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FAN53600 / FAN53610 3 MHz, 600 mA / 1A Synchronous Buck Regulator

Features

- 600 mA or 1 A Output Current Capability
- 26 µA Typical Quiescent Current
- 3 MHz Fixed-Frequency Operation
- Best-in-Class Load Transient Response
- Best-in-Class Efficiency
- 2.3 V to 5.5 V Input Voltage Range
- Low Ripple Light-Load PFM Mode
- Forced PWM and External Clock Synchronization
- Internal Soft-Start
- Input Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)
- Thermal Shutdown and Overload Protection
- Optional Output Discharge
- 6-Bump WLCSP, 0.4 mm Pitch

Applications

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Description

The FAN53600/10 is a 3 MHz step-down switching voltage regulator, available in 600 mA or 1 A options, that delivers a fixed output from an input voltage supply of 2.3 V to 5.5 V. Using a proprietary architecture with synchronous rectification, the FAN53600/10 is capable of delivering a peak efficiency of 97%.

The regulator operates at a nominal fixed frequency of 3 MHz, which reduces the value of the external components to as low as 1 μ H for the output inductor and 10 μ F for the output capacitor. In addition, the Pulse-Width Modulation (PWM) modulator can be synchronized to an external frequency source.

At moderate and light-loads, Pulse Frequency Modulation (PFM) is used to operate the device in Power-Save Mode with a typical quiescent current of 26 μ A. Even with such a low quiescent current, the part exhibits excellent transient response during large load swings. At higher loads, the system automatically switches to fixed-frequency control, operating at 3 MHz. In Shutdown Mode, the supply current drops below 1 µA, reducing power consumption. For applications that require minimum ripple or fixed frequency, PFM Mode can be disabled using the MODE pin.

The FAN53600/10 is available in 6-bump, 0.4 mm pitch, Wafer-Level Chip-Scale Package (WLCSP).

Figure 1. Typical Application

Ordering Information

Notes:

1. Other voltage options available on request. Contact a Fairchild representative.

2. All voltage and output current options are available with or without active discharge. Contact a Fairchild representative.

Pin Definitions

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses exceeding the absolute maximum ratings may damage the device. The device may not function or be operable above the recommended operating conditions and stressing the parts to these levels is not recommended. In addition, extended exposure to stresses above the recommended operating conditions may affect device reliability. The absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only.

Note:

3. Lesser of 7 V or $V_{IN}+0.3$ V.

Recommended Operating Conditions

The Recommended Operating Conditions table defines the conditions for actual device operation. Recommended operating conditions are specified to ensure optimal performance to the datasheet specifications. Fairchild does not recommend exceeding them or designing to Absolute Maximum Ratings.

Thermal Properties

Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance is a function of application and board layout. This data is measured with four-layer 2s2p boards (no vias) in accordance to JEDEC standard JESD51. Special attention must be paid not to exceed junction temperature $T_{J(max)}$ at a given ambient temperature T_{A} .

Electrical Characteristics[\(5\)](#page-4-0)

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Typical Performance Characteristics

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Figure 8. ∆VOUT (%) vs. Load Current and Input Voltage, V_{OUT}=2.9 V, Normalized to 3.6 V_{IN}, 500 mA **Load, FPWM, Dotted for Auto Mode**

Figure 9. ∆VOUT (%) vs. Load Current and Input Voltage, VOUT=3.3 V, Normalized to 3.6 VIN, 500 mA Load, FPWM, Dotted for Auto Mode

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Figure 15. Output Ripple vs. Load Current and Input Voltage, VOUT=3.3 V, FPWM, Dotted for Auto Mode

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Figure 19. Load Transient, VIN=5 V, VOUT=3.3 V, 200- 800-200 mA, 100 ns Edge

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Figure 21. Load Transient, V_{IN}=5 V, V_{OUT}=2.9 V, 200-800-200 mA, 100 ns Edge

Figure 23. Line Transient, 3.3-3.9-3.3 VIN, 10 µs Edge, VOUT=2.9 V, 600 mA Load

Figure 25. Startup, VOUT=2.9 V, 50 Ω Load

Figure 26. Startup, V_{OUT}=2.9 V, 4.7 Ω Load

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Control Scheme

The FAN53600/10 uses a proprietary, non-linear, fixedfrequency PWM modulator to deliver a fast load transient response, while maintaining a constant switching frequency over a wide range of operating conditions. The regulator performance is independent of the output capacitor ESR, allowing the use of ceramic output capacitors. Although this type of operation normally results in a switching frequency that varies with input voltage and load current, an internal frequency loop holds the switching frequency constant over a large range of input voltages and load currents.

For very light loads, the FAN53600/10 operates in Discontinuous Conduction Mode (DCM), single-pulse, PFM Mode; which produces low output ripple compared with other PFM architectures. Transition between PWM and PFM is seamless, allowing for a smooth transition between DCM and CCM modes.

Combined with exceptional transient response characteristics, the very low quiescent current of the controller (26 µA) maintains high efficiency at very light loads, while preserving fast transient response for applications requiring tight output regulation.

100% Duty Cycle Operation

When V_{IN} approaches V_{OUT} , the regulator increases its duty cycle until 100% duty cycle is reached. As the duty cycle approaches 100%, the switching frequency declines due to the minimum off-time $(t_{\text{OFF(MIN)}})$ of about 40 ns imposed by the control circuit. When 100% duty cycle is reached, V_{OUT} follows V_{IN} with a drop-out voltage ($V_{DROPOUT}$) determined by the total resistance between V_{IN} and V_{OUT} as calculated by:

$$
V_{DROPOUT} = I_{LOAD} \bullet (PMOS R_{DS(ON)} + DCR_L)
$$
\n(1)

Enable and Soft-Start

When EN is LOW, all circuits are off and the IC draws \sim 250 nA of current. When EN is HIGH and V_{IN} is above its UVLO threshold, the regulator begins a soft-start cycle. The output ramp during soft-start is a fixed slew rate of 50 mV/ μ s from $V_{\text{OUT}} = 0$ to 1 V, then 12.5 mV/ μ s until the output reaches its setpoint. Regardless of the state of the MODE pin, PFM Mode is enabled to prevent current from being discharged from C_{OUT} if soft-start begins when C_{OUT} is charged.

All voltage options can be ordered with a feature that actively discharges FB to ground through a 230 Ω path when EN is LOW. Raising EN above its threshold voltage activates the part and starts the soft-start cycle. During soft-start, the internal reference is ramped using an exponential RC shape to prevent overshoot of the output voltage. Current limiting minimizes inrush during soft-start.

The IC may fail to start if heavy load is applied during startup and/or if excessive C_{OUT} is used. This is due to the currentlimit fault response, which protects the IC in the event of an over-current condition present during soft-start.

The current required to charge C_{OUT} during soft-start, commonly referred to as "displacement current," is given as:

$$
I_{\text{DSP}} = C_{\text{OUT}} \bullet \frac{dV}{dt} \tag{2}
$$

where the $\frac{dV}{dt}$ term refers to the soft-start slew rate above.

To prevent shutdown during soft-start, the following condition must be met:

$$
I_{\text{DSP}} + I_{\text{LOAD}} < I_{\text{MAX(DC)}} \tag{3}
$$

where $I_{MAX(DC)}$ is the maximum load current the IC is guaranteed to support.

Startup into Large C_{OUT}

Multiple soft-start cycles are required for no-load startup if C_{OUT} is greater than 15 μ F. Large C_{OUT} requires light initial load to ensure the FAN53600/10 starts appropriately. The IC shuts down for 1.3 ms when I_{DISP} exceeds I_{LIMIT} for more than 200 μ s of current limit. The IC then begins a new softstart cycle. Since C_{OUT} retains its charge when the IC is off, the IC reaches regulation after multiple soft-start attempts.

MODE Pin

Logic 1 on this pin forces the IC to stay in PWM Mode. Logic 0 allows the IC to automatically switch to PFM during light loads. If the MODE pin is toggled, with a frequency between 1.3 MHz and 1.7 MHz, the converter synchronizes its switching frequency to two times the frequency on the MODE pin.

The MODE pin is internally buffered with a Schmitt trigger, which allows the MODE pin to be driven with slow rise and fall times. An asymmetric duty cycle for frequency synchronization is also permitted as long as the minimum time below $V_{I L(MAX)}$ or above $V_{I H(MAX)}$ is 100 ns.

Current Limit, Fault Shutdown, and Restart

A heavy load or short circuit on the output causes the current in the inductor to increase until a maximum current threshold is reached in the high-side switch. Upon reaching this point, the high-side switch turns off, preventing high currents from causing damage. The regulator continues to limit the current cycle by cycle. After 16 cycles of current limit, the regulator triggers an over-current fault, causing the regulator to shut down for about 1.3 ms before attempting a restart.

If the fault was caused by short circuit, the soft-start circuit attempts to restart and produces an over-current fault after about 200 μ s.

The closed-loop peak-current limit, $I_{LIM(PK)}$, is not the same as the open-loop tested current limit, $I_{LIM(OL)}$, in the Electrical Characteristics table. This is primarily due to the effect of propagation delays of the IC current-limit comparator.

Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

When EN is HIGH, the under-voltage lockout keeps the part from operating until the input supply voltage rises high enough to properly operate. This ensures no misbehavior of the regulator during startup or shutdown.

Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

When the die temperature increases, due to a high load condition and/or a high ambient temperature, the output switching is disabled until the temperature on the die has fallen sufficiently. The junction temperature at which the thermal shutdown activates is nominally 150°C with a 15°C hysteresis.

Minimum Off-Time and Switching Frequency

t_{OFF(MIN)} is 40 ns. This imposes constraints on the maximum

IN V V_{OUT} that the FAN53600/10 can provide, or the maximum

output voltage it can provide at low V_{IN} while maintaining a fixed switching frequency in PWM Mode.

When V_{IN} is LOW, fixed switching frequency is maintained as long as:O

$$
\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \le 1 - t_{OFF(MIN)} \bullet f_{SW} \approx 0.88
$$

The switching frequency drops when the regulator cannot provide sufficient duty cycle at 3 MHz to maintain regulation. This occurs when $V_{\text{OUT}} > 0.85$ V_{IN} at high load currents. The calculation for switching frequency is given by:

$$
f_{SW} = \min\left(\frac{1}{t_{SW(MAX)}}, 3MHz\right)
$$
 (4)

where:

$$
t_{SW(MAX)} = 40ns \bullet \left(1 + \frac{V_{OUT} + I_{OUT} \bullet R_{OFF}}{V_{IN} - I_{OUT} \bullet R_{ON} - V_{OUT}}\right)
$$
(5)

where:

$$
R_{OFF} = R_{DSON} - N + DCR_L
$$

$$
R_{ON} = R_{DSON} - P + DCR_L
$$

Applications Information

Selecting the Inductor

The output inductor must meet both the required inductance and the energy handling capability of the application. The inductor value affects average current limit, the PWM-to-PFM transition point, output voltage ripple, and efficiency.

The ripple current (∆I) of the regulator is:

$$
\Delta l \approx \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \bullet \left(\frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L \bullet f_{SW}}\right) \tag{6}
$$

The maximum average load current, $I_{MAX(LOAD)}$ is related to the peak current limit, ILIM(PK), by the ripple current, given by:

$$
I_{MAX(LOAD)} = I_{LM(PK)} - \frac{\Delta I}{2}
$$
 (7)

The transition between PFM and PWM operation is determined by the point at which the inductor valley current crosses zero. The regulator DC current when the inductor current crosses zero, I_{DCM}, is:

$$
I_{\text{DCM}} = \frac{\Delta I}{2} \tag{8}
$$

The FAN53600/10 is optimized for operation with $L = 1 \mu H$, but is stable with inductances up to 2.2μ H (nominal). The inductor should be rated to maintain at least 80% of its value at ILIM(PK).

Efficiency is affected by inductor DCR and inductance value. Decreasing the inductor value for a given physical size typically decreases DCR; but since ∆I increases, the RMS current increases, as do the core and skin effect losses:

$$
I_{RMS} = \sqrt{I_{OUT(DC)}^2 + \frac{\Delta I^2}{12}}
$$
 (9)

The increased RMS current produces higher losses through the $R_{DS(ON)}$ of the IC MOSFETs, as well as the inductor DCR.

Increasing the inductor value produces lower RMS currents, but degrades transient response. For a given physical inductor size, increased inductance usually results in an inductor with lower saturation current and higher DCR.

[Table 1](#page-12-0) shows the effects of inductance higher or lower than the recommended 1 μ H on regulator performance.

Output Capacitor

[Table 2](#page-12-1) suggests 0603 capacitors which may improve performance in that the effective capacitance is higher. This improves transient response and output ripple.

Increasing C_{OUT} has no effect on loop stability and can therefore be increased to reduce output voltage ripple or to improve transient response. Output voltage ripple, ΔV_{OUT} , is:

$$
\Delta V_{\text{OUT}} = \Delta I_{L} \left[\frac{f_{\text{SW}} \cdot C_{\text{OUT}} \cdot \text{ESR}^{2}}{2 \cdot D \cdot (1 - D)} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot f_{\text{SW}} \cdot C_{\text{OUT}}} \right]
$$
(10)

Input Capacitor

The 2.2μ F ceramic input capacitor should be placed as close as possible between the VIN pin and GND to minimize parasitic inductance. If a long wire is used to bring power to the IC, additional "bulk" capacitance (electrolytic or tantalum) should be placed between C_{IN} and the power source lead to reduce ringing that can occur between the inductance of the power source leads and C_{IN}.

The effective capacitance value decreases as V_{IN} increases due to DC bias effects.

Table 1. Effects of Changes in Inductor Value (1 µH Recommended Value) on Regulator Performance

PCB Layout Guidelines

There are only three external components: the inductor and the input and output capacitors. For any buck switcher IC, including the FAN53600/10, it is important to place a low-ESR input capacitor very close to the IC, as shown in [Figure 27.](#page-13-0) The input capacitor ensures good input decoupling, which helps reduce noise at the output terminals and ensures that the control sections of the IC do not behave erratically due to

excessive noise. This reduces switching cycle jitter and ensures good overall performance. It is important to place the common GND of C_{IN} and C_{OUT} as close as possible to the C2 terminal. There is some flexibility in moving the inductor further away from the IC; in that case, V_{OUT} should be considered at the C_{OUT} terminal.

Figure 27. PCB Layout Guidance

The following information applies to the WL-CSP package dimensions on the next page: Product-Specific Dimensions

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