

# **MIC24045**

## **I <sup>2</sup>C Programmable, 4.5V - 19V Input, 5A Step-Down Converter**

#### **Features**

- 4.5V to 19V Input Voltage Range
- 5A (Maximum) Output Current
- $\cdot$  I<sup>2</sup>C Programmable Output Voltage:
- 0.64V to 5.25V in 5 mV, 10 mV, 30 mV, and 50 mV Steps
- High Efficiency (>95%)
- $\cdot$  I<sup>2</sup>C Programmability of:
	- Soft-Start: 0.16, 0.38, 0.76, and 1.5 V/ms Ramp Rates
	- Switching Frequency: 310 kHz, 400 kHz, 500 kHz, 570 kHz, 660 kHz, 780 kHz, 1 MHz, 1.2 MHz
	- Current Limits for 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A Loads
	- Output Voltage Margining:  $-5\%$ , +5%
	- Start-Up Delays: 0 ms to 10 ms
- ±1% Output Voltage Accuracy over Temperature (0.64V to 1.95V)
- Supports Safe Start-Up with Pre-Biased Output
- Extensive Diagnostics through  $I^2C$  Interface

## **Applications**

- Servers, Data Storage, Routers and Base **Stations**
- FPGAs, DSP, and Low-Voltage ASIC Power

## **Typical Application Circuit**

#### **General Description**

The MIC24045 is an  $1^2$ C-programmable, high-efficiency, wide input range, 5A synchronous step-down regulator. The MIC24045 is perfectly suited for multiple voltage rail application environments, typically found in computing and telecommunication systems. In the MIC24045 various parameters can be programmed via I<sup>2</sup>C, such as output voltage, switching frequency, soft-start slope, margining, current limit values and start-up delays. The wide switching frequency adjustment range, valley current-mode control technique, high-performance error amplifier and external compensation allow for the best trade-offs between high efficiency and the smallest possible solution size.

The MIC24045 supports extensive diagnostics and status information through  $I<sup>2</sup>C$ .

The MIC24045 pinout is compatible with the MIC24046 pin-strapping programmable regulator pinout, such that <sup>2</sup>C-based implementations can be easily converted into pin-programmable ones.

The MIC24045 is available in a thermally efficient, space-saving 20-pin 3 mm x 3 mm FQFN package, with an operating junction temperature range from  $-40^{\circ}$ C to +125 $^{\circ}$ C.



## **Package Type**



## <span id="page-1-0"></span>**Functional Block Diagram**



#### $1.0$ **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

## **Absolute Maximum Ratings †**



† 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 kΩ in series with 100 pF.

## Operating Ratings<sup>(1)</sup>



<span id="page-2-0"></span>Note 1: The device is not ensured to function outside the operating range.

<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Electrical Specifications:** unless otherwise specified,  $V_{IN} = V_{INLDO} = 12V$ ;  $C_{VDDA} = 2.2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{VDDP} = 2.2 \mu F$ ,  $T_A =$ +25°C. **Boldface** values indicate  $-40^{\circ}C \le T_J \le +125^{\circ}C$ .



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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.

**Note:** Unless otherwise indicated,  $V_{IN}$  = 12V,  $f_S$  = 660 kHz,  $I_{LIM}$  =  $I_{LIM$   $LS3}$ , L = 2.2 µH,  $T_A$  = +25°C.



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





*Input Voltage.*



*FIGURE 2-4: Enable Thresholds vs. Input Voltage.*



*FIGURE 2-5: Operating Supply Current vs. Temperature, Switching.*



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*vs.Temperature.*



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*FIGURE 2-11: Error Amplifier Transconductance vs. Temperature.*



*FIGURE 2-12: Error Amplifier Output Current vs. Temperature.*

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*FIGURE 2-19: Load Regulation: OUTSNS Voltage vs. IOUT.*



*Voltage vs.*  $I_{OUT}$ .



*FIGURE 2-21: Load Regulation: OUTSNS Voltage vs. IOUT.*



*FIGURE 2-22: Load Regulation: OUTSNS Voltage vs.*  $I_{OUT}$ .

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*FIGURE 2-23: VIN Turn-on (EN = VDDA, no I <sup>2</sup>C programming, registers default values for 2Z version),*  $R_{\text{LOAD}} = 0.3 \Omega$ .



 $V_{IN}$  **Turn-off (EN =**  $V_{DDA}$ **),**  $R_{\text{LOAD}}$  = 0.3 $\Omega$ .







*FIGURE 2-27: EN Turn-on into pre-biased output (Vpre-bias = 0.5V).*



*FIGURE 2-28: EN Turn-on into pre-biased output (Vpre-bias = 0.8V).*

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*FIGURE 2-29: Power-up into Short Circuit, (EN = VDDA, no I2C programming, registers default values for 2Z version).*











*Threshold.*







*Shutdown.*

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*FIGURE 2-36: Switching Waveforms*   $f_S$  = 660 kHz,  $I_{OUT}$  = 5A.



*FIGURE 2-37: Load Transient Response with*  $I_{LIM} = I_{LIM_LSO}$ .







*FIGURE 2-39: Line Transient Response.*



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*FIGURE 2-40: Voltage Loop Gain Bode Plot, VOUT = 1.8V, f<sup>s</sup> = 570 kHz, L = 1.2 µH, COUT = 266 µF,*   $R_{C1}$  = 2.55k $\Omega$ ,  $C_{C1}$  = 10nF,  $C_{C2}$  = 47pF (see [Section 7.7, Compensation Design\)](#page-31-0).

## <span id="page-16-1"></span>**3.0 PIN DESCRIPTION**

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



<span id="page-16-0"></span>

## **3.1 Input Voltage Pin (VIN)**

Input Voltage pin for the Buck converter power stage. These pins are the drain terminal of the internal high-side N-channel MOSFET. A 10 µF minimum ceramic capacitor should be connected from  $V_{IN}$  to the P<sub>GND</sub> pins as close as possible to the device. A combination of multiple ceramic capacitors of different sizes is recommended.

## **3.2** Power Ground Pin (P<sub>GND</sub>)

Low-side MOSFET source terminal and low-side driver return. Connect the ceramic input capacitors to  $P_{GND}$ as close as possible to the device.

## **3.3 Switch Node Pin (LX)**

Drain (low-side MOSFET) and source (high-side MOSFET) connection of the internal power N-channel FETs. The external inductor (switched side) and bootstrap capacitor (bottom terminal) must be connected to these pins.

## **3.4 Bootstrap Capacitor Pin (BST)**

Supply voltage for the driver of the high-side N-channel power MOSFET. Connect the bootstrap capacitor (top terminal) to this pin.

## **3.5 Power Good Output Pin (PG)**

When the output voltage is within 92.5% of the nominal set point, this pin will go from logic low to logic high through an external pull-up resistor. This pin is the drain connection of an internal N-channel FET.

## **3.6 I2C Address Programming Pin 0 (ADR0)**

Three-state pin (low, high and high-Z) for  $I^2C$  address programming. Together with ADR1, ADR0 defines nine logic values corresponding to nine  $I^2C$  addresses.

## **3.7 I2C Address Programming Pin 1 (ADR1)**

Three-state pin (low, high and high-Z) for  $I^2C$  address programming. Together with ADR0, ADR1 defines nine logic values corresponding to nine  $I^2C$  addresses.

## **3.8 I2C Clock Input Pin (SCL)**

The SCL pin is the serial interfaces Serial Clock pin.This pin is connected to the Host Controllers SCL pin.

The MIC24045 is a slave device, so its SCL pin accepts only external clock signals.

## **3.9 I2C Data Input/Output Pin (SDA)**

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

## **3.10 Analog Ground Pin (A<sub>GND</sub>)**

This pin is a quiet ground for the analog circuitry of the internal regulator and a return terminal for the external compensation network.

### **3.11 Transconductance Error Amplifier Output Pin (COMP)**

Connect a compensation network from this pin to A<sub>GND</sub>.

## **3.12 Output Sensing Pin (OUTSNS)**

Connect this pin directly to the buck converter output voltage. This pin is the top side terminal of the internal feedback divider.

### **3.13 Precision Enable Input Pin (EN)**

The EN pin is compared to a 1.21V typical threshold to determine the turn-on of the device. After reaching the turn-on threshold, the  $I^2C$ -programmable turn-on delay counter starts. A 2 µA (typical) current source pulls down the EN pin to prevent unwanted power delivery in case of a floating EN input. A 135 mV typical hysteresis prevents chattering when power delivery is started.

### **3.14 Internal Regulator Output Pin (V**<sub>DDA</sub>)

Output of the internal linear regulator and internal supply for analog control. A 1 µF minimum ceramic capacitor should be connected from this pin to  $A_{GND}$ ; a 2.2  $\mu$ F typical value is recommended.

### **3.15 MOSFET Drivers Internal Supply Pin (V<sub>DDP</sub>)**

Internal supply rail for the MOSFET drivers, fed by the  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  pin. An internal resistor (10 $\Omega$ ) between the V<sub>DDP</sub> and  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  pins is provided in the regulator in order to implement an RC filter for switching noise suppression. A 1 µF minimum ceramic capacitor should be connected from this pin to  $P_{GND}$ ; a 2.2  $\mu$ F typical value is recommended.

## **3.16 Internal Regulator Input Pin (VINLDO)**

This pin is typically connected to the input voltage of the buck converter stage ( $V_{IN}$ ). If  $V_{INLDO}$  and  $V_{IN}$  are connected to different voltage rails, individually bypass  $V_{\text{INI DO}}$  to ground with a 100 nF ceramic capacitor.

## **3.17 PGND Exposed Pad (PGND\_EP)**

Electrically connected to P<sub>GND</sub> pins. Connect with thermal vias to the ground plane to ensure adequate heat-sinking. See the [Packaging Information](#page-40-0) section.

## **3.18 VIN Exposed Pad (VIN\_EX)**

Electrically connected to  $V_{IN}$  pins. If an input power distribution plane is available, connect with thermal vias to that plane to improve heat-sinking. See the [Packaging](#page-40-0) [Information](#page-40-0) section.

## **3.19 LX Exposed Pad (LX\_EP)**

Electrically connected to LX pins. See the [Packaging](#page-40-0) [Information](#page-40-0) section.

## **4.0 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

The MIC24045 is a digitally programmable, 5A valley current-mode controlled regulator featuring an input voltage range from 4.5V to 19V.

Programmability is achieved by means of an <sup>2</sup>C-compatible serial digital interface, which can support Serial Clock (SCL) rates up to 400 kHz (Fast mode).

The MIC24045 requires a minimal amount of external components. Only the inductor, supply decoupling capacitors and compensation network are external. The flexibility in the external compensation design allows the user to optimize their design across the entire range of operating parameters such as input voltage, output voltage, switching frequency and load current.

## **4.1 Theory of Operation**

Valley current-mode control is a fixed-frequency, leading-edge-modulated PWM current-mode control. Differing from Peak Current mode, in valley current-mode the clock marks the turn-off of the high-side switch. Upon this instant, the MIC24045 low-side switch current level is compared against the reference current signal from the error amplifier. When the falling low-side switch current signal drops below the current reference signal, the high-side switch is turned on. As a result, the inductor valley current is regulated to a level dictated by the output of the error amplifier.

As shown in the [Compensation Design](#page-31-0) section, the feedback loop includes an internal programmable reference (REF<sub>DAC</sub>) and an output voltage sensing attenuator (R2/R1), which removes the need for external feedback components and improves regulation accuracy. Output voltage feedback is achieved by connecting OUTSNS directly to the output. The high-performance transconductance error amplifier drives an external compensation network at the COMP pin. The COMP pin voltage represents the reference current signal. The COMP pin voltage is fed to the valley current-mode modulator, which also adds slope compensation to ensure current-loop stability. Valley current-mode control requires slope compensation at duty cycles less than 50% for current-loop stability. The slope compensation circuit is internal and it is automatically adapted in amplitude depending upon the frequency, output voltage range and voltage differential  $(V_{\text{IN}} \cdot V_{\text{OUTSNS}})$ . The internal low- $R_{\text{DS(ON)}}$  power MOSFETs, the associated adaptive gate driver and the internal bootstrap diode complete the power train.

Overcurrent protection and thermal shutdown protect the MIC24045 from faults or abnormal operating conditions.

## **4.2 Internal LDO, Supply Rails (VIN, VINLDO, VDDA, VDDP)**

 $V_{\text{IN}}$  pins represent the power train input. These pins are the drain connection of the internal high-side MOSFET and should be bypassed to  $P_{GND}$  with a X5R or X7R 10 µF (minimum) ceramic capacitor, placed as close as possible to the device. A combination of ceramic capacitors of different sizes is recommended.

An internal LDO (biased through  $V_{INLDO}$  pin) provides a clean supply (5.1V typical) for the analog circuits and the  $I^2C$  interface at pin  $V_{DDA}$ . The internal LDO is typically powered from the same power rail feed at  $V_{IN}$ ; however,  $V_{INLDO}$  can also be higher or lower than  $V_{IN}$ and can be connected to any other voltage within its recommended limits.  $V_{INLDO}$  and  $V_{DDA}$  should be locally bypassed (see the [Pin Description](#page-16-1) section). A small series resistor (typically  $2Ω - 10Ω$ ) can be used in combination with the  $V_{\text{INI DO}}$  bypass capacitor to implement a RC filter for suppression of large high-frequency switching noise.

The internal LDO is always enabled and regulation takes place as soon as enough voltage has established between the  $V_{INLDO}$  and  $V_{DDA}$  pins. If an external 5V±10% is available, it is possible to bypass the internal LDO by connecting  $V_{INLDO}$ ,  $V_{DDA}$  and  $V_{DDP}$ together at the external 5V rail, thus improving overall efficiency.

The MIC24045 does not require a separate supply for the  $1^2C$  interface and for the internal logic registers, which are all powered from the  $V_{DDA}$  rail. An internal Undervoltage Lock-Out circuit (UVLO) monitors the level of  $V<sub>DDA</sub>$  and resets the interface and the internal registers if the  $V_{DDA}$  voltage is below the UVLO threshold.

 $V<sub>DDP</sub>$  is the power supply rail for the gate drivers and bootstrap circuit. This pin is subject to high-current spike with high-frequency content. To prevent these from polluting the analog  $V_{DDA}$  supply, a separate capacitor is needed for V<sub>DDP</sub> pin bypassing. An internal 10Ω resistor is provided between pins  $V_{DDA}$  and  $V_{DDP}$  allowing a switching noise attenuation RC filter with the minimum amount of external components to be implemented. It is possible, although typically not necessary, to lower the RC time constant by connecting an external resistor between pins  $V_{DDA}$  and  $V_{DDP}$ .

## **4.3 Enable (EN)**

The EN pin starts/stops the power delivery to the output. It does not turn off the internal LDO. The EN pin does not act as a Reset signal for the  $I<sup>2</sup>C$  registers, only the  $V_{DDA}$  UVLO circuit does.

Rising threshold is a precise 1.21V±70 mV. A 135 mV typical hysteresis prevents chattering due to switching noise and/or slow edges. A 2 µA typical pull-down current with ±1 µA accuracy prevents unwanted start-ups if the EN pin is momentarily floating. To achieve automatic turn-on as soon as enough voltage is present, connect EN to  $V_{DDA}$ .

### **4.4 Power Good (PG)**

PG is an open-drain output. For asserting a logic HIGH level, PG requires an external resistor connected to a pull-up voltage ( $V_{PU}$   $_{PG}$ ), which should not exceed 5.5V.

PG is asserted with a typical delay of 0.45 ms when the output voltage (OUTSNS) reaches 92.5% of its target regulation voltage. PG is de-asserted with a typical delay of 80 µs when the output voltage falls below 90% of its target regulation voltage. The PG falling delay acts as a de-glitch timer against very short spikes. The PG output is always immediately de-asserted when the EN pin is below the power delivery enable threshold (EN\_R/EN\_F). The pull-up resistor should be large enough to limit the PG pin current to below 2 mA. The PG is in a defined state once the  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  voltage is greater than about 1V, but with reduced current sinking capability.

The PG is also immediately de-asserted (with no delay) whenever an undervoltage condition on  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  is detected, or in thermal shutdown.

### **4.5 Inductor (LX) and Bootstrap (BST)**

The external inductor is connected to LX. The high-side MOSFET driver circuit is powered between BST and LX by means of an external capacitor (typically 100 nF) that is replenished from rail  $V_{\text{DDP}}$  during the low-side MOSFET ON-time. The bootstrap diode is internal.

#### **4.6 Output Sensing (OUTSNS) and Compensation (COMP)**

OUTSNS should be connected exactly to the desired point-of-load regulation, avoiding parasitic resistive drops. The impedance seen into OUTSNS is high (tens of kΩ or more, depending on the selected output voltage value), therefore its loading effect is typically negligible. OUTSNS is also used by the slope compensation generator.

COMP is the connection for the external compensation network. COMP is driven by the output of the transconductance error amplifier. Care must be taken to return the compensation network ground directly to  $A_{GND}$ .

#### **4.7 Soft-Start**

The MIC24045 features four different  $I^2C$ -selectable soft-start slew-rate values (0.16V/ms, 0.38V/ms, 0.76V/ms and 1.5V/ms). See the section [Registers](#page-22-0) [Maps and I2C Programmability](#page-22-0) for the value vs. code mapping. The internal reference is ramped up at the selected rate. Note that this is the internal reference soft-start slew rate and that the actual slew rate seen at the output should take into account the internal divider attenuation, as detailed in the [Application Information](#page-28-0) section.

#### **4.8 Start-Up Delay**

The MIC24045 features eight different  $I<sup>2</sup>C$ -selectable start-up delays (from 0 ms to 10 ms). These represent the added delays from the EN rising edge to the beginning of the power delivery (soft-start). See the section [Registers Maps and I2C Programmability](#page-22-0) for the value vs. code mapping.

#### **4.9 Switching Frequency**

The MIC24045 features eight different  $I<sup>2</sup>C$ -selectable switching frequencies from 310 kHz to 1200 kHz. See [Registers Maps and I2C Programmability](#page-22-0) for the value vs. code mapping. Also pay attention to voltage conversion ratio limitations due to minimum  $t_{ON}$  and  $t_{OFF}$ , as stated in the [Application Information](#page-28-0) section.

#### **4.10 Pre-Biased Output Start-Up**

The MIC24045 is designed to achieve safe start-up into a pre-biased output without discharging the output capacitors.

#### **4.11 Thermal Warning and Thermal Shutdown**

The MIC24045 has a thermal shutdown protection that prevents operation at excessive temperature. The thermal shutdown threshold is typically set at +160°C with a hysteresis of +25°C.

The MIC24045 features a Thermal Warning flag that is readable through the  $I^2C$  interface (register polling is needed). The Thermal Warning flag signals the approaching of thermal shutdown, so that appropriate system-level countermeasures can be undertaken.

Note that a thermal shutdown event will not disable the internal  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  linear regulator, but only the power stage. In this way, the  $I^2C$  interface remains powered and can still be read throughout the duration of the thermal shutdown.

### **4.12 Overcurrent Protection**

The MIC24045 features instantaneous cycle-by-cycle current limit with current sensing both on the low-side and high-side switches. It also offers a Hiccup mode for prolonged overloads or short-circuit conditions.

Low-side cycle-by-cycle protection detects the current level of the inductor current during the low-side MOS-FET ON time. The high-side MOSFET turn-on is inhibited as long as the low-side MOSFET current limit is above the low-side current-limit threshold level. The inductor current will continue decaying until the current falls below the threshold, then the high-side MOSFET will be enabled again according to the duty cycle requirement from the PWM modulator.

The mechanism is illustrated in [Figure 4-1.](#page-20-0)



<span id="page-20-0"></span>*FIGURE 4-1: Low-Side Cycle-by-Cycle Current-Limit Action.*

The low-side current limit is programmable at four different levels (for 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A loads) in order to optimize inductor size for different application requirements. These levels are listed in [Registers](#page-22-0) [Maps and I2C Programmability](#page-22-0).

Since the low-side current limit acts on the valley current, the DC output current level  $(I_{\Omega \cup T})$ , where the low-side cycle-by-cycle current limit is engaged, will be higher than the current limit value by an amount equal to  $\Delta I L_{\text{PP}}/2$ , where  $\Delta I L_{\text{PP}}$  is the peak-to-peak inductor ripple current.

The high-side current limit is approximately  $1.4 - 1.5$ times greater than the low-side current limit (typical values). The high-side cycle-by-cycle current limit immediately truncates the high-side ON time without waiting for the OFF clocking event.

A leading edge blanking (LEB) timer (108 ns, typical) is provided on the high-side cycle-by-cycle current limit to mask the switching noise and to prevent falsely triggering the protection. High-side cycle-by-cycle current limit action cannot take place before the LEB timer expires.

Hiccup mode protection reduces power dissipation in permanent short-circuit conditions. On each clock cycle, where a low-side cycle-by-cycle current-limit event is detected, a 4-bit up/down counter is incremented. On each clock cycle, without a concurrent low-side current limit event, the counter is decremented or left at zero. The counter cannot wrap-around below

0000 and above 1111. High-side current limit events do not increment the counter. Only detections from low-side current limit events trigger the counter.

If the counter reaches 1111 (or 15 events), the high and low-side MOSFETs become tri-stated and power delivery to the output is inhibited for a duration which is dependent on the soft-start rate and can be calculated with the following equation:

#### **EQUATION 4-1:**



This digital integration mechanism provides immunity to the momentary overloading of the output. After the wait time, the MIC24045 retries entering operation and initiates a new soft-start sequence.

Note that Hiccup mode short-circuit protection is active at all times, including the soft-start ramp. In case of very large output capacitors, consider slowing down the soft-start slew rate to prevent start-up problems, especially if the load is completely discharging the output capacitor during the hiccup wait time.

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## <span id="page-22-0"></span>**5.0 REGISTERS MAPS AND I2C PROGRAMMABILITY**

The MIC24045 internal registers are summarized in [Table 5-1](#page-22-1), below.



#### <span id="page-22-1"></span>**TABLE 5-1: MIC24045 REGISTER MAP**

RC = Read-then-clear bit

#### **5.1 STATUS Register**

In the read-only STATUS registers, diagnostic information is provided. Bits can be F = latched (Flag) or S = non-latched (Status).

Flag bits are set when the corresponding Fault condition has occurred and do not return-to-zero once the Fault condition has ceased. Flags can only be cleared by writing '1' in Bit 0 of the COMMAND register 4h, or by power cycling. Status bits are set when the corresponding Fault condition has occurred and return to zero automatically once the Fault condition has ceased.

Default bits value at power-up is zero, except for Bit 2 (which will always be read as '1') and Bit 1, which is '1' if no Fault conditions are detected.

#### **REGISTER 5-1: STATUS – STATUS REGISTER (ADDRESS 0h)**





#### **REGISTER 5-2: SETTING 1 - SETTING 1 REGISTER (ADDRESS 1h)**





**Note 1:** Default Status settings at power-up can be changed at the factory. Standard selections are described in [MIC24045 Default Settings Values at Power-Up](#page-27-0). Overwriting default settings by I<sup>2</sup>C has no permanent effect and values will return to factory default values upon power cycling.

**2:** Changing Setting 1 Register values while power delivery is enabled is not recommended. To change settings by I<sup>2</sup>C, set EN pin low first, then write the new configuration, and finally, set EN pin high again to resume power delivery.

#### **REGISTER 5-2: SETTING 1 - SETTING 1 REGISTER (ADDRESS 1h) (CONTINUED)**

bit 7-6 **ILIM<1:0>:** MOSFET Current Limit bit. See the Current Limit selection in table below**:**



bit 5-3 **Freq0 (Switching Frequency):** See the Switching Frequency selection in table below:



bit 2-0 **Reserved:** Unimplemented bit. Read as '0'.

- **Note 1:** Default Status settings at power-up can be changed at the factory. Standard selections are described in MIC24045 Default Settings Values at Power-Up. Overwriting default settings by I<sup>2</sup>C has no permanent effect and values will return to factory default values upon power cycling.
	- **2:** Changing Setting 1 Register values while power delivery is enabled is not recommended. To change settings by I<sup>2</sup>C, set EN pin low first, then write the new configuration, and finally, set EN pin high again to resume power delivery.



#### **REGISTER 5-3: SETTING 2 - SETTING 2 REGISTER (ADDRESS 2h)**

bit 7 **Reserved:** Unimplemented bit. Read as '0'. Writing to this bit has no effect.

bit 6-4 **SUDly<2:0>:** Start-Up Delay bit. Delay to start power delivery from the rising edge of the EN signal. See the Start-up Delay selection in table below:



bit 3-2 **Mrg<1:0>:** Voltage Margins bit. These bits can be changed at any time during power delivery. See the Voltage Margining selection in table below:



#### **Default at power-up is <0:0>**

bit 1-0 **SS1<1:0>:** Soft-Start Ramp Rate bit. See the Soft-Start Tamp Rates selection in table below:

## **SS1** SS0 Soft-Start Slope (V/ms)



 $\ddot{\phantom{a}}$ 

- **Note 1:** For all bits (except Margining bits Mrg<1:0>) the Default Status at power-up can be changed at the factory. Standard selections are described in [MIC24045 Default Settings Values at Power-Up.](#page-27-0) Overwriting default settings by I<sup>2</sup>C has no permanent effect and values will return to factory default settings upon power cycling. Default power-up status for Mrg<1:0> is <0:0>.
	- **2:** With the exception of Margining Bits Mrg<1:0>, changing Setting 2 register values while power delivery is enabled is not recommended. To change settings by  $I^2C$ , set EN pin low first, then write the new configuration, and finally, set EN pin high again to resume power delivery.



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 $-n =$  Value at POR  $1' = B$ it is set  $Q' = B$ it is cleared  $X = B$ it is unknown

bit 7-0 **VOUT<7:0>:** VOUT register bits can be changed at any time during power delivery, provided that transitions from one code to another:

- are done step-by-step, by small VOUT increments. The speed of the transition is left to the user and limited by the  $I<sup>2</sup>C$  writing interface speed.
- code transition shall take place only within the same VOUT Range. Crossing boundaries of resolution ranges may cause VOUT glitches and it is not recommended.

See VOUT selection in table below:

	Step Size   Codes-decimal (hex)
5 mV	0 (00h) to 128 (80h)
10 mV	129 (81h) to 195 (C3h)
30 mV	196 (C4h) to 244 (F4h)
50 mV	245 (F5h) to 255 (FFh)

- **Note 1:** Default Status settings at power-up can be changed at the factory. Standard selections are described in [MIC24045 Default Settings Values at Power-Up](#page-27-0). Overwriting default settings by I<sup>2</sup>C has no permanent effect and values will return to factory default values upon power cycling.
	- **2:** The functionality of the MIC24045 at any output voltage selection is subject to limitations described in [Application Information.](#page-28-0)

#### **REGISTER 5-5: COMMAND – COMMAND REGISTER (ADDRESS 4h)**





bit 7-1 **Reserved<7:1>:** Writing to these bits has no effect to the device operation.

bit 0 **CIFF:** Clear Fault Flags bit. Writing '1' to bit 0 will clear all Fault Flags. The CIFF bit is self-clearing and it returns to '0' as soon as the Fault Flags have been cleared.

## <span id="page-27-0"></span>**6.0 MIC24045 DEFAULT SETTINGS VALUES AT POWER-UP**

Part number MIC24045-XXYFL also designates different default settings values at power-up, before any  $I^2C$  writing operation takes place. These values are programmed at factory.

Different default settings are obtained by burning an OTP memory (fuses). The **XX** code corresponds to a certain combination of output voltage, switching frequency, nominal load current and soft-start ramp rate. Start-up delay and voltage margining always default to 0 ms and 0%. The blank (all zeros) OTP memory option has a special code (**2Z**).

The standard default settings are as shown in [Table 6-1.](#page-27-1) For availability of other default settings, contact the nearest Microchip Sales Office.



### <span id="page-27-2"></span><span id="page-27-1"></span>**TABLE 6-1: STANDARD DEFAULT SETTINGS**

When power is cycled, the MIC24045 user-programmable registers return to the<br>factory-programmed default settings values, factory-programmed default settings values, regardless of any prior settings through I<sup>2</sup>C bus. Note that the EN pin does NOT act as a Reset signal for the user-programmable registers, only the internal POR (Power-on Reset) based on the V<sub>DDA</sub> voltage UVLO does (see [Functional Block Diagram](#page-1-0)).

## <span id="page-28-0"></span>**7.0 APPLICATION INFORMATION**

#### **7.1 Programming External UVLO**

The EN pin can be used to program an automatic turn-on of the MIC24045 when the  $V_{IN}$  (or  $V_{INLDO}$ ) power rails have exceeded a desired threshold. This programmable UVLO function is achieved as described in [Figure 7-1.](#page-28-1)



<span id="page-28-1"></span>*FIGURE 7-1: Programmable External UVLO Function.*

The programmed  $V_{IN}$  UVLO threshold  $V_{IN}$  RISE is given by:

#### **EQUATION 7-1:**

 $V_{IN\_RISE} = EN\_R \times \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right) + EN\_I \times R2$ where: EN R =  $1.21V$  $EN_l$  = 2  $\mu$ A RI, R2 = External resistors

To desensitize the  $V_{IN}$  UVLO threshold against variations of the pull-up current EN\_I, it is recommended to run the R1-R2 voltage divider at a significantly higher current level than the EN\_I current.

The corresponding  $V_{IN}$  UVLO hysteresis,  $V_{INHYS}$  is calculated as follows:

#### **EQUATION 7-2:**

$$
V_{IN\_HYS} = 135 \text{ mV} \times \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right)
$$

### **7.2 Output Voltage Sensing**

To achieve accurate output voltage regulation, the OUTSNS 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<sub>GND</sub> and the point-of-regulation return terminal.

## 7.3 V<sub>OUT</sub> On-The-Fly Changes

It is possible to change the output voltage on-the-fly during power delivery by writing a different value to [Register 5-4](#page-26-0) (Address 3h). Note that  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  changes are possible only within each  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  range, as specified in the VOUT selection table in [Register 5-4.](#page-26-0)

The transition from one particular  $V_{OUT}$  value to another is under control of the  $I<sup>2</sup>C$  interface. The number of steps from one code to another and the speed of the transition are left to the end user.

Single Write instructions separated by a Repeated START (Sr) can be used to update [Register 5-4](#page-26-0) multiple subsequent times, without releasing the  $I<sup>2</sup>C$  bus. Please refer to the [Single Write with Repeated Start](#page-36-0) [\(Sr\)](#page-36-0) section for more details.

The minimum  $t_{\text{SU-STA}}$  specification (set-up time for a repeated START condition), the SCL frequency and the length of the Single Write message (3 bytes) dictate a limitation on the maximum update rate of the VOUT code at [Register 5-4.](#page-26-0)

Ramping down the output voltage at no or light load implies inductor current reversal (i.e., the MIC24045 will be sinking current from the output capacitor). The larger the output capacitor value, the larger the reverse inductor current will be for a given negative  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  variation.The voltage steps and the ramping step rate should be small enough to maintain a safe level of reverse current magnitude. This is especially important when using large output capacitors.

#### **7.4 Inductor Selection and Slope Compensation**

When selecting an inductor, it is important to consider the following factors:

- Inductance
- Rated Current value
- Size requirements
- DC Resistance (DCR)
- Core losses

The inductance value is critical to the operation of MIC24045. Because the MIC24045 is a valley current-mode regulator, it needs a slope compensation for the stable current loop operation where duty cycles are below 50%. Slope compensation is internally programmed according to the frequency, output voltage and nominal load current selection, assuming there is a minimum inductance value for the given operating condition.

[Table 7-1](#page-29-1) lists the assumed minimum inductor values recommended for stable current-loop operation. Note that the minimum suggested inductance values should be met when taking into account the inductor tolerance and its change with current level.



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The slope compensation is also internally adapted to the input-output voltage differential.

In practical implementations of valley current-mode control, slope compensation is also added to any duty cycle larger than 50% as part of improving current loop stability and noise immunity for all input and output voltage ranges. Consequently, the MIC24045 adds internal slope compensation signal up to 80% duty cycle. Above this, no slope compensation is added. For this reason, the PWM modulator gain exhibits an abrupt change when the duty cycle exceeds 80%, possibly leading to some increase in jitter and noise susceptibility. If operation around and above 80% duty cycle is considered, a more conservative design of the compensation loop might help in reducing jitter and noise sensitivity.

Inductor current ratings are generally stated as permissible DC current and saturation current. Permissible DC current can be rated for a +20°C to +40°C temperature rise. Saturation current can be rated for a 10% to 30% loss in inductance. Ensure that the nominal current of the application is well within the permissible DC current ratings of the inductor, depending on the allowed temperature rise. Note that the inductor permissible DC current rating typically does not include inductor core losses. These are very important contributors of total inductor core loss and temperature increase in high-frequency DC/DC converters because core losses increase rapidly with the excitation frequency.

When saturation current is specified, make sure that there are enough design margins so the peak current does not cause the inductor to enter deep saturation.

Pay attention to the inductor saturation characteristic in current limit. The inductor should not heavily saturate, even in current limit operation. If there is heavy saturation, the current may instantaneously run away and reach potentially destructive levels. Typically, ferrite-core inductors exhibit an abrupt saturation characteristic, while powdered-iron or composite inductors have a soft-saturation characteristic. Peak current can be calculated with [Equation 7-3.](#page-29-0)

<span id="page-29-0"></span>**EQUATION 7-3:**

$$
I_{L,PEAK} = \left[ I_{OUT} + V_{OUT} \left( \frac{I - V_{OUT} / V_{IN}}{2 \times f_S \times L} \right) \right]
$$

As shown in [Equation 7-3](#page-29-0), the peak inductor current decreases with the switching frequency and the inductance. At a given  $I_{\text{OUT}}$  load current, the lower the switching frequency or inductance, the higher the peak current. As input voltage increases, the peak current also increases.

## **7.5 Output Capacitor Selection**

Two main requirements determine the size and characteristics of the output capacitor  $C_{\text{OUT}}$ :

- Steady-state ripple
- Maximum voltage deviation during load transient

For steady-state ripple calculation, both the ESR and the capacitive ripple contribute to the total ripple amplitude.

From the switching frequency, input voltage, output voltage setting, and load current, the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple and the peak inductor current can be calculated as:

#### **EQUATION 7-4:**

$$
\Delta I_{L\_PP} = V_{OUT} \left( \frac{I - V_{OUT} / V_{IN}}{f_S \times L} \right)
$$

#### **EQUATION 7-5:**

$$
I_{L,PEAK} = I_{OUT} + \frac{\Delta I_{L\ PP}}{2}
$$

The capacitive ripple  $\Delta V_{R,C}$  and the ESR ripple  $\Delta V_{\text{R,ESR}}$  are given by:

#### **EQUATION 7-6:**

$$
\varDelta V_{R,C} = \frac{\varDelta I_L \, \, pp}{8 \, \times f_S \times C_{OUT}}
$$

#### **EQUATION 7-7:**

$$
\Delta V_{R,ESR} = ESR \times \Delta I_{L\_PP}
$$

The total peak-to-peak output ripple is then conservatively estimated as:

#### **EQUATION 7-8:**

$$
\varDelta V_R \cong \varDelta V_{R,C} + \varDelta V_{R,ESR}
$$

The output capacitor value and the ESR should be chosen so that  $\Delta V_R$  is within specifications. Capacitor tolerance should be considered for worst-case calculations. In the case of ceramic output capacitors, factor into account the decrease of effective capacitance versus applied DC bias.

The worst-case load transient for output capacitor calculation is an instantaneous 100% to 0% load release when the inductor current is at its peak value. In this case, all the energy stored in the inductor is absorbed by the output capacitor while the converter stops switching and keeps the low-side FET on.

The peak output voltage overshoot  $(\Delta V_{\text{OUT}})$  happens when the inductor current has decayed to zero. This can be calculated with [Equation 7-9:](#page-30-0)

<span id="page-30-0"></span>**EQUATION 7-9:**

$$
\Delta V_{OUT} = \sqrt{V_{OUT}^2 + \frac{L}{C_{OUT}}I_{L,PEAK}^2} - V_{OUT}
$$

[Equation 7-10](#page-30-1) calculates the minimum output capacitance value  $(C_{OUT(MIN)})$  needed to limit the output overshoot below  $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}$ .

#### <span id="page-30-1"></span>**EQUATION 7-10:**

$$
C_{OUT(MIN)} = \frac{L \times I_{L,PEAK}^2}{\left(\Delta V_{OUT} + V_{OUT}\right)^2 - V_{OUT}^2}
$$

The result from the minimum output capacitance value for load transient is the most stringent requirement found for capacitor value in most applications. Low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic output capacitors, with X5R or X7R temperature characteristics, are recommended.

For low-output voltage applications with demanding load transient requirements, using a combination of polarized and ceramic output capacitors may be most convenient for smallest solution size.

### **7.6 Input Capacitor Selection**

Two main requirements determine the size and characteristics of the input capacitor:

- Steady-state ripple
- RMS current

The buck converter input current is a pulse train with very fast rising and falling times so low-ESR ceramic capacitors are recommended for input filtering, because of their good high-frequency characteristics.

For ideal input filtering (assuming a DC input current feeding the filtered buck power stage) and by neglecting the capacitor ESR contribution to the input ripple (typically possible for ceramic input capacitors), the minimum capacitance value  $C_{IN(MIN)}$  needed for a given input peak-to-peak ripple voltage  $\Delta V_{\text{rIN}}$  can be estimated as shown in [Equation 7-11:](#page-30-2)

### <span id="page-30-2"></span>**EQUATION 7-11:**

$$
C_{I N (MIN)} = \frac{I_{OUT} \times D \times (1-D)}{\Delta V_{r,IN} \times f_S}
$$

where:

 $D =$  the duty cycle at the given operating point

The RMS current  $I_{IN,RMS}$  of the input capacitor is estimated as in [Equation 7-12:](#page-31-1)

#### <span id="page-31-1"></span>**EQUATION 7-12:**

$$
I_{IN, RMS} = I_{OUT} \times \sqrt{D \times (1 - D)}
$$

Note that, for a given output current  $I_{\text{OUT}}$ , the worst-case values are obtained at  $D = 0.5$ .

Multiple input capacitors can be used to reduce input ripple amplitude and/or individual capacitor RMS current.

#### <span id="page-31-0"></span>**7.7 Compensation Design**

As a simple first-order approximation, the valley current-mode controlled buck power stage can be modeled as a voltage-controlled current-source feeding the output capacitor and the load. The inductor current state-variable is removed and the power-stage transfer function from COMP to the inductor current is modeled as a transconductance ( $Gm_{PS}$ ). The simplified model of the control loop is shown in [Figure 7-2.](#page-31-2) The power-stage transconductance  $Gm_{PS}$  shows some dependence on current levels and it is also somewhat affected by process variations, therefore some design margin is recommended against the typical value Gm<sub>PS</sub> = 12.5A/V (see **[Electrical Characteristics](#page-3-1)**).



<span id="page-31-2"></span>*FIGURE 7-2: Simplified Small-Signal Model of the Voltage Regulation Loop.*

This simplified approach disregards all issues related to the inner current loop, like its stability and bandwidth. This approximation is good enough for most operating scenarios, where the voltage-loop bandwidth is not pushed to aggressively high frequencies.

Based on the model shown in [Figure 7-2](#page-31-2), the control-to-output transfer function is:

#### **EQUATION 7-13:**

$$
G_{CO(S)} = \frac{V_{OUT(S)}}{V_{C(S)}} = Gm_{PS} \times R_L \times \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_z}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times f_p}\right)}
$$

where:

 $f_Z$ ,  $f_P$  = The frequencies associated with the output capacitor ESR zero and with the load pole, respectively:

$$
f_Z = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_{OUT} \times ESR}
$$

$$
f_P = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_{OUT} \times (ESR + R_L)}
$$

The MIC24045 uses a transconductance  $(Gm_{FA} = 1.4 \text{ mA/V})$  error amplifier. Frequency compensation is implemented with a Type-II network  $(R<sub>C1</sub>, C<sub>C1</sub>$  and  $C<sub>C2</sub>$ ) connected from COMP to  $A<sub>GND</sub>$ . The compensator transfer function consists of an integrator for zero DC voltage regulation error, a zero to boost the phase margin of the overall loop gain around the crossover frequency and an additional pole that can be used to cancel the output capacitor ESR zero, or to further attenuate switching frequency ripple. In both cases, the additional pole makes the regulation loop less susceptible to switching frequency noise. The additional pole is created by capacitor  $C_{C2}$ . [Equation 7-14](#page-31-3) details the compensator transfer function  $H<sub>C(S)</sub>$  (from OUTSNS to COMP).

#### <span id="page-31-3"></span>**EQUATION 7-14:**

$$
H_{C(S)} = -\frac{RI}{RI + R2} \times Gm_{EA} \times \frac{1}{S \times (C_{C1} + C_{C2})}
$$
  

$$
\frac{I + S \times R_{C1} \times C_{C1}}{\left(1 + S \times R_{C1} \times \frac{C_{C1} \times C_{C2}}{C_{C1} + C_{C2}}\right)}
$$

The overall voltage loop gain  $T_{V(S)}$  is the product of the control-to-output and the compensator transfer functions:

#### **EQUATION 7-15:**

$$
T_{V(S)} = G_{CO(S)} \times H_{C(S)}
$$

The value of the attenuation ratio  $R1/(R1 + R2)$ depends on the output voltage selection and can be retrieved as illustrated in [Table 7-2:](#page-32-0)

#### <span id="page-32-0"></span>**TABLE 7-2: INTERNAL FEEDBACK DIVIDER ATTENUATION VALUES**



The compensation design process is as follows:

1. Set the  $T_{V(S)}$  loop gain crossover frequency f<sub>XO</sub> in the range  $f_S/20$  to  $f_S/10$ . Lower values of  $f_{XO}$ allow a more predictable and robust phase margin. Higher values of  $f_{XO}$  would involve additional considerations about the current loop bandwidth in order to achieve a robust phase margin. Taking a more conservative approach is highly recommended.

### **EQUATION 7-16:**

$$
f_{XO} \approx \frac{f_S}{20}
$$

2. Select  $R<sub>C1</sub>$  to achieve the target crossover frequency  $f_{XO}$  of the overall voltage loop. This typically happens where the power stage transfer function  $G<sub>CO(S)</sub>$  is rolling off at  $-20$  dB/dec. The compensator transfer function  $H_{C(S)}$  is in the so-called mid-band gain region where  $C_{C1}$  can be considered a DC-blocking short circuit while  $C_{C2}$  can still be considered as an open circuit, as calculated in [Equation 7-17](#page-32-1):

### <span id="page-32-1"></span>**EQUATION 7-17:**

$$
R_{CI} = \left(\frac{R1 + R2}{R1}\right) \times \frac{2\pi \times C_{OUT} \times f_{XO}}{Gm_{EA} \times Gm_{PS}}
$$

3. Select capacitor  $C_{C1}$  to place the compensator zero at the load pole. The load pole moves around with load variations, so, to calculate the load pole, use as a load resistance  $\mathsf{R}_\mathsf{L}$  the equivalent value that yields the nominal output current  $I<sub>OUT</sub>$  of the application at the output voltage  $V_{\text{OUT}}$ , as shown in: [Equation 7-18](#page-32-2) and [Equation 7-19:](#page-32-3)

#### <span id="page-32-2"></span>**EQUATION 7-18:**

$$
R_L = \frac{V_{OUT}}{I_{OUT}}
$$

<span id="page-32-3"></span>**EQUATION 7-19:**

$$
C_{CI} = \frac{C_{OUT} \times (ESR + R_L)}{R_{CI}}
$$

4. Select capacitor  $C<sub>C2</sub>$  to place the compensator pole at the output capacitor ESR zero frequency  $\mathsf{f}_Z$ , or at  $\geq 5$   $\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{XO}}$ , whichever is lower.

The  $C_{C2}$  is intended for placing the compensator pole at the frequency of the output capacitor ESR zero, and/or achieve additional switching ripple/noise attenuation.

If the output capacitor is a polarized one, its ESR zero will typically occur at low enough frequencies to cause the loop gain to flatten out and not roll-off at a

 $-20$  dB/decade slope around, or just after the crossover frequency  $f_{XO}$ . This causes undesirable scarce compensation design robustness and switching noise susceptibility. The compensator pole is then used to cancel the output capacitor ESR zero and achieve a well-behaved roll-off of the loop gain above the crossover frequency.

If the output capacitors are only ceramic, then the ESR zeroes frequencies could be very high. In many cases, the frequencies could even be above the switching frequency itself. Loop gain roll-off at -20 dB/decade well beyond the crossover frequency is ensured, but even in this case, it is good practice to still make use of the compensator pole to further attenuate switching noise, while conserving phase margin at the crossover frequency. For example, setting the compensator pole at  $5 f<sub>XO</sub>$ , will limit its associated phase loss at the crossover frequency to about 11°. Placement at even higher frequencies N  $\times$  f<sub>XO</sub> (N > 5) will reduce phase loss even further, at the expense of less noise/ripple attenuation at the switching frequency. Some attenuation of the switching frequency noise/ripple is achieved as long as  $N \times f_{XO}$  < f<sub>S</sub>.

For polarized output capacitor, compensator pole placement at the ESR zero frequency is achieved, as shown in [Equation 7-20](#page-33-0) below:

#### <span id="page-33-0"></span>**EQUATION 7-20:**

$$
C_{C2} = \frac{1}{\frac{R_{CI}}{C_{OUT} \times ESR} - \frac{1}{C_{CI}}}
$$

For ceramic output capacitor, compensator pole placement at N ×  $f_{XO}$  (N  $\geq$  5, N ×  $f_{XO}$  <  $f_S$ ) is achieved, as detailed in [Equation 7-21](#page-33-1):

#### <span id="page-33-1"></span>**EQUATION 7-21:**

$$
C_{C2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R_{C1} \times N \times f_{XO} - \frac{1}{C_{C1}}}
$$

#### **7.8 Output Voltage Soft-Start Rate**

The MIC24045 features internal,  $I^2C$  programmable soft-start, such that the output voltage can be smoothly increased to the target regulation voltage. The soft-start rate given in the [Electrical Characteristics](#page-3-1) refers to the error amplifier reference, and therefore the effective soft-start rate value seen at the output of the module has to be scaled according to the internal feedback divider attenuation values listed in [Table 7-2.](#page-32-0) To calculate the effective output voltage soft-start slew rate  $SS\_SR<sub>OUT</sub>$ , based on the particular output voltage setting and the reference soft-start slew rate SS\_SRx  $(x = 0, 1, 2, 3$  depending on selection), use the following formula:

#### **EQUATION 7-22:**

 $SS\_SR$ <sub>*OUT</sub>* = *A × SS\_SRx*</sub>

where:

A = amplification (see [Table 7-2](#page-32-0) for A values.)

#### **7.9** Minimum t<sub>ON</sub> and Minimum t<sub>OFF</sub> **Limitations**

The valley current-mode control method utilized in the MIC24045 allows very small minimum controllable ON time (around 26 ns), so that it is possible to convert from 19V down to very low voltages at high frequency. Note that the high-side current limit circuit may not be able to detect an overcurrent event if the ON time is below the high side switch current limit leading edge blanking time (LEB, see [Electrical Characteristics\)](#page-3-1).

Conversely, some minimum OFF time is needed for valley current-mode modulator operation. This t<sub>OFF(MIN)</sub> specification (see [Electrical Characteristics](#page-3-1)) may dictate a limit on the maximum attainable output voltage for a given  $V_{IN}$  voltage. The maximum attainable output voltage (at no load) is calculated as follows:

#### **EQUATION 7-23:**

$$
V_{OUT(MAX)} = V_{IN} \times (1 - f_S \times t_{OFF(MIN)})
$$

It is advisable to use a safe headroom margin against the calculated value of  $V_{\text{OUT}(MAX)}$  for DC load and good dynamic performance.

## **8.0 I2C INTERFACE DESCRIPTION**

The  $1^2C$  bus is for 2-way, 2-line communication between different ICs or modules. The two lines are: a serial data line (SDA) and a serial clock line (SCL). 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. MIC24045 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 MIC24045 must be initiated by a master device which drives the SCL line.

The MIC24045 is a Fast mode device, supporting data transfers at up to 400 Kbit/s.

The MIC24045 device assumes that the  $I^2C$  logic levels on the bus are generated by a device operating from a nominal supply voltage of 3.3V (with ±10% tolerance). Therefore,  $V_{IH}$  and  $V_{IL}$  are not related to the  $V_{DDA}$  value of the MIC24045. The SDA and SCL lines must not be pulled up to the  $V_{\text{DDA}}$  voltage of the MIC24045, but to the  $I^2C$  master interface supply voltage (3.3V nominal).



*FIGURE 8-1: Bit Transfer.*

## **8.1 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.

## **8.2 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.



#### **8.3 Device Address**

The MIC24045 device uses a 7-bit address, which is set in hardware, using three-state pins ADR0 and ADR1 (HIGH, LOW, or high Z). These two three-state pins allow for nine different addresses, as described in [Table 8-1](#page-35-0) below.



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#### **8.4 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.

#### **8.5 Bus transactions**

#### 8.5.1 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 'zero' 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.

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 is the 8-bit data that needs 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 it to the slave register indicated in step 5 starting from MSB
- 8. Acknowledge from the slave
- 9. Send STOP sequence







#### <span id="page-36-0"></span>8.5.2 SINGLE WRITE WITH REPEATED START (Sr)

In multi-master  $I^2C$  systems, this bus transaction is the recommended method to execute  $V_{OUT}$  on-the-fly changes in multiple steps.

The sequence is the same as for the previous Single Write transaction, except that at the end the master issues a Repeated START (Sr) instead of a STOP (P), and another (or more) Single Write operation takes place until the master releases the bus with a STOP. This way the master does not release the bus after the first Single Write and can accomplish the  $V_{\text{OUT}}$ on-the-fly change in multiple steps, without interference from other master devices.

The Single Write with Repeated Start (Sr) command is as follows and it is illustrated in the timing diagram of [Figure 8-4](#page-36-1) 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  $-$  DATA 1 from the master and write it to the slave register indicated in step 5, starting from MSB
- 8. Acknowledge from the slave  $-$  The register is updated with DATA 1
- 9. Send START sequence
- 10. Send 7-bit slave address
- 11. Send the R/W bit 0 to indicate a write operation
- 12. Wait for acknowledge from the slave
- 13. Send the command byte address that needs to be written
- 14. Wait for acknowledge from the slave
- 15. Receive the 8-bit data  $-$  DATA 2 from the master and write it to the slave register indicated in step 13, starting from MSB
- 16. Acknowledge from the slave  $-$  The register is updated with DATA 2

These steps (9 through 16) can continue as many times as needed to write to the same register (or another valid writable register as indicated in steps 5 and 13) without sending a STOP sequence. The master will conclude the data transfer on the last write operation by generating a STOP condition.



<span id="page-36-1"></span>**Note:** Writing to a non-existing register location will generate a reject action (NACK) by the MIC24045 after the command byte.

#### 8.5.3 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 8-5](#page-37-0) 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



<span id="page-37-0"></span>*FIGURE 8-5: Single Read Timing Diagram.*



#### 8.5.4 BLOCK READ (AUTO INCREMENT MODE)

This command reads a block of bytes, starting from a designated register that is specified through the command byte. Bit<6> of the command byte indicates the Auto-Increment mode. If this bit is set, the address gets incremented by one automatically and the registers are read in order, starting from the address provided by the command byte.

The Block/Auto-Increment Read command is as follows and it is illustrated in the timing diagram of [Figure 8-6.](#page-38-0)

- 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 read with Bit<6> set high to indicate the Auto-Increment Read mode.
- 6. Wait for acknowledge from the slave
- 7. Send START sequence again
- 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 register indicated in step 5, starting from MSB
- 12. Acknowledge from the master receiver. On the last byte, master receiver issues a NACK in place of ACK to signal the end of the data transfer.
- 13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 until last byte
- 14. STOP sequence is sent



<span id="page-38-0"></span>*FIGURE 8-6: Block Read Timing Diagram.*

**Note:** If the master is using a non-existing register location in the command byte, a reject (NACK) will be generated by the MIC24045.

In Block Read Auto-Increment mode, the 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. In this event, the transmitter must leave the data line HIGH to enable the master to generate a STOP condition.

If the master keeps reading beyond the valid user-accessible register locations, the content of internal test registers will be streamed out until location 15 (Fh) is reached. After that, the read operation wraps-around and restarts from register location 0h and so on, until the master stops reading.

#### 8.5.5 BLOCK WRITE (AUTO-INCREMENT MODE)

This command writes data to the designated register and to all the following registers that are specified through the command byte. Bit<6> of the command byte indicates the Auto-Increment mode. If this bit is set, the address gets incremented by one automatically and the registers are written in order, starting from the address provided by the command byte.

The Block/Auto-Increment Write command is as follows and it is illustrated in the timing diagram of [Figure 8-7](#page-39-0) 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 command byte address that needs to be written with Bit<6> set high to indicate the Auto-Increment Write mode.
- 6. Wait for acknowledge from the slave.
- 7. Receive the 8-bit data from the master and write it to the slave register indicated in step 5, starting from MSB.
- 8. Acknowledge from the slave
- 9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 until the entire data is sent
- 10. Send STOP sequence



<span id="page-39-0"></span>*FIGURE 8-7: Block Write Timing Diagram.*

**Note:** If the master is using a non-existing register location, a reject (NACK) will be generated.

## <span id="page-40-0"></span>**9.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION**

## **9.1 Package Marking Information**







#### **20-Lead FQFN 3 mm x 3 mm Package Outline and Recommended Land Pattern**

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