

3A, Power Module Buck Converter with HyperLight Load^Æ **Mode and I2C Interface**

Features

- Input Voltage Range: 2.4V to 5.5V
- 3A Output Current
- Multiple Faults Indication through I^2C
- \cdot I²C Programmable:
	- Output voltage: 0.6V to 1.28V at 5 mV resolution or 0.6V to 3.84V, 10 and 20 mV resolution
	- Slew rate: 0.2 ms/V to 3.2 ms/V
	- On-time (switching frequency)
	- High-side current limit: 3.5A or 5A
	- Enable delay: 0.2 ms-3 ms
	- Output discharge when disabled (EN = GND)
- \cdot High Efficiency (up to 95%)
- Ultra-Fast Transient Response
- ±1.5% Output Voltage Accuracy Over Line/Load/Temperature Range
- Safe Start-up with Pre-Biased Output
- Typical 1.5 µA Shutdown Supply Current
- Low Dropout (100% Duty Cycle) Operation
- \cdot I²C Speed Up to 3.4 MHz
- Latch-Off Thermal Shutdown Protection
- Latch-Off Current Limit Protection
- Power Good (PG) Open-Drain Output
- Meets the CISPR32 Class B Emissions

Applications

- Solid-State Drives (SSD)
- Tablets, Notebooks and Ultrabooks
- FPGAs, DSP and Low-Voltage ASIC Power

General Description

The Microchip MIC33M356 is a 1^2C programmable. high-efficiency, low-voltage input, 3A current, synchronous step-down regulator power module with integrated inductor. The Constant On-Time (COT) control architecture with HyperLight Load[®] mode provides very high efficiency at light loads, while still having ultra-fast transient response.

The 1^2C interface allows programming the output voltage between 0.6V and 1.28V, with 5 mV resolution or between 0.6V and 3.84V, with 10 mV and 20 mV resolution. Two different default voltage options (0.9V and 1.0V) are provided so that the application can be started with a safe voltage level and then moved to high-performance modes under I^2C control.

An open-drain Power Good output facilitates output voltage monitoring and sequencing. If set in shutdown (EN = GND), the MIC33M356 typically draws 1.5 µA of current, while the output is discharged through a 10Ω pull-down resistor (if the output discharge feature is enabled).

The MIC33M356 pinout is compatible with the Microchip MIC33M350, so that applications can be easily converted.

The 2.4V to 5.5V input voltage range, low shutdown and quiescent currents make the MIC33M356 ideal for single-cell Li-Ion battery-powered applications. The 100% duty cycle capability provides low dropout operation, extending operating range in portable systems.

The MIC33M356 is available in a thermally-efficient, 24-lead, 3.0 mm \times 4.5 mm \times 1.8 mm QFN package, with an operating junction temperature range of -40°C to +125°C.

FIGURE 1: Radiated Emissions, CISPR32, Class B (VIN = 5V, VOUT = 1V, I_{OUT} = 3A).

Typical Application

Package Type

Ordering Information

Functional Block Diagram

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1.0 **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Absolute Maximum Ratingst

† Notice: Stresses above those listed under "Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not intended. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Note 1: Devices are ESD-sensitive. Handling precautions recommended. Human body model, 1.5 k Ω in series with 100 pF.

Operating Ratings(1)

Note 1: The device is not ensured to function outside the operating range.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS([1](#page-5-0),[2](#page-5-1))

Note 1: Specification for packaged product only.

2: Characterized in open loop.

3: Tested in open loop. The closed-loop current limit is affected by inductance value, input voltage and temperature.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS(1,2) (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Specification for packaged product only.

2: Characterized in open loop.

3: Tested in open loop. The closed-loop current limit is affected by inductance value, input voltage and temperature.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS(1,2) (CONTINUED)

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise specified, PV_{IN} = 5V; V_{OUT} = 1.0V, C_{OUT} = 47 µF, T_A = +25°C.

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2: Characterized in open loop.

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TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

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2.0 TYPICAL CHARACTERISTIC CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

FIGURE 2-1: Operating Supply Current vs. Input Voltage, Switching.

FIGURE 2-2: High-Side Current Limits vs. Temperature (V_{OUT} = 1.0V), Closed Loop.

FIGURE 2-3: High-Side Current Limits vs. Temperature (V_{OUT} = 3.3V), Closed Loop.

FIGURE 2-4: No Load Operating Supply Current vs. Temperature, Switching.

FIGURE 2-5: R_{DS(on)} vs. Temperature.

 $(V_{OUT} = 0.6V)$.

FIGURE 2-6: Efficiency vs. Load Current

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $PV_{IN} = 5V$, $V_{OUT} = 1V$, $C_{OUT} = 47 \mu F$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.

FIGURE 2-7: Efficiency vs. Load Current $(V_{OUT} = 1.0V)$.

 $(V_{OUT} = 2.5V)$.

FIGURE 2-8: Efficiency vs. Load Current

 $(V_{OUT} = 3.3V)$.

FIGURE 2-10: DCM/FPWM IOUT Threshold vs. VIN.

FIGURE 2-11: Line Regulation: Output Voltage Variation vs. Input Voltage.

FIGURE 2-12: Load Regulation: Output Voltage Variation vs. I_{OUT}.

FIGURE 2-15: Switching Frequency vs. IOUT (VOUT = 1.28V).

FIGURE 2-16: Switching Frequency vs. V_{IN} (V_{OUT} = 0.6V).

FIGURE 2-17: Switching Frequency vs. V_{IN} (V_{OUT} = 1.0V).

FIGURE 2-18: Switching Frequency vs. V_{IN} (V_{OUT} = 3.3V).

FIGURE 2-20: V_{IN} *Turn-Off (EN = PV_{IN)}*, $R_{\text{LOAD}} = 0.3 \Omega$.

FIGURE 2-23: EN Turn-On into Pre-Biased Output (Vpre-bias = 0.8V).

Threshold.

FIGURE 2-26: Hiccup Mode Short-Circuit Current Limit Response.

FIGURE 2-27: Switching Waveforms -*IOUT = 50 mA, HLL.*

FIGURE 2-29: Load Transient Response.

FIGURE 2-30: Line Transient Response.

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3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

The descriptions of the pins are listed in [Table 3-1.](#page-16-0)

TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE

3.1 Switch Node Pin (SW)

Switching node output pin which connects to the internal MOSFETs and inductor. This is a high-frequency connection. Traces should be kept as short and as wide as practical.

3.2 Power Ground Pin (P_{GND})

 P_{GND} is the ground path for the MIC33M356 buck converter power stage. The P_{GND} pin connects to the sources of the low-side N-channel MOSFET, the negative terminals of input capacitors and the negative terminals of output capacitors. The loop for the Power Ground should be as small as possible and separate from the Analog Ground (A_{GND}) loop.

3.3 Input Voltage Pin (PVIN)

Input supply to the source of the internal high-side P-channel MOSFET. The PV_{IN} operating voltage range is 2.4V to 5.5V. An input capacitor between PV_{IN} and the Power Ground (P_{GND}) pin is required and placed as close as possible to the IC.

3.4 Analog Voltage Input Pin (SVIN)

The power to the internal reference and control sections of the MIC33M356. A 1.0 µF ceramic capacitor from SV_{IN} to ground must be used. Internally connected to PV $_{IN}$ through a 10 Ω resistor.

3.5 I2C Clock Input Pin (SCL)

The SCL pin is the serial interface Serial Clock pin. This pin is connected to the host controller SCL pin.

The MIC33M356 is a slave device, so its SCL pin is only an input.

3.6 I2C Data Input/Output Pin (SDA)

The SDA pin is the serial interface Serial Data pin. This pin is connected to the host controller SDA pin. The SDA pin has an open-drain N-channel driver.

3.7 Enable Pin (EN)

Logic high enables operation of the regulator. Logic low will shut down the device. In the OFF state, supply current of the device is greatly reduced (typically 1.5 µA). The EN pin should not be left open.

3.8 Power Good Pin (PG)

This is an open-drain output that indicates when the rising output voltage is higher than the 91% threshold. There is a 4% hysteresis, therefore PG will return low when the falling output voltage falls below 87% of the target regulation voltage.

3.9 Output Voltage Sense Pin (V_{OUT})

This pin is used to remotely sense the output voltage. Connect to V_{OUT} as close to the output capacitor as possible to sense the output voltage. Also provides the path to discharge the output through an internal 10 Ω resistor when the device is disabled.

3.10 Analog Ground Pin (A_{GND})

Internal signal ground for all low-power circuits. Connect to ground plane. For best load regulation, the connection path from A_{GND} to the output capacitor ground terminal should be free from parasitic voltage drops.

3.11 PGND Exposed Pads (EP1_PGND, EP2_PGND)

Electrically connected to P_{GND} pins. Connect with thermal vias to the ground plane to ensure adequate heat sinking.

3.12 SW Exposed Pad (EP_SW)

Electrically connected to the SW Node.

3.13 OUT Exposed Pad (EP_OUT)

Electrically connected to the OUT pins. Must be externally connected to the output power connection.

4.0 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

4.1 Device Overview

The Microchip MIC33M356 is a I^2C programmable, high-efficiency, low-voltage input, 3A current synchronous step-down regulator power module with integrated inductor. The Constant On-Time (COT) control architecture with automatic HyperLight Load mode provides very high efficiency at light loads and ultra-fast transient response.

The MIC33M356 output voltage is programmed through the I^2C interface in the range of 0.6V to 1.28V with 5 mV resolution (options HAYMP and FAYMP), or between 0.6V and 3.84V (option SAYMP). The SAYMP variant has a 10 mV resolution from 0.6V, up to 1.28V and 20 mV resolution, from 1.28V to and 3.84V.

The 2.4V to 5.5V input voltage operating range makes the device ideal for single-cell Li-ion battery-powered applications. Automatic HyperLight Load mode provides very high efficiency at light loads.

This device focuses on high output voltage accuracy. Total output error is less than 1.5% over line, load and temperature.

The MIC33M356 buck regulator uses an adaptive Constant On-Time control method. The adaptive on-time control scheme is employed to obtain a nearly constant switching frequency in Continuous Conduction mode. Overcurrent protection is implemented by sensing the current on both the low-side and high-side internal power MOSFETs. The device includes an internal soft start function, which reduces the power supply input surge current at start-up by controlling the output voltage rise time.

4.2 HyperLight LoadÆ Mode (HLL)

HLL mode is a power-saving switching mode. In HLL mode, the switching frequency is not constant over the operation current range. At light loads, the fixed on-time operation, coupled with low-side MOSFET diode emulation, causes the switching frequency to decrease. This reduces switching and drive losses, and increases efficiency. The HLL Switching mode can be disabled for reduced output ripple and low noise by setting the FPWM bit in the CTRL2 register.

4.3 Enable (EN pin)

When the EN pin is pulled low, the IC is in a Shutdown state with all internal circuits disabled and with the Power Good output (PG) low. During shutdown, the part typically consumes 1.5 µA. When the EN pin is pulled high, the start-up sequence is initiated. There is a programmable enable delay that is used to delay the start of the output ramp. The enable delay timer can be programmed to one of four time intervals of 0.25 ms, 1 ms, 2 ms or 3 ms in the CTRL1 register. Note that if the 0 ms delay setting is chosen, there is an internal delay of 250 µs before the part will start to switch in order to bias up internal circuitry.

4.4 I2C Programming

The MIC33M356 behaves as an I^2C slave, accessible at 0x5B (7-bit addressing).

The ²C interface remains active and the MIC33M356 can be programmed whether the Enable pin is high or low, as long as the input voltage is above the UVLO threshold. This feature is useful in applications where a housekeeping MCU preconfigures the MIC33M356 before enabling power delivery. The registers do not get reset when the Enable pin is low. The output voltage can be programmed to a new value with I^2C , regardless of the EN pin status. If the EN pin is high, the output voltage will move to the newly programmed value on the fly with the programmed slew rate.

4.5 Power Good (PG)

The Power Good output is generally used for power sequencing where the Power Good output is tied to the enable output of another regulator. This technique avoids all the regulators powering up at the same time, causing large inrush current.

The Power Good output is an open-drain output. During start-up, when the output voltage is rising, the Power Good output goes high by means of an external pull-up resistor when the output voltage reaches 91% of its set value. The Power Good threshold has 4% hysteresis, so the Power Good output stays high until the output voltage falls below 87% of the set value. A built-in 65 µs blanking time is incorporated to prevent nuisance tripping.

The pull-up resistor from the PG pin can be connected to V_{IN} , V_{OUT} or an external source that is less than or equal to V_{IN} . The PG pin can be connected to another regulator's Enable pin for sequencing of the outputs. The PG output is deasserted as soon as the Enable pin is pulled low or an input undervoltage condition, or any other Fault is detected.

4.6 Output Soft Discharge Option

To ensure a known output condition when the device is turned off and back on again, the output is actively discharged to ground by means of an internal 10 Ω resistor. The active discharge resistor can be enabled or disabled through I^2C in the CTRL2 register.

4.7 Output Voltage Setting

The MIC33M356 output voltage has an 8-bit control DAC that can be programmed from 0.6V to 1.28V in 5 mV increments for part options: -HAYMP, -FAYMP. Option -SAYMP can be programmed from 0.6V, up to 1.28V with 10 mV resolution and from 1.28V, up to 3.84V with 20 mV resolution. This can be programmed in the MIC33M356 Output Voltage Control register.

The output voltage sensing pin, V_{OUT} , should be connected exactly to the desired Point-of-Load (POL) regulation, avoiding parasitic resistive drops.

4.8 Converter Stability, Output Capacitor

The MIC33M356 utilizes an internal compensation network and it is designed to provide stable operation with output capacitors from 47 µF to 1000 µF. This greatly simplifies the design where supplementary output capacitance can be added without having to worry about stability.

4.9 Soft Start

Excess bulk capacitance on the output can cause excessive input inrush current. The MIC33M356 internal soft start feature forces the output voltage to rise gradually, keeping the inrush current at reasonable levels. This is particularly important in battery-powered applications. The ramp rate can be set in the CTRL2 register by means of the SLEW_RATE[3:0] bits.

When the Enable pin goes high, the output voltage starts to rise. Once the soft start period has finished, the Power Good comparator is enabled, and if the output voltage is above 91% of the nominal regulation voltage, then the Power Good output goes high.

The output voltage soft start time is determined by the soft start equation below. The Soft Start Time (t_{SS}) can be calculated using [Equation 4-1](#page-19-0).

EQUATION 4-1:

4.10 100% Duty Cycle Operation

The MIC33M356 can deliver 100% duty cycle. To achieve 100% duty cycle, the high-side switch is latched on when the duty cycle reaches around 92% and stays latched until the output voltage falls 4% below its regulated value. This feature is especially useful in battery-operated applications. It is recommended that this feature is enabled, together with the highest T_{ON} setting, corresponding to the lowest switching frequency (TON[1:0] = 00 in the CTRL1 register). The high-side latch circuitry can be disabled by setting the DIS_100PCT bit in the CTRL2 register to $1'.$

4.11 Switching Frequency

The switching frequency of the MIC33M356 is indirectly set by programming the T_{ON} value. [Equation 4-2](#page-19-1) provides an estimation for the resulting switching frequency:

EQUATION 4-2:

$$
f_{SW} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \frac{1}{T_{ON}}
$$

[Equation 4-2](#page-19-1) is only valid in Continuous Conduction mode and for a lossless converter. In practice, losses will cause an increase of the switching frequency with respect to the ideal case. As the load current increases, losses will increase too and so will the switching frequency.

The on-time calculation is adaptive, in that the T_{ON} value is modulated based on the input voltage and on the target output voltage to stabilize the switching frequency against their variations. Losses are not accounted for.

The table below highlights the resulting On-Time (T_{ON}) for typical output voltages:

4.12 Undervoltage Protection (UVLO)

Undervoltage protection ensures that the IC has enough voltage to bias the internal circuitry properly and provide sufficient gate drive for the power MOSFETs. When the input voltage starts to rise, both power MOSFETs are off and the Power Good output is pulled low. The IC starts at approximately 2.225V typical and has a nominal 153 mV of hysteresis to prevent chattering between the UVLO High and Low states.

4.13 Overtemperature Fault

The MIC33M356 monitors the die junction temperature to keep the IC operating properly. If the IC junction temperature exceeds +118°C, the warning flag, "OT WARN", is set, but does not affect the operation mode. It automatically resets if the junction temperature drops below the temperature threshold. If the IC junction temperature exceeds +165°C, both power MOSFETs are immediately turned off. The IC is allowed to start when the die temperature falls below +143°C.

During the Fault condition, several changes will occur in the STATUS register. The OT bit will go high, indicating that the junction temperature has reached +165°C, while the OT WARN flag automatically resets. If the controller is enabled to restart after the first thermal shutdown event (OT_LATCH bit in register CTRL2 is set), the SSD bit will go low and the hiccup bit will go high. Finally, the PG bit in the FAULT register (address 0x03) will go low, and the PG pin will be pulled low until the output voltage has restarted and is once again in regulation. The I^2C interface remains active and all register values are maintained. When the die temperature decreases below the lower thermal shutdown threshold, and the MIC33M356 resumes switching with the output voltage going back in regulation, the global Power Good output is pulled high, but the Overtemperature Fault bit, OT, is still set to '1'. To clear the Fault, either recycle input power or write a logic '0' to the Overtemperature Fault bit, OT, in the FAULT register.

During recovery from a thermal shutdown event, if the regulator hits another thermal shutdown event before Power Good can be achieved, the controller will reset again. If this happens four times in a row, the part will be in a Latch-Off state and the MOSFETs are permanently latched off. The LATCH_OFF bit in the STATUS register will be set to '1', which will latch off the MIC33M356. The device can be restarted by toggling the enable input, by recycling the input power or by software enable control (EN_CON). This latch-off feature eliminates the thermal stress on the MIC33M356 during a Fault event. The OT_LATCH bit in register CTRL 2 can be set to ' $0'$, which will cause this latch-off to happen after the first overtemperature event, instead of waiting for four consecutive overtemperature events. This is a more conservative approach to protect the part and is available to the user.

4.14 Safe Start-up into a Pre-Biased Output

The MIC33M356 is designed for safe start-up into a pre-biased output in forced PWM. This feature prevents high negative inductor current flow in a pre-bias condition, which can damage the IC. This is achieved by not allowing forced PWM until the control loop commands eight switching cycles. After eight cycles, the low-side negative current limit is switched from 0A to -3A. The cycle counter is reset to zero if the Enable pin is pulled low or an input undervoltage condition, or any other Fault is detected.

4.15 Current Limiting

The MIC33M356 regulator uses both high-side and low-side current sense for current limiting. When the high-side current sense threshold is reached, the high-side MOSFET is turned off and the low-side MOSFET is turned on. The low-side MOSFET stays on until the current falls to 80% of the high-side current threshold value, then the high-side can be turned on again. If the overload condition lasts for more than seven cycles, the MIC33M356 enters hiccup current limiting and both MOSFETs are turned off. There is a 1 ms cool-off period before the MOSFETs are allowed to be turned back on. If the regulator has another hiccup event before it reaches the Power Good threshold on restart, it will again turn off both MOSFETs and wait for 1 ms. If this happens more than three times in a row, then the part will enter the Latch-Off state which will permanently turn off both MOSFETs until the part is reset by toggling the EN pin, by cycling the input power or via an I^2C command.

During a hiccup event, the HICCUP bit in the STATUS register will go high and the SSD bit will go low until the output has recovered. The Power Good FAULT register bit, PG, will also go low and the PG pin will be pulled low.

In latch-off, the LATCH OFF status bit is set to $'1'$.

The high-side current limit can be programmed by setting the ILIM bit in the CTRL1 register. For maximum efficiency and current limit precision, it is recommended that the highest current limit is programmed together with a higher T_{ON} setting (corresponding to a lower frequency).

4.16 Thermal Considerations

Although the MIC33M356 is capable of delivering up to 3A of current under load, the package thermal resistance and the device internal power dissipation may limit the continuous output current.

If operated above the rated junction temperature, electrical parameters may drift beyond characterized specifications. The MIC33M356 is protected under all circumstances by thermal shutdown.

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5.0 APPLICATION INFORMATION

5.1 Power-up State

When power is first applied to the MIC33M356 and the Enable pin is high, all $1²C$ registers are loaded with their default values and the device starts delivering power to the output based on those default values. After the soft start ramp has finished, these registers can be reconfigured. These new settings are saved, even if the Enable pin is pulled low. When the Enable pin is pulled high again, the MIC33M356 is configured to the new register settings, not the original default settings. To set the I^2C registers to their original settings, the input power has to be recycled.

When power is first applied to the MIC33M356 and the Enable pin is low, all I^2C registers can be configured. When the Enable pin is pulled high, the regulator will power up with the new I^2C register settings. Again, these register settings will not be lost when the Enable pin is pulled low. If power is recycled, the register settings are lost and they will have to be reprogrammed.

5.2 Output Voltage Sensing

To achieve accurate output voltage regulation, the V_{OUT} pin (internal feedback divider top terminal) should be Kelvin-connected as close as possible to the point-of-regulation top terminal. Since both the internal reference and the internal feedback divider's bottom terminal refer to A_{GND} , it is important to minimize voltage drops between the A_{GND} and the point-of-regulation return terminal (typically, the ground terminal of the output capacitor which is closest to the load).

5.3 Digital Voltage Control (DVC)

When the buck is programmed to a lower voltage, the regulator is placed into forced PWM mode and the Power Good monitor is blanked during the transition time.

5.4 Output Capacitor Selection

The MIC33M356 utilizes an internal compensation network and is designed to provide stable operation with output capacitors of 47 μF to 1000 μF. This greatly simplifies the design, where supplementary output capacitance can be added without having to worry about stability.

The type of output capacitor is usually determined by its Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR). Voltage and RMS current capability are two other important factors for selecting the output capacitor. Recommended capacitor types are ceramic, OS-CON and POSCAP. The output capacitor ESR is usually the main cause of the output ripple. The output capacitor ESR also affects

the control loop from a stability point of view. The maximum value of ESR is calculated using [Equation 5-1.](#page-22-1)

EQUATION 5-1:

$$
ESR_{C_{OUT}} \leq \frac{\Delta V_{OUT(PP)}}{\Delta I_{L(PP)}}
$$

Where:

$$
\Delta V_{OUT(PP)} = \text{Peak-to-Peak Output VoltageRipple}
$$

$$
\Delta I_{L(PP)} = \text{Peak-to-Peak Inductor Current}
$$

Ripple

The peak-to-peak inductor current ripple can be calculated by using the formula in [Equation 5-2.](#page-22-0)

EQUATION 5-2:

$$
\Delta I_{L(PP)} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN(MAX)} \times f_{SW} \times L}
$$

Where:

$$
L = 0.47 \text{ }\mu\text{H}
$$

The total output ripple is a combination of the ESR and output capacitance. The total ripple is calculated using [Equation 5-3.](#page-22-2)

EQUATION 5-3:

$$
\Delta V_{OUT(PP)} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta I_{L(PP)}}{C_{OUT} \times f_{SW} \times 8}\right)^2 + \left(\Delta I_{L(PP)} \times ESR_{C_{OUT}}\right)^2}
$$

Where:

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$$
C_{OUT} = Output \text{ Capacitance Value}
$$

 f_{SW} = Switching Frequency

The output capacitor RMS current is calculated using [Equation 5-4.](#page-22-3)

EQUATION 5-4:

$$
I_{C_{OUT(RMS)}} = \frac{\Delta I_{L(PP)}}{\sqrt{I2}}
$$

The power dissipated in the output capacitor is:

EQUATION 5-5:

$$
P_{DISS(COUT)} = I_{COUT(RMS)}^2 \times ESR_{COUT}
$$

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5.5 Input Capacitor Selection

The input capacitor for the power stage input V_{1N} should be selected for ripple current rating and voltage rating. Due to the pulsed waveform of the buck stage input current, ceramic input capacitors with good high-frequency characteristics are mandatory and should be placed as close to the device as possible. Additional polarized capacitors can be used in parallel to the ceramic input capacitors. Tantalum input capacitors may fail when subjected to high inrush currents, caused by turning on the input supply. A tantalum input capacitor voltage rating should be at least two times the maximum input voltage to maximize reliability. Aluminum electrolytic, OS-CON, and multilayer polymer film capacitors can handle the higher inrush currents without voltage derating. The input voltage ripple will primarily depend on the input capacitor ESR. The peak input current is equal to the peak inductor current, as shown in [Equation 5-6.](#page-23-0)

EQUATION 5-6:

$$
\Delta V_{IN} = I_{L(PK)} \times ESR_{CIN}
$$

The input capacitor must be rated for the input current ripple. The RMS value of input capacitor current is determined at the maximum output current. Assuming the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple is low, [Equation 5-7](#page-23-1) shows how to determine the RMS value of the input capacitor current.

EQUATION 5-7:

$$
I_{CIN(RMS)} \approx I_{OUT(MAX)} \times \sqrt{D \times (I - D)}
$$

Where:

$$
D = V_{\text{OUT}} / V_{\text{IN}}
$$

The power dissipated in the input capacitor is calculated using [Equation 5-8.](#page-23-2)

EQUATION 5-8:

$$
P_{DISS(CIN)} = I_{CIN(RMS)}^{2} \times ESR_{CIN}
$$

5.6 I2C Bus Pull-ups Selection

The optimal pull-up resistors must be strong enough that the RC constant of the bus is not too large (causing the line not to rise to a logical high before being pulled low), but weak enough for the IC to drive the line low.

EQUATION 5-9:

$$
Rp(min) = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{OL}(max)}{I_{OL}}
$$

Where:

$$
V_{CC} = \text{Pull-up Reference Voltage (i.e., } V_{IN})
$$

$$
V_{OL}(max) = 0.4V
$$

$$
I_{OL} = 3 mA
$$

6.0 I2C INTERFACE DESCRIPTION

The I^2C bus is for 2-way, 2-line communication between different ICs or modules. The two lines are: a Serial Data (SDA) line and a Serial Clock (SCL) line. Both lines must be connected to a positive supply via a pull-up resistor. Data transfer may be initiated only when the bus is not busy. The MIC33M356 is a slave only device (i.e., it cannot generate a SCL signal and does not have SCL clock stretching capability). Every data transfer to and from the MIC33M356 must be initiated by a master device which drives the SCL line.

6.1 Bit Transfer

One data bit is transferred during each clock pulse. The data on the SDA line must remain stable during the high period of the clock pulse, as changes in the data line at this time, will be interpreted as control signals.

6.2 Start and Stop Conditions

Both data and clock lines remain high when the bus is not busy. A high-to-low transition of the data line while the clock is high is defined as the Start (S) or Repeated Start (Sr) condition. A low-to-high transition of the data line while the clock is high is defined as the Stop condition (P). Start and Stop conditions are always generated by the master. The bus is considered to be busy after the Start condition. The bus is considered to be free again a certain time after the Stop condition. The bus stays busy if a Repeated Start (Sr) is generated instead of a Stop condition.

6.3 Device Address

The MIC33M356 device uses a fixed 7-bit address, which is set in hardware. This address is $"0x5B"$.

6.4 Acknowledge

The number of data bytes transferred between the Start and the Stop conditions, from transmitter to receiver, is not limited. Each byte of eight bits is followed by one Acknowledge bit. The Acknowledge bit is a high level put on the bus by the transmitter, whereas the master generates an extra Acknowledge related clock pulse. The device that Acknowledges has to pull down the SDA line during the Acknowledge clock pulse, so that the SDA line is stable low during the high period of the Acknowledge related clock pulse; setup and hold times must be taken into account.

A slave receiver, which is addressed, must generate an Acknowledge after the reception of each byte.

Also, a master receiver must generate an Acknowledge after the reception of each byte that has been clocked out of the slave transmitter, except on the last received byte. A master receiver must signal an end of data to the transmitter by not generating an Acknowledge on the last byte that has been clocked out of the slave transmitter. In this event, the transmitter must leave the data line high to enable the master to generate a Stop condition.

6.5 Bus Transactions

6.5.1 SINGLE WRITE

The first seven bits of the first byte make up the slave address. The eighth bit is the LSB (Least Significant bit). It determines the direction of the message (R/W).

A $'0'$ in the least significant position of the first byte means that the master will write information to a selected slave. A $1'$ in this position means that the master will read information from the slave. When an address is sent, each device in a system compares the first seven bits after the Start condition with its address. If they match, the device considers itself addressed by the master as a slave-receiver or slave-transmitter, depending on the R/W bit.

The command byte is a data byte which selects a register on the device. The Least Significant six bits of the command byte determine the address of the register that needs to be written.

The data to port are the 8-bit data that need to be written to the selected register. This is followed by the Acknowledge from the slave and then the Stop condition.

The write command is as follows and it is illustrated in the timing diagram below:

- 1. Send Start sequence.
- 2. Send 7-bit slave address.
- 3. Send the R/W bit $-$ '0' to indicate a write operation.
- 4. Wait for Acknowledge from the slave.
- 5. Send the command byte address that needs to be written.
- 6. Wait for Acknowledge from the slave.
- 7. Receive the 8-bit data from the master and write them to the slave register indicated in Step 5, starting from the MSB.
- 8. Acknowledge from the slave.
- 9. Send Stop sequence.

FIGURE 6-3: Single Write Timing Diagram.

6.5.2 SINGLE READ

This reads a single byte from a device, from a designated register. The register is specified through the command byte.

The read command is as follows and it is illustrated in the timing diagram of [Figure 6-4](#page-26-0) below.

- 1. Send Start sequence.
- 2. Send 7-bit slave address.
- 3. Send the R/W bit $-$ '0' to indicate a write operation.
- 4. Wait for Acknowledge from the slave.
- 5. Send the register address that needs to be read.
- 6. Wait for Acknowledge from the slave.
- 7. Send Start sequence again (Repeated Start condition).
- 8. Send the 7-bit slave address.
- 9. Send R/W bit -1 to indicate a read operation.
- 10. Wait for Acknowledge from the slave.
- 11. Receive the 8-bit data from the slave, starting from MSB.
- 12. Acknowledge from the master. On the received byte, the master receiver issues a NACK in place of ACK to signal the end of the data transfer.
- 13. Send Stop sequence.

FIGURE 6-4: Single Read Timing Diagram.

Note: Attempts to read from a non-existing register location will return all zeros.

NOTES:

7.0 REGISTER MAP AND I2C PROGRAMMABILITY

The MIC33M356 internal registers are summarized in [Table 7-1,](#page-28-0) below.

REGISTER 7-1: CTRL1: OUTPUT CONTROL REGISTER 1 (ADDRESS 0X00)

REGISTER 7-2: CTRL2: OUTPUT CONTROL REGISTER 2 (ADDRESS 0X01)

bit 7-0 **VO[7:0]:** Output Voltage Control: Options HAYMP, FAYMP For codes 0x00 to 0x76: 0.6V.

REGISTER 7-3: OUTPUT VOLTAGE CONTROL REGISTER (ADDRESS 0X02) (CONTINUED)

bit 7-0 **VO[7:0]:** Output Voltage Control: Option SAYMP For codes 0x00 to 0x3B: 0.6V.

REGISTER 7-4: STATUS AND FAULT REGISTER (ADDRESS 0X03)

NOTES:

8.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION

8.1 Package Marking Information

24-Lead, 3 mm × 4.5 mm QFN Example

24-Lead Plastic Quad Flat, No Lead Package (N6A) - 3x4.5 mm Body [QFN]

For the most current package drawings, please see the Microchip Packaging Specification located at http://www.microchip.com/packaging **Note:**

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24-Lead Plastic Quad Flat, No Lead Package (N6A) - 3x4.5 mm Body [QFN]

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Notes:

1. Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.

2. Package is saw singulated

3. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

REF: Reference Dimension, usually without tolerance, for information purposes only.

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24-Lead Plastic Quad Flat, No Lead Package (N6A) - 3x4.5 mm Body [QFN]

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Dimension Limits **Units** Y2 Contact Pad Spacing Contact Pad Length (X7) Contact Pad Width (X24) Contact Pitch X1 C₁ 0.30 3.00 MILLIMETERS 0.50 BSC MIN E MAX 0.65 Exposed Pad Length \vert X4 \vert 1.41 NOM Contact Pad Length (X24) 71 9.80 Exposed Pad Width \vert Y4 \vert 1 0.40 Thermal Via Diameter V Thermal Via Pitch **EV** 0.30 1.00 Exposed Pad Width $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{F}} & \text{A3} & \text{A43} \hline \end{array}$ Exposed Pad Length

Y5 | 2.40 Terminal to Exposed Pad X6 3.20 Terminal to Exposed Pad | Y6 | 0.50 Contact Pad Spacing C2 | C2 | 4.50 Contact Pad Width X3 X3 0.20 Terminal to Exposed Pad | Y7 | 0.20

Notes:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

2. For best soldering results, thermal vias, if used, should be filled or tented to avoid solder loss during reflow process

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APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (May 2020)

• Initial release of this Data Sheet.

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