

## DESCRIPTION

The MP3424 is a high-efficiency, synchronous, current-mode, step-up converter with output disconnect. The MP3424 targets various load capability boosts from a battery input with an accurate load current limit.

The MP3424 starts up from an input voltage as low as 2V while providing inrush current limiting, output short-circuit protection (SCP), and programmable load current limit. The integrated P-channel synchronous rectifier improves efficiency and eliminates the need for an external Schottky diode. The P-channel MOSFET disconnects the output from the input during shutdown.

The 580kHz switching frequency allows for small external components, while internal compensation and soft-start minimize the external component count. The MP3424 provides flexible current limit programming for up to 5V/3.1A load from a supply voltage down to 2.8V.

The MP3424 is available in a QFN-14 (2mmx2mm) package.

## FEATURES

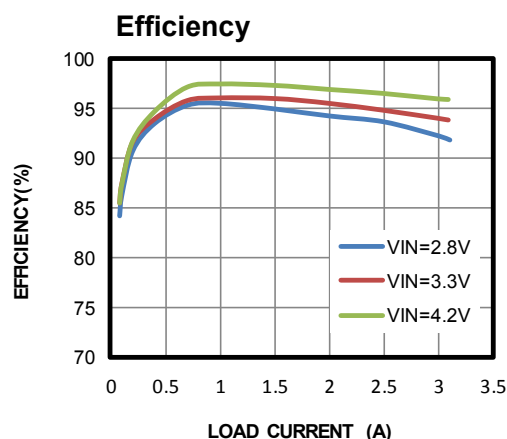
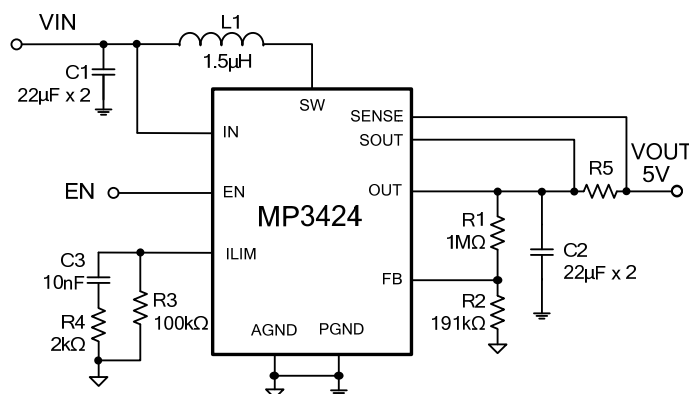
- 2V to 5.5V Input Work Range
- 3V to 5.5V Output Range
- Supports 5V/3.1A Output from 2.8V Input
- Programmable up to 9.5A Switching Current Limit
- Programmable Average Load Current Limit
- 580kHz Fixed Frequency Switching
- Up to 97% Efficiency
- Internal Soft Start and Compensation
- True Output Load Disconnect from Input
- Over-Current Protection (OCP), Short-Circuit Protection (SCP), and Over-Temperature Protection (OTP)
- Available in a QFN-14 (2mmx2mm) Package

## APPLICATIONS

- Battery-Powered Products
- Power Bank, Juice Packs, Battery Back-Up Units
- Electronic Cigarettes
- USB Power Supplies
- Consumer Electronic Accessories

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION



## ORDERING INFORMATION

| Part Number* | Package          | Top Marking |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| MP3424GG     | QFN-14 (2mmx2mm) | See Below   |

\* For Tape & Reel, add suffix -Z (e.g. MP3424GG-Z)

## TOP MARKING

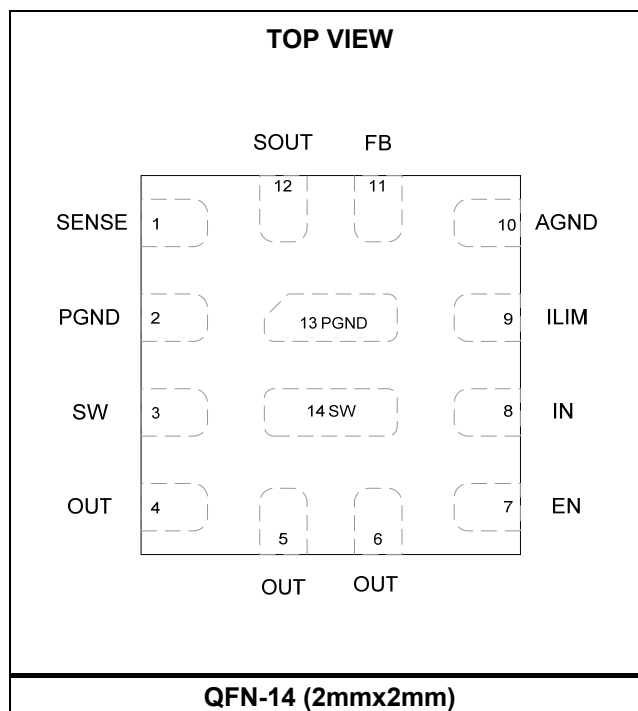
**DTY**  
**LLL**

DT: Product code of MP3424GG

Y: Year code

LLL: Lot number

## PACKAGE REFERENCE



## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS <sup>(1)</sup>

SW pin.....-0.3V to +6.5V (10V for <5ns)  
 All other pins ..... -0.3V to +6.5V  
 Continuous power dissipation ( $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) <sup>(2)</sup>  
 ..... 2.55W <sup>(4)</sup>  
 Junction temperature .....  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Lead temperature.....  $260^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Storage temperature.....  $-65^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$

## Recommended Operating Conditions <sup>(3)</sup>

Supply voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) ..... 2V to 5.5V  
 $V_{OUT}$  ..... 3V to 5.5V  
 Operating junction temp. ( $T_J$ )....  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$

| <i>Thermal Resistance</i>   | $\theta_{JA}$ | $\theta_{JC}$               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| QFN-14 (2mmx2mm)            |               |                             |
| EV3424-G-00A <sup>(4)</sup> | 49            | 14 ... $^{\circ}\text{C/W}$ |
| JESD51-7 <sup>(5)</sup>     | 80            | 16 ... $^{\circ}\text{C/W}$ |

### NOTES:

- 1) Exceeding these ratings may damage the device.
- 2) 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 will cause excessive die temperature, and the regulator will go into thermal shutdown. Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage.
- 3) The device is not guaranteed to function outside of its operating conditions.
- 4) Measured on EV3424-G-00A, 2-layer 64mmx64mm PCB.
- 5) Measured on JESD51-7, 4-layer PCB.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_{IN} = V_{EN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $T_J = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $125^{\circ}C$  <sup>(6)</sup>, typical value is tested at  $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted.

| Parameters                                 | Symbol           | Condition                                                                                    | Min  | Typ  | Max  | Units       |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------------|
| <b>Voltage Range</b>                       |                  |                                                                                              |      |      |      |             |
| Quiescent current                          | $I_Q$            | $V_{EN} = V_{IN} = 3.3V$ , $V_{OUT} = 5V$ , $V_{FB} = 0.85V$ , no switching, measured on OUT |      | 320  |      | $\mu A$     |
|                                            |                  | $V_{EN} = V_{IN} = 3.3V$ , $V_{OUT} = 5V$ , $V_{FB} = 0.85V$ , no switching, measured on IN  |      | 13.5 |      | $\mu A$     |
| Shutdown current                           | $I_{SD}$         | $V_{EN} = V_{OUT} = 0V$ , measured on IN, $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$                                |      | 0.1  | 1    | $\mu A$     |
| IN UVLO rising threshold                   | $V_{UVLO-IN-R}$  | $V_{IN}$ rising, $V_{OUT} = 0V$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$                                        |      | 1.2  | 1.45 | V           |
| IN UVLO falling threshold                  | $V_{UVLO-IN-F}$  | $V_{IN}$ falling, $V_{OUT} = 5V$                                                             |      | 0.61 |      | V           |
| $V_{OUT}$ start switching rising threshold | $V_{UVLO-OUT-R}$ |                                                                                              |      | 1.7  | 1.95 | V           |
| <b>Step-Up Converter</b>                   |                  |                                                                                              |      |      |      |             |
| Operation frequency                        | $F_{SW}$         | $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$                                                                          | 500  | 580  | 660  | kHz         |
|                                            |                  | $-40^{\circ}C \leq T_J \leq 125^{\circ}C$                                                    | 460  | 580  | 700  |             |
| Feedback voltage reference                 | $V_{FB}$         | $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$                                                                          | 794  | 805  | 816  | mV          |
|                                            |                  | $-40^{\circ}C \leq T_J \leq 125^{\circ}C$                                                    | 790  | 805  | 820  | mV          |
| Feedback input current                     | $I_{FB}$         | $V_{FB} = 850mV$                                                                             |      | 1    | 50   | nA          |
| N-FET on resistance                        | $R_{NDS-ON}$     |                                                                                              |      | 11   |      | m $\Omega$  |
| N-FET leakage current                      | $I_{N-LK}$       | $V_{SW} = 5V$                                                                                |      | 0.1  |      | $\mu A$     |
| P-FET on resistance                        | $R_{PDS-ON}$     |                                                                                              |      | 17   |      | m $\Omega$  |
| P-FET leakage current                      | $I_{P-LK}$       | $V_{SW} = 5V$ , $V_{OUT} = 0V$                                                               |      | 0.1  |      | $\mu A$     |
| Maximum duty cycle                         | $D_{MAX}$        |                                                                                              | 90   | 95   |      | %           |
| Linear charge current limit                | $I_{CH-LIMIT}$   | $V_{IN} = 2V$ , $V_{OUT} = 0V$                                                               |      | 0.25 |      | A           |
|                                            |                  | $V_{IN} = 2V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$                                                             |      | 1.15 |      | A           |
| N-FET current limit <sup>(7)</sup>         | $I_{SW-LIMIT}$   | $R_{ILIM} = 100k\Omega$ , $V_{IN} = 3V$ , $V_{OUT} = 5V$                                     |      | 9.5  |      | A           |
| OUT average current limit threshold        | $V_{OCL}$        |                                                                                              | 26.5 | 30   | 33.5 | mV          |
| <b>Logic Interface</b>                     |                  |                                                                                              |      |      |      |             |
| EN high-level voltage                      | $V_{EN-H}$       | Rising                                                                                       | 1.2  |      |      | V           |
| EN low-level voltage                       | $V_{EN-L}$       | Falling                                                                                      |      |      | 0.4  | V           |
| EN input current                           | $I_{EN}$         | Connect to $V_{IN}$                                                                          |      | 10   |      | nA          |
| <b>Protection</b>                          |                  |                                                                                              |      |      |      |             |
| Thermal shutdown <sup>(7)</sup>            |                  |                                                                                              |      | 150  |      | $^{\circ}C$ |
| Thermal shutdown hysteresis <sup>(7)</sup> |                  |                                                                                              |      | 20   |      | $^{\circ}C$ |

### NOTES:

6) Guaranteed by over-temperature correlation, not tested in production.

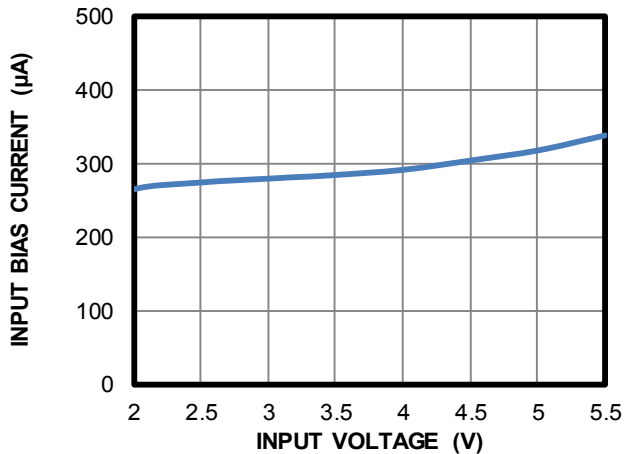
7) Guaranteed by sample characterization, not tested in production.

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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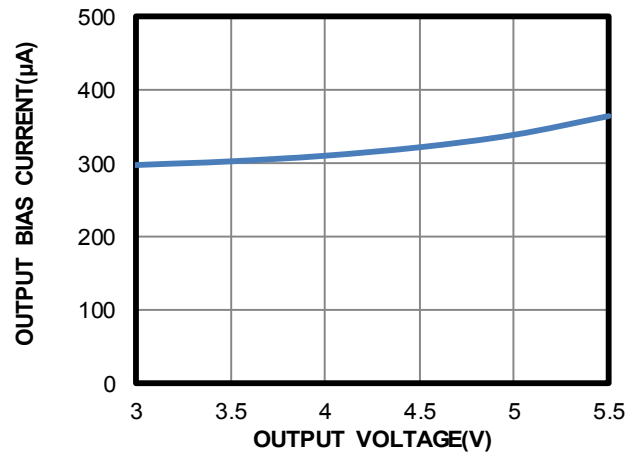
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$V_{IN} > V_{OUT}$



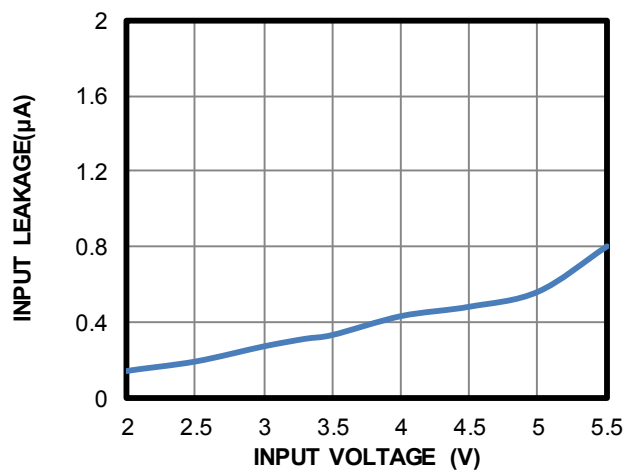
**Quiescent Current vs. Input Voltage**

$V_{OUT} > V_{IN}$

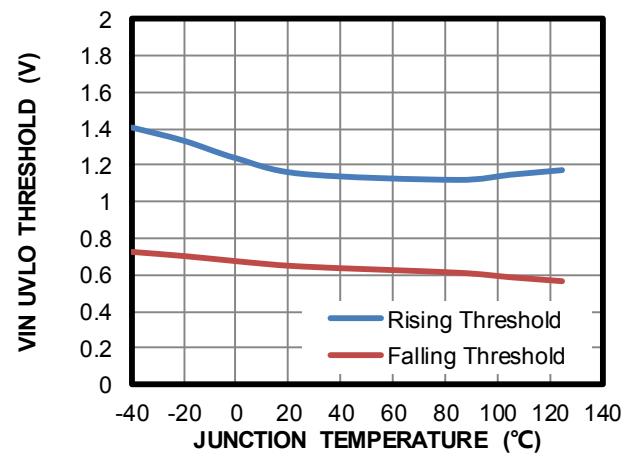


**Shutdown Current vs. Input Voltage**

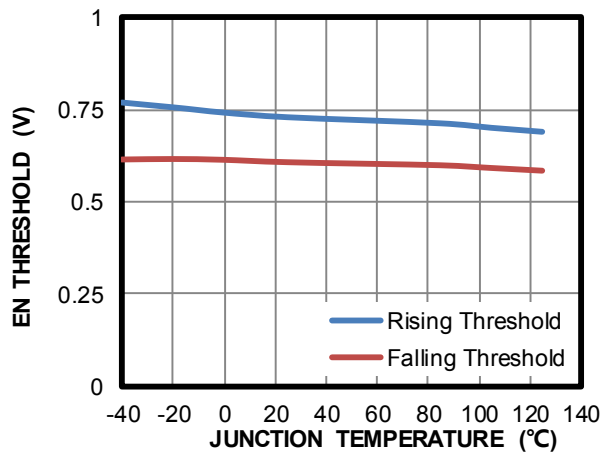
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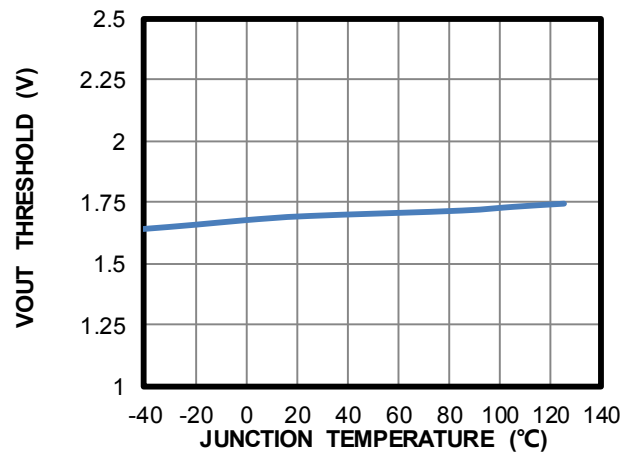
**Input UVLO Threshold vs. Temperature**



**EN Threshold vs. Temperature**



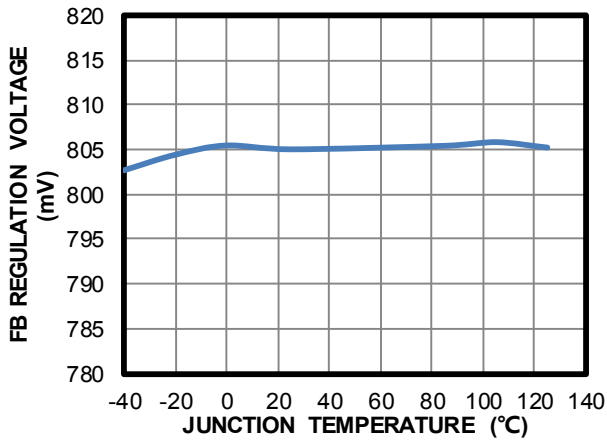
**V<sub>OUT</sub> Rising Threshold for Switching vs. Temperature**



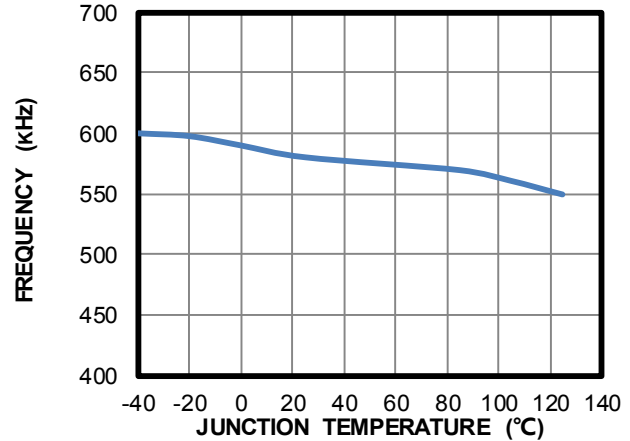
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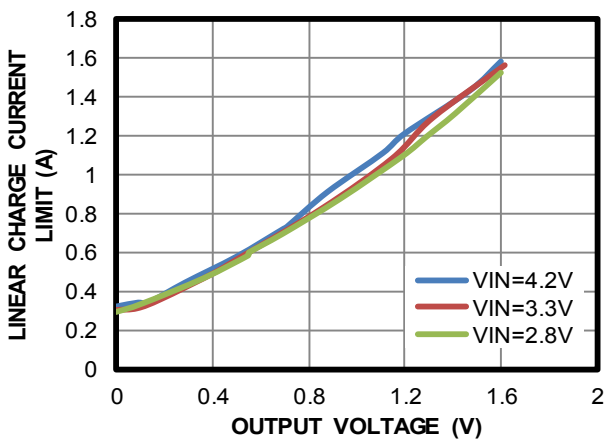
**Feedback Voltage vs. Temperature**



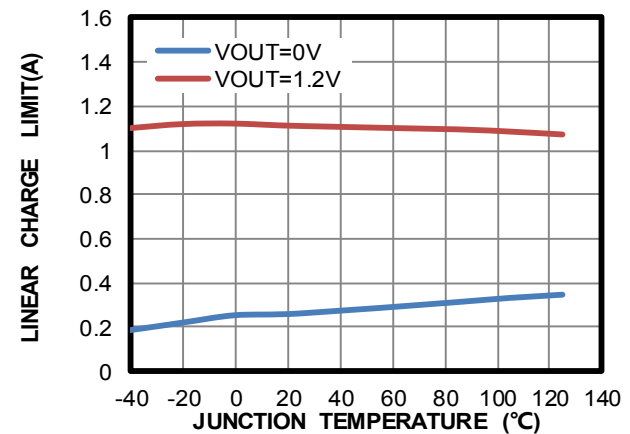
**Frequency vs. Temperature**



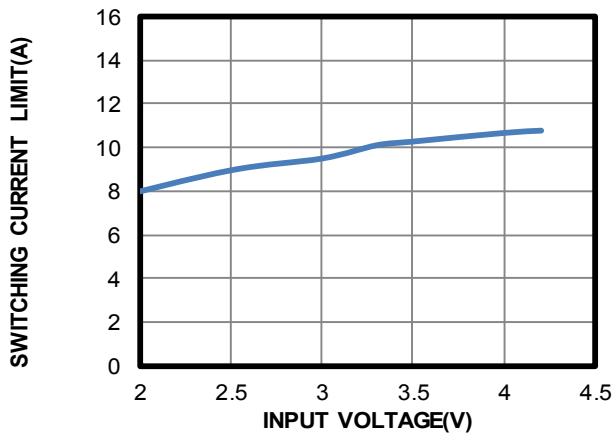
**Linear Charging Current Limit vs. Output Voltage**



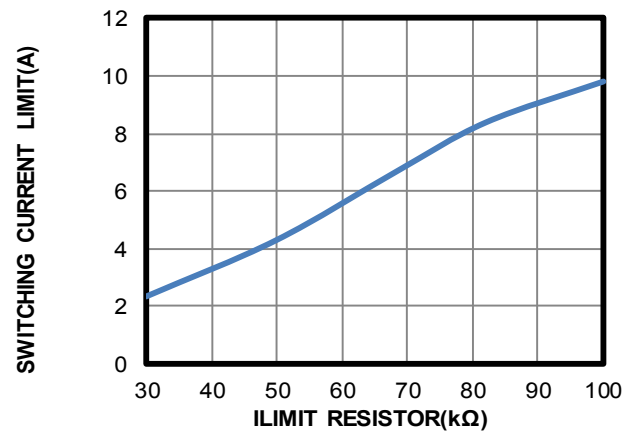
**Linear Charging Current Limit vs. Temperature**  
 $V_{IN} = 2V$



**Switching Current Limit vs. Input Voltage**  
 $R_{LIMIT} = 100k\Omega$



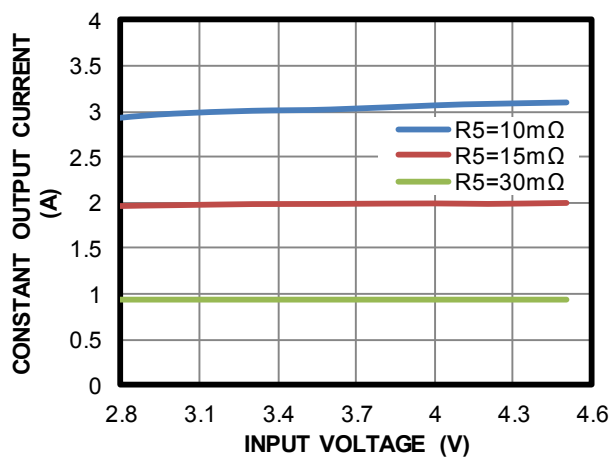
**Switching Current Limit vs.  $I_{LIMIT}$  Resistor**



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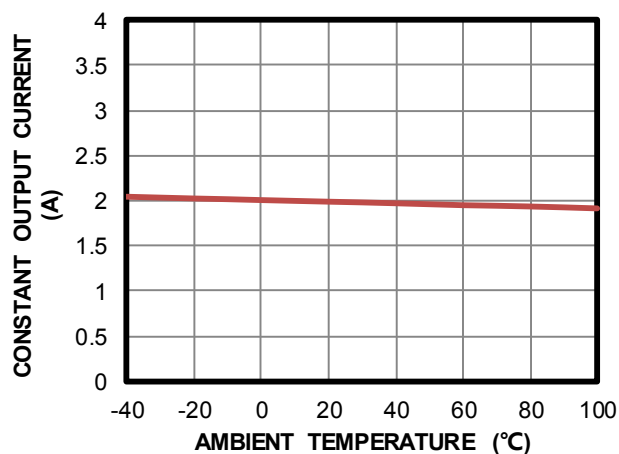
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**Constant Output Current vs. Input Voltage**



**Constant Output Current vs. Ambient Temperature**

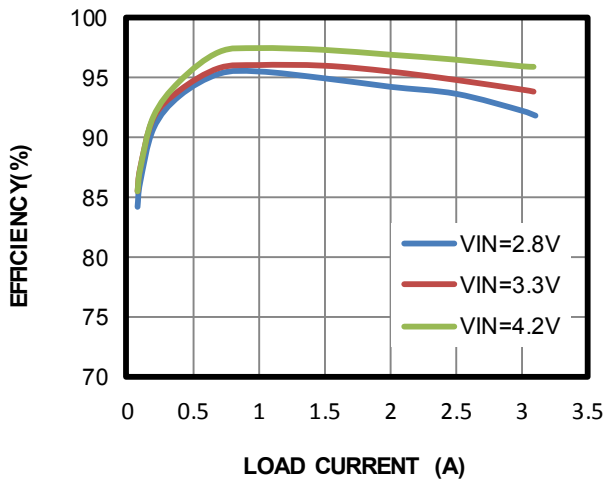
$R5 = 15m\Omega$



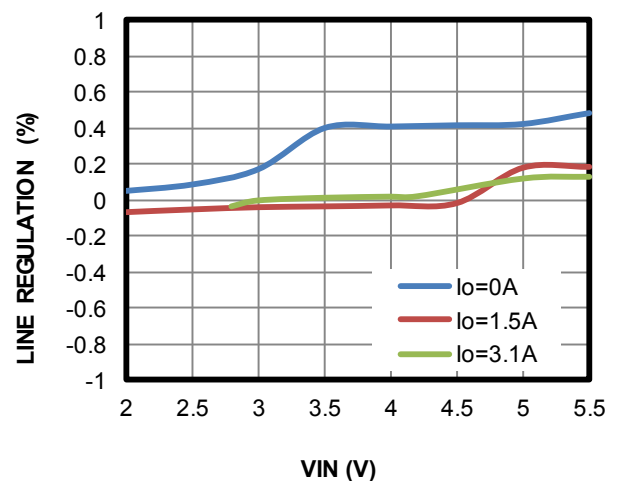
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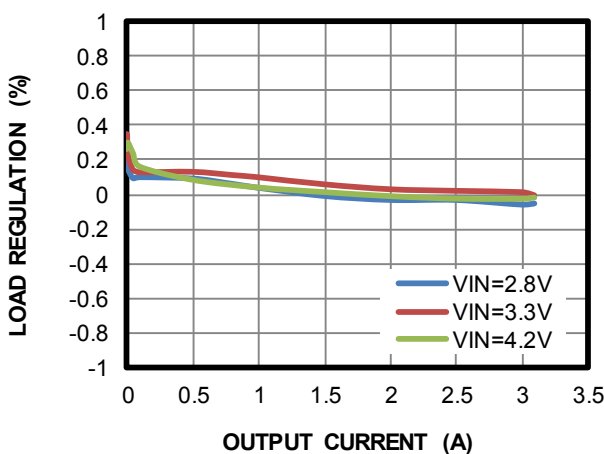
**Efficiency vs. Load Current**



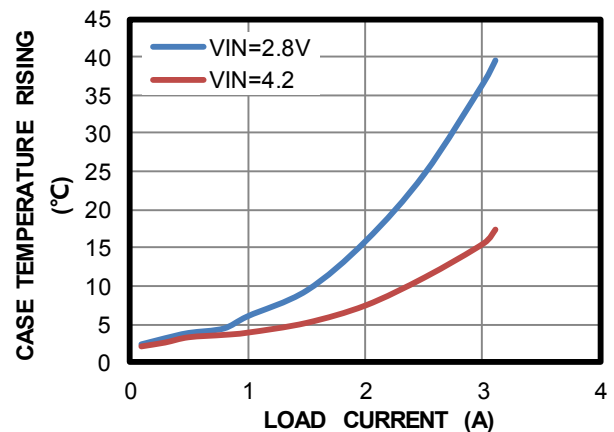
**Line Regulation**



**Load Regulation**



**Case Temperature Rising vs. Load Current**



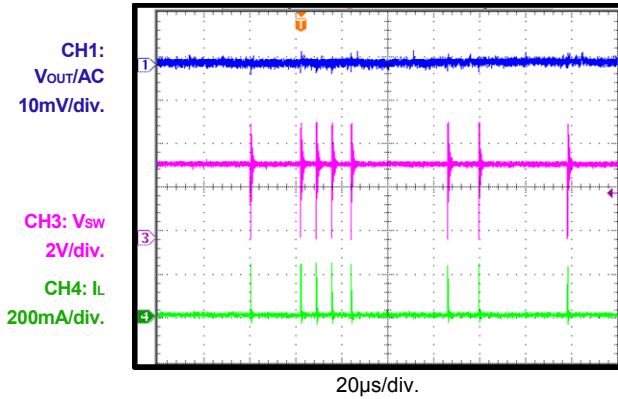


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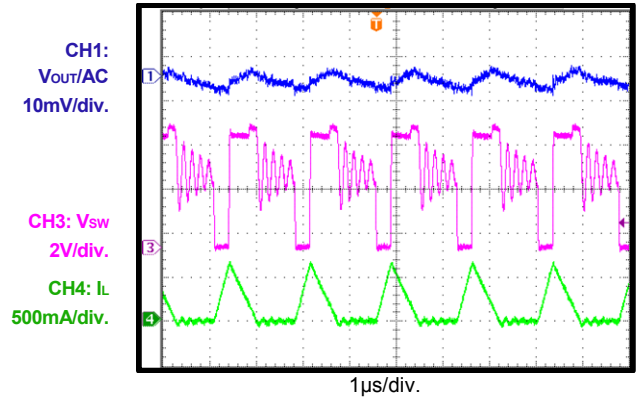
### Output Voltage Ripple

Load = 0A



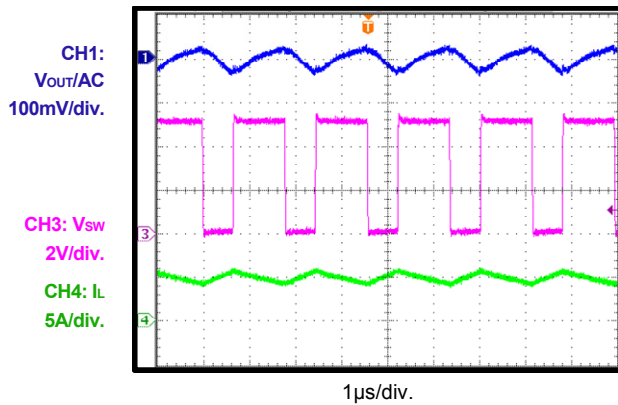
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Load = 0.1A



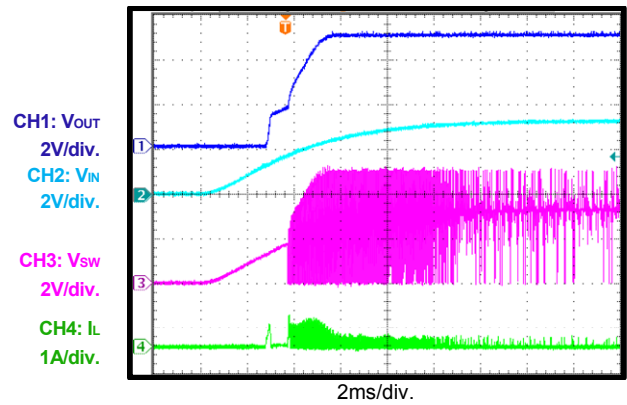
### Output Voltage Ripple

Load = 3.1A



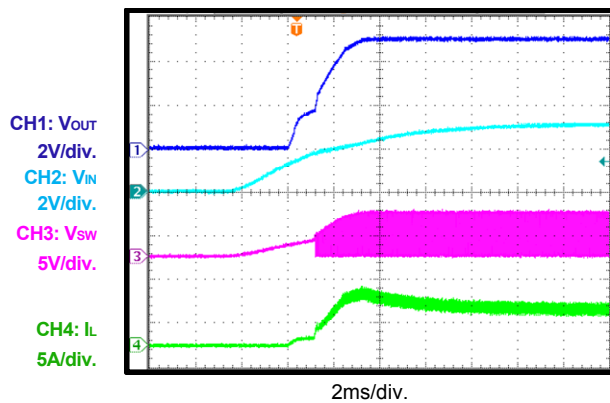
### $V_{IN}$ Start-Up

Load = 0A



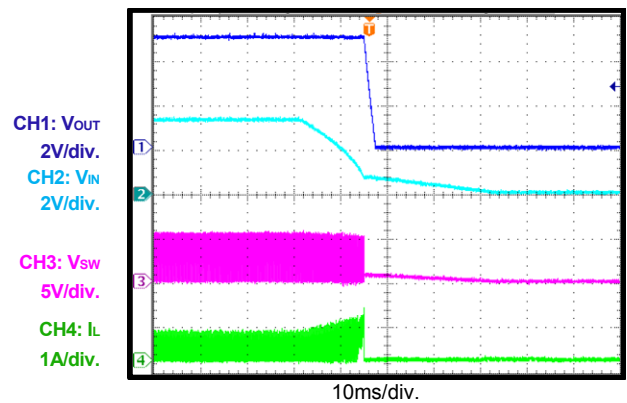
### $V_{IN}$ Start-Up

Load = 2 $\Omega$



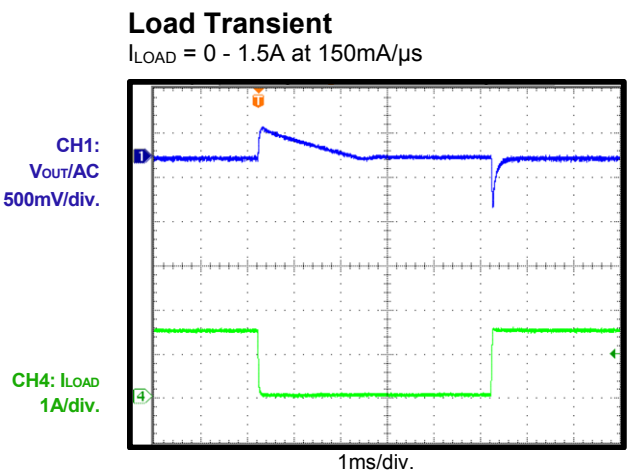
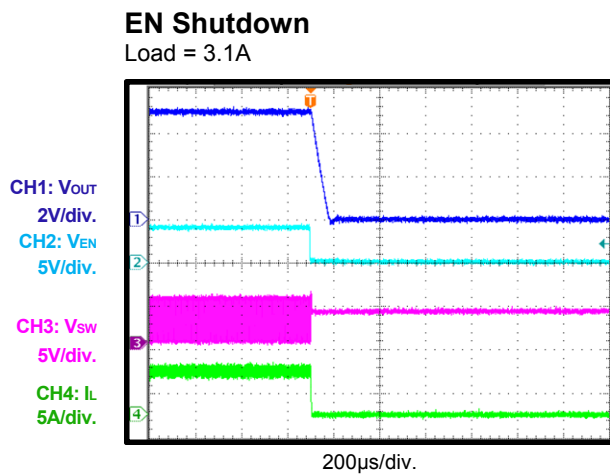
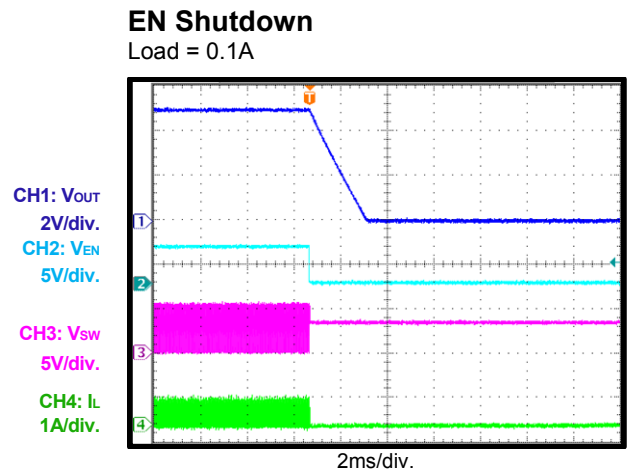
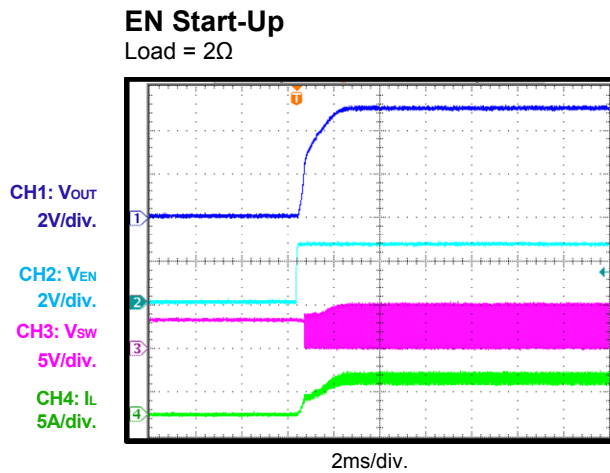
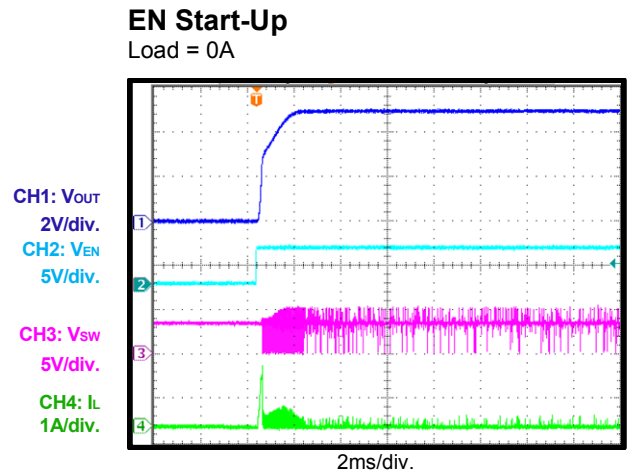
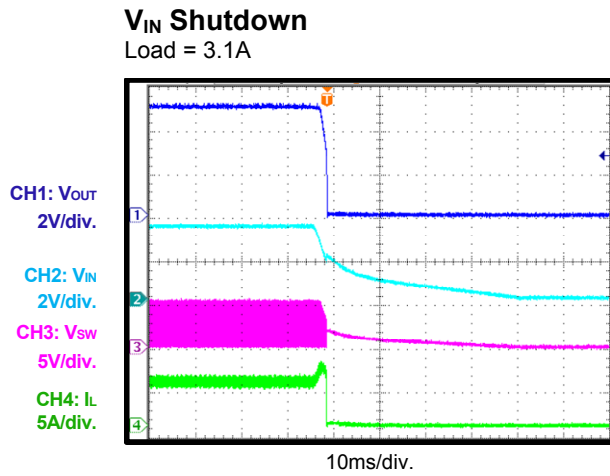
### $V_{IN}$ Shutdown

Load = 0.1A



## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS *(continued)*

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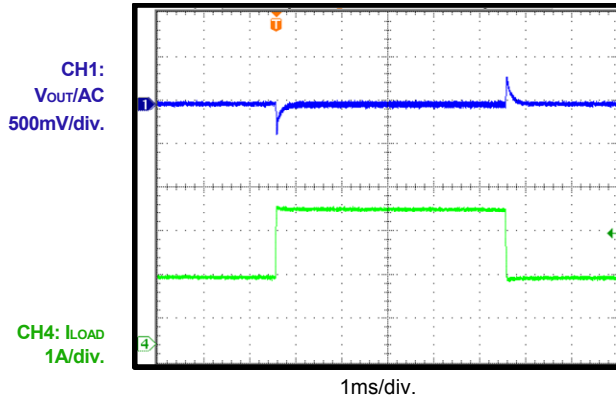


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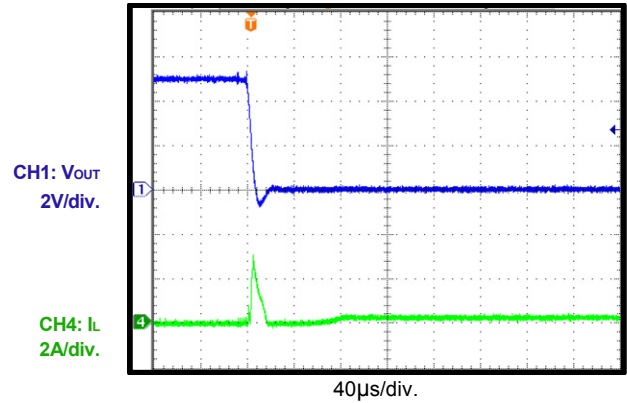
### Load Transient

$I_{LOAD} = 1.5 - 3.1A$  at  $150mA/\mu s$



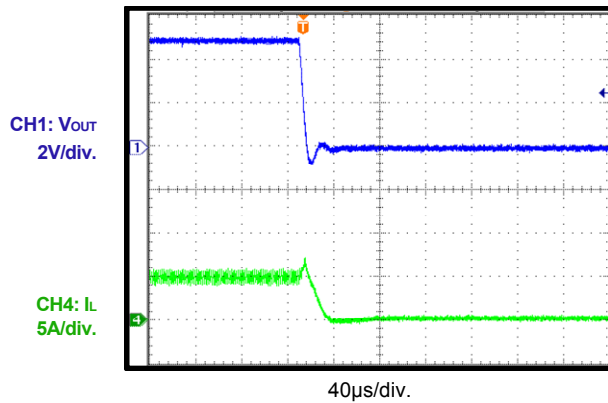
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0A load to short



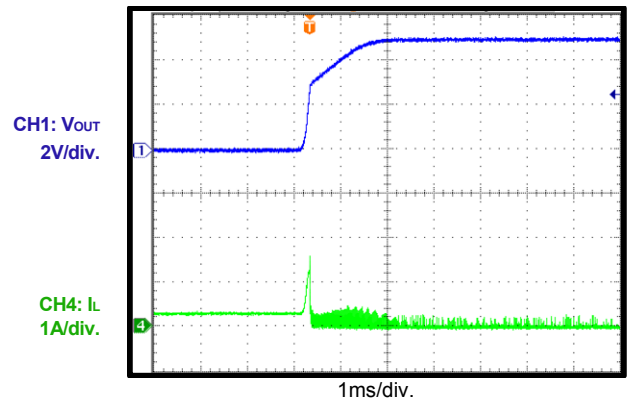
### Short-Circuit Entry

3.1A load to short



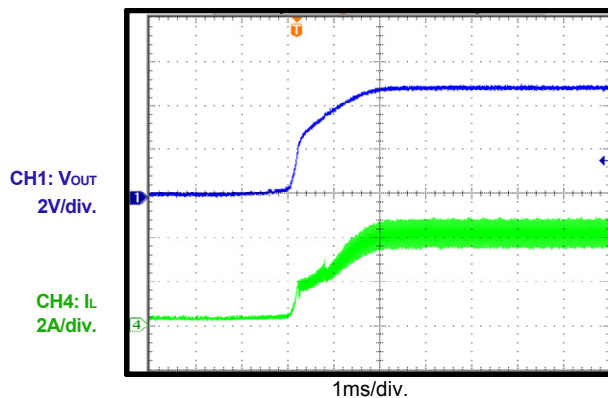
### Short-Circuit Recovery

Recover to 0A load



### Short-Circuit Recovery

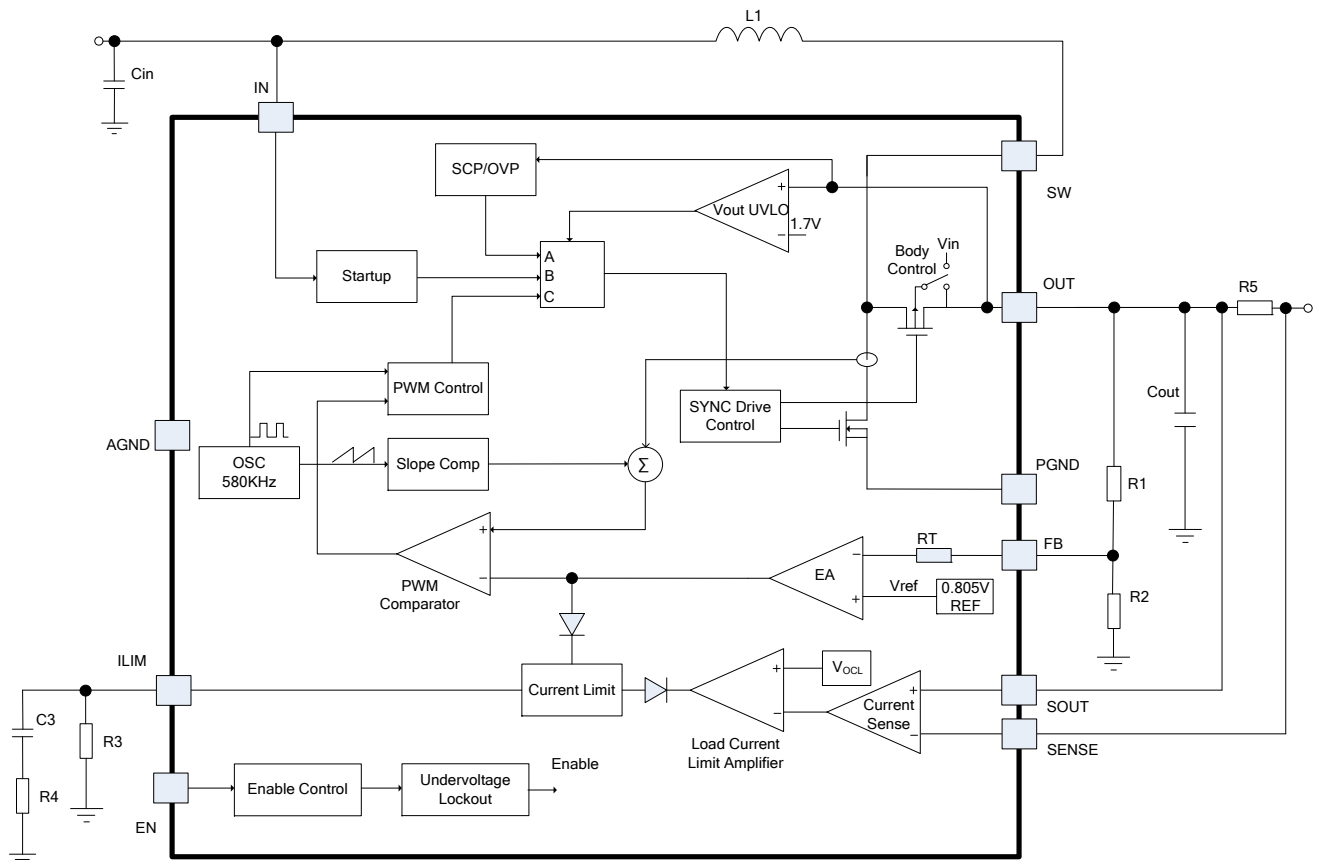
Recover to  $2\Omega$  load



## PIN FUNCTIONS

| Pin #   | Name  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | SENSE | <b>Load current sense.</b> Connect a load sense resistor signal between SENSE and SOUT to determine the maximum load current. If average load current limit isn't needed, connect SENSE and SOUT to VOUT directly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2, 13   | PGND  | <b>Power ground.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3, 14   | SW    | <b>Power switch output.</b> SW is the connection node of the internal N-channel MOSFET switch and synchronous P-channel MOSFET switch. Connect the power inductor between SW and the input power. Keep the PCB trace lengths as short and wide as possible to reduce EMI and voltage spikes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4, 5, 6 | OUT   | <b>Output.</b> OUT is the drain of the internal synchronous rectifier MOSFET. Bias is derived from OUT when $V_{OUT}$ is higher than $V_{IN}$ . The PCB trace length from OUT to the output filter capacitor should be as short and wide as possible. OUT is completely disconnected from IN when EN is low due to the output disconnect feature.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7       | EN    | <b>Chip enable control input.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8       | IN    | <b>Power supply input.</b> The start-up bias is derived from IN. IN must be bypassed locally. Once OUT exceeds IN, the bias comes from OUT. Once started, operation is completely independent from IN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9       | ILIM  | <b>Switch current limit set.</b> A resistor from ILIM to AGND programs the low-side MOSFET cycle-by-cycle peak current limit when the output constant load current limit is not triggered. When the output current signal between SOUT and SENSE is higher than the current limit threshold, ILIM is pulled low to regulate the average load current. R-C compensation is needed in this condition. If average load current limit isn't needed, the R-C compensation can be removed, only a resistor from ILIM to AGND is ok. |
| 10      | AGND  | <b>Analog signal ground.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11      | FB    | <b>Feedback input to error amplifier.</b> Connect a resistor divider tap to FB. The output voltage can be adjusted from 3V to 5.5V.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12      | SOUT  | <b>Load current sense.</b> Connect a load sense resistor signal between SOUT and SENSE to determine the maximum load current. If average load current limit isn't needed, connect SENSE and SOUT to VOUT directly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



**Figure 1: Functional Block Diagram**

## OPERATION

The MP3424 is a 580kHz, synchronous, step-up converter with true output disconnect packaged in a QFN-14 (2mmx2mm) package. The device features fixed-frequency current mode pulse-width modulation (PWM) control for excellent line and load regulation. Special voltage and current loop provide flexibility for voltage regulation and overload protection. Internal soft start and loop compensation simplify the design process and minimize the external component count. The internal low  $R_{DS(ON)}$  MOSFETs enable the device to maintain high efficiency over a wide load current range.

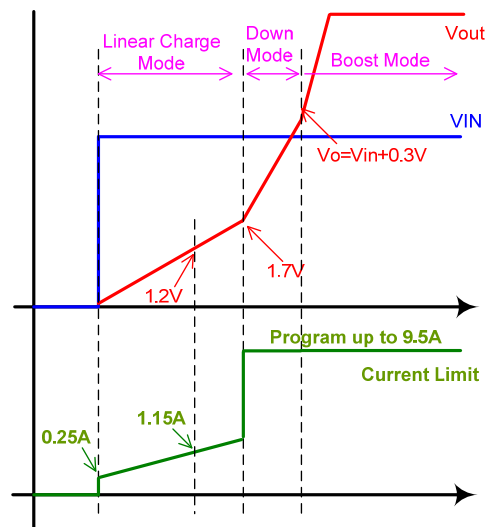
### Start-Up

When the IC is enabled and the IN voltage exceeds  $V_{UVLO-IN-R}$ , the MP3424 starts up in linear charge mode. During this linear charge period, the rectifier P-channel MOSFET (P-FET) turns on until the output capacitor is charged to 1.7V. The P-FET current is limited to 0.25A when  $V_{OUT}$  is 0V to avoid inrush current. While  $V_{OUT}$  ramps up, the P-FET current limit also increases and ramps up to 1.15A linearly at a 1.2V  $V_{OUT}$  condition. This circuit also helps limit the output current under short-circuit conditions.

Once the output is charged to 1.7V, the linear charge period elapses, and the MP3424 starts switching in normal closed-loop operation. In normal operation, if  $V_{OUT}$  is lower than  $V_{IN} + 0.3V$ , the MP3424 operates in down mode. If  $V_{OUT}$  is higher than  $V_{IN} + 0.3V$ , the MP3424 operates in boost mode. The switching current limit in both down mode and boost mode are programmed by  $R_{ILIM}$  between ILIM and GND. At the same time,  $R_{ILIM}$  must always be lower than 100k $\Omega$ . Figure 2 and Table 1 show the work mode and current limit during the start-up process.

**Table 1: Work Mode during Start-Up**

|                                                 |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| $V_{OUT} < 1.7V$                                | Linear charge mode |
| $V_{OUT} \geq 1.7V, V_{OUT} < V_{IN} + 0.3V$    | Down mode          |
| $V_{OUT} \geq 1.7V, V_{OUT} \geq V_{IN} + 0.3V$ | Boost mode         |



**Figure 2: Current Limit and Work Mode during Start-Up**

In down mode, the gate of the high-side MOSFET (HS-FET) is pulled to  $V_{IN}$  and works with high impedance when the HS-FET is on. The power-loss is high in down mode. Down mode is designed to work during start-up and SCP. It is not recommended to operate the MP3424 in down mode for normal work, unless the system performance will not be affected by the temperature rise.

When the output voltage exceeds the input voltage, the MP3424 powers internal circuits from  $V_{OUT}$  instead of  $V_{IN}$ .

### Soft Start (SS)

The MP3424 provides soft start by charging an internal capacitor with a current source. This soft-start voltage rises, following the FB voltage ( $V_{FB}$ ) during a linear charge period. Once the linear charge period elapses, the voltage on this capacitor is charged by a fixed internal current, and the reference voltage ramps up slowly. The reference soft-start time is typically 3ms from 0V to 0.805V.

The soft-start capacitor is discharged completely in the event of a commanded shutdown, thermal shutdown, or a short circuit at the output.



### Device Enable (EN)

Operation is enabled when EN is switched high. The MP3424 enters shutdown mode when EN is low. In shutdown mode, the regulator stops switching, all internal control circuitry turns off, and the load is isolated from the input.

### Error Amplifier (EA)

The error amplifier (EA) is an internally compensated amplifier. The EA compares the internal 0.805V reference voltage ( $V_{REF}$ ) against  $V_{FB}$  to generate an error signal. The output voltage of the MP3424 can be adjusted by an external resistor divider.

### Output Disconnect

The MP3424 is designed to allow for true output disconnect by eliminating body diode conduction of the internal P-FET rectifier. This allows  $V_{OUT}$  to drop to 0V during shutdown, or  $V_{IN}$  to be isolated when maintaining an external bias on  $V_{OUT}$ . This limits the inrush current limit at start-up, minimizing surge current seen by the input supply. To obtain the advantage of the output disconnect, there cannot be an external Schottky diode connected between SW and  $V_{OUT}$ .

### Overload and Short-Circuit Protection (SCP)

When overload occurs, the inductor current is limited cycle-by-cycle, and the output voltage drops. If  $V_{OUT}$  drops below  $V_{IN} + 0.3V$ , the MP3424 runs back into down mode. When  $V_{OUT}$  drops below 1.7V, the MP3424 runs into linear charge mode.

At the same time, if  $V_{OUT}$  drops below 50% of the nominal output voltage, the MP3424 treats this as a short-circuit condition and shuts down immediately. The MP3424 restarts after 40 $\mu$ s as a new power-on cycle after short-circuit protection (SCP). If  $V_{OUT}$  is higher than 50% of the setting voltage in overload condition, the MP3424 does not treat this as a short-circuit condition. The current is only controlled by cycle-by-cycle switching current limiting or an output current sense resistor. Refer to the Constant Output Current Limit section for details on accurate current limit setting.

### Constant Output Current Limit

The MP3424 integrates programmable current limit functions, including cycle-by-cycle current limiting and output load current limiting.

By connecting ILIM to AGND through a resistor, the MP3424 limits the low-side MOSFET (LS-FET) current cycle-by-cycle, and the switching peak current can be programmed by changing  $R_{ILIM}$ . The load current capability is affected by the input voltage, output voltage, and inductance.

By inserting a sense resistor between the output capacitor and load terminal, the MP3424 can sense and limit the load current flowing through the current sense resistor. The limited load current is  $30mV/R_{SENSE}$  ( $R_5$  in the schematic). When the load current limit is triggered, the ILIM voltage is pulled low internally, which controls the inductor current, regulating the average load current. When using an output sense resistor, R-C compensation is necessary on ILIM.

Different load current limits can be achieved by changing  $R_{ILIM}$  or the output sense resistor value. Typically, it is recommended to connect a 100k $\Omega$  resistor from ILIM to AGND and change the average current sense resistor on the output port to set the average current limit.

If the load current limit isn't needed, connect the SENSE and SOUT to VOUT directly, and the R-C compensation on ILIM can be removed.

The switching current signal is blanked for 70ns internally to enhance noise rejection. The average load current limit does not respond to the load change quickly due to the low-pass filter.

### Over-Voltage Protection (OVP)

If  $V_{OUT}$  is higher than 6.5V, boost switching stops. This prevents an over-voltage condition from damaging the internal power MOSFET. When the output drops below 6.5V, the device resumes switching automatically.

### Thermal Shutdown

The device contains an internal temperature monitor. The switches turn off if the die temperature exceeds 150°C. The device resumes normal operation when the die drops below 130°C.

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### Setting the Output Voltage

The output voltage is fed back through a resistor divider. The feedback reference voltage is 0.805V, typically. Calculate the output voltage with Equation (1):

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right) \quad (1)$$

Where R1 is the top feedback resistor, R2 is the bottom feedback resistor, and  $V_{REF}$  is the reference voltage (typically 0.805V).

Set the value of R1 and R2 as high as desired to achieve a low quiescent current. However, setting the resistance too high leads to noise and a low-loop bandwidth. An R1 value between 600k $\Omega$  to 1M $\Omega$  is recommended for good leakage, stability, and transient balance.

### Selecting the Current Limit Resistor

#### Peak Switching Current Limit

The MP3424 limits the LS-FET cycle-by-cycle current with a current-limit resistor ( $R_{ILIM}$ ). The switching peak current can be programmed by changing  $R_{ILIM}$ .

#### Load Average Current Limit

The MP3424 can sense and limit the load current flowing through a current sense resistor.  $R_{SENSE}$  connected from the output capacitor to the load terminal sets the load current limit ( $I_{OCL}$ ) and can be estimated with Equation (2):

$$I_{OCL} = V_{OCL} / R_{SENSE} \quad (2)$$

Where  $V_{OCL}$  is 30mV (typically),  $I_{OCL}$  is the load current limit (in A), and  $R_{SENSE}$  is the sense resistor (in  $\Omega$ ) (R5 in the schematic).

Use an R-C compensation net on ILIM to regulate the stable load current limit loop. Typically, a 2k $\Omega$  resistor and 10nF capacitor are recommended.

### Input Capacitor Selection

Low ESR input capacitors reduce input switching noise and reduce the peak current drawn from the battery. Ceramic capacitors are recommended for input decoupling and should be placed as close to the device as possible. A ceramic capacitor larger than 22 $\mu$ F is recommended to restrain  $V_{IN}$  ripple.

### Output Capacitor Selection

The output capacitor requires a minimum capacitance value of 22 $\mu$ F at the programmed output voltage to ensure stability over the entire operating range. A higher capacitance value may be required to lower the output ripple and transient ripple. Use low ESR capacitors such as X5R or X7R type ceramic capacitors. Supposing that the ESR is zero, the minimum output capacitor to support the ripple in PWM mode can be calculated with Equation (3):

$$C_O \geq \frac{I_O \times (V_{OUT(MAX)} - V_{IN(MIN)})}{f_S \times V_{OUT(MAX)} \times \Delta V} \quad (3)$$

Where  $V_{OUT(MAX)}$  is the maximum output voltage,  $V_{IN(MIN)}$  is the minimum input voltage,  $I_O$  is the output current,  $f_S$  is the switching frequency, and  $\Delta V$  is the acceptable output ripple.

A 1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor is recommended between OUT and PGND. This reduces spikes on the SW node and improves EMI performance.

### Selecting the Inductor

The MP3424 can utilize small surface mount chip inductors due to its 580kHz switching frequency. Inductor values between 1 $\mu$ H and 2.2 $\mu$ H are suitable for most applications. Larger inductance values allow for slightly greater output current capability by reducing the inductor ripple current also increases component size. The minimum inductance value can be calculated with Equation (4):

$$L \geq \frac{V_{IN(MIN)} \times (V_{OUT(MAX)} - V_{IN(MIN)})}{V_{OUT(MAX)} \times \Delta I_L \times f_S} \quad (4)$$

Where  $\Delta I_L$  is the acceptable inductor current ripple.

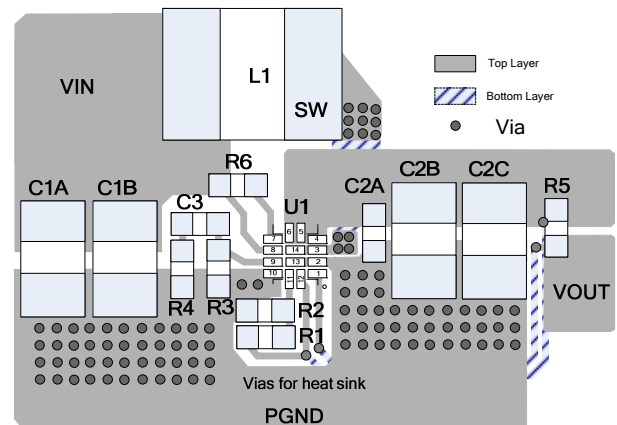
The inductor current ripple is set for 30% to 40% of the maximum inductor current, typically. The inductor should have a low DCR to reduce resistive power loss. The saturated current ( $I_{SAT}$ ) should be large enough to support the peak current.



### PCB Layout Guidelines

Efficient PCB layout of the high frequency switching power supplies is critical for stable operation. Poor layout may result in reduced performance, excessive EMI, resistive loss, and system instability. For best results, refer to Figure 3 and follow the guidelines below.

1. Place the output capacitor as close to OUT as possible with minimal distance to PGND.
2. Place a small decoupling capacitor in parallel with the bulk output capacitor and as close to OUT as possible.  
*This is very important for reducing the spikes on SW and improving EMI performance.*
3. Place the input capacitor and inductor as close to IN and SW as possible.
4. Keep the trace between the inductor and SW as wide and short as possible.
5. Keep the FB feedback loop far away from all noise sources, such as SW.
6. Place the feedback resistor dividers as close to FB and AGND as possible.
7. Connect the current sensing traces (SOUT and SENSE) from the pad of sense resistor routed in parallel closely with a small closed area far away from noise sources such as the SW trace.
8. Place the ILIM set and compensation net close to ILIM and AGND.
9. Tie the ground return of the input/output capacitors as close to PGND as possible with a large copper GND area.
10. Place vias around GND to lower the die temperature.



**Figure 3: Recommended Layout**

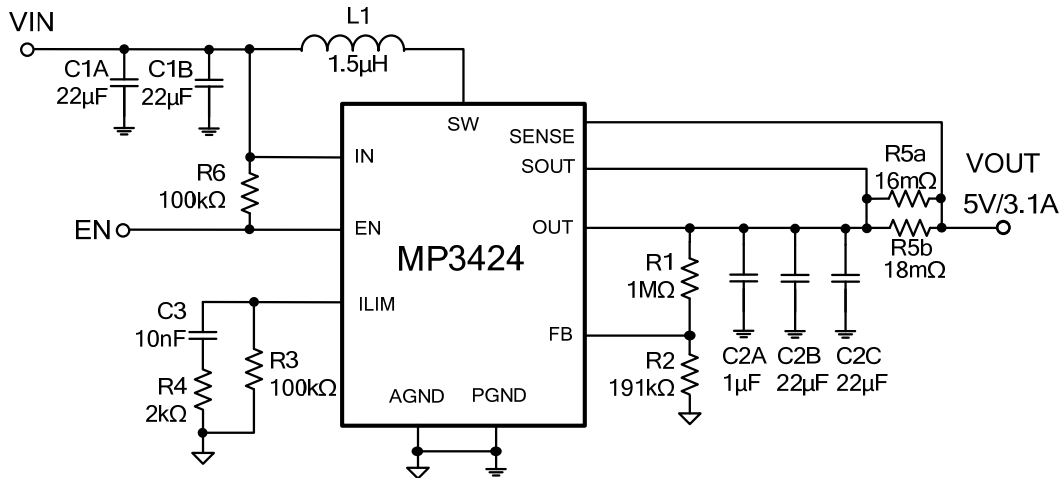
### Design Example

Table 2 is a design example following the application guidelines for the following specifications.

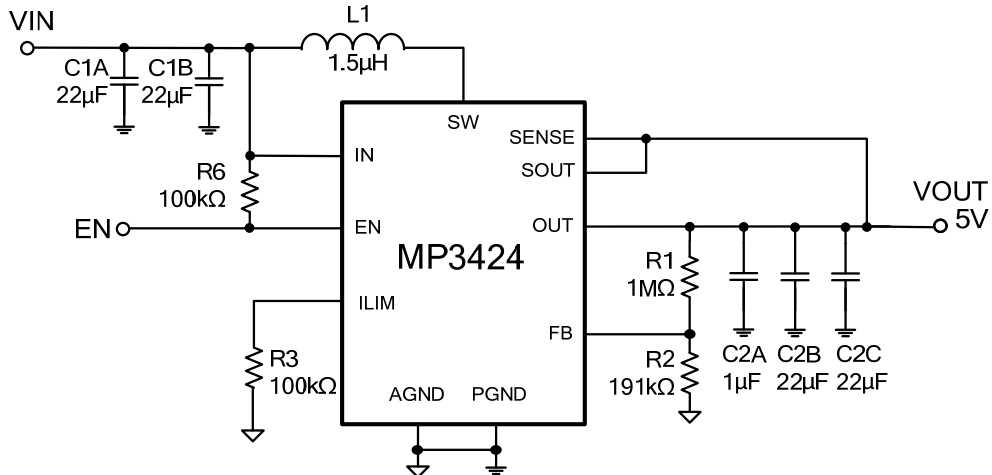
**Table 2: Design Example**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| $V_{IN}$  | 2.8V to 4.2V |
| $V_{OUT}$ | 5V           |
| $I_{OUT}$ | 3.1A         |

## TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT



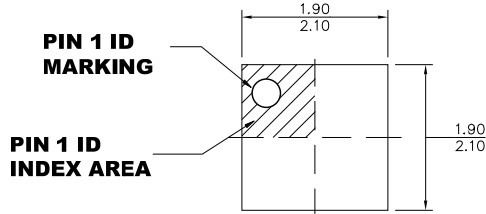
**Figure 4: Typical Boost Application Circuit with Average Load Current Limit,  $V_{IN} = 2.8V$  to  $4.2V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$**



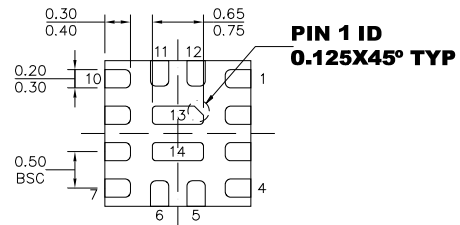
**Figure 5: Typical Boost Application Circuit without Average Load Current Limit,  $V_{IN} = 2.8V$  to  $4.2V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$**

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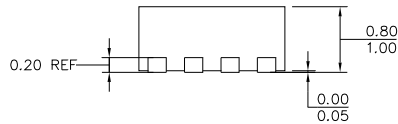
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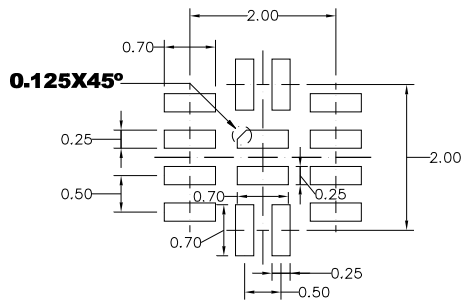
**TOP VIEW**



**BOTTOM VIEW**



**SIDE VIEW**



**RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN**

#### NOTE:

- 1) ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS.
- 2) EXPOSED PADDLE SIZE DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH.
- 3) LEAD COPLANARITY SHALL BE 0.10 MILLIMETERS MAX.
- 4) JEDEC REFERENCE IS MO-220.
- 5) DRAWING IS NOT TO SCALE.

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