

## DRV8872 3.6-A Brushed DC Motor Driver With Fault Reporting (PWM Control)

### 1 Features

- H-Bridge Motor Driver
  - Drives One DC Motor, One Winding of a Stepper Motor, or Other Loads
- Wide 6.5-V to 45-V Operating Voltage
- 565-mΩ Typical  $R_{DS(on)}$  (HS + LS)
- 3.6-A Peak Current Drive
- PWM Control Interface
- Integrated Current Regulation
- Low-Power Sleep Mode
- Fault Status Output Pin
- Small Package and Footprint
  - 8-Pin HSOP With PowerPAD™
  - 4.9 × 6 mm
- **Integrated Protection Features**
  - VM Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)
  - Overcurrent Protection (OCP)
  - Thermal Shutdown (TSD)
  - Fault Reporting (nFAULT)
  - Automatic Fault Recovery

### 2 Applications

- Printers
- Appliances
- Industrial Equipment
- Other Mechatronic Applications

### 3 Description

The DRV8872 device is a brushed-DC motor driver for printers, appliances, industrial equipment, and other small machines. Two logic inputs control the H-bridge driver, which consists of four N-channel MOSFETs that can control motors bidirectionally with up to 3.6-A peak current. The inputs can be pulse-width modulated (PWM) to control motor speed, using a choice of current-decay modes. Setting both inputs low enters a low-power sleep mode.

The DRV8872 device features integrated current regulation, based on an internal reference voltage and the voltage on pin ISEN, which is proportional to motor current through an external sense resistor. The ability to limit current to a known level can significantly reduce the system power requirements and bulk capacitance needed to maintain stable voltage, especially for motor startup and stall conditions.

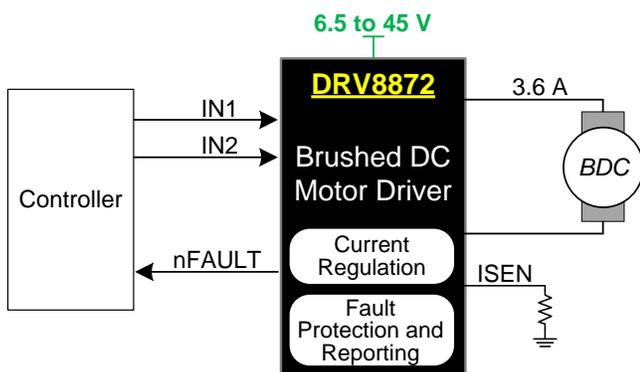
The device is fully protected from faults and short circuits, including undervoltage (UVLO), overcurrent (OCP), and overtemperature (TSD). Faults are communicated by pulling the nFAULT output low. When the fault condition is removed, the device automatically resumes normal operation.

#### Device Information (1)

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE  | BODY SIZE (NOM)   |
|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| DRV8872     | HSOP (8) | 4.90 mm × 6.00 mm |

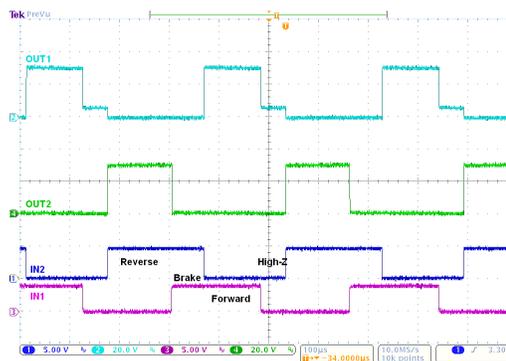
(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

#### Simplified Schematic



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#### H-Bridge States



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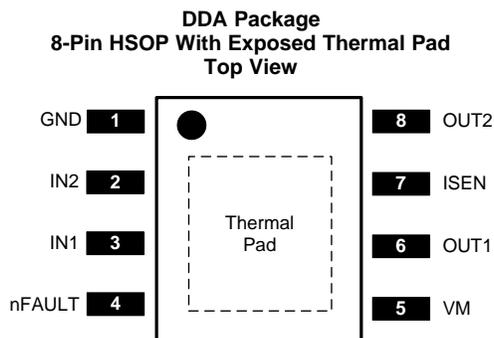
  

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## 5 Pin Configuration and Functions



### Pin Functions

| PIN    |     | TYPE | DESCRIPTION                |   |
|--------|-----|------|----------------------------|---|
| NAME   | NO. |      |                            |   |
| GND    | 1   | PWR  | Logic ground               | Connect to board ground.  |
| IN1    | 3   | I    | Logic inputs               | Controls the H-bridge output. Has internal pulldowns. (See <a href="#">Table 1.</a> )   |
| IN2    | 2   |      |                            |   |
| ISEN   | 7   | PWR  | High-current ground path   | If using current regulation, connect ISEN to a resistor (low-value, high-power-rating) to ground. If not using current regulation, connect ISEN directly to ground. |
| nFAULT | 4   | OD   | Fault status (open-drain)  | Low-level indicates UVLO, TSD, or OCP fault. Connect to a pullup resistor.  |
| OUT1   | 6   | O    | H-bridge outputs           | Connect directly to the motor, or other inductive load.   |
| OUT2   | 8   |      |                            |   |
| VM     | 5   | PWR  | 6.5-V to 45-V power supply | Connect a 0.1- $\mu$ F bypass capacitor to ground, as well as sufficient bulk capacitance, rated for the VM voltage.  |
| PAD    | —   | —    | Thermal pad                | Connect to board ground. For good thermal dissipation, use large ground planes on multiple layers, and multiple nearby vias connecting those planes.                |

## 6 Specifications

### 6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

|   | MIN  | MAX      | UNIT |
|---|------|----------|------|
| Power supply voltage (VM)                             | -0.3 | 50       | V    |
| Logic input voltage (IN1, IN2)                        | -0.3 | 7        | V    |
| Fault pin (nFAULT)                                    | -0.3 | 6        | V    |
| Continuous phase node pin voltage (OUT1, OUT2)        | -0.7 | VM + 0.7 | V    |
| Current sense input pin voltage (ISEN) <sup>(2)</sup> | -0.5 | 1        | V    |
| Output current (100% duty cycle)                      | 0    | 3.5      | A    |
| Operating junction temperature, T <sub>J</sub>        | -40  | 150      | °C   |
| Storage temperature, T <sub>stg</sub>                 | -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.

(2) Transients of  $\pm 1$  V for less than 25 ns are acceptable

## 6.2 ESD Ratings

|             |                         | VALUE  | UNIT  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|-------|
| $V_{(ESD)}$ | Electrostatic discharge | Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 <sup>(1)</sup>              | ±6000 |
|             |                         | Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 <sup>(2)</sup> | ±750  |

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.  
 (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

## 6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

|            |                                      | MIN | NOM | MAX                | UNIT |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|------|
| $V_M$      | Power supply voltage                 | 6.5 |     | 45                 | V    |
| $V_I$      | Logic input voltage (IN1, IN2)       | 0   |     | 5.5                | V    |
| $f_{PWM}$  | Logic input PWM frequency (IN1, IN2) | 0   |     | 200 <sup>(1)</sup> | kHz  |
| $I_{peak}$ | Peak output current <sup>(2)</sup>   | 0   |     | 3.6                | A    |
| $T_A$      | Operating ambient temperature        | –40 |     | 125                | °C   |

- (1) The voltages applied to the inputs should have at least 800 ns of pulse width to ensure detection. Typical devices require at least 400 ns. If the PWM frequency is 200 kHz, the usable duty cycle range is 16% to 84%  
 (2) Power dissipation and thermal limits must be observed

## 6.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup> |  | DRV8872    | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|--|------------|------|
|                               |  | DDA (HSOP) |      |
|                               |  | 8 PINS     |      |
| $R_{\theta JA}$               | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance       | 41.1       | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(top)}$          | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance    | 53.1       | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JB}$               | Junction-to-board thermal resistance         | 23.1       | °C/W |
| $\Psi_{JT}$                   | Junction-to-top characterization parameter   | 8.2        | °C/W |
| $\Psi_{JB}$                   | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 23         | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(bot)}$          | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | 2.7        | °C/W |

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

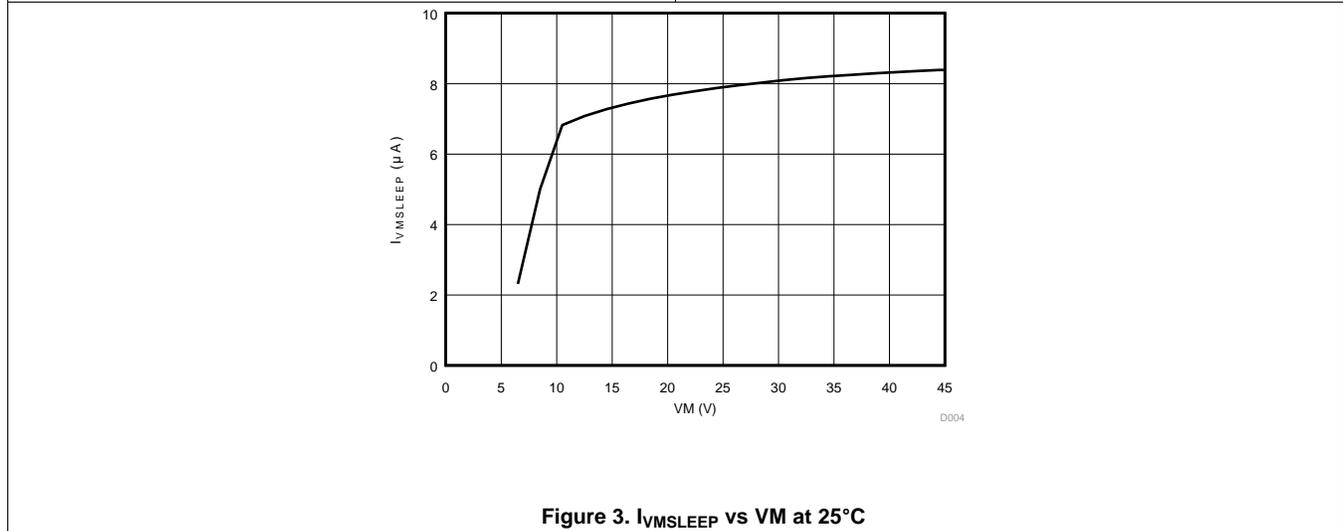
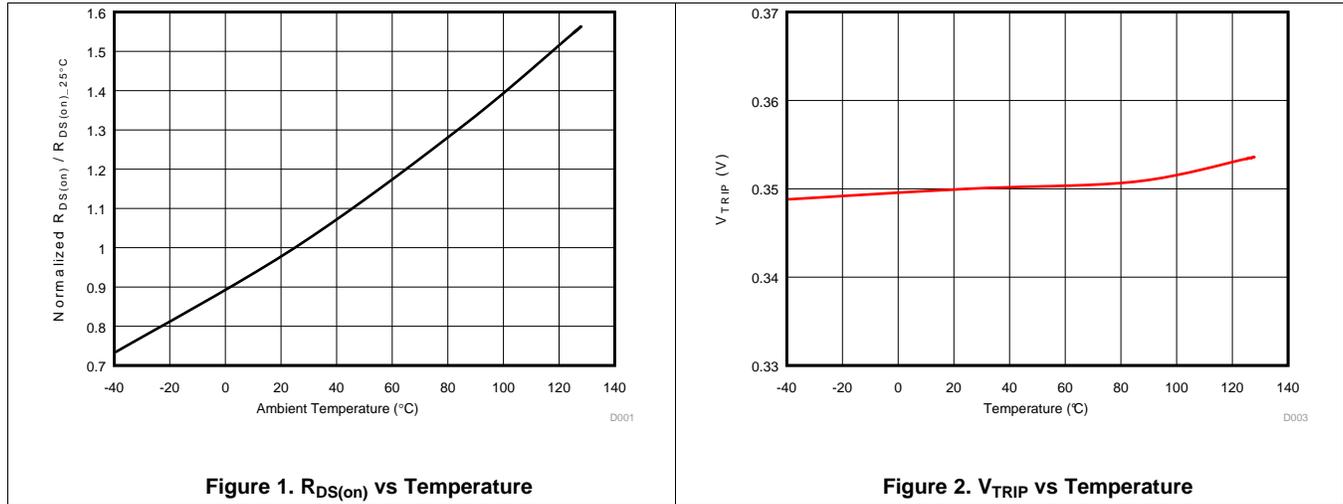
## 6.5 Electrical Characteristics

 $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , over recommended operating conditions (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                                |                                   | TEST CONDITIONS                                    | MIN  | TYP  | MAX  | UNIT             |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------------------|
| <b>POWER SUPPLY (VM)</b>                 |                                   |  |      |      |      |                  |
| VM                                       | VM operating voltage              |  | 6.5  |      | 45   | V                |
| $I_{VM}$                                 | VM operating supply current       | VM = 12 V  |      | 3    | 10   | mA               |
| $I_{VMSLEEP}$                            | VM sleep current                  | VM = 12 V  |      |      | 10   | $\mu\text{A}$    |
| $t_{ON}$                                 | Turn-on time <sup>(1)</sup>       | VM > $V_{UVLO}$ with IN1 or IN2 high               |      | 40   | 50   | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| <b>LOGIC-LEVEL INPUTS (IN1, IN2)</b>     |                                   |  |      |      |      |                  |
| $V_{IL}$                                 | Input logic low voltage           |  |      |      | 0.5  | V                |
| $V_{IH}$                                 | Input logic high voltage          |  | 1.5  |      |      | V                |
| $V_{HYS}$                                | Input logic hysteresis            |  |      | 0.5  |      | V                |
| $I_{IL}$                                 | Input logic low current           | $V_{IN} = 0\text{ V}$                              | -1   |      | 1    | $\mu\text{A}$    |
| $I_{IH}$                                 | Input logic high current          | $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{ V}$                            |      | 33   | 100  | $\mu\text{A}$    |
| $R_{PD}$                                 | Pulldown resistance               | To GND   |      | 100  |      | k $\Omega$       |
| $t_{PD}$                                 | Propagation delay                 | INx to OUTx change (see <a href="#">Figure 6</a> ) |      | 0.7  | 1    | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $t_{sleep}$                              | Time to sleep                     | Inputs low to sleep                                |      | 1    | 1.5  | ms               |
| <b>MOTOR DRIVER OUTPUTS (OUT1, OUT2)</b> |                                   |  |      |      |      |                  |
| $R_{DS(ON)}$                             | High-side FET on resistance       | VM = 24 V, I = 1 A, $f_{PWM} = 25\text{ kHz}$      |      | 307  | 360  | m $\Omega$       |
| $R_{DS(ON)}$                             | Low-side FET on resistance        | VM = 24 V, I = 1 A, $f_{PWM} = 25\text{ kHz}$      |      | 258  | 320  | m $\Omega$       |
| $t_{DEAD}$                               | Output dead time                  |  |      | 220  |      | ns               |
| $V_d$                                    | Body diode forward voltage        | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ A}$                             |      | 0.8  | 1    | V                |
| <b>CURRENT REGULATION</b>                |                                   |  |      |      |      |                  |
| $V_{TRIP}$                               | ISEN voltage for current chopping |  | 0.32 | 0.35 | 0.38 | V                |
| $t_{OFF}$                                | PWM off-time                      |  |      | 25   |      | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $t_{BLANK}$                              | PWM blanking time                 |  |      | 2    |      | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| <b>PROTECTION CIRCUITS</b>               |                                   |  |      |      |      |                  |
| $V_{UVLO}$                               | VM undervoltage lockout           | VM falls until UVLO triggers                       |      | 6.1  | 6.4  | V                |
|  |                                   | VM rises until operation recovers                  |      | 6.3  | 6.5  |                  |
| $V_{UV,HYS}$                             | VM undervoltage hysteresis        | Rising to falling threshold                        | 100  | 180  |      | mV               |
| $I_{OCP}$                                | Overcurrent protection trip level |  | 3.7  | 4.5  | 6.4  | A                |
| $t_{OCP}$                                | Overcurrent deglitch time         |  |      | 1.5  |      | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $t_{RETRY}$                              | Overcurrent retry time            |  |      | 3    |      | ms               |
| $T_{SD}$                                 | Thermal shutdown temperature      |  | 150  | 175  |      | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| $T_{HYS}$                                | Thermal shutdown hysteresis       |  |      | 40   |      | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| <b>nFAULT OPEN DRAIN OUTPUT</b>          |                                   |  |      |      |      |                  |
| $V_{OL}$                                 | Output low voltage                | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                |      |      | 0.5  | V                |
| $I_{OH}$                                 | Output high leakage current       | $V_O = 3.3\text{ V}$                               |      |      | 1    | $\mu\text{A}$    |

(1)  $t_{ON}$  applies when the device initially powers up, and when it exits sleep mode.

## 6.6 Typical Characteristics

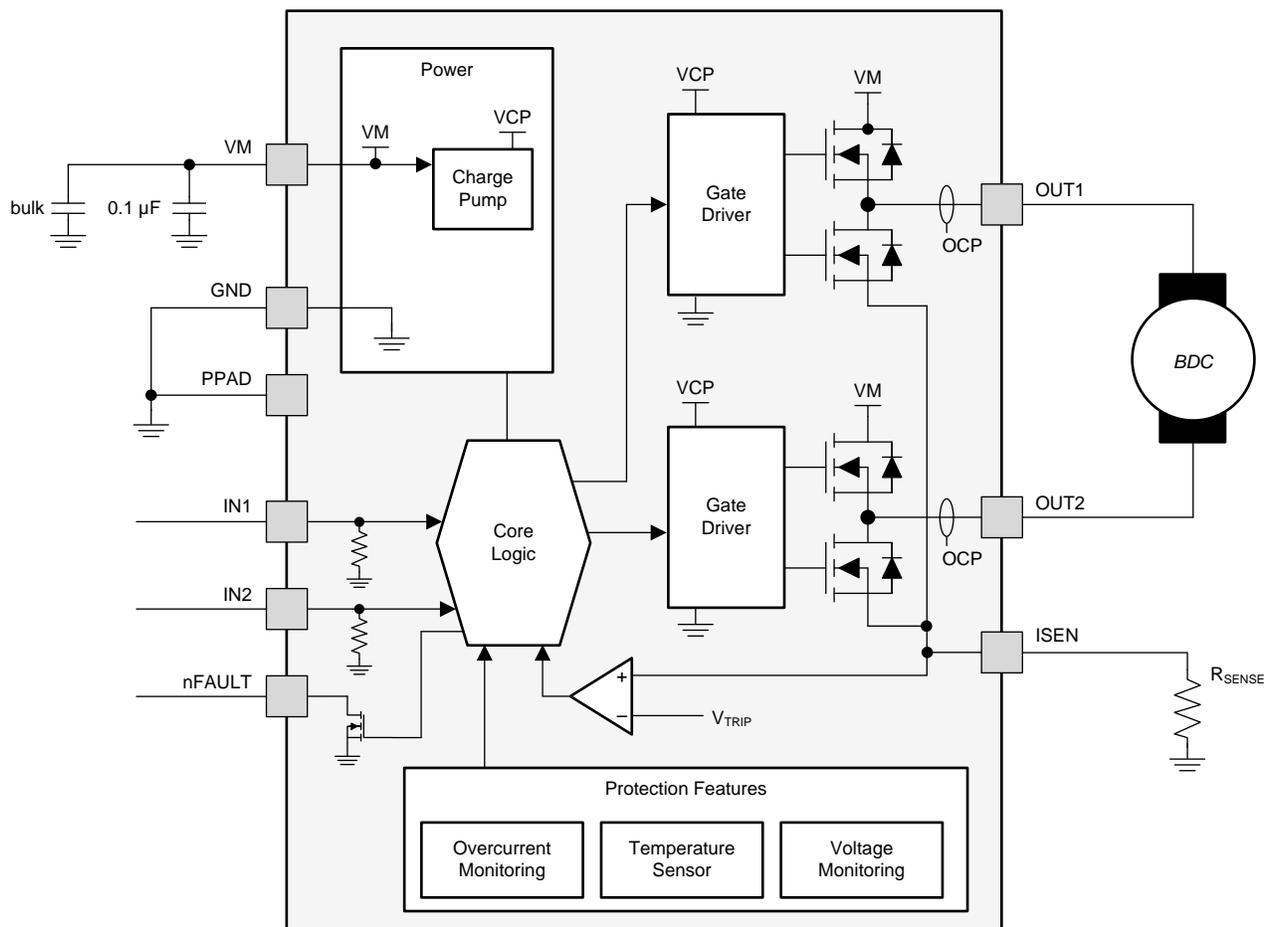


## 7 Detailed Description

### 7.1 Overview

The DRV8872 device is an optimized 8-pin device for driving brushed DC motors with 6.5 to 45 V and up to 3.6-A peak current. The integrated current regulation restricts motor current to a predefined maximum. Two logic inputs control the H-bridge driver, which consists of four N-channel MOSFETs that have a typical  $R_{ds(on)}$  of 565 m $\Omega$  (including one high-side and one low-side FET). A single power input, VM, serves as both device power and the motor winding bias voltage. The integrated charge pump of the device boosts VM internally and fully enhances the high-side FETs. Motor speed can be controlled with pulse-width modulation, at frequencies between 0 to 100 kHz. The device has an integrated sleep mode that is entered by bringing both inputs low. An assortment of protection features prevent the device from being damaged if a system fault occurs.

### 7.2 Functional Block Diagram



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### 7.3 Feature Description

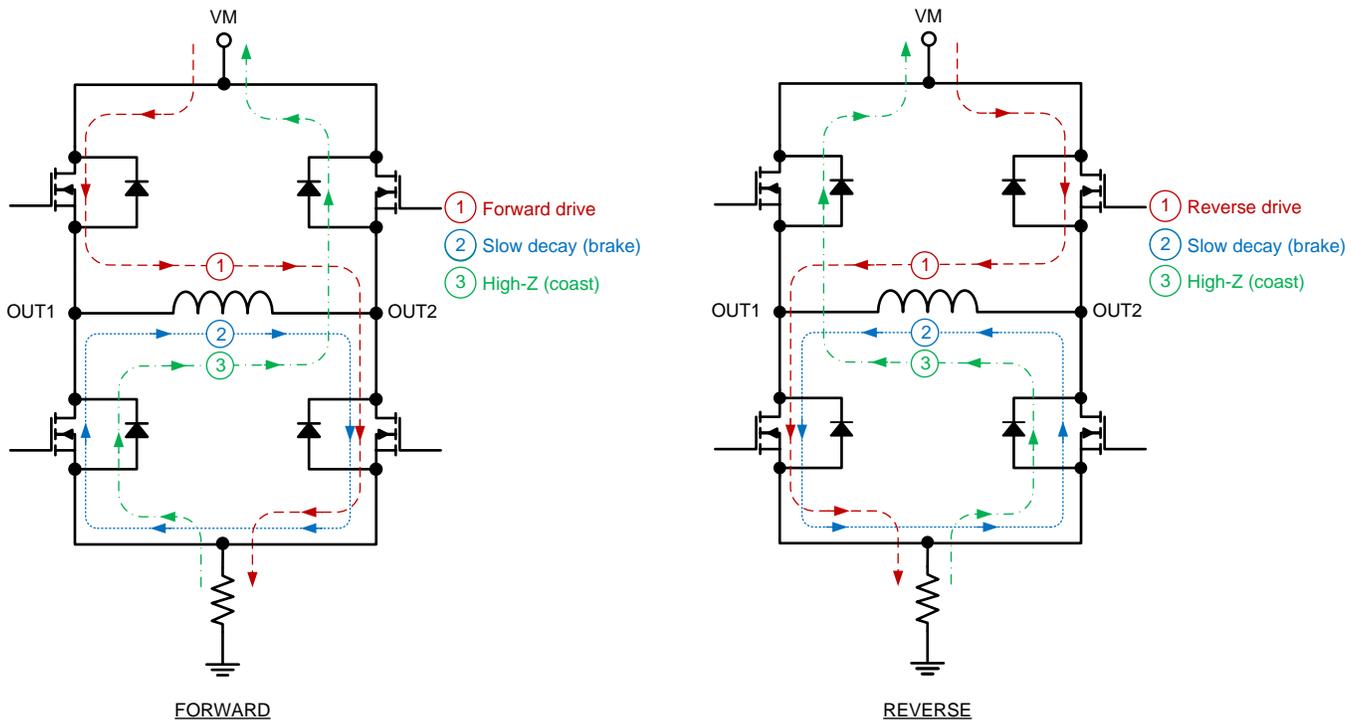
#### 7.3.1 Bridge Control

The DRV8872 output consists of four N-channel MOSFETs that are designed to drive high current. These MOSFETs are controlled by the two logic inputs IN1 and IN2, according to [Table 1](#).

**Table 1. H-Bridge Control**

| IN1 | IN2 | OUT1   | OUT2   | DESCRIPTION   |
|-----|-----|--------|--------|---|
| 0   | 0   | High-Z | High-Z | Coast; H-bridge disabled to High-Z (sleep entered after 1 ms) |
| 0   | 1   | L      | H      | Reverse (current OUT2 → OUT1)                                 |
| 1   | 0   | H      | L      | Forward (current OUT1 → OUT2)                                 |
| 1   | 1   | L      | L      | Brake; low-side slow decay                                    |

The inputs can be set to static voltages for 100% duty-cycle drive, or they can be pulse-width modulated (PWM) for variable motor speed. When using PWM, switching between driving and braking typically works best. For example, to drive a motor forward with 50% of its max RPM, IN1 = 1 and IN2 = 0 during the driving period, and IN1 = 1 and IN2 = 1 during the other period. Alternatively, the coast mode (IN1 = 0, IN2 = 0) for *fast current decay* is also available. The input pins can be powered before VM is applied.



**Figure 4. H-Bridge Current Paths**

#### 7.3.2 Sleep Mode

When IN1 and IN2 are both low for time  $t_{SLEEP}$  (typically 1 ms), the DRV8872 device enters a low-power sleep mode, where the outputs remain High-Z and the device uses  $I_{VMSLEEP}$  (microamps) of current. If the device is powered up while both inputs are low, sleep mode is immediately entered. After IN1 or IN2 are high for at least 5  $\mu s$ , the device is operational 50  $\mu s$  ( $t_{ON}$ ) later.

#### 7.3.3 Current Regulation

The DRV8872 device limits the output current based on the resistance of an external sense resistor on pin ISEN, according to [Equation 1](#).

$$I_{TRIP} (A) = \frac{V_{TRIP} (V)}{R_{ISEN} (\Omega)} = \frac{0.35 (V)}{R_{ISEN} (\Omega)} \quad (1)$$

For example, if  $R_{ISEN} = 0.16 \Omega$ , the DRV8872 device limits motor current to 2.2 A no matter how much load torque is applied. For guidelines on selecting a sense resistor, see the [Sense Resistor](#) section.

When  $I_{TRIP}$  has been reached, the device enforces slow current decay by enabling both low-side FETs, and it does this for time  $t_{OFF}$  (typically 25  $\mu$ s).

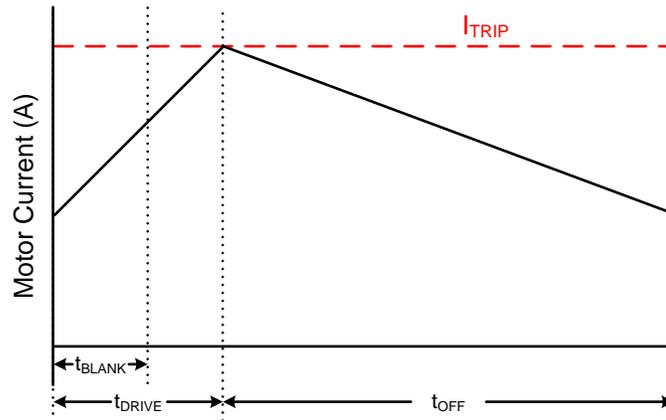


Figure 5. Current Regulation Time Periods

After  $t_{OFF}$  has elapsed, the output is re-enabled according to the two inputs  $IN_x$ . The drive time ( $t_{DRIVE}$ ) until reaching another  $I_{TRIP}$  event heavily depends on the VM voltage, the back-EMF of the motor, and the inductance of the motor.

### 7.3.4 Dead Time

When an output changes from driving high to driving low, or driving low to driving high, dead time is automatically inserted to prevent shoot-through.  $t_{DEAD}$  is the time in the middle when the output is High-Z. If the output pin is measured during  $t_{DEAD}$ , the voltage will depend on the direction of current. If current is leaving the pin, the voltage is a diode drop below ground. If current is entering the pin, the voltage is a diode drop above VM. This diode is the body diode of the high-side or low-side FET.

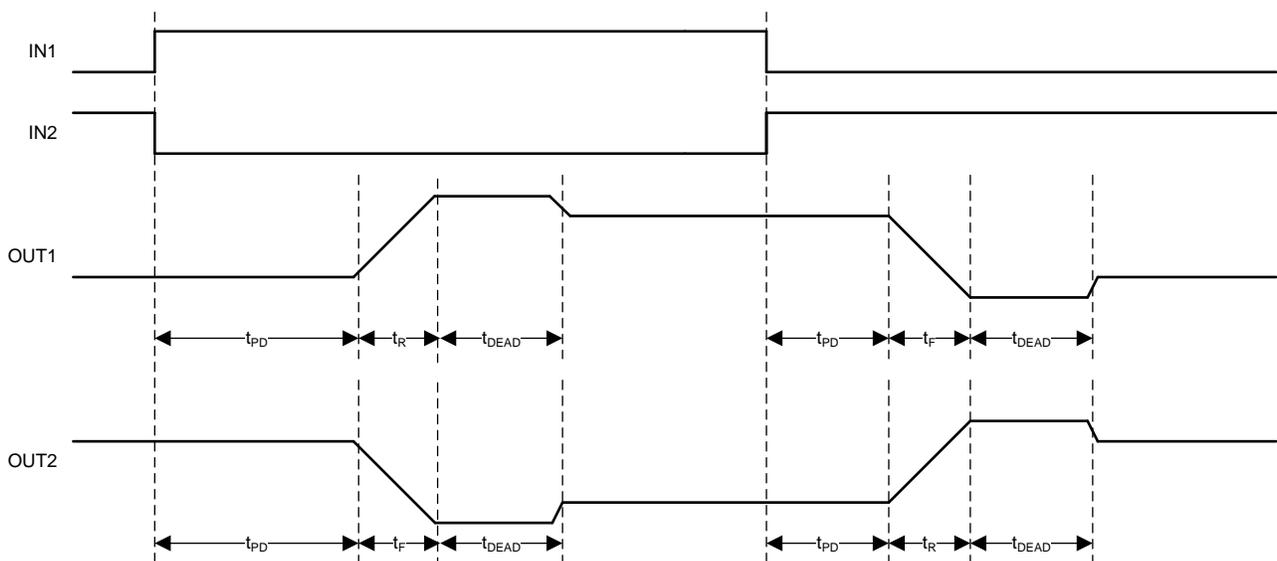


Figure 6. Propagation Delay Time

### 7.3.5 Protection Circuits

The DRV8872 device is fully protected against VM undervoltage, overcurrent, and overtemperature events. When the device is in a protected state, nFAULT is driven low. When the fault condition is removed, nFAULT becomes a high-impedance state.

#### 7.3.5.1 VM Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

If at any time the voltage on the VM pin falls below the undervoltage-lockout threshold voltage, all FETs in the H-bridge are disabled. Operation resumes when VM rises above the UVLO threshold.

#### 7.3.5.2 Overcurrent Protection (OCP)

If the output current exceeds the OCP threshold  $I_{OCP}$  for longer than  $t_{OCP}$ , all FETs in the H-bridge are disabled for a duration of  $t_{RETRY}$ . After that, the H-bridge re-enables according to the state of the INx pins. If the overcurrent fault is still present, the cycle repeats; otherwise normal device operation resumes.

#### 7.3.5.3 Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

If the die temperature exceeds safe limits, all FETs in the H-bridge is disabled. After the die temperature has fallen to a safe level, operation automatically resumes.

**Table 2. Protection Functionality**

| FAULT                          | CONDITION            | H-BRIDGE BECOMES | NFAULT BECOMES | RECOVERY                 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| VM undervoltage lockout (UVLO) | $VM < V_{UVLO}$      | Disabled         | Low            | $VM > V_{UVLO}$          |
| Overcurrent (OCP)              | $I_{OUT} > I_{OCP}$  | Disabled         | Low            | $t_{RETRY}$              |
| Thermal shutdown (TSD)         | $T_J > 150^{\circ}C$ | Disabled         | Low            | $T_J < T_{SD} - T_{HYS}$ |

## 7.4 Device Functional Modes

The DRV8872 device can be used in multiple ways to drive a brushed DC motor.

### 7.4.1 PWM With Current Regulation

This scheme uses all of the capabilities of the device. The  $I_{TRIP}$  current is set above the normal operating current, and high enough to achieve an adequate spin-up time, but low enough to constrain current to a desired level. Motor speed is controlled by the duty cycle of one of the inputs, while the other input is static. Brake and slow decay is typically used during the off-time.

### 7.4.2 PWM Without Current Regulation

If current regulation is not needed, the ISEN pin should be directly connected to the PCB ground plane. This mode provides the highest possible peak current: up to 3.6 A for a few hundred milliseconds (depending on PCB characteristics and the ambient temperature). If current exceeds 3.6 A, the device might reach overcurrent protection (OCP) or over-temperature shutdown (TSD). If that occurs, the device disables and protects itself for about 3 ms ( $t_{RETRY}$ ) and then resumes normal operation.

### 7.4.3 Static Inputs With Current Regulation

The IN1 and IN2 pins can be set high and low for 100% duty cycle drive, and ITRIP can be used to control the current, speed, and torque capability of the motor.

### 7.4.4 VM Control

In some systems, varying VM as a means of changing motor speed is desirable. See the [Motor Voltage](#) section for more information.

## 8 Application and Implementation

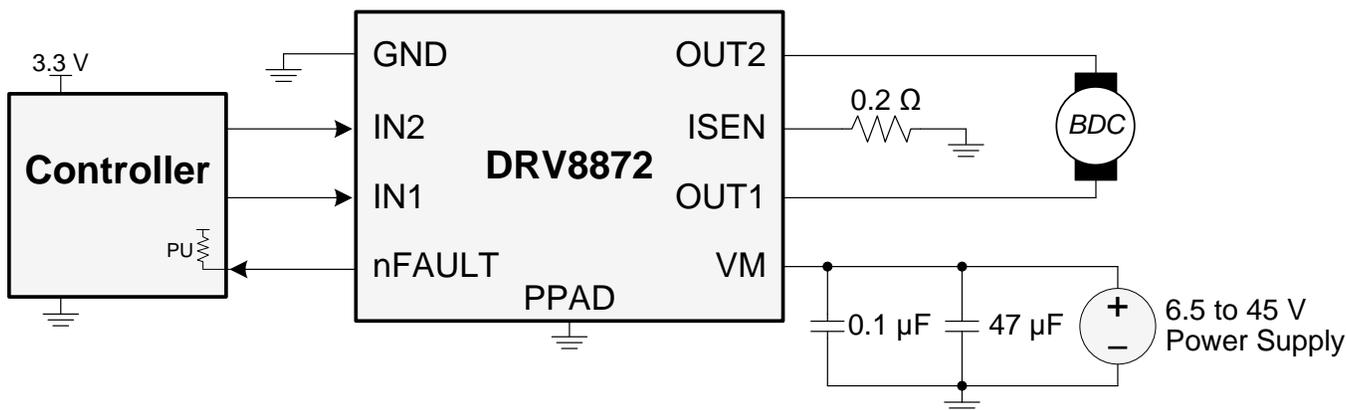
### NOTE

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

### 8.1 Application Information

The DRV8872 device is typically used to drive one brushed DC motor.

### 8.2 Typical Application



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Figure 7. Typical Connections

#### 8.2.1 Design Requirements

Table 3 lists the design parameters.

Table 3. Design Parameters

| DESIGN PARAMETER         | REFERENCE   | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Motor voltage            | $V_M$       | 24 V          |
| Motor RMS current        | $I_{RMS}$   | 0.8 A         |
| Motor startup current    | $I_{START}$ | 2 A           |
| Motor current trip point | $I_{TRIP}$  | 2.2 A         |
| Sense resistance         | $R_{ISEN}$  | 0.16 $\Omega$ |
| PWM frequency            | $f_{PWM}$   | 5 kHz         |

#### 8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

##### 8.2.2.1 Motor Voltage

The motor voltage used depends on the ratings of the motor selected and the desired RPM. A higher voltage spins a brushed DC motor faster with the same PWM duty cycle applied to the power FETs. A higher voltage also increases the rate of current change through the inductive motor windings.

##### 8.2.2.2 Drive Current

The current path is through the high-side sourcing DMOS power driver, motor winding, and low-side sinking DMOS power driver. Power dissipation losses in one source and sink DMOS power driver are shown in Equation 2.

$$P_D = I^2 (R_{DS(on)Source} + R_{DS(on)Sink}) \tag{2}$$

The DRV8872 device has been measured to be capable of 2-A RMS current at 25°C on standard FR-4 PCBs. The maximum RMS current varies based on the PCB design, ambient temperature, and PWM frequency. Typically, switching the inputs at 200 kHz compared to 20 kHz causes 20% more power loss in heat.

### 8.2.2.3 Sense Resistor

For optimal performance, the sense resistor must have the features that follow:

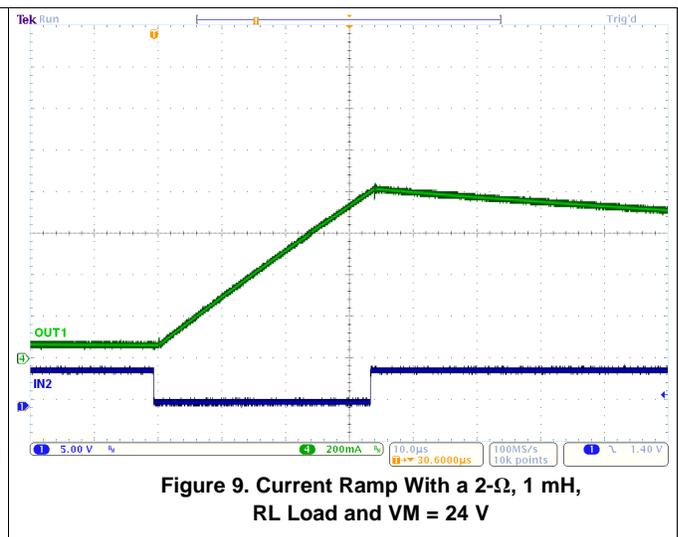
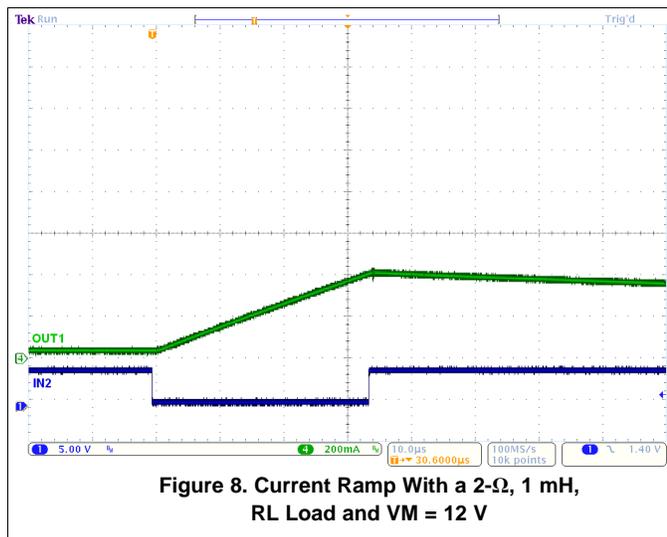
- Surface-mount device
- Low inductance
- Rated for high enough power
- Placed closely to the motor driver

The power dissipated by the sense resistor equals  $I_{RMS}^2 \times R$ . For example, if peak motor current is 3 A, RMS motor current is 1.5 A, and a 0.2-Ω sense resistor is used, the resistor dissipates  $1.5 A^2 \times 0.2 \Omega = 0.45 W$ . The power quickly increases with higher current levels.

Resistors typically have a rated power within some ambient temperature range, along with a derated power curve for high ambient temperatures. When a PCB is shared with other components generating heat, the system designer should add margin. It is always best to measure the actual sense resistor temperature in a final system.

Because power resistors are larger and more expensive than standard resistors, multiple standard resistors can be used in parallel, between the sense node and ground. This configuration distributes the current and heat dissipation.

### 8.2.3 Application Curves



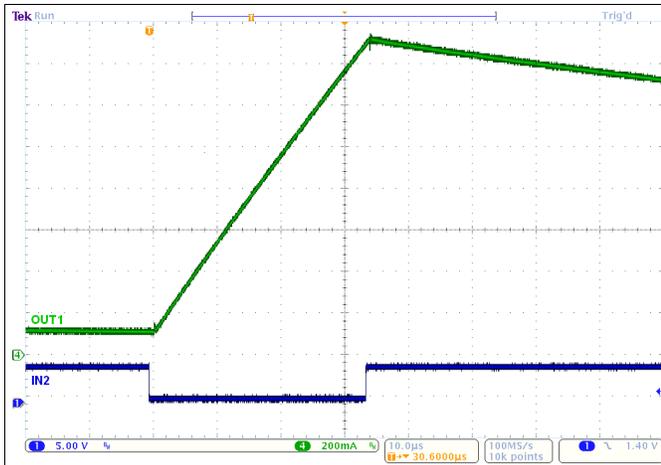


Figure 10. Current Ramp With a 2-Ω, 1 mH, RL Load and VM = 45 V

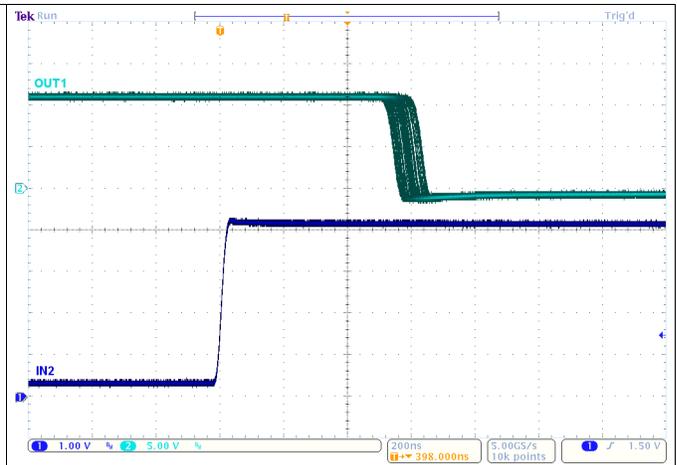


Figure 11.  $t_{pD}$

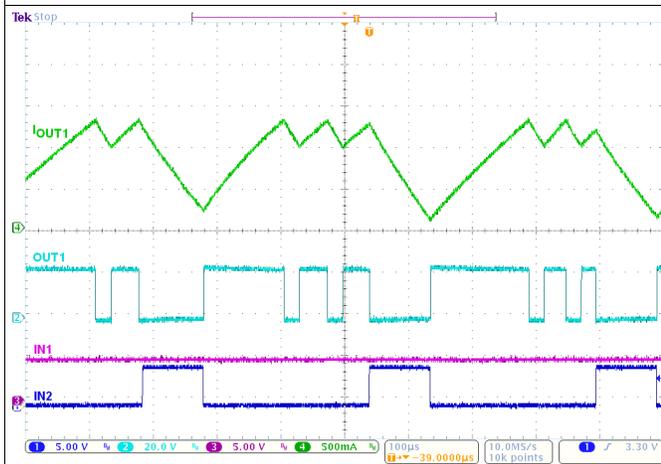


Figure 12. Current Regulation With  $R_{SENSE} = 0.26 \Omega$

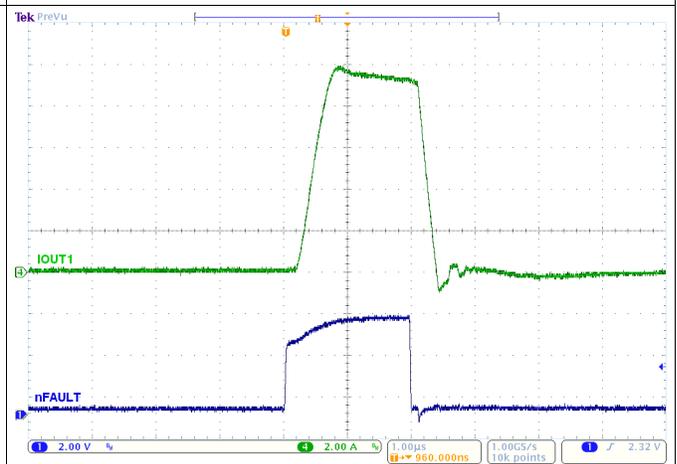


Figure 13. OCP With 24 V and Outputs Shorted Together

## 9 Power Supply Recommendations

### 9.1 Bulk Capacitance

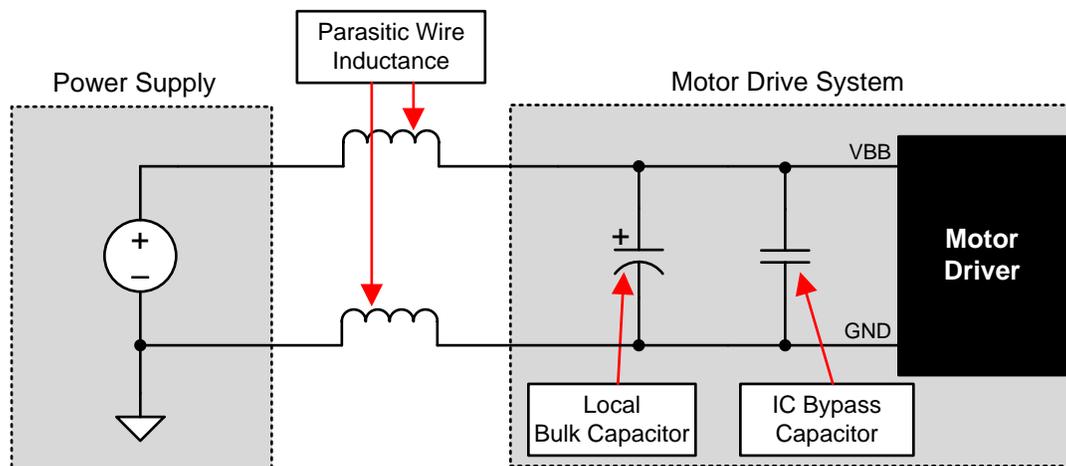
Having appropriate local bulk capacitance is an important factor in motor drive system design. More bulk capacitance is generally beneficial but with the disadvantages of increased cost and physical size.

The amount of local capacitance needed depends on a variety of factors, including:

- The highest current required by the motor system
- The power supply's capacitance and ability to source current
- The amount of parasitic inductance between the power supply and motor system
- The acceptable voltage ripple
- The type of motor used (brushed DC, brushless DC, stepper)
- The motor braking method

The inductance between the power supply and motor drive system limits the rate that the current can change from the power supply. If the local bulk capacitance is too small, the system responds to excessive current demands or dumps from the motor with a change in voltage. When adequate bulk capacitance is used, the motor voltage remains stable and high current can be quickly supplied.

The data sheet generally provides a recommended value, but system-level testing is required to determine the appropriate sized bulk capacitor.



**Figure 14. Example Setup of Motor Drive System With External Power Supply**

The voltage rating for bulk capacitors should be higher than the operating voltage, to provide margin for cases when the motor transfers energy to the supply.

## 10 Layout

### 10.1 Layout Guidelines

The bulk capacitor should be placed to minimize the distance of the high-current path through the motor driver device. The connecting metal trace widths should be as wide as possible, and numerous vias should be used when connecting PCB layers. These practices minimize inductance and allow the bulk capacitor to deliver high current.

Small-value capacitors should be ceramic, and placed closely to device pins.

The high-current device outputs should use wide metal traces.

The device thermal pad should be soldered to the PCB top-layer ground plane. Multiple vias should be used to connect to a large bottom-layer ground plane. The use of large metal planes and multiple vias help dissipate the  $I^2 \times R_{DS(on)}$  heat that is generated in the device.

Figure 15 shows the recommended layout and component placement.

### 10.2 Layout Example

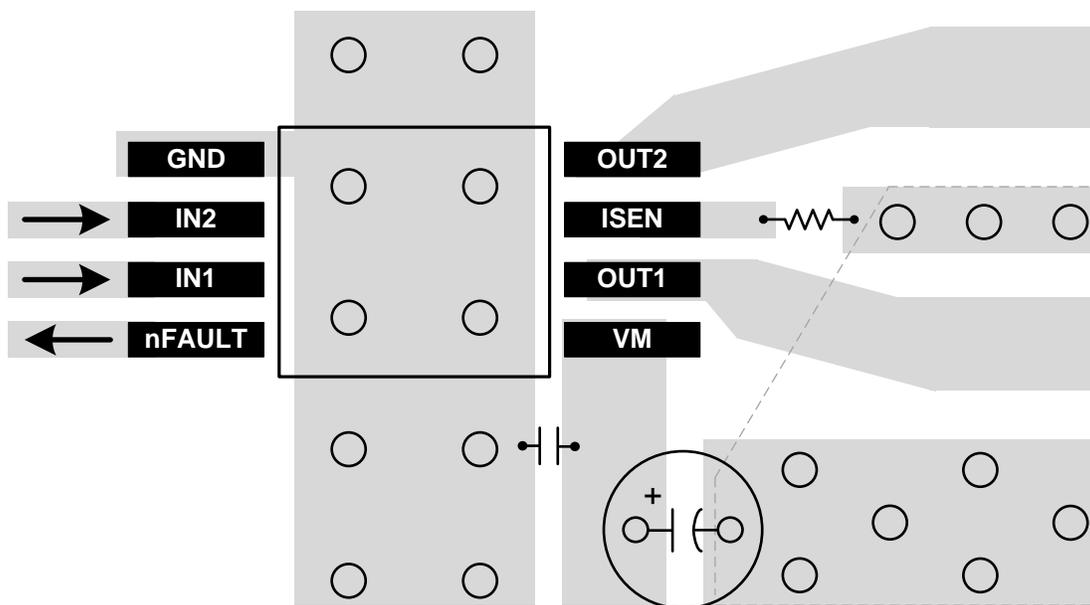


Figure 15. Layout Recommendation

### 10.3 Thermal Considerations

The DRV8872 device has thermal shutdown (TSD) as described in the [Thermal Shutdown \(TSD\)](#) section. If the die temperature exceeds approximately 175°C, the device is disabled until the temperature drops below the temperature hysteresis level.

Any tendency of the device to enter TSD is an indication of either excessive power dissipation, insufficient heatsinking, or too high of an ambient temperature.

### 10.4 Power Dissipation

Power dissipation in the DRV8872 device is dominated by the power dissipated in the output FET resistance,  $R_{DS(on)}$ . Use [Equation 2](#) from the [Drive Current](#) section to calculate the estimated average power dissipation of when driving a load.

Note that at startup, the output current is much higher than normal running current; this peak current and its duration must be also be considered.

## Power Dissipation (continued)

The maximum amount of power that can be dissipated in the device is dependent on ambient temperature and heatsinking.

### NOTE

$R_{DS(on)}$  increases with temperature, so as the device heats, the power dissipation increases. This fact must be taken into consideration when sizing the heatsink.

The power dissipation of the DRV8872 is a function of RMS motor current and the FET resistance ( $R_{DS(ON)}$ ) of each output.

$$\text{Power} \approx I_{RMS}^2 \times (\text{High-side } R_{DS(ON)} + \text{Low-side } R_{DS(ON)}) \quad (3)$$

For this example, the ambient temperature is 58°C, and the junction temperature reaches 80°C. At 58°C, the sum of  $R_{DS(ON)}$  is about 0.72 Ω. With an example motor current of 0.8 A, the dissipated power in the form of heat is  $0.8 \text{ A}^2 \times 0.72 \text{ } \Omega = 0.46 \text{ W}$ .

The temperature that the DRV8872 reaches depends on the thermal resistance to the air and PCB. Soldering the device PowerPAD to the PCB ground plane, with vias to the top and bottom board layers, is important to dissipate heat into the PCB and reduce the device temperature. In the example used here, the DRV8872 had an effective thermal resistance  $R_{\theta JA}$  of 48°C/W, and a  $T_J$  value as shown in [Equation 4](#).

$$T_J = T_A + (P_D \times R_{\theta JA}) = 58^\circ\text{C} + (0.46 \text{ W} \times 48^\circ\text{C/W}) = 80^\circ\text{C} \quad (4)$$

### 10.4.1 Heatsinking

The PowerPAD package uses an exposed pad to remove heat from the device. For proper operation, this pad must be thermally connected to copper on the PCB to dissipate heat. On a multi-layer PCB with a ground plane, this connection can be accomplished by adding a number of vias to connect the thermal pad to the ground plane.

On PCBs without internal planes, a copper area can be added on either side of the PCB to dissipate heat. If the copper area is on the opposite side of the PCB from the device, thermal vias are used to transfer the heat between top and bottom layers.

For details about how to design the PCB, refer to the TI application report, [PowerPAD™ Thermally Enhanced Package](#), and the TI application brief, [PowerPAD Made Easy™](#), available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com). In general, the more copper area that can be provided, the more power can be dissipated.

## 11 Device and Documentation Support

### 11.1 Documentation Support

#### 11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- [PowerPAD™ Thermally Enhanced Package](#)
- [PowerPAD™ Made Easy](#)
- [Current Recirculation and Decay Modes](#)
- [Calculating Motor Driver Power Dissipation](#)
- [DRV8872 Evaluation Module](#)
- [Understanding Motor Driver Current Ratings](#)

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#### 11.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



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

#### 11.6 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

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

## 12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

| Orderable part number       | Status<br>(1) | Material type<br>(2) | Package   Pins           | Package qty   Carrier | RoHS<br>(3) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(4) | MSL rating/<br>Peak reflow<br>(5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking<br>(6) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">DRV8872DDA</a>  | Obsolete      | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | -                     | -           | Call TI                              | Call TI                           | -40 to 125   | 8872                |
| <a href="#">DRV8872DDAR</a> | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU   NIPDAUAG                    | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 8872                |
| DRV8872DDAR.A               | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 8872                |
| DRV8872DDAR.B               | Active        | Production           | SO PowerPAD<br>(DDA)   8 | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR               | -40 to 125   | 8872                |

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

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

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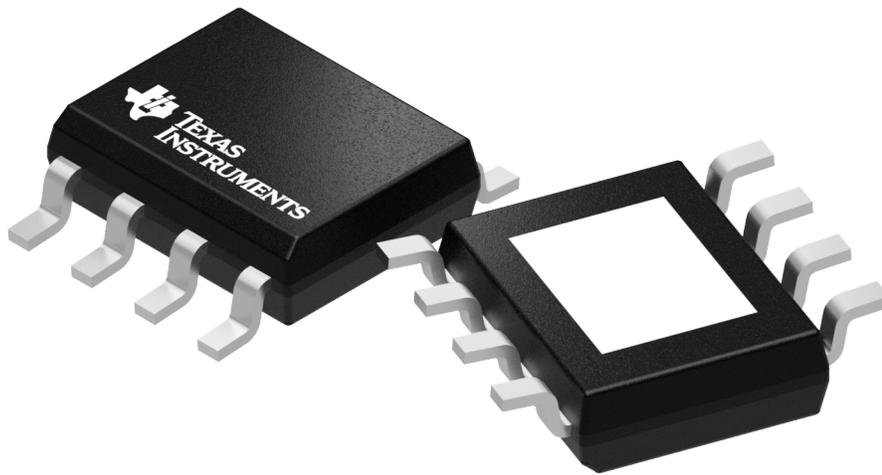
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- Automotive : [DRV8872-Q1](#)

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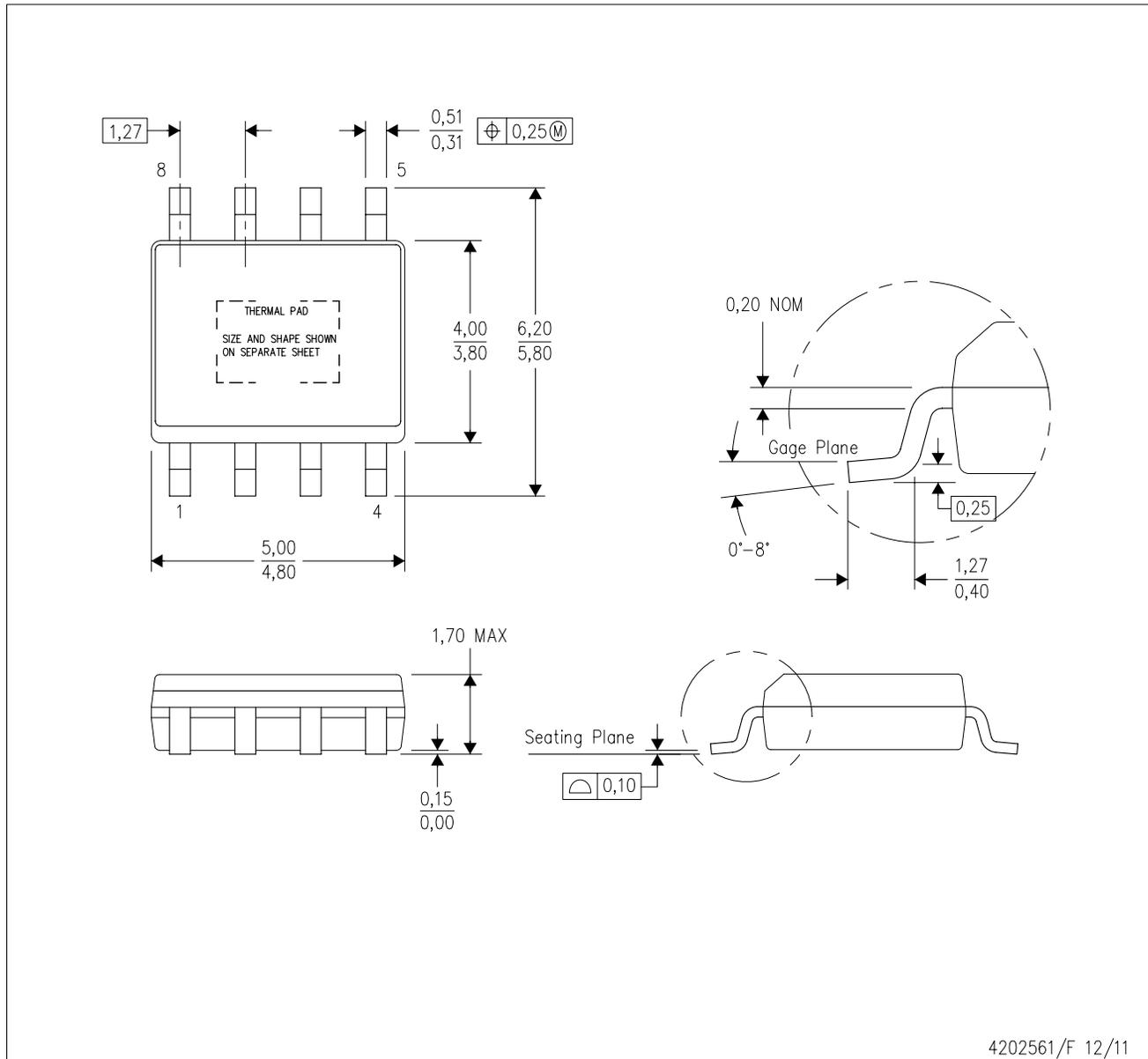
- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects



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  - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - C. Body dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusion not to exceed 0,15.
  - D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Technical Brief, PowerPad Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 for information regarding recommended board layout. This document is available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com) <<http://www.ti.com>>.
  - E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
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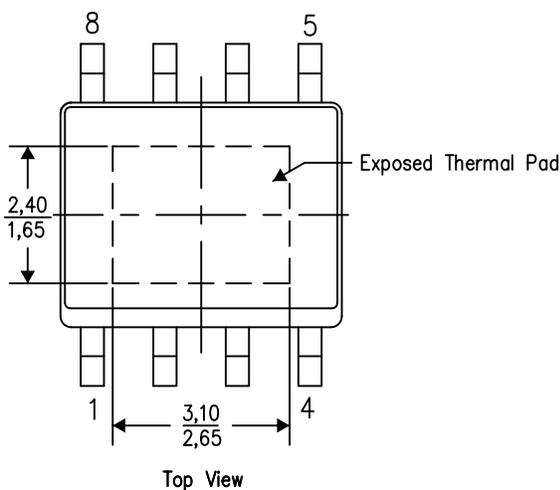
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## THERMAL INFORMATION

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

For additional information on the PowerPAD package and how to take advantage of its heat dissipating abilities, refer to Technical Brief, PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 and Application Brief, PowerPAD Made Easy, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA004. Both documents are available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

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

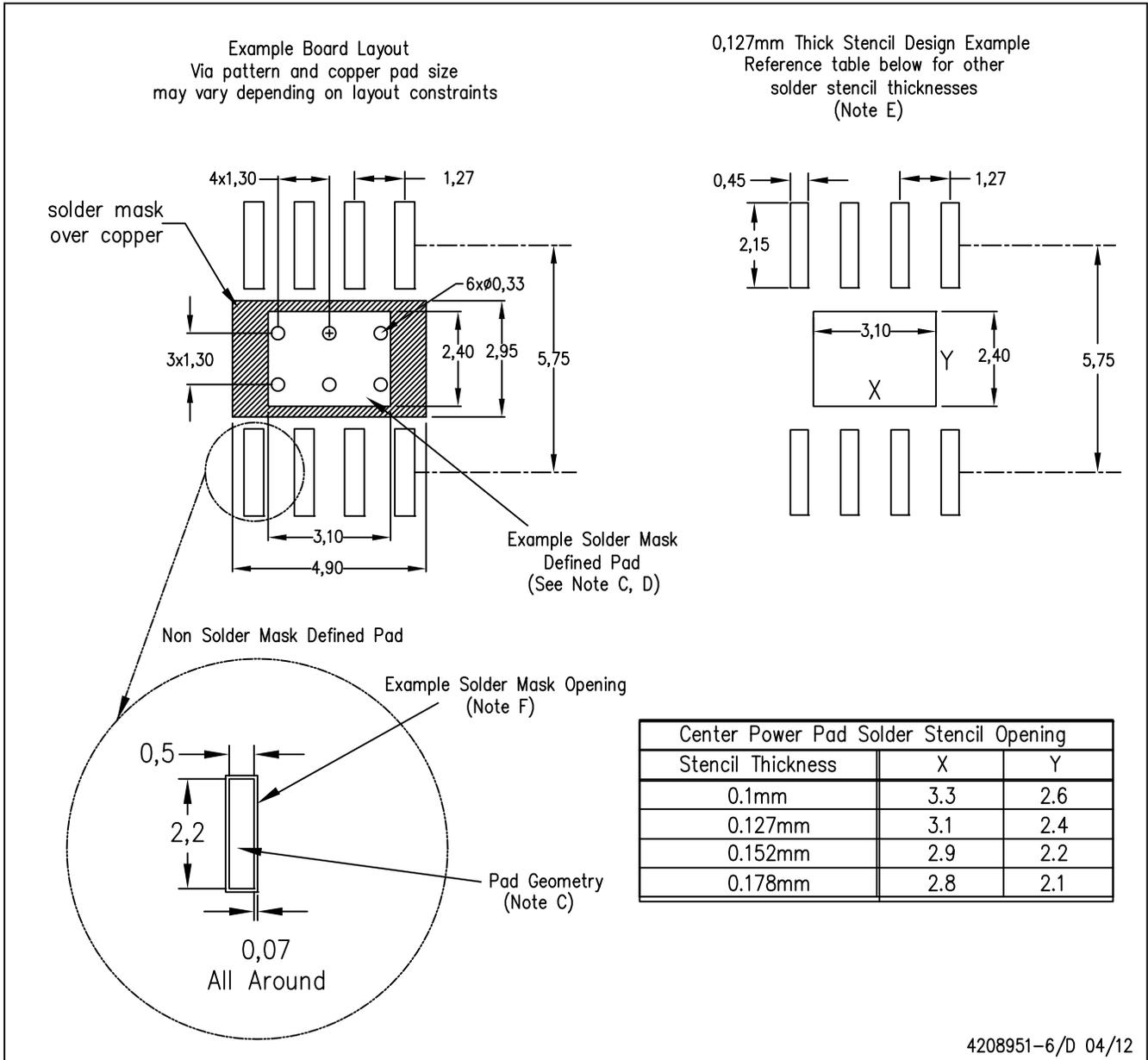


Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions

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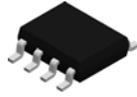
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  - E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Example stencil design based on a 50% volumetric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

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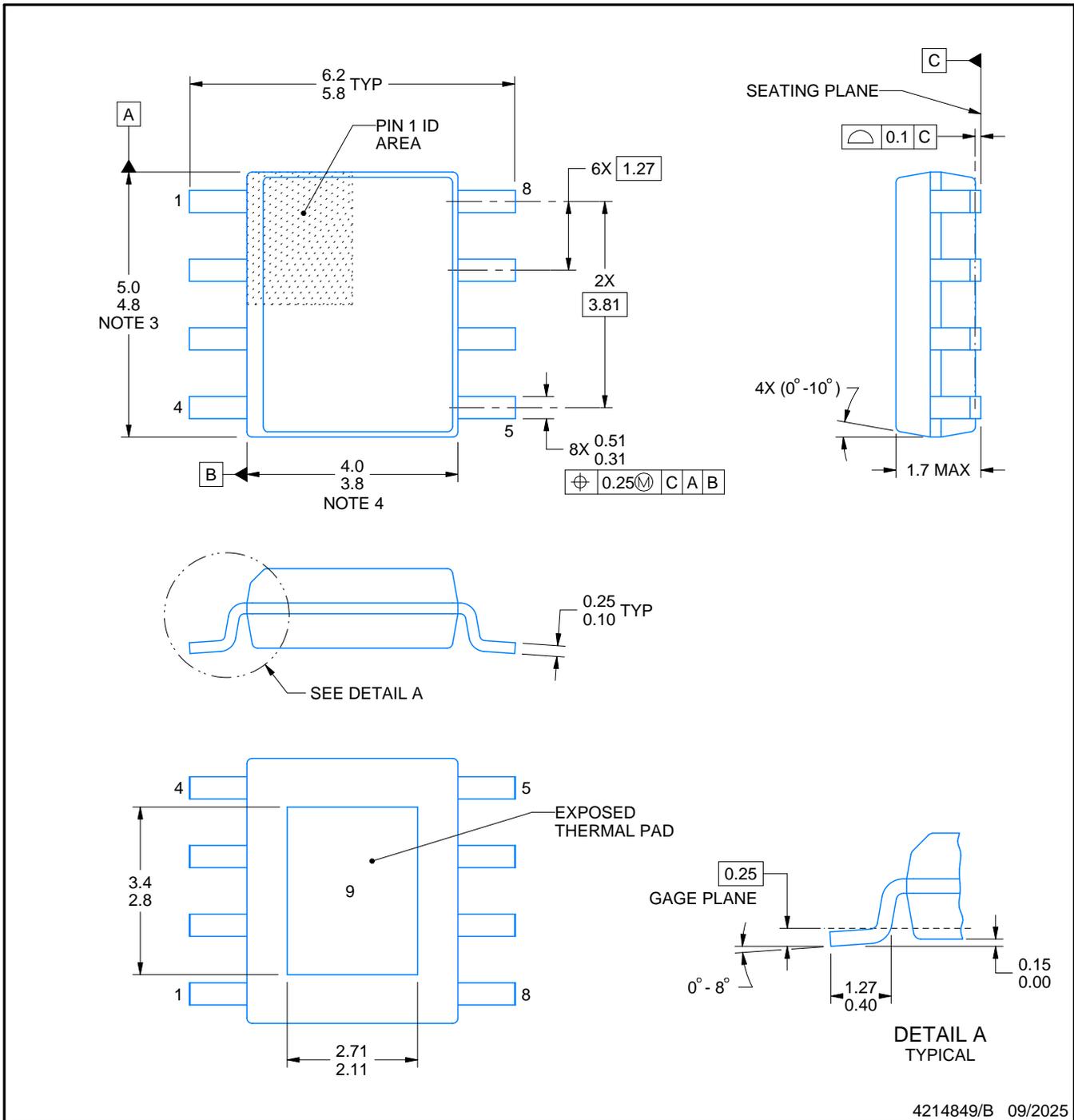
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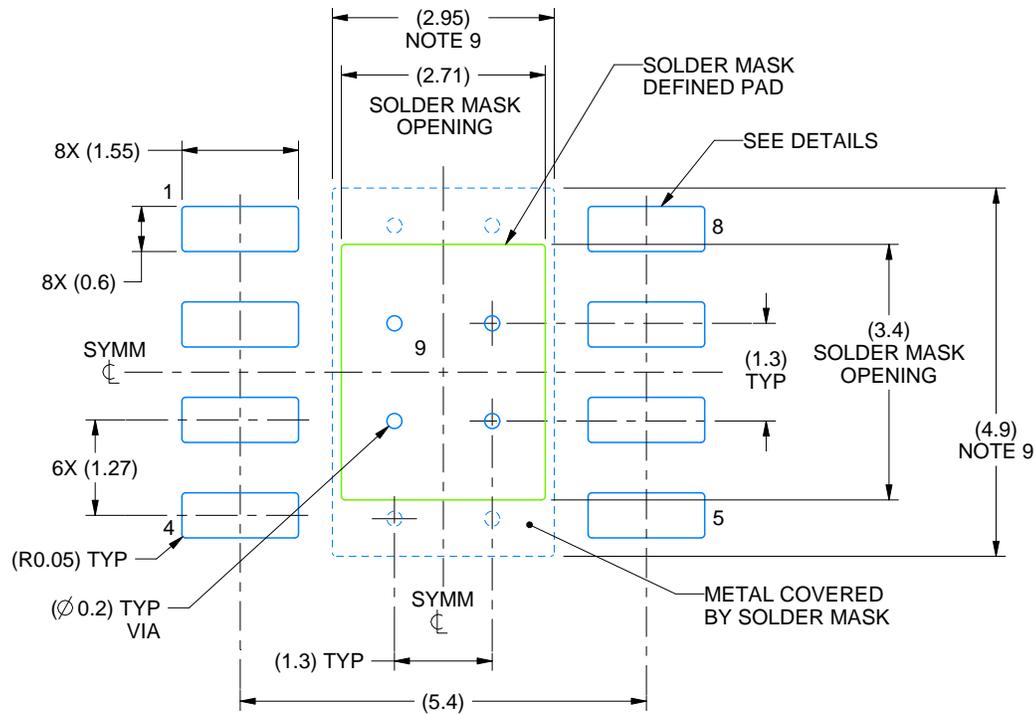
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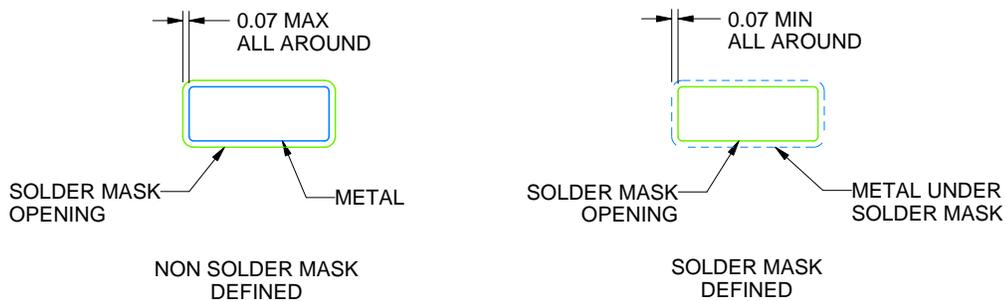
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SOLDER MASK DETAILS  
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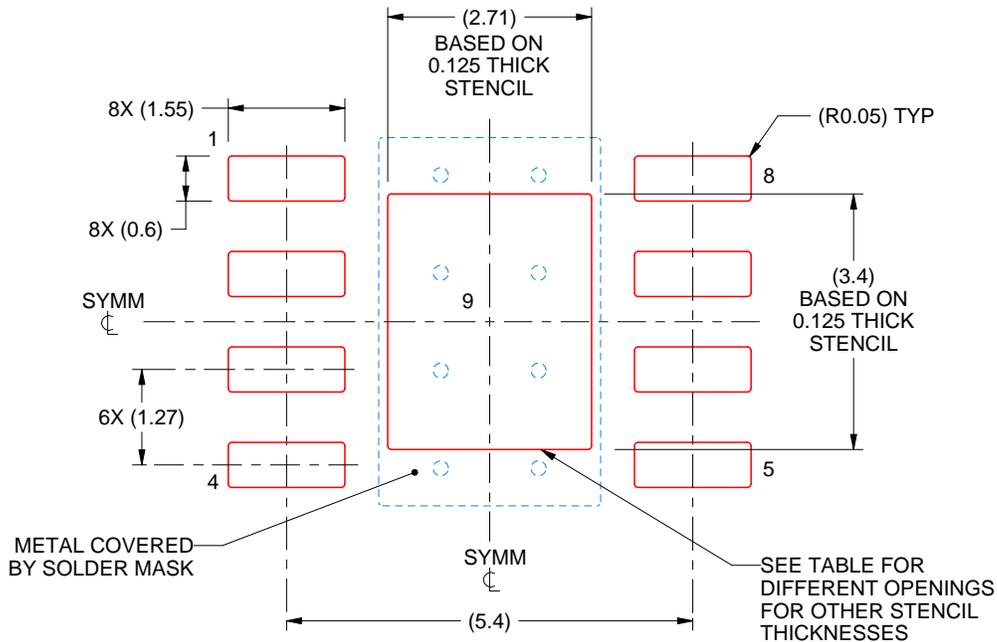
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7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.
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9. Size of metal pad may vary due to creepage requirement.
10. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

# EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED PAD  
100% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA  
SCALE:10X

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

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