

### **Data Sheet April 2003**

# **Digital Multi-Phase PWM Controller for Core-Voltage Regulation**

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Processors that operate above a GHz require fast, intelligent power systems. The Intersil ISL6590 controller offers intelligent digital, multi-phase control that provides high bandwidth, optimal control frequency response, noise immunity and active transient response control algorithms. The design is fully scalable for controlling up to six phases, each featuring the Intersil ISL6580 intelligent power stage.

The user can configure and monitor the power system via the Asynchronous Serial Interface (ASI). The ISL6590 controller flexibility can be extended with the addition of an external EEPROM for updating key circuit operating parameters in the control loop and overall system design. The digital architecture reduces the design time for engineers with the use of our software. The software allows the designer the freedom to choose output stage components and still achieve optimized system performance.

The ISL6590 digital controller communicates with the ISL6580 integrated power stages via 100% digital signaling. Serial communication allows for separation of the controller and the power stage, providing placement and layout freedom to the power stage. The digital controller implements phase balancing to ensure even distribution of phase currents. The ISL6590 controller configures the ISL6580 power stage current limit, VID reference, nonoverlap period, Active Transient Response (ATR) trigger levels and maximum temperature limit. The digital controller also monitors the ISL6580 power stage peak currents, overtemperature fault, input under voltage, output over/under voltage to ensure proper operation of the power supply.



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## **Features**

- Open Architecture features software programmable control loop compensation enabling optimal system performance
	- User accessible asynchronous serial interface
- Intel VR10
	- 6-bit Dynamic VID™
	- Output voltage regulation range of 0.8375V to 1.600Vdc
- 250kHz to 1MHz switching frequency
- 100% digital control and signaling
- Active Transient Response (ATR) control algorithms for minimized voltage droop and overshoot
- Controls up to six ISL6580 intelligent power stages (20A per phase, 120A total system current)
- Programmable Adaptive voltage positioning (AVP) load line
- Configurable control loop parameters (with optional external EEPROM)
- Programmable MOSFET dead time control
- High speed voltage and current control loops
- PWRGD and OUTEN
- Serial interface to ISL6580 power stages for system monitoring and configuration
- 64 Ld 9x9 QFN package
- QFN Package Option
	- QFN Compliant to JEDEC PUB95 MO-220 QFN Quad Flat No Leads - Product Outline
	- QFN Near Chip Scale Package Footprint; Improves PCB Efficiency, Thinner in Profile.

## **Ordering Information**



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# **Typical Application Circuit**



### **Absolute Maximum Ratings**



### **Recommended Operating Conditions**

Supply Voltage (VDD\_IO) . +3.3V ±5% (VDD\_Core) . +1.8V ±5% (Analog PLL) . +1.8V ±5% (Digital PLL) . +1.8V ±5% Ambient Temperature. 0oC to 85oC

## **Thermal Information**



CAUTION: Stress above those listed in "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress only rating and operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied.

#### NOTE:

1. θJA is measured with the component mounted on a "High Effective" Thermal Conductivity Board with "Direct Attach" features. (See Tech Brief TB379 for details.)



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1. Reserved for note.

# **Block Diagram**





# **Pin Descriptions**



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# **General Description**

The ISL6590 is a multiphase digital controller optimized for microprocessor core voltage generation in the 0.8375Vdc - 1.600Vdc output range and high current loading up to 150A with a 12Vdc input. It is intended to be used as a chipset with multiple ISL6580 power stages. The current per stage is up to 25A and the switching frequency can operate from 250kHz to 1MHz. The adaptability of having a digital controller with a serial data bus to the power stages means that the control algorithms can be adjusted with software instead of having to make hardware or board changes. All of the features of the ISL6590 are available in applications that require 3-6 phases of PWM (Pulse-Width Modulation) core voltage regulation. For more information on the power stage, consult the ISL6580 data sheet.

# **Block Diagram Overview**

The ISL6590 contains functionality to control up to 6 power stages with PWM core voltage regulation. The blocks described follow the block diagram shown in Figure 1. For additional help it would be useful to reference the block diagram of the ISL6580, which is located in the ISL6580 data sheet.

# **Asynchronous Serial Interface** (ASI) (ATX, ARX)

This 2-wire serial data host interface is designed to transfer command information from the designers PC to the controller, such as adjustments to register settings. The ASI is used during the design process to configure and test your power supply settings. It allows the designer to change loop coefficients to achieve the best response for their system design. This serial bus runs at 115K baud rate to interface with a host computer during testing.

# **Backside Serial Bus (BSB)** (SDATA, SCLK)

The backside serial bus is a 2-wire communication between the ISL6590 controller and the ISL6580 power ICs used for transfer of control and status information. This bus is critical for proper operation of the system, any miscommunications will cause a bus error between the controller and power stages and shutdown the power supply. A bus error can be caused by poor routing of those lines or by a failed ISL6580.

# **Feedback** (PWM, NDRIVE, ATR, IDIG, SOC, ERR)

The feedback control block implements the loop compensation, hysteretic control, and switch driver. Defaults for the loop compensation coefficients are retained in the memory block. If the default values need to be optimized, they can be adjusted using the ASI.

The PWM generator that drives NDRIVE and PWM derives its waveform from a current balancing circuit that balances the current to each phase. The current balancing circuit requires information about the amount of current each phase is supporting. This information is obtained using the 6-bit current ADC in each ISL6580.

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Each of the ISL6580s contains a 6-bit voltage ADC that can be used to measure the difference between the core voltage at the output and a reference voltage that is set by the VID information. Even though each ISL6580 has the voltage ADC, only one of them is required to use it.

When a large change in current occurs at the output load, a large voltage transient also occurs. The ATRH and ATRL levels are designed to trigger a temporary mode in which the PWM generator aligns all phases or removes all phases in order to quickly raise or lower the output voltage.

# **Controller Memory**

The internal volatile memory provides control and status registers which are reset to default states on each power up. These registers can be altered with commands from the ASI, the State Control and Fault Monitors, or the Serial Interface with the ISL6580 Power ICs.

# **EEPROM Interface** (MCS, MCLK, MDI, MDO)

An external EEPROM (non-volatile memory) can be used to write custom information to the volatile memory. The nonvolatile memory can be modified via the ASI. The EEPROM contains configuration values for a given design. The ISL6590 uses the standard Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI™) serial protocol for this memory. The EEPROM must be at least a 2K byte memory. Larger memory can be used without problems, however the ISL6590 will utilize only 2K bytes.

# **Clock Distribution** (OSC\_IN, OSC\_OUT)

The clock distribution block creates the internal system clock from an external clock source such as a crystal oscillator. It performs a 4x frequency multiplication of the external clock frequency. The maximum clock input is 33.33MHz for an IC sample rate of 133.3MHz. It generates the read/write clock for the ASI. The system clock is provided to the ISL6580s via the SYS\_CLK pin.

## **State Control and Fault Monitoring (**OUTEN, VID[5:0], PWRGD)

Implements control of the power system state and processes fault information from the ISL6580 Power IC. All fault detection within the system is accomplished within each individual ISL6580 and is communicated to the ISL6590 via the Backside Serial Interface. ISL6590 detects the fault through constant polling of the ISL6580 fault registers and responds by tristating the outputs or shutting down the system which then requires a power cycle and initiates a softstart sequence.

# **Memory Bus Multiplexer**

Controls the priority of data transfer to the volatile memory (control registers) from both the ASI and the state control and fault monitoring. The state control and fault monitoring is given priority over the ASI.



**FIGURE 2. FEEDBACK CONTROL DIAGRAM**

# **Block Diagram Details**

## **Feedback Control**

At a minimum, there must be three ISL6580s available to implement the following modes.

- 1. Regulation Mode (Voltage ADC)
- 2. Voltage Transient Mode (ATR Window Comparator)
- 3. Over/Under Voltage Mode (O/U Voltage Comparator)

Additional phases 4-6 are in normal conversion mode.

Located in the Feedback Control section of the ISL6590 is an interface to the feedback information collected and delivered by the analog ISL6580 power stages. To understand the functionality of the ISL6590 feedback algorithms, key blocks of the ISL6580 must be understood, such as the ADC converters and the window comparator.

# **6-bit Current ADC (ISL6580)**

A current ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converter) located in each ISL6580 measures, converts, and transmits that driver's current back to the ISL6590 serially via the IDIG[6:1] bus. The start of conversion is initiated on the falling edge of the PWM input signal at the ISL6580 and the conversion takes about 8 SYSCLK cycles. The SYSCLK signal is provided by the ISL6590 to the ISL6580 and is equal to 4x the crystal

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oscillator rate. The 6-bit current ADC is a successive approximation converter, requiring one clock per bit, for a total of 6 clocks. Another clock cycle is for transferring data to the serial register. Since the PWM and SYSCLK may not be phase related, one extra clock cycle may be required depending on the alignment.

It is not possible to predict when the serial data will begin to transfer on the IDIG bus, so a start bit is used to notify the ISL6590 that data is coming. The start bit is followed by the six data bits in descending order from the MSB. A bit is transferred every two SYSCLK cycles. Since the PWM signal is used as the start of conversion signal, a significant glitch on the PWM signal during the conversion or data transfer will initiate a new conversion and abort the present conversion. The ISL6590 uses the serial current information on the IDIG bus to calculate the average of all the phases, compare it to the current of each phase, and balance the phases by adjusting each PWM and NDRIVE signal as necessary.

Because the start of conversion is dictated by the falling edge of the PWM signal, the effective sample rate of the current information is the PWM rate (typ<1MHz), even though each bit is converted and transferred at SYSCLK/2 = 66.6MHz. All ISL6580s will return IDIG information, regardless of their mode.

## **6-bit Voltage ADC (ISL6580)**

Each of the ISL6580s contain a 6-bit voltage ADC that can be used to measure the difference between the core voltage at the output and a reference voltage that is set by the VID information. The VID is sent to the designated ISL6580 via the backside serial bus from the ISL6590 prior to soft start. The voltage difference measured is sent via the ERR signal serially to the ISL6590. Even though each ISL6580 has the voltage ADC, only one of them is required to use it. This mode is called the **Regulation Mode**. The conversion is initiated with the SOC (Start Of Conversion) signal from the ISL6580 pulsing high for two SYSCLK cycles. After another two SYSCLK cycles, the 6 bits of data are shifted out of the ISL6580 on the ERR signal, one bit every two SYSCLK cycles, starting with the MSB.

Because the ADC uses a successive approximation architecture, every two SYSCLK cycles converts one bit, for a total of 12 SYSCLK cycles to make the 6-bit conversion. With a 133.3MHz SYSCLK, 66.6MHz is the sample rate per bit of the ADC and is also the serial data rate of the ERR0 signal. However, since the SOC signal initiates the sampling process, the effective overall sample rate of the voltage measuring system is equal to the SOC rate.

## **Window Comparator (ISL6580)**

Each ISL6580 contains a window comparator. At least two ISL6580s must be configured to use it. One is configured with comparator trip levels for Transient Voltage Mode (ATR described below) and the other for Over/Under Voltage Mode which responds via the fault registers and is described in detail under Fault Processing.

## **Adaptive Voltage Positioning (AVP)**

The Adaptive Voltage Positioning section of the ISL6590 takes the average current of all the active ISL6580 channels and passes it through an AVP gain factor and a low pass filter. The AVP gain factor sets the slope of the load line so that the voltage at high current loading is intentionally less than the voltage at small current loading. The output of the low pass filter is subtracted from the ADC voltage error (ERR signal) to adjust the operating voltage position. The AVP value is modified in the digital compensation block with the coefficients stored in the ISL6590 memory. The resulting modified output is sent to the PWM generator to adjust the target output voltage for all phases with a voltage offset from the nominal VID so that current and voltage transients can better be accommodated.

## **Active Transient Response (ATR)**

**Voltage Transient Mode** must be performed by one ISL6580 in the system (but not one already processing another mode). It is done by using the ATR signals between the ISL6580 and ISL6590. When a large change in current occurs at the load, a large voltage transient also occurs. The ATRH and ATRL levels are designed to trigger a temporary mode in which the PWM generator aligns all phases or removes all phases in order to quickly raise or lower the

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output voltage. The event is short-lived and the controller quickly returns to normal operation, but the result is an instantaneous boost or reduction in output voltage to keep the transient event within the required regulation window. An ATR window comparator located in the designated ISL6580 generates the ATRH or ATRL indicator signals when the event occurs. The ATRH and ATRL trip levels are offsets from the VID voltage and are set in ISL6590 register 0883h, each with a 4-bit word. The ATRH, ATRL, and VID values from the ISL6590 memory are sent to the designated ISL6580's registers via the BSB prior to soft start. In the ISL6580, these are added or subtracted from the VID target value with 7.5mV LSB resolution to set the trip levels.

Whereas AVP is performed with slight, tightly controlled modifications to the PWM duty cycle in the ISL6590 using sampled current data from each phase, ATR is performed with preset values and trips a comparator in a single ISL6580. The ISL6580 ATRH or ATRL signals immediately tell the PWM generator in the ISL6590 to enter the ATR mode. For this reason, the ATR mode is able to react much quicker than the sample rate derived AVP.



**FIGURE 3. ADAPTIVE VOLTAGE POSITIONING AND ACTIVE TRANSIENT RESPONSE TRIP LEVELS**

## **VID Map**

## **TABLE 1. VOLTAGE IDENTIFICATION (VID)**



### **VID**

Control of the output voltage of the regulator is set from the external six bit VID [5:0] input pins. After power-up, the VID inputs are sampled and this value is used as the final output voltage for the Soft Start process. After Soft Start is complete, the internal VID setting may be changed by modifying the external six bit VID [5:0] input pins or via the host interface write to the internal VID register. To allow for

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host interface control of VID requires that a separate register is needed for the value of the external VID input pins. This is needed to separately track changes to the VID set by the host interface and the VID set from the external pins. The same method of output voltage stepping that is used in the Soft Start process is also applied to dynamic VID changes.

## **Custom VID**

The ISL6590 has additional registers for a custom VID table to be created and stored in memory locations 0940-097F.



# **PID**

Feedback Control PID block not only performs each of the basic Proportional, Integral, and Differential compensation components, it also includes a Low Pass Filter (LPF) to help reduce high frequency noise and a transient recovery path to help transient event. The coefficients used in the PID portion are Kp, Kd, and Ki. The coefficients used in the LPF are Kfp and Kfd.

The calculations in the transient path take the differential AVP output (DAVPout), gained up by Kdf, and then added to the integral path accumulator. The input to the Low pass filter is the adjusted Verr by AVP output. The coefficients for the PID block are stored in modifiable registers in the Controller Memory Map. In order to put a cap on PID output, the Duty\_limit term from the memory map is used to saturate the output of the PID block.

# **Current Balancing**

This block adjusts each individual channel current,  $I_{1-6}$ , by comparing it with the average current,  $I_{AV}$ , of all the active channels. The difference between each channel current and the average current passes through a low pass filter and a shift operation to suppress it before it is added to PID output.  $I_{\text{FRR}}$  is an input from the Current Sharing block (not implemented) and represents a difference between the local module's average current and the average currents of all other modules in the system.

## **PWM Generator**

The PWM generator delivers 1-6 complementary high side (PWM) and low side (NDRIVE) outputs to each of the ISL6580 power stage's inputs. A high state on the PWM signal enables the high side integrated P-channel MOSFET of each ISL6580. The low side drive signal is a complementary, non-overlapped version of the PWM signal.

The rising edge of each PWM phase is evenly distributed over the switching period. Prior to each PWM output, the generator samples the PID output value and generates a pulse that is proportional to the sampled value.

A high level on the OUTEN input signal enables the PWM generator. The PWRGD output signal denotes that the output is regulated within the specified limits. If OUTEN is low or a major fault occurs, PWRGD will be low.

## **Asynchronous Serial Interface Details**

Writes to the control registers from the ASI are second priority to the fault and state monitoring writes to the control registers. The priority is handled by the Memory Bus Multiplexer. The ASI functions at 115.2 kbits/second with a 50ms inter-byte time-out and reset. The ASI waits for command bytes after reset. The serial data is constructed with a start bit, eight data bits, and a stop bit. Parity is not supported.

Controller specific serial interface commands are restricted to reads and writes of the controller memory map. Details are provided in Tables 2-5.

#### **TABLE 2. ASYNCHRONOUS SERIAL INTERFACE CONTROLLER SPECIFIC COMMANDS**



#### **TABLE 3. ASYNCHRONOUS SERIAL INTERFACE ERROR CODES**



### **TABLE 4. ASYNCHRONOUS SERIAL INTERFACE READ\_BYTE COMMAND FORMAT**



#### **TABLE 5. ASYNCHRONOUS SERIAL INTERFACE WRITE\_BYTE COMMAND FORMAT**



# **EEPROM Operation**

After the Controller powers up, the SPI Serial EEPROM interface is polled to see if a memory device is connected. This polling is performed by doing a SPI Memory Write Enable (WREN) command and then doing a Read Status Register (RDSR) to see if the Write Enable bit is set correctly. If an external SPI Serial EEPROM is connected to the controller, the Non-Volatile Memory block asserts an EXTMEM bit in the Memory Status Register. If the NVMEMCODE check passes, all non-volatile memory locations in the Controller Memory Map are read from the serial memory and loaded into the local register copies in the Controller. Once the startup checks and configuration loading (if possible) are complete, SPI\_READY bit is set in

the status register which then allows accesses to the Non-Volatile Memory map.



**FIGURE 4. EEPROM DATA READ TIMING**

**TABLE 6. EEPROM DATA READ TIMING**

<b>TIMING NAME</b>	<b>PARAMETER</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
Data Setup	t <sub>DSU</sub>	20	ns
Data Hold	tрн	20	ns



#### **FIGURE 5. EEPROM DATA WRITE TIMING**

#### **TABLE 7. EEPROM TIMING**



## **Write-Through Cycles**

During startup and local register loading, any incoming writecycles to the Non-Volatile Memory will be held off until start up and configuration is complete. During normal operation, writes to the Non-Volatile Memory shall be extended until such time that the data is both written to and read back from the external EEPROM.

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## **ISL6590 Data Write Timing**



#### **FIGURE 6. ISL6590 DATA WRITE TIMING**

## **TABLE 8. DATA WRITE TIMING**



### **ISL6590 Data Read Timing**



**FIGURE 7. DATA READ TIMING**

#### **TABLE 9. DATA READ TIMING**



# **ISL6590 Data Write Protocol**



**FIGURE 8. ISL6590 WRITE PROTOCOL**

**ISL6590 Data Read Protocol**







**FIGURE 10. MEMORY INTERFACE DIAGRAM**

## **Backside Serial Bus (BSB)**

The transfer of data on the BSB consists of a start bit, 5 ID bits, 5 memory address bits, a read/write bit, an address acknowledge bit, 8 data bits, a data acknowledge bit, and a stop bit. The rate of transfer is set by the serial clock divider register.

Background polling of ISL6580 fault registers is performed using the BSB. The fault information is written to the ISL6590 local copies of the ISL6580 fault registers. ISL6580 control registers can be written to or read back from the ISL6590 memory via the BSB.

# **Startup Process**

## **ISL6580 Enumeration**

After power-up of the system, each installed ISL6580 is polled for its existence. This procedure involves the Controller to assert the PWM signal for a specific Power IC. If the specified Power IC is present, it will assert its signal to acknowledge seeing its PWM asserted. This sequence is

repeated for each Power IC that may be in the system. This process is known as Device Polling.

After this initial PWM polling is complete, the serial interface of each Power IC has to be configured with a device ID to be able to respond to serial commands later. This procedure involves issuing a "config call" which is to send a serial write command to global device ID '0'. During the data portion of the cycle, the Power IC to be configured has its PWM signal asserted by the Controller. This action allows the data bits that are sent from the Controller to be shifted into a device ID register within the Power IC. This process is known as Enumeration.

During enumeration, the address on the serial bus for each ISL6580 is uniquely defined according to Table 6. If an address acknowledge bit is not returned, the device is not used because it is either not present or not functional. The PWM signals are used to enable address writing to each ISL6580. Fault processing is disabled during enumeration.



First the master will initiate "config call" by sending a "10'h00" address

All of the slaves should "ACK" because every MHz Power IC register contains 0" after reset

The ID is then sent out during the data cycle.

The process is repeated until all (N) of the devices are configured.

#### **FIGURE 11. ENUMERATION TIMING DIAGRAM**

#### **TABLE 10. SERIAL BUS ID MAPPING**



### **ISL6580 Calibration**

Prior to calibration, the status of each ISL6580 is checked. The input supply voltage is checked by polling the status of the under-voltage lockout in the status registers of the ISL6580s. Other faults are also checked. If a fault is detected during or after calibration, the system state may be frozen while fault processing takes over to resolve the error.

To calibrate the voltage ADC, the VID is set to the same voltage as the external VID setting. Voltage ADC calibration is initiated by setting the device that is hard wired for Regulation mode into calibration mode. This should be device #1. During calibration, any offset voltage internal to the ADC is output on the ERR serial line. The error is stored in the non-volatile memory. Then the ISL6590 changes themode of the ISL6580 to normal operation and calibration is complete.

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## **ISL6580 Softstart**

The system is slowly brought out of the no output voltage open loop state by sending a small PWM pulse width to the ISl6580s. A fixed time period and step size is used to bring the output voltage into the lower range of the voltage ADC. Once the voltage ADC begins reading voltage, a fixed  $V_{\text{step}}$ step size is used (25mV). After each V<sub>step</sub> step is performed, the output voltage must settle within a +/- ( $V<sub>step</sub>/2$ ) mV window of the specified VID voltage before stepping to the next output voltage setting. The stepping continues until the final voltage is reached.

### **Power On Reset**

The ISL6590 controller performs a Power On Reset function internally. It holds all internal logic in a reset state until the Vdd (3.3V) exceeds a threshold. While in the reset state all PWM and NDRIVE signals are held at ground and all MOSFETs are OFF.

## **Duty Cycle Limit**

The ISL6590 limits the on time of the upper FETs. The system designer can set the maximum ON time with PowerCode software The value is put in as a percentage. If the duty cycle reaches this percentage, the top side FET turns off until the next cycle.

## **Loop Compensation**

Any closed loop system must be designed to insure stability (prevent oscillation) and provide correct response to external events such as load transients. The output of a buck regulator has an inherent, low pass filter formed by the output inductor(s), output capacitance and their ESRs (Equivalent Series Resistance). Figure 12 shows a typical gain and phase plot of output inductors, capacitors and ESR.



**FIGURE 12. FREQUENCY RESPONSE OF THE OUTPUT INDUCTORS AND CAPACITORS**

Above the resonant frequency of the output LC filter (10kHz in this case) the gain falls at a rate of 40dB/decade and the phase shift approaches –180 degrees. At a frequency above the F =  $1/(2\pi C^*ESR)$  = 500kHz in this case) the gain slope changes to –20dB/decade and the phase shift approaches – 90 degrees In a closed loop control system, the output is subtracted from a reference voltage to produce an error voltage. The error voltage is amplified and fed to the output stage. In a buck regulator the output stage consists of a Pulse Width Modulator (PWM), switching transistors (typically MOSFETs), series inductor(s) and output capacitors. High gain feedback reduces variation in the output due to changes in input voltage, load current and component values. However, high gain at high frequencies can cause excessive over shoot in response to transients ( if phase shift > 120 degrees and gain > 0dB ) or oscillation ( if phase shift > 180 degrees and gain > 0dB ). The trade off in designing the loop compensation is to achieve fast response to transients without excessive overshoot or oscillation.

TYPICAL ANALOG BLOCK DIAGRAM



**FREQUENCY COMPENSATION** 

#### **FIGURE 13. TYPICAL ANALOG VOLTAGE LOOP BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**FIGURE 14. DIGITAL CONTROL LOOP BLOCK DIAGRAM**

The ISL6580 subtracts a reference from the output voltage to produce an error voltage. It converts the error voltage to a 6 bit digital number and sends it to the ISL6590 controller. The controller processes the error number numerically to provide gain (Proportional), phase lag (Integration) and phase lead (Derivative) functions. This forms the digital PID control.





# **Adjusting The Digital PID**



### **FIGURE 16. DIGITAL PID COMPENSATOR**

Frequency response of the digital PID compensator is determined by the Kp, Ki, Kd factors. These factors are stored in nonvolatile memory and are loaded in the controller at power on reset. The system designer sets the PID compensators frequency response using user interface software. The designer enters the frequencies of the desired poles and zeros and user interface software calculates the Kp, Ki and Kd factors. the software will calculate and display the frequency response of the feedback and the closed loop system.



control settings written to the converter





**FIGURE 18. SMALL SIGNAL DESIGN WINDOW**



**FIGURE 19. BODE PLOT**

 $F_{Z1}$  = Frequency of first zero

 $F_{Z2}$  = Frequency of second zero

 $F_{P0}$  = Gain \* frequency of first pole (A  $_{DC}$ \*F  $_{P0}$ )

 $F_{P1}$  = Frequency of second pole

 $R_{P2}$  = External Resistor used for third pole

 $C_{P2}$  = External Capacitor used for third pole

 $F_{P2} = 1 / (2 * \pi * R_{P2} * C_{P2})$ 

The software will calculate the frequency response of the PID controller and the closed loop system as in figures 20 and 21 below.



**FIGURE 20. PID COMPENSATOR FREQUENCY RESPONSE**



**FIGURE 21. FREQUENCY RESPONSE OF THE CLOSED LOOP**

# **Compensation Methodology**

Due to the user interface software interface, it is very easy to change the frequency compensation and see the resulting performance on a scope or network analyzer. Transient response is viewed by applying a transient load and monitoring the output voltage with a scope. Frequency response is viewed by placing a small resistor between the output and the feed back network, applying a small sine wave at the input to the feed back network and measuring the amplitude and phase shift of the resulting sine wave on the output. Sweeping the frequency produces plots similar to those above.

# **Frequency Domain**

It is recommended to place the first zero  $(F_{71})$  at the resonant frequency of the output inductors and capacitors (F =  $1/(2\pi\sqrt{LC})$  = 10kHz in this case). Then increase F<sub>Z2</sub> and  $F_{P0}$  to maximize DC gain and the frequency at which gain drops below 0dB while keeping the phase margin above 60 degrees. Phase Margin is the difference between 180 degrees and the phase shift of the loop at the frequency where the gain drops below 0dB (cross over frequency). If the loops phase shift reaches 180 degrees and has gain equal to or greater than 0dB, it acts as positive feed back and the loop will oscillate. Even if the loops phase shift is

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slightly below 180 degrees at the cross over frequency, the loop will respond to transients with overshoot and ringing. Loop phase shift between 90 and 120 degrees at the cross over frequency (Phase margin = 60 to 90 degrees) results in little or no over shoot and ringing. Large phase margins (>90 degrees) result in slower transient response.

# **Time Domain**

It is recommended to place the first zero  $(F_{Z1})$  at the resonant frequency of the output inductors and capacitors (F = 1/(2 $\pi$ √LC = 10kHz in this case). Then increase F<sub>Z2</sub> and  $F_{P0}$  to minimize response time over (under) shoot and ringing. The first microseconds of transient response are primarily dependant on the ESR and ESL of the output capacitors. After the affects of ESL and ESR pass the loop must control the response.



**FIGURE 22. TYPICAL RESPONSE TO A LOAD TRANSIENT**

# **User Interface Software**

The ISL6590 controller and the ISL6580 intelligent power stage have programmable values that can be changed using the User Interface Software. The loop configuration and system performance is adjusted using the software. The use of the software allows the engineer to evaluate the system performance without having to physically change components on the board. Primarion PowerCode user interface software (provided by Intersil and our partner Primarion).

Below are screen shots showing data entry points, pull down menus, buttons for help and a tutorial. The user interface software allows the designer to adjust the load line, frequency response, ATR and protection modes.

Primarion <sup>®</sup> PowerCode Architecture Manager Revision 1.61						
LARGE SIGNAL DECIGN	<b>SMALL SIGNAL DESIGN</b>		<b>CONTROLS AND INTERFACE</b>	<b>ADVANCED SETTINGS</b>		
<b>REGULATION WINDOW</b>				primari n		
ATRL Trip Level	15 000 $= 1$ (mV)	ATE DISEBERED				
ATRH Trip Level	15.000 $= 1$ (mV)			<b>THISOIT</b>		
AVP Load Line	95.00 (AmV)	<b>Load Line Slope</b>	0.95 tmCo	Export		
<b>AVP Offset</b>	20.845 $= 1$ (AmV)			Tutorial		
<b>OOVP Trip Level</b>	105 000 $= 1$ tmVs	DOVP / DOVP		Support Eilt		
<b>OUVP Trip Level</b>	105,000 $-$ (mV)			٠		

**FIGURE 23. PRIMARION POWERCODE LOADLINE AND ATR SETTINGS**

Primarion <sup>®</sup> PowerCode Architecture Manager Revision 1.61						
<b>ADVANCED SETTINGS</b>		CONTROLS AND INTERFACE	<b>SMALL SIGNAL-DESIGN</b>		LARGE SIGNAL DESIGN	
primari n					<b>Loop Response</b>	
	(n5)	79.58	<b>Pp2 Cp2 Time Constant</b>	(1034x)	185.00	Fpe
Import		0.00	Q	(KHz)	18.00	Fz4
Export	(36)	12.00	<b>Input Voltage</b>	<b>FROM PS</b>	65.00	F22
Tutorial	(V)	1.3000	Output Voltage	(001z)	2308.00	Fps
Sapport				(101x)	2000 00	Fp2
Exit	<b>GALL</b>	100.00	<b>Average Load Current</b>			
interail						

**FIGURE 24. PRIMARION POWERCODE LOOP RESPONSE SETTINGS**

Primarion <sup>®</sup> PowerCode <b>Architecture Manager Revision 1.61</b>						
<b>JARGE SIGNAL DESIGN</b>		<b>SMALL SIGNAL DESIGN</b>			<b>CONTROLS AND INTERFACE</b>	<b>ADVANCED SETTINGS</b>
<b>SYSTEM CONTROLS /</b> <b>MONITOR</b>						primari n
<b>Phase 1 Peak Current</b>	0:00	(A)	<b>Output Error</b>	0.00	con/w's	
Phase 2 Peak Current	0.00	<b>KAI</b>	<b>Active Phases</b>	30		Import
<b>Fhase 3 Feak Current</b>	0.00	tAs	VID.	000000	0.0000 (W)	Expart
<b>Phase 4 Peak Current</b>	0.00	<b>EAS</b>	<b>PWRGD</b>			Tutorial
Phase 5 Peak Current	lo po	49.3	<b>FAIR T</b>			Sapport
<b>Phase &amp; Peak Current</b>	0.05	(A)	<b>OUTER</b>			Exit
						<i>intercit</i>

**FIGURE 25. PRIMARION POWERCODE MONITOR WINDOW**



**FIGURE 26. PRIMARION POWERCODE DESIGN INPUTS**

	Primarion <sup>®</sup> PowerCode <b>Architecture Manager Revision 1.61</b>					
LARGE SILMAL DESIGN	<b>SMALL-SIGNAL-DESIGN</b>	CONTROLS AND INTERFACE	<b>ADVANCED SETTINGS</b>			
<b>ADVANCED SETTINGS</b> High Side FET <b>Non Overlap Timing</b> Low Side FET <b>Non Overlap Timing</b> <b>Current Sense Besistor</b> <b>Peak Current Limit</b> <b>Temperature Trip Level</b>	32.5 $= 1005$ 130.0 draft) ۰ı 192.00 VOV 12 (9) ×L e ca 1145 ×	30.61 cm	primari n Inport Export Tutorial ۰ Sopport			
Overload Current Trip. Level <b>Duty Cycle Limit</b>	120.00 <b>IAL</b> 20.00 ×	<b>Overload</b>	<b>Tim</b>			

**FIGURE 27. PRIMARION POWERCODE DUTY CYCLE LIMIT SELECTION**

# **Register Description Tables**

















#### **TABLE 11. ISL6590 MEMORY MAP (Continued)**



#### **TABLE 12. SECOND SOURCE INFORMATION**



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# **Quad Flat No-Lead Plastic Package (QFN) Micro Lead Frame Plastic Package (MLFP)**

### **L64.9x9-S**

**64 LEAD QUAD FLAT NO-LEAD PLASTIC PACKAGE**



#### NOTES:

- 1. Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to ASME Y14.5-1994.
- 2. N is the number of terminals.
- 3. Nd and Ne refer to the number of terminals on each D and E.
- 4. All dimensions are in millimeters. Angles are in degrees.
- 5. Dimension b applies to the metallized terminal and is measured between 0.15mm and 0.30mm from the terminal tip.
- 6. The configuration of the pin #1 identifier is optional, but must be located within the zone indicated. The pin #1 identifier may be either a mold or mark feature.
- 7. Dimensions D2 and E2 are for the exposed pads which provide improved electrical and thermal performance.
- 8. Nominal dimensions are provided to assist with PCB Land Pattern Design efforts, see Intersil Technical Brief TB389.
- 9. Depending on the method of lead termination at the edge of the package, a maximum 0.15mm pull back (L1) maybe present. L minus L1 to be equal to or greater than 0.3mm.

FOR EVEN TERMINAL/SIDE

e

L C

TERMINAL TIP

9

L1

L