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# **FAN8060 1.2 MHz, 1 A Synchronous Step-Down DC/DC Regulator**

### **Features**

- Current Mode Control
- **Diver 96% Efficient**
- Selectable Continuous Output Current: 500 mA/1 A
- 2.5 V to 5.5 V Input Voltage Range
- Output Voltage as Low as 1.2 V
- 1.2 MHz Operating Frequency
- Less than 1 µA Shutdown Current
- **External Synchronization from 500 kHz to 2 MHz**
- 100% Duty Cycle
- **Synchronous Switching FET; no Schottky Diode** Required
- Stable with Ceramic Capacitors
- **E** Light Load Mode with Pulse Skipping
- **External Compensation**
- **External Soft-Start**
- Overload / Short-Circuit Protection
- Under-Voltage Lockout
- Thermal Shutdown
- 10-Lead 3x3 mm Green MLP Package

### **Applications**

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- **GPS Devices**
- MP3 Players
- Mini PCI
- Digital Cameras
- Peripheral Ports
- DSP Core
- USB Devices
- PCMCIA
- Cable Modem

**Ordering Information**

Data Cards

**Description** 

The FAN8060 is a highly efficient, monolithic, currentmode, step-down synchronous regulator. It can provide 1 A continuous current from 2.5 V to 5.5 V input voltage. The output voltage can be adjusted from 1.2 V up to the input voltage with an external voltage divider.

External compensation and soft-start allow for design optimization and flexibility. High-frequency operation allows for all-ceramic solutions and small footprints. In addition, a user-selectable current limit provides protection against output overload and short circuit.

FAN8060 features pulse skipping to achieve higher efficiency during light load operation. 100% duty cycle capability enables power solutions to extend the drop out voltage.

Provision for external synchronization allows users to minimize input capacitors and manage EMI in solutions.

FAN8060 is available in a green, low profile, 10-Lead 3x3 mm MLP package.





## **Part Number** | \_ Operating **Temperature Range Package Packing Method** FAN8060EMPX  $-40$  to  $+85^{\circ}$ C 10-Pin, 3x3 mm Molded Leadless Package (MLP) Molded Leadiess Tape & Reel

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## **Pin Configuration**



**Figure 2. Pin Configuration (Top View)** 

#### **Note:**

1. Connect exposed PAD to AGND

## **Pin Definitions**



## **Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Stresses exceeding the absolute maximum ratings may damage the device. The device may not function or be operable above the recommended operating conditions and stressing the parts to these levels is not recommended. In addition, extended exposure to stresses above the recommended operating conditions may affect device reliability. The absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only. All voltage values, except differential voltages, are given with respect to the network ground terminal. Stress beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device.



**Note:** 

2. COMP pin has an internal clamp to 1.5 V.

## **Recommended Operating Conditions**

The Recommended Operating Conditions table defines the conditions for actual device operation. Recommended operating conditions are specified to ensure optimal performance to the datasheet specifications. Fairchild does not recommend exceeding them or designing to Absolute Maximum Ratings.



## **Thermal Information**



**Note:**

<span id="page-2-0"></span>3. Typical thermal resistance when mounted on a four-layer PCB. Actual results are dependent upon mounting method and surface related to the design.



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<span id="page-3-0"></span>4. Guaranteed by design and characterization; not production tested.

**Electrical Characteristics** 



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## **Operation Description**

The FAN8060 is a step-down converter operating in current-mode PWM architecture with a typical switching frequency of 1.2 MHz. At the beginning of each clock cycle, the P-channel transistor is turned on. The current in the inductor ramps up and is sensed via an internal circuit. The P-channel switch is turned off when the sensed current causes the PWM comparator to trip, which is when the output voltage is in regulation or when the inductor current reaches the current limit (set internally to 1.2 A, typically). After a minimum dead time to prevent shoot-through current, the N-channel transistor is turned on and the current ramps down. As the clock cycle is completed, the N-channel switch is turned off and the next clock cycle starts.

### **Light Load Operation**

As the output load reduces, the current in the inductor during off time is sensed across the low side MOSFET. When the current reverses direction, the low-side MOSFET is turned off and the high-side MOSFET is not turned on until the output is out of regulation.

#### **100% Duty Cycle Operation**

As the input voltage approaches the output voltage, the controller starts to increase the duty cycle to maintain output regulation until duty cycle reaches 85%. The controller then transitions to a 100% duty cycle mode over several cycles to support the load. When the dropout condition is met, the converter turns the Pchannel high side continuously on. In this mode, the output voltage is equal to the input voltage, minus the voltage drop across the P-channel MOSFET.

#### **Soft Start**

When the input voltage on AVIN exceeds the UVLO threshold and EN is high, the circuit releases SS and enables the PWM regulator. A capacitor connected to the SS pin and AGND is charged by a 4 μA internal current source, causing the voltage on the capacitor to rise. When this voltage reaches 1.2 V, the output is in regulation. The SS voltage continues to rise to AVIN. The time for the output to reach regulation is given by the following equation:

$$
t(ms) = \frac{C_{SS}(nF)}{(4\mu A/1.2V)}\tag{1}
$$

Output overload and short-circuit protection is active during soft-start. When the part is disabled, SS pin is pulled low internally.

### **Overload & Short-Circuit Protection**

FAN8060 employs cycle-by-cycle current limiting, which limits current by reducing duty cycle during overload. As the load increases beyond the limit, the output voltage starts to reduce, thereby reducing the FB voltage. When the FB node is half the reference voltage and the COMP node has reached maximum value, short-circuit protection is detected. At that time, both the SS pin and the COMP pin are pulled to ground until the inductor current crosses zero. At that point, both SS and COMP are released for the current to ramp up again. This continues until the short-circuit condition is released.



 $V_{IN}=5$  V,  $V_{OUT}=2.4$  V, L=3.3 µH, C<sub>IN</sub>=10 µF, C<sub>OUT</sub>=10 µF, f<sub>S</sub>=1.2 MHz, T<sub>A</sub>=25°C, unless otherwise noted.

I<sub>OUT</sub>(500mA/div.) Slew rate : 2.5A/us

[200µs/div.]



[500ns/div.] [200ns/div.]

[1ms/div.]





**Figure 8. Load Transient Response(Step-up/down) Figure 9. Output Voltage Ripple with 1 A Load**

## **Typical Performance Characteristics** (Continued)

 $V_{IN}=5$  V,  $V_{OUT}=2.4$  V, L=3.3  $\mu$ H,  $C_{IN}=10$   $\mu$ F,  $C_{OUT}=10$   $\mu$ F,  $f_S=1.2$  MHz, T<sub>A</sub>=25°C, unless otherwise noted.







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## **Applications Information**

*Refer t[o Figure 1](#page-0-0) for reference designators.* 

#### **Output Voltage Setting**

The output voltage of the FAN8060 can be set from 1.2 V to  $V_{IN}$  by an external resistor divider, given by the following equation:

$$
V_{OUT} = 1.2(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_3})
$$
 (2)

where,  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  equals the output voltage.

#### **Inductor Selection**

Typically, the inductor value is chosen based on ripple current  $(\Delta I_L)$ , which is chosen between 10% and 35% of the maximum DC load. Regulator designs that require fast transient response use a higher ripple-current setting, while regulator designs that require higher efficiency keep ripple current on the low side and operate at a lower switching frequency.

For a given output voltage ripple requirement, L can be calculated by the following equation:

$$
L \ge \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot (1 - D)}{\Delta l_L \cdot f_S} \tag{3}
$$

where;

 $D =$  Duty ratio (V<sub>O</sub>/V<sub>IN</sub>);

 $f<sub>S</sub> =$  Switching frequency; and

 $\Delta I_L$  = Inductor ripple value, typically set to 10% -35% of the maximum steady-state load current.

The inductor should have a low DCR to minimize the conduction losses and maximize efficiency. Some recommended inductors are suggested in [Table 1:](#page-8-0)

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Table 1. Recommended Inductors (3.3 µH)**

Size[mm2]	<b>DCR</b>	<b>Part Number</b>	Vendor
7x7x3	23 m $\Omega$	SLF7032T-3R3	<b>TDK</b>
5x5x2	60 m $\Omega$	LTF5022T-3R3	<b>TDK</b>
4x4x2	78 m $\Omega$	<b>VLCF4020T-3R3</b>	<b>TDK</b>
2.6x2.8x1.2	130 m $\Omega$	<b>VLF3012AT-3R3</b>	<b>TDK</b>

#### **Output Capacitor Selection**

The output capacitor is selected based on the needs of the final application and its output ripple requirements. A larger output capacitor value reduces the output ripple voltage. The formula of output ripple  $\Delta$  Vout is:

$$
\Delta V_{OUT} \cong \Delta l_L \left( ESR + \frac{1}{8 \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot f_S} \right) \tag{4}
$$

where  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  is the output capacitor.

ESR is the equivalent series resistance of the output capacitor.

#### **Input Capacitor Selection**

The input capacitor reduces the RMS current drawn from the input and switching noise from the device. The combined RMS current rating for the input capacitor should be greater than the value calculated by the following equation:

$$
I_{RMS} = I_{OUTMAX} \cdot (\sqrt{D - D^2})
$$
\n(5)

where:

 $I<sub>RMS</sub>$  = RMS current of the input capacitor; and

 $I_{\text{OUTMAX}} = \text{Maximum output current.}$ 

Small, high value, inexpensive, lower-ESR ceramic capacitors are recommended; 10 µF ceramic capacitors with X7R or X5R should be adequate for 1 A applications.

#### **Loop Compensation**

The loop is compensated using a feedback network connected between COMP and AGND. [Figure 14](#page-8-1) shows a Type-2 compensation network used to stabilize the FAN8060.

C<sup>A</sup> **Vout Vref** C<sup>C</sup> R<sup>C</sup> R2 R3 **- +** VFB G<sup>m</sup> V<sup>e</sup>

#### **Figure 14. Compensation Network**

<span id="page-8-1"></span>The goal of the compensation design is to shape the frequency response of the converter to achieve high DC gain and fast transient, while maintaining loop stability. FAN8060 employs peak-current-mode control for easy use and fast transient response. Current mode control helps simplify the loop to a one-pole and one zero system.

The DC gain of the voltage feedback loop is given by:

$$
A_{VDC} = R_L \cdot G_{CS} \cdot A_{VEA} \cdot \frac{V_{FB}}{V_{OUT}}
$$
(6)

where:

 $A_{VDC}$  = DC gain of the feedback loop;

- $R_L$  = Load resistor value ( $V_{OUT}/I_{OUT}$ );
- $G_{CS}$  = Current sense gain (3 A/V);
- $A_{VEA}$  = Error amplifier voltage gain (550 V/V); and
- $V_{FB}$  = Feedback threshold voltage (1.2 V).

The system pole is calculated by the equation:

$$
f_{P1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot R_L} \tag{7}
$$

The system zero is due to the output capacitor and its ESR. System zero is calculated by the equation:

$$
f_{z1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot ESR}
$$
 (8)

The output characteristics of the error (Gm) amplifier are controlled by a series capacitor and resistor network connected at the COMP pin to GND.

The pole is calculated by the following equation:

$$
f_{p2} = \frac{G_{EA}}{2\pi \cdot C_C \cdot A_{VEA}}\tag{9}
$$

where:

 $G<sub>EA</sub> =$  Error Amplifier Transconductance (1000  $\mu$ A/V); and

 $C_C$  = compensation capacitor.

Zero is due to the compensation capacitor  $(C<sub>C</sub>)$  and resistor  $(R<sub>C</sub>)$  calculated by the following equation:

$$
f_{Z2} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot C_C \cdot R_C} \tag{10}
$$

where  $R<sub>C</sub>$  is compensation resistor.

The system crossover frequency  $(f<sub>C</sub>)$ , where the control loop has unity gain, is recommended to be set at  $1/10<sup>th</sup>$ of switching frequency. Generally, higher  $f_c$  means faster response to load transients, but can result in instability if not properly compensated.

The first step in compensation design is choosing the compensation resistor  $(R<sub>C</sub>)$  to set the crossover frequency by the following equation:

$$
R_C = \frac{2\pi \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot f_C \cdot V_{OUT}}{G_{CS} \cdot G_{EA} \cdot V_{FB}}
$$
(11)

where  $V_{FB}$  is reference voltage.

The next step is choosing the compensation capacitor  $(C<sub>C</sub>)$  to achieve the desired phase margin. For applications with typical inductor values, setting the compensation zero,  $f_{Z2}$ , to below one fourth of the crossover frequency provides sufficient phase margin. Determine the  $(C<sub>C</sub>)$  value by the following equation:

$$
C_C = \frac{2}{\pi \cdot R_C \cdot t_C} \tag{12}
$$

Then determine if the second compensation capacitor  $(C_A)$  is required. It is required if the ESR zero of the output capacitor is located at less than half of the switching frequency.

$$
\frac{1}{2\pi \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot ESR} < \frac{f_S}{2} \tag{13}
$$

If required, add the second compensation capacitor  $(C_A)$  to set the pole f<sub>P3</sub> at the location of the ESR zero. Determine  $(C_A)$  value by the equation:

$$
C_A = \frac{C_{OUT} \cdot ESR}{R_C} \tag{14}
$$

#### **Design Example**

[Table 2](#page-9-0) provides component values for delivering various output voltages with loads up to 1 A with  $V_{IN}$  at 5 V (±10% tolerance).

#### <span id="page-9-0"></span>**Table 2. Recommended Feedback and Compensation Values (V<sub>IN</sub>=5 V)**





#### **Figure 15. Recommended Schematic (5 V<sub>IN</sub> to 2.5 VO)**

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## **PCB Layout Recommendations**

The switching power supply PCB layout needs careful attention and is critical to achieving low losses and clean and stable operation. Although each design is different, below are some general recommendations for a good PCB layout.

- Keep the high-current traces and load connectors as short and wide as possible. These traces consist of VIN, GND, VOUT, and SW.
- **Place the input capacitor, the inductor, and the** output capacitor as close as possible to the IC terminals.
- Keep the loop area between SW node, inductor, and output capacitors as small as possible; minimizing ground loops to reduce EMI issues.
- Route high-dV/dt signals, such as SW node, away from the error amplifier input/output pins.
- Keep components connected to the FB and COMP pins close to the pins.



**Figure 16. Recommended PCB Layout**



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