

Summary and Features

- Low cost, low part count solution: requires only 19 components
- Integrated LinkSwitch-XT safety and reliability features:
	- Accurate (± 5%), auto-recovering, hysteretic, thermal shutdown function keeps PCB temperature below safe levels under all conditions
	- Auto-restart protects against output short-circuits and open feedback loops
	- >3.2 mm creepage on IC package enables reliable operation in high humidity and high pollution environments
- EcoSmart[®] meets all existing and proposed international energy efficiency standards such as China (CECP) / CEC / EPA / AGO / European Commission
	- No-load consumption 110 mW at 265 VAC
	- 61.5 % active-mode efficiency (exceeds CEC requirement of 55.2 %)
- *E*-Shield[™] transformer construction and frequency jitter enable this supply to meet EN550022 and CISPR-22 Class B EMI with >10 dBµV of margin
- Meets IEC61000-4-5 Class 3 AC line surge

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Important Note:

Although this board has been designed to satisfy safety isolation requirements, the engineering prototype has not been agency approved. Therefore, all testing should be performed using an isolation transformer to provide the AC input to the prototype board.

1 Introduction

This engineering report describes a 2.0 W CV, universal input, power supply for applications such as wall adapters. The supply is designed around a LNK362P device, and is intended as a standard evaluation platform for the LinkSwitch-XT family of ICs.

Figure 1 - EP89, LNK362P, 2.0 W, 6.2 V, CV Charger Board Photograph.

The LinkSwitch-XT family has been developed to replace discrete component selfoscillating, ringing choke converters (RCC) and linear regulator-based supplies, in low power adapter applications. The ON/OFF control scheme of the device family achieves very high efficiency over the full load range, as well as very low no-load power consumption. The no-load and active-mode efficiency performance of this supply exceeds all current and proposed energy efficiency standards.

Unlike RCC solutions, the LinkSwitch-XT has intelligent thermal protection built in, eliminating the need for external circuitry. The thermal shutdown has a tight tolerance (142 °C \pm 5%), a wide hysteresis (75 °C) and recovers automatically once the cause of the over temperature condition is removed. This protects the supply, the load and the user, and typically keeps the average PCB temperature below 100 °C. In contrast, the latching thermal shutdown function typically used in RCC designs usually requires that the AC input power be removed to reset it. Thus, with an RCC, there is fair probability that units may be returned after a thermal latch-off, because the customer is not aware of the reset procedure (unplugging the unit long enough for the input capacitor to discharge). Regardless of the fact that the units being returned are fully functional, this makes the design appear to be less reliable to both the OEM and the end customer, and burdens the power supply manufacturer with the needless handling of perfectly good units through its RMA process.

On the other hand, an auto-recovering thermal shutdown function eliminates the occurrence of unnecessary returns from the field, since the end customer may never even know that a fault condition existed, because the power supply resumes normal operation once the cause of the fault (a failed battery or blanket inadvertently thrown over top of a working power adapter or battery charger) is removed. Additionally, the thermal shutdown function employed in the LinkSwitch-XT does not have the noise sensitivity associated with discrete latch circuits, which often vary widely with PCB component layout, environmental conditions (such as proximity to external electronic noise sources) and component aging.

The IC package has a wide creepage distance between the high-voltage DRAIN pin and the lower voltage pins (both where the pins exit the package and at the PCB pads). This is important for reliable operation in high humidity and/or high pollution environments. The wide creepage distance reduces the likelihood of arcing, which improves robustness and long-term field reliability.

Another important protection function is auto-restart, which begins operating whenever there is no feedback from the power supply output for more than 40 ms (such as a short circuit on the output or a component that has failed open-circuit in the feedback loop). Auto-restart limits the average output current to about 5 % of the full load rating indefinitely, and resumes normal operation once the fault is removed.

The worst-case, no-load power consumption of this design is about 110 mW at 265 VAC, which is well below the 300 mW European Union standards. It also meets the common target of 150 mW at 230 VAC, that is seen in many particular customer specifications. The amount of heat dissipated within the supply is minimized by the high operating efficiency over all combinations of load and line.

The EE16 transformer bobbin that was used also has a wide creepage spacing, which makes it easy to meet primary-to-secondary safety spacing requirements.

This report contains the complete specification of the power supply, a detailed circuit diagram, the entire bill of materials required to build the supply, extensive documentation of the power transformer, along with test data and oscillographs of the most important electrical waveforms. All of this is intended to document the performance characteristics that should be typical of a power supply designed around the LNK362 device.

2 Power Supply Specification

3 Schematic

Figure 2 - Schematic.

4 Circuit Description

This converter is configured as a flyback. The output voltage is sensed and compared to a reference (VR1) on the secondary side of the supply, and the results are fed back to U1 (LNK362P) through optocoupler U2 (PC817A). This enables U1 to tightly regulate the output voltage across the entire load range. Past the point of peak power delivery, U1 will go into auto-restart, and the average power delivered to the load will be limited to about 5% of full load. This circuit takes advantage of Power Integrations *Clampless*[™] transformer techniques, which use the primary winding capacitance of the transformer to clamp the voltage spike that is induced on the drain-node, by the transformer leakage inductance, each time the integrated MOSFET switch within U1 turns off. Therefore, this converter has no primary clamp components connected to the drain-node.

4.1 Input Filter

Diodes D1 through D4 rectify the AC input. The resulting DC is filtered by bulk storage capacitors C1 and C2. Inductor L1 and capacitors C1 and C2 form a pi (π) filter that attenuates differential-mode conducted EMI noise. Resistor R1 dampens the ringing of the EMI filter. Inductor L2 also attenuates conducted EMI noise in the primary return. This configuration, combined with the LinkSwitch-XTís integrated switching frequency jitter function and Power Integrations E-shield technology used in the construction of the transformer enable this design to meet EN55022 Class-B conducted EMI requirements with good margin. An optional 100 pF Y capacitor (C4) can be used to improve the unitto-unit repeatability of the EMI measurements. Even with C4 installed, the line frequency leakage current is less than 10 μ A.

4.2 LNK362 Primary

The LNK362P (U1) has the following functions integrated onto a monolithic IC: a 700 V power MOSFET, a low-voltage CMOS controller, a high-voltage current source (provides startup and steady-state operational current to the IC), hysteretic thermal shutdown and auto-restart. The excellent switching characteristics of the integrated power MOSFET allows efficient operation up to 132 kHz.

The rectified and filtered input voltage is applied to one side of the primary winding of T1. The other side of the T1 primary winding is connected to the DRAIN pin of U1. As soon as the voltage across the DRAIN and SOURCE pins of U1 exceeds 50 V, the internal high voltage current source (connected to the DRAIN pin of the IC) begins charging the capacitor (C3) connected to the Bypass (BP) pin. Once the voltage across C3 reaches 5.8 V, the controller enables MOSFET switching. MOSFET current is sensed (internally) by the voltage developed across the DRAIN-to-SOURCE resistance $(R_{DS(ON)})$ while it is turned on. When the current reaches the preset (internal) current-limit trip point (I_{LIMIT}) , the controller turns the MOSFET off. The controller also has a maximum duty cycle (DC_{MAX}) signal that will turn the MOSFET off if I_{LIMIT} is not reached before the time duration equal to maximum duty cycle has elapsed.

The controller regulates the output voltage by skipping switching cycles (ON/OFF control) whenever the output voltage is above the reference level. During normal operation, MOSFET switching is disabled whenever the current flowing into the FEEDBACK (FB) pin is greater than 49 μ A. If less than 49 μ A is flowing into the FB pin when the oscillator's (internal) clock signal occurs, MOSFET switching is enabled for that switching cycle and the MOSFET turns on. That switching cycle terminates when the current through the MOSFET reaches I_{LIMIT} , or the DC_{MAX} signal occurs^{*}. At full load, few switching cycles will be skipped (disabled) resulting in a high effective switching frequency. As the load reduces, more switching cycles are skipped, which reduces the effective switching frequency. At no-load, most switching cycles are skipped, which is what makes the no-load power consumption of supplies designed around the LinkSwitch-XT family so low, since switching losses are the dominant loss mechanism at light loading. Additionally, since the amount of energy per switching cycle is fixed by I_{LIMIT} , the skipping of switching cycles gives the supply a fairly consistent efficiency over most of the load range. [NOTE * Termination of a switching cycle by the maximum duty cycle (DC_{MAX}) signal usually only occurs in an abnormal condition, such as when a high-lineonly design (220/240 VAC) is subject to a brown-out condition, where just slightly over 50 V (the minimum drain voltage required for normal operation) is available to the supply, and the current through the MOSFET is not reaching I_{LIMIT} each switching cycle because of the low input voltage.]

4.3 Feedback

The output voltage of the supply is determined by the sum of the voltages developed across VR1, R2 and the (forward bias voltage) LED in optocoupler U2A. As the supply turns on and the output voltage comes into regulation, U2A will become forward biased, which will turn on its photo-transistor (U2B) causing >49 μ A to flow into the FB pin, and the next switching cycle to be skipped. Resistor R2 limits the bias current through VR1 to about 1 mA. Resistor R3 can be used to fine-tune the output voltage, and also limits the peak current through U2A during load transients. Since the controller responds to feedback each switching cycle (the decision to enable or disable MOSFET switching is made right before that switching cycle is to occur), the feedback loop requires no frequency compensation components.

5 PCB Layout

Figure 3 – Printed Circuit Board Layout (dimensions in 0.001ⁿ).

6 Bill of Materials

7 Transformer Specification

7.1 Electrical Diagram

Figure 4 – Transformer Electrical Diagram.

7.2 Electrical Specifications

7.3 Materials

7.4 Transformer Build Diagram

Figure 5 – Transformer Build Diagram.

7.5 Transformer Construction

8 Transformer Design Spreadsheet

9 Performance Data

All measurements performed at room temperature (25 °C), 60 Hz input frequency.

9.1 Efficiency

Figure 6 - Efficiency vs. Output Power.

% of Full Load	% Efficiency @ 115 VAC	% Efficiency @ 230 VAC
25	63.3	58.2
50	65.2	61.4
75	64.9	63.0
100	64.9	63.2
Average Efficiency	64.6	61.5
CEC Requirement	55.2	

Figure 7 - Efficiency vs. Input Voltage and Load, Room Temperature, 60 Hz.

9.1.1 Active Mode Efficiency (CEC) Measurement Data

All single output adapters, including those provided with products, for sale in California after July 1st, 2006 must meet the California Energy Commission (CEC) requirement for minimum active mode efficiency and no-load input power consumption. Minimum active mode efficiency is defined as the average efficiency at 25, 50, 75 and 100% of rated output power, based on the nameplate rated output power of the supply.

For adapters that are rated for a single input voltage, the efficiency measurements are made at the input voltage (115 VAC or 230 VAC) specified on the nameplate. For universal input adapters, the measurements are made at both nominal input voltages (115 VAC and 230 VAC).

To comply with the standard, the average of the measured efficiencies must be greater than or equal to the efficiency specified by the CEC/Energy Star standard.

More states within the USA and other countries are adopting this standard, for the latest up to date information on worldwide energy efficiency standards, please visit the PI Green Room at:

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Figure 8 - No-load Input Power vs. Input Line Voltage, Room Temperature, 60 Hz.

9.3 Available Standby Output Power

The graph below shows the available output power vs line voltage when input power is limited to 1 W and 2 W, respectively.

Figure 9 - Available Output Power for Input Power of 1 W and 2 W.

9.4 Regulation

9.4.1 Load

The output of this supply was characterized by making measurements at the end of a 6 foot long output cable. The DC resistance of the cable is approximately 0.2 Ω.

Figure 10 - Load Regulation, Room Temperature.

9.4.2 Line

Figure 11 - Line Regulation, Room Temperature, Full Load.

10 Thermal Performance

Thermal performance was measured inside a plastic enclosure, at full load, with no airflow over the power supply components or the housing they were enclosed within.

Figure 12- Infra-red Thermograph of Operating Unit: Open Frame, 22 °C Ambient.

11 Waveforms

11.1 Drain Voltage and Current, Normal Operation

11.2 Output Voltage Start-up Profile

Figure 16 - Start-up Profile, 230 VAC. 1 V, 20 ms / div.

11.3 Drain Voltage and Current Start-up Profile

Figure 17 - 85 VAC Input and Maximum Load. Upper: I_{DRAIN} , 0.1 A / div. Lower: V_{DRAIN} , 100 V, 1 ms / div.

Figure 18 - 265 VAC Input and Maximum Load. Upper: I_{DRAIN} , 0.1 A / div. Lower: V_{DRAIN} , 200 V, 1 ms / div.

11.4 Load Transient Response (75% to 100% Load Step)

Figure 19 – Transient Response, 115 VAC, 100-75-100% Load Step. Output Voltage 50 mV, 20 ms / div.

Figure 20 - Transient Response, 230 VAC, 100-75-100% Load Step. Output Voltage 50 mV, 20 ms / div.

11.5 Output Ripple Measurements

11.5.1 Ripple Measurement Technique

For DC output ripple measurements, a modified oscilloscope test probe must be utilized in order to reduce spurious signals due to pickup. Details of the probe modification are provided in Figure 21 and Figure 22.

The 5125BA probe adapter is affixed with two capacitors tied in parallel across the probe tip. The capacitors include one (1) 0.1 μ F/50 V ceramic type and one (1) 1.0 μ F/50 V aluminum electrolytic. *The aluminum electrolytic type capacitor is polarized, so proper polarity across DC outputs must be maintained (see below).*

Figure 21 – Oscilloscope Probe Prepared for Ripple Measurement. (End Cap and Ground Lead Removed)

Figure 22 – Oscilloscope Probe with Probe Master 5125BA BNC Adapter. (Modified with wires for probe ground for ripple measurement, and two parallel decoupling capacitors added)

11.5.2 Measurement Results

Figure 25 - Ripple, 230 VAC, Full Load. $50 \,\mu s$, 20 mV / div.

Figure 24 - 5 V Ripple, 115 VAC, Full Load. $50 \,\mu s$, 20 mV / div.

Figure 26 - Ripple, 265 VAC, Full Load. $50 \,\mu s$, 20 mV / div.

12 Line Surge

Differential input line 1.2/50 µs surge testing was completed on a single test unit to IEC61000-4-5. Input voltage was set at 230 VAC / 60 Hz. Output was loaded at full load and operation was verified following each surge event.

Unit passes under all test conditions.

13 Conducted EMI

115 VAC, 60 Hz, Artificial Hand and EN55022 B Limits.

Figure 28 - Conducted EMI, Maximum Steady State Load, 230 VAC, 60 Hz, Artificial Hand and EN55022 B Limits.

14 Revision History

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