



±1%, Ultra-Low Output Voltage, Dual and Triple Linear n-FET Controllers

General Description

The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A ultra-low-output dual and triple LDO controllers allow flexible and inexpensive point-of-load voltage conversion in motherboards, desknotes, notebooks, and other applications.

These parts feature a 0.5V reference voltage with $\pm 1\%$ accuracy providing tight regulation of the output voltage. The MAX8563 has three n-channel MOSFET controller outputs, and the MAX8564/MAX8564A has two controller outputs.

Each controller output is adjustable from 0.5V to 3.3V when V_{DD} = 12V and between 0.5V and 1.8V when V_{DD} = 5V. Each output is independently enabled and asserts a POK signal when the output reaches 94% of the set value. Each output is protected against a soft short-circuit condition by an undervoltage comparator that disables the output when it drops to under 80% of the set voltage for more than 50µs. For a catastrophic short condition, the regulators are shut down immediately if the output drops below 60% of the set voltage.

The MAX8563 is available in a 16-pin QSOP package, and the MAX8564/MAX8564A are available in a 10-pin $\mu\text{MAX}^{(\!R\!)}$ package.

Applications

Motherboards Dual/Triple Power Supplies Desknotes and Notebooks Graphic Cards Ultra-Low-Dropout Voltage Regulators Low-Voltage DSP, µP, and Microcontroller Power Supplies

_Features

- MAX8563: 3 Outputs
- MAX8564/MAX8564A: 2 Outputs
- ±1% Feedback Regulation
- ♦ Adjustable Output Voltage Down to 0.5V
- Can Use Ceramic Output Capacitors
- Wide Supply Voltage Range Permits Operation from 5V or 12V Rails
- Individual Enable Control and POK Signal Allows Sequencing
- Overload Protection Against Soft Short-Circuit Condition
- Undervoltage Short-Circuit Protection
- Drive n-Channel MOSFETs

_Ordering Information

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN- PACKAGE	PKG CODE
MAX8563EEE	-40°C to +85°C	16 QSOP	E16-1
MAX8564EUB	-40°C to +85°C	10 µMAX	U10-2
MAX8564AEUB+	-40°C to +85°C	10 µMAX	U10-2
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+Denotes lead-free package

Pin Configurations appear at end of data sheet.

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Typical Operating Circuit



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

V_{DD} to GND-0.3V to +14V DRV1, DRV2, DRV3, EN1, EN2, EN3 to GND-0.3V to (V_{DD} + 0.3V) FB1, FB2, FB3, POK1, POK2, POK3 to GND-0.3V to +6V Continuous Power Dissipation (T_A = +70°C)

10-Pin µMAX (derate 5.6mW/°C above +70°C)......444.4mW 16-Pin QSOP (derate 8.3mW/°C above +70°C)......666.7mW

Operating Temperature Range	40°C to +85°C
Junction Temperature	+150°C
Storage Temperature Range	65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)	+300°C

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 in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{DD} = V_{EN1} = V_{EN2} = V_{EN3} = 5V, V_{GND} = 0V, T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS			ТҮР	МАХ	UNITS	
GENERAL	•						
V _{DD} Voltage Range			4.5		13.2	V	
V _{DD} Undervoltage-Lockout Threshold	Rising, 200mV hys	teresis (typ)	3.56	3.76	4.00	V	
N/ Original of the second Original to	$V_{EN} = V_{DD} = 12V$	(MAX8563)		930	1600	μA	
VDD Quiescent Current	$V_{EN} = V_{DD} = 12V$	(MAX8564/MAX8564A)		660	1200		
V _{DD} Shutdown Current	EN1 = EN2 = EN3	= GND, V _{DD} = 12V			25	μA	
LDOs	·		•				
	$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$		0.494	0.5	0.504		
FB_ Accuracy	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	C	0.489		0.509		
	$T_A = +25^{\circ}C$		-100		+100		
FB_ Input Blas Current	T _A = +85°C			-8		nA	
	MAX8563, MAX8564			100			
DRV_Soft-Start Charging Current	MAX8564A			10		μΑ	
		$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$	4			mA	
DRV_ Max Sourcing Current	$VFB_{} = 0.45V$	$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	3	7			
	$V_{FB} = 0.6V$	$T_A = 0^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$	3			mA	
DRV_ Max Sinking Current		$T_A = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +85^{\circ}C$	1.8	7			
	$V_{DD} = 5V, V_{FB} = 0.46V$		4.7			V	
DRV_Max voltage	V _{DD} = 13.2V, V _{FB} = 0.46V		8.0		10.9	v	
FB_ Slow Short-Circuit Threshold	Measured at FB_ (falling)		400		mV	
FB_ Fast Short-Circuit Threshold	Measured at FB_ (falling)			300		mV	
Slow Short-Circuit Timer				50		μs	
FB_ to DRV_ Transconductance			0.115	0.24	0.460	Mho	
LOGIC							
EN_ Input Low Level					0.7	V	
EN_ Input High Level			1.3			V	
	$V_{EN} = 0$ and V_{DD} ,	$T_A = +25^{\circ}C$	-0.1		+0.1		
EN_ IIIput Leakage Current	$V_{DD} = 13.2V$	T _A = +85°C		0.001		μΑ	

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(VDD = VEN1 = VEN2 = VEN3 = 5V, VGND = 0V, TA = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at TA = +25°C.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
POK_ Threshold Falling	Measured at FB_ (falling)	425	440	455	mV	
POK_ Threshold Rising at Startup	Measured at FB_ (rising)	455	470	485	mV	
POK_ Output Low Level	Sinking 1mA, V_{DD} = 4.5V, V_{FB}			0.1	V	
		$T_A = +25^{\circ}C$			0.1	
	vDD = 5.5v	T _A = +85°C		0.001		μΑ

Note 1: Specifications are production tested at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$. Maximum and minimum specifications over temperature are guaranteed by design.

(Circuit of Figure 1, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.)

VOUT2

V_{OUT1}

 $V_{DD} = 5V$

1.6

1.5

1.4

1.3

1.2

1.1

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OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V)



Typical Operating Characteristics





INPUT VOLTAGE (V)







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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$.)









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Functional Diagram



Pin Description

	NAME		
PIN	MAX8563	MAX8564/ MAX8564A	FUNCTION
1	DRV1	DRV1	Output n-MOSFET Drive. Drives the gate of an external n-channel MOSFET to regulate output 1. DRV1 is internally pulled to ground when EN1 is logic low. Connect an external series RC circuit for compensation. See the <i>Stability Compensation</i> section.
2	FB1	FB1	Feedback Input for Output 1. Connect to the center of a resistor-divider between output 1 and GND to set the output voltage of output 1. The feedback regulation voltage is 0.500V. See the <i>Output Voltage Setting</i> section.
3	EN1	EN1	Enable Control for Output 1. Drive logic high to enable output 1, or logic low to disable the output. Connect to V_{DD} for always-on operation.
4	POK1	POK1	Output 1 Power-Good Signal. Open-drain output pulls low when output 1 is 12% below the nominal regulated voltage.
5	GND	GND	Ground
6		POK2	Output 2 Power-Good Signal. Open-drain output pulls low when output 2 is 12% below the nominal regulated voltage.
	N.C.	_	No Internal Connection

Pin Description (continued)

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PIN	MAX8563	MAX8564/ MAX8564A	FUNCTION				
	— E		Enable Control for Output 2. Drive logic high to enable output 2, or logic low to disable the output. Connect to V_{DD} for always-on operation.				
7	DRV3 —		Output 3 n-MOSFET Drive. Drives the gate of an external n-channel MOSFET to regulate output 3. DRV3 is internally pulled to ground when EN3 is logic low. Connect an external series RC circuit for compensation. See the <i>Stability Compensation</i> section.				
0	— FB2		Feedback Input for Output 2. Connect to the center of a resistor-divider between output 2 and GND to set the output voltage of output 2. The feedback regulation voltage is 0.500V. See the <i>Output Voltage Setting</i> section.				
0	FB3		Feedback Input for Output 3. Connect to the center of a resistor-divider between output 3 and GND to set the output voltage of output 3. The feedback regulation voltage is 0.500V. See the <i>Output Voltage Setting</i> section.				
9	_	DRV2	Output 2 n-MOSFET Drive. Drives the gate of the external n-channel MOSFET to regulate output 2. DRV2 is internally pulled to ground when EN2 is logic low. Connect an external series RC circuit for compensation. See the <i>Stability Compensation</i> section.				
	EN3	_	Enable Control for Output 3. Drive logic high to enable output 3, or logic low to disable the output. Connect to V_{DD} for always-on operation.				
10	— V _{DD}		+5V or +12V Supply Input. Connect to external +5V or +12V supply rail. Bypass with a 0.1μ F ceramic or larger capacitor.				
10	POK3	_	Output 3 Power-Good Signal. Open-drain output pulls low when output 3 is 12% below the nominal regulated voltage.				
11	N.C.	—	No Internal Connection				
12	POK2	—	Output 2 Power-Good Signal. Open-drain output pulls low when output 2 is 12% below the nominal regulated voltage.				
13	EN2		Enable Control for Output 2. Drive logic high to enable output 2, or logic low to disable the output. Connect to a V_{DD} for always-on operation.				
14	FB2	_	Feedback Input for Output 2. Connect to the center of a resistor-divider between output 2 and GND to set the output voltage of output 2. The feedback regulation voltage is 0.500V. See the <i>Output Voltage Setting</i> section.				
15	DRV2		Output 2 n-MOSFET Drive. Drives the gate of the external n-channel MOSFET to regulate output 2. DRV2 is internally pulled to ground when EN2 is logic low. Connect an external series RC circuit for compensation. See the <i>Stability Compensation</i> section.				
16	V _{DD}	_	+5V or +12V Supply Input. Connect to an external +5V or +12V supply rail. Bypass with a 0.1μ F ceramic or larger capacitor.				

Typical Application Circuits

MAX8563: Triple Output



Figure 1. MAX8563 Typical Application Circuit



Figure 2. MAX8564/MAX8564A Typical Application Circuit

MAX8563 External Component List

COMPONENTS	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1, C3, C8	3	2.2μF, 10V X5R ceramic capacitors (optional 100μF, 18mΩ, 6.3V aluminum electrolytic, Sanyo GTPE100MI in parallel)
C2	1	0.1µF, 16V X7R ceramic capacitor
C4, C7, C9	3	100μF, 18mΩ, 6.3V aluminum electrolytic capacitors Sanyo GTPE100MI
C5, C6, C10	3	1µF, 16V X7R ceramic capacitors
Q1/Q2 (dual)	1	Dual n-channel MOSFETs, 30V, 18m Ω Vishay Si4922DY
Q3	1	n-channel MOSFET, 30V, 50m Ω Fairchild Semiconductor FDD6630A
R1	1	$665\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor
R2	1	$620\Omega \pm 5\%$ resistor
R3	1	$332\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor
R4	1	$390\Omega \pm 5\%$ resistor
R5	1	$182\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor
R6	1	165 Ω ±1% resistor
R7	1	910 Ω ±5% resistor
R8	1	1k Ω ±1% resistor
R9	1	$249\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor

MAX8564/MAX8564A External Component List

COMPONENTS	QTY	DESCRIPTION	
C11	1	0.1µF, 16V X7R ceramic capacitor	
C12, C14	2	100μF, 18mΩ, 6.3V aluminum electrolytic capacitors Sanyo GTPE100MI	
C15, C17	2	2.2μF, 10V X5R ceramic capacitors (optional 100μF, 18mΩ, 6.3V aluminum electrolytic, Sanyo GTPE100MI in parallel)	
C18, C20	2	1µF, 16V X7R ceramic capacitors	
Q4/Q5 (dual) 1 Dual n-channel MO Vishay Si4922DY		Dual n-channel MOSFETs, 30V, 18m Ω Vishay Si4922DY	
R13	1	$165\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor	
R14 1 1		$182\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor	
R15 1		$390\Omega \pm 5\%$ resistor	
R16	1	$665\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor	
R17	1	$332\Omega \pm 1\%$ resistor	
R18	1	$620\Omega \pm 5\%$ resistor	



_Detailed Description

The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A triple and dual LDO controllers allow flexible and inexpensive voltage conversion by controlling the gate of an external n-MOSFET in a source-follower configuration. The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A consist of multiple identical LDO controllers. Each LDO controller features an enable input (EN_) and a power-OK output (POK_). The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A also include a 0.5V reference, an internal regulator, and an undervoltage lockout (UVLO). The transconductance amplifier measures the feedback voltage on FB_ and compares it to an internal 0.5V reference connected to the positive input. If the voltage on FB_ is lower than 0.5V, the current output on the gate-drive output DRV is increased. If the voltage on FB_ is higher than 0.5V, the current output on the gate-drive output is decreased.

Bias Voltage (Vpp), UVLO, and Soft-Start The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A bias current for internal circuitry is supplied by Vpp. The Vpp voltage range is from 4.5V to 13.2V. If Vpp drops below 3.76V (typ), the MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A assume that the supply and reference voltages are too low and activate the UVLO circuitry. During UVLO, the internal regulator (VL) and the internal bandgap reference are forced off, DRV_ is pulled to GND, and POK_ is pulled low.

Before any internal startup circuitry is activated, V_{DD} must be above the UVLO threshold. After UVLO indicates that V_{DD} is high enough, the internal VL regulator, the internal bandgap reference, and the bias currents are activated. If EN_ is logic-high after the internal reference and bias currents are activated, then the corresponding DRV_ output initiates operation in soft-start mode. Once the voltage on FB_ reaches 94% of the regulation threshold, the full output current of the LDO controller is permitted.

When an LDO is activated, the respective DRV_ is pulled up from GND with a typical soft-start current of DRV softstart. The soft-start current limits the slew of the output voltage and limits the initial spike of current that the drain of the external n-MOSFET receives. The size of the compensation capacitor (Cc) limits the slew rate (see Figure 3). This output voltage slew rate is equal to (DRV_softstart /C_C)mV/ms, where C_C is in µF. The maximum startup drain current is the ratio of C_{OUT} to C_C multiplied by the soft-start current.

Input Voltage (Drain Voltage of the External n-MOSFET)

The minimum input voltage to the drain of the n-MOSFET is a function of the desired output voltage and the dropout voltage of the n-MOSFET. Details on calculating



Figure 3. Soft-Start and Compensation Schematic

this value are covered in the *Power MOSFET Selection* section.

The maximum input voltage to the drain of the n-MOSFET is a function of the breakdown voltage and the thermal conditions during operation. The breakdown voltage from drain to source is normally provided in the MOSFET data sheet. The theoretical maximum input voltage is the set output voltage plus the breakdown voltage. The thermal constraint is usually the largest concern when discussing maximum input voltage. Details on calculating this value are covered in the Power MOSFET Selection section. The MOSFET package and thermal relief on the board are the largest contributors to removing heat from the n-MOSFET. Since output voltage is normally set and maximum output current is fixed, the input voltage becomes the only variable that determines the maximum power dissipated. Thus, the maximum input voltage is limited by the power capability of the n-MOSFET, if it is less than the breakdown voltage, which is most often the case. Ensure input capacitors handle the maximum input voltage.

During a power-up sequence where V_{DD} and EN_ rise before the input to the drain of the n-MOSFET, the MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A drive DRV_ high but the output does not rise. As DRV_ rails and V_{FB}_ is still below 80% of the regulation voltage, the MAX8563/MAX8564/ MAX8564A assume that an output short-circuit fault is present and shut down that regulator. To avoid this error condition, connect a resistor-divider from V_{DD} to IN_ with the middle node connected to the respective EN_ (see Figure 4). Use the following equations to calculate the resistor values.

When VIN_ is off or at a low-voltage state:

$$0.7 > \left(\frac{R_E}{R_E + R_D}\right) \times \left(V_{DD} - V_{IN_-}\right) + V_{IN_-}$$

When V_{IN} is on or at a high-voltage state:





Figure 4. Voltage-Divider on EN_

$$1.3 < \left(\frac{R_{E}}{R_{E} + R_{D}}\right) \times \left(V_{DD} - V_{IN}\right) + V_{IN}$$

Set $R_D = 100 k\Omega$. The above equations also assume that $V_{DD} > V_{IN} > 1V$ when V_{IN} is on or at a high-voltage state, and that $V_{DD} > 3V$.

Example: Connect 100k Ω from EN to V_{DD} and 4k Ω from EN_ to IN_. Thus, when $V_{DD} = 12V$ and $V_{IN} = 0V$, then $V_{EN_{-}} = 0.46V$. When $V_{DD} = 12V$ and $V_{IN_{-}} = 1.2V$, then $V_{EN} = 1.6V.$

Alternately, to avoid fault shutdown due to the delay of V_{IN} relative to V_{DD}, pull EN_ low with a separate control logic and only drive high when VIN reaches a steadystate value.

Output Voltage

The output voltage range at the source of the n-MOSFET is from 0.5V to 3.3V when V_{DD} is 12V and from 0.5V to 1.8V when V_{DD} is 5V. The maximum output voltage is a function of the minimum gate-to-source voltage (VGS) of the MOSFET and VDD.

The external n-MOSFET contains a parasitic diode from source to drain. If the output is ever anticipated to exceed the input, current flows from source to drain. If this is undesirable, external protection is needed. A simple solution is the placement of a diode in series, from IN_ to the drain of the n-MOSFET, so that reverse current is not possible. Due to the forward-voltage drop of the diode, the maximum output voltage is reduced and additional power is consumed in the diode.

Enable and POK

The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A have independent enable control inputs (EN1, EN2, and EN3). Drive EN1 high to enable output 1. Drive EN2 high to enable output 2. Drive EN3 high to enable output 3. When EN_ is driven low, the corresponding DRV_ is internally pulled to GND and POK_ is internally pulled low.

The POK_ is an open-drain output that provides the status of the output voltage and pulls low depending upon circuit conditions. During startup, once the FB_ reaches the POK_ threshold, the POK_ signal goes high. The POK_ threshold has 30mV of hysteresis. When the output voltage drops 12% below the nominal regulated voltage, POK_ pulls low. All POK_ outputs pull low when UVLO is activated or when the internal VL regulator and reference are not ready.

Output Undervoltage and Overload Protection

When an overload event or short circuit occurs, the device that is most vulnerable is the external n-MOSFET. The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A monitor the output voltage to protect the MOSFET. When DRV_ is at its maximum voltage and the output voltage drops below 80% but is still greater than 60% of its nominal voltage for more than 50µs, the MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A shut down that particular regulator output by pulling DRV_ to GND. Note that there is an additional inherent delay in turning off the MOSFET. The delay is a function of the compensation capacitor and the MOSFET. If the output recovers to greater than 80% within 50µs, it is not considered to be in overload and no action is taken. When the output voltage drops below 60% of its nominal voltage, the MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A immediately shut down that particular regulator output by pulling DRV_ to GND. To restart that particular LDO, V_{DD} must be recycled below the UVLO or the corresponding EN_ must be recycled. The overload protection is shown in the Typical Operating Characteristics.

Design Procedure

Output Voltage Setting

The minimum output voltage for each controller of the MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A is typically 0.5V. The maximum output voltage is adjustable up to 3.3V with $V_{DD} = 12V$, and up to 1.8V with $V_{DD} = 5V$. To set the output voltage, connect the FB_ pin to the center of a voltage-divider between OUT_ and GND (Figure 5). The resistor-divider current should be at least 1mA per 1A of maximum output current; i.e., for a 3A maximum output current, set the resistor-divider bias current to \geq 3mA:

$$I_{OUT(MIN)} \ge \frac{I_{OUT(MAX)}}{1000}$$

 $R_B \le \frac{V_{FB}}{I_{OUT(MIN)}} = 1000 \times \frac{V_{FB}}{I_{OUT(MAX)}} = \frac{500}{I_{OUT(MAX)}}$

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$$R_{A} = R_{B} \times \left[\left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{FB}} \right) - 1 \right] = R_{B} \times \left(2 \times V_{OUT} - 1 \right)$$

To set the output voltage to 0.5V, disconnect RB from FB_ and connect it to OUT_; this change maintains the minimum load requirement on the output. In this case, RA can vary from 1k Ω to 10k Ω .

Input and Output Capacitor Selection

The input filter capacitor aids in providing low input impedance to the regulator and also reduces peak currents drawn from the power source during transient conditions. Use a minimum 2.2μ F ceramic capacitor from IN_ (drain of the external pass n-MOSFET) to GND (see Figures 1 and 2). If large line transients or load transients are expected, increase the input capacitance to help minimize output voltage changes.

The output filter capacitor and its equivalent series resistance (ESR) contribute to the stability of the regulator (see the *Stability Compensation* section) and affect the load-transient response. If large step loads (no load to full load) are expected, and a very fast response (less than a few microseconds) is required, use a 100µF, 18m Ω POSCAP for the output capacitor. If a larger capacitance is desired, keep the capacitance ESR product (COUT x RESR) in the 1µs to 5µs range.

If the application expects smaller load steps (less than 50% of full load), then use a 6.8µF ceramic capacitor or larger per ampere of maximum output current. This option reduces the size and cost of the regulator circuit. Note that some ceramic dielectrics exhibit large capacitance variation with temperature. Use X7R or X5R dielectrics to ensure sufficient capacitance at all operating temperatures. Tantalum and aluminum capacitors are not recommended.

Power MOSFET Selection

The MAX8563/MAX8564/MAX8564A use an n-channel MOSFET as the series pass transistor instead of a p-channel MOSFET to reduce cost. The selected MOS-FET must have a gate threshold voltage that meets the following criteria:

VGS_MAX ≤ VDD - VOUT_

where V_{DD} is the controller bias voltage, and V_{GS_MAX} is the maximum gate voltage required to yield the onresistance (R_{DS_ON}) specified by the manufacturer's data sheet. R_{DS_ON} multiplied by the maximum output



Figure 5. Adjustable Output Voltage

current (load current) is the maximum voltage dropout across the MOSFET, V_{DS_MIN}. Make sure that V_{DS_MIN} meets the condition below to avoid entering dropout, where output voltage starts to decrease and any ripple on the input also passes through to the output:

VIN_MIN > VDS_MIN + VOUT

where V_{IN_MIN} is the minimum input voltage at the drain of the MOSFET. V_{DS_MIN} has a positive temperature coefficient; therefore, the value of V_{DS_MIN} at the highest operating junction temperature should be used.

For thermal management, the maximum power dissipation in the MOSFET is calculated by:

$$PD = (VIN_MAX - VOUT) \times IOUT_MAX$$

The MOSFET is typically in an SMT package. Refer to the MOSFET data sheet for the PC board area needed to meet the maximum operating junction temperature required.

Stability Compensation

Connect a resistor, RC, and a capacitor, CC, in series from the DRV_ pin to GND. The values of the compensation network depend upon the external MOSFET characteristics, the output current range, and the programmed output voltage. The following parameters are needed from the MOSFET data sheet: the input capacitance (C_{ISS} at V_{DS} = 1V), the typical forward transconductance (gFS), and the current at which gFS was measured (I_{DFS}). Calculate the transconductance of the FET at the maximum load current (I_{OUT MAX}):

$$g_{C(MAX)} = g_{FS} \times \sqrt{\frac{I_{OUT}_{MAX}}{I_{DFS}}}$$

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For the best transient response in applications with large step loads (see the *Input and Output Capacitor Selection* section for output capacitance requirements), use the following equations to select the compensation components:

$$C_{C} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 0.16 \times V_{OUT} \times C_{OUT} \times \\ g_{C(MAX)} \times (g_{C(MAX)} \times R_{ESR} + 1) \end{bmatrix}}{(g_{C(MAX)} \times V_{OUT} + I_{OUT} M_{AX})^{2}} - C_{ISS}$$

$$R_{C} = 59 \times \frac{V_{OUT} \times C_{OUT}(g_{C(MAX)} \times R_{ESR} + 1)}{C_{C} \times (g_{C(MAX)} \times V_{OUT} + I_{OUT} M_{AX})}$$

where $C_{\mbox{OUT}}$ is the output capacitance and $R_{\mbox{ESR}}$ is the ESR of $C_{\mbox{OUT}}.$

To use a low-cost ceramic capacitor (see the *Input and Output Capacitor Selection* section for load-transient response characteristics), use the following equations to select the compensation components:

$$C_{C} = \frac{C_{OUT} \times g_{C(MAX)}}{(g_{C(MAX)} \times V_{OUT} + I_{OUT}MAX)} - C_{ISS}$$
$$R_{C} = 15 \times \frac{C_{OUT}}{C_{C} \times g_{C(MAX)}}$$

Example

OUTPUT 1 of Figure 1 is used in this example. Table 1 shows the values required to calculate the compensation. The values were taken from the appropriate data sheets and Figure 1.

Table 1. Parameters Required toCalculate Compensation

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	VALUE	UNITS
MOSFET CISS	$V_{DS} = 1V$	2500	pF
MOSFET GFS	IDFS = 8.8A	30	S
V _{OUT1}	Figure 1	1.5	V
IOUT_MAX	Figure 1	1.5	А
C _{OUT1}	Figure 1	100	μF
R _{ESR}	Figure 1	18	mΩ

$$\begin{array}{rcl} g_{C(MAX)} &=& 30S \ \times \ \sqrt{\frac{1.5A}{8.8A}} = 12.4S \\ C_{C} &=& 0.16 \ \times \frac{1.5V \ \times \ 100\mu F \ \times \ 12.4S \ \times \ \left(\frac{12.4S \ \times \ 18m\Omega + 1}{18m\Omega + 1}\right)}{\left(12.4S \ \times \ 1.5V \ + \ 1.5A\right)^{2}} - \\ R_{C} &=& 59 \ \times \frac{1.5V \ \times \ 100\mu F \ \times \ (12.4S \ \times \ 18m\Omega \ + 1)}{1\mu F (12.4S \ \times \ 1.5V \ + \ 1.5A)} \\ &=& 599.4\Omega, \ use \ 620\Omega. \end{array}$$

PC Board Layout Guidelines

Due to the high-current paths and tight output accuracy required by most applications, careful PC board layout is required. An evaluation kit (MAX8563EVKIT) is available to speed design.

It is important to keep all traces as short as possible to maximize the high-current trace dimensions to reduce the effect of undesirable parasitic inductance. The MOSFET dissipates a fair amount of heat due to the high currents involved, especially during large input-to-output voltage differences. To dissipate the heat generated by the MOSFET, make power traces very wide with a large amount of copper area. An efficient way to achieve good power dissipation on a surface-mount package is to lay out copper areas directly under the MOSFET package on multiple layers and connect the areas through vias. Use a ground plane to minimize impedance and inductance. In addition to the usual high-power considerations, here are four tips to ensure high output accuracy:

- Ensure that the feedback connection to C_{OUT} is short and direct.
- Place the feedback resistors next to the FB pin.
- Place R_C and C_C next to the DRV_pin.
- Ensure FB_ and DRV_ traces are away from noisy sources to ensure tight accuracy.

Pin Configurations



_Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 1801 PROCESS: BICMOS

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