

LT3511

### Monolithic High Voltage Isolated Flyback Converter

- <sup>n</sup> **4.5V to 100V Input Voltage Range**
- <sup>n</sup> **Internal 240mA, 150V Power Switch**
- Boundary Mode Operation
- <sup>n</sup> **No Transformer Third Winding or Opto-Isolator Required for Regulation**
- Improved Primary-Side Winding Feedback **Load Regulation**
- $\blacksquare$  V<sub>OUT</sub> Set with Two External Resistors
- BIAS Pin for Internal Bias Supply and Power Switch Driver
- No External Start-Up Resistor
- 16-Lead MSOP Package

### **APPLICATIONS**

- Isolated Telecom Power Supplies
- Isolated Auxiliary/Housekeeping Power Supplies
- Isolated Industrial, Automotive and Medical Power **Supplies**

### FEATURES DESCRIPTION

The LT®3511 is a high voltage monolithic switching regulator specifically designed for the isolated flyback topology. No third winding or opto-isolator is required for regulation as the part senses output voltage directly from the primary-side flyback waveform. The device integrates a 240mA, 150V power switch, high voltage circuitry, and control into a high voltage 16-lead MSOP package with four leads removed.

The LT3511 operates from an input voltage range of 4.5V to 100V and delivers up to 2.5W of isolated output power. Two external resistors and the transformer turns ratio easily set the output voltage. Off-the-shelf transformers are available for several applications. The high level of integration and the use of boundary mode operation results in a simple, clean, tightly regulated application solution to the traditionally tough problem of isolated power delivery.

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#### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS **(Note 1)**



### PIN CONFIGURATION



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**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The LT3511E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications from 0°C to 125°C junction temperature. Specifications over the –40°C to 125°C operating junction temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls. The LT3511I is guaranteed to meet performance specifications from –40°C to 125°C operating junction temperature range. The LT3511H is guaranteed

to meet performance specifications from –40°C to 150°C operating junction temperature range. The LT3511MP is guaranteed over the full –55°C to 150°C operating junction range. High junction temperatures degrade operating lifetimes. Operating lifetime is derated at junction temperatures greater than 125°C.

**Note 3:** Current flows out of the R<sub>RFF</sub> pin.

**Note 4:** The SW pin is rated to 150V for transients. Operating waveforms of the SW pin should keep the pedestal of the flyback waveform below 100V as shown in Figure 5.

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### PIN FUNCTIONS

**EN/UVLO (Pin 1):** Enable/Undervoltage Lockout. The EN/ UVLO pin is used to start up the LT3511. Pull the pin to 0V to shut down the LT3511. This pin has an accurate 1.21V threshold and can be used to program an undervoltage lockout (UVLO) threshold using a resistor divider from supply to ground. A 2.6μA pin current hysteresis allows the programming of undervoltage lockout (UVLO) hysteresis. EN/UVLO can be directly connected to  $V_{IN}$ . If left open circuit the part will not power up.

**VIN (Pin 3):** Input Supply Pin. This pin supplies current to the internal start-up circuitry, and serves as a reference voltage for the DCM comparator and feedback circuitry. Must be locally bypassed with a capacitor.

**GND (Pin 5, 8, 9):** Ground Pins. All three pins should be tied directly to the local ground plane.

**BIAS (Pin 6):** Bias Voltage. This pin supplies current to the switch driver and internal circuitry of the LT3511. This pin may also be connected to  $V_{IN}$  if a third winding is not used and if  $V_{IN}$  < 20V. The part can operate down to 4.5V when BIAS and  $V_{IN}$  are connected together. If a third winding is used, the BIAS voltage should be lower than the input voltage and greater than 3.3V for proper operation. BIAS must be bypassed with a 4.7μF capacitor placed close to the pin.

**VC (Pin 10):** Compensation Pin for Internal Error Amplifier. Connect a series RC from this pin to ground to compensate the switching regulator. An additional 100pF capacitor from this pin to ground helps eliminate noise.

**T<sub>C</sub>** (Pin 11): Output Voltage Temperature Compensation. Connect a resistor to ground to produce a current proportional to absolute temperature to be sourced into the R<sub>RFF</sub> node.

 $I_{TC} = 0.55V/R_{TC}$ .

**RREF** (Pin 12): Input Pin for External Ground-Referred Reference Resistor. The resistor at this pin should be 10k. For nonisolated applications, a traditional resistor voltage divider from  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  may be connected to this pin.

**RFB (Pin 14):** Input Pin for External Feedback Resistor. This pin is connected to the transformer primary  $(V_{SW})$ . The ratio of this resistor to the  $R_{RFF}$  resistor, times the internal bandgap reference, determines the output voltage (plus the effect of any non-unity transformer turns ratio). For nonisolated applications, this pin should be connected to GND with a 1M resistor.

**SW (Pin 16):** Switch Pin. Collector of the internal power switch. Minimize trace area at this pin to minimize EMI and voltage spikes.



# BLOCK DIAGRAM





### **OPERATION**

The LT3511 is a current mode switching regulator IC designed specifically for the isolated flyback topology. The key problem in isolated topologies is how to communicate information regarding the output voltage from the isolated secondary side of the transformer to the primary side. Historically, opto-isolators or extra transformer windings communicate this information across the transformer. Opto-isolator circuits waste output power, and the extra components increase the cost and physical size of the power supply. Opto-isolators can also exhibit trouble due to limited dynamic response, nonlinearity, unit-to-unit variation and aging over life. Circuits employing an extra transformer winding also exhibit deficiencies. Using an extra winding adds to the transformer's physical size and cost, and dynamic response is often mediocre.

In the LT3511, the primary-side flyback pulse provides information about the isolated output voltage. In this manner, neither opto-isolator nor extra transformer winding is required for regulation. Two resistors program the output voltage. Since this IC operates in boundary mode, the part calculates output voltage from the switch pin when the secondary current is almost zero.

The Block Diagram shows an overall view of the system. Many of the blocks are similar to those found in traditional switching regulators including internal bias regulator, oscillator, logic, current amplifier, current comparator, driver, and output switch. The novel sections include a special flyback error amplifier and a temperature compensation circuit. In addition, the logic system contains additional logic for boundary mode operation.

The LT3511 features boundary mode control, where the part operates at the boundary between continuous conduction mode and discontinuous conduction mode. The VC pin controls the current level just as it does in normal current mode operation, but instead of turning the switch on at the start of the oscillator period, the part turns on the switch when the secondary-side winding current is zero.

#### **Boundary Mode Operation**

Boundary mode is a variable frequency, current mode switching scheme. The switch turns on and the inductor current increases until a VC pin controlled current limit. After the switch turns off, the voltage on the SW pin rises to the output voltage divided by the secondary-to-primary transformer turns ratio plus the input voltage. When the secondary current through the diode falls to zero, the SW pin voltage falls below  $V_{IN}$ . A discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) comparator detects this event and turns the switch back on.

Boundary mode returns the secondary current to zero every cycle, so parasitic resistive voltage drops do not cause load regulation errors. Boundary mode also allows the use of a smaller transformer compared to continuous conduction mode and does not exhibit subharmonic oscillation.

At low output currents, the LT3511 delays turning on the switch, and thus operates in discontinuous mode. Unlike traditional flyback converters, the switch has to turn on to update the output voltage information. Below 0.6V on the VC pin, the current comparator level decreases to its minimum value, and the internal oscillator frequency decreases. With the decrease of the internal oscillator, the part starts to operate in DCM. The output current is able to decrease while still allowing a minimum switch off time for the flyback error amplifier. The typical minimum internal oscillator frequency with VC equal to 0V is 40kHz.



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### **PSEUDO DC THEORY**

In the Block Diagram,  $R_{REF}$  (R4) and  $R_{FB}$  (R3) are external resistors used to program the output voltage. The LT3511 operates similar to traditional current mode switchers, except in the use of a unique error amplifier, which derives its feedback information from the flyback pulse.

Operation is as follows: when the output switch, Q1, turns off, its collector voltage rises above the  $V_{IN}$  rail. The amplitude of this flyback pulse, i.e., the difference between it and  $V_{IN}$ , is given as:

 $V_{\mathsf{FLBK}}$  = ( $V_{\mathsf{OUT}}$  +  $V_{\mathsf{F}}$  +  $I_{\mathsf{SEC}}$  • ESR) • NPS

V<sub>F</sub> = D1 forward voltage

- $I<sub>SFC</sub>$  = Transformer secondary current
- ESR = Total impedance of secondary circuit
- NPS = Transformer effective primary-to-secondary turns ratio

 $R_{FB}$  and Q2 convert the flyback voltage into a current. Nearly all of this current flows through  $R_{REF}$  to form a groundreferred voltage. The resulting voltage forms the input to the flyback error amplifier. The flyback error amplifier samples the voltage information when the secondary side winding current is zero. The bandgap voltage, 1.20V, acts as the reference for the flyback error amplifier.

The relatively high gain in the overall loop will then cause the voltage at  $R_{REF}$  to be nearly equal to the bandgap reference voltage  $V_{BG}$ . The resulting relationship between  $V_{\text{FLBK}}$  and  $V_{\text{BG}}$  approximately equals:

$$
\left(\frac{V_{FLBK}}{R_{FB}}\right) = \frac{V_{BG}}{R_{REF}} \text{ or } V_{FLBK} = V_{BG}\left(\frac{R_{FB}}{R_{REF}}\right)
$$

 $V_{BG}$  = Internal bandgap reference

Combination of the preceding expression with earlier derivation of  $V_{FIBK}$  results in the following equation:

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{BG}} \bigg( \frac{R_{\text{FB}}}{R_{\text{REF}}} \bigg) \frac{1}{N_{\text{PS}}} \bigg) - V_{\text{F}} - I_{\text{SEC}} \left( \text{ESR} \right)
$$

The expression defines  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  in terms of the internal reference, programming resistors, transformer turns ratio and diode forward voltage drop. Additionally, it includes the effect of nonzero secondary output impedance (ESR). Boundary control mode minimizes the effect of this impedance term.

#### **Temperature Compensation**

The first term in the  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  equation does not have temperature dependence, but the diode forward drop has a significant negative temperature coefficient. A positive temperature coefficient current source connects to the  $R_{\text{RFF}}$  pin to compensate. A resistor to ground from the  $T<sub>C</sub>$  pin sets the compensation current.

The following equation explains the cancellation of the temperature coefficient:

$$
\frac{\delta V_F}{\delta T} = -\frac{R_{FB}}{R_{TC}} \cdot \frac{1}{N_{PS}} \cdot \frac{\delta V_{TC}}{\delta T} \text{ or,}
$$

$$
R_{TC} = \frac{-R_{FB}}{N_{PS}} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta V_F / \delta T} \cdot \frac{\delta V_{TC}}{\delta T} \approx \frac{R_{FB}}{N_{PS}}
$$

 $(\delta V_F/\delta_T)$  = Diode's forward voltage temperature coefficient  $(\delta V_{TC}/\delta_T) = 2mV$ 

 $V_{TC} = 0.55V$ 

Experimentally verify the resulting value of  $R_{TC}$  and adjust as necessary to achieve optimal regulation over temperature.

The addition of a temperature coefficient current modifies the expression of output voltage as follows:

$$
V_{OUT} = V_{BG} \left(\frac{R_{FB}}{R_{REF}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{N_{PS}}\right) - V_{F}
$$

$$
-\left(\frac{V_{TC}}{R_{TC}}\right) \bullet \frac{R_{FB}}{N_{PS}} - I_{SEC} \text{ (ESR)}
$$

### **Output Power**

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similar to a nonisolated buck-boost. The duty cycle will affect the input and output currents, making it hard to predict output power. In addition, the winding ratio can be changed to multiply the output current at the expense of a higher switch voltage.

The graphs in Figures 1-4 show the typical maximum output power possible for the output voltages 3.3V, 5V, 12V and 24V. The maximum power output curve is the calculated output power if the switch voltage is 100V during the offtime. 50V of margin is left for leakage voltage spike. To achieve this power level at a given input, a winding ratio value must be calculated to stress the switch to 100V, resulting in some odd ratio values. The following curves are examples of common winding ratio values and the amount of output power at given input voltages.



**Figure 1. Output Power for 3.3V Output**



**Figure 2. Output Power for 5V Output**

One design example would be a 5V output converter with a minimum input voltage of 36V and a maximum input voltage of 72V. A four-to-one winding ratio fits this design example perfectly and outputs close to 1.6W at 72V but lowers to 1W at 36V.

The equations below calculate output power:

Power = 
$$
\eta \cdot V_{IN} \cdot D \cdot I_{PEAK} \cdot 0.5
$$
  
\nEfficiency =  $\eta = \sim 85\%$   
\nDuty Cycle =  $D = \frac{(V_{OUT} + V_F) \cdot N_{PS}}{(V_{OUT} + V_F) \cdot N_{PS} + V_{IN}}$ 

Peak switch current =  $I_{PFAK} = 0.26A$ 



**Figure 3. Output Power for 12V Output**







#### **TRANSFORMER DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

Successful application of the LT3511 relies on proper transformer specification and design. Carefully consider the following information in addition to the traditional guidelines associated with high frequency isolated power supply transformer design.

Linear Technology has worked with several leading magnetic component manufacturers to produce pre-designed flyback transformers for use with the LT3511. Table 1 shows the details of these transformers.

#### **Table 1. Predesigned Transformers**





#### **Turns Ratio**

Note that when using an  $R_{FB}/R_{REF}$  resistor ratio to set output voltage, the user has relative freedom in selecting a transformer turns ratio to suit a given application. In contrast, the use of simple ratios of small integers, e.g., 1:1, 2:1, 3:2, provides more freedom in setting total turns and mutual inductance.

Typically, choose the transformer turns to maximize available output power. For low output voltages (3.3V or 5V), a N:1 turns ratio can be used with multiple primary windings relative to the secondary to maximize the transformer's current gain (and output power). However, remember that the SW pin sees a voltage that is equal to the maximum input supply voltage plus the output voltage multiplied by the turns ratio. In addition, leakage inductance will cause a voltage spike ( $V_{\text{LFAKAGE}}$ ) on top of this reflected voltage. This total quantity needs to remain below the absolute maximum rating of the SW pin to prevent breakdown of the internal power switch. Together these conditions place an upper limit on the turns ratio, N, for a given application. Choose a turns ratio low enough to ensure:

 ${\mathsf N}\!<\!\frac{150{\mathsf V}-{\mathsf V}_{\mathsf IN(\mathsf{MAX})}-{\mathsf V}_{\mathsf{LEAKAGE}}}{\mathsf M}$  $V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{F}}$ 

For larger N:1 values, choose a transformer with a larger physical size to deliver additional current. In addition, choose a large enough inductance value to ensure that the off-time is long enough to measure the output voltage.

For lower output power levels, choose a 1:1 or 1:N transformer for the absolute smallest transformer size. A 1:N transformer will minimize the magnetizing inductance (and minimize size), but will also limit the available output power. A higher 1:N turns ratio makes it possible to have very high output voltages without exceeding the breakdown voltage of the internal power switch.

The turns ratio is an important element in the isolated feedback scheme. Make sure the transformer manufacturer guarantees turns ratio accuracy within  $\pm 1\%$ .

#### **Saturation Current**

The current in the transformer windings should not exceed its rated saturation current. Energy injected once the core is saturated will not be transferred to the secondary and will instead be dissipated in the core. Information on saturation current should be provided by the transformer manufacturers. Table 1 lists the saturation current of the transformers designed for use with the LT3511.

#### **Primary Inductance Requirements**

The LT3511 obtains output voltage information from the reflected output voltage on the switch pin. The conduction of secondary winding current reflects the output voltage on the primary. The sampling circuitry needs a minimum of 400ns to settle and sample the reflected output voltage. In order to ensure proper sampling, the secondary winding needs to conduct current for a minimum of 400ns. The following equation gives the minimum value for primaryside magnetizing inductance:

 $L_{\sf PRI} \geq$  $t_{\text{OFF(MIN)}} \bullet N_{\text{PS}} \bullet (V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{F}})$ IPEAK(MIN)

 $t_{OFF(MIN)} = 400$ ns  $I_{PEAK(MIN)} = 55mA$ 

In addition to the primary inductance requirement for sampling time, the LT3511 has internal circuit constraints that prevent the switch from staying on for less than 100ns. If the inductor current exceeds the desired current limit during that time, oscillation may occur at the output as the current control loop will lose its ability to regulate. The following equation, based on maximum input voltage, must also be followed in selecting primary-side magnetizing inductance:

 $L_{\sf PRI} \geq$ t<sub>on(min)</sub> • V<sub>IN(MAX)</sub> IPEAK(MIN)  $t_{ON(MIN)} = 100$ ns  $I_{PEAK(MIN)} = 55mA$ 





**Figure 5. Maximum Voltages for SW Pin Flyback Waveform**

#### **Leakage Inductance and Clamp Circuits**

Transformer leakage inductance (on either the primary or secondary) causes a voltage spike to appear at the primary after the output switch turns off. This spike is increasingly prominent at higher load currents where more stored energy must be dissipated. When designing an application, adequate margin should be kept for the effect of leakage voltage spikes. In most cases the reflected output voltage on the primary plus  $V_{IN}$  should be kept below 100V. This leaves at least 50V of margin for the leakage spike across line and load conditions. A larger voltage margin will be needed for poorly wound transformers or for excessive leakage inductance. Figure 5 illustrates this point. Minimize transformer leakage inductance.

A clamp circuit is recommended for most applications.

Two circuits that can protect the internal power switch include the RCD (resistor-capacitor-diode) clamp and the DZ (diode-Zener) clamp. The clamp circuits dissipate the stored energy in the leakage inductance. The DZ clamp is the recommended clamp for the LT3511. Simplicity of design, high clamp voltages, and low power levels make the DZ clamp the preferred solution. Additionally, a DZ clamp ensures well defined and consistent clamping voltages. Figure 5 shows the clamp effect on the switch waveform and Figure 6 shows the connection of the DZ clamp.



**Figure 6. DZ Clamp**

Proper care must be taken when choosing both the diode and the Zener diode. Schottky diodes are typically the best choice, but some PN diodes can be used if they turn on fast enough to limit the leakage inductance spike. Choose a diode that has a reverse-voltage rating higher than the maximum switch voltage. The Zener diode breakdown voltage should be chosen to balance power loss and switch voltage protection. The best compromise is to choose the largest voltage breakdown. Use the following equation to make the proper choice:

#### $V_{ZENER(MAX)} \leq 150V - V_{IN(MAX)}$

For an application with a maximum input voltage of 72V, choose a 68V V<sub>ZENER</sub> which has V<sub>ZENER(MAX)</sub> at  $72$ V, which will be below the 78V maximum.

The power loss in the clamp will determine the power rating of the Zener diode. Power loss in the clamp is highest



at maximum load and minimum input voltage. The switch current is highest at this point along with the energy stored in the leakage inductance. A 0.5W Zener will satisfy most applications when the highest  $V_{ZFNFR}$  is chosen. Choosing a low value for V<sub>ZENER</sub> will cause excessive power loss as shown in the following equations:

DZ Power Loss = 
$$
\frac{1}{2} \cdot L_{\ell} \cdot I_{PK(VIN(MIN))}^2 \cdot f_{SW} \cdot
$$
  
\n
$$
\left(1 + \frac{N_{PS} \cdot (V_{OUT} + V_F)}{V_{ZENER} - N_{PS} \cdot (V_{OUT} + V_F)}\right)
$$
\n $L_{\ell}$  = Leakage Inductance

 $I_{PK(VIN(MIN))} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT} \cdot 2}{V_{OUT} \cdot 2}$ η • V<sub>IN(MIN)</sub> • D<sub>VIN(MIN)</sub>  $f_{SW} = \frac{1}{1}$  $\rm t_{ON}$  +  $\rm t_{OFF}$  $=\frac{1}{1}$ L<sub>PRI</sub> • I<sub>PK(VIN(MIN))</sub> V<sub>IN(MIN)</sub>  $+\frac{L_{PRI} \cdot I_{PK(VIN(MIN))}}{N!}$  $N_{PS}$   $\bullet$  ( $V_{OUT} + V_F$ )

Tables 2 and 3 show some recommended diodes and Zener diodes.



#### **Table 2. Recommended Zener Diodes**

#### **Table 3. Recommended Diodes**



#### **Leakage Inductance Blanking**

When the power switch turns off, the flyback pulse appears. However, a finite time passes before the transformer primary-side voltage waveform approximately represents the output voltage. Rise time on the SW node and transformer leakage inductance cause the delay. The leakage inductance also causes a very fast voltage spike on the primary side of the transformer. The amplitude of the leakage spike is largest when power switch current is highest. Introduction of an internal fixed delay between switch turn-off and the start of sampling provides immunity to the phenomena discussed above. The LT3511 sets internal blanking to 150ns. In certain cases leakage inductance spikes last longer than the internal blanking, but will not significantly affect output regulation.

#### **Secondary Leakage Inductance**

In addition to primary leakage inductance, secondary leakage inductance exhibits an important effect on application design. Secondary leakage inductance forms an inductive divider on the transformer secondary. The inductive divider effectively reduces the size of the primary-referred flyback pulse. The smaller flyback pulse results in a higher regulated output voltage. The inductive divider effect of secondary leakage inductance is load independent.  $R_{FR}/R_{RFF}$  ratio adjustments can accommodate this effect to the extent secondary leakage inductance is a constant percentage of mutual inductance (over manufacturing variations).

#### **Winding Resistance Effects**

Resistance in either the primary or secondary will reduce overall efficiency  $(P_{OUT}/P_{IN})$ . Good output voltage regulation will be maintained independent of winding resistance due to the boundary mode operation of the LT3511.

### **Bifilar Winding**

A bifilar, or similar winding technique, is a good way to minimize troublesome leakage inductances. However, remember that this will also increase primary-to-secondary capacitance and limit the primary-to-secondary breakdown voltage, so bifilar winding is not always practical. The Linear Technology applications group is available and extremely qualified to assist in the selection and/or design of the transformer.



### **APPLICATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Iterative Design Process**

The LT3511 uses a unique sampling scheme to regulate the isolated output voltage. The use of this isolated scheme requires a simple iterative process to choose feedback resistors and temperature compensation. Feedback resistor values and temperature compensation resistance is heavily dependent on the application, transformer and output diode chosen.

Once resistor values are fixed after iteration, the values will produce consistent output voltages with the chosen transformer and output diode. Remember, the turns ratio of the transformer must be quaranteed within  $\pm 1\%$ . The transformer vendors mentioned in this data sheet can build transformers to this specification.

#### **Selecting RFB and RREF Resistor Values**

The following section provides an equation for setting  $R_{FB}$  and  $R_{BFF}$  values. The equation should only serve as a guide. Follow the procedure outlined in the Design Procedure to set accurate values for  $R_{FB}$ ,  $R_{REF}$  and  $R_{TC}$ using the iterative design procedure.

Rearrangement of the expression for  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  in the Temperature Compensation section, developed in the Operations section, yields the following expression for  $R_{FB}$ :

$$
R_{FB} = \frac{R_{REF} \cdot N_{PS} \left[ (V_{OUT} + V_F) + V_{TC} \right]}{V_{BG}}
$$

where:

 $V_{OUIT}$  = Output voltage

 $V_F$  = Switching diode forward voltage

 $N_{PS}$  = Effective primary-to-secondary turns ratio

$$
V_{TC}=0.55V
$$

This equation assumes:

$$
R_{TC} = \frac{R_{FB}}{N_{PS}}
$$

The equation assumes the temperature coefficients of the diode and  $V_{TC}$  are equal, which is a good first order approximation.

Strictly speaking, the above equation defines  $R_{FB}$  not as an absolute value, but as a ratio of  $R_{REF}$ . So the next question is, what is the proper value for  $R_{\text{RFF}}$ ? The answer is that RREF should be approximately 10k. The LT3511 is trimmed and specified using this value of  $R_{REF}$ . If the impedance of RREF varies considerably from 10k, additional errors will result. However, a variation in  $R_{RFF}$  of several percent is acceptable. This yields a bit of freedom in selecting standard 1% resistor values to yield nominal  $R_{FR}/R_{RFF}$  ratios.

#### **Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)**

A resistive divider from  $V_{IN}$  to the EN/UVLO pin implements undervoltage lockout (UVLO). Figure 7 shows this configuration. The EN/UVLO pin threshold is set at 1.21V.

In addition, the EN/UVLO pin draws 2.6μA when the voltage at the pin is below 1.21V. This current provides user programmable hysteresis based on the value of R1. The effective UVLO thresholds are:

$$
V_{IN(UVLO, RISING)} = \frac{1.2V \cdot (R1 + R2)}{R2} + 2.6\mu A \cdot R1
$$

$$
V_{IN(UVLO, FALLING)} = \frac{1.2V \cdot (R1 + R2)}{R2}
$$

Figure 7 also shows the implementation of external shutdown control while still using the UVLO function. The NMOS grounds the EN/UVLO pin when turned on, and puts the LT3511 in shutdown with quiescent current draw of less than 1μA.



**Figure 7. Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)**



#### **Minimum Load Requirement**

The LT3511 recovers output voltage information using the flyback pulse. The flyback pulse occurs once the switch turns off and the secondary winding conducts current. In order to regulate the output voltage, the LT3511 needs to sample the flyback pulse. The LT3511 delivers a minimum amount of energy even during light load conditions to ensure accurate output voltage information. The minimum delivery of energy creates a minimum load requirement of 10mA to 15mA depending on the specific application. Verify minimum load requirements for each application. A Zener diode with a Zener breakdown of 20% higher than the output voltage can serve as a minimum load if pre-loading is not acceptable. For a 5V output, use a 6V Zener with cathode connected to the output.

#### **BIAS Pin Considerations**

The BIAS pin powers the internal circuitry of the LT3511. Three unique configurations exist for regulation of the BIAS pin. In the first configuration, the internal LDO drives the BIAS pin internally from the  $V_{IN}$  supply. In the second setup, the  $V_{IN}$  supply directly drives the BIAS pin through a direct connection bypassing the internal LDO. This configuration will allow the part to operate down to 4.5V and up to 15V. In the third configuration, an external supply or third winding drives the BIAS pin. Use this option when a voltage supply exists lower than the input supply. Drive the BIAS pin with a voltage supply higher than 3.3V to disable the internal LDO. The lower voltage supply provides a more efficient source of power for internal circuitry.

#### **Overdriving the BIAS Pin with a Third Winding**

The LT3511 provides excellent output voltage regulation without the need for an opto-coupler, or third winding, but for some applications with higher input voltages (>20V), an additional winding (often called a third winding) improves overall system efficiency. Design the third winding to output a voltage between 3.3V and 12V. For a typical  $48V_{\text{IN}}$  application, overdriving the BIAS pin improves efficiency 4% to 5%.



**Figure 8. BIAS Pin Configurations**

#### **Loop Compensation**

An external resistor-capacitor network compensates the LT3511 on the VC pin. Typical compensation values are in the range of  $R_C = 20k$  and  $C_C = 2.2nF$  (see the numerous schematics in the Typical Applications section for other possible values). Proper choice of both  $R_C$  and  $C_C$  is important to achieve stability and acceptable transient response. For example, vulnerability to high frequency noise and jitter result when  $R_C$  is too large. On the other hand, if  $R_C$  is too small, transient performance suffers. The inverse is true with respect to the value of  $C_C$ . Transient response suffers with too large of a  $C_{C}$ , and instability results from too small a C<sub>C</sub>. The specific value for R<sub>C</sub> and C<sub>C</sub> will vary based on the application and transformer choice. Verify specific choices with board level evaluation and transient response performance.



### **DESIGN PROCEDURE/DESIGN EXAMPLE**

Use the following design procedure as a guide to designing applications for the LT3511. Remember, the unique sampling architecture requires an iterative process for choosing correct resistor values.

The design example involves designing a 15V output with a 100mA load current and an input range from 36V to 72V.

 $V_{IN(MIN)} = 36V$ ,  $V_{IN(NOM)} = 48V$ ,  $V_{IN(MAX)} = 72V$ ,  $V_{OUT} =$ 15 $\dot{V}$  and  $I_{\text{OIII}}$  = 100 $\dot{M}$ A

**Step 1: Select the transformer turns ratio.**

$$
N_{PS} < \frac{V_{SW(MAX)} - V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{LEAKAGE}}{V_{OUT} + V_F}
$$

 $V_{SW(MAX)}$  = Max rating of internal switch = 150V

 $V_{LEAKAGE}$  = Margin for transformer leakage spike = 40V

 $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{F}}$  = Forward voltage of output diode = assume approximately  $\sim 0.5$ V

Example:

$$
N_{PS} < \frac{150V - 72V - 40V}{15V + 0.5V}
$$
  

$$
N_{PS} < 2.45
$$
  

$$
N_{PS} = 2
$$

The choice of turns ratio is critical in determining output power as shown earlier in the Output Power section. At this point, a third winding can be added to the transformer to drive the BIAS pin of the LT3511 for higher efficiencies. Choose a turns ratio that sets the third winding voltage to regulate between 3.3V and 6V for maximum efficiency.

Choose a third winding ratio to drive BIAS winding with 5V. (Optional)

Example:

N<sub>THIRD</sub>  $\mathsf{N}_\mathsf{S}$  $=\frac{V_{THIRD}}{V}$  $\rm V_{\rm OUT}$  $=\frac{5V}{15V}$ 15V  $= 0.33$ 

The turns ratio of the transformer chosen is as follows  $N_{PRIMARY}$ :  $N_{SFCONDARY}$ :  $N_{THIRD}$  = 2:1:0.33.

**Step 2: Calculate maximum power output at minimum VIN.**

 $P_{\text{OUT}(V\mid N(M\mid N))} = \eta \cdot V_{\text{IN}(M\mid N)} \cdot I_{\text{IN}} = \eta \cdot V_{\text{IN}(M\mid N)} \cdot D \cdot$  $I<sub>PFAK</sub>$   $\bullet$  0.5

$$
D = \frac{(V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{F}}) \cdot N_{\text{PS}}}{(V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{F}}) \cdot N_{\text{PS}} + V_{\text{IN(MIN)}}}
$$

 $\eta$  = Efficiency = ~75%

 $I_{PFAK}$  = Peak switch current = 0.26A

Example:

 $D = 0.46$  $P_{OUT(VIN(MIN))} = 1.62$ 

 $I_{\text{OUT(VIN(MIN))}} = P_{\text{OUT(VIN(MIN))}} / V_{\text{OUT}} = 0.11A$ 

The chosen turns ratio satisfies the output current requirement of 100mA. If the output current was too low, the minimum input voltage could be adjusted higher. The turns ratio in this example is set to its highest ratio given switch voltage requirements and margin for leakage inductance voltage spike.

#### **Step 3: Determine primary inductance, switching frequency and saturation current.**

Primary inductance for the transformer must be set above a minimum value to satisfy the minimum off and on time requirements.

$$
L_{PRI} \geq \frac{t_{OFF(MIN)} \cdot N_{PS} \cdot (V_{OUT} + V_F)}{I_{PEAK(MIN)}}
$$
  
\n
$$
t_{OFF(MIN)} = 400ns
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{PEAK(MIN)} = 55mA
$$
  
\n
$$
L_{PRI} \geq \frac{t_{ON(MIN)} \cdot V_{IN(MAX)}}{I_{PEAK(MIN)}}
$$
  
\n
$$
t_{ON(MIN)} = 100ns
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{PEAK(MIN)} = 55mA
$$



Example:

$$
L_{PRI} \ge \frac{400ns \cdot 2 \cdot (15 + 0.5)}{0.055}
$$
  

$$
L_{PRI} \ge 225 \mu H
$$

$$
L_{PRI} \ge \frac{100 \text{ns} \cdot 72}{0.055}
$$

$$
L_{PRI} \ge 131 \mu H
$$

In addition, primary inductance will determine switching frequency.

$$
f_{SW} = \frac{1}{t_{ON} + t_{OFF}} = \frac{1}{\frac{L_{PRI} \cdot I_{PEAK}}{V_{IN}} + \frac{L_{PRI} \cdot I_{PEAK}}{N_{PS} \cdot (V_{OUT} + V_F)}}
$$

$$
I_{PEAK} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT} \cdot 2}{\eta \cdot V_{IN} \cdot D}
$$

Example:

Let's calculate switching frequency at our nominal  $V_{IN}$ of 48V.

$$
D = \frac{(15+0.5) \cdot 2}{(15+0.5) \cdot 2 + 48} = 0.39
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{PEAK} = \frac{15V \cdot 0.1A \cdot 2}{0.75 \cdot 48V \cdot 0.39} = 0.21A
$$

Let's choose  $L_{\text{PRI}}$  = 350µH. Remember, most transformers specify primary inductance with a tolerance of  $\pm 20\%$ .

 $f<sub>SW</sub> = 256kHz$ 

Finally, the transformer needs to be rated for the correct saturation current level across line and load conditions. In the given example, the worst-case condition for switch current is at minimum  $V_{IN}$  and maximum load.

$$
I_{PEAK} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT} \cdot 2}{\eta \cdot V_{IN} \cdot D}
$$

$$
I_{PEAK} = \frac{15V \cdot 0.1A \cdot 2}{0.75 \cdot 36V \cdot 0.46} = 0.24A
$$

Ensure that the saturation current covers steady-state operation, start-up and transient conditions. To satisfy these conditions, choose a saturation current 50% or more higher than the steady-state calculation. In this example, a saturation current between 400mA and 500mA is chosen.

Table 1 presents a list of pre-designed flyback transformers. For this application, the Würth 750311660 transformer will be used.

#### **Step 4: Choose the correct output diode.**

The two main criteria for choosing the output diode include forward current rating and reverse voltage rating. The maximum load requirement is a good first-order guess at the average current requirement for the output diode. A better metric is RMS current.

$$
I_{RMS} = I_{PEAK(VIN(MIN))} \bullet N_{PS} \bullet \sqrt{\frac{1 - D_{VIN(MIN)}}{3}}
$$

Example:

$$
I_{RMS} = 0.24 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1 - 0.46}{3}} = 0.2A
$$

Next calculate reverse voltage requirement using maximum V<sub>IN</sub>:

$$
V_{REVERSE} = V_{OUT} + \frac{V_{IN(MAX)}}{N_{PS}}
$$

Example:

$$
V_{REVERSE} = 15V + \frac{72V}{2} = 51V
$$

A 0.5A, 60V diode from Diodes Inc. (SBR0560S1) will be used.

#### **Step 5: Choose an output capacitor.**

The output capacitor choice should minimize output voltage ripple and balance the trade-off between size and cost for a larger capacitor. Use the equation below at nominal  $V_{\text{IN}}$ :

$$
C = \frac{I_{OUT} \cdot D}{\Delta V_{OUT} \cdot f_{SW}}
$$



Example:

Design for ripple levels below 50mV.

 $C = \frac{0.1A - 0.39}{0.2511 - 0.581}$ 0.05V • 256kHz  $= 3.1$ μ $F$ 

A 10μF, 25V output capacitor is chosen. Remember ceramic capacitors lose capacitance with applied voltage. The capacitance can drop to 40% of quoted capacitance at the max voltage rating.

### **Step 6: Design clamp circuit.**

The clamp circuit protects the switch from leakage inductance spike. A DZ clamp is the preferred clamp circuit. The Zener and the diode need to be chosen.

The maximum Zener value is set according to the maximum  $V_{IN}$ :

 $V_{ZENER(MAX)} \leq 150V - V_{IN(MAX)}$ 

Example:

 $V_{ZENER(MAX)} \leq 150V - 72V$ 

 $V_{ZENER(MAX)} \leq 78V$ 

In addition, power loss in the clamp circuit is inversely related to the clamp voltage as shown previously. Higher clamp voltages lead to lower power loss.

A 68V Zener with a maximum of 72V will provide optimal protection and minimize power loss. Half-watt Zeners will satisfy most clamp applications involving the LT3511. Power loss can be calculated using the equations presented in the Leakage Inductance and Clamp Circuit section.

The Zener chosen is a 68V 0.5W Zener from On Semiconductor (MMSZ5266BT1G).

Choose a diode that is fast and has sufficient reverse voltage breakdown:

 $V_{REVERSE}$  >  $V_{SW(MAX)}$ 

 $V_{SW(MAX)} = V_{IN(MAX)} + V_{ZENER(MAX)}$ 

Example:

 $V_{RFVFRSF}$  > 140V

The diode needs to handle the peak switch current of the switch which was determined to be 0.24A. A 200V, 0.6A diode from Diodes Inc. (BAV21W) is chosen.

### **Step 7: Compensation.**

Compensation will be optimized towards the end of the design procedure. Connect a resistor and capacitor from the VC node to ground. Use a 20k resistor and a 2.2nF capacitor.

### **Step 8: Select RFB and RTC Resistors.**

Use the following equations to choose starting values for  $R_{FB}$  and  $R_{TC}$ . Set  $R_{BFF}$  to 10k.

$$
R_{FB} = \frac{(V_{OUT} + V_F + 0.55V) \cdot N_{PS} \cdot R_{REF}}{1.2V}
$$
  
\n
$$
R_{REF} = 10k
$$
  
\n
$$
R_{TC} = \frac{R_{FB}}{N_{PS}}
$$

Example:

$$
R_{FB} = \frac{(15 + 0.5 + 0.55V) \cdot 2 \cdot 10k}{1.2V} = 267k
$$
  

$$
R_{TC} = \frac{267k}{2} = 133k
$$

### **Step 9: Adjust RFB based on output voltage.**

Power up the application with application components connected and measure the regulated output voltage. Readjust  $R_{FB}$  based on the measured output voltage.

$$
R_{FB(NEW)} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{OUT(MEAS)}} \bullet R_{FB(OLD)}
$$

Example:

$$
R_{FB(NEW)} = \frac{15V}{16.8V} \cdot 267k = 237k
$$

#### **Step 10: Remove RTC and measure output voltage over temperature.**

Measure output voltage in a controlled temperature environment like an oven to determine the output temperature coefficient. Measure output voltage at a consistent load current and input voltage, across the temperature range of operation. This procedure will optimize line and load regulation over temperature.



Calculate the temperature coefficient of  $V_{OUT}$ :

$$
\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta Temp} = \frac{V_{OUT(HOT)} - V_{OUT(COLD)}}{T_{HOT(^{\circ}C)} - T_{COLD(^{\circ}C)}}
$$

Example:

 $V_{\text{OUT}}$  measured at 100mA and 48V<sub>IN</sub>

$$
\frac{\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}}{\Delta \text{Temp}} = \frac{15.70V - 15.37V}{125^{\circ}\text{C} - (-50^{\circ}\text{C})} = 1.9 \text{mV} / \text{°C}
$$

**Step 11: Calculate new value for R<sub>TC</sub>.** 

$$
R_{TC(NEW)} = \frac{R_{FB}}{N_{PS}} \cdot \frac{1.85 \text{mV} / \text{°C}}{\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta Temp}}
$$

Example:

$$
R_{TC(NEW)} = \frac{237k}{2} \cdot \frac{1.85}{1.9} = 118k
$$

Step 12: Place new value for  $R_{TC}$ , measure  $V_{OUT}$ , and **readjust RFB due to RTC change.**

$$
R_{FB(NEW)} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{OUT(MEAS)}} \bullet R_{FB(OLD)}
$$

Example:

$$
R_{FB(NEW)} = \frac{15V}{15V} \cdot 237k = 237k
$$

#### **Step 13: Verify new values of RFB and RTC over temperature.**

Measure output voltage over temperature with  $R_{TC}$ connected.

#### **Step 14: Optimize compensation.**

Now that values for  $R_{FB}$  and  $R_{TC}$  are fixed, optimize the compensation. Compensation should be optimized for transient response to load steps on the output. Check transient response across the load range.

Example:

The optimal compensation for the application is:

 $R_C = 22.1k$ ,  $C_C = 4.7nF$ 

#### **Step 15: Ensure minimum load.**

Check minimum load requirement at maximum input voltage. The minimum load occurs at the point where the output voltage begins to climb up as the converter delivers more energy than what is consumed at the output.

Example:

The minimum load at an input voltage of 72V is:

7mA

### **Step 16: EN/UVLO resistor values.**

Determine amount of hysteresis required.

Voltage hysteresis = 2.6μA • R1

Example:

Choose 2V of hysteresis.

$$
R1 = \frac{2V}{2.6\mu A} = 768k
$$

Determine UVLO Threshold.

$$
V_{IN(UVLO, FALLING)} = \frac{1.2V \cdot (R1 + R2)}{R2}
$$

$$
R2 = \frac{1.2V \cdot R1}{V_{IN(UVLO, FALLING)} - 1.2V}
$$

Set UVLO falling threshold to 30V.

$$
R2 = \frac{1.2V \cdot 768k}{30V - 1.2V} = 32.4k
$$
  
V<sub>IN(UVLO,FALLING)</sub> = 
$$
\frac{1.2V \cdot (R1 + R2)}{R2}
$$

$$
= \frac{1.2V \cdot (768k + 32.4k)}{32.4k} = 30V
$$

 $V_{IN(UVLO, RISING)} = V_{IN(UVLO, FALLING)} + 2.6\mu A \cdot R1 = 30V$  $+ 2.6 \mu A - 768k = 32V$ 





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**12V to 15V Isolated Flyback Converter**







**12V to ±70V Isolated Flyback Converter**





**48V to 12V Isolated Flyback Converter**





### PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

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**MS Package**

MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OR GATE BURRS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.152mm (.006") PER SIDE

4. DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERLEAD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS. INTERLEAD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.152mm (.006") PER SIDE

5. LEAD COPLANARITY (BOTTOM OF LEADS AFTER FORMING) SHALL BE 0.102mm (.004") MAX



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