

SGM61430/SGM61431 4.5V to 36V Input, 3A, Synchronous Buck Converters

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The SGM61430 and SGM61431 are internally compensated, synchronous Buck converters with a wide 4.5V to 36V input voltage range and 3A output current capability. These devices can be easily used in various industrial applications powered from unregulated sources. Easy compensation and cycle-by-cycle current limit are obtained by peak current mode control. With 64μA (TYP, SGM61430) quiescent current and ultra-low 0.6μA (TYP) shutdown current, they are well suited for battery powered systems to prolong battery life. Internal compensation allows quick and low component count design.

Both SGM61430 and SGM61431 can operate at fixed frequency with moderate or heavy load condition. In light load condition, the SGM61430 enters in the pulse frequency modulation (PFM) mode to improve high efficiency, while the SGM61431 works in the forced pulse width modulation (FPWM) mode to achieve low output ripple and good regulation.

The EN/SYNC employs an enable divider to establish a precision threshold that simplifies UVLO adjustment, device on/off control and power sequencing. Thermal shutdown and output short-circuit protection (hiccup mode) are also provided.

The SGM61430 and SGM61431 are both available in a Green SOIC-8 (Exposed Pad) package and can operate over -40℃ to +125℃ ambient temperature range.

FEATURES

- **Wide 4.5V to 36V Input Voltage Range**
- **Up to 3A Continuous Output Current**
- **SGM61430:**
	- **0.8V to 24V Output Voltage Range**
	- **PFM at Light Load Condition**
- **SGM61431:**
	- **0.8V to 24V Output Voltage Range**
	- **FPWM at Light Load Condition**
- **390kHz Switching Frequency (Normal Operation)**
- **SYNC Input for External Switching Clock**
- **Integrated RDSON Switches: 115mΩ/90mΩ (TYP)**
- **High Efficiency at Light Load Condition**
- **Ultra-Low Shutdown Current: 0.6μA (TYP)**
- **Peak Current Mode Control**
- **Precision Enable Threshold with UVLO Setting**
- **Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit**
- **1.5ms (TYP) Internal Soft-Start Time**
- **-40**℃ **to +125**℃ **Operating Temperature Range**
- **Available in a Green SOIC-8 (Exposed Pad) Package**

APPLICATIONS

Industrial Power Supplies Telecom and Datacom Systems General Purpose Wide V_{IN} Regulation

TYPICAL APPLICATION

PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION

MARKING INFORMATION

NOTE: XXXXX = Date Code, Trace Code and Vendor Code.

- Date Code - Year

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

OVERSTRESS CAUTION

Stresses beyond those listed in Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect reliability. Functional operation of the device at any conditions beyond those indicated in the Recommended Operating Conditions section is not implied.

ESD SENSITIVITY CAUTION

This integrated circuit can be damaged if ESD protections are not considered carefully. SGMICRO recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage. ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because even small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet the published specifications.

DISCLAIMER

SG Micro Corp reserves the right to make any change in circuit design, or specifications without prior notice.

PIN CONFIGURATION

PIN DESCRIPTION

NOTE: 1. A = analog, P = power, G = ground.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V_{IN} = 12V, T_J = -40°C to +125°C, typical values are at T_J = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

TIMING REQUIREMENTS

(T_J = -40°C to +125°C, typical values are at T_J = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

NOTE: 1. Guaranteed by design.

SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS

(T_J = -40°C to +125°C, typical values are at T_J = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 T_A = +25°C, V_{IN} = 12V, f_{SW} = 390kHz, L = 10µH and C_{OUT} = 100µF, unless otherwise noted.

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2V/div 10V/div 5A/div

10V/div

5A/div

2V/div

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

Figure 2. Block Diagram

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Overview

The SGM61430 and SGM61431 are 3A output synchronous Buck converters with internal compensation and peak current mode control. They can operate from an input voltage range of 4.5V to 36V. These devices need a few external components and provide an easy and small size power supply solution for industrial applications with good thermal performance. With 64μA (TYP, SGM61430) quiescent current and 0.6μA (TYP) shutdown current, they are also well suited for battery powered applications.

Both devices normally operate at fixed 390kHz frequency. At light load condition, the SGM61430 enters PFM mode to keep high efficiency, and the SGM61431 maintains FPWM mode to keep low output ripple and tight voltage regulation at light loads. The normal frequency can be synchronized to an external clock between 200kHz and 2.2MHz.

Accurate EN input threshold and internal soft-start time (1.5ms TYP) add more design flexibility to these devices.

Additional features such as thermal shutdown, input under-voltage lockout, cycle-by-cycle current limit, and short-circuit protection (hiccup mode) are also provided.

Switching Frequency and Current Mode Control

The [Functional Block Diagram](#page-10-0) and basic waveforms of these Buck synchronous converters are shown in [Figure 2](#page-10-1) and [Figure 3.](#page-11-0) The N-MOSFETs are used for high-side (HS) and low-side (LS) (synchronous rectifier) switches. The HS duty cycle ($D = t_{ON}/t_{SW}$) is controlled in closed loop to regulate and maintain the output voltage at a constant level. The switching period is t_{SW} = $1/f_{SW}$, and the HS on-time is t_{ON} . When HS is turned on, the SW node voltage sharply rises towards V_{IN} , and the inductor current (I_L) starts ramping up with $(V_{IN} V_{OUT}$ /L slope. When HS is turned off, the LS is turned on after a very short dead time to avoid shoot-through, and I_L ramps down with - V_{OUT}/L slope. When the inductor current is continuous (either due to sufficient load or FPWM), the output voltage is proportional to the input voltage and duty cycle $(V_{OUT} = D \times V_{IN})$ if component parasitics are ignored.

The output voltage is sensed by a resistor divider through FB pin and is regulated by feedback loop. This voltage is compared to an accurate reference and the voltage error signal is used as set point for an inner current loop that adjusts the peak inductor current. The input to the current loop is clamped to a fixed level to limit the maximum peak current and is compared to the actual peak current, sensed by the voltage drop across the HS switch to control the HS switch on-time. The loop internal compensation allows easy and stable design of the power supply with a few external elements for almost any output capacitor arrangement.

Figure 3. Converter Switching Waveforms in CCM

Output Voltage Setting

The output voltage can be stepped down to as low as the $0.804V$ reference voltage (V_{REF}). An external feedback resistor divider along with the internal reference is used to set the output voltage (V_{OUT}) as shown in [Figure 4.](#page-11-1) The V_{REF} is compared to the V_{FB} voltage and the control loop adjusts the duty cycle to null the V_{REF} - V_{FB} .

Figure 4. Output Voltage Setting

Use Equation 1 to calculate the output voltage:

$$
R_{\text{FBT}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{REF}}}{V_{\text{REF}}} \times R_{\text{FBB}} \tag{1}
$$

Use 1% or higher quality resistors with low thermal tolerance for an accurate and thermally stable output voltage. The low-side resistor R_{FBB} is selected based on the desired current in the divider. Typically, a 10kΩ to 100kΩ resistor is selected for R_{FBB} .

Lower R_{FBB} values increase loss and reduce light load efficiency, however, improve V_{OUT} accuracy in PFM. Large R_{FBT} values (>1M Ω) are not recommended because the feedback path impedance will be too high and more noise sensitive. If a large R_{FBT} value is necessary, the PCB layout design will be more critical because the feedback path must be short and away from noise sources such as SW node or inductor body.

EN/SYNC Input

The EN/SYNC pin is an input and must not be left open. The simplest way to enable the device is to connect this pin to VIN pin via a resistor. This allows for self-startup of the SGM61430/1 when $V_{IN} > V_{IN}$ uvlo. This pin can also be used to turn the device on or off with logic or analog signals. If V_{EN} < 1.07V (TYP), the device will shut down. Only if V_{EN} > 1.50V (TYP) the device will start operation.

The system UVLO level can be increased accurately with a resistor divider (see [Figure 5\)](#page-12-0). This feature can be used for power supply sequencing which is required for proper power up of the system voltage rails. It can also be used as protection, such as preventing supply battery from depletion. Control of the enable input by logic signals may also be used for sequencing or protection.

The EN/SYNC pin can also be used to synchronize the internal oscillator to an AC coupled external clock (see [Figure 6\)](#page-12-1). The SW cycles synchronize to the rising edges of the clock. Synchronization range is from 200kHz to 2.2MHz. The clock signal peak-to-peak voltage must exceed 2.8V to override the internal oscillator but must be kept below 5.5V. Also the on and off pulse widths of the clock must be at least 100ns (TYP). 3.3V clock amplitude and C_{SYNC} = 1nF (coupling capacitor) should be sufficient for most designs. Keep the R_{ENT}||R_{ENB} near 100kΩ range for stable syncing. The R_{FNT} is necessary for external syncing but the R_{FNR} is only needed for UVLO adjustment.

The SGM61430/1 switching action can be synchronized to an external clock from 200kHz to 2.2MHz. [Figure 6](#page-12-1) shows the device synchronized to an external system clock.

Figure 5. Changing the System UVLO

Figure 6. Synchronization to External Clock

Time (2μs/div) **Figure 7. Synchronizing in PWM Mode**

BOOT (Bootstrap Voltage)

The gate driver of the HS N-MOSFET switch requires a voltage higher than V_{IN} that is present on its drain. A bootstrap voltage regulator is integrated to provide this voltage which is powered by bootstrapping through a small ceramic capacitor placed between the BOOT and SW pins. C_{BOOT} is charged in each cycle when the LS switch is turned on ($V_{SW} \approx 0V$) and discharges to the boot regulator when the HS switch is turned on ($V_{SW} \approx$ V_{IN}). A 0.47µF ceramic capacitor with 16V or higher rated voltage is recommended.

VCC Decoupling

The VCC pin is connected to the output of an LDO that is integrated in the device and provides a 5V supply (nominal) for the internal circuitry and MOSFET drivers. It is intended for bypassing LDO output to ground and should not be loaded. A 2.2µF to 10µF stable ceramic capacitor rated for $16V_{DC}$ or higher must be placed as close as possible to VCC pin and grounded to the exposed pad and ground pins. The device may be damaged if VCC pin is shorted to ground during operation.

Minimum On-Time and Off-Time

The shortest duration for the HS switch on-time (t_{ON-MIN}) is 110ns (TYP). For the off-time $(t_{OFF~MIN})$ the minimum value is 80ns (TYP). The duty cycle (or equivalently the $V_{\text{OUT}}/V_{\text{IN}}$ ratio) range in CCM operation is limited by $t_{ON~MIN}$ and $t_{OFF~MIN}$ depending on the switching frequency. The minimum and maximum allowed duty cycles are given by Equations 2 and 3:

and

$$
D_{MAX} = 1 - t_{OFF_MIN} \times f_{SW}
$$
 (3)

 $D_{MIN} = t_{ONMIN} \times f_{SW}$ (2)

Note that the duty cycle has a more limited range at higher frequencies. D_{MAX} limits the lowest V_{IN} voltage for a given V_{OUT} .

For any given output voltage, the switching frequency is an important factor to maximize efficiency and input voltage range and minimize solution size. The highest input voltage can be calculated from:

$$
V_{IN_MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f_{SW} \times t_{ON_MIN}}
$$
 (4)

Due to losses in heavy load conditions there is a small increase in duty cycle and the actual $V_{IN, MAX}$ is higher than Equation 4 prediction.

The minimum V_{IN} is estimated by:

$$
V_{IN_MIN} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{1 - f_{SW} \times t_{OFF_MIN}}
$$
 (5)

Compensation and Feed-Forward Capacitor (CFF)

The SGM61430 and SGM61431 are internally compensated (see [Figure 2\)](#page-10-1) and are stable over the entire f_{SW} and V_{OUT} operating range. However, the phase margin can be low for some ranges of V_{OUT} when low ESR ceramic capacitors are used in the output. In such cases, it is recommended to use a feed-forward capacitor (C_{FF}) in parallel with the R_{FBT} to improve the transient response as shown in [Figure 8.](#page-13-0)

Figure 8. Improving Loop Compensation by Feed-Forward Capacitor

The C_{FF} in parallel with R_{FBT} places an additional zero before the loop cross over frequency and boosts the phase margin. The zero will be located at:

$$
f_{Z_CFF} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_{FF} \times R_{FBT}}
$$
(6)

Refer to [Table 1](#page-16-0) for a list of suitable C_{OUT} , C_{FF} and R_{FBT} combinations. If for similar C_{OUT} values, other R_{FRT} values are used, adjust the C_{FF} such that $(C_{FF} \times R_{FBT})$ is unchanged. C_{FF} must also be modified if C_{OUT} is changed. For C_{OUT} capacitors with lower ESR, larger C_{FF} values are needed. For example, with electrolytic capacitors (large ESR), the location of ESR zero, (Equation 7), is typically low enough for phase boost at crossover and C_{FF} is not needed.

$$
f_{Z_ESR} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_{OUT} \times ESR}
$$
 (7)

Note that C_{FF} increases the feedback of the output ripple and the coupled noise to the FB node. A large C_{FF} value can deteriorate the V_{OUT} regulation. If significant derating for the C_{FF} value at cold operating temperatures is expected, it is better to use larger C_{OUT} capacitance rather than increasing the nominal C_{FF} value.

Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

If the junction temperature exceeds +175℃ (TYP), the device will shut down. It will recover automatically with a normal power up sequence and soft-start when the temperature falls below +155℃ (TYP).

Functional Modes

Shutdown Mode

The EN input controls the device on/off condition. If V_{EN} < 1.07V (TYP), the device will shut down. The device will also turn off if either V_{IN} or V_{CC} falls below its UVLO threshold.

Active Mode If V_{EN} is above its precision threshold, and V_{IN} and V_{CC} are above their UVLO levels, the device will be activated. EN pin can be connected to VIN to allow self-startup when V_{IN} voltage is in the 4.5V to 36V operating range. VCC, UVLO and EN/SYNC settings in active mode are explained in the previous sections.

These operating modes are possible depending on the load current: $(\Delta I_L = \text{inductor peak-to-peak current ripple})$

1. **CCM**: Fixed frequency continuous conduction mode: both SGM61430 and SGM61431 can operate in CCM when I_{OUT} > $\Delta I_{\text{L}}/2$.

2. **DCM**: Fixed frequency discontinuous conduction mode: only for SGM61430 (PFM).

3. **PFM**: Pulse frequency modulation (SGM61430 only): the switching frequency reduces at very light load operation, when HS switch reaches its minimum on-time or $I_{\text{PFAK-MIN}}$ falls below 300mA (TYP).

4. **FPWM**: Forced pulse width modulation mode for SGM61431 only: it operates with fixed frequency at light load operation.

Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM)

In CCM, the frequency is fixed and the output voltage ripple will be minimal. The maximum output current of 3A is supplied in CCM.

Light Load Operation with PFM (SGM61430) If the output current of the SGM61430 falls below ∆l₁/2, its operating mode changes to DCM (also called diode emulation mode or DEM). In DCM, the LS switch is turned off when its current reverses direction and drops to IL_zc (I_{L ZC} = -40mA TYP). Switching and conduction losses in DCM are lower than FPWM operation at light load condition, even before entering PFM.

At light load condition, the device enters PFM to keep its high efficiency. PFM is activated when the HS switch reaches its minimum on-time $(t_{ON~MIN})$ or minimum peak current (inductor $I_{PEAK-MIN}$ = 300mA TYP). In PFM, f_{SW} is reduced to maintain regulation. With reduced frequency, the switching losses are also dropped and efficiency is improved. There is no synchronization to the external clock in PFM mode.

Light Load Operation with FPWM (SGM61431) For FPWM option, SGM61431 is locked in PWM mode from full load to no load. Negative inductor currents are allowed at light load to continue PWM operation. It is a tradeoff that sacrifices light load efficiency for lower output ripple, better output regulation and keeping switching frequency fixed. To avoid fatal negative current in the LS switch, this current is limited at I_L_{NEG} . Synchronization is available over the full load range in the FPWM mode.

Over-Current Protection (OCP) and Short-Circuit Protection (SCP)

Cycle-by-cycle current limit for both peak and valley currents (upper and lower switches peak currents) are included in the SGM61430/1. If the OCP or SCP persists, it will enter hiccup mode to avoid thermal shutdown.

The HS switch over-current protection is natural in peak current mode control. In each cycle the HS current sensing starts a short time (blanking time) after it is turned on. The slope compensation ramp is deducted from the EA (Error Amplifier) output to avoid sub harmonic oscillations and the result is compared to the HS current to determine the HS turn-off time (on-time). See [Figure 2](#page-10-1) for details. Before comparison, the EA output is clamped to a fixed maximum threshold $(I_{HS-LMIT})$ to limit the current. So, the peak current limit of the high-side switch is not affected by the slope compensation and remains constant over the full duty cycle range.

When the LS switch turns on the inductor current starts falling. The LS current is sensed while it is on and the switch will not turn off at the end of cycle if this current is still higher than its limit $(I_{LS LIMIT})$ and keeps conducting until the current falls below $I_{LS-LIMIT}$.

A short dead time is considered after the LS switch is turned off, in which both switches are kept off and then a new cycle starts by turning the HS switch on. The maximum output current can be calculated from Equation 8 which is slightly different from the conventional peak current mode control:

$$
I_{\text{OUT_MAX}} = I_{LS_LIMIT} + \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{2 \times f_{SW} \times L} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}
$$
(8)

If the LS switch over-current detection continues for 128 successive cycles, hiccup current protection will be started in which the regulator remains off for 30ms (TYP) before restarting the converter. If OCP or SCP is still detected after this restart, a new hiccup cycle will be repeated. Hiccup mode is considered to protect the device from overheating and damage in severe over-current conditions.

In the SGM61431 (FPWM option), the inductor current can go negative at light load or during transients. For this device, the LS switch current is limited by negative current (I_{LNEG}) and if the magnitude of the negative current exceeds this limit, the LS switch will turn off until the next cycle to protect the switch from large currents.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The design method and component selection for the SGM61430/1 Buck converters are explained in this section. Schematic of a basic design is shown in [Figure](#page-16-1) [9.](#page-16-1) Only a few external components are needed to provide a constant output voltage from a wide input voltage range.

The external components are designed based on the application requirements and device stability. Some suitable output filters (L and C_{OUT}) along with C_{FF} and R_{FBT} values are provided in [Table 1](#page-16-0) to simplify component selection. Consider the following notes when using this table.

1. Choose the inductance for $V_{IN} = 36V$.

2. C_{OUT} values in the table are actual derated values. Use higher nominal values for ceramic capacitors.

3. Use $R_{FBT} = 0\Omega$ to set $V_{OUT} = 0.804V$. Use $R_{FBB} =$ 14.3k Ω for any other V_{OUT} setting.

4. If any other R_{FBT} value is designed, resize C_{FF} to keep (C_{FF} × R_{FBT}) unchanged.

5. If the selected output capacitance has high ESR, the C_{FF} is not necessary for extra phase boost.

Figure 9. SGM61430/1 Basic Application Schematic

Design Requirements

The design process will be explained by an example with the required input parameters listed in [Table 2.](#page-16-2)

Table 2. Design Example Parameters

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Input Capacitor

High frequency decoupling on the input supply pins is necessary for the device. A bulk capacitor may also be needed in some applications. Typically, 10μF to 22μF high quality ceramic capacitor (X5R, X7R or better) with voltage rating twice the maximum input voltage is recommended for decoupling capacitor. If the source is away from the device (> 5cm) some bulk capacitance is also needed to damp the voltage spikes caused by the wiring or PCB trace parasitic inductances. In this example, 2×10μF/50V/X7R capacitors and a 0.1μF ceramic capacitor placed right beside the device VIN and GND pins for very high-frequency filtering are used.

Output Capacitor

The main factors for designing C_{OUT} are output voltage ripple, control loop stability and the magnitude of output voltage overshoot/undershoot after a load transients.

The output voltage ripple has two main components. One is due to the ac current (ΔI_L) going through the capacitor ESR:

$$
\Delta V_{\text{OUT_ESR}} = \Delta I_{L} \times \text{ESR} = K_{\text{IND}} \times I_{\text{OUT}} \times \text{ESR}
$$
 (9)

and the other one is caused by the charge and discharge of capacitor by the ac current (ΔI) :

$$
\Delta V_{\text{OUT_C}} = \frac{\Delta I_{L}}{(8 \times f_{\text{SW}} \times C_{\text{OUT}})} = \frac{K_{\text{IND}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}}{(8 \times f_{\text{SW}} \times C_{\text{OUT}})} \qquad (10)
$$

These AC components are not in phase and the total peak-to-peak ripple is less than $\Delta V_{\text{OUT-ESR}}$ + $\Delta_{\text{VOUT-C}}$.

In many applications, tight regulation in response to large and fast load transients is required. This can be a more severe condition on designing C_{OUT} value. Typically the control loop recovers the output voltage after four or five cycles and C_{OUT} should be large enough to provide the difference between current received from inductor and the current delivered to the load during this period. The minimum capacitance needed to limit the undershoot to V_{US} when the load steps up from I_{OL} to I_{OH} is given in Equation 11. Similarly, when the load steps from I_{OH} down to I_{OL} , C_{OUT} should be large enough to absorb the extra energy coming from the inductor without a large voltage overshoot (V_{OS}) as calculated in Equation 12:

$$
C_{\text{OUT}} > \frac{4 \times (I_{\text{OH}} - I_{\text{OL}})}{f_{\text{SW}} \times V_{\text{US}}}
$$
(11)

$$
C_{\text{out}} > \frac{I_{\text{out}}^2 - I_{\text{out}}^2}{(V_{\text{out}} + V_{\text{os}})^2 - V_{\text{out}}^2} \times L
$$
 (12)

In this example, maximum acceptable ripple is 50mV. Assuming $\Delta V_{\text{OUT ESR}} = \Delta V_{\text{OUT C}} = 50 \text{mV}$ and $K_{\text{IND}} = 0.4$. Equation 9 results in ESR < 41.7mΩ and Equation 10 leads to $C_{\text{OUT}} > 7.5 \mu F$. If the overshoot/undershoot transient requirement is 5% then $V_{US} = V_{OS} = 5\% \times V_{OUT}$ = 250mV. Equations 11 and 12, I_{OH} = 2.5A, I_{OL} = 0.2A, lead to $C_{OUT} > 94 \mu F$ and $C_{OUT} > 24 \mu F$ respectively. Now considering all conditions and including voltage derating of the ceramic capacitors, C_{OUT} is composed of a 47μF/16V ceramic capacitor parallel with a 100μF/10V capacitor with 5mΩ ESR.

Output Voltage Setting

An external resistor divider is used to set the output voltage as shown in [Figure 8.](#page-13-0) Use Equation 13 to set V_{OUT} :

$$
R_{\text{FBT}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{REF}}}{V_{\text{REF}}} \times R_{\text{FBB}} \tag{13}
$$

where V_{REF} = 0.804V is the internal reference. For example, by choosing $R_{FBB} = 14.3k\Omega$, the R_{FBT} value for 5V output will be calculated as 75kΩ.

Switching Frequency

The SGM61430/1 switching frequency is 390kHz (TYP). However, it can be modified by synchronizing to an external clock in the 200kHz to 2.2MHz range. It may also drop due to PFM operation.

Inductor

Three main inductor parameters that need to be designed are inductance, saturation current and rated current. The DCR is also an important factor for efficiency. Physical dimensions, form factor and shielded or non-shielded structure are other important factors that are selected based on the application. The inductance is designed by selecting the peak-to-peak current ripple (ΔI_L) that is given by Equation 14. ΔI_L is increase at higher input voltages, so V_{IN_MAX} is used in the equation. The minimum required inductance (L_{MIN}) is calculated from Equation 15. K_{IND} represents the ratio of inductor ripple current to the maximum output current

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(K_{IND} = ΔI_L/I_{OUT_MAX}). It is typically chosen between 20% to 40%.

$$
\Delta I_{L} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \times (V_{\text{IN_MAX}} - V_{\text{OUT}})}{V_{\text{IN_MAX}} \times L \times f_{\text{SW}}}
$$
(14)

$$
L_{min} = \frac{V_{in_max} - V_{out}}{I_{out} \times K_{in}} \times \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in_max} \times f_{sw}}
$$
(15)

During a short or over current, either RMS or peak inductor current can increase significantly. The inductor rated RMS and saturation current ratings should be higher than those peaks respectively. It is generally desired to choose an smaller inductance value to have faster transient response, smaller size, and lower DCR. However, reducing the inductance increases the current ripple that may result in over current detection and triggering OCP before reaching full load current. Moreover, higher current ripple increases core, conduction, and capacitor losses. Output voltage ripple will also be higher with the same output capacitance. In general, choosing a too small inductance is not recommended for peak current mode control. On the other hand, too large inductance is also not recommended, because the reduced current ripple degrades the comparator signal to noise ratio.

Selecting $K_{IND} = 0.4$ results in $L_{MIN} = 8.78 \mu H$. A 10 μ H ferrite inductor with 5A RMS rating and 7.6A saturation current is selected as the closest standard value.

Designing Feed-Forward Capacitor

Even though the SGM61430/1 are internally compensated, with low ESR ceramic capacitors, the phase margin can be low depending on the V_{OUT} and f_{SW} values. By adding an external feed-forward capacitor (C_{FF}) in parallel with the R_{FBT} , the phase margin can be improved (phase boost around crossover frequency). Without C_{FF} , and if ESR is very small, the crossover frequency (f_X) can be estimated from Equation 16, in which C_{OUT} is the actual derated value:

$$
f_x = \frac{8.32}{V_{\text{OUT}} \times C_{\text{OUT}}}
$$
 (16)

Then C_{FF} value can be estimated from:

$$
C_{FF} = \frac{1}{4\pi \times f_X \times R_{FBT}}
$$
 (17)

For slightly larger ESR values, choose a C_{FF} value that is less than Equation 17 estimate. For larger ESR values, C_{FF} is not needed. [Table 1](#page-16-0) gives a quick starting point. In this example, a 56pF/50V/COG is selected for C_{FF} .

Bootstrap Capacitor

The bootstrap capacitor powers the floating power MOSFET driver. It is recommended to use 0.47μF/16V/X5R ceramic capacitor.

The value of BST resistor generally is recommended to be in the range from 0 to 10Ω. BST resistor determines the turning on speed of the high side MOSFET. For the design where the critical path layout could not be optimized and follow the recommended layout, the 10Ω BST resistor is recommended to be used to in series with the Bootstrap capacitor.

VCC Decoupling Capacitor (LDO Output)

Use a 2.2μF/16V/X7R capacitor for decoupling VCC to assure stability of the device. It must be placed with minimum distance between VCC and GND pins.

VIN UVLO Adjustment

The system UVLO threshold can be increase using two external resistors R_{ENT} and R_{ENB} (see [Figure 5\)](#page-12-0) to form a voltage divider between VIN and EN pins. The UVLO comparator provides a rising threshold (power-up) and a falling threshold (power-down) for V_{IN} . Use Equation 18 to set the UVLO rising threshold.

$$
V_{IN_RISING} = V_{EN_H} \times \frac{R_{ENT} + R_{ENB}}{R_{ENB}}
$$
(18)

 $V_{FN H}$ is the EN rising threshold (1.50V TYP). Choose a large value for R_{ENB} (e.g., 287kΩ), to minimize supply drain. The R_{ENT} value is given by:

$$
R_{\text{ENT}} = \left(\frac{V_{\text{IN_RISING}}}{V_{\text{EN_H}}} - 1\right) \times R_{\text{ENB}}
$$
(19)

The resulting falling threshold can be calculated from:

$$
V_{\text{IN_FALLING}} = \left(V_{\text{EN_H}} - V_{\text{EN_HYS}}\right) \times \frac{R_{\text{ENT}} + R_{\text{ENB}}}{R_{\text{ENB}}} \tag{20}
$$

In which the $V_{FN HYS}$ is 0.43V (TYP).

In this example, $V_{IN-RISING} = 6.0V$ is needed that results in R_{ENT} = 853k Ω and a UVLO falling threshold of 4.29V.

APPLICATION INFORMATION (continued)

Layout

Consider the following layout design guidelines for a high-quality power supply with good thermal and EMI performances.

1. Place C_{INx} as close as possible to the VIN and PGND pins. C_{INx} and C_{OUTx} returns should be close together and connected on the top layer PGND pin/plane and PAD.

2. Place C_{VCC} bypass capacitor right beside the VCC and ground pins on the top layer.

3. Minimize FB trace length and keep both feedback resistors close to the FB pin. Bring the V_{OUT} sense trace from the point where V_{OUT} accuracy is important and keep it away from the noisy nodes (SW), preferably through another layer that is on the other side of a shield layer. Place C_{FF} right beside R_{FBT} .

4. Use one of the mid-layers as ground plane for noise shielding and extra path for heat dissipation.

5. Connect the ground layer to only one ground point on the top layer. The feedback and enable circuit returns must be routed separately through the ground plane to avoid large load currents or high di/dt switching currents to flow in these sensitive analog ground traces. Bad grounding results in poor regulation and erratic output ripple.

6. Choose wide traces for V_{IN} , V_{OUT} and ground to minimize voltage drops and maximize efficiency.

7. Use an array of thermal vias (e.g., 8 filled vias) under the exposed pad and connect them to the ground planes on mid-layers and the bottom layer. Maximize the heat sinking copper areas and solidify them with metal coatings such that the die temperature remains below +125℃ in all operating conditions.

Figure 10. Top Layer

Figure 11. Bottom Layer

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PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS SOIC-8 (Exposed Pad)

RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN (Unit: mm)

NOTES:

1. Body dimensions do not include mode flash or protrusion.

2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

REEL DIMENSIONS

NOTE: The picture is only for reference. Please make the object as the standard.

KEY PARAMETER LIST OF TAPE AND REEL

CARTON BOX DIMENSIONS

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KEY PARAMETER LIST OF CARTON BOX

