FAN5242 Voltage Regulator for IMVP-II Notebook Processors

Features

- Powers Intel IMVP-II CPU core
- 0.600V to 1.750V output voltage range
- \cdot \pm 1% reference precision over temperature
- Dynamic VID code change supported
- 5V to 24V input voltage range
- Special controls for Battery Mode and Deeper Sleep **Mode**
- Meets IMVP-II Load Lines
- High efficiency at all load currents
- Active Droop provides correct load lines
- True differential remote voltage sense
- Current sense uses MOSFETs
- Power Good, Over-current, OV, UVLO
- Space-saving QSOP24

Applications

- Notebook CPUs
- Internet appliances

Typical Application

Description

The FAN5242 provides the power, control and protection for the CPU in Intel IMVP-II notebook PC applications. The IC integrates a PWM controller as well as monitoring and protection circuitry into a single 24 lead QSOP package. It provides high efficiency PWM at maximum load and hysteretic conversion at minimum load, and generates Intel specified load lines in both Performance and Battery Mode.

The FAN5242 includes an Intel specified 5-input DAC that adjusts the core PWM output voltage from 600mV to 1.750V in 25mV steps. The DAC setting may be changed during operation, transition occurring in <100µsec. A precision reference, true differential remote sense, and a proprietary architecture with active droop provide excellent static and dynamic core voltage regulation. The FAN5242 includes over-voltage, and over-current protection, and an enable. It is available in a QSOP 24.

Pin Assignments

Pin Description

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute maximum ratings are the values beyond which the device may be damaged or have its useful life impaired. Functional operation under these conditions is not implied.

Recommended Operating Conditions

Electrical Specifications

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Table 1. Output Voltage Programming Codes

1 - Logic High or open, 0 = Logic Low

Application Circuit

Figure 1. FAN5242 IMVP-II Application Circuit

Table 2. FAN5242 Application Bill of Materials

Applications Information

Overview

The FAN5242 is a high efficiency and high precision DC/DC controller for IMVP-II powered notebooks and other portable applications. It provides the voltage necessary for portable applications' processor core. The core voltage is programmed with a 5-bit VID. Utilization of both input and output voltage feedback, and summing-mode compensation, allows for fast loop response over a wide range of input and output variations. This scheme has a superior range of output current operation and is free of the light load instabilities typical of current mode. The IC design allows for a minimum size design of magnetics and discrete transistors for minimum cost and space at maximum performance. Active droop on the CPU output also minimizes the number of output capacitors required. Also included are a number of additional features to make design straightforward, including a pin to set the core voltage during Deep Sleep and Deeper Sleep.

Power Architecture

The power output of the FAN5242 is generated from the unregulated input voltage using synchronous buck converters. Both the high-side and the low-side MOSFET are N-channels to maximize efficiency.

The power output has a pin for setting output overcurrent; two pins for remote voltage-sense feedback; a pin that generates a softstart; and an enable pin that can be used to shutdown the converter.

Loop Description

The control loop of the FAN5242 uses summing-mode control, and requires no external compensation. The control loop measures the current differentially across its low-side MOS-FET, subtracting it from the ground voltage, and subtracts the sum from the reference voltage. In addition, it uses voltage feed-forward to guarantee loop rejection of input voltage variation: the ramp amplitude is varied as a function of the input voltage.

Compensation of the control loop amounts to merely selecting suitable output capacitors. Most selections of common Tantalum capacitors will result in a stable loop with adequate phase margin, as will Oscons or Polycaps.

Current Limit

The converter senses the voltage across the low-side N-channel MOSFET (from the SW pin to ground) and compares it to the voltage across a resistor from SW to the ISNS pins; it can also use a discrete resistor in series with the low-side MOSFET for precision. If the voltage drop exceeds the setpoint, the softstart capacitor is discharged, forcing the converter to re-softstart.

Selection of a current-limit resistor must include the tolerance of the current-limit trip point, the MOSFET $R_{DS,on}$ tolerance and temperature coefficient, and the ripple current, in addition to the maximum output current.

Example: Maximum DC output current is 18A, and the inductor is 1.0µH at this current. The MOSFETs have a cumulative $R_{DS,on} = 8.5 \text{m}\Omega$ at $V_{GS} = 4.5 \text{V}$, and will be running at 100°C, at which its resistance is 30% higher than at 25° C.

Peak current is DC output current plus peak ripple current:

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I_{pk} = I_{DC} + \frac{TV_o}{2L} = 18A + \frac{4\mu \sec \times 1.25V}{2 \times 1 \mu H} = 21A
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where T is the maximum period, V_O is output voltage, and L is the inductance. The voltage across the MOSFET at this current is

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V = I_{pk} \times R_{DS,on} \times TC = 21A \times 8.5 \text{ m}\Omega \times 1.3
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= 230mV

The current source driving the external resistor is 100µA minimum, so we must use

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R \ge \frac{V}{I} = \frac{230 \text{mV}}{100 \mu \text{A}} = 2.39 \text{k}\Omega
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Softstart Timing

Softstart of the converter is accomplished by attaching a capacitor to the SS pin.

Example: To get approximately a 1msec softstart, select a

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C = \frac{It}{V} = \frac{10\mu A \times 1 \text{msec}}{1 V} = 10nF
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capacitor.

Light Load Mode

Because the converter is a synchronous buck, it can operate in two quadrants, which means that the ripple current is a constant independent of the load current. At light loads, this ripple current translates into poor efficiency, since it causes circulating current losses in the MOSFETs. To optimize the efficiency at light loads, then, the FAN5242 switches from normal operation to a special light load when the current is low. Light load occurs when the on-state drain-source voltage is less than about 17mV.

In light load mode, the FAN5242 switches from PWM (pulse width modulation) to PFM (pulse frequency modulation), which reduces the gate drive current. It also turns off the low side drive completely, which further saves on gate current; in this mode, the converter operates non-synchronously, using the output schottky. The switch to this mode of operation can be avoided by pulling the FPWM pin to VCC.

Setting the Switching Frequency

Connecting the FREQ pin to ground sets the switching frequency to 300KHz. Connecting the FREQ pin to VCC sets the switching frequency to 600KHz.

Setting the Voltage with SLP

Deep Sleep and Deeper Sleep voltages can be set with the SLP pin. When the SLP pin is open, the output voltage of the converter is set by the VID pins. When the SLP pin has a resistor to ground, the output voltage of the converter will be equal to $10\mu A \times R$. Thus, the DEEPSLEEP voltage of 1.173V can be obtained by turning on a switch with a 117.3KΩ resistor to ground, and the DEEPERSLEEP voltage of 700mV can be obtained by turning on a switch with a 698 Ω resistor to ground.

Setting the Load Line with ISNS

The load line can be set with a resistor between the switching node of the power MOSFETs and the ISNS pin, and further adjusted with a resistor from the ISNS pin to ground. The schematic of Figure 3 shows how to obtain the nominal Performance Mode load line of 4mV/A, and how to use a switch connected to the GMUXSEL signal to obtain the Battery Mode load line of 3mV/A.

The ISNS pin can be quite sensitive to stray capacitance, and so it is important to use a low capacitance switch for the resistor to ground, such as the Fairchild FDV301N shown in the Figure.

Overvoltage Protection

When the output voltage of the converter exceeds approximately 120% of nominal, it enters into over-voltage protection, with the goal of protecting the load from damage. In over-voltage protection, the high-side MOSFET is turned off and the low-side MOSFET is turned on, crowbarring the output. Once over-voltage protection is triggered, it remains on until power is recycled.

Power good

Power good is asserted when the output is within its specified tolerance.

ENABLE

The ENBL pin does the on/off control. Pulling this pin low turns off the converter.

Thermal shutdown

If the die temperature of the FAN5242 exceeds safe limits, the IC shuts itself off.

UVLO

If the input voltages falls below the UVLO threshold, the FAN5242 turns itself off.

Mechanical Dimensions

24 Lead QSOP

Ordering Information

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