

Nonsynchronous NFET Buck Controller with V² Architecture

Description

The CS- 5121 is a nonsynchronous single N-Channel buck controller. It is designed to provide unprecedented transient response for today's demanding high-density, high-speed logic. The regulator operates using a proprietary control method, which allows a 100ns response time to load transients. The CS- 5121 is specifically designed to power Intel-based

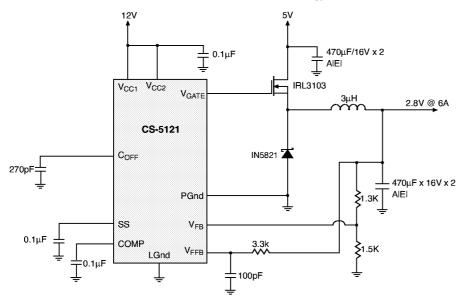
CPUs and other high performance core logic. The CS-5121 includes the following features: short circuit protection, 1% output tolerance, onboard driver with 1.5A peak output current, and programmable soft start capability. The CS-5121 is available in 16 pin surface mount and DIP packages.

Features

- Single N-Channel Design
- Excess of 1MHz Operation
- 100ns Response to Step Load
- 30ns Gate Rise/Fall Times
- 1% Reference Accuracy
- Remote Sense
- Programmable Soft Start
- Lossless Short Circuit Protection
- V² Control Topology
- Adaptive Voltage Positioning
- Compatible with CS-5150/5151/5155/5156 CPU Controllers
- Current Sharing Capability

Application Diagram

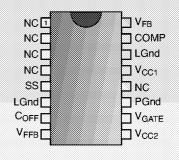
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Package Options

16 Lead SO Narrow & PDIP



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Pin Name	Max Operating Voltage	Max Current
V _{CC1}	14V/-0.3V	25mA DC/1.5A peak
V _{CC2}	20V/-0.3V	20mA DC/1.5A peak
SS		
COMP	6V/-0.3V .	
V _{FB}	6V/-0.3V	
C _{OFF}		
V _{FFB}	6V/-0.3V	0.2μA
V _{GATE}	20V/-0.3V	
LGnd		
PGnd		100mA DC/1.5A peak
ESD (Human Body Model)		
Lead Temperature Soldering: Wave Solder (t	hrough hole styles only)	10 sec. max, 260°C peak
Reflow (SMD s	styles only)	60 sec. max above 183°C, 230°C peak

Electrical Characteristics: 0°C < T_A < +70°C; 0°C < T_J < +85°C; 8V < V_{CC1} < 14V; 5V < V_{CC2} < 20V; $CV_{GATE(L)}$ and $CV_{GATE(H)}$ = 1nF; C_{OFF} = 330pF; C_{SS} = 0.1 μ F, unless otherwise specified.

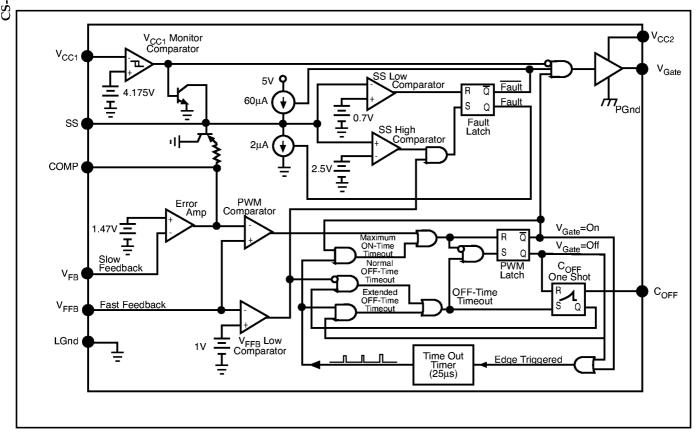
PERAMETER	RESPONDIBLIONS				
■ Error Amplifier					
Reference Voltage	$V_{FB} = V_{COMP}$	1.452	1.467	1.482	V
V _{FB} Bias Current	$V_{FB} = 0V$		0.3	1.0	μA
Open Loop Gain	1.25V < V _{COMP} < 4V	50	60		dB
Unity Gain Bandwidth	Note 1	500	3000		kHz
COMP SINK Current	$V_{COMP} = 1.5V$; $V_{FB} = 1.7V$; $V_{SS} > 2V$	400	2500	8000	μA
COMP SOURCE Current	$V_{COMP} = 1.2V$; $V_{FB} = 1.3V$; $V_{SS} = 5V$	120	200	280	μΑ
COMP Clamp Current	$V_{COMP} = 0V$; $V_{FB} = 1.3V$; $V_{SS} = 5V$	0.4	1.0	2	mA
COMP High Voltage	$V_{FB} = 1.3V; V_{SS} = 5V$	4.0	4.3	5.0	V
PSRR	8V < V _{CC1} < 14V @ 1kHz; Note 1	60	85		dB
■ Minimum Input Voltage (V _{CC}	A				
Start Threshold	Outputs switching		4.175	4.250	V
\blacksquare V_{GATE}					
Out SOURCE Sat at 100mA	Measure V _{CC} – V _{GATE}		1.2	2.2	V
Out SINK Sat at 100mA	Measure V _{GATE} – VPGnd;		1.0	1.5	V
Out Rise Time	$1V < V_{GATE} < 9V; V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = 12V$		30	50	ns
Out Fall Time	$9V > V_{GATE} > 1V$; $V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = 12V$		30	50	ns
$ m V_{GATE}$ Resistance	Resistor to LGnd	20	50	100	k
V _{GATE} Schottky	LGnd to V _{GATE)} @ 10mA		600	800	mV
■ Soft Start (SS)					
Charge Time		1.6	3.3	5.0	ms
Pulse Period		25	100	200	ms
Duty Cycle	(Charge Time/Pulse Period) \times 100	1.0	3.3	10.0	%
COMP Clamp Voltage	$V_{FB} = 1.3V; V_{SS} = 0$	0.50	0.95	1.10	V
V _{FFB} SS Fault Disable	$V_{GATE(H)} = Low; V_{GATE(L)} = Low$	0.9	1.0	1.1	V
High Threshold			2.5	3.0	V
■ PWM Comparator					
Transient Response	$(V_{FFB} = 0 \text{ to } 3.5V) \text{ to}$ $(V_{GATE} = 9V \text{ to } 1V)$		100	125	ns
V _{FFB} Bias Current	(-GAIE > 1 to 11)		0.3	1.0	μΑ

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■ Supply Current						
I _{CC1}	No Switching		8.5	13.5	mA	
I _{CC2}	No Switching		1.6	3.0	mA	
Operating I _{CC1}	$V_{FB} = COMP = V_{FFB}$		8	13	mA	
Operating I _{CC2}	$V_{FB} = COMP = V_{FFB}$		2	5	mA	
■ C _{OFF} Normal Charge Time	$V_{FFB} = 1.5V; V_{SS} = 5V$	1.0	1.6	2.2	us	_
Extension Charge Time	$V_{SS} = V_{FFB} = 0$	5.0	8.0	11.0	μs	
Minimum Duty Cycle		_	14		%	-
■ Time Out Timer						
Maximum On-Time	$V_{FB} = V_{COMP}$; $V_{FFB} = 1.3V$;	10	30	50	μs	
	Record $V_{GATE(H)}$ Pulse High Duration					
Fault Mode Duty Cycle	$V_{FFB} = 0V$	40	60	80	%	

Note 1: Guaranteed by design, not 100% tested in production.

		Package Pin Description
		FUNCTION
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1,2,3,4, 12	NC	No Connection.
5	SS	Soft Start Pin. A capacitor from this pin to LGnd in conjunction with internal $60\mu A$ current source provides soft start function for the controller. This pin disables fault detect function during Soft Start. When a fault is detected, the soft start capacitor is slowly discharged by internal $2\mu A$ current source setting the time out before trying to restart the IC. Charge/discharge current ratio of 30 sets the duty cycle for the IC when the power supply output is permanently shorted.
7	C_{OFF}	A capacitor from this pin to ground sets the time duration for the onboard one-shot, which is used for the constant off-time architecture.
8	V_{FFB}	Fast feedback connection. This pin is connected directly to the output filter capacitor. The inner feedback loop is used to terminate on-time.
9	V_{CC2}	Boosted power for the high side gate driver.
10	V_{GATE}	High FET driver pin capable of 1.5A peak switching current.
11	PGnd	High current ground for the IC. The MOSFET drivers are referenced to this pin. Input capacitor ground and the source of lower FET should be tied to this pin.
13	V_{CC1}	Input power for the IC and low side gate driver.
6, 14	LGnd	Signal ground for the IC. All control circuits are referenced to these pins.
15	COMP	Error amplifier compensation pin. A capacitor to ground should be provided externally to compensate the amplifier.
16	V _{FB}	Error amplifier DC feedback input. This is the master voltage feedback which sets the output voltage. This pin can be connected directly to the output or a remote sense trace.



Applications Information

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V² Control Method

The V^2 method of control uses a ramp signal that is generated by the ESR of the output capacitors. This ramp is proportional to the AC current through the main inductor and is offset by the value of the DC output voltage. This control scheme inherently compensates for variation in either line or load conditions, since the ramp signal is generated from the output voltage itself. This control scheme differs from traditional techniques such as voltage mode, which generates an artificial ramp, and current mode, which generates a ramp from inductor current.

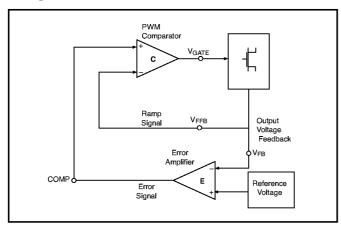


Figure 1: V² Control Diagram

The V^2 control method is illustrated in Figure 1. The output voltage is used to generate both the error signal and the ramp signal. Since the ramp signal is simply the output voltage, it is affected by any change in the output regardless of the origin of that change. The ramp signal also contains the DC portion of the output voltage, which allows the control circuit to drive the main switch to 0% or 100% duty cycle as required.

A change in line voltage changes the current ramp in the inductor, affecting the ramp signal, which causes the V^2 control scheme to compensate the duty cycle. Since the change in inductor current modifies the ramp signal, as in current mode control, the V^2 control scheme has the same advantages in line transient response.

A change in load current will have an affect on the output voltage, altering the ramp signal. A load step immediately changes the state of the comparator output, which controls the main switch. Load transient response is determined only by the comparator response time and the transition speed of the main switch. The reaction time to an output load step has no relation to the crossover frequency of the error signal loop, as in traditional control methods.

The error signal loop can have a low crossover frequency, since transient response is handled by the ramp signal loop. The main purpose of this 'slow' feedback loop is to provide DC accuracy. Noise immunity is significantly improved, since the error amplifier bandwidth can be rolled off at a low frequency. Enhanced noise immunity improves remote sensing of the output voltage, since the noise associated with long feedback traces can be effectively filtered.

Line and load regulation are drastically improved because there are two independent voltage loops. A voltage mode controller relies on a change in the error signal to compensate for a deviation in either line or load voltage. This change in the error signal causes the output voltage to change corresponding to the gain of the error amplifier, which is normally specified as line and load regulation. A current mode controller maintains fixed error signal under deviation in the line voltage, since the slope of the ramp signal changes, but still relies on a change in the error signal for a deviation in load. The V² method of control maintains a fixed error signal for both line and load variation, since the ramp signal is affected by both line and load.

Constant Off Time

To maximize transient response, the CS-5121 uses a constant off time method to control the rate of output pulses. During normal operation, the off time of the high side switch is terminated after a fixed period, set by the C_{OFF} capacitor. To maintain regulation, the V^2 control loop varies switch on time. The PWM comparator monitors the output voltage ramp, and terminates the switch on time.

Constant off time provides a number of advantages. Switch duty cycle can be adjusted from 0 to 100% on a pulse by pulse basis when responding to transient conditions. Both 0% and 100% duty cycle operation can be maintained for extended periods of time in response to load or line transients. PWM slope compensation to avoid sub-harmonic oscillations at high duty cycles is avoided.

Switch on time is limited by an internal $25\mu s$ timer, minimizing stress to the power components.

Adjustable Output

The CS-5121 output voltage is programmed through a resistor divider connected from the output to ground. In order to provide maximum dynamic range for the PWM comparator, the V_{FFB} pin should be connected directly to the regulator output. Output voltage is determined by the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{REF} * (R_{TOP} + R_{BOTTOM}),}{R_{BOTTOM}}$$

where R_{TOP} is the resistor connected from the output to $V_{FB},\,R_{BOTTOM}$ is the resistor connected from V_{FB} to ground, and V_{REF} is typically 1.467V.

Start Up

Until the voltage on the $V_{\rm CC1}$ supply pin exceeds the 4.175V threshold, the soft start and gate pins are held low. The FAULT latch is reset (no Fault condition). The output of the error amplifier (COMP) is pulled up to 1V by the comparator clamp. When the $V_{\rm CC1}$ pin exceeds the minimum threshold, the Gate output is activated, and the soft start capacitor begins charging. The Gate output will remain on, enabling the NFET switch, until terminated by either the PWM comparator, or the maximum on time timer.

If the maximum on time is exceeded before the regulator output voltage achieves the 1V level, the pulse is terminated. The Gate pin drives low for the duration of the extended off time. This time is set by the time out timer and is

approximately equal to the maximum on time, resulting in a 50% duty cycle. The Gate pin will then drive high, and the cycle repeats.

When regulator output voltage achieves the 1V level present at the COMP pin, regulation has been achieved and normal off time will ensue. The PWM comparator terminates the switch on time, with off time set by the $C_{\rm OFF}$ capacitor. The V^2 control loop will adjust switch duty cycle as required to ensure the regulator output voltage tracks the output of the error amplifier.

The soft start and COMP capacitors will charge to their final levels, providing a controlled turn on of the regulator output. Regulator turn on time is determined by the COMP capacitor charging to its final value. Its voltage is limited by the soft start COMP clamp and the voltage on the soft start pin (see Figures 2 and 3).

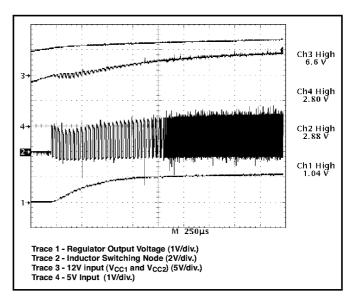


Figure 2: CS-5121 startup in response to increasing V_{CC1} + V_{CC2} input voltages. Extended off time is followed by normal off time operation when output voltage achieves regulation to the error amplifier output.

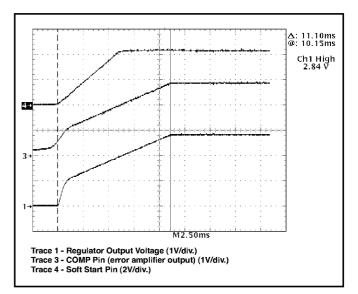


Figure 3: CS-5121 startup waveforms.

If the input voltage rises quickly, or the regulator output is enabled externally, output voltage will increase to the level set by the error amplifier output more rapidly, usually within a couple of cycles (see Figure 4).

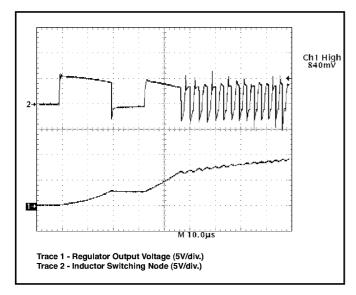


Figure 4: CS-5121 enable startup waveforms.

Normal Operation

During normal operation, switch off time is constant and set by the C_{OFF} capacitor. Switch on time is adjusted by the V^2 control loop to maintain regulation. This results in changes in regulator switching frequency, duty cycle, and output ripple in response to changes in load and line. Output voltage ripple will be determined by inductor ripple current working into the ESR of the output capacitors (see Figures 5 and 6).

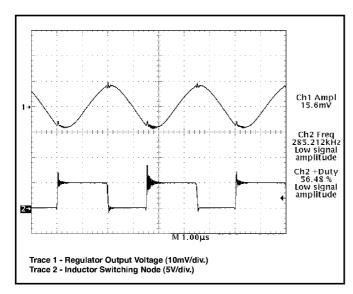


Figure 5: Peak-to-peak ripple on $V_{OUT} = 2.8V$, $I_{OUT} = 0.5A$ (light load).

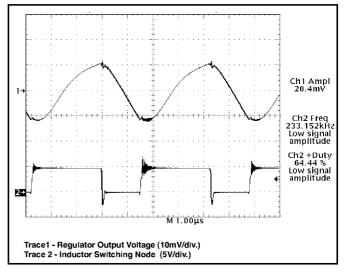


Figure 6: Peak-to-peak ripple on $V_{OUT} = 2.8V$, $I_{OUT} = 13A$ (heavy load).

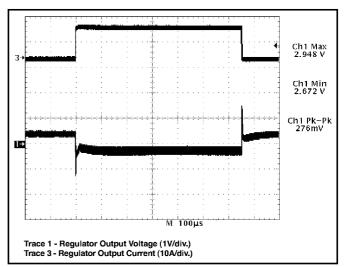


Figure 7: CS-5121 response to a 0.5 to 13A load pulse (output set for 2.8V).

Transient Response

The CS-5121 V² control loop's 100ns reaction time provides unprecedented transient response to changes in input voltage or output current. Pulse by pulse adjustment of duty cycle is provided to quickly ramp the inductor current to the required level. Since the inductor current cannot be changed instantaneously, regulation is maintained by the output capacitor(s) during the time required to slew the inductor current.

Overall load transient response is further improved through a feature called "adaptive voltage positioning". This technique pre-positions the output capacitor's voltage to reduce total output voltage excursions during changes in load.

Holding tolerance to 1% allows the error amplifier's reference voltage to be targeted +40mV high without compromising DC accuracy. A "droop resistor", implemented through a PC board trace, connects the error amplifier's feedback pin (V_{FB}) to the output capacitors and load and carries the output current. With no load, there is no DC drop across this resistor, producing an output voltage

tracking the error amplifier's, including the +40mV offset. When the full load current is delivered, an 80mV drop is developed across this resistor. This results in output voltage being offset -40mV low.

The result of adaptive voltage positioning is that additional margin is provided for a load transient before reaching the output voltage specification limits. When load current suddenly increases from it's minimum level, the output capacitor is pre-positioned +40mV. Conversely, when load current suddenly decreases from it's maximum level, the output capacitor is pre-positioned -40mV (see Figures 7, 8, and 9). For best transient response, a combination of a number of high frequency and bulk output capacitors are usually used.

If the maximum on time is exceeded while responding to a sudden increase in load current, a normal off time occurs to prevent saturation of the output inductor.

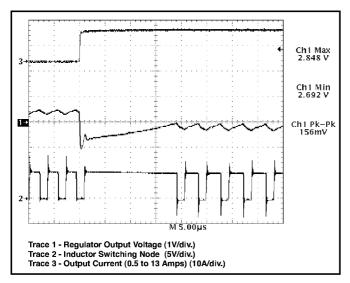


Figure 8: CS-5121 response to 13A load turn on (output set for 2.8V). Upon completing a normal off time, the V^2 control loop immediately connects the inductor to the input voltage, providing 100% duty cycle. Regulation is achieved in less than 20 μ s.

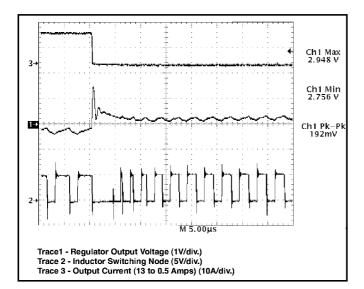


Figure 9: CS-5121 response to 13A load turn off (output set for 2.8V). V^2 control topology immediately connects inductor to ground, providing 0% duty cycle. Regulation is achieved in less than 10μ s.

Short Circuit Protection

A lossless hiccup mode short circuit protection feature is provided, requiring only the soft start capacitor to implement. If a short circuit condition occurs (V $_{\rm FFB}$ < 1V), the V $_{\rm FFB}$ low comparator sets the FAULT latch. This causes the MOSFET to shut off, disconnecting the regulator from it's input voltage. The soft start capacitor is then slowly discharged by a 2 μ A current source until it reaches it's lower 0.7V threshold. The regulator will then attempt to restart normally, operating in it's extended off time mode with a 50% duty cycle, while the soft start capacitor is charged with a 60 μ A charge current.

If the short circuit condition persists, the regulator output will not achieve the 1V low V_{FFB} comparator threshold before the soft start capacitor is charged to it's upper 2.5V threshold. If this happens the cycle will repeat itself until the short is removed. The soft start charge/discharge current ratio sets the duty cycle for the pulses ($2\mu A/60\mu A=3.3\%$), while actual duty cycle is half that due to the extended off time mode (1.65%).

This protection feature results in less stress to the regulator components, input power supply, and PC board traces than occurs with constant current limit protection (see Figures 10 and 11).

If the short circuit condition is removed, output voltage will rise above the 1V level, preventing the FAULT latch from being set, allowing normal operation to resume.

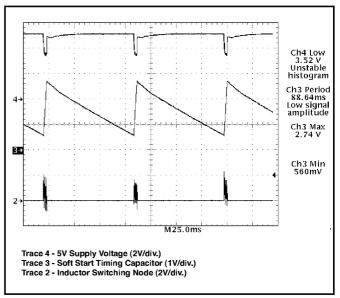


Figure 10: CS-5121 hiccup mode short circuit protection. Gate pulses are delivered while the soft start capacitor charges, and cease during discharge.

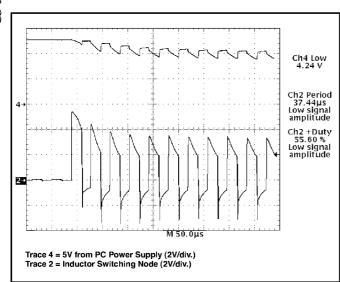


Figure 11: Startup with regulator output shorted.

External Output Enable Circuit

On/off control of the regulator can be implemented through the addition of two additional discrete components (see Figure 12). This circuit operates by pulling the soft start pin high, and the V_{FFB} pin low, emulating a short circuit condition.

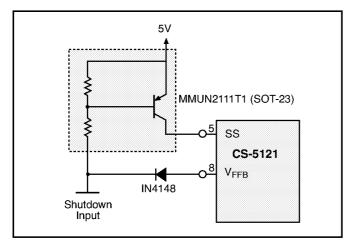


Figure 12: Implementing shutdown with the CS-5121.

External Power Good Circuit

An optional Power Good signal can be generated through the use of four additional external components (see Figure 13). The threshold voltage of the Power Good signal can be adjusted per the following equation:

$$V_{Power\ Good} = \ \frac{(R1 + R2) \times 0.65V}{R2}$$

This circuit provides an open collector output that drives the Power Good output to ground for regulator voltages less than $V_{Power\ Good}$.

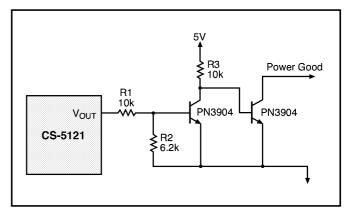


Figure 13: Implementing Power Good with the CS-5121.

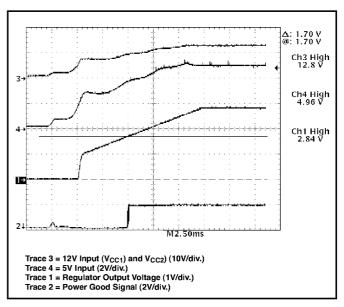


Figure 14: CS-5121 during power up. Power Good signal is activated when output voltage reaches 1.70V.

Selecting External Components

The CS-5121 can be used with a wide range of external power components to optimize the cost and performance of a particular design. The following information can be used as general guidelines to assist in their selection.

Note: formulas ignore second order effects such as voltages drops in input supply, Schottky diode, and resistive losses in FET, inductor, and PC board traces.

NFET Power Transistors

Both logic level and standard MOSFETs can be used. The reference designs derive gate drive from the 12V supply which is generally available in most computer systems and utilize logic level MOSFETs. A charge pump may be easily implemented to permit use of standard MOSFETs or support 5V or 12V only systems (maximum of 20V). Multiple MOSFETs may be paralleled to reduce losses and improve efficiency and thermal management.

Voltage applied to the MOSFET gates depends on the application circuit used. Both upper and lower gate driver outputs are specified to drive to within 1.5V of ground

when in the low state and to within 2V of their respective bias supplies when in the high state. In practice, the MOSFET gates will be driven rail to rail due to overshoot caused by the capacitive load they present to the controller IC. For the typical application where $V_{CC1} = V_{CC2} = 12V$ and 5V is used as the source for the regulator output current, the following gate drive is provided;

$$V_{GATE} = 12V - 5V = 7V$$
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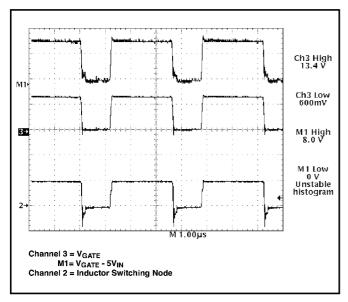


Figure 15: CS-5121 gate drive waveforms depicting rail to rail swing.

The most important aspect of MOSFET performance is RDS_{ON}, which effects regulator efficiency and MOSFET thermal management requirements.

The power dissipated by the MOSFETs may be estimated as follows;

Switching MOSFET:

Power =
$$I_{LOAD}^2 \times RDS_{ON} \times duty cycle$$

Schottky Diode:

Power =
$$I_{LOAD} \times V_{Forward} \times (1 - duty cycle)$$

$$Duty\ Cycle = \ \frac{V_{OUT} + (V_{Forward})}{V_{IN} + (V_{Forward}) - (I_{LOAD} \times RDS_{ON\ OF\ SWITCH\ FET})}$$

Off Time Capacitor (COFF)

The C_{OFF} timing capacitor sets the regulator off time:

$$T_{OFF} = C_{OFF} \times 4848.5$$

When the V_{FFB} pin is less than 1V, the current charging the C_{OFF} capacitor is reduced. The extended off time can be calculated as follows:

$$T_{OFF} = C_{OFF} \times 24,242.5.$$

Off time will be determined by either the T_{OFF} time, or the time out timer, whichever is longer.

The preceding equations for duty cycle can also be used to calculate the regulator switching frequency and select the C_{OFF} timing capacitor:

$$C_{OFF} = \frac{Period \times (1 - duty \ cycle)}{4848.5}$$

where:

Period =
$$\frac{1}{\text{switching frequency}}$$

"Droop" Resistor for Adaptive Voltage Positioning

Adaptive voltage positioning is used to reduce output voltage excursions during abrupt changes in load current. Regulator output voltage is offset +40mV when the regulator is unloaded, and -40mV at full load. This results in increased margin before encountering minimum and maximum transient voltage limits, allowing use of less capacitance on the regulator output (see Figure 7).

To implement adaptive voltage positioning, a "droop" resistor must be connected between the output inductor and output capacitors and load. This is normally implemented by a PC board trace of the following value:

$$R_{DROOP} = \frac{80mV}{I_{MAX}}$$

Adaptive voltage positioning can be disabled for improved DC regulation by connecting the V_{FB} pin directly to the load using a separate, non-load current carrying circuit trace.

Output Inductor

The inductor should be selected based on its inductance, current capability, and DC resistance. Increasing the inductor value will decrease output voltage ripple, but degrade transient response.

Inductor Ripple Current

Ripple Current=

$$[(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) V_{OUT}]/S$$
witching Frequency x L x V_{IN}

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$$V_{IN}$$
 = 5V, V_{OUT} = 3.2V, I_{load} = 10A, L = 2 μ H, Freq = 200kHz Ripple Current =

$$[(5V - 3.2V) \times 3.2V]/[200kHz \times 2\mu H \times 5V] = 2.88A$$

Inductor Peak Current

Peak Current =

Maximum Load Current + Ripple Current/2

for

$$V_{IN} = 5V$$
, $V_{OUT} = 3.2V$, $I_{load} = 10A$, $L = 2\mu H$, Freq = 200kHz
Peak Current = $10A + (2.88/2) = 11.44A$

Inductor must be able to deliver Peak current at the switching frequency without saturating.

Response Time to Load Increase (limited by inductor value unless Maximum On-Time exceeded)

Time = L x Change in $I_{OUT}/(V_{IN} - V_{OUT})$ for $V_{IN} = 5V, V_{OUT} = 3.2V, L = 2\mu H,$ 10A change in Load current $T = 2\mu H \times 10A/(5V - 3.2V) = 11.1\mu S$

Response to Load Decrease (limited by inductor value)

Time = L x Change in I_{OUT}/V_{OUT} for V_{OUT} = 3.2V, 10A change in load current, L = $2\mu H$ T = $2\mu H$ x 10A/3.2V = $6.25\mu s$

Input and Output Capacitors

These components must be selected and placed carefully to yield optimal results. Capacitors should be chosen to provide acceptable ripple on the input supply lines and regulator output voltage. Key specifications for input capacitors are their ripple rating, while ESR is important for output capacitors. For best transient response, a combination of low value/high frequency and bulk capacitors placed close to the load will be required.

ESR of Output Capacitors to limit Output Voltage Spikes

$$ESR = \frac{Change in V_{OUT}}{Change in I_{OUT}}$$

This applies for current spikes that are faster than regulator response time. Board trace resistance will add to ESR of capacitors.

To limit spikes to 100mV for 10Amp load step;

$$ESR = \frac{0.1}{10} = 0.01\Omega$$

Output Ripple Voltage

Ripple Voltage = Inductor Ripple Current x Capacitor ESR for V_{IN} = 5V, V_{OUT} =3.2V, I_{load} =10A, L=2 μ H, Freq=200kHz Ripple Voltage = 2.88A x Capacitor ESRx

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Thermal Considerations for Power MOSFETs and Diodes

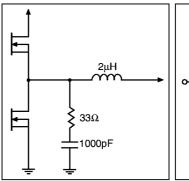
In order to maintain good reliability, the junction temperature of the semiconductor components should be kept to a maximum of 125°C or lower. The thermal impedance (junction to ambient) required to meet this requirement can be calculated as follows:

$$Thermal\ Impedance = \frac{T_{JUNCTION(MAX)} - T_{AMBIENT}}{Power}$$

A heatsink may be added to TO-220 components to reduce their thermal impedance. A number of PC board layout techniques such as thermal bias and additional copper foil area can be used to improve the power handling capability of surface mount components.

EMI Management

As a consequence of large currents being turned on and off at high frequency, switching regulators generate noise as a consequence of their normal operation. When designing for compliance with EMI/EMC regulations, additional components may be added to reduce noise emissions. These components are not required for regulator operation and experimental results may allow them to be eliminated. The input filter inductor may not be required because bulk filter and bypass capacitors, as well as other loads located on the board will tend to reduce regulator di/dt effects on the circuit board and input power supply. Placement of the power component to minimize routing distance will also help to reduce emissions.



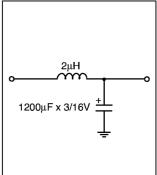


Figure 16: Filter components

Figure 17: Input Filter

Layout Guidelines

- 1. Place 12V filter capacitor next to the IC and connect capacitor ground to pin 11 (PGnd).
- 2. Connect pin 11 (PGnd) with a separate trace to the ground terminals of the 5V input capacitors.
- 3. Place fast feedback filter capacitor next to pin 8 (V_{FFB}) and connect it's ground terminal with a separate, wide trace directly to pin 14 (LGnd).
- 4. Connect the ground terminals of the Compensation capacitor directly to the ground of the fast feedback filter capacitor to prevent common mode noise from effecting the PWM comparator.
- 5. Place the output filter capacitor(s) as close to the load as possible and connect the ground terminal to pin 14 (LGnd).
- 6. To implement adaptive voltage positioning, connect both slow and fast feedback pins $16~(V_{FB})$ and $8~(V_{FFB})$ to the regulator output right at the inductor terminal. Connect inductor to the output capacitors via a trace with the following resistance:

$$R_{TRACE} = \frac{80mV}{I_{MAX}}$$

This causes the output voltage to be +40mV with no load, and -40mV with a full load, improving regulator transient response. This trace must be wide enough to carry the full output current. (Typical trace is 1.0 inch long, 0.17 inch wide). Care should be taken to minimize any additional losses after the feedback connection point to maximize regulation.

7. If DC regulation is to be optimized (at the expense of degraded transient regulation), adaptive voltage position-

ing can be disabled by connecting to V_{FB} pin directly to the load with a separate trace (remote sense).

8. Place 5V input capacitors close to the switching MOSFET and synchronous MOSFET.

Route gate drive signals V_{GATE} (pin 10) with traces that are a minimum of 0.025 inches wide.

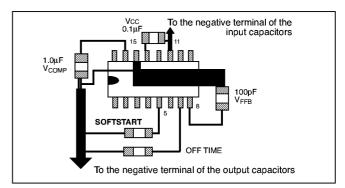


Figure 18: Layout Guidelines

Applications Diagrams

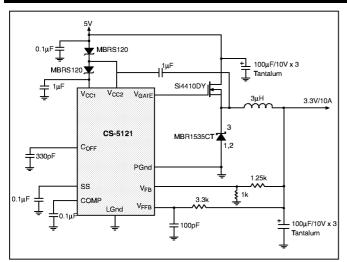


Figure 1: 5V to 3.3V/10A converter.

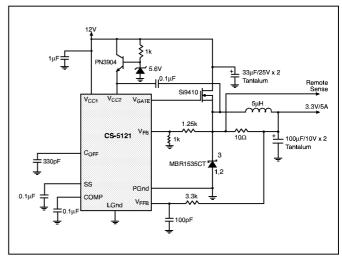


Figure 3: 12V to 3.3V/5A converter with remote sense.

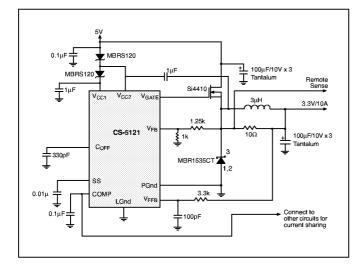


Figure 2: 5V to 3.3V/10A converter with current sharing.

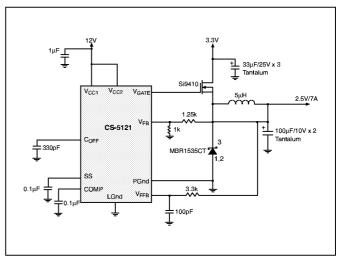
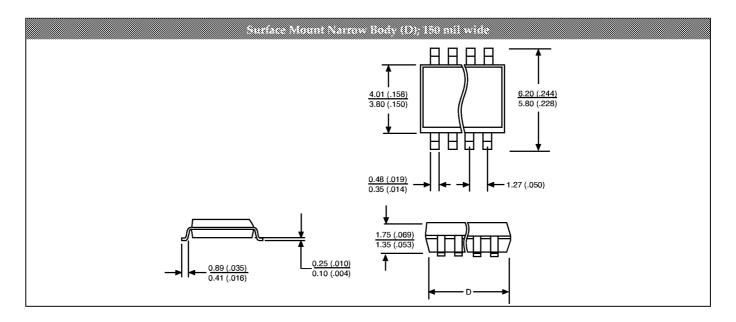


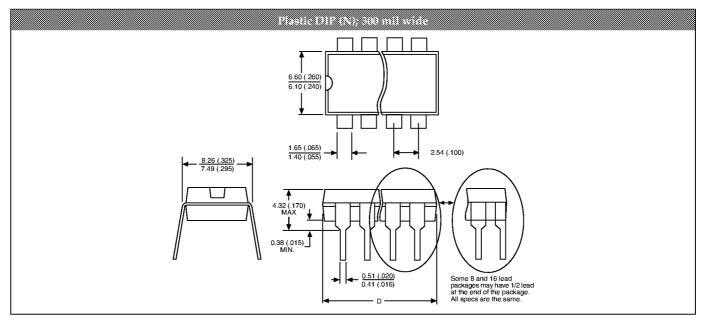
Figure 4: 3.3V to 2.5V/7A converter with 12V bias.

Package Specification

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Lead Count	Me	tric	Eng	glish
	Max	Min	Max	Min
16L SO Narrow	10.00	9.80	.394	.385
16L PDIP	19.18	18.92	.755	.745

Therma	l Data	16L SO Narrow	16L PDIP	
$R_{\Theta JC}$	typ	28	42	°C/W
$R_{\Theta JA}$	typ	115	80	°C/W





Part Number	Description
CS-5121D16	16L SO Narrow
CS-5121N16	16L PDIP
CS-5121DR16	16L SO Narrow Tape & Reel

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