

LM2738 Step-Down Converter Evaluation Module User's Guide



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1 Introduction

The LM2738 demo board is configured to convert 12-V input to 3.3-V output at 1.5-A load current using the LM2738X 1.6-MHz or the LM2738Y 550-kHz step down DC-DC regulator. The tiny low profile MSOP-PowerPAD-8 and WSON-8 packages allows the demo board to be manufactured using just over one square inch of a 4-layer printed circuit board.

The circuit is configured with the boost diode connected to V_{OUT} , and according to the data sheet, V_{OUT} must not exceed the maximum operating limit of $5.5\text{ V} + V_{FD2}$ using this configuration. This makes sure that the voltage between the boost and SW pins, $V_{BOOST} - V_{SW}$, does not exceed 5.5 V for proper operation. Please see the [LM2738 550kHz/1.6MHz 1.5A Step-Down DC-DC Switching Regulator](#) data sheet for more information regarding this requirement.

A bill of materials describes the parts used on this demo board. A schematic and layout have also been included along with measured performance characteristics. The schematics at the end of this document show how to re-configure this demo board for various input and output conditions as discussed in the [LM2738 550kHz/1.6MHz 1.5A Step-Down DC-DC Switching Regulator](#) data sheet. Short or leave open the indicated connection as indicated in the schematics. The above restrictions for the input voltage are valid only for the demo board as shipped with the demo board schematic (see [Figure 2-1](#)).

2 Operating Conditions

- $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$
- $V_O = 3.3\text{ V}$
- $I_O = 1.5\text{ A}$

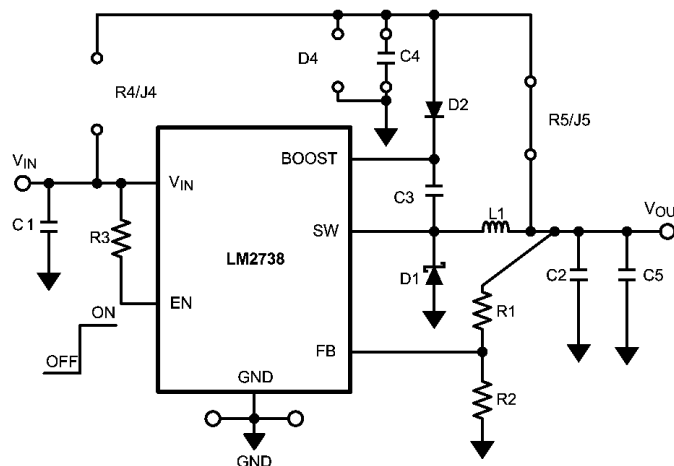


Figure 2-1. LM2738 Demo Board Schematic - V_{BOOST} Derived from $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$, $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$

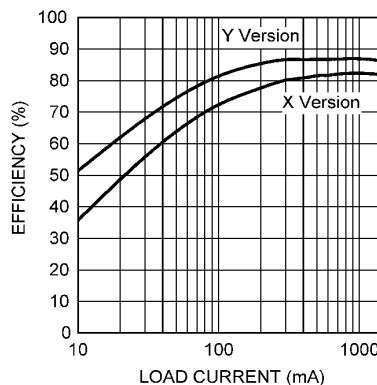


Figure 2-2. Efficiency vs Load Current - $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$

Table 2-1. Bill of Materials X-Version (1.6 MHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μ F, 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Cap	22 μ F, 10 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R1A226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μ F	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSON-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34- V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 VR	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	5.0 μ H, 2.9 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-502NL	-
R1	31.6 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12063162F	0805
R5	0 Ω	Vishay	CRCW12060R00F	0805
D4, R4	Open or No Load			

Table 2-2. Bill of Materials Y-Version (550 kHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μ F, 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Cap	22 μ F, 10 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R1A226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μ F	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100 mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSON-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 VR	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	10.0 μ H, 2.0 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-103NL	-
R1	31.6 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12063162F	0805
R5	0 Ω	Vishay	CRCW12060R00F	0805
D4, R4	Open or No Load			

3 PCB Layout - WSON

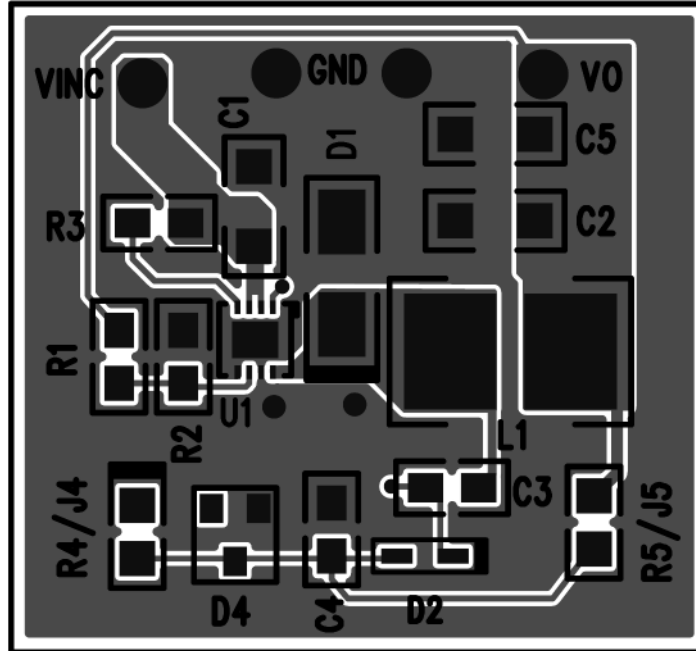


Figure 3-1. Top Layer

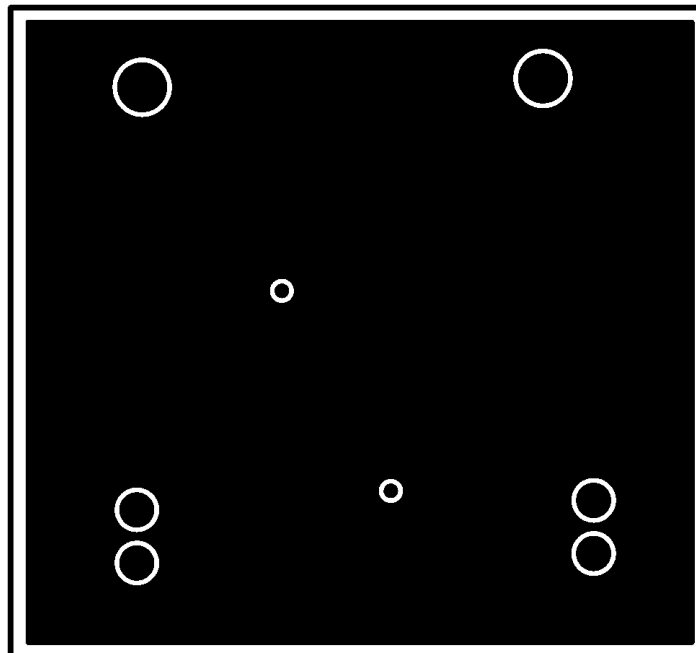


Figure 3-2. Internal Plane - Layer 2 (GND)

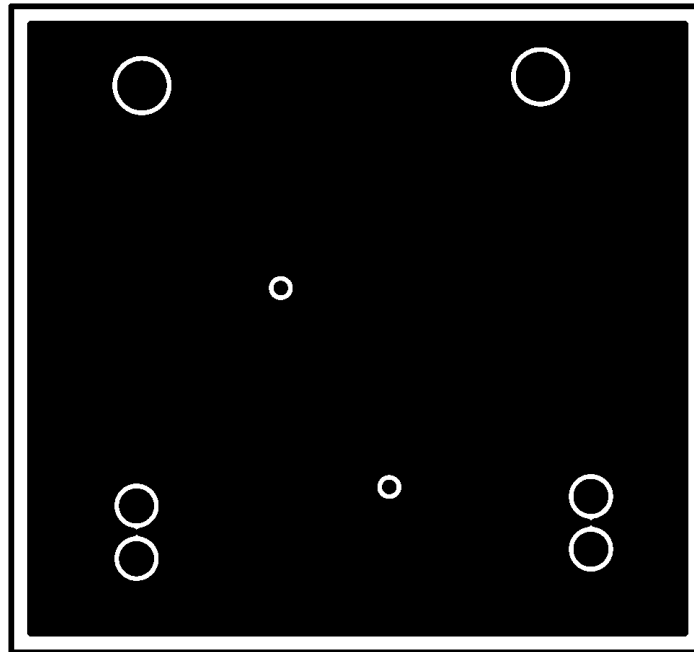


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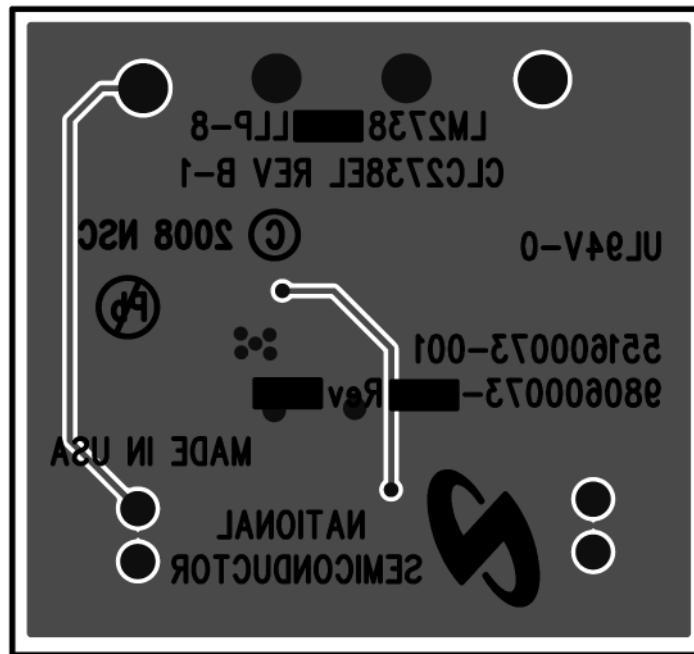


Figure 3-4. Bottom Layer

4 PCB Layout - MSOP-PowerPAD

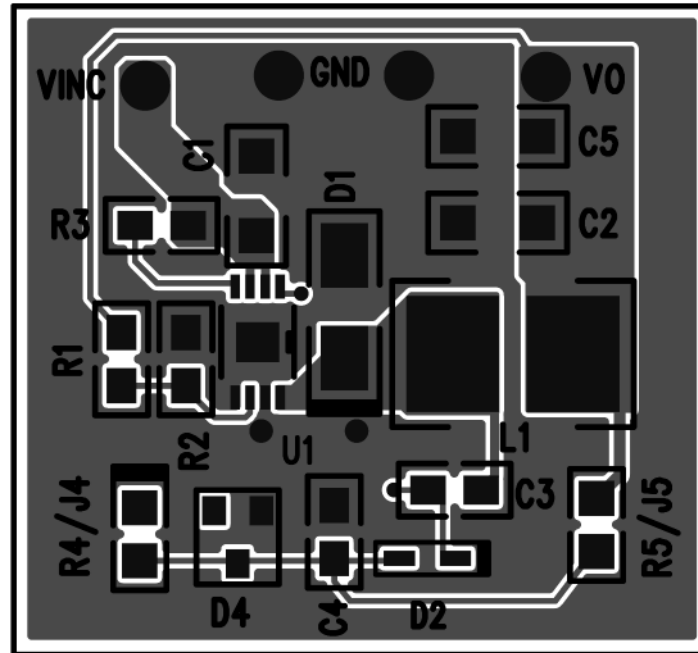


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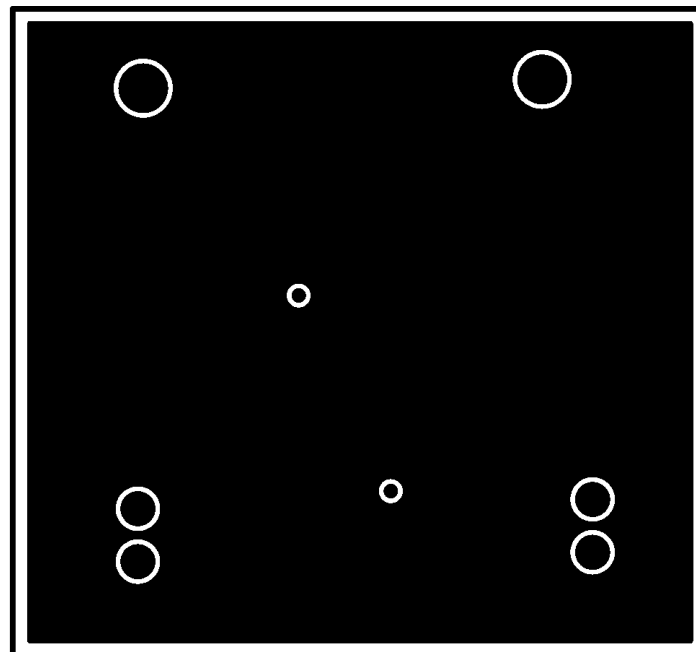


Figure 4-2. Internal Plane - Layer 2 (GND)

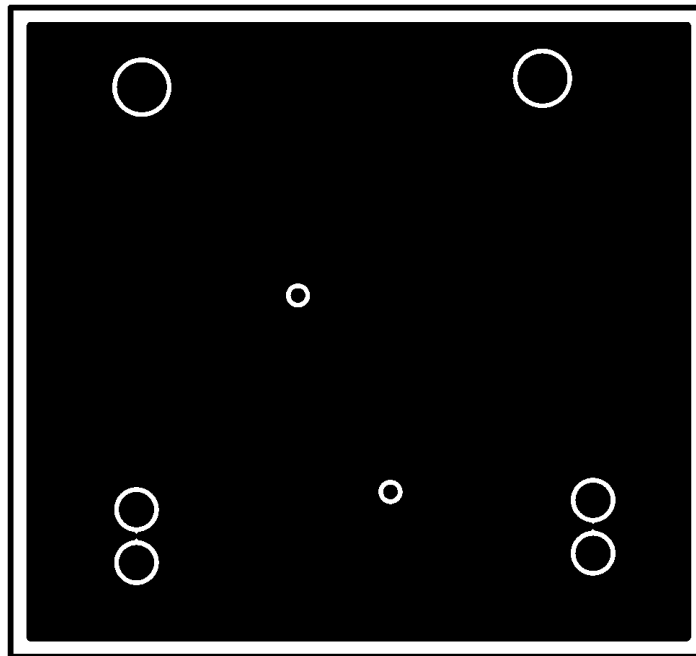


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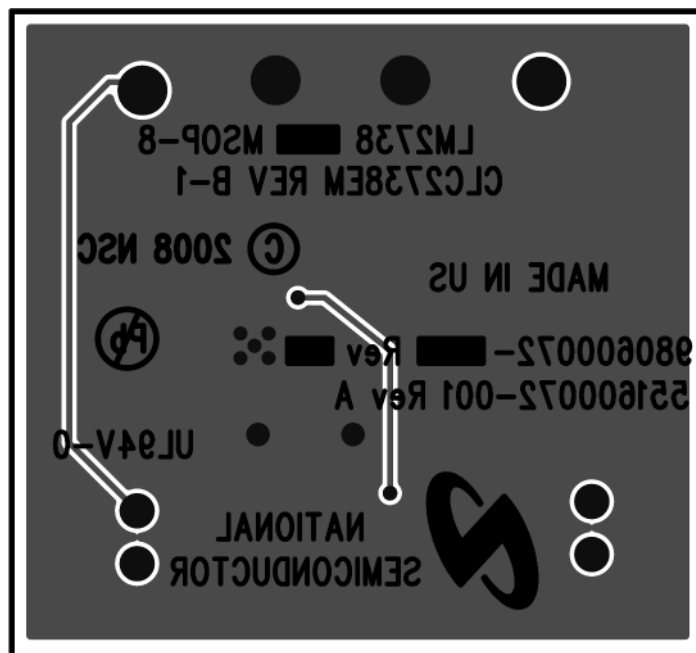


Figure 4-4. Bottom Layer

5 Additional Circuit Configuration Schematics

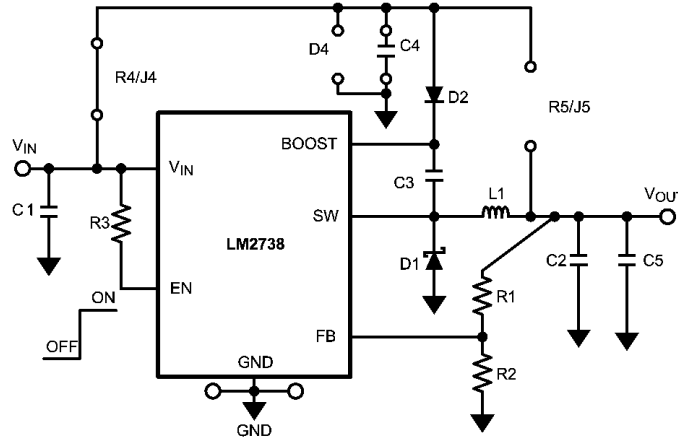


Figure 5-1. V_{BOOST} Derived from $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$, for $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{ V}$

Table 5-1. Bill of Materials X-Version (1.6 MHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, Output Cap	22 μF , 6.3 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R0J2266	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	2.2 μH , 1.9A	Coilcraft	MSS5131-222ML	-
R1	8.87 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12068871F	0805
R4	0 Ω	Vishay	CRCW12060R00F	0805
D4, R5, C5	Open or No Load			

Table 5-2. Bill of Materials Y-Version (550 kHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Caps	22 μF , 6.3 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R0J226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	6.2 μH , 2.5 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-622NL	-
R1	8.87 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12068871F	0805
R4	0 Ω	Vishay	CRCW12060R00F	0805
D4, R5	Open or No Load			

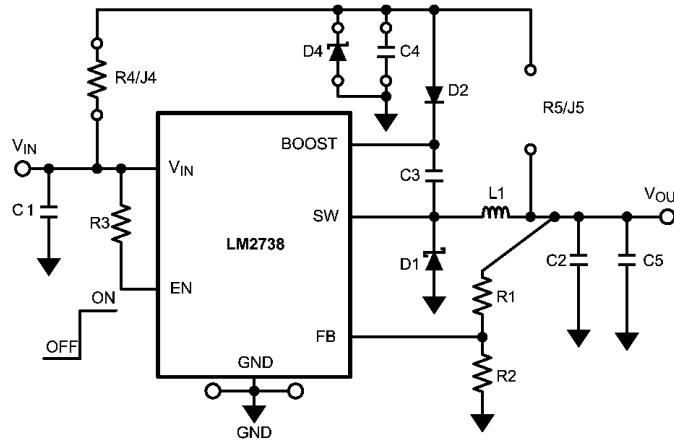


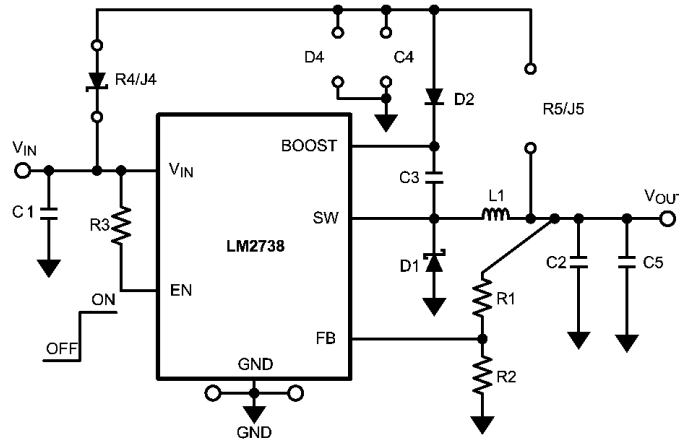
Figure 5-2. V_{BOOST} Derived from V_{SHUNT} Coming from $V_{IN} = 18\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{ V}$

Table 5-3. Bill of Materials X-Version (1.6 MHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Caps	22 μF , 6.3V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R0J226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
D4, Zener	5.1 V, 200 mW	Diodes, Inc.	BZX84C5V1W	SOT-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	2.7 μH , 1.76 A	TDK	VLCF5020T-2R7N1R7	-
R1	8.87 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12068871F	0805
R4	4.12 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12064121F	0805
R5	Open or No Load			

Table 5-4. Bill of Materials Y-Version (550 kHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Caps	47 μF , 6.3 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R0J476	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
D4, Zener	5.1 V, 200 mW	Diodes, Inc.	BZX84C5V1W	SOT-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	8.7 μH , 2.2 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-872NL	-
R1	8.87 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12068871F	0805
R4	4.21 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12064211F	0805
R5	Open or No Load			


Figure 5-3. V_{BOOST} Derived from Series Zener Diode from $V_{IN} = 15\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{ V}$
Table 5-5. Bill of Materials X-Version (1.6 MHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Caps	22 μF , 6.3 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R0J226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap)	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	3.3 μH , 3.5 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-332NL	-
R1	8.87 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12068871F	0805
R4	11 V, 200 mW, Zener	Vishay	BZX384C11-V	SOD-323
D4, R5, C4	Open or No Load			

Table 5-6. Bill of Materials Y-Version (550 kHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, C5, Output Caps	47 μF , 6.3 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R0J476	1206
C3 (Boost Cap)	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	8.7 μH , 2.2 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-872NL	-
R1	8.87 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12068871F	0805
R4	11 V, 200 mW, Zener	Vishay	BZX384C11-V	SOD-323
D4, R5, C4	Open or No Load			

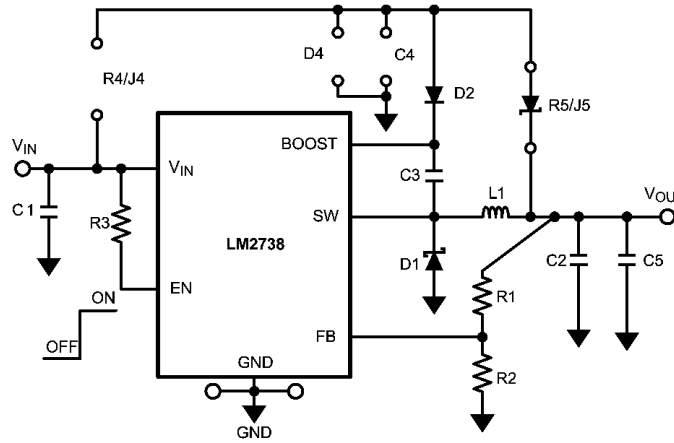


Figure 5-4. V_{BOOST} Derived from Series Zener Diode from $V_{OUT} = 9\text{ V}$, $V_{IN} = 15\text{ V}$

Table 5-7. Bill of Materials X-Version (1.6 MHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, Output Cap	22 μF , 10 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R1A226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30 V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	6.2 μH , 2.5 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-622NL	-
R1	102 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW1206123F	0805
R5	4.3 V, 200 mW, Zener	Vishay	BZX384C4V3-V	SOD-323
D4, R4	Open or No Load			

Table 5-8. Bill of Materials Y-Version (550 kHz)

Part ID	Part Value	Manufacturer	Part Number	Package Type
C1, Input Cap	10 μF , 25 V, X7R	TDK	C3216X5R1E106	1206
C2, Output Cap	22 μF , 10 V, X5R	TDK	C3216X5R1A226	1206
C3 (Boost Cap), C4	0.1 μF	TDK	C2012X7R1A104	0805
D2, Boost Diode	1 V_F at 100-mA Diode	Diodes, Inc.	BAT54WS-TP	SOD-323
R2, R3	10 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061002F	0805
U1	1.5-A Buck Regulator	Texas Instruments	LM2738	WSO8-8
			LM2738	MSOP-PowerPAD-8
D1, Catch Diode	0.34 V_F Schottky, 1.5 A, 30V	Toshiba	CRS08	-
L1	5.0 μH , 2.9 A	Coilcraft	MSS7341-502NL	-
R1	102 k Ω , 1%	Vishay	CRCW12061023F	0805
R5	4.3 V, 200 mW, Zener	Vishay	BZX384C4V3-V	SOD-323
D4, R4	Open or No Load			

6 Revision History

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- Updated the user's guide title..... 2
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