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S-19980/19990 Series EXTERNAL PARTS SELECTION

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This application note is a method of external parts selection and recommended board layouts for the S-19980/19990 Series. Refer to the datasheet for details and specs.

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1. Selecting Major External Parts

Major circuits are shown in **Figure 1**, operating conditions in **Table 1** and external part constants in **Table 2**.

Set up the output voltage (V_{OUT}) by connecting the voltage setting resistors R_{FB1} and R_{FB2} to the FB pin and set them as indicated in the equation below.

$$V_{OUT} = V_{FB} \times \frac{R_{FB1} + R_{FB2}}{R_{FB2}}$$

V_{FB} is FB pin voltage (0.80 V typ.).

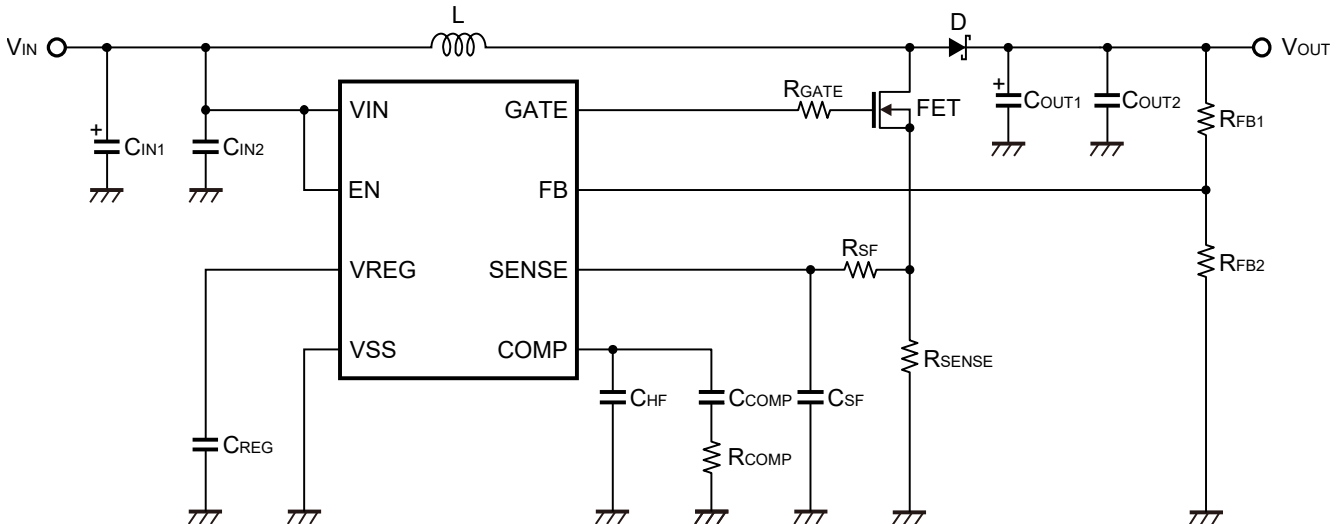


Figure 1 Typical Circuits

Table 1 Design Example

Design Parameter	Value
Input voltage (V_{IN})	6 V
Output voltage (V_{OUT})	12 V
Load current (I_{LOAD})	2 A
Oscillation frequency (f_{osc})	2.2 MHz

Table 2 Constants for External Components

Symbol	Value	Quantity	Part Number	Manufacture
L	0.47 μ H	1	SPM5030VT-R47M-D	TDK Corporation
FET	–	1	IPC50N04S5L-5R5	Infineon Technologies
D	–	1	VSSAF56	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.
C_{IN1}	33 μ F	2	GYC1H330MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C_{IN2}	0.1 μ F	1	CGA4J2X8R1H104K	TDK Corporation
C_{OUT1}	100 μ F	3	GYC1H101MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C_{OUT2}	10 μ F	1	CGA5L1X7R1H106K160AC	TDK Corporation
R_{GATE}	10 Ω	1	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R_{SENSE}	4 m Ω	1	TLR2BPDTD4L00F75	KOA CORPORATION
R_{SF}	22 Ω	1	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
C_{SF}	10 nF	1	CGA3E2X8R1H103K	TDK Corporation
C_{REG}	1 μ F	1	CGA5L3X8R1H105K	TDK Corporation
R_{COMP}	12 k Ω	1	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
C_{COMP}	4.7 nF	1	CGA3E2X8R1H472K	TDK Corporation
C_{HF}	220 pF	1	CGA3E2NP01H221J	TDK Corporation
R_{FB1}	200 k Ω + 24 k Ω	1	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R_{FB2}	16 k Ω	1	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.

Caution The above connection diagram and the constant do not guarantee proper operation. Perform thorough evaluation including the temperature characteristics with an actual application to set the constants.

2. Selecting Optional External Parts

This section provides detailed information about parts and a guideline on selecting parts for use with the step-up controller in continuous conduction mode (CCM).

2.1 Guideline for selecting parts

2.1.1 Definition of design parameters

Design parameters required in calculations used for selecting parts are defined below.

V_{IN_MIN} :	Minimum input voltage [V]
V_{IN_MAX} :	Maximum input voltage [V]
I_{IN_MIN} :	Minimum average input current [A]
I_{IN_MAX} :	Maximum average input current [A]
V_{OUT} :	Output voltage [V]
I_{OUT_MIN} :	Minimum load current [A]
I_{OUT_MAX} :	Maximum load current [A]
η :	Conversion efficiency
f_{osc} :	Oscillation frequency [Hz]

2.1.2 Calculating minimum and maximum duty cycle

Use the following equations to calculate minimum duty cycle (D_{MIN}) and maximum duty cycle (D_{MAX}) including power loss for the step-up converter.

$$D_{MIN} = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F - V_{IN_MAX}}{V_{OUT} + V_F - (R_{DS_ON} + R_{SENSE}) \times I_{IN_MIN}}$$

$$D_{MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F - V_{IN_MIN}}{V_{OUT} + V_F - (R_{DS_ON} + R_{SENSE}) \times I_{IN_MAX}}$$

V_F is diode forward voltage, R_{DS_ON} is MOS FET on-resistance and R_{SENSE} is a sense resistor for detecting inductor current.

As can be seen from the following efficiency equation, I_{IN_MIN} and I_{IN_MAX} are expressed as follows.

$$I_{IN_MIN} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT_MIN}}{V_{IN_MAX} \times \eta}$$

$$I_{IN_MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT_MAX}}{V_{IN_MIN} \times \eta}$$

The duty cycle range must conform to two parameters: minimum duty cycle ($t_{ON_MIN} \times f_{osc}$) and maximum duty cycle (MaxDuty) specified by electrical characteristics.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{MIN} > t_{ON_MIN} \times f_{osc}: & \quad \text{Lower limit} \\ D_{MAX} < \text{MaxDuty}: & \quad \text{Upper limit} \end{aligned}$$

If the upper duty cycle limit ($D_{MAX} < \text{MaxDuty}$) is not met, boost operation becomes impossible.

If the lower duty cycle limit ($D_{MIN} > t_{ON_MIN} \times f_{osc}$) is not met, pulse skip operation (PFM control) is always performed. PFM control is a function to prevent efficiency loss at light loads. Use PWM control to ensure regulation performance at normal and heavy loads. It is recommended to set a duty cycle tailored to the requirements.

2.1.3 Selecting an inductor

(1) Calculating inductor value

Operate in current continuous mode to suppress inductor current ripple and output voltage ripple. To do so, calculate to find the inductance value where the inductor current ripple ratio (r) is 0.2 to 0.6 to the maximum average inductor current (I_{L_MAX}).

Set inductor current ripple ratio (r) higher than the above (> 1) and operate in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) to enable selecting a smaller inductor value and reduce the cost.

This will result in better transient characteristics, but the peak value of the inductor current will be larger, which is expected to increase electromagnetic interference (EMI).

I_{L_MAX} can be obtained as follows.

$$I_{L_MAX} = I_{IN_MAX} = \frac{I_{OUT_MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

The input current and inductor current are equal. The inductor current ripple (ΔI_L) can be obtained from the following equation.

$$\Delta I_L = r \times I_{L_MAX}$$

Thus, the minimum inductor value can be calculated as shown below.

$$L_{MIN} = \frac{V_{IN_MIN} \times D_{MAX}}{\Delta I_L \times f_{OSC}}$$

Set a standard inductance value (L) to take variations into account.

(2) Inductor peak current

Inductor peak current should never reach the saturation current rating of the inductor. The maximum inductor peak current (I_{LPEAK_MAX}) can be calculated from the maximum inductor current ripple value (ΔI_{LPP_MAX}) as follows.

$$I_{LPEAK_MAX} = I_{L_MAX} + \frac{\Delta I_{LPP_MAX}}{2} = \frac{I_{OUT_MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}} + \frac{V_{IN_MIN} \times D_{MAX}}{2 \times L \times f_{OSC}}$$

$$\Delta I_{LPP_MAX} = \frac{V_{IN_MIN}}{L} \times \frac{D_{MAX}}{f_{OSC}}$$

(3) Inductor RMS current

Inductor RMS current, like inductor peak current, must always meet the RMS current rating. The maximum inductor RMS current (I_{LRMS_MAX}) can be obtained from the following equation.

$$I_{LRMS_MAX} = \sqrt{I_{L_MAX}^2 + \frac{\Delta I_{LPP_MAX}^2}{12}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_{OUT_MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{12} \times \left(\frac{V_{IN_MIN} \times D_{MAX}}{L \times f_{OSC}}\right)^2}$$

2.1.4 Selecting a sense resistor (R_{SENSE})

The sense resistor (R_{SENSE}) is connected between the SENSE pin and GND of the IC and detects inductor current information as ramp voltage. This ramp voltage is used for overcurrent protection (OCP) and peak current mode control.

The overcurrent protection settings are shown below, but make sure that the stability conditions for peak current mode are also met.

(1) Overcurrent protection settings

The S-19980/19990 Series integrates a pulse-by-pulse overcurrent protection function. When the peak inductor current flows through R_{SENSE} and the SENSE pin voltage (V_{SENSE}) exceeds the threshold (V_{LIM}), the MOS FET turns off. In the next switching cycle, the MOS FET goes on. However, if $V_{\text{SENSE}} > V_{\text{LIM}}$, the MOS FET turns off again and continues the same operation in subsequent cycles. The IC returns to normal operation when $V_{\text{SENSE}} < V_{\text{LIM}}$.

The overcurrent and short-circuit protection (Hiccup control) of the S-19980/19990 Series provides no means to limit the current from input to output should a short circuit occur at the output of the converter. Use fuses or limit the current of the main power supply if protection against short circuits is required.

The recommended overcurrent detection value is the maximum inductor peak current ($I_{\text{LPEAK_MAX}}$) plus 20%. Use the following equation to calculate R_{SENSE} at this time.

$$R_{\text{SENSE}} = \frac{V_{\text{LIM}}}{1.2 \times I_{\text{LPEAK_MAX}}}$$

(2) Peak current mode stability conditions

The current control loop becomes unstable in peak current mode control and may cause sub-harmonic oscillations. For this reason, regulation will maintain operation of the voltage loop without oscillations. However, the pulses from the PWM alternate between long and short and increase output ripple voltage. This state occurs only when the converter operates in continuous mode at a duty cycle of 50% or more.

The S-19980/19990 Series integrates a slope compensation function as a countermeasure to subharmonic oscillations. Inside the IC, a sawtooth slope compensation ramp current (I_{SLOPE}) flows through a 5 k Ω resistor to generate a slope compensation ramp voltage (S_E). The SENSE pin outputs the sawtooth current (5 μA max.) and offset current (fixed at 30 μA).

$$S_E = 50 \text{ mV} \times f_{\text{OSC}}$$

$$I_{\text{SLOPE}} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \times f_{\text{OSC}}$$

The theoretical condition for preventing subharmonic oscillations is $S_E > 0.5 \times S_F$. S_F is the ramp voltage generated by inductor current and R_{SENSE} . The R_{SENSE} condition is indicated by the following equation.

$$S_F = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} + V_F - V_{\text{IN_MIN}}}{L} \times R_{\text{SENSE}}$$

$$R_{\text{SENSE}} < \frac{100 \text{ mV} \times f_{\text{OSC}} \times L}{V_{\text{OUT}} + V_F - V_{\text{IN_MIN}}}$$

If there is a risk of subharmonic oscillations even when the above setting conditions are satisfied, add a resistor (R_{OP}) between the SENSE pin and R_{SENSE} to increase the slope of slope compensation. At this time, $S_E = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \times (5 \text{ k}\Omega + R_{\text{OP}}) \times f_{\text{OSC}}$ and R_{SENSE} is obtained by the following equation.

$$R_{\text{SENSE}} < \frac{20 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \times (5 \text{ k}\Omega + R_{\text{OP}}) \times f_{\text{OSC}} \times L}{V_{\text{OUT}} + V_F - V_{\text{IN_MIN}}}$$

Since 35 μA max. (sawtooth current + offset current) $\times R_{\text{OP}}$ offset voltage are generated and becomes $V_{\text{LIM}} \rightarrow V_{\text{LIM}} - 35 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \times R_{\text{OP}}$, make sure the overvoltage current protection threshold does not decrease. Note that if the slope compensation slope is made too large, the inductor current information becomes relatively small. Therefore, this control resembles voltage mode control, and may lower the quality of the input response.

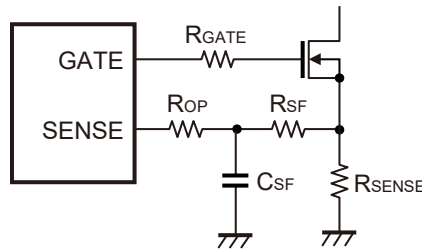


Figure 2 RC Filter

(3) SENSE signal filtering

When the MOS FET is turned on and off, the resonance of the parasitic inductor, MOS FET output capacitance and diode junction capacitance caused by PC board wiring leads to overshoot / undershoot and ringing exceeding several 10 MHz in the switching waveform.

If these are propagated to the SENSE pin, the inductor current information is incorrectly detected making regulation operation unstable.

In the S-19980/19990 Series, a blanking time (equivalent to t_{ON_MIN}) is set immediately after turning on the MOS FET to mask this noise. If the ringing exceeds the blanking time, add the RC filters (R_{SF} and C_{SF}) shown in **Figure 2** between the R_{SENSE} and the SENSE pin to reduce ringing.

Check the cycle of the ringing waveform and set the time constant of the RC filter to about 10 times the ringing cycle. Setting a high R_{SF} will impact the detection value of overcurrent protection so a value of 50 Ω or less is recommended.

Refer also to "(6) Ringing countermeasures in switching waveforms" in "2. 1. 9 Selecting a MOS FET", for information on how to reduce ringing waveforms in switching waveforms.

2.1.5 Selecting a diode

To increase efficiency, adding a Schottky diode with low forward voltage and small reverse leakage current is recommended.

(1) Rated voltage and current

The diode is reverse biased while the MOS FET is on. Provide a proper margin between the maximum peak reverse voltage rating of the diode and regulator output voltage (V_{OUT}).

The diode conducts while the MOS FET is off, supplying energy stored in the inductor to the output capacitor. Therefore, over one switching cycle, the maximum average diode current (I_{D_MAX}) is equal to maximum load current (I_{OUT_MAX}).

$$I_{D_MAX} = I_{OUT_MAX}$$

Set the maximum forward average diode current (I_{F_MAX}) to be larger than the maximum load current (I_{OUT_MAX}).

$$I_{F_MAX} > I_{D_MAX}$$

(2) Power consumption and temperature

Diode power consumption is $P_D = V_F \times I_D$. Ensure that the junction temperature T_j [°C] does not exceed the maximum junction temperature rating of the diode even at maximum ambient temperature.

$$T_j = T_a + \theta_{JA} \times P_D$$

T_a is ambient temperature [°C] and θ_{JA} is the thermal resistance of the diode [°C/W].

2.1.6 Selecting an output capacitor

The rated voltage of the capacitor must be higher than maximum output voltage. Specifically, when MLCC capacitors are used, the capacitance may vary depending on temperature and applied DC voltage, so a sufficient margin should be considered when making a selection.

Output capacitors that meet the desired output voltage ripple (ΔV_{OUT}) and output RMS ripple current should be selected.

(1) Calculating output voltage ripple

Output voltage ripple is the sum of voltage fluctuations caused by capacitor (C_{OUT}) charging and discharging and the ripple current in the equivalent series resistance (R_{ESR}) of the capacitor, as shown in the equation below.

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \left(\frac{I_{OUT} \times D_{MAX}}{C_{OUT} \times f_{OSC}} \right) + R_{ESR} \times \left(\frac{I_{OUT}}{1 - D_{MAX}} + \frac{V_{IN} \times D_{MAX}}{2 \times L \times f_{OSC}} \right)$$

There is actually a phase difference between the two ripples, but this is simplified in the equation.

(2) Calculating RMS ripple

The RMS ripple current ($I_{COUTRMS}$) of the output capacitor can be calculated as shown in the following equation.

$$I_{COUTRMS} = \sqrt{(1 + D_{MAX}) \times \left\{ \frac{D_{MAX}}{(1 - D_{MAX})^2} \times I_{OUT}^2 + \frac{\Delta I_L}{12} \right\}}$$

Select a C_{OUT} value so that the RMS ripple current satisfies the rating. If it does not, add capacitors in parallel. ESR reduction can also be expected.

2.1.7 Selecting input capacitors

When AC current is supplied to an inductor, input capacitors are required to reduce input voltage ripple.

In current continuous mode, only input voltage ripple need to be considered since the input current caused by the steady-state boost operation is continuous and the selection conditions are not as strict as for C_{OUT} . However, large input and load variations in current discontinuous mode, may require an additional capacitor with larger capacitance to buffer the input voltage.

(1) IC bypass capacitor

It is recommended to connect a ceramic capacitor with low ESR of about 0.1 μF to 1 μF near the $V_{IN} - V_{SS}$ pin of the IC to lower input impedance in order to prevent malfunctions caused by noise and other factors.

(2) Input capacitor for step-up converter

As an inductor is connected in series with the input of a step-up converter, the input current waveform becomes a continuous triangular waveform when the MOS FET is turned on and off. This current generates input voltage ripple (ΔV_{IN}) in C_{IN} , which can be roughly estimated by the following equation.

$$\Delta V_{IN} = \Delta I_L \times \left(R_{ESR} + \frac{1}{8 \times f_{OSC} \times C_{IN}} \right)$$

R_{ESR} is the equivalent series resistance of C_{IN} . To reduce voltage ripple and ensure stable operation during input and load transients, connect a low ESR ceramic capacitor (33 μF to 100 μF) or a conductive polymer hybrid aluminum electrolytic capacitor to C_{IN} .

Also verify that the capacitor meets its rated ripple with respect to withstand voltage, operating temperature, and input current root mean square value (I_{INRMS}) as calculated by the equation below.

$$I_{INRMS} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \times \Delta I_L$$

2.1.8 Selecting VREG pin capacitors

V_{REG} is the internal power supply voltage of an IC output by the VREG pin and used to operate some internal IC circuits. Also, when the MOS FET is turned on, a current for charging the GATE momentarily flows from V_{REG} . Connect a low ESR ceramic capacitor near the VREG – VSS pin to prevent VREG from dropping during this brief ON period. A capacitance value of 1 μF is recommended.

Do not connect any external parts or loads other than a ceramic capacitor to the VREG pin.

2.1.9 Selecting a MOS FET

MOS FET is the main switching element in step-up converters. Rated voltage and current needs to be considered in their selection.

Power loss is mainly caused by conduction loss, switching loss and gate drive loss.

(1) Rated voltage and current

During the MOS FET off period, the drain-source voltage is equal to $V_{OUT} + V_F$. If ringing occurs at the switching node, a margin must be provided with respect to the rated voltage.

Also, maximum input current (I_{IN_MAX}) should not exceed the MOS FET drain current rating.

(2) Conduction loss (P_{COND})

P_{COND} is power lost in the on-resistor when the MOS FET is on.

The maximum RMS current (I_{SWRMS_MAX}) at this time can be calculated as follows.

$$I_{SWRMS_MAX} = \sqrt{D_{MAX}} \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_{OUT_MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}}\right)^2 + \frac{\Delta I_L^2}{12}}$$

Thus, MOS FET conduction loss (P_{COND}) can be obtained by the following equation.

$$P_{COND} = R_{ON} \times D_{MAX} \times \left\{ \left(\frac{I_{OUT_MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}}\right)^2 + \frac{\Delta I_L^2}{12} \right\}$$

(3) Switching loss (P_{SW})

P_{SW} is the loss generated by the flow of current and voltage between drain and source when a MOS FET is turned on and off.

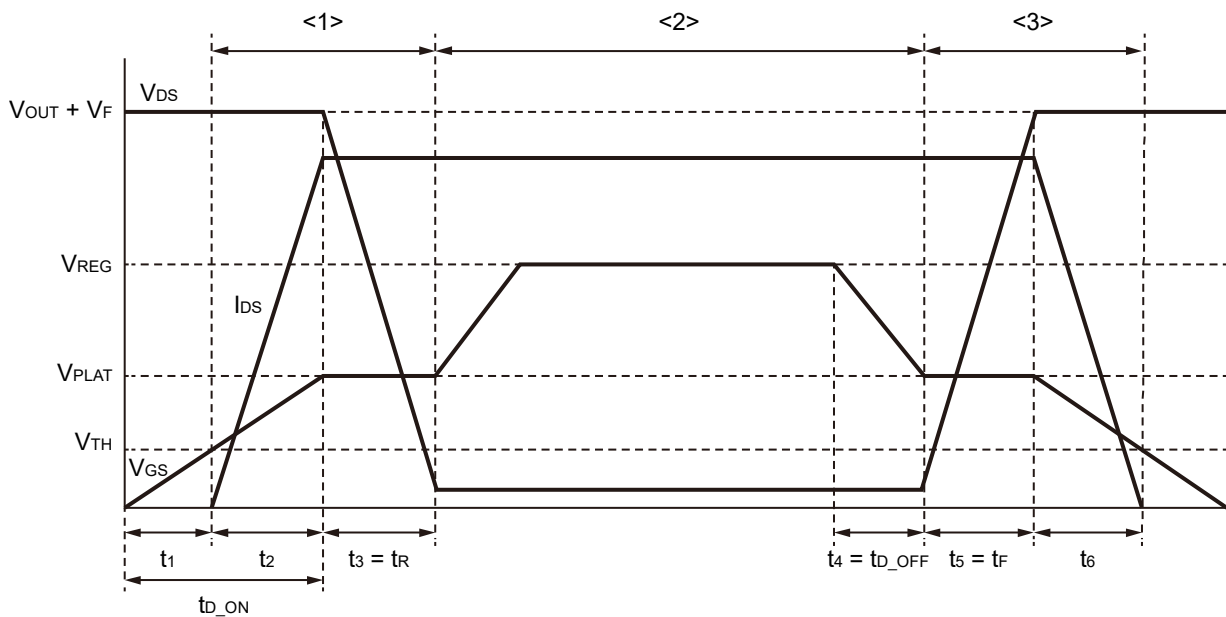
$$P_{SW} = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F}{2} \times I_{L_MAX} \times f_{OSC} \times (t_{TR_ON} + t_{TR_OFF})$$

$$t_{TR_ON} = t_{D_ON} - R_G \times C_{ISS} \times \ln\left(\frac{V_{REG}}{V_{REG} - V_{TH}}\right) + t_R$$

$$t_{TR_OFF} = R_G \times C_{ISS} \times \ln\left(\frac{V_{PLAT}}{V_{TH}}\right) + t_F$$

The following parameters are listed in the MOS FET data sheet.

- C_{ISS}: Input capacitance
- V_{TH}: Threshold voltage
- V_{PLAT}: Plateau voltage
- t_{D_ON}: Turn On delay time
- t_R: Rise time
- t_F: Fall time
- t_{D_OFF}: Turn Off delay time
- R_G: Internal MOS FET gate resistor + gate drive circuit on-resistor + option resistor (R_{GATE}) between MOS FET gate and drive circuit output



- <1> Turn on period: P_{SW} occurrence
- <2> MOS FET on period: P_{COND} occurrence
- <3> Turn off period: P_{SW} occurrence

Figure 3 MOS FET On and Off Voltage and Current Transitions

(4) Gate drive loss (P_{GATE})

P_{GATE} is the loss caused by charging and discharging input capacitance in driving the MOS FET gate.

$$P_{GATE} = C_{ISS} \times V_{REG}^2 \times f_{OSC}$$

(5) Total MOS FET loss (P_{TOTAL}) and junction temperature

As indicated in (2) to (4), total MOS FET power loss is P_{TOTAL} = P_{COND} + P_{SW} + P_{GATE}.

Make sure that junction temperature T_j [°C] does not exceed the maximum MOS FET junction temperature rating even at maximum ambient temperature.

$$T_j = T_a + R_{\theta JA} \times P_{TOTAL}$$

R_{θJA} is the thermal resistance between the IC chip junction and the ambient environment.

(6) Ringing countermeasures in switching waveforms

Connecting a gate resistor (R_{GATE}) of several 10 ohms to reduce ringing in switching waveforms is also effective, but note that there is a trade-off with efficiency due to resistor losses.

3. Board Layout Precautions

PCB layout and component placement are essential in ensuring stable operation of the switching regulator and to achieve good regulation performance, conversion efficiency, and noise reduction. We will explain points to note in PCB layout using our PCB as an example.

3.1 Application circuit diagram

Figure 4 shows the circuit diagram of a step-up application created by ABLIC Inc.

Connect the V_{OUT} and V_{IN} pin via JP1 to create a bootstrap configuration. Connect the EN pin to the V_{IN} pin via JP2, or leave JP2 open to apply voltage externally.

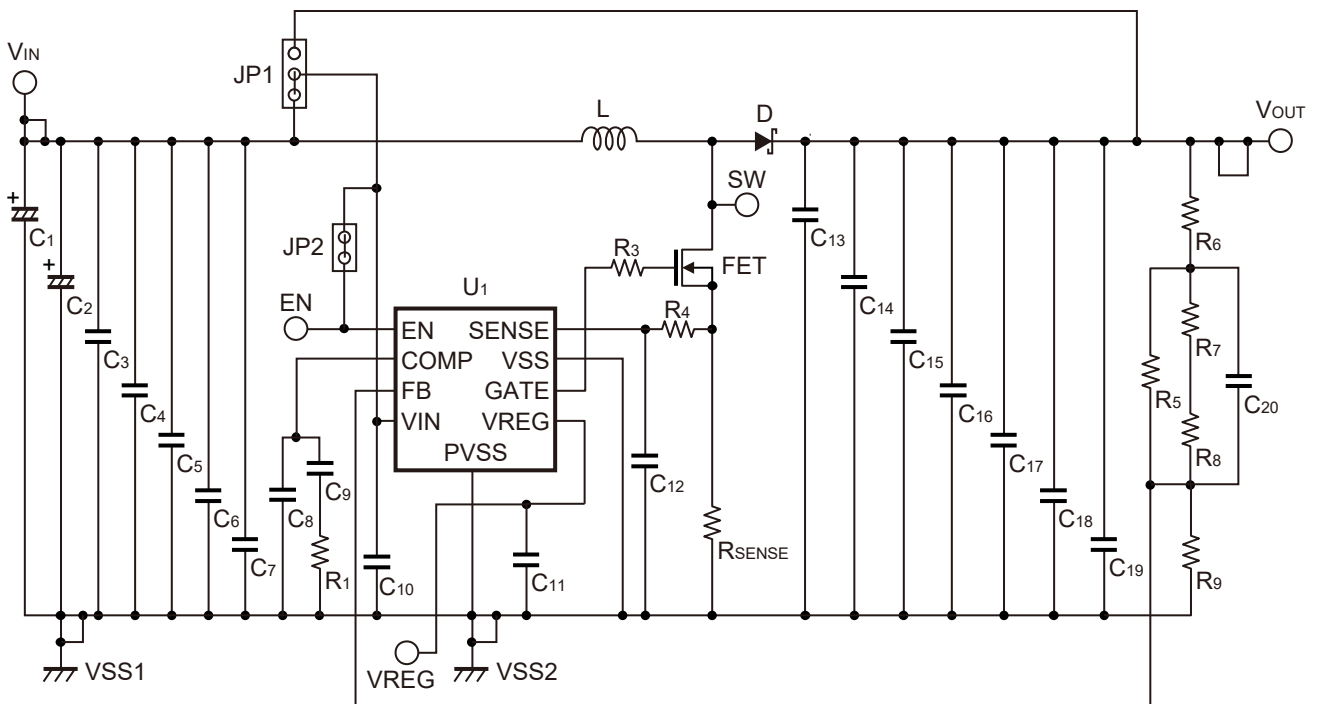


Figure 4

Table 3 Design Example

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Input voltage (V_{IN})	6 V
Output voltage (V_{OUT})	12 V
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Oscillation frequency (f_{osc})	2.2 MHz

3.2 External components list

Table 4 shows external components used in the connection examples: Figure 4.

Table 4 External Components

Symbol	Value	Part Number	Manufacture
U ₁	–	S-19980/19990 Series	ABLIC Inc.
C ₁	33 μF	GYC1H330MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C ₂	33 μF	GYC1H330MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C ₃	User settings	–	–
C ₄	User settings	–	–
C ₅	User settings	–	–
C ₆	User settings	–	–
C ₇	User settings	–	–
C ₈	220 pF	CGA3E2NP01H221J	TDK Corporation
C ₉	4.7 nF	CGA3E2X8R1H472K	TDK Corporation
C ₁₀	0.1 μF	CGA4J2X8R1H104K	TDK Corporation
C ₁₁	1 μF	CGA5L3X8R1H105K	TDK Corporation
C ₁₂	10 nF	CGA3E2X8R1H103K	TDK Corporation
C ₁₃	User settings	–	–
C ₁₄	10 μF	CGA5L1X7R1H106K160AC	TDK Corporation
C ₁₅	User settings	–	–
C ₁₆	10 μF	CGA5L1X7R1H106K160AC	TDK Corporation
C ₁₇	100 μF	GYC1H101MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C ₁₈	100 μF	GYC1H101MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C ₁₉	100 μF	GYC1H101MCQ1GS	NICHICON CORPORATION
C ₂₀	User settings	–	–
R ₁	12 kΩ	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R ₃	10 Ω	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R ₄	22 Ω	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R ₅	User settings	–	–
R ₆	0 Ω	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R ₇	200 kΩ	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R ₈	24 kΩ	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R ₉	16 kΩ	MCR3 series (1608)	ROHM CO., LTD.
R _{SENSE}	4 mΩ	TLR2BPDTD4L00F75	KOA CORPORATION
JP1	–	–	–
JP2	–	–	–
L	0.47 μH	SPM5030VT-R47M-D	TDK Corporation
FET	–	IPC50N04S5L-5R5	Infineon Technologies
D	–	VSSAF56	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.

- Caution**
1. The above constants may be changed without notice.
 2. The above constants do not guarantee proper operation. Perform thorough evaluation using the actual application to set the constants.

3.3 PCB layout

The board we have created for the application circuit diagram in **Figure 4** has four layers, which are shown in **Figure 5** to **Figure 8**.

- Top layer: A layout containing most parts and wiring
- Internal layer 1: A layer that reinforces VIN and VSS wiring
- Internal layer 2: A layer that reinforces VSS
- Bottom layer: Wiring that is difficult to route in the top layer and does not require significant attention and reinforces VSS

"3.4 Board layout precautions" describe the precautions to take in performing these layouts.

3.4 Board layout precautions

- Place C_{IN} (C_{10}) as close to the VIN pin and the VSS pin as possible. Prioritize the layout of C_{IN} .
- Place C_{REG} (C_{11}) as close to the VREG pin and the VSS pin as possible.
- FB pin wiring should be as short as possible. Parasitic capacitance in the FB pin may affect the phase margin of the feedback loop. To prevent unstable operation, keep sources of noise away from SW pin wiring.
- GATE pin patterns should not create wiring below the IC.
- To provide proper ventilation, connect the rear heat dissipation pad to the VSS pattern and place thermal vias.
- Make the switching loop composed of C_{OUT} (C_{13} to C_{19}) \rightarrow D \rightarrow FET \rightarrow R_{SENSE} \rightarrow C_{OUT} (C_{13} to C_{19}) as small as possible. This measure effectively reduces inductive high-frequency noise.
- The SW wiring area (Dashed line area in "**Figure 5 Top Layer (First Layer)**") should be as small as possible to reduce high-frequency radiation noise.
- All copper foil on the back of the inductor (L) should be removed to avoid losses due to eddy currents.
- A ringing signal is superimposed on the SENSE signal during switching. If the ringing is large enough to cause malfunction, attenuate it using an RC filter (R_4 , C_{12}). Place the RC filter as close to the IC as possible.
- Place R_{SENSE} close to the FET source.
- If SW waveform ringing is large, place ceramic capacitors (C_{15} , C_{16}) near the D cathode and between it and VSS to reduce the ringing.
- If the SW waveform ringing propagates to V_{OUT} and causes unstable operation, place ceramic capacitors (C_{13} , C_{14}) near the VOUT pin and between it and VSS.
- To reduce ringing in the SW waveform, inserting a resistor (R_3) in the FET gate line is effective, but is a trade-off with efficiency.

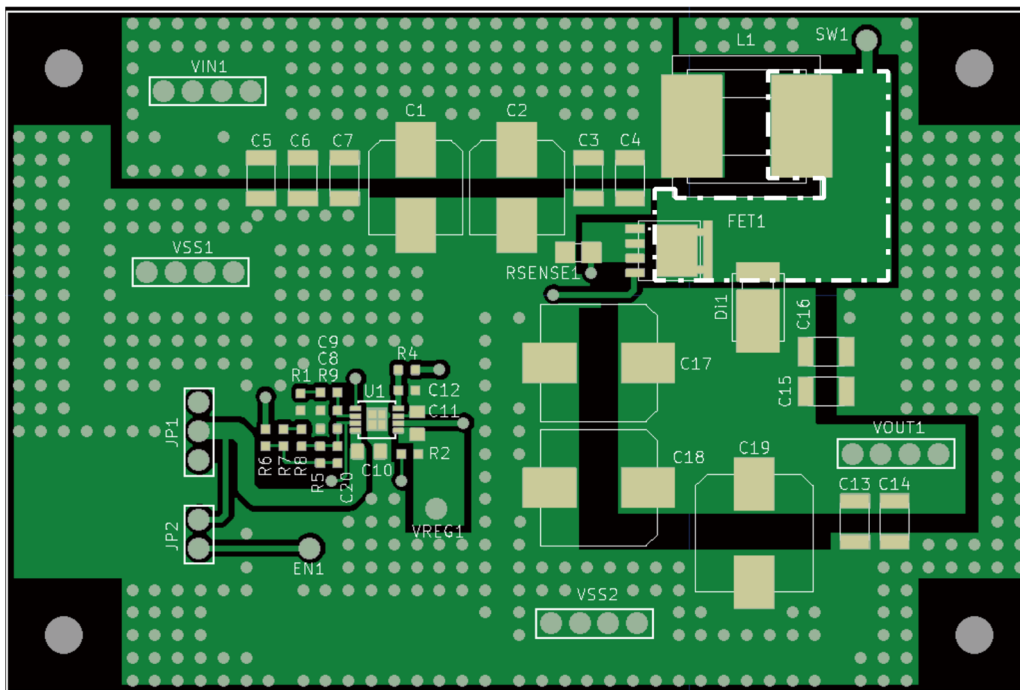


Figure 5 Top Layer (First Layer)

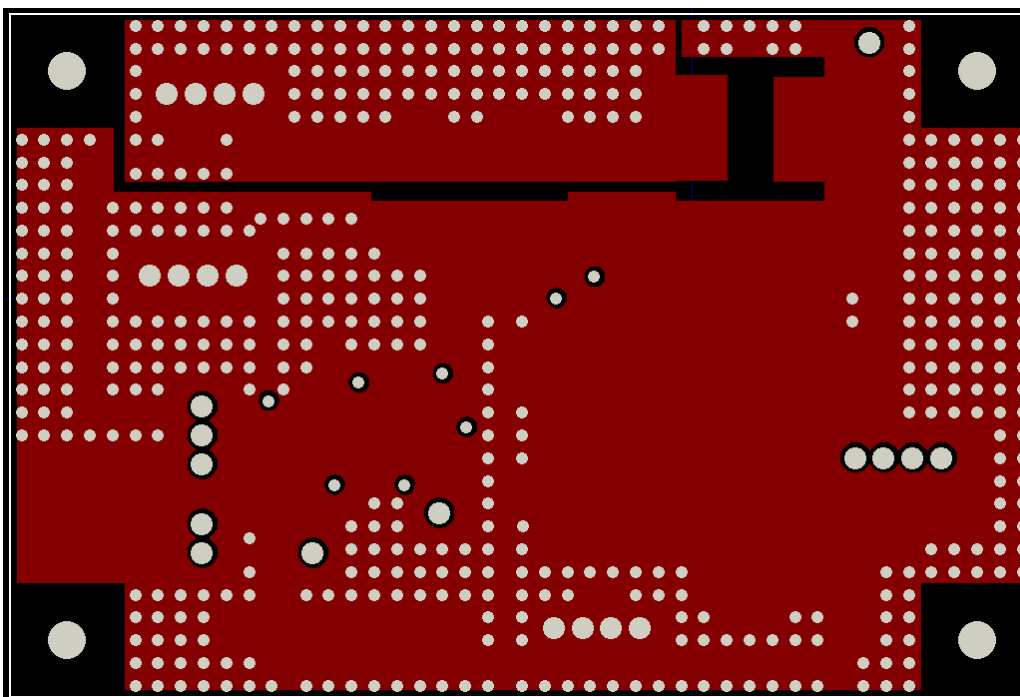


Figure 6 Internal Layer 1 (Second Layer)

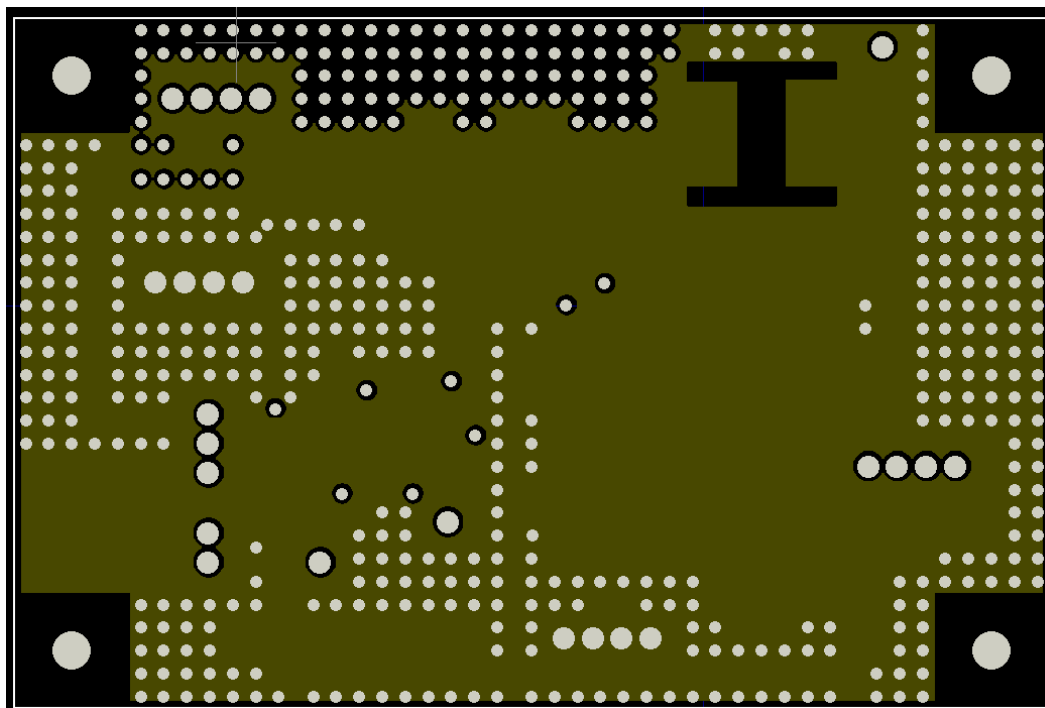


Figure 7 Internal Layer 2 (Third Layer)

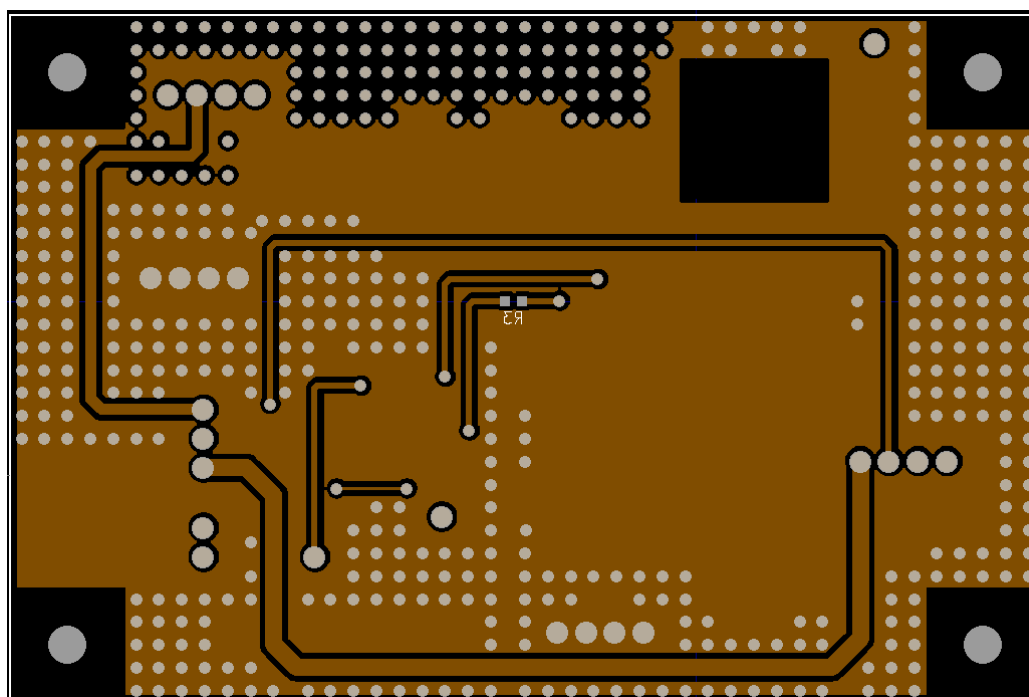


Figure 8 Bottom Layer (Fourth Layer)

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