

Serial LED Driver with Filtered PWM and 32-Step S²C Dimming Control

General Description

The AAT1403 is a step-up single channel LED driver with an input voltage range of 2.7V to 5.5V. The wide input voltage range, small solution size, advanced dimming features and high efficiency is suitable for LED backlight solutions for single cell Li-ion based equipment. A precision, high voltage current sink maintains the maximum LED current set by an external resistor from 10 to 31mA. The high switching frequency supports ultra small, low cost filtering components.

Two dimming controls are available; 32 dimming steps using the S2Cwire™ interface, and filtered PWM control. The frequency range of the PWM dimming extends up to 100 kHz eliminating audible noise and suitable for CABC (Content Adaptive Brightness Control) applications.

The device includes over-temperature protection and programmable over-voltage protection and recovers automatically when the fault is removed. The AAT1403 is available in a 10-pin wafer-level chip scale package (WLCSP) and is rated over the -40°C to +85°C temperature range.

Features

- Input Voltage Range: 2.7 to 5.5V
- Drives Up to 45V with Typical 10 Series LEDs at 31mA
- 1MHz Switching Frequency Allows Small External Components
- Up to 81% Efficiency with 10µH Inductor
- Dimming Control Options:
	- 32 Steps S²Cwire Single Wire Interface **·** Filtered PWM
- Low Operating Current at 2.3mA
- Shutdown Current < 1µA
- Over-Voltage Protection for Open-LED Faults
- Over-Temperature Protection
- Ultra Small, Low Profile 10-pin 1.55 x 1.15mm WLCSP Package

Applications

- Digital Still Cameras (DSC)
- Mobile Handsets
- Netbooks and Notebooks
- Portable Media Players
- White LED Drivers

Typical Application

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Pin Descriptions

Pin Configuration

WLCSP10 1.1 x1.5 (Top View)

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Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

Thermal Information²

Recommended Operating Conditions

1. Stresses above those listed in Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Functional operation at conditions other than the operating conditions specified is not implied. Only one Absolute Maximum Rating should be applied at any one time.

2. Mounted on an FR4 board.

3. Check Electrical Characteristics.

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Electrical Characteristics¹

 V_{IN} = 3.6V, C_{IN} = 4.7μF, C_{OUT} = 0.1μF, L = 10μH, R_{SET} = 10KΩ, T_A = -40°C to 85°C unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = 25°C.

1. The AAT1403 is guaranteed to meet performance specification over the –40°C to +85°C operating temperature range, and is assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls.

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Quiescent Current vs. Input Voltage

Shutdown Current vs. Input Voltage

LED Current Accuracy vs. Input Voltage $(V_{IN} = 3.6V, R_{SET} = 15KΩ)$

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EN Input High Threshold Voltage vs. Input Voltage

LED Current Accuracy vs. Temperature $(V_{IN} = 3.6V, R_{SET} = 15kΩ)$ 20.8 20.4 Current (mA) **Current (mA)** 20.0 19.6 19.2 –ا 18.8
∩4– -40 -15 10 35 60 85 **Temperature (°C)**

PWM Input Low Threshold Voltage vs. Input Voltage

EN Input Low Threshold Voltage vs. Input Voltage

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OVP High Threshold Voltage vs. Input Voltage

Time (2ms/div)

OVP Low Threshold Voltage vs. Input Voltage

Time (100µs/div)

Time (1µs/div)

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Time (400µs/div)

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Functional Block Diagram

Functional Description

The AAT1403 is a high frequency current mode controlled step-up (boost) converter LED driver. The device utilizes a single current sink to regulate the LED current by controlling the output voltage. The wide voltage range is suitable for single cell Li-ion / Li-polymer battery applications. The internal current sink is programmed by an external resistor to a current from 10mA to 31mA. The minimum output voltage must be greater than the input voltage. The AAT1403 is capable of driving up to 45V with 10 series connected LEDs with currents up to 31mA. The LED dimming method is through either the S²Cwire interface with 32 steps or varied duty cycle of the PWM signal with frequency up to 100kHz after the maximum LED current is set by S²Cwire.

The over-voltage protection function is designed to protect the boost converter during the fault of the open circuit of the LED string. The over-temperature function is targeted to protect the converter if an over-temperature fault occurs. The AAT1403 will recover to normal operation automatically when the OVP or OTP fault is removed.

Soft Start / Enable

The AAT1403 is enabled by EN/SET pulled to high after power on with a certain delay time. Internal soft start circuitry limits the input inrush current and eliminates output voltage overshoot. When ENSET is pulled low the AAT1403 enters a low-power, non-switching state. The total input current during shutdown is less than 1μA. An external diode limits V_{OUT} to the level of V_{IN} during shutdown. The diode consumes a small amount of additional input current depending on the OVP resistor divider value.

Over-Temperature Protection

Thermal protection disables the AAT1403 when internal dissipation becomes excessive. Thermal protection disables the power MOSFET. The junction over-temperature threshold is 155°C with 15°C of temperature hysteresis. The output voltage automatically recovers when the over-temperature fault condition is removed.

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Over-Voltage Protection

Over-voltage protection prevents damage to the AAT1403's LX pin during open-circuit or high output voltage conditions. An over-voltage event is defined as a condition where the voltage on the OVP pin exceeds the over-voltage protection threshold ($V_{\text{OVP-T}}$). When V_{OVP} has reached the threshold limit, the converter stops switching and the output voltage decays. Switching resumes when the lower hysteresis limit of V_{OVP} is reached, thereby maintaining an average output voltage between the upper and lower OVP thresholds.

LED Current Setting

The maximum LED current is determined by the R_{SET} resistor value. With a fixed 1.2V voltage on R_{SET} , the LED maximum current is a linear ratio to the current flowing through R_{SFT} .

$$
I_{LED} = \frac{V_{SET}}{R_{SET}} \cdot 258
$$

The LED dimming is controlled via one of two options, either using the 32-step S²Cwire single-wire interface via the EN/SET pin or PWM control with varied duty cycle up to 100kHz frequency. 32 S²Cwire rising-edge steps set the LED current from 100% to 2% percentage of the maximum LED current value when PWM control is disabled by pulling the PWM pin high. S2Cwire can also be used to set maximum LED current along with a PWM signal to dim the LED lighting from 100% to 1% of duty cycle.

S2Cwire™ Serial Interface

The LED current magnitude can be controlled by the EN/ SET pin using the S²Cwire interface. The interface records rising edges of the EN/SET pin and decodes them into 32 individual current level settings. Code 1 is full scale (maximum LED current), and Code 32 is 2% of the full scale. The modulo 32 interface wraps states back to state 1 after the 32nd clock. The counter can be clocked at speeds up to 1MHz, so intermediate states are not visible. The first rising edge of EN/SET enables the IC and initially sets the output LED current to full scale after 500 μ s t_{LAT}. Once the final clock cycle is input for the desired brightness level, the EN/SET pin should be held high to maintain the device output current at the programmed level. The device is disabled 500μs after the EN/SET pin enters a logic low state. The EN/SET timing is designed to accommodate a wide range of data rates from 20kHz to 1MHz.

After the first rising edge of EN/SET, the boost converter is enabled and reaches full capacity after the soft-start time. Exact counts of clock pulses for the desired current level should be entered on the EN/SET pin with a single burst of clocks. The counter refreshes each time a new clock input to the EN/SET pin is detected. A constant current is maintained as long as EN/SET remains in a logic high state. To save power, the boost converter is switched off after EN/SET has remained in the low state for at least the t_{OFF} timeout period as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: S2Cwire Timing Diagram.

S2Cwire Serial Interface Timing

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LED Current Setting

The maximum LED current is determined by value of the external resistor R_{SET} from 10mA to 31mA. The value of R_{SET} is determined by the voltage of R_{SET} and the LED current, and can be calculated by:

$$
R_{\text{SET}} = \frac{V_{\text{SET}} \cdot 258}{I_{\text{LED}}}
$$

Where $V_{\text{SET}} = 1.2V$. Table 1 lists examples of standard 1% metal film R_{SET} values for different maximum LED current requirements.

Table 1: Examples of Standard 1% R_{SET} Values for **Setting Maximum LED Current Levels.**

LED current dimming is controlled either via the S^2 Cwire single-wire interface through the EN/SET pin in 32 steps or via PWM control with varied duty cycle up to 100kHz frequency. The S2Cwire interface programs the LED current from the maximum LED current set by R_{SFT} to 2% of the maximum LED current as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: S2Cwire Dimming Control Current Settings.

Figure 2 illustrates the LED current value at different S²Cwire code settings when R_{SET} is 15kΩ with a maximum LED current of 20mA.

Figure 2: S2Cwire Dimming Control at Maximum LED Current (20mA max).

Filtered PWM Dimming

The AAT1403 provides a PWM input as an additional means of providing dimming control for CABC applications. The LED current reduces percentage linearly as the duty cycle decreasing. Frequencies of up to 100kHz can be applied. To avoid output flicker and noise, the input control PWM frequency is filtered by the low pass filter composed of the error amplifier and the external compensation capacitor.

Figure 3 shows LED current dimming controlled by varying the PWM duty cycle at $R_{\text{SET}} = 15 \text{k}\Omega$.

Figure 3: Filtered PWM Dimming Duty Cycle vs. Maximum LED Current (20mA max).

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Capacitor Selection

A compensation capacitor C_{COM} is used for step-up converter loop compensation, soft startup time control, and PWM digital signal filtering. Loop compensation requires matching values for C_{COM} , C_{OUT} , I_{LED} , and V_{OUT} :

$$
\frac{C_{\text{OUT}}}{C_{\text{COM}}} < \frac{I_{\text{LED}}}{30 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot V_{\text{OUT}}}
$$

The AAT1403 can drive up to 10 white LEDs with forward voltages up to 4V each. In a worst case with V_F of 4V, a C_{OUT} value of 0.1µF, and LED maximum current of 20mA, the value of C_{COM} should be higher than 6.0nF.

$$
C_{COM} > \frac{C_{OUT} \cdot 30 \cdot V_{OUT}}{I_{LED}} (nF) = \frac{0.1 \cdot 30 \cdot 40}{20} (nF) = 6.0nF
$$

A higher value for C_{COM} lengthens the soft startup time. The relationship between C_{COM} and startup time is almost linear, with startup time x 10^5 magnification of $C_{\text{\tiny{COM}}}$; thus 56nF C $_{COM}$ leads to a soft startup time of 5.6ms. Table 3 gives several examples of minimum C_{COM} values at different C_{OUT} and I_{LED} and the step-up converter's operation stable. Values of 56nF for C_{COM} and 0.1µF for C_{OUT} are suitable in most cases.

$\boxed{\mathbf{I}_{LED} (mA)}$ $\boxed{\mathbf{C}_{OUT} (µF)}$		$V_{\text{out}}(V)$	$\mathsf{C}_\mathsf{COM_MIN}$ (nF)
31	0.1	40	3.9
31		40	39
20	0.1	40	6.0
20		40	60
10	(1.1)		12
1 ∩			120

Table 3: Minimum C_{COM} Values vs. I_{LED} and C_{OUT} **(Step-Up Converter Operation Stable).**

Multi-layer ceramic (MLC) capacitors provide small size and adequate capacitance, low parasitic equivalent series resistance (ESR) and equivalent series inductance (ESL), and are well suited for use as input, output and compensation capacitors in the AAT1403 step-up converter LED driver application. MLC capacitors of type X7R or X5R are recommended to ensure good capacitance stability over the full operating temperature range. A 4.7µF/6.3V input capacitor is recommended and a 0.1µF/50V output capacitor is suitable as noted above. Table 4 lists some recommended capacitors for use with the AAT1403.

Inductor Selection

Inductor value, saturation current and DCR is most important parameter in selecting an inductor for the AAT1403.

The suitable inductance range for the AAT1403 is 4.7µH to 22µH. Higher inductance lowers the step-up converter's RMS current value. Together with lower DCR value of the inductor, it makes the total inductor power loss become much lower. Considering inductor size and cost, 10µH inductance is most suitable. Figure 4 illustrates AAT1403 efficiency at different inductance with similar DCR value.

Figure 4: AAT1403 Efficiency at Different Inductance with Similar DCR (V_{IN} **= 3.6V).**

Manufacturer	Part Number	Value (µF)	Voltage (V)	Temperature Range	Case Size
Murata	GRM188R60J475K			X5R	0603
	GRM188R71H104KA93	∪.⊥	50		0603

Table 4: Examples of AAT1403 Input and Output Capacitor Selection.

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Considering the inductor copper loss, the inductor DCR value together with the RMS current value flowing through the inductor leads to inductor conduction loss and also affects total efficiency. Larger DCR leads to larger conduction loss and decreases total efficiency. The inductor conduction loss can be estimated as shown in the equation:

$$
P_{L_{\text{LOSS}}} = I_{L_{\text{RMS}}}^{2} \cdot \text{DCR}
$$

= $\frac{1}{3} \cdot (I_{L_{\text{MAX}}}^{2} + I_{L_{\text{MIN}}}^{2} + I_{L_{\text{MAX}}}^{2} \cdot I_{L_{\text{MIN}}}) \cdot \text{DCR}$

 I_{L_MAX} and I_{L_MIN} are the inductor peak current and minimum current. Figure 5 shows DCR effects on efficiency with a 10uH inductor.

Figure 5: Inductor DCR Effects on Total Efficiency with 10µH at 3.6V V_{IN}.

Inductor saturation current is also a key parameter in selecting an inductor. For the step-up converter, the peak inductor current is the DC input current plus half the inductor peak-to-peak current ripple.

DC input current:

$$
I_{\text{IN}} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \cdot I_{\text{LED}}}{V_{\text{IN}} \cdot \eta}
$$

Inductor peak-to-peak current ripple:

$$
I_{L_PP} = \frac{V_{IN} \cdot (V_{OUT} - V_{IN})}{V_{OUT} \cdot L \cdot f}
$$

Inductor peak current:

$$
I_{L_PEAK} = I_{IN} + \frac{I_{L_PP}}{2} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{LED}}{V_{IN} \cdot \eta} + \frac{V_{IN} \cdot (V_{OUT} - V_{IN})}{2 \cdot V_{OUT} \cdot L \cdot f}
$$

For example, for a white LED with 3.2V V_F and 20mA current at 80% efficiency at 3.6V V_{IN} , the inductor peak current is

$$
I_{L_PEAK} = \frac{3.2 \cdot 10 \cdot 0.02}{3.6 \cdot 0.8} + \frac{3.6 \cdot (3.2 \cdot 10 - 3.6)}{2 \cdot 3.2 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10} = 382 \text{ mA}
$$

Table 5 gives some examples of recommended inductors for use with the AAT1403.

OVP Setting

Over-voltage protection is designed to protect the step-up converter from a LED string open fault. The OVP threshold is 1.2V. For 6 white LEDs with V_F up to 4V, the resistor divider values for R1 and R2 can be calculated by:

$$
R_1 = \left(\frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{OVP_TH}}} - 1\right) \cdot R_2
$$

Higher resistor divider values decrease the power loss on the resistors. The total resistor value for 40V V_{OUT} should be less than 4MΩ for better noise immunity. Values of 2.2MΩ for resistor R1 and 68kΩ for resistor R2 are recommended.

Table 5: Example of AAT1403 Inductor Selection.

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Rectifier Diode Selection

An external rectifier diode is required for the non-synchronous step-up converter. A low V_F Schottky diode is recommended. The diode voltage rating should be higher than the OVP voltage. For an AAT1403 driving 10 white LEDs with up to 4V forward voltage, the diode voltage rating should be higher than 40V. Select a diode with DC rated current equal to the input current to allow an adequate margin for safe use.

Table 6 gives some examples of recommended rectifier diodes for use with the AAT1403.

Printed Circuit Board Layout Recommendations

For best performance of the AAT1403, the following guidelines should be followed when designing the PCB layout:

- 1. Make the power trace as short and wide as possible, including the input/output power lines and switching node, etc.
- 2. Make sure the ground bump connected to the printed circuit board with large copper area for better thermal dissipation.
- 3. Put the input and output capacitor close to the IC as close as possible to get the best filter result.

Table 6: Example of Typical Rectifier Diodes.

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Schematic and Layout

Figure 6: AAT1403 Evaluation Board Schematic.

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Figure 7: AAT1403 Evaluation Board **Figure 8: AAT1403 Evaluation Board**

 Top Side Layout. Top Side Layout (detail).

Figure 9: AAT1403 Evaluation Board Bottom Side Layout.

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Table 7: AAT1403 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials (BOM).

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Ordering Information

Skyworks Green™ products are compliant with all applicable legislation and are halogen-free. For additional information, refer to Skyworks Definition of Green™, document number

SQ04-0074.

Package Information

Bottom View Top View Top View

WLCSP-10

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All dimensions in millimeters.

 $1. YY = date code.$

2. Sample stock is generally held on part numbers listed in **BOLD**.

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Side View

End View

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