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# **FAN5033**  8-Bit Programmable, 2- to 3-Phase, Synchronous Buck Controller

**Description** 

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three-phase applications.

adjustable over-dirrent set point.

12-lead MLP package.

The FAN5033 device is  $\frac{1}{2}$  multi- hase buck switching regulator controller  $c$  timized to convert a 12V in the supply to the processor core video required by high

DAC that converts a digital voltage identification (VID) code, sent from the processor, to set the output voltage between  $0.5V$  and 1.6V in 6.25  $\sqrt{\text{st}}$  steps. It outputs PWM hals be umal MOSFET drivers at drive the switching power MOSFETs. The switching frequency of the design is programmable by a single resistor value. The number of phases can be programmed to support

The FAN5033 aso nclu programmable no-load iset and droop  $\tilde{u}$  stions to adjust the output voltage as a function of the load current, as required by the Intel specifications. The FAN5033 provides an accurate and reliable hort-c cuit protection function with an

The FAN5033 is specified over the commercial temperature range of  $0^{\circ}$ C to +85 $^{\circ}$ C and is available in a

 $\sim$  ors. It has an internal 8-bit

### **Features**

- Selectable 2- or 3-phase operation at up to 1MHz per phase
- ±7.7mV worst-case differential sensing error over temperature
- Active current balancing between the output phases
- Power Good and Crowbar blanking supports on-the-fly VID code changes
- 0.5V to 1.6V output
- $\blacksquare$  Fully compliant with the Intel® VR10 and VR11 specifications
- Selectable VR10 extended (7-bit) and VR11 (18) VID tables
- Programmable soft-start ramp
- Programmable short-circuit protection and latch-off delay

## **Applications**

- Desktop PC/Server processor power supplies for existing and next-generation Intel processors
- VRM modules

### **Ordering Information**



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**Figure 2: Pin Assignment** 

# **Pin Definitions**



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### **Absolute Maximum Rating**

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.

Unless otherwise specified, all other voltages are referenced to GND.



**Note:** 

1. Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ , is a strong function of PCB material, board thickness, thickness and number of copper planes, number of via used, diameter of via used, available copper surface, and attached heat sink characteristics.

### **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.



# **Electrical Characteristics**

 $V_{CC}$  = 12V, FBRTN = GND, and T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C. The • denotes specifications that apply over the full operating temperature range.



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**Notes:**  All limits at operating temperature extremes are guaranteed by design, characterization, and statistical quality control.

2. AC specifications guaranteed by design and characterization; not production tested.

3. To operate FAN5033 with fewer than three phases, PWM3 should be connected to VCC to disable this phase. See the "Theory of Operation" section for details.









# **Table 2: Output Voltage Programming Codes (8-bit) 0 = logic LOW; 1 = logic HIGH. (MSB: VID7, LSB: VID0;**



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# **Theory of Operation**

**Note:** The values shown in this section are for reference only. See the parametric tables for actual values.

The FAN5033 is a fixed-frequency PWM controller with multi-phase logic outputs for use in two- and threephase synchronous buck CPU power supplies. It has an internal VID DAC designed to interface directly with Intelís 8-bit VRD/VRM 11 and 7-bit VRD/VRM 10.xcompatible CPUs. Multi-phase operation is required for the high currents and low voltages of today's Intel's microprocessors that can require up to 150A of current.

The integrated features of the FAN5033 ensure a stable, high-performance topology for:

- Balanced currents and thermals between phases
- High-speed response at the lowest possible switching frequency and output decoupling capacitors
- Tight load line regulation and accuracy
- High-current output by allowing up to three-phase designs
- Reduced output ripple due to multi-phase operation
- Good PC board layout noise immunity
- Easily settable and adjustable design parameters with simple component selection
- Two- to three-phase operation allows optimizing designs for cost/performance and support a wide range of applications

#### **START-UP SEQUENCE**

The FAN5033 start-up sequence is shown in Figure 8. Once the EN and UVLO conditions are met, the DELAY pin goes through one cycle (TD1); after which, the internal oscillator starts. The first two clock cycles are used for phase detection. The soft-start ramp is enabled (TD2), raising the output voltage up to the boot voltage of 1.1V. The boot hold time (TD3) allows the processor VID pins settle to the programmed VID code. After TD3 timing is finished, the output soft-starts, either up or down, to the final VID voltage during TD4. TD5 is the time between the output reaching the VID voltage and the PWRGD being presented to the system.

#### **PHASE-DETECTION SEQUENCE**

During start-up, the number of operational phases and their phase relationship is determined by the internal circuitry that monitors the PWM outputs. Normally, the FAN5033 operates as a three-phase PWM controller. For two-phase operation, connect the PWM3 pin to VCC.

The PWM logic, which is driven by the master oscillator, directs the phase sequencer and channel detectors. Channel detection occurs during the first two clock cycles after the chip is enabled. During the detection

period, PWM3 is connected to a 100µA sinking current source and two internal voltage comparators check the pin voltage of PWM3 versus a threshold of 3V typical. If the pin is tied to VIN, the pin voltage is above 3V and that phase is disabled and put in a tri-state mode. Otherwise, the internal 100µA current source pulls PWM pin below the 3V threshold. After channel detection, the 100µA current source is removed.

Shorting PWM3 to VCC configures the system for twophase operation.



After detection time is complete, the PWM outputs that were not sensed as "pulled high" function as normal PWM outputs. PWM outputs that were sensed as

"pulled high" are put into a high-impedance state.

The PWM signals are logic-level outputs intended for driving external gate drivers, such as the FAN5109. Since each phase is monitored independently, operation approaching 100% duty cycle is possible. Also, more than one output can be on at the same time to allow overlapping phases.

#### **MASTER CLOCK FREQUENCY**

The clock frequency of the FAN5033 is set with an external resistor connected from the RT pin to ground. The frequency to resistor relationship is shown in Figure 6. To determine the frequency per phase, divide the clock by the number of enabled phases.

#### **OUTPUT CURRENT SENSING** *(See Figure 2)*

The FAN5033 provides a dedicated current sense amplifier (CSA) to monitor the output current for proper voltage positioning and for current limit detection. It differentially senses the voltage drop across the DCR of the inductors to give the total average current being delivered to the load. This method is inherently more accurate than peak current detection or sampling the voltage across the low-side MOSFETs. The CSA implementation can be configured several ways, depending on the objectives of the system. It can use output inductor DCR sensing without a thermistor, for

lowest cost, or output inductor DCR sensing with a thermistor, for improved accuracy with tracking of inductor temperature.

To measure the differential voltage across the output inductors, the positive input of the CSA (CSREF pin) is connected, using equal value resistors, to the output capacitor side of the inductors. The negative input of the CSA (CSSUM pin) is connected, again using equal value resistors, to the MOSFET side of the inductors. The CSAís output (CSCOMP) is a voltage equal to the voltage dropped across the inductors, times the gain of the CSA, and is inversely proportional to the output current.

The gain of the CSA is set by connecting an external feedback resistor between the CSA's CSCOMP and CSSUM pins. A capacitor, connected across the resistor, is used to create a low pass filter to remove high-frequency switching effects and to create a RC pole to cancel the zero created by the L/DCR of the inductor. The end result is that the voltage between the CSCOMP and CSREF pins is inversely proportional to the output current (CSCOMP goes negative relative to CSREF as current increases) and the CSA gain sets the ratio of the CSA output voltage change as a function of output current change. This voltage difference is used by the current limit comparator and is also used by the droop amplifier to create the output load line.

The CSA is designed to have a low offset input voltage. The sensing gain is determined by external resistors so that it can be extremely accurate.

#### **LOAD LINE IMPEDANCE CONTROL**

The FAN5033 has an internal "Droop Amp" that effectively subtracts the voltage applied between the CSCOMP and CSREF pins from the FB pin voltage of the error amplifier, allowing the output voltage to be varied independent of the DAC setting. A positive voltage on CSCOMP (relative to CSREF) increases the output voltage and a negative voltage decreases it. Since the voltage between the CSA's CSCOMP and CSREF pins is inversely proportional to the output, current causes the output voltage to decrease an amount directly proportional to the increase in output, current, creating a droop or "Load Line." The ratio of output voltage decrease to output current increase is the effective  $R_0$  of the power supply and is set by the DC gain of the CSA.

#### **CURRENT CONTROL MODE AND THERMAL BALANCE**

The FAN5033 has individual SW inputs for each phase. They are used to measure the voltage drop across the bottom FETs to determine the current in each phase. This information is combined with an internal ramp to create a current balancing feedback system. This gives good current balance accuracy that takes into account, not only the current, but also the thermal balance between the bottom FETs in each phase.

External resistors  $R_{SW1}$  through  $R_{SW3}$  can be placed in series with individual SW inputs to create an intentional current imbalance if desired, such as in cases where one phase has better cooling and can support higher currents. It is best to have the ability to add these resistors in the initial design to ensure that placeholders are provided in the layout. To increase the current in a phase, increase  $R_{SW}$  for that phase. Even adding a resistor of a few hundred ohms can make a noticeable increase in current, so use small steps.

The amplitude of the internal ramp is set by a resistor connected between the input voltage and the RAMPADJ pin. This method also implements the Voltage Feed Forward function.

#### **OUTPUT VOLTAGE DIFFERENTIAL SENSING**

The FAN5033 uses differential sensing in conjunction with a high accuracy DAC and a low offset error amplifier to maintain a worst-case specification of ±7.7mV differential sensing accuracy over its specified operating range.

A high gain-bandwidth error amplifier is used for the voltage control loop. The voltage on the FB pin is compared to the DAC voltage to control the output voltage. The FB voltage is also effectively offset by the CSA output voltage for accurately positioning the output voltage as a function of current. The output of the error amplifier is the COMP pin, which is compared to the internal PWM ramps to create the PWM pulse widths.

The negative input (FB) is tied to the output sense location with a resistor  $(R_B)$  and is used for sensing and controlling the output voltage at this point. Additionally a current source is connected internally to the FB pin, which causes a fixed DC current to flow through  $R_B$ . This current creates a fixed voltage drop (offset voltage) across  $R_B$ . The offset voltage adds to the sensed output voltage, which causes the error amp to regulate the actual output voltage lower than the programmed VID voltage by this amount. The main loop compensation is incorporated into the feedback by an external network connected between FB and COMP.

#### **DELAY TIMER**

The delay times for the start-up timing sequence are set with a capacitor from the DELAY pin to ground, as described in the Start-Up Sequence section. In UVLO or when EN is logic low, the DELAY pin is held at ground. Once the UVLO and EN are asserted, a 15µA current flows out of the DELAY pin to charge  $C_{DLY}$ . A comparator, with a threshold of 1.7V, monitors the DELAY pin voltage. The delay time is therefore set by the 15µA charging the delay capacitor from 0V to 1.7V. This DELAY pin is used for multiple delay timings (TD1, TD3, and TD5) during start-up. DELAY is also used for timing the current limit latch off as explained in the CURRENT LIMIT section.

#### **SOFT-START**

The soft-start times for the output voltage are set with a capacitor from the SS pin to ground. After TD1 and the phase-detection cycle have been completed, the SS time (TD2 in Figure 8) starts. The SS pin is disconnected from GND and the capacitor is charged up to the 1.1V boot voltage by the SS amplifier, which has a limited output current of 15µA. The voltage at the FB pin follows the ramping voltage on the SS pin, limiting

the inrush current during start-up. The soft-start time depends on the value of the boot voltage and  $C_{SS}$ .

Once the SS voltage is within 100mV of the boot voltage, the boot voltage delay time (TD3) is started. The end of the boot voltage delay time signals the beginning of the second soft-start time (TD4). The SS voltage changes from the boot voltage to the programmed VID DAC voltage (either higher or lower) using the SS amplifier with the limited output current of 15µA. The voltage of the FB pin follows the ramping voltage of the SS pin, limiting the inrush current during the transition from the boot voltage to the final DAC voltage. The second soft-start time depends on the boot voltage, the programmed VID DAC voltage, and C<sub>SS</sub>.

If either EN is taken low or  $V_{CC}$  drops below UVLO, DELAY and SS are reset to ground to be ready for another soft-start cycle. Figure 9 shows typical start-up waveforms for the FAN5033.



 **Figure 9: Start-up Waveforms** 

#### **CURRENT LIMIT, SHORT-CIRCUIT. AND LATCH-OFF PROTECTION**

The FAN5033 compares a programmable current limit set point to the voltage from the output of the current sense amplifier. The current limit level is set with the resistor from the ILIMIT pin to ground. During operation, the voltage on ILIMIT is 1.7V. The current through the external resistor is internally scaled to give a current limit threshold of 10mV/µA. If the voltage between CSREF and CSCOMP rises above the current limit threshold, the internal current limit amplifier controls the internal COMP voltage to maintain the average output current at the limit.

After TD5 has completed, an over-current (OC) event starts a latch-off delay timer. The delay timer uses the DELAY pin timing capacitor. During current limit, the DELAY pin current is reduced to 3.75 µA. When the voltage on the delay pin reaches 1.7V, the controller shuts down and latches off. The current limit latch-off delay time is therefore set by the current of 3.75µA charging the delay capacitor 1.7V. This delay is four times longer than the delay time during the start-up sequence. If there is a current limit during start-up, the FAN5033 goes through TD1 to TD5 in current limit and

starts the latch-off timer. Because the controller continues to operate during the latch-off delay time, if the OC is removed before the 1.7V threshold is reached, the controller returns to normal operation and the DELAY capacitor is reset to GND.

The latch-off function can be reset by cycling the supply voltage to the FAN5033 or by toggling the EN pin low for a short time. To disable the short-circuit latch-off function, an external resistor can be placed in parallel with  $C_{DLY}$  to prevent the DELAY capacitor from charging up to the 1.7V threshold. The addition of this resistor causes a slight increase in the delay times.

During start-up, when the output voltage is below 200mV, a secondary current limit is active. This secondary current limit clamps the internal COMP voltage at the PWM comparators to 1.5V. Typical overcurrent latch-off waveforms are shown in Figure 10.



**Figure 10: Over-Current Latch-off Waveforms** 

#### **DYNAMIC VID**

The FAN5033 has the ability to dynamically change the VID inputs while the controller is running. This allows the output voltage to change while the supply is running and supplying current to the load. This is commonly referred to as VID on-the-fly (OTF). A VID OTF can occur under either light or heavy load conditions. The processor signals the controller by changing the VID inputs in multiple steps from the start code to the finish code. This change can be positive or negative.

When a VID input changes state, the FAN5033 detects the change and ignores the DAC inputs for a minimum of 200ns. This time prevents a false code due to logic skew while the eight VID inputs are changing. Additionally, the first VID change initiates the PWRGD and CROWBAR blanking functions for a minimum of 100µs to prevent a false PWRGD or CROWBAR event. Each VID change resets the internal timer.

#### **POWER GOOD MONITORING**

The power good comparator monitors the output voltage via the CSREF pin. The PWRGD pin is an open-drain output whose high level (when connected to a pull-up resistor) indicates that the output voltage is within the nominal limits specified based on the VID voltage setting. PWRGD goes low if the output voltage is

outside of the specified range, if the VID DAC inputs are in no CPU mode, or whenever the EN pin is pulled low. PWRGD is blanked during a VID OTF event for a period of ~200µs to prevent false signals during the time the output is changing.

The PWRGD circuitry also incorporates an initial turn-on delay time (TD5) based on the DELAY timer. Prior to the SS voltage reaching the programmed VID DAC voltage of -100mV, the PWRGD pin is held low. Once the SS pin is within 100mV of the programmed DAC voltage, the capacitor on the DELAY pin begins to charge up. A comparator monitors the DELAY voltage and enables PWRGD when the voltage reaches 1.7V. The PWRGD delay time is therefore set by a current of 15µA charging a capacitor from 0V to 1.7V.

#### **OUTPUT CROWBAR**

As part of the protection for the load and output components of the supply, the PWM outputs are driven low (turning on the low-side MOSFETs) when the output voltage exceeds the upper crowbar threshold. This crowbar action stops once the output voltage falls below the release threshold of approximately 300mV.

Turning on the low-side MOSFETs pulls down the output as the reverse current builds up in the inductors. If the output over-voltage is due to a short in the highside MOSFET, this action current-limits the input supply, protecting the microprocessor.

#### **OUTPUT ENABLE AND UVLO**

For the FAN5033 to begin switching, the input supply  $(V_{CC})$  to the controller must be higher than the UVLO threshold and the EN pin must be higher than its 0.85V threshold. This initiates a system start-up sequence. If either UVLO or EN is less than their respective thresholds, the FAN5033 is disabled, which holds the

PWM outputs low, discharges the DELAY and SS capacitors, and forces PWRGD and OD# signals low.

In the application circuit, the OD# pin should be connected to the OD# inputs of the FAN5009 or FAN5109 drivers. Pulling OD# low disables the drivers such that both DRVH and DRVL are driven low. This turns off the bottom MOSFETs to prevent them from discharging the output capacitors through the output inductors. If the bottom MOSFETs were left on, the output capacitors could ring with the output inductors and produce a negative output voltage to the processor.



**Figure 11: Typical NTC Resistance vs. Temperature** 

## **Application Section**

### **Instructions**

The purpose of this Mathcad program is to cover design and optimization of the control design that is very important for the FAN5029/31/32/33 based multiphase VR design in order to meet critical dynamic performance requirements. This Mathcad program is available from Fairchild upon request, and feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Highlight regions, such as  $\overline{\text{ Vin} := 12}$  are required input fields.

### **Input Parameters**



$$
r:=\ln\!\!\left(\frac{\max}{\min}\right)\qquad \quad \ \hat{\mathcal{S}}_{\tilde{g}}:=\min\!\cdot e^{\displaystyle\frac{i\cdot\frac{r}{n}}{n}}\qquad \ \ j:=\sqrt{-1}
$$

# **Open Loop Transfer Function Definition**

$$
sz1 := \frac{1}{RC \cdot C}
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$$
sz2 := \frac{1}{RC \cdot C \cdot C}
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sz2 := \frac{1}{RC \cdot C}
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sv = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC \cdot C}}
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fv2 = \frac{sz2}{2 \cdot \pi}
$$
  
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$$
fv2 = 5.305 \times 10^6
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\n
$$
v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC \cdot C}}
$$
  
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$$
fv2 = 5.305 \times 10^6
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v = 4.756 \times 10^3
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V = 4.756 \times
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$$
\bigwedge_{R}(R_0) := Re \cdot Re2 \cdot C \cdot C2 + \frac{L}{R_0} \cdot (Re \cdot C + Re2 \cdot C2) + L \cdot (C + C2)
$$
\n
$$
B(R_0) := \frac{L}{R_0} \cdot Re \cdot Re2 \cdot C \cdot C2 + L \cdot C \cdot C2 \cdot (Re + Re2)
$$
\n
$$
F2(s, R_0) := \text{ Vin.} \frac{(1 + s \cdot Re \cdot C) \cdot (1 + s \cdot Re2 \cdot C2)}{1 + s \cdot (Re \cdot C + Re2 \cdot C2 + \frac{L}{Re}) + s^2 \cdot A(Ro) + s^3 \cdot B(Ro)}
$$
\n
$$
\text{magF2}(i, Ro) := 20 \cdot \left( \log \left( \left| F2(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro) \right| \right) \right)
$$
\n
$$
\text{phaseF2}(i, Ro) := \text{angle}\left( Re\left( F2(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro) \right), Im\left( F2(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro) \right) \right) \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} - 360
$$
\n
$$
\text{cosf} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3.202 \times 10^6 \\ Re \cdot C + Re2 \cdot C2 + \frac{L}{Re} & \text{polyroots}(\text{cosf}) - \begin{pmatrix} -3.202 \times 10^6 \\ -7.630 \times 10^3 - 2.702i \times 10^4 \\ -7.630 \times 10^3 + 2.702i \times 10^4 \end{pmatrix} \right)
$$

Open Loop Output Impedance Zp(s)

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Zp(s)
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$$
z_{p(s, Ro)} := \frac{RL \cdot (1 + s \cdot RC \cdot C) \cdot (1 + s \cdot RC \cdot C2) \cdot \left(1 + s \cdot \frac{L}{RL}\right)}{1 + s \cdot \left(RC + RC \cdot C2 + \frac{L}{R0}\right) + s^2 \cdot A(Ro) + s^3 \cdot B(Ro)}
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$$
= 20 \cdot \left(\log\left(\left|Zp(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right|\right)\right)
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z_{p(s, Ro)} = 20 \cdot \left(\log\left(\left|Zp(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right|\right)\right)
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$$
z_{p(s, Ro)} = \frac{L}{Ro} + s^2 \cdot A(Ro) + s^3 \cdot B(Ro)
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z_{p(s, Ro)} = -151.560
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$$
z_{p(s, Ro)} = 20 \cdot \left(\log\left(\left|Zp(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right|\right)\right)
$$

$$
\mathtt{phaseZp}(i, Ro) := \mathtt{angle}\Big(\mathtt{Re}\Big(\mathtt{Zp}\Big(\mathtt{s}_i\cdot j\cdot 2\cdot \pi, Ro\Big)\Big), \mathtt{Im}\Big(\mathtt{Zp}\Big(\mathtt{s}_i\cdot j\cdot 2\cdot \pi, Ro\Big)\Big)\Big) \cdot \frac{180}{\pi}
$$

Sampling Gain He(s)

 $1\,+\,$ 

180 π

$$
Wn := \frac{\pi}{Ts}
$$
\n
$$
Qz := \frac{-2}{\pi}
$$
\n
$$
He(s) := Ri \cdot He(s)
$$
\n
$$
E(s) = \frac{1}{\max(2s)} \cdot \frac{1}{\max(2s)} \
$$

### **Voltage Compensator Gain Fv(s)**

For most of applications using electrolytic type dominant output capacitors, a 2-pole-1-zero compensator, consisting of R2, R3, C2, and C3 as shown in below, is sufficient to meet the VR dynamic requirements. However a placeholder for a 3-pole-2-zero compensator is always recommended in the PCB layout, in order to have a little flexibility to fine tune the VR performance.

For ceramic types of output capacitor dominant applications, a 3-pole-2-zero compensator is usually mandatory.

In this design example, electrolytic type dominant output capacitors are used.

The compensator design adopts an interactive approach. In such a condition, one can optimize the control design by interactive tuning the compensator parameters through a few iterations.

As a good starting point, select the compensator zero to be around 1.5 ~ 3.5X open loop power stage double poles, and select the high frequency pole to be around  $0.8 \sim 2.5$ X per phase switching frequency. The compensator high frequency pole is placed in order to filter out high frequency switching noise. It's not recommended to place it too close to the control bandwidth. Use the DC gain of ol to adjust the control bandwidth. It's quite important to note that the

compensator zero and DC gain are critical parameters, and need to be fine tuned in interactive manner through a few iterations of this program.

> Place the compensator zero to cancel the power stage pole  $(1.5 \sim 3.5X)$ open loop power stage double poles) (Hz)

To cancel the power stage pole (Hz)

To be placed around  $0.8 \sim 2.5$ X the per phase switching frequency (Hz)

fpc2 :=  $57.10^{13}$ 

To cancel the lower power stage esr zero (Hz)

 $\omega$ pc2 :=  $2\pi$ -fpc2

 $\text{\tiny{15-15-10}}^{\circ}$ 

 $fzz1 := 12.10$ 

 $\omega$ zcl := 2 $\cdot \pi \cdot$ fzcl

fzc2: -  $15 \cdot 10^{13}$ 

 $\omega$ zc2 := 2 ·  $\pi$  · fzc2

 $\omega$ pcl :=  $2 \cdot \pi \cdot$ fpcl

fpc1 :=  $80.10^{3}$ 

Cross over freq. adjustment

$$
Fv(s) := \frac{\omega I \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega z c 1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega z c 2}\right)}{s \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega p c 1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega p c 2}\right)}
$$

Input the 1% feedback resistor (Rfb) first. Instructions of how to calculate Rfb can be found in the Appendix at the end of this file.

$$
R2 := 1.21 \cdot 10^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

Input R2 (Rfb - 1% resistor) here (ohm) See Appendix section for how to calculate Rfb.



Select the closed 1% resistors, and NPO or X7R types of capacitors as the compensator elements. If the above calculated value is either less than 1pF or negative, these components are not necessary. It's a good practice to have at least 10pF capacitance for C2.









## Outer Loop Gain T2





 $m \frac{r}{n}$ Guess:  $m = 300$ Given  $20 \log \frac{1}{2}$  min-e  $m := round(Find(m))$  $m = 321.000$  $s_m = 4.027 \times 10^4$  $r = 521.000$ <br>fcrossT2 := s<sub>m</sub> T2 Crossover Frequency: fcrossT2 =  $4.027 \times 10^4$ PmarginT2 :=  $0 + phaseT2(m, Ro)$ T2 Phase Margin:  $PmarzinT2 = 16.612$ 

### Droop Loop Gain Tdrp

1 + s-Rcs-Ccs Rph

$$
\mathbf{Ridrp} := \mathbf{RL}
$$

Droop current sense resistance = Inductor DCR / Number of Phase

Input the following droop amplifier component values for Rcs, Rph, and Ccs. Please see the Appendix section at the end of the file for instructions of how to calculate these component values.



To simplify the analysis, let's assume that the droop amplifier time constant Ros\*Cos exactly matches the inductor time constant L/RL. Then the above equation can be reduced to a simple gain.

$$
Eqng(s) := \frac{Res}{Rph}
$$
  
\n
$$
Tdp(s, Ro) := F4(s, Ro) \cdot Ridrp \cdot Fdrp(s) \cdot (1 + Fv(s)) \cdot Fm(Mc)
$$
  
\n
$$
magTdrp(i, Ro) := 20 \cdot \left( log(\left| Tdrp(s_{i} \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro) \right|)\right)
$$
  
\n
$$
phaseTdrp(i, Ro) := angle \left( Re\left(Tdrp(s_{i} \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right), Im\left(Tdrp(s_{i} \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right)\right) \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} = 360
$$



Outer Loop Gain T3 (T2 with Droop Loop Closed)

T3(s, Ro) := 
$$
\frac{Tv(s, Ro)}{1 + Ti(s, Ro) + Tdtp(s, Ro)}
$$
 -1.25  
magT3(i, Ro) := 20.  $\left(\log\left(\left|T3(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right|\right)\right)$   
phaseT3(i, Ro) := angle $\left(Re\left(T3(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right), Im\left(T3(s_i \cdot j \cdot 2 \cdot \pi, Ro)\right)\right)$  - $\frac{180}{\pi}$  - 180

The solid and dotted lines in the following picture represent closed outer loop gain at the max load and light load (= Vin / 12 (A)) respectively.



If the compensator zero is properly placed, the closed outer loop gain T3 will look like the following plot with -1 (-20dB/decade) slope. In this case, keep going on, and check the closed loop output impedance plot in the following section to ensure good dynamic performance. As a rule of thumb, there's no need for the closed outer loop bandwidth to be higher than the bulk capacitor ESR zero frequency.



If the compensator zero is placed too high, the following T3 behavior will show up (left picture). The zero has to be moved to lower frequency. On the contrary, if the compensator zero is placed too low, the outer loop gain plot will look like the following right picture, and the zero has to be moved to higher frequency. Tune the zero placement until the closed outer loop gain has -1 (-20dB/decade) slope. Improper placement of the compensator zero can also affect the closed output impedance.



### Close Loop Output Impedance with Droop ZocL





The ideal magnitude of the closed loop output impedance plot should be close to the following plot. Constant impedance at low frequency, and monotonic close to or above the closed loop control bandwidth.



If the magnitude of the closed loop output impedance has an upward bump as shown in the following left picture, the closed loop control bandwidth is too low. As a result, during load transient response, the output voltage has delayed response as shown in the below right picture. In such a case, go back to the voltage compensator section and increase the compensator DC gain to extend the control bandwidth until the monotonic like output impedance plot is achieved.



On the contrary, if the magnitude of the closed loop output impedance has an downward bump as shown in the following left picture, the closed loop control bandwidth is too high. During load transient response, the output voltage ends up with a big ringing back (which may violate the VR specifications) as shown in the below right picture. In such a situation, go back to the voltage compensator section and decrease the compensator DC gain until the monotonic like output impedance plot is achieved.



Exercise the compensator zero placement and its DC gain in an interactive manner and run some iterations until achieving satisfactory -1 (-20dB/decade) closed loop outer loop gain and monotonic like closed loop output impedance.

Change the input voltage to low and high lines, and check the stability in these corner conditions. Minor adjustment / compromise may be necessary if having problem at high / low lines.

Once the paper design is done by running this program, one can start bench test. However, before measuring the loop gain on bench, the following procedures and test items have to be done and satisfied, since any of the following listed factors can shift / distort the outer loop gain Bode plot. Please see the Appendix for the droop amplifier and its component designation.

Step 1. Tune phase current balance until the load current is roughly equally distributed among phases;

Step 2. Tune the thermister temperature compensation by trimming Rcs2 (in general) to ensure that the output voltage doesn't change at TDC and given airflow, if any, from the system; Step 3. Tune the load line slope to meet the VR specifications by trimming Rph resistance; Step 4. Tune droop amplifier component Ccs to match the inductor and its DCR time constant;

With regard to Step 4, since the inductor time constant L/RL is long, one can tune the droop amplifier Ros"Cos time constant through an electronic load instead of VTT types of loads. First set the electronic load to constant current and dynamic mode with slew rate at 1A/us or above, and set the load step from light load to half ~ full load. Zoom in and monitor the output voltage response to the electronic load step changing. If the output has an over shoot to the load step change, increase the Cos slightly. Similarly, if the output shows over damped response, decrease the Cos slightly. Since it's little hard to justify the output response at over damped conditions, to simplify the tuning, it's recommended to start with a small Ccs (under damped), and slightly increase it until observe critical damped response. Since there are only limited standard capacitor values available, select the higher capacitor rather than lower one if has to compromise. As long as the output has a critical damped response to a load step change, the Ccs is the correct value to use to match the L/RL time constant.





## **Appendix**

### **Inductor DCR Temperature Compensation**

In FAN5029/31/32/33 VR design, the inductor winding is used as the current sense element to program the load line. Since the copper resistance of the inductor winding (DCR) has a positive temperature coefficient of 0.39%/°C, it's necessary to compensate the DCR variation due to temperature changing by using a thermistor for better current sense / load line accuracy.

Due to the nonlinear nature of a NTC thermistor, resistors Ros1 and Ros2 are required to linearize the NTC thermistor resistance and produce desired compensation strength.





Select a NTC to be used based on type and value. Since we do not have a value yet, start with a thermistor with a value close to Rcs. The NTC should also have an initial tolerance of better than 5%

 $TC := 0.39%$ 

Copper temperature coefficient

### $Rcs = 100 \cdot 10^{7}$

#### Input desired Rcs resistance (ohm)

Based on the type of NTC selected, find its relative resistance value at two temperature. The two temperature recommended are 50°C and 90°C. We will call these resistance values A (Rth(50°C)/Rth(25°C)) and B (Rth(90°C)/Rth(25°C)). Note that the NTC's relative value is always 1 at 25°C.

 $\pi$ <sub>-50</sub>

J2 = 90

Rth := 100-10 0.2954

 $B = 0.05684$ 

 $A = 0.33195$  $R = 0.007481$ 

Input an initial thermistor value at 25 degC (ohm) (Panasonic, ERT-J1V V104J)  $A = Rth50/25$  $B = Rth90/25$ 

Find the relative value of Rcs required for each of these temperature.

$$
r1 := \frac{1}{1 + TC \cdot (T1 - 25)} \qquad r1 = 0.911
$$



Intel's specifications require that at no load the output voltage of the VR be offset to a lower value than the nominal voltage corresponding to the VID code. The offset is set by a constant current source flowing out of the FB pin (Ifb) and flowing through feedback resistor Rfb.





$$
\frac{0.2 \text{Vdate} (1 - D)}{\text{Rime } 5 \cdot 10^{-12}} = 0.548
$$
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\frac{0.2 \text{Vdate} (1 - D)}{\text{Vunk}} = 0.548
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\frac{0.2 \text{Vdate} (1 - D)}{\text{Vunk}}
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\frac{0.2 \text{Vdate} (1 - D)}{\text{Vipt} 3.9 \cdot 10^{-12}}
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\frac{0.2 \text{Vdate} (RT Selection)}{\text{Nper } 3.9 \cdot 10^{-12}}
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### **LAYOUT AND COMPONENT PLACEMENT**

The following guidelines are recommended for optimal performance of a switching regulator in a PC system.

#### **General Recommendations**

For good results, a PCB with at least four layers is recommended. This should allow the needed versatility for control circuitry interconnections with optimal placement, power planes for ground, input and output power, and wide interconnection traces in the remainder of the power delivery current paths. Keep in mind that each square unit of 1 ounce copper trace has a resistance of  $~0.53$ mΩ at room temperature.

Whenever high currents must be routed between PCB layers, vias should be used liberally to create several parallel current paths so that the resistance and inductance introduced by these current paths is minimized and the via current rating is not exceeded.

If critical signal lines (including the output voltage sense lines of the FAN5033) must cross through power circuitry, it is best if a signal ground plane can be interposed between those signal lines and the traces of the power circuitry. This serves as a shield to minimize noise injection into the signals at the expense of making signal ground a bit noisier.

An analog ground plane should be used around and under the FAN5033 as a reference for the components associated with the controller. This plane should be tied to the nearest output decoupling capacitor ground and should not be tied to any other power circuitry to prevent power currents from flowing in it.

The components around the FAN5033 should be located close to the controller with short traces. The most important traces to keep short and away from other traces are the FB and CSSUM pins. The output capacitors should be connected as close as possible to the load (or connector); for example, a microprocessor core, that receives the power. If the load is distributed, the capacitors should also be distributed and be in proportion to where the load tends to be more dynamic.

Avoid crossing any signal lines over the switching power path loop, described in the following section.

#### **Power Circuitry Recommendations**

The switching power path should be routed on the PCB to encompass the shortest possible length to minimize radiated switching noise energy (i.e., EMI) and conduction losses in the board. Failure to take proper precautions results in EMI problems for the entire PC system as well as noise-related operational problems in the power converter control circuitry. The switching power path is the loop formed by the current path through the input capacitors and the power MOSFETs, including all interconnecting PCB traces and planes. Using short and wide interconnection traces is especially critical in this path for two reasons: it minimizes the inductance in the switching loop, which can cause high-energy ringing, and it accommodates the high-current demand with minimal voltage loss.

Whenever a power dissipating component, such as a power MOSFET, is soldered to a PCB, the liberal use of vias, both directly on the mounting pad and immediately surrounding it, is recommended. Two important reasons for this are improved current rating through the vias and improved thermal performance from vias extended to the opposite side of the PCB, where a plane can more readily transfer the heat to the air. Make a mirror image of any pad being used to heatsink the MOSFETs on the opposite side of the PCB to achieve the best thermal dissipation to the air around the board. To further improve thermal performance, use the largest possible pad area.

The output power path should also be routed to encompass a short distance. The output power path is formed by the current path through the inductor, the output capacitors, and the load.

For best EMI containment, a solid power ground plane should be used as one of the inner layers, extending fully under all the power components.

#### **Signal Circuitry Recommendations**

The output voltage is sensed and regulated between the FB pin and the FBRTN pin, which connect to the signal ground at the load. To avoid differential mode noise pickup in the sensed signal, the loop area should be small. The FB and FBRTN traces should be routed adjacent to each other on top of the power ground plane back to the controller.

The feedback traces from the switch nodes should be connected as close as possible to the inductor. The CSREF signal should be connected to the output voltage at the nearest inductor to the controller.



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