

FAN5361 6MHz, 600mA TinyBuck[™] Synchronous Buck Regulator

Features

- 6MHz Fixed-Frequency Operation
- 35µA Typical Quiescent Current
- Best-in-Class Load Transient
- 600mA Output Current Capability
- 2.3V to 5.5V Input Voltage Range
- 1.0 to 1.82V Fixed Output Voltage
- Low Ripple Light-Load PFM Mode
- Forced PWM and External Clock Synchronization
- Internal Soft-Start
- Input Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)
- Thermal Shutdown and Overload Protection
- 6-bump WLCSP, 0.4mm Pitch
- 6-pin 2 x 2mm UMLP

Applications

- Cell Phones
- Portable Media Players
- WLAN, 3G, and 4G Data Cards

Description

The FAN5361 is a 600mA, step-down, switching voltage regulator that delivers a fixed output from an input voltage supply of 2.3V to 5.5V. Using a proprietary architecture with synchronous rectification, the FAN5361 is capable of delivering a peak efficiency of 92%, while maintaining efficiency over 80% at load currents as low as 1mA.

The regulator operates at a nominal fixed frequency of 6MHz, which reduces the value of the external components to 470nH for the output inductor and 4.7µF for the output capacitor. The PWM modulator can be synchronized to an external frequency source.

At moderate and light loads, pulse frequency modulation is used to operate the device in power-save mode with a typical quiescent current of 35µA. Even with such a low quiescent current, the part exhibits excellent transient response during large load swings. At higher loads, the system automatically switches to fixed-frequency control, operating at 6MHz. In shutdown mode, the supply current drops below 1µA, reducing power consumption. For applications that require minimum ripple or fixed frequency, PFM mode can be disabled using the MODE pin.

The FAN5361 is available in 6-bump, 0.4mm pitch, Wafer-Level Chip-Scale Package (WLCSP) and a 6-lead 2 x 2mm ultra-thin MLP package.

Ordering Information

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Notes:

- 1. Other voltage options available on request. Contact a Fairchild representative.
- 2. Preliminary release.

Pin Configuration

Pin Definitions

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

Note:

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

Recommended Operating Conditions

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

Thermal Properties

Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance is a function of application and board layout. This data is measured with four-layer 1s2p boards in accordance to JEDEC standard JESD51. Special attention must be paid not to exceed junction temperature $T_{J(max)}$ at a given ambient temperate T_A .

Electrical Characteristics

Minimum and maximum values are at V_{IN} = V_{EN} = 2.3V to 5.5V, AUTO Mode, T_A = -40°C to +85°C; circuit of Figure 1, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, $V_{IN} = V_{EN} = 3.6V$.

Notes:

4. Limited by the effect of t_{OFF} minimum *(see Figure 13 in Typical Performance Characteristics)*.

Figure 5. Efficiency vs. Load Current vs. Input Supply Figure 6. Efficiency vs. Load Current vs. Temperature

50% 55% 60% 65% 70% 75% 80% 85% 90% 95% 100% 1 10 100 1000 1000 **I LOAD Output Current (mA) Efficiency** Auto PFM/PWM Forced PWM

Figure 7. Efficiency vs. Load Current vs. Input Supply Figure 8. Efficiency, Auto PWM/PFM vs. Forced PWM

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Typical Performance Characteristics (Continued)

Unless otherwise noted, $V_{IN} = V_{EN} = 3.6V$, $V_{MODE} = 0V$, $V_{OUT} = 1.82V$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C.

 $\mathbf{0}$. 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 **ILOAD Output Current (A) VOUT Ripple (mVpp)** $-2.5V$ IN -3.6 VIN $-5.5V$ IN V_{OUT} =1.2V C_{OUT} =4.7µF nom.

Figure 11. Peak-to-Peak Output Voltage Ripple Figure 12. 1.2VOUT Peak-to-Peak Output Voltage Ripple

Figure 13. Effect of t_{OFF(MIN)} on Switching Frequency Figure 14. 1.2V_{OUT} Effect of t_{OFF(MIN)} on **Switching Frequency Switching Frequency**

Figure 17. Quiescent Curent vs. Input Voltage Figure 18. Load Regulation, Auto PFM / PWM and Forced PWM

Figure 24. Load Transient 0 to 150mA, 2.5VIN Figure 25. Load Transient 50 to 250mA, 2.5V_{IN}

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Typical Performance Characteristics (Continued)

Operation Description

The FAN5361 is a 600mA, step-down, switching voltage regulator that delivers a fixed output from an input voltage supply of 2.3V to 5.5V. Using a proprietary architecture with synchronous rectification, the FAN5361 is capable of delivering a peak efficiency of 92%, while maintaining efficiency over 80% at load currents as low as 1mA. The regulator operates at a nominal frequency of 6MHz at full load, which reduces the value of the external components to 470nH for the inductor and 4.7µF for the output capacitor.

Control Scheme

The FAN5361 uses a proprietary, non-linear, fixed-frequency PWM modulator to deliver a fast load transient response, while maintaining a constant switching frequency over a wide range of operating conditions. The regulator performance is independent of the output capacitor ESR, allowing for the use of ceramic output capacitors. Although this type of operation normally results in a switching frequency that varies with input voltage and load current, an internal frequency loop holds the switching frequency constant over a large range of input voltages and load currents.

For very light loads, the FAN5361 operates in discontinuous current (DCM) single-pulse PFM mode, which produces low output ripple compared with other PFM architectures. Transition between PWM and PFM is seamless, with a glitch of less than 18mV at V_{OUT} during the transition between DCM and CCM modes.

Combined with exceptional transient response characteristics, the very low quiescent current of the controller (35µA) maintains high efficiency; even at very light loads, while preserving fast transient response for applications requiring tight output regulation.

Enable and Soft-Start

Maintaining the EN pin LOW keeps the FAN5361 in nonswitching mode, in which all circuits are off and the part draws ~50nA of current. Increasing EN above its threshold voltage activates the part and starts the soft-start cycle. The output ramp during soft-start is a fixed slew rate of 50mV/μs from 0 to 1V_{OUT}, then 25mV/us for 1.82V_{OUT} or 12mV/us for 1.2V_{OUT} until the output reaches its setpoint.

MODE pin

Logic 1 on this pin forces the IC to stay in PWM mode. A logic 0 allows the IC to automatically switch to PFM during light loads. If the MODE pin is toggled, the converter synchronizes its switching frequency to four times the frequency on the mode pin (f_{MODE}). The mode pin must be held LOW for at least 10μs or HIGH for 10μs to ensure that the converter does not attempt to synchronize to this pin.

Current Limit, Fault Shutdown, and Restart

A heavy load or short circuit on the output causes the current in the inductor to increase until a maximum current threshold is reached in the high-side switch. Upon reaching this point, the high-side switch turns off, preventing high currents from causing damage. The regulator continues to limit the current cycle-by-cycle. After 21µs of current limit, the regulator triggers an over-current fault, causing the regulator to shut down for about 86μs before attempting a restart.

If the fault was caused by short circuit, the soft-start circuit attempts to restart at 33% of normal current limit and produces an over-current fault after about 21μs, which results in a duty cycle of less than 25% providing current into a short.

Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

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

Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

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

Minimum Off-Time Effect on Switching Frequency

 $t_{\text{OFF(MIN)}}$ is 50ns. This imposes constraints on the maximum

IN V V_{OUT} that the FAN5361 can provide, while maintaining a

fixed switching frequency in PWM mode.

$$
\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \le 1 - t_{OFF(MIN)} \bullet f_{SW} \approx 0.7
$$

$$
f_{SW} \approx \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{50ns \bullet V_{IN}}
$$

The switching frequency drops when the regulator cannot provide sufficient duty cycle at 6Mhz to maintain regulation. This occurs when V_{OUT} is 1.8V or 1.82V and V_{IN} is below 3V at high load currents *(see Figure 13)*.

The calculation for switching frequency is given by:

$$
f_{SW} = \min\left(\frac{1}{t_{SW(MAX)}}, \frac{1}{166.6ns}\right)
$$
 (1)

where:

$$
t_{SW(MAX)} = 50ns \bullet \left(1 + \frac{V_{OUT} + I_{OUT} \bullet R_{OFF}}{V_{IN} - I_{OUT} \bullet R_{ON} - V_{OUT}}\right)
$$
 (2)

where:

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

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

Applications Information

Selecting the Inductor

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

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

$$
\Delta I \approx \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \bullet \left(\frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L \bullet f_{SW}} \right) \tag{3}
$$

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

$$
I_{MAX(LOAD)} = I_{LIM(PK)} - \frac{\Delta I}{2}
$$
 (4)

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

$$
I_{DCM} = \frac{\Delta I}{2}
$$
 (5)

The FAN5361 is optimized for operation with $L = 470$ nH, but is stable with inductances up to 1.2μH (nominal). The inductor should be rated to maintain at least 80% of its value at $I_{LIM(PK)}$.

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

$$
I_{RMS} = \sqrt{I_{OUT(DC)}^2 + \frac{\Delta I^2}{12}}
$$
 (6)

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

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

Table 1 shows the effects of inductance higher or lower than the recommended 470nH on regulator performance.

Output Capacitor

Table 2 suggests 0402 capacitors. 0603 capacitors may further improve performance in that the effective capacitance is higher. This improves transient response and output ripple.

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

$$
\Delta V_{OUT} = \Delta I \bullet \left(\frac{1}{8 \bullet C_{OUT} \bullet f_{SW}} + ESR\right)
$$
 (7)

Input Capacitor

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

The effective capacitance value decreases as VIN increases due to DC Bias effects. This has no significant impact on regulator performance.

Table 1. Effects of Changes in Inductor Value (from 470nH Recommended Value) on Regulator Performance

Table 2. Recommended Passive Components and their Variation Due to DC Bias

PCB Layout Guidelines

There are only three external components: the inductor and the input and output capacitors. For any buck switcher IC, including the FAN5361, it is important to place a low-ESR input capacitor very close to the IC, as shown in Figure 41. The input capacitor ensures good input decoupling, which helps reduce noise appearing at the output terminals and ensures that the control sections of the IC do not behave

erratically due to excessive noise. This reduces switching cycle jitter and ensures good overall performance. It is important to place the common GND of C_{IN} and C_{OUT} as close as possible to the FAN5361 C2 terminal. There is some flexibility in moving the inductor further away from the IC; in that case, V_{OUT} should be considered at the C_{OUT} terminal.

Figure 42. 6-Bump WLCSP, 0.4mm Pitch

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