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Synchronous Buck NexFET™ Power Stage

¹FEATURES APPLICATIONS

- **90% System Efficiency at 25A Synchronous Buck Converters**
- **Property Voltages up to 22V Nultiphase Synchronous Buck Converters**
- **High Frequency Operation (Up To 2MHz) POL DC-DC Converters**
- **Incorporates Power Block Technology Memory and Graphic Cards**
- **High Density SON 5-mm × 6-mm Footprint Desktop and Server VR11.x and VR12.x V-Core**
- **Low Power Loss 2.8W at 25A Synchronous Buck Converters**
- **Ultra Low Inductance Package CONSCRIPTION ORDERING INFORMATION**
- **System Optimized PCB Footprint COMPTE ACTES** Device Package Media Qty Ship
- **9.3V and 5V PWM Signal Compatible** SON 5-mm \times 6-mm $\frac{13\text{-}10\text{-}}{\text{Reel}}$ Reel PWM Input
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- **Integrated Bootstrap Diode**
- **Pre-Bias Start-Up Protection**
- **Shoot Through Protection**
- **RoHS Compliant Lead Free Terminal Plating Halogen Free**

DESCRIPTION

The CSD97370Q5M NexFET Power Stage is an optimized design for use in a high power, high density Synchronous Buck converter. This product integrates an enhanced gate driver IC and Power Block Technology to complete the power stage switching function. This combination produces a high current, high efficiency, high speed switching device and delivers an excellent thermal solution in a small 5-mm x 6-mm outline package due to its large ground based thermal pad. In addition, the PCB footprint has been optimized to help reduce design time and simplify the completion of the overall system design.

Figure 1. Application Diagram Figure 2. Efficiency and Power Loss

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RUMENTS

These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C (unless otherwise noted)

(1) Stresses above those listed in "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.

 V_{IN} to V_{SW} Max = 32V for 10ns

(3) Should not exceed 7V

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

 $T_A = 25^\circ$ (unless otherwise noted)

(1) Measurement made with six 10-µF (TDK C3216X5R1C106KT or equivalent) ceramic capacitors placed across V_{IN} to P_{GND} pins.

(2) System conditions as defined in Note 1. Peak Output Current is applied for $t_p = 50 \mu s$.

THERMAL INFORMATION

 T_A = 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

(1) R_{0JB} value based on hottest board temperature within 1mm of the package.

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, $V_{DD} = POR$ to 5.5V (unless otherwise noted)

(1) Measurement made with six 10-µF (TDK C3216X5R1C106KT or equivalent) ceramic capacitors placed across V_{IN} to P_{GND} pins.
(2) Specified by design

(3) POR to V_{SW} rising

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PIN CONFIGURATION

PIN DESCRIPTION

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Figure 3. Functional Block Diagram

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

POWERING CSD97370Q5M AND GATE DRIVERS

An external V_{DD} voltage is required to supply the integrated gate driver IC and provide the necessary gate drive power for the MOSFETS. The gate driver IC is capable of supplying in excess of 4 Amps peak current into the MOSFET gates to achieve fast switching. A 1uF 10V X5R or higher ceramic capacitor is recommended to bypass V_{DD} pin to PGND. A bootstrap circuit to provide gate drive power for the Control FET is also included. The bootstrap supply to drive the Control FET is generated by connecting a 100nF 16V X5R ceramic capacitor between BOOT and BOOT_R pins. An optional R_{BOOT} resistor which can be used to slow down the turn on speed of the Control FET and reduce voltage spikes on the Vsw node. A typical 1Ω to 4.7Ω value is a compromise between switching loss and V_{SW} spike amplitude.

UVLO (Under Voltage Lock Out)

The V_{DD} supply is monitored for UVLO conditions and both Control FET and Sync FET gates are held low until adequate supply is available. An internal comparator evaluates the V_{DD} voltage level and if V_{DD} is greater than the Power On Reset threshold (V_{POR}) the gate driver becomes active. If V_{DD} is less than the UVLO threshold, the gate driver is disabled and the internal MOSFET gates are actively driven low. At the rising edge of the V_{DD} voltage, both Control FET and Sync FET gates will be actively held low during V_{DD} transitions between 1.0V to V_{POR} . This region is referred to the Gate Drive Latch Zone (see [Figure 4](#page-4-0)). In addition, at the falling edge of the V_{DD} voltage, both Control FET and Sync FET gates are actively held low during the UVLO to 1.0V transition.

The Power Stage CSD97370Q5M device must be powered up and Enabled before the PWM signal is applied.

Figure 4. POR and UVLO

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The ENABLE pin is TTL compatible. The logic level thresholds are sustained under all V_{DD} operating conditions between V_{POR} to V_{DD}. In addition, if this pin is left floating, a weak internal pull down resistor of 100kΩ will pull the ENABLE pin below the logic level low threshold. The operational functions of this pin should follow the timing diagram outlined in [Figure 5.](#page-6-0) A logic level low will actively hold both Control FET and Sync FET gates low and V_{DD} pin should typically draw less than 5µA.

POWER UP SEQUENCING

If the ENABLE signal is used, it is necessary to ensure proper co-ordination with the ENABLE and soft-start features of the external PWM controller in the system. If the CSD97370Q5M was disabled through ENABLE without sequencing with the PWM IC controller, the buck converter output will have no voltage or fall below regulation set point voltage. As a result, the PWM controller IC delivers Max duty cycle on the PWM line. If the Power Stage CSD97370Q5M is re-enabled by driving the ENABLE pin high, there will be an extremely large input inrush current when the output voltage builds back up again. The input inrush current might have undesirable consequences such as inductor saturation, driving the input power supply into current limit or even catastrophic failure of the CSD97370Q5M device. Disabling the PWM controller is recommended when the CSD97370Q5M is disabled. The PWM controller should always be re-enabled by going through soft-start routine to control and minimize the input inrush current and reduce current and voltage stress on all buck converter components. It is recommended that the external PWM controller be disabled when CSD97370Q5M is disabled or nonoperational because of UVLO.

PWM

The input PWM pin incorporates a 3-State function. The Control FET and Sync FET gates are forced low if the PWM pin is left floating for more than the 3-State Hold off time (t_{3HT}) , typically 100ns. This requires the source impedance of the driving PWM signal to be a minimum of 250kΩ when in 3-State mode. Operation in and out of 3-State mode should follow the timing diagram outlined in [Figure 6.](#page-6-1) Both V_{PWML} and V_{PWMH} threshold levels are set to accommodate both 3.3V and 5V logic controllers. During normal operation, the PWM signal should be driven to logic levels Low and High with a maximum of 220Ω/320Ω sink/source impedance respectively.

GATE DRIVERS

The CSD97370Q5M has an internal high-performance gate driver IC that ensures minimum MOSFET dead-time while eliminating potential shoot-through currents. Propagation delays between the Control FET and Sync FET gates are kept to a minimum to minimize body diode conduction and improve efficiency. The gate driver IC incorporates an adaptive shoot through protection scheme which ensures that neither MOSFET is turned on while the other one is still conducting at the same time, preventing cross conduction. See [Table 1.](#page-5-0)

START UP IN PRE-BIASED OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The CSD97370Q5M incorporates a simple pre-bias feature to protect against the discharging of a prebiased output voltage and inducing large negative inductor currents. After the Power On Reset threshold is crossed and the ENABLE pin is set to logic level high, both internal MOSFETs are actively held low until the PWM pin receives a signal that crosses logic level high threshold and meets the minimum on time criteria (see the Electrical Characteristics Table). This allows the PWM control IC to provide a soft start routine that creates a monotonic startup of the output voltage. The pre-bias feature is enabled for a single event and subsequent PWM signals creates normal switching of the internal MOSFETs (see [Table 1](#page-5-0)). To reactivate the pre-bias feature, the ENABLE pin needs to be pulled below logic level low or the V_{DD} supply voltage needs to cross UVLO.

Figure 5. CSD97370Q5M ENABLE Timing Diagram (V_{DD} = PWM = 5V)

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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Test conditions: V_{IN} = 12V, V_{DD} = 5V, f_{SW}= 500kHz, V_{OUT} = 1.2V, L_{OUT} = 0.3μH, DCR = 0.54mΩ, T_J = 125°C

1. The Typical CSD97370Q5M System Characteristic curves are based on measurements made on a PCB design with dimensions of 4.0" (W) x 3.5" (L) x 0.062" (T) and 6 copper layers of 1 oz. copper thickness. See the Application section

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

Test conditions: V_{IN} = 12V, V_{DD} = 5V, f_{SW}= 500kHz, V_{OUT} = 1.2V, L_{OUT} = 0.3μH, DCR = 0.54mΩ, T_J = 125°C for detailed explanation.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Test conditions: V_{IN} = 12V, V_{DD} = 5V, f_{SW}= 500kHz, V_{OUT} = 1.2V, L_{OUT} = 0.3μH, DCR = 0.54mΩ, T_J = 125°C

Figure 12. Normalized Power Loss vs Frequency Figure 13. Normalized Power Loss vs Input Voltage

Figure 14. Normalized Power Loss vs Output Voltage Figure 15. Normalized Power Loss vs Output Inductance

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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

Test conditions: $V_{IN} = 12V$, $V_{DD} = 5V$, $f_{SW} = 500$ kHz, $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$, $L_{OUT} = 0.3 \mu$ H, DCR = 0.54m Ω , T_J = 125°C

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Power Stage CSD97370Q5M is a highly optimized design for synchronous buck applications using NexFET devices with a 5V gate drive. The Control FET and Sync FET silicon are parametrically tuned to yield the lowest power loss and highest system efficiency. As a result, a rating method is used that is tailored towards a more systems centric environment. The high-performance gate driver IC integrated in the package helps minimize the parasitics and results in extremely fast switching of the power MOSFETs. System level performance curves such as Power Loss, Safe Operating Area and normalized graphs allow engineers to predict the product performance in the actual application.

Power Loss Curves

MOSFET centric parameters such as $R_{DS(ON)}$ and Q_{qd} are primarily needed by engineers to estimate the loss generated by the devices. In an effort to simplify the design process for engineers, Texas Instruments has provided measured power loss performance curves. [Figure 7](#page-7-0) plots the power loss of the CSD97370Q5M as a function of load current. This curve is measured by configuring and running the CSD97370Q5M as it would be in the final application (see [Figure 18\)](#page-10-0). The measured power loss is the CSD97370Q5M device power loss which consists of both input conversion loss and gate drive loss. [Equation 1](#page-10-1) is used to generate the power loss curve.

Power Loss = (V_{IN} x I_{IN}) + (V_{DD} x I_{DD}) – (V_{SW_AVG} x I_{OUT}) (1)

The power loss curve in [Figure 7](#page-7-0) is measured at the maximum recommended junction temperature of T_1 = 125°C under isothermal test conditions.

Safe Operating Curves (SOA)

The SOA curves in the CSD97370Q5M datasheet give engineers guidance on the temperature boundaries within an operating system by incorporating the thermal resistance and system power loss. [Figure 9,](#page-7-1) [Figure 10](#page-7-1), and [Figure 11](#page-7-2) outline the temperature and airflow conditions required for a given load current. The area under the curve dictates the safe operating area. All the curves are based on measurements made on a PCB design with dimensions of 4.0" (W) \times 3.5" (L) \times 0.062" (T) and 6 copper layers of 1 oz. copper thickness.

Normalized Curves

The normalized curves in the CSD97370Q5M data sheet give engineers guidance on the Power Loss and SOA adjustments based on their application specific needs. These curves show how the power loss and SOA boundaries will adjust for a given set of systems conditions. The primary Y-axis is the normalized change in power loss and the secondary Y-axis is the change is system temperature required in order to comply with the SOA curve. The change in power loss is a multiplier for the Power Loss curve and the change in temperature is subtracted from the SOA curve.

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Calculating Power Loss and SOA

The user can estimate product loss and SOA boundaries by arithmetic means (see the Design Example). Though the Power Loss and SOA curves in this datasheet are taken for a specific set of test conditions, the following procedure will outline the steps engineers should take to predict product performance for any set of system conditions.

Design Example

Operating Conditions: Output Current (I_{OUT}) = 25A, Input Voltage (V_{IN}) = 7V, Output Voltage (V_{OUT}) = 1V, Switching Frequency (f_{SW}) = 800kHz, Output Inductor (L_{OUT}) = 0.2µH

Calculating Power Loss

- Typical Power Loss at 25A = 3.5W ([Figure 7\)](#page-7-0)
- Normalized Power Loss for switching frequency ≈ 1.08 ([Figure 12](#page-8-0))
- Normalized Power Loss for input voltage \approx 1.05 ([Figure 13](#page-8-0))
- Normalized Power Loss for output voltage ≈ 0.7 [\(Figure 14\)](#page-8-1)
- Normalized Power Loss for output inductor \approx 1.04 [\(Figure 15\)](#page-8-1)
- **Final calculated Power Loss = 3.5W × 1.08 × 1.05 × 0.7 × 1.04 ≈ 2.89W**

Calculating SOA Adjustments

- SOA adjustment for switching frequency ≈ 2.6°C ([Figure 12](#page-8-0))
- SOA adjustment for input voltage \approx 1.4°C ([Figure 13\)](#page-8-0)
- SOA adjustment for output voltage \approx –1.0°C [\(Figure 14\)](#page-8-1)
- SOA adjustment for output inductor $≈ 1.3°C$ ([Figure 15](#page-8-1))
- **Final calculated SOA adjustment = 2.6 + 1.4 + (–1.0) + 1.3 ≈ 4.3°C**

Figure 19. Power Stage CSD97370Q5M SOA

In the design example above, the estimated power loss of the CSD97370Q5M would increase to 2.89W. In addition, the maximum allowable board and/or ambient temperature would have to decrease by 4.3°C. [Figure 19](#page-11-0) graphically shows how the SOA curve would be adjusted accordingly.

- 1. Start by drawing a horizontal line from the application current to the SOA curve.
- 2. Draw a vertical line from the SOA curve intercept down to the board/ambient temperature.
- 3. Adjust the SOA board/ambient temperature by subtracting the temperature adjustment value.

In the design example, the SOA temperature adjustment yields a reduction in allowable board/ambient temperature of 4.3°C. In the event the adjustment value is a negative number, subtracting the negative number would yield an increase in allowable board/ambient temperature.

RECOMMENDED PCB DESIGN OVERVIEW

There are two key system-level parameters that can be addressed with a proper PCB design: electrical and thermal performance. Properly optimizing the PCB layout will yield maximum performance in both areas. Below is a brief description on how to address each parameter.

Electrical Performance

The CSD97370Q5M has the ability to switch at voltages rates greater than 10kV/µs. Special care must be then taken with the PCB layout design and placement of the input capacitors, inductor and output capacitors.

- The placement of the input capacitors relative to V_{IN} and P_{GND} pins of CSD97370Q5M device should have the highest priority during the component placement routine. It is critical to minimize these node lengths. As such, ceramic input capacitors need to be placed as close as possible to the V_{IN} and P_{GND} pins (see [Figure 20](#page-12-0)). The example in [Figure 20](#page-12-0) uses 6 x 10µF 1206 25V ceramic capacitors (TDK Part # C3216X5R1C106KT or equivalent). Notice there are ceramic capacitors on both sides of the board with an appropriate amount of vias interconnecting both layers. In terms of priority of placement next to the Power Stage C5, C8 and C7, C19 should follow in order.
- The bootstrap cap C_{ROT} 0.1µF 0603 16V ceramic capacitor should be closely connected between BOOT and BOOT_R pins
- The switching node of the output inductor should be placed relatively close to the Power Stage CSD97370Q5M V_{SW} pins. Minimizing the V_{SW} node length between these two components will reduce the PCB conduction losses and actually reduce the switching noise level.⁽¹⁾

Thermal Performance

The CSD97370Q5M has the ability to use the GND planes as the primary thermal path. As such, the use of thermal vias is an effective way to pull away heat from the device and into the system board. Concerns of solder voids and manufacturability problems can be addressed by the use of three basic tactics to minimize the amount of solder attach that will wick down the via barrel:

- Intentionally space out the vias from each other to avoid a cluster of holes in a given area.
- Use the smallest drill size allowed in your design. The example in [Figure 20](#page-12-0) uses vias with a 10 mil drill hole and a 16 mil capture pad.
- Tent the opposite side of the via with solder-mask.

In the end, the number and drill size of the thermal vias should align with the end user's PCB design rules and manufacturing capabilities.

Figure 20. Recommended PCB Layout (Top Down View)

(1) Keong W. Kam, David Pommerenke, "EMI Analysis Methods for Synchronous Buck Converter EMI Root Cause Analysis", University of Missouri – Rolla

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Land Pattern Recommendation

NOTE: Dimensions are in mm (inches).

Stencil Recommendation

NOTE: Dimensions are in mm (inches).

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