

LM2773 Low-Ripple 1.8V/1.6V Spread-Spectrum Switched Capacitor Step-Down Regulator

General Description

The LM2773 is a switched capacitor step-down regulator that produces a selectable 1.8V or 1.6V output. It is capable of supplying loads up to 300mA. The LM2773 operates with an input voltage from 2.5V to 5.5V, accommodating 1-cell Li-Ion batteries and chargers.

The LM2773 utilizes a regulated charge pump with gains of 2/3x and 1x. It has very low ripple and noise on both the input and output due to its pre-regulated 1.15MHz (typ.) switching frequency and spread spectrum operation. When output currents are low, the LM2773 automatically switches to a low-ripple PFM regulation mode to maintain high efficiency over the entire load range.

The LM2773 is available in National's 0.5mm pitch 9-bump Micro-SMD ($\mu\text{SMD-9}).$

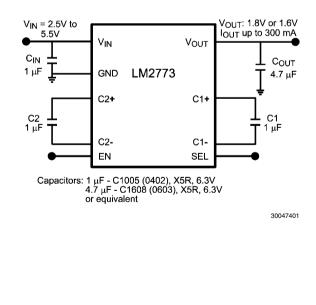
Features

- Low-Noise Spread Spectrum Operation
- 1.8V/1.6V Selectable Output Voltage
- 2% Output Voltage Regulation
- >75% Efficiency in 1.8V Mode
- Very Low Output Ripple: 10mV @ 300mA
- Output Currents up to 300mA
- 2.5V to 5.5V Input Voltage Range
- Shutdown Disconnects Load from V_{IN}
- 1.15MHz Switching Frequency
- No Inductors...Small Solution Size
- Short Circuit and Thermal Protection
- 0.5mm pitch, µSMD-9 (1.511 × 1.511mm × 0.6mm)

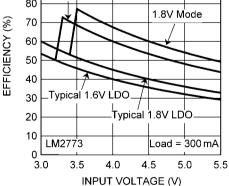
Applications

- Power Supply for DSP's, Memory, and Microprocessors
- Mobile Phones and Pagers
- Digital Cameras, Portable Music Players, and Other Portable Electronic Devices

Typical Application Circuit

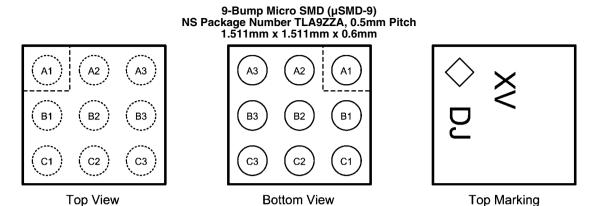


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Connection Diagram and Package Mark Information



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Note 1: The actual physical placement of the package marking will vary from part to part. The package marking "X" designates the single digit date code. "V" is a NSC internal code for die traceability. Both will vary considerably. "DJ" identifies the device (part number, option, etc.).

Pin Descriptions

| Pin # | Name | Description | |
|-------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| A1 | C2- | Flying Capacitor 2: Negative Terminal | |
| A2 | V _{OUT} | Output Voltage | |
| A3 | C1+ | Flying Capacitor 1: Positive Terminal | |
| B1 | GND | Ground | |
| B2 | EN | Device Enable. Logic HIGH: Enabled, Logic LOW: Shutdown. | |
| B3 | V _{IN} | Input Voltage. Recommended V_{IN} Operating Range = 2.5V to 5.5V. | |
| C1 | SEL | Voltage Mode Select. Logic HIGH: V _{OUT} = 1.6V, Logic LOW: V _{OUT} = 1.8V | |
| C2 | C1- | Flying Capacitor 1: Negative Terminal | |
| C3 | C2+ | Flying Capacitor 2: Positive Terminal | |

Order Information

| Output Voltages | Order Number | Package Mark ID | Package | Supplied as: |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1.8V/1.6V | LM2773TL | XV | | 1000 Units, Tape and |
| | | DJ | TLA9ZZA | Reel |
| 1.8V/1.6V | LM2773TLX | XV | 9-Bump µSMD | 4500 Units, Tape and |
| | | DJ | | Reel |

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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Notes 2, 3)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

| V _{IN} Pin Voltage | -0.3V to 6.0V |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| EN, SEL Pin Voltage | -0.3V to (V _{IN} +0.3V) w/ 6.0V max |
| Continuous Power Dissipation (Note 4) | Internally Limited |
| Junction Temperature (T _{J-MAX}) | 150°C |
| Storage Temperature Range | -65°C to +150° C |
| Maximum Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) ESD Rating (Note 5) | 265°C |
| Human Body Model: | 2.5kV |

Operating Ratings

Thermal Properties

Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ_{JA}), μ SMD-9 Package (Note 7)

75°C/W

Electrical Characteristics (Notes 3, 8)

Limits in standard typeface are for $T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. Limits in **boldface** type apply over the full operating junction temperature range (-30° $C \le T_J \le +110^{\circ}$ C). Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply to the LM2773 Typical Application Circuit (pg. 1) with: $V_{IN} = 3.6$ V; V(EN) = 1.8V, V(SEL) = 0V, $C_{IN} = C_2 = 1.0\mu$ F, $C_{OUT} = 4.7\mu$ F. (Note 10)

| Symbol | Parameter | Condition | Min | Тур | Мах | Units |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1.8V Mode Output Voltage | $2.5V \le V_{IN} \le 5.5V$ | 1.779 | 1.815 | 1.851 | |
| | Regulation | $0mA \le I_{OUT} \le 300mA$ | (–2%) | | (+2%) | |
| V _{OUT} | 1 CV/ Made Output Valtage | V(SEL) = 1.8V | 1 507 | 1.619 | 1.651 (+2%) | V |
| | 1.6V Mode Output Voltage Regulation | $2.5V \le V_{IN} \le 5.5V$ | 1.587 (–2%) | | | |
| | | $0mA \le I_{OUT} \le 300mA$ | (-270) | | | |
| V _{OUT} /I _{OUT} | Output Load Regulation | $0mA \le I_{OUT} \le 300mA$ | | 0.15 | | mV/mA |
| V _{OUT} /V _{IN} | Output Line Regulation | | | 0.3 | | %/V |
| E | Power Efficiency | I _{OUT} = 300mA | | 75 | | % |
| Ι _Q | Quiescent Supply Current | I _{OUT} = 0mA (Note 11) | | 48 | 55 | μΑ |
| V _R | Fixed Frequency Output Ripple | I _{OUT} = 300mA | | 10 | | mV |
| V _{R-PFM} | PFM–Mode Output Ripple | I _{OUT} < 40mA | | 12 | | mV |
| I _{SD} | Shutdown Current | V(EN) = 0V | | 0.1 | 0.625 | μA |
| F _{sw} | Switching Frequency | $3.0V \le V_{IN} \le 5.5V$ | 0.80 | 1.15 | 1.50 | MHz |
| R _{OL} | Open-Loop Output Resistance | I _{OUT} = 300mA (Note 9) | | 1.0 | | Ω |
| | | V _{IN} = 5.5V | | | | |
| I _{CL} | Output Current Limit | $0V \le V_{OUT} \le 0.2V$ | | 500 | | mA |
| | | (Note 13) | | | | |
| t _{on} | Turn-on Time | | | 150 | | μs |
| VIL Logic-low Input Voltag | Logic low Input Voltago | EN, SEL Pins | 0 | | 0.5 | v |
| | Logic-low input voltage | $2.5V \le V_{IN} \le 5.5V$ | 0 | | 0.5 | v |
| V _{IH} Logic-high Input Volta | Logic high Input Voltage | EN, SEL Pins | 1.0 | | v | v |
| | Logic-nigh input voltage | $2.5V \le V_{IN} \le 5.5V$ | 1.0 | | V _{IN} | V |
| I _{IH} | Logic-high Input Current | V(EN), V(SEL) = 1.8V | | 5 | | μA |
| 'IH | | (Note 12) | | | | |
| I _{IL} | Logic-low Input Current | V(EN), V(SEL) = 0V | | 0.01 | | μΑ |

Note 2: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the component may occur. Operating Ratings are conditions under which operation of the device is guaranteed. Operating Ratings do not imply guaranteed performance limits. For guaranteed performance limits and associated test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics tables.

Note 3: All voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pins.

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Note 4: Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage. Thermal shutdown engages at $T_J=150^{\circ}C$ (typ.) and disengages at $T_J=140^{\circ}C$ (typ.).

Note 5: The Human body model is a 100pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5kΩ resistor into each pin. MIL-STD-883 3015.7

Note 6: Maximum ambient temperature (T_{A-MAX}) is dependent on the maximum operating junction temperature $(T_{J-MAX-OP} = 110^{\circ}C)$, the maximum power dissipation of the device in the application (P_{D-MAX}) , and the junction-to ambient thermal resistance of the part/package in the application (θ_{JA}) , as given by the following equation: $T_{A-MAX} = T_{J-MAX-OP} - (\theta_{JA} \times P_{D-MAX})$.

Note 7: Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance is highly application and board-layout dependent. In applications where high maximum power dissipation exists, special care must be paid to thermal dissipation issues.

Note 8: Min and Max limits are guaranteed by design, test, or statistical analysis. Typical numbers are not guaranteed, but do represent the most likely norm. **Note 9:** Open loop output resistance can be used to predict output voltage when, under low V_{IN} and high I_{OUT} conditions, V_{OUT} falls out of regulation. $V_{OUT} = (Gain)V_{IN} - (R_{OL} \times I_{OUT})$

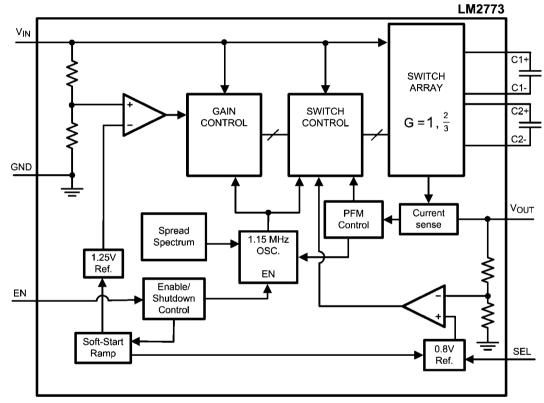
Note 10: C_{IN}, C_{QUT}, C₁, C₂: Low-ESR Surface-Mount Ceramic Capacitors (MLCCs) used in setting electrical characteristics.

Note 11: V_{OUT} is set to 1.9V during this test (Device is not switching).

Note 12: There are $350 k\Omega$ pull-down resistors connected internally between the EN pin and GND and the SEL pin and GND.

Note 13: Under the stated conditions, the maximum input current is equal to 2/3 the maximum output current.

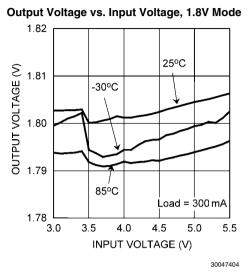
Block Diagram



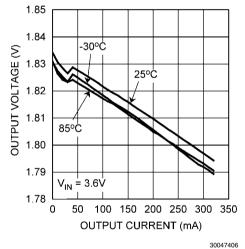
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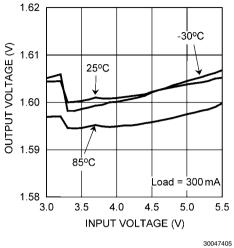
Typical Performance Characteristics Unless otherwise specified: $V_{IN} = 3.6V$, $C_{IN} = C_1 = C_2 = 1.0\mu$ F, $C_{OUT} = 4.7\mu$ F, V(EN) = 1.8V, V(SEL) = 0V, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C. Capacitors are low-ESR multi-layer ceramic capacitors (MLCC's).



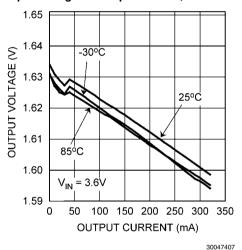
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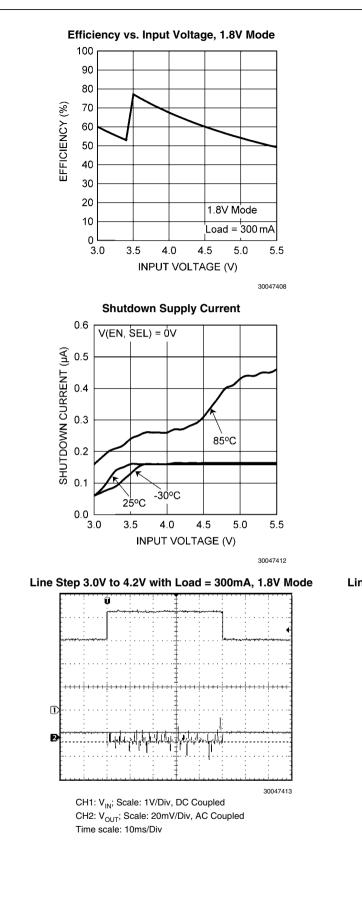


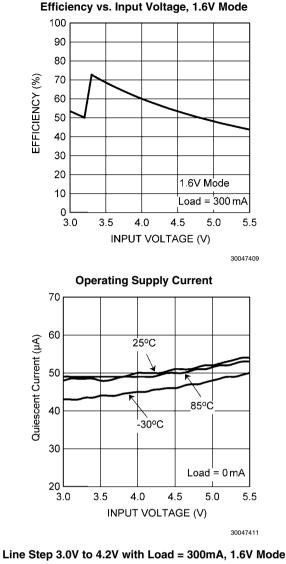


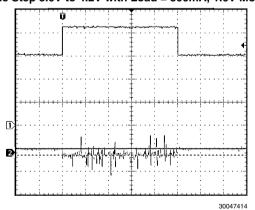


Output Voltage vs. Output Current, 1.6V Mode

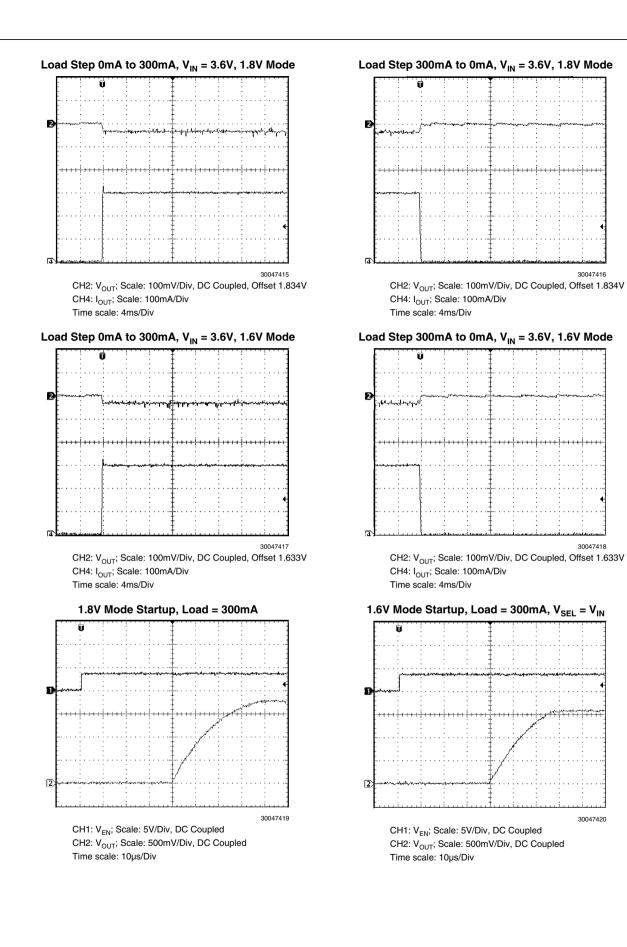








CH1: $V_{IN^{i}}$ Scale: 1V/Div, DC Coupled CH2: V_{OUT} ; Scale: 20mV/Div, AC Coupled Time scale: 10ms/Div



Operation Description

OVERVIEW

The LM2773 is a switched capacitor converter that produces a selectable 1.8V or 1.6V regulated output. The core of the part is a highly efficient charge pump that utilizes fixed frequency pre-regulation, Pulse Frequency Modulation, and spread spectrum to minimize conducted noise and power losses over wide input voltage and output current ranges. A description of the principal operational characteristics of the LM2773 is detailed in the **Circuit Description**, and **Efficiency Performance** sections. These sections refer to details in the **Block Diagram**.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The core of the LM2773 is a two-phase charge pump controlled by an internally generated non-overlapping clock. The charge pump operates by using external flying capacitors C_1 and C_2 to transfer charge from the input to the output. The LM2773 will operate in a 1x Gain, with the input current being equal to the load current, when the input voltage is at or below 3.5V (typ.) for 1.8V mode or 3.3V (typ.) for 1.6V mode. At input voltages above 3.5V (typ.) or 3.3V (typ.) for the respective voltage mode selected, the part utilizes a gain of 2/3x, resulting in an input current equal to 2/3 times the load current.

The two phases of the switched capacitor switching cycle will be referred to as the "charge phase" and the "discharge phase". During the charge phase, the flying capacitor is charged by the input supply. After half of the switching cycle [$t = 1/(2 \times F_{SW})$], the LM2773 switches to the discharge phase. In this configuration, the charge that was stored on the flying capacitors in the charge phase is transferred to the output.

The LM2773 uses fixed frequency pre-regulation to regulate the output voltage to 1.8V during moderate to high load currents. The input and output connections of the flying capacitors are made with internal MOS switches. Pre-regulation limits the gate drive of the MOS switch connected between the voltage input and the flying capacitors. Controlling the on resistance of this switch limits the amount of charge transferred into and out of each flying capacitor during the charge and discharge phases, and in turn helps to keep the output ripple very low.

When output currents are low (<40mA typ.), the LM2773 automatically switches to a low-ripple Pulse Frequency Modulation (PFM) form of regulation. In PFM mode, the flying capacitors stay in the discharge phase until the output voltage drops below a predetermined trip point. When this occurs, the flying capacitors switch back to the charge phase. After being charged, the flying capacitors repeat the process of staying in the discharge phase and switching to the charge phase when necessary.

The LM2773 utilizes spread spectrum operation to distrubute the peak radiated energy of the device over a wider frequency band, reducing electromagnetic interference (EMI). Spread spectrum is used during all modes of operation for the LM2773.

EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE

Charge-pump efficiency is derived in the following two ideal equations (supply current and other losses are neglected for simplicity):

$$\begin{split} I_{IN} &= G \times I_{OUT} \\ E &= (V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}) \div (V_{IN} \times I_{IN}) = V_{OUT} \ \div (G \times V_{IN}) \end{split}$$

In the equations, G represents the charge pump gain. Efficiency is at its highest as $G \times V_{IN}$ approaches V_{OUT} . Refer to

the efficiency graph in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section for detailed efficiency data. The transition between the gain of 1x and 2/3x is clearly distinguished by the sharp discontinuity in the efficiency curve.

SHUTDOWN AND VOLTAGE SELECT

The LM2773 is in shutdown mode when the voltage on the enable pin (EN) is logic-low. In shutdown, the LM2773 draws virtually no supply current. When in shutdown, the output of the LM2773 is completely disconnected from the input. Internal feedback resistors pull the output voltage down to 0V during shutdown.

The SEL pin sets the output voltage at either 1.8V or 1.6V. A logic-low voltage on the SEL pin will place the output of the LM2773 in the 1.6V mode, and a logic-high voltage on the SEL pin will place it into the 1.8V mode.

There are $350k\Omega$ pull-down resistors connected internally between the EN pin and GND and the SEL pin and GND.

SOFT START

The LM2773 employs soft start circuitry to prevent excessive input inrush currents during startup. At startup, the output voltage gradually rises from 0V to the nominal output voltage. This occurs in 150µs (typ.). Soft-start is engaged when the part is enabled.

THERMAL SHUTDOWN

Protection from damage related to overheating is achieved with a thermal shutdown feature. When the junction temperature rises to 150°C (typ.), the part switches into shutdown mode. The LM2773 disengages thermal shutdown when the junction temperature of the part is reduced to 140°C (typ.). Due to the high efficiency of the LM2773, thermal shutdown and/or thermal cycling should not be encountered when the part is operated within specified input voltage, output current, and ambient temperature operating ratings. If thermal cycling is seen under these conditions, the most likely cause is an inadequate PCB layout that does not allow heat to be sufficiently dissipated out of the μ SMD package.

CURRENT LIMIT PROTECTION

The LM2773 charge pump contains current limit protection circuitry that protects the device during V_{OUT} fault conditions where excessive current is drawn. Output current is limited to 500mA (typ).

Application Information

RECOMMENDED CAPACITOR TYPES

The LM2773 requires 4 external capacitors for proper operation. Surface-mount multi-layer ceramic capacitors are recommended. These capacitors are small, inexpensive and have very low equivalent series resistance (ESR, $\leq 15 m\Omega$ typ.). Tantalum capacitors, OS-CON capacitors, and aluminum electrolytic capacitors generally are not recommended for use with the LM2773 due to their high ESR, as compared to ceramic capacitors.

For most applications, ceramic capacitors with an X7R or X5R temperature characteristic are preferred for use with the LM2773. These capacitors have tight capacitance tolerance (as good as $\pm 10\%$) and hold their value over temperature (X7R: $\pm 15\%$ over -55°C to 125°C; X5R: $\pm 15\%$ over -55°C to 85°C).

Capacitors with a Y5V or Z5U temperature characteristic are generally not recommended for use with the LM2773. These types of capacitors typically have wide capacitance tolerance

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(+80%, -20%) and vary significantly over temperature (Y5V: +22%, -82% over -30°C to +85°C range; Z5U: +22%, -56% over +10°C to +85°C range). Under some conditions, a 1 μ F-rated Y5V or Z5U capacitor could have a capacitance as low as 0.1 μ F. Such detrimental deviation is likely to cause Y5V and Z5U capacitors to fail to meet the minimum capacitance requirements of the LM2773.

Net capacitance of a ceramic capacitor decreases with increased DC bias. This degradation can result in lower capacitance than expected on the input and/or output, resulting in higher ripple voltages and currents. Using capacitors at DC bias voltages significantly below the capacitor voltage rating will usually minimize DC bias effects. Consult capacitor manufacturers for information on capacitor DC bias characteristics.

Capacitance characteristics can vary quite dramatically with different application conditions, capacitor types, and capacitor manufacturers. It is strongly recommended that the LM2773 circuit be thoroughly evaluated early in the design-in process with the mass-production capacitors of choice. This will help ensure that any such variability in capacitance does not negatively impact circuit performance.

The table below lists some leading ceramic capacitor manufacturers.

| Manufacturer | Contact Information | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| AVX | www.avx.com | | |
| Murata | www.murata.com | | |
| Taiyo-Yuden | www.t-yuden.com | | |
| TDK | www.component.tdk.com | | |
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OUTPUT CAPACITOR AND OUTPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE

The output capacitor in the LM2773 circuit (C_{OUT}) directly impacts the magnitude of output voltage ripple. Other prominent factors also affecting output voltage ripple include input voltage, output current and flying capacitance. Due to the complexity of the regulation topology, providing equations or models to approximate the magnitude of the ripple can not be easily accomplished. But one important generalization can be made: increasing (decreasing) the output capacitance will result in a proportional decrease (increase) in output voltage ripple.

In typical high-current applications, a 4.7μ F low-ESR ceramic output capacitor is recommended. Different output capacitance values can be used to reduce ripple, shrink the solution size, and/or cut the cost of the solution. But changing the output capacitor may also require changing the flying capacitor and/or input capacitor to maintain good overall circuit performance. Performance of the LM2773 with different capacitor setups in discussed in the section **Recommended Capacitor Configurations**.

High ESR in the output capacitor increases output voltage ripple. If a ceramic capacitor is used at the output, this is usually not a concern because the ESR of a ceramic capacitor is typically very low and has only a minimal impact on ripple magnitudes. If a different capacitor type with higher ESR is used (tantalum, for example), the ESR could result in high ripple. To eliminate this effect, the net output ESR can be significantly reduced by placing a low-ESR ceramic capacitor in parallel with the primary output capacitor. The low ESR of the ceramic capacitor will be in parallel with the higher ESR, resulting in a low net ESR based on the principles of parallel resistance reduction.

INPUT CAPACITOR AND INPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE

The input capacitor (C_{IN}) is a reservoir of charge that aids a quick transfer of charge from the supply to the flying capacitors during the charge phase of operation. The input capacitor helps to keep the input voltage from drooping at the start of the charge phase when the flying capacitors are connected to the input. It also filters noise on the input pin, keeping this noise out of sensitive internal analog circuitry that is biased off the input line.

Much like the relationship between the output capacitance and output voltage ripple, input capacitance has a dominant, first-order effect on input ripple magnitude. Increasing (decreasing) the input capacitance will result in a proportional decrease (increase) in input voltage ripple. Input voltage, output current, and flying capacitance also will affect input ripple levels to some degree.

In typical high-current applications, a 1μ F low-ESR ceramic capacitor is recommended on the input. Different input capacitance values can be used to reduce ripple, shrink the solution size, and/or cut the cost of the solution. But changing the input capacitor may also require changing the flying capacitor and/or output capacitor to maintain good overall circuit performance. Performance of the LM2773 with different capacitor setups is discussed below in **Recommended Capacitor Configurations**.

FLYING CAPACITORS

The flying capacitors (C_1 , C_2) transfer charge from the input to the output. Flying capacitance can impact both output current capability and ripple magnitudes. If flying capacitance is too small, the LM2773 may not be able to regulate the output voltage when load currents are high. On the other hand, if the flying capacitance is too large, the flying capacitor might overwhelm the input and output capacitors, resulting in increased input and output ripple.

In typical high-current applications, 1μ F low-ESR ceramic capacitors are recommended for the flying capacitors. Polarized capacitors (tantalum, aluminum electrolytic, etc.) must not be used for the flying capacitor, as they could become reverse-biased during LM2773 operation.

RECOMMENDED CAPACITOR CONFIGURATIONS

The data in *Table 1* can be used to assist in the selection of capacitance configurations that best balances solution size and cost with the electrical requirements of the application.

As previously discussed, input and output ripple voltages will vary with output current and input voltage. The numbers provided show expected ripple voltage with $V_{IN} = 3.6V$ and a load current of 300mA. The table offers a first look at approximate ripple levels and provides a comparison of different capacitor configurations, but is not intended to be a guarantee of performance. With any capacitance configuration chosen, always verify that the performance of the ripple waveforms are suitable for the intended application. The same capacitance value must be used for all the flying capacitors.

TABLE 1. LM2773 Performance with Different Capacitor Configurations, 1.8V Mode (Note 14)

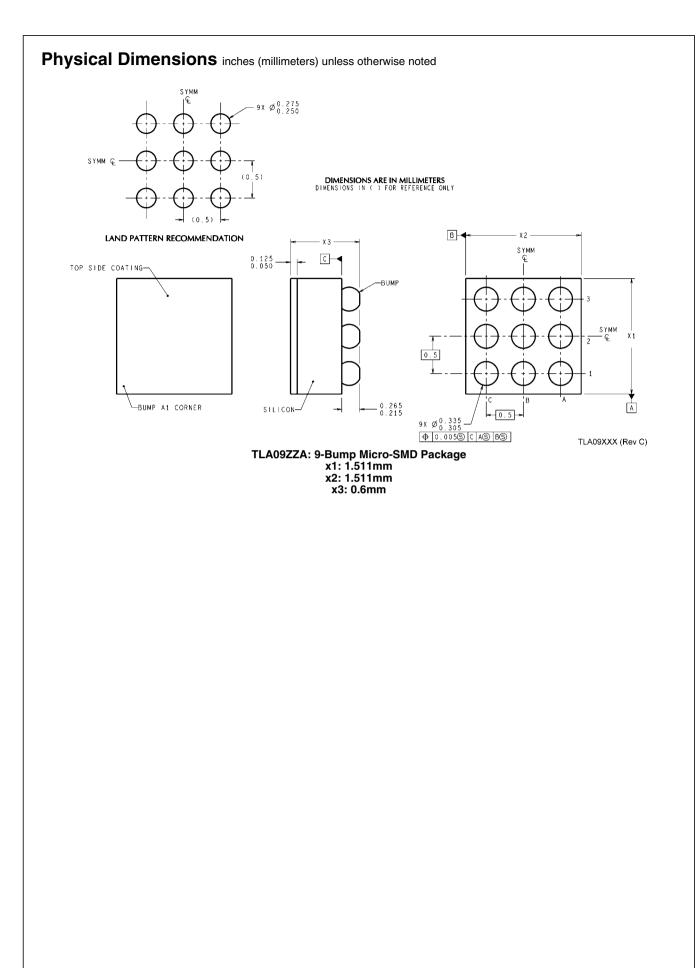
| CAPACITOR | TYPICAL | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| CONFIGURATION | OUTPUT | | | |
| (V _{IN} = 3.6V) | RIPPLE | | | |
| $C_{IN} = 1\mu F,$ | | | | |
| $C_{OUT} = 4.7 \mu F,$ | 10mV | | | |
| $C_1, C_2 = 1 \mu F$ | | | | |
| $C_{IN} = 1\mu F,$ | | | | |
| $C_{OUT} = 2.2 \mu F,$ | 16mV | | | |
| $C_1, C_2 = 1\mu F$ | | | | |
| $C_{IN} = 0.47 \mu F,$ | | | | |
| $C_{OUT} = 4.7 \mu F,$ | 12mV | | | |
| $C_1, C_2 = 1 \mu F$ | | | | |
| $C_{IN} = 0.47 \mu F,$ | | | | |
| $C_{OUT} = 3.3 \mu F,$ | 12mV | | | |
| $C_1, C_2 = 1 \mu F$ | | | | |
| $C_{IN} = 0.47 \mu F,$ | | | | |
| $C_{OUT} = 3.3 \mu F,$ | 13mV | | | |
| $C_1, C_2 = 0.47 \mu F$ | | | | |
| | | | | |

Note 14: Refer to the text in the Recommended Capacitor Configurations section for detailed information on the data in this table

Layout Guidelines

Proper board layout will help to ensure optimal performance of the LM2773 circuit. The following guidelines are recommended:

- Place capacitors as close to the LM2773 as possible, and preferably on the same side of the board as the IC.
- Use short, wide traces to connect the external capacitors to the LM2773 to minimize trace resistance and inductance.
- Use a low resistance connection between ground and the GND pin of the LM2773. Using wide traces and/or multiple vias to connect GND to a ground plane on the board is most advantageous.



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| Switching Regulators | www.national.com/switchers | | | | |
| LDOs | www.national.com/ldo | | | | |
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