

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1092 is a monolithic step-down DC/DC switching converter featuring the LT®1933H. The board is optimized for 3.3V output at up to 500mA load current for a steady state input voltage range of 4.5V to 36V. With its H-grade temperature rating, wide input voltage range, high current internal power switch, low dropout operation, 500kHz switching frequency and tiny DFN package, the LT1933H is a very versatile and powerful IC for DC/DC converters that require extremely compact space, high efficiency and high input voltage with a high temperature range.

The LT1933H 500kHz switching frequency allows all of the components to be small, surface mount devices. The board is designed to run at maximum power up to 85°C ambient. The IC is rated for up to 150°C junction temperature. The current-mode control topology creates fast transient response and good loop stability with a minimum number of external components. The low resistance internal power switch (0.37V V_{CEsat}) achieves high efficiencies of up to 84%. The shutdown pin can be used to program undervoltage lockout or place the part in micropower

shutdown, reducing supply current to less than 2μA by driving the pin low (*without R1 installed*). The internal soft start function reduces input current surge during start-up.

The LT1933H datasheet gives a complete description of the part, operation and applications information. The datasheet must be read in conjunction with this Quick Start Guide for demonstration circuit 1092. In particular, the datasheet section on 'Thermal Calculations' is important for estimating whether a given application's combination of input voltage, load current, ambient temperature and frequency will cause the LT1933H to exceed its absolute maximum rated junction temperature. The LT1933H is assembled in a small DFN package. Proper board layout is essential for maximum thermal performance. See the datasheet section 'Layout Considerations'.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

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QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 1092 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LT1933H. Refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

NOTE: Make sure that the input voltage does not exceed 36V.

NOTE: The shutdown function is optional and its terminal can be left floating (disconnected) if shutdown is not being used.

NOTE: Do not hot-plug the input voltage terminal VIN. The absolute maximum voltage on VIN is 36V and hot-plugging a power supply through wire leads to the demonstration circuit can cause the voltage on the extremely low-ESR ceramic input capacitor to ring

to twice its DC value. In order to protect the IC, a higher ESR Aluminum Electrolytic capacitor, C4, is placed at the input terminals. This may protect against some, but not all, input transients due to hot-plugging with a power supply. *See Application Note 88 for more details.*

NOTE: Connect the power supply (with power off), load, and meters as shown in Figure 1.

1. After all connections are made, turn on input power and verify that the output voltage is 3.3V.

NOTE: If the output voltage is too low, temporarily disconnect the load to make sure that the load is not set too high.

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2. Once the proper output voltages are established, adjust the load within the operating range and observe the output voltage regulation, ripple voltage, efficiency and other parameters.

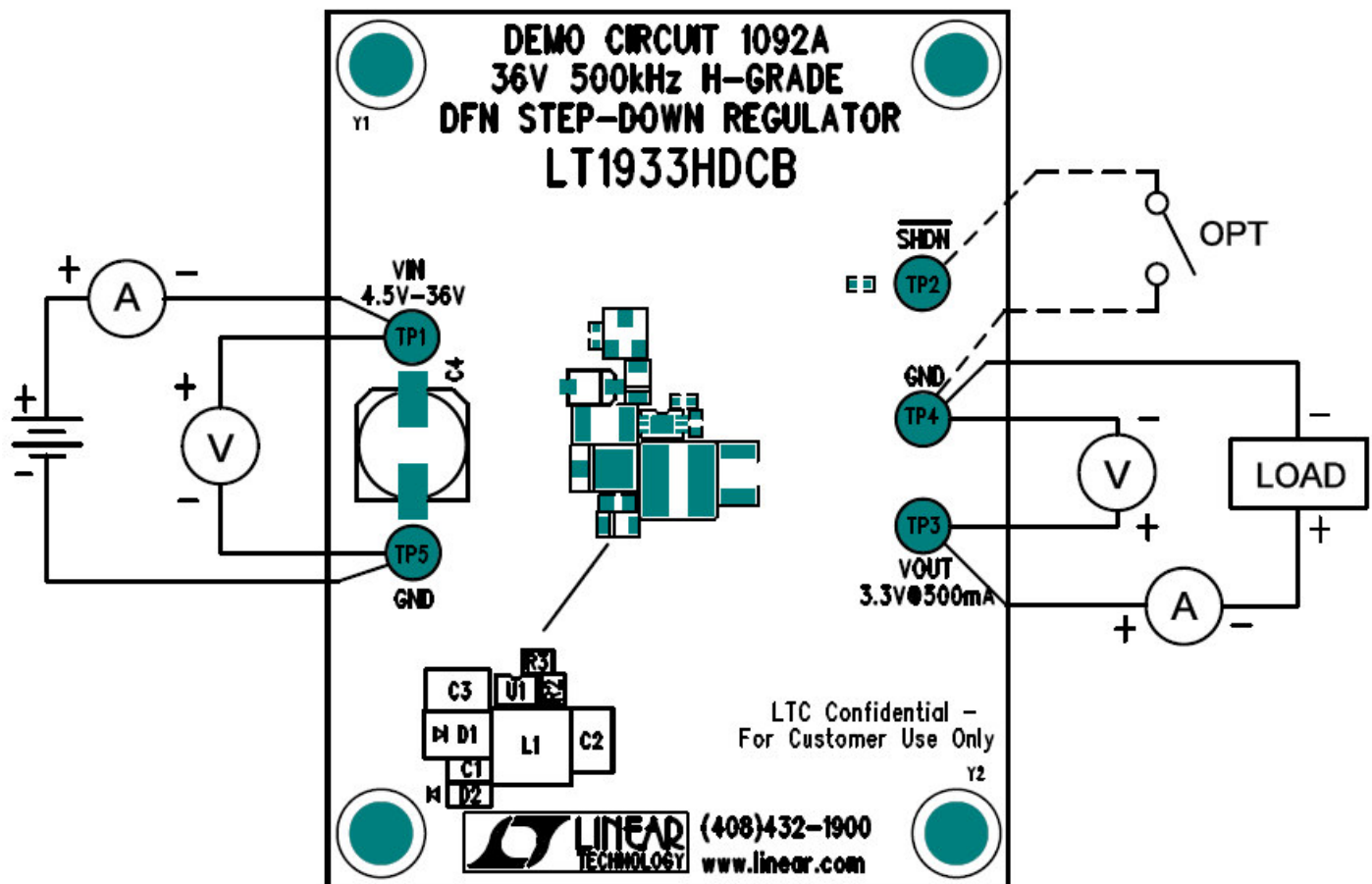


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

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