ZVS Regulators PI3741-0x

21V to 60V_{IN}, 150W ZVS Buck-Boost Regulator

Product Description

The PI3741-0x series is a high efficiency, wide range DC-DC ZVS Buck-Boost Regulator with two output range configurations that utilize the same high-density System-in-Package (SiP). Integrating controller, power switches, support components and a high-performance Zero-Voltage Switching (ZVS) topology within the PI3741-0x increases point-of-load performance while providing best-in-class power efficiency.

The PI3741-0x requires an external inductor, resistive divider and minimal capacitors to form a complete DC-DC switching mode buck-boost regulator.

The ZVS architecture also enables high-frequency operation while minimizing switching losses and maximizing efficiency. The high switching frequency operation reduces the size of the external filtering components, improves power density, and enables fast dynamic response to line and load transients.

Features & Benefits

- Up to 97% efficiency
- 150W of continuous output power (for specific conditions)
- Fast transient response
- Parallel capable with single-wire current sharing
- External frequency synchronization / interleaving
- High-Side Current Sense Amplifier
- General Purpose Amplifier
- Input Over/Undervoltage Lockout (OVLO/UVLO)
- Output Overvoltage Protection (OVP)
- Overtemperature Protection (OTP)
- Fast and slow current limits
- -40 to 115°C operating range (T_J)
- Excellent light-load efficiency

Applications

- Telecom, Networking, Lighting
- Computing, Communications, Industrial
- Renewable Energy Systems

Package Information

• 10 x 14 x 2.56mm LGA SiP

Typical Application

Rated Output Current / Power

Output Current of PI3741-01-LGIZ Output Power of PI3741-01-LGIZ

Output Current of PI3741-00-LGIZ Output Power of PI3741-00-LGIZ

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Order Information

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Note: Stresses beyond these limits may cause permanent damage to the device. Operation at these conditions or conditions beyond those listed in the Electrical Specifications table is not guaranteed. All voltage nodes are referenced to PGND unless otherwise noted.

[1] Non-Operating Test Mode Limits.

^[2] The ISP pin to ISN pin has a maximum differential limit of $+5.5V_{DC}$ and -0.5V_{DC}.

Pin Description

Package Pin-Out

Large Pin Blocks

Storage and Handling Information

[3] JS-200-2014, JESD22-A114F.

Block Diagram

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PI3741-00-LGIZ Electrical Characteristics

Specifications apply for the conditions -40°C < T_J < 115°C, V_{IN} = 48V, V_{OUT} = 24V, L_{EXT} = 900nH ^[4], external C_{IN} = 5 x 2.2µF, external C_{OUT} = 8 x 2.2µF, unless otherwise noted.

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PI3741-00-LGIZ Performance Characteristics T_A = 25°C

Figure 1 — 24VOUT Efficiency

Figure 2 — 21VOUT Efficiency

Figure 3 — 36VOUT Efficiency

Figure 5 — $60V_{IN}$ to $21V_{OUT}$, C_{OUT} = 8 x 2.2µF Ceramic *5.72A to 2.86A Load Step, 0.1A/µs*

Figure 6 — 21 V_{IN} to 36 V_{OUT} , C_{OUT} = 8 x 2.2µF Ceramic *3.34A to 1.67A Load Step, 0.1A/µs*

PI3741-00-LGIZ Performance Characteristics T_A = 25°C (Cont.)

*Figure 7 — Switching Frequency vs. Output Current @ 24V*_{OUT}

Figure 8 — Switching Frequency vs. Output Current @ 21V_{OUT}

Figure 9 — Switching Frequency vs. Output Current @ 36VOUT

Figure 11 — Output voltage ripple at $48V_{IN}$ to $24V_{OUT}$, 5.42A; *COUT = 8 x 2.2µF Ceramic*

PI3741-00-LGIZ Efficiency & Power Loss T_A = 25°C^[7] (Cont.)

Figure 12 — 24V_{OUT} Efficiency and Power Dissipation at maximum *current (4.17A) over full input dynamic range*

Figure 13 — 21VOUT Efficiency and Power Dissipation at maximum current (4.29A) over full input dynamic range

Figure 14 — 36VOUT Efficiency and Power Dissipation at maximum current (3.34A) over full input dynamic range

[7] Note: Testing was performed using a 3in. x 3in., four 2oz. copper layers, FR4 evaluation board platform.

PI3741-01-LGIZ Performance Characteristics T_A = 25°C

Figure 15 — 48VOUT Efficiency

Figure 16 — 36VOUT Efficiency

Figure 17 — 54VOUT Efficiency

Figure 18 — $48V_{IN}$ to $48V_{OUT}$, C_{OUT} = 8 x 2.2µF Ceramic *3.13A to 1.57A Load Step, 0.1A/µs*

Figure 19 — $60V_{IN}$ *to* $36V_{OUT}$ *,* C_{OUT} = $8 \times 2.2 \mu F$ Ceramic *4.17A to 2.09A Load Step, 0.1A/µs*

Figure 20 — 21V_{IN} to 54V_{OUT}, C_{OUT} = 8 x 2.2µF Ceramic *1.86A to 0.93A Load Step, 0.1A/µs*

*Figure 21 — Switching Frequency vs. Output Current @ 48V*_{OUT}

*Figure 22 — Switching Frequency vs. Output Current @ 36V*_{OUT}

*Figure 23 — Switching Frequency vs. Output Current @ 54V*_{*OUT}*</sub>

Figure 24 — *Start-up with 48V_{IN}* to 48V_{OUT} at 3.13A, Ext C_{SS} = OµF

Figure 25 — Output voltage ripple at 48V_{IN} to 48V_{OUT} 3.13A; COUT = 8 x 2.2µF Ceramic

PI3741-01-LGIZ Efficiency & Power Loss T_A = 25°C ^[7] (Cont.)

Figure 26 — 48V_{OUT} Efficiency and Power Dissipation at maximum *current (2.09A) over full input dynamic range*

Figure 27 — 36VOUT Efficiency and Power Dissipation at maximum current (2.78A) over full input dynamic range

Figure 28 — 54V_{OUT} Efficiency and Power Dissipation at maximum *current (1.86A) over full input dynamic range*

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Figure 29 — PI3741-0x calculated MTBF Telcordia SR-332 GB

Functional Description

The PI3741-0x is a family of highly integrated ZVS Buck-Boost regulators. The PI3741-0x has an adjustable output voltage that is set with a resistive divider. Performance and maximum output current are characterized with a specific external power inductor as defined in the electrical specifications, and in the inductor pairing section.

Figure 30 — ZVS Buck-Boost with required components

For basic operation, Figure 30 shows the minimum connections and components required.

Enable

The EN pin of the regulator is referenced to SGND and permits the user to turn the regulator on or off. The EN polarity is a positive logic assertion. If the EN pin is left floating or asserted high, the regulator output is enabled. Pulling the EN pin below $0.8V_{DC}$ with respect to SGND will discharge the SS/TRK pin until the output reaches zero or the EN pin is released. When the converter is disabled via the EN pin or due to a fault mode, the internal gate driver high side charge pumps are enabled as long as there is enough input voltage for the internal VDR supply voltage to be available. The return path for this charge pump supply is through the output. If the output load is disconnected or high impedance, the output capacitors will float up to about 3.4V maximum, sourced by 960µA of leakage current. This pre-biased condition poses no issue for the converter. The 960µA leakage current may be safely bypassed to SGND. A simple application circuit is available to bypass this current in a non-dissipative manner. Please contact Applications Engineering for details.

Switching Frequency Synchronization

The SYNCI input allows the user to synchronize the controller switching frequency to the falling edge of an external clock referenced to SGND. The external clock can synchronize the unit between 50% and 110% of the preset switching frequency (F_{SW}). The SYNCI pin should be connected to SGND when not in use, and should never be left floating.

Soft-Start and Tracking

The PI3741-0x provides a soft start and tracking feature using the TRK pin. Programmable Soft Start requires an external capacitor from the TRK pin to SGND in addition to the internal 47nF soft-start capacitor to set the start-up ramp period greater than t_{ss} . The PI3741-0x internal reference and regulated output will proportionally follow the TRK ramp when it is below $1.7V_{DC}$. When the ramp is greater than $1.7V_{DC}$, the internal reference will remain at 1.7 V_{DC} while the TRK ramp rises and clamps at 2.5 V_{DC} . If the TRK pin goes below the disable threshold, the regulator will finish the current switching cycle and then stop switching.

Remote Sensing Differential Amplifier

A general purpose operational amplifier is provided to assist with differential remote sensing and/or level shifting of the output voltage. The VDIFF pin can be connected to the transconductance error amplifier input EAIN pin, or with proper configuration can also be connected to the EAO pin to drive the modulator directly. If unused, connect in unity gain with VSP connected to SGND.

Power Good

The PI3741-0x PGD pin functions as a power good indicator and pulls low when the regulator is not operating or if EAIN is less than 1.4V.

Output Current Limit Protection

PI3741-0x has three methods implemented to protect from output short circuit or over current condition.

Slow Current Limit protection: prevents the regulator load from sourcing current higher than the maximum rated regulator current. If the output current exceeds the V_{OUT} Slow Current Limit $(V_{\text{OUT-SCI}})$ a slow current limit fault is initiated and the regulator is shutdown, which eliminates output current flow. After the Fault Restart Delay (t_{FR-DIV}), a soft-start cycle is initiated. This restart cycle will be repeated indefinitely until the excessive load is removed.

Fast Current Limit protection: monitors the external inductor current pulse-by-pulse to prevent the output from supplying saturation current. If the regulator senses a high inductor current pulse, it will initiate a fault and stop switching. After the Fault Restart Delay (t_{FR-DIY}), a soft-start cycle is initiated. This restart cycle will be repeated indefinitely until the excessive load is removed.

Overload Timeout protection: If the regulator is providing greater than the maximum output power for longer than the Overload Timeout delay (T_{OL}) , it will initiate a fault and stop switching. After Fault Restart Delay (t_{FR_DLY}), a soft-start cycle is initiated. This restart cycle will be repeated indefinitely until the overload load is removed.

Input Undervoltage Lockout

If V_{IN} falls below the input Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) threshold, the PI3741-0x will complete the current cycle and stop switching. The system will restart once the input voltage is reestablished and after the Fault Restart Delay.

Input Overvoltage Lockout

If V_{IN} rises above the input Overvoltage Lockout (OVLO) threshold, the PI3741-0x will complete the current cycle and stop switching. The system will restart once the input voltage is reestablished and after the Fault Restart Delay.

Output Overvoltage Protection

The PI3741-0x family is equipped with two methods of detecting an output over voltage condition. To prevent damage to input voltage sensitive devices, if the output voltage exceeds 20% of its set regulated value as measured by the EAIN pin ($V_{FAIN-OV}$), the regulator will complete the current cycle, stop switching and issue an OVP fault. Also if the output voltage of the regulator exceeds the V_{OUT} Overvoltage Threshold (V_{OUT_OVT}) then the regulator will complete the current cycle, stop switching and issue an OVP fault. The system will resume operation once the output voltage falls below the OVP threshold and after Fault Restart Delay.

Overtemperature Protection

The internal package temperature is monitored to prevent internal components from reaching their thermal maximum. If the Overtemperature Protection threshold is exceeded (T_{OTP}) , the regulator will complete the current switching cycle, enter a low power mode, set a fault flag, and will soft-start when the internal temperature decreases by more than the Overtemperature Restart Hysteresis (T_{OTP HYS}).

Pulse Skip Mode (PSM)

PI3741-0x features a hysteretic Pulse Skip Mode to achieve high efficiency at light loads. The regulator is setup to skip pulses if V_{FAO} falls below the Pulse Skip Threshold ($V_{FAO-PST}$). Depending on conditions and component values, this may result in single pulses or several consecutive pulses followed by skipped pulses. Skipping cycles significantly reduces gate drive power and improves light load efficiency. The regulator will leave Pulse Skip Mode once the control node rises above the Pulse Skip Mode threshold ($V_{EAO-PST}$).

Variable Frequency Operation

The PI3741-0x is preprogrammed to a fixed, maximum, base operating frequency. The frequency is selected with respect to the required power stage inductor to operate at peak efficiency across line and load variations. The switching frequency period will stretch as needed during each cycle to accommodate low line and or high load conditions. By stretching the switching frequency period, thus decreasing the switching frequency, the ZVS operation is preserved throughout the input line voltage range maintaining optimum efficiency.

IMON Amplifier

The PI3741-0x provides a differential amplifier with a level shifted, SGND referenced output, the IMON Pin, which is useful for sensing input or output current on high voltage rails. A fixed gain of 20:1 is provided over a large common mode range. When using the amplifier, the ISN pin must be referenced to the common mode voltage of the ISP pin for proper operation. See Absolute Maximum Ratings for more information. If not in use, the ISN and ISP pins should be connected to SGND and the IMON pin left floating.

Application Description

Output Voltage Trim

The output voltage can be adjusted by feeding back a portion of the desired output through a voltage divider to the error amplifier's input (see Figure 30). Equation 1 can be used to determine resistor values needed for the voltage divider.

$$
RI = R2 \cdot \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{I.7} - I\right) \tag{1}
$$

The R2 value is selected by the user; a 1.07kΩ resistor value is recommended.

If, for example, a 24V output is needed, the user can select a 1.07kΩ (1%) resistor for R2 and use Equation (1) to calculate R1. Once R1 value is calculated, the user should select the nearest resistor value available. In this example, R1 is 14.03kΩ so a 14.0kΩ should be selected.

Soft-Start Adjustment and Tracking

The TRK pin offers a means to increase the regulator's soft-start time or to track with additional regulators. The soft-start slope is controlled by an internal 47nF and a fixed charge current to provide a minimum startup time of 1.6ms (typical). By adding an external capacitor to the TRK pin, the soft-start time can be increased further. The following equation can be used to calculate the proper capacitor for a desired soft-start times:

$$
C_{TRK} = \frac{(t_{TRK} \cdot I_{SS})}{1.7} - 47 \cdot 10^{-9} \tag{2}
$$

Where, t_{TRK} is the desired soft-start time and I_{SS} is the TRK pin source current (see Electrical Characteristics for limits).

The PI3741-0x allows the tracking of multiple like regulators. Two methods of tracking can be chosen: proportional or direct tracking. Proportional tracking will force all connected regulators to startup and reach regulation at the same time (see Figure 31 (a)). To implement proportional tracking, simply connect all devices TRK pins together.

Figure 31 — PI3741-0x tracking methods

For Direct Tracking, choose the regulator with the highest output voltage as the parent and connect the parent to the TRK pin of the other regulators through a divider (Figure 32) with the same ratio as the child's feedback divider (see Output Voltage Trim). The TRK pin should not be driven without 1k minimum series resistance.

Figure 32 — Voltage divider connections for direct tracking

All connected regulators' soft-start slopes will track with this method. Direct tracking timing is demonstrated in Figure 31 (b). All tracking regulators should have their Enable (EN) pins connected together for proper operation.

Inductor Pairing

Operations and characterization of the PI3741-0x was performed using a 900nH inductor, Part # HCV1206-R90-R, manufactured by Eaton. This Inductor has a form factor of 12.5mm x 10mm x 5mm. No other inductor is recommended for use with the PI3741-0x. For additional inductor information and sourcing, please contact Eaton directly.

Filter Considerations

The PI3741-0x requires low impedance ceramic input capacitors (X7R/X5R or equivalent) to ensure proper start up and high frequency decoupling for the power stage. The PI3741-0x will draw nearly all of the high frequency current from the low impedance ceramic capacitors when the main high side MOSFET(s) are conducting. During the time the MOSFET(s) are off, the input capacitors are replenished from the source. Table 1 shows the recommended input and output capacitors to be used for the PI3741-0x. Divide the total RMS current by the number of ceramic capacitors used to calculate the individual capacitor's RMS current. Table 2 includes the recommended input and output ceramic capacitor. It is very important to verify that the voltage supply source as well as the interconnecting line are stable and do not oscillate.

Input Filter case 1; Inductive source and local, external, input decoupling capacitance with negligible ESR (i.e.: ceramic type)

The voltage source impedance can be modeled as a series R_{line} L_{line} circuit. The high performance ceramic decoupling capacitors will not significantly damp the network because of their low ESR; therefore in order to guarantee stability the following conditions must be verified:

$$
R_{line} > \frac{L_{line}}{\left(C_{IN_INT} + C_{IN_EXT}\right) \cdot |r_{EQ_IN}|}
$$
\n(3)

$$
R_{\text{line}} \ll |r_{\text{EQ_IN}}| \tag{4}
$$

Where $r_{EQ|N}$ can be calculated by dividing the lowest line voltage by the full load input current. It is critical that the line source impedance be at least an octave lower than the converter's dynamic input resistance, Equation (4) . However, R_{line} cannot be made arbitrarily low otherwise Equation (3) is violated and the system will show instability, due to under-damped RLC input network.

Input Filter case 2; Inductive source and local, external input decoupling capacitance with significant RCIN_EXT ESR (i.e.: electrolytic type)

In order to simplify the analysis in this case, the voltage source impedance can be modeled as a simple inductor L_{line} . Notice that the high performance ceramic capacitors C_{IN} _{INT} within the PI3741-0x should be included in the external electrolytic capacitance value for this purpose. The stability criteria will be:

$$
|r_{EQ_IN}| > R_{C_{IN_EXT}} \tag{5}
$$

$$
\frac{L_{\text{line}}}{C_{\text{IN_INT}} \cdot R_{\text{C}_{\text{IN_EXT}}}} < |r_{\text{EQ_IN}}| \tag{6}
$$

Equation (6) shows that if the aggregate ESR is too small – for example by using very high quality input capacitors (C_{IN-EXT}) – the system will be under-damped and may even become destabilized. Again, an octave of design margin in satisfying Equation (5) should be considered the minimum.

Note: When applying an electrolytic capacitor for input filter damping the ESR value must be chosen to avoid loss of converter efficiency and excessive power dissipation in the electrolytic capacitor.

Table 2 — Capacitor manufacturer part numbers

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Table 3 — Typical input and output ripple current/voltage with the recommended input and output capacitor recommended in Tables 1 and 2.

Thermal Design

Figure 33 (a) shows a thermal impedance model that can predict the maximum temperature of the highest temperature component for a given operating condition. This model assumes that all customer PCB connections are at one temperature, which is PCB equivalent Temperature TPCB °C. The model can be simplified as shown in Figure 33 (b).

Figure 33 — PI3741-0x SiP Thermal Model (a) and its simplified version (b).

Where the symbol in Figure 33 is defined as the following:

The following equation can predict the junction temperature based on the heat load applied to the SiP and the known ambient conditions with the simplified thermal circuit model:

$$
T_{INT} = \frac{PD + \frac{T_{TOP}}{\theta_{INT-TOP}} + \frac{T_{PCB}}{\theta_{INT-PCB}}}{I + \frac{I}{\theta_{INT-PCB}}}
$$
(7)

Table 4 — PI3741-0x SiP Thermal Impedance

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Figure 34 (a) shows a thermal impedance model that can predict the maximum hot spot temperature of the inductor for a given operating condition. This model assumes that all customer PCB connections are at one temperature, which is PCB equivalent Temperature T_{PCB} °C. If the inductor top and bottom are not mounted to a heat sink, the simplified model is parallel combination of all resistances that connect to the PCB. The model can be simplified as shown in Figure 34 (b).

Figure 34 — PI3741-0x Inductor Thermal Impedance Model

Where the symbol in Figure 34 is defined as the following:

The following equation can predict the junction temperature based on the heat load applied to the inductor and the known ambient conditions with the simplified thermal circuit model:

$$
T_{\text{HOT SPOT}} = \frac{PD + \frac{T_{\text{TOP}}}{\theta_{\text{INT-TOP}}} + \frac{T_{\text{PCB}}}{\theta_{\text{INT-PCB}}}}{I}
$$
(8)

Table 5 — PI3741-0x Inductor Thermal Impedance

An estimation of SiP power loss to total loss percentage is shown in the following charts.

PI3741-00-LGIZ Percentage of SiP Loss to Total Loss

Figure $35 - V_{OUT} = 21V$

Figure 36 — $V_{OUT} = 24V$

Figure 37 — V_{OUT} *= 28V*

PI3741-01-LGIZ Percentage of SiP Loss to Total Loss

Figure 40 — V_{OUT} = 36 V

Figure 41 — $V_{OUT} = 40V$

Figure 42 — $V_{OUT} = 44V$

Figure 45 — V_{OUT} *= 54V*

Evaluation Board Thermal De-rating

Thermal de-rating curves are provided that are based on component temperature changes versus load current, input voltage and no air flow. It is recommended to use these curves as a guideline for proper thermal de-rating. These curves represent the entire system and are inclusive to both the Vicor SiP and the external inductor. Maximum thermal operation is limited by either the MOSFETs or inductor depending upon line and load conditions.

All thermal testing was performed using a 3in. x 3in., four 2oz. copper layers, FR4 evaluation board platform. Thermal measurements were made on the four internal MOSFETS and the external inductor.

Figure 46 — Thermal de-rating for PI3741-00 evaluation board at VOUT = 21V, 0LFM

Figure 47 — Thermal de-rating PI3741-00 evaluation board at VOUT = 24V, 0LFM

Figure 48 — Thermal de-rating for PI3741-00 evaluation board at VOUT = 36V, 0LFM

Evaluation Board Thermal De-rating (Cont.)

Figure 49 — Thermal de-rating for PI3741-01 evaluation board at VOUT = 36V, 0LFM

Figure 50 — Thermal de-rating PI3741-01 evaluation board at VOUT = 48V, 0LFM

Figure 51 — Thermal de-rating for PI3741-01 evaluation board at VOUT = 54V, 0LFM

Parallel Operation

PI3741-0x can be connected in parallel to increase the output capability of a single output rail. When connecting modules in parallel, each EAO, TRK and EN pin should be connected together. Current sharing will occur automatically in this manner so long as each inductor is the same value. EAIN pins should remain separated, each with an REA1 and REA2, to reject noise differences between different modules' SGND pins. Up to three modules may be connected in parallel. The modules current sharing accuracy is determined by the inductor tolerance $(\pm 10\%)$ and to a lesser extent, timing variation $(\pm 1.5\%)$. Current sharing may be considered independent of synchronization and/or interleaving. Modules do not have to be interleaved or synchronized to share current. The following equation determines the output capability of N modules (up to three) to be determined:

$$
I_{array} = I_{mod} + \left(I_{mod} \bullet (N - 1) \bullet 0.77\right) \tag{9}
$$

Where:

I_{array} is the maximum output current of the array

 I_{mod} is the maximum output per module

N is the number of modules

Figure 52 — PI3741-0x parallel operation

Synchronization

PI3741-0x units may be synchronized to an external clock by driving the SYNCI pin. The synchronization frequency must not be higher than the programmed maximum value F_{SW} . This is the switching frequency during DCM of operation. The minimum synchronization frequency is F_{SW} /2. In order to ensure proper power delivery during synchronization, the user should refer to the switching frequency vs. output current curves for the load current, output voltage and input voltage operating point. The synchronization frequency should not be lower than that determined by the curve or reduced output power will result. The power reduction is approximately the ratio between required frequency and synchronizing frequency. If the required frequency is 1MHz and the sync frequency is 600kHz, the user should expect a 40% reduction in output capability.

Interleaving

Interleaving is primarily done to reduce output ripple and the required number of output capacitors by introducing phase current cancellation. The PI3741-0x has a fixed delay that is proportional to the maximum value of F_{SW} shown in the data sheet. When connecting two units as showin in Figure 52, they will operate at 180 degrees out of phase when the converters switching frequency is equal to F_{SW} . If the converter enters CrCM and the switching frequency is lower than F_{SW} , the phase delay will no longer be 180 degrees and ripple cancellation will begin to decay. Interleaving when the switching frequency is reduced to lower than 80% of the programmed maximum value is not recommended.

VDR Bias Regulator

The VDR internal bias regulator is a ZVS switching regulator that resides internal to the PI3741-0x. It is intended strictly for use to power the internal controller and driver circuitry. The power capability of this regulator is sized only for the PI3741-0x, with adequate reserve for the application it was intended for. It may be used for as a pull-up source for open collector applications and for other very low power use with the following restrictions:

- \blacksquare No direct connection is allowed. Any noise source that can disturb the VDR voltage can also affect the internal controller operation.
- \blacksquare All loads must be locally de-coupled using a 0.1 \upmu F ceramic capacitor. This capacitor must be connected to the VDR output through a series resistor no smaller than 1kΩ which forms a loss pass filter and limits the total current to 5mA.

System Design Considerations

Inductive Loads

As with all power electronic applications, consideration must be given to driving inductive loads that may be exposed to a fault in the system which could result in consequences beyond the scope of the power supply primary protection mechanisms. An inductive load could be a filter, fan motor or even excessively long cables. Consider an instantaneous short circuit through an un-damped inductance that occurs when the output capacitors are already at an initial condition of fully charged. The only thing that limits the current is the inductance of the short circuit and any series resistance. Even if the power supply is off at the time of the short circuit, the current could ramp up in the external inductor and store considerable energy. The release of this energy will result in considerable ringing, with the possibility of ringing nodes connected to the output voltage below ground. The system designer should plan for this by considering the use of other external circuit protection such as load switches, fuses, and transient voltage protectors. The inductive filters should be critically damped to avoid excessive ringing or damaging voltages. Adding a high current Schottky diode from the output voltage to PGND close to the PI741-0x is recommended for these applications.

Low Voltage Operation

There is no isolation from an SELV (Safety-Extra-Low-Voltage) power system. Powering low voltage loads from input voltages as high as 60V may require additional consideration to protect low voltage circuits from excessive voltage in the event of a short circuit from input to output. A fast TVS (transient voltage suppressor) gating an external load switch is an example of such protection.

Package Drawings

- 0.00mm AND 0.25mm FROM TERMINAL TIP.
- 3. DIMENSION 'A' INCLUDES PACKAGE WARPAGE.

4. EXPOSED METALLIZED PADS ARE CU PADS WITH SURFACE FINISH PROTECTION.

5. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MM UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

6. ROHS COMPLIANT PER CST-0001LATEST REVISION.

Receiving PCB Pattern Design Recommendations

Recommended receiving footprint for PI3741-0x 10mm x 14mm package. All pads should have a final copper size of 0.55mm x 0.55mm, whether they are solder-mask defined or copper defined, on a 1mm x 1mm grid. All stencil openings are 0.45mm when using either a 5mil or 6mil stencil.

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