

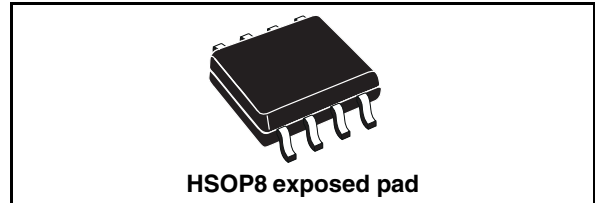
2.5A switch step down switching regulator for automotive applications

Features

- Qualified following the AEC-Q100 requirements (temperature Grade 3), see PPAP for more details.
- Temperature range -40°C to 85°C
- 2A DC output current
- Operating input voltage from 4V to 36V
- 3.3V / ($\pm 2\%$) reference voltage
- Output voltage adjustable from 1.235V to 35V
- Low dropout operation: 100% duty cycle
- 250kHz Internally fixed frequency
- Voltage feedforward
- Zero load current operation
- Internal current limiting
- Inhibit for zero current consumption
- Synchronization
- Protection against feedback disconnection
- Thermal shutdown

Applications

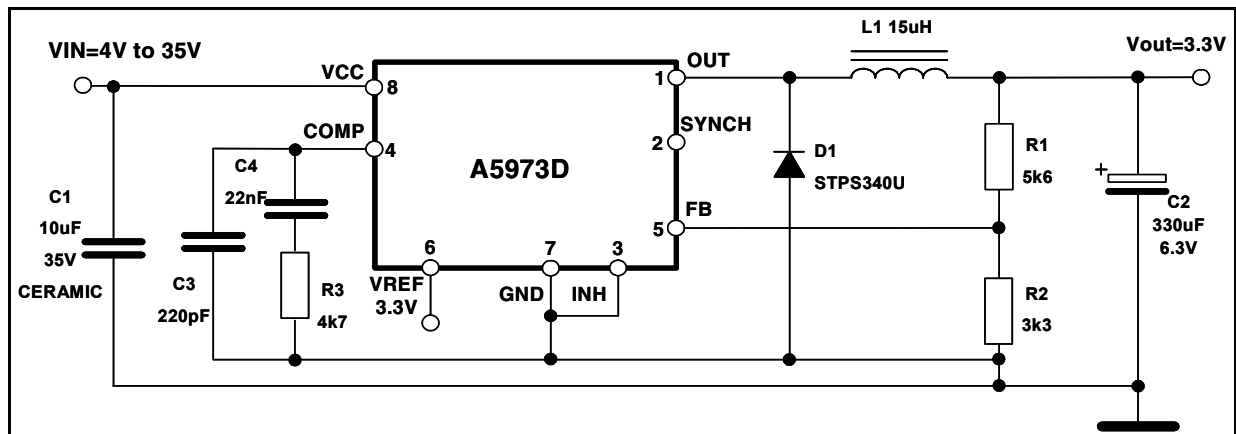
- Dedicated to automotive applications



Description

The A5973D is a step down monolithic power switching regulator with a minimum switch current limit of 2.5A so it is able to deliver more than 2A DC current to the load depending on the application conditions. The output voltage can be set from 1.235V to 35V. The high current level is also achieved thanks to an SO8 package with exposed frame, that allows to reduce the $R_{th(JA)}$ down to approximately 40°C/W. The device uses an internal P-channel D-MOS transistor (with a typical $R_{ds(on)}$ of 250m Ω) as switching element to minimize the size of the external components. An internal oscillator fixes the switching frequency at 250kHz. Having a minimum input voltage of 4V only, it is particularly suitable for 5V bus. Pulse by pulse current limit with the internal frequency modulation offers an effective constant current short circuit protection. Pulse by pulse current limit with the internal frequency modulation offers an effective constant current short circuit protection.

Figure 1. Typical application



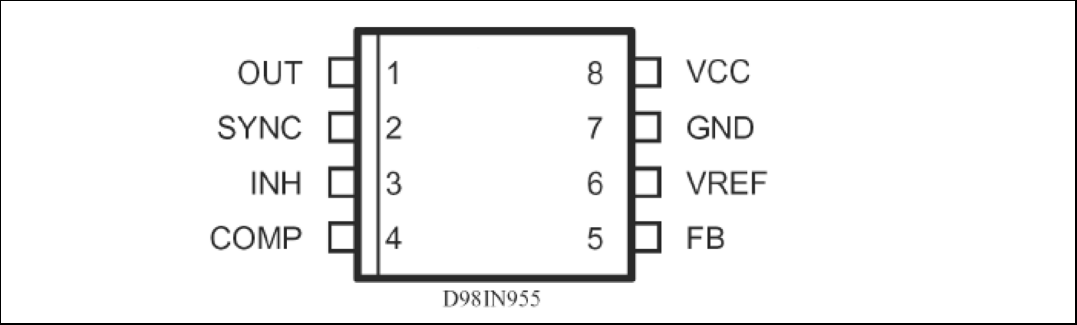
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1 Pin settings

1.1 Pin connection

Figure 1. Pin connection (top view)



1.2 Pin description

Table 1. Pin description

N	Pin	Description
1	OUT	Regulator output.
2	SYNCH	Master/slave synchronization.
3	INH	A logical signal (active high) disables the device. If INH not used the pin must be grounded. When it is open an internal pull-up disable the device.
4	COMP	E/A output for frequency compensation.
5	FB	Feedback input. Connecting directly to this pin results in an output voltage of 1.23V. An external resistive divider is required for higher output voltages.
6	VREF	3.3V VREF. No cap is requested for stability.
7	GND	Ground.
8	VCC	Unregulated DC input voltage.

2 Electrical data

2.1 Maximum ratings

Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
V_8	Input voltage	40	V
V_1	OUT pin DC voltage	-1 to 40	V
	OUT pin peak voltage at $\Delta t=0.1\mu s$	-5 to 40	V
I_1	Maximum output current	int. limit.	
V_4, V_5	Analog pins	4	V
V_3	INH	-0.3 to V_{CC}	V
V_2	SYNCH	-0.3 to 4	V
P_{TOT}	Power dissipation at $T_A \leq 70^\circ C$	2.25	W
T_J	Operating junction temperature range	-40 to 150	$^\circ C$
T_{STG}	Storage temperature range	-55 to 150	$^\circ C$

2.2 Thermal data

Table 3. Thermal data

Symbol	Parameter	SO8	Unit
R_{thJA}	Maximum thermal resistance junction-ambient	40 ⁽¹⁾	$^\circ C/W$

1. Package mounted on board

3 Electrical characteristics

Table 4. Electrical characteristics (T_J=-40°C to 85°C, V_{CC} = 12V, unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Test condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	Operating input voltage range	V ₀ =1.235V; I ₀ =2A	4		36	V
R _{DS(on)}	MOSFET on resistance			0.250	0.5	Ω
I _L	Maximum limiting current	V _{CC} = 5V	2.5	3	3.5	A
f _{SW}	Switching frequency		212	250	280	kHz
	Duty cycle		0		100	%
Dynamic characteristics (see test circuit)						
V ₅	Voltage feedback	4.4V<V _{CC} <36V, 20mA<I ₀ <2A	1.198	1.235	1.272	V
η	Efficiency	V ₀ =5V, V _{CC} =12V		90		%
DC characteristics						
I _{qop}	Total operating quiescent current			3	5	mA
I _q	Quiescent current	Duty cycle=0; V _{FB} =1.5V			2.5	mA
I _{qst-by}	Total stand-by quiescent current	V _{inh} > 2.2V		50	100	μA
		V _{CC} =36V; V _{inh} > 2.2V		80	150	μA
Inhibit						
	INH threshold voltage	Device ON			0.8	V
		Device OFF	2.2			V
Error amplifier						
V _{OH}	High level output voltage	V _{FB} =1V	3.5			V
V _{OL}	Low level output voltage	V _{FB} =1.5V			0.4	V
I _{o source}	Source output current	V _{COMP} = 1.9V; V _{FB} = 1V	190	300		μA
I _{o sink}	Sink output current	V _{COMP} = 1.9V; V _{FB} = 1.5V	1	1.5		mA
I _b	Source bias current			2.5	4	μA
	DC open loop gain	R _L = ∞	50	65		dB
gm	Transconductance	I _{COMP} = -0.1mA to 0.1mA; V _{COMP} = 1.9V		2.3		mS

Table 4. Electrical characteristics ($T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 85°C , $V_{CC} = 12\text{V}$, unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Test condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Synch function						
	High input voltage	$V_{CC} = 4.4$ to 36V ;	2.5		V_{REF}	V
	Low input voltage	$V_{CC} = 4.4$ to 36V ;			0.74	V
	Slave synch current	$V_{synch} = 0.74\text{V}^{(1)}$ $V_{synch} = 2.33\text{V}$	0.11 0.21		0.25 0.45	mA
	Master output amplitude	$I_{source} = 3\text{mA}$	2.75	3		V
	Output pulse width	no load, $V_{synch} = 1.65\text{V}$	0.20	0.35		μs
Reference section						
	Reference voltage	$I_{REF} = 0$ to 5mA $V_{CC} = 4.4\text{V}$ to 36V	3.2	3.3	3.399	V
	Line regulation	$I_{REF} = 0\text{mA}$ $V_{CC} = 4.4\text{V}$ to 36V		5	10	mV
	Load regulation	$I_{REF} = 0\text{mA}$		8	15	mV
	Short circuit current		10	18	35	mA

1. Guarantee by design

4 Typical characteristics

Figure 2. Line regulator

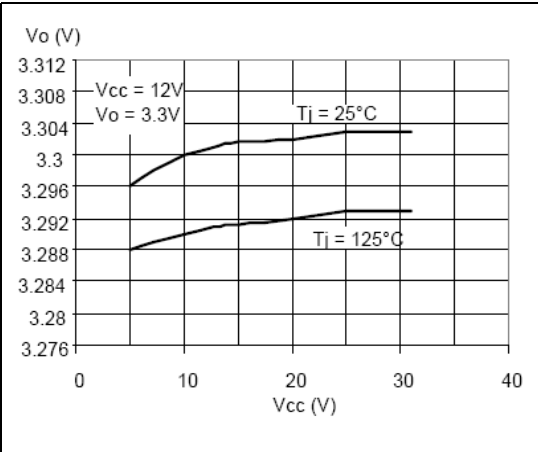


Figure 3. Output voltage vs. junction temperature

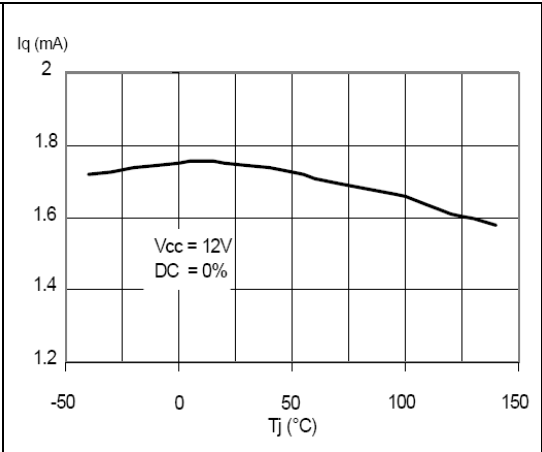


Figure 4. Quiescent current vs. junction temperature

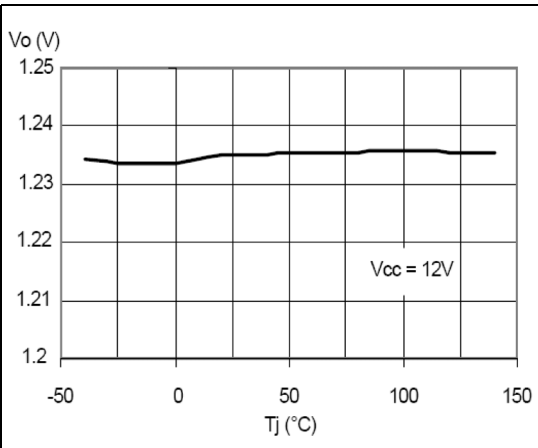


Figure 5. Shutdown current vs. junction temperature

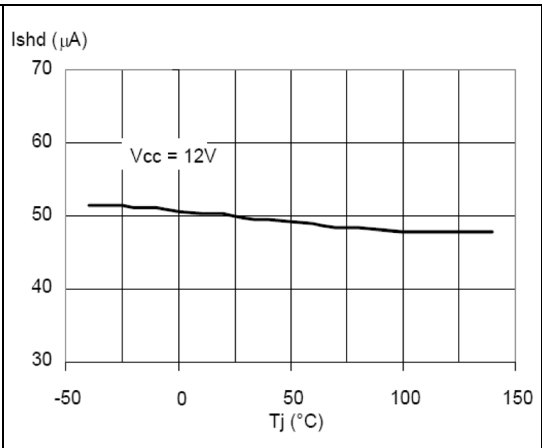


Figure 6. Switching frequency vs junction temperature

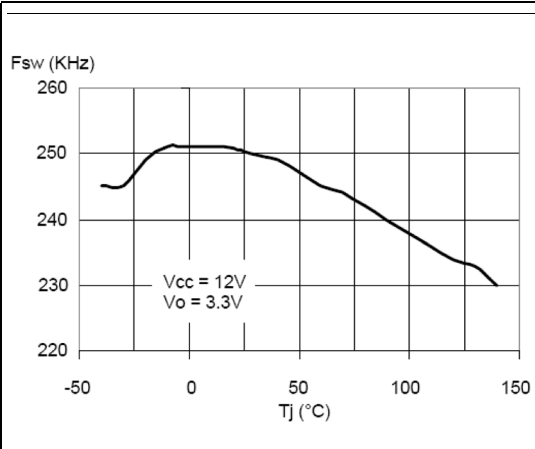


Figure 7. Junction temperature vs. output current

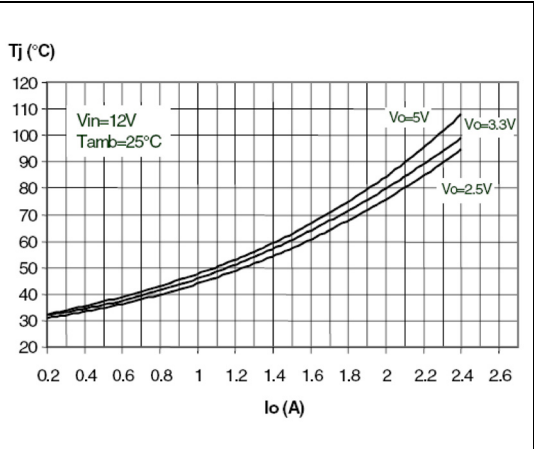


Figure 8. Junction temperature vs. output current

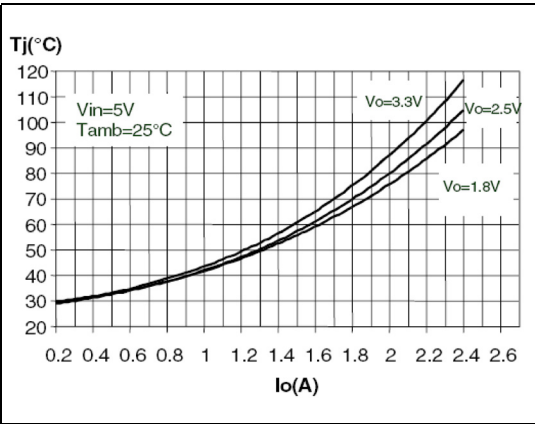


Figure 9. Efficiency vs. output current

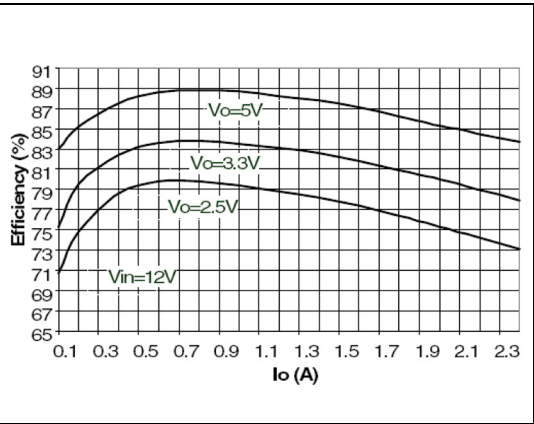
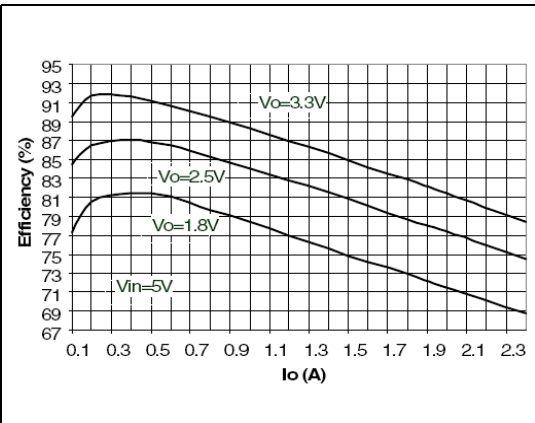


Figure 10. Efficiency vs. output current



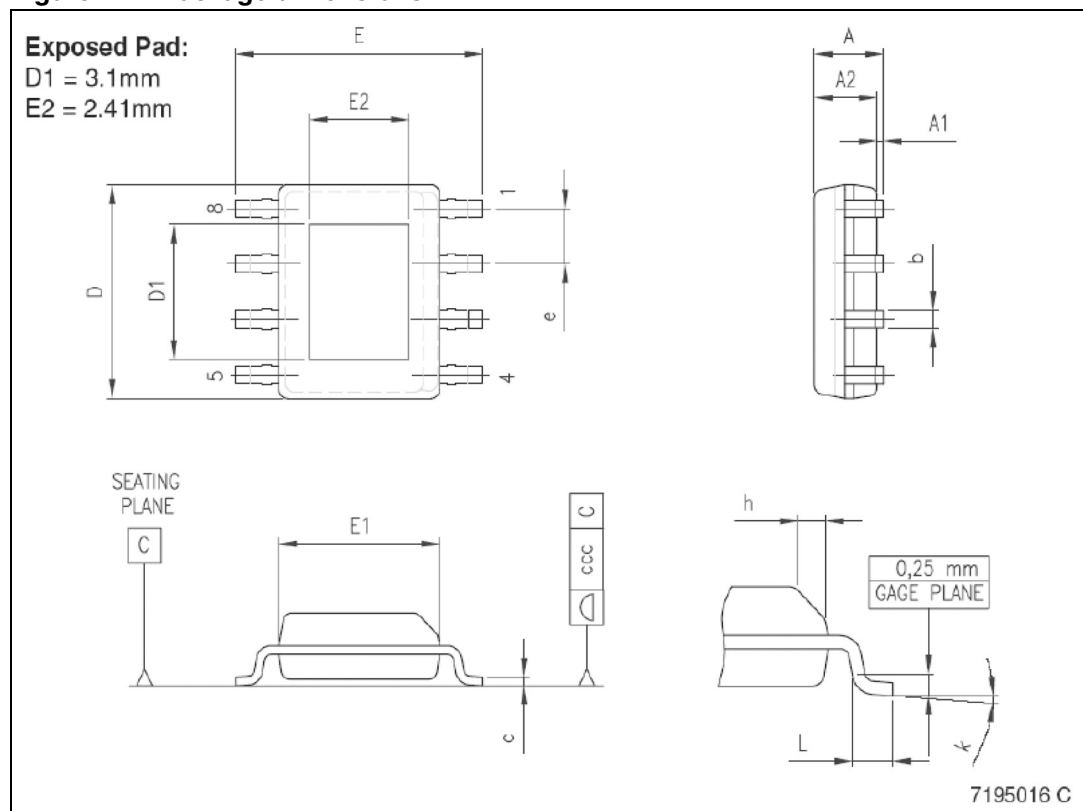
5 Package mechanical data

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in ECOPACK® packages. These packages have a Lead-free second level interconnect . The category of second level interconnect is marked on the package and on the inner box label, in compliance with JEDEC Standard JESD97. The maximum ratings related to soldering conditions are also marked on the inner box label. ECOPACK is an ST trademark. ECOPACK specifications are available at: www.st.com

Table 5. HSOP8 mechanical data

Dim	mm			inch		
	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max
A			1.70			0.0669
A1	0.00		0.10		0.00	0.0039
A2	1.25			0.0492		
b	0.31		0.51	0.0122		0.0201
c	0.17		0.25	0.0067		0.0098
D	4.80	4.90	5.00	0.1890	0.1929	0.1969
E	5.80	6.00	6.20	0.2283		0.2441
E ₁	3.80	3.90	4.00	0.1496		0.1575
e		1.27				
h	0.25		0.50	0.0098		0.0197
L	0.40		1.27	0.0157		0.0500
k	0° (min), 8° (max)					
ccc			0.10			0.0039

Figure 11. Package dimensions



6 Order codes

Table 6. Order code

Order code	Package	Packing
A5973D	HSOP8	Tube
A5973D013TR		Tape and reel

7 Revision history

Table 7. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
06-Aug-2007	1	Initial release
23-Oct-2007	2	Updated: Table 4 on page 5 , Table 5 on page 10

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