

UCC14241-Q1 Automotive 2-W, 24-V V_{IN} , 25-V V_{OUT} , High-Density, > 5 kV_{RMS}, Isolated DC/DC Module

1 Features

- Fully integrated high-density isolated DC/DC module with isolation transformer
- Isolated DC/DC for driving: IGBTs, SiC, and Si MOSFETs
- Input voltage range: 21 V to 27 V with 32-V absolute maximum
- 2.0-W output power at $T_A \leq 85^\circ\text{C}$ and > 1.5-W at $T_A = 105^\circ\text{C}$
- Adjustable single or dual output voltages (using resistors) with $< \pm 1.3\%$ regulation accuracy over full operating range
- Low electromagnetic emission with spread spectrum modulation and integrated transformer design
- Enable, Power Good, UVLO, OVLO, soft-start, short-circuit, power-limit, under-voltage, over-voltage, and over-temperature protection
- CMTI > 150 kV/ μs
- AEC-Q100 qualified for automotive applications
 - Temperature grade 1: $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$
 - Temperature grade 1: $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$
- **Functional Safety-Capable**
 - [Documentation available to aid functional safety system design](#)
- Planned safety-related certifications:
 - 7071-VPK reinforce isolation per DIN EN IEC 60747-17 (VDE 0884-17)
 - 5000-V_{RMS} isolation for 1 minute per UL1577
 - Reinforced insulation per CQC GB4943.1
- 36-pin, wide SSOP package

2 Applications

- **Hybrid, electric and power train system (EV/HEV)**
 - Inverter and motor control
 - On-board (OBC) and wireless charger
 - DC/DC converter
- **Grid infrastructure**
 - EV charging station power module
 - DC charging (pile) station
 - String inverter
- **Motor drives**
 - AC Inverters and VF Drives, Robot servo drive
- **Industrial transport**
 - Off-highway vehicles electric drive

3 Description

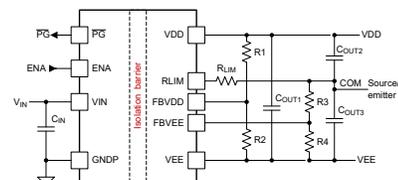
UCC14241-Q1 is an automotive qualified high isolation voltage DC/DC power module designed to provide power to IGBT or SiC gate drivers. The UCC14241-Q1 integrates a transformer and DC/DC controller with a proprietary architecture to achieve high efficiency with very low emissions. The high-accuracy output voltages provide better channel enhancement for higher system efficiency without over-stressing the power device gate.

The UCC14241-Q1 provides up to 2W (typical) of isolated output power at high efficiency. Requiring a minimum of external components and including on-chip device protection, the module provides extra features such as input undervoltage lockout, overvoltage lockout, output voltage power-good comparators, overtemperature shutdown, soft-start time-out, adjustable isolated positive and negative output voltage, an enable pin, and an open-drain output power-good pin.

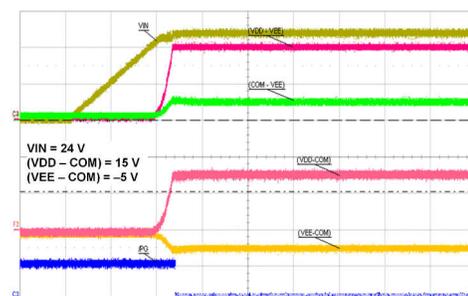
Package Information

ORDERABLE PART NUMBER ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
UCC14241QDWNRQ1	DWN (SSOP, 36)	12.83 mm × 7.5 mm

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.



Simplified Application



Typical Power-up Sequence



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4 Revision History

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5 Device Comparison

Table 5-1. Device Comparison Table

DEVICE NAME	V _{IN} Range	Output (VDD-VEE) Adjustable Range	Typical power	Isolation rating
UCC14240-Q1	21 V to 27 V	15 V to 25 V	2 W	Basic
UCC14241-Q1	21 V to 27 V	15 V to 25 V	2 W	Reinforced
UCC14140-Q1	8 V to 18 V	15 V to 25 V	1 W	Basic
	10.8 V to 13.2 V	15 V to 25 V	1.5 W	
UCC14141-Q1	8 V to 18 V	15 V to 25 V	1 W	Reinforced
	10.8 V to 13.2 V	15 V to 25 V	1.5 W	
UCC14340-Q1	13.5 V to 16.5 V	15 V to 25 V	1.5 W	Basic
UCC14341-Q1	13.5 V to 16.5 V	15 V to 25 V	1.5 W	Reinforced
UCC14130-Q1	12 V to 15 V	12 V to 15 V	1.5 W	Basic
	15 V to 18 V	15 V to 18 V	1.5 W	
	10 V to 18 V	10 V to 12 V	1 W	
	14 V to 18 V	10 V to 18 V	1 W	
UCC14131-Q1	12 V to 15 V	12 V to 15 V	1.5 W	Reinforced
	15 V to 18 V	15 V to 18 V	1.5 W	
	10 V to 18 V	10 V to 12 V	1 W	
	14 V to 18 V	10 V to 18 V	1 W	
UCC15240-Q1	21 V to 27 V	15 V to 25 V	2.5 W	Basic
UCC15241-Q1	21 V to 27 V	15 V to 25 V	2.5 W	Reinforced

6 Pin Configuration and Functions

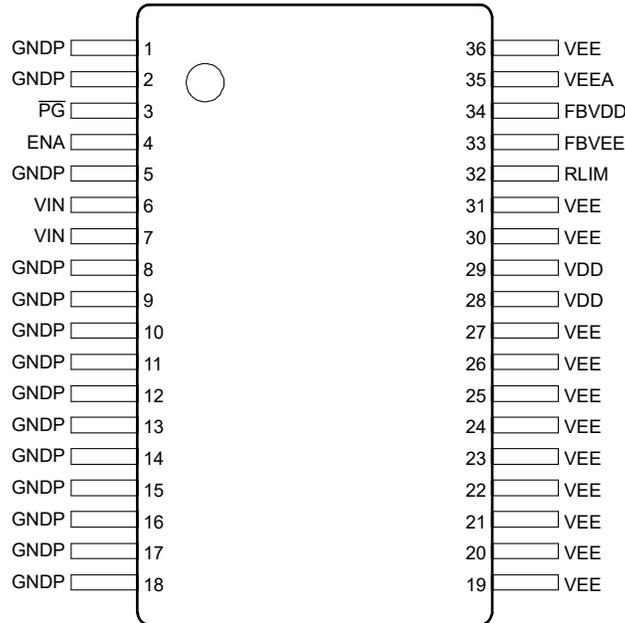


Figure 6-1. DWN Package, 36-Pin SSOP (Top View)

Table 6-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE (1)	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
GNDP	1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	G	Primary-side ground connection for VIN. PIN 1,2, and 5 are analog ground. PIN 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are power ground. Place several vias to copper pours for thermal relief. See <i>Layout Guidelines</i> section.
PG	3	O	Active low power-good open-drain output pin. PG remains low when ($V_{VIN_UVLOP} \leq V_{VIN} \leq V_{VIN_OVLOP}$); ($V_{VDD_UVP} \leq V_{FBVDD} \leq V_{VDD_OVP}$); ($V_{VEE_UVP} \leq V_{FBVVEE} \leq V_{VEE_OVP}$); $T_{J_Primary} \leq TSHUTP_{PRIMARY_RISE}$; and $T_{J_secondary} \leq TSHUTS_{SECONDARY_RISE}$
ENA	4	I	Enable pin. Forcing ENA LOW disables the device. Pull HIGH to enable normal device functionality. 5.5-V recommended maximum.
VIN	6, 7	P	Primary input voltage. PIN 6 is for analog input, and PIN 7 is for power input. For PIN 7, connect one 10- μ F ceramic capacitor from power VIN PIN 7 to power GNDP PIN 8. Connect a 0.1- μ F high-frequency bypass ceramic capacitor close to PIN 7 and PIN 8.
VEE	19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 36	G	Secondary-side reference connection for VDD and COM. The VEE pins are used for the high current return paths.

Table 6-1. Pin Functions (continued)

PIN		TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
VDD	28, 29	P	Secondary-side isolated output voltage from transformer. Connect a 2.2- μ F and a parallel 0.1- μ F ceramic capacitor from VDD to VEE. The 0.1- μ F ceramic capacitor is the high frequency bypass and must be next to the IC pins. A 4.7- μ F or 10- μ F ceramic capacitor can be used instead of 2.2 μ F to further reduce the output ripple voltage
RLIM	32	P	Secondary-side second isolated output voltage resistor to limit the source current from VDD to COM node, and the sink current from COM to VEE. Connect a resistor from RLIM to COM to regulate the (COM – VEE) voltage. See <i>R_{LIM} Resistor Selection</i> for more detail.
FBVEE	33	I	Feedback (COM – VEE) output voltage sense pin used to adjust the output (COM – VEE) voltage. Connect a resistor divider from COM to VEE so that the midpoint is connected to FBVEE, and the equivalent FBVEE voltage when regulating is 2.5 V. Add a 330-pF ceramic capacitor for high frequency decoupling in parallel with the low-side feedback resistor. The 330-pF ceramic capacitor for high frequency bypass must be next to the FBVEE and VEEA IC pins on top layer or back layer connected with vias.
FBVDD	34	I	Feedback (VDD – VEE) output voltage sense pin and to adjust the output (VDD – VEE) voltage. Connect a resistor divider from VDD to VEE so that the midpoint is connected to FBVDD, and the equivalent FBVDD voltage when regulating is 2.5 V. Add a 330-pF ceramic capacitor for high frequency decoupling in parallel with the low-side feedback resistor. The 330-pF ceramic capacitor for high frequency bypass must be next to the FBVDD and VEEA IC pins on top layer or back layer connected with vias.
VEEA	35	G	Secondary-side analog sense reference connection for the noise sensitive analog feedback inputs, FBVDD and FBVEE. Connect the low-side feedback resistors and high frequency decoupling filter capacitor close to the VEEA pin and respective feedback pin FBVDD or FBVEE. Connect to secondary-side gate drive lowest voltage reference, VEE. Use a single point connection and place the high frequency decoupling ceramic capacitor close to the VEEA pin. See <i>Layout Guidelines</i> section.

(1) P = power, G = ground, I = input, O = output

7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

Parameters	PIN	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
	VIN to GNDP	-0.3		32	V
	ENA, $\overline{\text{PG}}$ to GNDP	-0.3		7	V
	VDD, VEE, RLIM, FBVDD, FBVEE to VEE	-0.3		32	V
P _{OUT_VDD_MAX}	Total (VDD-VEE) output power at T _A =25°C			2.5	W
I _{RLIM_MAX_RMS_SOURCE}	Max RLIM pin rms current sourcing from VDD to RLIM. (16% average run time over lifetime of 24,500 hr)			0.125	A
I _{RLIM_MAX_RMS_SINK}	Max RLIM pin rms current sinking from RLIM to VEE. (16% average run time over lifetime of 24,500 hr)			0.125	A
T _J	Operating junction temperature range	-40		150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	-65		150	°C

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

7.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per AEC Q100-002 ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V
		Charged-device model (CDM), per AEC Q100-011 Section 7.2	±500	V

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

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

PIN		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V _{VIN}	Primary-side input voltage to GNDP	21	24	27	V
V _{ENA}	Enable to GNDP	0		5.5	V
V _{PG}	Powergood to GNDP	0		5.5	V
V _{VDD}	VDD to VEE	15		25	V
V _{VEE}	COM to VEE	2.5		VDD-VEE	V
V _{FBVDD} , V _{FBVEE}	FBVDD, FBVEE to VEE	0	2.5	5.5	V
T _A	Ambient temperature	-40		125	°C
T _J ⁽¹⁾	Junction temperature	-40		150	°C

- (1) See the (VDD-VEE) and (COM-VEE) Load Recommended Operating Area section for maximum rated values across temperature and V_{VIN} conditions for different (VDD-VEE) and (COM-VEE) output voltage settings.

7.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		DWN (SOIC)	UNIT
		36 PINS	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	52.3	°C/W
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	28.5	°C/W
R _{θJB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	25.9	°C/W
Ψ _{JA}	Junction-to-ambient characterization parameter	29.5	°C/W

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		DWN (SOIC)	UNIT
		36 PINS	
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	16.6	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	25.6	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	–	°C/W

(1) The thermal resistances (R) are based on JEDEC board, and the characterization parameters (Ψ) are based on the EVM described in the Layout section. For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report.

7.5 Insulation Specifications

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	VALUE	UNIT
General				
CLR	External clearance ⁽¹⁾	Shortest terminal-to-terminal distance through air	> 8	mm
CPG	External creepage ⁽¹⁾	Shortest terminal-to-terminal distance across the package surface	> 8	mm
DTI	Distance through the insulation	Minimum internal gap (internal clearance – transformer power isolation)	> 120	μm
		Minimum internal gap (internal clearance – capacitive signal isolation)	> 15.4	μm
CTI	Comparative tracking index	DIN EN 60112 (VDE 0303-11); IEC 60112	> 600	V
	Material group	According to IEC 60664-1	I	
	Overvoltage category	Rated mains voltage $\leq 300 V_{RMS}$	I-IV	
		Rated mains voltage $\leq 600 V_{RMS}$	I-IV	
		Rated mains voltage $\leq 1000 V_{RMS}$	I-III	
DIN EN IEC 60747-17 (VDE 0884-17) (Planned Certification Targets)⁽²⁾				
V_{IORM}	Maximum repetitive peak isolation voltage	AC voltage (bipolar)	1414	V_{PK}
V_{IOWM}	Maximum working isolation voltage	AC voltage (sine wave) Time dependent dielectric breakdown (TDDb) test	1000	V_{RMS}
		DC voltage	1414	V_{DC}
V_{IOTM}	Maximum transient isolation voltage	$V_{TEST} = V_{IOTM}$, $t = 60\text{s}$ (qualification); $V_{TEST} = 1.2 \times V_{IOTM}$, $t = 1\text{s}$ (100% production)	7071	V_{PK}
V_{IMP}	Maximum impulse voltage ⁽³⁾	Tested in air, 1.2/50- μs waveform per IEC 62368-1	7692	V_{PK}
V_{IOSM}	Maximum surge isolation voltage ⁽³⁾	Tested in oil (qualification test), 1.2/50 μs waveform per IEC 62368-1	10000	V_{PK}
qpd	Apparent charge ⁽⁴⁾	Method a: After I/O safety test subgroup 2/3, $V_{ini} = V_{IOTM}$, $t_{ini} = 60\text{s}$; $V_{pd(m)} = 1.2 \times V_{IORM} = 1696 V_{PK}$, $t_m = 10\text{s}$	≤ 5	pC
		Method a: After environmental tests subgroup 1, $V_{ini} = V_{IOTM}$, $t_{ini} = 60\text{s}$; $V_{pd(m)} = 1.6 \times V_{IORM} = 2262 V_{PK}$, $t_m = 10\text{s}$	≤ 5	pC
		Method b1: At routine test (100% production) and preconditioning (type test) $V_{ini} = 1.2 \times V_{IOTM}$, $t_{ini} = 1\text{s}$; $V_{pd(m)} = 1.875 \times V_{IORM} = 2651 V_{PK}$, $t_m = 1\text{s}$	≤ 5	pC
C_{IO}	Barrier capacitance, input to output ⁽⁵⁾	$V_{IO} = 0.4 \sin(2\pi ft)$, $f = 1\text{MHz}$	< 3.5	pF
R_{IO}	Isolation resistance, input to output ⁽⁵⁾	$V_{IO} = 500\text{V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$> 10^{12}$	Ω
		$V_{IO} = 500\text{V}$, $100^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$	$> 10^{11}$	Ω
		$V_{IO} = 500\text{V}$ at $T_S = 150^\circ\text{C}$	$> 10^9$	Ω
	Pollution degree		2	
	Climatic category		40/125/21	
UL 1577 (Planned Certification Target)				

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	VALUE	UNIT
V_{ISO}	Withstand isolation voltage	$V_{TEST} = V_{ISO} = 5000 V_{RMS}$, $t = 60$ s (qualification); $V_{TEST} = 1.2 \times V_{ISO} = 6000 V_{RMS}$, $t = 1$ s (100% production)	5000	V_{RMS}

- Creepage and clearance requirements should be applied according to the specific equipment isolation standards of an application. Care should be taken to maintain the creepage and clearance distance of a board design to ensure that the mounting pads of the isolator on the printed-circuit board do not reduce this distance. Creepage and clearance on a printed-circuit board become equal in certain cases. Techniques such as inserting grooves and/or ribs on a printed-circuit board are used to help increase these specifications.
- This coupler is suitable for *safe electrical insulation* only within the maximum operating ratings. Compliance with the safety ratings shall be ensured by means of suitable protective circuits.
- Testing is carried out in air or oil to determine the intrinsic surge immunity of the isolation barrier
- Apparent charge is electrical discharge caused by a partial discharge (pd).
- All pins on each side of the barrier tied together creating a two-terminal device

7.6 Electrical Characteristics

Over operating temperature range ($T_J = -40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$), $V_{VIN} = 21\text{ V}$ to 27 V , $C_{IN} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $R_{LIM} = 1\text{ k}\Omega$, $V_{ENA} = 5\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted. All typical values at $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $V_{VIN} = 24\text{ V}$.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
INPUT SUPPLY (Primary-side. All voltages with respect to GNDP)						
V_{VIN}	Input voltage range	Primary-side input voltage to GNDP	21	24	27	V
I_{VINQ_OFF}	VIN quiescent current, disabled	$V_{ENA}=0\text{ V}$; $V_{VIN}=21\text{ V} - 27\text{ V}$			700	μA
$I_{VIN_ON_NO_LOAD}$	VIN operating current, enabled, No Load	$V_{ENA}=5\text{ V}$; $V_{VIN}=21\text{ V} - 27\text{ V}$; (VDD-VEE) =25-V regulating; $I_{VDD-VEE} = 0\text{ mA}$. Single Output.			35	mA
$I_{VIN_ON_FULL_LOAD}$	VIN operating current, enabled, Full Load	$V_{ENA}=5\text{ V}$; $V_{VIN}=21\text{ V} - 27\text{ V}$; (VDD-VEE) = 25-V regulating; $I_{VDD-VEE} = 60\text{ mA}$. Single Output.			250	mA
UVLOP COMPARATOR (Primary-side. All voltages with respect to GNDP)						
$V_{VIN_ANALOG_UVLO_P_RISING}$	VIN analog undervoltage lockout rising threshold	Analog Comparator Always Active First	7.8	8.2	8.5	V
$V_{VIN_ANALOG_UVLO_FALLING}$	VIN analog undervoltage lockout falling threshold	Analog Comparator Always Active First	7	7.4	7.7	V
$V_{VIN_UVLO_P_RISING}$	VIN undervoltage lockout rising threshold		19	20	21	V
$V_{VIN_UVLO_FALLING}$	VIN undervoltage lockout falling threshold		17.1	18	18.9	V
OVLO COMPARATOR (Primary-side. All voltages with respect to GNDP)						
$V_{VIN_OVLO_RISING}$	VIN overvoltage lockout rising threshold		29.45	31	32.55	V
$V_{VIN_OVLO_FALLING}$	VIN overvoltage lockout falling threshold		26	29	31.5	V
TSHUTP THERMAL SHUTDOWN COMPARATOR (Primary-side. All voltages with respect to GNDP)						
$TSHUTP_{PRIMARY_RISE}$	Primary-side over-temperature shutdown rising threshold	First time at power-up T_J needs to be $< 130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to turn on	140	150	160	$^\circ\text{C}$
$TSHUTP_{PRIMARY_HYST}$	Primary-side over-temperature shutdown hysteresis		15	20	25	$^\circ\text{C}$
ENA INPUT PIN (Primary-side. All voltages with respect to GNDP)						
V_{EN_IR}	Input voltage rising threshold, logic HIGH	Rising edge	1.25		1.95	V
V_{EN_IF}	Input voltage falling threshold, logic LOW	Falling edge	0.84		1.50	V
I_{EN}	Enable Pin Input Current	$V_{ENA} = 5.0\text{ V}$		5.8	18	μA
PG OPEN-DRAIN OUTPUT PIN (Primary-side. All voltages with respect to GNDP)						

Over operating temperature range ($T_J = -40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$), $V_{VIN} = 21\text{ V}$ to 27 V , $C_{IN} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $R_{LIM} = 1\text{ k}\Omega$, $V_{ENA} = 5\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted. All typical values at $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $V_{VIN} = 24\text{ V}$.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$V_{PG_OUT_LO}$	\overline{PG} output-low saturation voltage	Sink Current = 5 mA, power good			0.5	V
$I_{PG_OUT_HI}$	\overline{PG} Leakage current	$V_{PG} = 5.5\text{ V}$, power not good			5	μA
Primary-side Control (All voltages with respect to GNDP)						
F_{SW}	Switching frequency	$V_{VIN} = 24\text{ V}$; $V_{ENA} = 5\text{ V}$; (VDD-VEE) = 25 V	11	13	15	MHz
F_{SSM}	Frequency of Spread Spectrum Modulation (SSM) triangle waveform	$V_{VIN} = 24\text{ V}$; $V_{ENA} = 5\text{ V}$; (VDD-VEE) = 25 V		90		kHz
SSM Percentage change of $F_{CARRIER}$	SSM Percent change of carrier frequency during Spread Spectrum Modulation (SSM) by triangle waveform	$V_{VIN} = 24\text{ V}$; $V_{ENA} = 5\text{ V}$; (VDD-VEE) = 25 V		5		%
$t_{SOFT_START_TIME_OUT}$	Primary-side soft-start time-out	Timer begins when $V_{IN} > UVLOP$ and $ENA = \text{High}$ and reset when Powergood pin indicates Good		34.8		ms
(VDD-VEE) OUTPUT VOLTAGE (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
V_{VDD_RANGE}	(VDD – VEE) Output voltage range	P_{OUT_MAX} up to 1.5W @ $T_A = 105^\circ\text{C}$	18		25	V
V_{VDD_RANGE}	(VDD – VEE) Output voltage range	P_{OUT_MAX} up to 1.3W @ $T_A = 105^\circ\text{C}$	15		25	V
$V_{VDD_DC_ACCURACY}$	(VDD – VEE) Output voltage DC regulation accuracy	Secondary-side (VDD – VEE) output voltage, over load, line and temperature range, externally adjust with external resistor divider	-1.3		1.3	%
(VDD-VEE) REGULATION HYSTERETIC COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
V_{FBVDD_REF}	Feedback regulation reference voltage for (VDD – VEE)	(VDD – VEE) output in regulation	2.4675	2.5	2.5325	V
V_{FBVDD_HYST}	FBVDD Hysteresis comparator hysteresis settings. Hysteresis at the FBVDD pin. [The (VDD-VEE) hysteresis would amplify this FBVDD hysteresis by the feedback resistor divider gain.]		9	10	12.3	mV
(COM-VEE) OUTPUT VOLTAGE (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
V_{VEE_RANGE}	(COM – VEE) Output voltage range	Secondary-side (COM – VEE), adjust with external resistor divider	2.5		(VDD-VEE)	V
$V_{VEE_DC_ACURACY}$	(COM - VEE) Output voltage DC regulation accuracy	Secondary-side (COM – VEE) output voltage, over load, line and temperature range, externally adjust with external resistor divider	-1.3		1.3	%
(COM-VEE) REGULATION HYSTERETIC COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
V_{FBVEE_REF}	Feedback regulation reference voltage for (COM – VEE)	(COM – VEE) output in regulation	2.4675	2.5	2.5325	V
$V_{RLIM_SHORT_CHRG_CMP_RISE}$	Rlim Short Charge comparator rising threshold to exit PWM	Rising threshold		0.73		V
$t_{RLIM_SHORT_CHRG_ON_TIME}$	On-Time during RLIM pin Short Charge PWM mode	RLIM pin < 0.645 V, while FBVEE pin < 2.48 V		1.2		μs
$t_{RLIM_SHORT_CHRG_OFF_TIME}$	Off-Time during RLIM pin Short Charge PWM mode	RLIM pin < 0.645 V, while FBVEE pin < 2.48 V		5		μs
(VDD-VEE) UVLOs COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$V_{VDD_UVLO_RISING}$	(VDD – VEE) undervoltage lockout rising threshold	Voltage at FBVDD		0.9		V
$V_{VDD_UVLO_HYST}$	(VDD – VEE) undervoltage lockout hysteresis	Voltage at FBVDD		0.2		V

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Over operating temperature range ($T_J = -40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$), $V_{VIN} = 21\text{ V}$ to 27 V , $C_{IN} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $R_{LIM} = 1\text{ k}\Omega$, $V_{ENA} = 5\text{ V}$, unless otherwise noted. All typical values at $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $V_{VIN} = 24\text{ V}$.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
(VDD-VEE) OVLOs COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$V_{VDD_OVLOS_RISING}$	(VDD – VEE) over-voltage lockout rising threshold	Voltage from VDD to VEE, rising	29.45	31	32.55	V
$V_{VDD_OVLOS_FALLING}$	(VDD – VEE) over-voltage lockout falling threshold	Voltage from VDD to VEE, falling	27.55	29	30.45	V
SOFT-START (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$t_{blankout}$	Blank out time after soft start before \overline{PG} for (VDD-VEE) UVP and (COM-VEE) UVP & OVP			3		ms
(VDD-VEE) UVP, UNDER -VOLTAGE PROTECTION COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$V_{VDD_UVP_RISING}$	(VDD – VEE) under-voltage protection rising threshold, $V_{UVP} = V_{REF} \times 90\%$		2.175	2.25	2.35	V
$V_{VDD_UVP_HYST}$	(VDD – VEE) under-voltage protection hysteresis			20		mV
(VDD-VEE) OVP, OVER-VOLTAGE PROTECTION COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$V_{VDD_OVP_RISING}$	(VDD – VEE) over-voltage lockout rising threshold, $V_{OVP} = V_{REF} \times 110\%$		2.7	2.75	2.825	V
$V_{VDD_OVP_HYST}$	(VDD – VEE) over-voltage protection hysteresis			20		mV
(COM-VEE) UVP, UNDER -VOLTAGE PROTECTION COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$V_{VEE_UVP_RISING}$	(COM – VEE) under-voltage protection rising threshold, $V_{UVP} = V_{REF} \times 90\%$		2.1	2.25	2.4	V
$V_{VEE_UVP_HYST}$	(COM – VEE) under-voltage protection hysteresis			20		mV
(COM-VEE) OVP, OVER-VOLTAGE PROTECTION COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$V_{VEE_OVP_RISING}$	(COM – VEE) over-voltage protection rising threshold, $V_{OVP} = V_{REF} \times 110\%$		2.7	2.75	2.825	V
$V_{VEE_OVP_HYST}$	(COM – VEE) over-voltage protection hysteresis			20		mV
TSHUTS THERMAL SHUTDOWN COMPARATOR (Secondary-side. All voltages with respect to VEE)						
$TSHUTS_{SECONDARY_RISE}$	Secondary -side over-temperature shutdown rising threshold	First time at power-up T_J needs to be $< 130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to turnon.	140	150	160	$^\circ\text{C}$
$TSHUTS_{SECONDARY_HYST}$	Secondary-side over-temperature shutdown hysteresis		15	20	25	$^\circ\text{C}$
CMTI (Common Mode Transient Immunity)						
CMTI	Common Mode Transient Immunity	Positive VEE with respect to GNDP	150			V/ns
		Negative VEE with respect to GNDP			-150	V/ns
INTEGRATED MAGLAM TRANSFORMER (Primary-side to Secondary-side. Note: these values unique for each version of XFMR)						
N	Transformer effective turns ratio	Secondary side to primary side		1.18		-

7.7 Safety Limiting Values

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MAX	UNIT
I_S	Safety input rms current	$R_{\theta JA} = 52.3\text{ }^\circ\text{C/W}$, $V_{VIN} = 27\text{ V}$, $T_J = 150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $P_{OUT} = 2.5\text{ W}$ (1) (2)	188	mA
		$R_{\theta JA} = 52.3\text{ }^\circ\text{C/W}$, $V_{VIN} = 21\text{ V}$, $T_J = 150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $P_{OUT} = 2.5\text{ W}$ (1) (2)	250	mA
P_S	Safety power dissipation (input power - output power)	$R_{\theta JA} = 52.3\text{ }^\circ\text{C/W}$, $T_J = 150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (1) (2)	2.39	W

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MAX	UNIT
T_S	Safety temperature	(1) (2)	150	°C

- (1) The maximum safety temperature, T_S , has the same value as the maximum junction temperature, T_J , specified for the device. The I_S and P_S parameters represent the safety current and safety power dissipation respectively. The maximum limits of I_S and P_S should not be exceeded. These limits vary with the ambient temperature, T_A .
- (2) The junction-to-air thermal resistance, $R_{\theta JA}$, in the Thermal Information table is that of a device installed on a high-K JEDEC test board for leaded surface-mount packages. Use these equations to calculate the value for each parameter: $T_J = T_A + R_{\theta JA} \times P$, where P is the power dissipated in the device. $T_{J(max)} = T_S = T_A + R_{\theta JA} \times P_S$, where $T_{J(max)}$ is the maximum allowed junction temperature.

8 Safety-Related Certifications

VDE	UL	CQC
Plan to certify according to DIN EN IEC 60747-17 (VDE 0884-17)	Plan to certify under UL 1577 Component Recognition Program	Plan to certify according to GB4943.1
Reinforced insulation Maximum transient isolation voltage, 7071 V _{PK} ; Maximum repetitive peak isolation voltage, 1414 V _{PK} ; Maximum surge isolation voltage, 10000 V _{PK}	Single protection, 5000 V _{RMS}	Reinforced insulation, Altitude ≤ 5000 m, Tropical Climate, 700 V _{RMS} maximum working voltage
Certificate number: (planned)	File number: (planned)	Certificate number: (planned)

9 Insulation Characteristics

Insulation lifetime projection data is collected by using industry-standard Time Dependent Dielectric Breakdown (TDDB) test method. In this test, all pins on each side of the barrier are tied together creating a two-terminal device and high voltage applied between the two sides; The insulation breakdown data is collected at various high voltages switching at 60 Hz over temperature. For reinforced insulation, VDE standard requires the use of TDDB projection line with failure rate of less than 1 part per million (ppm). Even though the expected minimum insulation lifetime is 20 years at the specified working isolation voltage, VDE reinforce certification requires additional safety margin of 20% for working voltage and 50% for lifetime which translates into minimum required insulation lifetime of 30 years at a working voltage that's 20% higher than the specified value. The TDDB projection line shows the intrinsic capability of the isolation barrier to withstand high voltage stress over its lifetime. Based on the TDDB data, the intrinsic capability of the insulation is 1000 V_{RMS} with a lifetime >>100 years.

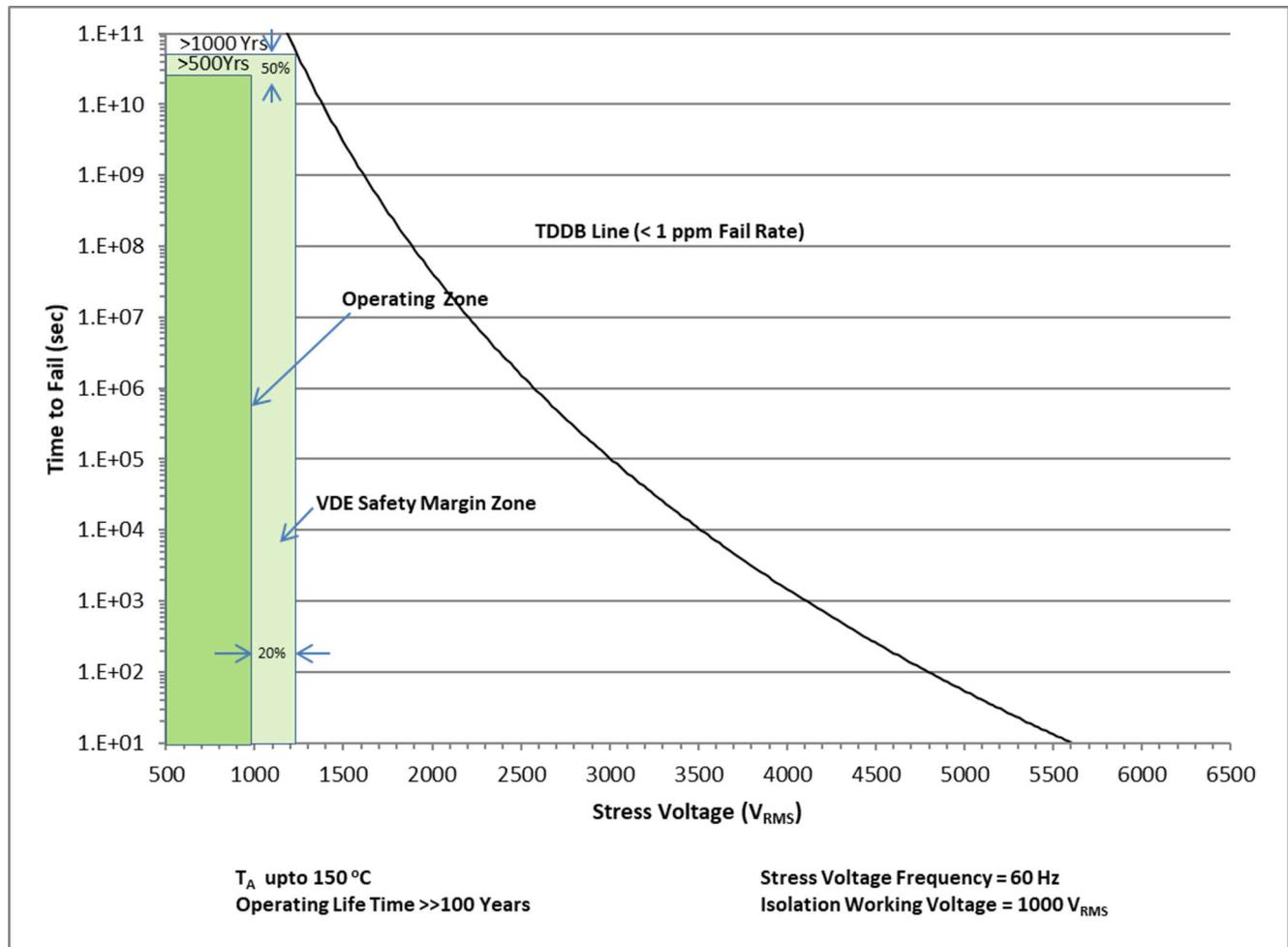


Figure 9-1. TDDB: Insulation Lifetime Projection for 1000 Vrms Working Voltage.

10 Typical Characteristics

The maximum recommended average power safe operating area (SOA) at each V_{in} is determined by the lower value of the 2W limit (dotted line) and the corresponding thermal derating curve (solid line) at that input voltage. It is not recommended to operate at an ambient temperature higher than 125°C. The thermal derating power is acquired with an evaluation board similar to the EVM shown in the Application and Implementation section. T_{shut} represents the primary-side over-temperature shutdown rising threshold. As shown in the Electrical Characteristics table, the typical T_{shut} value is 150°C, and minimal T_{shut} value is 140°C. The SOA derating curve with both $T_{shut} = 150^\circ\text{C}$ and 140°C are provided below. The SOA curves under four common VDD-VEE settings, 15V, 18V, 22V, and 25V are characterized. In each SOA curve, the input voltage is swept from 21V to 27V. To represent a worst-case condition with $T_{shut} = 140^\circ\text{C}$, the test is done in a shielded box to block circulating air in the thermal chamber.

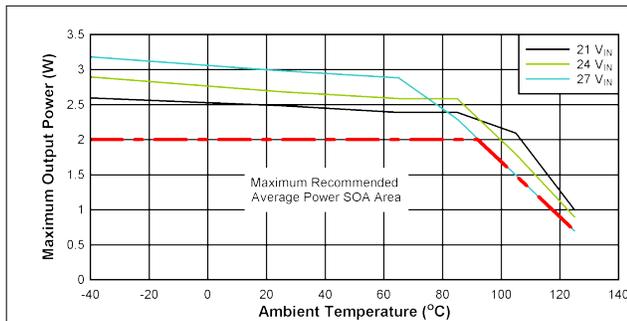


Figure 10-1. SOA Derating Curves: $V_{D\bar{D}-V\bar{E}E} = 15\text{ V}$, $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_{shut} = 150^\circ\text{C}$, No Load on $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E}$.

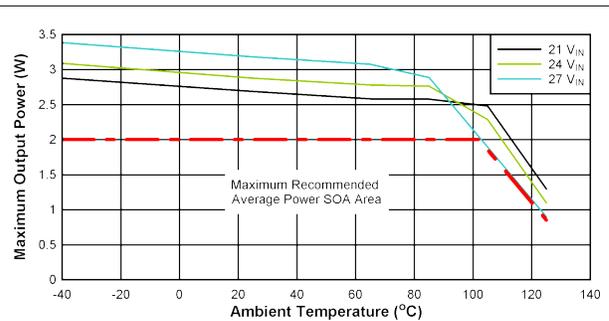


Figure 10-2. SOA Derating Curves: $V_{D\bar{D}-V\bar{E}E} = 18\text{ V}$, $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_{shut} = 150^\circ\text{C}$, No Load on $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E}$.

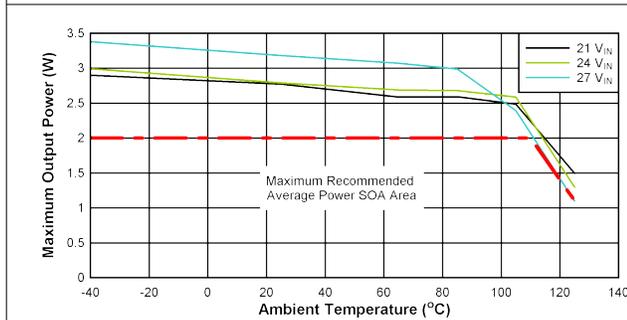


Figure 10-3. SOA Derating Curves: $V_{D\bar{D}-V\bar{E}E} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E} = 4\text{ V}$, $T_{shut} = 150^\circ\text{C}$, No Load on $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E}$.

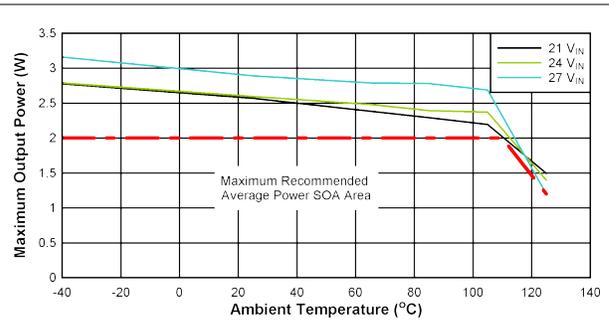


Figure 10-4. SOA Derating Curves: $V_{D\bar{D}-V\bar{E}E} = 25\text{ V}$, $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E} = 5\text{ V}$, $T_{shut} = 150^\circ\text{C}$, No Load on $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E}$.

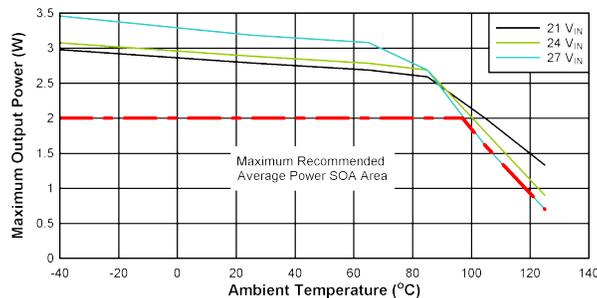


Figure 10-5. SOA Derating Curves: $V_{D\bar{D}-V\bar{E}E} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E} = 4\text{ V}$, $T_{shut} = 140^\circ\text{C}$, No Load on $V_{C\bar{O}M-V\bar{E}E}$, tested in a shielded box.

10 Typical Characteristics (continued)

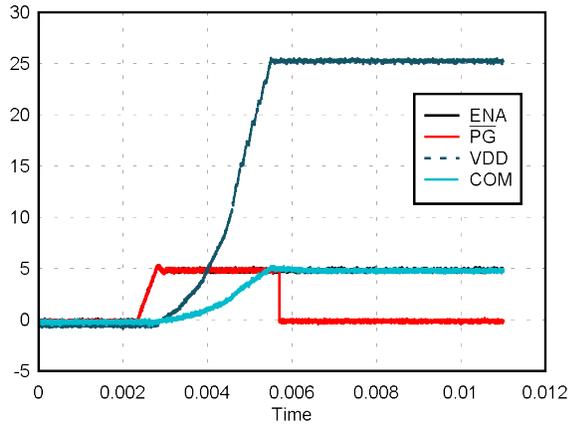


Figure 10-6. Start-up: $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 25\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 5\text{ V}$, No Load

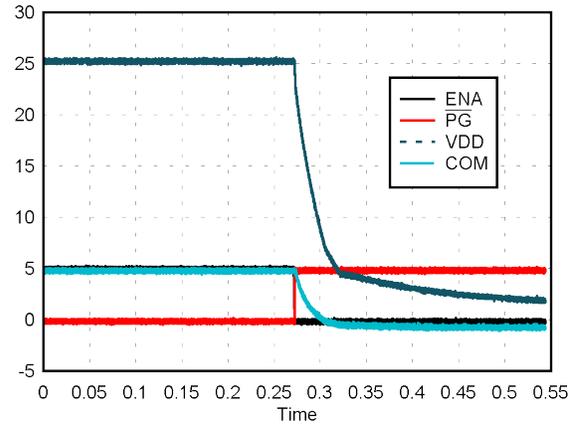


Figure 10-7. Shutdown: $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 25\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 5\text{ V}$, No Load

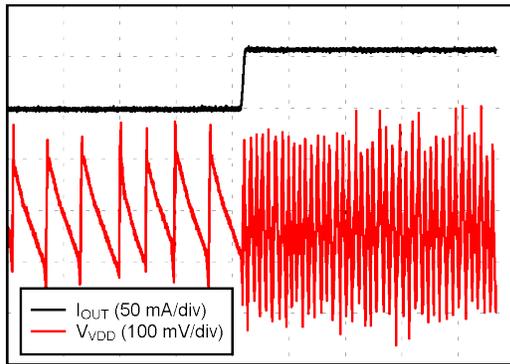


Figure 10-8. Load Transient Response: No Load to 1 W, $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 25\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 5\text{ V}$

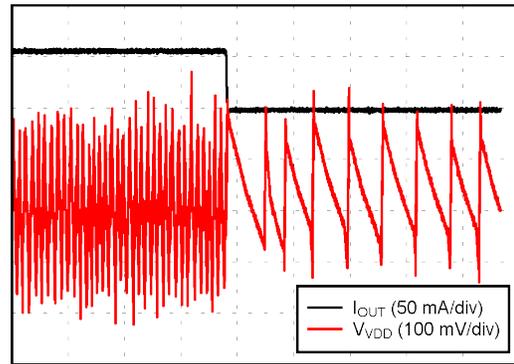


Figure 10-9. Load Transient Response: 1 W to No Load, $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 25\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 5\text{ V}$

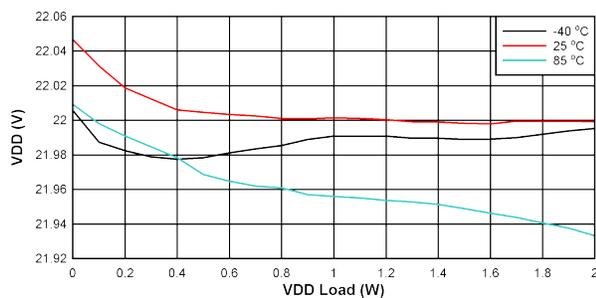


Figure 10-10. $V_{VDD-VEE}$ Load Regulation: $V_{IN} = 21\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$

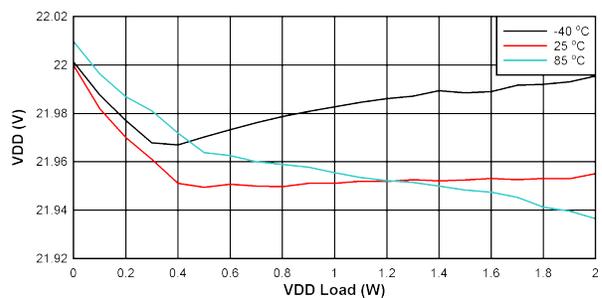


Figure 10-11. $V_{VDD-VEE}$ Load Regulation: $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$

10 Typical Characteristics (continued)

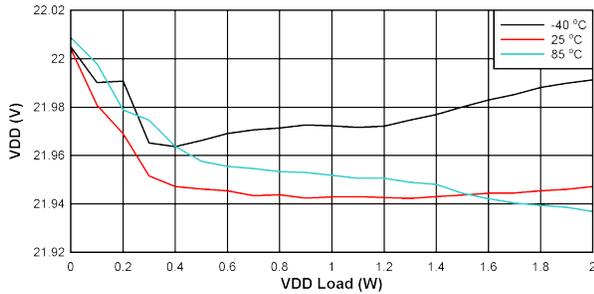


Figure 10-12. $V_{VDD-VEE}$ Load Regulation: $V_{IN} = 27\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$

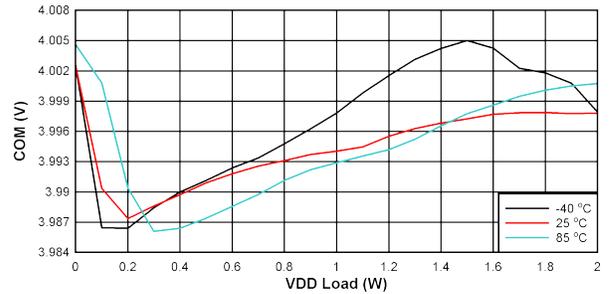


Figure 10-13. $V_{COM-VEE}$ Load Regulation: $V_{IN} = 21\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$

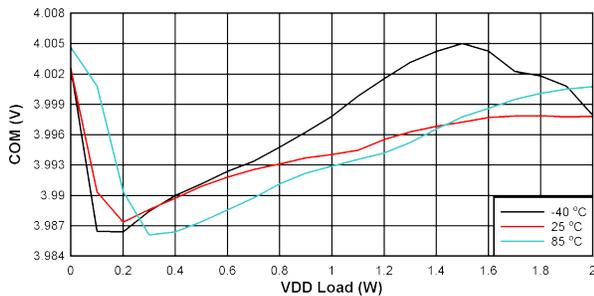


Figure 10-14. $V_{COM-VEE}$ Load Regulation: $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$

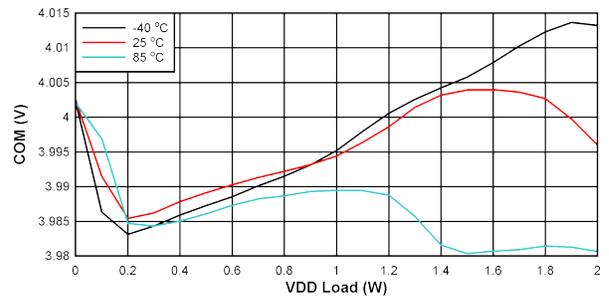


Figure 10-15. $V_{COM-VEE}$ Load Regulation: $V_{IN} = 27\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$

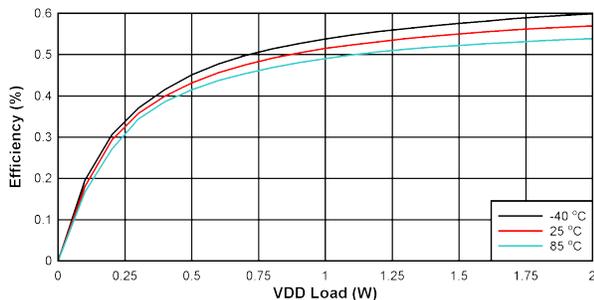


Figure 10-16. Efficiency vs Load on $V_{VDD-VEE}$: $V_{IN} = 21\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$, No Load on $V_{COM-VEE}$

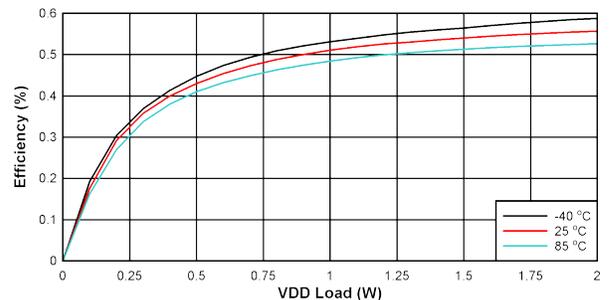


Figure 10-17. Efficiency vs Load on $V_{VDD-VEE}$: $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$, No Load on $V_{COM-VEE}$

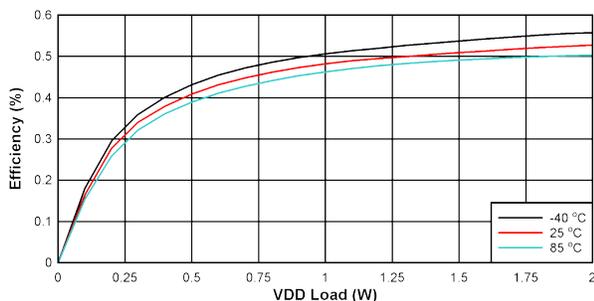


Figure 10-18. Efficiency vs Load on $V_{VDD-VEE}$: $V_{IN} = 27\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$, No Load on $V_{COM-VEE}$

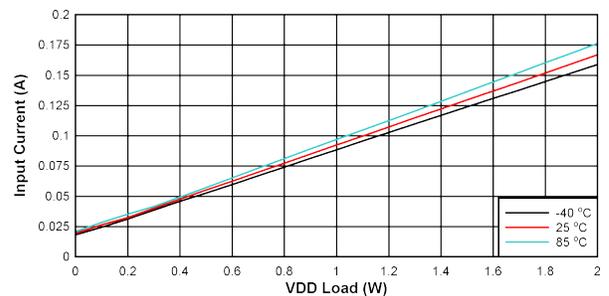


Figure 10-19. Input Current vs Load on $V_{VDD-VEE}$: $V_{IN} = 21\text{ V}$, $V_{VDD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$, No Load on $V_{COM-VEE}$

10 Typical Characteristics (continued)

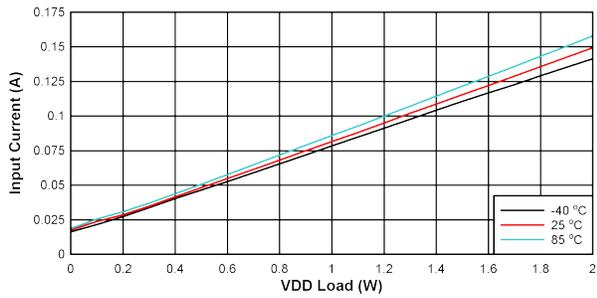


Figure 10-20. Input Current vs Load on V_{DD-VEE} : $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{DD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$, No Load on $V_{COM-VEE}$

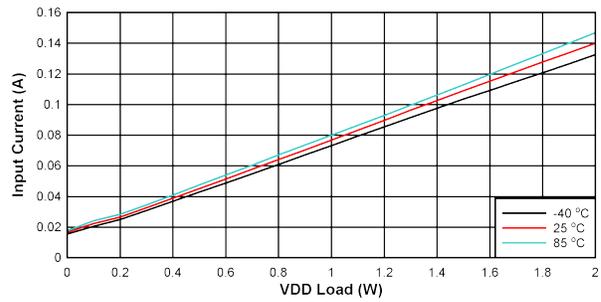


Figure 10-21. Input Current vs Load on V_{DD-VEE} : $V_{IN} = 27\text{ V}$, $V_{DD-VEE} = 22\text{ V}$, $V_{COM-VEE} = 4\text{ V}$, No Load on $V_{COM-VEE}$

11 Detailed Description

11.1 Overview

UCC14241-Q1 device is suitable for applications that have limited board space and require more integration. These devices are also suitable for very-high voltage applications, where power transformers meeting the required isolation specifications are bulky and expensive. The low-profile, low-center of gravity, and low weight provides a higher vibration tolerance than systems using large bulky transformers. The device is easy-to-use and provides flexibility to adjust both positive and negative output voltages as needed when optimizing the gate voltage for maximum efficiency while protecting gate oxide from over-stress with its tight voltage regulation accuracy.

The device integrates a high-efficiency, low-emissions isolated DC/DC converter for powering the gate drive of SiC or IGBT power devices in traction inverter motor drives, industrial motor drives, or other high voltage DC/DC converters. This DC/DC converter provides greater than 1.5 W of power.

The integrated DC/DC converter uses switched mode operation and proprietary circuit techniques to reduce power losses and boost efficiency. Specialized control mechanisms, clocking schemes, and the use of an on-chip transformer provide high efficiency and low radiated emissions.

The integrated transformer provides power delivery throughout a wide temperature range while maintaining a 5000- V_{RMS} isolation, and an 1000- V_{RMS} continuous working voltage. The low isolation capacitance of the transformer provides high CMTI allowing fast dv/dt switching and higher switching frequencies, while emitting less noise.

The V_{VIN} supply is provided to the primary-side power controller that switches the input stage connected to the integrated transformer. Power is transferred to the secondary-side output stage, and regulated to a level set by the resistor divider connected between the (VDD – VEE) pin and the FBVDD pin with respect to the VEE pin. The output voltage is adjustable with external resistor divider allowing a wide (VDD – VEE) range.

For optimal performance ensure to maintain the V_{VIN} input voltage within the recommended operating voltage range. Do not exceed the absolute maximum voltage rating to avoid over-stressing the input pins.

A fast hysteretic feedback burst control loop monitors (VDD – VEE) and ensures the output voltage is kept within the hysteresis with low overshoots and undershoots during load and line transients. The burst control loop enables efficient operation across full load and allows a wide VOUT adjustability throughout the whole V_{VIN} range. The undervoltage lockout (UVLO) protection monitors the input voltage pin, VIN, with hysteresis and input filter ensuring robust system performance under noisy conditions. The overvoltage lockout (OVLO) protection monitors the input voltage pin, VIN, protects against over-voltage stress by disabling switching and reducing the internal peak voltage. Controlled soft-start timing, provided throughout the full power-up time, limits the peak input inrush current while charging the output capacitor and load.

The UCC14241-Q1 also provides a second output rail, (COM – VEE), that is used as a negative bias for the gate drivers, allowing quicker turn-off switching for the IGBTs, and also to protect from unwanted turn-on during fast switching of SiC devices. (COM – VEE) has a simple, yet fast and efficient bias controller to ensure the positive and negative rails are regulated during the PWM switching. The COM pin can be connected from the source of SiC device or emitter of an IGBT device. An external current limiting resistor allows the designer to program the sink and source current peak according to the needs of the gate drive system.

A fault protection and powergood status pin provides a mechanism for the host controller to monitor the status of the DC/DC converter and provide proper sequencing of power and PWM control signals to the gate driver. Fault protection includes undervoltage, overvoltage, over-temperature shutdown, and a 100 μ s isolated channel communication interface watchdog timer.

A typical soft-start ramp-up time is approximately 3 ms, but varies based on input voltage, output voltage, output capacitance, and load. If either output is shorted or over-loaded, the device is not able to power-up within the 28.4-ms soft-start watch-dog-timer protection time, so the device latches off for protection. The latch can be reset by toggling the ENA pin or powering VIN down and up.

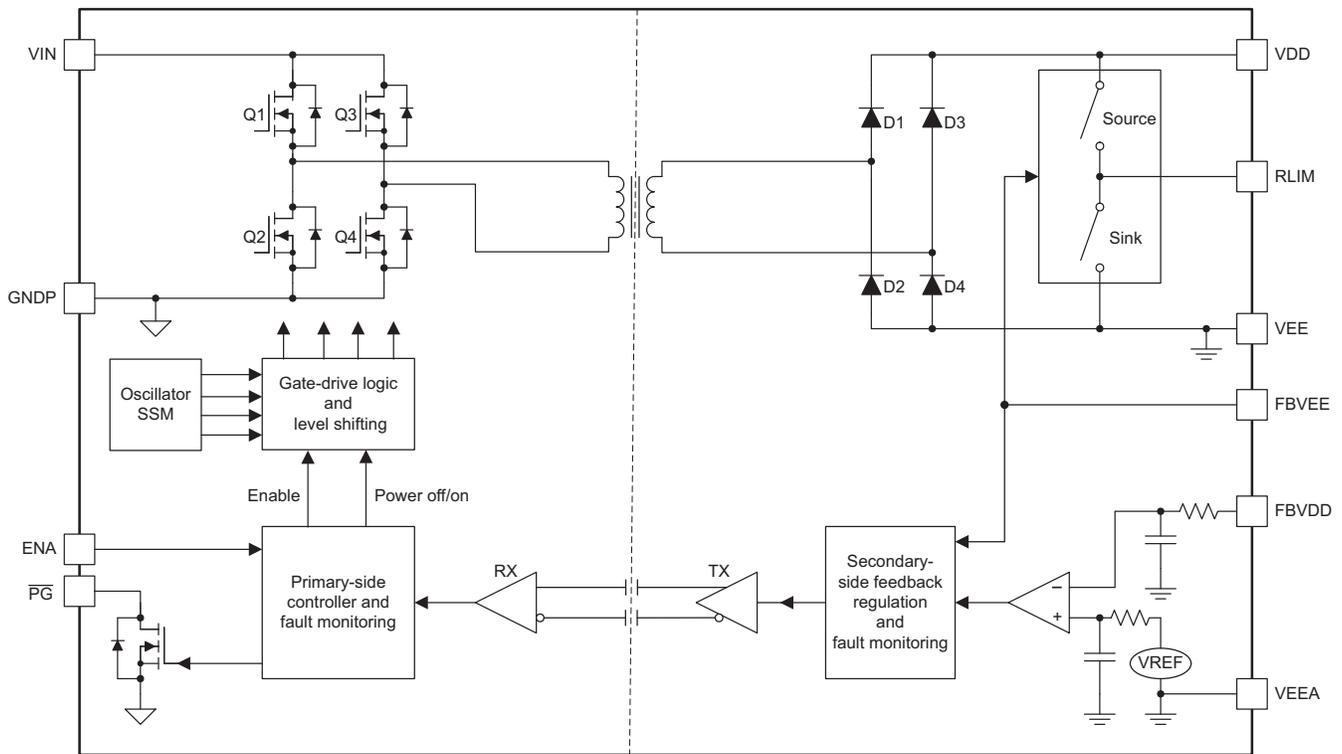
The output load must be kept low until start-up is complete and \overline{PG} pin is low. When powering up, do not apply a heavy load to (VDD – VEE) or (COM – VEE) outputs until the /PG pin has indicated power is good (pulling logic low) to avoid problems providing the power to ramp-up the voltage.

TI recommends to use the \overline{PG} status indicator as a trigger point to start the PWM signal into the gate driver. \overline{PG} output removes any ambiguity as to when the outputs are ready by providing a robust closed loop indication of when both (VDD – VEE) and (COM – VEE) outputs have reached their regulation threshold within $\pm 10\%$.

Do not allow the host to begin PWM to gate driver until after \overline{PG} goes low. This action typically occurs less than 28.4 ms after $V_{VIN} > V_{VIN_UVLOP}$ and ENA goes high. The /PG status output indicates the power is good after soft start of (VDD – VEE) and (COM – VEE) and are within $\pm 10\%$ of regulation.

If the host is not monitoring \overline{PG} , then ensure that the host does not begin PWM to gate driver until 30 ms after $V_{VIN} > V_{VIN_UVLOP}$ and ENA goes high to allow enough time for power to be good after soft start of VDD and VEE.

11.2 Functional Block Diagram



11.3 Feature Description

11.3.1 Power Stage Operation

The UCC14241-Q1 module uses an active full-bridge inverter on the primary-side and a passive full-bridge rectifier on the secondary-side. The small integrated transformer has a relatively high carrier frequency to reduce the size for integrating into the 36-pin SSOP package. The power stage carrier frequency operates within 10 MHz to 16 MHz. The power stage carrier frequency is determined by input voltage with a feed-forward control: when V_{VIN} is 21 V, the frequency is 16 MHz; when V_{VIN} is 27 V, the frequency is 10 MHz; when V_{VIN} is between 21 V and 27 V, the frequency reduces gradually from 16 MHz to 10 MHz as V_{VIN} voltage rises. Spread spectrum modulation, SSM, is used to reduce emissions. ZVS operation is maintained to reduce switching power losses.

The UCC14241-Q1 module creates two regulated outputs. It can be configured as a single output converter, VDD to VEE only, or a dual-output converter, VDD to VEE and COM to VEE. Even though the module uses VEE as the reference point to create two positive output voltages, the outputs can use COM as the reference point and become a positive and a negative output.

These two outputs are controlled independently through hysteresis control. Furthermore, the VDD-VEE is the main output, and COM to VEE uses the main output as its input to create a second regulated output voltage.

11.3.1.1 VDD-VEE Voltage Regulation

The VDD-VEE output is the main output of the module. The power stage operation is determined by the sensed VDD-VEE voltage on FBVDD pin. As shown in Figure 11-1, the VDD-VEE voltage is sensed through a voltage divider R_{FBVDD_TOP} and R_{FBVDD_BOT} . When FBVDD voltage stays below the turn-off threshold, roughly 10 mV above the V_{FBVDD_REF} , the power stage operates, delivers power to the secondary side and makes the VDD-VEE output voltage rise. After the output reaches the turn-off threshold, the power stage turns off. Output voltage drops because of the load current. After the output voltage drops below the turn-on threshold, roughly 10 mV below the V_{FBVDD_REF} , the power stage is turned on again. With the accurate voltage reference and hysteresis control, the VDD-VEE output voltage can be regulated with high accuracy. To improve the noise immunity, a small capacitor of 330 pF should be added between FBVDD and VEE pins. Excessive capacitor slows down the hysteresis loop and can cause excessive output voltage ripple or even stability issue.

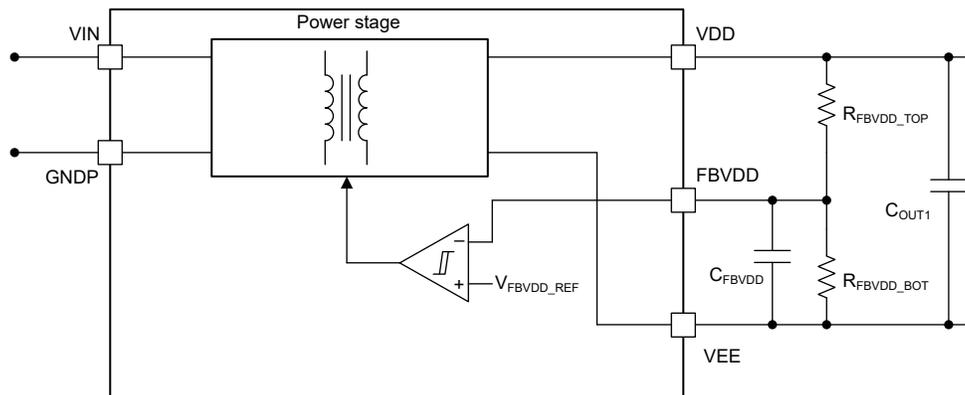


Figure 11-1. VDD-VEE Voltage Regulation

11.3.1.2 COM-VEE Voltage Regulation

COM-VEE output takes VDD-VEE output as its input and creates a regulated output voltage. It can be considered as an LDO output from VDD-VEE, though the operation principle is not quite the same. Given its input voltage is VDD-VEE, the maximum output voltage from COM to VEE is the voltage between VDD and VEE.

The COM-VEE output regulator stage uses the internal high-side or low-side FETs in series with the external current-limit resistor (R_{LIM}) to charge or discharge the COM-VEE output voltage. The hysteresis control is used to control the switching instance of the two FETs, to achieve an accurately regulated COM-VEE voltage. As shown in Figure 11-2, the COM-VEE output voltage is sensed through the voltage divider R_{FBVEE_TOP} and R_{FBVEE_BOT} on FBVEE pin. TI recommends a 330-pF capacitor on FBVEE pin to filter out the switching frequency noise. When the voltage on FBVEE is below the charging threshold, 20 mV below the V_{FBVEE_REF} , the charging resistor is kept on and discharging resistor is kept off. COM-VEE output voltage rises. After FBVEE voltage reaches the stop charging threshold, 20 mV above the V_{FBVEE_REF} , the charging resistor is turned off. Output voltage rise stops. When the charging resistor is turned off, the discharge resistor is controlled by another hysteresis controller, based on FBVEE pin voltage, with the same reference voltage V_{FBVEE_REF} , and 20-mV of hysteresis.

The COM-VEE output regulator stage will protect from having the high-side FET stay ON for a long time during a COM to VEE short. This protection feature is implemented by monitoring the RLIM-pin voltage and controlling the high-side FET duty-ratio. When the COM pin voltage is lower than 0.645 V while the FBVEE voltage is below 2.48 V, the hysteretic control of the COM-VEE regulator is overridden by an approximately 20 % duty-ratio control on high-side FET, with a typical on-time of $t_{RLIM_SHORT_CHRG_ON_TIME}$ and off-time of $t_{RLIM_SHORT_CHRG_OFF_TIME}$ in each duty cycle. When the COM pin voltage is higher than $V_{RLIM_SHORT_CHRG_CMP_RISE}$, the duty ratio control is disabled and the hysteretic control resumes to normal operation.

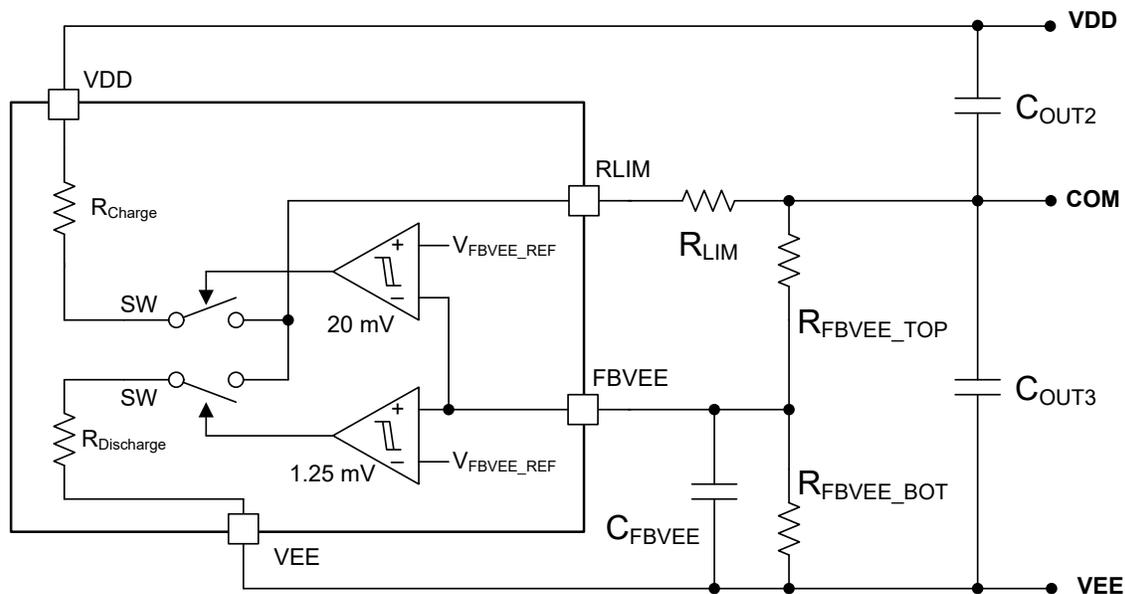


Figure 11-2. COM-VEE Voltage Regulation

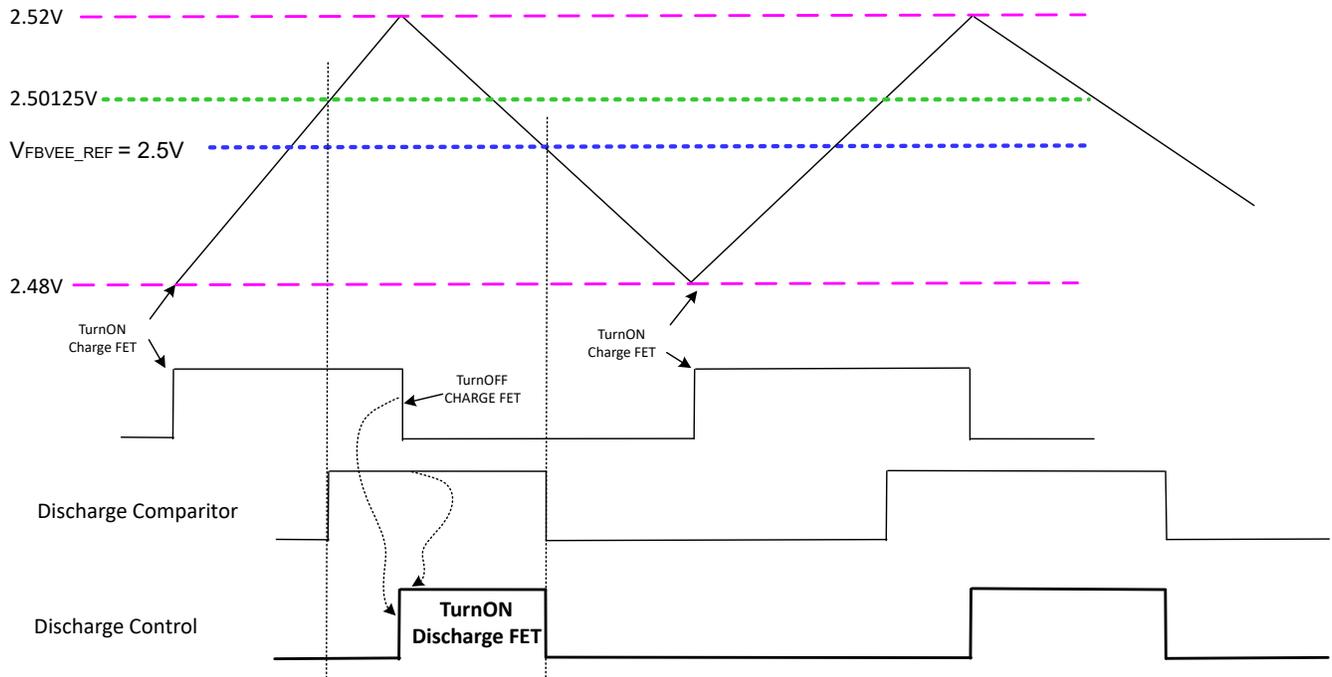


Figure 11-3. COM-VEE Voltage Regulation Diagram

11.3.1.3 Power Handling Capability

The maximum power handling capability is determined by both circuit operation and thermal condition. For a given output voltage, the maximum power increases with input voltage before triggering the thermal protection. An over-power-protection (OPP) is implemented to limit maximum output power and reduces power stage RMS current at high input voltage. The OPP is implemented by a feed-forward control from the input voltage to the OPP burst duty cycle (D_{OPP}). The D_{OPP} adds a "baby" burst within the on-time of "Mama" burst from the main feedback loop for the (VDD-VEE) regulation. When the input voltage increases, the D_{OPP} reduces automatically to limit the averaged output power.

At high ambient temperature, the thermal performance determines the maximum power and safe operating area (SOA). A protective thermal shut-down is triggered after overtemperature is detected. The high-efficiency and optimized thermal design for transformer and silicon provide a high power handling capability at high ambient temperature in a small package.

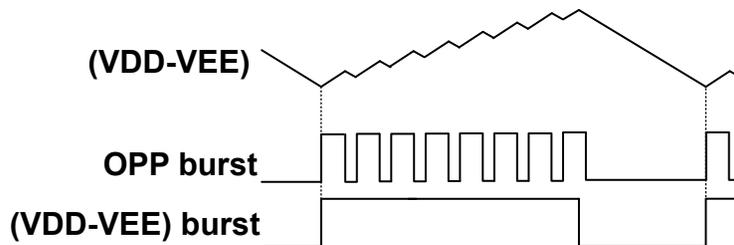


Figure 11-4. Diagram of Over-Power-Protection with baby burst

11.3.2 Output Voltage Soft Start

UCC14241-Q1 power-up diagram of two output rails with soft start is shown in Figure 11-5. After $V_{VIN} > V_{VIN_UVLOP}$ and ENA is pulled high, the soft-start sequence starts with burst duty cycle control with soft duty cycle increment. The burst duty cycle gradually increases from 12.5% to 50% over time by the primary-side control signal (D_{SS_PRI}), so both $V_{VDD-VEE}$ and $V_{COM-VEE}$ increase ratiometrically with a controlled shallow rising slope. When $V_{VDD-VEE}$ is increased above V_{VDD_UVLOS} , there is a sufficient bias voltage for the feedback-loop communication channel, so the burst feedback control on the secondary side takes over. As a result, the D_{SS_PRI} is pulled high and does not affect burst duty cycle anymore. The burst duty cycle is determined by comparing V_{FBVDD} and V_{REF} . V_{REF} increases from 0.9V to 2.5 V with seven increment steps, where the first 0.4-V step boosts V_{REF} from 0.9V to 1.3V, and then the following six 0.2-V steps boosts V_{REF} from 1.3V to 2.5V. Each step lasts 128 μ s. After $V_{VDD-VEE} > V_{VDD_UVP}$, the RLIM source-sink regulator for $V_{COM-VEE}$ is enabled. The polarity of source or sink current of RLIM pin is determined by comparing V_{FBVEE} and V_{REF} so as to keep $V_{COM-VEE}$ in tight regulation. Once $V_{VDD-VEE}$ or $V_{COM-VEE}$ rises across its UVP threshold, there is a 3-ms (typical) deglitch time for $V_{VDD-VEE}$ UVP and $V_{COM-VEE}$ UVP and OVP, and then the power good signal is issued by pulling \overline{PG} voltage low. The 3-ms (typical) deglitch time is only applied during start up before the power good signal is issued. It provides enough time for both $V_{VDD-VEE}$ and $V_{COM-VEE}$ to settle in their hysteresis band of regulation after start up, so that the converter does not shut down due to the overshoot or undershoot during start up.

The soft-start feature greatly reduces the input inrush current during power-up. In addition, if $V_{VDD-VEE}$ cannot reach to V_{VDD_UVLOS} within $t_{SOFT_START_TIME_OUT}$, then the device shuts down in a safe-state. The soft-start time-out protects the module under output short circuit condition or over-load during power up.

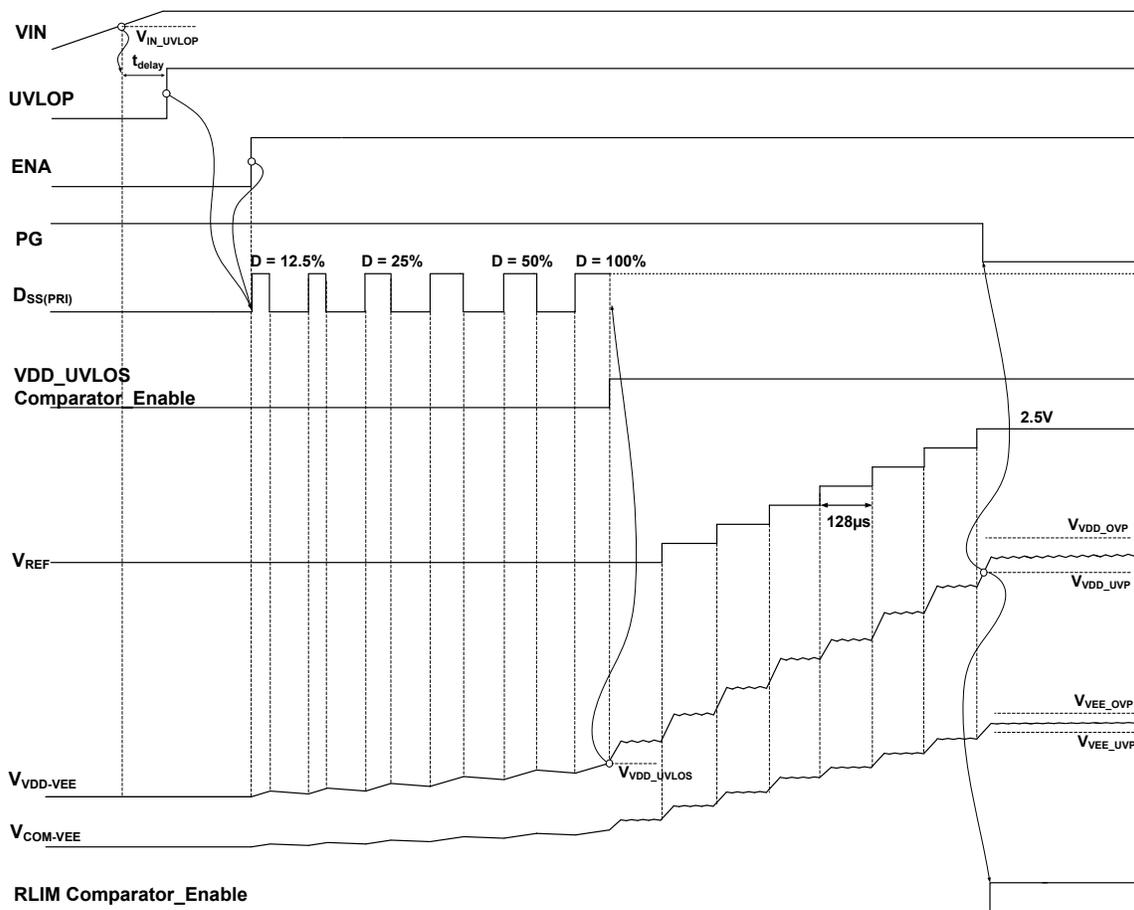


Figure 11-5. Output voltage Soft-Start Diagram

11.3.3 ENA and $\overline{\text{PG}}$

The ENA input pin and $\overline{\text{PG}}$ output pin on the primary-side use 5-V TTL and 3.3-V LVTTTL level logic thresholds.

The active-high enable input (ENA) pin is used to turn-on the isolated DC/DC converter of the module. Either 3.3-V or 5-V logic rails can be used. Maintain the ENA pin voltage below 5.5 V. After ENA pin voltage becomes above the enable threshold $V_{\text{EN_IR}}$, UCC14241-Q1 enables, starts switching, goes through the soft-start process and delivers power to the secondary side. After ENA pin voltage falls below the disable threshold $V_{\text{EN_IF}}$, UCC14241-Q1 disables, stops switching.

The ENA pin can also be used to reset the UCC14241-Q1 device after it enters the protection safe-state mode. After a detected fault, the protection logic will latch off and place the device into a safe state. When all the faults are cleared, the ENA-pin can be used to clear the UCC14241-Q1 latch by toggling the ENA pin voltage below $V_{\text{EN_IF}}$ for longer than 150 μs , then toggling back up to 3.3 V or 5 V. The device will then exit the latch-off mode and we initiate a soft-start. Figure 11-6 illustrates the latch-off reset timing.

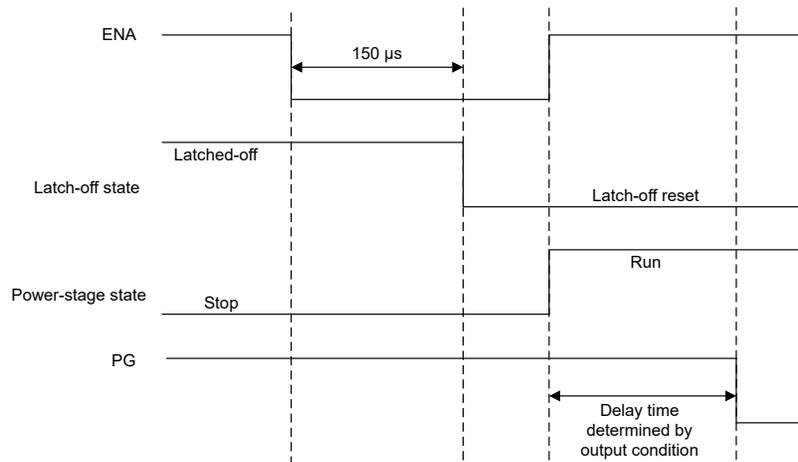


Figure 11-6. Latch-off Reset Using ENA Pin

The active-low power-good ($\overline{\text{PG}}$) pin is an open-drain output that indicates (short) when the module has no fault and the output voltages are within $\pm 10\%$ of the output voltage regulation setpoints. Connect a pull-up resistor ($> 1 \text{ k}\Omega$) from $\overline{\text{PG}}$ pin to either a 5-V or 3.3-V logic rail. Maintain the $\overline{\text{PG}}$ pin voltage below 5.5 V without exceeding its recommended operating voltage. The logic of $\overline{\text{PG}}$ pin can be illustrated using Figure 11-7.

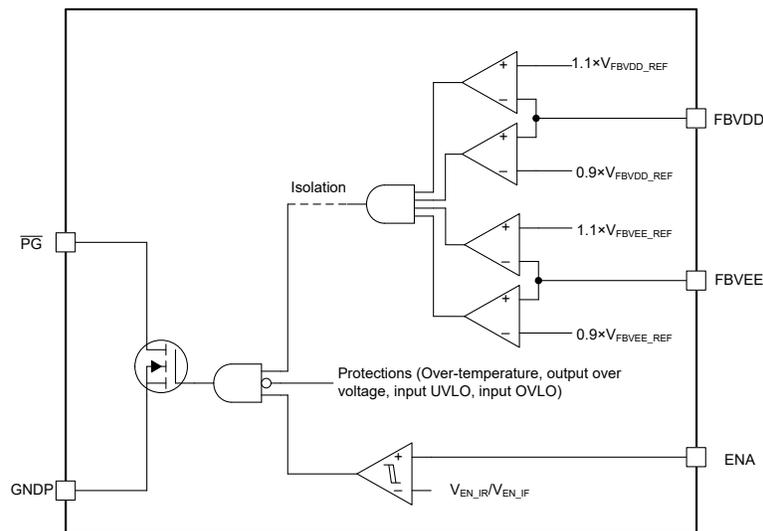


Figure 11-7. $\overline{\text{PG}}$ Pin Logic

11.3.4 Protection Functions

UCC14241-Q1 is equipped with a full feature of protection functions, include input undervoltage lockout, overvoltage lockout protections, output undervoltage protection, overvoltage protection, overpower protection, and over-temperature protection. The input undervoltage and overvoltage lockout protections have the auto recovery response. All other protections have the latch-off response. After the latch-off-response protections are triggered, the converter enters a latch off state, stops switching until the latch is reset by either toggling the ENA pin Off then On, or by lowering the V_{VIN} voltage below the $V_{VIN_ANALOG_UVLOP_FALLING}$ threshold, and then above the $V_{VIN_UVLOP_RISING}$ threshold.

11.3.4.1 Input Undervoltage Lockout

UCC14241-Q1 can take wide input voltage range, from 21 V to 27 V. When the input voltage becomes too low, the output either cannot be regulated due to the transformer turns ratio limitation, or the converter operates with too much current stress. Either way, the converter must shut down to protect the system.

The UCC14241-Q1 enters input undervoltage lockout when V_{VIN} voltage becomes lower than the UVLO threshold $V_{VIN_UVLOP_FALLING}$. In UVLO mode, the converter stops switching. After V_{VIN} pin voltage becomes lower than the VIN analog undervoltage lockout falling threshold $V_{VIN_VULOPE_FALLING}$, UCC14241-Q1 resets all the protections. After that, after the V_{VIN} voltage becomes above the UVLO threshold $V_{VIN_UVLOP_RISING}$, the converter is enabled. Depending on the ENA pin voltage, the converter can start switching, go through the soft-start process, or in the disable mode, waiting for ENA pin voltage becomes high.

11.3.4.2 Input Overvoltage Lockout

The input overvoltage lockout protection is used to protect the UCC14241-Q1 devices from overvoltage damage. It has an auto-recovery response. When the V_{VIN} pin voltage becomes higher than the input overvoltage lockout threshold $V_{VIN_OVLO_RISE}$, switching stops, converter stops sending energy to the secondary side. After input overvoltage lockout protection, after V_{VIN} pin voltage drop below the recovery threshold $V_{VIN_OVLO_FALLING}$, depending on the ENA pin voltage status, the converter can either resuming operation, go through the full soft-start process, or in the disabled mode, wait for ENA pin becomes high. The input overvoltage lockout does not reset other latch-off protections.

11.3.4.3 Output Undervoltage Protection

The output voltage under voltage protection is based on the FBVDD and FBVEE pin voltages. When the FBVDD pin voltage becomes lower than its UVP threshold $V_{VDD_UVP_FALL}$, or the FBVEE pin voltage becomes lower than its UVP threshold $V_{VEE_UVP_FALL}$, the undervoltage protection is activated. The UCC14241-Q1 stops switching, and the PG pin becomes open.

During soft start, the output voltages rise from zero. Both FBVDD and FBVEE pin voltage are below the UVP thresholds. The UVP is disabled during the soft start. If the pin voltage cannot reach the UVP recovery thresholds ($V_{VDD_UVP_RISE}$, $V_{VEE_UVP_RISE}$) after the soft start completes, undervoltage protection is activated. The UCC14241-Q1 stops switching, and the PG pin becomes open.

The undervoltage protection has a latched-off response. After it is activated, the latch-off state can be cleared by recycling V_{VIN} . Toggling ENA pin can also reset the latch-off state. Refer to ENA and PG section for details.

11.3.4.4 Output Overvoltage Protection

The UCC14241-Q1 devices sense the output voltage through FBVDD and FBVEE pins to control the output voltage. To prevent the output voltage becomes too high, damages the load or UCC14241-Q1 device itself, the UCC14241-Q1 devices are equipped with the output overvoltage protection. There are two levels of overvoltage protection, based on the feedback pin voltage, and the output voltage.

During the normal operation, because of load transient, or load unbalancing between two outputs, the output voltages can exceed its regulation level. Based on the pin voltages on FBVDD and FBVEE, after the voltage exceeds the threshold, $V_{VDD_OVP_RISE}$, or $V_{VEE_OVP_RISE}$ (10% above the target regulation voltage), the converter stops switching immediately.

In rare cases, the voltage divider becomes malfunction and gives the wrong output voltage information. In turn, the control loop can regulate the output voltages at a wrong voltage level. The UCC14241-Q1 device is also equipped with a fail-safe overvoltage protection. After the VDD-VEE voltage becomes higher than the overvoltage protection threshold $V_{VDD_OVLOS_RISE}$, the converter shuts down immediately. This fail-safe protection level is set at 31 V. It is meant to protect UCC14241-Q1 devices, instead of the load. The design must ensure the voltage feedback divider normal operation at all conditions.

The output overvoltage protections have the latch-off response.

11.3.4.5 Overpower Protection

The Over Power Protection, OPP, limits the maximum average output power. When the output is overloaded, it is important to shutdown the module to prevent it from further damage, or propagating the fault into other portion of the entire system. Given the extremely high switching frequency, it is not practical to implement the traditional cycle-by-cycle current limit. Instead, the UCC14241-Q1 device relies on the Over Power Protection (OPP) working together with the output undervoltage protection.

As discussed in [Power Handling Capability](#), with the input voltage feedforward, and the "baby" burst duty cycle adjustment, the maximum power delivery capability of the UCC14241-Q1 is well controlled. The impact of OPP on the relationship between V_{in} and maximum output power is shown in [Figure 11-8](#).

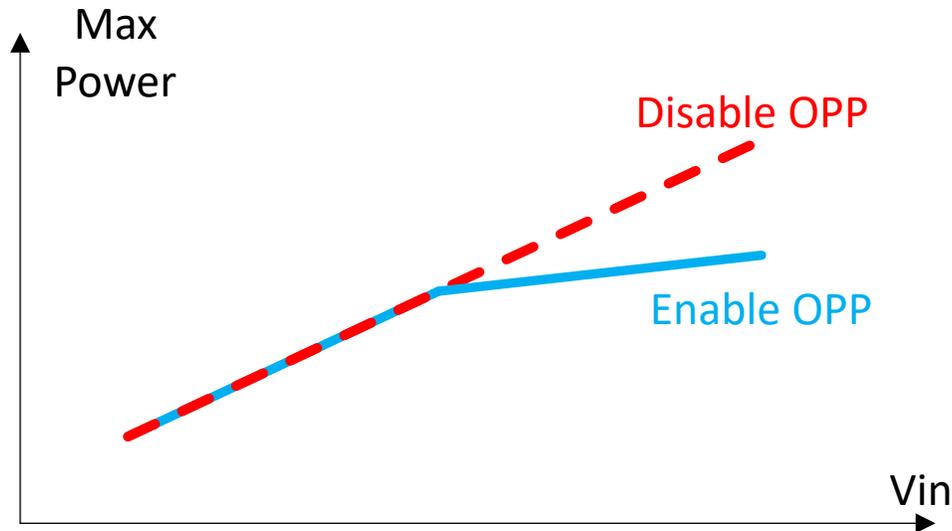


Figure 11-8. Maximum Output Power Under Different Input Voltage Condition

When the load exceeds the maximum power delivery capability, the output voltage starts to droop. When the output voltage falls below the Under Voltage Protection threshold, the output undervoltage protection is triggered and the parts latches off into a safe state.

11.3.4.6 Overtemperature Protection

UCC14241-Q1 integrates the primary-side, secondary-side power stages, as well as the isolation transformer. The power loss caused by the power conversion causes the module temperature higher than the ambient temperature. To ensure the safe operation of the power module, the UCC14241-Q1 device is equipped with over-temperature protection. Both the primary-side power stage, and the secondary-side power stage temperatures are sensed and compared with the over-temperature protection threshold. If the primary-side power stage temperature becomes higher than $TSHUTP_{PRIMARY_RISE}$, or the secondary-side power stage temperature becomes higher than $TSHUTS_{SECONDARY_RISE}$, the module enters over-temperature protection mode. The module stops switching; \overline{PG} pin becomes open. After protection, the module enters latch-off mode. When the power stage temperature drops below the over-temperature recovery threshold, recycling V_{VIN} , or toggling ENA pin voltage brings the model out of latch-off mode. Depending on ENA pin voltage, the module either starts switching, delivering power to the secondary side, or in the standby mode waiting for ENA pin voltage becomes high.

11.4 Device Functional Modes

Depending on the input and output conditions, ENA pin voltage, as well as the device temperature, the UCC14241-Q1 operates in one of the below operation modes.

1. Disable mode. In this mode, the module is off, but waiting for ENA pin becoming high to start operate.
2. Soft-start mode. In this mode, the module starts to deliver power to the secondary side. The primary-side operation duty cycle and secondary-side references are raised gradually to reduce the stress to the module.
3. Normal operation mode. In this mode, the module operates normally, delivers power to the secondary side.
4. Protection mode, auto-recovery. In this mode, the module is off, due to the input UVLO or OVLO protection. After the input voltage fault is cleared, depending on the ENA pin voltage condition, it either becomes disabled mode if the ENA pin voltage is low, or it goes through soft-start mode to the normal operation mode.
5. Protection mode, latched-off. In this mode, the module is off, due to other protections. The module remains off even the fault causing the protection is cleared. Recycling V_{VIN} operation must ensure the input voltage goes below the analog UVLO falling threshold ($V_{VIN_ANALOG_UVLOP_FALLING}$) first to reset the latch-off state, or the ENA pin is toggled Low (OFF) then High (ON).

Table 11-1 lists the supply functional modes for this device. The ENA pin has an internal weak pull-down resistance to ground, but TI does not recommend leaving this pin open.

Table 11-1. Device Functional Modes

INPUT			OUTPUTS			Operation Mode
V_{VIN}	ENA	FAULT	$V_{(VDD - VEE)}$ Isolated Output1	$V_{(COM - VEE)}$ Isolated Output2	PG Open Drain	
$V_{VIN} < V_{VIN_UVLOP_RISING}$	X	X	OFF	OFF	High	Protection mode, auto-recovery
$V_{VIN_UVLOP_RISING} < V_{VIN} < V_{VIN_OVLO_RISING}$	LOW	X	OFF	OFF	High	Disable mode
$V_{VIN_UVLOP_RISING} < V_{VIN} < V_{VIN_OVLO_RISING}$	HIGH	NO FAULT	Regulating at Setpoint	Regulating at Setpoint	Low	Normal operation
$V_{VIN_UVLOP_RISING} < V_{VIN} < V_{VIN_OVLO_RISING}$	HIGH	YES FAULT	OFF	OFF	High	Protection mode, latched-off
$V_{VIN} > V_{VIN_OVLO_RISING}$	X	X	OFF	OFF	High	Protection mode, auto-recovery

12 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.

12.1 Application Information

The UCC14241-Q1 device is suitable for applications that have limited board space and desire more integration. This device is also suitable for very high voltage applications, where power transformers meeting the required isolation specifications are bulky and expensive.

12.2 Typical Application

The following figures show the typical application schematics for the UCC14241-Q1 device configurations supplying an isolated load.

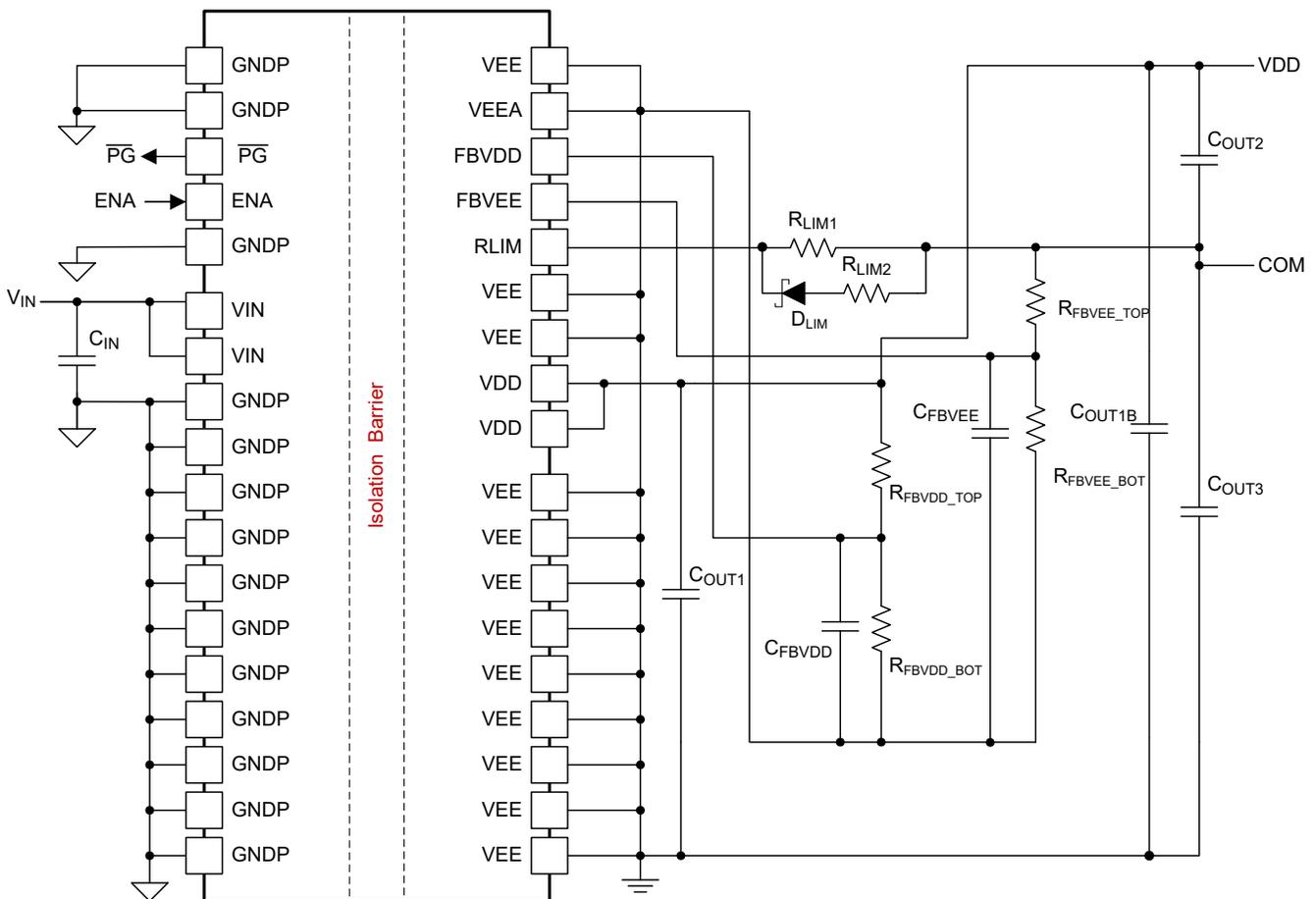


Figure 12-1. Dual Adjustable Output Configuration

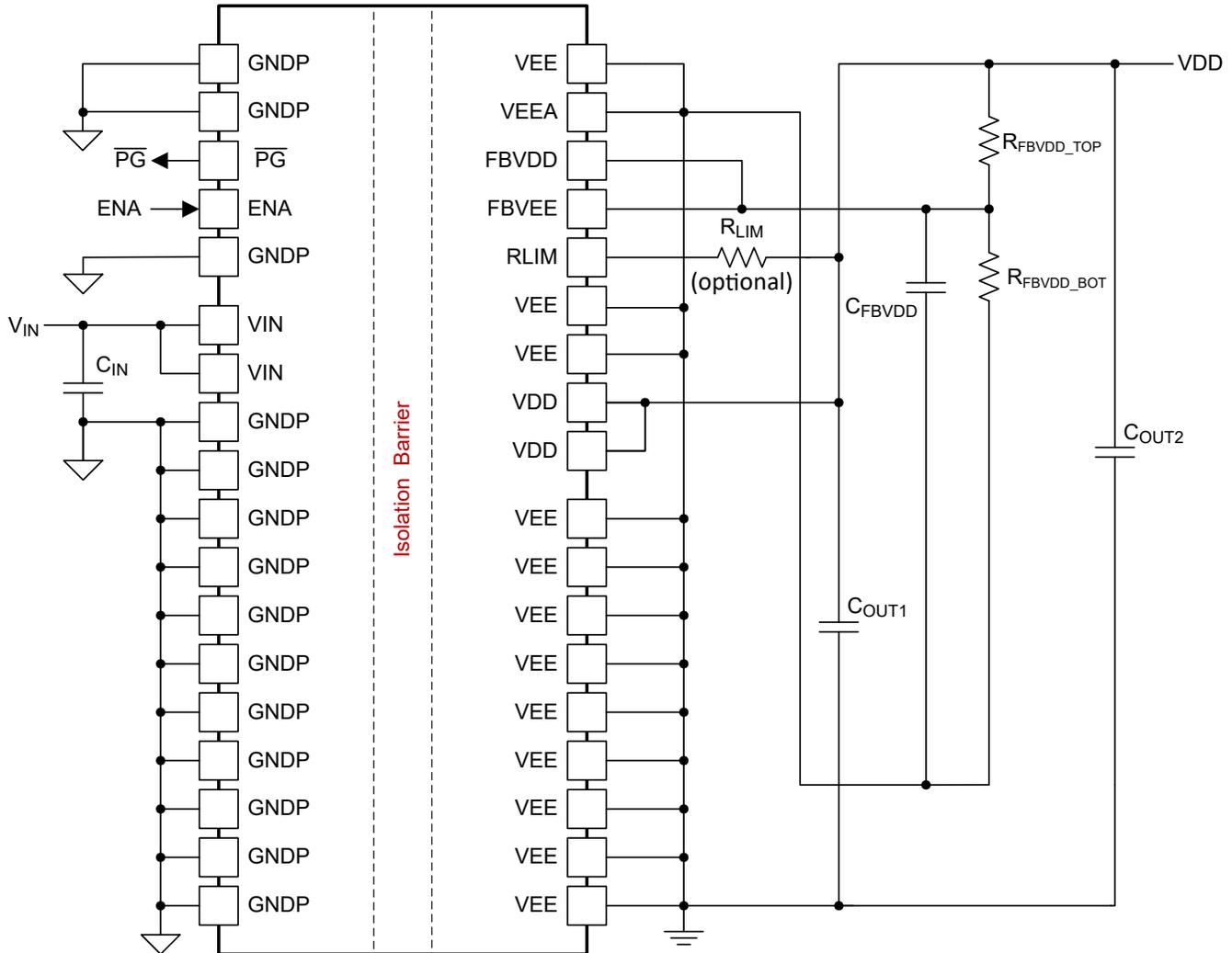


Figure 12-2. Single Adjustable Output Configuration

12.2.1 Design Requirements

Designing with the UCC14241-Q1 module is simple. First, choose single output or dual output. Determine the voltage for each output and then set the regulation through resistor dividers. Second, select the recommended input and output capacitors according to the procedure in the section of capacitor selection. The gate charge of the power device determines the amount of output decoupling capacitance needed at the gate driver input. Third, calculate the R_{LIM} resistor value for regulating the (COM – VEE) voltage rail for a dual output according to the procedure in the section of R_{LIM} or RDR selection.

For the dual output configuration, the VDD-to-VEE output capacitor placement and the R_{LIM} -to-COM resistance introduce great impact to the power module performance and system BOM cost. [Table 12-1](#) compares four combinations of two different VDD-to-VEE output decoupling capacitor placements and two R_{LIM} current-limit networks. The number 1 ranking represents the best, and the number 4 means the worst. The table indicates that case B offers the best performance and case A offers the lowest BOM cost. As shown in [Figure 12-1](#), C_{OUT1} is the decoupling capacitor closest to VDD and VEE pins, while C_{OUT1B} is the decoupling capacitor closest to the output load. Besides, the current-limit resistor network between R_{LIM} pin and COM terminal is called the RDR circuitry, which can program the charge and discharge current of R_{LIM} regulator independently.

For the gate driver application with high di/dt current change as example, the finite impedance between the output terminal of power modules and the input bias terminal of output load greatly affects the transient response at the point of load, so the local decoupling capacitor C_{OUT1B} provides a very effective low-impedance

decoupling for both $V_{VDD-to-COM}$ and $V_{COM-to-VEE}$ in the driver switching condition. From the schematic aspect, it seems that adding C_{OUT1B} means one more extra capacitor, but the reality is that it helps to avoid the need of oversizing C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} . With C_{OUT1B} , the reduced capacitance and capacitor body size for C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} end up a reduced total BOM cost on output capacitor bank. The following [Section 12.2.2.1](#) will describe the design procedure of C_{OUT1B} for more detail. Another benefit is that when capacitance of C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} is reduced, a higher R_{LIM} resistance can be used for COM-to-VEE regulation, so the power loss of RLIM regulator is reduced for higher power module efficiency.

Table 12-1. Comparison of four design cases and their system-level implications

	C_{OUT1B}	RDR	Output Ripple	Efficiency	External BOM count/ cost
Case A	Yes	No	3	3	1 (Lowest)
Case B	Yes	Yes	1 (Lowest)	1 (Highest)	2
Case C	No	No	4	4	3
Case D	No	Yes	2	2	4

As shown in [Figure 12-1](#), the RDR circuitry is a current-limit resistor network of the RLIM pin to allow R_{LIM} regulator to optimize the charge and discharge current capabilities independently for further increasing the power module efficiency from the reduced power loss of R_{LIM} regulator. The circuitry consists of three components, one high-resistance resistor R_{LIM1} in parallel with another resistor-diode branch, a small-resistance resistor R_{LIM2} in series with a small-signal diode D_{LIM} . R_{LIM1} resistance is much higher than R_{LIM2} resistance. Since $V_{VDD-to-VEE}$ is usually much higher than $V_{COM-to-VEE}$ especially in gate drive application, R_{LIM1} provides a high-resistance path for the internal charge switch to greatly reduce the switch current, so as to reduce the switching loss and conduction loss of the internal charge switch as well as the power loss of R_{LIM1} for higher efficiency. In addition, with a smaller charge current, the disturbance to $V_{VDD-to-VEE}$ ripple dipping effect at the charge switch turn-on instance will be minimized, so the total peak-to-peak ripple is reduced.

When the discharge switch turns on, the D_{LIM} provides a unidirectional path to divert most of the RLIM-pin current back to R_{LIM2} . This approach allows the RLIM regulator equipped with strong enough sinking capability to avoid the unbalanced current at COM-pin terminal from charging up $V_{COM-to-VEE}$ away from regulation band. Since $V_{COM-to-VEE}$ is lower than $V_{VDD-to-VEE}$ such as -5V respect to 25V as example, the power loss of the internal discharge switch and R_{LIM2} with larger switching current is less concern. On the contrary, if only one resistor is used to the RLIM pin, the resistor needs to design for worst case with lowest resistance to ensure $V_{COM-to-VEE}$ regulation, so the efficiency will be compromised. For example, the RDR circuitry with R_{LIM1} of 1k Ω and R_{LIM2} of 51 Ω can increase the converter efficiency 7% higher with 10mA load from VDD to COM and reduce the case temperature 10°C, compared with using one R_{LIM} of 51 Ω only.

Based on above, Case B is highly recommended as first choice in application. User can still use other three design cases for other considerations. The design calculator provides a generic calculation tool to help user optimize each. The equations are based on the below detail descriptions.

12.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Place ceramic decoupling capacitors as close as possible to the device pins. For the input supply, place the capacitors between pins 6 to 7 (VIN) and pins 8 to 9 (GNDP). For the isolated output supply, (VDD – VEE), place the capacitors between pins 28 to 29 (VDD) and pins 30 to 31 (VEE). For the isolated output supply, (COM – VEE), place an RLIM resistor between the RLIM pin and the gate driver COM supply input. Also place decoupling capacitors at the gate driver supply pins (VDD and COM) and at gate driver supply pins (COM and VEE) with values according to the following component calculation sections. These locations are of particular importance to all the decoupling capacitors because the capacitors supply the transient current associated with the fast switching waveforms of the power drive circuits. Ensure the capacitor dielectric material is compatible with the target application temperature.

12.2.2.1 Capacitor Selection

The UCC14241-Q1 device creates an isolated output VDD-VEE as its main output. The device also creates a second output COM-VEE, using VDD-VEE as its power source. Because both outputs are isolated from the input, and sharing VEE as the common reference point, the UCC14241-Q1 outputs can be configured as dual-output two-positive, dual-output two-negative, or dual-output one-positive and one-negative. UCC14241-Q1 output can also be used as a single positive output or single negative output.

When the module is configured as dual-output, one-positive output, one-negative output; it is very important to properly select the output capacitor ratios C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} to optimize the regulation and avoid causing an over-voltage or under-voltage fault.

Table 12-2. Calculated Capacitor Values

CAPACITOR	VALUE (μF)	NOTES
C_{IN}	10 + 0.1	Place a 10- μF and a 0.1- μF high-frequency decoupling capacitor in parallel close to VIN pins. A capacitance greater than 10 μF can be used to reduce the voltage ripple when the series impedance from the voltage source to the VIN pins is large.
C_{OUT1}	2.2+ 0.1	Add a 2.2- μF and a 0.1- μF capacitor for high-frequency decoupling of (VDD – VEE). Place close to the VDD and VEE pins. A capacitance greater than 2.2 μF can be used to reduce the output voltage ripple.
C_{OUT1B}	See below	Bulk charge, decoupling output capacitors are required to be located next to the gate driver pins. The C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} capacitance ratio is important to optimize the dual output voltage divider accuracy during charge or discharge switching cycles; while the C_{OUT1B} capacitor is used to minimize the total capacitance including C_{OUT1B} , C_{OUT2} , and C_{OUT3} capacitance values.
C_{OUT2}	See below	
C_{OUT3}	See below	

Output capacitor decoupling is important for optimal gate driver operation. Best high frequency decoupling can be achieved by reducing the parasitic impedance in the charge/discharge path. Using ceramic capacitors with low ESR and low ESL are important, as well as minimizing the trace impedance.

As described in [Figure 12-3](#), a decoupling capacitor C_{OUT1} is required at the $V_{VDD-VEE}$ output pins of the UCC14241-Q1 for high frequency decoupling. C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} however, are needed at the gate driver pins for $V_{VDD-COM}$ and $V_{VEE-COM}$ decoupling. The impedance between C_{OUT1} and the C_{OUT2}/C_{OUT3} combo prevents the C_{OUT1} from assisting the high frequency decoupling of the gate driver, requiring the C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} to take on the full load. The impedance may be contributed from the PCB traces, socket connections, EMI filters, or ferrite beads etc. This causes the C_{OUT2} and in particular the C_{OUT3} to get relatively large achieve a small voltage droop.

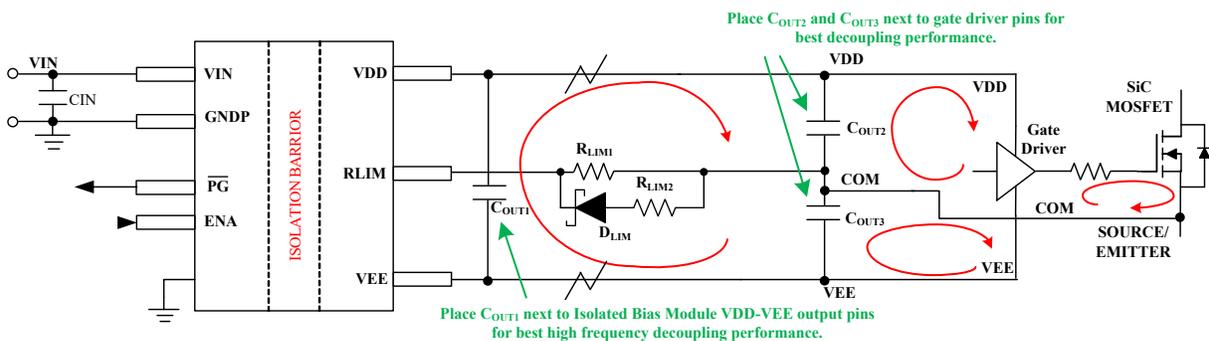


Figure 12-3. Dual Output Schematic with C_{OUT1} , C_{OUT2} , and C_{OUT3}

The required C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} capacitance can be reduced by introducing a C_{OUT1B} capacitor from $V_{VDD-VEE}$ at the gate driver pins next to C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} as shown in [Figure 12-4](#). The C_{OUT1B} assists with the decoupling total capacitance for both C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} ; thereby reducing the total capacitance ($C_{OUT1B} + C_{OUT2} + C_{OUT3}$) needed to achieve the desired voltage droop. [Figure 12-5](#) shows that as C_{OUT1B} is increased from “none” to higher C_{OUT1B} values, there is a significant reduction in C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} and reduction of the total net capacitance, until a point of diminishing returns is reached (a “knee” point) where any additional C_{OUT1B} will have a relatively small reduction of C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} , and starts more significantly increasing the total net

capacitance. The optimal C_{OUT1B} , C_{OUT2} , and C_{OUT3} at the minimum total net capacitance benefit both output capacitor size reduction and BOM cost reduction.

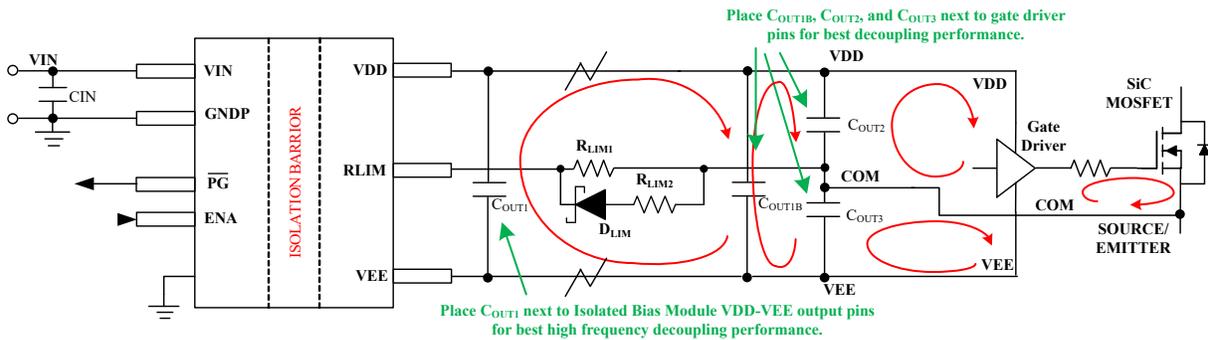


Figure 12-4. Dual Output Schematic with C_{out1} , C_{out1B} , C_{out2} , and C_{out3}

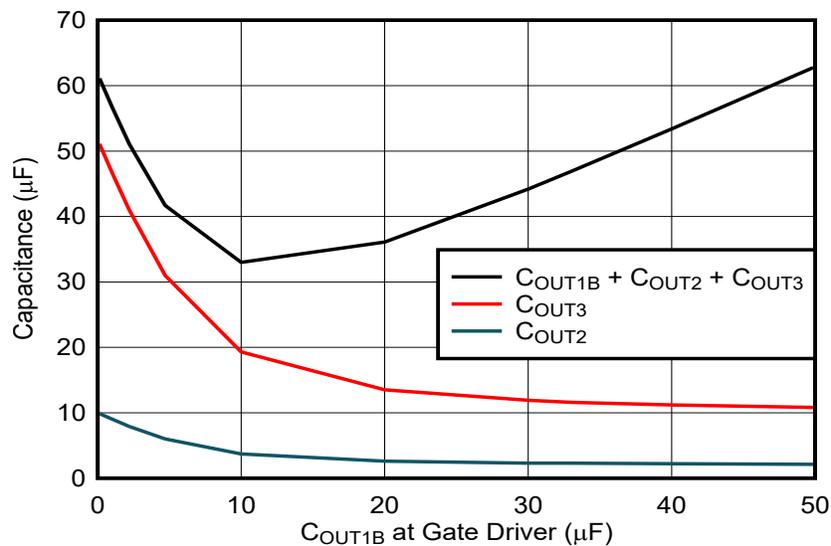


Figure 12-5. Output Capacitance variation with C_{out1B} selection

To calculate C_{OUT1B} , C_{OUT2} , and C_{OUT3} , we calculate the equivalent (VDD-COM) capacitance, which is equal to the series capacitance of C_{OUT1B} and C_{OUT3} in parallel with C_{OUT2} . This equivalent (VDD-VEE) capacitance will be sized to limit the predetermined (VDD-COM) discharge voltage drop when the power switch (SiC or IGBT) gate charge is turned-on.

$$C_{(VDD-COM)EQ} = \frac{C_{OUT1B} \times C_{OUT3}}{C_{OUT1B} + C_{OUT3}} + C_{OUT2} \quad (1)$$

Solving for acceptable voltage droop on $V_{VDD-COM}$ from the load transient, $\Delta V_{(VDD-COM)_{droop}}$,

$$C_{(VDD-COM)EQ} = \frac{Q_g}{\Delta V_{(VDD-COM)_{droop}}} \quad (2)$$

The C_{OUT2} over C_{OUT3} ratio is defined as a coefficient of K_{23} , which is the multiplication of a voltage divider ratio along with a ratio of differential current. The voltage divider ratio is from the series configuration of the two capacitors. The current divider ratio is calculated based on the charge current through the two capacitors. I_{MAX_POWER} is the maximum instantaneous current from the power module during the burst on-time, which can be obtained from dividing the maximum power on the datasheet SOA curve at T_A of 25°C by $V_{VDD-VEE}$. $I_{VDD-COM}$ is the total quiescent current between VDD and COM. For gate driver as example, $I_{VDD-VEE}$ is the current consumption without switching. $I_{COM-VEE}$ is the total quiescent current between COM and VEE. Based on KCL, the differential current charging up C_{OUT2} during the burst on-time is $(I_{MAX_POWER} - I_{VDD-COM})$, and the one charging up C_{OUT3} is $(I_{MAX_POWER} - I_{COM-VEE})$.

$$C_{OUT3} = C_{OUT2} \times K_{23} \quad (3)$$

where

$$K_{23} = \frac{V(VDD - COM) \times (I_{MAX_POWER} - I_{COM} - VEE)}{V(COM - VEE) \times (I_{MAX_POWER} - I_{VDD - COM})} \quad (4)$$

Next, plugging the above C_{OUT3} expression into the [Equation 1](#) we get

$$\frac{Q_g}{\Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop}} = \frac{C_{OUT1B} \times (C_{OUT2} \times K_{23})}{C_{OUT1B} + (C_{OUT2} \times K_{23})} + C_{OUT2} \quad (5)$$

The total decoupling capacitance close to the point of load (C_{OUT_Total}) is the summation of C_{OUT1B} , C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} . The goal is to find a smallest C_{OUT1B} to reduce C_{OUT_Total} to the minimum for BOM cost and footprint saving, while retaining the desired load transient performance. The optimal C_{OUT1B} can be calculated by solving the partial derivative of C_{OUT_Total} equal to 0.

$$\frac{dC_{OUT_Total}}{dC_{OUT1B}} = \frac{d}{dC_{OUT1B}}(C_{OUT1B} + C_{OUT2} + C_{OUT3}) = 0 \quad (6)$$

Including the above C_{OUT3} and C_{OUT2} expressions onto [Equation 6](#), the optimal C_{OUT1B} is derived as

$$C_{OUT1B} = \frac{K_{23} \times Q_g \times (K_{23}^3 + \sqrt{K_{23}^2 + K_{23} + 1} + K_{23}^2 \times \sqrt{K_{23}^2 + K_{23} + 1} - 1)}{\Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop} \times (K_{23} + 1)^2 \times (K_{23}^2 + K_{23} + 1)} \quad (7)$$

After that, solving [Equation 5](#) including [Equation 7](#), C_{OUT2} can be solved as

$$C_{OUT2} = \frac{K_{23} \times Q_g - (1 + K_{23}) \times C_{OUT1B} \times \Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop}}{2 \times K_{23} \times \Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop}} \quad (8)$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{C_{OUT1B}^2 \Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop}^2 (K_{23}^2 + 2K_{23} + 1) + 2C_{OUT1B} K_{23} Q_g \Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop} (1 - K_{23}) + K_{23}^2 Q_g^2}}{2 \times K_{23} \times \Delta V(VDD - COM)_{droop}}$$

Overall, the design procedure of the three decoupling capacitors starts with C_{OUT1B} calculation, followed by C_{OUT2} and then C_{OUT3} calculation. The final capacitor values will be used to calculate R_{LIM} , as described in the next section.

12.2.2.2 Single R_{LIM} Resistor Selection

The UCC14241-Q1 device creates an isolated output VDD-VEE as its main output. It also creates a second output COM-VEE, using VDD-VEE as its power source. Because both outputs are isolated from the input, and sharing VEE as the common reference point, the UCC14241-Q1 outputs can be configured as dual-output two-positive, dual-output two-negative, or dual-output one-positive and one-negative, as shown in Figure 12-6.

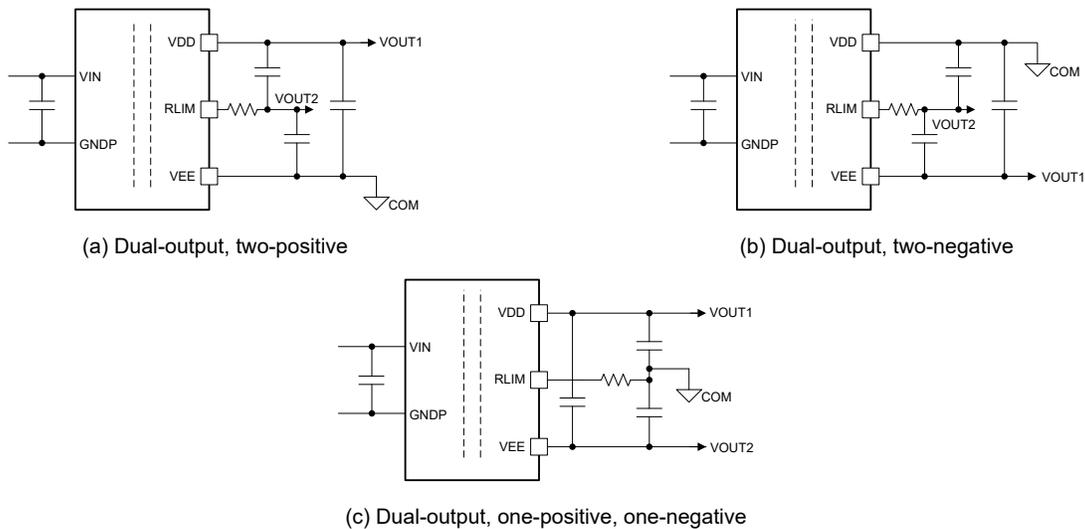


Figure 12-6. Dual output configurations

When the module is configured as dual-positive or dual-negative outputs, the R_{LIM} resistor is a true current limiting resistor. Set up the R_{LIM} resistor value as the maximum load current needed for V_{OUT2} , using Equation 9. I_{VOUT2_max} is the maximum load current for V_{OUT2} output.

$$R_{LIM} = \frac{V_{OUT2}}{I_{VOUT2_max}} - R_{LIM_INT} \quad (9)$$

R_{LIM_INT} is the internal switch resistance value of 30 Ω typical.

For isolated gate driver applications, one positive and one negative outputs are needed. In this case, VDD-VEE is the total output voltage, and the middle point becomes the reference point. Because the total voltage between VDD and VEE is always regulated through the FBVDD feedback, the R_{LIM} pin only must regulate the middle point voltage so that it can give the correct positive and negative voltages. The R_{LIM} control is achieved through FBVEE pin as described in COM-VEE Voltage Regulation.

Based on Capacitor Selection, when selecting the output capacitor ratio proportional to the voltage ratio, the capacitors form a voltage divider. The middle point voltage must naturally give the correct positive and negative voltages. At the same time, for the gate driver circuit, the gate charge pulled out from the positive rail capacitor during turn-on is fed back to the negative rail capacitor during turn-off, the two output rail load must always be balanced. However, due to the gate driver circuit quiescent current unbalancing, and the two-rail capacitance tolerances, the middle point voltage can move away with time. The R_{LIM} pin provides an opposite current to keep the middle point voltage at the correct level.

As illustrated in Figure 12-7 (a), without considering the gate charge, the gate driver circuit quiescent current loads the positive rail and negative rail differently. The net current shows up as a DC offset current to the middle point.

As illustrated in Figure 12-7 (b), every time the gate driver circuit turns-on the main power switch, it pulls the charge out of the positive and negative rail output capacitors. When the module power stage provides energy to the secondary side, refreshing those capacitors, the same charge is fed into both capacitors. If the capacitor values are perfect, the voltage rise in the capacitors will be proportional. The positive and negative voltages

would not change. However, due to the capacitor tolerances, the capacitor values are not perfectly matched. The voltages will rise at different ratios with the smaller capacitor rising faster. Over time, the middle point voltage, COM, would pull to a different value. A load across one of the capacitors will pull towards a voltage imbalance. The RLIM function counteract the voltage imbalance and bring the COM voltage back into regulation.

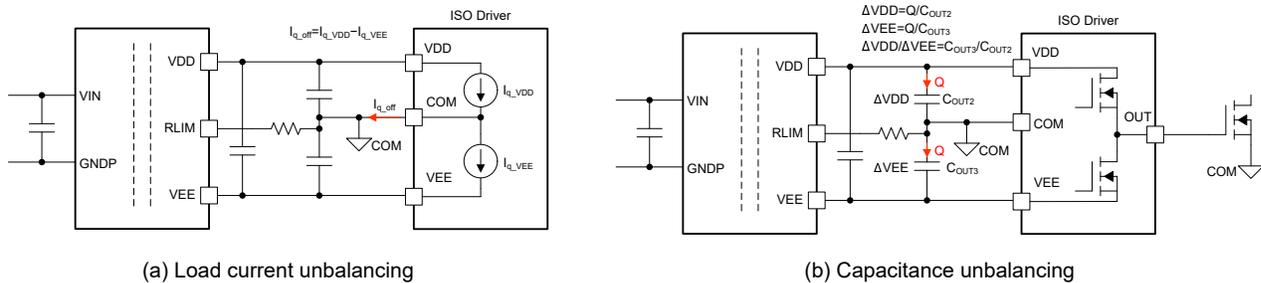


Figure 12-7. Source of voltage unbalancing

Considering these two effects, the R_{LIM} must provide enough current to compensate this offset current. The R_{LIM} must be low enough to provide enough current, but not too low otherwise the middle point voltage is corrected at each turn on and turn off edge of the gate driver and excessive power loss is generated.

The R_{LIM} resistor is chosen to provide enough current for the load using the following 3 equations, whichever has lowest value.

$$R_{LIM_MAX_H} = \frac{V_{VDD} - COM}{\left[\frac{C_{OUT3} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT3})}{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2}) + C_{OUT3} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT3})} - \frac{C_{OUT3}}{C_{OUT2} + C_{OUT3}} \right] \times Q_{G_Total} \times f_{SW} + \Delta I_{COM_SOURCE}} - R_{LIM_INT} \quad (10)$$

where

- Q_{G_Total} is the total gate charge of power switch.
- f_{SW} is the switching frequency of gate drive load.
- ΔI_{COM_SOURCE} = I_{COM-VEE} - I_{VDD-COM}, when I_{COM-VEE} > I_{VDD-COM}. Otherwise, ΔI_{COM_SOURCE} = 0A.

$$R_{LIM_MAX_L1} = \frac{V_{COM} - V_{EE}}{\left[\frac{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2})}{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2}) + C_{OUT3} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT3})} - \frac{C_{OUT2}}{C_{OUT2} + C_{OUT3}} \right] \times Q_{G_Total} \times f_{SW} + \Delta I_{COM_SINK}} - R_{LIM_INT} \quad (11)$$

where ΔI_{COM_SINK} = I_{VDD-COM} - I_{COM-VEE}, when I_{COM-VEE} < I_{VDD-COM}. Otherwise, ΔI_{COM_SINK} = 0A.

$$R_{LIM_MAX_L2} = \frac{V_{COM} - V_{EE}}{\left[(C_{OUT3} + TOLERANCE_{COUT3}) \times \frac{0.10 \times V_{COM} - V_{EE}}{3 \text{ ms}} \right] + \Delta I_{COM_SINK}} - R_{LIM_INT} \quad (12)$$

Select R_{LIM} value to be the lowest of either 1) the R_{LIM} needed for capacitor imbalance and the load, calculated by R_{LIM_MAX_H} and R_{LIM_MAX_L1}, or 2) the R_{LIM} needed to respond to a V_{COM-VEE} transient within 3 ms with the given load current, calculated by R_{LIM_MAX_L2}.

R_{LIM} value determines response time of (COM – VEE) regulation. Too low an R_{LIM} value can cause oscillation and can overload (VDD – VEE). Too high an R_{LIM} value can give offset errors, due to slow response. If R_{LIM} is greater than above calculations, then there is not enough current available to replenish the charge to the output capacitors, causing a charge imbalance where the voltage is not able to maintain regulation, and eventually exceeds the OVP or UVP FAULT thresholds and shutting down the device for protection. Choose R_{LIM} value to be close but smaller than the smallest value of the three calculated results.

The power loss of R_{LIM} can be derived as

$$P_{RLIM} = \frac{V_{VDD} - COM^2}{R_{LIM}} \text{Duty}_{RLIM} + \left(\left[\frac{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2})}{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2}) + C_{OUT3} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT3})} - \frac{C_{OUT2}}{C_{OUT2} + C_{OUT3}} \right] \times Q_{G_Total} \times f_{SW} + \Delta I_{COM_SINK} \right)^2 \times R_{LIM} \quad (13)$$

where Duty_{RLIM} is the duty cycle of RLIM-pin switch on-time respect to the switching cycle. 33% can be used as a reasonable rule of thumb for power loss calculation purpose.

12.2.2.3 RDR Circuit Component Selection

R_{LIM1} value is chosen by

$$R_{LIM1} = \frac{(V_{VDD} - V_{VEE} - V_{COM} - V_{VEE})}{\left(C_{OUT3} \times (1 + \Delta C_{OUT3_POS}) \times \left(\frac{0.1 \times V_{COM} - V_{VEE}}{0.003} \right) + \Delta I_{COM_SOURCE} \right)} - R_{LIM_INT} \quad (14)$$

where

$\Delta I_{COM_SOURCE} = I_{COM_VEE} - I_{VDD_COM}$, when $I_{COM_VEE} > I_{VDD_COM}$. Otherwise, $\Delta I_{COM_SOURCE} = 0A$

When the calculated R_{LIM1} value is higher than $3k\Omega$, we suggest to use a $3k\Omega$ resistor for R_{LIM1} . The reason is that the extra power loss saving with a $>3k\Omega$ resistor is very limited, and a maximum $3k\Omega$ resistor is recommended to reserve enough sourcing capability through R_{LIM1} for transient event.

R_{LIM2} value is chosen by

$$R_{LIM2} = \frac{V_{COM} - V_{VEE} - 0.5}{V_{COM} - V_{VEE} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{R_{LIM_MAX_L}} - \frac{1}{R_{LIM_MAX_H}} \right)} \quad (15)$$

where $R_{LIM_MAX_L}$ is the smallest value between $R_{LIM_MAX_L1}$ and $R_{LIM_MAX_L2}$ in the Single R_{LIM} Resistor Selection Section, and $0.5V$ represents the diode forward voltage drop of D_{LIM} .

When the calculated R_{LIM1} and R_{LIM2} values have large enough difference, the RDR improvement on efficiency will be significant. If R_{LIM1} and R_{LIM2} values are close, then single R_{LIM} resistor can be considered to reduce the external components.

The power loss of R_{LIM1} can be derived as

$$P_{RLIM1} = \frac{V_{VDD} - COM^2}{R_{LIM1}} Duty_{RLIM} + \left(I_{SINK} \times \frac{V_{COM} - V_{VEE} \times R_{LIM2}}{V_{COM} - V_{VEE} \times R_{LIM2} + (V_{COM} - V_{VEE} - 0.5) \times R_{LIM1}} \right)^2 \times R_{LIM1} \quad (16)$$

where

$$I_{SINK} = \left[\frac{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2})}{C_{OUT2} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT2}) + C_{OUT3} \times (1 - \Delta C_{OUT3})} - \frac{C_{OUT2}}{C_{OUT2} + C_{OUT3}} \right] \times Q_{GTotal} \times f_{SW} + \Delta I_{COM_SINK} \quad (17)$$

The power loss of R_{LIM2} can be approximated as

$$P_{RLIM2} = \left(I_{SINK} \times \frac{(V_{COM} - V_{VEE} - 0.5) \times R_{LIM1}}{V_{COM} - V_{VEE} \times R_{LIM2} + (V_{COM} - V_{VEE} - 0.5) \times R_{LIM1}} \right)^2 \times R_{LIM2} \quad (18)$$

The maximum voltage rating of diode D_{LIM} needs to consider the highest $V_{VDD-to-VEE}$. The maximum current rating of D_{LIM} can be chosen based on the derating from the worst-case continuous current, $(V_{COM-to-VEE} - V_{F_DLIM}) / R_{LIM2}$, where V_{F_DLIM} is the forward voltage of D_{LIM} . The diode package size is determined based on the power loss in forward conduction, $P_{Loss_DLIM} = V_{F_DLIM} \times ((V_{COM-to-VEE} - V_{F_DLIM}) / R_{LIM2})$. A Schottky diode is recommended to reduce the power loss.

12.2.2.4 Feedback Resistors Selection

V_{VDD-VEE} Regulation

The V_{VDD-VEE} output voltage is regulated by sensing with a feedback resistor divider, where a resistor from VDD to VEE (R_{FBVDD_VDD}) and a resistor from COM to VEE (R_{FBVDD_VEE}) are used so that FBVDD = 2.5V

Use 0.1% resistors for the highest accuracy. External resistor divider will help to cancel the temperature coefficient of the resistors. We can set resistor R_{FBVDD_VEE} = 10k ohm, then calculate for resistor R_{FBVDD_VDD} using the following equation.

$$R_{FBVDD_VDD} = \frac{(V_{VDD} - V_{VEE} - V_{FBVEE}) \times R_{FBVDD_VEE}}{V_{FBVDD}} \quad (19)$$

A 330pF ceramic capacitor, C_{FBVDD}, must be connected from FBVDD to VEE to filter high frequency switching noise. This capacitor should be in parallel to the R_{FBVDD_VEE} resistor.

V_{COM-VEE} Regulation

Similarly, in dual output applications, the V_{COM-VEE} voltage can be regulated by sensing the output voltage with a resistor divider; however there are three different feedback resistor configurations depending on whether regulation voltage desired is greater-than 2.5V, or equal-to 2.5V, or less-than 2.5V. For all three configurations, a 330pF ceramic capacitor must be connected from FBVEE to VEE to filter high frequency switching noise.

V_{COM-VEE} > 2.5V: When the V_{COM-VEE} regulation voltage is greater-than 2.5V, the resistors R_{FBVEE_COM} and R_{FBVEE_VEE} are connected as shown in figure below (Dual output application schematic configured for V_{COM_VEE} regulation > 2.5V) between COM and VEE. Letting R_{FBVEE_COM} = 10k ohms, we can calculate R_{FBVEE_VEE} with the following equation.

$$R_{FBVEE_COM} = \frac{(V_{COM} - V_{VEE} - V_{FBVEE}) \times R_{FBVEE_VEE}}{V_{FBVEE}} \quad (20)$$

Connect a 330pF ceramic capacitor, C_{FBVEE}, from FBVEE to VEE for filtering high frequency switching noise.

V_{COM-VEE} = 2.5V: When the V_{COM-VEE} regulation voltage is equal-to 2.5V, only a single resistor, R_{FBVEE_COM} is needed connected from COM to FBVEE as shown in figure below (Dual output application schematic configured for V_{COM_VEE} regulation = 2.5V). Select R_{FBVEE_COM} = 10k ohms. This sets the corner frequency for the high frequency filter with the 330pF capacitor, C_{FBVEE}, connected from FBVEE to VEE.

V_{COM-VEE} < 2.5V: When the V_{COM-VEE} regulation voltage is less-than 2.5V, the resistors R_{FBVEE_COM} and R_{FBVEE_VDD} are connected as shown in figure below (Dual output application schematic configured for V_{COM_VEE} regulation > 2.5V) between VDD and COM. Letting R_{FBVEE_COM} = 10k ohms, we can calculate R_{FBVEE_VDD} with the following equation.

$$R_{FBVEE_COM} = \frac{(V_{FBVEE} - V_{COM} - V_{VEE}) \times R_{FBVEE_VDD}}{(V_{VDD} - V_{VEE} - V_{FBVEE})} \quad (21)$$

Connect a 330pF ceramic capacitor, C_{FBVEE}, from FBVEE to VEE to filter high frequency switching noise.

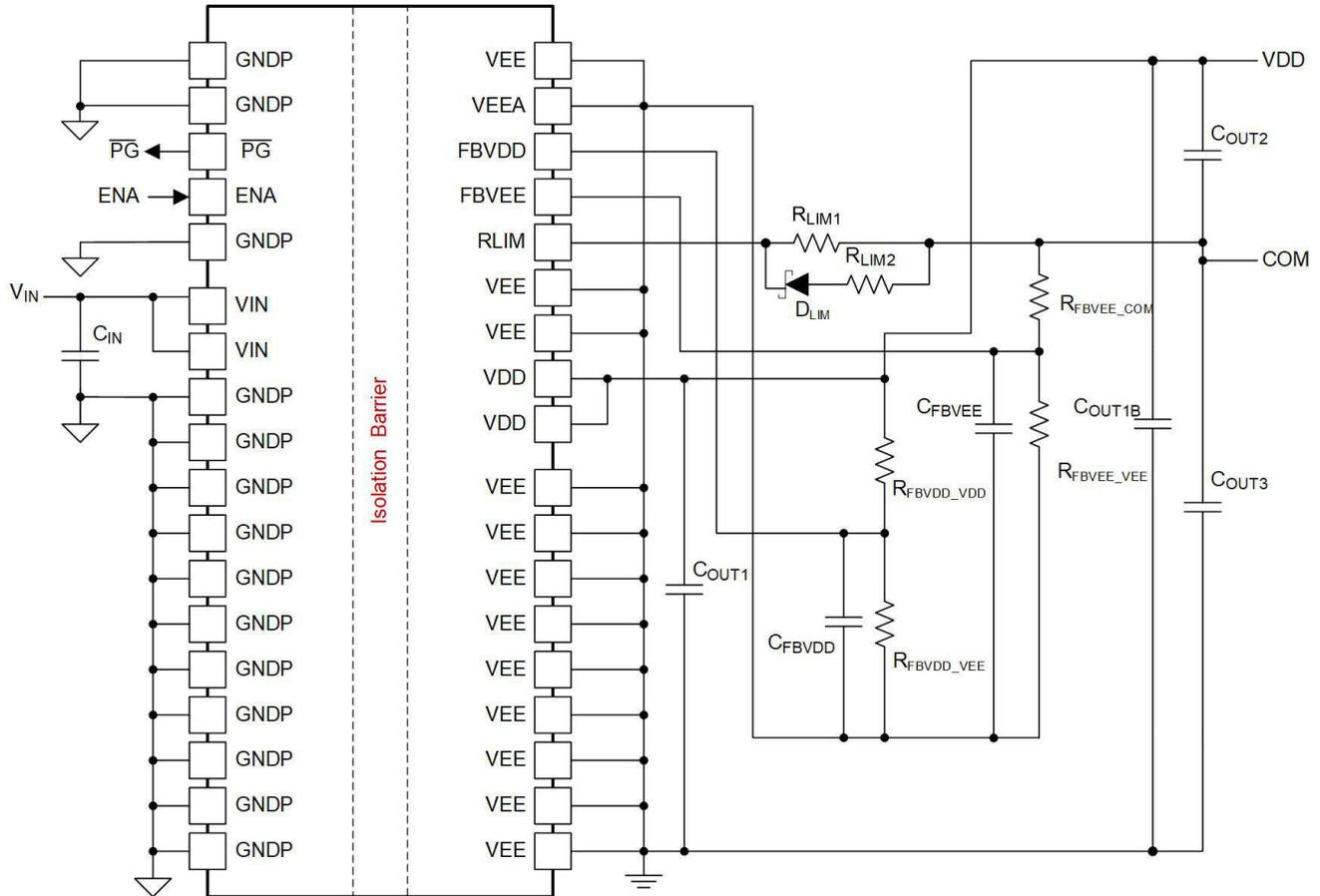


Figure 12-8. Dual output application schematic configured for V_{COM_VEE} regulation > 2.5V

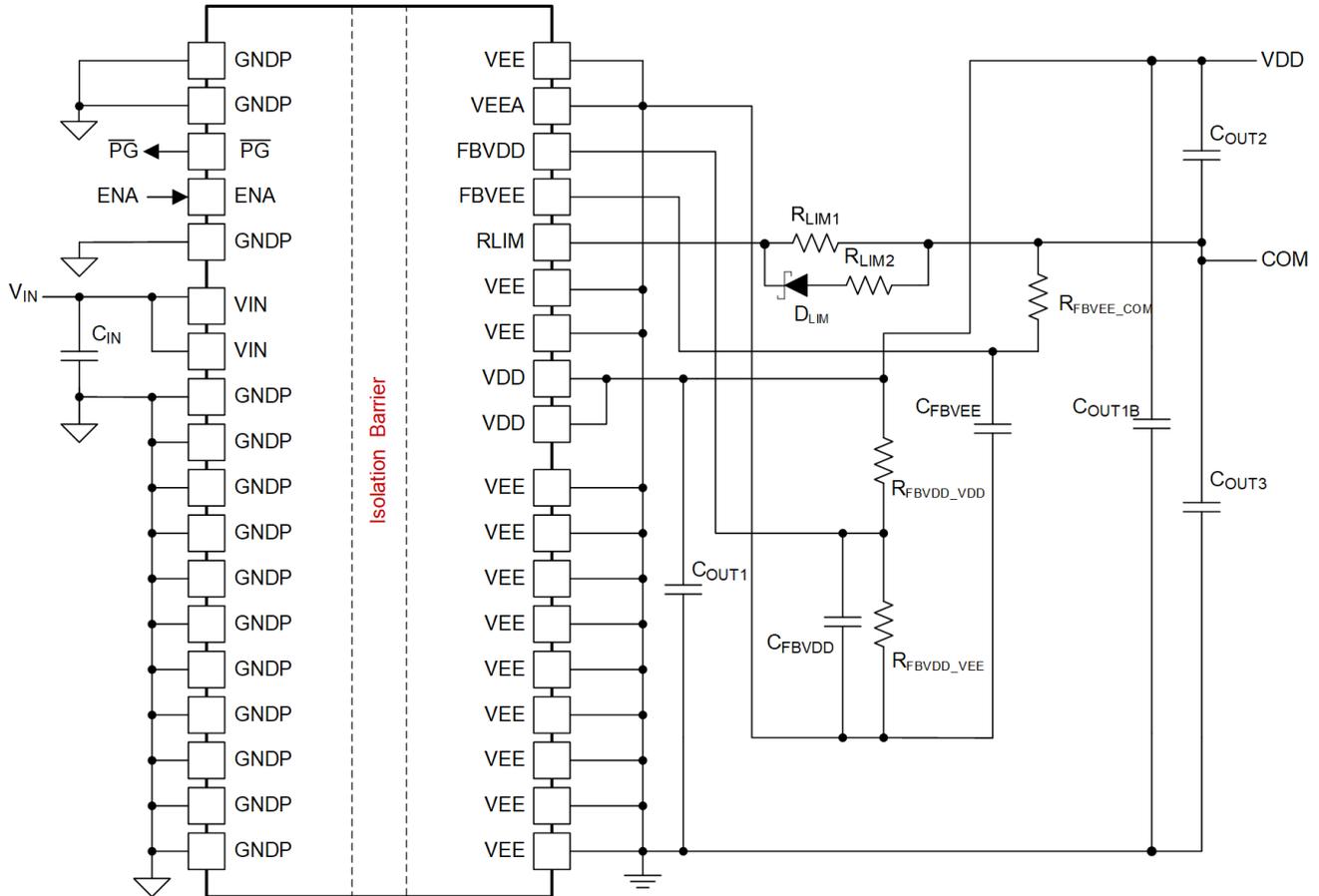


Figure 12-9. Dual output application schematic configured for V_{COM_VEE} regulation = 2.5V

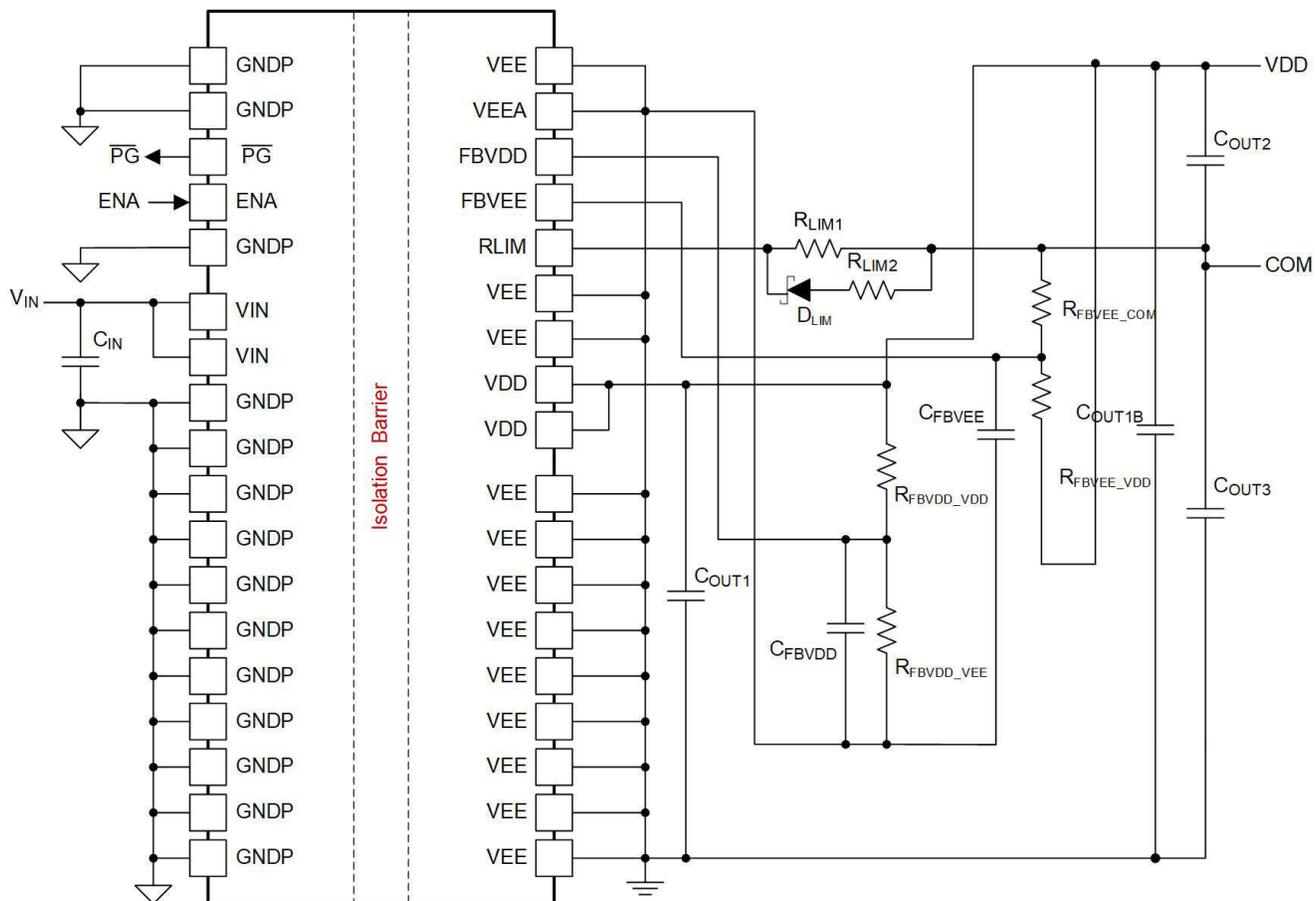


Figure 12-10. Dual output application schematic configured for V_{COM_VEE} regulation < 2.5V

12.2.3 Application Curves

The [PMP23223](#) is a reference design that pairs the complementary UCC14240-Q1 isolated DC/DC power module with the UCC21732-Q1 isolated gate driver for a SiC power MOSFET or IGBT power module. The following waveforms show the controlled soft start for both positive and negative rails. Also shown, is the fast and highly accurate voltage regulation during gate driver switching from 1 kHz to 35 kHz. See [PMP23223](#) reference design test report for more details.

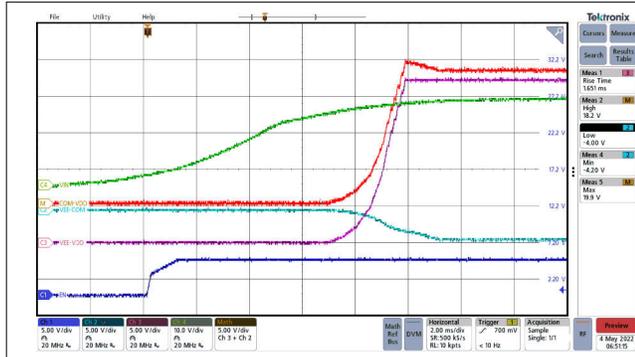


Figure 12-11. Power-Up Sequence.

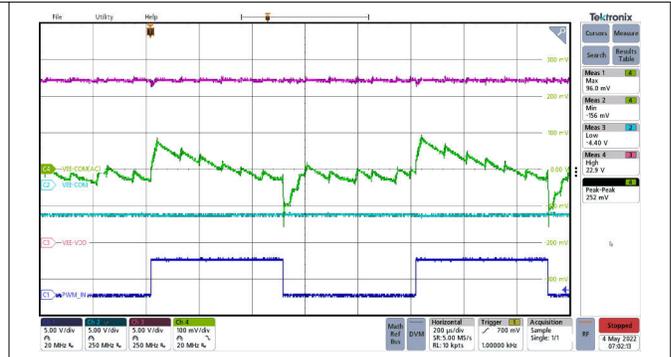


Figure 12-12. Ripple voltage: VEE-COM Switching 100-nF Load at 1 kHz.

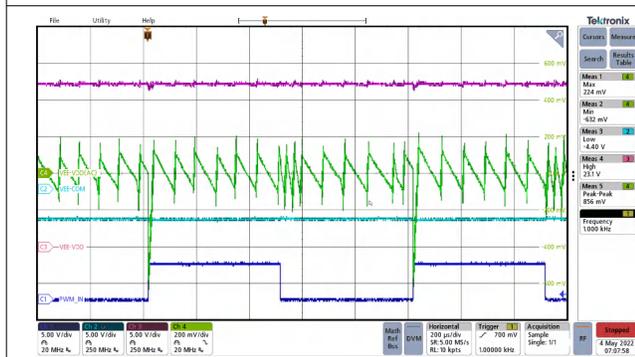


Figure 12-13. Ripple voltage: VDD-VEE Switching 100-nF Load at 1 kHz.

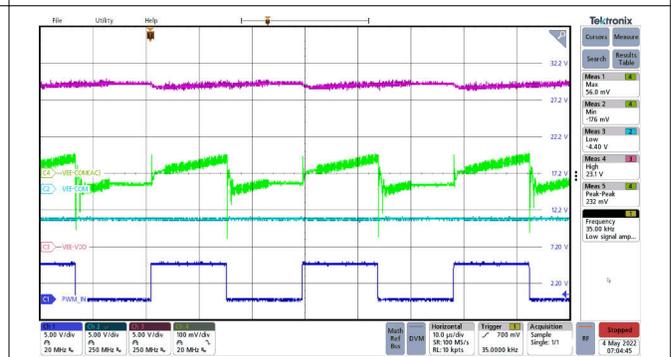


Figure 12-14. Ripple voltage: VEE-COM Switching 100-nF Load at 35 kHz.

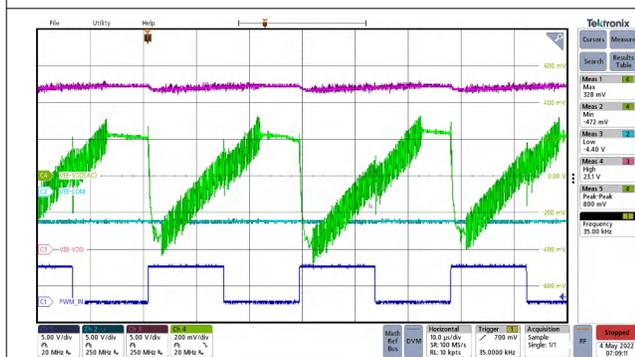


Figure 12-15. Ripple voltage: VDD-VEE Switching 100-nF Load at 35 kHz.

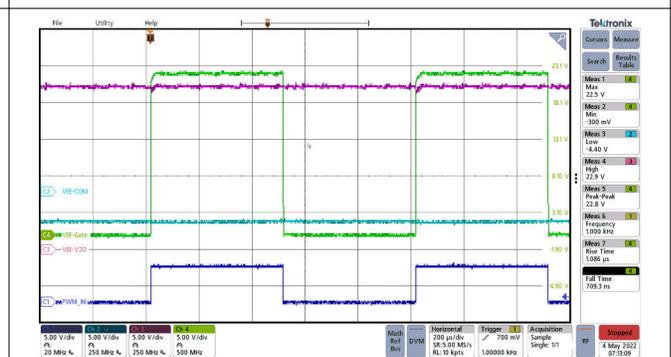
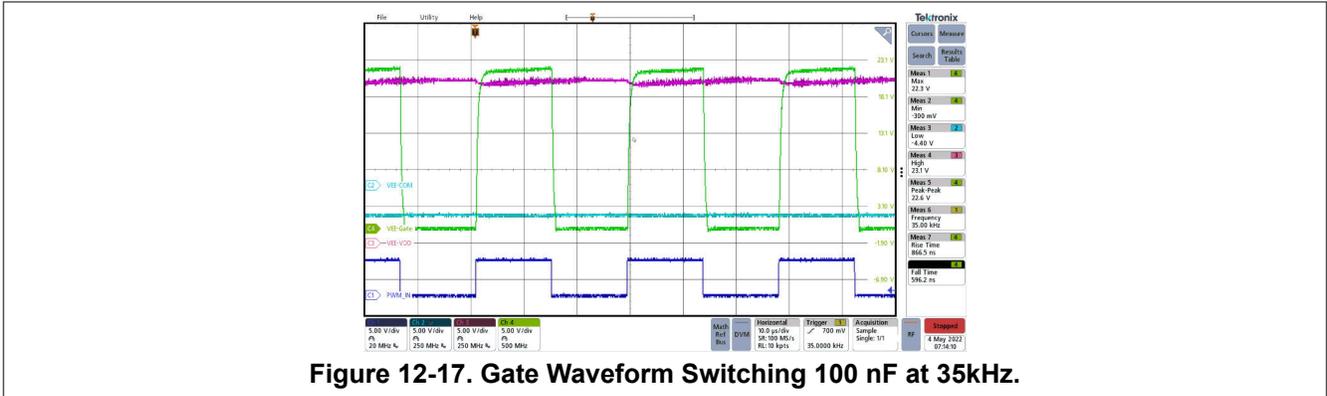


Figure 12-16. Gate Waveform Switching 100 nF at 1 kHz.



12.3 System Examples

The UCC14241-Q1 module is designed to allow a microcontroller host to enable it with the ENA pin for proper system sequencing. The /PG output also allows the host to monitor the status of the module. The /PG pin goes low when there are no faults and the output voltage is within $\pm 10\%$ of the set target output voltage. The output voltage is meant to power a gate driver for either IGBT or SiC FET power device. The host can start sending PWM control to the gate driver after the /PG pin goes low to ensure proper sequencing. Shown below is the system diagram for the dual-output configuration and a system diagram for the single output configuration.

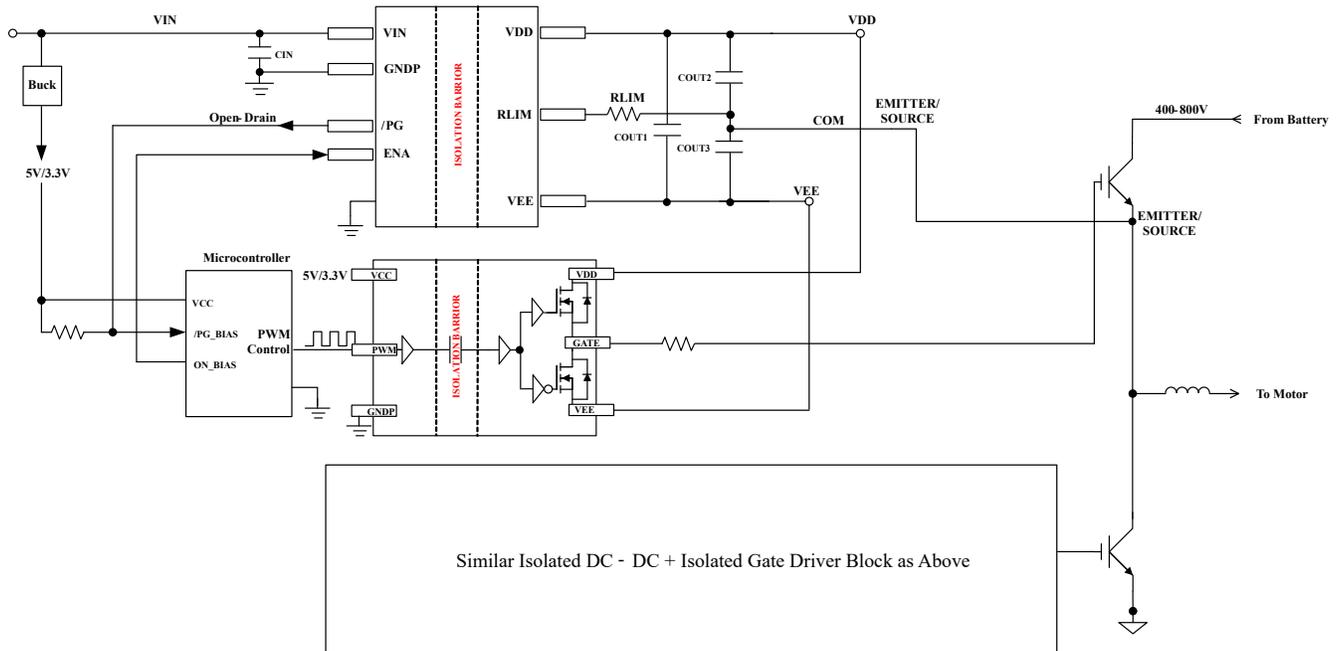


Figure 12-18. Dual Output System Configuration

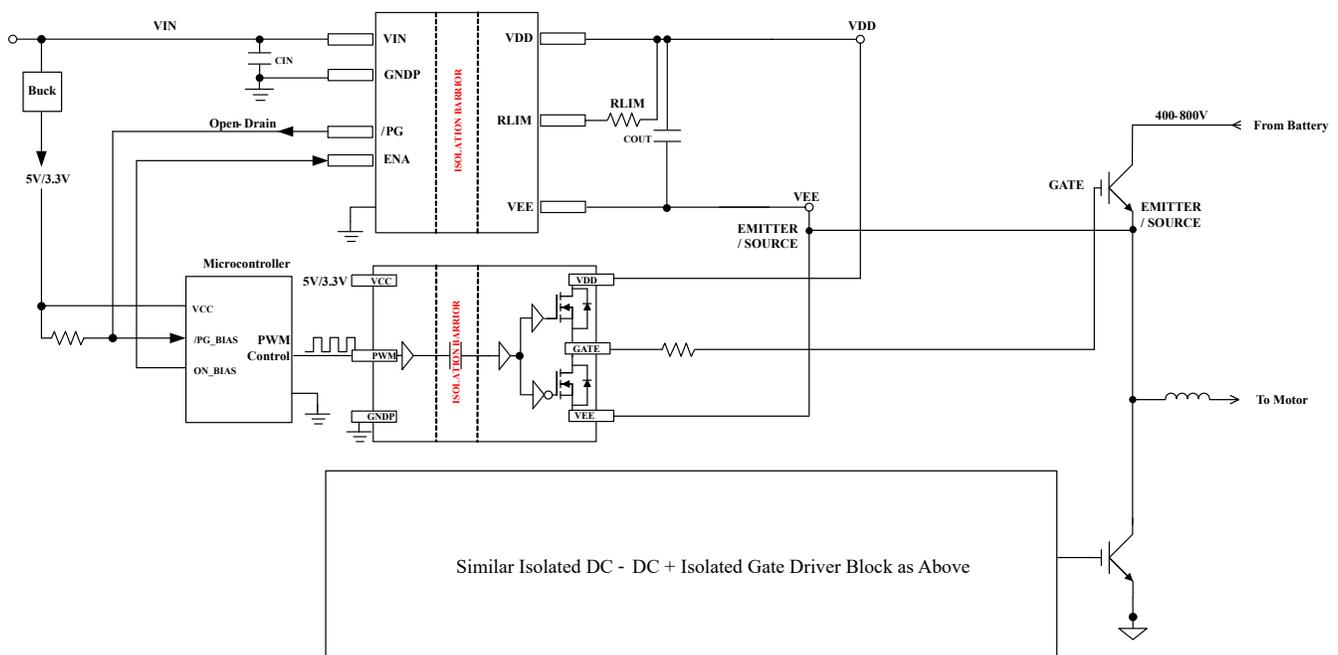


Figure 12-19. Single Output System Configuration

12.4 Power Supply Recommendations

The recommended input supply voltage (V_{VIN}) for UCC14241-Q1 is between 21 V and 27 V. To help ensure reliable operation, adequate decoupling capacitors must be located as close to supply pins as possible. Local bypass capacitors must be placed between the VIN and GNDP pins at the input; between VDD and VEE at the isolated output supply; and COM and VEE at the lower voltage output supply. TI recommends low ESR, ceramic surface mount capacitors. Table 12-2 provides the recommended capacitance for high frequency decoupling. The input supply must have an appropriate current rating to support output load required by the end application.

12.5 Layout

12.5.1 Layout Guidelines

The UCC14241-Q1 integrated isolated power solution simplifies system design and reduces board area usage. The UCC15241-Q1 does not have a dedicated EVM; however, the UCC15241-Q1 can be placed on the UCC14240EVM-052, and the same layout guidelines should be used since they have the same pinout and functionality (there is a maximum power difference). Follow these guidelines for proper PCB layout to achieve optimum performance. A minimum of 4-layer PCB layer stack using 2-ounce copper on external layers is recommended to accomplish a good thermal PCB design.

1. Input capacitors:

- a. Place the 0.1- μ F high frequency bypass capacitor (C14) as close as possible to pins 6, 7 (VIN) and pins 8–18 (GNDP) and on the same side of the PCB as the IC. 0402 ceramic SMD or smaller is a desired size for optimal placement. Do not place any vias between the bypass capacitor and the IC pins so as to force the high frequency current through the capacitor.
- b. Place the bulk VIN capacitor(s) (C12, C13) as close as possible and parallel to the 0.1 μ F high frequency bypass capacitor (C14) and on the same side of the PCB as the IC.

The capacitors between pin 6 (analog VIN) and pins 1, 2, and 5 (analog GNDP) are optional and recommended.

2. Output capacitors:

- a. Place the 0.1- μ F high frequency bypass capacitor (C7) as close as possible to pins 28, 29 (VDD) and pins 30, 31 (VEE) and on the same side of the PCB as the IC. 0402 ceramic SMD or smaller is a desired size for optimal placement. Do not place any vias between the bypass capacitor and the IC pins so as to force the high frequency current through the capacitor.
- b. Place the bulk VDD-VEE capacitor (C8) as close as possible and parallel to the 0.1- μ F high frequency bypass capacitor (C7) and on the same side of the PCB as the IC.

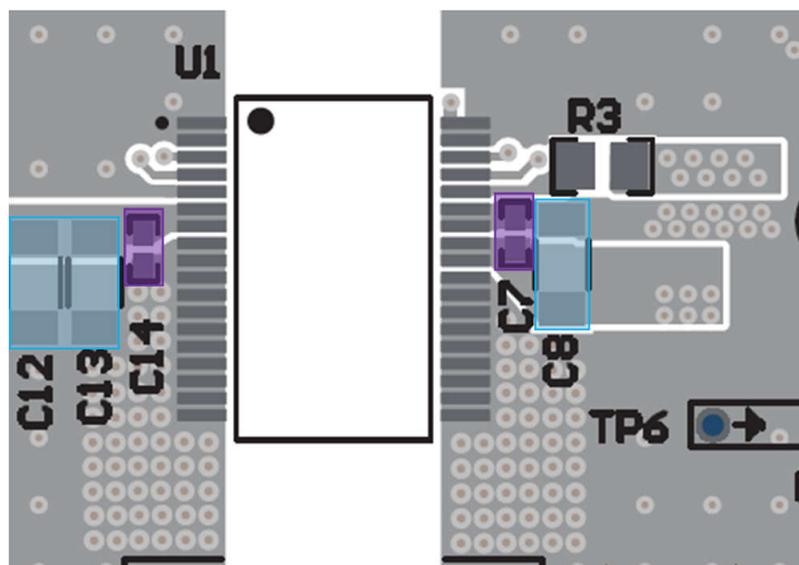


Figure 12-20.

3. Gate driver output capacitors: C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} are reference designators referred to in the Excel calculator tool. C_{OUT2} is the capacitor(s) between VDD-COM and C_{OUT3} is the capacitor(s) between COM-VEE. C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} are capacitors required by the gate driver IC. Proper selection and component placement of C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} are critical for optimal performance of the UCC14241-Q1 and the gate driver IC.
 - a. C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} should be placed next to the gate driver IC for best decoupling and gate driver switching performance
 - b. Adding a C_{OUT1B} between VDD-VEE but placed at the gate driver in parallel with C_{OUT2} and C_{OUT3} will reduce the total capacitance needed and reduce the sensitivity to capacitor variation, and will allow to use a higher R_{LIM} resistance value.
4. R_{LIM} : Place R_{LIM} (R3) close to pin 32 and between the COM midpoint of the output capacitive divider. The via pattern shown to the right of R3 connects to COM.

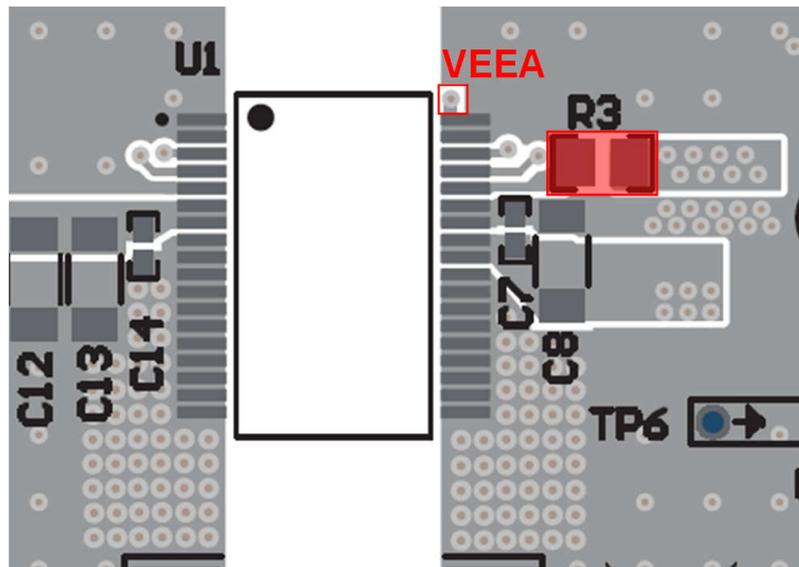


Figure 12-21.

5. Feedback:
 - a. VEEA (pin 35) should be isolated through all PCB layers, from the VEE plane as shown in the red box below. Use one via to make a direct connection to the FBVDD and FBVEE low-side resistors and capacitors (C15-16, R6-7), shown on the bottom side of the PCB.
 - b. Place feedback resistors (R4-7) and 330-pF ceramic capacitor in parallel with low-side resistors (R6-7) close to the IC preferably on the opposite side of IC (as shown in EVM), or on same layer as IC near pin 36.
 - c. The top-side feedback resistor should be placed next to the low-side resistor with a short, direct connection between both resistors and single connection to FBVDD. The top connection to sense the regulated rail (VDD-VEE) should be routed and connected at the VDD bias capacitor remote location near the gate driver pins for best accuracy and best transient response.
 - d. The top-side feedback resistor should be placed next to the low-side resistor with a short, direct connection between both resistors and single connection to FBVEE; while the top connection to sense the regulated rail (COM-VEE) should be routed and connected at the COM bias capacitor remote location near the gate driver pins for best accuracy and best transient response.

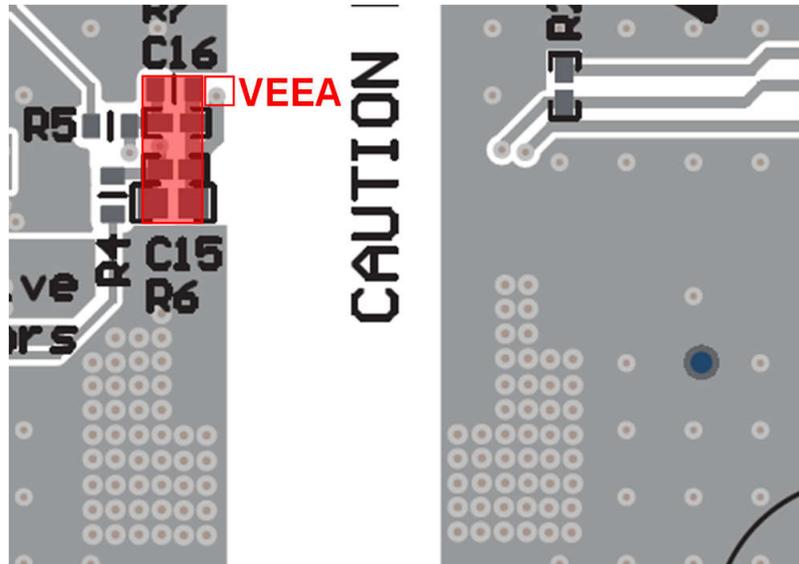


Figure 12-22.

6. Thermal Vias: The UCC14241-Q1 internal transformer makes a direct connection to the lead frame. It is therefore critical to provide adequate space and proper heatsinking designed into the PCB as outlined in the steps below.
 - a. TI recommends to connect the VIN, GNDP, VDD, and VEE pins to internal ground or power planes through multiple vias. Alternatively, make the polygons connected to these pins as wide as possible.
 - b. Use multiple thermal vias connecting PCB top side GNDP copper to bottom side GNDP copper. If possible, it is recommended to use 2-ounce copper on external top and bottom PCB layers.
 - c. Use multiple thermal vias connecting PCB top side VEE copper to bottom side VEE copper. If possible, it is recommended to use 2-ounce copper on external top and bottom PCB layers.
 - d. Thermal vias connecting top and bottom copper can also connect to internal copper layers for further improved heat extraction.
 - e. Thermal vias should be similar to pattern shown below but apply as many as the copper area will allow. The [UCC14240EVM-052](#) uses thermal via arrays of approximately 220 mil x 350 mil (48 thermal vias on GNDP primary and 54 thermal vias on VEE secondary). Thermal via is 30 mil diameter, 12 mil hole size.

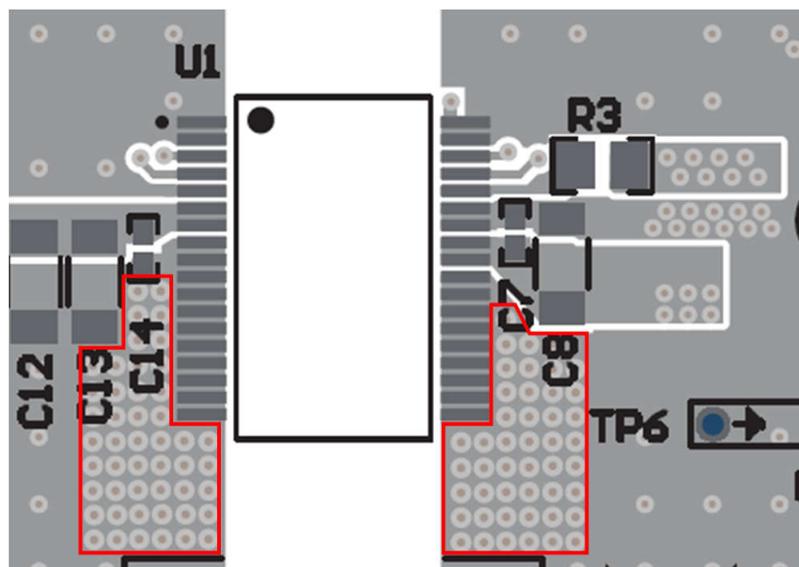


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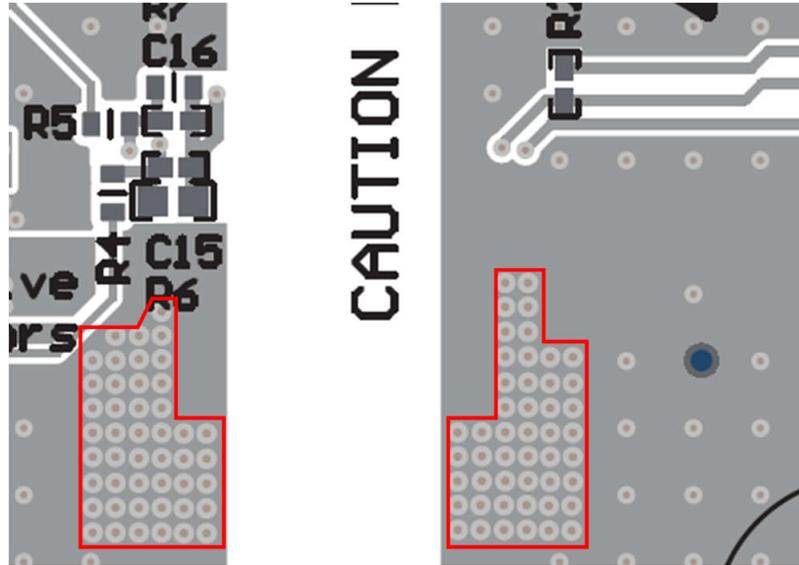


Figure 12-24.

- f. As seen in [Figure 12-25](#), there is a point of diminishing return, regarding the number of vias and size of the thermal via array. For 1.5-W of output power, heat transfer is shown to quickly diminish just beyond C12 and C8. The distance from the inner pad line of U1 to C12 is 320 mils.

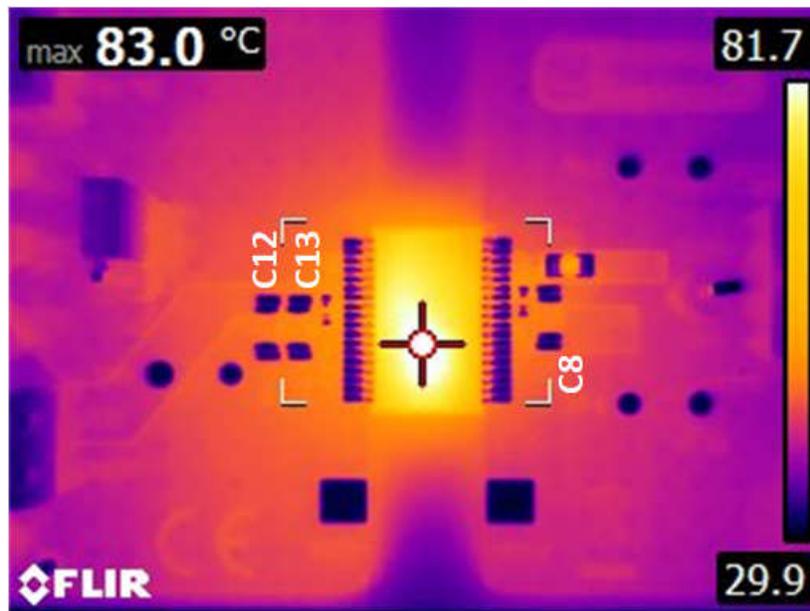


Figure 12-25. Thermal Image

- 7. Creepage clearance: Avoid routing copper under the UCC14241-Q1, to maintain the full creepage, clearance and reinforced voltage isolation ratings specified in the data sheet. Maintain the clearance width highlighted in red, throughout the entire defined isolation barrier.

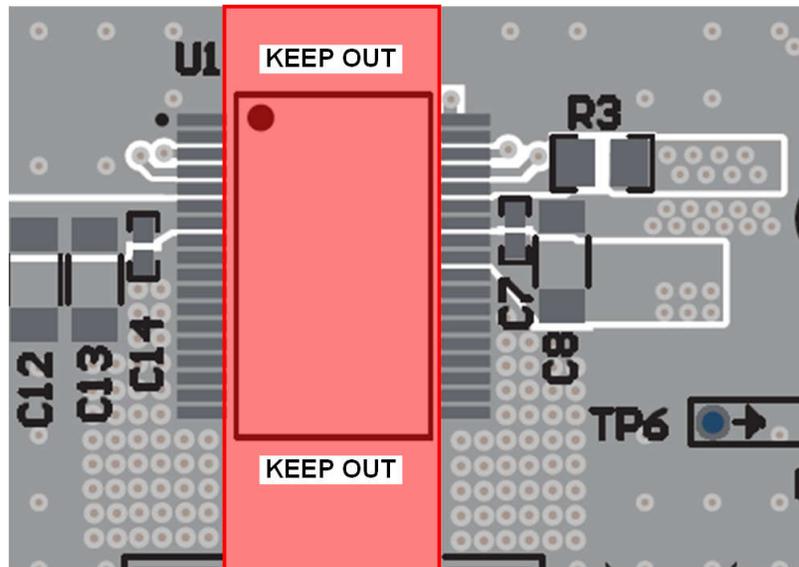


Figure 12-26.

8. Gate driver capacitors and feedback routing:
 - a. VDD-COM and VEE-COM capacitors are populated on the [UCC142401EVM-052](#) but these capacitors need to be placed as close to the associated gate driver pins as possible.
 - b. For optimal voltage regulation, the feedback trace from COM (COM FB) and VDD (VDD FB) should be as direct as possible so that the voltage feedback is being sensed directly at the VDD and COM capacitors near the gate driver IC.

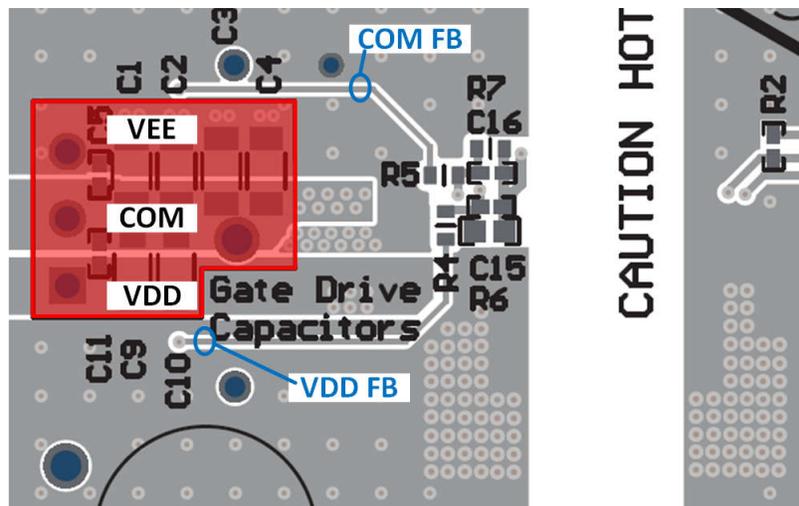


Figure 12-27.

12.5.2 Layout Example

The layout example shown in the following figures is from the evaluation board [UCC14240EVM-052EVM](#), [UCC14240EVM-052](#), and based on the [Figure 12-1](#) design.

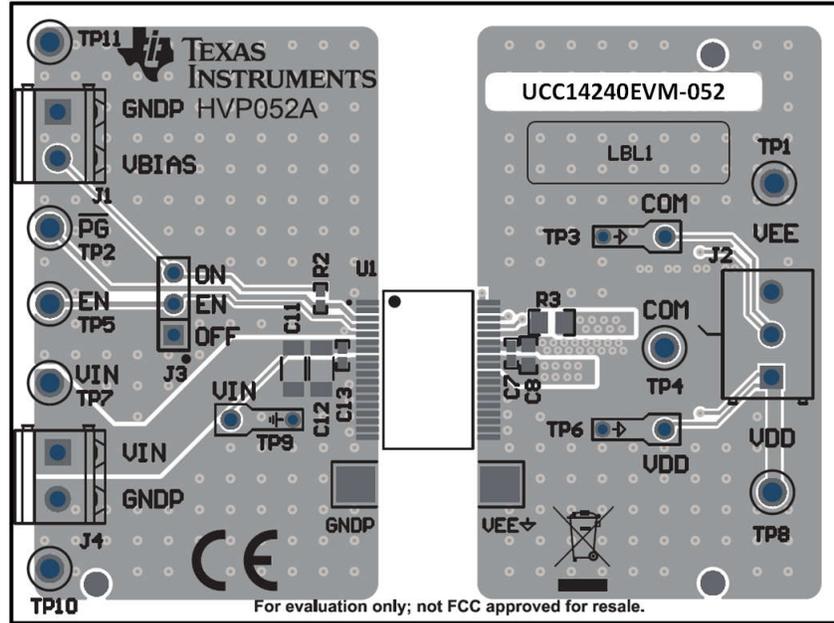


Figure 12-28. UCC14240EVM-052EVM, PCB Top Layer, Assembly (same EVM used as UCC14240-Q1)

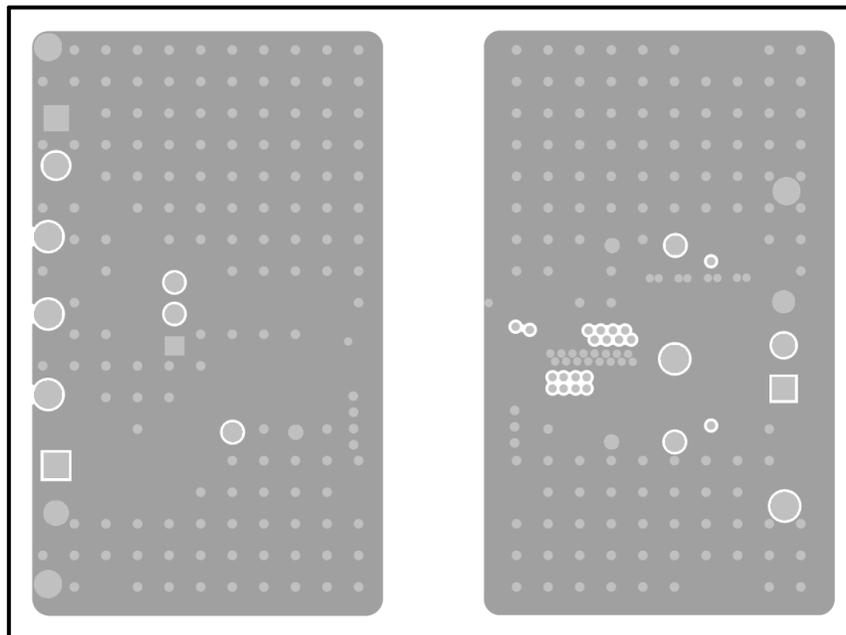


Figure 12-29. UCC14240EVM-052EVM, Signal Layer 2 (Same as Layer 3)

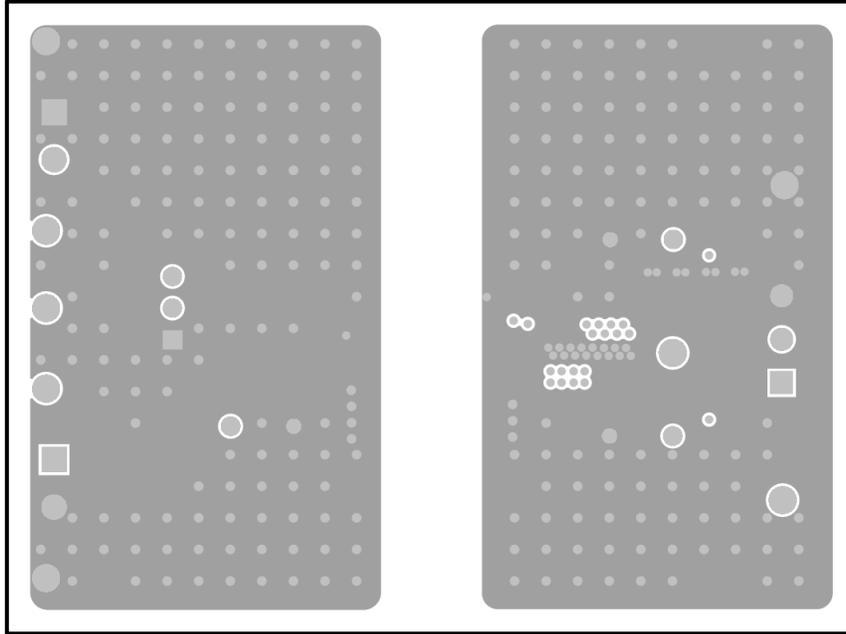


Figure 12-30. UCC14240EVM-052EVM, Signal Layer 3 (Same as Layer 2)

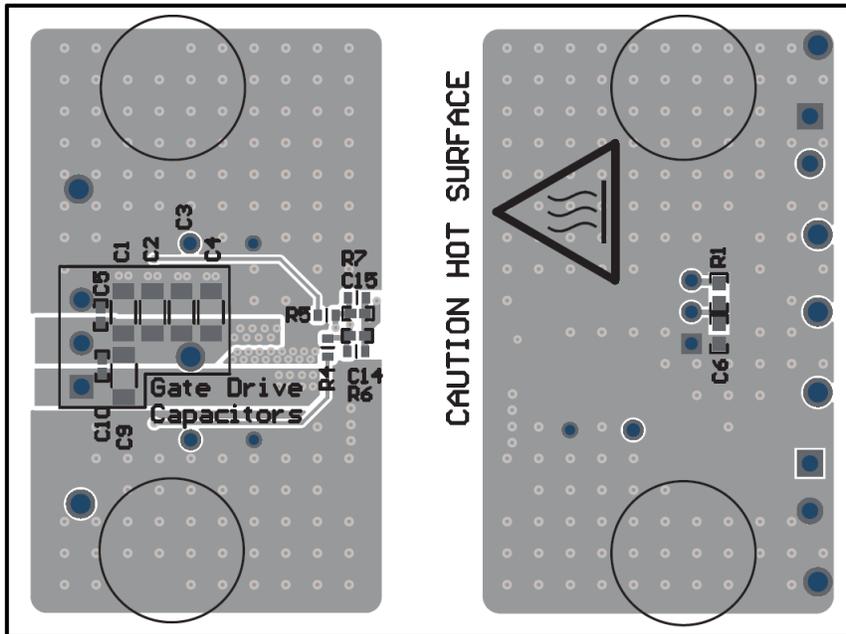


Figure 12-31. UCC14240EVM-052EVM, PCB Bottom Layer, Assembly (Mirrored View)

13 Device and Documentation Support

13.1 Documentation Support

13.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [Using the UCC14240EVM-052 for Biasing Traction Inverter Gate Driver ICs Requiring Single, Positive or Dual, Positive/Negative Bias Power user's guide](#)
- Texas Instruments, [Isolation Glossary](#)

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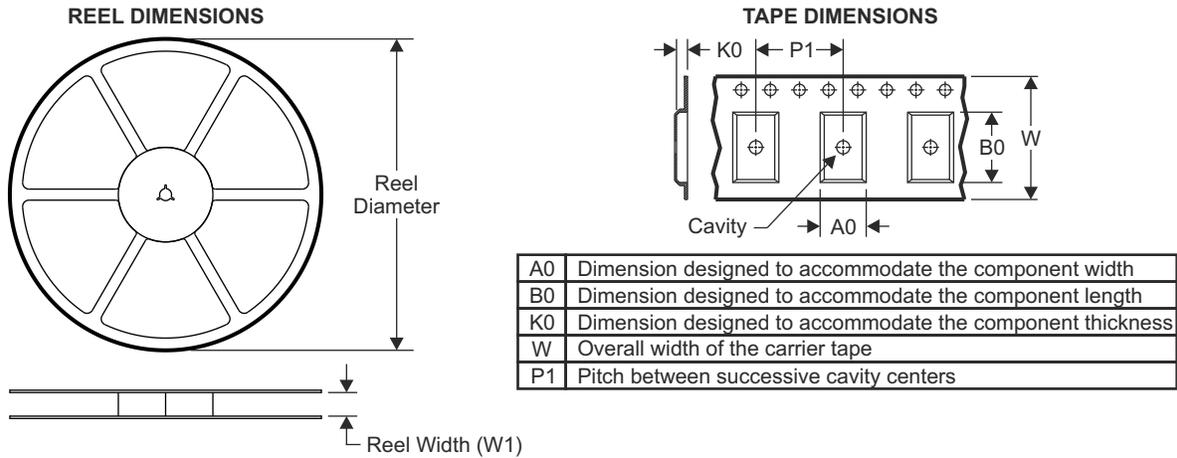
13.6 Glossary

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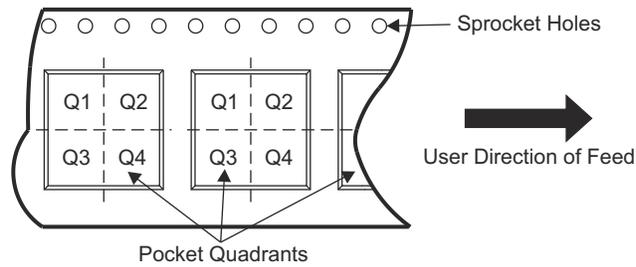
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15 Tape and Reel Information



QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE



Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
UCC14241-Q1	SSOP	DWN	36	750	330.0	16.4	10.85	13.4	4.0	16.0	16.0	Q1

PACKAGING INFORMATION

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)
UCC14241QDWNRQ1	Active	Production	SO-MOD (DWN) 36	750 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	UCC14241-Q1
UCC14241QDWNRQ1.A	Active	Production	SO-MOD (DWN) 36	750 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	UCC14241-Q1

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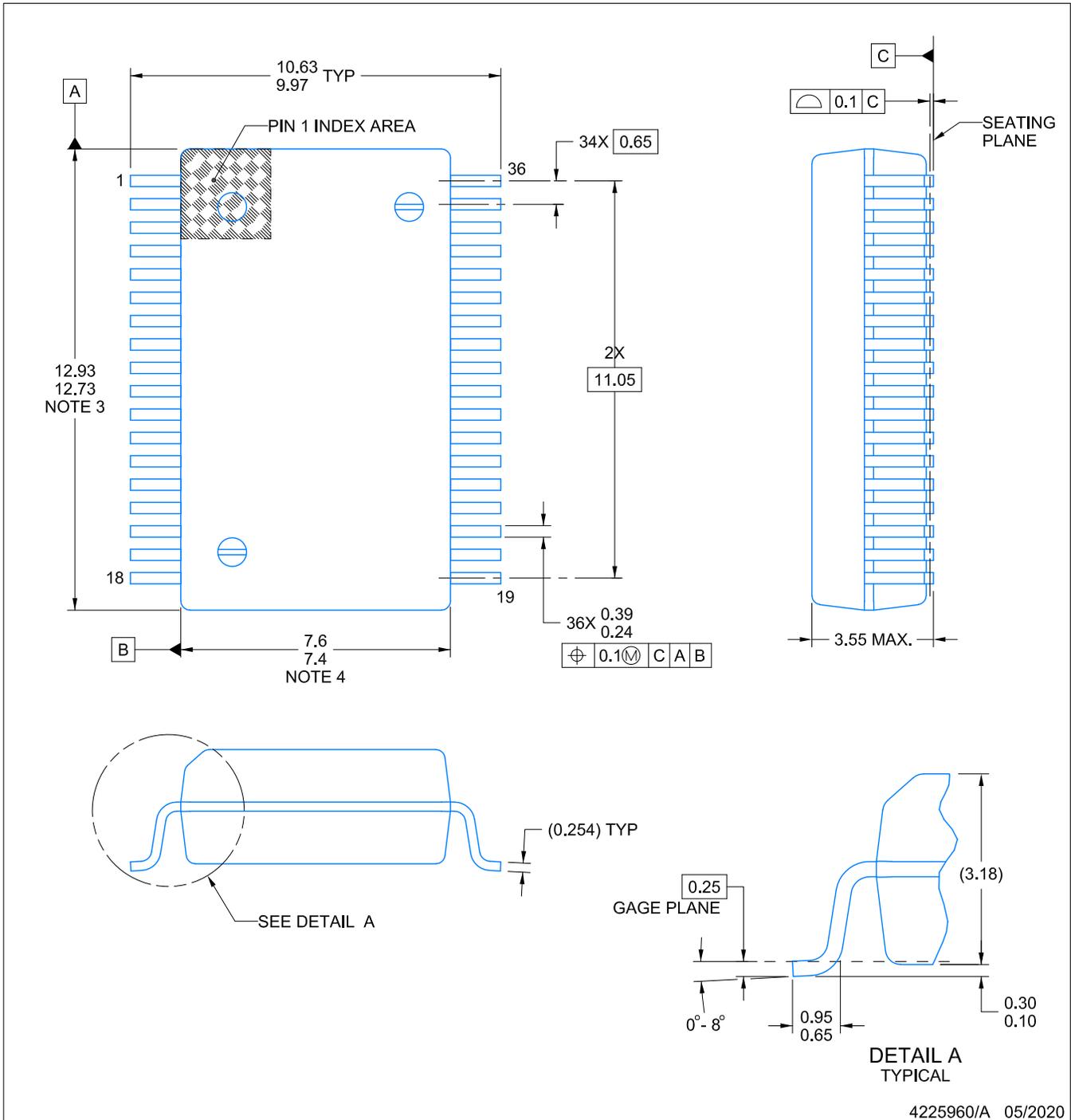
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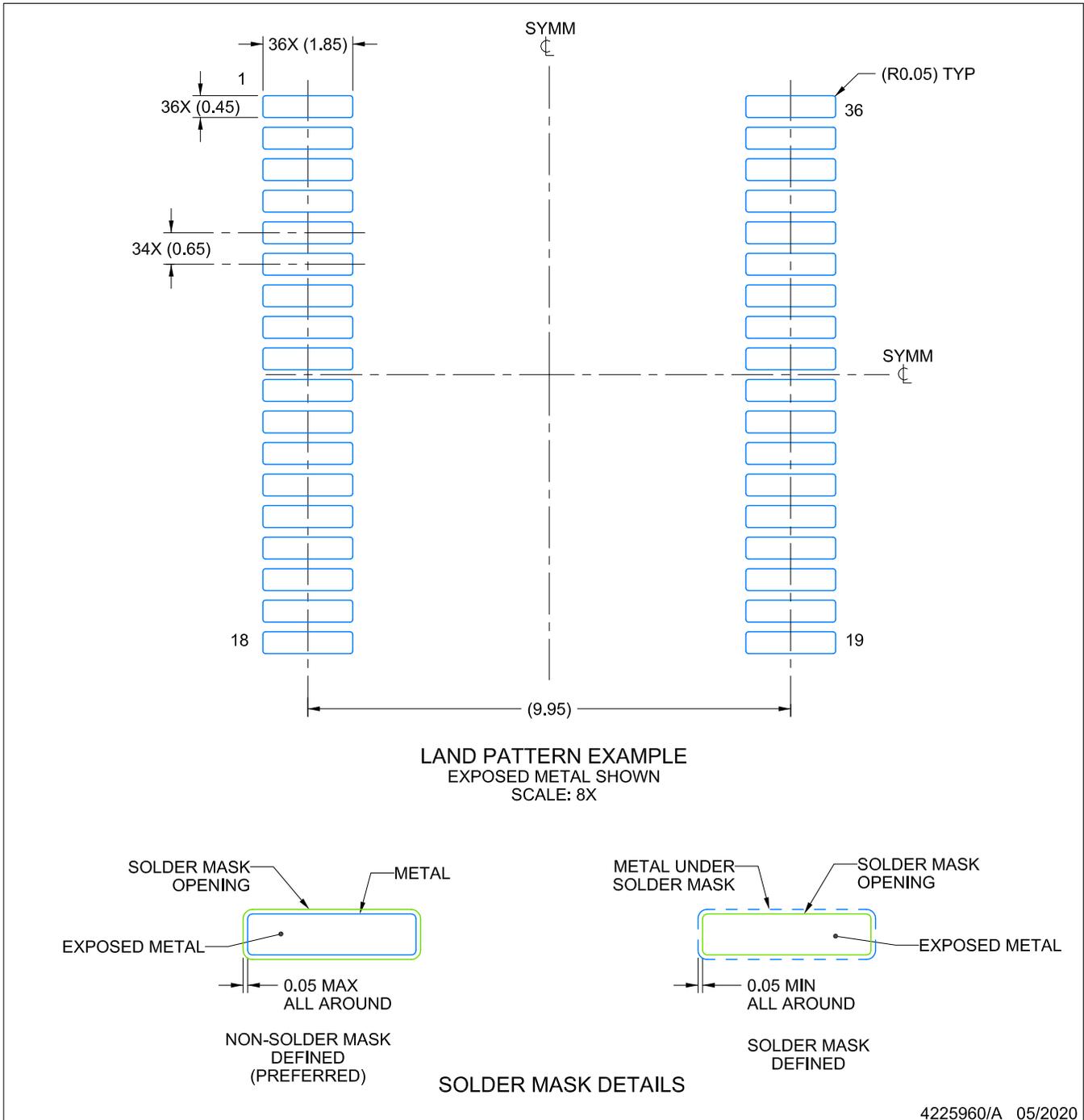
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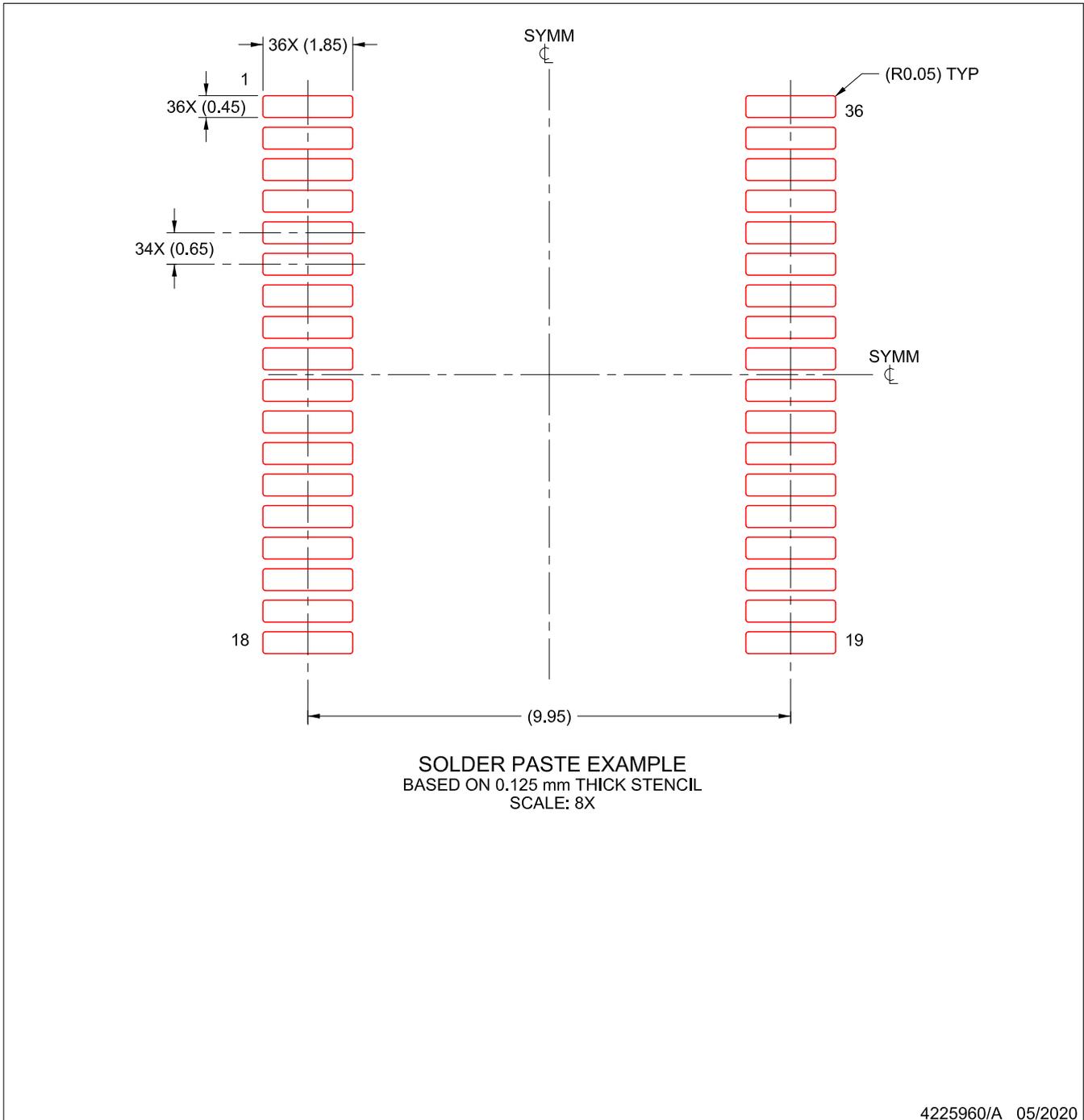
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