

## **DESCRIPTION**

The MPQ28261 is a synchronous, rectified, step-down, switch-mode converter with built-in 120mΩ high-side MOSFET and 20mΩ low-side MOSFET. It offers a very compact solution to achieve a continuous 3A output current over a wide input supply range, with excellent load and line regulation. Its synchronous mode operation increases its efficiency over its output current load range, and uses a fixed 500kHz switching frequency.

Current mode operation provides a fast transient response and improves loop stabilization. Full protection features include over-current protection and thermal shut down.

The MPQ28261 has an external SS pin to program the soft-start time and power-good signal output.

The MPQ28261 requires a minimal number of readily-available standard external components and is available in a space saving 3mmx4mm 14-pin QFN package.

## **FEATURES**

- Wide 4.5V-to-21V Operating Input Range
- 3A Maximum Continuous Output Current
- Integrated 120mΩ High-Side and 20mΩ Low-Side Power MOSFETs
- 1% Reference Voltage Accuracy
- Up to 85% Efficiency (for Drops of 12V to 1.2V)
- Fixed 500kHz Switching Frequency
- External Soft-Start
- PG Output
- OCP and Thermal Shutdown
- Output Adjustable from 0.603V to 18V
- Available in a 3mm x 4mm 14-pin QFN Package.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- DSL Modems
- Cable Modems
- Set-Top Boxes
- Telecom

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# **TYPICAL APPLICATION**



### **ORDERING INFORMATION**



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# **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (1)**



### *Recommended Operating Conditions*  **(4)**



*Thermal Resistance*  **(5)** *θJA θJC*

QFN14 (3x4mm) .................... 48 ...... 11 ... °C/W

#### **Notes:**

- 1) Exceeding these ratings may damage the device.
- 2) Refer to the section "Configuring the EN Control" .
- 3) The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the maximum junction temperature  $T_J$  (MAX), the junction-toambient thermal resistance  $\theta_{JA}$ , and the ambient temperature TA. The maximum allowable continuous power dissipation at any ambient temperature is calculated by  $P_D$  (MAX) = (T<sub>J</sub>  $(MAX)$ -TA)/ $\theta_{JA}$ . Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause excessive die temperature, and the regulator will go into thermal shutdown. Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage.
- 4) The device is not guaranteed to function outside of its operating conditions.
- 5) Measured on JESD51-7, 4-layer PCB.



## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $V_{\text{IN}}$  = 12V. T<sub>J</sub> = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical value is tested at T<sub>J</sub> = +25°C.





## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** *(continued)*

 $V_{IN}$  = 12V,  $T_J$  = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical value is tested at  $T_J$  = +25°C.



**Notes:** 

6) Guaranteed by design



## **PIN FUNCTIONS**





# **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

















**Performance curves are tested on the evaluation board of the Design Example section.**   $V_{IN}$  = 12V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 1.2V, L = 2.8 $\mu$ H, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.



2ms/div

1us/div







## **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**







## **OPERATION**

The MPQ28261 is a high-frequency, synchronous, rectified, step-down, switch mode converter with built-in internal power MOSFETs. It offers a very compact solution to output a 3A continuous output current over a wide input supply range, with excellent load and line regulation.

The MPQ28261 operates in a fixed-frequency peak-current–control mode to regulate the output voltage. Around the start of a PWM cycle, the integrated high-side power MOSFET (HS-FET) turns on and remains on until its current reaches the value set by the COMP voltage. When the power switch turns off, it remains off until the next clock cycle starts. If the current in the HS-FET does not reach the COMP set value for 90% of one PWM period, the HS-FET will turn off.

### **Error Amplifier**

The error amplifier compares  $V_{FB}$  against the internal  $0.6V$  reference ( $V_{REF}$ ) and outputs a current proportional to the difference. The output current both charges and discharges the internal compensation network to form the COMP voltage, which controls the power MOSFET current. The optimized internal compensation network minimizes the external component counts and simplifies the control loop design.

### **Internal Regulator**

The 5V regulator powers most of the internal circuitry. This regulator takes the  $V_{\text{IN}}$  input and operates in the full  $V_{\text{IN}}$  range When  $V_{\text{IN}}$  exceeds 5.1V, the regulator outputs at its maximum level; when  $V_{IN}$  falls below 5.1V, the output decreases. The regulator requires a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor for decoupling purposes.

### **Configuring the Enable Control**

The MPQ28261 has a dedicated Enable control pin (EN): pulling this pin high or low enables or disables the IC. Tie EN to  $V_{IN}$  through a resistor for automatic start up. Choose the values of the pull-up resistor  $(R_{UP}$  from the IN pin to the EN pin) and the pull-down resistor  $(R_{\text{DOWN}})$  from the EN pin to GND) to determine the automatic start-up voltage:

$$
V_{\text{IN-START}} = 1.4 \times \frac{(R_{\text{UP}} + R_{\text{DOWN}})}{R_{\text{DOWN}}}(V)
$$

For example, for  $R_{UP}$ =100kΩ and  $R_{DOWN}$ =51kΩ, the V $_{\sf IN\text{-}STAT}$  is set at 4.15V.

To reduce noise, add a 10nF ceramic capacitor from EN to GND.

An internal zener diode on the EN pin clamps the EN pin voltage to prevent run away. The maximum pull up current assuming the worst case 6V for the internal zener clamp should be less than 0.2mA.

Therefore, when driving EN with an external logic signal, use an EN voltage less than 6V. When connecting EN to IN through a pull-up resistor or a resistive voltage divider, select a resistance that ensures a maximum pull-up current less than 0.2mA.

If using a resistive voltage divider and  $V_{\text{IN}}$ exceeds 6V, then the minimum resistance for the pull-up resistor  $R_{UP}$  should meet:

$$
\frac{V_{\text{IN}}-6V}{R_{\text{UP}}}-\frac{6V}{R_{\text{DOWN}}}\leq 0.2mA
$$

With only  $R_{UP}$  (the pull-down resistor,  $R_{DOWN}$ , is not connected), then the VCC UVLO threshold determines V<sub>IN-START,</sub> so the minimum resistor value is:

$$
R_{_{UP}} \geq \frac{V_{_{IN}} - 6V}{0.2mA}(\Omega)
$$

### **Under-Voltage Lockout**

Under-voltage lockout (UVLO) protects the chip from operating at insufficient supply voltages. The UVLO comparator monitors the output voltage of the internal regulator, VCC. The UVLO rising threshold is about 4.0V while its falling threshold is 3.2V.

#### **Power Good Indicator**

MPQ28261 uses the open drain of an NMOS for the Power Good (PG) indicator. When  $V_{FR}$ rises above 90% of the reference voltage, PG pin is pulled up to VCC by an external resistor

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after a delay. The PG delay time is about 1/4 of SS time. If  $V_{FB}$  falls below 80% of the reference voltage, PG pin is pulled down to ground by an internal MOSFET.

### **External Soft-Start**

Connecting a capacitor from the soft-start (SS) pin to ground adjusts the SS time. During SS initiation, an internal 12µA current source charges the external capacitor. The SS pin connects internally to the non-inverting input of the error amplifier. The SS continues to charge until the voltage on the SS capacitor exceeds the 0.6V reference voltage. Then the reference voltage functions as the non-inverting input of the error amplifier. The following equation estimates the SS time:

$$
t_{\rm SS}(ms) = \frac{0.6 V \times C_{\rm SS}(nF)}{12 \mu A}
$$

Table 1 lists SS times with different external capacitor values. If the output capacitor is large, use a large SS capacitor to ensure proper device start-up.

### **Table 1: Soft Start Time vs. Capacitor Value**



If the output of the MPQ28261 is pre-biased to a certain voltage during startup, the IC will disable switching on both the HS-FET and LS-FET until the voltage on the internal SS capacitor exceeds the sensed output  $V_{FB}$ , as Figure 2 shows.



**Figure 2: Pre-Biased Soft-Start** 

### **Over-Current Protection**

The MPQ28261 has hiccup over-current limit protection for when the inductor current peak value exceeds the set current limit threshold: hiccup occurs when the output voltage drops below 70% of the reference voltage and the inductor current exceeds the current limit. This is especially useful to ensure system safety under fault conditions. The hiccup function is enabled during SS duration.



**Figure 3: Over-Current Behavior in Hiccup**  Figure 3 shows the hiccup function. After the hiccup occurs, the SS pin voltage goes low and MPQ28261 begins SS shortly after. During the SS period, if the inductor current hits current limit and the output voltage is less than 70% of the reference, the SS voltage will go low.

#### **Thermal Shutdown**

Thermal shutdown prevents the chip from operating at exceedingly high temperatures.



When the silicon die temperature exceeds 150°C, the whole chip shuts down: The HS-FET and LS-FET turn off, and the SS pin voltage goes low. When the temperature drops below the lower threshold—typically 140°C—the chip restarts with an SS.

### **Floating Driver and Bootstrap Charging**

The floating power MOSFET driver has several features to ensure stability and functionality, such as its own UVLO protection with a rising threshold of 2.2V and a hysteresis of 150mV. An external bootstrap capacitor—regulated internally by  $V_{IN}$  through D1, M1, C4, L1 and C2 (see Figure 4)—powers this driver. U1 regulates M1 to maintain a 5V BST voltage across C4 whenever  $(V_{\text{IN}}-V_{\text{SW}}) > 5V$ .



**Figure 4: Internal Bootstrap Charging Circuit** 

#### **Startup and Shutdown**

When  $V_{IN}$  and EN exceed their respective thresholds, the chip starts. The reference block starts first, generating stable reference voltages and currents, and then the internal regulator is enabled. The regulator provides a stable power supply for the rest of the device.

Three events can shut down the chip: EN low,  $V_{IN}$  low, and thermal shutdown. In shutdown, the signaling path shuts down first to avoid triggering any faults. Then the COMP voltage and the internal supply rail are pulled down. The floating driver is not subject to this shutdown command.

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

### **COMPONENT SELECTION**

### **Output Voltage Selection**

The external resistor divider sets the output voltage (see Typical Application circuits on pages 1 and 17). The feedback resistor R1 also sets the bandwidth of the feedback loop in conjunction with the internal compensation capacitor. Choose R1 with a value of ~10kΩ. Use the following equation to then estimate R2:

$$
R2 = \frac{R1}{\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{0.6V} - 1}
$$

Use a T-type network for low values  $V_{\text{OUT}}$ , as shown in Figure 5.



**Figure 5: T-Type Network** 

Table 2 lists the recommended T-type resistors value for common output voltages.





#### **Inductor Selection**

For most applications, chose an inductor value between 1µH and 10µH with a DC current rating that is at least 25% percent higher than the maximum load current. Select an inductor with a DC resistance less than 15m $Ω$  for best efficiency. Use the following equation to estimate the inductance value for most designs:

$$
L_1 = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \times (V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})}{V_{\text{IN}} \times \Delta I_L \times f_{\text{OSC}}}
$$

Where  $\Delta I_1$  is the inductor ripple current.

Choose the inductor current to equal ~30% of the maximum load current. Estimate the maximum inductor peak current as:

$$
I_{L(MAX)} = I_{LOAD} + \frac{\Delta I_L}{2}
$$

A larger value inductor provides a higher maximum load current, and reduces the output voltage ripple. If the load is lower than the maximum load current, then a lower-value inductor will suffice and the chip then operates with higher ripple current; this allows for the use of a either a physically smaller inductor, or one with a lower DCR that can result in higher efficiency. If the inductance differs from the conditions described above, then the maximum load current will depend on the input voltage.

Choose an inductor value that allows for maximum output current near the switch current limit. Table 3 lists some of the recommended inductors.



#### **Table 3: Recommended Inductor**



### **Selecting the Input Capacitor**

The MPQ28261 requires an input capacitor (C1) to supply the AC current to the step-down converter while maintaining the DC input voltage, because the input current to the stepdown converter is discontinuous. Use capacitors with low equivalent series resistance (ESR)—such as ceramic capacitors with X5R or X7R dielectrics with low ESR and small temperature coefficients. For most applications, use a 22µF capacitor.

Since C1 absorbs the input switching current, it must withstand significant ripple current. The RMS current in the input capacitor can be estimated by:

$$
I_{C1} = I_{LOAD} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right)}
$$

The worse case condition occurs at  $V_{IN} = 2V_{OIII}$ , where:

$$
I_{C1} = \frac{I_{LOAD}}{2}
$$

For simplification, choose an input capacitor with an RMS current rating greater than half of the maximum load current.

The input capacitor can be electrolytic, tantalum or ceramic. Include a small ceramic capacitor with a value of ~0.1µF as close to the IC as possible when using electrolytic or tantalum capacitors. Use sufficiently-large ceramic capacitors that can provide sufficient charge to prevent excessive voltage ripple. The capacitorinduced input voltage ripple can be estimated by:

$$
\Delta V_{IN} = \frac{I_{LOAD}}{f_s \times CI} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right)
$$

### **Selecting the Output Capacitor**

The output capacitor (C2) maintains the DC output voltage. Use ceramic, tantalum, or low-ESR electrolytic capacitors to minimize the output voltage. The output voltage ripple can be estimated as:

$$
\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}=\frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{f_s\times L1}\times\left(1-\frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{IN}}}\right)\times\left(R_{\text{ESR}}+\frac{1}{8\times f_s\times C2}\right)
$$

Where L1 is the inductor value and  $R_{FSR}$  is the ESR value of the output capacitor.

For ceramic capacitors, the capacitor dominates the impedance at the switching frequency, and subsequently dominates the output voltage ripple. For simplicity, the output voltage ripple can be estimated as:

$$
\Delta V_{\text{OUT}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{8 \times f_s^2 \times L1 \times C2} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{IN}}}\right)
$$

For tantalum or electrolytic capacitors, the ESR dominates the impedance at the switching frequency. Subsequently, the output ripple can be approximated as:

$$
\Delta V_{\text{OUT}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{f_{\text{S}} \times L1} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{IN}}}\right) \times R_{\text{ESR}}
$$

The characteristics of the output capacitor also affect the system regulation stability. The MPQ28261 can be optimized for a wide range of capacitances and ESR values.

The maximum capacitance is 1100μF. (Tested on Chroma 63030, CCH mode, 3A load current, soft start capacitor is 100nF,  $V_{\text{OUT}}=5V$ ).

#### **External Bootstrap Diode**

An external bootstrap diode may enhance the efficiency of the regulator under the following applicable conditions:

- $\bullet\;V_{\text{OUT}}$  is 5V or 3.3V; and
- Duty cycle is high: D= IN OUT V  $\frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V}$  >65%

In these cases, an external BST diode is recommended from the VCC pin to BST pin, as shown in Figure 6.



### **Figure 6: Add Optional External Bootstrap Diode to Enhance Efficiency**

The recommended external BST diode is IN4148 where the BST capacitor value is between 0.1 and 1μF.

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## **TYPICAL APPLICATIONS**









**Figure 10:**  $V_{\text{OUT}} = 5V$ 



### **Layout Recommendation**

- 1) Lay the large switching current paths (GND, IN, and SW) very close to the device using short, wide, and direct traces. Minimize the loop length and area formed by these components. These components, including the inductor and output capacitor, should be placed on the same side of the circuit board, with their connections on that layer. Place a localized unbroken ground plane below these components.
- 2) Place input capacitors as close as possible to the IN and GND pins with wide PCB traces to avoid excess inductance and to prevent large spikes. Add thermal vias to the bottom side to improve thermal performance.
- 3) Place the decoupling capacitor as close as possible to the VCC and GND pins. Avoid routing the VCC trace near the noisy SWto-BST trace.
- 4) Place the inductor as close as possible to the SW pin. Keep the switching node SW short and away from the sensitive nodes such as the feedback network.
- 5) Place external feedback resistors next to the FB pin. Make sure that there is no via on the FB trace and keep the FB trace short. Route the FB trace away from the noisy SW and BST node.
- 6) Keep the BST voltage path (BST, C3, and SW) as short as possible. Keep the BST trace should away from sensitive nodes.



**Top Layer**



**Bottom Layer Figure 11: PCB Layout**



## **PACKAGE INFORMATION**



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