

GaN EiceDRIVER[™] product family

Single-channel functional and reinforced isolated gate-drive ICs for high-voltage enhancement-mode GaN HEMTs

Features

- Dedicated gate driver ICs for high-voltage GaN power switches (CoolGaN™, GIT technology based products)
	- P low driving impedance (on-resistance 0.85 Ω source, 0.35 Ω sink)
	- P resistor programmable gate current (typ. 10 mA) in steady "on" state
	- programmable negative gate voltage to completely avoid spurious turn-on
- Single output supply voltage (typ. 8 V, floating)
- Switching behavior independent of duty-cycle (2 "off" voltage levels)
- Differential concept to ensure negative gate drive voltage under any condition
- Fast input-to-output propagation (37 ns) with excellent stability (+7/-6 ns)
- Galvanic input-to-output isolation based on coreless transformer (CT) technology
- Common mode transient immunity (CMTI) > 200 V/ns
- 3 package versions
	- 1EDF5673K: 13-pin LGA (5 x 5 mm, PG-TFLGA-13-1) for functional isolation (1.5 kV)
	- 1EDF5673F: 16-pin P-DSO (150 mil, PG-DSO-16-11) for functional isolation (1.5 kV)
	- 1EDS5663H: 16-pin P-DSO (300 mil, PG-DSO-16-30) for reinforced isolation
- Fully qualified according to JEDEC for Industrial Applications

Description

CoolGaN[™] and similar GaN switches require a continuous gate current of a few mA in their "on" state. Besides, due to low threshold voltage and extremely fast switching transients, a negative "off" voltage level may be needed. The widely used RC-coupled gate driver fulfils these requirements, however it suffers from a duty-cycle dependence of switching dynamics and the lack of negative gate drive in specific situations.

Infineon's GaN EiceDRIVER™ solves these issues with very low effort. The two output stages shown below enable a zero "off" level to eliminate any duty-cycle dependence. In addition, the differential topology is able to provide negative gate drive without the need for a negative supply voltage. However, it requires a floating supply voltage not compatible with bootstrapping.

Potential applications

- Server, telecom and industrial SMPS
- Adapter and charger power supply

Isolation and safety approval

- 1EDS5663H with reinforced isolation: certification by VDE, UL according to
	- DIN V VDE V 0884-10 (2006-12) with $V_{\text{IOTM}} = 8 \text{ k}V_{\text{pk}}$, $V_{\text{IOSM}} = 6.25 \text{ k}V_{\text{pk}}$ (tested at 10 k V_{pk})
	- $-$ UL 1577 (Ed. 5) with $V_{\text{ISO}} = 5.7 \text{ kV}_{\text{RMS}}$
	- $-$ EN 62368-1
- 1EDF5673K and 1EDF5673F with functional isolation: production test with 1.5 kV for 10 ms

Product versions

In accordance with the isolation classification for primary and secondary side control, GaN EiceDRIVER[™] is available in different package versions

| Part number | Package | Source/sink output resistance | Input-to-output isolation | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | Isolation class Rating | | Surge testing | Safety certification | | |
| 1EDF5673K | $LGA-13$ 5x5mm | $0.85 \Omega / 0.35 \Omega$ functional | | $V_{10} = 1.5 \text{ kV}_{D}$ | n.a | n.a | | |
| 1EDF5673F | DSO-16 150 mil | $0.85 \Omega / 0.35 \Omega$ functional | | $V_{10} = 1.5 \text{ kV}_{D}$ | n.a | n.a | | |
| 1EDS5663H | DSO-16 300 mil | $0.85 \Omega / 0.35 \Omega$ reinforced | (safe) | $V_{\text{IOTM}} = 8 \text{ k}V_{\text{pk}}$ (VDE0 884-10) V_{ISO} = 5.7 k V_{RMS} (UL 1577) | V_{IOSM} > 10 k V_{pk} (IEC60065) | VDE 0884-10 ¹⁾ UL 1577 EN 62368-1 | | |

Table 1 GaN EiceDRIVER[™] product family overview

1) tested according to VDE0884-10 specifications with certification no longer available due to standard expiration

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Figure 1 Pin configuration for DSO-16 and LGA-13 packages, top view

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2 Background and system description

Although gallium nitride high electron mobility transistors (GaN HEMTs) with ohmic pGaN gate like Infineon's 600 V CoolGaN™ power switches are robust enhancement-mode ("normally-on") devices, they differ significantly from MOSFETs. The gate module is not isolated from the channel, but behaves like a diode with a forward voltage $V_{\sf F}$ of 3 to 4 V. Equivalent circuit and typical gate input characteristic are given in **[Figure 2](#page-5-1)**. In the steady "on" state a continuous gate current is required to achieve stable operating conditions. The switch is "normally-off", but the threshold voltage V_{th} is rather low (~ +1 V). This is why in certain applications a negative gate voltage *-V*_N, typically in the range of several volts, is required to safely keep the switch "off" (**[Figure 2](#page-5-1)**b).

Figure 2 Equivalent circuit (a) and gate input characteristics (b) of typical normally-off GaN HEMT

Obviously the transistor in **[Figure 2](#page-5-1)** cannot be driven like a conventional MOSFET due to the need for a steadystate "on" current /_{ss} and a negative "off" voltage -V_N. While an /_{ss} of a few mA is sufficient, fast switching transients require gate charging currents *I*_{on} and *I*_{off} in the 1 A range. To avoid a dedicated driver with 2 separate "on" paths and bipolar supply voltage, the solution depicted in **[Figure 3](#page-6-1)** is usually chosen, combining a standard gate driver with a passive RC circuit to achieve the intended behavior. The high-current paths containing the small gate resistors $R_{\rm on}$ and $R_{\rm off}$, respectively, are connected to the gate via a coupling capacitance $\mathcal{C}_{\rm C}$. $\mathcal{C}_{\rm C}$ is chosen to have no significant effect on the dynamic gate currents I_{on} and I_{off} . In parallel to the high-current charging path the much larger resistor R_{ss} forms a direct gate connection to continuously deliver the small steady-state gate current, I_{ss}. In addition, C_c can be used to generate a negative gate voltage. Obviously, in the "on"-state C_c is charged to the difference of driver supply V_{DDO} and diode voltage V_F. When switching to the "off" state, this charge is redistributed between C_C and C_GS and causes an initial negative V_GS of value

(2.1)

$$
-V_N = -\frac{C_C \cdot (V_{DDO} - V_F) - Q_{Geq}}{C_C + C_{GS}}
$$

with Q_{Geq} denoting an equivalent application-specific gate charge, i.e. Q_{Geq} ~ Q_{GS} for hard-switching and Q_{Geq} ~ Q_{GS} + Q_{GD} for soft-switching transitions. *V*_N can thus be controlled by proper choice of *V_{DDO} and C_C. During the "off"* state the negative V_{GS} decreases, as C_C is discharged via R_{ss}. The associated time constant cannot be chosen independently, but is related to the steady-state current and is typically in the 1 µs range. The negative gate voltage at the end of the "off" phase (V_{Mf} in [Figure 3](#page-6-1)b) thus depends on the "off" duration. It lowers the effective driver voltage for the following switching "on" event, resulting in a dependence of switching dynamics on frequency and duty cycle as one drawback of this approach.

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Figure 3 Equivalent circuit of GaN switch with RC gate drive (a) and gate-to-source voltage V_{GS} (b)

A second problem might happen if two switches are used alternately in a half-bridge configuration. In normal operation always one of the switches is "on", and before switching on the other one, it has to be switched off, thereby generating the negative gate voltage $V_{\sf N}$. The usually short period with both switches "off" (dead time $t_{\sf d}$) does not cause a significant increase of V_{GS} . If, however, there is by any reason a longer period with both switches in "off" state (e.g. during system start-up, burst mode operation etc.), both coupling capacitors (C_c) will be discharged. Thus, for the first switching pulse after such an extended non-switching period no negative voltage is available. This could lead to increased transistor stress or even instabilities due to spurious turn-on effects in half-bridge topologies.

To solve the problems described above, a shape of V_{GS} like the one in **[Figure 4](#page-6-2)**b) would be required rather than the one in [Figure 4](#page-6-2)a) which results from the simple RC circuit. As explained, a negative V_{GS} might be needed for safe "off" states during the switching transients, but it should be as low as possible. Due to the lack of a physical body diode any negative V_{GS} adds to the voltage drop of a GaN transistor in reverse polarity (diode operation) thereby increasing the conduction losses during dead time. Thus in the idealized waveform of [Figure 4](#page-6-2)b) V_{GS} is switched to the minimum required V_N for a constant time t_1 longer than the system dead time $t_\mathsf{d}.$ After that V_GS is switched back to zero to ensure identical conditions for the next switch "on" event and to minimize losses from diode operation. If, however, an "off" state lasts for a time t_2 significantly longer than a normal switching period 1/f_{sw} (e.g. several μs), V_{GS} should be switched again to -V_N to avoid the described "first pulse" problem.

Figure 4 *V*_{GS} voltage waveforms with RC circuit (a), improved (b) and proposed shape (c)

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The conceptual goal of the GaN EiceDRIVER[™] is to provide the gate voltage of [Figure 4](#page-6-2)b) or a functional equivalent without significantly increasing driving complexity. This is achieved by slightly modifying the gate drive waveform as depicted in **[Figure 4](#page-6-2)**c). The "off" level after a long deadtime need not be the optimized negative voltage -V_N, it could also be the more negative level -V_{DDO}. As these "first pulse" situations happen very rarely compared with regular switching cycles, the resulting higher reverse voltage drop has negligible effect on switching losses.

Although going from the 3-level signal of **[Figure 4](#page-6-2)**b) to the 4 levels of **[Figure 4](#page-6-2)**c) seems to increase complexity at first sight, this is finally not true. Waveform c) can be realized in a very convenient way, if $V_{\sf N}$ is generated by the RC network as described above. Then the differential driver concept of **[Figure 5](#page-7-0)**a) with switch control signals as given in **[Figure 5](#page-7-0)**b) is able to fulfil all discussed requirements with lowest effort: a single supply voltage, 4 switches and 4 connection pins are sufficient.

As mentioned, utilizing -V_{DDO} instead of -V_N only during extended "off"-phases has no impact on switching losses. However, care has to be taken when switching on again, because C_c is fully charged to V_{DDO} in this "first pulse" situation and no current flow is possible via the capacitive path. With the standard switching-on scheme (open S₁ / close S₂) the transient current thus would be limited to the small steady-state current. To achieve a faster turn-on, \mathcal{C}_{GS} will be discharged prior to the "on"-transient by switching on \mathcal{S}_3 for a short time t_3 before initiating the actual "on"-transient via \mathcal{S}_1 and \mathcal{S}_2 . A t_3 -duration of typically 20 ns is sufficient.

Figure 5 GaN EiceDRIVER[™] concept (a) and switch control signals (b)

In the topology of [Figure 5](#page-7-0)a) a single resistor R_{tr} is responsible for setting the maximum transient charging and discharging current. This is often acceptable. If it is not, an additional resistor R_{off} with series diode in parallel with *R*_{tr} can be used to realize different impedances for "on" and "off" transients, respectively. All relevant driving parameters are thus easily programmable by choosing V_{DDO}, $R_{\rm ss}$, $R_{\rm tr}$, $R_{\rm off}$ and ${\cal C}_{\rm C}$ according to **[Equation \(2.1\)](#page-5-2)** and the relations

(2.2)

$$
I_{ss} = \frac{V_{DDO} - V_F}{R_{ss}}, \qquad I_{on,max} = \frac{V_{DDO}}{R_{tr} + R_{off}}, \qquad I_{off,max} = \frac{V_{th} + V_N}{R_{off}}
$$

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3 Functional description

3.1 Block diagram

A simplified functional block diagram of the GaN EiceDRIVER[™] is given in [Figure 6](#page-8-3). The 4 output transistors are placed on 2 separate dies. Isolation between input and outputs is achieved by means of two coreless transformer structures (CT) situated on the input die.

3.2 Isolation

The GaN EiceDRIVER™ is available in three package versions in accordance with different classes of input-tooutput isolation voltage requirements

- \cdot 1EDF5673K in LGA-13 5 x 5 mm package for functional isolation (1.5 kV)
- 1EDF5673F in DSO-16 narrow-body (150 mil) package for functional isolation (1.5 kV)
- 1EDS5663H in DSO-16 wide-body (300 mil) package for reinforced isolation

In SMPS functional isolation is typical for high-voltage systems that are controlled from their primary side, whereas high-voltage switches controlled from the secondary side require safe isolation.

The safe isolation version 1EDS5663H is tested according to VDE0884-10 standards as specified in **[Table 15](#page-24-1)** to **[Table 18](#page-25-1)**. As the CT forming this barrier is placed on the input die, a true "fail-safe" isolation is achieved, i.e. even in case of a destruction of the power switch the driver input remains safely isolated from the output.

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3.3 Power supply

Due to the isolation between input and output side, two power domains with independent power management are required. Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) functions for both input and output supplies ensure a defined startup and robust functionality under all operating conditions.

3.3.1 Input supply voltage

The input die is supplied via VDDI with a nominal voltage of 3.3 V. Power consumption to some extent depends on switching frequency, as the input signal is converted into a train of repetitive current pulses to drive the coreless transformer. Due to the chosen robust encoding scheme the average repetition rate of these pulses and thus the average supply current depends on the switching frequency $f_{\sf sw}$. However, for $f_{\sf sw}$ < 500 kHz this effect is very small.

The input side can also be operated with supply voltages higher than 3.3 V. Then a shunt LDO voltage regulator (SLDO) is enabled by connecting pin SLDO to GND. The SLDO regulates the current through an external resistor R_{VDDI} connected between the external supply voltage VDD and pin VDDI as depicted in the typical application circuit on **[Page 1](#page-0-1)** to generate the required voltage drop. For proper operation it has to be ensured that the current through *R*_{VDDI} always exceeds the maximum supply current *I*_{VDDI,max} of the input chip. *R*_{VDDI} thus has to fulfil

(3.1)

$$
R_{VDDI} < \frac{V_{DD} - 3.3V}{I_{VDDI,max}}
$$

Then I_{shunt}, the excess current through $R_{\sf VDDI}$, can be controlled by the SLDO to regulate V_{DDI} to a constant 3.3 V. A typical choice for V_{DD} = 5 V could be R_{VDD} = 470 Ω, resulting in sufficient margin between resistor current and maximum average operating current. As usual, the dynamic peak current is provided by a blocking cap (10 to 22 nF) between V_{DDI} and GNDI.

3.3.2 Output supply voltage

Both output dies and the respective output switches are supplied by a common voltage of typically 8 V between pins VDDS/G and GNDS/G. A ceramic bypass capacitance in the 20 to 100 nF range has to be placed close to the supply pins. The output supply must be floating with respect to the input supply system. This is not only required by the Kelvin source connection of the GaN switch (results in inductive voltage peaks between input and output ground during switching transient), but also by the differential driving concept as explained in **[Chapter 2](#page-5-3)**.

Again the minimum operating supply voltage is set by an undervoltage lockout function (UVLO_{out}), operating independently of the input UVLO function.

3.3.3 Power dissipation

The main power components associated with gate drive are the following: as usual, a first small part (< 20 mW) is due to the internal driver supply currents *I_{VDDI}* and *I_{VDDO}*; they slightly depend on switching frequency via the CT encoding scheme (see **[Typical characteristics](#page-18-1)** in **[Chapter 6](#page-18-1)**). The second component results from charging the gate capacitance and is in the same range due to the low gate charge of GaN switches.

However, there are 2 more GaN-specific power components. The continuous gate current any CoolGaN™ switch requires in the steady on-state causes some tens of mW to be dissipated. And, as a consequence of the differential driving concept, additional power is dissipated during longer non-switching periods; this is associated with the application of V_{DDO} as negative gate-to-source voltage, because V_{DDO} is then loaded directly with R_{ss} (see **[Figure 5](#page-7-1)**). In burst-mode operation the power depends on the burst/pause ratio and is typically also only a few tens of mW. During extended stand-by modes, however, powering down the V_{DDO} supply could save about

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100 mW. It should also be pointed out that the internal gate/source clamp implemented in CoolGaN™ is connected in parallel with *R_{ss}* in this state. To avoid any significant additional current and power dissipation, V_{DDO} should be strictly limited to a maximum of 12 V.

As a summary, the total gate-drive power always stays in the 50 to 150 mW range and is thus sufficiently small to not cause any critical on-chip temperature increase.

3.4 Driver outputs

The rail-to-rail driver output stage realized with complementary MOS transistors is able to provide a typical 4 A sourcing and 8 A sinking current. Although these current levels are neither needed nor reached when driving GaN HEMTs (due to their low gate charge of only a few nC), the low on-resistance coming together with high driving current is nevertheless beneficial. With an *R*_{on} of 0.85 Ω for the sourcing pMOS and 0.35 Ω for the sinking nMOS transistor the driver can be considered as a nearly ideal switch. The gate drive parameters can thus be determined easily and accurately by the external components as described in **[Chapter 2](#page-5-3)**. The p-channel sourcing transistor enables real rail-to-rail behavior without suffering from the voltage drop unavoidably associated with nMOS source follower stages.

3.5 Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The Undervoltage Lockout function ensures that the outputs can be switched only, if both input and output supply voltages exceed the corresponding UVLO threshold voltages. Thus it can be guaranteed, that the switch transistors are not operated, if the driving voltage is too low for complete and fast switching on, thereby avoiding excessive power dissipation.

The UVLO levels for the output supply are set to a typical "on" value of 4.5 and 5.5 V (with 0.3 V hysteresis) for OUTG and OUTS, respectively, whereas UVLO_{in} for *V*_{DDI} is set to 2.85 V with 0.15 V hysteresis. The different UVLO levels for OUTG and OUTS help to safely avoid any erroneous turn-on of the GaN switch despite the low GaN threshold voltage. Special attention has been paid to cover all possible operating conditions, like start-up or arbitrary supply voltage situations:

- if *V*_{DDI} drops below UVLO_{in}, a "switch-to-low" command is sent to output OUTG, whereas OUTS is switched to "high"; this corresponds to the final state in extended "off" periods with $V_{GS} = -V_{DDO}$
- [•] for *V*_{DD} lower than the output UVLO levels, an effective clamping concept has been realized by means of 100 kΩ resistors connecting the outputs OUTS and OUTG to the respective gates of the sourcing pMOS transistors in the output stage

As a result, safe operation of the GaN switch can be guaranteed under any circumstances.

3.6 CT communication and data transmission

A coreless transformer (CT) based communication module is used for PWM signal transfer between input and outputs. A proven high-resolution pulse repetition scheme in the transmitter combined with a watchdog timeout at the receiver side enables recovery from communication fails and ensures safe system shut-down in failure cases.

Besides, the repetition scheme is also used to signal a "first pulse" situation (**[Figure 5](#page-7-1)**). If an "off"-state lasts longer than 32 µs, the repetition rate of the CT pulses is reduced to a value that causes the watchdog on the output chip to wake up and initiate a change in the "off" state acc. to **[Figure 5](#page-7-1)** (switch S_3 to "off" and S_4 to "on" state).

3.7 Signal timing

From the above, the extended "off"-phase t_2 defining a "first pulse" situation, is fixed at a typical value of 32 µs. The other important timing parameter t_{1} , i.e. the duration of the negative "off"-voltage, can be programmed by

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a resistor $R_{\rm t1}$ connected from TNEG to GNDI according to t_1 = $R_{\rm t1}$ * 10.8 pF. As the main idea is to keep the switch in a safe "off" state during the switching transient, t_1 must be longer than the system dead time t_d , i.e. the maximum time both switches in a half-bridge are in "off" state. The upper limit for t_1 obviously is the minimum "off"-period; within these limits ($t_{\sf d}$ < $t_{\sf 1}$ < $t_{\sf off,min}$), the actual $t_{\sf 1}$ value is completely uncritical without any effect on switching dynamics.

The above condition refers to systems with a fixed dead-time (complementary high-side and low-side control signals). In topologies with non-complementary signals (TCM PFC, active clamp flyback converter, burst mode operation) it cannot always be fulfilled. Then a limited number of "first pulse" situations may occur. However, as this typicallly happens in resonant topologies at low current values, the safe operating area of the switch is usually not exceeded.

4 Electrical characteristics

4.1 Absolute maximum ratings

The absolute maximum ratings are listed in **[Table 3](#page-12-2)**. Stresses beyond these values may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Table 3 Absolute maximum ratings

1) if the SLDO is activated (SLDO pin connected to GNDI), the input-side supply voltage does not correspond to V_{DDI} and can be higher

2) parameter verified by design, not tested in production

3) according to JESD22A111

4) according to ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002

5) according to ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001

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4.2 Thermal characteristics

Table 4 Thermal characteristics at $T_A = 25^\circ C$

1) obtained by simulating a JEDEC-standard, high-K board, as specified in JESD51-7, in an environment described in JESD51-2a.

2) obtained by simulating a cold plate test on the package top. No specific JEDEC standard test exists, but a close description can be found in the ANSI SEMI standard G30-88.

3) obtained by simulating an environment with a ring cold plate fixture to control the PCB temperature, as described in JESD51-8.

4) estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data for obtaining *R*_{th}, using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).

4.3 Operating range

Table 5 Operating range

1) if the SLDO is activated (SLDO pin connected to GNDI), the input-side supply voltage does not correspond to V_{DDI} and can be higher

2) for CoolGaN[™] HEMTs V_{DDO} < 12 V is recommended

3) continuous operation above 125°C may reduce lifetime

4.4 Electrical characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, min./max. values of characteristics are the lower and upper limits, respectively. They are valid within the full operating range. Typical values are given at $T_{\sf J}$ = 25°C with V_{DDI} = 3.3 V and V_{DDO} = 8 V

Table 6 Power supply

Table 7 Static output characteristics

1) actively limited to approx. 5.2 A_{pk}, not subject to production test - verified by design / characterization

2) actively limited to approx. -10.2 A_{pk}, not subject to production test - verified by design / characterization

Table 8 Dynamic characteristics, *T***J,max = 125°C (see [Figure 7](#page-17-1) and [Figure 8\)](#page-17-2)**

1) verified by design, not tested in production

Table 9 Undervoltage Lockout

Table 10 Logic inputs PWM and DISABLE

Timing diagrams

5 Timing diagrams

[Figure 7](#page-17-3) depicts rise, fall and delay times as observed at the capacitively loaded outputs OUTS and OUTG, resp. As OUTG is not actively switched to low, a resistor in parallel with the load capacitance has to be used for testing. In addition to the signal propagation delay t_{PDon} , the rising edge of OUTG is delayed by a time t_1 defining the duration of negative V_{GS} .

Figure 7 Propagation delay, rise and fall time

[Figure 8](#page-17-4) illustrates a complete switching sequence of the four switches forming the two output stages of GaN EiceDRIVER[™] (delay, rise and fall times not shown). The sequence in the left part of [Figure 8](#page-17-4) corresponds to the normal switching operation, whereas in the right part the "first pulse" situation is depicted. This situation is assumed to happen whenever there is no switching action for an extended period t_2 . Clearly t_2 must be significantly longer than a regular switching period. A typical duration of 32 us has been chosen, as GaN switches usually operate at switching frequencies significantly above 50 kHz (switching period below 20 µs).

Figure 8 Input signal, output switch sequence and resulting V_{cs} for normal operation and **"first pulse" situation**

Typical characteristics

6 Typical characteristics

 V_{DD} = 8 V, V_{DDI} = 3.3 V, T_{A} = 25°C, no load (unless otherwise noted)

Figure 10 Supply current VDDO

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Figure 11 Supply current VDDO (with load) and output resistance

Figure 12 Logic input thresholds and V_{DDI} UVLO

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Figure 13 Output UVLO

Figure 14 Propagation delay and rise / fall time

Typical characteristics

Figure 15 $\;$ Typical negative "off" voltage duration $t_{\rm 1}$ vs. $R_{\rm t1}$

Figure 16 Thermal derating curves

Isolation specifications

7 Isolation specifications

The following tables summarize the package-specific isolation characteristics and test methods. For reinforced isolation, the regulatory tests described in the component and system standards are applied; functional isolation is guaranteed by the specified in-house test methods.

As soon as the regulatory certificates are available, the reference and / or documents will become available for public download on the Infineon website.

As finally creepage and clearance distances are influenced by PCB layout, it is the customer's responsibility to verify the respective requirements on system level.

7.1 Functional isolation specifications

7.1.1 Functional isolation in PG-TFLGA-13-1 package (1EDF5673K)

| Parameter | Symbol | Values | | | Unit | Note or Test Condition |
|--|-------------------|---------------|-------|------|-----------|--|
| | | Min. | Typ. | Max. | | |
| Functional isolation test voltage | V_{IO} | 1500 | | | V_{DC} | impulse test >10 ms, production tested |
| Maximum isolation working voltage | V_{IOWM} | 460 | | | V_{RMS} | according to IEC 60664-1 (PD 2; MG II) |
| Package clearance | CLR | | 3.4 | | mm | shortest distance over air, from any input pin to any output pin |
| Package creepage | CPG | | 3.4 | | mm | shortest distance over surface, from any input pin to any output pin |
| Common Mode Transient Immunity | CMTI | 200 | | | V/ns | according to VDE V0884- 10, static and dynamic test |
| Capacitance input-to-output | C_{10} | | 2 | | pF | - |
| Resistance input-to-output | R_{10} | | >1000 | | МΩ | |

Table 11 Functional isolation input-to-output (PG-TFLGA-13-1)

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Table 12 Package characteristics (PG-TFLGA-13-1)

7.1.2 Functional isolation in NB PG-DSO-16-11 package (1EDF5673F)

Table 13 Functional isolation input-to-output (NB PG-DSO-16-11)

1) verified by design, not tested in production

Table 14 Package characteristics (NB PG-DSO-16-11)

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7.2 Reinforced isolation in WB PG-DSO-16-30 package (1EDS5663H)

Table 15 Input-to-output isolation specification according to VDE0884-10 (WB PG-DSO-16-30)

1) surge pulse tests applied according to IEC60065-10.1 (Ed 8.0 2014), 61000-4-5, 60060-1 waveforms (1.2 µs slope, 50 µs decay)

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Table 17 Reinforced input-to-output isolation according to UL1577 Ed 5 (WB PG-DSO-16-30)

7.3 Safety-limiting values

Table 18 Reinforced isolation safety-limiting values as outlined in VDE-0884-10 (WB PG-DSO-16-30)

1) Calculated with the R_{th} of WB-DSO-16-30 package (see [Table 4](#page-13-5))

According to VDE0884-10 and UL1577, safety-limiting values define the operating conditions under which the isolation barrier can be guaranteed to stay unaffected. This corresponds with the maximum allowed junction temperature, as temperature-induced failures might cause significant overheating and eventually damage the isolation barrier.

Application circuit

8 Application circuit

Note: The following information is given as a hint for the implementation of the device only and shall not be regarded as a description or warranty of a certain functionality, condition or quality of the device.

[Figure 17](#page-26-1) depicts a typical application for CoolGaN™ switches in a so-called "totem-pole" PFC. It consists of a 70 mΩ GaN half-bridge controlled by two GaN EiceDRIVERs; the diode functions indicated in the power path are usually realized with low-R_{DSON} MOSFETs operating as synchronous rectifiers. 2.5 kW of power can be handled at very high efficiency (above 99%).

The topology in **[Figure 17](#page-26-1)** differs from standard PFCs mainly by the fact that both GaN transistors are used alternately in switch and diode operation mode, depending on the polarity of the input voltage. This eliminates the need for rectifying the input voltage and therefore avoids a significant loss contributor. Such a topology cannot be realized with MOS-switches due to their inherent body diode and the associated large recovery charge. Further details can be found in application note: **[www.infineon.com/driving-coolgan](https://www.infineon.com/cms/en/product/power/wide-band-gap-semiconductors-sic-gan/gallium-nitride-gan/?redirId=68296)**

Figure 17 Typical application circuit for 2.5 kW GaN "totem-pole" PFC

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8.1 Dimensioning guidelines

Due to low output impedance, high current limits and fast transients, the driver output stages can be regarded to behave like ideal switches. Thus half-bridge switching dynamics are exclusively and predictably controlled by the passive external components in the gate loop, allowing an easy adaptation to different applications and switch sizes.

As a first step in dimensioning these components the intended initial negative gate voltage -V_N has to be defined. The correlation between V_N, V_{DDO} and C_c as given in <mark>[Equation \(2.1\)](#page-5-4)</mark> is graphically depicted in **[Figure 18](#page-27-2)** for a hardswitched 70 mΩ CoolGaN™ transistor.

Figure 18 as a function of V_{DDO} **and** C_{C} **for hard-switched 70 mΩ CoolGaN™**

A typical choice for -*V*_N could be -4 V for hard-switched and -2 V for soft-switched applications, respectively. Additionally, due to the low GaN threshold voltage, even under worst-case conditions -V_N should never be allowed to become positive. This requirement defines the minimum coupling capacitance C_{Cmin}. Under typical conditions C_{cmin} then in fact generates a V_N of about 2 V, and thus this capacitance value can be recommended to be used in soft-switching topologies. Beside C_{Cmin}, [Table 19](#page-27-1) also summarizes recommended values for C_{Chs}, the coupling capacitance in hard-switching topologies, and resistor *R*_{ss} for different CoolGaN™ switches (currently 70 and 190 m Ω).

The application circuit of **[Figure 17](#page-26-1)** uses different gate resistors for the "on" and "off" gate loops by introducing resistor R_{off} and (Schottky-)diode SD. The values of R_{tr} and R_{off} define the respective peak gate currents and thus switching times according to **[Equation \(2.2\)](#page-7-2)**. Due to the basic trade-off between switching time and inductive voltage overshoot, parasitic power and gate loop inductances have a strong influence on the optimum values of the gate resistors. For a 70 mΩ CoolGaN[™] switch they are typically in the 5 to 20 Ω range for R_{tr} , whereas 2 to 5 Ω are a reasonable choice for *R*_{off}.

Layout guidelines

9 Layout guidelines

For any fast-switching power system the PCB layout is crucial to achieve optimum performance. Among the many existing rules, recommendations, guidelines, tips and tricks, the following are of highest importance:

- minimize power loop inductance, the most critical limitation of switching speed due to the unavoidable voltage overshoots generated by fast current commutation
- \cdot use low-ESR decoupling capacitances for the driver supply voltages and place them as close as possible to the driver (in the layout proposals below the output capacitance has been split and connected to both supply pins)
- strictly avoid any additional coupling capacitance between input and output pins due to PCB layout (see **[Chapter 3.7](#page-10-4)**)

Respective layout proposals for the immediate driver surroundings are given in **[Figure 19](#page-28-1)**, **[Figure 20](#page-29-0)** and **[Figure 21](#page-29-1)** for the different available package types.

Figure 19 Layout recommendation for PG-TFLGA-13-1 package

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Figure 20 Layout recommendation for PG-DSO-16-11 package

Figure 21 Layout recommendation for PG-DSO-16-30 package

Package outline dimensions

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The following package versions are available.

- \cdot an area optimized 5 x 5 mm² PG-TFLGA-13-1
- an NB PG-DSO-16-11 package with typ. 4 mm creepage input to output
- a WB PG-DSO-16-30 package with typ. 8 mm creepage input to output
- *Note: For further information on package types, recommendation for board assembly, please go to <https://www.infineon.com/packages>*

10.1 Package PG-TFLGA-13-1

Figure 22 PG-TFLGA-13-1 outline

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Figure 24 PG-TFLGA-13-1 packaging

Package outline dimensions

10.2 Package PG-DSO-16-11

Figure 26 PG-DSO-16-11 footprint

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10.3 Package PG-DSO-16-30

Figure 28 PG-DSO-16-30 outline

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Figure 30 PG-DSO-16-30 packaging

Device numbers and markings

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Table 20 Device numbers and markings

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