

Regulating Pulse Width Modulator

Description **Features**

This monolithic integrated circuit contains all the control circuitry for a regulating power supply inverter or switching regulator. Included in a 16-pin dual-in-line package is the voltage reference, error amplifier, oscillator, pulse width modulator, pulse steering flip-flop, dual alternating output switches and current limiting and shut-down circuitry. This device can be used for switching regulators of either polarity, transformer coupled DC to DC converters, transformerless voltage doublers and polarity converters, as well as other power applications. The SG1524 is specified for operation over the full military ambient temperature range of -55°C to +125°C, the SG2524 for -25°C to +85°C, and the SG3524 is designed for commercial applications of 0°C to +70°C.

- 8V to 40V Operation
- **5V** Reference
- Reference Line and Load Regulation of 0.4%
- **100Hz to 300kHz Oscillator Range**
- **Excellent External Sync Capability**
- **Dual 50mA Output Transistors**
- **•** Current Limit Circuitry
- Complete PWM Power Control Circuitry
- **Single Ended or Push-Pull Outputs**
- Total Supply Current less than 10mA

High Reliability Features

Following are the high reliability features of SG1524:

- Available to MIL-STD-883, ¶ 1.2.1
- MIL-M38510/12601BEA SG1524J-JAN
- MSC-AMS Level "S" Processing Available
- Available to DSCC Standard Microcircuit Drawing (SMD)

Figure 1 · [Block Diagram](http://www.microsemi.com/)

Block Diagram

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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

Note 1: Values beyond which damage may occur.

Thermal Data

Oscillator Charging Current ..5mA Operating Junction Temperature Hermetic (J, L Packages) ... 150°C Plastic (N, D Packages) ... 150°C Storage Temperature Range-65°C to 150°C Pb-free / RoHS Peak Package Solder Reflow Temp (40 sec. max. exposure)... 260°C (+0, -5) Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds).....................300°C

Note A. Junction Temperature Calculation: $T_J = T_A + (P_D \times θ_{JA})$.

Note B. The above numbers for θ_{JC} are maximums for the limiting thermal resistance of the package in a standard mounting configuration. The θ_{JA} numbers are meant to be guidelines for the thermal performance of the device/pcboard system. All of the above assume no ambient airflow.

Recommended Operating Conditions (Note 2)

Note 2: Range over which the device is functional and parameter limits are guaranteed.

Electrical Characteristics

(Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply over the operating ambient temperatures for SG1524 with -55°C \leq T_A \leq 125°C, SG2524 with -25°C ≤ T_A ≤ 85°C, SG3524 with 0°C ≤ T_A ≤ 70°C, and +V_{IN} = 20V. Low duty cycle pulse testing techniques are used which maintains junction and case temperatures equal to the ambient temperature.)

Note 3. $I_L = 0 \text{mA}$

Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

Note 4. $F_{\rm osc}$ = 40kHz (R_T = 2.9kΩ, C_T = .01μF)

Note 5. $V_{\text{CM}} = 2.5V$

Note 6. V_{CM} = 0V
Note 7. These parameters, although guaranteed over the recommended operating conditions, are not 100% tested in production.

Application Notes

OSCILLATOR

The oscillator in the SG1524 uses an external resistor R_T to establish a constant charging current into an external capacitor C_T . While this uses more current than a series-connected RC, it provides a linear ramp voltage at C_T which is used as a timedependent reference for the PWM comparator. The charging current is equal to $3.6V/R_T$, and should be restricted to between 30μ A and 2mA. The equivalent range for R_T is 100k to 1.8k.

The range of values for C_T also has limits, as the discharge time of C_T determines the pulse width of the oscillator output pulse. The pulse is used (among other things) as a blanking pulse to both outputs to insure that there is no possibility of having both outputs on simultaneously during transitions. This output deadtime relationship is shown in Figure 2. A pulse width below 0.35 microseconds may cause failure of the internal flip-flop to toggle. This restricts the minimum value of C_T to 1000pF. (Note: Although the oscillator output is a convenient oscilloscope sync input, the probe capacitance will increase the pulse width and decrease the oscillator frequency slightly.) Obviously, the upper limit to the pulse width is determined by the modulation range required in the power supply at the chosen switching frequency. Practical values of C_T fall between 1000pF and 0.1 μ F, although successful 120 Hz oscillators have been implemented with values up to 5µF and a series surge limit resistor of 100 ohms.

The oscillator frequency is approximately $1/R_T$ ⁻C_T; where R is in ohms, C is in microfarads, and the frequency is in Megahertz. For greater accuracy, the chart in Figure 3 may be used for a wide range of operating frequencies.

Note that for buck regulator topologies, the two outputs can be wire-ORed for an effective 0-90% duty cycle range. With this connection, the output frequency is the same as the oscillator frequency. For push-pull applications, the outputs are used separately; the flip-flop limits the duty cycle range at each output to 0-45%, and the effective switching frequency at the transformer is 1/2 the oscillator frequency.

If it is desired to synchronize the SG1524 to an external clock, a positive pulse may be applied to the clock pin. The oscillator should be programmed with R_T and C_T values that cause it to free-run at 90% of the external sync frequency. A sync pulse with a maximum logic 0 of +0.3 volts and a minimum logic 1 of +2.4 volts applied to Pin 3 will lock the oscillator to the external source. The minimum sync pulsewidth should be 200 nanoseconds, and the maximum is determined by the required deadtime. The clock pin should never be driven more negative than -0.3 volts, nor more positive than +5.0 volts. The nominal resistance to ground is 3.2k at the clock pin, ±25% over temperature.

If two or more SG1524's must be synchronized together, program one master unit with R_T and C_T for the desired frequency. Leave the R_T pins on the slaves open, connect the C_T pins to the C_T of the master, and connect the clock pins to the clock pin of the master. Since C_T is a high-impedance node, this sync technique works best when all devices are close together.

Figure 2 · Output Stage Deadtime vs. C_T Example 1 × C Figure 3 · Oscillator Frequency vs. R_T and C_T

Application Notes (Continued)

CURRENT LIMITING

The current limiting circuitry of the SG1524 is shown in Figure 4. By matching the base-emitter voltages of Q1 and Q2, and assuming a negligible voltage drop across R1:

C.L. Threshold =
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V_{BE}(Q1) + I_1 \cdot R_2 - V_{BE}(Q2) = I_1 \cdot R_2
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~ 200 mV

Although this circuit provides a relatively small threshold with a negligible temperature coefficient, there are some limitations to its use because of its simplicity.

The most important of these is the limited common-mode voltage range: ±0.3 volts around ground. This requires sensing in the ground or return line of the power supply. Also precautions should be taken to not turn on the parasitic substrate diode of the integrated circuit, even under transient conditions. A Schottky clamp diode at Pin 5 may be required in some configurations to achieve this.

A second factor to consider is that the response time is relatively slow. The current limit amplifier is internally compensated by R_1 , C_1 , and Q1, resulting in a roll-off pole at approximately 300 Hz. A third factor to consider is the bias current of the C.L. sense pins. A constant current of approximately 150µA flows out of Pin 4, and a variable current with a range of 0-150µA flows out of Pin 5. As a result, the equivalent source impedance seen by the current sense pins should be less than 50 ohms to keep the threshold error less than 5%.

Since the gain of this circuit is relatively low (42 dB), there is a transition region as the current limit amplifier takes over pulse width control from the error amplifier. For testing purposes, threshold is defined as the input voltage required to get 25% duty cycle (+2 volts at the error amplifier output) with the error amplifier signaling maximum duty cycle.

APPLICATION NOTE: If the current limit function is not used on the SG1524, the common-mode voltage range restriction requires both current sense pins to be grounded.

Figure 4 · Current Limiting Circuitry of the SG1524

In this conventional single-ended regulator circuit, the two outputs of the SG1524 are connected in parallel for effective 0 - 90% duty-cycle modulation. The use of an output inductor requires and R-C phase compensation network for loop stability.

Push-pull outputs are used in this transformer-coupled DC-DC regulating converter. Note that the oscillator must be set at twice the desired output frequency as the SG1524's internal flip-flop divides the frequency by 2 as it switches the PWM signal from one output to the other. Current limiting is done here in the primary so that the pulse width will be reduced should transformer saturation occur.

Connection Diagrams and Ordering Information (See Notes Below)

*RoHS compliant

Note 1. Contact factory for JAN product availablity.

2. All packages are viewed from the top.

3. Hermetic Packages J & L use Pb37/Sn63 hot solder lead finish, contact factory for availability of RoHS versions.

Package Outline Dimensions

Controlling dimensions are in inches, metric equivalents are shown for general information.

Note:

Dimensions do not include protrusions; these shall not exceed 0.155mm (.006") on any side. Lead dimension shall not include solder coverage.

Figure 5 · J 16-Pin Ceramic Dip

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Package Outline Dimensions(continued)

*Lead Coplanarity

Note:

Dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusions; these shall not exceed 0.155mm (.006") on any side. Lead dimension shall not include solder coverage.

Note:

All exposed metalized area shall be gold plated 60 microinch minimum thickness over nickel plated unless otherwise specified in purchase order.

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