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ISL6627

VR11.1, VR12 Compatible Synchronous Rectified Buck MOSFET Driver

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The ISL6627 is a high frequency MOSFET driver designed to drive upper and lower power N-Channel MOSFETs in a synchronous rectified buck converter topology. The advanced PWM protocol of ISL6627 is specifically designed to work with Intersil VR11.1, VR12 controllers and combined with N-Channel MOSFETs to form a complete core-voltage regulator solution for advanced microprocessors. When ISL6627 detects a PSI protocol sent by an Intersil VR11.1, VR12 controller, it activates Diode Emulation (DE) operation; otherwise, it operates in normal Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) PWM mode.

To further enhance light load efficiency, the ISL6627 enables diode emulation operation during PSI mode. This allows Discontinuous Conduction Mode (DCM) by detecting when the inductor current reaches zero and subsequently turning off the low side MOSFET to prevent it from sinking current.

When ISL6627 detects Diode Braking command from the PWM, it turns off both gates and reduces overshoot in load transient situations.

An advanced adaptive shoot-through protection is integrated to prevent both the upper and lower MOSFETs from conducting simultaneously and to minimize dead time. The user also has the option to program the driver working in fixed propagation delay mode to optimize the regulator efficiency. The ISL6627 has a 20kΩ integrated high-side gate-to-source resistor to prevent self turn-on due to high input bus dV/dt.

Related Literature

- • [Technical Brief TB363](http://www.intersil.com/data/tb/tb363.pdf) "Guidelines for Handling and Processing Moisture Sensitive Surface Mount Devices (SMDs)"
- • [Technical Brief TB417](http://www.intersil.com/data/tb/tb417.pdf) "Designing Stable Compensation Networks for Single Phase Voltage Mode Buck Regulators"

Features

- Intersil VR11.1 and VR12 Compatible
- Dual MOSFET Driver for Synchronous Rectified Bridge
- Advanced Adaptive Zero Shoot-through Protection
- Programmable Fixed Deadtime for Efficiency Optimization
- Low Standby Bias Current
- 36V Internal Bootstrap Diode
- **Bootstrap Capacitor Overcharge Prevention**
- Supports High Switching Frequency
	- 4A Sinking Current Capability
	- Fast Rise/Fall Times and Low Propagation Delays
- Integrated High-Side Gate-to-Source Resistor to Prevent Self Turn-on Due to High Input Bus dV/dt
- Power Rails Undervoltage Protection
- Expandable Bottom Copper Pad for Enhanced Heat Sinking
- Dual Flat 10 Ld (3x3 DFN) Package
	- Near Chip-Scale Package Footprint; Improves PCB Efficiency and Thinner in Profile
- Pb-Free (RoHS Compliant)

Applications

- High Light Load Efficiency Voltage Regulators
- Core Regulators for Advanced Microprocessors
- High Current DC/DC Converters
- High Frequency and High Efficiency VRM and VRD

Typical Application Circuit

Pin Configuration

Functional Pin Descriptions

Ordering Information

NOTES:

1. Add "-T*" suffix for tape and reel. Please refer to **[TB347](http://www.intersil.com/data/tb/tb347.pdf)** for details on reel specifications.

2. These Intersil Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets, molding compounds/die attach materials, and 100% matte tin plate plus anneal (e3 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations). Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.

3. For Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL), please see device information page for **ISL6627**. For more information on MSL please see techbrief [TB363](http://www.intersil.com/data/tb/tb363.pdf).

Absolute Maximum Ratings Thermal Information

Recommended Operating Conditions

CAUTION: Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions may adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

NOTES:

- 4. θ_{JA} is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high effective thermal conductivity test board with "direct attach" features. See Tech Brief [TB379](http://www.intersil.com/data/tb/tb379.pdf).
- 5. For θ_{JC} , the "case temp" location is the center of the exposed metal pad on the package underside.

Electrical Specifications Recommended Operating Conditions, Unless Otherwise Noted. Boldface limits apply over the operating temperature range.

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6. Limits established by characterization and are not production tested.

7. Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are 100% tested at +25°C, unless otherwise specified. Temperature limits established by characterization and are not production tested.

Operation and Adaptive Shoot-Through Protection

Designed for high speed switching, the ISL6627 MOSFET driver controls both high-side and low-side N-Channel FETs from one externally-provided PWM signal.

A rising transition on PWM initiates the turn-off of the lower MOSFET (see "Timing Diagram"). After a short propagation delay [t_{PDLL}], the lower gate begins to fall. Typical fall times [t_{FL}] are provided in the ì*Electrical Specificationsî on* [page 4.](#page-3-2) Adaptive shoot-through circuitry monitors the LGATE voltage and turns on the upper gate following a short delay time $[t_{\text{PDHU}}]$ after the LGATE voltage drops below ~1V. The user also has the option to program the propagation delay as described in "Deadtime Programming" [on page 6.](#page-5-2) The upper gate drive then begins to rise $[t_{\text{RU}}]$ and the upper MOSFET turns on.

A falling transition on PWM indicates the turn-off of the upper MOSFET and the turn-on of the lower MOSFET. A short propagation delay $[t_{\text{PDL}}]$ is encountered before the upper gate begins to fall $[t_{\text{FU}}]$. The adaptive shoot-through circuitry monitors the UGATE-PHASE voltage and turns on the lower MOSFET a short delay time $[t_{\text{PDHL}}]$, after the upper MOSFET's gate voltage drops below 1V. The lower gate then rises $[t_{RL}]$, turning on the lower MOSFET. These methods prevent both the lower and upper MOSFETs from conducting simultaneously (shoot-through), while adapting the dead time to the gate charge characteristics of the MOSFETs being used. The user also has the option to program the propagation delay as described in "Deadtime Programming" on page 6.

This driver is optimized for voltage regulators with a large step down ratio. The lower MOSFET is usually sized larger compared to the upper MOSFET because the lower MOSFET conducts for a longer time during a switching period. The lower gate driver is therefore sized much larger to meet this application requirement. The 0.4Ω ON-resistance and 4A sink current capability enable the lower gate driver to absorb the charge injected into the lower gate through the drain-to-gate capacitor of the lower MOSFET and help prevent shoot through caused by the self turn-on of the lower MOSFET due to high dV/dt of the switching node.

Advanced PWM Protocol (Patent Pending)

The advanced PWM protocol of ISL6627 is specifically designed to work with Intersil VR11.1 and VR12 controllers. When ISL6627 detects a PSI# protocol sent by an Intersil VR11.1/VR12 controller, it turns on diode emulation operation; otherwise, it remains in normal CCM PWM mode.

Note that for a PWM low to tri-level (2.5V) transition, the LGATE will not turn off until the its diode emulation minimum ON-time of 330ns (typically) passes.

Diode Emulation

Diode emulation allows for higher converter efficiency under light-load situations. With diode emulation active, the ISL6627 detects the zero current crossing of the output inductor and turns off LGATE, preventing the low side MOSFET from sinking current and ensuring discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) is achieved. In DCM mode, LGATE has a minimum ON-time of 330ns (typically).

Deadtime Programming

The part provides the user with the option to program either of the two gate propagation delays (as defined in Figure [3](#page-6-2)) in order to optimize the deadtime and maximize the efficiency of the circuit. Tying the TD pin to either GND or VCC through a specified-value resistor leads the driver to operate in fixed gate propagation delay mode. Leaving the TD pin floating results in the driver operating in adaptive deadtime mode. Refer to Table [1](#page-6-0) for typical programming resistor value options. Propagation delay has a typical tolerance of 30%. As actual deadtime depends on FET switching transition characteristics, while operating in fixed propagation delay mode, the user needs to monitor the gate transitions under worst-case operating conditions and use appropriate design margin to prevent eventual shoot-through due to insufficient dead time.

LG FALL TO UG RISE PROPAGATION DELAY UG FALL TO LG RISE PROPAGATION DELAY

FIGURE 3. PROGRAMMABLE PROPAGATION DELAY ILLUSTRATION

TABLE 1. TYPICAL DELAY PROGRAMMING RESISTOR VALUE

RESISTOR FROM TD TO VCC (kΩ)	RESISTOR FROM TD TO GND $(k\Omega)$	LG FALL TO UG RISE DELAY (n _s)	UG FALL TO LG RISE DELAY (n _s)
short		27	23
100		27	18
330		27	15
910		27	7
	Short	40	18
	100	25	18
	360	17	18
Floating	Floating	Adaptive	Adaptive

Power-On Reset (POR) Function

VCC voltage level is monitored at all times. Once the VCC voltage exceeds 3.85V (typically), operation of the driver is enabled and the PWM input signal takes control of the gate drivers. If VCC drops below the falling threshold of 3.52V (typically), operation of the driver is disabled.

Internal Bootstrap Device

ISL6627 features an internal bootstrap schottky diode. Simply adding an external capacitor across the BOOT and PHASE pins completes the bootstrap circuit. The bootstrap function is also designed to prevent the bootstrap capacitor from overcharging due to the large negative swing at the trailing-edge of the PHASE node excursion. This reduces the potential for overstressing the upper driver.

The bootstrap capacitor must have a voltage rating above the maximum VCC voltage. Its capacitance value can be estimated from Equation 1:

$$
C_{\text{BOOT_CAP}} \ge \frac{Q_{\text{GATE}}}{\Delta V_{\text{BOOT_CAP}}}
$$
\n
$$
Q_{\text{GATE}} = \frac{Q_{\text{G1}} \cdot \text{VCC}}{V_{\text{GS1}}} \cdot N_{Q1}
$$
\n(EQ. 1)

where Q_{G1} is the amount of gate charge per upper MOSFET at V_{GS1} gate-source voltage and N_{Q1} is the number of control (upper) MOSFETs. The ΔV_{BOOT} CAP term is defined as the allowable droop in the rail of the upper gate drive. Select results are exemplified in Figure [4.](#page-6-5)

FIGURE 4. BOOTSTRAP CAPACITANCE vs BOOT RIPPLE VOLTAGE

Power Dissipation

Package power dissipation is mainly a function of the switching frequency (F_{SW}), the output drive impedance, the layout resistance, the selected MOSFET's internal gate resistance and its total gate charge (Q_G) . Calculating the power dissipation in the driver for a desired application is critical to ensure safe operation. Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation level may push the IC beyond the maximum recommended operating junction temperature. The DFN package is more suitable for high frequency applications. See "Layout Considerations" on page 8 for thermal impedance improvement suggestions. The total driver power loss, essentially MOSFETs' gate charge and driver internal circuitry losses, can be estimated using Equations [2](#page-6-3) and [3](#page-6-4), respectively.

$$
P_{Qg_TOT} = P_{Qg_Q1} + P_{Qg_Q2} + I_Q \cdot VCC
$$

\n
$$
P_{Qg_Q1} = \frac{Q_{G1} \cdot UVC^2}{V_{GS1}} \cdot F_{SW} \cdot N_{Q1}
$$

\n
$$
P_{Qg_Q2} = \frac{Q_{G2} \cdot LVC^2}{V_{GS2}} \cdot F_{SW} \cdot N_{Q2}
$$
 (EQ. 2)

$$
I_{DR} = \left(\frac{Q_{G1} \cdot UVCC \cdot N_{Q1}}{V_{GS1}} + \frac{Q_{G2} \cdot LVCC \cdot N_{Q2}}{V_{GS2}}\right) \cdot F_{SW} + I_{Q}
$$
\n(EQ. 3)

where the gate charge (Q_{G1} and Q_{G2}) is defined at a particular gate to source voltage (V_{GS1} and V_{GS2}) in the corresponding MOSFET datasheet; I_Q is the driver's total quiescent current with no load at both drive outputs; N_{Q1} and N_{Q2} are number of upper and lower MOSFETs, respectively; UVCC and LVCC are the drive voltages for both upper and lower FETs, respectively. The I_0*VCC product is the bias power of the driver without a load.

$$
P_{DR} = P_{DR_UP} + P_{DR_LOW} + I_Q \cdot VCC
$$
\n
$$
P_{DR_UP} = \left(\frac{R_{H11}}{R_{H11} + R_{EXT1}} + \frac{R_{LO1}}{R_{LO1} + R_{EXT1}}\right) \cdot \frac{P_{QE_Q1}}{2}
$$
\n
$$
P_{DR_LOW} = \left(\frac{R_{H12}}{R_{H12} + R_{EXT2}} + \frac{R_{LO2}}{R_{LO2} + R_{EXT2}}\right) \cdot \frac{P_{QE_Q2}}{2}
$$
\n(EQ. 4)

$$
R_{EXT1} = R_{G1} + \frac{R_{G11}}{N_{Q1}} \hspace{1.5cm} R_{EXT2} = R_{G2} + \frac{R_{G12}}{N_{Q2}}
$$

The total gate drive power losses are dissipated among the resistive components along the transition path, as outlined in Equation [4.](#page-7-3) The drive resistance dissipates a portion of the total gate drive power losses, the rest will be dissipated by the external gate resistors (R_{G1} and R_{G2}) and the internal gate resistors (R_{G11} and R_{G12}) of MOSFETs. Figures [5](#page-7-1) and [6](#page-7-2) show the typical upper and lower gate drives turn-on current paths.

FIGURE 5. TYPICAL UPPER-GATE DRIVE TURN-ON PATH

FIGURE 6. TYPICAL LOWER-GATE DRIVE TURN-ON PATH

Application Information

MOSFET and Driver Selection

The parasitic inductances of the PCB and of the power devices' packaging (both upper and lower MOSFETs) can cause serious ringing, exceeding absolute maximum rating of the devices. The negative ringing at the edges of the PHASE node could increase the bootstrap capacitor voltage through the internal bootstrap diode, and in some cases, it may overstress the upper MOSFET driver. Careful layout, proper selection of MOSFETs and packaging, as well as the driver can minimize such unwanted stress.

Layout Considerations

A good layout helps reduce the ringing on the switching (PHASE) node and significantly lower the stress applied to the MOSFETs as well as the driver. The following advice is meant to lead to an optimized layout:

- • Keep decoupling circuit loops (VCC-GND and BOOT-PHASE) as short as possible.
- Minimize trace inductance, especially on low-impedance lines. All power traces (UGATE, PHASE, LGATE, GND, VCC) should be short and wide, as much as possible.
- Minimize the inductance of the PHASE node. Ideally, the source of the upper and the drain of the lower MOSFET should be as close as thermally allowable.
- Minimize the current loop of the output and input power trains. Short the source connection of the lower MOSFET to ground as close to the transistor pin as feasible. Input capacitors (especially ceramic decoupling) should be placed as close to the drain of upper and source of lower MOSFETs as possible.

In addition, connecting the thermal pad of the DFN package to the power ground through one or several vias is recommended for high switching frequency, high current applications. This is to improve heat dissipation and allow the part to achieve its full thermal potential.

Upper MOSFET Self Turn-On Effects at Startup

Should the driver have insufficient bias voltage applied, its outputs are floating. If the input bus is energized at a high dV/dt rate while the driver outputs are floating, due to self-coupling via the internal C_{GD} of the MOSFET, the gate of the upper MOSFET could momentarily rise up to a level greater than the threshold voltage of the device, potentially turning on the upper switch. Therefore, if such a situation could conceivably be encountered, it is a common practice to place a resistor (R_{UGPH}) across the gate and source of the upper MOSFET to suppress the Miller coupling effect. The value of the resistor depends mainly on the input voltage's rate of rise, the C_{GD}/C_{GS} ratio, as well as the gate-source threshold of the upper MOSFET. A higher dV/dt, a lower C_{GD}/C_{GS} ratio, and a lower gate-source threshold upper FET will require a smaller resistor to diminish the effect of the internal capacitive coupling. For most applications, the integrated 20 $k\Omega$ resistor is sufficient, not measurably affecting normal performance and efficiency.

The coupling effect can be roughly estimated with Equation [5](#page-7-4), which assumes a fixed linear input ramp and neglects the clamping effect of the body diode of the upper drive and the bootstrap capacitor. Other parasitic components, such as lead inductances and PCB capacitances are also not taken into account. Figure [7](#page-8-0) provides a visual reference for this phenomenon and its potential solution.

$$
V_{GS_MILLER} = \frac{dV}{dt} \cdot R \cdot C_{rss} \left(1 - e^{\frac{-V_{DS}}{dt} \cdot R \cdot C_{ISS}} \right)
$$
\n
$$
R = R_{UGPH} + R_{GI} \qquad C_{rss} = C_{GD} \qquad C_{iss} = C_{GD} + C_{GS}
$$
\n(BQ. 5)

FIGURE 7. GATE TO SOURCE RESISTOR TO REDUCE UPPER MOSFET MILLER COUPLING

General PowerPAD Design Considerations

Figure [8](#page-8-1) shows the recommended use of vias on the thermal pad to remove heat from the IC. This typical array populates the thermal pad footprint with vias spaced three times the radius distance from the center of each via. Small via size is advisable, but not to the extent that solder reflow becomes difficult.

All vias should be connected to the pad potential, with low thermal resistance for efficient heat transfer. Complete connection of the plated-through hole to each plane is important. It is not recommended to use "thermal relief" patterns to connect the vias.

FIGURE 8. PCB VIA PATTERN

Revision History

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Package Outline Drawing

L10.3x3

10 LEAD DUAL FLAT PACKAGE (DFN) Rev 9, 10/13

- **Dimensions in () for Reference Only. 1. Dimensions are in millimeters.**
- **Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to ASME Y14.5m-1994. 2.**
- **Unless otherwise specified, tolerance : Decimal ± 0.05 3.**
- **Tiebar shown (if present) is a non-functional feature. 4.**
- **located within the zone indicated. The pin #1 identifier may be The configuration of the pin #1 identifier is optional, but must be 5. either a mold or mark feature.**

