

POWER MANAGEMENT

Description

The SC4201 is a multi-phase link controller, ideal for isolated and non-isolated applications. Its frequency of operation can be programmed in excess of 2MHz per phase (oscillator frequency = phase frequency times number of phases 3 or 4) and can be easily synchronized to an external faster frequency. The SC4201 output frequencies can be set to 2/4 or 3 phase operation. A single pin can either set a 4 phase operation (each phase is 90 degrees apart) or 3 phase operation (120 degrees apart).

Multi-phase operation of multiple primary or secondary controllers reduces input/output ripple, the number of components required for filtering, and noise due to frequency beating generated by multiple free running oscillators.

The SC4201 is available in the MSOP-8 surface mount package.

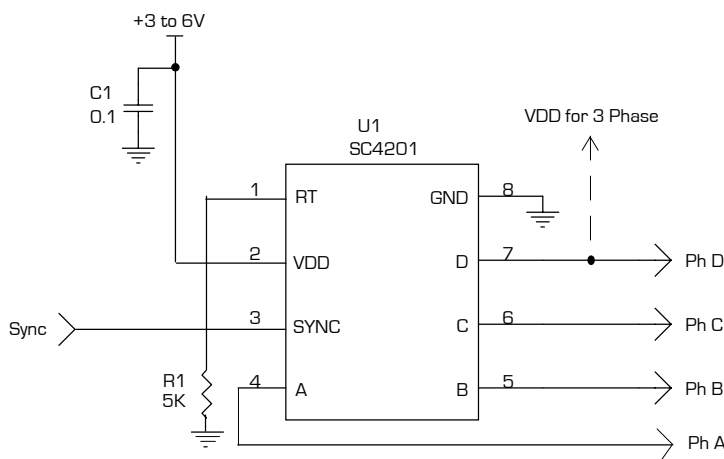
Features

- ◆ Small footprint MSOP-8
- ◆ Programmable frequency > 2MHz, each phase
- ◆ Synchronized to faster frequency
- ◆ Programmable 2/4 or 3 phase operation

Applications

- ◆ Telecom distributed power architectures
- ◆ Multi-phase operation of isolated power supplies
- ◆ Multi-phase operation of non-isolated switching regulators

Typical Application Circuit



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Exceeding the specifications below may result in permanent damage to the device, or device malfunction. Operation outside of the parameters specified in the Electrical Characteristics section is not implied.

Parameter	Symbol	Limits	Units
Supply Voltage	V_{IN}	7	V
RT, SYNC	V_{P_K}	-0.3V to V_{DD} +0.3	V
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	T_A	-40 to +125	°C
Junction Temperature Range	T_J	-40 to 150	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T_{STG}	-65 to 150	°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering) 10 sec	T_{LEAD}	+300	°C
Thermal Impedance Junction to Ambient	θ_{JA}	206	°C/W
ESD Rating (Human Body Model)	ESD	2	kV

Electrical Characteristics

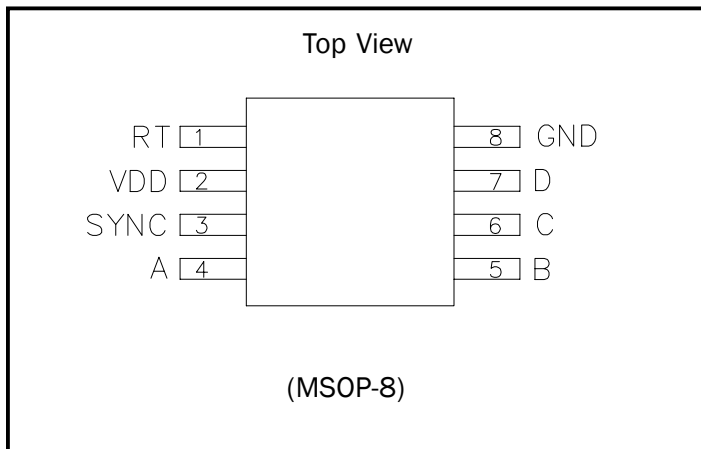
Unless specified: $T_A = T_J = -40$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$, $R_T = 100\text{K}$, 4-phase.

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Supply Voltage, Operating	V_{DD}		3.0		6.0	V
Supply Current	I_{DD}	$V_{DD} = 6\text{V}$, $R_T = 36.5\text{k}\Omega$, $C_{OUT} = 20\text{pF}$		2.35	2.60	mA
VDD Start Threshold					3.10	V
VDD UVLO Hysteresis			70	100	130	mV
Output Frequency, per phase	F_{OUT}	See graphs, Fig 2 - 5	0.1		2	MHz
Output Frequency Stability		$V_{DD} = 3\text{V}$ to 6V			10	%
Phase Accuracy		By design, not tested			1	%
Sync Input Threshold	V_{SYNC}	See pin description		$V_{DD}/3$		V
O/P Rise Time	T_R	$C_{OUT} = 20\text{pF}$, $V_{DD} = 3\text{V}$ to 6V		10		ns
O/P Fall Time	T_F	$C_{OUT} = 20\text{pF}$, $V_{DD} = 3\text{V}$ to 6V		10		ns
Output Voltage	V_{OUT}				V_{DD}	V
Output Current (peak)	I_{OUT}	$V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$		25		mA
		$V_{DD} = 3.3\text{V}$		10		
Output Impedance	R_{OUT}			60		Ω
Output Duration	T_P			(1)		ns

Note:

(1) $T_P = \frac{T_{OUT}}{N}$ where T_{OUT} = output signal period of individual phase.

$N = 3$ for 3 phase operation, $N = 4$ for 2/4 phase operation.

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Pin Configuration

Ordering Information

Part Number ⁽¹⁾	Package
SC4201IMSTRT ⁽²⁾	MSOP-8
SC4201EVB	Evaluation Board

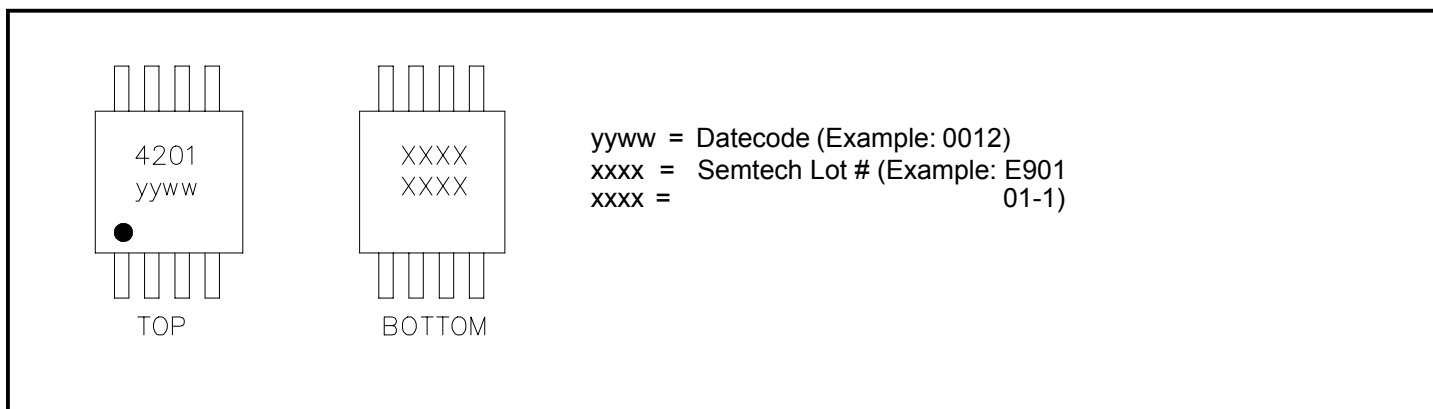
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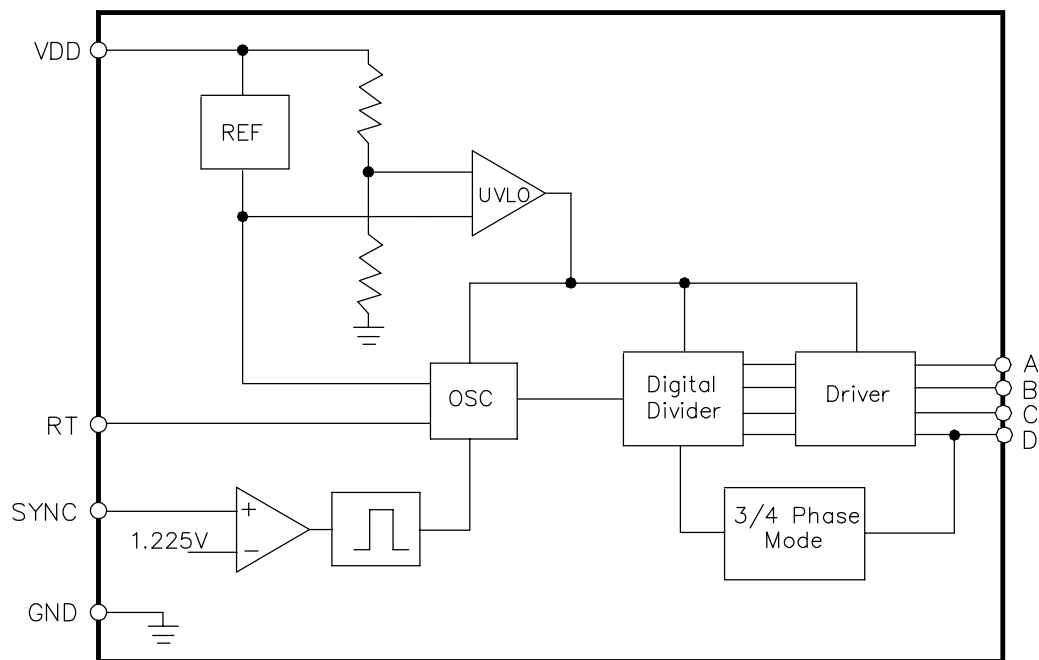
(1) Only available in tape and reel packaging. A reel contains 2500 devices.

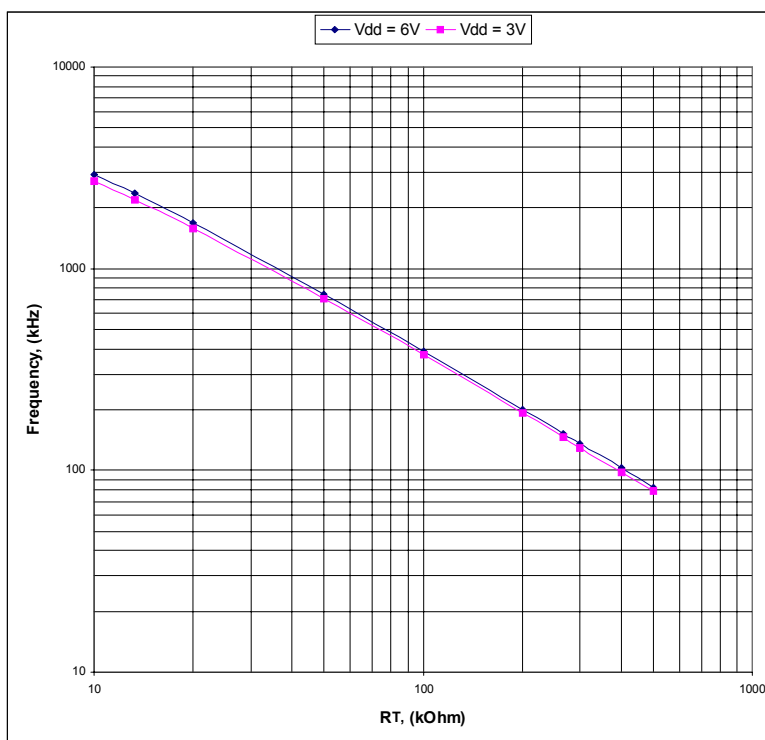
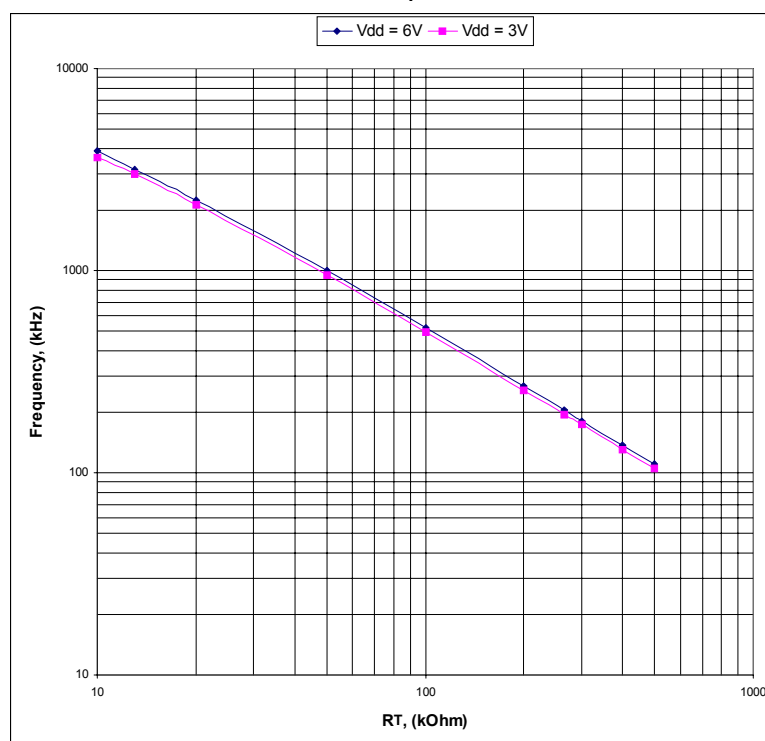
(2) Lead free product. This product is fully WEEE and RoHS compliant.

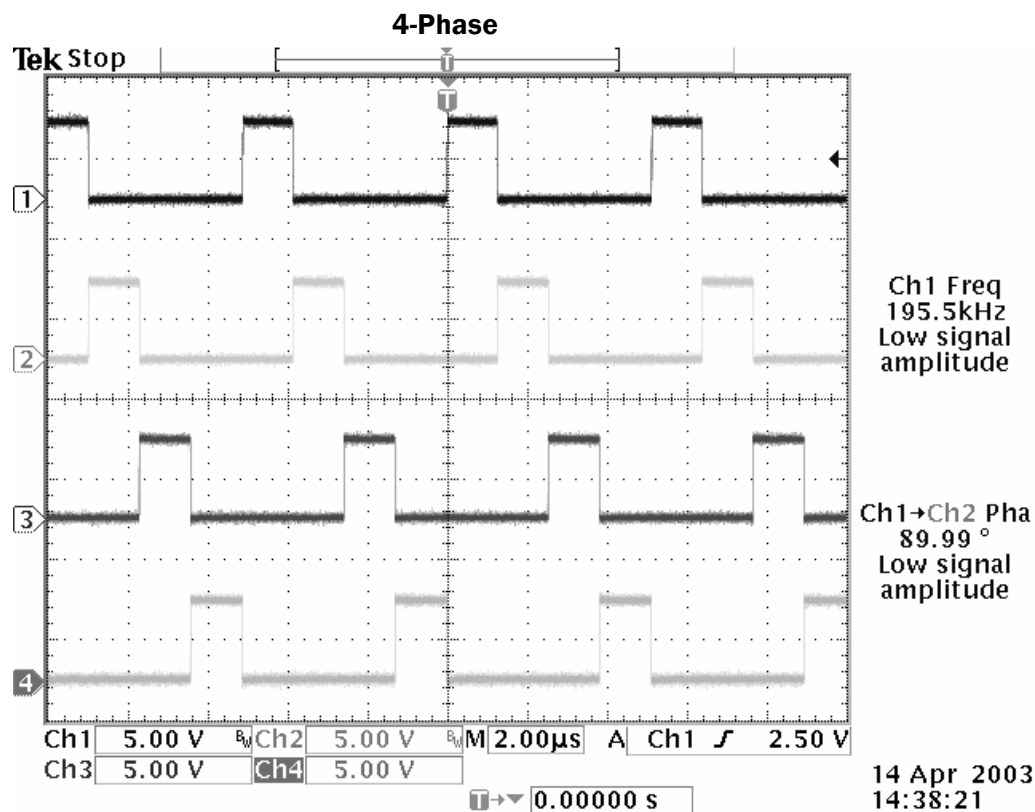
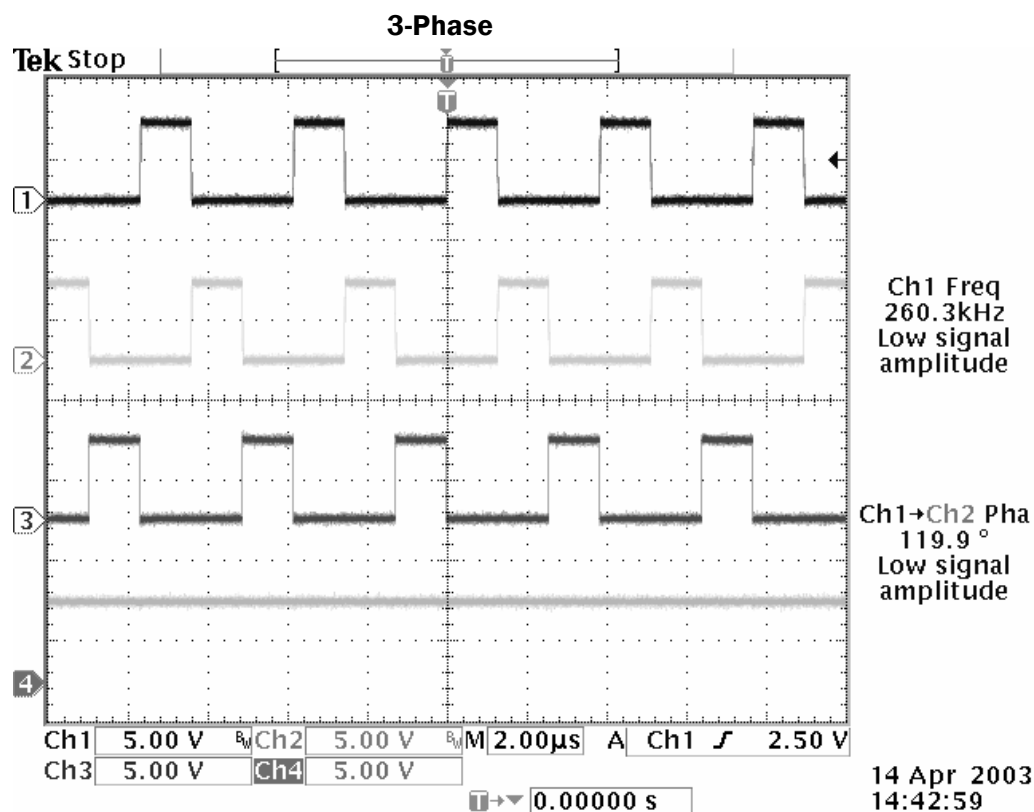
Pin Descriptions

Pin	Pin Name	Pin Function
1	RT	Oscillator frequency is configured by connecting resistor R from RT to ground. Values for R can be selected to provide desired 3 phase or 4 phase output frequencies.
2	VDD	The power input connection for the device.
3	SYNC	SYNC is a positive edge triggered input with a threshold of $\sim V_{DD}/3$. SYNC should be grounded when not required or connected to an external synchronization clock with frequency higher than the on board oscillator frequency (with respect to internal clock). SYNC frequency = phase frequency times number of phases 3 or 4.
4	A	Logic level output clock. Phase "A", totem-pole type.
5	B	Logic level output clock. Phase "B", totem-pole type.
6	C	Logic level output clock. Phase "C", totem-pole type.
7	D	Logic level output, totem-pole type, lock and phase selection pin. Default operation 4 phase/2 phase (90°/180°). Tie D to VDD to select 3 phase operation through A, B and C 120° out of phase.
8	GND	Reference ground and power ground for all functions.

Marking Information


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Block Diagram

Figure 1

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Typical Characteristics
Phase Frequency vs. R_T , 4-Phase Operation

Figure 2
Phase Frequency vs. R_T , 3-Phase Operation

Figure 3

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Typical Characteristics (Cont.)

Figure 4

Figure 5

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Application Information

Diagram in Figure 6 shows multi-phase operation of several power converters with fixed switching frequency FSW.

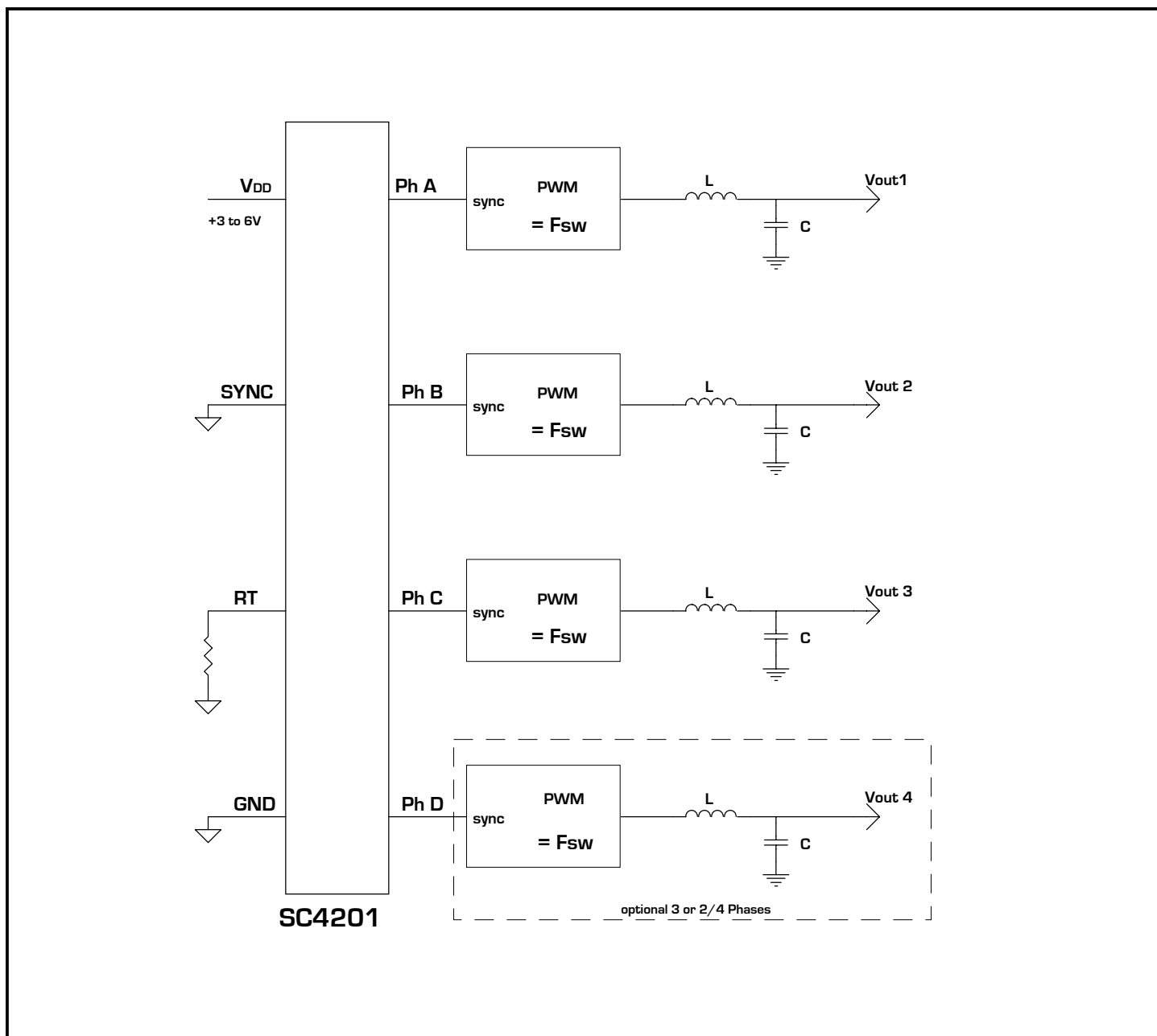


Figure 6

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Application Information (Cont.)

Diagram in Figure 7 demonstrates a multi-phase operation of a single power supply with current sharing through the individual phases and with fixed switching frequency FSW.

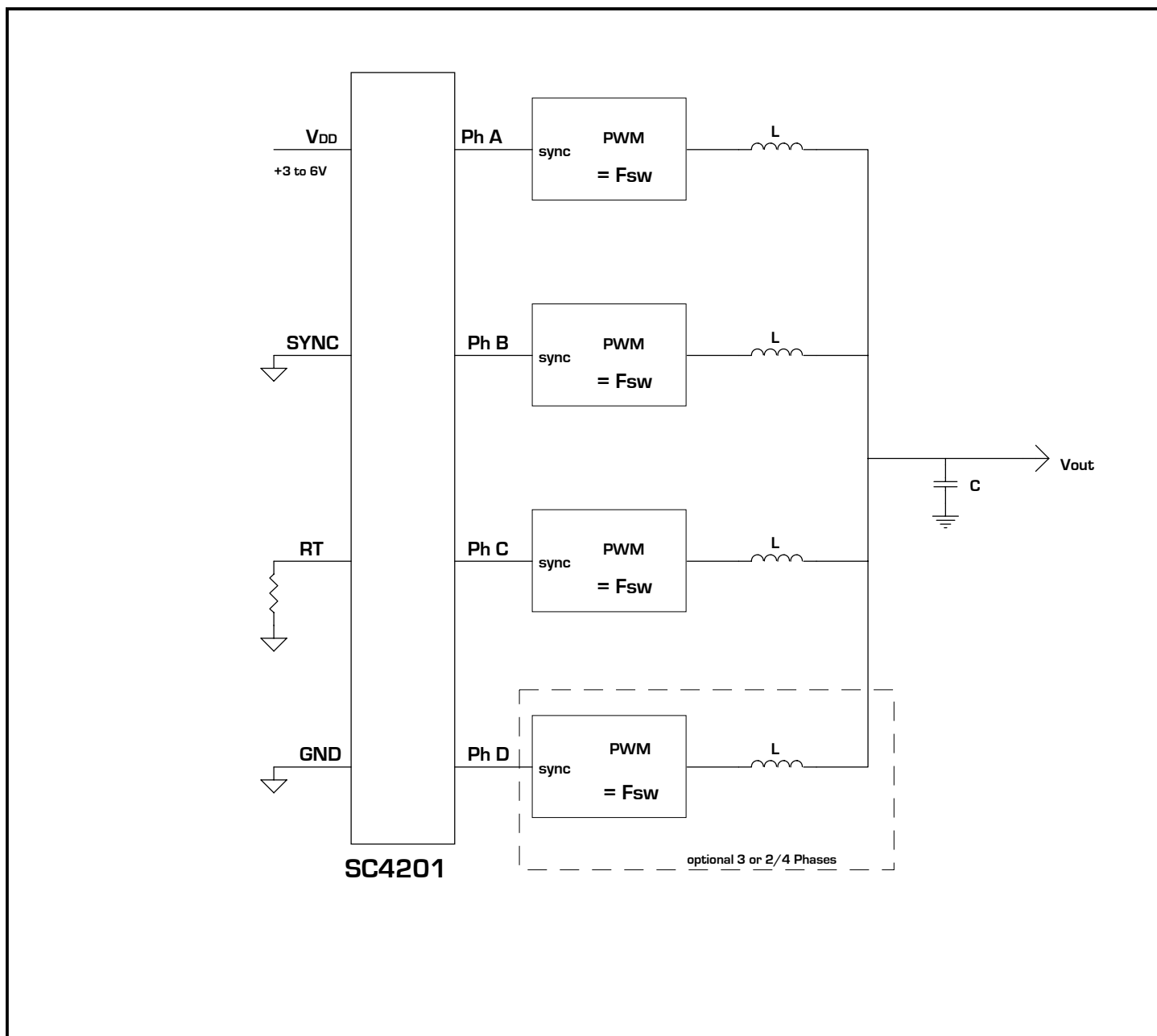


Figure 7

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Application Information (Cont.)

Diagram in Figure 8 assumes variable switching frequency FSW, e.g. resonant power converters. This circuit will require additional “FSW Control” block, which is a task for a power designer.

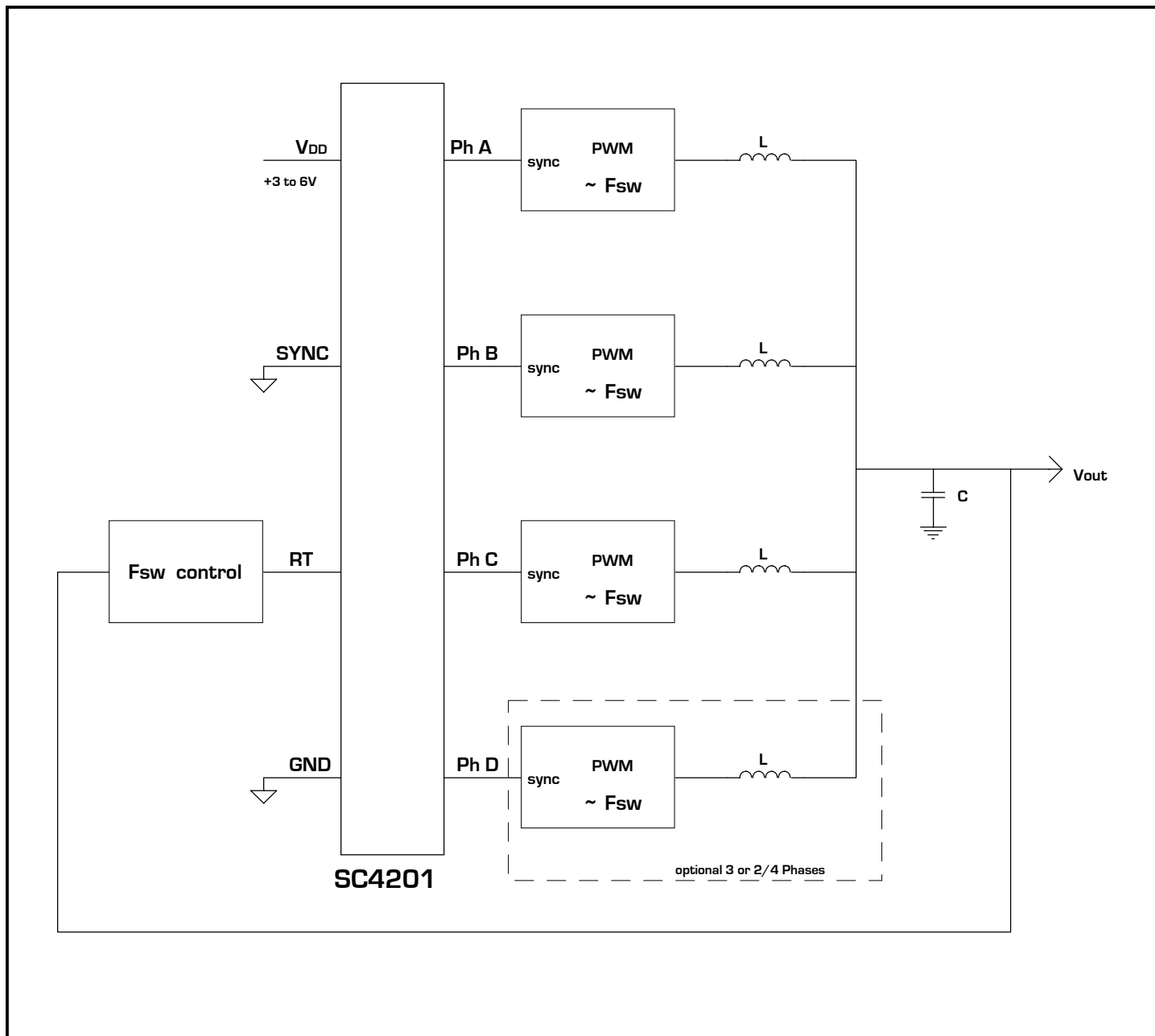


Figure 8

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Application Information (Cont.)

Diagram in Figure 9 demonstrates a synchronous operation of two (or more) SC4201 controllers. If the “time delay” circuit is to be employed then 6-phase, 8-phase and other configurations become possible.

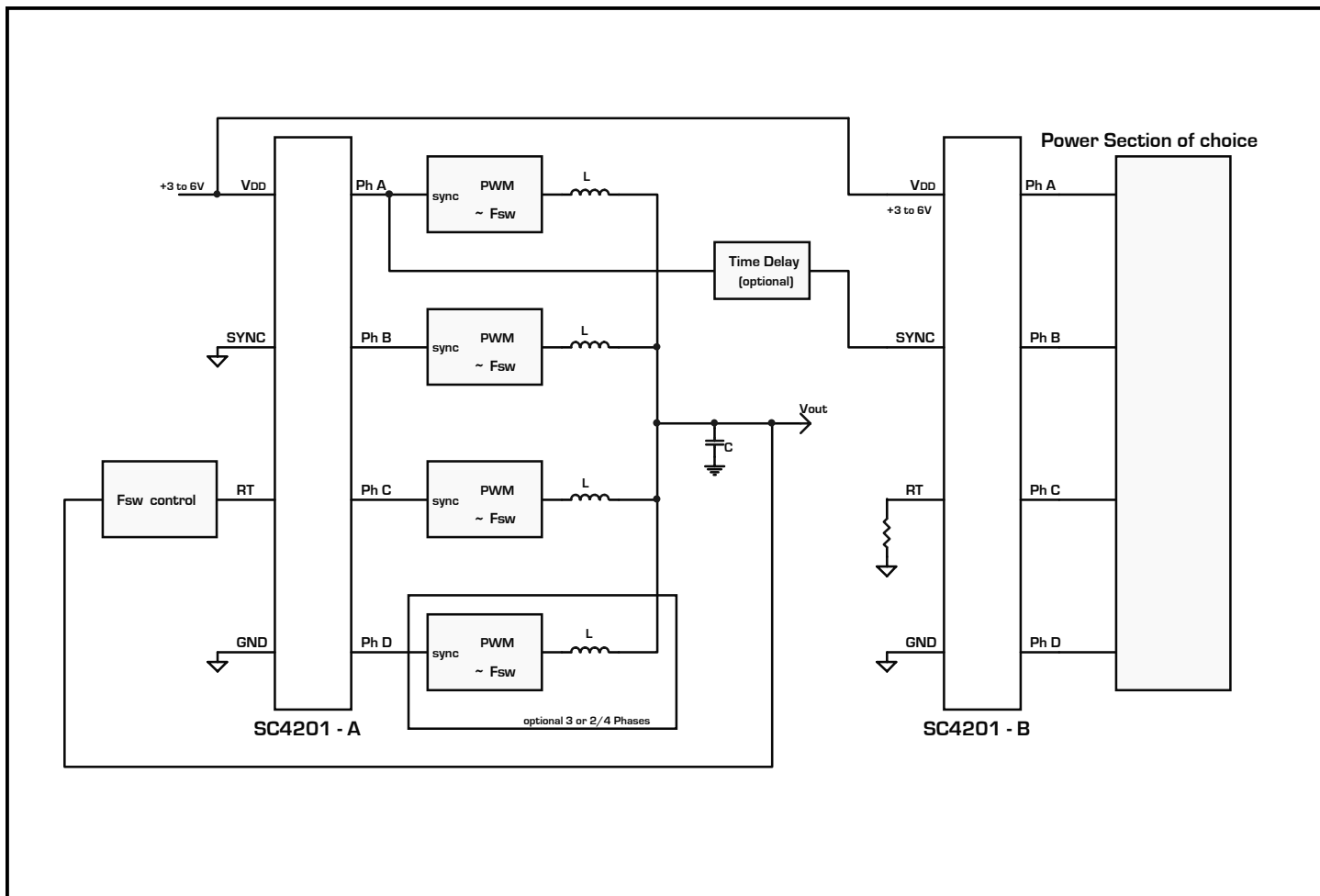
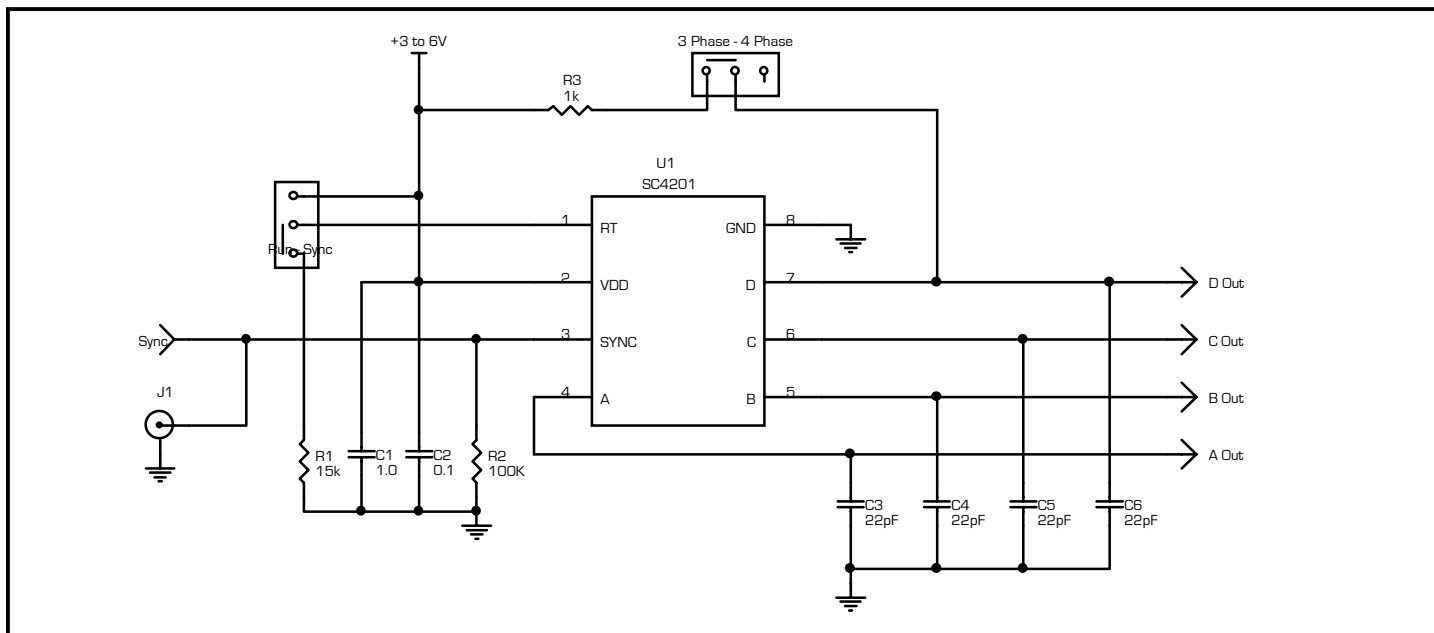
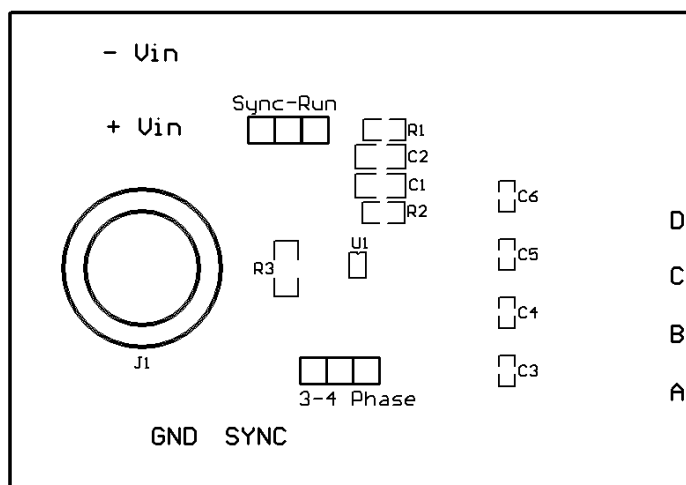
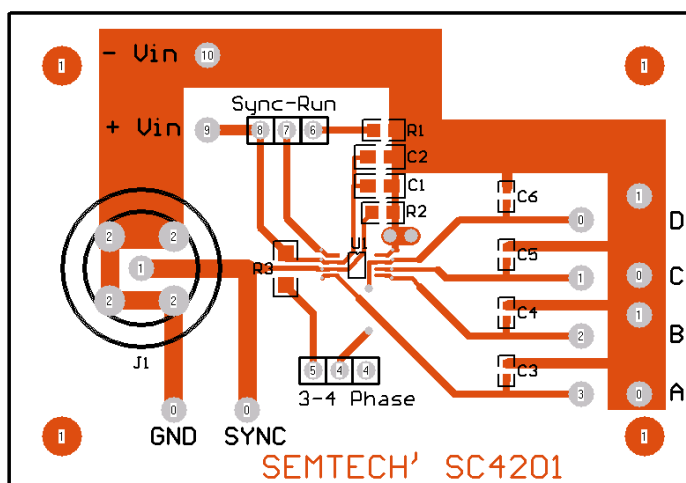
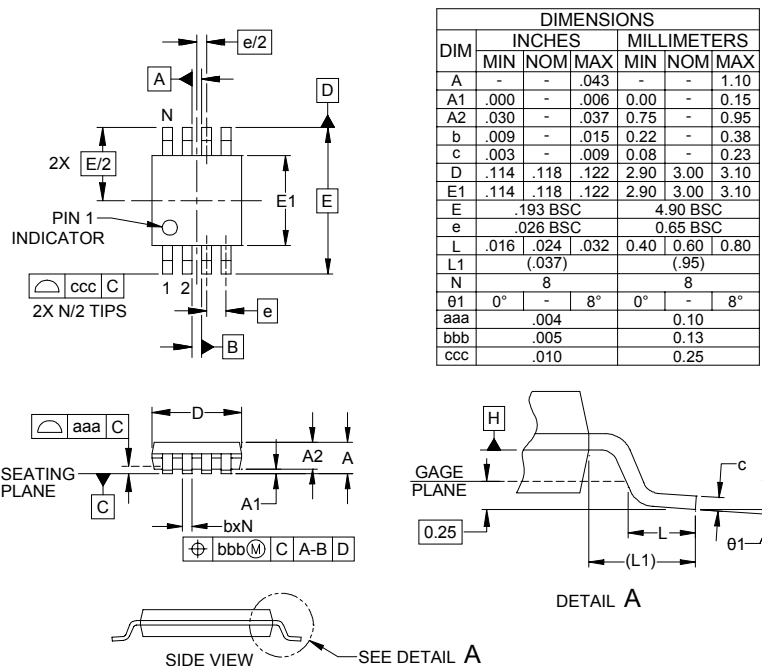
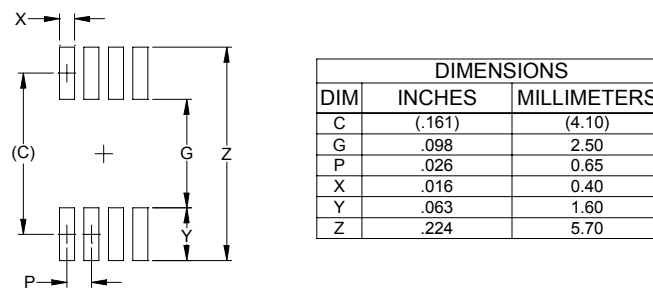


Figure 9

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Evaluation Board Schematic

Top View

Layout


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Outline Drawing - MSOP-8

Land Pattern - MSOP-8


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