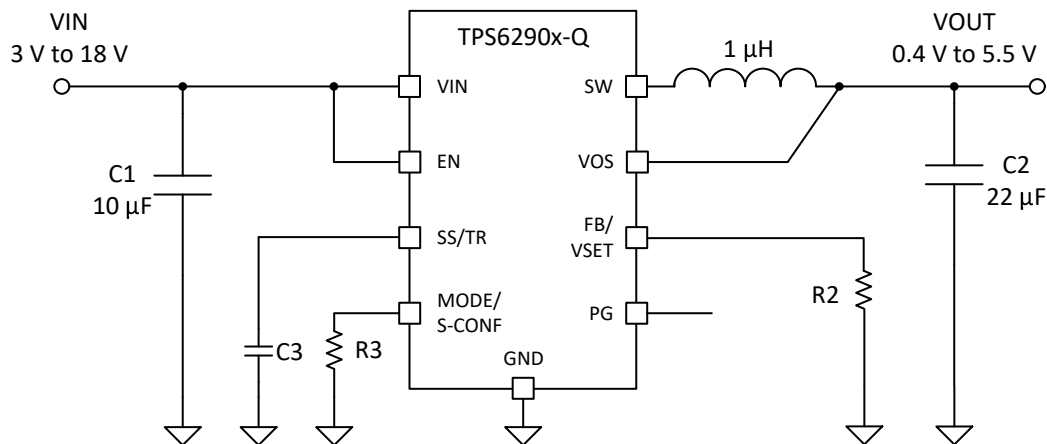


Figure 9-39. Typical Application Circuit (VSET)

9.3.1 Design Requirements

Table 9-6. List of Components

Reference	Description	Manufacturer
IC	18 V, 1-A step-down converter	TPS62901-Q1 series; Texas Instruments
L	2.2-µH inductor	XGL4020-222; Coilcraft
CIN	10 µF, 25 V, Ceramic, X8R	CGA6P1X8R1E106K250AE, TDK
COUT	22 µF, 16 V, Ceramic, X8L	CGA6P1X8L1C226M250AC, TDK
CSS	Depends on soft-start time; see Section 9.2.2.3.3.3 .	AEC-Q200 qualified, 16 V, Ceramic, X8R
R2	Depending on V_{OUT} ; see Section 8.3.3	AEC-Q200 qualified, Standard 1% metal film
R3	Depending on device setting, see Section 8.3.1 .	AEC-Q200 qualified, Standard 1% metal film

9.3.2 Detailed Design Procedure

9.3.2.1 Programming the Output Voltage

When the resistor (R3) on the MODE/S-CONF pin is sized for "VSET" (internal FB) operation (see [Table 8-1](#)), the output voltage of the TPS62901-Q1 becomes selectable with a resistor (R2) from the FB/VSET pin to the GND. The output can be programmed to one of 16 different fixed output voltages ranging from 0.4 V to 5.5 V based on [Table 8-2](#).

9.3.3 Application Curves

9.3.3.1 Application Curves $V_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}$

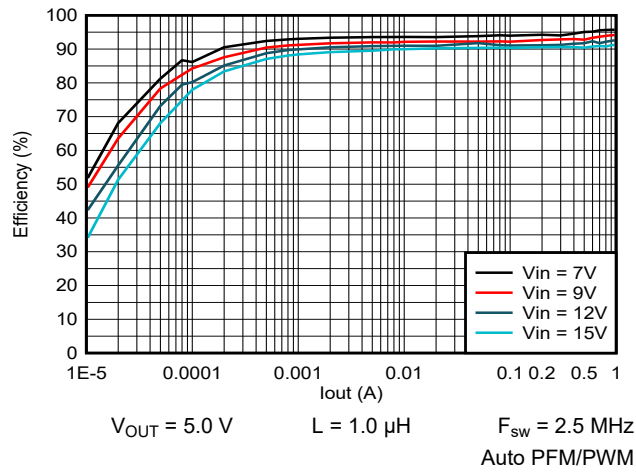


Figure 9-40. Efficiency vs Output Current

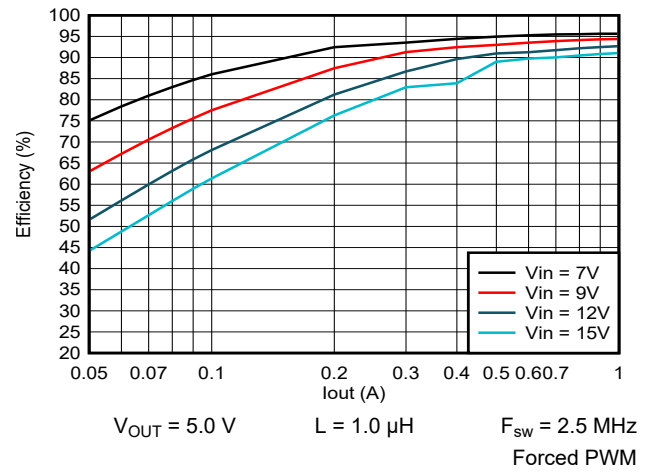


Figure 9-41. Efficiency vs Output Current

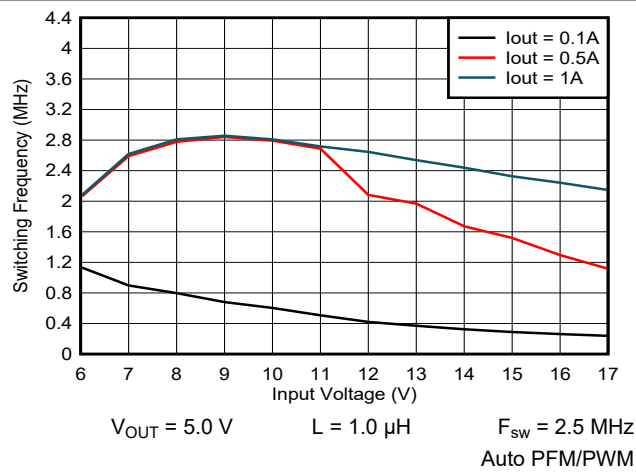


Figure 9-42. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

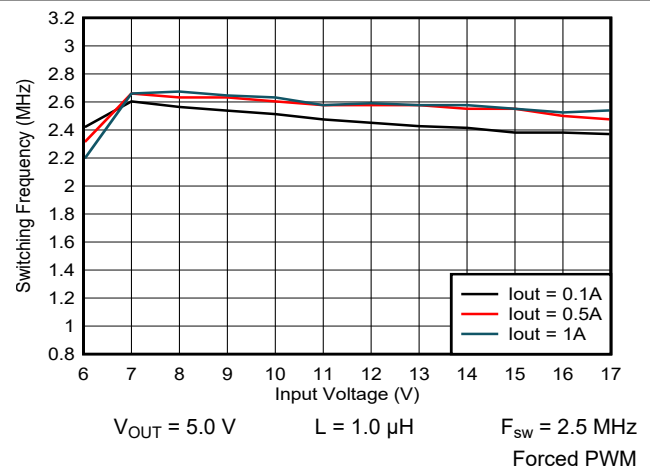


Figure 9-43. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

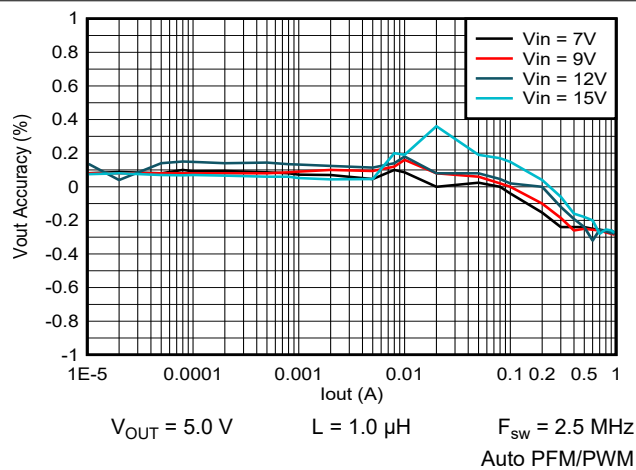


Figure 9-44. Output Voltage vs Output Current

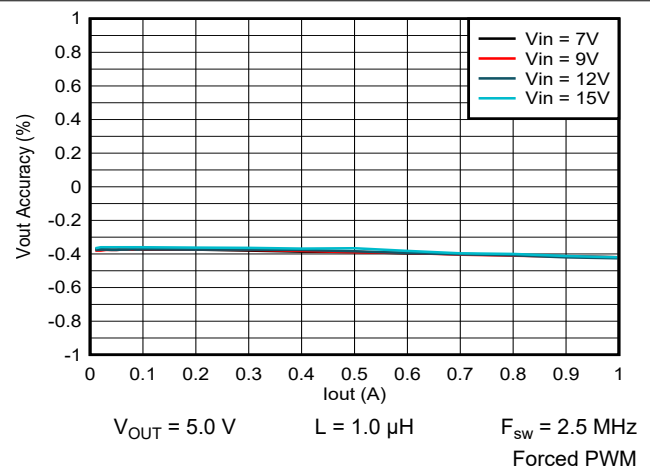


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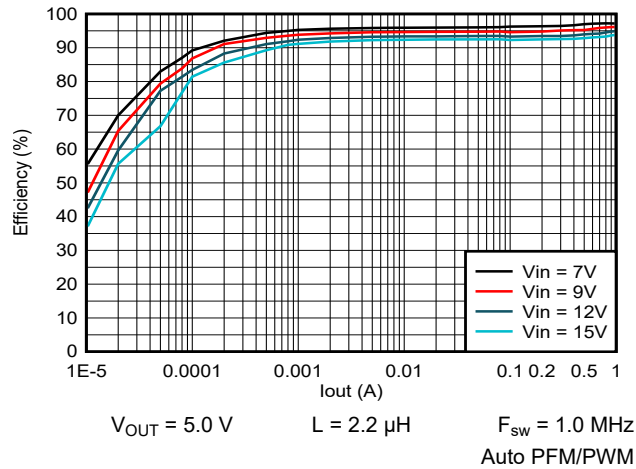


Figure 9-46. Efficiency vs Output Current

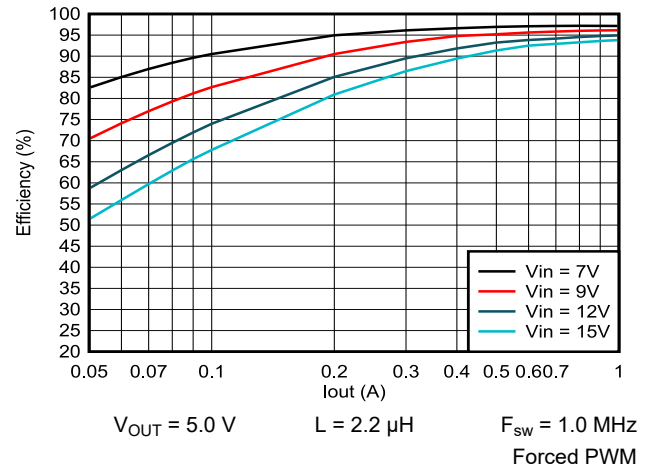


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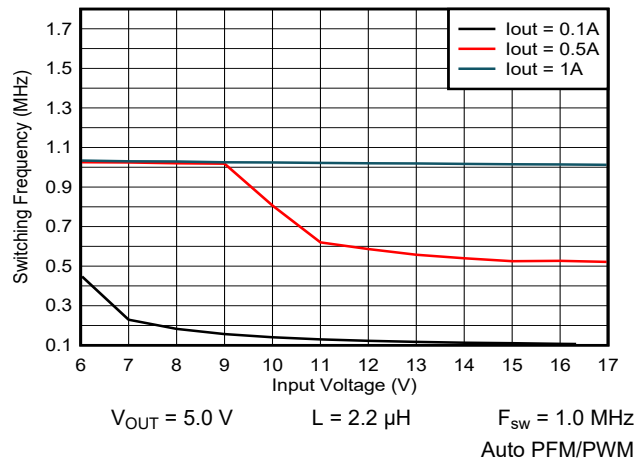


Figure 9-48. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

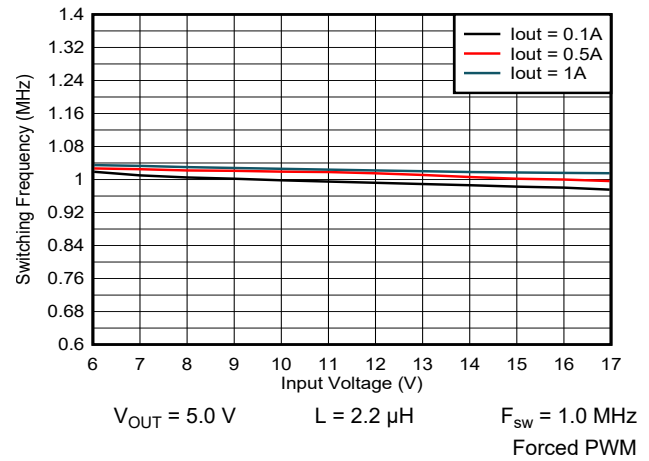


Figure 9-49. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

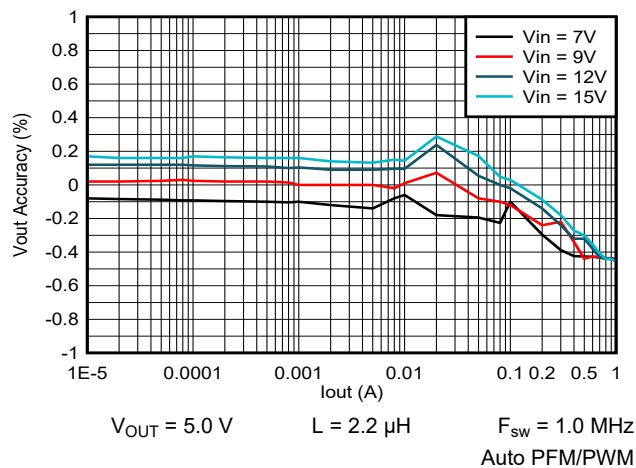


Figure 9-50. Output Voltage vs Output Current

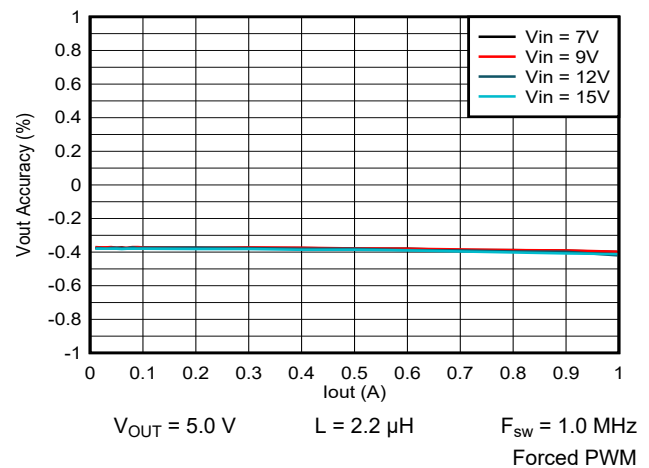


Figure 9-51. Output Voltage vs Output Current

9.3.3.2 Application Curves $V_{out} = 3.3\text{ V}$

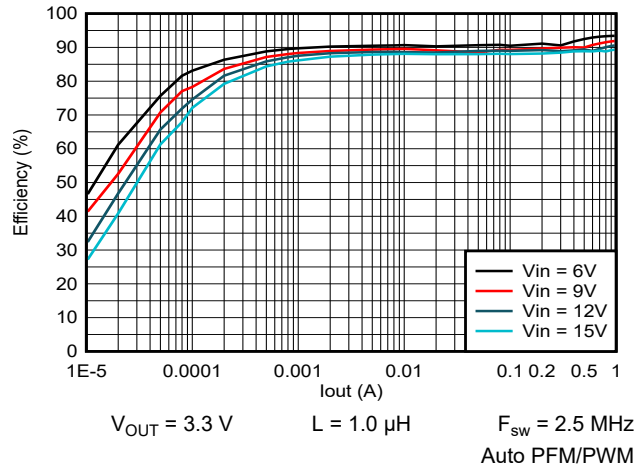


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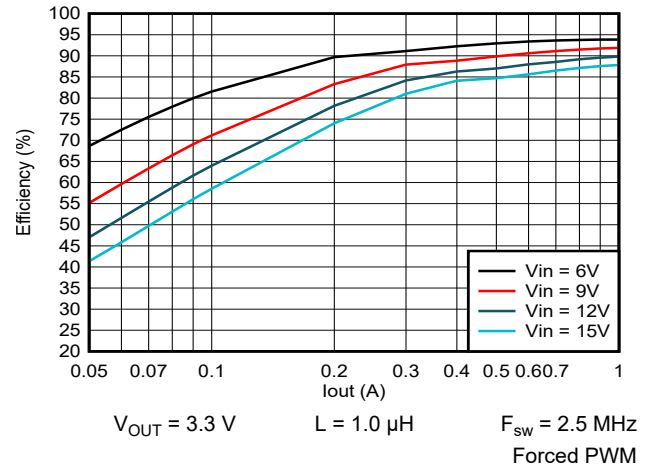


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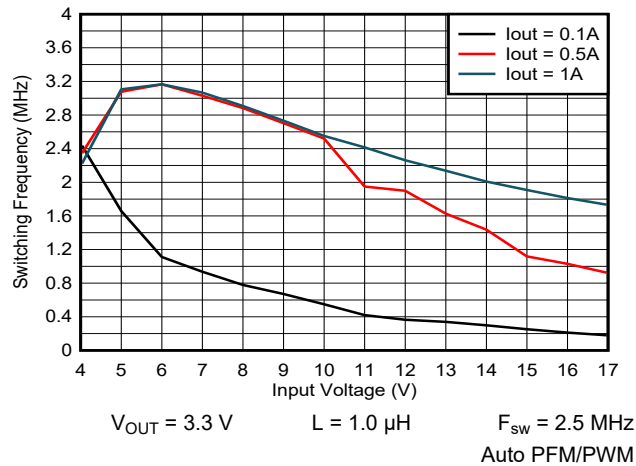


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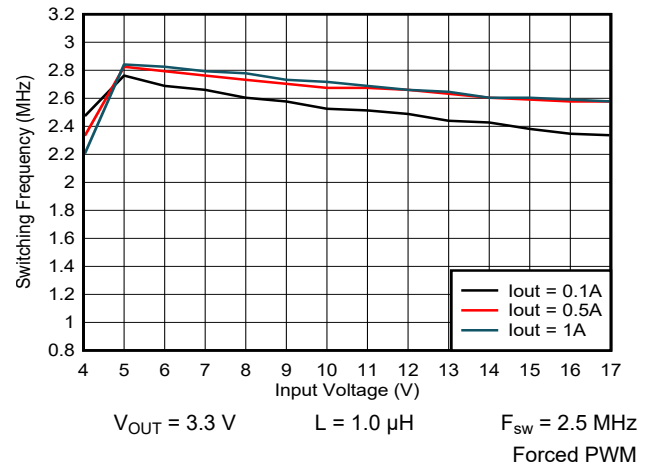


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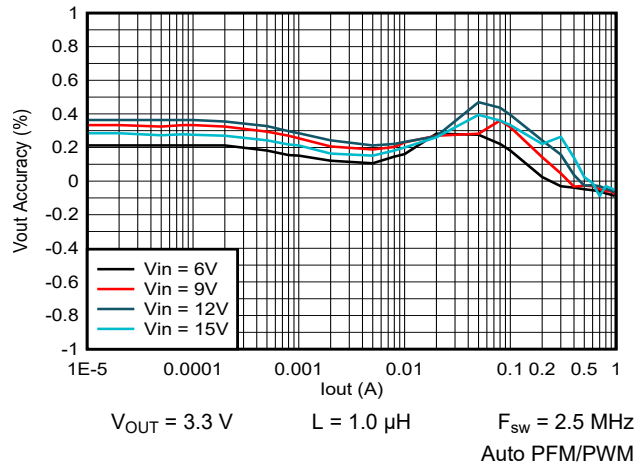


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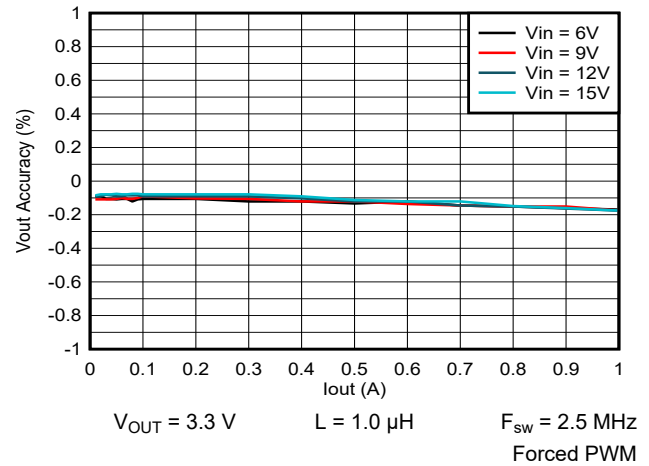


Figure 9-57. Output Voltage vs Output Current

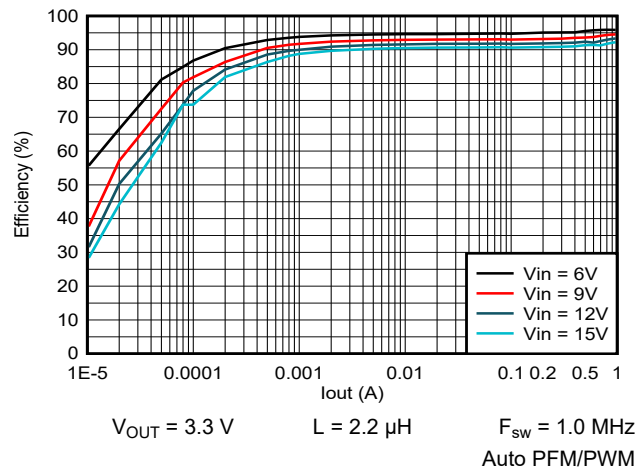


Figure 9-58. Efficiency vs Output Current

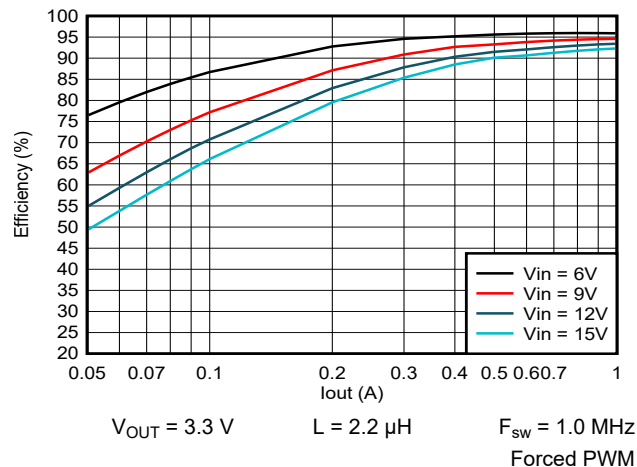


Figure 9-59. Efficiency vs Output Current

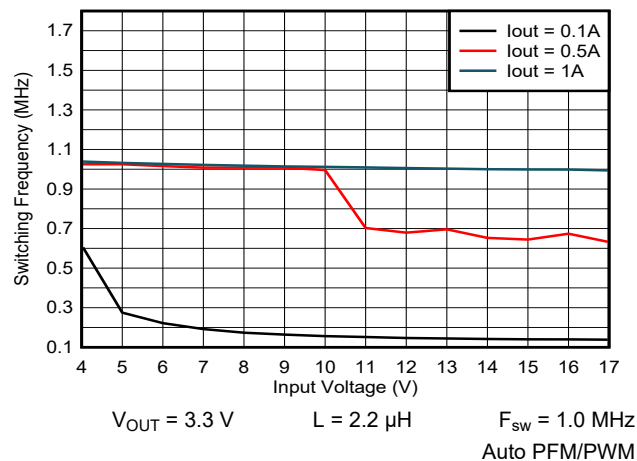


Figure 9-60. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

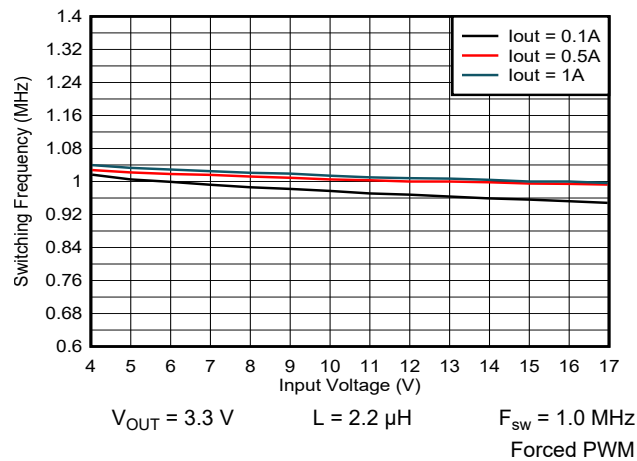


Figure 9-61. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage

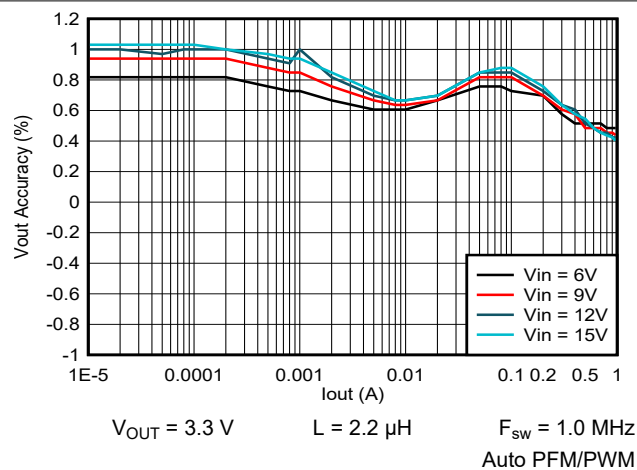


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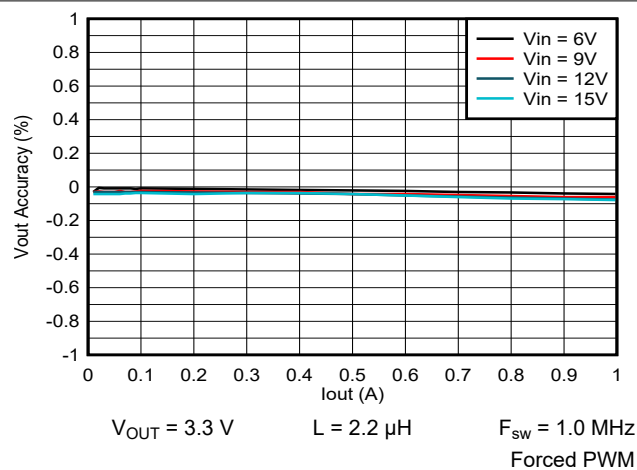


Figure 9-63. Output Voltage vs Output Current

9.4 System Examples

9.4.1 LED Power Supply

The TPS62901-Q1 can be used as a power supply for power LEDs. The FB pin can be easily set to lower values than nominal by using the SS/TR pin. With that, the voltage drop on the sense resistor (R2) is reduced to avoid excessive power loss. Because the SS/TR pin provides 2.5 μ A (typical), the feedback pin voltage can be adjusted by an external resistor per Equation 19. This drop, proportional to the LED current, is used to regulate the output voltage (anode voltage) to a proper level to drive the LED. Both analog and PWM dimming are supported with the TPS62901-Q1. Figure 9-64 shows an application circuit, tested with analog dimming.

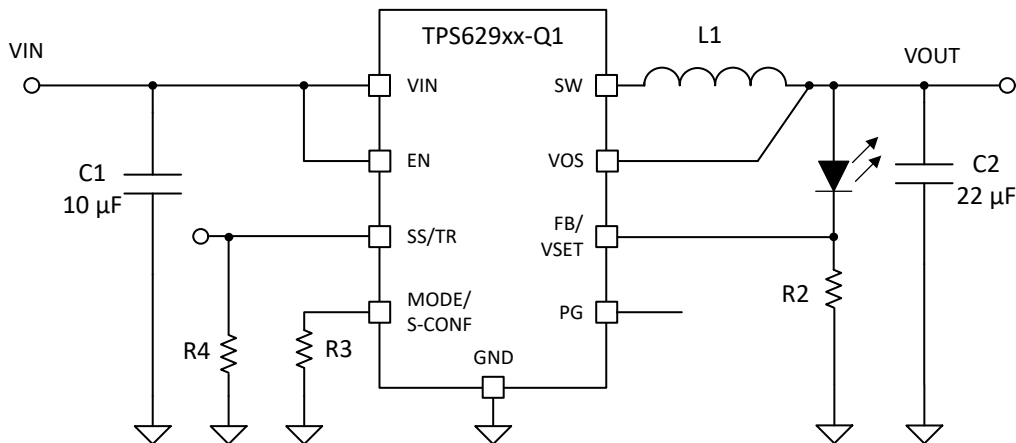


Figure 9-64. Single Power LED Supply

The resistor at SS/TR defines the FB voltage. The resistor at SS/TR is set to 304 mV by $R_{SS/TR} = R4 = 162 \text{ k}\Omega$ using Equation 19. This cuts the losses on R2 to half from the nominal 0.6 V of feedback voltage while it still provides good accuracy.

$$V_{FB} = 0.75 \times 2.5\mu\text{A} \times R_{SS/TR} \quad (19)$$

The device now supplies a constant current set by resistor R2 from FB/VSET to GND. The minimum input voltage has to be rated according the forward voltage needed by the LED used. More information is available in the [Step-Down LED Driver With Dimming With the TPS621-Family and TPS821-Family](#) application report.

9.4.2 Powering Multiple Loads

In applications where the TPS62901-Q1 is used to power multiple load circuits, the total capacitance on the output can be very large. To properly regulate the output voltage, there must be an appropriate AC signal level on the VOS pin. Tantalum capacitors have a large enough ESR to keep output voltage ripple sufficiently high on the VOS pin. With low-ESR ceramic capacitors, the output voltage ripple can get very low, so TI does not recommend to use a large capacitance directly on the output of the device. If there are several load circuits with their associated input capacitor on a PCB, these loads are typically distributed across the board. This adds enough trace resistance (R_{trace}) to keep a large enough AC signal on the VOS pin for proper regulation.

The minimum total trace resistance on the distributed load is 10 m Ω . The total capacitance $n \times C_{\text{IN}}$ in the use case below was $32 \times 47 \mu\text{F}$ of ceramic X7R capacitors.

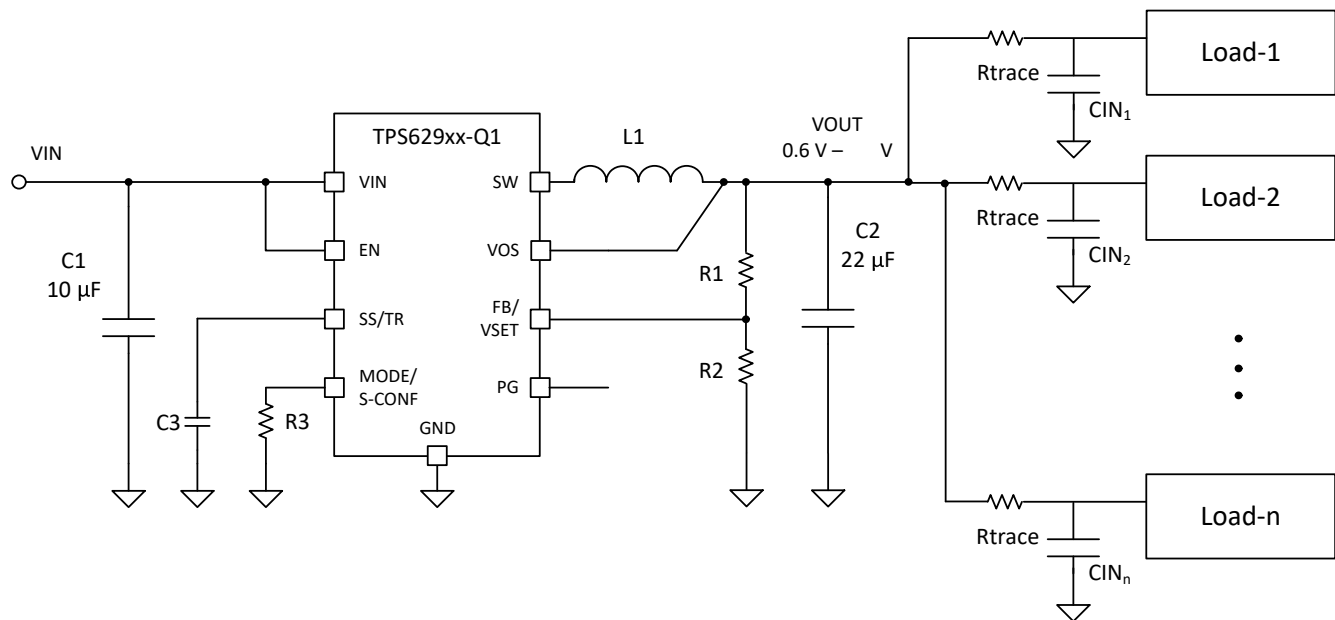


Figure 9-65. Multiple Loads

Note

Figure 9-65 shows an external feedback configuration, but the internal (VSET) configuration can also be used.

9.4.3 Voltage Tracking

Figure 9-66 shows how two TPS62901-Q1s can be configured to tracking output voltages. In this configuration, Device 2 follows the voltage applied to its SS/TR pin from Device 1 output. A ramp on the SS/TR pin of Device 2 to 0.8 V in turn ramps VOUT2 according to the 0.6-V reference on V_{FB} and the R4//R5 resistor divider.

For this example, to track the 3.8 V (VOUT1) of Device 1 a resistor divider (R7//R8) on SS/TR of Device 2 is required to generate 0.8 V when the output voltage (VOUT1) is in regulation. Due to the I_{SS} current of 2.5 μ A from the SS/TR pin, the equivalent resistance of R7 // R8 must be kept below 15 k Ω to minimize any offset the I_{SS} current can cause on the SS/TR pin voltage.

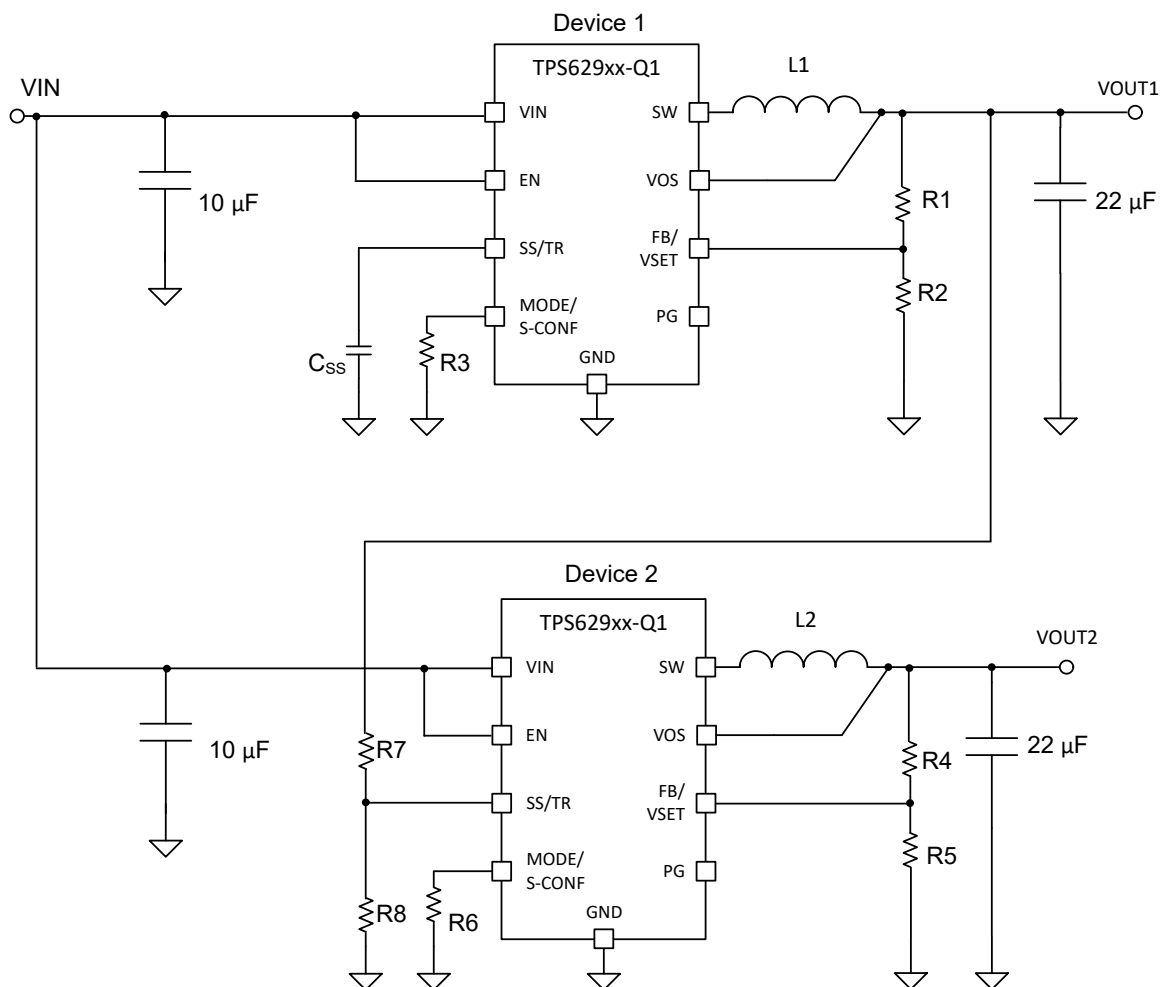


Figure 9-66. Tracking Example

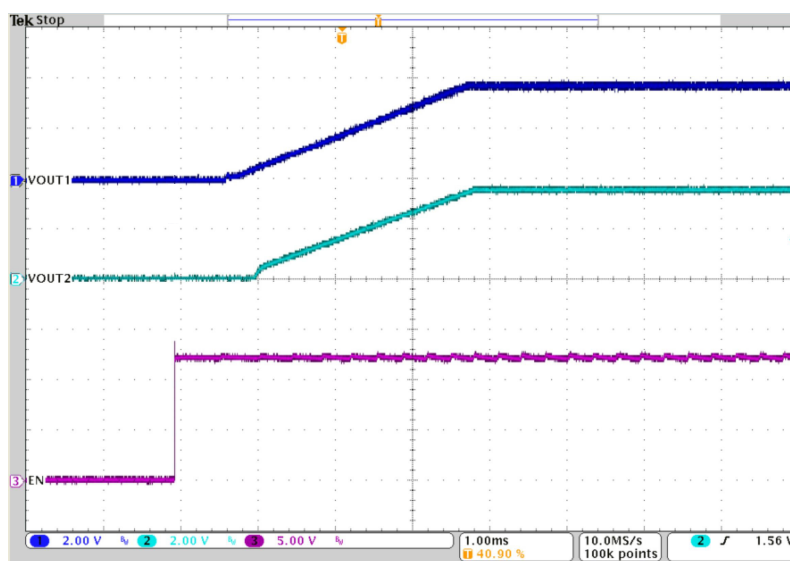


Figure 9-67. Tracking

9.4.4 Inverting Buck-Boost (IBB)

The need to generate negative voltage rails for electronic designs is a common challenge. The wide 3-V to 18-V input voltage range of the TPS62901-Q1 makes it ideal for an inverting buck-boost (IBB) circuit, where the output voltage is inverted or negative with respect to ground.

The circuit operation in the IBB topology differs from that in the traditional buck topology. Though the components are connected the same as with a traditional buck converter, the output voltage terminals are reversed. See [Figure 9-68](#).

The maximum input voltage that can be applied to an IBB converter is less than the maximum voltage that can be applied to the TPS62901-Q1 in a typical buck configuration. This is because the ground pin of the IC is connected to the (negative) output voltage. Therefore, the input voltage across the device is V_{IN} to V_{OUT} , and not V_{IN} to ground. Thus, the input voltage range of the TPS62901-Q1 in an IBB configuration becomes 3 V to 18 V + V_{OUT} , where V_{OUT} is a negative value.

The output voltage range is the same as when configured as a buck converter, but only negative. Thus, the output voltage for a TPS62901-Q1 in an IBB configuration can be set between -0.4 V and -5.5 V.

The maximum output current for the TPS62901-Q1 in an IBB topology is normally lower than a traditional buck configuration due to the average inductor current being higher in an IBB configuration. Traditionally, lower input or (more negative) output voltages results in a lower maximum output current. However, using a larger inductor value or the higher 2.5-MHz frequency setting can be used to recover some or all of this lost maximum current capability.

When implementing an IBB design, it is important to understand that the IC ground is tied to the negative voltage rail, and in turn, the electrical characteristics of the TPS62901-Q1 device are referenced to this rail. During power up, as there is no charge in the output capacitor and the IC GND pin (and V_{OUT}) are effectively 0 V, thus parameters such as the V_{IN} UVLO and EN thresholds are the same as in a typical buck configuration. However, after the output voltage is in regulation, due to the negative voltage on the IC GND pin, the device traditionally continues to operate below what can appear to be the normal UVLO or EN falling thresholds relative to the system ground. Take care if the user is using the dynamic mode change feature on the MODE pin of the TPS62901-Q1 or driving the EN pin from an upstream microcontroller as the high and low thresholds are relative to the negative rail and not the system ground.

More information on using a DCS regulator in an IBB configuration can be found in the [Description Compensating the Current Mode Boost Control Loop, Using the TPS6215x in an Inverting Buck-Boost Topology](#), and [Using the TPS629210 in an Inverting Buck-Boost Topology](#) application notes.

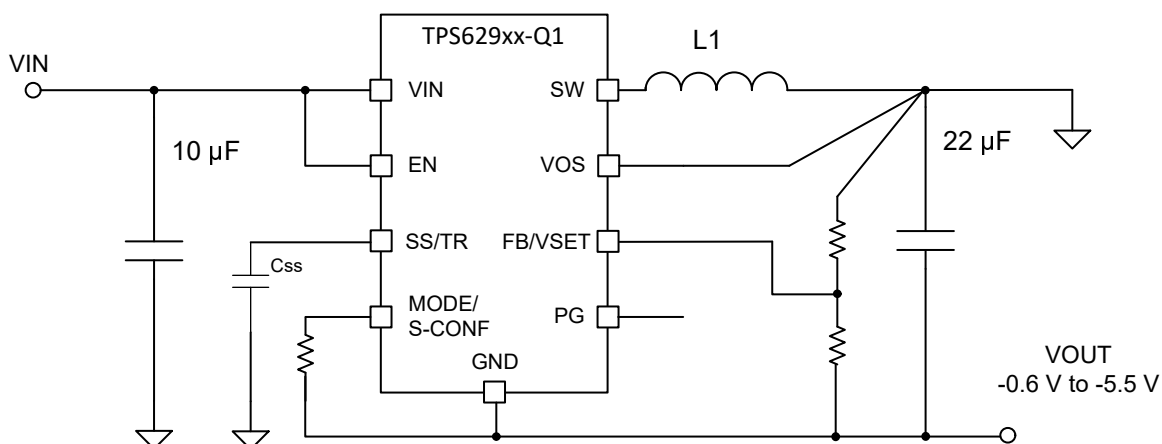


Figure 9-68. IBB Example with Adjustable Feedback

Note

Figure 9-68 shows an external feedback configuration, but the internal (VSET) configuration can also be used.

9.5 Power Supply Recommendations

The power supply to the TPS62901-Q1 must have a current rating according to the supply voltage, output voltage, and output current of the TPS62901-Q1. At a minimum, the input power supply must provide enough power to cover the maximum output power divided by the efficiency at maximum load. A good rule of thumb is to use a supply with an additional 50% of power capability to withstand the additional loading associated with power up, transient events, and potential overload events.

Note

For current limited input supplies with a variable supply voltage, the minimum supply voltage must be used to determine if the power supply is sufficient.

9.6 Layout

9.6.1 Layout Guidelines

A proper layout is critical for the operation of a switched mode power supply, even more at high switching frequencies. Therefore, the PCB layout of the TPS62901-Q1 demands careful attention to make sure the device works correctly and to get the performance specified. A poor layout can lead to issues like poor regulation (both line and load), stability and accuracy weaknesses, increased EMI radiation, and noise sensitivity.

See Figure 9-69 for the recommended layout of the TPS62901-Q1, which is designed for common external ground connections. The input capacitor must be placed as close as possible between the VIN and GND pin of TPS62901-Q1. Also, connect the VOS pin in the shortest way to VOUT at the output capacitor.

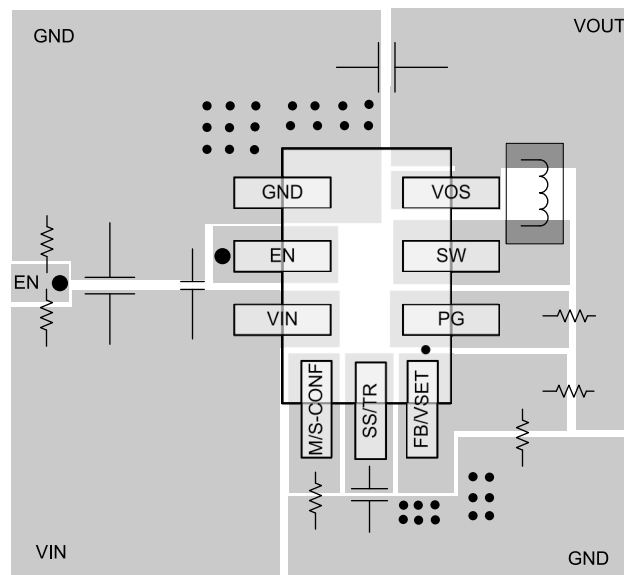
Provide low inductive and resistive paths for loops with high di/dt. Therefore paths, conducting the switched load current must be as short and wide as possible. Provide low capacitive paths (with respect to all other nodes) for traces with high dv/dt. Therefore, the input and output capacitance must be placed as close as possible to the IC pins and parallel wiring over long distances as well as narrow traces must be avoided. Loops that conduct an alternating current must outline an area as small as possible, as this area is proportional to the energy radiated.

Sensitive nodes like FB and VOS need to be connected with short wires and not nearby high dv/dt signals (for example, SW). As they carry information about the output voltage, they must be connected as close as possible to the actual output voltage (at the output capacitor). The capacitor on the SS/TR pin as well as the FB resistors, R1 and R2, must be kept close to the IC and connected directly to those pins and the system ground plane. The same applies to the VSET resistor if VSET is used to scale the output voltage.

The package uses the pins for power dissipation. Thermal vias on the VIN and GND pins help to spread the heat through the PCB.

In case any of the digital inputs EN and MODE/S-CONF must be tied to the input supply voltage at V_{IN} , the connection must be made directly at the input capacitor as indicated in the schematics.

The recommended layout is implemented on the EVM and shown in the [TPS6290x-Q1 Step-Down Converter Evaluation Module](#) user's guide.



10 Device and Documentation Support

10.1 Device Support

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- Texas Instruments, [Derating and Lifetime Calculations for FCOL Packages HotRod and FC-SOT](#) application note
- Texas Instruments, [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report
- Texas Instruments, [Thermal Characteristics of Linear and Logic Packages Using JEDEC PCB Designs](#) application report
- Texas Instruments, [TPS6290x-Q1 Step-Down Converter Evaluation Module](#) user's guide
- Texas Instruments, [Using the TPS629210 in an Inverting Buck-Boost Topology](#) application report
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10.7 Glossary

TI Glossary

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

11 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package Pins	Package qty Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
TPS62901QRYTRQ1	Active	Production	VQFN-HR (RYT) 9	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	SN	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 165	TS01
TPS62901QRYTRQ1.A	Active	Production	VQFN-HR (RYT) 9	3000 LARGE T&R	Yes	SN	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 165	TS01

⁽¹⁾ **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

⁽²⁾ **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

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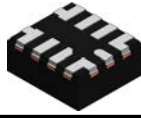
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- Catalog : [TPS62901](#)

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- Catalog - TI's standard catalog product

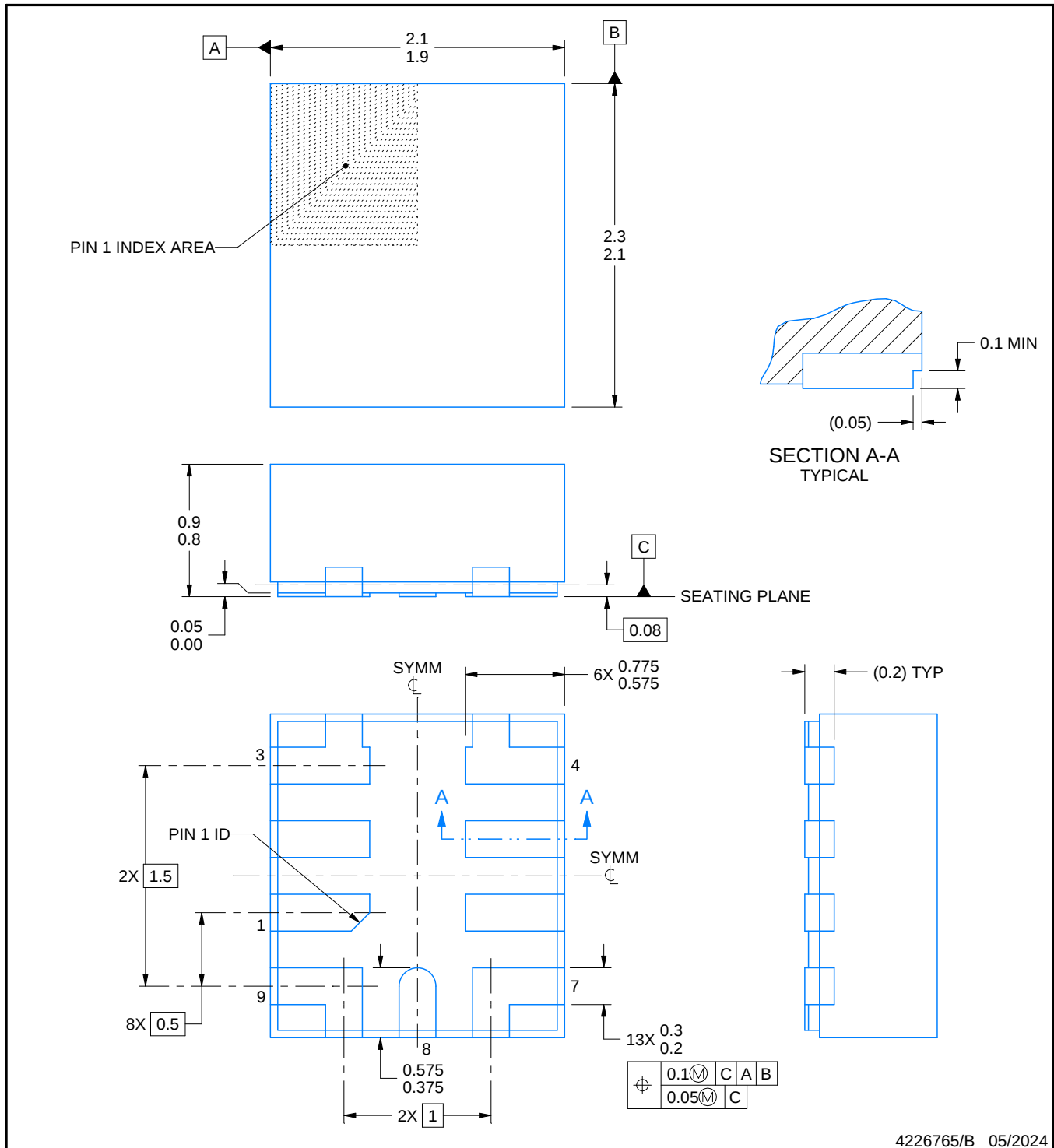
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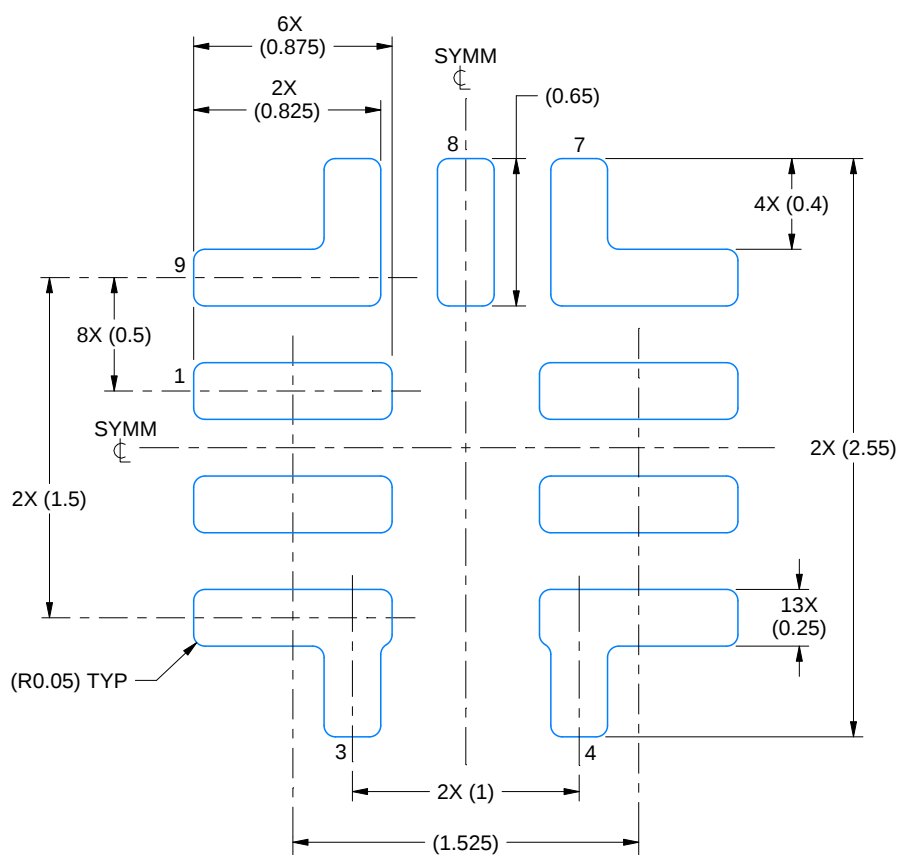
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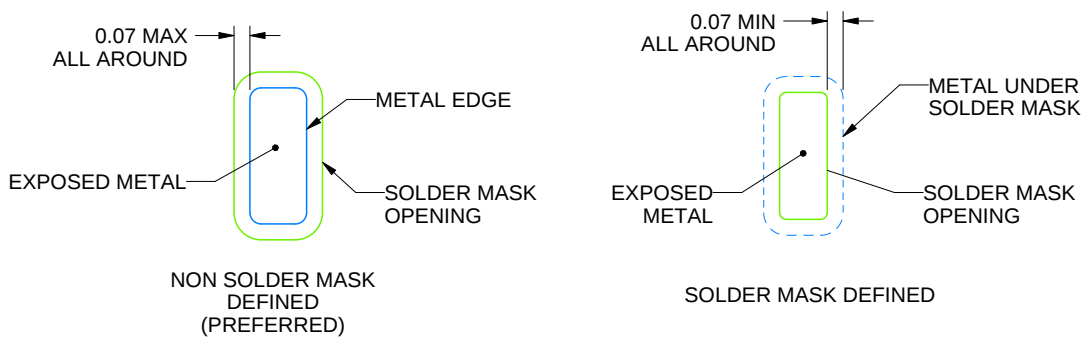
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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
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SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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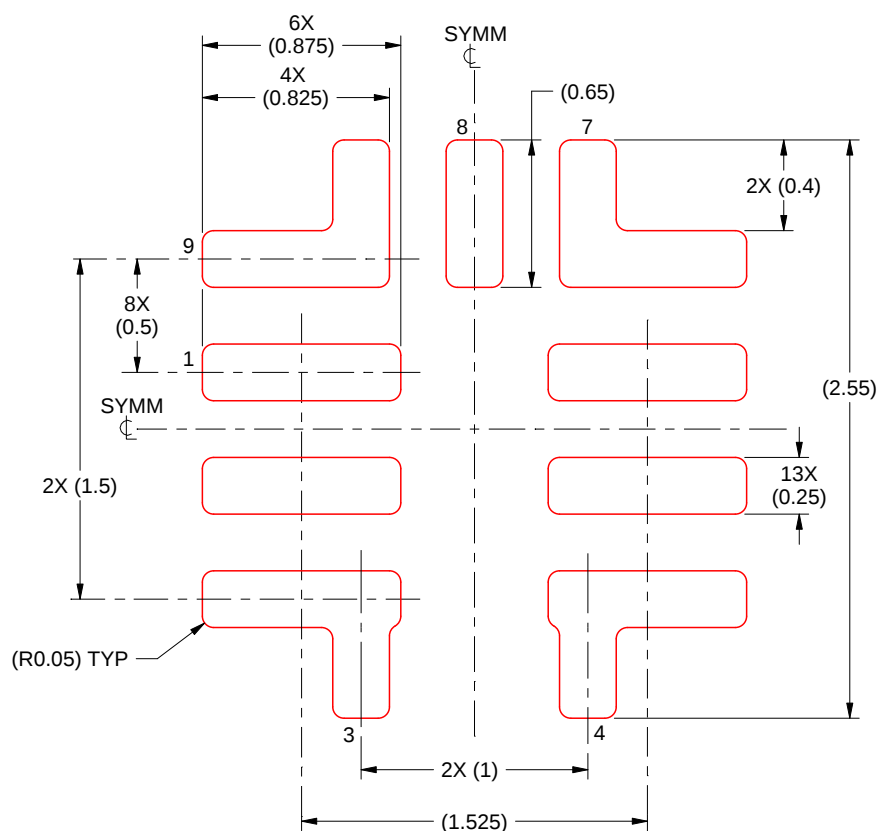
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 MM THICK STENCIL
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