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FAN5332A High Efficiency, High Current Serial LED Driver and OLED Supply with 30V Integrated Switch

Features

- 1.5MHz Switching Frequency
- Low Noise
- Adjustable Output Voltage
- Up to 1.5A Peak Switch Current
- 1.5W Output Power Capability
- Low Shutdown Current: <1µA
- Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit
- Over-Voltage Protection
- Fixed -Frequency PWM Operation
- Soft Start
- Internal Compensation
- Thermal Shutdown
- 5-lead SOT-23 Package

Applications

- Cell Phones
- PDAs
- Handheld Equipment
- Display Bias
- LED Bias
- Flash LED

Description

The FAN5332A is an LED driver that features fixed frequency mode operation and an integrated FET switch. The device's high output power makes it suitable to drive flash LEDs in serial connections. This device is designed to operate at high switching frequencies in order to minimize switching noise measured at the battery terminal of hand-held communications equipment. Quiescent current in both normal and shutdown mode is designed to be minimal in order to extend battery life. Normal or shutdown mode can be selected by a logic level shutdown circuitry.

The low ON-resistance of the internal N-channel switch ensures high efficiency and low power dissipation. A cycle-by-cycle current limit circuit keeps the peak current of the switch below a typical value of 1.5A. The FAN5332A is available in a 5-lead SOT23 package.

Typical Application

Pin Assignment

Top View

Figure 2. Pin Assignment

Pin Description

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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note1)

Recommended Operating Conditions

Notes:

- 1. Stresses above those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Absolute maximum ratings apply individually only, not in combination.
- 2. Junction to ambient thermal resistance, θ_{JA} , is a strong function of PCB material, board thickness, thickness and number of copper planes, number of via used, diameter of via used, available copper surface, and attached heat sink characteristics.
- 3. Using EIA/JESD22A114B (Human Body Model) and EIA/JESD22C101-A (Charge Device Model).
- 4. This load capacitance value is required for the loop stability. Tolerance, temperature variation, and voltage dependency of the capacitance must be considered. Typically a 2.2µF ceramic capacitor is required to achieve specified value at $V_{OUT} = 30V$.

Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, V_{IN} = 3.6V, No external load,T_A = -40°C to +85°C, Typical values are at T_A = 25°C, Test Circuit, Figure 3.

Test Circuit

Figure 3. Test Circuit

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Typical Performance Characteristics

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, C_{IN} = 10µF, C_{OUT} = 2.2µF, L = 6.8µH, unless otherwise noted.

Block Diagram

Figure 4. Block Diagram

Circuit Description

The FAN5332A is a pulse-width modulated (PWM) current-mode boost converter. The FAN5332A improves the performance of battery-powered equipment by significantly minimizing the spectral distribution of noise at the input caused by the switching action of the regulator. To facilitate effective noise filtering, the switching frequency was chosen to be high, 1.6MHz. An internal soft start circuitry minimizes in-rush currents. The timing of the soft start circuit was chosen to reach 95% of the nominal output voltage within maximum 5mS following an enable command when $V_{IN} = 2.7V$, $V_{\text{OUT}} = 20.7V$, $I_{\text{LOAD}} = 35mA$ and C_{OUT} (EFFECTIVE) = 2.2µF.

The device architecture is that of a current mode controller with an internal sense resistor connected in series with the N-channel switch. The voltage at the feedback pin tracks the output voltage at the cathode of the external Schottky diode (shown in the test circuit). The error amplifier amplifies the difference between the feedback voltage and the internal bandgap reference. The amplified error voltage serves as a reference voltage to the PWM comparator. The inverting input of the PWM comparator consists of the sum of two components: the amplified control signal received from the 30mΩ current sense resistor and the ramp generator voltage derived from the oscillator. The oscillator sets the latch, and the latch turns on the FET switch. Under normal operating conditions, the PWM comparator resets the latch and turns off the FET, thus terminating the pulse. Since the comparator input contains information about the output voltage and the control loop is arranged to form a negative feedback loop, the value of the peak inductor current will be adjusted to maintain regulation.

Every time the latch is reset, the FET is turned off and the current flow through the switch is terminated. The latch can be reset by other events as well. Over-current condition is monitored by the current limit comparator which resets the latch and turns off the switch instantaneously within each clock cycle. Over-voltage condition is detected by a fast comparator limiting the duty cycle in a similar manner to over-current monitoring described above. Dimming may be accomplished by PWM modulating the SHDN input at a frequency around 100Hz.

Over-Voltage Protection

The voltage on the feedback pin is sensed by an OVP Comparator. When the feedback voltage is 15% higher than the nominal voltage, the OVP Comparator stops switching of the power transistor, thus preventing the output voltage from going higher.

Applications Information

Setting the Output Voltage

The internal reference (V_{REF}) is 1.23V (Typical). The output voltage is divided by a resistor divider, R1 and R2 to the FB pin. The output voltage is given by

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V_{OUT} = V_{REF}\left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)
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According to this equation, and assuming desired output voltage of 20.7V, good choices for the feedback resistors are, R_1 =160kΩ and R_2 =10kΩ.

Inductor Selection

The inductor parameters directly related to device performances are saturation current and dc resistance. The FAN5332A operates with a typical inductor value of 6.8µH. The lower the dc resistance, the higher the efficiency. Usually a trade-off between inductor size, cost and overall efficiency is needed to make the optimum choice.

The inductor saturation current should be rated around 1.5A, which is the threshold of the internal current limit circuit. This limit is reached only during the start-up and with heavy load condition; when this event occurs the converter can shift over in discontinuous conduction mode due to the automatic turn-off of the switching transistor, resulting in higher ripple and reduced efficiency.

Some recommended inductors are suggested in the table below:

Table 1: Recommended Inductors

Capacitors Selection

For best performance, low ESR input and output capacitors are required. Ceramic capacitors of $C_{IN} = 10 \mu F$ and $C_{OIII} = 2.2 \mu F$ placed as close to the IC pins, are recommended for the lower input and output ripple. The output capacitor voltage rating should be according to the V_{OUT} setting. Some capacitors are suggested in the table below.

Table 2: Recommended Capacitors

A feed forward capacitor C_F is required for stability. The recommended value $(R_1 \times C_F)$ is around 13µS.

Diode Selection

The external diode used for rectification is usually a Schottky diode. Its average forward current and reverse voltage maximum ratings should exceed the load current and the voltage at the output of the converter respectively. A barrier Schottky diode such as BAT54 is preferred, due to its lower reverse current over the temperature range.

Care should be taken to avoid any short circuit of V_{OUT} to GND, even with the IC disabled, since the diode can be instantly damaged by the excessive current.

Thermal Shutdown

When the die temperature exceeds 150°C, a reset occurs and will remain in effect until the die cools to 130°C, at that time the circuit will be allowed to restart.

Heavy Load Limitations

In heavy load applications ($P_{OUT} > 1.5W$) the power dissipated in steady state at high ambient temperature can increase the die temperature to the point where the thermal shutdown kicks in. To prevent this, a limited time operation should be considered in applications such as a flash LED driver. An operation time of 0.4Sec. at maximum load, followed by a 3.6Sec. OFF time ensures stable operation even in the worst case, provided that the IC heat dissipation is optimized to lower the junction to ambient thermal resistance.

The external passive components and the layout of the PCB play an important role in reaching the highest efficiency of the boost converter. For best results, the data sheet recommendations regarding external components and PCB layout should be followed closely.

PCB Layout Recommendations

The inherently high peak currents and switching frequency of power supplies require careful PCB layout design. Therefore, use wide traces for high current paths and place the input capacitor, the inductor, and the output capacitor as close as possible to the integrated circuit terminals. The resistor divider that sets the output voltage should be routed away from the inductor to avoid RF coupling. A two layer PCB with the bottom layer as ground plane connected to the pin 2 of the IC is recommended. This ground plane acts as an electromagnetic shield to reduce EMI and parasitic coupling between components.

Figure 5. Recommended PCB Layout

Mechanical Dimensions

5-Lead SOT-23Package

Ordering Information

