Description
Tiny automotive buck converter to support a 5-V rail by input voltage range 6.5-V up to 32-Vpk surge. Layout and design is optimized to pass CISPR-25. So design is equipped with a two stage input filter to minimize conducted emissions and a **solid ground plane** to attenuate radiated emissions in short wave range. Power stage capacitors are routed back-to-back to minimize parasitic inductances at forward and freewheeling loop. Highlight is cost effective two layers board, single side assembly – and keeping the solid ground plane to pass EMI.
1 Test Prerequisites

1.1 Voltage and Current Requirements

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<td>Input Voltage Range</td>
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<td>Output Voltage</td>
<td>5 V</td>
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<td>Maximum Output Current</td>
<td>2.5 A</td>
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<td>Switching Frequency</td>
<td>2 MHz</td>
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1.2 Considerations*

Unless otherwise indicated, a resistor was used as load, output current was adjusted to 2.5 A and input voltage was set to 12 V.
Due to availability ferrite bead 742792121 (300 Ω) was used.
Measured switching frequency is 2.1 MHz.
2 Testing and Results

2.1 Efficiency Graphs
The efficiencies are without input filter.

Figure 1 Efficiency vs Output Current

Figure 2 Efficiency @ 12 Vin vs Output Current (Mode Comparison)

See benefit of light load efficiency in AUTO mode !!!
2.2 Loss

Figure 3 Loss (without input filter) vs Output Current

Figure 4 is a comparison of FPWM and AUTO mode.

Figure 4 Loss @ 12 Vin vs Output Current (Mode Comparison)
2.3 Load Regulation

Figure 5 Output Voltage vs Output Current

Figure 6 is a comparison of FPWM and AUTO mode.

Figure 6 Output Voltage @ 12 Vin vs Output Current (Mode Comparison)
2.4 Line Regulation

![Graph showing the relationship between Output Voltage and Input Voltage](image)

Figure 7 Output Voltage vs Input Voltage
With the same setup efficiencies and loss were calculated and the effect of the input filter is shown.

![Figure 8 Efficiency vs Input Voltage](image1)

**Figure 8 Efficiency vs Input Voltage**

With the same setup efficiencies and loss were calculated and the effect of the input filter is shown.

![Figure 9 Loss vs Input Voltage](image2)

**Figure 9 Loss vs Input Voltage**
2.5 Thermal Images
The output current was adjusted to 2.5 A

2.5.1 6.5 V Input Voltage

Figure 10 IR @ 6.5 V Input Voltage

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<td>L51</td>
<td>53.3°C</td>
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<td>U1</td>
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2.5.2 12 V Input Voltage

Figure 11 IR @ 12 V Input Voltage

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2.5.3 18 V Input Voltage

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<td>R7</td>
<td>67.8°C</td>
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Figure 12 IR @ 18 V Input Voltage

2.6 Dimensions
The board size is 53.3 mm to 34.3 mm.
3 Waveforms

3.1 Switching
All switching waveforms were captured by 12 V input voltage

3.1.1 SW-GND

Figure 13 Switchnode to GND
3.1.2 SW to VIN

**Figure 14** Switchnode to VIN

- 5 V/div
- 100 ns/div
- Full bw
- 10 ns/major div
3.2 Output Voltage Ripple

Figure 15 Output Voltage Ripple
3.3 Input Voltage Ripple

3.3.1 Power Stage Input to GND

Figure 16 Input Voltage Ripple (Powerstage)

3.3.2 Between inductor and ferrite to GND

Figure 17 Input Voltage Ripple (Ferrite)
3.3.3 Voltage Input Ripple

The amplitude of the waveforms are strongly dependent on the location from the GND contact. In Figure 18 the GND contact was near C54. In Figure 19 the GND contact was near C51.

![Figure 18 Input Voltage Ripple (Voltage Input)](image1)

![Figure 19 Input Voltage Ripple (Voltage Input)](image2)
3.4 **Load Transients**
The electronic load (N3305A) switches between 1.25 A and 2 A with a frequency of 600 Hz,

### 3.4.1 6.5 V Input Voltage

![Figure 20 Load Transient @ 6.5 Vin](image)

- **Ch1 Output Voltage** => 20mV / div
- **Ch2 Output current** => 1A / div

### 3.4.2 12 V Input Voltage

![Figure 21 Load Transient @ 12 Vin](image)

Ch1 Output Voltage => 20mV / div
Ch2 Output current => 1A / div

Figure 21 Load Transient @ 12 Vin – deviation of Vout is <1% for a 50% transient (!)
3.4.3 18 V Input Voltage

Figure 22 Load Transient @ 18 Vin
3.5 Start-up Sequence
Electronic load was connected to the output. Power supply was plugged in.

Figure 23 Start-up

3.6 Shut-down Sequence
Electronic load was connected to the output. Power supply was disconnected.

Figure 24 Shut-down
3.7 Appendix Rev B1

Circuit was modified to Rev B1 – added bootstrap resistor and increased RC damping at SW node.
- 10 Ohm resistor was added to bootstrap capacitor C1 in series
- RC snubber, C9 was increased to 1 nF.

![Figure 25 Modified Section](image)

### 3.7.1 Efficiency comparison

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<td>90.5%</td>
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### 3.7.2 Switching waveforms (comparison)

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APPENDIX Rev B1 regarding CISPR 22

By using the CMC WE744273102 implemented at the ECU, adding a 10 Ohms resistor in series to bootstrap capacitor C1 and increased snubber cap C9 to 1nF this board passed CISPR 25 class 5 regarding radiated emissions:

Limit(QP)   Limit(AV)   Limit(PK)

![Graph 1](image1.png)

Rod antenna, LW to SW range

![Graph 2](image2.png)

Biconical antenna, vertical polarization, SW to VHF range
Log periodic antenna, horizontal polarization, VHF to UHF range, **FAIL**

Log periodic antenna, horizontal polarization, VHF to UHF range, *using CMC here*, **PASSED**
Horn Antenna, UMTS / LTE band

Test Set Up:
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