



# MPQ4323C

42V Load Dump Tolerant, 3A,  
Ultra-Compact, Synchronous  
Step-Down Converter, AEC-Q100 Qualified

## DESCRIPTION

The MPQ4323C is a configurable-frequency (350kHz to 2.5MHz), synchronous, step-down switching regulator with integrated internal high-side and low-side power MOSFETs. The device provides 3A of highly efficient output current ( $I_{OUT}$ ) with peak current mode control.

The wide 3.3V to 36V input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) range and 42V load dump tolerance accommodates a variety of step-down applications in automotive input environments. A 1 $\mu$ A shutdown mode quiescent current allows use in battery-powered applications.

An open-drain power good (PG) signal indicates that the output is within 94.5% to 105.5% of its nominal voltage.

Frequency foldback helps prevent inductor current runaway during start-up. Thermal shutdown provides reliable, fault-tolerant operation.

A high duty cycle and low-dropout mode are provided for the automotive cold-crank condition.

The MPQ4323C is available in QFN-12 (2mmx3mm), QFN-12 (3mmx4mm), and QFN-14 (2.5mmx3.5mm) packages.

## FEATURES

- Designed for Automotive Applications:
  - Survives 42V Load Dump
  - Supports 3.1V Cold Crank
  - 3A Continuous Output Current ( $I_{OUT}$ )
  - Continuous Operation Up to 36V
  - Junction Temperature Operation from -40°C to +150°C
- Increases Battery Life:
  - 1 $\mu$ A Shutdown Supply Current
- High Performance for Improved Thermals:
  - Integrated 70m $\Omega$  High-Side and 50m $\Omega$  Low-Side MOSFETs
  - 65ns Minimum On Time and 50ns Minimum Off Time
- Optimized for EMC/EMI:
  - Frequency Spread Spectrum Modulation
  - Symmetric VIN Pinout
  - CISPR25 Class 5 Compliant
  - 350kHz to 2.5MHz Configurable Switching Frequency ( $f_{SW}$ )
  - MeshConnect™ Flip-Chip Package
- Additional Features:
  - Power Good Output
  - Forced Continuous Conduction Mode (FCCM)
  - Low-Dropout Mode
  - Hiccup Over-Current Protection (OCP)
  - Available in QFN-12 (2mmx3mm), QFN12 (3mmx4mm), or QFN-14 (2.5mmx3.5mm) Packages with Wettable Flanks
  - Available in AEC-Q100 Grade 1

## APPLICATIONS

- Automotive Infotainment
- Automotive Clusters
- Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)
- Industrial Power Systems

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

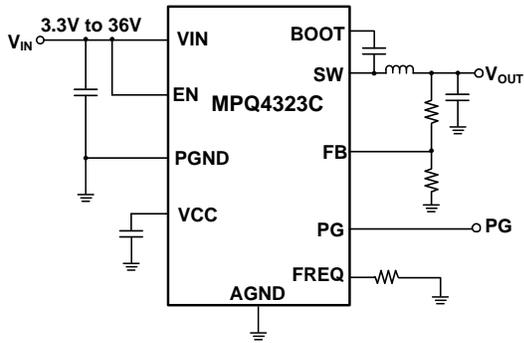


Figure 1: Typical Application (Adjustable Output)

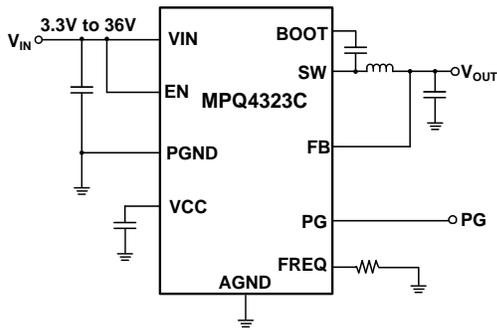
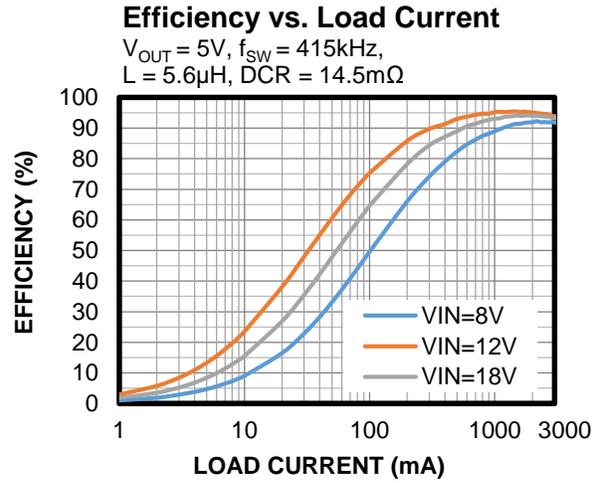


Figure 2: Typical Application (Fixed Output)



### ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number <sup>(1)*</sup>	Package	Top Marking	MSL Rating**
MPQ4323CGDE-AEC1***	QFN-12 (2mmx3mm)	See Below	1
MPQ4323CGRHE-AEC1***	QFN-14 (2.5mmx3.5mm)	See Below	1
MPQ4323CGLE-AEC1***	QFN-12 (3mmx4mm)	See Below	1

\* For Tape & Reel, add suffix -Z (e.g. MPQ4323CGDE-AEC1-Z).

\*\*Moisture Sensitivity Level Rating

\*\*\*Wettable flank

**Note:**

- 1) Contact MPS for the details regarding fixed output versions.

### TOP MARKING (MPQ4323CGDE-AEC1)

—  
**BTV**  
**YWW**  
**LLLL**

BTV: Production code

Y: Year code

WW: Week code

LLLL: Lot number

### TOP MARKING (MPQ4323CGRHE-AEC1)

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**YWW**  
**LLL**

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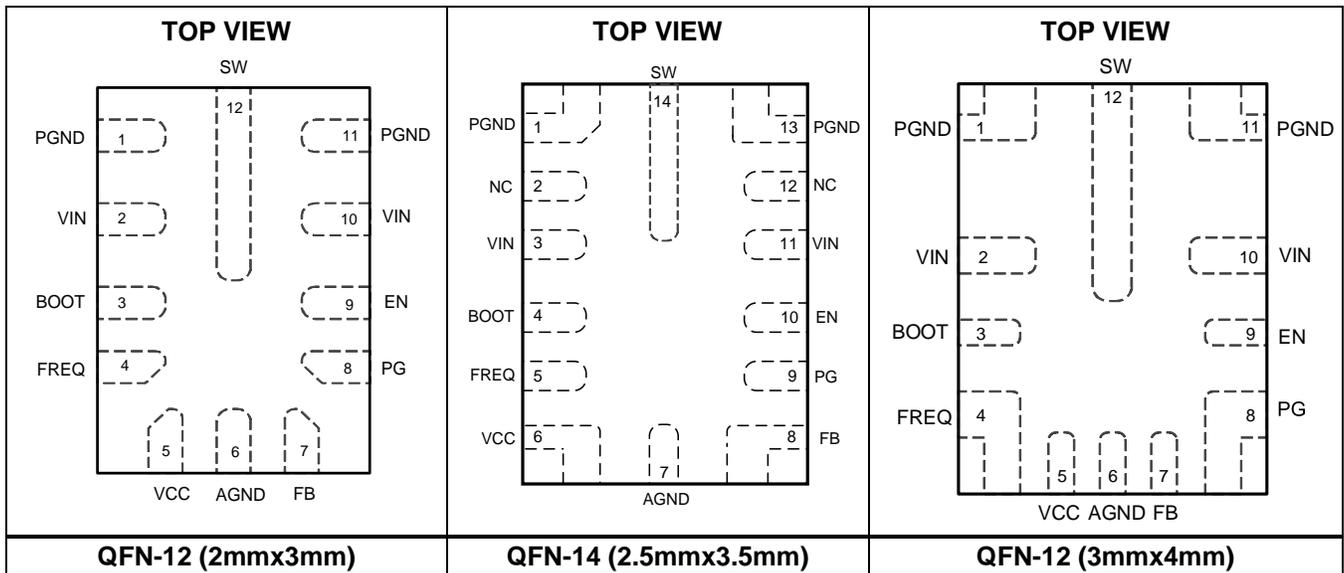
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### TOP MARKING (MPQ4323CGLE-AEC1)

**MPYW**  
**4323**  
**CLLL**  
**E**

MP: MPS prefix  
 Y: Year code  
 W: Week code  
 4323C: Part number  
 LLL: Lot number  
 E: Wettable flank

### PACKAGE REFERENCE



## PIN FUNCTIONS

QFN-12 Pin #	QFN-14 Pin #	Name	Description
1, 11	1, 13	PGND	<b>Power ground.</b>
2, 10	3, 11	VIN	<b>Input supply.</b> VIN supplies power to all the internal control circuitry and the power switch connected to SW. The two VIN pins are connected internally. Connect a decoupling capacitor from VIN to ground (and close to each VIN pin) to minimize switching spikes.
3	4	BOOT	<b>Bootstrap.</b> BOOT is the positive power supply for the high-side MOSFET driver connected to SW. Connect a bypass capacitor between BOOT and SW.
4	5	FREQ	<b>Switching frequency configuration.</b> Connect a resistor from FREQ pin to ground to set the switching frequency.
5	6	VCC	<b>Bias supply.</b> VCC is the output of the internal regulator that supplies power to the internal control circuit and gate drivers. Connect a minimum 1 $\mu$ F decoupling capacitor from VCC to ground, and place it as close as possible to the VCC pin.
6	7	AGND	<b>Analog ground.</b>
7	8	FB	<b>Feedback input.</b> For fixed output versions, connect this pin to the output voltage directly. For the adjustable output version, connect this pin to the middle point of external feedback divider between output and AGND to set the output voltage.
8	9	PG	<b>Power good output.</b> The output of PG is an open drain. If PG is used, it must be connected to a power source through a pull-up resistor. PG goes high if the output voltage is within 94.5% to 105.5% of the nominal voltage; PG goes low if the output voltage is above 107% or below 93% of the nominal voltage. Float the PG pin if it is not used.
9	10	EN	<b>Enable.</b> Pull the EN pin below the specified threshold (about 0.85V) to shut down the chip. Pull EN above the specified threshold (about 1.02V) to enable the chip. The EN pin does not require an internal pull-up or pull-down resistor. Do not float the EN pin.
12	14	SW	<b>Switch node.</b> SW is the source of the high-side MOSFET and the drain of the low-side MOSFET.
	2, 12	NC	<b>No connection.</b> Can be tied to GND.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS <sup>(2)</sup>

VIN, EN.....	42V for automotive load dump <sup>(3)</sup>
VIN, EN.....	-0.3V to +40V
SW.....	-0.3V to $V_{IN(MAX)} + 0.3V$
BOOT.....	$V_{SW} + 5.5V$
FREQ, VCC.....	5.5V
All other pins.....	-0.3V to +6V
Continuous power dissipation ( $T_A = 25^\circ C$ ) <sup>(4)</sup>	
QFN-12 (2mmx3mm) .....	3.5W <sup>(8)</sup>
QFN-14 (2.5mmx3.5mm) .....	3.7W <sup>(9)</sup>
QFN-12 (3mmx4mm) .....	3.6W <sup>(10)</sup>
Operating junction temperature .....	+150°C
Lead temperature.....	+260°C
Storage temperature.....	-65°C to +150°C

## ESD Ratings

Human body model (HBM) .....	Class 2 <sup>(5)</sup>
Charged device model (CDM).....	Class C2b <sup>(6)</sup>

## Recommended Operating Conditions

Supply voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ).....	3.3V to 36V
Minimum $V_{IN}$ for start-up .....	3.9V
Minimum $V_{IN}$ after start-up .....	3.1V
Output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ).....	0.8V to $0.95 \times V_{IN}$
Operating junction temp ( $T_J$ ) .....	
.....	-40°C to +150°C

## Thermal Resistance $\theta_{JA}$ $\theta_{JC}$

QFN-12 (2mmx3mm)		
JESD51-7.....	60.....	7.3.....°C/W <sup>(7)</sup>
EVQ4323C-D-00A .....	35.5.....	3.5.....°C/W <sup>(8)</sup>
QFN-14 (2.5mmx3.5mm)		
JESD51-7 .....	48.6.....	7.4.....°C/W <sup>(7)</sup>
EVQ4323C-RH-00A.....	33.6.....	3.6.....°C/W <sup>(9)</sup>
QFN-12 (3mmx4mm)		
JESD51-7 .....	50.....	7.5.....°C/W <sup>(7)</sup>
EVQ4323C-L-00A.....	34.3.....	3.7...°C/W <sup>(10)</sup>

### Notes:

- Absolute maximum ratings are rated under room temperature, unless otherwise noted. Exceeding these ratings may damage the device.
- Refer to ISO16750.
- The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the maximum junction temperature,  $T_J$  (MAX), the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ , and the ambient temperature,  $T_A$ . The maximum allowable continuous power dissipation at any ambient temperature is calculated by  $P_D$  (MAX) =  $(T_J$  (MAX) -  $T_A$ ) /  $\theta_{JA}$ . Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation can cause excessive die temperature, and the device may go into thermal shutdown. Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage.
- Per AEC-Q100-002.
- Per AEC-Q100-011.
- Measured on a JESD51-7, 4-layer PCB. The values given in this table are only valid for comparison with other packages and cannot be used for design purposes. These values were calculated in accordance with JESD51-7, and simulated on a specified JEDEC board. They do not represent the performance obtained in an actual application. The value of  $\theta_{JC}$  shows the thermal resistance from junction-to-case bottom.
- Measured on an MPS MPQ4323CGDE standard EVB: 8.3cmx8.3cm, 2oz copper thickness, 4-layer PCB. The value of  $\theta_{JC}$  shows the thermal resistance from junction-to-case top.
- Measured on an MPS MPQ4323CGRHE standard EVB: 8.3cmx8.3cm, 2oz copper thickness, 4-layer PCB. The value of  $\theta_{JC}$  shows the thermal resistance from junction-to-case top.
- Measured on an MPS MPQ4323CGLE standard EVB: 8.3cmx8.3cm, 2oz copper thickness, 4-layer PCB. The value of  $\theta_{JC}$  shows the thermal resistance from junction-to-case top.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{EN} = 2V$ ,  $T_J = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+150^{\circ}C$ , typical values are at  $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted.

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
<b>Input Supply</b>						
$V_{IN}$ under-voltage lockout (UVLO) rising threshold	$V_{INUVLO\_RISING}$		3.4	3.65	3.9	V
$V_{IN}$ UVLO falling threshold	$V_{INUVLO\_FALLING}$		2.6	2.9	3.1	V
$V_{IN}$ UVLO hysteresis	$V_{INUVLO\_HYS}$			750		mV
$V_{IN}$ active current (switching) <sup>(11)</sup>	$I_{Q\_ACTIVE}$	CCM, no load		1200		$\mu A$
$V_{IN}$ shutdown current	$I_{SHDN}$	$V_{EN} = 0V$		1	10	$\mu A$
$V_{IN}$ over-voltage protection (OVP) rising threshold	$V_{INOVLP\_RISING}$		35.5	37.5	40	V
$V_{IN}$ OVP falling threshold	$V_{INOVLP\_FALLING}$		34.5	36.5	39	V
$V_{IN}$ OVP hysteresis	$V_{INOVLP\_HYS}$			1		V
<b>Switches and Frequency</b>						
Switching frequency without frequency spread spectrum (FSS)	$f_{SW}$	$R_{FREQ} = 86.6k\Omega$	332	415	498	kHz
		$R_{FREQ} = 34.8k\Omega$	900	1000	1100	kHz
		$R_{FREQ} = 15k\Omega$	1980	2200	2420	kHz
FSS span			$\pm 10$			%
FSS modulation frequency				15		kHz
Minimum on time <sup>(11)</sup>	$t_{ON\_MIN}$			65	80	ns
Minimum off time <sup>(11)</sup>	$t_{OFF\_MIN}$			50	70	ns
Maximum duty cycle	$D_{MAX}$		98	99.5		%
Switch leakage current	$I_{SW\_LKG}$	$V_{EN} = 0V$ , $V_{SW} = V_{BOOT} = 0V$ or $V_{IN}$ ( $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ )		0.01	1	$\mu A$
		$V_{EN} = 0V$ , $V_{SW} = V_{BOOT} = 0V$ or $V_{IN}$ ( $T_J = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+150^{\circ}C$ )		0.01	5	$\mu A$
High-side MOSFET (HS-FET) on resistance	$R_{ON\_HS}$	$V_{BOOT} - V_{SW} = 5V$		70	130	m $\Omega$
Low-side MOSFET (LS-FET) on resistance	$R_{ON\_LS}$	$V_{CC} = 5V$		50	90	m $\Omega$

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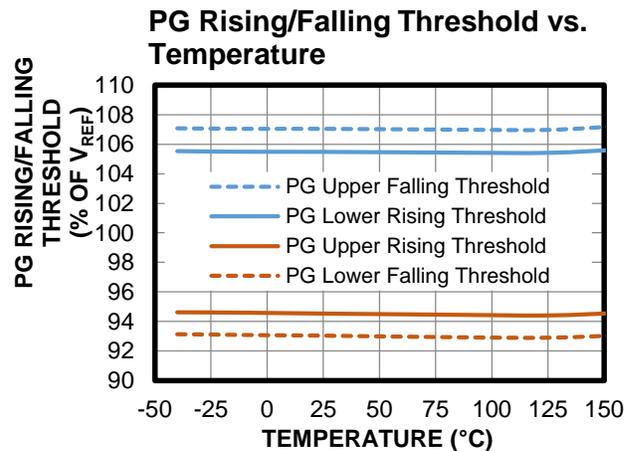
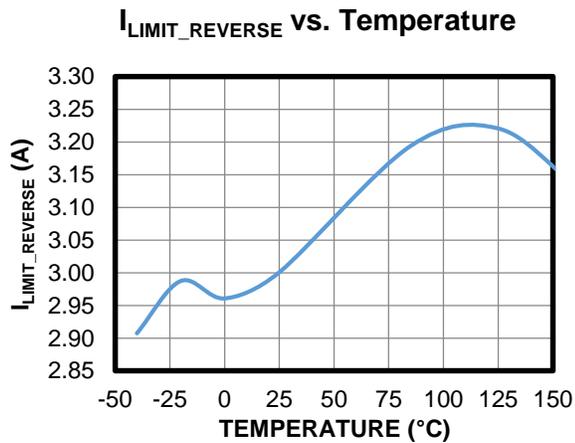
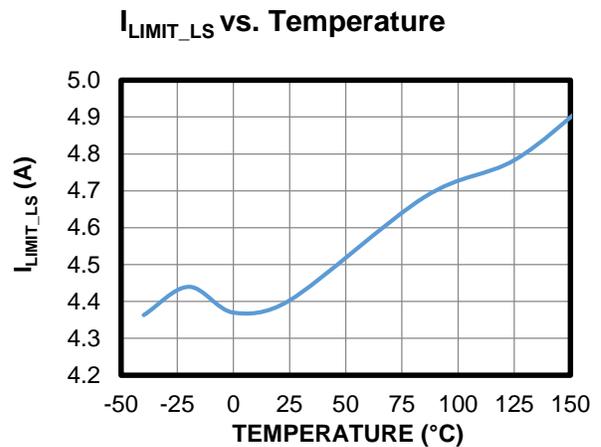
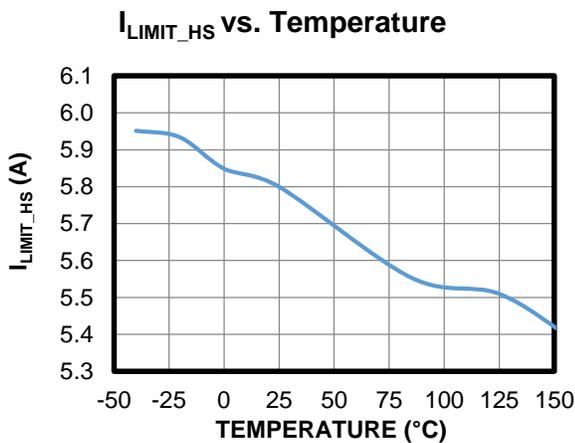
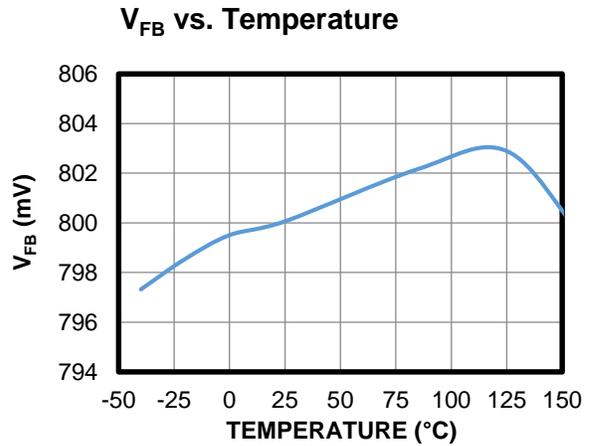
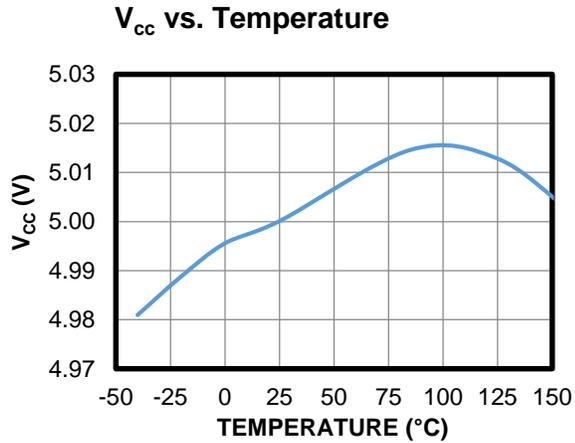
Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
<b>Output and Regulation</b>						
FB voltage (adjustable output version)	$V_{FB}$	$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$	0.794	0.8	0.806	V
		$T_J = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+150^{\circ}C$	0.790	0.8	0.810	V
FB input current	$I_{FB}$	Adjustable output version		0	100	nA
$V_{OUT}$ discharge current	$I_{DISCHARGE}$	$V_{EN} = 0V$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.3V$	2	4		mA
<b>BOOT</b>						
BOOT - SW refresh rising	$V_{BOOT\_RISING}$			2.5	2.9	V
BOOT - SW refresh falling	$V_{BOOT\_FALLING}$			2.3	2.7	V
BOOT - SW refresh hysteresis	$V_{BOOT\_HYS}$			0.2		V
<b>EN</b>						
EN rising threshold	$V_{EN\_RISING}$		0.97	1.02	1.07	V
EN falling threshold	$V_{EN\_FALLING}$		0.8	0.85	0.9	V
EN threshold hysteresis	$V_{EN\_HYS}$			170		mV
<b>Soft Start and VCC</b>						
Soft-start time	$t_{SS}$	EN high to SS finishes	3	5	7	ms
VCC voltage	$V_{CC}$	$I_{VCC} = 0$	4.7	5	5.3	V
VCC regulation		$I_{VCC} = 30mA$		1		%
VCC current limit	$I_{LIMIT\_VCC}$	$V_{CC} = 4V$	50	70		mA
<b>Power Good (PG)</b>						
PG rising threshold ( $V_{FB} / V_{REF}$ )	$PG_{VTH\_RISING}$	$V_{OUT}$ rising	93	94.5	96	%
		$V_{OUT}$ falling	104	105.5	107	
PG falling threshold ( $V_{FB} / V_{REF}$ )	$PG_{VTH\_FALLING}$	$V_{OUT}$ falling	91.5	93	94.5	
		$V_{OUT}$ rising	105.5	107	108.5	
PG threshold hysteresis ( $V_{FB} / V_{REF}$ )	$PG_{VTH\_HYS}$			1.5		
PG output voltage low	$V_{PG\_LOW}$	$I_{SINK} = 1mA$		0.1	0.3	V
PG rising deglitch time	$t_{PG\_R}$			70		$\mu s$
PG falling deglitch time	$t_{PG\_F}$			60		$\mu s$
<b>Protections</b>						
High-side (HS) peak current limit	$I_{LIMIT\_HS}$	Duty cycle = 30%	4.3	5.8	7.3	A
Low-side (LS) valley current limit	$I_{LIMIT\_LS}$		3	4.4	5.7	A
LS reverse current limit	$I_{LIMIT\_REVERSE}$			1.8		A
Thermal shutdown <sup>(11)</sup>	$T_{SD}$		160	175	185	$^{\circ}C$
Thermal shutdown hysteresis <sup>(11)</sup>	$T_{SD\_HYS}$			20		$^{\circ}C$

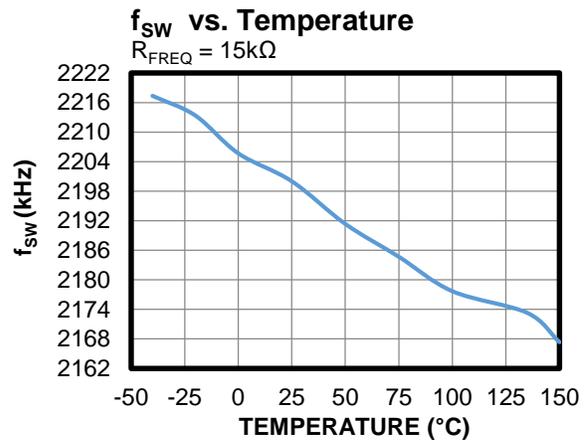
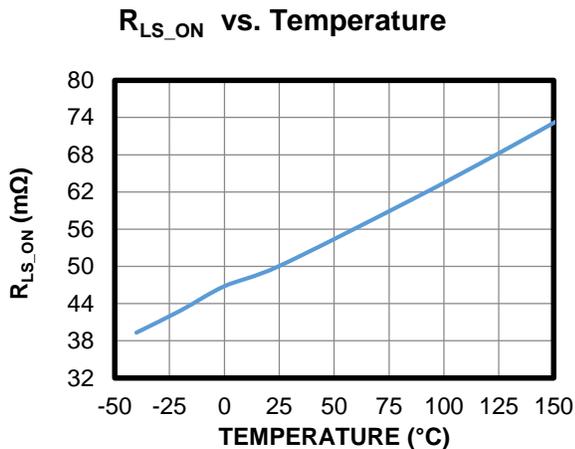
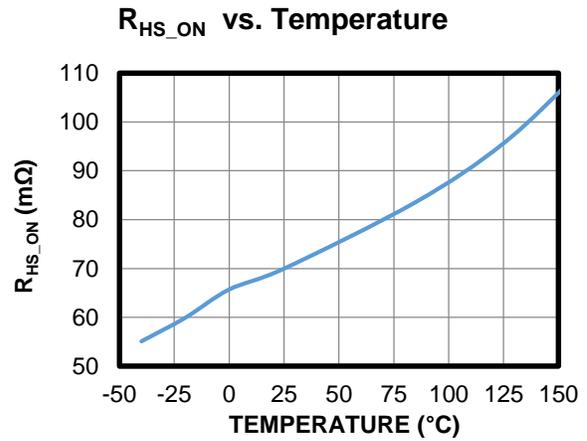
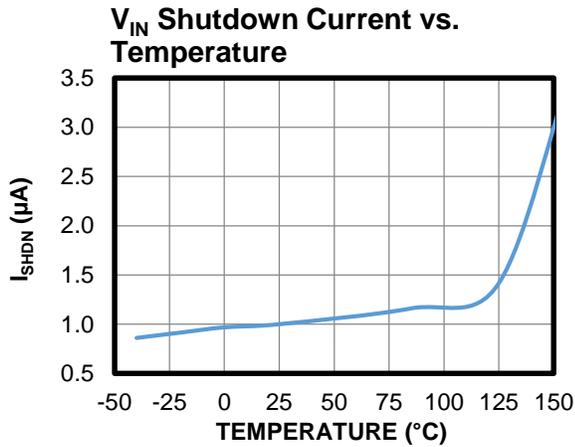
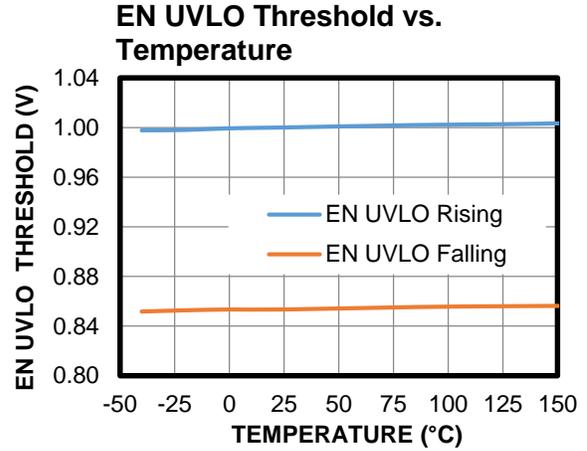
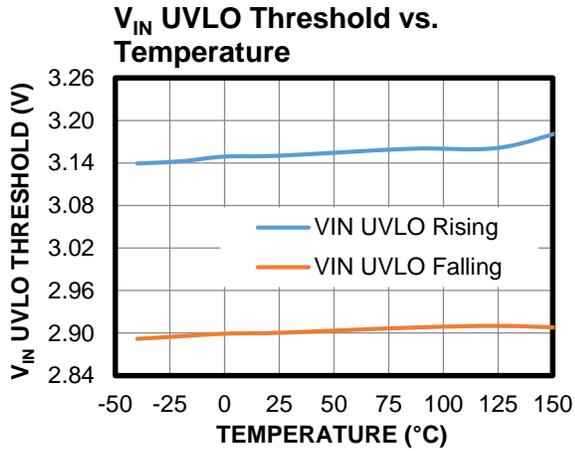
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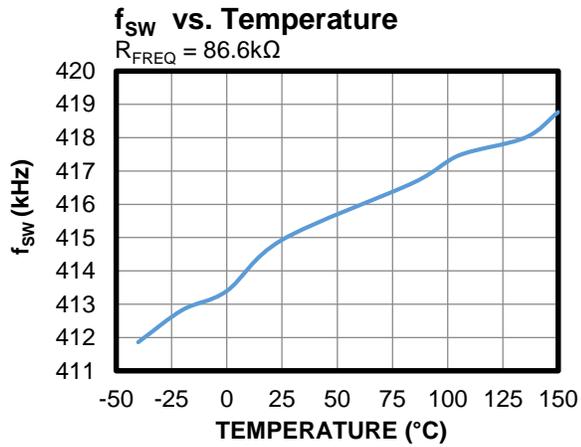
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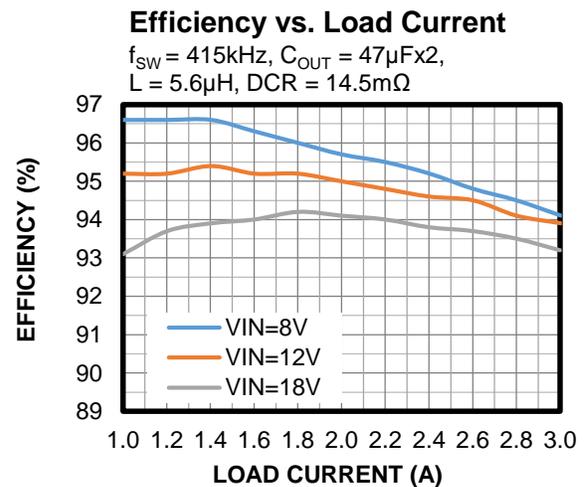
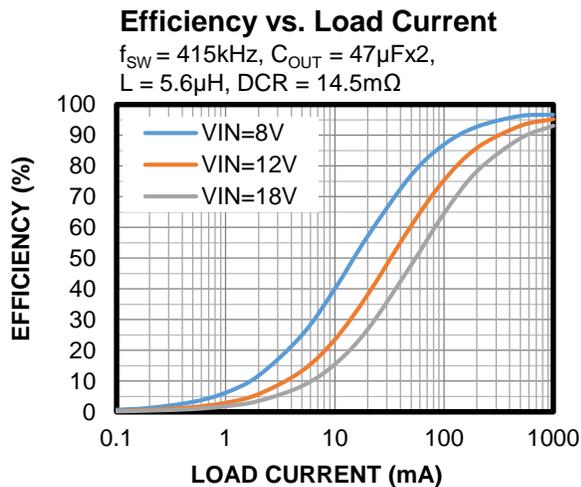
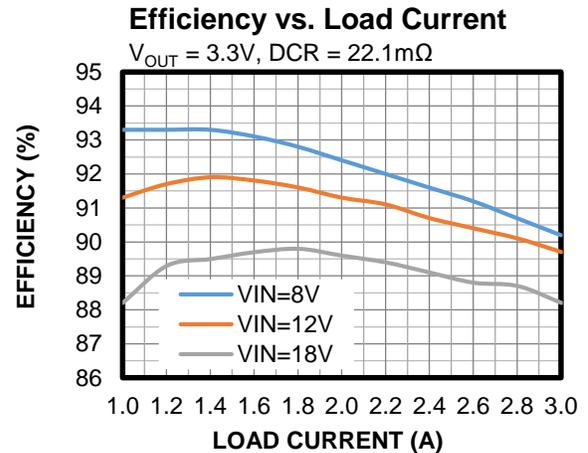
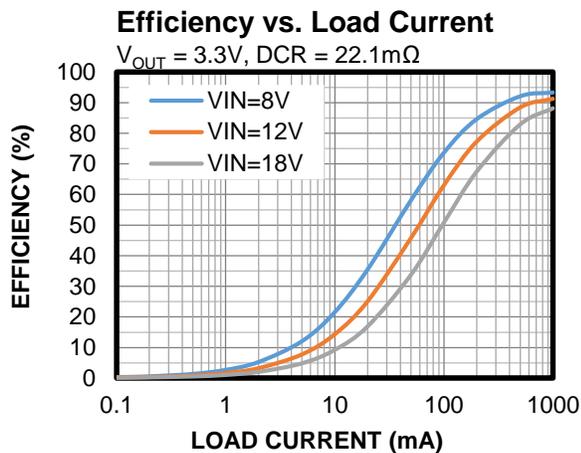
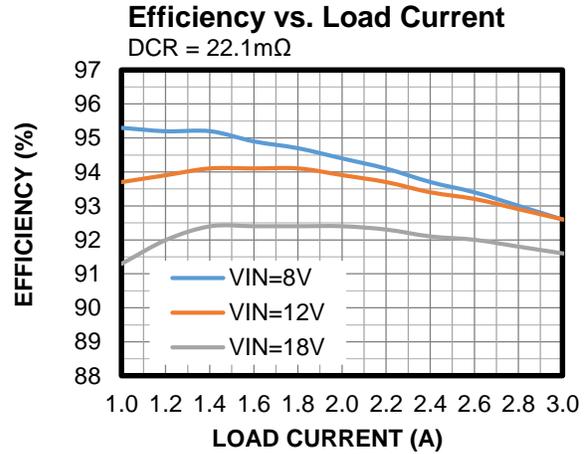
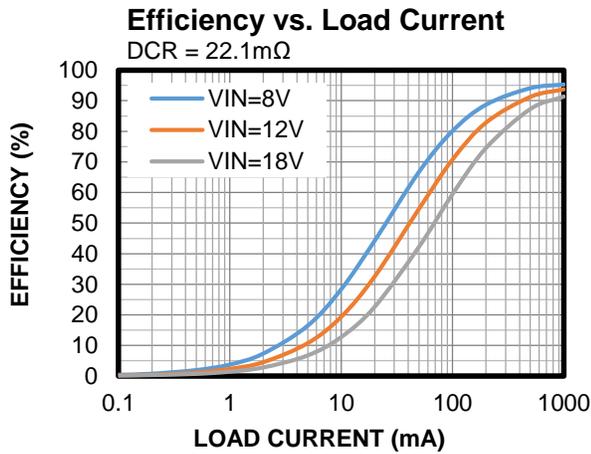


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$V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$ ,  $L = 2.2\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

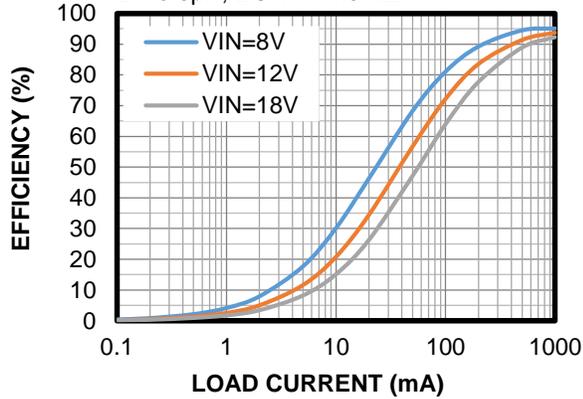


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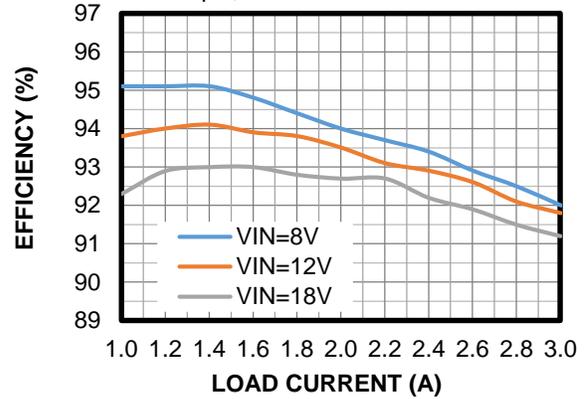
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$V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 415kHz$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 47\mu F \times 2$ ,  
 $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $DCR = 14.5m\Omega$



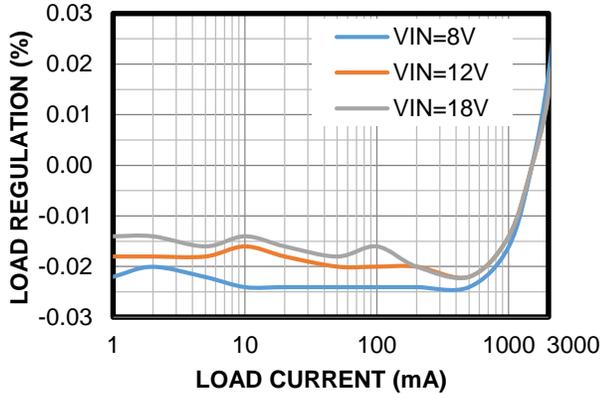
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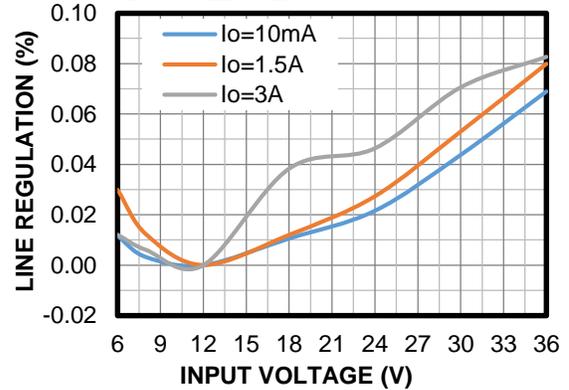
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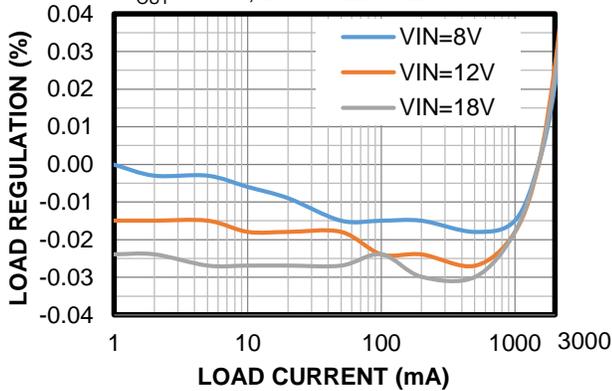
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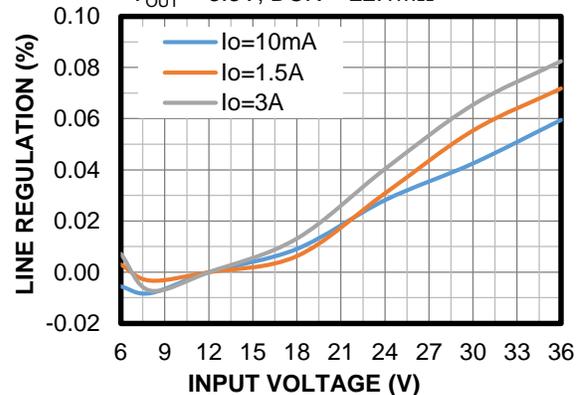
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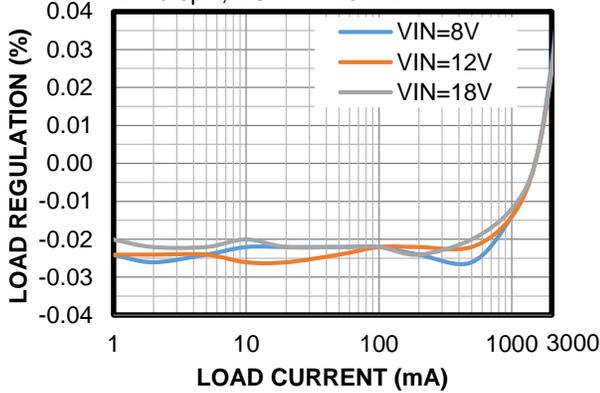


## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$ ,  $L = 2.2\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

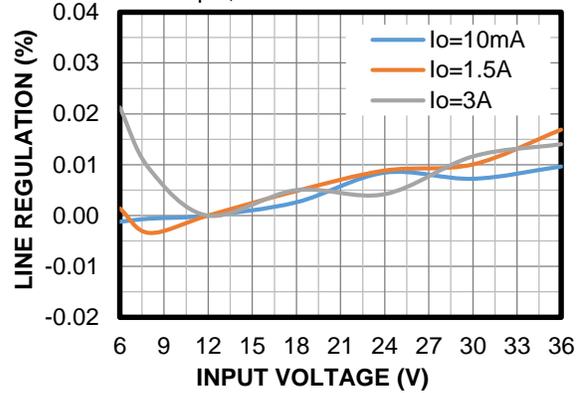
### Load Regulation

$f_{SW} = 415kHz$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 47\mu F \times 2$ ,  
 $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $DCR = 14.5m\Omega$



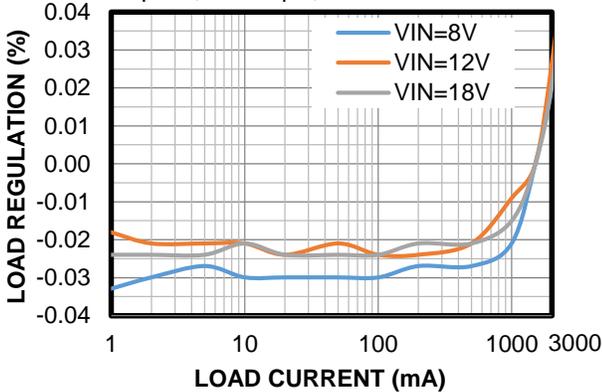
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$f_{SW} = 415kHz$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 47\mu F \times 2$ ,  
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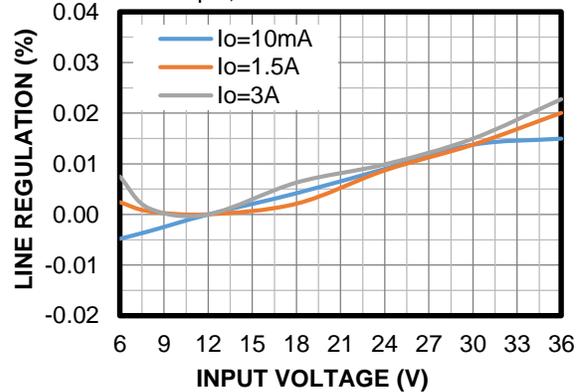
### Load Regulation

$V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 415kHz$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 47\mu F \times 2$ ,  
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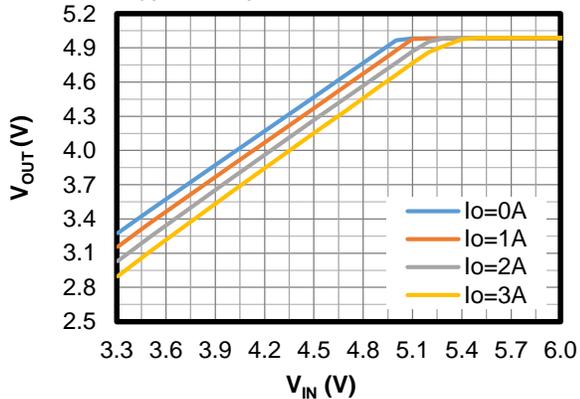
### Line Regulation

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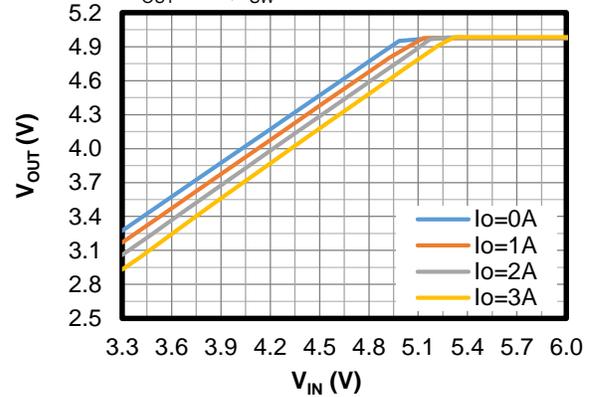
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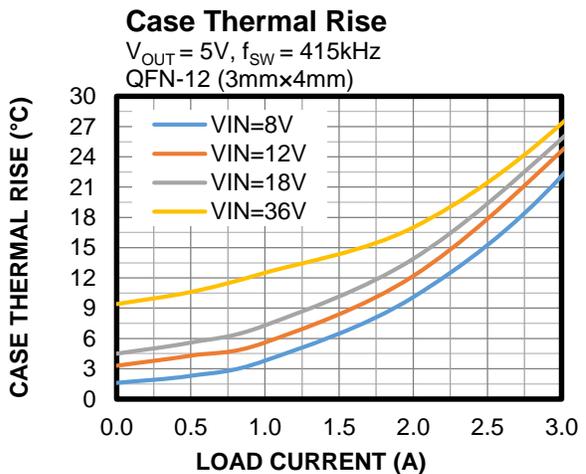
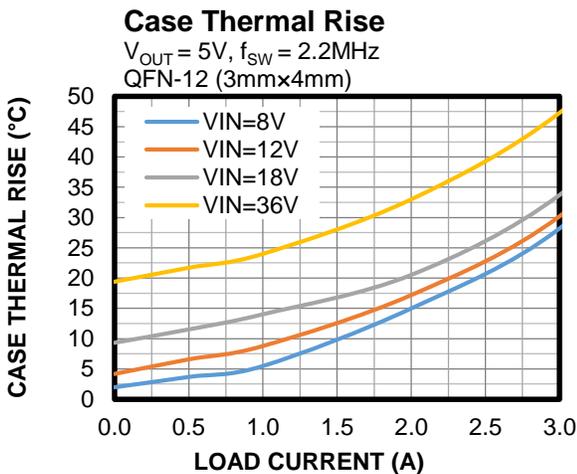
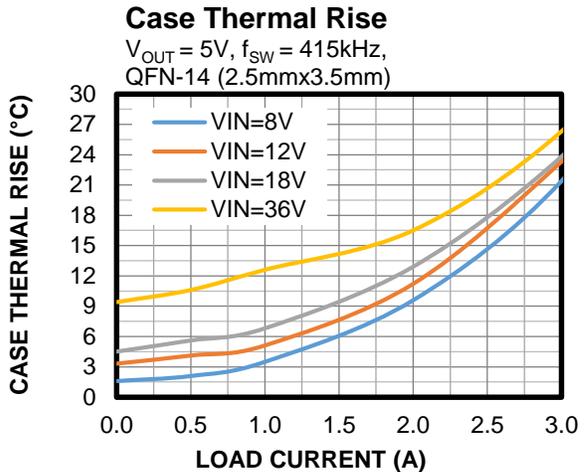
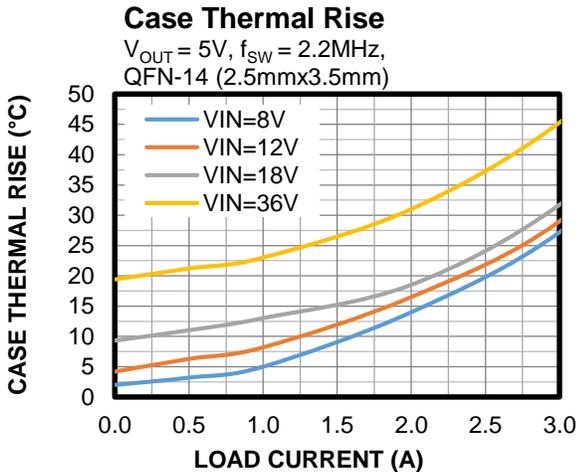
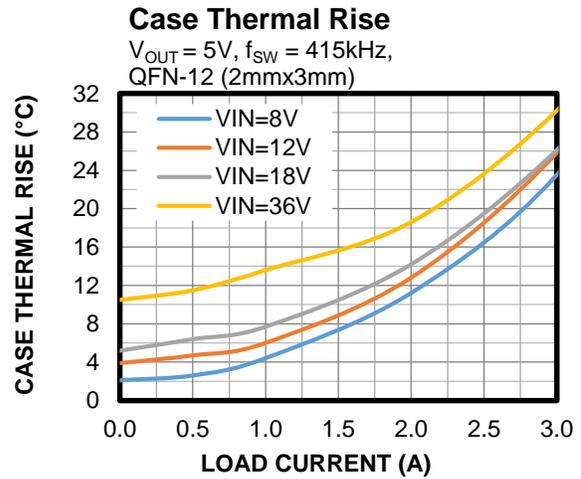
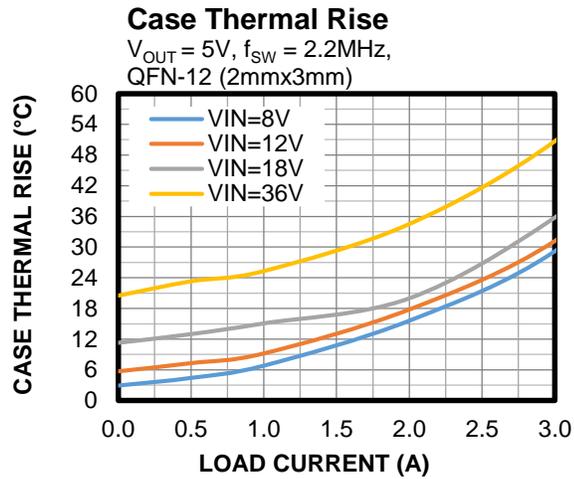
$V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$

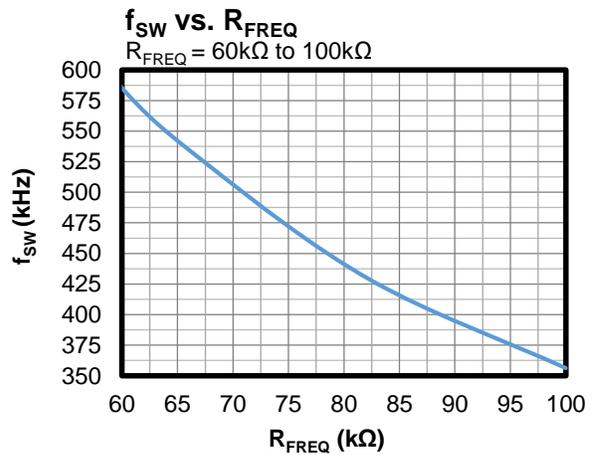
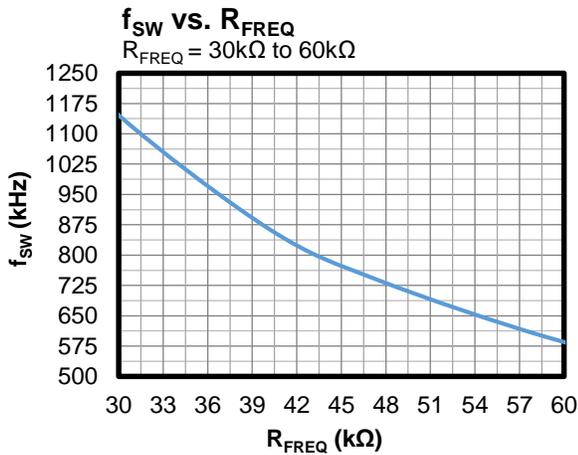
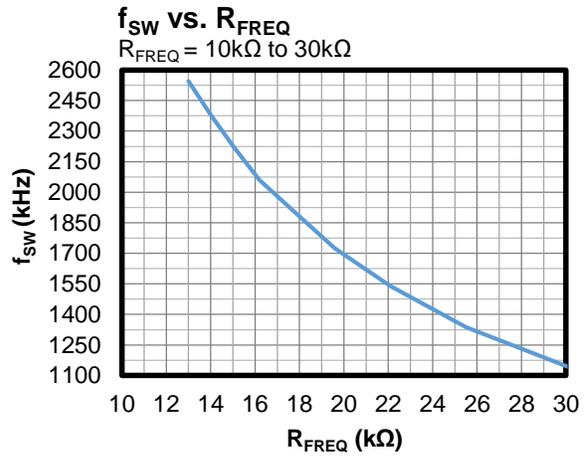
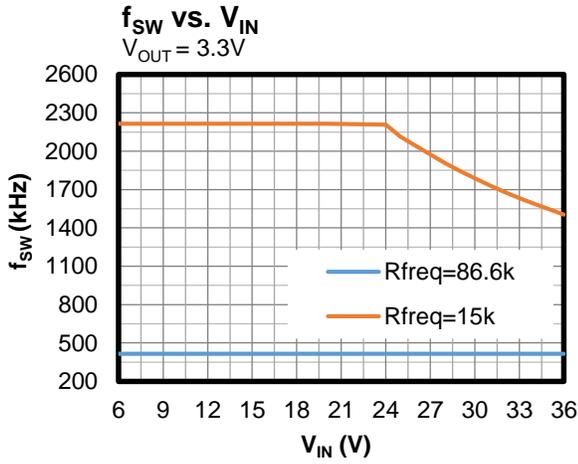


### Low-Dropout Mode

$V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 415kHz$



**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$ ,  $L = 2.2\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.


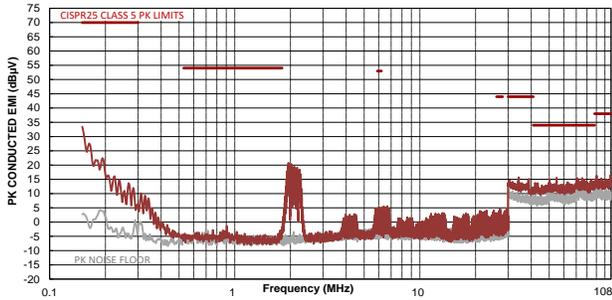
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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS *(continued)*

$V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$ ,  $L = 2.2\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.<sup>(12)</sup>

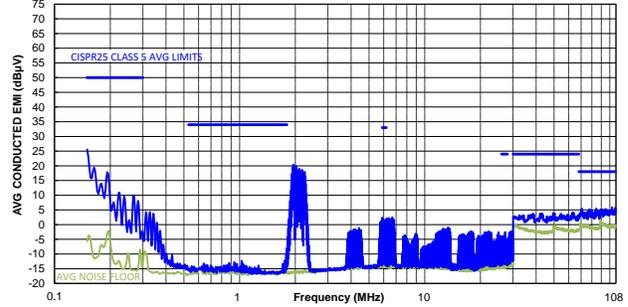
### CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Conducted Emissions

150kHz to 108MHz



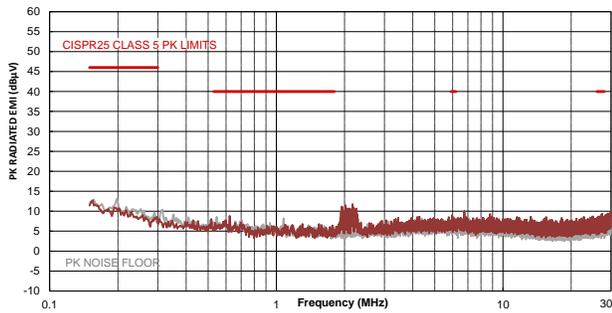
### CISPR25 Class 5 Average Conducted Emissions

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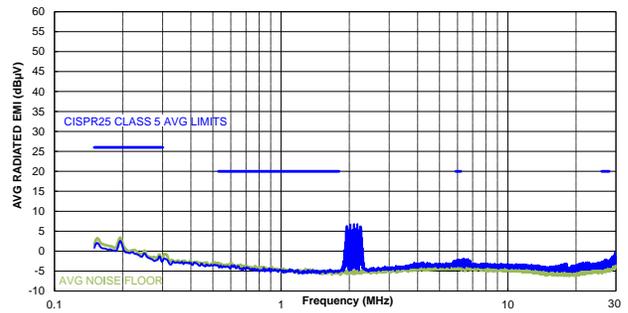
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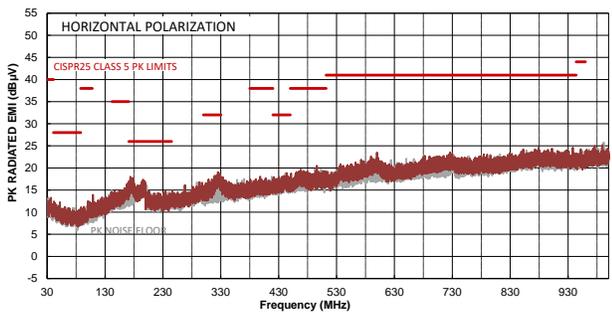
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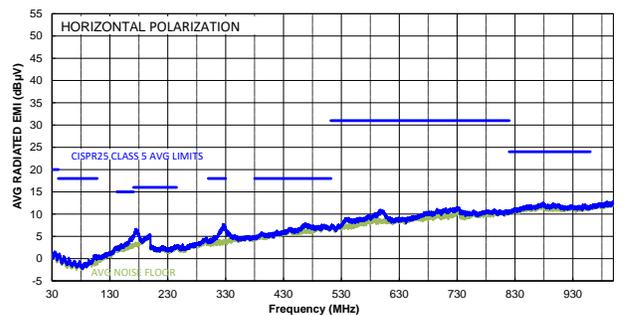
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Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz



### CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz

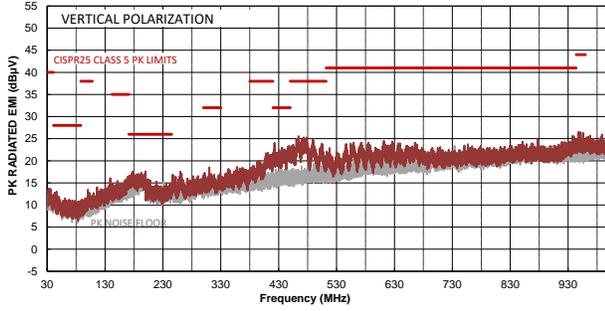


## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS *(continued)*

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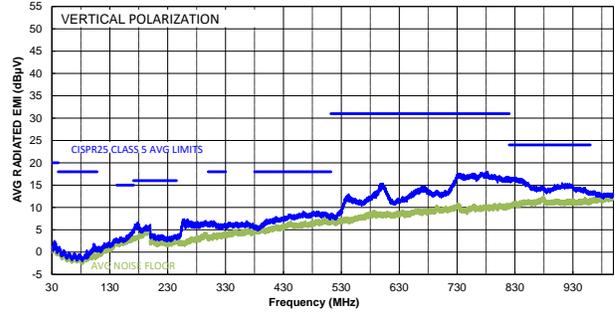
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Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



### CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

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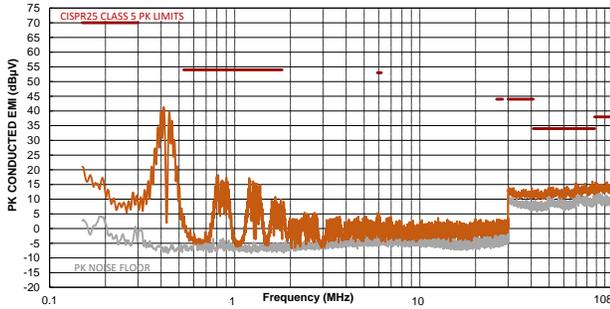
**Note:**

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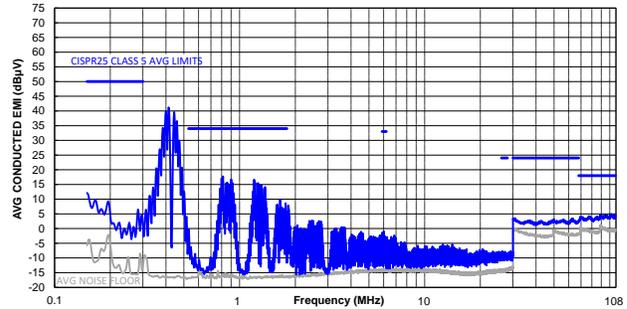
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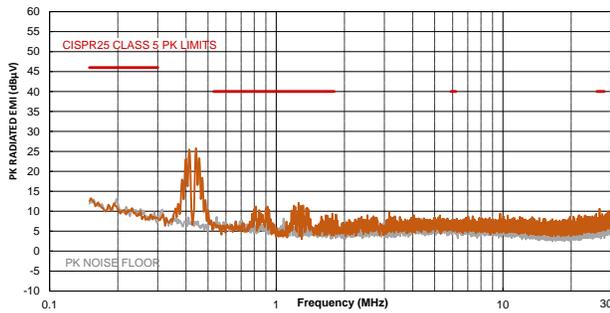
**CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Conducted Emissions**  
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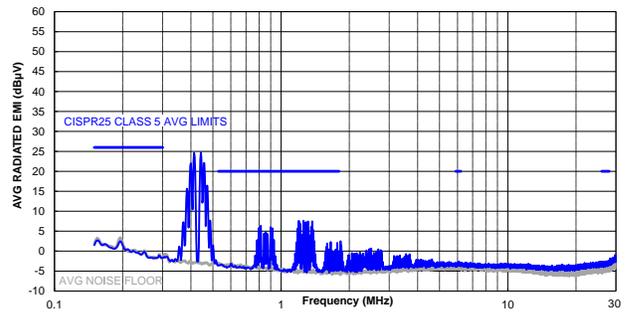
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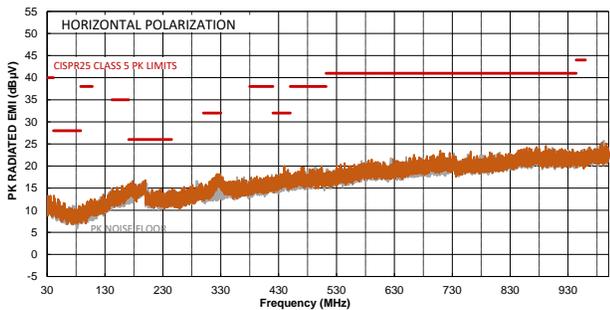
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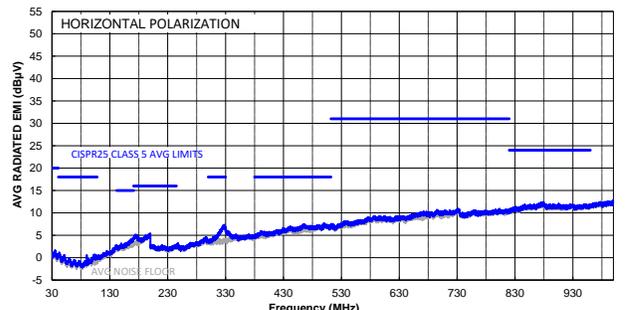
**CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions**  
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**CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Radiated Emissions**  
Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz



**CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions**  
Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz

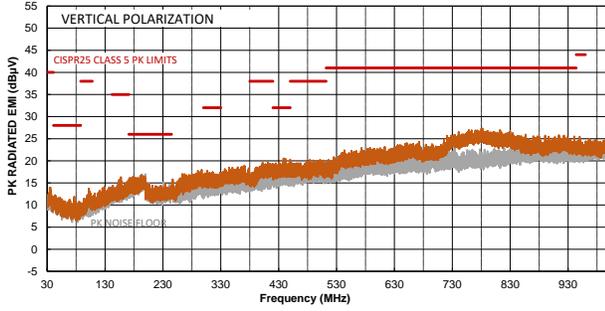


## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS *(continued)*

$V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 415kHz$ ,  $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 47\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.<sup>(13)</sup>

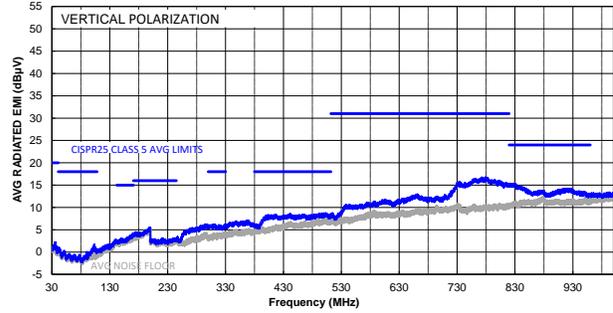
### CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Radiated Emissions

Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



### CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

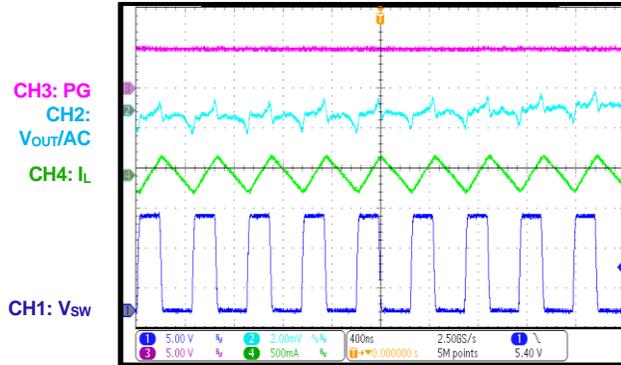
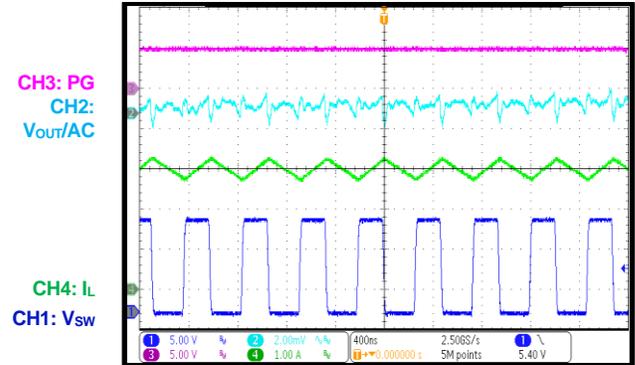
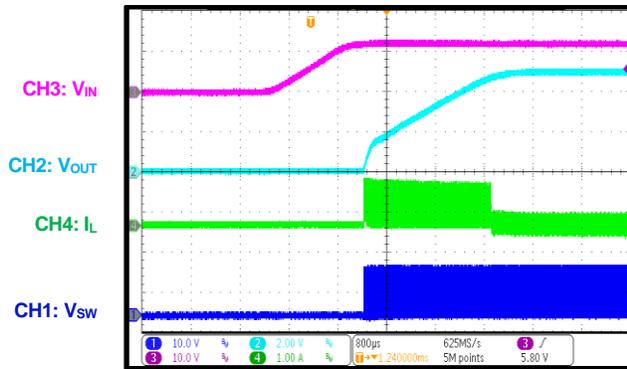
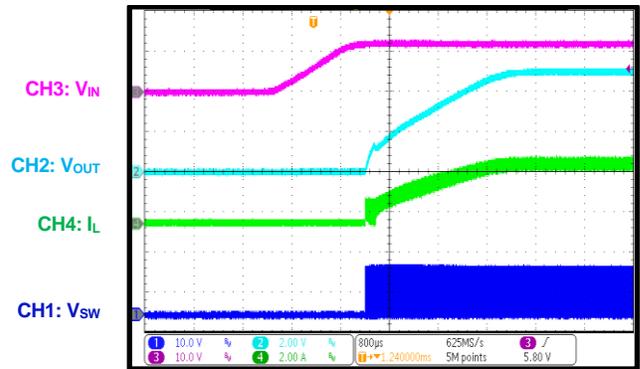
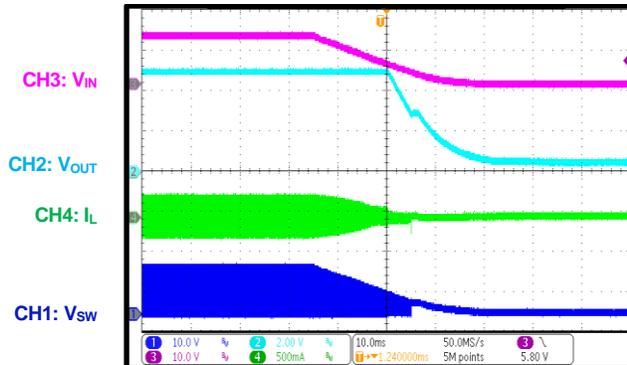
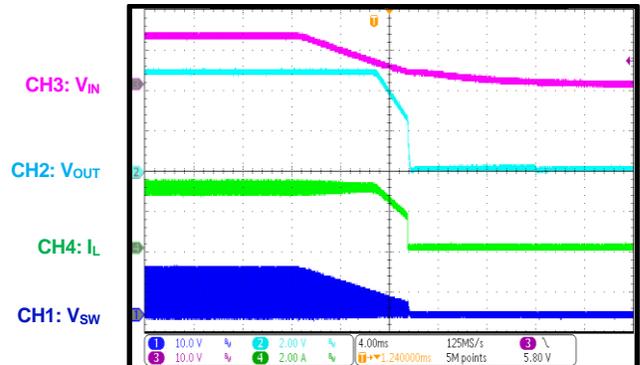
Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



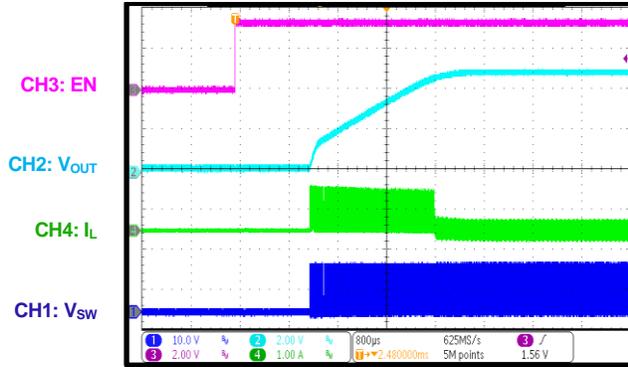
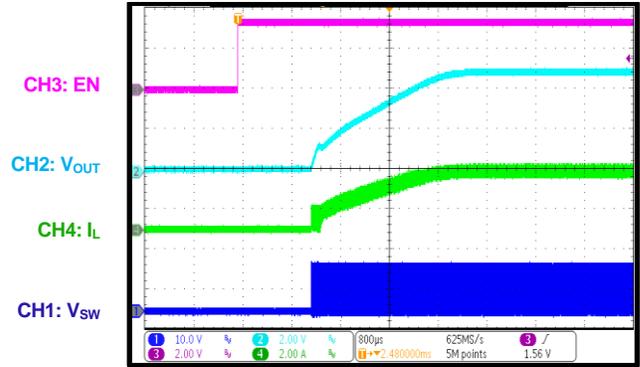
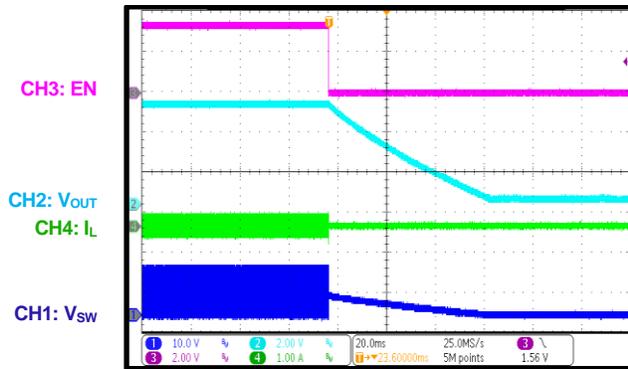
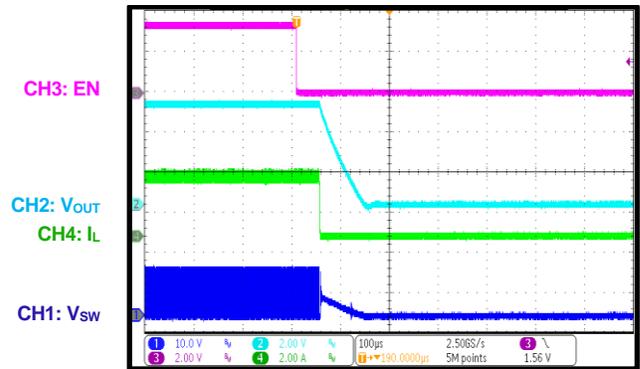
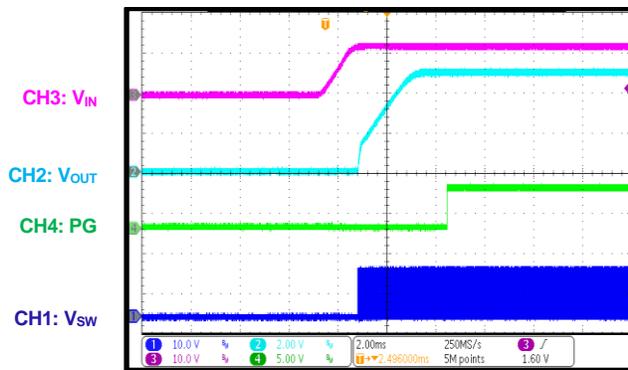
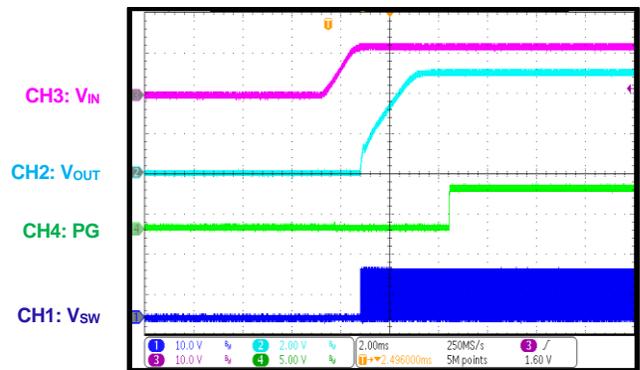
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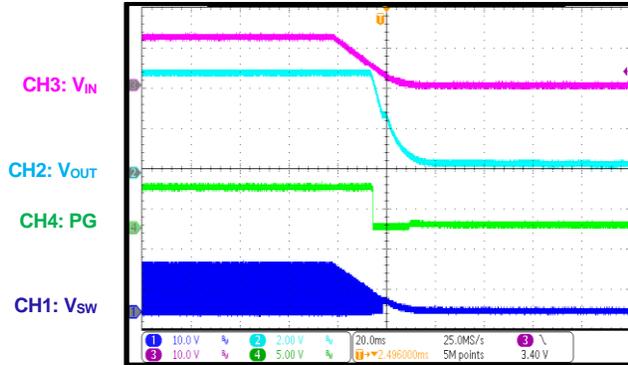
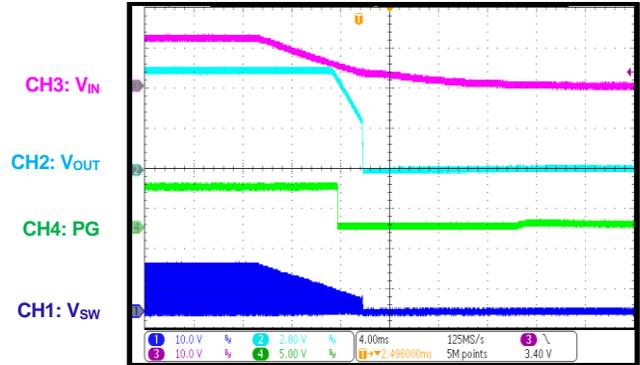
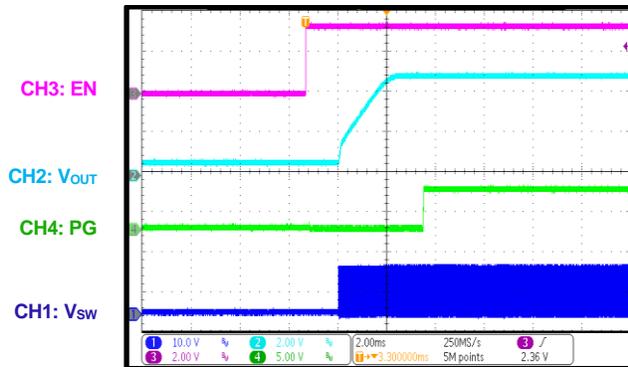
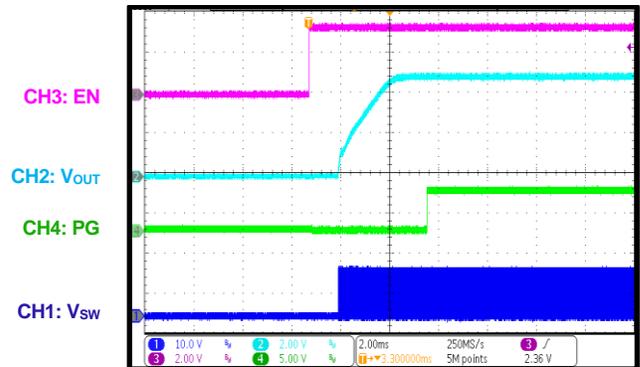
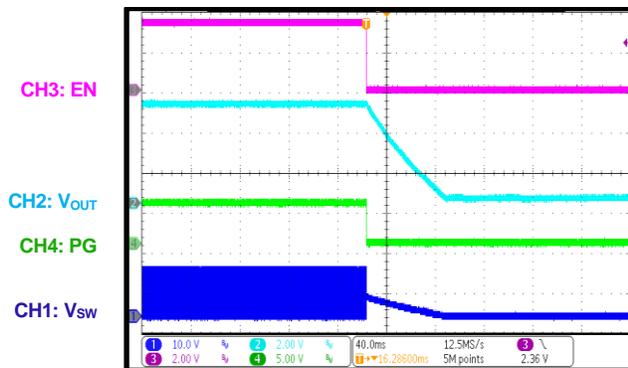
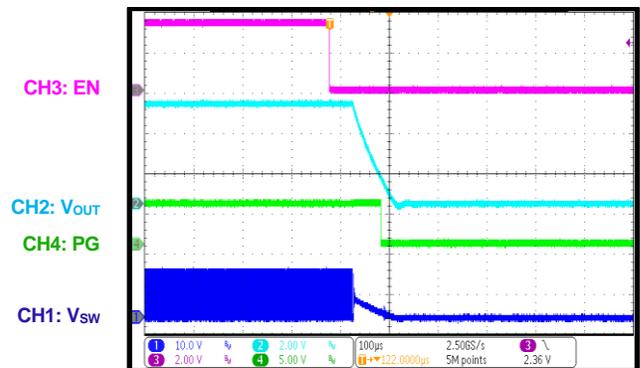
**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**
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**Steady State**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Steady State**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**Start-Up through VIN**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Start-Up through VIN**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**Shutdown through VIN**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Shutdown through VIN**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


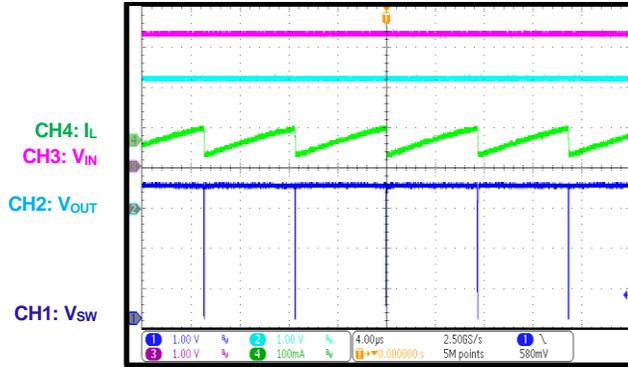
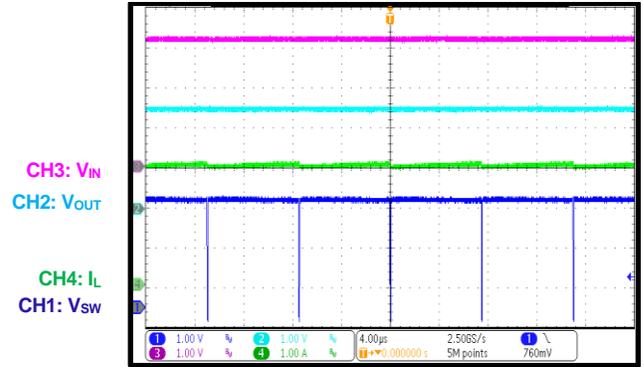
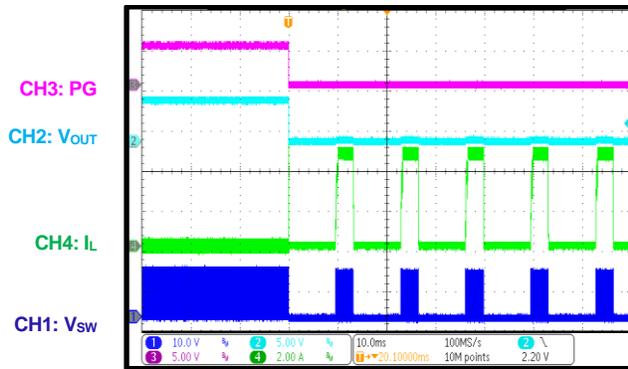
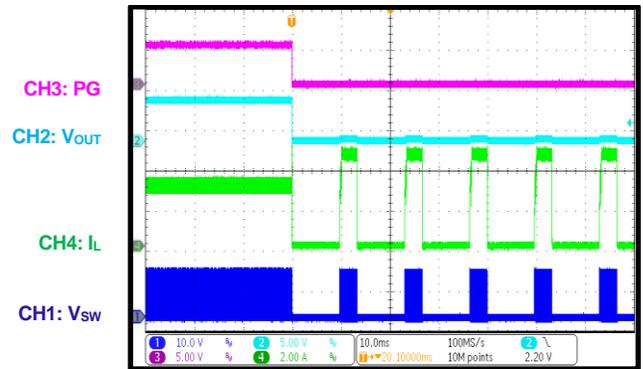
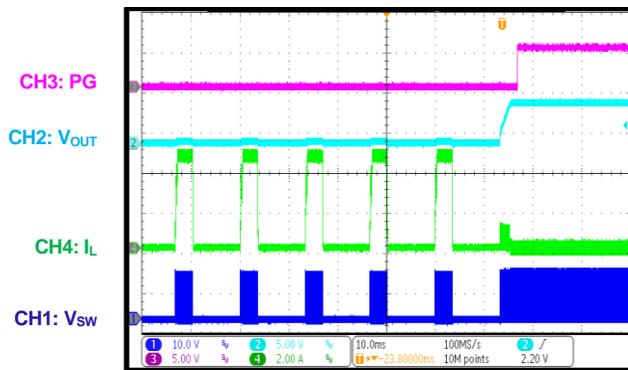
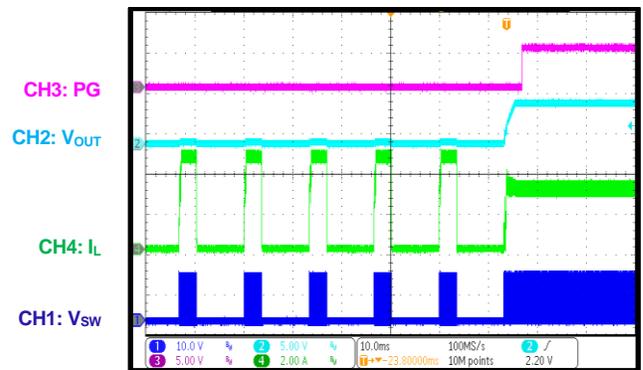
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**Start-Up through EN**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Start-Up through EN**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**Shutdown through EN**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Shutdown through EN**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**PG during Start-Up through VIN**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**PG during Start-Up through VIN**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


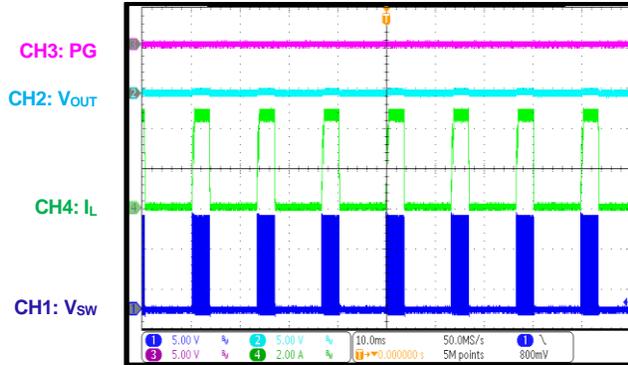
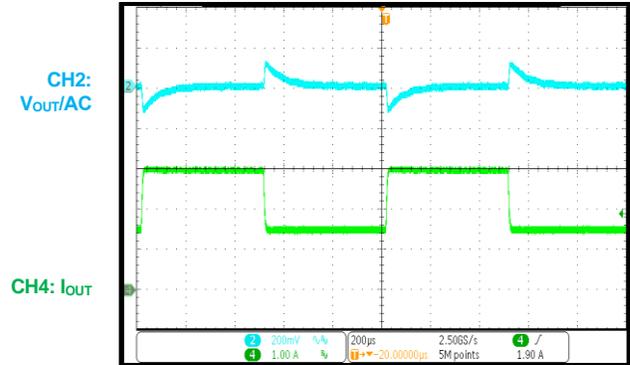
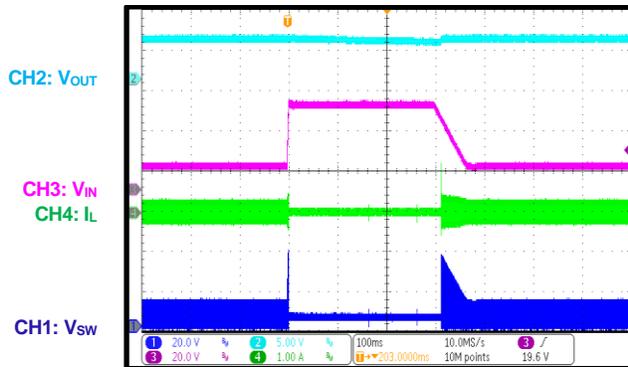
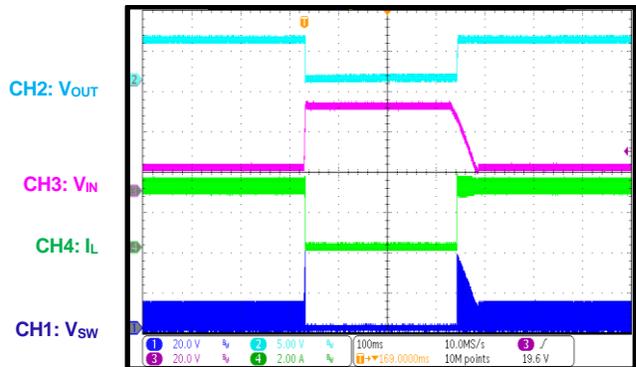
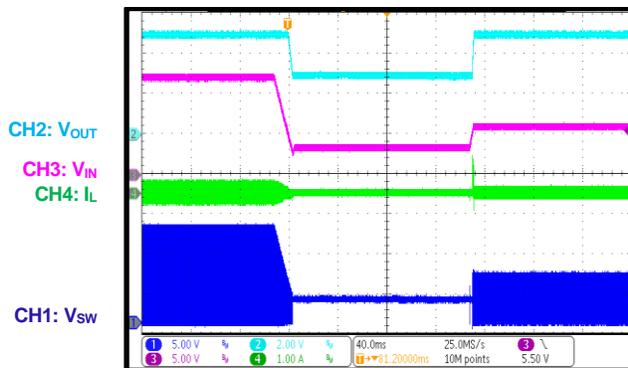
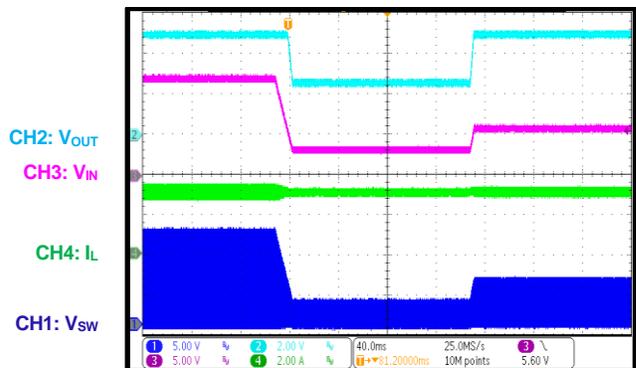
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**PG during Shutdown through VIN**  
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**PG during Shutdown through VIN**  
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**PG during Start-Up through EN**  
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**PG during Start-Up through EN**  
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**PG during Shutdown through EN**  
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**PG during Shutdown through EN**  
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


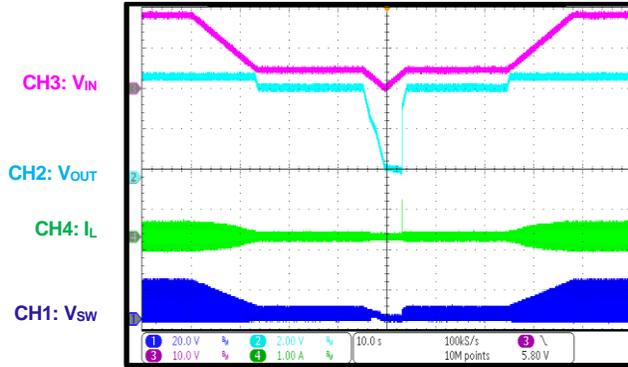
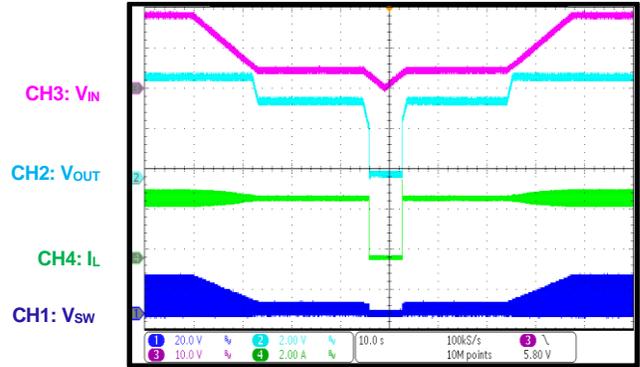
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**Low-Dropout Mode**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ ,  $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ 

**Low-Dropout Mode**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ ,  $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ 

**SCP Entry**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**SCP Entry**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**SCP Recovery**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**SCP Recovery**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$ ,  $L = 2.2\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

**SCP Steady State**
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Load Transient**
 $I_{OUT} = 1.5A$  to  $3A$ ,  $1.6A/\mu s$ 

**Load Dump**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $42V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Load Dump**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $42V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

**Cold Crank**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $3.3V$  to  $6V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

**Cold Crank**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $3.3V$  to  $6V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**
 $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2.2MHz$ ,  $L = 2.2\mu H$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

 **$V_{IN}$  Ramping Down and Up**
 $V_{IN} = 18V$  to  $4.5V$  to  $0V$  to  $4.5V$  to  $18V$ ,  
 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

 **$V_{IN}$  Ramping Down and Up**
 $V_{IN} = 18V$  to  $4.5V$  to  $0V$  to  $4.5V$  to  $18V$ ,  
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


## FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

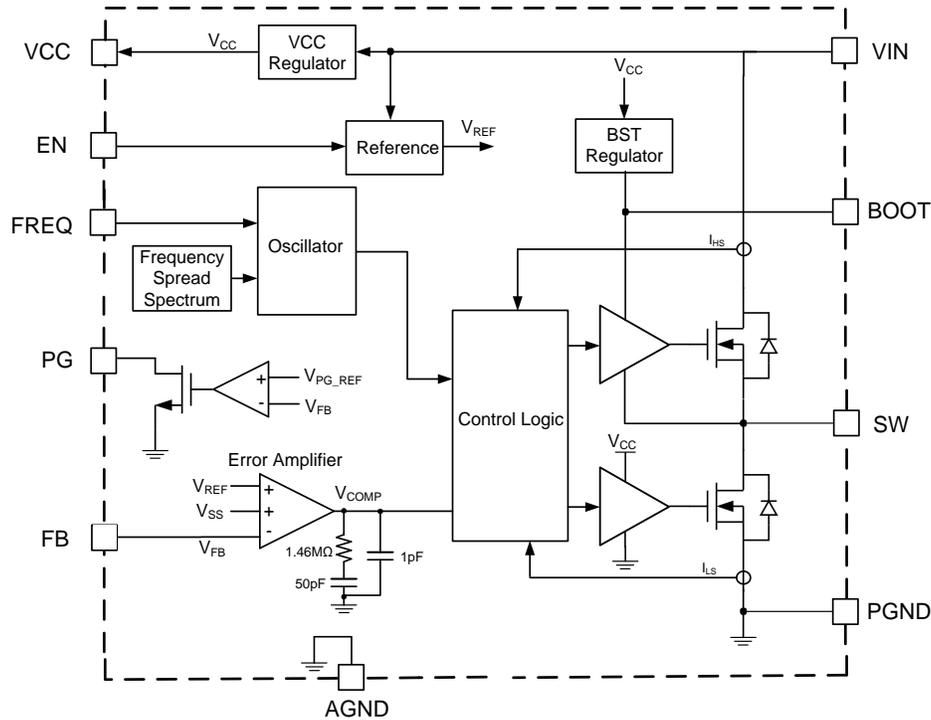


Figure 3: Functional Block Diagram (Adjustable Output)

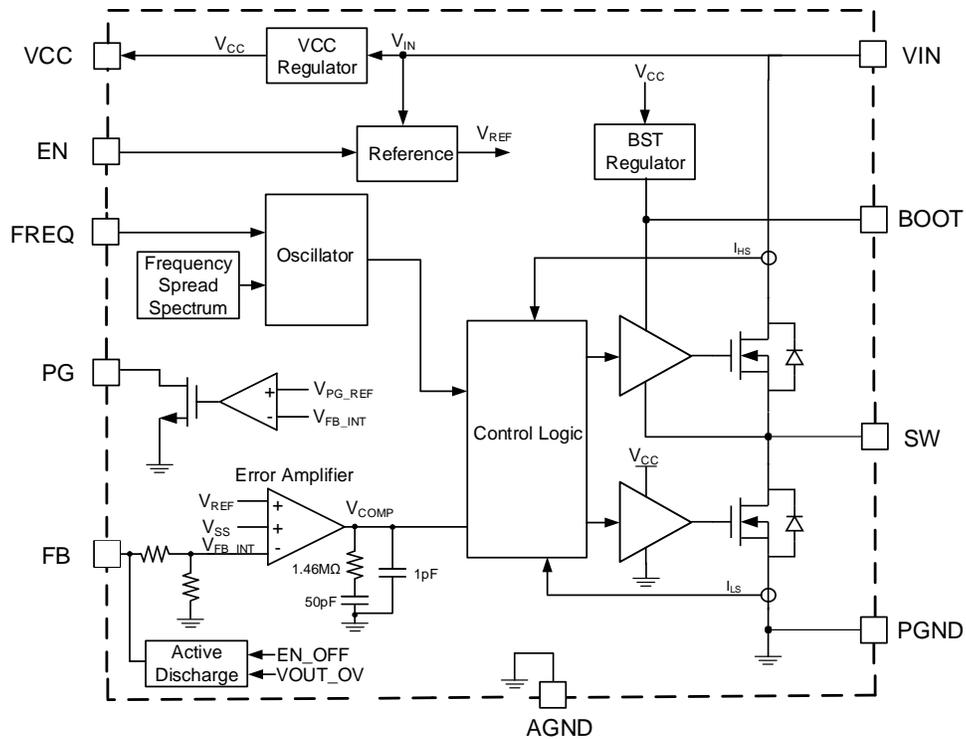


Figure 4: Functional Block Diagram (Fixed Output)

## OPERATION

The MPQ4323C is a synchronous, step-down switching regulator with integrated internal high-side and low-side power MOSFETs. It provides 3A of highly efficient output current ( $I_{OUT}$ ) with peak current mode control.

The device features a wide input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) range, configurable 350kHz to 2.5MHz switching frequency ( $f_{SW}$ ), internal soft start, and precision current limit. The MPQ4323C's very low operational quiescent current makes it well-suited for battery-powered applications.

### PWM Control

At moderate to high output currents, the MPQ4323C operates with fixed-frequency, peak current mode control to regulate the output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ). A PWM cycle is initiated by the internal clock. At the rising edge of the clock, the high-side power MOSFET (HS-FET) turns on and remains on until the control signal reaches the value set by the internal COMP voltage ( $V_{COMP}$ ).

When the HS-FET is off, the low-side power MOSFET (LS-FET) turns on immediately and stays on until the next cycle starts, or until the inductor current ( $I_L$ ) falls below the reverse current limit. The LS-FET remains off for at least the minimum off time before the next cycle starts.

If the current in the HS-FET cannot reach the value set by COMP within one PWM period, the HS-FET remains on and skips a turn-off operation. The HS-FET is forced on until it reaches the value set by COMP, or its 7 $\mu$ s maximum on time is reached. This operation mode extends the duty cycle, which achieves a low dropout when  $V_{IN}$  is almost equal to  $V_{OUT}$ .

### Light-Load Operation

Under light-load conditions, the MPQ4323C can work in forced continuous conduction mode (FCCM). In this mode, the device works with a fixed frequency from the no-load to full-load range. The advantages of FCCM are its controllable frequency and lower output voltage ripple under light loads.

### Error Amplifier (EA)

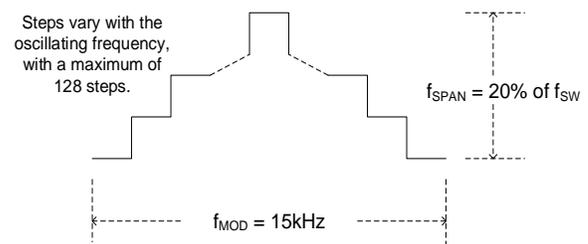
The error amplifier (EA) compares the FB pin's voltage ( $V_{FB}$ ) with the internal reference (0.8V) and outputs a current proportional to the

difference between the two values. This output current is then used to charge the compensation network to form  $V_{COMP}$ , which is the error used to control the power MOSFET's duty cycle.

During operation, the minimum  $V_{COMP}$  is clamped to 0.5V and its maximum is clamped to 2.5V. COMP is internally pulled down to GND in shutdown mode.

### Frequency Spread Spectrum (FSS)

The MPQ4323C uses a 15kHz modulation frequency with a maximum 128-step triangular profile to spread the internal oscillator frequency across a 20% ( $\pm 10\%$ ) window. The steps vary with the set oscillator frequency to ensure that the exact  $f_{SW}$  steps cycle by cycle (see Figure 5).



**Figure 5: Frequency Spread Spectrum**

Side bands are created by modulating the switching frequency with the triangle modulation waveform. The emission power of the fundamental switching frequency and its harmonics is reduced. This significantly reduces the peak EMI noise.

### Soft Start (SS)

Soft start is implemented to prevent the converter output voltage from overshooting during start-up. The soft-start time is fixed internally.

When the soft-start period starts, the soft-start voltage ( $V_{SS}$ ) rises from 0V to 1.2V with a specific slew rate. When  $V_{SS}$  is below the internal 0.8V reference voltage ( $V_{REF}$ ),  $V_{SS}$  overrides  $V_{REF}$ , so the error amplifier uses  $V_{SS}$  as the reference. When  $V_{SS}$  exceeds  $V_{REF}$ , the error amplifier uses  $V_{REF}$  as the reference.

When the chip is enabled by EN, the first pulse is sent after about 830 $\mu$ s. During this period, VCC is regulated, and the internal bias is complete, the compensator network finishes charging. After another 2.9ms,  $V_{OUT}$  ramps up

and reaches the set value. Then soft start completes after 1.5ms, and PG pulls high after a 70 $\mu$ s delay.

### Pre-Biased Start-Up

If  $V_{FB}$  exceeds  $V_{SS}$  at start-up, the output has a pre-biased voltage. In this scenario, neither the HS-FET nor LS-FET turn on until  $V_{SS}$  exceeds  $V_{FB}$ .

### Thermal Shutdown

Thermal shutdown is implemented to prevent the chip from thermal runaway. If the silicon die temperature rises above its upper threshold (about 175°C), the device shuts down the power MOSFETs. If the temperature drops below its lower threshold (about 155°C), the thermal shutdown condition is removed, and the chip is enabled again.

### Peak and Valley Current Limit

Both the HS-FET and LS-FET have cycle-by-cycle current-limit protection. When the inductor current ( $I_L$ ) reaches the high-side peak current limit (typically 5.8A) while the HS-FET is on, the HS-FET is forced off immediately to prevent the current from rising further.

When the LS-FET is on, the next clock's rising edge is held until  $I_L$  drops below the low-side valley current limit (typically 4.4A). Then  $I_L$  can drop to a sufficiently low value when the HS-FET turns on again. This current limit scheme prevents current runaway if an overload or short-circuit event occurs.

### Reverse Current Limit

The direction of the reverse current flows from the output voltage to the SW node. The MPQ4323C has a 1.8A reverse current limit. Once  $I_L$  reaches the current limit, the LS-FET immediately turns off, and the HS-FET turns on. The current limit prevents the negative current from dropping too low and damaging the components.

### Short-Circuit Protection (SCP)

If the output is shorted to ground, and the output voltage drops below 70% of its nominal output, the MPQ4323C shuts down and begins discharging  $V_{SS}$ . The device restarts with a full soft start when  $V_{SS}$  is fully discharged. This hiccup process is repeated until the fault is removed.

### Output Over-Voltage Protection (OVP) and Discharge

The MPQ4323C stops switching if  $V_{OUT}$  exceeds 130% of its nominal regulation value. An internal, 75 $\Omega$  discharge path from FB to GND is activated to discharge  $V_{OUT}$ . This discharge path only can be activated if the output is fixed. The device resumes switching when  $V_{OUT}$  drops back to 125% of its nominal value, and then the discharge path is disabled.

For a fixed output, the  $V_{OUT}$  discharge path is also activated if an EN shutdown occurs while  $V_{CC}$  exceeds its under-voltage lockout (UVLO) threshold. When  $V_{CC}$  drops to its UVLO threshold, this path is deactivated.

### Start-Up and Shutdown

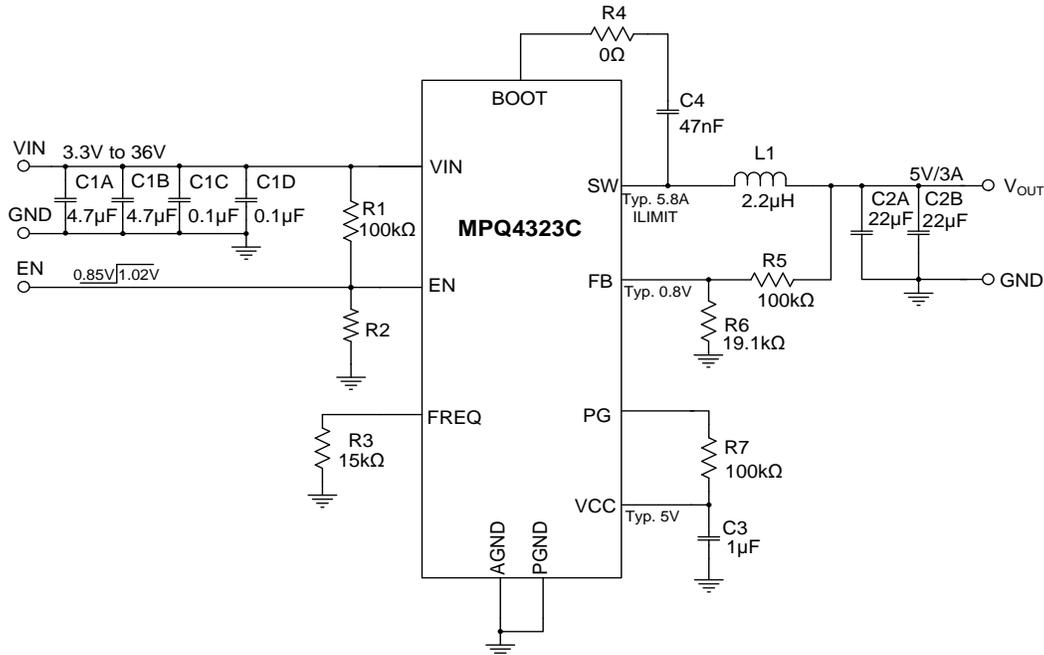
If both  $V_{IN}$  and EN exceeds their appropriate thresholds, the chip starts up. The reference block starts first, generating a stable reference voltage and currents, and then the internal regulator is enabled. The regulator provides a stable supply for the remaining circuitries.

When the internal supply rail is up, the internal circuits start to work. If BOOT does not reach its refresh rising threshold (about 2.5V), the LS-FET turns on to charge BOOT. The HS-FET stays off during this time. When the soft-start block is enabled,  $V_{OUT}$  starts to ramp up slowly.  $V_{OUT}$  smoothly reaches its target within 5ms.

Three events shut down the chip: EN going low,  $V_{IN}$  falling below its UVLO threshold, and thermal shutdown. During shutdown, the signaling path is blocked first to avoid any fault triggering. Then the COMP voltage is pulled down, and the floating driver works to disable the HS-FET.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Figure 6 shows the MPQ4323C's typical application circuit.



**Figure 6: Typical Application Circuit ( $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{sw} = 2.2MHz$ )**

**Table 1: Design Guide Index**

QFN-12 Pin #	QFN-12 Pin #	Pin Name	Component	Design Guide Index
1, 11	1, 13	PGND	-	Connection GND (GND and PGND)
2, 10	3, 11	VIN	C1A, C1B, C1C, C1D	Selecting the Input Capacitors (VIN)
3	4	BOOT	R4, C4	The Floating Driver and Bootstrap Charging (BOOT)
4	5	FREQ	R3	Setting the Switching Frequency (FREQ)
5	6	VCC	C3	The Internal VCC (VCC)
6	7	AGND		Connection GND (GND and PGND)
7	8	FB	R5, R6	Feedback (FB)
8	9	PG	R7	Power Good Indication (PG)
9	10	EN	R1, R2	Enable Control (EN) and Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)
12	14	SW	L1, C2A, C2B	Selecting the Inductor and Output Capacitors (SW)
-	2, 12	NC	-	No Connection (NC)

### Selecting the Input Capacitors (VIN)

The step-down converter has a discontinuous input current, and requires a capacitor to supply AC current to the converter while maintaining the DC input voltage. For the best performance, use low-ESR capacitors. Ceramic capacitors with X5R or X7R dielectrics are highly recommended because of their low ESR and small temperature coefficients.

For most applications, use a 4.7µF to 10µF capacitor. It is strongly recommended to use another, lower-value capacitor (e.g. 0.1µF) with a small package size (0603) to absorb high-frequency switching noise. Place the smaller capacitor as close to VIN and GND as possible.

Since the input capacitor (C<sub>IN</sub>) absorbs the input switching current, it requires an adequate ripple current rating. The RMS current in the input capacitor can be estimated with Equation (1):

$$I_{CIN} = I_{LOAD} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right)} \quad (1)$$

The worst-case condition occurs at  $V_{IN} = 2 \times V_{OUT}$ , calculated with Equation (2):

$$I_{CIN} = \frac{I_{LOAD}}{2} \quad (2)$$

For simplification, choose an input capacitor with an RMS current rating greater than half of the maximum load current. The input capacitor can be electrolytic, tantalum, or ceramic. When using electrolytic or tantalum capacitors, add a small, high-quality ceramic capacitor (e.g. 0.1µF) as close to the IC as possible. When using ceramic capacitors, ensure that they have enough capacitance to provide a sufficient charge to prevent excessive voltage ripple at the input. The input voltage ripple caused by the capacitance can be estimated with Equation (3):

$$\Delta V_{IN} = \frac{I_{LOAD}}{f_{SW} \times C_{IN}} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (3)$$

### V<sub>IN</sub> Over-Voltage Protection (OVP)

The MPQ4323C stops switching when  $V_{IN}$  rises above its over-voltage (OV) rising threshold (typically 37.5V). The device resumes normal regulation and switching when  $V_{IN}$  drops to the OV falling threshold (typically 36.5V).

### The Floating Driver and Bootstrap Charging (BOOT)

The BOOT capacitor (C<sub>4</sub>, also called C<sub>BOOT</sub>) is recommended to be between 22nF and 100nF.

It is not recommended to place a resistor (R<sub>BOOT</sub>) in series with the BOOT capacitor, unless there is a strict EMI requirement. R<sub>BOOT</sub> helps enhance EMI performance and reduce voltage stress at high input voltages, but it also generates additional power consumption and reduces efficiency. When R<sub>BOOT</sub> is necessary, it should be below 4Ω.

The voltage between BOOT and SW (V<sub>BOOT-SW</sub>) is regulated to about 5V by the dedicated internal bootstrap regulator. When V<sub>BOOT-SW</sub> is below this value, an N-channel MOSFET pass transistor connected from VCC to BOOT turns on to charge the bootstrap capacitor (C<sub>BOOT</sub>). The external circuit should provide enough voltage headroom to facilitate the charging. When the HS-FET is on, the BOOT voltage exceeds V<sub>CC</sub>, so the bootstrap capacitor cannot be charged.

Under conditions with higher duty cycles, the time available for bootstrap charging is shorter, so the bootstrap capacitor may not be charged sufficiently. In this case, the external circuit has insufficient voltage and time to charge the bootstrap capacitor. External circuitry can be used to ensure that the bootstrap voltage remains in the normal operation region.

If the bootstrap voltage reaches its under-voltage lockout (UVLO) threshold, the HS-FET turns off, and the LS-FET turns on with a minimum off time to refresh the bootstrap voltage with the set  $f_{SW}$ .

### Setting the Switching Frequency (FREQ)

A resistor (R<sub>3</sub>) can set the switching frequency (see Table 2 on page 32 and the  $f_{SW}$  vs. R<sub>FREQ</sub> curves on page 16).

The MPQ4323C switching frequency can be configured by an external resistor (R<sub>FREQ</sub>) connected from the FREQ pin to ground. The frequency resistor should be located between the FREQ pin and GND, placed as close as possible to the device. Table 2 on page 32 shows the relationship between the switching frequency and R<sub>FREQ</sub>.

**Table 2:  $f_{SW}$  vs.  $R_{FREQ}$** 

$R_{FREQ}$ (k $\Omega$ )	$f_{SW}$ (kHz)	$R_{FREQ}$ (k $\Omega$ )	$f_{SW}$ (kHz)
100	355	30.1	1150
93.1	385	26.1	1300
86.6	415	22.6	1450
80.6	450	20.5	1600
75	480	19.6	1750
68.1	520	17.8	1900
59	600	16.2	2050
51.1	700	15	2200
40.2	850	14.3	2350
34.8	1000	13.3	2500

It is not possible to have both a high switching frequency and input voltage due to the HS-FET's limited minimum on time. The MPQ4323C control loop automatically sets the maximum possible  $f_{SW}$  to the set frequency, which also reduces excessive power loss.  $V_{OUT}$  is regulated by varying the duration of the HS-FET's switch-off time, which automatically reduces  $f_{SW}$ .

The device is guaranteed to comply with the HS-FET's minimum on time. An advantage of this method is that the device works at the target  $f_{SW}$  for as long as possible, and  $f_{SW}$  only changes when the device operates at high input voltages. For more details, see the  $f_{SW}$  vs.  $V_{IN}$  curve on page 16. In this scenario,  $R_{FREQ} = 15k\Omega$ , and  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ .

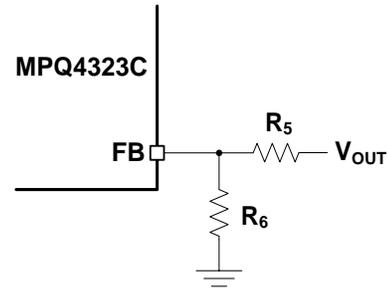
### The Internal VCC (VCC)

The VCC capacitor (C3) is recommended to be 1 $\mu$ F.

Most of the internal circuitry is powered by the internal 5V VCC regulator. This regulator uses  $V_{IN}$  as its input and operates across the full  $V_{IN}$  range. When  $V_{IN}$  exceeds 5V,  $V_{CC}$  is in full regulation. When  $V_{IN}$  drops below 5V, the VCC output degrades.

### Feedback (FB)

The feedback voltage is typically 0.8V, and its output can be adjusted. The external resistor divider connected to FB sets the output voltage (see Figure 7).


**Figure 7: Feedback Divider Network (Adjustable Output Version)**

Calculate  $R_6$  with Equation (4):

$$R_6 = \frac{R_5}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.8V} - 1} \quad (4)$$

For a fixed output, the FB resistor divider is integrated internally. This means that FB should be directly connected to the output to set the output voltage. The following fixed outputs can be selected: 1V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 3.0V, 3.3V, 3.8V, and 5V (see Figure 8).

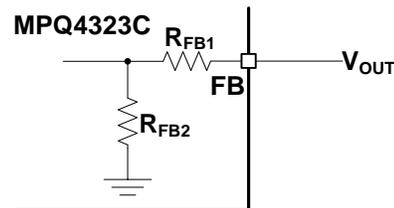

**Figure 8: Feedback Divider Network of Fixed Output Version**

Table 3 shows the relationship between the internal  $R_{FB}$  and  $V_{OUT}$ .

**Table 3:  $R_{FB}$  vs.  $V_{OUT}$** 

$V_{OUT}$ (V)	$R_{FB1}$ (k $\Omega$ )	$R_{FB2}$ (k $\Omega$ )
1	64	256
1.8	320	256
2.5	544	256
3	704	256
3.3	800	256
3.8	960	256
5	1344	256

### Power Good (PG) Indication

The PG resistor (R7) should have a resistance of about 100kΩ.

The MPQ4323C includes an open-drain power good output that indicates whether the regulator output is within its nominal value window.

If using the PG pin, connect it to a logic high power source (e.g. 3.3V) via a pull-up resistor. PG goes high if the output voltage is within 94.5% to 105.5% of the nominal voltage; PG goes low if the output voltage is above 107% or below 93% of the nominal voltage. Float PG if it is not used.

### Enable Control (EN) and Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

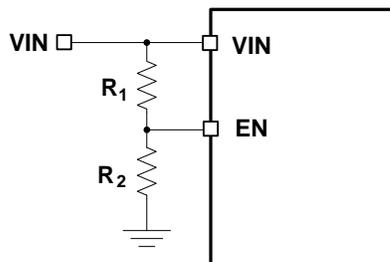
EN is a digital control pin that turns the regulator on and off.

#### Enabled by External Logic High/Low Signal

When the EN voltage reaches 0.7V, BG does not turn on until  $V_{IN}$  exceeds 2.7V. BG then provides an accurate reference voltage for the EN threshold. Forcing EN above its rising threshold (about 1.02V) turns the device on. Turn the device off by driving EN below 0.85V. There is no internal pull-up or pull-down resistor connected to the EN pin, so do not float EN. An external pull-up or pull-down resistor is required if the control signal cannot give an accurate high or low logic.

#### Configurable $V_{IN}$ Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

The MPQ4323C has an internal, fixed under-voltage lockout (UVLO) threshold. The rising threshold is 3.65V, while the falling threshold is about 2.9V. For applications that require a higher UVLO point, an external resistor divider can be placed between  $V_{IN}$  and EN to achieve a higher equivalent UVLO threshold (see Figure 9).



**Figure 9: Adjustable UVLO Using EN Divider**

The UVLO rising and falling thresholds can be calculated with Equation (5) and Equation (6), respectively:

$$INUV_{RISING} = \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \times V_{EN\_RISING} \quad (5)$$

$$INUV_{FALLING} = \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \times V_{EN\_FALLING} \quad (6)$$

Where  $V_{EN\_RISING}$  is 1.02V, and  $V_{EN\_FALLING}$  is 0.85V.

If EN is not used to control when the device turns on and off, connect EN to a high-voltage source (e.g.  $V_{IN}$ ) to turn the device on by default.

### Selecting the Inductor and Output Capacitors (SW)

The inductor ( $L_1$ ) value can be estimated with Equation (7):

$$L_1 = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f_{SW} \times \Delta I_L} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (7)$$

Where  $\Delta I_L$  is the peak-to-peak inductor ripple current.

A 1μH to 10μH inductor with a DC current rating at least 25% higher than the maximum load current is recommended for most applications. For higher efficiency, choose an inductor with a lower DC resistance. A larger-value inductor results in less ripple current and a lower output ripple voltage, but also has a larger physical size, higher series resistance, and lower saturation current. A good rule to determine the inductor value is to allow the inductor ripple current to be approximately 30% of the maximum load current.

The peak inductor current ( $I_{LP}$ ) can be estimated with Equation (8):

$$I_{LP} = I_{LOAD} + \frac{V_{OUT}}{2 \times f_{SW} \times L} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (8)$$

Choose an inductor that does not saturate under the peak inductor current.

The output voltage ripple can be calculated with Equation (9):

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f_{SW} \times L} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \times \left(R_{ESR} + \frac{1}{8 \times f_{SW} \times C_{OUT}}\right) \quad (9)$$

Where  $L$  is the inductor value, and  $R_{ESR}$  is the output capacitor's equivalent series resistance (ESR).

The output capacitor ( $C_{OUT}$ ) maintains the DC output voltage. Use ceramic, tantalum, or low-ESR electrolytic capacitors. For the best results, use low-ESR capacitors to keep the output voltage ripple low.

For ceramic capacitors, the capacitance dominates the impedance at the switching frequency and causes the majority of the output voltage ripple. For simplification, the output voltage ripple can be calculated with Equation (10):

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{8 \times f_{SW}^2 \times L \times C_{OUT}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (10)$$

For tantalum or electrolytic capacitors, the ESR dominates the impedance at the switching frequency. For simplification, the output voltage ripple can be estimated with Equation (11):

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f_{SW} \times L} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \times R_{ESR} \quad (11)$$

When selecting an output capacitor, consider the allowable overshoot in  $V_{OUT}$  if the load is suddenly removed. In this scenario, energy stored in the inductor is transferred to  $C_{OUT}$ , causing its voltage to rise. To achieve an optimal overshoot relative to the regulated voltage, the output capacitance can be estimated with Equation (12):

$$C_{OUT} = \frac{I_{OUT}^2 \times L}{V_{OUT}^2 \times \left(\left(\frac{V_{OUTMAX}}{V_{OUT}}\right)^2 - 1\right)} \quad (12)$$

Where  $V_{OUTMAX}/V_{OUT}$  is the allowable maximum overshoot. After calculating the capacitance that meets both the ripple and overshoot requirements, choose the larger capacitance value.

The characteristics of the output capacitor also affect the stability of the regulation system. The MPQ4323C can be optimized for a wide range of capacitance and ESR values.

#### **GND Connection (GND and PGND)**

See the PCB Layout Guidelines on page 35 for more details.

**PCB Layout Guidelines** <sup>(14)</sup>

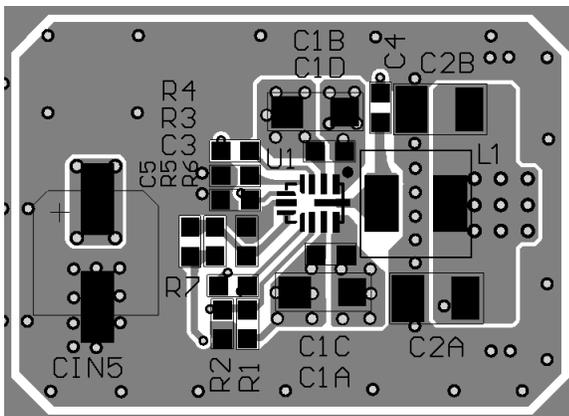
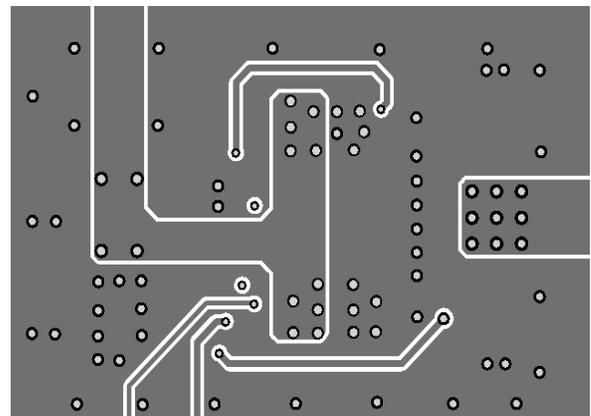
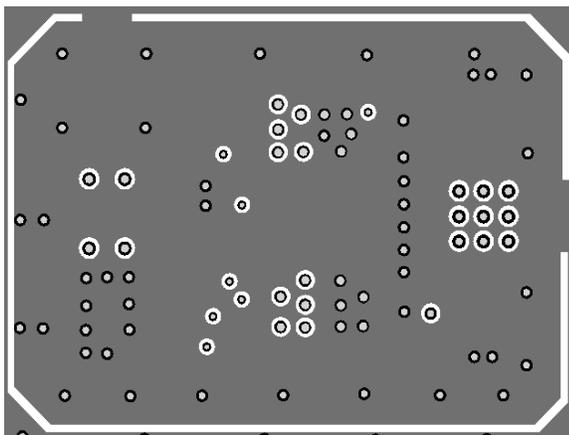
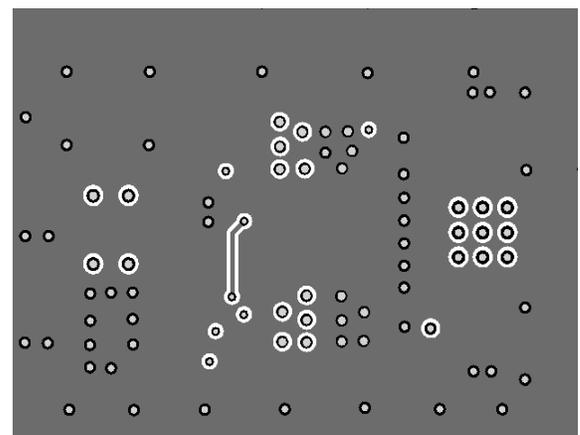
An efficient PCB layout, especially for input capacitor placement, is critical for stable operation. A 4-layer layout is strongly recommended to improve thermal performance. For the best results, refer to Figure 10 and follow the guidelines below:

1. Place the symmetric input capacitors as close to VIN and GND as possible.
2. Use a large ground plane to connect directly to PGND.
3. Add vias near PGND if the bottom layer is a ground plane.
4. Ensure that the high-current paths at GND and VIN have short, direct and wide traces.
5. Place the ceramic input capacitor, especially the small package size (0603) input bypass capacitor, as close to VIN and PGND as possible to minimize high-frequency noise.

6. Keep the connection between the input capacitor and VIN as short and wide as possible.
7. Place the VCC capacitor as close to VCC and AGND as possible.
8. Route SW and BOOT away from sensitive analog areas, such as FB.
9. Place the feedback resistors close to the chip to ensure the trace that connects to FB is as short as possible.
10. Use multiple vias to connect the power planes to the internal layers.

**Note:**

14) The recommended PCB layout is based on Figure 6 on page 30.


**Top Silk and Top Layer**

**Mid-Layer 2**

**Mid-Layer 1**

**Bottom Layer and Bottom Silk**
**Figure 10: Recommended PCB Layout**

## TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUITS

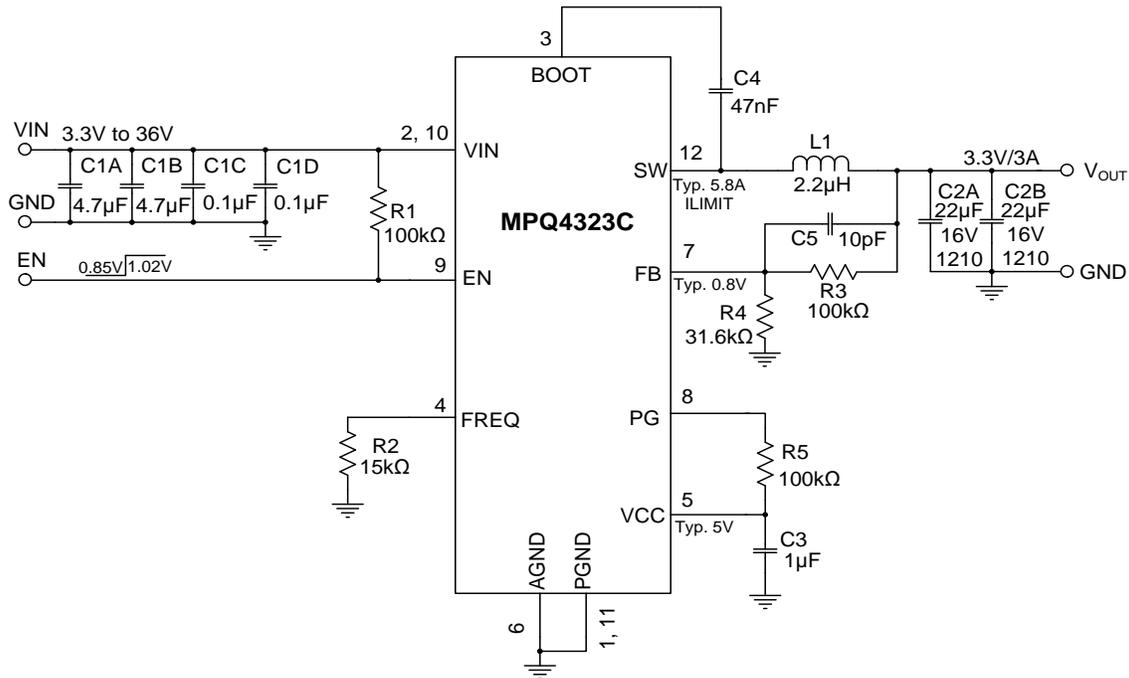


Figure 11: Typical Application Circuit ( $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $f_{sw} = 2.2MHz$ ) with the QFN-12 Package

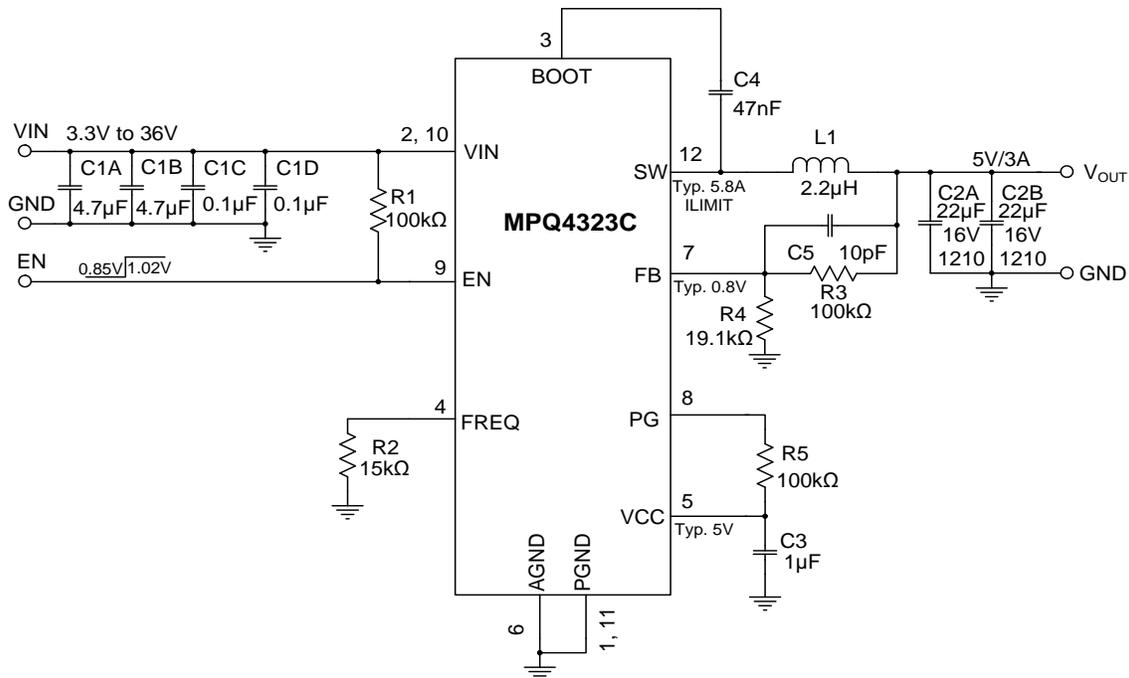
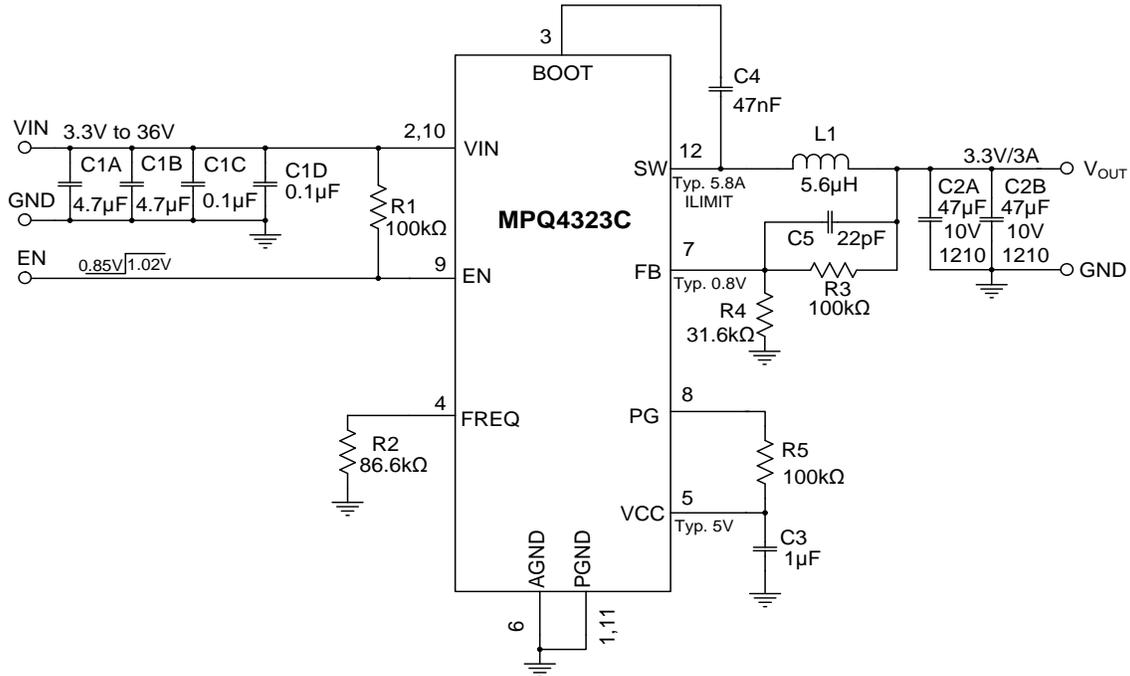
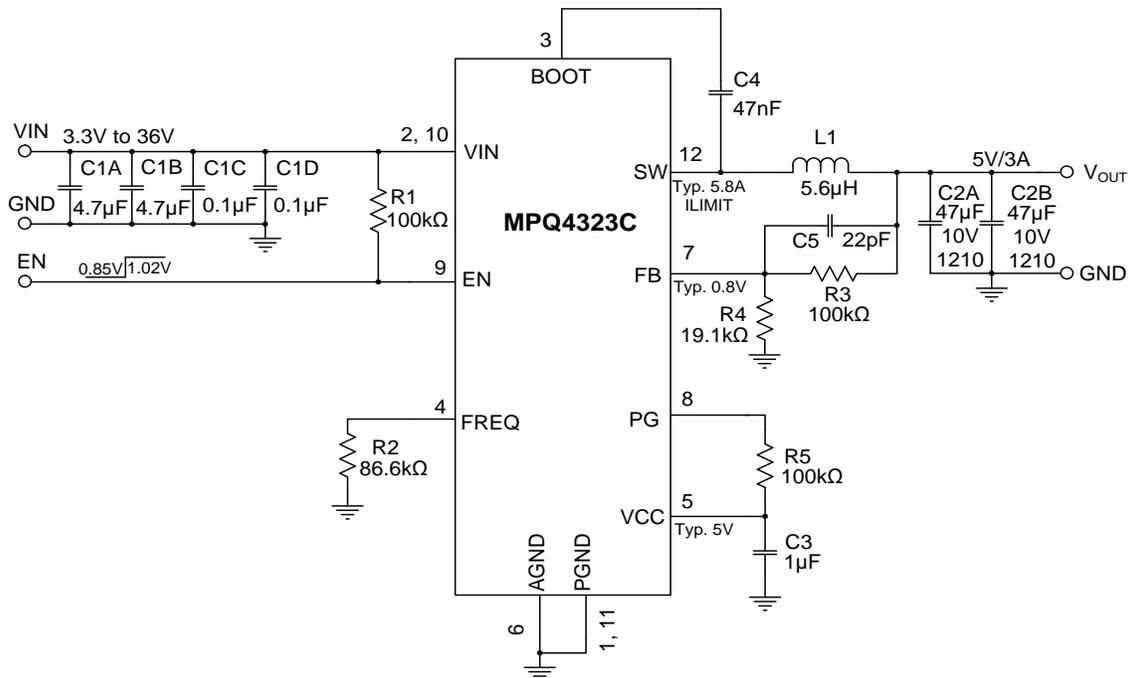
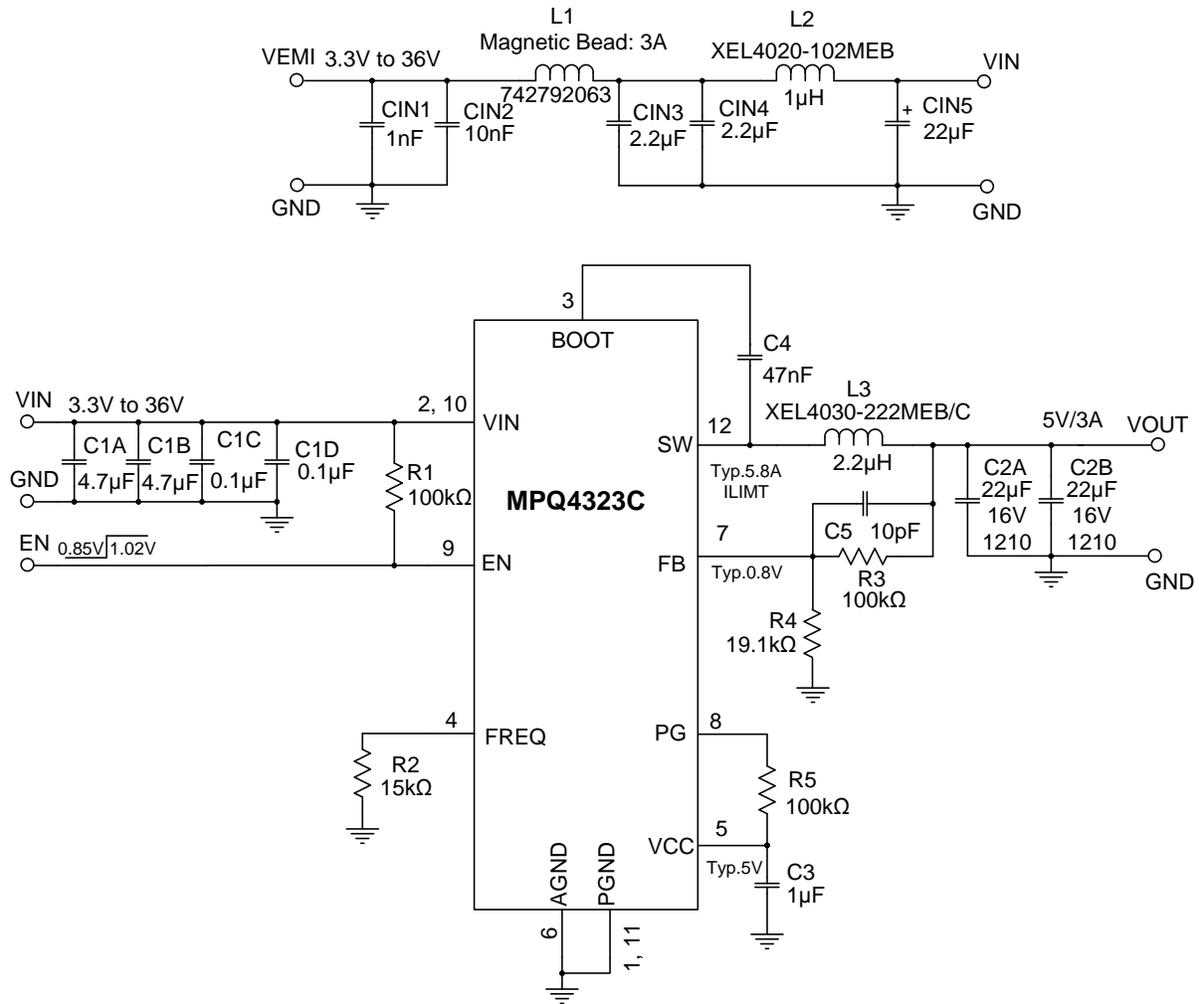


Figure 12: Typical Application Circuit ( $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{sw} = 2.2MHz$ ) with the QFN-12 Package

## TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUITS (continued)


 Figure 13: Typical Application Circuit ( $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $f_{sw} = 415kHz$ ) with the QFN-12 Package

 Figure 14: Typical Application Circuit ( $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{sw} = 415kHz$ ) with the QFN-12 Package

**TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUITS (continued)**


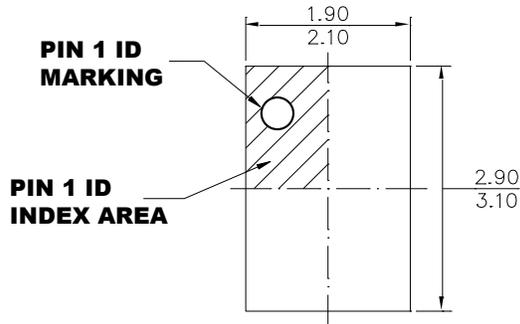
**Figure 15: Typical Application Circuit ( $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $f_{sw} = 2.2MHz$  with EMI Filters) with the QFN-12 (2mmx3mm) Package**



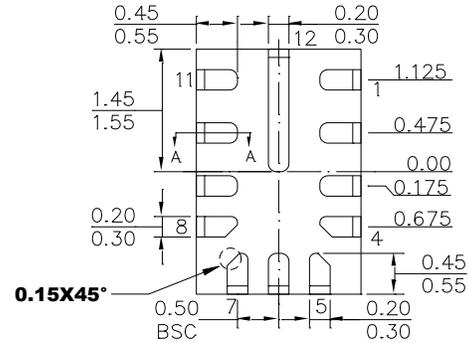
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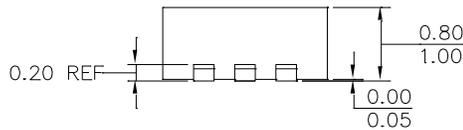
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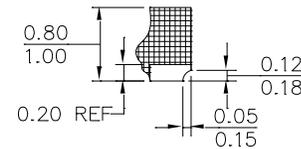
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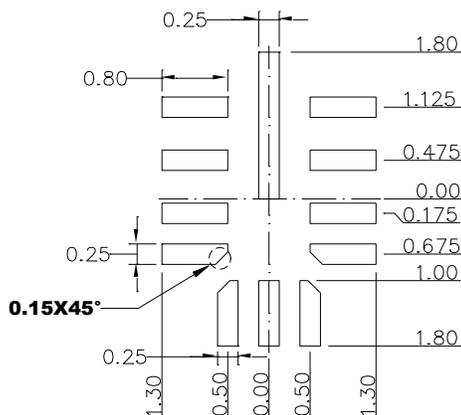
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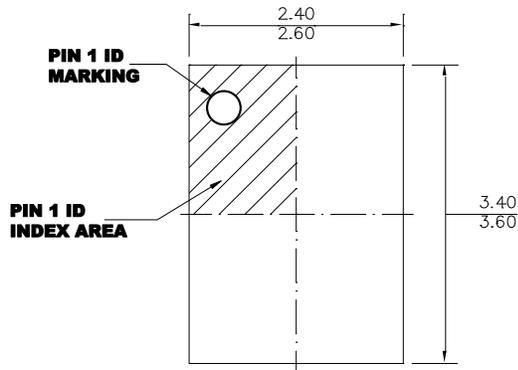
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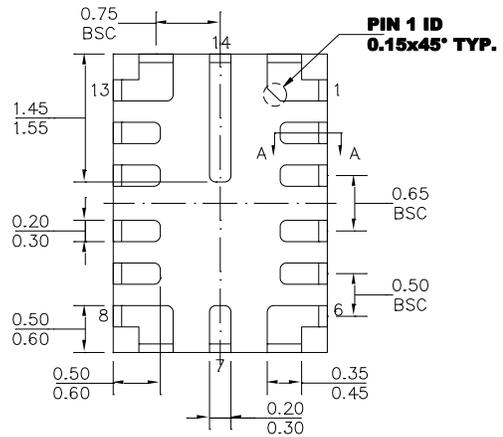
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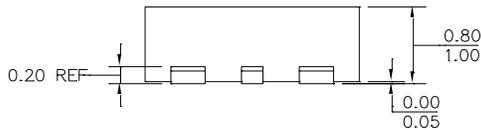
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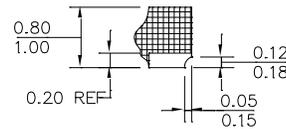
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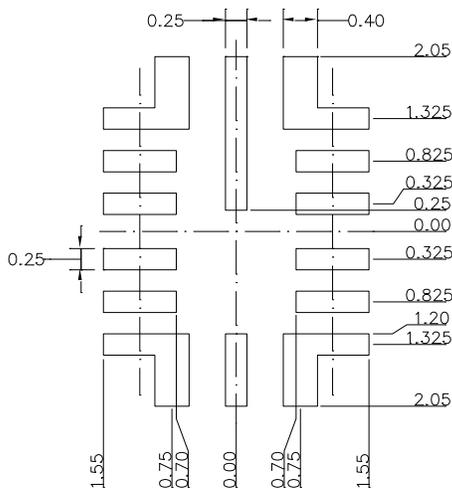
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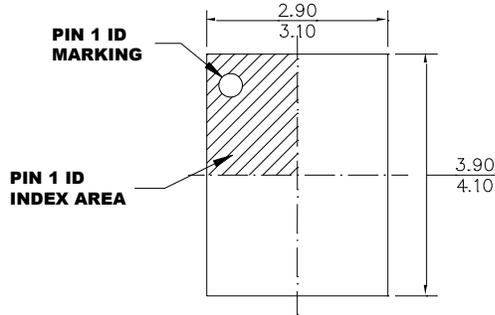
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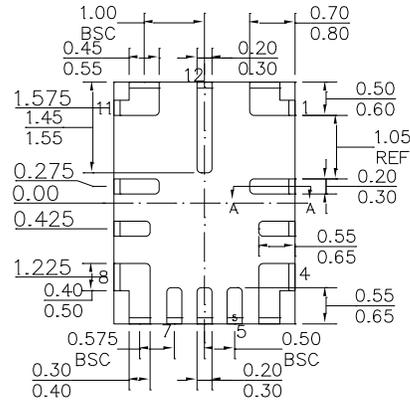
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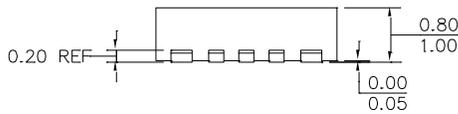
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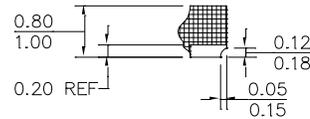
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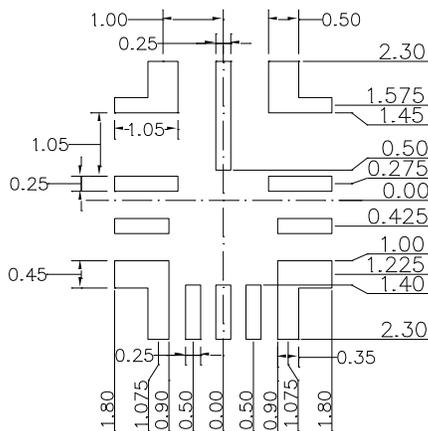
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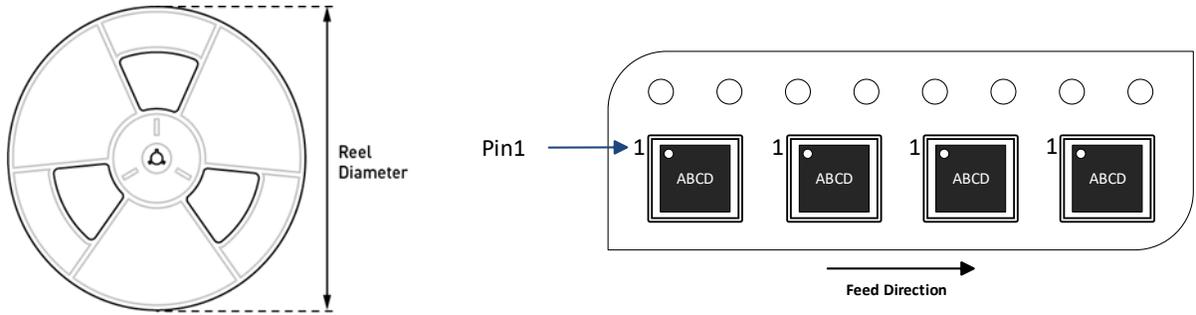


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### CARRIER INFORMATION



Part Number	Package Description	Quantity/ Reel	Quantity/ Tube	Quantity/ Tray	Reel Diameter	Carrier Tape Width	Carrier Tape Pitch
MPQ4323CGDE-AEC1-Z	QFN-12 (2mmx3mm)	5000	N/A	N/A	13in	12mm	8mm
MPQ4323CGRHE-AEC1-Z	QFN-14 (2.5mmx3.5mm)	5000	N/A	N/A	13in	12mm	8mm
MPQ4323CGLE-AEC1-Z	QFN-12 (3mmx4mm)	5000	N/A	N/A	13in	12mm	8mm

## REVISION HISTORY

Revision #	Revision Date	Description	Pages Updated
1.0	1/27/2022	Initial Release	-
1.1	5/15/2023	Removed “(Absolute maximum)” in Features section; added QFN-12 (3mmx4mm) package	1
		Removed the MPQ4323CGRHE-5-AEC1 and MPQ4323CGRHE-33-AEC1 SKUs from Ordering Information and Top Marking sections; added new MPQ4323CGLE-AEC1 SKU to Ordering Information and Top Marking sections; added QFN-12 (3mmx4mm) package	3–4
		Updated the minimum start-up $V_{IN}$ from “3.8V” to “3.9V”, making it the same as the UVLO rising max value; added detail description about $\theta_{JC}$ in note 7, note 8, note 9, and note 10; minor formatting updates; added QFN-12 (3mmx4mm) package and its thermal information	6
		Updated note numbers	6–35
		Updated “PG rising/falling delay” to “PG rising/falling deglitch time”	8
		Added two Case Thermal Rise curves for QFN-12 (3mmx4mm) package	15
		Updated figure number and page number references for note 12 and note 13	18, 20
		Updated C4 from “100nF” to “47nF” and updated titles for Figure 6, Figure 11, Figure 12, Figure 13, Figure 14, Figure 15, Figure 16, Figure 17, Figure 18, Figure 19, and Figure 20	30, 36–41
		Updated recommended $C_{BOOT}$ to “22nF to 100nF”; updated “P-channel MOSFET” to “N-channel MOSFET”	31
		Updated page number references in Setting the Switching Frequency (FREQ) section	31–32
		Minor formatting updates	35
		Removed typical application circuits for fixed-output version (previously Figure 13, Figure 14, Figure 17, and Figure 18)	37–41
		Added QFN-12 (3mmx4mm) package and POD	44
		Removed the MPQ4323CGRHE-5-AEC1 and MPQ4323CGRHE-33-AEC1 SKUs from Carrier Information section; added new MPQ4323CGLE-AEC1 SKU to Carrier Information section	45
1.2	7/10/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed the recommended operating condition <math>V_{OUT}</math> max to 6V</li> <li>Add note 7: “Higher voltages are possible. Contact MPS for application recommendations.”</li> </ul>	6
		Updated note numbers	6–8, 17–20, 35

1.3	9/16/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed note 7</li> <li>Updated Recommended Operating Conditions section: updated <math>V_{OUT\ max}</math> to “0.95 x <math>V_{IN}</math>”</li> </ul>	6
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the typical value of LS reverse current limit to 1.8A in the Electrical Characteristics table and the Reverse Current Limit section</li> </ul>	8, 29
		Updated note numbers	6–8, 17–20, 35

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