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增强型、低输入电压模式同步降压控制器 查询样品**: [TPS40021-EP](http://www.ti.com.cn/product/cn/tps40021-ep#samples)**

¹特性

- **²•** 工作输入电压范围为 **2.25V** 至 **5.5V** 应用范围
- **•** 输出电压低至 **0.7V •** 网络设备
- **• 1%** 内部 **0.7V** 电压基准 **•** 电信设备
- **• Predictive Gate Drive™** 用于实现更高效率的 **N •** 基站 通道金属氧化物半导体场效应晶体管 **(MOSFET) •** 服务器
- **•** 外部可调软启动和短路电流限制 **• DSP** 电源
- **• 100kHz** 至
- **•** 拉电流或灌电流 **•** 受控基线
- **•** 带有电源指示(给出输出状态)的快速响应输出瞬 **•** 一个组装和测试场所
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	- **•** 支持军用温度范围(-55℃ 至 125℃) ⁽¹⁾
	- **•** 延长的产品生命周期
	- **•** 延长的产品变更通知
	- **•** 产品可追溯性
	- (1) 可定制工作温度范围

说明

TPS40021 是一款针对非隔离式同步降压稳压器而设计的直流到直流控制器,通过用户可编程性提供增强型操作和 设计灵活性。

此器件采用一个私有的预测栅极驱动技术来大大减少与高侧和同步整流器 N 通道 MOSFET 转换相关的二极管传导 损耗。 带有升压电路的集成电荷泵为高侧和同步整流器

N 通道 MOSFET 提供一个经稳压的 5V 栅极驱动。 将预测栅极驱动技术与电荷泵/升压电路组合使用以提供一个高 效、更小型和低成本的转换器。

通过如下的用户可编程性提供了设计灵活性:运行频率、短路电流检测阀值、软启动斜坡时间和外部同步频率。 可 使用一个单电阻器将运行频率设定在 100kHz 至 1MHz 之间。 针对一个给定的转换器功率水平以及更快速的环路 闭合,较高的运行频率可生成更小的组件值。

可通过一个单电阻器来设定短路电流检测,从而更容易地调整短路电流限制检测阀值来适应不同尺寸的 (R_{DS(导通)}) MOSFET。 短路电流功能在软启动和短时瞬态条件下以及一个故障计数器处理持续时间较长的短路电流情况时提 供逐周期电流限制。 如果检测到一个故障,控制器在由六个连续的软启动周期确定的周期时间内关断。 控制器在 每次第七个软启动周期时自动重试输出。

除了确定故障条件下的关闭时间,软启动斜坡在启动期间提供转换器输出的由已闭合环路控制的斜坡。 可编程性使 得斜升速率可在多种输出 L-C 组件值间调节。

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输出电压瞬变比较器提供快速响应,第一击,输出电压瞬变的方法。 通过一个 OSNS 引脚上的电阻分压器来感测 输出电压。如果检测到一个过压情况,那么在输出返回到稳压之前,HDRV 栅极驱动被关闭,而 LDRV 栅极驱动 被打开。相似地,如果感测到一个输出欠压,HDRV 栅极驱动达到 95% 占空比来将输出快速泵回。 在任一种情况 下,电源正常 (PowerGood) 开漏输出拉至低电平来表示输出电压超出稳压条件。 PowerGood 输出可被以菊花链 的方式连接至 SS/SD 引脚或者其它控制器或转换器的使能引脚以实现输出电压排序。 只需将 OSNS 引脚接至 VDD 即可禁用瞬态比较器。

通过 ILIM/SYNC 引脚, 可从外部将 TPS40021 同步至高达自由振荡频率的 1.5 倍。 这可实现多个控制器同步以大 大减少由振荡器之间的输入拍频造成的电磁干扰 (EMI) 问题。

ISTRUMENTS

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- This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

ORDERING INFORMATION(1)

(1) For the most current package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI website at www.ti.com.

(2) With Cu NIPDAU lead/ball finish

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)

over operating free-air temperature range unless otherwise noted

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. All voltage values are with respect to the network ground terminal unless otherwise noted.

THERMAL INFORMATION

(1) 有关传统和新的热 度量的更多信息,请参阅IC 封装热度量应用报告, [SPRA953](http://www.ti.com/cn/lit/pdf/spra953)。

(2) 在 JESD51-2a 描述的环境中,按照 JESD51-7 的指定,在一个 JEDEC 标准高 K 电路板上进行仿真,从而获得自然 对流条件下的结至环 境热阻。

(3) 通过在封装顶部模拟一个冷板测试来获得结至芯片外壳(顶部)的热阻。 不存在特定的 JEDEC 标准测试,但 可在 ANSI SEMI 标准 G30- 88 中能找到内容接近的说明。

- 按照 JESD51-8 中的说明,通过 在配有用于控制 PCB 温度的环形冷板夹具的环境中进行仿真,以获得结板热阻。
- (5) 结至顶部特征参数, ψյτ,估算真实系统中器件的结温,并使用 JESD51-2a(第 6 章和第 7 章)中 描述的程序从仿真数据中 提取出该参 数以便获得 θ_{JA}。
- (6) 结至电路板特征参数, ψյ $_{\rm B}$,估算真实系统中器件的结温,并使用 JESD51-2a(第 6 章和第 7 章)中 描述的程序从仿真数据中 提取出该 参数以便获得 θ JA。
- (7) 通过在外露(电源)焊盘上进行冷板测试仿真来获得 结至芯片外壳(底部)热阻。 不存在特定的 JEDEC 标准 测试,但可在 ANSI SEMI 标准 G30-88 中能找到内容接近的说明。

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

T_J = -55° C to 125 $^{\circ}$ C, T_J = T_A, VDD = 5.0 V (unless otherwise noted)

(1) Operation below the minimum on-time could result in overlap of the HDRV and LDRV outputs.

(2) Specified by design. Not production tested.

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

T_J = -55° C to 125 $^{\circ}$ C, T_J = T_A, VDD = 5.0 V (unless otherwise noted)

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 $T_J = -55^{\circ}$ C to 125°C, $T_J = T_A$, VDD = 5.0 V (unless otherwise noted)

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DEVICE INFORMATION

TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

PWP PACKAGE

- A. For more information on the PWP package, refer to TI Technical Brief, Literature No. [SLMA002](http://www.ti.com/cn/lit/pdf/SLMA002).
- B. PowerPAD heat slug must be connected to SGND (Pin 8), or electrically isolated from all other pins.

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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The TPS40021 is a low-input voltage, synchronous, voltage mode-buck controller. A typical application circuit is shown in [Figure](#page-9-0) 1. These controllers are designed to allow construction of high-performance dc-to-dc converters with input voltages from 2.25 V to 5.5 V, and output voltages as low as 690 mV. Using a top side N-channel MOSFET for the primary buck switch results in lower switch resistance for a given gate charge.

The device controls the delays from main switch off to rectifier turn on and from rectifier turn off to main switch turn on in a way that minimizes diode losses (both conduction and recovery) in the synchronous rectifier. The reduction in these losses is significant and can mean that for a given converter power level, smaller FETs can be used, or that heat sinking can be reduced or even eliminated.

The TPS40021 is the controller of choice for most general purpose synchronous buck designs, operating in two quadrant mode (i.e. source or sink current) full time. This device provides the best performance for output voltage load transient response over the widest load current range.

The controller provides for a coarse short circuit current-limit function that provides pulse-by-pulse current limiting, as well as integrates short circuit current pulses to determine the existence of a persistant fault state at the converter output. If a fault is detected, the converter shuts down for a period of time (determined by six softstart cycles) and then restarts. The current-limit threshold is adjustable with a single resistor connected from VDD to the ILIM/SYNC pin. This overcurrent function is designed to protect against catastrophic faults only, and cannot be guaranteed to protect against all overcurrent conditions.

The controller implements a closed-loop soft start function. Startup ramp time is set by a single external capacitor connected to the SS/SD pin. The SS/SD pin also doubles as a shutdown function.

Voltage Reference

The bandgap cell is designed with a trimmed, curvature corrected (< 1%) 0.69-V output, allowing output voltages as low as 690 mV to be obtained.

Oscillator

The ramp waveform is a saw-tooth form at the PWM frequency with a peak voltage of 1.25 V, and a valley of 0.3 V. The PWM duty cycle is limited to a maximum of 97%, allowing the bootstrap and charge pump capacitors to charge during every cycle.

Bootstrap/Charge Pump

The TPS40021 includes a charge pump to boost the drive voltage to the power MOSFET's to higher levels when the input supply is low. A capacitor connected from PVDD to PGND is the storage cap for the pump. A capacitor connected from SW to BOOT2 gets charged every switching cycle while LDRV is high and its charge is dumped on the PVDD capacitor when HDRV goes high. An internal switch disables the charge pump when the voltage on PVDD reaches approximately 4.8 V and enables pumping when PVDD falls to approximately 4.6 V. The highside driver uses the capacitor from SW to BOOT1 as its power supply. When SW is low, this capacitor charges from the PVDD capacitor. When the SW pin goes high, this capacitor provides above-rail drive for the high-side N-channel FET.

PVDD, BOOT1 and BOOT2 are pre-charged to the VDD voltage during a shutdown condition. For low-input voltage converters, utilizing higher gate threshold voltage MOSFETs, it may be necessary to add an Schottky diode from VDD (anode) to BOOT1 to guarantee sufficient voltage for initial start up. Once switching starts the charge pump reverses bias on the Schottky diode.

Drivers

The HDRV and LDRV MOSFET drivers are capable of driving gate-to-source voltages up to 5.0 V. Using appropriate MOSFETs, a 25-A converter can be achieved. The LDRV driver switches between VDD and ground, while the HDRV driver is referenced to SW and switches between BOOT1 and SW. The maximum voltage between BOOT1 and SW is 5.0 V when PVDD is in regulation.

Synchronous Rectification and Predictive Gate Delay

In a normal buck converter, when the high−side switch turns off, current is flowing in the inductor. Since this current cannot be stopped immediately a rectifier or catch device is used to give this current a path to flow and maintain voltage levels at a safe level. This device can be a simple diode or it can be an actively−controlled transistor if a control signal is available to drive it. The TPS40021 provides a signal to drive an N−channel MOSFET as a synchronous rectifier. This control signal is carefully coordinated with the drive signal for the main switch so that there is absolute minimum dead−time between the turn off of one FET and the turn on of the other. This TI−patented function, predictive gate delay, uses information from the current switching cycle to adjust the delays for the next cycle virtually eliminating diode conduction while preventing cross−conduction or shoot through. Figure 2 shows the switch−node voltage waveform for a synchronously rectified buck converter during the synchronous rectification period. Illustrated are the relative effects of a fixed delay drive scheme (constant, pre−set delays for the turn−off to turn−on intervals), an adaptive delay drive scheme (variable delays based on voltages sensed on the current switching cycle) and TI's predictive delay drive scheme. Since the diode voltage drop is greater than the conduction drop of the FET, the longer time spent in diode conduction, the more power dissipated in the rectifier and the lower the efficiency. Also, not shown in the figure, is the fact that the predictive delay circuit can actually prevent the body diode from becoming forward biased at all, avoiding reverse recovery and its associated losses. This results in a significant power savings when the main FET turns on.

The predictive gate drive architecture on the TPS40021 requires a minimum pulse width of greater than 150 ns for proper operation. At pulse widths below 150 ns, the low−side FET turn−on could overlap the high−side FET turn−off leading to cross conduction in the power stage.

Figure 2. Switch Node Waveforms for Synchronous Buck Converter

Output Short Circuit Protection

Output short circuit protection in the TPS40021 is sensed by looking at the voltage across the main FET while it is on. If the voltage exceeds a pre-set threshold, the current pulse is terminated, and a counter inside the device is incremented. If this counter fills up, a fault condition is declared and the chip disables switching for a period of time and then attempts to restart the converter with a full soft-start cycle. The more detailed explanation follows.

In each switching cycle, a comparator looks at the voltage across the top side FET while it is on. If the voltage across that FET exceeds a programmable threshold voltage, then the current switching pulse is terminated and a 3-bit counter (eight counts) is incremented by one count. If during the switching cycle the top side FET voltage does not exceed a preset threshold, then this counter is decremented by one count. (The counter does not wrap around from seven to zero or from zero to seven). If the counter reaches a full count of seven, the device declares that a fault condition exists at the output of the converter. In this state, switching stops and the soft-start capacitor is discharged. The counter is decremented by one by the soft start cap discharge. When the soft-start capacitor is fully discharged, the discharge circuit is turned off and the cap is allowed to charge up at the nominal charging rate, When the soft-start capacitor reaches approximately 1.3 V, it is discharged again and the overcurrent counter is decremented by one count. The capacitor is charged and discharged, and the counter decremented until the count reaches zero (a total of six times). When this happens, the outputs are again enabled as the soft-start capacitor generates a reference ramp for the converter to follow while attempting to restart. During this soft-start interval (whether or not the controller is attempting to do a fault recovery or starting for the first time), pulse-by-pulse current limiting is in effect, but overcurrent pulses are not counted to declare a fault until the soft-start cycle has been completed. It is possible to have a supply try to bring up a short circuit for the duration of the soft-start period plus seven switching cycles. Power stage designs should take this into account if it makes a difference thermally. Figure 3 shows the details of the overcurrent operation.

Figure 3. Switch Node Waveforms for Synchronous Buck Converter

[Figure](#page-12-0) 4 shows the behavior of key signals during initial startup, during a fault and a successfully fault recovery. At time t0, power is applied to the converter. The voltage on the soft-start capacitor (VCSS) begins to ramp up At t1, the soft-start period is over and the converter is regulating its output at the desired voltage level. From t0 to t1, pulse-by-pulse current limiting was in effect, and from t1 onward, overcurrent pulses are counted for purposes of determining if a fault exists. At t2, a heavy overload is applied to the converter. This overload is in excess of the overcurrent threshold, the converter starts limiting current and the output voltage falls to some level depending on the overload applied. During the period from t2 to t3, the counter is counting overcurrent pulses and at time t3 reaches a full count of 7. The soft-start capacitor is then discharged, the outputs are disabled, the counter decremented, and a fault condition is declared.

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Figure 4. Overcurrent/Fault Waveforms

When the soft-start capacitor is fully discharged, it begins charging again at the same rate that it does on startup, with a nominal 3-μA current source. As the capacitor voltage reaches full charge, it is discharged again and the counter is decremented by one count. These transitions occur at t3 through t9. At t9, the counter has been decremented to zero. Now the fault logic is cleared, the outputs are enabled and the converter attempts to restart with a full soft-start cycle. The converter comes into regulation at t10.

The internal SS signal is a diode drop below V_{CSS}. When V_{CSS} reaches one diode drop above ground, (\approx 0.6 V) the output (V_{OUT}) begins it's soft-start ramp.

Setting the Short Circuit Current Limit Threshold

Connecting a resistor from VDD to ILIM sets the current limit. A current sink in the chip causes a voltage drop across the resistor connected to ILIM. This voltage drop is the short circuit current threshold for the part. The

20038 the resistor differenceed to LIM. This voltage drop is the short circuit current. The current that the ILIM pin sinks is dependent on the value of the resistor connected to RT and is given by:

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I_{LIM} = 19 \cdot \frac{0.69 \text{ V}}{R_T}
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The tolerance of the current sink is too loose to do an accurate current limit. The main purpose is for hard fault protection of the power switches. Given the tolerance of the ILIM sink current, and the $R_{DS(on)}$ range for a MOSFET, it is generally possible to apply a load that thermally damages the converter. This device is intended for embedded converters where load characteristics are defined and can be controlled. A small capacitor can be added between ILIM and VDD for filtering. However, capacitors should not be used if the synchronization function is to be used.

Soft-Start and Shutdown

The soft−start and shutdown functions are common to the SS/SD pin. The voltage at this pin over−rides the reference voltage on the error amplifier during startup. This controls the output voltage slew rate and the surge current required to charge the output capacitor at startup, allowing for a smooth startup with no overshoot of the output voltage. Initial HDRV pulse widths during Soft−Start are typically very narrow, likely less than 150ns. As a result, HDRV and LDRV can be on simultaneously, resulting in cross−conduction the MOSFETs of the power stage. To minimize cross−conduction during soft−start, the soft−start time when the pulse widths are less than 150ns should be kept to a minimum. A shutdown feature can be implemented by pulling SS/SD to GND via a transistor as shown in [Figure](#page-13-0) 5.

Figure 5. Shutdown Implementation

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C_{SS} = \frac{I_{SS}}{V_{FB}} \bullet t_{SS} (F)
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where t_{SS} is the start up time in seconds.

Switching Frequency

 $C_{SS} = \frac{2S}{V_{FB}} \cdot t_{SS}$ (*F*)
where t_{SS} is the start up time in second
Switching Frequency
The switching frequency is programm-
calculated by:
 $R_T (k\Omega) = \frac{37.736 \cdot 10^3}{f(LH_C)} - 5.09 (k\Omega)$ calculated by:

The switching frequency is programmed by a resistor from RT to SGND. Nominal switching frequency can be calculated by:
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R_T (k\Omega) = \frac{37.736 \cdot 10^3}{f_{\text{osc}} (kHz)} - 5.09 (k\Omega)
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Synchronization

The TPS40021 can be synchronized to an external reference frequency higher than the free running oscillator frequency. The recommended method is to use a diode and a push pull drive signal as shown in [Figure](#page-13-1) 6.

Figure 6. Synchronization Methods

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This design allows synchronization up to the maximum operating frequency of 1 MHz. For best results the nominal operating frequency of a converter that is to be synchronized should be kept as close as practicable to the synchronization frequency to avoid excessive noise induced pulse width jitter. A good target is to shoot for the free run frequency to be 80% of the synchronized frequency. This ensures that the synchronization source is the frequency determining element in the system and not to adversely affect noise immunity.

Other methods of implementing the synchronization function include using an open collector or open drain output device directly, or discreet devices to pull the ILIM/SYNC pin down. These do work but performance can suffer at high frequency because the ILIM/SYNC pin must rise to (V_{DD} - 1.0 V) before the next switching cycle begins. Any time that this requires is directly subtracted from the maximum pulse width available and should be considered when choosing devices to drive ILIM/SYNC. Consequently, the lowest output capacitance devices work best.

During a synchronization cycle, the current sink on the ILIM/SYNC pin becomes disabled when ILIM/SYNC is pulled below 1.0 V. The ILIM/SYNC current sink remains disabled until ILIM/SYNC reaches (V_{DD} −1.0 V) This removes the load on the ILIM/SYNC pin to allow the voltage to slew rapidly depending on the ILIM resistor and any stray capacitance on the pin. To maximize this slew rate, minimize stray capacitance on this pin.

The duration of the synchronization pulse pulling ILIM/SYNC low shoud be between 50 ns and 100 ns. Longer durations may limit the maximum obtainable duty cycle.

Transient Comparators and Power Good

The TPS40021 makes use of a separate pin, OSNS, to monitor output voltage for these two functions. In normal operation, OSNS is connected to the output via a resistor divider. It is important to make this divider the same ratio as the divider for the feedback network so that in normal operation the voltage at OSNS is the same as the voltage at FB, 0.69 V nominal.

The PWRGD pin is an open drain output that is pulled low when the voltage at OSNS falls outside 0.69 V $\pm 4.6\%$ (approximately). A delay has been purposely built into the PWRGD pin pulling low in response to an out of band voltage on OSNS, to minimize the need for filtering the signal in the event of a noise glitch causing a brief out of band OSNS voltage. The PWRGD signal returns to high when the OSNS signal returns to approximately ±1% of nominal (0.69 V \pm 1%).

The transient comparators override the conventional voltage control loop when the output voltage exceeds a ±4.6% window. If the output transition is high (i.e. load steps down from 90% load to 10 % load) then the HDRV gate drive is terminated, 0% duty cycle, the LDRV gate drive is turned on to sink output current until V_{OUT} returns to within 1% of nominal. Conversely when V_{OUT} drops outside the window (i.e. step load increases from 10% load to 90% load) HDRV increases to maximum duty cycle until V_{OUT} returns to within 1% of nominal (see [Figure](#page-15-0) 7).

During start-up, the transient comparators control the state of PWRGD as previously described. However, the operation of the gate drive outputs is not affected (see [Figure](#page-15-1) 8).

The transient comparators provide an improvement in load transient recovery time if used properly. In some situations, recovery time may be one half of the time required without transient comparators. Keep in mind that the transient comparator concept is a double-edged sword. While they provide improved transient recovery time, they can also lead to instability if incorrectly applied. For proper functionality, design a feedback loop for the converter that places the closed loop unity gain frequency at least five times higher than the 0-dB frequency of the output L-C filter. If not, the feedback loop cannot respond to the ring of the L-C on a transient event. The ring is likely to be large enough to disturb the transient comparators and the result is a power oscillator. Another helpful action is to ground the feedback loop divider and the OSNS divider at the SGND pin. Make sure both dividers measure the same physical location on the output bus. These help avoid problems with resistive drops at higher loads causing problems.

Connecting OSNS to VDD disables the transient comparators. This also disables the PWRGD function. Alternatively, OSNS and FB can be tied together. This connection allows a proper PWRGD at startup, though transient performance diminishes.

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Layout Considerations

Successful operation of the TPS40021 is dependent upon the proper converter layout and grounding techniques. High current returns for the SR MOSFET's source, input capacitance, output capacitance, PVDD capacitance, and input bypass capacitors (if applicable), should be kept on a single ground plane or wide trace connected to the PGND (pin10) through a short wide trace. Control components connected to signal ground, as well as the PowerPad thermal pad, should be connected to a single ground plane connected to SGND (pin 8) through a short trace. SGND and PGND should be connected at a single point using a narrow trace.

Proper operation of Predictive Gate Drive technology and I_{ZERO} functions are dependent upon detecting lowvoltage thresholds on the SW node. To ensure that the signal at the SW pin accurately represents the voltage at the main switching node, the connection from SW (pin 14) to the main switching node of the converter should be kept as short and wide as possible and should ideally be kept on the top level with the power components. If the SW trace must traverse multiple board layers between the TPS40021 and the main switching node, multiple vias should be used to minimize the trace impedance.

Gate drive outputs, LDRV and HDRV (pins 11 and 15, respectively) should be kept as short as possible to minimize inductances in the traces. If the gate drive outputs need to traverse multiple board layers multiple vias should be used.

Charge pump components, BOOT1, BOOT2, PVDD, and any input bypass capacitors (if required), should be kept as close as possible to their respective pins. Ceramic bypass capacitors should be used if the input capacitors are located more than a couple of inches away from the TPS40021. If a bypass capacitor is not needed the trace from the input capacitors to VDD (pin2) should be kept as short and wide as possible to minimize trace impedance. If multiple board layers are traversed multiple vias should be used.

Manufacturer's instructions should be followed for proper layout of the external MOSFETs. Thermal impedances given in the manufacturer's datasheets are for a given mounting technique with a specified surface area under the drain of the MOSFET. PowerPad package information can be found in the APPLICATION INFORMATION section of this datasheet.

Refer to TPS40021 EVM−001 High Efficiency Synchronous Buck Converter with PWM Controller Evaluation Module (HPA009) User's Guide, (Literature No. [SLUU144A\)](http://www.ti.com/cn/lit/pdf/sluu144A) for a typical board layout.

The PowerPAD package provides low thermal impedance for heat removal from the device. The PowerPAD derives its name and low thermal impedance from the large bonding pad on the bottom of the device. The circuit board must have an area of solder-tinned-copper underneath the package. The dimensions of this area depends on the size of the PowerPAD package. For a 16-pin TSSOP (PWP) package the area is 5 mm x 3.4 mm [3].

Thermal vias connect this area to internal or external copper planes and should have a drill diameter sufficiently small so that the via hole is effectively plugged when the barrel of the via is plated with copper. This plug is needed to prevent wicking the solder away from the interface between the package body and the solder-tinned area under the device during solder reflow. Drill diameters of 0.33 mm (13 mils) works well when 1-oz copper is plated at the surface of the board while simultaneously plating the barrel of the via. If the thermal vias are not plugged when the copper plating is performed, then a solder mask material should be used to cap the vias with a diameter equal to the via diameter of 0.1 mm minimum. This capping prevents the solder from being wicked through the thermal vias and potentially creating a solder void under the package. Refer to PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package[3] for more information on the PowerPAD package.

REFERENCE DESIGN

This design used the TPS40020 PWM controller to facilitate a step-down application from 3.3-V to 1.5 V (see [Figure](#page-20-0) 11). Design specifications include:

- Input voltage: 2.5 $V \le V_{IN} \le 5.0 V$
- Nominal output voltage: 3.3 V
- Output voltage V_{OUT} : 1.5 V
- Output current I_{OUT} : 20 A
- Switching frequency: 300 kHz

Setting the Frequency

Choosing the optimum switching frequency is complicated. The higher the frequency, the smaller the inductance and capacitance needed, so the smaller the size, but then the the switching losses are higher, the efficiency is poorer. For this evaluation module, 300 kHz is chosen for reasonable efficiency and size.

A resistor R4, which is connected from pin 7 to ground, programs the oscillator frequency. The approximate operating frequency is calculated in [Equation](#page-13-2) 3.

Using [Equation](#page-13-3) 2, R_T is calculated to be 120 kΩ and a 118-kΩ resistor is chosen for 300 kHz operation.

Inductance Value

Inductance Value
The inductance value can be calculated by Equation 4.

$$
L_{(min)} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f \cdot I_{RIPPLE}} \cdot 3 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(max)}}
$$

where $I_{\text{RIPPI E}}$ is the ripple current flowing through the inductor, which affects the output voltage ripple and core losses.

1% ripple cur
r is CDEP14
Ily 1.5% of ou Based on 24% ripple current and 300 kHz, the inductance value is calculated to 0.71 μH and a 0.75-μH inductor (part number is CDEP149−0R7) is chosen. The DCR of this inductor is 1.1 mΩ and the loss is 440 mW, which is approximately 1.5% of output power.

$$
C_{OUT(min)} = \frac{I_{RIPPLE}}{8 \cdot f \cdot V_{RIPPLE}} \tag{5}
$$
\n
$$
ESR_{OUT} = \frac{V_{RIPPLE}}{I_{RIPPLE}} \tag{6}
$$

With 1.2% output voltage ripple, the needed capacitance is at least 109 μF and its ESR should be less than 3.75 mΩ. Three 2-V, 470-μF, POSCAP capacitors from Sanyo are used. The ESR is 10 mΩ each.

C = I D IN(min) OUT(max) (max) · · ¾¹ The required input capacitance is calculated in [Equation](#page-17-1) 7. The calculated value is approximately 390 μF for a 100-mV input ripple. Three 6.0-V, 330-μF POSCAP capacitors with 10 mΩ ESR are used to handle 10 A of RMS input current. Additionally, two ceramic capacitors are used to reduce the switching ripple current.

$$
C_{IN(min)} = I_{OUT(max)} \bullet D_{(max)} \bullet \frac{1}{f_{OSC} \bullet V_{IN triple}}
$$
\n(7)

(4)

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Figure 9. Reference Design Schematic

Input and Output Capacitors

The output capacitance and its ESR needed are calculated in [Equation](#page-17-3) 5 and Equation 6.

Compensation Design

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 Compensation Design

Voltage-mode control is used in this evaluation module, using R2, R7, R7, R7

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 $f_{z2} = \frac{1}{$ Voltage-mode control is used in this evaluation module, using R2, R7, R8, C14, C15, and C16 to form a Type-III compensator network. The L-C frequency of the power stage is approximately 4.9-kHz and the ESR-zero is around 34 kHz. The overall crossover frequency, $\mathfrak{f}_{\text{odb}}$, is chosen at 43-kHz for reasonable transient response and stability. Two zeros f_{Z1} and f_{Z2} from the compensator are set at 2.4 kHz and 4 kHz. The two poles, f_{P1} and f_{P2} are set at 34 kHz and 115 kHz. The frequency of poles and zeros are defined by the following equations:

$$
f_{Z1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot C} \tag{8}
$$

$$
f_{Z2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R2 \cdot C16} \text{ (assuming } R2 > R8\text{)}
$$
\n⁽⁹⁾

stability. Two zeros
$$
f_{Z1}
$$
 and f_{Z2} from the compensator are set at 2.4 kHz and 4 kHz. The two poles, f_{P1} and f_{P2} are
set at 34 kHz and 115 kHz. The frequency of poles and zeros are defined by the following equations:

$$
f_{Z1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R^2 \cdot C14}
$$
(8)

$$
f_{Z2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R^2 \cdot C16}
$$
 (assuming $R2 > R8$) (9)

$$
f_{P1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R8 \cdot C16}
$$
 (10)

$$
f_{Z1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R7 \cdot C14}
$$

\n
$$
f_{Z2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R2 \cdot C16}
$$
 (assuming R2 > R8)
\n
$$
f_{P1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R8 \cdot C16}
$$

\n
$$
f_{P2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R7 \cdot C15}
$$
 (assuming C14 > C15) (11)

The transfer function for the compensator is calculated in Equation 12.

$$
f_{Z2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R2 \cdot C16} \quad (assuming R2 > R8)
$$
\n
$$
f_{P1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R8 \cdot C16} \quad (10)
$$
\n
$$
f_{P2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R7 \cdot C15} \quad (assuming C14 > C15)
$$
\n
$$
f_{P3} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R7 \cdot C15} \quad (assuming C14 > C15)
$$
\n
$$
A(s) = \frac{(1 + s \cdot C14 \cdot R7) \cdot [1 + s \cdot C16 \cdot (R2 + R3)]}{s \cdot R2 \cdot C14 \cdot [(1 + \frac{C15}{C14}) + s \cdot R7 \cdot C15] \cdot (1 + s \cdot R8 \cdot C16)}
$$
\n
$$
(12)
$$

[Figure](#page-19-1) 10 shows the close loop gain and phase. The overall crossover frequency is approximately 30 kHz. The phase margin is 57°.

MOSFETs and Diodes

For a 1.5-V output voltage, the lower the $R_{DS(on)}$ of the MOSFET, the higher the efficiency. Due to the high current and high conduction loss, the MOSFET should have very low conduction resistance ($R_{DS(on)}$) and thermal resistance. Si7858DP is chosen for its low R_{DS(on)} (between 3 mΩ and 4 mΩ) and Power-Pak package.

Current Limiting

Resistor R3 sets the short current limit threshold. The $R_{DS(on)}$ of the upper MOSFET is used as a current sensor. The current limit, $I_{\text{OUT(CL)}}$ is initialized at 30% above the maximum output current, $I_{\text{OUT(max)}}$, which is 28 A. Then R3 can be calculated in [Equation](#page-20-1) 14 and yields a value of 1.4 kΩ. An R3 of 1.43 kΩ is selected.

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$$
\begin{aligned}\n\text{www.ti.com.} \\
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I_{LIM} &= (19 \cdot \frac{V_{FB}}{R4}) = (19 \cdot \frac{0.69 \text{ V}}{118 \text{ k}\Omega}) = 111.1 \ (\mu A) \\
R3 &= \frac{K \cdot R_{DS(\text{on})} \cdot I_{OUT(CL)}}{I_{\text{on}}} = \frac{1.5 \cdot 0.004 \cdot 28A}{I} = 1.4 \ (\text{k}\Omega)\n\end{aligned} \tag{13}
$$

$$
R3 = \frac{K \cdot K_{DS(on)} \cdot I_{OUT(CL)}}{I_{LIM}} = \frac{1.5 \cdot 0.004 \cdot 28A}{I_{LIM}} = 1.4 \ (k\Omega)
$$
\n(14)

where

 $R_{DS(on)}$ is the on-resistor of Q1 (4 mΩ)

Temperature coefficient, K=1.5

 $V_{FB} = 0.69 V$

 $R4 = 118 k\Omega$

Voltage Sense Regulator

Felationship between the output voltage and divider is described in Equation 15. C
and 1.5-V output regulation, R1 is calculated as 8.52 kΩ, 8.66 kΩ is selected for R1.
 $\frac{V_{FB}}{B1} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{B1 \cdot BC}$ \rightarrow $\frac{0.69V}{B1} = \frac{$ *RT* and Rz operate as the output voltage divider. The entity amplifier reference voltage (v_{FB}) is 0.69 v. The relationship between the output voltage and divider is described in [Equation](#page-20-2) 15. Using a 10-kΩ resistor for R1 and R2 operate as the output voltage divider. The error amplifier reference voltage (V_{FB}) is 0.69 V. The

$$
\frac{V_{FB}}{R1} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{R1 + R2} \to \frac{0.69V}{R1} = \frac{1.5V}{R1 + 10k\Omega} \to R1 = 8.52k\Omega
$$
\n(15)

Transient Comparator

The output voltage transient comparators provide a quick response, first strike, approach to output voltage transients. The output voltage is sensed through a resistor divider at the OSNS pin, using R5 and R6 shown in [Figure](#page-18-0) 9. If an overvoltage condition is detected, the HDRV gate drive is shut off and the LDRV gate drive is turned on until the output is returned to regulation. Similarly, if an output undervoltage condition is sensed, the HDRV gate drive goes to 95% duty cycle to pump the output back up quickly. The voltage divider should be exactly the same as resistors R1 and R2 discussed previously. Resistor R5 = 8.66 kΩ and R6 = 10 kΩ in this evaluation module.

Efficiency Curves

The tested efficiency at different loads and input voltages are shown in [Figure](#page-20-0) 11. The maximum efficiency is as high as 93% at 1.5-V output. The efficiency is around 88% when the load current (I_{LOAD}) is 20 A.

Figure 11.

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Typical Operating Waveforms

Transient Response and Output Ripple Voltage

The output ripple is about 15 mV_{P-P} at 20-A output. When the load changes from 4 A to 20 A, the overshooting voltage is about 35 mV.

[Figure](#page-22-0) 14 shows the transient waveform with and without the transient comparator. Using the transient comparator yields a settling time of 10-μs faster than without.

The output ripple is about 15 mV_{P−P} at 20-A output. When the load changes from 0 A to 13 A, the overshoot voltage is approximately 80 mV, and the undershoot is is approximately 60 mV as shown in [Figure](#page-22-1) 15. When the transient comparator is triggered, the powergood (PWRGD) signal goes low.

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Figure 14. Transient Response Undershoot/Overshoot

Figure 15. Transient Response

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Figure 26. TPS40021 IZERO Detection – DCM Figure 27. Output Current Fault Operation

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Time (1 ms/div)

Figure 30. Start-Up Operation With Transient Comparators Figure 31. COMP Shutdown Operation

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