

8 + 1 Phase Output Controller with SVID Interface for Desktop Computer CPU Applications

Product Preview NCP81520

The NCP81520 is a dual rail, eight plus one phase buck solution optimized for Intel's IMVP9.1 CPUs. The multi-phase rail control system is based on Dual-Edge pulse-width modulation (PWM) combined with DCR current sensing. This provides an ultra-fast initial response to dynamic load events and reduced system cost. The NCP81520 has an ultra-low offset current monitor amplifier with programmable offset compensation for high accuracy current monitoring.

Features

- Vin Range 4.5 V to 21 V
- Startup into Pre-Charged Loads While Avoiding False OVP
- Digital Soft Start Ramp
- Adjustable Vboot
- High Impedance Differential Output Voltage Amplifier
- Dual VID Table Support to Be Compatible with IMVP9.1
- Support High Current Extensions
- Dynamic Reference Injection
- Programmable Output Voltage Slew Rates
- Dynamic VID Feed-Forward
- Differential Current Sense Amplifiers for Each Phase
- Programmable Adaptive Voltage Positioning (AVP)
- Adjustable Switching Frequency Range
- Digitally Stabilized Switching Frequency
- UltraSonic Operation
- Supports Acoustic Noise Mitigation Function
- PSYS Input Monitor (SVID address 0D)
- Support for VCCIN_AUX IMON Input
- Meets Intel's IMVP9.1 Specifications
- Current Mode Dual Edge Modulation for Fast Initial Response to Transient Loading
- This is a Pb-Free Device

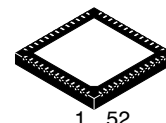
Typical Applications

- Desktop Computers



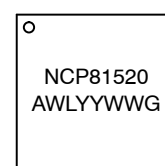
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MARKING DIAGRAM



A = Assembly Location
WL = Wafer Lot
YY = Year
WW = Work Week
G = Pb-Free Package

ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package	Shipping†
NCP81520MNTXG	QFN52 (Pb-Free)	2500 / Tape & Reel

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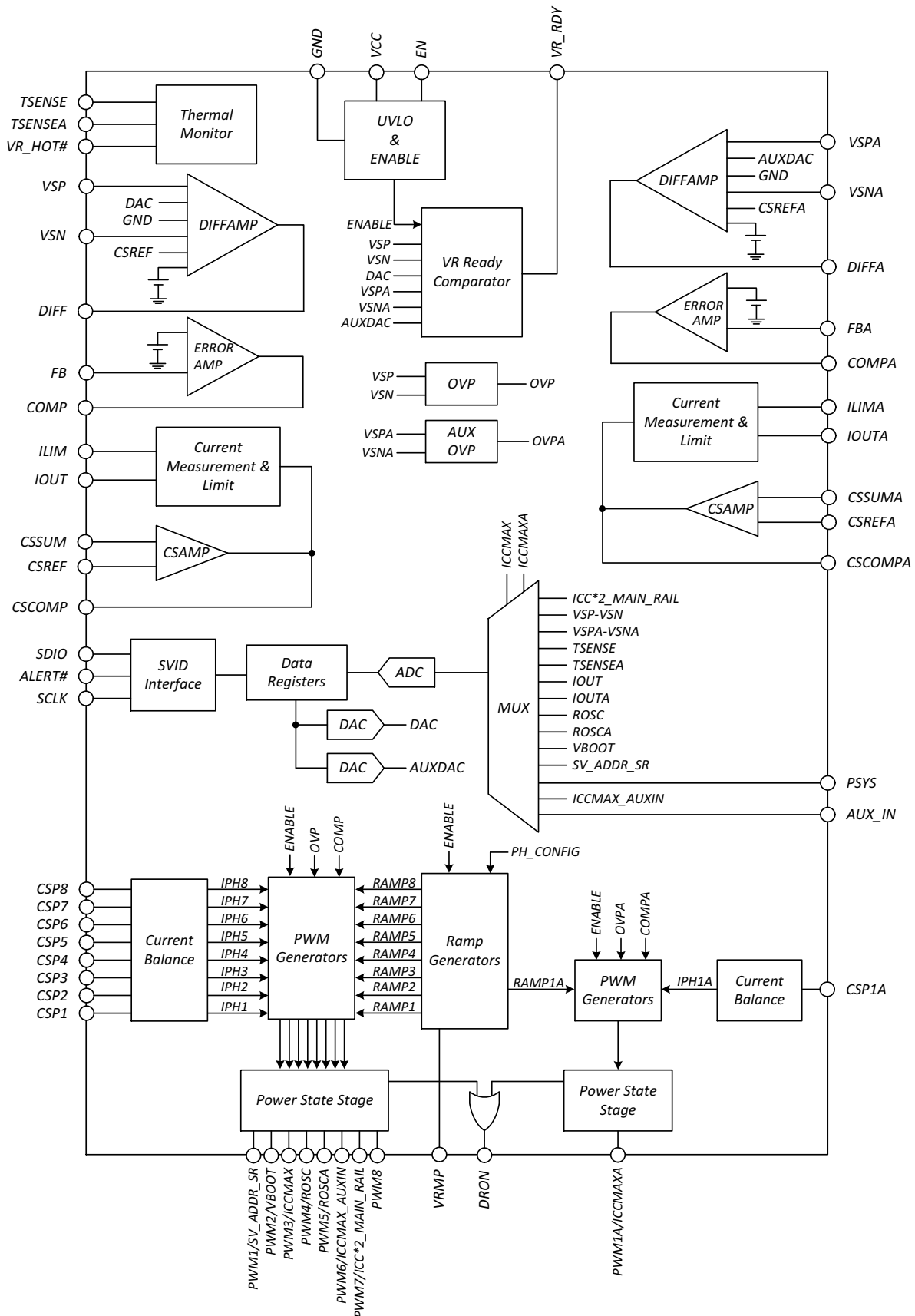


Figure 1. Internal Block Diagram

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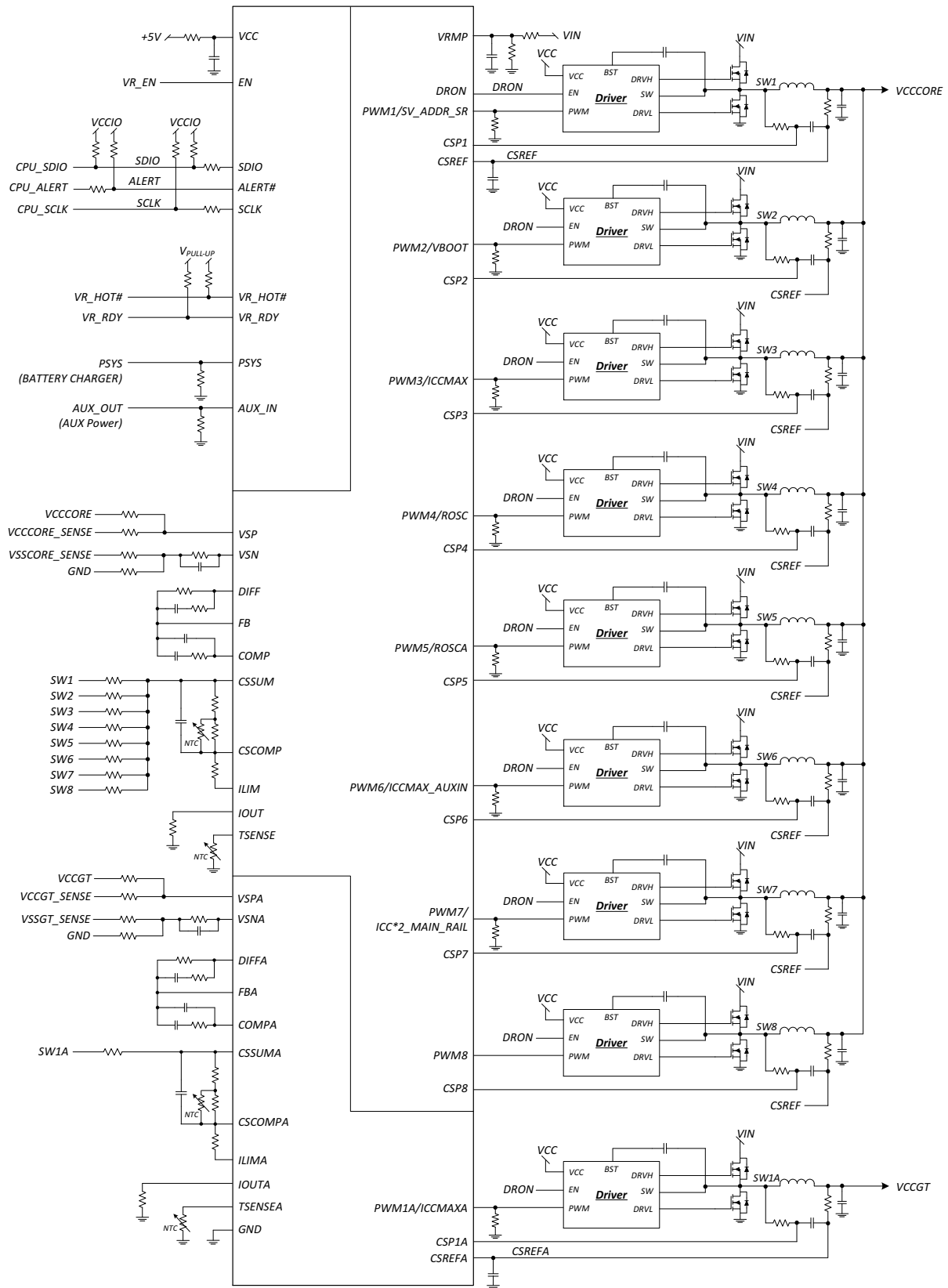


Figure 2. Typical Application Circuit for NCP81520

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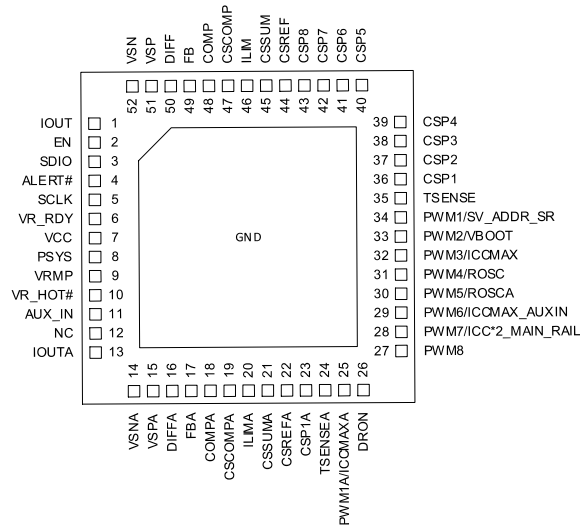


Figure 3. Pinout

PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	IOUT	Total output current monitor for eight-phase regulator
2	EN	Enable. High enables both rails
3	SDIO	Serial VID data interface
4	ALERT#	Serial VID ALERT#
5	SCLK	Serial VID clock
6	VR_RDY	VR_RDY indicates both rails are ready to accept SVID commands
7	VCC	Power for the internal control circuits. A decoupling capacitor is connected from this pin to ground
8	PSYS	System power signal input. A resistor to ground scales this signal.
9	VRMP	Feed-forward input of Vin for the ramp-slope compensation. The current fed into this pin is used to control the ramp of the PWM slopes
10	VR_HOT#	OD output. Indicates high VR temperature.
11	AUX_IN	AUX IMON Input on 0x0Dh SVID domain. A resistor to ground scales this signal.
12	NC	Reserved.
13	IOUTA	Total output current monitor for one-phase regulator
14	VSNA	Differential output voltage negative sense for one-phase rail
15	VSPA	Differential output voltage positive sense for one-phase rail
16	DIFFA	Output of the one-phase regulator's differential remote sense amplifier
17	FBA	Error amplifier voltage feedback for one-phase regulator
18	COMPA	Output of the error amplifier and the inverting inputs of the PWM comparators for one-phase regulator
19	CSCOMPA	Output of total-current-sense amplifier for one-phase regulator
20	ILIMA	Over-current threshold setting – programmed with a resistor to CSCOMPA for one-phase regulator
21	CSSUMA	Inverting input of total-current-sense amplifier for one-phase regulator
22	CSREFA	Total-current-sense amplifier reference voltage input for one-phase regulator
23	CSP1A	Non-inverting input to current-balance amplifier for Phase 1 of one-phase regulator.
24	TSENSEA	Temperature sense input for one-phase regulator
25	PWM1A / ICCMAXA	PWM1 output for one-phase regulator. Pulldown on this pin programs ICCMAX for one-phase rail during startup

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PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
26	DRON	External FET driver enable for discrete driver or ONSemiconductor MOS
27	PWM8	PWM8 output for eight-phase regulator.
28	PWM7 / ICC*2_MAIN_RAIL	PWM7 output for eight-phase regulator / Pulldown on this pin programs ICCMAX on main rail from 255 to 511A
29	PWM6 / ICCMAX_AUXIN	PWM6 output for eight-phase regulator / Pulldown resistor on this pin programs ICCMAX for the AUX_IN monitoring rail
30	PWM5 / ROSCA	PWM5 output for eight-phase regulator / Pulldown on this pin programs RoscA value for one-phase rail
31	PWM4 / ROSC	PWM4 output for eight-phase regulator / Pulldown on this pin programs Rosc value for eight-phase rail
32	PWM3 / ICCMAX	PWM3 output for eight-phase regulator / Pulldown on this pin programs ICCMAX for eight-phase rail during startup
33	PWM2 / VBOOT	PWM2 output for eight-phase regulator / Pin-program for eight-phase and one-phase Vboot.
34	PWM1 / SV_ADDR_SR	PWM1 output for eight-phase regulator / Pulldown on this pin configures SVID address and slew rate.
35	TSENSE	Temperature sense input for eight-phase regulator
36	CSP1	Differential current sense positive for Phase 1 of eight-phase rail
37	CSP2	Differential current sense positive for Phase 2 of eight-phase rail
38	CSP3	Differential current sense positive for Phase 3 of eight-phase rail
39	CSP4	Differential current sense positive for Phase 4 of eight-phase rail
40	CSP5	Differential current sense positive for Phase 5 of eight-phase rail
41	CSP6	Differential current sense positive for Phase 6 of eight-phase rail
42	CSP7	Differential current sense positive for Phase 7 of eight-phase rail
43	CSP8	Differential current sense positive for Phase 8 of eight-phase rail
44	CSREF	Total-current-sense amplifier reference voltage input for eight-phase rail
45	CSSUM	Inverting input of total-current-sense amplifier for eight-phase rail
46	ILIM	Over-current threshold setting – programmed with a resistor to CSCOMP for eight-phase rail
47	CSCOMP	Output of total-current-sense amplifier for eight-phase rail
48	COMP	Output of the error amplifier and the inverting inputs of the PWM comparators for eight-phase rail
49	FB	Error amplifier voltage feedback for eight-phase rail
50	DIFF	Output of the eight-phase regulator's differential remote sense amplifier
51	VSP	Differential output voltage sense positive for eight-phase rail
52	VSN	Differential output voltage sense negative for eight-phase rail
	Flag	GND

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MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

Pin Symbol	V _{MAX}	V _{MIN}	I _{SOURCE}	I _{SINK}
COMP, COMPA	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	2 mA	2 mA
CSCOMP, CSCOMPA	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	2 mA	2 mA
PWMX	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	–	1 mA
VSN, VSNA	GND + 0.3 V	GND – 0.3 V	1 mA	2 mA
DIFF, DIFFA	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	2 mA	2 mA
VR_RDY	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	2 mA	–
VCC	6.0 V	–0.3 V	–	–
VRMP	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	–	–
SCLK, SDIO	3.6 V	–0.3 V	–	–
All Other Pins	VCC + 0.3 V	–0.3 V	–	–

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

1. All signals referenced to GND unless noted otherwise

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
VCC Voltage Range	VCC	4.75	5.25	V
Operating Junction Temperature Range (Note 2)	T _J	–10	125	°C
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	T _A	–10	100	°C

Functional operation above the stresses listed in the Recommended Operating Ranges is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses beyond the Recommended Operating Ranges limits may affect device reliability.

2. JEDEC JESD 51–7 with 0 LFM.

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Description	Symbol	Value	Unit
Thermal Characteristic QFN Package	R _{JA}	65	°C/W
Maximum Junction Temperature Range	T _{J_max}	–40 to +125	°C
Maximum Storage Temperature Range	T _{STG}	–40 to +150	°C
Soldering Temperature		260	°C
Junction-to-Ambient, Thermal Resistance (Note 3)	θ _{JA}	30	°C/W
Junction-to-Case (Top), Thermal Resistance (Note 3)	θ _{JC(TOP)}	18	°C/W
Junction-to-Board Heat Spreader, Thermal Resistance (Note 3)	θ _{JB}	1.0	°C/W
Junction-to-Case (Top), Measurement Reference (Note 3)	Ψ _{J-CT}	1.1	°C/W
Moisture Sensitivity Level QFN Package	MSL	1	

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (−10°C < T_A < 100°C; 4.75 V < V_{CC} < 5.25 V; C_{VCC} = 0.1 μF unless otherwise noted)

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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BIAS SUPPLY

VCC Voltage Range		4.75	–	5.25	V
Quiescent Current (PS0, 1)	PS0, PS1	–	–	12	mA
	PS2, PS3	–	15	–	mA
	PS4	–	–	79	μA
	Enable low	–	–	30	μA
UVLO Threshold	VCC rising	–	–	4.5	V
	VCC falling	4.1	–	–	V
	VCC UVLO Hysteresis	180	290	–	mV

VRMP

Supply Range	VRMP range prior to external voltage divider resistor network with 1/12 ratio	4.5	–	21	V
UVLO Threshold	VRMP Rising	–	–	0.355	V
	VRMP Falling	0.250	–	–	V
UVLO Hysteresis		42	60	–	mV

ENABLE INPUT

Upper Threshold	Activation Level	0.8	–	–	V
Lower Threshold	Deactivation Level	–	–	0.3	V

PHASE DETECTION

CSP Pin Threshold Voltage		VCC – 0.4	–	–	V
Phase Detect Timer		–	1.75	1.8	ms

IMVP9.1 DAC (PROTOCOL 0Eh)

System Voltage Accuracy	0.25 V < DAC < 0.495 V	–10	–	10	mV
	0.5 V < DAC < 0.745 V	–8	–	8	mV
	0.75 V < DAC	–0.5	–	0.5	%

DAC SLEW RATE

Soft Start Slew Rate		–	1/4 fast	–	mV/μs
Slew Rate Slow		–	1/4 fast	–	mV/μs
Slew Rate Fast	P-Line, Optional for S-Line	30	–	48	mV/μs
	S-Line	10	–	–	mV/μs
VOFS Slew Rate		–	1/4 fast	–	mV/μs

DRON

Output High Voltage	Sourcing 500 μA	3	–	–	V
Output Low Voltage	Sinking 500 μA	–	–	0.1	V

TSENSE

TSENSE Bias Current		115.5	120	124.5	μA
Alert#	Assert Threshold	–	488	–	mV
	De-Assert Threshold	–	510	–	mV
VR_HOT	Assert Threshold	–	468	–	mV
	De-Assert Threshold	–	488	–	mV

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($-10^{\circ}\text{C} < T_A < 100^{\circ}\text{C}$; $4.75\text{ V} < V_{CC} < 5.25\text{ V}$; $C_{VCC} = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ unless otherwise noted) (continued)

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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VR_RDY OUTPUT

Output Low Saturation Voltage	$I_{VR_RDY} = -4\text{ mA}$	–	0.1	0.3	V
VR_RDY Rise Time	1 k Ω pull-up to 3.3 V	–	110	150	ns
VR_RDY Fall Time	CTOT = 45 pF	–	20	150	ns
VR_RDY Output Voltage High		0.8	–	3.3	V
VR_RDY Output Voltage Low		–	–	0.3	V
VR_RDY Transient Edge Rate	From 10% to 90%.	–	150	–	ns

SVID (SDIO and SCLK)

SVID Voltage Low Level	VIL	–	–	0.45	V
SVID Voltage High Level	VIH	0.65	–	–	V
SVID Pull Down Resistance		–	4	13	Ω
SDIO Output Low Voltage	VOL	–	–	0.3	V
SVID Clock to Data Delay	TCO	–	–	12	ns
SVID Setup Time		7	–	–	ns
SVID Hold Time		14	–	–	ns

ALERT#

VOL (Output Low)		–	–	0.3	V
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OVP AND UVP

Absolute Over Voltage Threshold	10 mV DAC step During Soft Start – CSREF Rising	3.41	3.44	3.48	V
	5 mV DAC step During Soft Start – CSREF Rising	2.4	2.5	2.6	V
Over Voltage Threshold Above DAC	VSP–VSN–VID Rising	350	400	475	mV
Over Voltage Delay	VSP–VSN Rising to PWM Low		25		ns
Under Voltage Threshold Below DAC–DROOP (VUVM)	VSP–VSN–VID Falling	–340	–300	–260	mV
Under Voltage Delay		–	5	–	μs

PWM OUTPUT

Output High Voltage	Sourcing 500 μA	$V_{CC} - 0.2$	–	–	V
Output Mid Voltage	No Load, Power State 2	1.7	1.8	1.9	V
Output Low Voltage	Sinking 500 μA	–	–	0.7	V

DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIER

Input Bias Current	VSP = VSN = 1.3 V	–25	–	25	nA
–3 dB Bandwidth	CL = 20 pF, RL = 10 k Ω	–	22.5	–	MHz
Closed Loop DC Gain	VSP – VSN = 0.5 V to 1.3 V	–	1	–	V/V

ERROR AMPLIFIER

Input Bias Current	Input = 1.3 V	–400	–	400	nA
DC Gain	CL = 20 pF, RL = 10 k Ω	–	80	–	dB
–3 dB Bandwidth	CL = 20 pF, RL = 10 k Ω	–	20	–	MHz
Slew Rate	$\Delta V_{in} = 100\text{ mV}$, $G = -10\text{ V/V}$, $\Delta V_{out} = 1.5\text{ V to }2.5\text{ V}$, CL = 20 pF, RL = 10 k Ω	–	5	–	V/ μs

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (–10°C < T_A < 100°C; 4.75 V < V_{CC} < 5.25 V; C_{VCC} = 0.1 µF unless otherwise noted) (continued)

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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OVER-CURRENT PROTECTION (ILIM)

ILim Threshold Current (Delayed OCP shutdown)	PS0	9	10	11	µA
	PS1, PS2, PS3	–	10/N*	–	µA
ILim Threshold Current (Immediate OCP shutdown)	PS0	13.5	15	16.5	µA
	PS1, PS2, PS3	–	15/N*	–	µA
Shutdown Delay	Immediate	–	300	–	ns
	Delayed	–	50	–	µs

IOUT OUTPUT

Output Offset Current	Ilimit to CSREF	–0.25	–	0.25	µA
Current Gain	IOUT/ILIM (RLIM = 20 kΩ, RIOUT = 5 kΩ, Vout = 0.8 V, 1.25 V, 1.52 V)	9.5	10	10.5	A/A

PWM GENERATOR

PWM Minimum Pulse Width		–	40	–	ns
0% Duty Cycle	Comp Voltage for PWM Held Low	1.3	–	–	V
100% Duty Cycle	Comp Voltage for PWM Held High VRMP from 4.5 V to 21 V	1.75	–	3.4	V

CURRENT SUMMING AMPLIFIER (CSAMP)

Offset Voltage		–500	–	500	µV
Input Bias Current	CSSUM = CSREF = 1.0 V	–7.5	–	7.5	µA
Open Loop Gain		–	80	–	dB
Open Loop Unity Gain Bandwidth	C _L = 20 pF to GND, R _L = 10 kΩ to GND	–	10	–	MHz

PSYS

Full Scale Input Voltage		–	2.5	–	V
Disable Threshold		–	VCC – 0.2	–	V

*N is the phase configuration number in PS0.

Start Up

Following the rise of VCC above the UVLO threshold, externally programmed configuration data is collected, and all PWM outputs are set to Mid-level to prepare the gate drivers of the power stages for activation. When the controller is enabled, DRON is asserted (high) to activate the external gate drivers. A digital counter steps the DAC up from zero to the target boot voltage based on the Soft Start

Slew Rate in the spec table. As the DAC ramps, the PWM outputs of each rail will change from Mid-level to high when the first PWM pulse for that rail is produced. When the controller is disabled, the PWM signals return to Mid-level. The VR_RDY signal is asserted when the controller is ready to accept the first SVID command.

TIMING DIAGRAMS

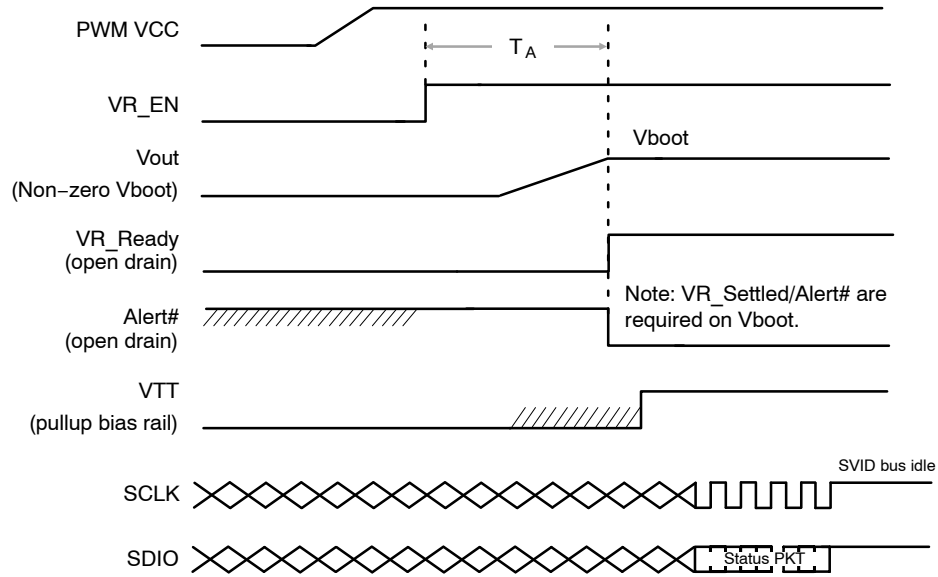


Figure 4. Start-Up Timing Diagram

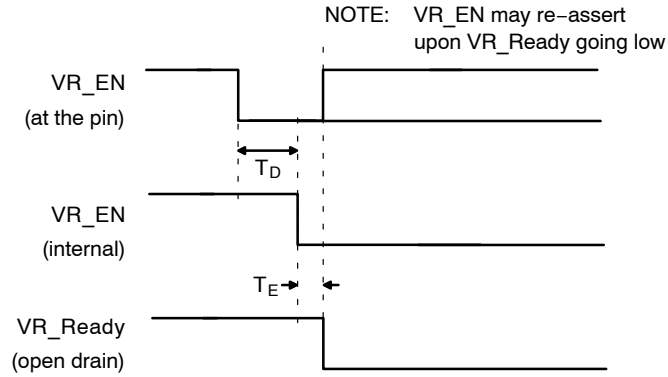


Figure 5. Shut-Down Timing Diagram

Table 1. START-UP AND SHUT-DOWN TIMING

Description		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
TA	VR_EN to VR_Ready. Controller ready accept SVID command	–	–	2.5	ms
TD	External de-assertion of VR_EN to the internal recognition of VR_EN de-assertion (glitch filter)	0	–	1	μs
TE	VR_EN internal de-assertion to VR_Ready de-assertion	–	–	500	ns

DEVICE CONFIGURATION

Phase and Rail Configuration

During start-up, the number of operational phases of the multiphase rail is determined by the internal circuitry monitoring the CSP inputs. If a reduced phase count is required, the appropriate CSP pins should be externally pulled to VCC with a resistor during startup. Also, whether or not the PSYS function is active and responds to an address call on the SVID bus is determined by the internal circuitry monitoring the PSYS input. Tying the PSYS input to VCC will cause the PSYS rail to not respond to any calls to address 0Dh on the SVID bus.

Basic Configuration

The controller has four basic configuration features. On power up a 10 μ A current is sourced from these pins through a resistor connected to this pin and the resulting voltage is measured. The following features will be programmed:

- SVID Address
- Slew Rate
- V_{BOOT}
- Output Voltage Step

SVID address and slew rate options are shown in Table 2.

V_{BOOT} and output voltage step options are shown in Table 3.

Switching Frequency

Switching frequencies between 180 kHz and 1.17 MHz are programmed at startup with pulldown resistors on Rosc and RoscA pin. Switching frequency options are shown in Table 4.

ICCMAX

The SVID interface provides the platform ICCMAX value at register 21h. A resistor to ground on the ICCMAX pin programs these registers at the time the part is enabled.

10 μ A is sourced from these pins to generate a voltage on the program resistor. The value of the register is 1 A per LSB and is set by the equation below. The resistor value should be no less than 10 k Ω .

$$ICCMAX_{21h} = \frac{R \times 10 \mu A \times 255 A}{2.5 V} \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

Ultrasonic Mode

The switching frequency of a rail in DCM will decrease at very light loads. Ultrasonic Mode forces the switching frequency to stay above the audible range.

In PS2 and PS3, all rails will operate in either Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) or discontinuous Conduction Mode (DCM) depending on load current in order to prevent loss of efficiency from negative inductor current.

CCM/DCM Operation

In PS0, all rails operate in Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) which uses the dual-edge control methodology. However, if PS0 is configured as one-phase instead of multi-phase, the control methodology changes to RPM operation. RPM has great transient performance in one-phase CCM operation. The RPM frequency average DC value is targeted to be similar to the PS0 Dual Edge frequency. However, the switching frequency of RPM depends on input voltage, output voltage, load current, inductor value, and output capacitor value. In PS1, all rails operate in one-phase CCM RPM. In PS2 and PS3, all rails operate in either CCM or Discontinuous Conduction Mode (DCM). It depends on load current in order to prevent loss of efficiency from negative inductor current.

Table 2. SVID ADDRESS AND SLEW RATE

Resistor (k Ω)	SR (mV/ μ s)	Main Rail SVID Address	A Rail SVID Address
10	10	00	01
14	30	00	01
18.7	48	00	01
24.3	10	01	00
30.9	30	01	00
38.3	48	01	00
47.5	10	00	02
59	30	00	02
71.5	48	00	02
86.6	10	01	02
105	30	01	02
127	48	01	02

Table 3. V_{BOOT} AND OUTPUT VOLTAGE STEP

Resistor (k Ω)	V _{BOOT} (V) Main Rail	V _{BOOT} (V) A Rail	Output Voltage Step
10	0 V	0 V	Both rail 5 mV/step
14	0 V	1.05 V	
18.7	1.05 V	0 V	
24.3	1.05 V	1.05 V	
30.9	0 V	0 V	Both rail 10 mV/step
38.3	0 V	1.8 V	
47.5	1.8 V	0 V	
59	1.8 V	1.8 V	
71.5	0 V	0 V	Main rail 5 mV/step. A rail 10 mV/step.
86.6	0 V	1.8 V	
105	1.05 V	0 V	
127	1.05 V	1.8 V	
154	0 V	0 V	Main rail 10 mV/step. A rail 5 mV/step.
187	1.8 V	0 V	
221	0 V	1.05 V	
280	1.8 V	1.05 V	

Table 4. POWER STATES

SVID Power State	Typical Operating Mode
PS0	Multiphase rail dual edge
PS1	One-phase CCM RPM
PS2	One-phase DCM RPM
PS3	One-phase DCM RPM
PS4	Standby

PSYS

The PSYS pin is an analog input to the VR controller. PSYS is a system input power monitor that facilitates the monitoring of the total platform system power. The system power is sensed at the platform charging device, the VR controller facilitates reporting back current and through the SVID interface at address 0Dh.

AUX_IN

The AUX_IMON current monitor input is a means of measuring the VCCIN_AUX platform VR output current using the IMVP9.1 ADC. This input is used to digitize the VCCIN_AUX output current information, which is sent to the IMVP9.1 PWM controller as an analog current mode signal proportional to the VCCIN_AUX output current. The signal is converted to a voltage at the IMVP9.1 controller input pin by a termination resistor, located at the controller. A resistor with high input impedance should be selected to avoid loading effects on the signal – recommended 20k or similar. The full scale voltage needs to be set between 0.5 V to 2.5 V. The AUX Current reading is scaled by ICCMAX_AUXIN and can be read back on Register 0x15 of Rail 0x0D of the controller SVID bus.

Programming Pin

This is a multifunction select pin used to set the operation of multiple features and the combination of these features enabled/disabled. Items programmed on this pin are ICCMAX*2_MAIN_RAIL which allows the user to select if the ICCMAX and IOUT reporting for the main rail is a 1 A or 2 A LSB step size. When off, the resolution is 1 A per LSB. When on, the resolution is set to 2 A per LSB which allows reporting of over 255 A on the main rail only.

The other options include enabling or disabling the phase shedding function, dithering and acoustic noise solution.

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Table 5. PIN OF ICC*2_MAIN_RAIL CONFIGURATION

Resistor (kΩ)	ICCMAX*2 Main Rail	Acoustic Noise Solution	Dithering	Auto Phase Shedding
10	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
14	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
18.7	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
24.3	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
30.9	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
38.3	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
47.5	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
59	OFF	ON	ON	ON
71.5	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
86.6	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
105	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
127	ON	OFF	ON	ON
154	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
187	ON	ON	OFF	ON
221	ON	ON	ON	OFF
280	ON	ON	ON	ON

Table 6. SWITCHING FREQUENCY

Control by Pin Resistor (kΩ)	Switching Frequency (kHz)		
	1 Phase~6 Phase	7 Phase	8 Phase
10	180	180	180
14	225	215	210
18.7	270	250	240
24.3	315	285	270
30.9	360	320	300
38.3	405	355	330
47.5	450	390	360
59	495	425	390
71.5	540	460	420
86.6	630	495	450
105	720	530	480
127	810	600	510
154	900	700	540
187	990	800	600
221	1080	900	700
280	1170	1000	800

THEORY OF OPERATION

Input Voltage Feed-Forward (VRMP Pin)

Ramp generator circuits are provided for the dual-edge modulator. The ramp generators implement input voltage feed-forward control by varying the ramp slopes proportional to the VRMP pin voltage. The VRMP pin also has a UVLO function, which is active only after the controller is enabled. The VRMP pin is high impedance input when the controller is disabled. For multi-phase operation, the dual-edge PWM ramp amplitude is changed according to the following:

$$VRMP_{PP} = 0.1 \times V_{VRMP} \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

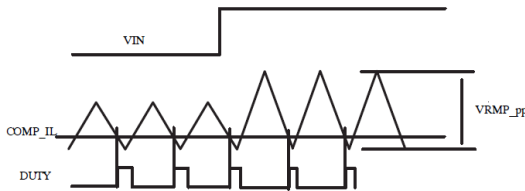


Figure 6. Ramp Feed Forward

An external voltage divider is required on this VRMP pin in order to scale the voltage seen on the VRMP pin the voltage divider on the pin needs to be setup to maintain a ratio of 1/12. Typical resistor values may include 1 MOhm R_{up} / 90.9 KOhm R_{down} or 1.1 MOhm R_{up} / 100 KOhm R_{down} . UVLO on VRMP is inactive in PS4 power state and PS3 when a VID to 0 V is received.

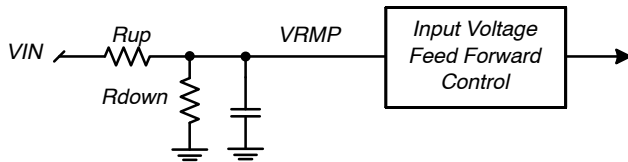


Figure 7. Ramp Feed Forward Circuit

Differential Current Feedback Amplifiers

Each phase of the rail has a low offset, differential amplifier to sense the current of that phase in order to balance current. The CSREF and CSPx pins are high impedance inputs, but it is recommended that any external filter resistor RCSN does not exceed 10 kΩ to avoid offset due to leakage current.

It is also recommended that the voltage sense element be no less than 0.5 mΩ for best current balance.

The external filter RCSN and CCSN time constant should match the inductor L/DCR time constant, but fine tuning of this time constant is generally not required. Phase current

signals are summed with the COMP or ramp signals at their respective PWM comparator inputs in order to balance phase currents via a current mode control approach.

$$R_{CSN} = \frac{L_{PHASE}}{C_{CSN} \times DCR} \quad (\text{eq. 3})$$

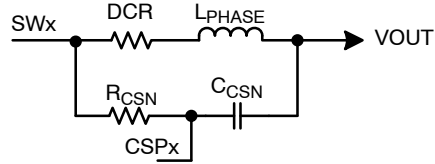


Figure 8. Per Phase Current Sense Network

Total Current Sense Amplifier

The multiphase rail uses a patented approach to sum the phase currents into a single, temperature compensated, total current signal. This signal is then used to generate the output voltage droop, total current limit, and the output current monitoring functions. The Rref(n) resistors average the voltages at the output terminals of the inductors to create a low impedance reference voltage at CSREF. The Rph resistors sum currents from the switch nodes to the virtual CSREF potential created at the CSSUM pin by the amplifier. The total current signal is the difference between the CSCOMP and CSREF voltages.

The amplifier filters, and amplifies, the voltage across the inductors in order to extract only the voltage across the inductor series resistances (DCR). An NTC thermistor (Rth) in the feedback network placed near the Phase 1 inductor senses the inductor temperature, and compensates both the DC gain and the filter time constant for the change in DCR with temperature. The Phase 1 inductor is chosen for the thermistor location so that the temperature of the inductor providing current in the PS1 power mode.

The DC gain equation for the DC total current signal is:

$$V_{CSCOMP} - V_{CSREF} = - \frac{R_{CS2} + \frac{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}}{R_{CS1} + R_{th}}}{R_{ph}} \times DCR \times I_{OUT} \quad (\text{eq. 4})$$

Set the DC gain by adjusting the value of the Rph resistors in order to make the ratio of total current signal to output current equal the desired loadline. The values of Rcs1 and Rcs2 are set based on the effect of temperature on both the thermistor and inductor, and may need to be adjusted to eliminate output voltage temperature drift with the final product enclosure and cooling.

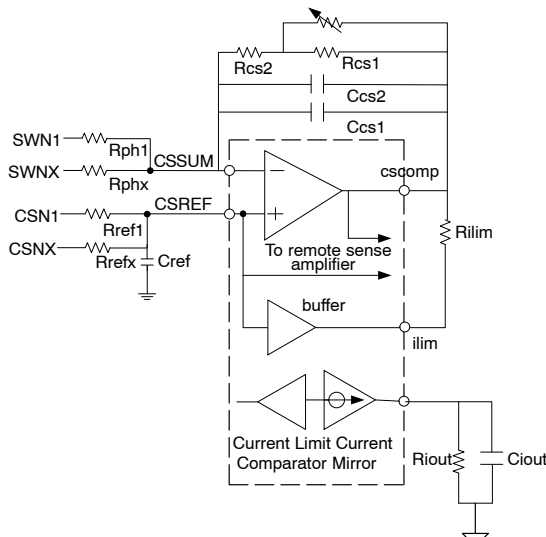


Figure 9. Total Current Sense Amplifier

The pole frequency of the CSCOMP filter should be set equal to the zero of the output inductor. This causes the total current signal to contain only the component of inductor voltage caused by the DCR voltage, and therefore to be proportional to inductor current. Connecting Ccs2 in parallel with Ccs1 allows fine tuning of the pole frequency using commonly available capacitor values. It is best to perform fine tuning during transient testing.

$$F_z = \frac{DCR_{25^\circ C}}{2\pi \times L_{Phase}} \quad (\text{eq. 5})$$

$$F_p = \frac{1}{2\pi \times \left(R_{CS2} + \frac{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}}{R_{CS1} + R_{th}} \right) \times (C_{CS1} + C_{CS2})} \quad (\text{eq. 6})$$

This signal then goes through a standard error compensation network and into the inverting input of the error amplifier.

The value of the CREF capacitor (in nF) on the CSREF pin should be:

$$C_{ref} = \frac{0.02 \times R_{ph}}{R_{ref}} \quad (\text{eq. 7})$$

High Performance Voltage Error Amplifier

The Remote Sense Amplifier output feeds a Type III compensation network formed by the Error Amplifier and external tuning components. The non-inverting input of the error amplifier is connected to the same reference voltage used to bias the Remote Sense Amplifier output.

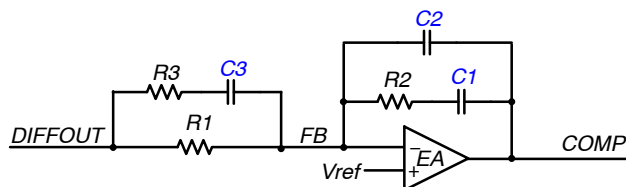


Figure 10. Error Amplifier

Loadline Programming (V_{DROOP})

An output loadline is a power supply characteristic wherein the regulated (DC) output voltage decreases proportional to load current. This characteristic can reduce the output capacitance required to maintain output voltage within limits during load transients faster than those to which the regulation loop can respond.

A load line is produced by adding a signal proportional to output load current (V_{DROOP}) to the output voltage feedback signal – thereby satisfying the voltage regulator at an output voltage reduced proportional to load current. The load line is programmed by setting the gain of the Total Current Sense Amplifier such that the total current signal is equal to the desired output voltage droop.

$$V_{DROOP} = \frac{R_{CS2} + \frac{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}}{R_{CS1} + R_{th}}}{R_{ph}} \times DCR \times I_{OUT} \quad (\text{eq. 8})$$

Rail Remote Sense Amplifier

A high performance high input impedance true differential amplifier is provided to accurately sense regulator output voltage. The VSP and VSN inputs should be connected to the regulator's output voltage sense points. The remote sense amplifier takes the difference of the output voltage with the DAC voltage and adds the droop voltage.

$$V_{DIFFOUT} = (V_{VSP} - V_{VSN}) + (1.3 \text{ V} - V_{DAC}) + (V_{DROOP} - V_{CSREF}) \quad (\text{eq. 9})$$

Programming the Current Limit

The current limit thresholds are programmed with a resistor between the ILIM and CSCOMP pins. The multiphase rails generates a replica of the CSREF pin voltage at the ILIM pin, and compares ILIM pin current to ICL0 and ICLM0 (ICL1 and ICLM1 in PS1, PS2 and PS3). The controller latches off if ILIM pin current exceeds ICL0 (ICL1 for PS1, PS2, and PS3) for t_{OCP_DELAY}, and latches off immediately if ILIM pin current exceeds ICLM0 (ICLM1 for PS1, PS2 and PS3). Set the value of the current limit resistor RLIMIT according to the desired current limit I_{out} LIMIT.

$$R_{LIMIT} = \frac{\frac{R_{CS2} + \frac{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}}{R_{CS1} + R_{th}}}{R_{ph}} \times DCR \times I_{OUT_LIM}}{10 \mu} \quad (\text{eq. 10})$$

Programming IOUT

The IOUT pin sources a current proportional to the ILIM current. The voltage on the IOUT pin is monitored by the internal A/D converter and should be scaled with an external resistor to ground such that a load equal to ICCMAX generates a 2.5 V signal on IOUT. A pull-up resistor from 5 V VCC can be used to offset the IOUT signal positive if desired.

$$R_{IOUT} = \frac{2.5 \text{ V} \times R_{LIMIT}}{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}} \times \frac{R_{CS2} + \frac{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}}{R_{ph}}}{10 \times \frac{R_{CS1} \times R_{th}}{R_{ph}}} \times DCR \times ICCMAX \quad (\text{eq. 11})$$

Programming DAC Feed-Forward Filter

The multiphase rail outputs a pulse of current from the VSN pin upon each increment of the internal DAC following a DVID UP command. A parallel RC network inserted into the path from VSN to the output voltage return sense point, VSS_SENSE, causes these current pulses to temporarily decrease the voltage between VSP and VSN. This causes the output voltage during DVID to be regulated slightly higher, in order to compensate for the response of the DROOP function to current flowing into the charging output capacitors. In the following equations, C_{OUT} is the total output capacitance of the system.

$$R_{FF} = C_{out} \times LL \times 453.6 \times 10^6 \quad (\text{eq. 12})$$

$$C_{FF} = \frac{LL \times C_{out}}{R_{FF}} \quad (\text{eq. 13})$$

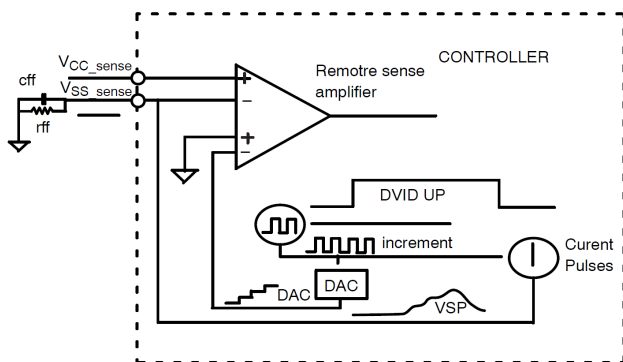


Figure 11. DAC Feed Forward

TSENSE Network

A temperature sense input is provided for each rail. A precision current is sourced from the output of the TSENSE pin to generate a voltage on the temperature sense networks. The voltages on the temperature sense inputs are sampled by the internal A/D converter. A 100k NTC similar to the Murata NCP15WF104E03RC should be used. Rcomp1 in the following Figure is optional, and can be used to slightly change the hysteresis. See the specification table for the thermal sensing voltage thresholds and source current.

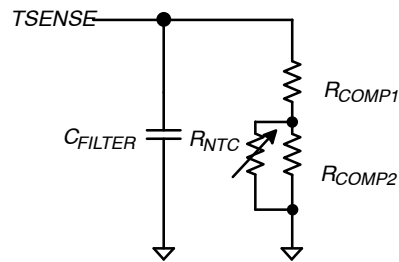


Figure 12. TSENSE Network

PWM Comparators

The noninverting input of each comparator (one for each phase) is connected to the summation of the error amplifier output (COMP) and each phase current ($I_L \times DCR \times \text{Phase Balance Gain Factor}$). The inverting input is connected to the triangle ramp voltage of that phase. The output of the comparator generates the PWM output. During steady state PS0 operation, the main rail PWM pulses are centered on the valley of the triangle ramp waveforms and both edges of the PWM signals are modulated. During a transient event, the duty cycle can increase rapidly as the error amp signal increases with respect to the ramps, to provide a highly linear and proportional response to the step load.

Table 7. PHASE CONFIGURATION

Phase Configuration	Programming Pin in CSPx	Unused Pin
8 + 1	All CSP pins are connected normally	No unused Pin
7 + 1	CSP1 to CSP7 and CSP1A pins connected normally. CSP8 connected to VCC through a 2 kΩ resistor.	Float PWM8.
6 + 1	CSP1 to CSP6 and CSP1A pins connected normally. CSP7 connected to VCC through a 2 kΩ resistor.	Float PWM8 and CSP8. Use PWM7 for programming ICC*2_MAIN_RAIL only.
5 + 1	CSP1 to CSP5 and CSP1A pins connected normally. CSP6 connected to VCC through a 2 kΩ resistor.	Float PWM8, CSP7, and CSP8. Use PWM7 for programming ICC*2_MAIN_RAIL only. Use PWM6 for programming ICCMAX_AUXIN only.
4 + 1	CSP1 to CSP4 and CSP1A pins connected normally. CSP5 connected to VCC through a 2 kΩ resistor.	Float PWM8, CSP6, CSP7, and CSP8. Use PWM7 for programming ICC*2_MAIN_RAIL only. Use PWM6 for programming ICCMAX_AUXIN only. Use PWM5 for programming ROSCA only.

FAULT PROTECTION

Over Current Protection (OCP)

A programmable total phase current limit is provided that is decreased when not operating in PS0 mode. This limit is programmed with a resistor between the CSCOMP and ILIM pins. The current from the ILIM pin to this resistor is compared to the ILIM Threshold Currents (ICL0, ICLM0, ICL1, and ICLM1). When the 2-phase rail is operating in PS0, if the ILIM pin current exceeds ICL0, an internal latch-off timer starts.

If the fault is not removed, the controller shuts down when the timer expires. If the current into the pin exceeds ICLM0, the controller shuts down immediately. When operating in PS1, PS2, or PS3, the ILIM pin current limits are ICL1 and ICLM1. To recover from an OCP fault, the EN pin or VCC voltage must be cycled low.

Input Under-voltage Lockouts (UVLO)

The VR monitors the 5 V VCC supply as well as the VRMP pin voltage. Hysteresis is incorporated within these monitors.

Output Under Voltage Monitor

The multiphase phase rail output voltage is monitored for under voltage at the output of the differential amplifier. If the

multiphase-phase rail output falls more than VUVM2 below the DAC-DROOP voltage, the UVM comparator will trip – sending the VR_RDY signal low.

Output Over Voltage Protection

The multiphase phase output voltage is monitored for OVP at the output of the differential amplifier and also at the CSREF pin. During normal operation, if an output voltage exceeds the DAC voltage by VOVP, the VR_RDY flag goes low, and the DAC voltage of the overvoltage rail will be slowly ramped down to 0 V to avoid producing a negative output voltage. At the same time, the PWM outputs of the overvoltage rail are sent low. The PWM output will pulse to mid-level during the DAC ramp down period if the output decreases below the DAC + OVP threshold as DAC decreases. When the DAC gets to zero, the PWMs will be held low, and the VR will stay in this mode until the VCC voltage or EN is toggled.

Absolute OVP

During start up, the OVP threshold is set to the absolute over voltage threshold. This allows the controller to start up without false triggering OVP.

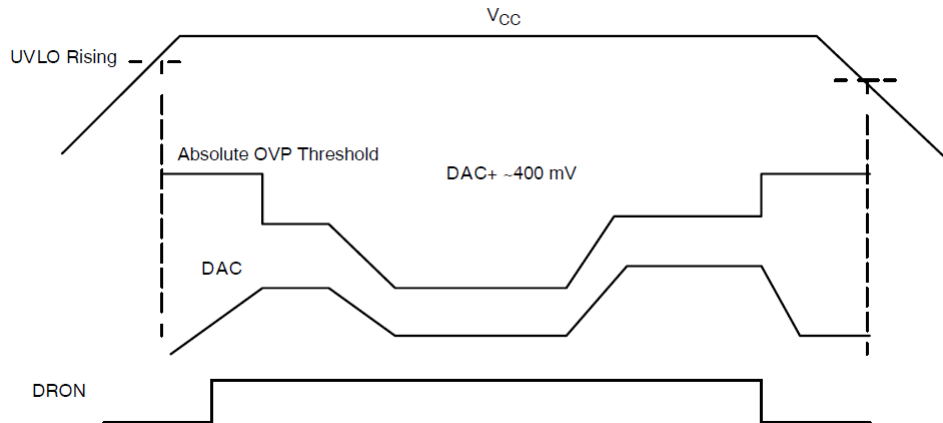


Figure 13. OVP Threshold Behavior

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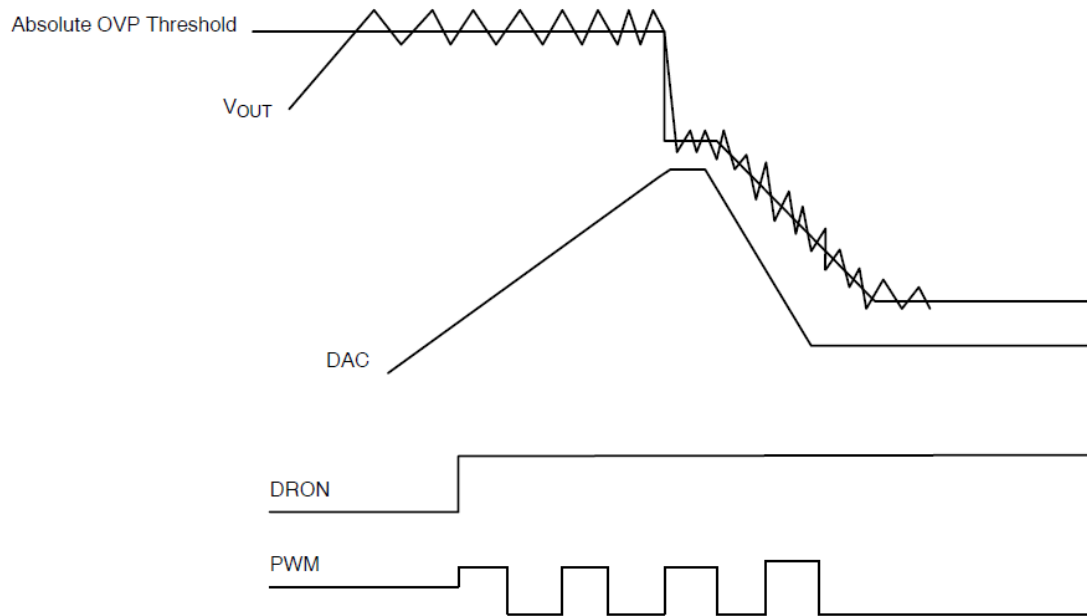


Figure 14. OVP Behavior at Start-up

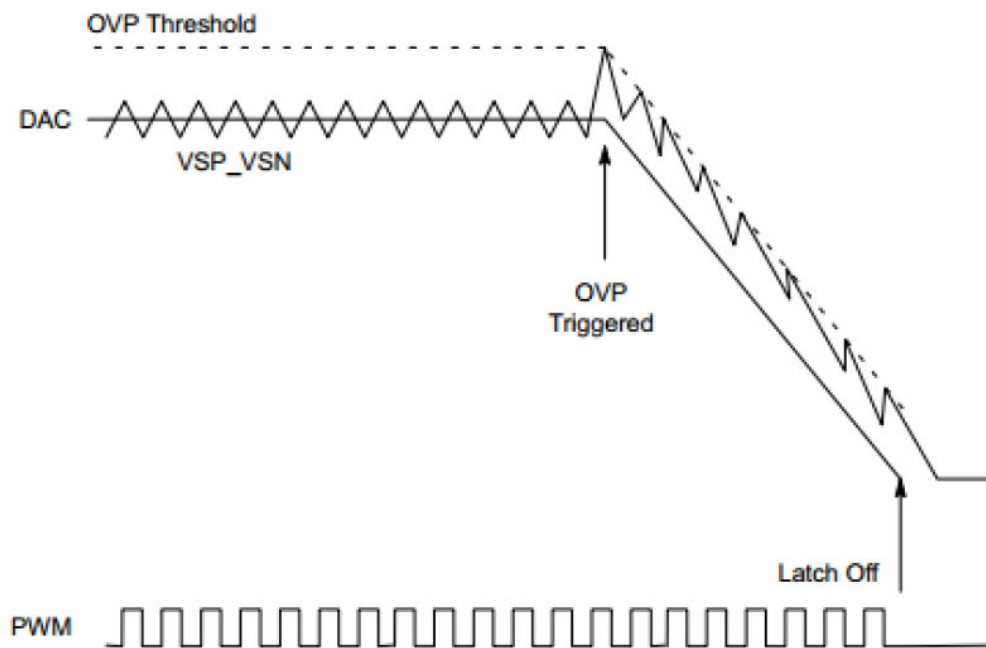


Figure 15. OVP During Normal Operation Mode

Serial VID Interface (SVID)

The Serial VID Interface (SVID Interface) is a 3 wire digital interface used to transfer power management information between the CPU (Master) and the VR controller (Slave). The 3 wires are clock (SCLK), data (SDIO) and ALERT#. The SCLK is unidirectional and

generated by the master. The SDIO is bi-directional, used for transferring data from the microprocessor to the VR controller and from the VR controller to the CPU. The ALERT# is an open drain output from the VR controller to signal to the master that the Status Register should be read.

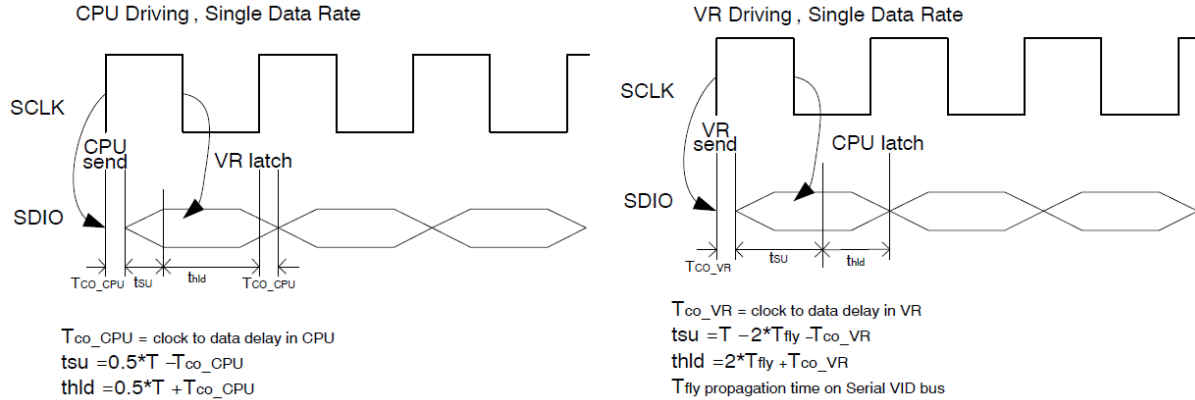


Figure 16. SVID Timing Diagram

Table 8. SLEW RATE

Option	SVID Command Code	Feature Description	Register Address (Indicating the Slew Rate of VID Code Change)
SetVID_Fast	01h	10 mV/μs, 30 mV/μs, or 48 mV/μs VID code change slew rate	24h
SetVID_Slow	02h	= 1/4 of SetVID_Fast VID code change slew rate	25h
SetVID_Decay	03h	No control, VID code down	N/A

Table 9. SVID REGISTER MAP

Index	Register Name	Description	Access	Default 00h	PSYS 0Dh
00h	VENDOR_ID	Uniquely identifies the VR vendor. The vendor ID assigned by Intel to ON Semiconductor is 1Ah.	R	1Ah	1Ah
01h	PROD_ID	Uniquely identifies the VR product. The VR vendor assigns this number.	R	43h	43h
02h	PROD_REV	Uniquely identifies the revision or stepping of the VR control IC. The VR vendor assigns this data.	R	00h	00h
05h	PROTOCOL_ID	Identifies the SVID Protocol the controller supports	R	0Eh	0Eh
06h	CAPABILITY	<i>Inform the Master of the controller's Capabilities</i> "1" = supported, "0" = not supported Bit[7]: Output Current reported as a fraction of ICCMAX. Default = "1" Bit[6]: ADC Measurement of Temp Supported. Default = "1" Bit[5]: ADC Measurement of Pin Supported. Default = "0" Bit[4]: ADC Measurement of Vin Supported. Default = "1" Bit[3]: ADC Measurement of Iin Supported. Default = "0" Bit[2]: ADC Measurement of Pout Supported. Default = "1" Bit[1]: ADC Measurement of Vout Supported. Default = "1" Bit[0]: ADC Measurement of Iout Supported. Default = "1"	R	D7h	N/A
10h	STATUS1	Data register read after the ALERT# signal is asserted. Conveying the status of the VR. Bit[7]: Read status Bit[6:4]: Reserved Bit[3]: VID 30 mV above target Bit[2]: ICCMAX status Bit[1]: Temp status Bit[0]: VR settled status	R	00h	N/A
11h	STATUS2	Data register showing optional status_2 data. Bit[7:3]: Reserved Bit[2]: Cycle to cycle current limit Bit[1]: Data frame fault Bit[0]: Parity fault	R	00h	N/A
12h	TEMPERATURE	Data register showing temperature zones the system is operating in.	R	00h	N/A
14h	LASTREAD	Contains last read value read by GET command.	R	00h	N/A
15h	IOUT_H	8 bit binary word ADC of current. This register reads 0xFF when the output current is at Icc_Max.	R	01h	01h
16h	VOUT_H	8 bit binary word ADC of output voltage, measured between VSP and VSN. LSB size is 8 mV.	R	01h	N/A
17h	VR_TEMP	8 bit binary word ADC of voltage. Binary format in deg C, IE 100°C = 64h. A value of 00h indicates this function is not supported. To get accurate temperature, specific Tsense network is required. Place one NTC and one normal resistor in parallel. NTC uses 100 kΩ under 25°C and B25/50 approximates 4250. Use 20 kΩ for parallel resistor.	R	00h	N/A
18h	POUT_H	8 bit binary word representative of output power. The output voltage is multiplied by the output current value and the result is stored in this register. A value of 00h indicates this function is not supported.	R	01h	N/A
1Ah	VIN_H	8 bit binary word ADC of voltage. Input voltage is (1Ah-2)/7, unit is Volt. Full scale voltage is approximate 36 V	R	01h	N/A
1Bh	PIN_H	Required for Input Power Domain Address 0Dh.	R	N/A	00h
1Ch	STATUS2_LASTRED	When the status 2 register is read its contents are copied into this register. The format is the same as the Status 2 Register.	R	00h	N/A
1Fh	I_C2CL	Cycle-to-cycle current limit level.	R/W	00h	N/A
21h	ICC_MAX	Data register containing the Icc_Max the platform supports. The value is measured on the ICCMAX pin on power up and placed in this register. From that point on the register is read only.	R	00h	00h

Table 9. SVID REGISTER MAP (continued)

Index	Register Name	Description	Access	Default 00h	PSYS 0Dh
22h	TEMP_MAX	Data register containing the max temperature the platform supports and the level (No Suggestions) asserts. This value defaults to 100°C and programmable over the SVID Interface	R/W	64h	N/A
24h	SR_FAST	Slew Rate for SetVID_fast commands. Binary format in mV/μs.	R	By setting	N/A
25h	SR_SLOW	Slew Rate for SetVID_slow commands. It is 16, 8, 4 or 2 times slower than the SR_fast rate. Binary format in mV/μs. FAST/4 is default for IMVP9.1.	R	1/4 Fast	N/A
26h	VBOOT	The VBOOT is resistor programmed at startup. The controller will ramp to VBOOT and hold at VBOOT until it receives a new SVID SetVID command to move to a different voltage.	R	By setting	N/A
2Ah	SLOW_SR_SEL_HC	Fast_SR/2 (Default), Fast_SR/4, Fast_SR/8, Fast_SR/16	R/W	02h	N/A
2Bh	PS4_EXT_LAT	Reflects the latency of exiting PS4 state. The exit latency is defined as the time duration, in μs, from the ACK of the SETVID Slow/Fast command to the output voltage beginning to ramp.	R	7Bh	N/A
2Ch	PS3_EXIT_LAT	Reflects the latency of exiting PS3 state. The exit latency is defined as the time duration, in μs, from the ACK of the SETVID/SetPS command until the controller is capable of supplying max current of the command PS state.	R	55h	N/A
2Dh	EN_SVID_RDY_T	Reflects the latency from enable assertion to the VR controller being ready to accept SVID commands.	R	CAh	N/A
30h	VID_MAX	Programmed by master and sets the maximum VID the VR will support. If a higher VID code is received, the VR should respond with “not supported” acknowledge. IMVP9.1 VID format.	R/W	FFh	N/A
31h	VID_SETTING	Data register containing currently programmed VID voltage. VID data format.	R/W	00h	N/A
32h	PWR_STATE	Register containing the current programmed power state.	R/W	00h	N/A
33h	OFFSET	Sets offset in VID steps added to the VID setting for voltage margining. Bit 7 is sign bit, 0 = positive margin, 1 = negative margin. Remaining 7 BITS are #. VID steps for margin 2 s complement 00h = no margin 01h = +1 VID step 02h = +2 VID steps FFh = -1 VID step FEh = -2 VID steps	R/W	00h	N/A
34h	MULTI_VR_CFG	Bit mapped data register that configures multiple VRs behavior on the same bus and can be programmed to reset behavior of VR_Ready under 0.0 V VID command.	R/W	00h	00h
35h	MAIN_ADDR_PTR	Write address pointer for main address space.	R/W	35h	N/A
49h	PSYS_DBC_CLR	Sets the duration of the Deassert Debounce applied to the PSYS critical comparator. This value is encoded in the Mantissa and Exponent format. Bits [7:4] contains Mantissa and [3:0] contains the Exponent.	R/W	N/A	00h
4Ah	PSYS_CR_LVL_H	Sets the threshold level of the PSYS critical comparator, while PSYS is higher than this threshold the VR_HOT signal is asserted. Must be scaled to the same voltage level as PSYS ADC. Delay from PSYS exceeding threshold to VR_HOT# assertion is dependent on register 0x4F debounce time.	R/W	N/A	00h
4Bh	PSYS_W2_LVL_H	Sets the threshold level of the PSYS warning 2 comparator. Must be scaled to the same voltage level as PSYS ADC	R/W	N/A	00h
4Ch	PSYS_W1_LVL_H	Sets the threshold level of the PSYS warning 1 comparator. Must be scaled to the same voltage level as PSYS ADC	R/W	N/A	00h

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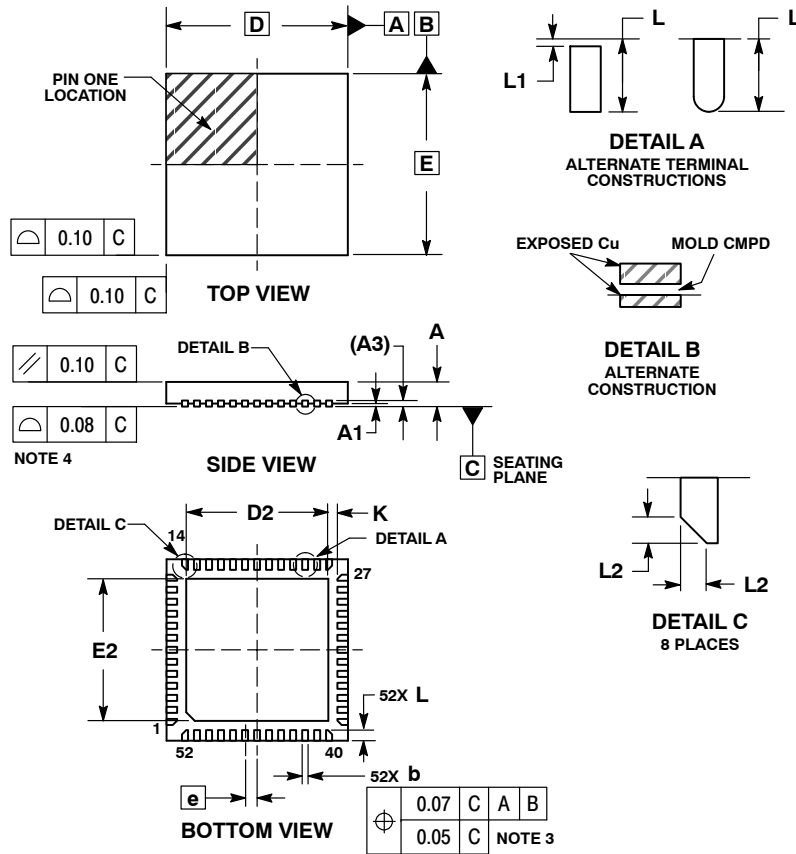
Index	Register Name	Description	Access	Default 00h	PSYS 0Dh
4Dh	PSYS_WARN2_CNT	This counter accumulates the duration of time that the PSYS input is above the warning 2 level set by register 0x4B. This register is only cleared on each read or when the threshold level in 0x4B is changed. This register does not roll over when it reaches 0xFF. Data is held while in PS4. This value is encoded in the Mantissa and Exponent format. Bits [7:4] contains Mantissa and [3:0] contains the Exponent.	R/W	N/A	00h
4Eh	PSYS_WARN1_CNT	This counter accumulates the duration of time that the PSYS input is above the warning 1 level set by register 0x4C. This register is only cleared on each read or when the threshold level in 0x4C is changed. This register does not roll over when it reaches 0xFF. Data is held while in PS4. This value is encoded in the Mantissa and Exponent format. Bits [7:4] contains Mantissa and [3:0] contains the Exponent.	R/W	N/A	00h
4Fh	PSYS_DBC_SET	Sets the duration of the Assert Debounce applied to the PSYS critical comparator. This value is encoded in the Mantissa and Exponent format. Bits [7:4] contains Mantissa and [3:0] contains the Exponent.	R/W	N/A	00h
50h	ICCMAX_ADD	ICCMAX additional capability Bit[7:2]: Optional if not supported reads 0's Bit[1:0]: "00" = 255 A, "01" = 511 A	R	By setting	N/A
5Ch	C2CL_EVENT_CNT	Cycle-to-cycle current limit triggered event counter.	R	00h	N/A

Table 10. IVMP9.1 VID COMMAND

VID Code (Hex)	Setting Voltage (V) (5 mV/Step)	Setting Voltage (V) (10 mV/Step)
00h	0	0
01h	0.250	0.200
02h	0.255	0.210
03h	0.260	0.220
04h	0.265	0.230
05h	0.270	0.240
...	...	...
A1h	1.050	1.800
...	...	...
FBh	1.500	2.700
FCh	1.505	2.710
FDh	1.510	2.720
FEh	1.515	2.730
FFh	1.520	2.740

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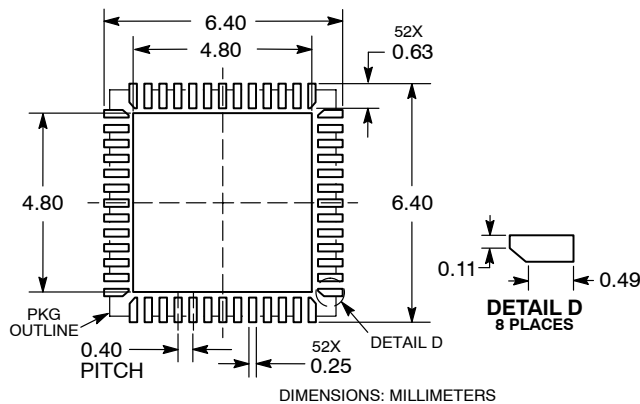


NOTES:

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ASME Y14.5M, 1994.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSIONS: MILLIMETERS.
3. DIMENSION b APPLIES TO PLATED TERMINAL AND IS MEASURED BETWEEN 0.15 AND 0.30mm FROM TERMINAL TIP
4. COPLANARITY APPLIES TO THE EXPOSED PAD AS WELL AS THE TERMINALS.

DIM	MIN	MAX
A	0.80	1.00
A1	0.00	0.05
A3	0.20	REF
b	0.15	0.25
D	6.00	BSC
D2	4.60	4.80
E	6.00	BSC
E2	4.60	4.80
e	0.40	BSC
K	0.30	REF
L	0.25	0.45
L1	0.00	0.15
L2	0.15	REF

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