

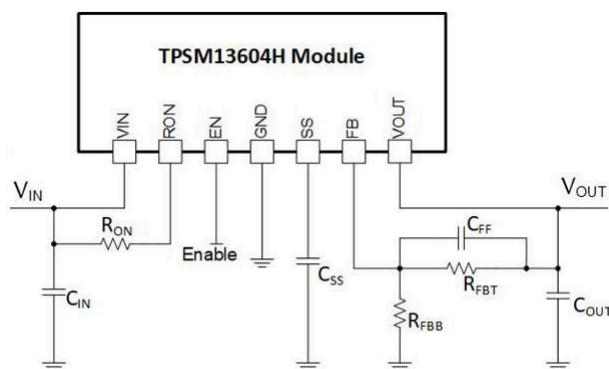
TPSM13604H 5-V to 36-V Input, 4-A High Output Voltage Power Module

1 Features

- Integrated shielded inductor
- Simple PCB layout
- Flexible start-up sequencing using external soft-start and precision enable
- Protection against inrush currents
- Input UVLO and output short-circuit protection
- -40°C to 125°C junction temperature range
- Single exposed pad and standard pinout for easy mounting and manufacturing
- Low output voltage ripple
- Pin-to-pin compatible family:
 - LMZ14203/LMZ14202/LMZ14201 (42-V max, 3 A, 2 A, 1 A)
 - LMZ12003/LMZ12002/LMZ12001 (20-V max, 3 A, 2 A, 1 A)
- Electrical specifications
 - Up to 4-A output current
 - Input voltage range 5 V to 36 V
 - Output voltage range 3 V to 16 V
 - Efficiency up to 97%
- Performance benefits
 - High efficiency reduces system heat generation
 - Low radiated EMI (EN 55022 class B tested)
 - No compensation required
 - Low package thermal resistance
 - EN 55022:2006, +A1:2007, FCC part 15 subpart B: 2007

2 Applications

- [Test and measurement](#)
- [Factory automation and control](#)
- [Aerospace and defense](#)
- [General purpose power supplies](#)



Simplified Application Schematic

3 Description

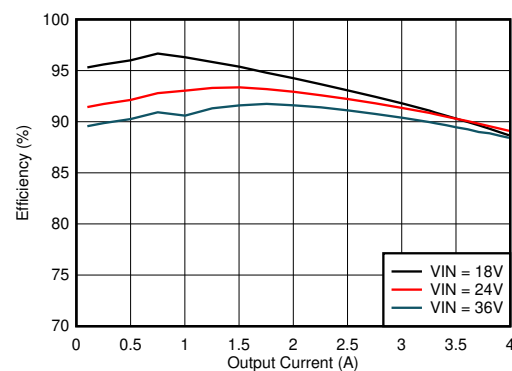
The TPSM13604H SIMPLE SWITCHER® power module is an easy-to-use step-down DC-DC solution that can drive up to 4-A load at low switching frequencies with exceptional power conversion efficiency, line and load regulation, and output accuracy. The TPSM13604H is available in an innovative package that enhances thermal performance and allows for hand or machine soldering.

The TPSM13604H can accept an input voltage rail between 5 V and 36 V and deliver an adjustable and highly accurate output voltage as low as 3 V. The TPSM13604H only requires three external resistors and four external capacitors to complete the power solution. The TPSM13604H has a reliable and robust design with the following protection features: thermal shutdown, input undervoltage lockout, output over-voltage protection, short-circuit protection, and output current limit, and allows start-up into a pre-biased output. A single resistor adjusts the switching frequency up to 700 kHz.

Device Information^{(1) (2)}

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
TPSM13604H	TO-PMOD (7)	10.16 mm × 9.85 mm

- (1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.
- (2) Peak reflow temperature equals 245°C . See [SNA4214](#) for more details.



Efficiency $V_{\text{OUT}} = 9.0\text{ V}$, $T_{\text{A}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $F_{\text{SW}} = 300\text{ kHz}$



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4 Revision History

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DATE	REVISION	NOTES
March 2021	*	Initial release.

5 Pin Configuration and Functions

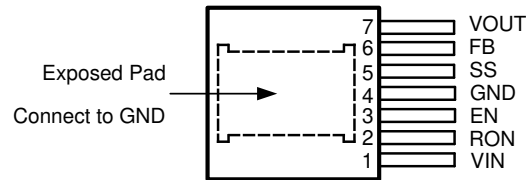


Figure 5-1. 7-Pin TO-PMOD NDW Package (Top View)

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NAME		
1	VIN	Power	Supply input — Additional external input capacitance is required between this pin and the exposed pad (EP).
2	RON	Analog	on-time resistor — An external resistor from V_{IN} to this pin sets the on-time and frequency of the application. Typical values range from 100 k to 700 k Ω . Recommended frequency for a 4-A load is 300 kHz.
3	EN	Analog	Enable — Input to the precision enable comparator. Rising threshold is 1.18 V.
4	GND	Ground	Ground — Reference point for all stated voltages. Must be externally connected to EP.
5	SS	Analog	Soft Start — An internal 8- μ A current source charges an external capacitor to produce the soft-start function.
6	FB	Analog	Feedback — Internally connected to the regulation, overvoltage, and short-circuit comparators. The regulation reference point is 0.8 V at this input pin. Connect the feedback resistor divider between the output and ground to set the output voltage.
7	VOUT	Power	Output Voltage — Output from the internal inductor. Connect the output capacitor between this pin and the exposed pad (EP).
—	EP	Ground	Exposed Pad — Internally connected to pin 4. Used to dissipate heat from the package during operation. Must be electrically connected to pin 4 external to the package.

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

	MIN ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN} , RON to GND	-0.3	42	V
EN, FB, SS to GND	-0.3	7	V
Junction Temperature		150	°C
Peak Reflow Case Temperature (30 s)		245	°C
Storage Temperature	-65	150	°C

- Operation outside the *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent device damage. *Absolute Maximum Ratings* do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. If used outside the *Recommended Operating Conditions* but within the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.
- If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.
- For soldering specifications, see the application note *Absolute Maximum Ratings for Soldering* (SNOA549)

6.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V

- JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

	MIN	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN}	5	36	V
EN	0	6.5	V
Operation Junction Temperature	-40	125	°C

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		TPSM13604	UNIT	
		NDW (TO-PMOD)		
		7 PINS		
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	4 layer printed-circuit-board, 7.62 cm x 7.62 cm (3 in x 3 in) area, 1-oz copper, no air flow	16	°C/W
		4 layer printed-circuit-board, 6.35 cm x 6.35 cm (2.5 in x 2.5 in) area, 1-oz copper, no air flow	18.4	
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance		1.9	°C/W

- For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Minimum and Maximum limits are ensured through test, design or statistical correlation. Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and are provided for reference purposes only. Unless otherwise stated the following conditions apply: $V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$, $R_{ON} = 249\text{ k}\Omega$

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN ⁽¹⁾	TYP ⁽²⁾	MAX ⁽¹⁾	UNIT
SYSTEM PARAMETERS						
ENABLE CONTROL						
V_{EN}	EN threshold trip point	V_{EN} rising, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 125°C	1.10	1.18	1.25	V
V_{EN-HYS}	EN threshold hysteresis			90		mV
SOFT-START						
I_{SS}	SS source current	$V_{SS} = 0\text{ V}$, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 125°C	8	10	15	μA
I_{SS-DIS}	SS discharge current			-200		μA
CURRENT LIMIT						
I_{CL}	Current limit threshold	DC average, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 125°C	3.2	4.7	5.5	A
I_{CL}	Current limit threshold	DC average, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ to 125°C , $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$, $R_{ON} = 374\text{ k}\Omega$	4.05	4.5		A
VIN UVLO						
V_{INUVLO}	Input UVLO	EN pin floating, V_{IN} rising		3.75		V
$V_{INUVLO-HYST}$	Hysteresis	EN pin floating, V_{IN} falling		130		mV
ON/OFF TIMER						
t_{ON-MIN}	ON timer minimum pulse width			150		ns
t_{OFF}	OFF timer pulse width			260		ns
REGULATION AND OVERVOLTAGE COMPARATOR						
V_{FB}	In-regulation feedback voltage	$V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{SS} > +0.8\text{ V}$, $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 125°C	0.782	0.803	0.822	V
		$V_{IN} = 24\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{SS} > +0.8\text{ V}$, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	0.786	0.803	0.818	
V_{FB-OVP}	Feedback overvoltage protection threshold			0.92		V
I_{FB}	Feedback input bias current			5		nA
I_Q	Nonswitching input current	$V_{FB} = 0.86\text{ V}$		1		mA
I_{SD}	Shutdown quiescent current	$V_{EN} = 0\text{ V}$		25		μA
THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS						
T_{SD}	Thermal shutdown (rising)			165		$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_{SD-HYST}$	Thermal shutdown hysteresis			15		$^\circ\text{C}$
PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS						
ΔV_{OUT}	Output voltage ripple	$V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$, $C_O = 100\text{-}\mu\text{F}$ 6.3-V X7R, $R_{ON} = 374\text{ k}\Omega$		20		mV _{PP}
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta V_{IN}$	Line regulation	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ to 24 V , $I_{OUT} = 4\text{ A}$, $R_{ON} = 374\text{ k}\Omega$		0.01%		
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta I_{OUT}$	Load regulation	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ A}$ to 4 A , $R_{ON} = 374\text{ k}\Omega$		1.5		mV/A
η	Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ A}$, $R_{ON} = 374\text{ k}\Omega$		96%		
η	Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 4\text{ A}$, $R_{ON} = 374\text{ k}\Omega$		88%		

- (1) Minimum and Maximum limits are 100% production tested at 25°C . Limits over the operating temperature range are ensured through correlation using Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods. Limits are used to calculate National's Average Outgoing Quality Level (AOQL).
- (2) Typical numbers are at 25°C and represent the most likely parametric norm.

6.6 Typical Characteristics

$F_{SW} = 300 \text{ kHz}$; $C_{in} = 10\text{-}\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic; $C_O = 47 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$; $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise specified)

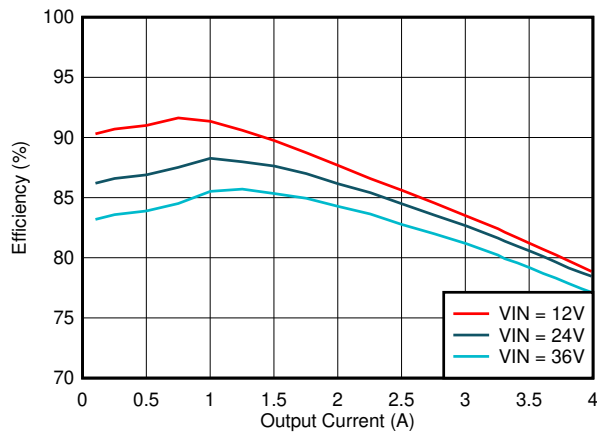


Figure 6-1. Efficiency $V_{OUT} = 3.3 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

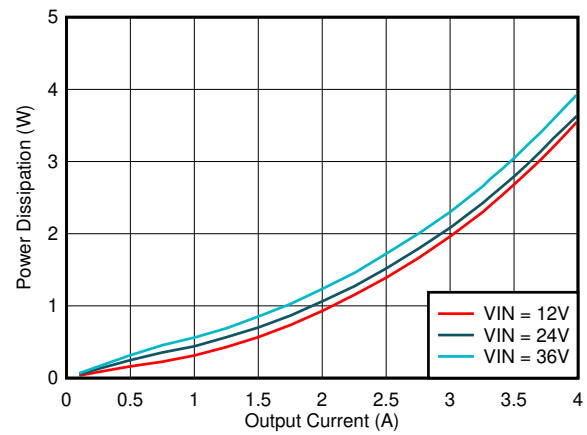


Figure 6-2. Power Dissipation $V_{OUT} = 3.3 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

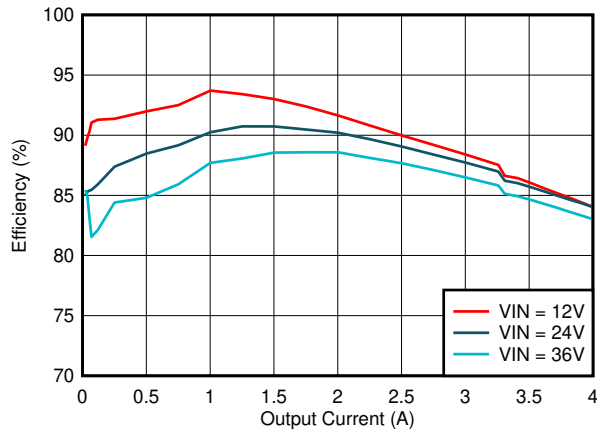


Figure 6-3. Efficiency $V_{OUT} = 5.0 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

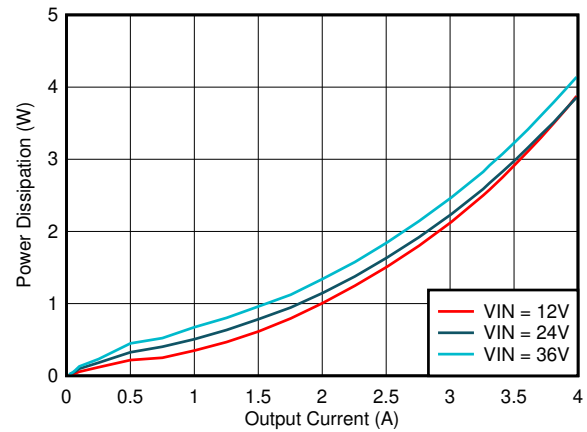


Figure 6-4. Power Dissipation $V_{OUT} = 5.0 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

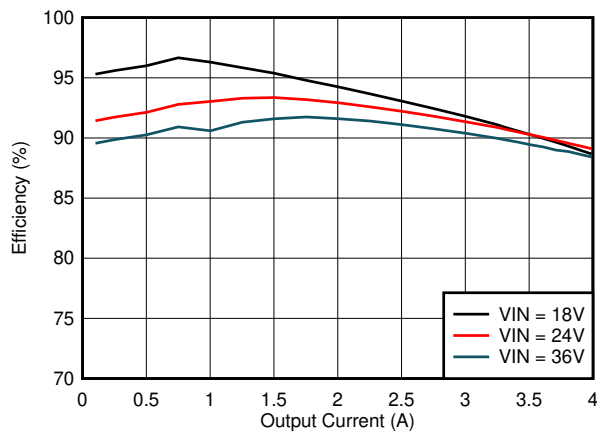


Figure 6-5. Efficiency $V_{OUT} = 9.0 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

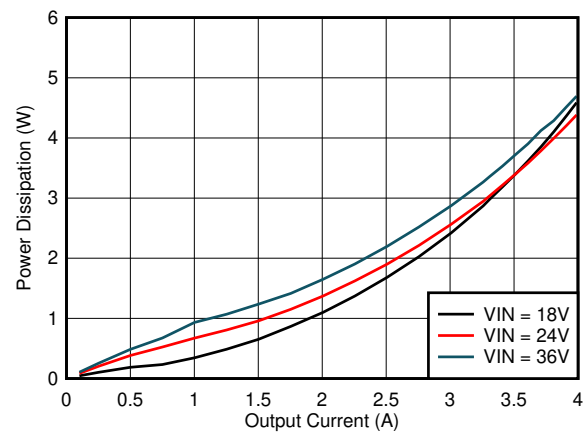


Figure 6-6. Power Dissipation $V_{OUT} = 9.0 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

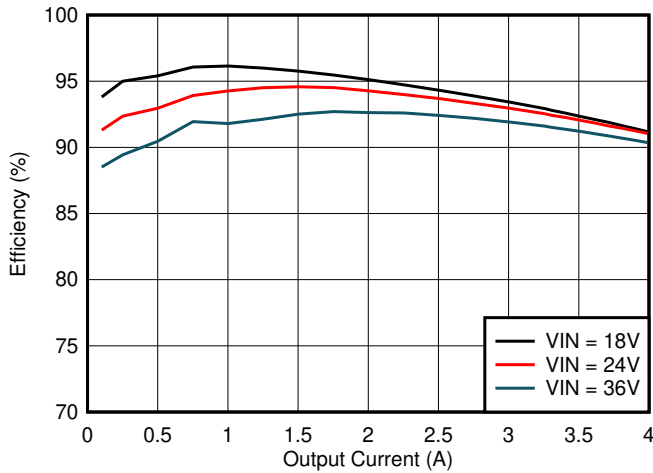


Figure 6-7. Efficiency $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

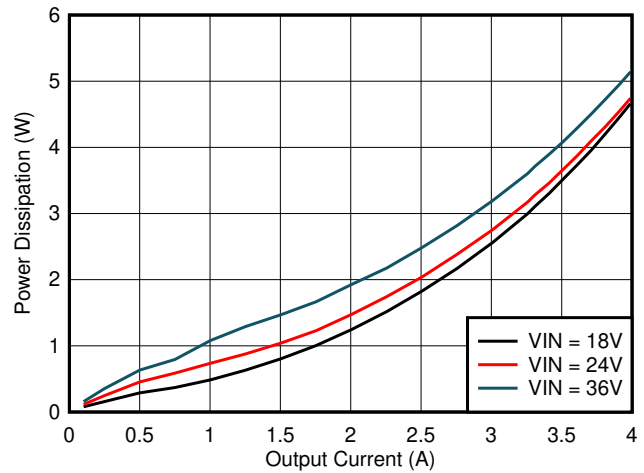


Figure 6-8. Power Dissipation $V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

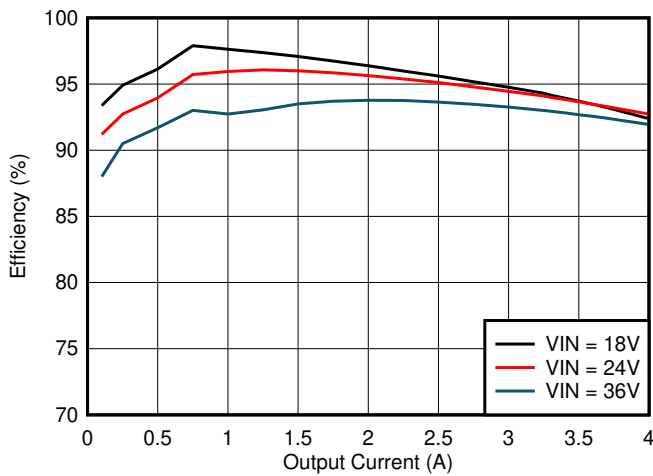


Figure 6-9. Efficiency $V_{OUT} = 16\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

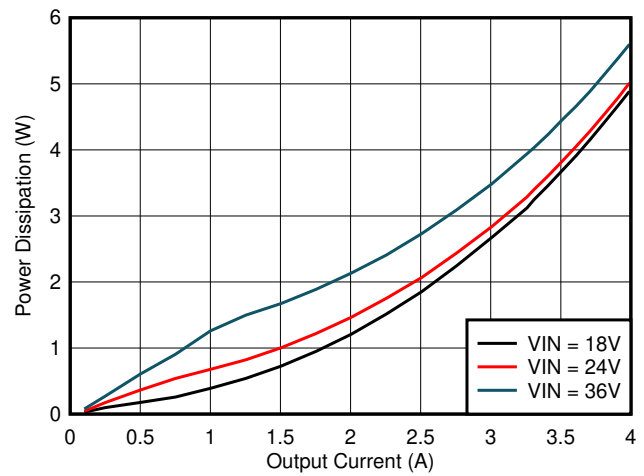


Figure 6-10. Power Dissipation $V_{OUT} = 16\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

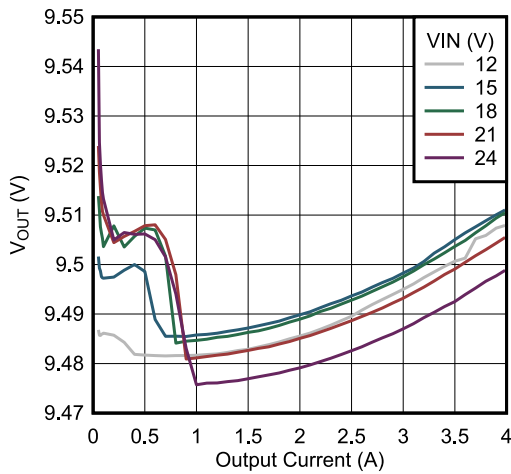


Figure 6-11. Line and Load Regulation $V_{OUT} = 9.5\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

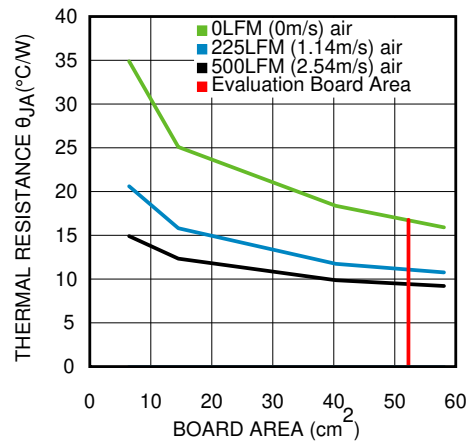


Figure 6-12. Package Thermal Resistance $R_{\theta JA}$ 4-Layer PCB with 1-oz Copper

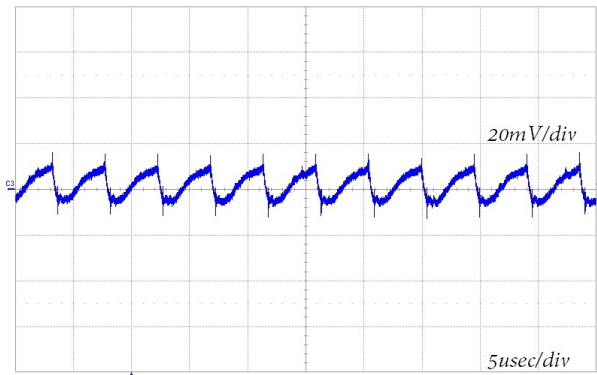


Figure 6-13. Output Ripple $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 4\text{ A}$, Ceramic C_{OUT} , BW = 200 MHz

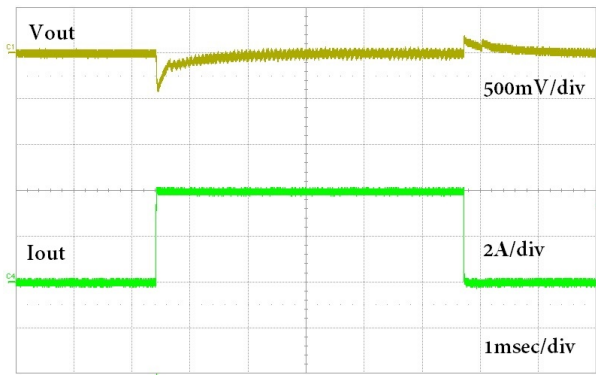


Figure 6-14. Load Transient Response $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$ Load Step From 0% to 100%

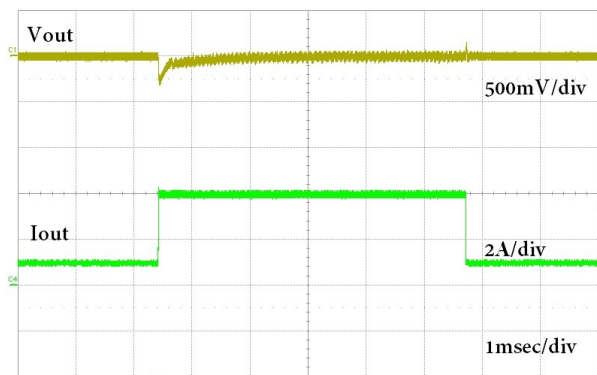


Figure 6-15. Load Transient Response $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$ Load Step From 25% to 100%

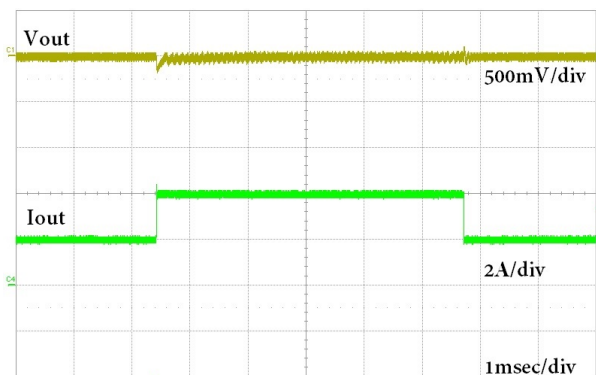


Figure 6-16. Load Transient Response $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$ Load Step From 50% to 100%

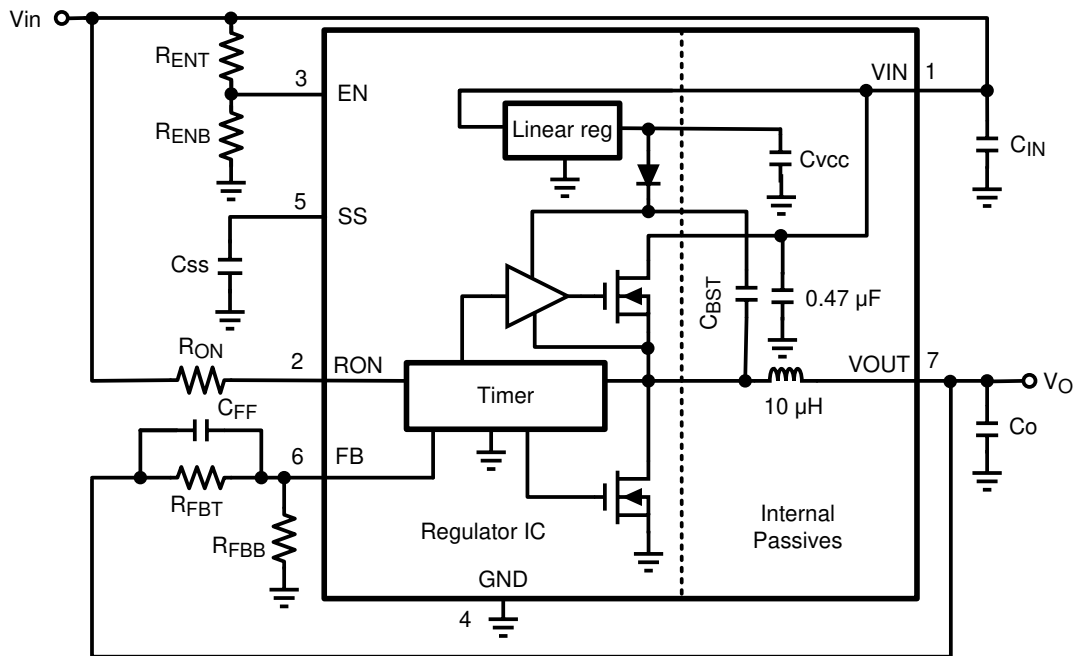
7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

7.1.1 COT Control Circuit Overview

Constant on-time control is based on a comparator and an on-time one-shot, with the output voltage feedback compared to an internal 0.8-V reference. If the feedback voltage is below the reference, the high-side MOSFET is turned on for a fixed on-time determined by a programming resistor R_{ON} . R_{ON} is connected to V_{IN} such that on-time is reduced with increasing input supply voltage. Following this on-time, the high-side MOSFET remains off for a minimum of 260 ns. If the voltage on the feedback pin falls below the reference level again, the on-time cycle is repeated. Regulation is achieved in this manner.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Output Overvoltage Comparator

The voltage at FB is compared to a 0.92-V internal reference. If FB rises above 0.92 V, the on-time is immediately terminated. This condition is known as overvoltage protection (OVP). It can occur if the input voltage is increased very suddenly or if the output load is decreased very suddenly. Once OVP is activated, the top MOSFET on-times are inhibited until the condition clears. Additionally, the synchronous MOSFET remains on until inductor current falls to zero.

7.3.2 Current Limit

Current limit detection is carried out during the off-time by monitoring the current in the synchronous MOSFET. Referring to the *Functional Block Diagram*, when the top MOSFET is turned off, the inductor current flows through the load, the PGND pin, and the internal synchronous MOSFET. If this current exceeds 4.2 A (typical), the current limit comparator disables the start of the next on-time period. The next switching cycle only occurs if the FB input is less than 0.8 V and the valley of the inductor current has decreased below 4.2 A. Inductor current is monitored during the period of time the synchronous MOSFET is conducting. So long as inductor current exceeds 4.2 A, further on-time intervals for the top MOSFET do not occur. Switching frequency is lower during current limit due to the longer off-time.

Note

The DC current limit varies with duty cycle, switching frequency, and temperature.

7.3.3 Thermal Protection

The junction temperature of the TPSM13604 must not be allowed to exceed its maximum ratings. Thermal protection is implemented by an internal Thermal Shutdown circuit which activates at 165°C (typical), causing the device to enter a low-power standby state. In this state, the main MOSFET remains off, causing V_O to fall, and additionally, the CSS capacitor is discharged to ground. Thermal protection helps prevent catastrophic failures for accidental device overheating. When the junction temperature falls back below 145°C (typical Hyst = 20°C), the SS pin is released, V_O rises smoothly, and normal operation resumes.

7.3.4 Zero Coil Current Detection

The current of the lower (synchronous) MOSFET is monitored by a zero coil current detection circuit which inhibits the synchronous MOSFET when its current reaches zero until the next on-time. This circuit enables DCM operating mode, which improves efficiency at light loads.

7.3.5 Prebiased Start-up

The TPSM13604 properly starts up into a prebiased output. This start-up situation is common in multiple rail logic applications where current paths can exist between different power rails during the start-up sequence. The prebias level of the output voltage must be less than the input UVLO set point. This prevents the output pre-bias from enabling the regulator through the high-side MOSFET body diode.

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Discontinuous Conduction and Continuous Conduction Modes

At light-load, the regulator operates in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM). With load currents above the critical conduction point, the regulator operates in continuous conduction mode (CCM). When operating in DCM, the switching cycle begins at zero amps inductor current, increases up to a peak value, and then recedes back to zero before the end of the off-time. During the period of time that inductor current is zero, all load current is supplied by the output capacitor. The next on-time period starts when the voltage on the FB pin falls below the internal reference. The switching frequency is lower in DCM and varies more with load current as compared to CCM. Conversion efficiency in DCM is maintained since conduction and switching losses are reduced with the smaller load and lower switching frequency.

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

8.1 Application Information

The TPSM13604H is a step down DC-to-DC power module. It is typically used to convert a higher DC voltage to a lower DC voltage with a maximum peak output current of 4 A. The following design procedure can be used to select components for the TPSM13604H.

8.2 Typical Application

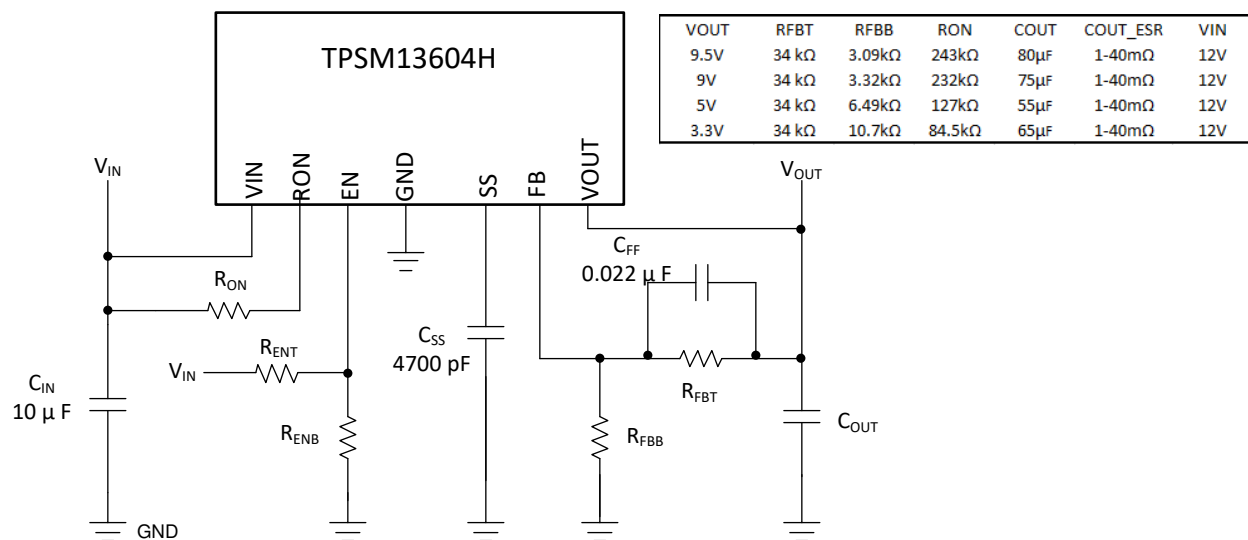


Figure 8-1. Simplified Application Schematic

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For this example, the following application parameters exist:

- V_{IN} range = up to 36 V
- V_{OUT} = 9 V
- I_{OUT} = 4 A
- Refer to [Equation 1](#) to calculate R_{ENT} and R_{ENB}

Refer to [Figure 8-1](#) for more information.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 Design Steps for the TPSM13604 Application

The following list of steps can be used to manually design the TPSM13604 application:

1. Select minimum operating V_{IN} with enable divider resistors.
2. Program V_O with divider resistor selection.
3. Program turn-on time with soft-start capacitor selection.
4. Select C_O.
5. Select C_{IN}.
6. Set operating frequency with R_{ON}.

7. Determine module dissipation.
8. Lay out PCB for required thermal performance.

8.2.2.1.1 Enable Divider, R_{ENT} , and R_{ENB} Selection

The enable input provides a precise 1.18-V reference threshold to allow direct logic drive or connection to a voltage divider from a higher enable voltage such as V_{IN} . The enable input also incorporates 90 mV (typical) of hysteresis, resulting in a falling threshold of 1.09 V. The maximum recommended voltage into the EN pin is 6.5 V. For applications where the midpoint of the enable divider exceeds 6.5 V, a small Zener diode can be added to limit this voltage.

The function of the R_{ENT} and R_{ENB} dividers is to allow the designer to choose an input voltage below which the circuit will be disabled. This implements the feature of programmable undervoltage lockout. This is often used in battery-powered systems to prevent deep discharge of the system battery. It is also useful in system designs for sequencing of output rails or to prevent early turnon of the supply as the main input voltage rail rises at power up. Applying the enable divider to the main input rail is often done in the case of higher input voltage systems such as 24-V AC/DC systems where a lower boundary of operation should be established. In the case of sequencing supplies, the divider is connected to a rail that becomes active earlier in the power-up cycle than the TPSM13604 output rail. The two resistors should be chosen based on the following ratio:

$$R_{ENT} / R_{ENB} = (V_{IN-ENABLE} / 1.18 \text{ V}) - 1 \quad (1)$$

The EN pin is internally pulled up to V_{IN} and can be left floating for always-on operation. However, it is good practice to use the enable divider and turn on the regulator when V_{IN} is close to reaching its nominal value. This ensures smooth start-up and prevents overloading the input supply.

8.2.2.1.2 Output Voltage Selection

Output voltage is determined by a divider of two resistors connected between V_O and ground. The midpoint of the divider is connected to the FB input. The voltage at FB is compared to a 0.8-V internal reference. In normal operation, an on-time cycle is initiated when the voltage on the FB pin falls below 0.8 V. The high-side MOSFET on-time cycle causes the output voltage to rise and the voltage at the FB to exceed 0.8 V. As long as the voltage at FB is above 0.8 V, on-time cycles do not occur.

The regulated output voltage determined by the external divider resistors R_{FBT} and R_{FBB} is:

$$V_O = 0.8 \text{ V} \times (1 + R_{FBT} / R_{FBB}) \quad (2)$$

Rearranging terms; the ratio of the feedback resistors for a desired output voltage is:

$$R_{FBT} / R_{FBB} = (V_O / 0.8 \text{ V}) - 1 \quad (3)$$

These resistors should be chosen from values in the range of 1 k Ω to 50 k Ω .

A feedforward capacitor is placed in parallel with R_{FBT} to improve load step transient response. Its value is usually determined experimentally by load stepping between DCM and CCM conduction modes and adjusting for best transient response and minimum output ripple.

A table of values for R_{FBT} , R_{FBB} , and R_{ON} is included in the simplified applications schematic (see [Figure 8-1](#)).

8.2.2.1.3 Soft-Start Capacitor, C_{SS} , Selection

Programmable soft start permits the regulator to slowly ramp to its steady-state operating point after being enabled, thereby reducing current inrush from the input supply and slowing the output voltage rise-time to prevent overshoot.

Upon turn-on, after all UVLO conditions have been passed, an internal 8- μ A current source begins charging the external soft-start capacitor. The soft-start time duration to reach steady-state operation is given by the formula:

$$t_{SS} = V_{REF} \times C_{SS} / I_{SS} = 0.8 \text{ V} \times C_{SS} / 8 \mu\text{A} \quad (4)$$

[Equation 4](#) can be rearranged as follows:

$$C_{SS} = t_{SS} \times 8 \mu\text{A} / 0.8 \text{ V} \quad (5)$$

Use of a 4700-pF capacitor results in 0.5-ms soft-start duration. This is a recommended value. Note high values of C_{SS} capacitance causes more output voltage droop when a load transient goes across the DCM-CCM boundary. Use [Equation 22](#) to find the DCM-CCM boundary load current for the specific operating condition. If a fast load transient response is desired for steps between DCM and CCM mode, the soft-start capacitor value must be less than 0.018 μF .

Note the following conditions reset the soft-start capacitor by discharging the SS input to ground with an internal 200- μA current sink:

- The enable input being pulled low
- Thermal shutdown condition
- Overcurrent fault
- Internal $V_{IN_{UVLO}}$

8.2.2.1.4 Output Capacitor, C_O , Selection

None of the required output capacitance is contained within the module. At a minimum, the output capacitor must meet the worst-case RMS current rating of $0.5 \times I_{LR \text{ P-P}}$, as calculated in [Equation 23](#). Beyond that, additional capacitance reduces output ripple so long as the ESR is low enough to permit it. A minimum value of 10 μF is generally required. Experimentation is required if the user is attempting to operate with a minimum value. Low-ESR capacitors, such as ceramic and polymer electrolytic capacitors, are recommended.

8.2.2.1.4.1 Capacitance

[Equation 6](#) provides a good first pass approximation of C_O for load transient requirements:

$$C_O \geq I_{STEP} \times V_{FB} \times L \times V_{IN} / (4 \times V_O \times (V_{IN} - V_O) \times V_{OUT-TRAN}) \quad (6)$$

As an example, for 4-A load step, $V_{IN} = 12 \text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9 \text{ V}$, $V_{OUT-TRAN} = 50 \text{ mV}$:

$$C_O \geq 4 \text{ A} \times 0.8 \text{ V} \times 10 \mu\text{H} \times 12 \text{ V} / (4 \times 9 \text{ V} \times (12 \text{ V} - 9 \text{ V}) \times 50 \text{ mV}) \quad (7)$$

$$C_O \geq 71 \mu\text{F} \quad (8)$$

8.2.2.1.4.2 ESR

The ESR of the output capacitor affects the output voltage ripple. High ESR results in larger V_{OUT} peak-to-peak ripple voltage. Furthermore, high output voltage ripple caused by excessive ESR can trigger the overvoltage protection monitored at the FB pin. The ESR must be chosen to satisfy the maximum desired V_{OUT} peak-to-peak ripple voltage and to avoid overvoltage protection during normal operation. The following equations can be used:

$$ESR_{MAX-RIPPLE} \leq V_{OUT-RIPPLE} / I_{LR \text{ P-P}} \quad (9)$$

where

- $I_{LR \text{ P-P}}$ is calculated using [Equation 23](#)

$$ESR_{MAX-OVP} < (V_{FB-OVP} - V_{FB}) / (I_{LR \text{ P-P}} \times A_{FB}) \quad (10)$$

where

- A_{FB} is the gain of the feedback network from V_{OUT} to V_{FB} at the switching frequency

As worst-case, assume the gain of A_{FB} with the C_{FF} capacitor at the switching frequency is 1.

The selected capacitor should have sufficient voltage and RMS current rating. The RMS current through the output capacitor is:

$$I(C_{OUT(RMS)}) = I_{LR \text{ P-P}} / \sqrt{12} \quad (11)$$

8.2.2.1.5 Input Capacitor, C_{IN} , Selection

The TPSM13604 module contains an internal 0.47- μ F input ceramic capacitor. Additional input capacitance is required externally to the module to handle the input ripple current of the application. This input capacitance must be as close as possible to the module. Input capacitor selection is generally directed to satisfy the input ripple current requirements rather than by capacitance value.

Worst-case input ripple current rating is dictated by [Equation 12](#).

$$I(C_{IN(RMS)}) \cong 1/2 \times I_O \times \sqrt{D / 1-D} \quad (12)$$

where

- $D \cong V_O / V_{IN}$

As a point of reference, the worst-case ripple current occurs when the module is presented with full load current and when $V_{IN} = 2 \times V_O$.

Recommended minimum input capacitance is 10- μ F X7R ceramic with a voltage rating at least 25% higher than the maximum applied input voltage for the application. TI also recommends to pay attention to the voltage and temperature deratings of the capacitor selected. Note that ripple current rating of ceramic capacitors can be missing from the capacitor data sheet and you may have to contact the capacitor manufacturer for this rating.

If the system design requires a certain maximum value of input ripple voltage ΔV_{IN} to be maintained, then [Equation 13](#) can be used.

$$C_{IN} \geq I_O \times D \times (1-D) / f_{SW-CCM} \times \Delta V_{IN} \quad (13)$$

If ΔV_{IN} is 2% of V_{IN} for a 12-V input to a 9-V output application this equals 120 mV and $f_{SW} = 300$ kHz.

$$C_{IN} \geq 4 \text{ A} \times 9 \text{ V} / 12 \text{ V} \times (1 - 9 \text{ V} / 12 \text{ V}) / (300000 \times 0.240 \text{ V}) \quad (14)$$

$$C_{IN} \geq 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F} \quad (15)$$

Additional bulk capacitance with higher ESR can be required to damp any resonant effects of the input capacitance and parasitic inductance of the incoming supply lines.

8.2.2.1.6 ON-Time, R_{ON} , Resistor Selection

Many designs begin with a desired switching frequency in mind. For 4-A applications, 300 kHz is recommended. [Equation 16](#) can be used to calculate the R_{ON} value.

$$f_{SW(CCM)} \cong V_O / (1.3 \times 10^{-10} \times R_{ON}) \quad (16)$$

This can be rearranged as:

$$R_{ON} \cong V_O / (1.3 \times 10^{-10} \times f_{SW(CCM)}) \quad (17)$$

The selection of R_{ON} and $f_{SW(CCM)}$ must be confined by limitations in the on-time and off-time for [Section 7.1.1](#).

The on-time of the TPSM13604 timer is determined by the resistor R_{ON} and the input voltage V_{IN} . It is calculated as follows:

$$t_{ON} = (1.3 \times 10^{-10} \times R_{ON}) / V_{IN} \quad (18)$$

The inverse relationship of t_{ON} and V_{IN} gives a nearly constant switching frequency as V_{IN} is varied. R_{ON} must be selected such that the on-time at maximum V_{IN} is greater than 150 ns. The on-timer has a limiter to ensure a minimum of 150 ns for t_{ON} . This limits the maximum operating frequency, which is governed by [Equation 19](#).

$$f_{SW(MAX)} = V_O / (V_{IN(MAX)} \times 150 \text{ ns}) \quad (19)$$

This equation can be used to select R_{ON} if a certain operating frequency is desired so long as the minimum on-time of 150 ns is observed. The limit for R_{ON} can be calculated as follows:

$$R_{ON} \geq V_{IN(MAX)} \times 150 \text{ nsec} / (1.3 \times 10^{-10}) \quad (20)$$

If R_{ON} calculated in Equation 17 is less than the minimum value determined in Equation 20, a lower frequency should be selected. Alternatively, $V_{IN(MAX)}$ can also be limited to keep the frequency unchanged.

Additionally, the minimum off-time of 260 ns (typical) limits the maximum duty ratio. Larger R_{ON} (lower F_{SW}) must be selected in any application requiring large duty ratio.

8.2.2.1.6.1 Discontinuous Conduction and Continuous Conduction Mode Selection

Operating frequency in DCM can be calculated as follows:

$$f_{SW(DCM)} \cong V_O \times (V_{IN} - 1) \times 10 \mu\text{H} \times 1.18 \times 10^{20} \times I_O / (V_{IN} - V_O) \times R_{ON}^2 \quad (21)$$

In CCM, current flows through the inductor through the entire switching cycle and never falls to zero during the off-time. The switching frequency remains relatively constant with load current and line voltage variations. The CCM operating frequency can be calculated using Equation 16.

The approximate formula for determining the DCM/CCM boundary is as follows:

$$I_{DCB} \cong V_O \times (V_{IN} - V_O) / (2 \times 10 \mu\text{H} \times f_{SW(CCM)} \times V_{IN}) \quad (22)$$

The inductor internal to the module is 10 μH . This value was chosen as a good balance between low and high input voltage applications. The main parameter affected by the inductor is the amplitude of the inductor ripple current (I_{LR}). I_{LR} can be calculated with:

$$I_{LR P-P} = V_O \times (V_{IN} - V_O) / (10 \mu\text{H} \times f_{SW} \times V_{IN}) \quad (23)$$

where

- V_{IN} is the maximum input voltage and f_{SW} is determined from Equation 16

If the output current, I_O , is determined by assuming that $I_O = I_L$, the higher and lower peak of I_{LR} can be determined. Be aware that the lower peak of I_{LR} must be positive if CCM operation is required.

8.2.3 Application Curve

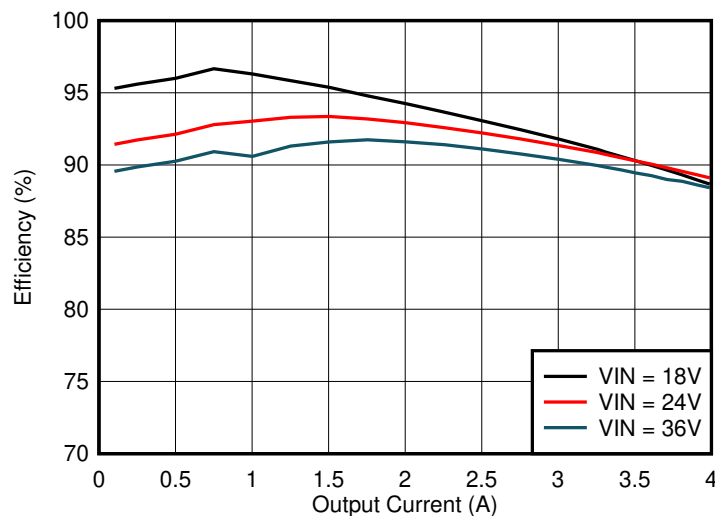


Figure 8-2. Efficiency $V_{OUT} = 9.0 \text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPSM13604 device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 5 V and 36 V. This input supply must be well-regulated and able to withstand maximum input current and maintain a stable voltage. The resistance of the input supply rail must be low enough that an input current transient does not cause a high enough drop at the TPSM13604 supply voltage that can cause a false UVLO fault triggering and system reset. If the input supply is more than a few inches from the TPSM13604, additional bulk capacitance can be required in addition to the ceramic bypass capacitors. The amount of bulk capacitance is not critical, but a 47- μ F or 100- μ F electrolytic capacitor is a typical choice.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

PCB layout is an important part of DC-DC converter design. Poor board layout can disrupt the performance of a DC-DC converter and surrounding circuitry by contributing to EMI, ground bounce, and resistive voltage drop in the traces. These can send erroneous signals to the DC-DC converter resulting in poor regulation or instability. Good layout can be implemented by following a few simple design rules.

1. Minimize the area of switched current loops.

From an EMI reduction standpoint, it is imperative to minimize the high di/dt paths during PCB layout. The high current loops that do not overlap have high di/dt content that cause observable high frequency noise on the output pin if the input capacitor (C_{IN1}) is placed at a distance away from the TPSM13604. Therefore, place C_{IN1} as close as possible to the TPSM13604 VIN and GND exposed pad. This minimizes the high di/dt area and reduce radiated EMI. Additionally, grounding for both the input and output capacitor must consist of a localized top-side plane that connects to the GND exposed pad (EP).

2. Have a single point ground.

The ground connections for the feedback, soft start, and enable components should be routed to the GND pin of the device. This prevents any switched or load currents from flowing in the analog ground traces. If not properly handled, poor grounding can result in degraded load regulation or erratic output voltage ripple behavior. Provide the single point ground connection from pin 4 to EP.

3. Minimize trace length to the FB pin.

Both feedback resistors, R_{FBT} and R_{FBB} , and the feedforward capacitor, C_{FF} , must be close to the FB pin. Since the FB node is high impedance, maintain the copper area as small as possible. The trace are from R_{FBT} , R_{FBB} , and C_{FF} must be routed away from the body of the TPSM13604 to minimize noise.

4. Make input and output bus connections as wide as possible.

This reduces any voltage drops on the input or output of the converter and maximizes efficiency. To optimize voltage accuracy at the load, ensure that a separate feedback voltage sense trace is made to the load. Doing so corrects for voltage drops and provide optimum output accuracy.

5. Provide adequate device heat-sinking.

Use an array of heat-sinking vias to connect the exposed pad to the ground plane on the bottom PCB layer. If the PCB has a plurality of copper layers, these thermal vias can also be employed to make connection to inner layer heat-spreading ground planes. For best results use a 6 × 6 via array with minimum via diameter of 8 mils thermal vias spaced 59 mils (1.5 mm). Ensure enough copper area is used for heat-sinking to keep the junction temperature below 125°C.

10.1.1 Power Module SMT Guidelines

The following recommendations are for a standard module surface mount assembly:

- Land Pattern – Follow the PCB land pattern with either soldermask defined or non-soldermask defined pads.
- Stencil Aperture
 - For the exposed die attach pad (DAP), adjust the stencil for approximately 80% coverage of the PCB land pattern.
 - For all other I/O pads, use a 1:1 ratio between the aperture and the land pattern recommendation.
- Solder Paste – Use a standard SAC Alloy such as SAC 305, type 3 or higher.
- Stencil Thickness – 0.125 mm to 0.15 mm
- Reflow - Refer to solder paste supplier recommendation and optimized per board size and density.
- Refer to AN [Design Summary LMZ1xxx and LMZ2xxx Power Modules Family](#) for reflow information.
- Maximum number of reflows allowed is one.

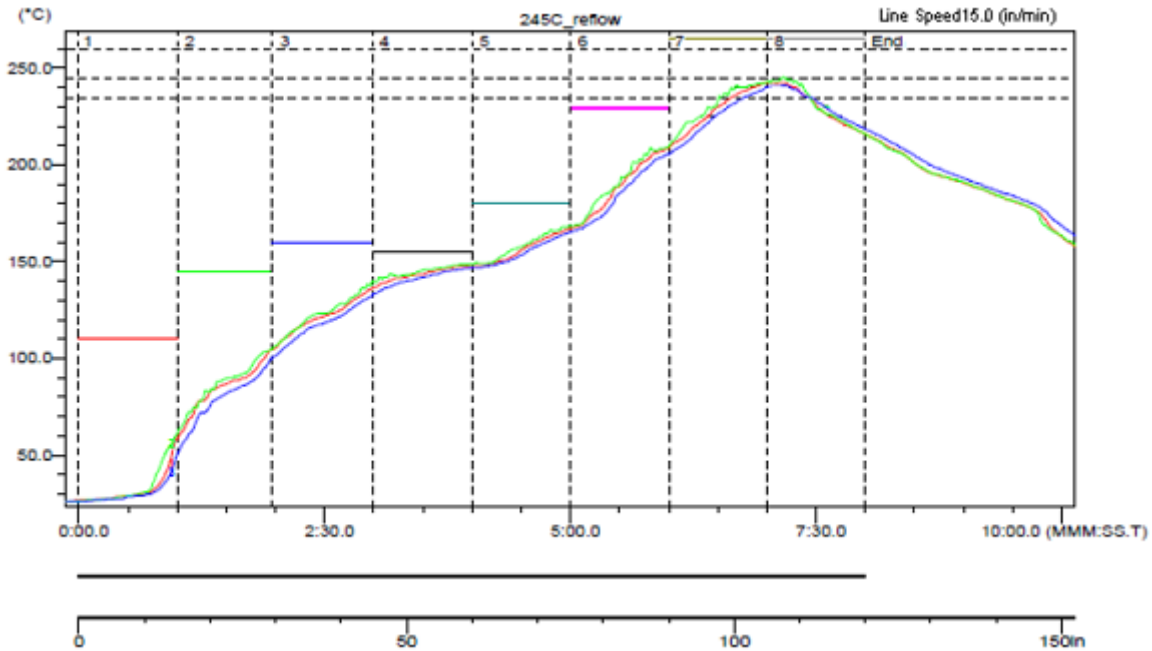


Figure 10-1. Sample Reflow Profile

Table 10-1. Sample Reflow Profile Table

PROBE	MAX TEMP (°C)	REACHED MAX TEMP	TIME ABOVE 235°C	REACHED 235°C	TIME ABOVE 245°C	REACHED 245°C	TIME ABOVE 260°C	REACHED 260°C
1	242.5	6.58	0.49	6.39	0	–	0	–
2	242.5	7.1	0.55	6.31	0	7.1	0	–
3	241	7.09	0.42	6.44	0	–	0	–

10.2 Layout Example

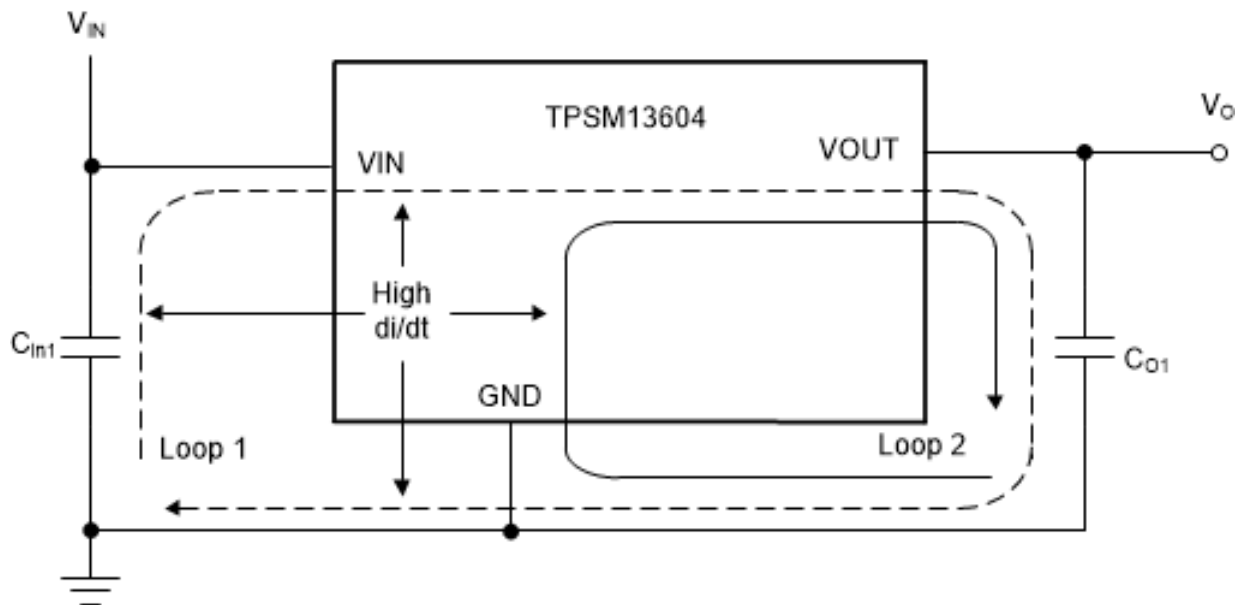


Figure 10-2. Minimize Area of Current Loops in Buck Module

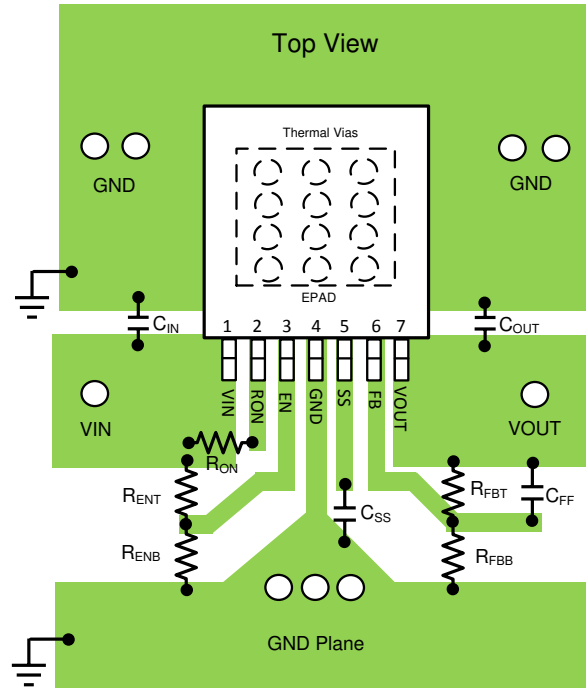


Figure 10-3. PCB Layout Guide

10.2.1 Power Dissipation and Board Thermal Requirements

For a design case of $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 9.5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 4\text{ A}$, $T_A (\text{MAX}) = 50^\circ\text{C}$, $T_{\text{JUNCTION}} = 125^\circ\text{C}$, and continuous operation, the device must see a maximum junction-to-ambient thermal resistance of:

$$R_{\theta\text{JA-MAX}} < (T_{\text{J-MAX}} - T_{\text{A(MAX)}}) / P_{\text{D}} \quad (24)$$

This $R_{\theta\text{JA-MAX}}$ ensures that the junction temperature of the regulator under continuous operation does not exceed $T_{\text{J-MAX}}$ in the particular application ambient temperature.

To calculate the required $R_{\theta\text{JA-MAX}}$, you need to get an estimate for the power losses in the IC. Figure 10-4 is taken from the *Typical Characteristics* and shows the power dissipation of the TPSM13604 for $V_{\text{OUT}} = 9.5\text{ V}$.

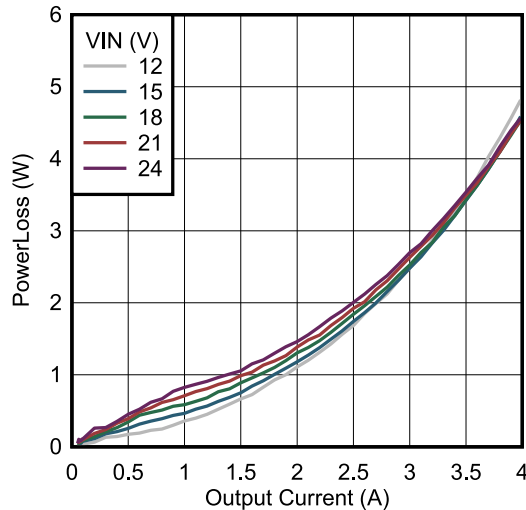


Figure 10-4. Power Dissipation $V_{\text{OUT}} = 9.5\text{ V}$

Using the 50°C T_A power dissipation data as a conservative starting point, the power dissipation P_D for $V_{IN} = 12$ V and $V_{OUT} = 9.5$ V is estimated to be 4.85 W under continuous operation. The necessary $R_{\theta JA-MAX}$ can now be calculated.

$$R_{\theta JA-MAX} < (125^\circ\text{C} - 50^\circ\text{C}) / 4.85\text{W} \quad (25)$$

$$R_{\theta JA-MAX} < 15.5^\circ\text{C/W} \quad (26)$$

To achieve this thermal resistance, the PCB is required to dissipate the heat effectively. The area of the PCB has a direct effect on the overall junction-to-ambient thermal resistance. To estimate the necessary copper area, refer to [Figure 10-5](#). This graph is taken from the [Section 6.6 \(Figure 6-12\)](#) and shows how the $R_{\theta JA}$ varies with the PCB area.

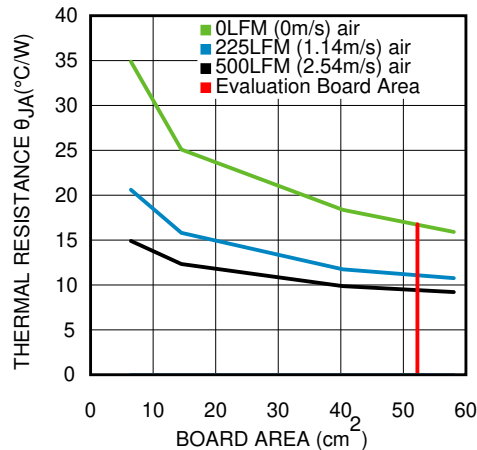


Figure 10-5. Package Thermal Resistance $R_{\theta JA}$ 4-Layer PCB with 1-oz Copper

For $R_{\theta JA-MAX} < 15.5^\circ\text{C/W}$ and only natural convection (that is, no air flow), the PCB area must be at least 52 cm². This corresponds to a square board with 7.25-cm × 7.25-cm (2.85 in × 2.85 in) copper area, four layers, and 1-oz copper thickness. Higher copper thickness further improves the overall thermal performance. As a reference, the evaluation board has 2-oz copper on the top and bottom layers, achieving $R_{\theta JA}$ of 14.9°C/W for the same board area. Note thermal vias must be placed under the IC package to easily transfer heat from the top layer of the PCB to the inner layers and the bottom layer. For more guidelines and insight on PCB copper area, thermal vias placement, and general thermal design practices, see the application note [AN-2020 Thermal Design By Insight, Not Hindsight](#).

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TPSM13604HNDWR	Active	Production	TO-PMOD (NDW) 7	500 LARGE T&R	Yes	SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	TPSM13604 HNDW
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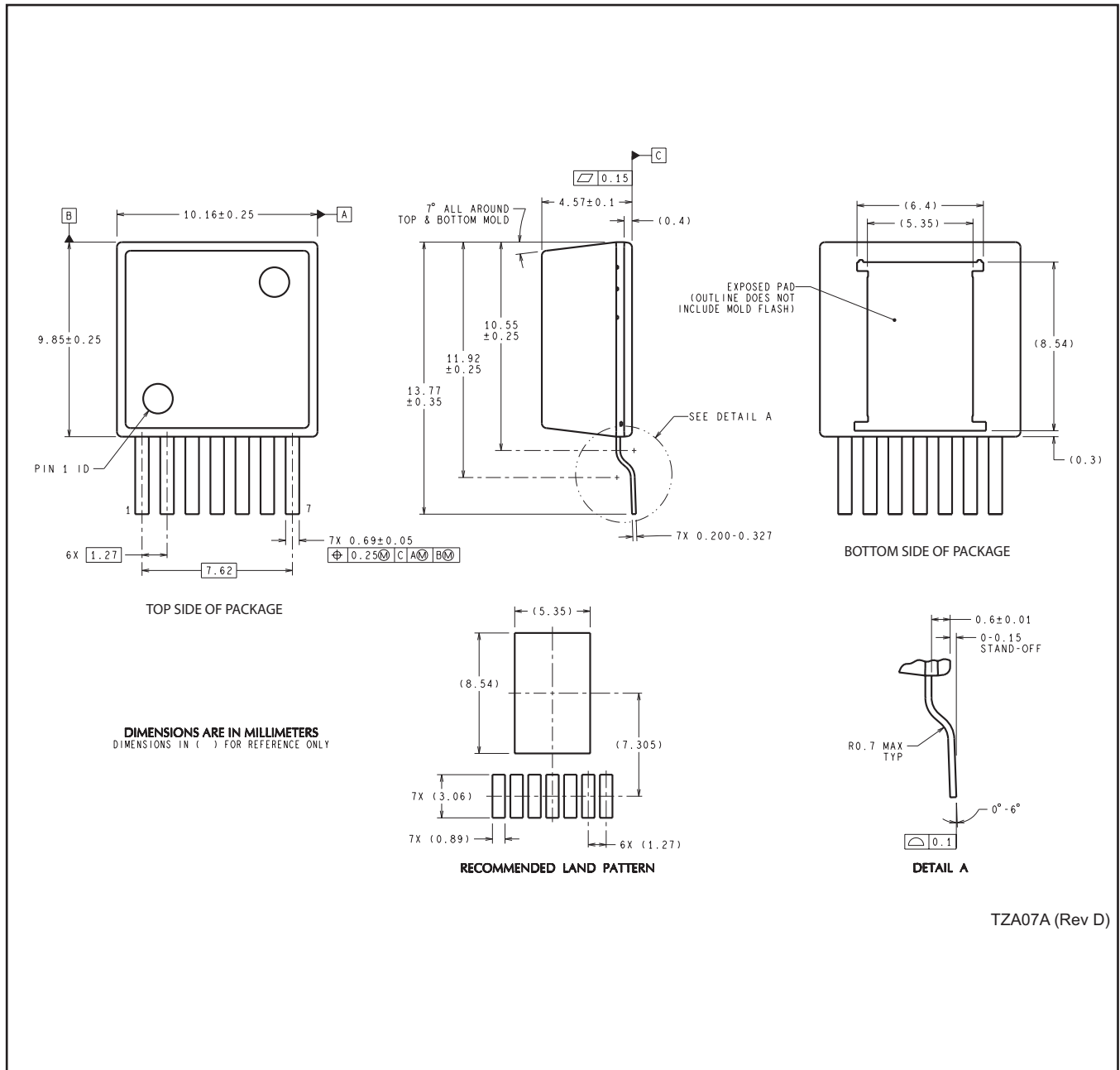
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