

Single-Inductor, Multiple-Output (SIMO) Regulator for AMOLED

¹FEATURES

- **²³ 2.3-V to 5.5-V Input Voltage Range Short-Circuit Protection**
- **1% Output Voltage Accuracy Excellent Line Regulation**
- **Low-Noise Operation Thermal Shutdown**
- **750-mW Output Power at Vin = 2.9 V 3-mm × 3-mm Thin QFN Package**
- **SIMO Regulator Technology**
- **Fixed 4.6-V Positive Output Voltage**
- **Negative Output Voltage Down to –6 V**
- **Advanced Power-Save Mode for Light-Load Efficiency**
- **Out-of-Audio Mode**
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APPLICATIONS

• **Active-Matrix OLED Power Supply**

DESCRIPTION

The TPS65136 is designed to provide best-in-class picture quality for active-matrix OLED (AMOLED) displays that require positive and negative supply rails. With its wide input voltage range, the device is ideally suited for AMOLED displays, which are used in mobile phones or SmartPhone™ devices. With the new single-inductor multiple-output (SIMO) technology, the smallest possible solution size is achieved. The device operates with a buck-boost topology and generates both positive and negative output voltages above or below the input voltage rail. The SIMO technology enables excellent line and load regulation. Excellent line-transient regulation is required to avoid disturbance of the AMOLED display as a result of input voltage variations that occur during transmit periods in mobile communication systems.

TYPICAL APPLICATION

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These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

ORDERING INFORMATION(1)

(1) The RTE package is available in tape and reel. Add R suffix (TPS65136RTER) to order quantities of 3000 parts per reel. For the most current package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI Web site at [www.ti.com.](http://www.ti.com)

(2) Contact the factory for other output voltage options.

16-Terminal TQFN PACKAGE

TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)

Over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted).

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *absolute maximum ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *recommended operating conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute–maximum–rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

DISSIPATION RATINGS

(1) Thermal resistance measured on a printed circuit board using thermal vias.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 V_{in} = 3.7 V, EN = VIN, OUTP = 4.6 V, OUTN = -5.4 V, T_A = -40°C to 85°C; typical values are at T_A = 25°C (unless otherwise noted).

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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(1) The device actively pulls down the outputs during shutdown. The value specifies the output voltage as a current is forced into the outputs during shutdown.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

TABLE OF GRAPHS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The TPS65136 operates with a four-switch buck-boost converter topology, generating a negative and a positive output voltage with a single inductor. The device uses the SIMO regulator technology featuring best-in-class line-transient regulation, buck-boost mode for the positive and negative outputs, and highest efficiency over the entire load-current range. High efficiency over the entire load-current range is implemented by reducing the converter switching frequency. Out-of-audio mode avoids the switching frequency going below 20 kHz.

As illustrated in the [functional block diagram,](#page-2-0) the converter operates with two control loops. One error amplifier sets the output voltage for the positive output, OUTP. The ground error amplifier regulates FBG to typically 0 V. Using the external feedback divider allows setting the output voltage of the negative output, OUTN. In principle, the converter topology operates just like any other buck-boost converter topology with the difference that the output voltage across the inductor is the sum of the positive and negative output voltages. With this consideration, all calculations of the buck-boost converter apply for this topology as well. During the first switch cycle, M1 and M2 are closed, connecting the inductor from VIN to GND. During the second switch cycle, the inductor discharges to the positive and negative outputs by closing switches M4 and M3. Because the inductor is discharged to both of the outputs simultaneously, the output voltages can be higher or lower than the input voltage. In addition to that, the converter operates best when the current out of OUTP is equal to the current flowing into OUTN. This is usually the case when driving an AMOLED panel. Any asymmetries in load current can be canceled out by the ground error amplifier connected to FBG. However, this is only possible for current asymmetries of typically 30%. During light load current in discontinuous conduction mode, the converter operates in peak-current-mode control with the switching cycle given by the internal voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO). As the load current increases, the converter operates in continuous-conduction mode. In this mode, the converter moves to peak-current control with the switch cycle given by the fixed off-time. The SIMO regulator topology has excellent line transient regulation when operating in discontinuous conduction mode. As the load current increases, entering continuous conduction mode, the line transient performance is linearly decreased.

Advanced Power-Save Mode for Light-Load Efficiency

In order to maintain high efficiency over the entire load-current range, the converter reduces its switching frequency as the load current decreases. The advanced power-save mode controls the switching frequency using a voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO). The VCO frequency is proportional to the inductor peak current, with a lower frequency limit of 20 kHz. This avoids disturbance of the audio band and minimizes audible noise coming from the ceramic input and output capacitors. By maintaining a controlled switching frequency, possible EMI is minimized. This is especially important when using the device in mobile phones. See [Figure 8](#page-6-0) for typical switching frequency versus load current.

Buck-Boost Mode Operation

Buck-boost mode operation allows the input voltage to be higher than the output voltage. This mode allows the use of batteries and supply voltages that are above the fixed 4.6-V output voltage of OUTP.

Inherent Excellent Line-Transient Regulation

The SIMO regulator achieves inherent superior line-transient regulation when operating in discontinuous conduction mode, shown in [Figure 5](#page-6-0) and [Figure 6](#page-6-0). In discontinuous conduction mode, the current delivered to the output is given by the inductor peak current and falling slope of the inductor current. This is shown in Figure 14, where the output current, given by the area *A*, is the same for different input voltages. Because the converter uses peak-current-mode control, the peak current is fixed as long as the load current is fixed. The falling slope of the inductor current is given by the sum of the output voltage and inductor value. This is also a fixed value and independent of the input voltage. Because of this, any change in input voltage changes the converter duty cycle but does not change the inductor peak current or the falling slope of the inductor current. Therefore, the output current, given by the area *A* (Figure 14), remains constant over any input voltage variation. Because the area *A* is constant, the converter has an inherently perfect line regulation when operating in discontinuous conduction mode. Entering continuous conduction mode (CCM) linearly decreases the line-transient performance. However, the line-transient response in CCM is still as good as for any standard current-mode-controlled switching converter. The following formulas detail the relations of the TPS65136 converter topology operating in CCM.

Figure 14. Inherently Perfect Line-Transient Regulation

The converter always sees the sum of the negative and positive output voltage, which is calculated as:

$$
V_o = V_{\text{outp}} + |V_{\text{outn}}|
$$

The converter duty cycle is calculated using the efficiency estimation from the data sheet curves or from real application measurements. A 70% efficiency value is a good value to go through the calculations.

$$
D = \frac{V_o}{V_{in} \cdot \eta + V_o}
$$

The output current for entering continuous conduction mode can be calculated. The switching frequency can be obtained from the data sheet graphs. A frequency of 1.5 MHz is usually sufficient for these types of calculations.

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$$
I_c = \frac{V_o \cdot (1 - D)^2}{f_S \cdot 2 \cdot L} \tag{1}
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The inductor ripple current when operating in CCM can also be calculated.

$$
\Delta i_{L} = \frac{V_{in} \cdot D}{L \cdot f_{S}}
$$

Last but not least, the converter switch peak current is calculated.

$$
I_{sw} = \frac{V_{in} \cdot D}{2 \cdot f \cdot L} + \frac{I_{out}}{1 - D}
$$
 (2)

Overvoltage Protection

The device monitors both the positive and negative output voltages. The positive regulator monitors the positive output and reduces the current limit when the output voltage exceeds the overvoltage protection limit. The negative output is clamped using a zener diode, typically to –7.6 V.

Short-Circuit Protection

Both outputs are protected against short circuits either to GND or against the other output. For the positive output, the device switching frequency and the current limit are reduced in case of a short circuit.

Soft-Start Operation

The device increases the current limit during soft-start operation to avoid high inrush currents during start-up. The current limit typically ramps up to its full-current limit within 100 μ s.

Start-Up Sequencing

The TPS65136 includes an internal, fixed start-up sequence, where the negative output voltage rail comes up after the positive output voltage rail. The device starts the positive rail first, and an internal counter delays the start-up of the negative rail, typically by 8.7 ms. The negative rail is clamped, typically to –0.4 V, until the internal timer commands the negative rail to start up.

Figure 15. Start-Up Sequencing

Output-Current Mismatch

The device operates best when the current of the positive output is similar to the current of the negative output. However, the device is able to regulate an output-current mismatch between the outputs of up to 30%. If the output-current mismatch becomes much larger, then one of the outputs goes out of regulation.

Input Capacitor Selection

The device typically requires a 10-µF ceramic input capacitor. Larger values can be used to lower the input voltage ripple. [Table 1](#page-11-0) lists capacitors suitable for use on the TPS65136 input.

Table 1. Input Capacitor Selection

Inductor Selection/Efficiency/Line-Transient Response

The device is internally compensated and provides stable operation with either a 4.7-µH or 2.2-µH inductor. For this type of converter, the inductor selection is a key element in the design process, because it has an impact on several application parameters. The inductor selection influences the converter efficiency, line transient response, and maximum output current. Because the inductor ripple current is fairly large in this type of application, the inductor has a major impact on the overall converter efficiency. Having large inductor ripple current causes the inductor core and magnetizing losses to become dominant. Due to this, an inductor with a larger dc winding resistance can possibly achieve higher converter efficiencies when having lower core and magnetizing losses. Therefore, minimizing inductor ripple current also increases the overall converter efficiency. A 4.7-µH inductor achieves a higher efficiency compared to a 2.2-µH inductor, due to lower inductor ripple current. The inductor value also influences the line transient regulation. This is because the inductor value influences the current range entering continuous conduction mode (CCM). As discussed, the line transient performance decreases when entering CCM. The larger the inductor value, the lower the load current when entering CCM. The formula to calculate the current entering CCM is shown in [Equation 1](#page-10-0). The inductors listed in Table 2 achieve a good overall converter efficiency while having a low device profile of just 0,8 mm. The inductor saturation current should be 900 mA, depending on the maximum output current of the application. See [Equation 2](#page-10-0), where the converter switch current limit is calculated. The converter switch current is equal to the peak inductor current.

Output Capacitor Selection

A 4.7-µF output capacitor is generally sufficient for most applications, but larger values can be used as well for improved line-transient response at higher load currents. The capacitor of Table 3 is recommended for use with the TPS65136.

Setting the Negative Output Voltage OUTN

For highest output-voltage accuracy, the TPS65136 has an internally fixed output voltage for the positive output. The negative output voltage is adjustable. Because the feedback FBG is regulated to ground, the voltage across R1 is equal to the positive output voltage of 4.6 V. R1 is selected to have at least 10 µA through the feedback divider.

$$
R1 = \frac{4.6 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ }\mu\text{A}} \approx 464 \text{ k}\Omega
$$

R2 is then calculated as:

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R2 = \frac{|V_{\text{neg}}|}{4.6 \text{ V}} \times R1
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PCB Layout Guidelines

PCB layout is an important task in the power supply design. Good PCB layout minimizes EMI and allows very good output voltage regulation. For the TPS65136, the following PCB layout guidelines are recommended.

Place the power components first. The inductor and the input and output capacitors must be as close as possible to the IC pins. Place the bypass capacitor for the reference output voltage VAUX as close as possible to pin 4. Use bold and wide traces for power traces connecting the inductor and input and output capacitors. Use a common ground plane or a start ground connection.

See the TPS65136EVM-063 user's guide ([SLVU244\)](http://www-s.ti.com/sc/techlit/SLVU244) and evaluation module for a PCB layout example.

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Figure 16. Standard Application AMOLED Supply

PACKAGING INFORMATION

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PACKAGE MATERIALS INFORMATION

*All dimensions are nominal

GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

RTE 16 WQFN - 0.8 mm max height

3 x 3, 0.5 mm pitch PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

This image is a representation of the package family, actual package may vary. Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

PACKAGE OUTLINE

RTE0016C WQFN - 0.8 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- 3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

RTE0016C WQFN - 0.8 mm max height

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4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).

5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RTE0016C WQFN - 0.8 mm max height

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