

TC33067 TC33067

High Performance Resonant Mode Controller

FEATURES

- **Zero Voltage Switch Resonant Mode Operation**
- Variable Frequency Oscillator with a Control **Range Exceeding 1000:1**
- **Precision One-Shot Timer for Controlled Off-Time**
- **Internally Trimmed Bandgap Reference**
- **4.0MHz Error Amplifier**
- **Dual High Current Totem Pole Outputs**
- **Selectable Undervoltage Lockout Thresholds with Hysteresis**
- **Enable Input**
- **Programmable Soft–Start Circuitry**
- **Low Startup Current for Off–Line Operation**

APPLICATIONS

- **DC-to-DC Converter Applications**
- **AC-to-DC Off-Line Power Supplies**
- **Telecom**
- **Networking**
- **Aviation Equipment**

ORDERING INFORMATION

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The TC33067 is a high performance zero voltage switch resonant mode controller designed for off-line and DC-to-DC converter applications that utilize frequency modulated constant off-time or constant deadtime control. This integrated circuit features a variable frequency oscillator, a precise retriggerable one-shot timer, temperature compensated reference, high gain wide bandwidth error amplifier, steering flip-flop, and dual high current totem pole outputs ideally suited for driving power MOSFETs.

Also included are protective features consisting of a high speed fault comparator, programmable soft–start circuitry, input undervoltage lockout with selectable thresholds, and reference undervoltage lockout.

This device is available in dual-in-line and surface mount packages.

PIN CONFIGURATIONS

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS*

16-Pin PDIP (N) Package:

*This is a stress rating only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operation section of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings conditions for extended periods of time may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: (V_{CC} = 12V [Note 2], R_{OSC} = 18.2k, R_{VFO} = 2940, C_{OSC} = 300pF, R_T = 2370k, C_T = 300pF, C_L = 1.0nF. For typical values T_A = 25°C, for min/max values T_A is the operating ambient temperature range that applies [Note 3], unless otherwise noted.)

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Figure 1. Representative Block Diagram

INTRODUCTION

As power supply designers have strived to increase power conversion efficiency and reduce passive component size, high frequency resonant mode power converters have emerged as attractive alternatives to conventional pulse–width modulated control. When compared to pulse– width modulated converters, resonant mode control offers several benefits including lower switching losses, higher efficiency, lower EMI emission, and smaller size. A new integrated circuit has been developed to support this trend in power supply design. The TC33067 Resonant Mode Controller is a high performance bipolar IC dedicated to variable frequency power control at frequencies exceeding 1.0 MHz. This integrated circuit provides the features and performance specifically for zero voltage switching resonant mode power supply applications.

The primary purpose of the control chip is to provide a fixed off–time to the gates of external power MOSFETs at a repetition rate regulated by a feedback control loop. Additional features of the IC ensure that system startup and fault conditions are administered in a safe, controlled manner.

A simplified block diagram of the IC is shown on the front page, which identifies the main functional blocks and the block–to–block interconnects. Figure 1 is a detailed functional diagram which accurately represents the internal circuitry. The various functions can be divided into two sections. The first section includes the primary control path which produces precise output pulses at the desired frequency. Included in this section are a variable frequency Oscillator, a One–Shot, a pulse Steering Flip–Flop, a pair of power MOSFET Drivers, and a wide bandwidth Error Amplifier. The second section provides several peripheral support functions including a voltage reference, undervoltage lockout, Soft–Start circuit, and a fault detector.

Primary Control Path

The output pulse width and repetition rate are regulated through the interaction of the variable frequency Oscillator, One–Shot timer and Error Amplifier. The Oscillator triggers the One–Shot which generates a pulse that is alternately steered to a pair of totem pole output drivers by a toggle Flip–Flop. The Error Amplifier monitors the output of the regulator and modulates the frequency of the Oscillator. High speed Schottky logic is used throughout the primary control channel to minimize delays and enhance high frequency characteristics.

Oscillator

The characteristics of the variable frequency Oscillator are crucial for precise controller performance at high operating frequencies. In addition to triggering the One–Shot timer and initiating the output deadtime, the oscillator also determines the initial voltage for the one–shot capacitor. The Oscillator is designed to operate at frequencies exceeding 1.0MHz. The Error Amplifier can control the oscillator frequency over a 1000:1 frequency range, and both the minimum and maximum frequencies are easily and accurately programmed by the proper selection of external components.

The functional diagram of the Oscillator and One–Shot timer is shown in Figure 2. The oscillator capacitor (C_{OSC}) is initially charged by transistor Q1.When C_{OSC} exceeds the 4.9V upper threshold of the oscillator comparator, the base of Q1 is pulled low allowing C_{OSC} to discharge through the external resistor, (R_{OSC}) , and the oscillator control current, (I_{OSC}) . When the voltage on C_{OSC} falls below the comparator's 3.6V lower threshold, Q1 turns on and again charges $C_{\rm OSC}$.

 C_{OSC} charges from 3.6V to 5.1V in less than 50nsec. The high slew rate of C_{OSC} and the propagation delay of the comparator make it difficult to control the peak voltage. This accuracy issue is overcome by clamping the base of Q1 through a diode to a voltage reference. The peak voltage of the oscillator waveform is thereby precisely set at 5.1V.

Figure 2. Ocillator and One-Shot TImer

The frequency of the Oscillator is modulated by varying the current flowing out of the Oscillator Control Current (1_{OSC}) pin. The 1_{OSC} pin is the output of a voltage regulator. The input of the voltage regulator is tied to the variable frequency oscillator. The discharge current of the Oscillator increases by increasing the current out of the I_{OSC} pin. Resistor R_{VFO} is used in conjunction with the Error Amp output to change the I_{OSC} current. Maximum frequency occurs when the Error Amplifier output is at its low state with a saturation voltage of 0.1V at 1.0mA.

The minimum oscillator frequency will result when the I_{OSC} current is zero, and C_{OSC} is discharged through the external resistor (R_{OSC}) . This occurs when the Error Amplifier output is at its high state of 2.5V. The minimum and maximum oscillator frequencies are programmed by the

proper selection of resistor R_{OSC} and R_{VFO} . The minimum frequency is programmed by ROSC using Equation 1:

Equation 1.

where t_{PD} is the internal propagation delay.

The maximum oscillator frequency is set by the current through resistor R VFO . The current required to discharge COSC at the maximum oscillator frequency can be calculated by Equation 2:

$$
I_{(max)} C_{\text{OSC}} \frac{5.1 - 3.6}{\frac{1}{f(max)}} = 1.5 \text{ oscf(max)}
$$

Equation 2.

The discharge current through R_{OSC} must also be known and can be calculated by Equation 3:

Equation 3.

Resistor R_{VFO} can now be calculated by Equation 4:

$$
R_{\text{VFO}} = \frac{2.5 - V_{\text{EAsat}}}{I_{(\text{max})} - I_{\text{ROSC}}}
$$

Equation 4.

One–Shot Timer

The One–Shot is designed to disable both outputs simultaneously providing a deadtime before either output is enabled. The One–Shot capacitor (C_T) is charged concurrently with the oscillator capacitor by transistor Q1, as shown in Figure 2. The one–shot period begins when the oscillator comparator turns off Q1, allowing C_T to discharge.

The period ends when resistor R_T discharges C_T to the threshold of the One-Shot comparator.The lower threshold of the One-Shot is 3.6 V. By choosing C_T , R_T can by solved by Equation 5:

$$
R_T = \frac{t_{OS}}{C_T \ell_n \left(\frac{5.1}{3.6}\right)} = \frac{t_{OS}}{0.348 \text{ C}_T}
$$

Equation 5.

Errors in the threshold voltage and propagation delaysthrough the output drivers will affect the One-Shot period. To guarantee accuracy, the output pulse of the control chip is trimmed to within 5% of 250nsec with nominal values of R_T and C_T .

The outputs of the Oscillator and One–Shot comparators are OR'd together to produce the pulse t_{OS} , which drives the Flip–Flop and output drivers. The output pulse (t_{OS}) is initiated by the Oscillator and terminated by the One-Shot comparator. With zero–voltage resonant mode converters, the oscillator discharge time should never be set less than the one–shot period.

Error Amplifier

A fully accessible high performance Error Amplifier is provided for feedback control of the power supply system.

The Error Amplifier is internally compensated and features dc open loop gain greater than 70dB, input offset voltage of less than 10 mV and a guaranteed minimum gain– bandwidth product of 2.5 MHz. The input common mode range extends from 1.5V to 5.1V, which includes the reference voltage.

When the Error Amplifier output is coupled to the I_{OSC} pin by R_{VFO} , as illustrated in Figure 3, it provides the Oscillator Control Current, I_{OSC} . The output swing of the Error Amplifier is restricted by a clamp circuit to improve its transient recovery time.

Figure 3. Error Amplifier and Clamp

Output Section

The pulse(t_{OS}), generated by the Oscillator and One– Shot timer is gated to dual totem–pole output drives by the Steering Flip-Flop shown in Figure 4. Positive transitions of t_{OS} toggle the Flip-Flop, which causes the pulses to alternate between Output A and Output B. The flip-flop is reset by the undervoltage lockout circuit during startup to guarantee that the first pulse appears at Output A.

Figure 4. Steering Flip-Flop and Output Drivers

The totem–pole output drivers are ideally suited for driving power MOSFETs and are capable of sourcing and sinking 1.5A. Rise and fall times are typically 20nsec when driving a 1.0nF load. High source/sink capability in a totem– pole driver normally increases the risk of high cross conduction current during output transitions. The TC33067 utilizes a unique design that virtually eliminates cross conduction, thus controlling the chip power dissipation at high frequencies. A separate power ground pin is provided to isolate the sensitive analog circuitry from large transient currents.

PERIPHERAL SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

The TC33067 Resonant Controller provides a number of support and protection functions including a precision voltage reference, undervoltage lockout comparators, soft– start circuitry, and a fault detector. These peripheral circuits ensure that the power supply can be turned on and off in a controlled manner and that the system will be quickly disabled when a fault condition occurs.

Undervoltage Lockout and Voltage Reference

Separate undervoltage lockout comparators sense the input V_{CC} voltage and the regulated reference voltage as illustrated in Figure 5. When V_{CC} increases to the upper threshold voltage, the V_{CC} UVLO comparator enables the Reference Regulator. After the V_{REF} output of the Reference Regulator rises to 4.2V, the V_{REF} UVLO comparator switches the UVLO signal to a logic zero state enabling the primary control path. Reducing V_{CC} to the lower threshold voltage causes the V_{CC} UVLO comparator to disable the Reference Regulator. The V_{REF} UVLO comparator then switches the UVLO output to a logic one state disabling the controller.

The Enable/UVLO Adjust pin allows the power supply designer to select the V_{CC} UVLO threshold voltages. When this pin is open, the comparator switches the controller on at 16V and off at 9.0V. If this pin is connected to the V_{CC} terminal, the upper and lower thresholds are reduced to 9.0V and 8.6V, respectively. Forcing the Enable/UVLO adjust pin low will pull the V_{CC} UVLO comparator input low (through an internal diode) turning off the controller.

The Reference Regulator provides a precise 5.1V reference to internal circuitry and can deliver up to 10mA to external loads. The reference is trimmed to better than 2% initial accuracy and includes active short circuit protection.

Fault Detector

The high speed Fault Comparator illustrated in Figure 6 can protect a power supply from destruction under fault conditions. The Fault Input pin connects to the input of the Fault Comparator. The Fault Comparator output connects to the output drivers. This direct path reduces the propagation delay from the Fault Input to the A and B outputs to typically 70nsec. The Fault Comparator output is also OR'd with the UVLO output from the V_{REF} UVLO comparator to produce the logic output labeled "UVLO+Fault". This signal disables the Oscillator and One-Shot by forcing both the C_{OSC} and C_{T} capacitors to be continually charged.

Figure 5. Undervoltage Lockout and Reference

Soft–Start Circuit

The Soft-Start circuit shown in Figure 6 forces the variable frequency Oscillator to start at the maximum frequency and ramp downward until regulated by the feedback control loop. The external capacitor at the C_{Soft-Start} terminal is initially discharged by the UVLO+Fault signal. The low voltage on the capacitor passes through the Soft-Start Buffer to hold the Error Amplifier output low. After UVLO+Fault switches to a logic zero, the soft-start capacitor is charged by a 9.0µA current source. The buffer allows the Error Amplifier output to follow the soft-start capacitor until it is regulated by the Error Amplifier inputs. The soft-start function is generally applicable to controllers operating below resonance and can be disabled by simply opening the C_{Soft} Start terminal.

The TC33067 is specifically designed for zero voltage switching (ZVS) quasi–resonant converter (QRC) applications. The IC is optimized for double–ended push–pull or bridge type converters operating in continuous conduction mode. Operation of this type of ZVS with resonant properties is similar to standard push–pull or bridge circuits in that the energy is transferred during the transistor on–time. The difference is that a series resonant tank is usually introduced to shape the voltage across the power transistor prior to turn–on. The resonant tank in this topology is not used to deliver energy to the output as is the case with zero current switch topologies. When the power transistor is enabled the voltage across it should already be zero, yielding minimal switching loss. Figure 7 shows a timing diagram for a half– bridge ZVS QRC. An application circuit is shown in Figure 8. The circuit built is a DC-to-DC half-bridge converter delivering 75W to the output from a 48V source.

When building a zero voltage switch (ZVS) circuit, the objective is to waveshape the power transistor's voltage waveform so that the voltage across the transistor is zero when the device is turned on. The purpose of the control IC is to allow a resonant tank to waveshape the voltage across the power transistor while still maintaining regulation. This is accomplished by maintaining a fixed deadtime and by varying the frequency; thus the effective duty cycle is changed.

Primary side resonance can be used with ZVS circuits. In the application circuit, the elements that make the resonant tank are the primary leakage inductance of the transformer (L_L) and the average output capacitance (C_{OSS}) of a power MOSFET (C_R) . The desired resonant frequency for the application circuit is calculated by Equation 6:

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$$
f_r = \frac{1}{2 \pi \sqrt{\frac{L_L \cdot 2C_R}{L_L \cdot 2C_R}}}
$$

In the application circuit, the operating voltage is low and the value of C_{OSS} versus Drain Voltage is known. Because the C_{OSS} of a MOSFET changes with drain voltage, the value of the C_R is approximated as the average C_{OSS} of the MOSFET. For the application circuit the average C_{OSS} can be calculated by Equation 7.

$$
C_R = \sqrt{2} \times C_{\text{OSS}}
$$
 measured at 1 V_{IN}

The MOSFET chosen fixes C_R and that LL is adjusted to achieve the desired resonant frequency.

However, the desired resonant frequency is less critical than the leakage inductance. Figure 7 shows the primary current ramping toward its peak value during the resonant transition. During this time, there is circulating current flowing through the secondary inductance, which effectively makes the primary inductance appear shorted. Therefore, the current through the primary will ramp to its peak value at a rate controlled by the leakage inductance and the applied voltage. Energy is not transferred to the secondary during this stage, because the primary current has not overcome the circulating current in the secondary. The larger the leakage inductance, the longer it takes for the primary current to slew. The practical effect of this is to lower the duty cycle, thus reducing the operating range.

The maximum duty cycle is controlled by the leakage inductance, not by the TC33067. The One-Shot in the TC33067 only assures that the power switch is turned on under a zero voltage condition. Adjust the one-shot period so that the output switch is activated while the primary current is slewing but before the current changes polarity. The resonant stage should then be designed to be as long as the time for the primary current to go to zero amps. **Figure 7. Fault Detector and Soft-Start**

Figure 8. Application Circuit

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Figure 9. Printed Circuit Board and Component Layout

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