

### **A NEW ARCHITECTURE FOR "ALWAYS EFFICIENT" POWER SUPPLIES**

#### **FEATURES**

- Designed for high efficiency, low-cost, compact and lightweight AC/DC power supplies from 1-10kW+
- Universal Input AC85 305V
- High efficiency (99.5% peak) across the full load range
- Inrush current completely eliminated
- Compatible with any suitable DC/DC converter
- Meets EMC Class B
- Optional Active Bridge to further improve efficiency
- Suitable for a variety of high-volume consumer applications including Laptops, TV's, Battery Chargers, LED Lighting and Industrial Power Supplies.





**Table 0 - Device summary**

### **OVERVIEW**

The PSV-AD-xx controller family has been designed to make power supplies more sustainable while reducing overall system cost. This scalable solution delivers efficient AC/DC conversion using smaller, lower cost, and more robust system components. Pulsiv's unique switching architecture and intelligent control techniques have been combined to deliver consistent performance across the full load range and meet strict efficiency requirements at low power. The PSV-AD-xx circuit can interface with any compatible DC/DC converter to produce ultra-compact power supplies up-to and beyond 10kW.

Please note that the default system components recommended by Pulsiv in this document have been fully optimised for cost and customers have the freedom to replace any parts where performance takes priority.











\*Efficiency graph shows Pulsiv performance compared to the Energy Star standard (for external power supplies)







Pulsiv has developed a unique way of converting electricity from AC to DC by applying patented switching techniques and integrating many system functions into one controller. Regulating capacitor charging using switch  $S_1$  and discharging with a diode switch  $S_2$  delivers a number of system benefits that will be described later in this document.



#### **Figure 1a: Unique Switching Architecture**

The normalised High Voltage DC (HVDC) line and typical normalised capacitor voltage illustrate Pulsiv's unique approach. Energy is stored in a Capacitor when the AC line is at a high voltage and used to supply the load when the AC line voltage is low. Designs can achieve 0.95 power factor and a peak efficiency of 99%.



Standards like IEC61000-3-2, set limits on harmonic currents to improve power factor. Many technical solutions exist to help address this challenge, but none are like the PSV-AD-xx controller family. It delivers high power-factor and efficiency without using a switched PFC inductor; avoiding the need to boost the voltage into the power stage. This provides significant efficiency gains at low power and produces an inherent high efficiency across the power range.

A rich set of signals manage PFC switching, active bridge control, configurable HVDC voltage, Xcapacitor discharge, configurable hold-up time, auxiliary power supply management and provides an early-warning if the grid supply fails. The device can be completely disabled and placed into a lowpower mode.

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The PSV-AD-xx controller regulates the charging of capacitor Cch by controlling the switching of Qch in a power supply system. Open-loop charging current is limited by Rch with inductor Lch selected to ensure sufficient charge is passed into Cch for the desired load requirements. Discharging Cch is achieved through Dd and controlled by the follow-on DC/DC converter or a load connected to HVDC. Diode Dch prevents Cch discharging through the body diode of Qch. Df is a freewheeling diode associated with Lch.



#### **Figure 1b: PSV-AD-xx Controller Basic Functional Schematic**



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**Figure 1c: PSV-AD-xx Controller Basic Functional Schematic Bill-of-Materials** 





**PSV-AD-050-Q24Iv & PSV-AD-150-Q24Iv** 



**Under Development**

# **PSV-AD-250-Q24Iv PSV-AD-10K-Q24Iv**



# **1.2 Pin Functions**



These pins indicate the status of the system

These pins control the behaviour of the system

These pins indicate analogue inputs to the system





# **1.3 Numbering System**

# **1.3.1 Integrated Circuit Numbering**







Over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted).



stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) Higher temperature may be applied during board soldering according to the current JEDEC J-STD-020 specification with peak reflow temperatures not higher than classified on the device label on the shipping boxes or reels.

(3) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±1000 V may actually have higher performance.

(4) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±250 V may actually have higher performance.

# **3 THERMAL DATA**



# **4 RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**



(1) Supply voltage changes faster than 0.2 V/μs can trigger a reset even within the recommended supply voltage range.

Following the data sheet recommendation for capacitor CDVCC limits the slopes accordingly.

(2) Pulsiv recommends that power to the DVCC pin must not exceed the limits specified in Recommended Operating Conditions. Exceeding the specified limits can cause malfunction of the device.

(3) A capacitor tolerance of ±20% or better is required. A low-ESR ceramic capacitor of 100 nF (minimum) should be placed as close as possible (within a few millimetres) to the respective pin pair.



# **4.1 Digital Inputs**



(1) The leakage current is measured with VSS or VCC applied to the corresponding pins, unless otherwise noted.

(2) The leakage of the digital port pins is measured individually. The port pin is selected for input and the pullup or pulldown resistor is disabled.

# **4.2 Digital Outputs**



(1) The maximum total current, I(OHmax) and I(OLmax), for all outputs combined should not exceed ±48 mA to hold the maximum voltage drop specified.

(2) The port can output frequencies at least up to the specified limit and might support higher frequencies

### **4.3 ADC Power Supply and Input Range Conditions**





Depending upon power requirements, the basic PSV-AD-xx system is configured by selecting Cch, Lch and Qch. Please note that any capacitance from a follow-on DC/DC converter will interact with the PSV-AD-xx. Typically, the capacitance of the follow-on DC/DC should be kept to a minimum (for 120W, it should be less than 0.5uF).

## **5.1 Capacitor Selection (Cch)**

The storage capacitor selection is determined by output power requirements. Care should be taken so that the capacitor meets the ripple current required by the load during the discharge phase. The capacitor selection assumes a constant power discharge, and sufficient capacitance must be provided to ensure a minimum holdup voltage for the DC/DC converter stage. The storage capacitor is charged based on the value of the input voltage (95V in 115VAC systems and 155V in 220VAC systems). With constant power loads, the potential across a capacitor at a given elapsed time, t, is given by the initial holdup voltage,  $V_h$ , the power drawn, P, and capacitance, C:

$$
V_c(t) = \sqrt{V_h^2 - 2\frac{P}{C}t}
$$

The discharge time of the capacitor determines the minimum voltage reached and is approximated by solving for time in this equation:

$$
\sqrt{2}V_{RMS}(2\pi ft)-V_h=\sqrt{V_h^2-2\frac{P}{C}t}
$$

This gives a simple upper limit of:

$$
t \leq \frac{V_h}{\pi f \sqrt{2} V_{RMS}}
$$

For common grid voltages and frequencies, this equates to a discharge time of approximately 3mS and the minimum required capacitance is given by:

$$
C = \frac{P}{(V_h - V_{min})(V_h + V_{min})} 6 \cdot 10^{-3}
$$

For universal input designs, 160V rated capacitors can be used. The relationship between power and capacitance is linear; so sufficient capacitance should be selected. Typical values are provided in Table 5.1a. Ripple current rating for the capacitor will depend on the DC/DC converter stage. The typical capacitor current waveshape is shown by Figure 5.1a; with the capacitor charge being equal (in steady state conditions) during the charge and discharge cycles. The RMS current rating of the capacitor needs to be reviewed based on the current drawn by the DC/DC stage. A simple guide is to use the discharge voltage difference and discharge time to determine the average discharge current.





#### **Figure 5.1a – Typical Current Waveshape For Cch**

The RMS capacitor current can be determined by analysing the capacitor voltage waveform, which shows a constant current charge and constant power discharge. Assuming a typical charge time of 5mS and a discharge time of 3mS; the RMS capacitor current can be estimated as shown in the table below. The actual RMS current needs to be determined once the charge and discharge currents have been estimated as these will be a function of the DC/DC converter used. Typically, the discharge current will be the dominant term in the capacitor RMS current calculation, and this is determined by the DC/DC converter used.



#### **Table 5.1a – Recommended Capacitor Values and RMS current for Cch (Capacitor Holdup Voltage of 95V for universal input)**

Pin 4 on the controller can be used to set the maximum voltage stored on the capacitor. If pin 4 is left open, the maximum capacitor voltage is 150V (enabling the use of a 160V rated capacitor). With the pin pulled to ground, the maximum capacitor voltage is 180V (enabling the use of a 200V rated capacitor). Using a higher rated capacitor provides a higher power factor with 230VAC mains.



The Mean Time Between Failure for Cch is given by:

The measured capacitor temperature (180W electronic load) is  $45^{\circ}$ C with convection cooling at  $30^{\circ}$ C ambient. The data was calculated using  $55^{\circ}$ C, assuming heat from the DC/DC converter increases the capacitor temperature by a further  $10^{\circ}$ C. This represents a worst-case scenario. The actual MTBF will depend on components used and temperatures of the components.



### **5.2 Inductor Selection (Lch)**

To ensure that the capacitor charging current is properly regulated and to help EMC compliance, the charging circuit includes an inductor. The peak current is limited in hardware, and the switching frequency used to regulate the current dithers around 45kHz using an open-loop control system. The duty cycle is controlled by the PSV-AD-xx to ensure a current-profile that maximises power factor.

As the power requirement changes, Lch can be selected to ensure sufficient charge is stored in Cch during the minimum line voltage condition. With a suitable Cch selected (see section 5.1), the charge required is determined by  $q = Cch (85 - Vmin)$ , where Vmin is the minimum voltage the DC/DC converter will operate from. The typical charging time is 3mS, and using the charge, and assuming the current in the inductor is in critical conduction mode, the peak current is given by

$$
i_{pk} = \frac{2}{3 \times 10^{-3}} C_{ch} (85 - V_{in\_min})
$$

The value of Rch is selected using this peak current as a limit. The potential developed across Rch will switch-on the Over Current Protection circuit to limit the peak current. For example, with a minimum DC/DC voltage of 65V, and Cch=220uF, ipk is calculated as 2.9A. The value of Lch is given using the expression below

$$
L_{ch} = \frac{(V_{AC\_pk} - V_{in\_min})}{i_{pk} \cdot f}D
$$

Where D=0.7 and f=45kHz are set by the PSV-AD-xx and V<sub>AC pk</sub>=115 $\sqrt{2}$  is a typical requirement. With a peak current of 2.9A, and Vin, min = 65 for example, this equates to Lch being 500uH. The expression for Lch assumes charging at the peak of the input line, Cch is at the minimum voltage and current is at critical conduction. It should be noted that the inductor can operate in continuous conduction mode as well; as long as the peak current is below ipk. Various combinations of ipk and Lch can be used.

At the maximum intended power, ipk and Lch can be optimised to ensure that Cch is charged to its maximum value. Suitable starting points for this are provided in the table below.



A suitable inductor can be designed to maximise efficiency or minimise cost. The current-limiting hardware can be changed by modifying Rch and the associated circuit in Figure 1b.



# **5.3 MOSFET Selection (Qch)**

Only conduction loss and switching loss are considered in selecting suitable MOSFETs. The nomograms in Appendix A.1 can be used to determine suitable MOSFETs using RDS(on) and rise/fall switching times. Actual losses depend on charging time, HVDC voltage and capacitor voltage; however suitable MOSFETs include:



**Table 5.3a – Recommended MOSFET for Qch** 

### **5.4 Hold-up Circuit (optional) and Capacitor Selection**

For applications that require hold up, an optional circuit can be used. The connection marked BULK\_EN should be connected as shown in Figure 5.4a.

The circuit ensures that when the HVDC goes below a threshold (determined by the 3 x 2M2 resistor network) a Thyristor will be enabled so that the response to a loss in HVDC potential is controlled by hardware rather than software. This setup can cause an inrush current during initialisation when the HVDC potential is low. To control the Thyristor during initialisation, the PSV-AD-xx includes a means of inhibiting this inrush current.

A suitable capacitance value can be determined by calculating the energy required during the holdup phase, the peak grid voltage, the desired holdup time and load power. The minimum operating voltage of the DC/DC converter is also required to calculate the capacitance. For example, if the required power is 120W and the required holdup time is 12mS, this equates to an energy requirement of 120W x 12mS  $= 1.44$ J. Assuming the DC/DC converter can operate from a minimum of 35V, and assuming the grid is at 115V RMS, which equates to 115 $\sqrt{2}$  V maximum; this gives the required capacitance as

C = 2 x Energy Required / (Vmax<sup>2</sup> – Vmin<sup>2</sup>) = 2 x 1.44 / (115 x 115 x 2 – 35 x 35) = 115 uF



#### **Figure 5.4a - External Components for the PSV-AD-xxx Circuit to Provide System Holdup**



### **5.5 Active Bridge (optional)**

The active bridge signals provided by the PSV-AD-xx controller can be used to drive a high-side lowside MOSFET configuration that increases overall efficiency by up to 1.4% (90VAC line input). This is increasingly important at higher power levels and a half active bridge provides efficiency improvement using only two MOSFET's as shown below (ideal for 150-200W designs). A full active bridge can be implemented with very few additional components (please contact Pulsiv for details).



**Figure 5.5a - PSV-AD-xx System Active Bridge Circuit** 

The operation of the PSV-AD-xx provides a natural deadtime of approximately 3mS, enabling robust and safe switching to prevent shoot through. Fitting the active bridge automatically provides the Xcapacitor discharge function without requiring additional circuitry.

### **5.6 Power Used**

The POWER\_USED pin displays real-time power consumption by toggling at a fixed rate.

Our method does not require expensive current measurement techniques, but performs a calculation  $(Vcap charged)<sup>2</sup> - (Vcap discarded)<sup>2</sup>$  discharged)<sup>2</sup> during each grid cycle, which is directly proportional to the power.

Using the recommended value of Cch:

Low power = 0-25% of the rated power = 1.5Hz POWER\_USED output frequency Medium power 26-75% of the rated power = 4Hz POWER\_USED output frequency High power = 76-100% of the rated power= 12Hz POWER\_USED output frequency

Choosing a different value of Cch to those recommended will require POWER\_USED to be characterised.

### **5.7 Using SECONDARY\_PWM**

The SECONDARY PWM output can be used to drive an auxiliary supply for systems that need power when the DC-DC converter is switched off. Please contact Pulsiv for details as the supporting components will depend on specific power requirements.



### **5.8 State Machine of PSV-AD-xx**

The controller provides all essential sequencing for safe operation of the PFC, active bridge, and hold-up circuits.

 $AD_{150FB} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ 

Where The states are  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$ . The states are defined by the following pins



The PFC system is controlled by a finite state machine which is updated at a regular sampling rate of 2.4kHz. The state transitions are described by the diagram below.



 $q_0$  is "Power ON" which sets the controller's output pins to their resting, or inactive conditions. It also initialises various internal counter and timer values.



It then provides a short delay to ensure all hardware set-up conditions have completed before requesting the transition to state  $q_1$ . On entry it sets the following pins



The controller stays in this state for 20 sample intervals, and only proceeds if the PFC\_EN pin is high and a 20-sample time has elapsed.

State q<sub>1</sub> evaluates the incoming AC grid frequency. On entry it sets ON\_START to low and TRIAC\_INHIBIT\_AL to high. If either a 50Hz or 60Hz grid is detected over a 2-grid cycle period, the relevant configuration data is selected and the transition to state  $q_2$  is requested. The state sets the following pins



If no valid grid is detected the transition to  $q_0$  is requested and the initialisation process is repeated.



State q<sub>2</sub> activates the PFC control outputs, the grid condition output and indicated actual power consumption.



It then checks PFC Enable input and the Active Bridge Control Error input.

If PFC is disabled, the transition to state  $q_4$  is requested.

If PFC is enabled and no ABC error is indicated the transition to  $q_3$  is requested.

Otherwise, no state transition is required, the state remains at q2.

The PFC, grid condition and power consumption outputs are continually updated.

State q<sub>3</sub> sets the active bridge signals. The state is defined as



If an ABC error is detected (the ABC Error input becomes active) the ABC outputs are deactivated and a state transition to  $q_2$  is requested.

If PFC Enable becomes inactive a transition to q<sub>4</sub> is requested.

Otherwise, no state transition is required, and the state remains at q3.



State q4 disables the PFC control outputs, power display and ABC outputs and attempts to maintain synchronisation with the input grid.

If the MODE input indicates that immediate restart is required, the transition to  $q_0$  is requested.

Otherwise, if the grid is no longer detectable, the ABC outputs are pulsed for 20uS to create a short circuit to discharge the X Capacitor and a transition to  $q_0$  is requested.

If the grid is still detected the ABC outputs remain inactive and a short delay is introduced before transitioning to q<sub>0</sub>.

### **6 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE DATA**

### **6.1 Efficiency**

Measured on a PSV-AD-250-DS development system connected to a 150W flyback DC-DC converter with a 48V output.





### **6.2 Thermal Performance**

To showcase thermal performance, an image of the PSV-AD250-DS (with active bridge) is shown below for a Flyback load running at 113W with a 115V supply. The hot-spot at 76 Celsius is Q102; which has no heatsink or thermal vias. The calculated loss of Q102 is approximately 1W which has an expected thermal rise of 60 degrees. The capacitor temperature is 55 Celsius.



Running at 113W from a 230V supply, the capacitor temperatures are reduced from 55 Celsius to 36 Celsius and the MOSFET temperature is reduced from 76 Celsius to 50 Celsius. The losses move from the MOSFET to the bobbin chokes. By using lower Rdson MOSFETs or a customised choke, these losses can be reduced and efficiencies increased.





# **6.3 Conducted Emissions of the PSV-AD-250-DS Development System**



# EMI Final Results (1/2)



# EMI Final Results (2/2)





## **6.4 Radiated Emissions of the PSV-AD-250-DS Development System**





## **6.5 No Inrush Current**



The small current spike shown here is caused by the X capacitor and voltage slew-rate of the test equipment. Accepted standards ignore below measurements below 100uS in duration, so the PSV-ADxx system is considered to be free of inrush current.



### **6.6 Low Voltage Start-up**



**Blue is HVDC; Green is the potential difference on Cch and Brown is the line current** 

# **6.7 High Voltage Start-up**



**Blue is HVDC; Green is the potential difference on Cch and Brown is the line current** 



# **6.8 High Voltage Steady State**



**Blue is HVDC; Green is the potential difference on Cch and Brown is the line current** 



# **7 PACKAGE MECHANICAL DATA**



NOTES:

- $1.$ All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.<br>This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- $2.$
- $\overline{3}$ . The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.



# **7.1 Recommended PCB Footprint**



NOTES: (continued)

4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board.

Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site. 5.

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# **APPENDIX A**

# **Appendix A.1 MOSFET Selection Nomograms**

This example shows the losses for MOSFET IPN60R360P7SATMA1.







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