

Dual 18A or Single 36A μModule Regulator with Digital Power System Management

FEATURES

- Dual, Fast, Analog Loops with Digital Interface for Control and Monitoring
- Wide Input Voltage Range: 4.5V to 16V
- Output Voltage Range: 0.5V to 1.8V
- $\pm 0.5\%$ Maximum DC Output Error Over Temperature
- $\pm 2.5\%$ Current Readback Accuracy
- Pin Compatible with LTM4676A (Dual 13A, Single 26A)
- 400kHz PMBus-Compliant I²C Serial Interface
- Supports Telemetry Polling Rates up to 125Hz
- Integrated 16-Bit $\Delta\Sigma$ ADC
- Constant Frequency Current Mode Control
- Parallel and Current Share Multiple Modules
- 16mm × 16mm × 5.01mm BGA Package

Readable Data:

- Input and Output Voltages, Currents, and Temperatures
- Running Peak Values, Uptime, Faults and Warnings
- Onboard EEPROM Fault Log Record with ECC

Writable Data and Configurable Parameters:

- Output Voltage, Voltage Sequencing and Margining
- Digital Soft-Start/Stop Ramp
- OV/UV/OT, UVLO, Frequency and Phasing

APPLICATIONS

- System Optimization, Characterization and Data Mining in Prototype, Production and Field Environments
- Telecom, Datacom, and Storage Systems

DESCRIPTION

The LTM4677 is a dual 18A or single 36A step-down μModule[®] (power module) DC/DC regulator with 40ms turn-on time. It features remote configurability and telemetry-monitoring of power management parameters over PMBus—an open standard I²C-based digital interface protocol. The LTM4677 is comprised of fast analog control loops, precision mixed-signal circuitry, EEPROM, power MOSFETs, inductors and supporting components.

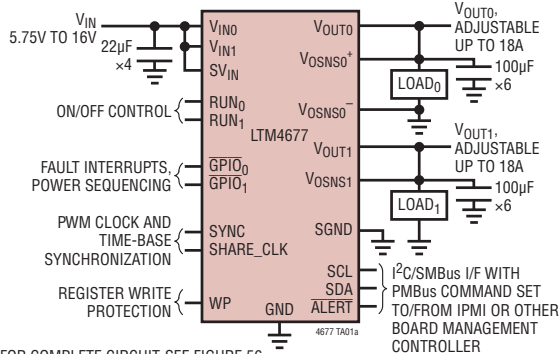
The LTM4677's 2-wire serial interface allows outputs to be margined, tuned and ramped up and down at programmable slew rates with sequencing delay times. Input and output currents and voltages, output power, temperatures, uptime and **peak values** are readable. Custom configuration of the EEPROM contents is not required. At start-up, output voltages, switching frequency, and channel phase angle assignments can be set by pin-strapping resistors. The LTpowerPlay™ GUI and DC1613 USB-to-PMBus converter and **demo kits** are available.

The LTM4677 is pin compatible with the LTM4676A (dual 13A) and is offered in a 16mm × 16mm × 5.01mm BGA package available with SnPb or RoHS compliant terminal finish.

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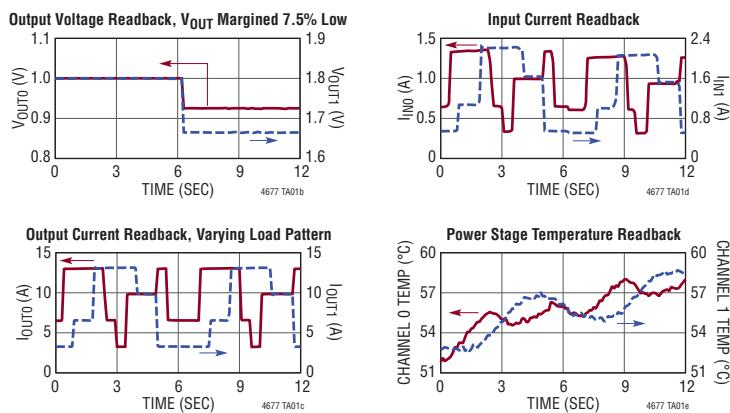
TYPICAL APPLICATION

Dual 18A μModule Regulator with Digital Interface for Control and Monitoring*



* FOR COMPLETE CIRCUIT, SEE FIGURE 56

Using PMBus and LTpowerPlay to Monitor Telemetry and Margin V_{OUT0}/V_{OUT1} During Load Pattern Tests. 10Hz Polling Rate. 12V_{VIN}



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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Note 1)

Terminal Voltages:

V_{INn} (Note 4), SV_{IN}	-0.3V to 18V
V_{OUTn}	-0.3V to 6V
V_{OSNS0}^+ , V_{ORBO}^+	-0.3V to 6V
V_{OSNS1} , V_{ORB1} , $INTV_{CC}$	-0.3V to 6V
RUN_n , SDA , SCL , $\overline{ALERT}$	-0.3V to 5.5V
$F_{SWPHCFG}$, $V_{OUTnCFG}$, $V_{TRIMnCFG}$, $ASEL$..	-0.3V to 2.75V
V_{DD33} , $GPIO_n$, $SYNC$, $SHARE_CLK$, WP , $TSNS_{na}$, $COMP_{na}$, $COMP_{nb}$, V_{OSNS0}^- , V_{ORBO}^-	-0.3V to 3.6V
$SGND$	-0.3V to 0.3V

Temperatures

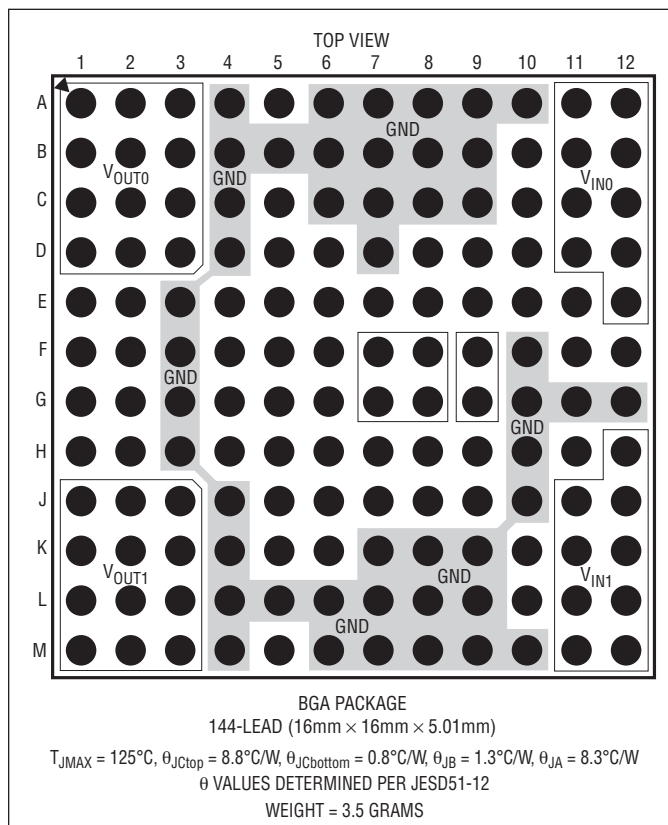
Internal Operating Temperature Range

(Note 2, 3)..... -40°C to 125°C

Storage Temperature Range -55°C to 125°C

Peak Solder Reflow Package Body Temperature... 245°C

PIN CONFIGURATION



ORDER INFORMATION

<http://www.linear.com/product/LTM4677#orderinfo>

PART NUMBER	PAD OR BALL FINISH	PART MARKING*		PACKAGE TYPE	MSL RATING	TEMPERATURE RANGE (See Note 2)
		DEVICE	FINISH CODE			
LTM4677EY#PBF	SAC305 (RoHS)	LTM4677Y	e1	BGA	4	-40°C to 125°C
LTM4677IY#PBF	SAC305 (RoHS)	LTM4677Y	e1	BGA	4	-40°C to 125°C
LTM4677IY	SnPb (63/37)	LTM4677Y	e0	BGA	4	-40°C to 125°C

Consult Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges. *Device temperature grade is indicated by a label on the shipping container. Pad or ball finish code is per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-609.

- Terminal Finish Part Marking:
www.linear.com/leadfree

- Recommended LGA and BGA PCB Assembly and Manufacturing Procedures:
www.linear.com/umodule/pcbassembly
- LGA and BGA Package and Tray Drawings:
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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V_{IN}	Input DC Voltage	Test Circuit 1	●	5.75		16	V
		Test Circuit 2; $V_{IN_OFF} < V_{IN_ON} = 4.25\text{V}$	●	4.5		5.75	V
V_{OUTn}	Range of Output Voltage Regulation	V_{OUT0} Differentially Sensed on V_{OSNS0+}/V_{OSNS0-} Pin-Pair;	●	0.5		1.8	V
		V_{OUT1} Differentially Sensed on V_{OSNS1}/SGND Pin-Pair; Commanded by Serial Bus or with Resistors Present at Start-Up on $V_{OUTnCFG}$ and/or $V_{TRIMnCFG}$	●	0.5		1.8	V
$V_{OUTn(DC)}$	Output Voltage, Total Variation with Line and Load	Digital Servo Engaged ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[6] = 1_b$)	●	0.995	1.000	1.005	V
		Digital Servo Disengaged ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[6] = 0_b$) V_{OUTn} Commanded to 1.000V , V_{OUTn} Low Range ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$) (Note 5)		0.985	1.000	1.015	V

Input Specifications

$I_{INRUSH(VIN)}$	Input Inrush Current at Start-Up	Test Circuit 1, $V_{OUTn} = 1\text{V}$, $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$; No Load Besides Capacitors; $\text{TON_RISE}_n = 3\text{ms}$		400			mA
$I_Q(SVIN)$	Input Supply Bias Current	Forced Continuous Mode, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[0] = 1_b$ $\text{RUN}_n = 5\text{V}$, $\text{RUN}_{1-n} = 0\text{V}$		40			mA
		Shutdown, $\text{RUN}_0 = \text{RUN}_1 = 0\text{V}$		20			mA
$I_S(VINn,PSM)$	Input Supply Current in Pulse-Skipping Mode Operation	Pulse-Skipping Mode, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[0] = 0_b$, $I_{OUTn} = 100\text{mA}$		20			mA
$I_S(VINn,FCM)$	Input Supply Current in Forced-Continuous Mode Operation	Forced Continuous Mode, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[0] = 1_b$ $I_{OUTn} = 100\text{mA}$		35			mA
		$I_{OUTn} = 18\text{A}$		1.9			A
$I_S(VINn,SHUTDOWN)$	Input Supply Current in Shutdown	Shutdown, $\text{RUN}_n = 0\text{V}$		50			μA

Output Specifications

I_{OUTn}	Output Continuous Current Range	(Note 6)		0		18	A
$\frac{\Delta V_{OUTn(LINE)}}{V_{OUTn}}$	Line Regulation Accuracy	Digital Servo Engaged ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[6] = 1_b$)	●	0.03			%/V
		Digital Servo Disengaged ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[6] = 0_b$) SV_{IN} and V_{INn} Electrically Shorted Together and INTV_{CC} Open Circuit; $I_{OUTn} = 0\text{A}$, $5.75\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{V}$, V_{OUT} Low Range ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$), $\text{FREQUENCY_SWITCH} = 350\text{kHz}$ (Note 5)		0.03	± 0.2		%/V
$\frac{\Delta V_{OUTn(LOAD)}}{V_{OUTn}}$	Load Regulation Accuracy	Digital Servo Engaged ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[6] = 1_b$)	●	0.03			%
		Digital Servo Disengaged ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[6] = 0_b$) $0\text{A} \leq I_{OUTn} \leq 18\text{A}$, V_{OUT} Low Range, ($\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$) (Note 5)		0.2	0.5		%
$V_{OUTn(AC)}$	Output Voltage Ripple			10			mV _{P-P}
f_S (Each Channel)	V_{OUTn} Ripple Frequency	FREQUENCY_SWITCH Set to 500kHz (0x0FBE8)	●	462.5	500	537.5	kHz
$\Delta V_{OUTn(START)}$	Turn-On Overshoot	$\text{TON_RISE}_n = 3\text{ms}$ (Note 12)		8			mV
t_{START}	Turn-On Start-Up Time	Time from V_{IN} Toggling from 0V to 12V to Rising Edge of GPIO_n . $\text{TON_DELAY}_n = 0\text{ms}$, $\text{TON_RISE}_n = 3\text{ms}$, $\text{MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE}_n = 0x0100$, $\text{MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE}_n = 0x0000$	●	35	40		ms

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$t_{\text{DELAY(0ms)}}$	Turn-On Delay Time	Time from First Rising Edge of RUN_n to Rising Edge of $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$. $\text{TON_DELAY}_n = 0\text{ms}$, $\text{TON_RISE}_n = 3\text{ms}$, $\text{MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE}_n = 0\text{x}0100$, $\text{MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE}_n = 0\text{x}0000$. V_{IN} Having Been Established for at Least 40ms	● 2.75	3.1	3.5	ms
$\Delta V_{\text{OUTn(LS)}}$	Peak Output Voltage Deviation for Dynamic Load Step	Load: 0A to 9A and 9A to 0A at $9\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$, Figure 56 Circuit, $V_{\text{OUTn}} = 1\text{V}$, $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$ (Note 12)		50		mV
t_{SETTLE}	Settling Time for Dynamic Load Step	Load: 0A to 9A and 9A to 0A at $9\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$, Figure 56 Circuit, $V_{\text{OUTn}} = 1\text{V}$, $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$ (Note 12)		35		μs
$I_{\text{OUTn(OC_PK)}}$	Output Current Limit, Peak	Cycle-by-Cycle Inductor Peak Current Limit Inception		25		A
$I_{\text{OUTn(OC_AVG)}}$	Output Current Limit, Time Averaged	Time-Averaged Output Inductor Current Limit Inception Threshold, Commanded by $I_{\text{OUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT}}_n$ (Note 12)		20A; See $I_{\text{O-RB-ACC}}$ Specification (Output Current Readback Accuracy)		

Control Section

$V_{\text{FB}0}$	Channel 0 Feedback Input Common Mode Range	$V_{\text{OSNS}0^-}$ Valid Input Range (Referred to SGND) $V_{\text{OSNS}0^+}$ Valid Input Range (Referred to SGND)	● ●	-0.1	0.3 2.1	V V
$V_{\text{FB}1}$	Channel 1 Feedback Input Common Mode Range	SGND Valid Input Range (Referred to GND) $V_{\text{OSNS}1}$ Valid Input Range (Referred to SGND)	● ●	-0.3	0.3 2.1	V V
$V_{\text{OUT-RNG}1}$	Full-Scale Command Voltage, Range 1	(Notes 7, 15) V_{OUTn} Commanded to 2.750V , $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$ Resolution LSB Step Size		2.711	12 0.6875	V Bits mV
$R_{\text{VSENSE}0^+}$	$V_{\text{OSNS}0^+}$ Impedance to SGND	$0.05\text{V} \leq V_{\text{OSNS}0^+} - V_{\text{SGND}} \leq 1.8\text{V}$		41		$\text{k}\Omega$
$R_{\text{VSENSE}1}$	$V_{\text{OSNS}1}$ Impedance to SGND	$0.05\text{V} \leq V_{\text{OSNS}1} - V_{\text{SGND}} \leq 1.8\text{V}$		37		$\text{k}\Omega$
$t_{\text{ON(MIN)}}$	Minimum On-Time	(Note 8)		45		ns

Analog OV/UV (Overvoltage/Undervoltage) Output Voltage Supervisor Comparators ($V_{\text{OUT_OV/UV_FAULT_LIMIT}}$ and $V_{\text{OUT_OV/UV_WARN_LIMIT}}$ Monitors)

$N_{\text{OV/UV_COMP}}$	Resolution, Output Voltage Supervisors	(Note 15)		8		Bits
$V_{\text{OV-RNG}}$	Output OV Comparator Threshold Detection Range	(Note 15) High Range Scale, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 0_b$ Low Range Scale, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$		1 0.5	5.6 2.7	V V
$V_{\text{OU-STP}}$	Output OV and UV Comparator Threshold Programming LSB Step Size	(Note 15) High Range Scale, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 0_b$ Low Range Scale, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$		22 11		mV mV

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V_{OV-ACC}	Output OV Comparator Threshold Accuracy	(See Note 14) $1\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS0^+} - V_{VOSNS0^-} \leq 1.8\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_0[1] = 1_b$ ● $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS0^+} - V_{VOSNS0^-} < 1\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_0[1] = 1_b$ ● $1.5\text{V} \leq V_{VSENSE1} - V_{SGND} \leq 1.8\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_1[1] = 1_b$ ● $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{VSENSE1} - V_{SGND} < 1.5\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_1[1] = 1_b$ ●			± 2 ± 20 ± 2 ± 30	% mV % mV
V_{UV-RNG}	Output UV Comparator Threshold Detection Range	(Note 15) High Range Scale, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 0_b$ Low Range Scale, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1] = 1_b$	1 0.5		5.4 2.7	V V
V_{UV-ACC}	Output UV Comparator Threshold Accuracy	(See Note 14) $1\text{V} \leq V_{VSENSE0^+} - V_{VSENSE0^-} \leq 1.8\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_0[1] = 1_b$ ● $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{VSENSE0^+} - V_{VSENSE0^-} < 1\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_0[1] = 1_b$ ● $1.5\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS1} - V_{SGND} \leq 1.8\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_1[1] = 1_b$ ● $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS1} - V_{SGND} < 1.5\text{V}$, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_1[1] = 1_b$ ●			± 2 ± 20 ± 2 ± 30	% mV % mV
$t_{PROP-OV}$	Output OV Comparator Response Times	Overdrive to 10% Above Programmed Threshold			35	μs
$t_{PROP-UV}$	Output UV Comparator Response Times	Underdrive to 10% Below Programmed Threshold			50	μs

Analog OV/UV SV_{IN} Input Voltage Supervisor Comparators (Threshold Detectors for V_{IN_ON} and V_{IN_OFF})

$N_{SVIN-OV/UV-COMP}$	SV_{IN} OV/UV Comparator Threshold-Programming Resolution	(Note 15)		8		Bits
$SV_{IN-OU-RANGE}$	SV_{IN} OV/UV Comparator Threshold-Programming Range		●	4.5	18	V
$SV_{IN-OU-STP}$	SV_{IN} OV/UV Comparator Threshold-Programming LSB Step Size	(Note 15)		82		mV
$SV_{IN-OU-ACC}$	SV_{IN} OV/UV Comparator Threshold Accuracy	$9\text{V} < SV_{IN} \leq 16\text{V}$ $4.5\text{V} \leq SV_{IN} \leq 9\text{V}$	● ●		± 2.5 ± 225	% mV
$t_{PROP-SVIN-HIGH-VIN}$	SV_{IN} OV/UV Comparator Response Time, High V_{IN} Operating Configuration	Test Circuit 1, and: $V_{IN_ON} = 9\text{V}$; SV_{IN} Driven from 8.775V to 9.225V $V_{IN_OFF} = 9\text{V}$; SV_{IN} Driven from 9.225V to 8.775V	● ●		35 35	μs μs
$t_{PROP-SVIN-LOW-VIN}$	SV_{IN} OV/UV Comparator Response Time, Low V_{IN} Operating Configuration	Test Circuit 2, and: $V_{IN_ON} = 4.5\text{V}$; SV_{IN} Driven from 4.225V to 4.725V $V_{IN_OFF} = 4.5\text{V}$; SV_{IN} Driven from 4.725V to 4.225V	● ●		35 35	μs μs

Channels 0 and 1 Output Voltage Readback (READ_VOUT_n)

N_{VO-RB}	Output Voltage Readback Resolution and LSB Step Size	(Note 15)		16 244		Bits μV
$V_{O-F/S}$	Output Voltage Full-Scale Digitizable Range	$V_{\text{RUN}n} = 0\text{V}$ (Notes 7, 15)		8		V
$V_{O-RB-ACC}$	Output Voltage Readback Accuracy	Channel 0: $1\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS0^+} - V_{VOSNS0^-} \leq 1.8\text{V}$ Channel 0: $0.6\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS0^+} - V_{VOSNS0^-} < 1\text{V}$ Channel 1: $1\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS1} - V_{SGND} \leq 1.8\text{V}$ Channel 1: $0.6\text{V} \leq V_{VOSNS1} - V_{SGND} < 1\text{V}$	● ● ● ●	Within $\pm 0.5\%$ of Reading Within $\pm 5\text{mV}$ of Reading Within $\pm 0.5\%$ of Reading Within $\pm 5\text{mV}$ of Reading		
$t_{\text{CONVERT-VO-RB}}$	Output Voltage Readback Update Rate	$\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$ (Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$ (Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 05$ or 0×09 (Notes 9, 15)		90 27 8		ms ms ms

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Voltage (SV_{IN}) Readback (READ_VIN)						
$N_{\text{SVIN-RB}}$	Input Voltage Readback Resolution and LSB Step Size	(Notes 10, 15)		10 15.625		Bits mV
$\text{SV}_{IN-F/S}$	Input Voltage Full-Scale Digitizable Range	(Notes 11, 15)		38.91		V
$\text{SV}_{IN-RB-ACC}$	Input Voltage Readback Accuracy	READ_VIN , $4.5\text{V} \leq \text{SV}_{IN} \leq 16\text{V}$	●	Within $\pm 2\%$ of Reading		
$t_{\text{CONVERT-SVIN-RB}}$	Input Voltage Readback Update Rate	$\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$ (Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 01$ (Notes 9, 15)		90 8		ms ms
Channels 0 and 1 Output Current (READ_IOUT_n), Duty Cycle (READ_DUTY_CYCLE_n), and Computed Input Current (MFR_READ_IIN_n) Readback						
$N_{\text{IO-RB}}$	Output Current Readback Resolution and LSB Step Size	(Notes 10, 12)		10 15.6		Bits mA
I_O-F/S , I_I-F/S	Output Current Full-Scale Digitizable Range and Input Current Range of Calculation	(Note 12)		± 40		A
$\text{I}_O-RB-ACC$	Output Current, Readback Accuracy	READ_IOUT_n , Channels 0 and 1, $0 \leq \text{I}_{OUTn} \leq 10\text{A}$, Forced-Continuous Mode, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1:0] = 10_b$	●	Within 250mA of Reading		
$\text{I}_O-RB(18A)$	Full Load Output Current Readback	$\text{I}_{OUTn} = 18\text{A}$ (Note 12). See Histograms in Typical Performance Characteristics		18		A
$N_{\text{II-RB}}$	Computed Input Current, Readback Resolution and LSB Step Size	(Notes 10, 12)		10 1.95		Bits mA
$\text{I}_I-RB-ACC$	Computed Input Current, Readback Accuracy, Neglecting I_{SVIN}	MFR_READ_IIN_n , Channels 0 and 1, $0 \leq \text{I}_{OUTn} \leq 10\text{A}$, Forced-Continuous Mode, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1:0] = 10_b$, $\text{MFR_IIN_OFFSET}_n = 0\text{mA}$	●	Within 150mA of Reading		
$t_{\text{CONVERT-IO-RB}}$	Output Current Readback Update Rate	$\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$ (Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$ (Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 05$ or 0×09 (Notes 9, 15)		90 27 8		ms ms ms
$t_{\text{CONVERT-II-RB}}$	Computed Input Current, Readback Update Rate	(Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$		90		ms
$N_{\text{DUTY-RB}}$	Resolution, Duty Cycle Readback	(Notes 10, 15)		10		Bits
D_{RB-ACC}	Duty Cycle TUE	READ_DUTY_CYCLE_n , 16.3% Duty Cycle (Note 15)			± 3	%
$t_{\text{CONVERT-DUTY-RB}}$	Duty Cycle Readback Update Rate	(Notes 9, 15) $\text{MFR_ADC_CONTROL} = 0 \times 00$		90		ms
Temperature Readback for Channel 0, Channel 1, and Controller (Respectively: $\text{READ_TEMPERATURE_1}_0$, $\text{READ_TEMPERATURE_1}_1$, and $\text{READ_TEMPERATURE_2}$)						
$T_{\text{RES-RB}}$	Temperature Readback Resolution	Channel 0, Channel 1, and Controller (Note 15)		0.0625		$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_{RB-CH-ACC(72mV)}$	Channel Temperature TUE, Switching Action Off	Channels 0 and 1, PWM Inactive, $\text{RUN}_n = 0\text{V}$, $\Delta V_{\text{TSNSna}} = 72\text{mV}$	●	Within $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ of Reading		
$T_{RB-CH-ACC(ON)}$	Channel Temperature TUE, Switching Action On	$\text{READ_TEMPERATURE_1}_n$, Channels 0 and 1, PWM Active, $\text{RUN}_n = 5\text{V}$ (Note 12)		Within $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ of Reading		

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$T_{RB-CTRL-ACC(ON)}$	Control IC Die Temperature TUE, Switching Action On	READ_TEMPERATURE_2, PWM Active, $RUN_0 = RUN_1 = 5\text{V}$ (Note 12)	Within $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ of Reading			
$t_{\text{CONVERT-TEMP-RB}}$	Temperature Readback Update Rate	MFR_ADC_CONTROL = 0×00 (Notes 9, 15) MFR_ADC_CONTROL = 0×06 or $0 \times 0A$ (Notes 9, 15)		90 8		ms ms
INTV_{CC} Regulator						
V_{INTVCC}	Internal V_{CC} Voltage No Load	$6\text{V} \leq V_{\text{IN}} \leq 16\text{V}$	4.8	5	5.2	V
$\frac{\Delta V_{\text{INTVCC(LOAD)}}}{V_{\text{INTVCC}}}$	INTV _{CC} Load Regulation	$0\text{mA} \leq I_{\text{INTVCC}} \leq 50\text{mA}$		0.5	± 2	%
V_{DD33} Regulator						
V_{VDD33}	Internal V_{DD33} Voltage		3.2	3.3	3.4	V
$I_{\text{LIM(VDD33)}}$	V_{DD33} Current Limit	V_{DD33} Electrically Short-Circuited to GND		70		mA
$V_{\text{VDD33_OV}}$	V_{DD33} Overvoltage Threshold	(Note 15)		3.5		V
$V_{\text{VDD33_UV}}$	V_{DD33} Undervoltage Threshold	(Note 15)		3.1		V
V_{DD25} Regulator						
V_{VDD25}	Internal V_{DD25} Voltage			2.5		V
$I_{\text{LIM(VDD25)}}$	V_{DD25} Current Limit	V_{DD25} Electrically Short-Circuited to GND		50		mA
Oscillator and Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)						
f_{OSC}	Oscillator Frequency Accuracy	$\text{FREQUENCY_SWITCH} = 500\text{kHz}$ ($0 \times \text{FBE8}$) $250\text{kHz} \leq \text{FREQUENCY_SWITCH} \leq 750\text{kHz}$ (Note 15)	●		± 7.5 ± 7.5	% %
f_{SYNC}	PLL SYNC Capture Range	FREQUENCY_SWITCH Set to Frequency Slave Mode (0×0000); SYNC Driven by External Clock; $1.8V_{\text{OUT}}$	●	225	800	kHz
$V_{\text{TH,SYNC}}$	SYNC Input Threshold	V_{SYNC} Rising (Note 15) V_{SYNC} Falling (Note 15)		1.5 1		V V
$V_{\text{OL,SYNC}}$	SYNC Low Output Voltage	$I_{\text{SYNC}} = 3\text{mA}$	●	0.3	0.4	V
I_{SYNC}	SYNC Leakage Current in Frequency Slave Mode	$0\text{V} \leq V_{\text{SYNC}} \leq 3.6\text{V}$ MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4] = 1_b	●		± 5	μA
$\theta_{\text{SYNC-00}}$	SYNC-to-Channel 0 Phase Relationship, Lag from Falling Edge of Sync to Rising Edge of Top MOSFET (MT0) Gate	(Note 15) MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 000_b , $01X_b$ MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 101_b MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 001_b MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = $1X0_b$		0 60 90 120		Deg Deg Deg Deg
$\theta_{\text{SYNC-01}}$	SYNC-to-Channel 1 Phase Relationship, Lag from Falling Edge of Sync to Rising Edge of Top MOSFET (MT1) Gate	(Note 15) MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 011_b MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 000_b MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 010_b , $10X_b$ MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 001_b MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] = 110_b		120 180 240 270 300		Deg Deg Deg Deg Deg

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
EEPROM Characteristics						
Endurance	(Note 13)	$0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 85^\circ\text{C}$ During EEPROM Write Operations (Note 3)	●	10,000		Cycles
Retention	(Note 13)	$T_J < T_{J(\text{MAX})}$, with Most Recent EEPROM Write Operation Having Occurred at $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 85^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 3)	●	10		Years
Mass_Write	Mass Write Operation Time	Execution of STORE_USER_ALL Command, $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 85^\circ\text{C}$ (ATE-Tested at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$) (Notes 3, 13)		440	4100	ms
Digital I/Os						
V_{IH}	Input High Threshold Voltage	SCL, SDA, RUN_n , $\overline{GPIO_n}$ (Note 15) SHARE_CLK, WP (Note 15)		1.35 1.8		V V
V_{IL}	Input Low Threshold Voltage	SCL, SDA, RUN_n , $\overline{GPIO_n}$ (Note 15) SHARE_CLK, WP (Note 15)			0.8 0.6	V V
V_{HYST}	Input Hysteresis	SCL, SDA (Note 15)		80		mV
V_{OL}	Output Low Voltage	SCL, SDA, $\overline{ALERT}$, RUN_n , $\overline{GPIO_n}$, SHARE_CLK: $I_{SINK} = 3\text{mA}$	●	0.3	0.4	V
I_{OL}	Input Leakage Current	SDA, SCL, $\overline{ALERT}$, RUN_n : $0\text{V} \leq V_{PIN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ $\overline{GPIO_n}$ and SHARE_CLK: $0\text{V} \leq V_{PIN} \leq 3.6\text{V}$	● ●		± 5 ± 2	μA μA
t_{FILTER}	Input Digital Filtering	RUN_n (Note 15) $\overline{GPIO_n}$ (Note 15)		10 3		μs μs
C_{PIN}	Input Capacitance	SCL, SDA, RUN_n , $\overline{GPIO_n}$, SHARE_CLK, WP (Note 15)			10	pF
PMBus Interface Timing Characteristics						
f_{SMB}	Serial Bus Operating Frequency	(Note 15)		10	400	kHz
t_{BUF}	Bus Free Time Between Stop and Start	(Note 15)		1.3		μs
$t_{HD,STA}$	Hold Time After Repeated Start Condition	Time Period After Which First Clock Is Generated (Note 15)		0.6		μs
$t_{SU,STA}$	Repeated Start Condition Setup Time	(Note 15)		0.6		μs
$t_{SU,STO}$	Stop Condition Setup Time	(Note 15)		0.6		μs
$t_{HD,DAT}$	Data Hold Time	Receiving Data (Note 15) Transmitting Data (Note 15)		0 0.3	0.9	μs μs
$t_{SU,DAT}$	Data Setup Time	Receiving Data (Note 15)		0.1		μs
$t_{TIMEOUT_SMB}$	Stuck PMBus Timer Timeout	Measured from the Last PMBus Start Event: Block Reads MFR_CONFIG_ALL[3] = 0_b (Note 15) Non-Block Reads MFR_CONFIG_ALL[3] = 0_b (Note 15) MFR_CONFIG_ALL[3] = 1_b (Note 15)		150 32 250		ms ms ms
t_{LOW}	Serial Clock Low Period	(Note 15)		1.3	10000	μs
t_{HIGH}	Serial Clock High Period	(Note 15)		0.6		μs

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

Note 2: The LTM4677 is tested under pulsed-load conditions such that $T_J \approx T_A$. The LTM4677E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications over the 0°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range. Specifications

over the -40°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls. The LTM4677I is guaranteed to meet specifications over the full -40°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range. Note that the maximum ambient temperature consistent with these specifications is determined by specific operating conditions in conjunction with board layout, the rated package thermal resistance and other environmental factors.

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Note 3: The LTM4677's EEPROM temperature range for valid write commands is 0°C to 85°C. To achieve guaranteed EEPROM data retention, execution of the "STORE_USER_ALL" command—i.e., uploading RAM contents to NVM—outside this temperature range is not recommended. However, as long as the LTM4677's EEPROM temperature is less than 130°C, the LTM4677 will obey the STORE_USER_ALL command. Only when EEPROM temperature exceeds 130°C, the LTM4677 will not act on any STORE_USER_ALL transactions: instead, the LTM4677 NACKs the serial command and asserts its relevant CML (communications, memory, logic) fault bits. EEPROM temperature can be queried prior to commanding STORE_USER_ALL; see the Applications Information section.

Note 4: The two power inputs— V_{IN0} and V_{IN1} —and their respective power outputs— V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} —are tested independently in production. A shorthand notation is used in this document that allows these parameters to be referred to by " V_{INn} " and " V_{OUTn} ", where n is permitted to take on a value of 0 or 1. This italicized, subscripted " n " notation and convention is extended to encompass all such pin names, as well as register names with channel-specific, i.e., paged data. For example, $V_{OUT_COMMANDn}$ refers to the $V_{OUT_COMMAND}$ command code data located in Pages 0 and 1, which in turn relate to Channel 0 (V_{OUT0}) and Channel 1 (V_{OUT1}). Registers containing non-page-specific data, i.e., whose data is "global" to the module or applies to both of the module's Channels lack the italicized, subscripted " n ", e.g., FREQUENCY_SWITCH.

Note 5: $V_{OUTn(DC)}$ and line and load regulation tests are performed in production with digital servo disengaged ($MFR_PWM_MODEn[6] = 0_b$) and low V_{OUTn} range selected $MFR_PWM_MODEn[1] = 1_b$. The digital servo control loop is exercised in production (setting $MFR_PWM_MODEn[6] = 1_b$), but convergence of the output voltage to its final settling value is not necessarily observed in final test—due to potentially long time constants involved—and is instead guaranteed by the output voltage readback accuracy specification. Evaluation in application demonstrates capability; see the Typical Performance Characteristics section.

Note 6: See output current derating curves for different V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , and T_A , located in the Applications Information section.

Note 7: Even though V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} are specified for 6V absolute maximum, the maximum recommended command voltage to regulate output channels 0 and 1 is: 1.8V with V_{OUT} range-setting bit is set to "low range", $MFR_PWM_MODEn[1] = 1_b$.

Note 8: Minimum on-time is tested at wafer sort.

Note 9: Data conversion is performed in round-robin (cyclic) fashion. All telemetry signals are continuously digitized, and reported data is based on measurements not older than 90ms, typical.

Note 10: The following telemetry parameters are formatted in PMBus-defined "Linear Data Format", in which each register contains a word comprised of 5 most significant bits—representing a signed exponent, to be raised to the power of 2—and 11 least significant bits—representing a signed mantissa: input voltage (on SV_{IN}), accessed via the $READ_VIN$ command code; output currents (I_{OUTn}), accessed via the $READ_IOUTn$ command codes; module input current ($I_{VIN0} + I_{VIN1} + I_{SVIN}$), accessed via the $READ_IIN$ command code; channel input currents ($I_{VINn} + 1/2 \cdot I_{SVIN}$), accessed via the MFR_READ_IINn command codes; and duty cycles of channel 0 and channel 1 switching power stages, accessed via the $READ_DUTY_CYCLEn$ command codes. This data format limits the resolution of telemetry readback data to 10 bits even though the internal ADC is 16 bits and the LTM4677's internal calculations use 32-bit words.

Note 11: The absolute maximum rating for the SV_{IN} pin is 18V. Input voltage telemetry ($READ_VIN$) is obtained by digitizing a voltage scaled down from the SV_{IN} pin.

Note 12: These typical parameters are based on bench measurements and are not production tested.

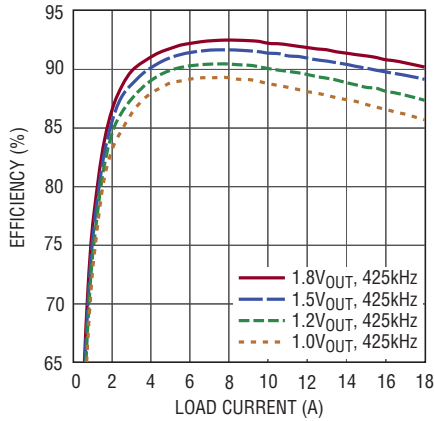
Note 13: EEPROM endurance and retention are guaranteed by wafer-level testing for data retention. The minimum retention specification applies for devices whose EEPROM has been cycled less than the minimum endurance specification, and whose EEPROM data was written to at 0°C $\leq T_J \leq 85^\circ\text{C}$. The $RESTORE_USER_ALL$ or MFR_RESET is valid over the entire operating temperature range and does not influence EEPROM characteristics.

Note 14: Channel 0 OV/UV comparator threshold accuracy for $MFR_PWM_MODEn[1] = 1_b$ tested in ATE at $V_{VOSNS0^+} - V_{VOSNS0^-} = 0.5\text{V}$ and 1.8V. 1V condition tested at IC-Level, only. Channel 1 OV/UV comparator threshold accuracy for $MFR_PWM_MODEn[1] = 1_b$ tested in ATE with $V_{VOSNS1} - V_{SGND} = 0.5\text{V}$ and 1.8V. 1.5V condition tested at IC-level, only.

Note 15: Tested at IC-level ATE.

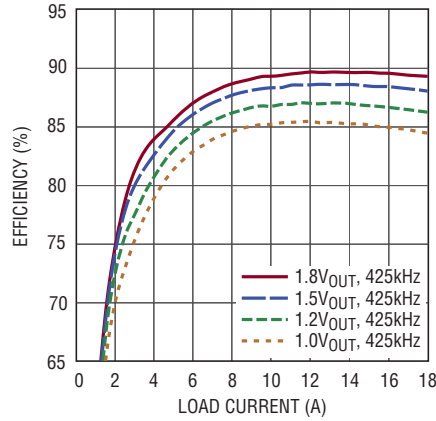
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, 12V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} , unless otherwise noted.

**Single Output Efficiency,
 5V_{IN} , $V_{\text{IN}} = \text{SV}_{\text{IN}} = \text{INTV}_{\text{CC}} = 5\text{V}$
CCM Mode**



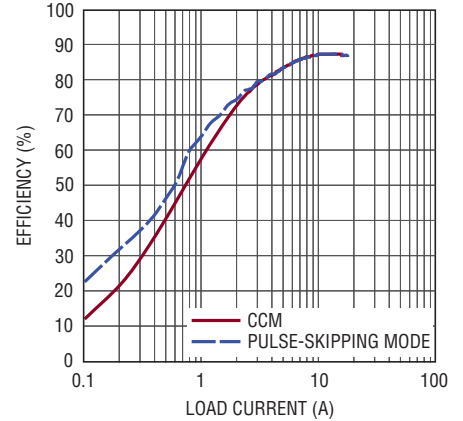
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**Single Output Efficiency,
 12V_{IN} , $V_{\text{IN}} = \text{SV}_{\text{IN}} = 12\text{V}$,
 INTV_{CC} Open CCM Mode**



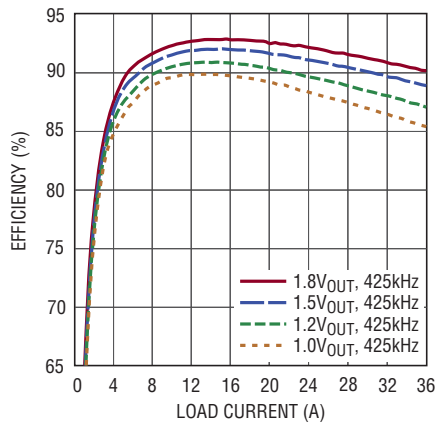
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**Single Output Pulse-Skipping
Efficiency, $V_{\text{IN}} = \text{SV}_{\text{IN}} = 12\text{V}$,
 INTV_{CC} Open, 12V_{IN} to 1.5V_{OUT} ,
425kHz**



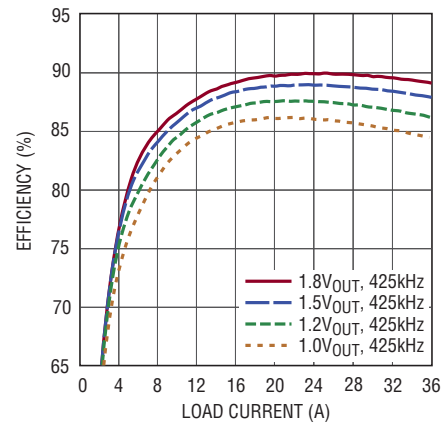
4677 G03

**Dual Phase Single Output
Efficiency, 5V_{IN} , $V_{\text{IN}} = \text{SV}_{\text{IN}} =$
 $\text{INTV}_{\text{CC}} = 5\text{V}$, V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1}
Paralleled CCM Mode**



4677 G04

**Dual Phase Single Output
Efficiency, 12V_{IN} , $V_{\text{IN}} = \text{SV}_{\text{IN}} = 12\text{V}$,
 INTV_{CC} Open, V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1}
Paralleled CCM Mode**



4677 G05

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, 12V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} , unless otherwise noted.

Single Channel Load Transient Response 50% to 100% Load Step, $9\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$ 12V_{IN} to 1.0V_{OUT}

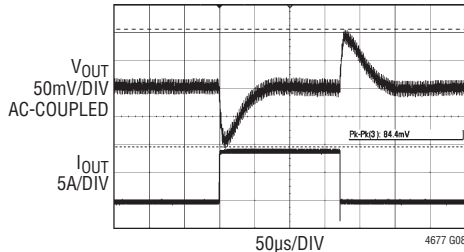


FIGURE 56 CIRCUIT AT 12V_{IN} , INTV_{CC} OPEN
 $C_{\text{OUT}} = 6 \cdot 100\mu\text{F}$ 6.3V CERAMIC ONLY, EXTERNAL
COMPENSATION, $\text{COMPb} = 8.25\text{k} + 2200\text{pF}$

Single Channel Load Transient Response 50% to 100% Load Step, $9\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$ 12V_{IN} to 1.5V_{OUT}

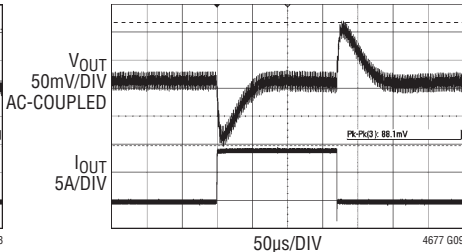


FIGURE 56 CIRCUIT AT 12V_{IN} , INTV_{CC} OPEN
 $C_{\text{OUT}} = 6 \cdot 100\mu\text{F}$ 6.3V CERAMIC ONLY, EXTERNAL
COMPENSATION, $\text{COMPb} = 8.25\text{k} + 2200\text{pF}$

Single Channel Load Transient Response 50% to 100% Load Step, $9\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$ 5V_{IN} to 1.0V_{OUT}

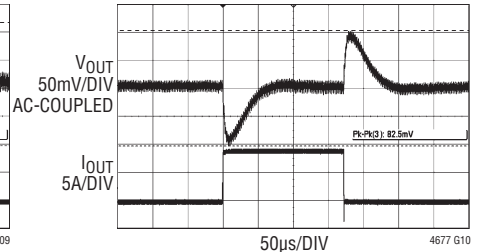


FIGURE 27 CIRCUIT AT 5V_{IN} , $\text{INTV}_{\text{CC}} = 5\text{V}_{\text{IN}}$
 $C_{\text{OUT}} = 6 \cdot 100\mu\text{F}$ 6.3V CERAMIC ONLY, EXTERNAL
COMPENSATION, $\text{COMPb} = 8.25\text{k} + 2200\text{pF}$

Single Channel Load Transient Response 50% to 100% Load Step, $9\text{A}/\mu\text{s}$ 5V_{IN} to 1.5V_{OUT}

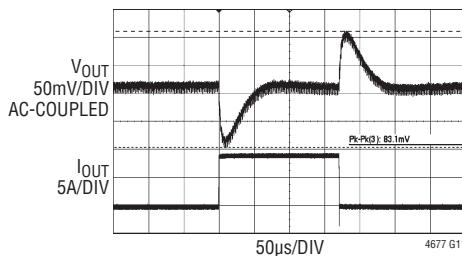


FIGURE 27 CIRCUIT AT 5V_{IN} , $\text{INTV}_{\text{CC}} = 5\text{V}_{\text{IN}}$
 $C_{\text{OUT}} = 6 \cdot 100\mu\text{F}$ 6.3V CERAMIC ONLY, EXTERNAL
COMPENSATION, $\text{COMPb} = 8.25\text{k} + 2200\text{pF}$

Dual Output Concurrent Rail Start-Ups/Shutdown

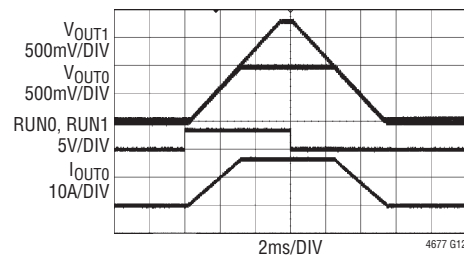


FIGURE 56 CIRCUIT AT 12V_{IN} , 18A LOAD ON V_{OUT0} ,
NO LOAD ON V_{OUT1}
 $\text{TON_RISE}_0 = 3\text{ms}$ $\text{TON_RISE}_1 = 5.297\text{ms}$
 $\text{TOFF_DELAY}_0 = 2.43\text{ms}$ $\text{TOFF_DELAY}_1 = 0\text{ms}$
 $\text{TOFF_FALL}_0 = 3\text{ms}$ $\text{TOFF_FALL}_1 = 5.328\text{ms}$
 $\text{ON_OFF_CONFIG}_n = 0\text{x}1\text{E}$

Dual Output Concurrent Rail Start-Ups/Shutdown with a Pre-Biased Load

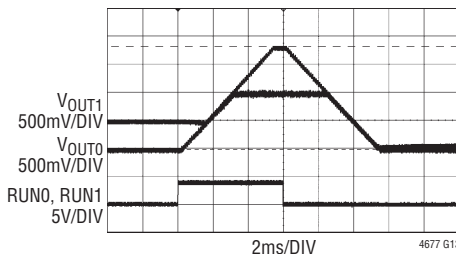


FIGURE 56 CIRCUIT AT 12V_{IN} , 18A LOAD ON V_{OUT0} ,
NO LOAD ON V_{OUT1}
 V_{OUT1} IS PRE-BIASED TO 500mV THROUGH A DIODE
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 $\text{TOFF_DELAY}_0 = 2.43\text{ms}$ $\text{TOFF_DELAY}_1 = 0\text{ms}$
 $\text{TOFF_FALL}_0 = 3\text{ms}$ $\text{TOFF_FALL}_1 = 5.328\text{ms}$
 $\text{ON_OFF_CONFIG}_n = 0\text{x}1\text{E}$

Single Phase Single Output Short-Circuit Protection at No Load

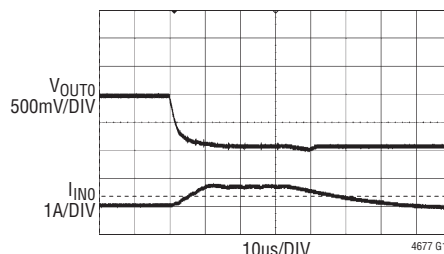


FIGURE 56 CIRCUIT AT 12V_{IN} , NO LOAD ON
 V_{OUT0} PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF SHORT
CIRCUIT

Single Phase Single Output Short-Circuit Protection at Full Load

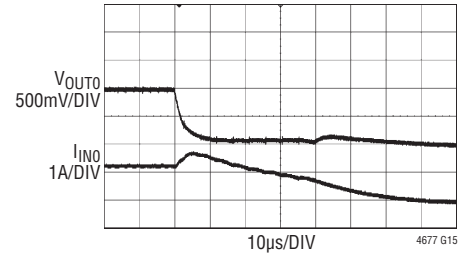
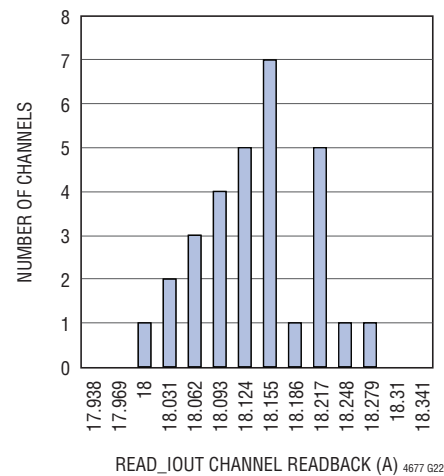


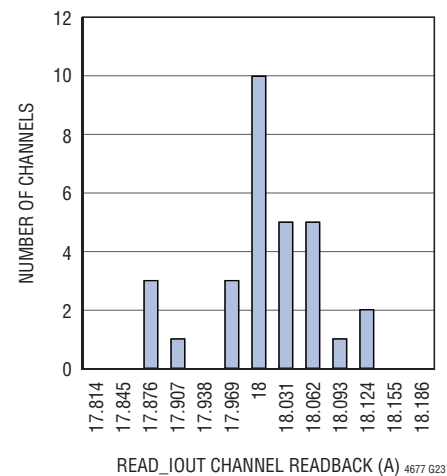
FIGURE 56 CIRCUIT AT 12V_{IN} , 18A LOAD ON
 V_{OUT0} PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF SHORT
CIRCUIT

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, 12V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} , unless otherwise noted.

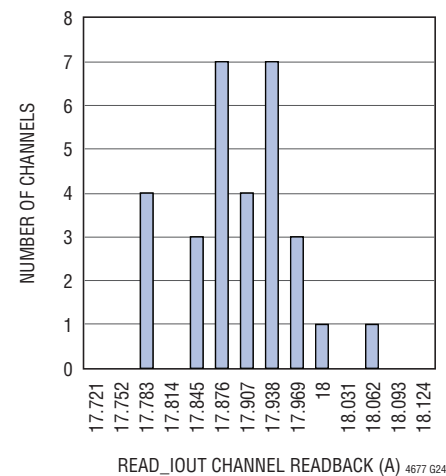
READ_IOUT of 30 LTM4677 Channels (DC2066A) 12V_{IN} , 1V_{OUT} , $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$, $I_{\text{OUT}n} = 18\text{A}$, System Having Reached Thermally Steady-State Condition, No Airflow



READ_IOUT of 30 LTM4677 Channels (DC2066A) 12V_{IN} , 1V_{OUT} , $T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $I_{\text{OUT}n} = 18\text{A}$, System Having Reached Thermally Steady-State Condition, No Airflow



READ_IOUT of 30 LTM4677 Channels (DC2066A) 12V_{IN} , 1V_{OUT} , $T_J = 125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $I_{\text{OUT}n} = 18\text{A}$, System Having Reached Thermally Steady-State Condition, No Airflow



PIN FUNCTIONS



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GND (A4, A6-10, B4-B9, C4, C6-C9, D4, D7, E3, F3, F10, G3, G10-12, H3, H10, J4, J10, K4, K7-9, L4-9, M4, M6-10): Power Ground of the LTM4677. Power return for V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} .

V_{OUT0} (A1-3, B1-3, C1-3, D1-3): Channel 0 Output Voltage.

V_{OSNS0}^+ (D9): Channel 0 Positive Differential Voltage Sense Input. Together, V_{OSNS0}^+ and V_{OSNS0}^- serve to kelvin-sense the V_{OUT0} output voltage at V_{OUT0} 's point of load (POL) and provide the differential feedback signal directly to Channel 0's feedback loop. Command V_{OUT0} 's target regulation voltage by serial bus. Its initial command value at SV_{IN} power-up is dictated by NVM (non-volatile memory) contents (factory default: 1.000V)—or, optionally, may be set by configuration resistors; see $V_{OUT0CFG}$, $V_{TRIM0CFG}$ and the Applications Information section.

V_{OSNS0}^- (E9): Channel 0 Negative Differential Voltage Sense Input. See V_{OSNS0}^+ .

V_{ORBO}^+ (D10): Channel 0 Positive Readback Pin. Shorted to V_{OSNS0}^+ internal to the LTM4677. If desired, place a test point on this node and measure its impedance to V_{OUT0} on one's hardware (e.g., motherboard, during in circuit test (ICT) post-assembly process) to provide a means of verifying the integrity of the feedback signal connection between V_{OSNS0}^+ and V_{OUT0} .

V_{ORBO}^- (E10): Channel 0 Negative Readback Pin. Shorted to V_{OSNS0}^- internal to the LTM4677. If desired, place a test point on this node and measure its impedance to GND on one's hardware (e.g., motherboard, during ICT post-assembly process) to provide a means of verifying the integrity of the feedback signal connection between V_{OSNS0}^- and GND (V_{OUT0} power return).

V_{OUT1} (J1-3, K1-3, L1-3, M1-3): Channel 1 Output Voltage.

V_{OSNS1} (H9): Channel 1 Positive Voltage Sense Input. Command V_{OUT1} 's target regulation voltage by serial bus. Its initial command value at SV_{IN} power-up is dictated by NVM (non-volatile memory) contents (factory default: 1.000V)—or, optionally, may be set by configuration resistors; see $V_{OUT1CFG}$, $V_{TRIM1CFG}$ and the Applications Information section.

SGND (F7-8, G7-8): SGND is the signal ground return path of the LTM4677. SGND is not internally connected to GND. Connect SGND to GND local to the LTM4677.

V_{ORB1} (J9): Channel 1 Positive Readback Pin. Shorted to V_{OSNS1} internal to the LTM4677. At one's option, place a test point on this node and measure its impedance to V_{OUT1} on one's hardware (e.g., motherboard, during ICT post-assembly process) to provide a means of verifying the integrity of the feedback signal connection between V_{OUT1} and V_{OSNS1} .

V_{IN0} (A11-12, B11-12, C11-12, D11-12, E12): Positive Power Input to Channel 0 Switching Stage. Provide sufficient decoupling capacitance in the form of multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs) and low ESR electrolytic (or equivalent) to handle reflected input current ripple from the step-down switching stage. MLCCs should be placed as close to the LTM4677 as physically possible. See Layout Recommendations in the Applications Information section.

V_{IN1} (H12, J11-12, K11-12, L11-12, M11-12): Positive Power Input to Channel 1 Switching Stage. Provide sufficient decoupling capacitance in the form of MLCCs and low ESR electrolytic (or equivalent) to handle reflected input current ripple from the step-down switching stage. MLCCs should be placed as close to the LTM4677 as physically possible. See Layout Recommendations in the Applications Information section.

SW_0 (B10): Switching Node of Channel 0 Step-Down Converter Stage. Used for test purposes or EMI-snubbing. May be routed a short distance to a local test point to monitor switching action of Channel 0, if desired, but do not route near any sensitive signals; otherwise, leave electrically isolated (open).

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SW₁ (L10): Switching Node of Channel 1 Step-Down Converter Stage. Used for test purposes or EMI-snubbing. May be routed a short distance to a local test point to monitor switching action of Channel 1, if desired, but do not route near any sensitive signals; otherwise, leave open.

SV_{IN} (F11-12): Input Supply for LTM4677's Internal Control IC. In most applications, SV_{IN} connects to V_{INO} and/or V_{IN1}, in which case no external decoupling beyond that already allocated for V_{INO}/V_{IN1} is required. If SV_{IN} is operated from an auxiliary supply separate from V_{INO}/V_{IN1}, decouple this pin to GND with a capacitor (0.1μF to 1μF).

INTV_{CC} (F9, G9): Internal Regulator, 5V Output. When operating the LTM4677 from $5.75V \leq SV_{IN} \leq 16V$, an LDO generates INTV_{CC} from SV_{IN} to bias internal control circuits and the MOSFET drivers of the LTM4677. No external decoupling is required. INTV_{CC} is regulated regardless of the RUN_n pin state. When operating the LTM4677 with $4.5V \leq SV_{IN} < 5.75V$, INTV_{CC} *must* be electrically shorted to SV_{IN}.

V_{DD33} (J7): Internally Generated 3.3V Power Supply Output Pin. This pin should only be used to provide external current for the pull-up resistors required for $\overline{GPIO}_n$, SHARE_CLK, and SYNC, and may be used to provide external current for pull-up resistors on RUN_n, SDA, SCL and $\overline{ALERT}$. No external decoupling is required.

V_{DD25} (J6): Internally Generated 2.5V Power Supply Output Pin. Do not load this pin with external current; it is used strictly to bias internal logic and provides current for the internal pull-up resistors connected to the configuration-programming pins. No external decoupling is required.

ASEL (G4): Serial Bus Address Configuration Pin. On any given I²C/SMBus serial bus segment, every device must have its own unique slave address. If this pin is left open, the LTM4677 powers up to its default slave address of 0x4F (hexadecimal), i.e., 1001111_b (industry standard convention is used throughout this document: 7-bit slave addressing). The lower four bits of the LTM4677's slave address can be altered from this default value by connecting a resistor from this pin to SGND. Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to assure accurate detection of the pin state.

F_{SWPHCFG} (H4): Switching Frequency, Channel Phase-Interleaving Angle and Phase Relationship to SYNC Configuration Pin. If this pin is left open—or, if the LTM4677 is configured to ignore pin-strap (RCONFIG) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1_b—then the LTM4677's switching frequency (FREQUENCY_SWITCH) and channel phase relationships (with respect to the SYNC clock; MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0]) are dictated at SV_{IN} power-up according to the LTM4677's NVM contents. Default factory values are: 500kHz operation; Channel 0 at 0°; and Channel 1 at 180° (convention throughout this document: a phase angle of 0° means the channel's switch node rises coincident with the falling edge of the SYNC pulse). Connecting a resistor from this pin to SGND (and using the factory-default NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b) allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4677s with identical NVM contents for different switching frequencies of operation and phase interleaving angle settings of intra- and extra-module-paralleled channels—all, without GUI intervention or the need to “custom pre-program” module NVM contents. (See the Applications Information section.) Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to assure accurate detection of the pin state.

V_{OUT0CFG} (G5): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT0}, Coarse Setting. If the V_{OUT0CFG} and V_{TRIM0CFG} pins are both left open—or, if the LTM4677 is configured to ignore pin-strap (RCONFIG) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1_b—then the LTM4677's target V_{OUT0} output voltage setting (VOUT_COMMAND₀) and associated power-good and OV/UV warning and fault thresholds are dictated at SV_{IN} power-up according to the LTM4677's NVM contents. A resistor* connected from this pin to SGND—in combination with resistor pin settings on V_{TRIM0CFG}, and using the factory-default NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b—can be used to configure the LTM4677's Channel 0 output to power-up to a VOUT_COMMAND value (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) different from those of NVM contents. (See the Applications Information section.) Connecting resistor(s) from V_{OUT0CFG} to SGND and/or V_{TRIM0CFG} to SGND in this manner allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4677s

* In applications where V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} are paralleled, the respective V_{OUTnCFG} and V_{TRIMnCFG} pin-pairs can be electrically connected together; common RCONFIG resistors can be applied, whose values are half of what is prescribed in Table 2 and Table 3. See Figure 27, for example.

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with identical NVM contents for different output voltage settings—all without GUI intervention or the need to “custom-pre-program” module NVM contents. Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to assure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that use of RCONFIGs on $V_{OUT0CFG}/V_{TRIM0CFG}$ can affect the V_{OUT0} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE₀[1]) and loop gain.

V_{TRIM0CFG} (H5): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT0} , Fine Setting. Works in combination with $V_{OUT0CFG}$ to affect the VOUT_COMMAND (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) of Channel 0, at SV_{IN} power-up. (See $V_{OUT0CFG}$ and the Applications Information section.) Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to assure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that use of RCONFIGs* on $V_{OUT0CFG}/V_{TRIM0CFG}$ can affect the V_{OUT0} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE₀[1]) and loop gain.

V_{OUT1CFG} (G6): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT1} , Coarse Setting. If the $V_{OUT1CFG}$ and $V_{TRIM1CFG}$ pins are both left open—or, if the LTM4677 is configured to ignore pin-strap (RCONFIG) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1_b—then the LTM4677’s target V_{OUT1} output voltage setting (VOUT_COMMAND₁) and associated OV/UV warning and fault thresholds are dictated at SV_{IN} power-up according to the LTM4677’s NVM contents, in precisely the same fashion that the $V_{OUT0CFG}$ and $V_{TRIM0CFG}$ pins affect the respective settings of V_{OUT0} /Channel 0. (See $V_{OUT0CFG}$, $V_{TRIM0CFG}$ and the Applications Information section.) Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to assure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that use of RCONFIGs* on $V_{OUT1CFG}/V_{TRIM1CFG}$ can affect the V_{OUT1} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE₁[1]) and loop gain.

V_{TRIM1CFG} (H6): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT1} , Fine Setting. Works in combination with $V_{OUT1CFG}$ to affect the VOUT_COMMAND (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) of Channel 1, at SV_{IN} power-up. (See $V_{OUT1CFG}$ and the Applications Information section.) Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to assure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that use of RCONFIGs*

on $V_{OUT1CFG}/V_{TRIM1CFG}$ can affect the V_{OUT1} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE₁[1]) and loop gain.

SYNC (E7): PWM Clock Synchronization Input and Open-Drain Output Pin. The setting of the FREQUENCY_SWITCH command dictates whether the LTM4677 is a “sync master” or “sync slave” module. When the LTM4677 is a sync master, FREQUENCY_SWITCH contains the commanded switching frequency of Channels 0 and 1—in PMBus linear data format—and it drives its SYNC pin low for 500ns at a time, at this commanded rate. Whereas, a sync slave uses MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4] = 1_b and does not pull its SYNC pin low. The LTM4677’s PLL synchronizes the LTM4677’s PWM clock to the waveform present on the SYNC pin—and therefore, a resistor pull-up to 3.3V is required in the application, regardless of whether the LTM4677 is a sync master or slave. EXCEPTION: driving the SYNC pin with an external clock is permissible; see the Applications Information section for details.

SCL (E6): Serial Bus Clock Open-Drain Input (Can Be an Input and Output, if Clock Stretching is Enabled). A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application for digital communication to the SMBus master(s) that nominally drive this clock. The LTM4677 will never encounter scenarios where it would need to engage clock stretching unless SCL communication speeds exceed 100kHz—and even then, LTM4677 will not clock stretch unless clock stretching is enabled by means of setting MFR_CONFIG_ALL[1] = 1_b. The factory-default NVM configuration setting has MFR_CONFIG_ALL[1] = 0_b; clock stretching disabled. If communication on the bus at clock speeds above 100kHz is required, the user’s SMBus master(s) need to implement clock stretching support to assure solid serial bus communications, and only then should MFR_CONFIG_ALL[1] be set to 1_b. When clock stretching is enabled, SCL becomes a bidirectional, open-drain output pin on LTM4677.

SDA (D6): Serial Bus Data Open-Drain Input and Output. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application.

ALERT (E5): Open-Drain Digital Output. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application only if SMBALERT interrupt detection is implemented in one’s SMBus system.

* In applications where V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} are paralleled, the respective $V_{OUTnCFG}$ and $V_{TRIMnCFG}$ pin-pairs can be electrically connected together; common RCONFIG resistors can be applied, whose values are half of what is prescribed in Table 2 and Table 3. See Figure 27, for example.

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SHARE_CLK (H7): Share Clock, Bidirectional Open-Drain Clock Sharing Pin. Nominally 100kHz. Used for synchronizing the time base between multiple LTM4677s (and any other Linear Technology devices with a SHARE_CLK pin)—to realize well-defined rail sequencing and rail tracking. Tie the SHARE_CLK pins of all such devices together; all devices with a SHARE_CLK pin will synchronize to the fastest clock. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required when synchronizing the time base between multiple devices. If synchronizing the time base between multiple devices is not needed and MFR_CHAN_CONFIG $_n$ [2]=0 $_b$, only then is a pull-up resistor not required.

GPIO $_0$, GPIO $_1$ (E4 and F4, Respectively): Digital, Programmable General Purpose Inputs and Outputs. Open-drain outputs and/or high impedance inputs. The LTM4677's factory-default NVM configurations for MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE $_n$ =0x6893—and MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE $_n$ =0xC0—are such that: (1) when a channel-specific fault condition is detected—such as channel OT (overtemperature) or output UV/OV—the respective GPIO $_n$ pin pulls logic low; (2) when a non-channel specific fault condition is detected—such as input OV or control IC OT—both GPIO $_n$ pins pull logic low; (3) the LTM4677 ceases switching action on Channel 0 and 1 when its respective GPIO $_n$ pin is logic low. Most significantly, this default configuration provides for graceful integration and interoperation of LTM4677 with paralleled channel(s) of other LTM4677(s)—in terms of properly coordinating efforts in starting, ceasing, and resuming switching action and output voltage regulation, in unison—all without GUI intervention or the need to “custom-preprogram” module NVM contents. Pull-up resistors from GPIO $_n$ to 3.3V are required for proper operation in the vast majority of applications. (Only if the LTM4677's MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE $_n$ value were set to 0x00 might pull-ups be unnecessary. See the Applications Information section for details.)

WP (K6): Write Protect Pin, Active High. An internal 10 μ A current source pulls this pin to V $_{DD33}$. If WP is open circuit or logic high, only I ^{2} C writes to PAGE, OPERATION, CLEAR_FAULTS, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS and MFR_EE_UNLOCK are supported. Additionally, Individual faults can be cleared by writing 1 $_b$'s to bits of interest in registers prefixed with “STATUS”. If WP is low, I ^{2} C writes are unrestricted.

RUN $_0$, RUN $_1$ (F5 and F6, Respectively): Enable Run Input for Channels 0 and 1, Respectively. Open-drain input and output. Logic high on these pins enables the respective outputs of the LTM4677. These open-drain output pins hold the pin low until the LTM4677 is out of reset and SV $_{IN}$ is detected to exceed VIN_ON. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application. The LTM4677 pulls RUN $_0$ and/or RUN $_1$ low, as appropriate, when a global fault and/or channel-specific fault occurs whose fault response is configured to latch off and cease regulation; issuing a CLEAR_FAULTS command via I ^{2} C or power-cycling SV $_{IN}$ is necessary to restart the module, in such cases. Do not pull RUN logic high with a low impedance source.

TSNS $_{0a}$, TSNS $_{0b}$ (D5 and C5, Respectively): Channel 0 Temperature Excitation/Masurement and Thermal Sensor Pins, Respectively. Connect TSNS $_{0a}$ to TSNS $_{0b}$. This allows the LTM4677 to monitor the Power Stage Temperature of Channel 0.

TSNS $_{1a}$, TSNS $_{1b}$ (J5 and K5, Respectively): Channel 1 Temperature Excitation/Masurement and Thermal Sensor Pins, Respectively. In most applications, connect TSNS $_{1a}$ to TSNS $_{1b}$. This allows the LTM4677 to monitor the Power Stage Temperature of Channel 1. See the Applications Information section for information on how to use TSNS $_{1a}$ to monitor a temperature sensor external to the module, e.g., a PN junction on the die of a microprocessor.

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COMP_{0a}, COMP_{1a} (E8 and H8, Respectively): Current Control Threshold and Error Amplifier Compensation Nodes for Channels 0 and 1, Respectively. The trip threshold of each channel's current comparator increases with a respective rise in COMP_{na} voltage. Small filter capacitors (22pF) internal to the LTM4677 on these COMP pins (terminated to SGND) introduce high frequency roll off of the error-amplifier response, yielding good noise rejection in the control loop. See COMP_{0b}/COMP_{1b}.

ISNS0a⁺, ISNS0b⁺ (F2 and F1, Respectively): Internal No Connection Pins. Connect both pins together for backward compatibility to LTM4676A and LTM4675.

ISNS1a⁺, ISNS1b⁺ (H2 and H1, Respectively): Internal No Connection Pins. Connect both pins together for backward compatibility to LTM4676A and LTM4675.

ISNS0a⁻, ISNS0b⁻ (E2 and E1, Respectively): Internal No Connection Pins. Connect both pins together for backward compatibility to LTM4676A and LTM4675.

ISNS1a⁻, ISNS1b⁻ (G2 and G1, Respectively): Internal No Connection Pins. Connect both pins together for backward compatibility to LTM4676A and LTM4675.

COMP_{0b}, COMP_{1b} (D8 and J8, Respectively): Internal Loop Compensation Networks for Channels 0 and 1, Respectively. For the vast majority of applications, the internal, default loop compensation of the LTM4677 is suitable to apply “as is”, and yields very satisfactory results: apply the default loop compensation to the control loops of Channels 0 and 1 by simply connecting COMP_{0a} to COMP_{0b} and COMP_{1a} to COMP_{1b}, respectively. Whereas, when more specialized applications require a personal touch the optimization of control loop response, this can be easily accomplished by connecting (an) R-C network(s) from COMP_{0a} and/or COMP_{1a}—terminated to SGND—and leaving COMP_{0b} and/or COMP_{1b} open, as desired.

DNC (C10, E11, H11, K10): Do not connect these pins to external circuitry. Float these pins. Solder these pins to mounting pads on the PC board for mechanical integrity.

SNUB₀ (A5): Access to Channel 0 Switching Stage Snubber Capacitor. Connecting an optional resistor from SNUB₀ to GND can reduce radiated EMI, with only a minor penalty towards power conversion efficiency. See the Applications Information section. Pin should otherwise be left open.

SNUB₁ (M5): Access to Channel 1 Switching Stage Snubber Capacitor. Connecting an optional resistor from SNUB₁ to GND can reduce radiated EMI, with only a minor penalty towards power conversion efficiency. See the Applications Information section. Pin should otherwise be left open.

SIMPLIFIED BLOCK DIAGRAM

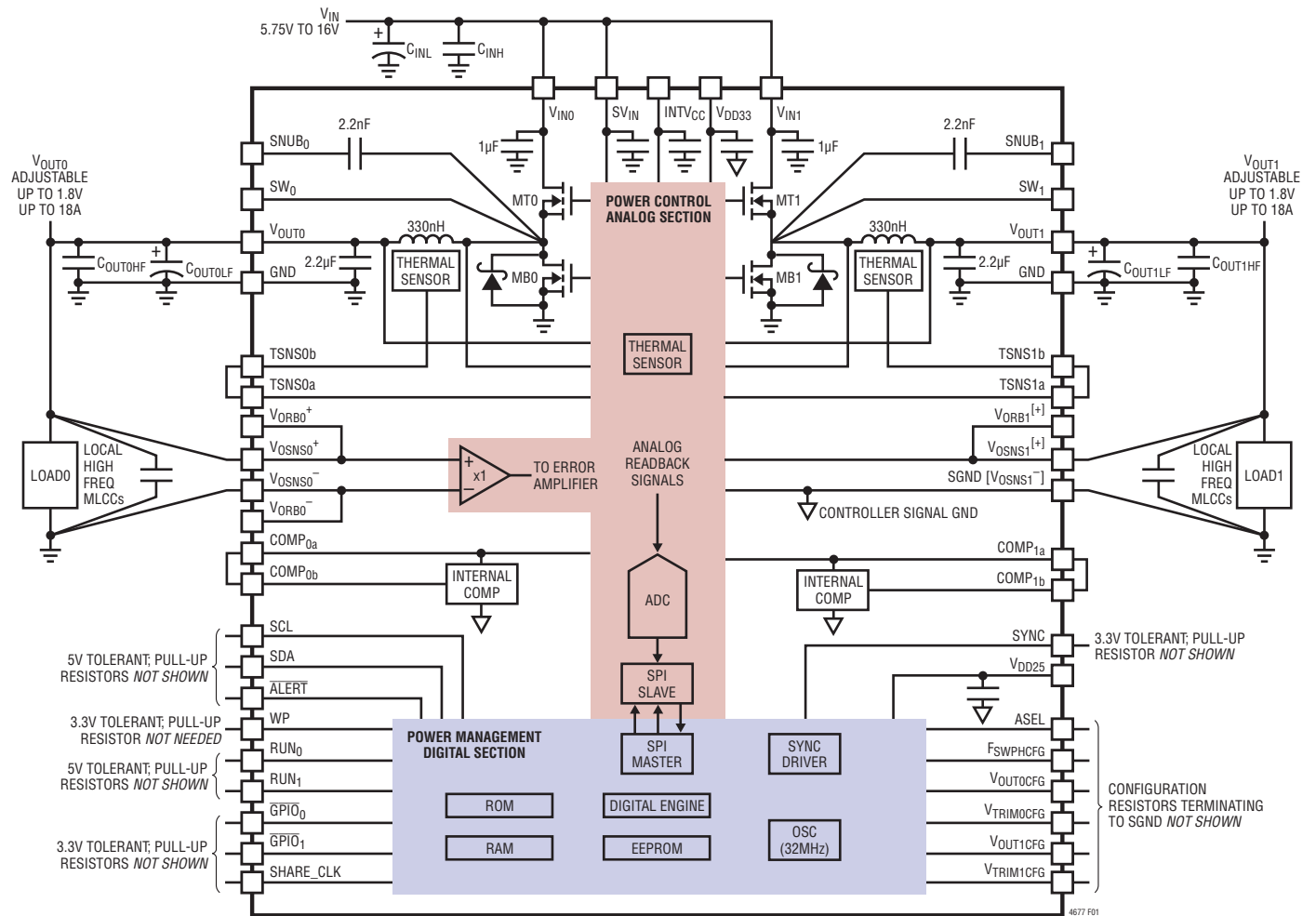
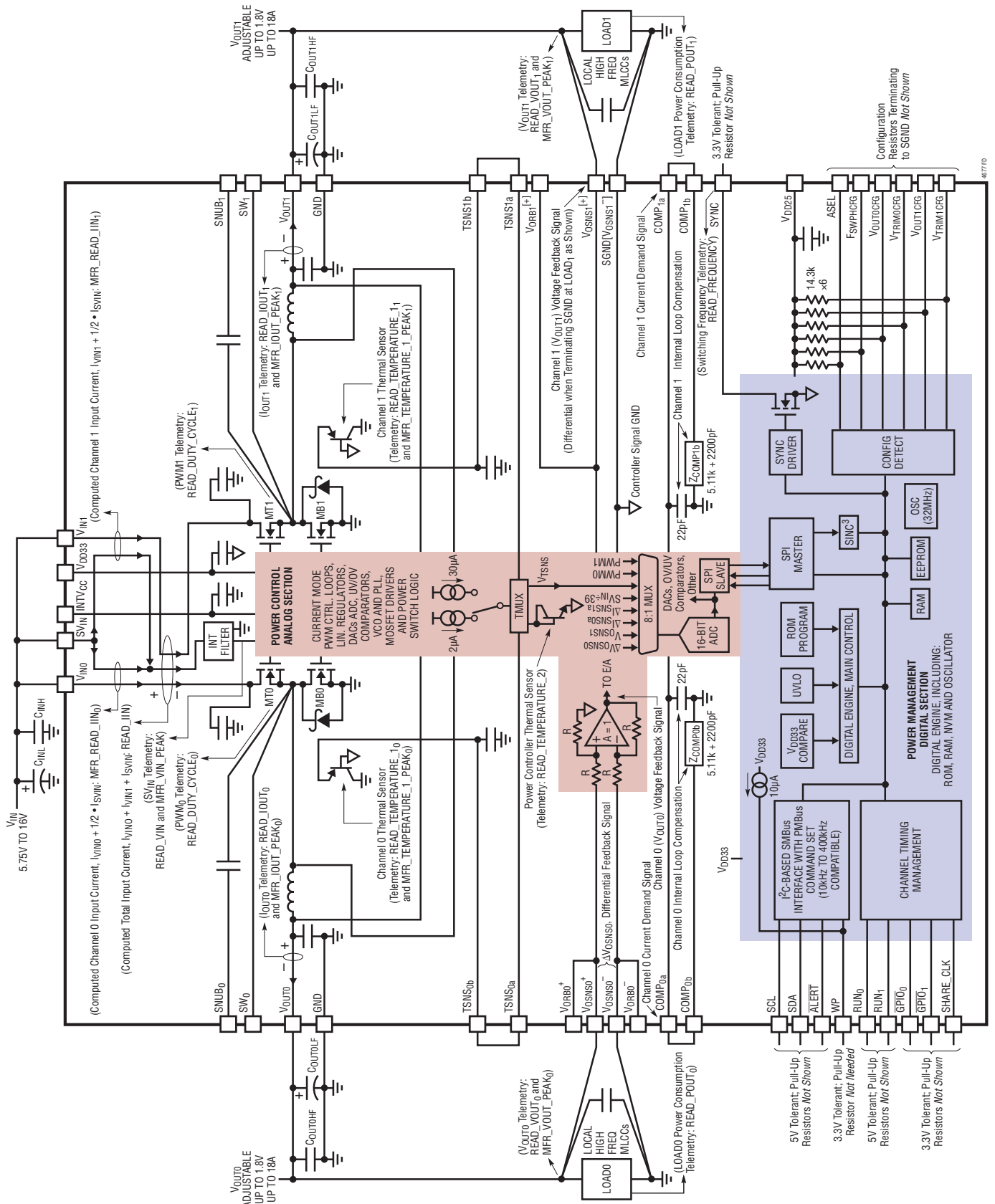


Figure 1. Simplified LTM4677 Block Diagram

DECOUPLING REQUIREMENTS $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$. Using Figure 1 configuration.

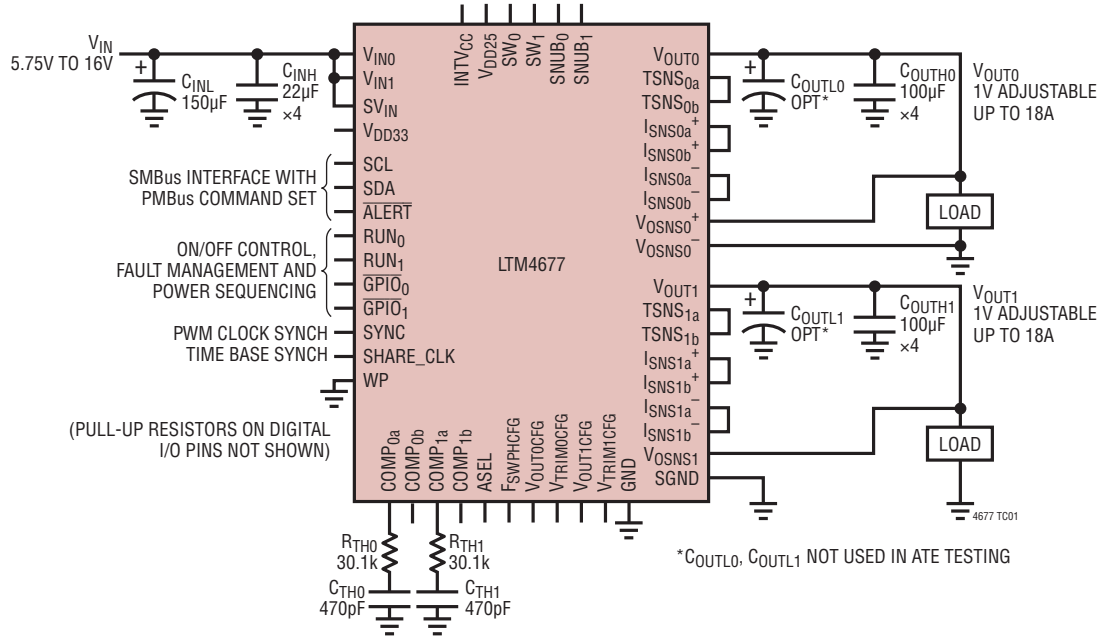
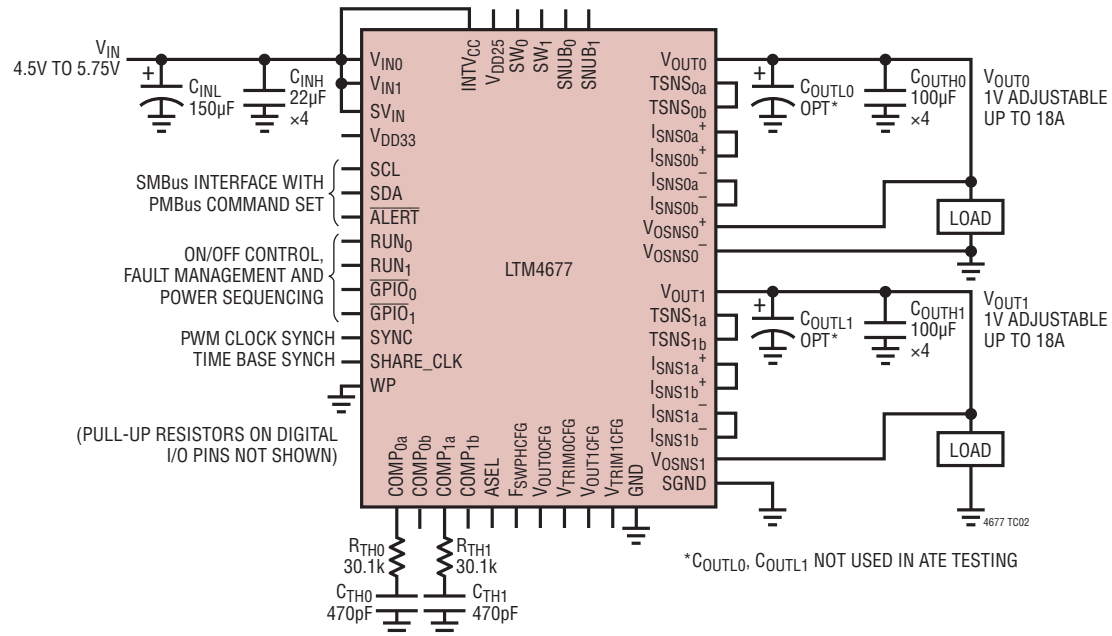
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
C_{INH}	External High Frequency Input Capacitor Requirement ($5.75\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{V}$, V_{OUTn} Commanded to 1.000V)	$I_{OUT0} = 18\text{A}$ $I_{OUT1} = 18\text{A}$		44 44		μF μF
C_{OUTnHF}	External High Frequency Output Capacitor Requirement ($5.75\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{V}$, V_{OUTn} Commanded to 1.000V)	$I_{OUT0} = 18\text{A}$ $I_{OUT1} = 18\text{A}$		400 400		μF μF

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



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TEST CIRCUITS

Test Circuit 1. LTM4677 ATE High V_{IN} Operating Range Configuration, $5.75V \leq V_{IN} \leq 16V$ Test Circuit 2. LTM4677 ATE Low V_{IN} Operating Range Configuration, $4.5V \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.75V$ 

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POWER MODULE INTRODUCTION

The LTM4677 is a highly configurable dual 18A output standalone nonisolated switching mode step-down DC/DC power supply with built-in EEPROM NVM (non-volatile memory) with ECC and I²C-based PMBus/SMBus 2-wire serial communication interface capable of 400kHz SCL bus speed. Two output voltages can be regulated (V_{OUT0} , V_{OUT1} —collectively, V_{OUTn}) with a few external input and output capacitors and pull-up resistors. Read-back telemetry data of average input and output voltages and currents, Channel PWM duty cycles, and module temperatures are continually digitized cyclically by an integrated 16-bit ADC (analog-to-digital converter). Many fault thresholds and responses are customizable. Data can be autonomously saved to EEPROM when a fault occurs, and the resulting fault log can be retrieved over I²C at a later time, for analysis.

The LTM4677 provides precisely regulated output voltages between 0.6VDC to 1.8VDC ($\pm 0.5\%$ above 1VDC, $\pm 5\text{mV}$ below 1VDC). The target output voltage can be set according to pin-strapping resistors ($V_{OUTnCFG}$ and $V_{TRIMnCFG}$ pins), NVM/register settings, and can be altered on the fly via the I²C interface. The output voltage can be modified by the user at any time with a write to PMBus VOUT_COMMAND. Executing this command has a typical latency less than 10ms. Writes to PMBus OPERATION have a typical latency less than 1ms. The NVM factory-default switching frequency is 500kHz and the phase-interleaving angle between its two channels is 180°. Channel switching frequency, phase angle, and phase relationship with the falling edge of the SYNC pin waveform can be configured according to a pin-strap resistor ($F_{SWPHCFG}$ pin) and NVM/register settings—though, not on the fly during regulation. The 7-bit I²C slave address of the module defaults to the value retrieved from MFR_ADDRESS[6:0] at power-up (factory default: 0x4F), but the least significant four bits of the address are set by resistor pin-strapping the ASEL pin. Bits[6:4] of MFR_ADDRESS can be written and stored to EEPROM. Between the ASEL resistor pin-strap and user-configurable MFS_ADDRESS[6:4], the LTM4677 can take on any 7-bit slave address desired. With the exception of the ASEL pin, the module can be configured to ignore all pin-strap resistors, if desired (see MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6]).

Table 1 provides a summary of LTM4677's supported PMBus commands. For details on the supported commands, payloads and data formats see Appendix C: PMBus Command Details.

For introductory information about the PMBus Specification, see Appendix A: Similarity Between PMBus, SMBus and I²C 2-Wire Interface. For information about the data communication link layer and timing diagrams, see Appendix B: PMBus Serial Digital Interface.

Major features of the LTM4677 strictly from a DC/DC converter power delivery point of view are as follows:

- Up to 18A Output Current Delivery from Each of Two Integrated Power Stages (See Front Page Figure)—or Up to 36A Output, Combined (See Figure 27).
- Wide Input Voltage Range: DC/DC Step-Down Conversion from 5.75V to 16V Input (See Figure 56).
- DC/DC Step-Down Conversion from 4.5V to 5.75V Input, Connecting SV_{IN} to $INTV_{CC}$ (See Figure 27).
- DC/DC Step-Down Conversion Possible from Less Than 4.5V Input When an Auxiliary 5V Bias Supply Powers SV_{IN} and $INTV_{CC}$ (See Figure 28).
- Output Voltage Range: 0.5V to 1.8V on V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} .
- Differential Remote Sensing of V_{OUT0} ($V_{OSNS0}^{+}/V_{OSNS0}^{-}$). For paralleled outputs, the $V_{OSNS0}^{+}/V_{OSNS0}^{-}$ pin-pair can be configured as the feedback path for both V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} (see Figure 27 and, optionally, MFR_PWM_CONFIG[7]).
- Start-Up Into a Pre-Biased Load Without Sinking Current.
- Four LTM4677s Can Be Paralleled to Deliver Up to 144A (See Figure 29).
- One LTM4677 Can Be Paralleled with Three LTM4630 Modules to Deliver Up to 144A; Infer Rail Status and Telemetry of Paralleled LTM4630 via the Sole LTM4677 (See Figure 30).
- Discontinuous Mode Operation Available for Higher Light-Load Efficiency ($MFR_PWM_MODE_n[0]$).

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- Output Current Limit and Overvoltage Protection.
 - Three Integrated Temperature Sensors, Over/Under-temperature Protection.
 - Constant Frequency Peak Current Mode Control.
 - Configurable Switching Frequency, 250kHz to 800kHz; Synchronizable to External Clock; Seven Configurable Channel Phase Interleaving Settings.
 - Integrated Snubber Capacitors Enable EMI Reduction by Placing External Snubber Resistors Adjacent to the Module.
 - Internal Loop Compensation Provided; External Loop Compensation Can Be Applied, if Preferred.
 - Low Profile (16mm × 16mm × 5.01mm) BGA Package Power Solution Requires Only Input and Output Capacitors; at Most, Nine Pull-Up Resistors for Open-Drain Digital Signals; at Most, Six Pull-Down Resistors to Configure All Possible Pin-Strapping Options.
- Features of the LTM4677 that enable power system management, rail sequencing, and fault monitoring and reporting are as follows:
- I²C-based PMBus/SMBus 2-Wire Serial Communication Interface (SDA, SCL) with $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ Interrupt Pin, SCL Clock Capable of 400kHz Bus Communication Speeds with Clock Low Extending—or 100kHz, Otherwise.
 - Configurable Output Voltage.
 - Configurable Input Undervoltage Comparators (UVLO Rising, UVLO Falling).
 - Configurable Switching Frequency.
 - Configurable Current Limit.
 - Configurable Output Over/Undervoltage Comparators.
 - Configurable Turn-On and Turn-Off Delay Times.
 - Configurable Output Ramp Rise and Fall Times.
 - Non-Volatile Configuration Memory (NVM EEPROM) with ECC to Configure Aforementioned Settings, and More—Yielding Standalone Operation, if Desired, and Also Enabling In-Situ Changes to the LTM4677's Configuration in Embedded Designs.
 - Monitoring and Reporting of Telemetry Data: Average Output and Input Currents and Voltages, Internal Temperatures, and Power Stage Duty Cycles—Continuously Digitized Cyclically by a 16-Bit ADC.
 - Peak Observed Output Current and Voltage, Input Voltage, and Module Temperatures Can Be Polled and Cleared/Reset.
 - ADC Latency Not Greater Than 90ms, Nominal.
 - Monitoring, Reporting, and Configurable Response to Latching and Non-Latching Individual Fault and/or Warning Status, Including but Not Limited to:
 - Output Over/Undervoltages.
 - Input (SV_{IN}) Over/Undervoltages.
 - Module Input and Power Stage Output Overcurrents.
 - Module Power Stage Over/Undertemperatures.
 - Internal Control IC Overtemperature.
 - Communication, Memory and Logic (CML) Faults.
 - Fault Logging Upon Detection of a Fault Condition. The LTM4677 Can Be Configured to Automatically Upload a Fault Log to Its NVM, Consisting of: an Uptime Counter, Peak Observed Telemetry, Telemetry Gathered from the Six Most Recent Rounds of Cyclical ADC Data Leading Up to the Detection of the Fault That Triggered Fault Log Writing, and Fault Status Associated with That ADC History.

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- Two Configurable Open-Drain General Purpose Input/Output Pins ($\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$, $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$), Which Can Be Used for:
 - Fault Reporting, e.g., as a System Interrupt Signal.
 - Coordinating Turn-On/Off of the LTM4677 in Multi-phase/Multirail Systems.
 - Propagating an Unfiltered Power Good Signal (Output of a $\text{V}_{\text{OUT}n}$ Undervoltage Comparator) to Command Turn-On/Off of a Downstream Rail.
- A Write Protect (WP) Pin and Configurable WRITE_PROTECT Register to Protect the Internal Configuration of RAM and NVM Against Unintended Changes via I²C.
- Any 7-Bit Slave Address Can Be Assigned to the LTM4677 (0x4F Default), Configured by Resistor Pin Strapping the ASEL Pin and User-Editable Bits [7:4] of MFR_ADDRESS .
- Time-Base Interconnect (SHARE_CLK , 100kHz Heartbeat) for Synchronization in the Time Domain Between Multiple LTM4677s.
- Optional External Configuration Resistors (RCONFIGs) for Setting Start-Up Output Voltages, Switching Frequency and Channel-to-Channel Phase Interleaving Angle.
- 16 Supported Slave Addresses (0x4F Default), Configured by Resistor Pin Strapping the ASEL Pin.

POWER MODULE CONFIGURABILITY AND READBACK DATA

This section of the data sheet describes in detail all the configurable features and readable data of the LTM4677 accessible via I²C. The relevant command code name(s) are indicated by use of all capital letters, e.g., “VIN_ON”. Refer to Table 1 and [Appendix C: PMBus Command Details](#) of this data sheet for details of the command code, payload size, data format and factory-default value for each register name of interest. Specific register bits of some registers are indicated with the use of brackets, i.e., “[” and “]”. The least significant bit (LSB) of a register is bit number zero,

indicated by “[0]”. The most significant bit of a byte-long (8-bit-long) register is bit number seven, indicated by “[7]”. The most significant bit (MSB) of a word-long (16-bit-long) register is bit number fifteen, indicated by “[15]”. Multiple bits of a register can be alluded to with the use of a colon, e.g., bits 2, 1 and 0 of the MFR_PWM_CONFIG register are indicated by “ $\text{MFR_PWM_CONFIG}[2:0]$ ”. Bits can take on values of 0_b or 1_b. The subscripted “_b” suffix indicates the number’s value is in binary. Values in hexadecimal are indicated with a “0x” prefix. For example, decimal value “89” is indicated by 0x59 and 01011001_b (8-bit-long values), as well as 0x0059 and 0000000001011001_b (16-bit-long values).

One further shorthand notion the reader will notice is the italicized “*n*” or “*n*”. “*n*” can take on a value of 0 or 1—and provides an easy way to refer to registers which are paged commands, i.e., register names which have the same command code value but can be configured independently (or yield channel-specific telemetry) for Channel 0 (Page 0, or 0x00) vs Channel 1 (Page 1, or 0x01). Registers lacking an “*n*” are therefore easily identified as being global in nature, i.e., common to both Channels/Outputs. For example, the switching frequency setting commanded by register FREQUENCY_SWITCH is common to both channels, and lacks “*n*”. Another example: the READ_VIN register contains the digitized input voltage as seen at the SV_{IN} pin, and SV_{IN} is unique, i.e., common to both Channels. Whereas, the nominal commanded output voltage is indicated by the register VOUT_COMMAND_n . The “*n*” indicates that VOUT_COMMAND can be set differently for Channel 0 vs Channel 1. Executing the PAGE Command (Command Code 0x00) with payload 0x00 sets the LTM4677 to write/read data pertaining to Channel 0 in all subsequent I²C transactions until the Page is changed. Executing the PAGE Command with payload 0x01 sets the LTM4677 to write/read data pertaining to Channel 1 in all subsequent I²C transactions until the Page is changed. Executing the PAGE Command with payload 0xFF sets the LTM4677 to write data pertaining to Channels 0 and 1 in all subsequent I²C write transactions until the Page is changed. Reads

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from and writes to global registers do not require setting the Page to 0xFF. Reads from channel-specific (i.e., non-global) registers when the Page is set to 0xFF result in the LTM4677 reporting the value on Page 0x00 (i.e., Channel 0-specific data).

The list below itemizes aspects of the LTM4677 relating to power supply functions that are configurable by I²C communications—provided the state of the WP (write protect) pin and the WRITE_PROTECT register value permit the I²C writes—and by EEPROM settings:

- Output Start-Up Voltages (VOUT_COMMAND_n), the Maximum Commandable Output Voltages (VOUT_MAX_n), Output Margin High (VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH_n) and Margin Low (VOUT_MARGIN_LOW_n) Command Voltages, and Output Over/Undervoltage Warning and Fault Thresholds (VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT_n, VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT_n, VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT_n, and VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT_n). Additionally, these Values Can Be Configured at SV_{IN} Power-Up According to Resistor-Pin Strapping of the V_{OUT0CFG}, V_{TRIM0CFG}, V_{OUT1CFG} and/or V_{TRIM1CFG} Pins, Provided MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b.
- Output Voltages, On the Fly, Including Transition Rate ($\Delta V/\Delta t$), VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE_n—Either by I²C Writes to the VOUT_COMMAND_n, VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH_n, or VOUT_MARGIN_LOW_n Registers, and/or to the OPERATION_n Register.
- Input Undervoltage-Lockout, Rising (VIN_ON) and Input Undervoltage Lockout, Falling (VIN_OFF), Based on the SV_{IN} Pin Voltage.
- Switching Frequency (FREQUENCY_SWITCH) and Channel Phase-Interleaving Angle (MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0]).

However, these Parameters Can Be Changed via I²C Communications Only When the LTM4677's Channels are Off, i.e., not Switching. Additionally, These Parameters Can Be Configured at SV_{IN} Power-Up According to Resistor-Pin Strapping of the F_{SWPHCFG} Pin, Provided MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b.

- Output Voltage Turn On and Turn Off Sequencing and Associated Watchdog Timers, Namely:
 - Output Voltage Turn-On Delay Time (the Time Delay from the LTM4677 Being Commanded to Turn On, e.g., by the RUN_n Pin Toggling from Logic Low to High, Before Switching Action Commences. TON_DELAY_n).
 - Output Voltage Soft-Start Ramp-Up Time (TON_RISE_n).
 - The Amount of Time (TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n) Permitted to Elapse After the LTM4677 is Commanded to Turn On, e.g., by the RUN_n Pin Toggling from Logic Low to High, After Which, If the Output Voltage Fails to Exceed the Output Undervoltage Fault Threshold (VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT_n), the LTM4677's Output (VOUT_n) is Declared to Have Not Come Up in a Timely Manner.
 - The LTM4677's Response to Any Such Aforementioned TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n Event (TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE_n).
 - Output Voltage Soft-Stop Ramp-Down Time (TOFF_FALL_n).
 - Output Voltage Turn-Off Delay Time (the Time Delay from the LTM4677 Being Commanded to Turn Off, e.g., by the RUN_n Pin Toggling from Logic High to Low, Before Switching Action Ceases. TOFF_DELAY_n).

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- When Commanded to Turn Off its Output—or, When Turning Off its Output in Response to a Fault—Configuring Whether the LTM4677's Output (V_{OUTn}) Becomes High Impedance (“High-Z” or “Three State”—turning off both MTn and MBn in the Power Stage). (“Immediate Off”, $ON_OFF_CONFIG_n[0] = 1_b$ vs Configuring the Output Voltage to Be Ramped Down According to $TOFF_FALL_n$ and/or $TOFF_DELAY_n$ Settings, $ON_OFF_CONFIG_n[0] = 0_b$).
- The Amount of Time ($TOFF_MAX_WARN_LIMIT_n$) Permitted to Elapse After the LTM4677 is Supposed to Have Turned Off its Output, i.e., at the End of the Period Dictated by $TOFF_FALL_n$, After Which, If the Output Voltage Has Not Fallen Below 12.5% of the Former Target Voltage of Regulation, the LTM4677's Output (V_{OUTn}) is Declared to Have Not Powered Down in a Timely Manner.
- Configurable Output Voltage Restart Time. Subsequent to the RUN_n Pin Being Pulled Low, the LTM4677 Pulls RUN_n Logic Low, Itself, and the Output Cannot Be Restarted Until a Minimum Time Has Elapsed—the Restart Delay Time. This Delay Assures Proper Sequencing of All System Rails. The Minimum Restart Delay Processed By the LTM4677 is the Longer of ($TOFF_DELAY_n + TOFF_FALL_n + 136ms$) vs the Commanded $MFR_RESTART_DELAY_n$ Register Value. At the End of This Delay, the LTM4677 Releases its RUN_n Pin.
- Configurable Fault-Hiccup Retry Delay Time. When a Fault Occurs in Which the LTM4677's Fault Response Behavior to That Fault Is to Reattempt Power-Up of its Output Voltage After Said Fault Ceases to Be Present (e.g., “Infinite Retry”), the Delay Time for the LTM4677 to Re-engage Switching Action Is the Longer of the $MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n$ Time vs the Time Required for the Output to Decay Below 12.5% of the Formerly Commanded Output Voltage Value (Unless This Latter Most Criteria, i.e., Requiring the Output to Decay Below 12.5% Is Negated By the Setting of $MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_n[0]$ to “ 1_b ”—Which is the LTM4677's Factory-NVM Default Setting).
- Output Over/Undervoltage Fault Responses ($VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE_n$, $VOUT_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE_n$).
- Time-Averaged Current Limit Warning and Instantaneous Peak (Cycle-by-Cycle) Fault Thresholds, and Fault Response ($IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT_n$, $IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT_n$, $IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE_n$).
- Channel (V_{OUT0} , V_{OUT1}) Overtemperature Warning and Fault Thresholds, and Fault Response ($OT_WARN_LIMIT_n$, $OT_FAULT_LIMIT_n$, $OT_FAULT_RESPONSE_n$).
- Channel (V_{OUT0} , V_{OUT1}) Undertemperature Fault Thresholds and Fault Response ($UT_FAULT_LIMIT_n$, $UT_FAULT_RESPONSE_n$).
- Input Overvoltage Fault Threshold and Response ($VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT$, $VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE$), Based on the SV_{IN} Pin Voltage.
- Input Undervoltage Warning Threshold ($VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT$) Based on the SV_{IN} Pin Voltage.
- Module Input Overcurrent Warning Threshold ($IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT$)

The control IC within the LTM4677 module ceases switching action if control IC temperature exceeds 160°C (Note 12). The control IC resumes operation after a 10°C cool-down hysteresis. Note that these typical parameters are based on measurements in a lab oven and are not production tested. This overtemperature protection is intended to protect the device during momentary overload conditions. The maximum rated junction temperature will be exceeded when this protection is active. Continuous operation above the specified absolute maximum operating junction temperature may impair device reliability or permanently damage the device.

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TIME-AVERAGED AND PEAK READBACK DATA

Time-averaged telemetry readback data accessible via I²C communications follow:

- Channel Output Current (READ_IOUT_n) and Peak Observed Value of READ_IOUT_n (MFR_IOUT_PEAK_n).
- Channel Output Voltage (READ_VOUT_n) and Peak Observed Value of READ_VOUT_n (MFR_VOUT_PEAK_n).
- Channel Output Power (READ_POUT_n).
- Channel Input Current (MFR_READ_IIN_n) and Module Input Current (READ_IIN).
- Channel Temperatures (READ_TEMPERATURE_1_n) and Peak Observed Values of READ_TEMPERATURE_1_n (MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK_n).
- Control IC Temperature (READ_TEMPERATURE_2) and Peak Observed Value (MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK).
- Input Voltage (READ_VIN), Based on the Voltage of the SV_{IN} Pin, and Peak Observed Value of READ_VIN (MFR_VIN_PEAK).
- Channel Topside Power MOSFET (MT_n) Duty Cycle (READ_DUTY_CYCLE_n)

Digitized cyclical telemetry is available at a 10Hz update rate, typical. Through the use of the MFR_ADC_CONTROL command, some signals of interest can be digitized more frequently—up to a 125Hz update rate, typical. Availability of newly digitized telemetry data can be made known via the MFR_ADC_TELEMETRY_STATUS command.

Peak observed values of telemetry readback data can be cleared with the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKE I²C command, provided the WRITE_PROTECT register value permits it. (Executing MFR_CLEAR_PEAKE can be performed regardless of the state of the WP pin.)

Details on the LTM4677's Fault Log Feature follow:

- Fault Logging is Enabled When MFR_CONFIG_ALL[7] = 1_b.
- A Fault Log is Present in NVM When STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC_n[3] Reports “1_b”, Which Is Propagated to the MFR Bit (Bit 12) of the STATUS_WORD Register.

- Retrieving Fault Log Data, if Present, Is Performed with the MFR_FAULT_LOG Command. 147 Bytes of Data are Retrieved Using the PMBus-Defined Variant to the SMBus Block Read Protocol.
- The Fault Log Contents in NVM, if Present, Are Cleared By Executing the MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR Command.
- The Fault Log Will Not Be Written if a Fault Log Is Already Present in NVM.
- The LTM4677 Can Be Forced to Write a Fault Log to Its NVM by Executing the MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE Command; the LTM4677 Will Behave as if a Channel Faulted Off. Note the command is NACKed and a CML fault is reported if a Fault Log is already present at the time of executing MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE.

When an external stimulus pulls the LTM4677's $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin(s) logic low, the respective channel (V_{OUT_n}) either: takes no action on it, i.e., ignores it completely—if MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE_n = 0x00; or, turns off immediately, i.e., the power stage(s) become high impedance (“inhibited”)—if MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE_n = 0xC0.

The MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_n register contents configure which fault(s) cause the LTM4677 to pull its $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin(s) logic low.

I²C communications are originated by the user's (system's) I²C master device. Writes/reads to/from Channel 0 of the LTM4677 (V_{OUT0}: PAGE 0x00), to/from Channel 1 of the LTM4677 (V_{OUT1}: PAGE 0x01), or writes to both Channels 0 and 1 of the LTM4677 (V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1}: PAGE 0xFF) are possible. The target channel(s) of interest are selected by the I²C master by executing the PAGE command and sending the appropriate argument (0x00, 0x01, 0xFF) in the payload. The PAGE command is unrestricted, i.e., not affected by the WP pin or WRITE_PROTECT register settings.

The LTM4677 always responds to its global slave addresses, 0x5A and 0x5B. Commands sent to the global address 0x5A act the same as if the PAGE command were set to 0xFF, i.e., received commands are written to both channels simultaneously. Commands sent to the global

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address 0x5B are applied to the PAGE active at the time of the global address transaction, i.e., allows channel-specific command of all LTM4677 devices on the bus.

I²C commands not listed above that relate to Fault Status and EEPROM NVM Operations follow. Writing of the following is possible provided the state of the WP (write protect) pin and the WRITE_PROTECT register value permits the I²C writes:

- Soliciting (Reading) Module Fault Status and Clearing (Writing) Module Fault Status (CLEAR_FAULTS, STATUS_BYTE_n, STATUS_WORD_n, STATUS_VOUT_n, STATUS_IOUT_n, STATUS_INPUT, STATUS_TEMPERATURE_n, STATUS_CML [Communications, Memory, and/or Logic], and STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC_n [Miscellaneous]).
 - Storing the LTM4677's User-Writable RAM Register Data to the EEPROM NVM (STORE_USER_ALL).
 - An Alternate Means to the STORE_USER_ALL Command to Directly Erase and Write the LTM4677's EEPROM Contents, Protected by Unlock Keys, to Facilitate Programming of the LTM4677 EEPROM in Environments Such as ICT (In-Circuit Test) and Bulk Programming by, e.g., Embedded Hardware or by the LTpowerPlay GUI. Also, a Means to Directly Read the LTM4677 EEPROM Contents (MFR_EE_UNLOCK, MFR_EE_ERASE, MFR_EE_DATA).
 - Instigating a Reset of the LTM4677 without Power-Cycling SV_{IN} Power (MFR_RESET). The MFR_RESET Command Triggers the Download of EEPROM NVM Data to RAM Registers, as if SV_{IN} Power had been cycled.
 - Forcing a Download of EEPROM NVM Data to RAM Registers (RESTORE_USER_ALL). This is indistinguishable from Executing MFR_RESET.
- Other data that can be obtained from the LTM4677 via I²C communications are as follows:
- Soliciting the LTM4677 for its PMBus Capabilities, as Defined by PMBus (CAPABILITY):
 - PEC (Packet Error Checking). Note, the LTM4677 Requires Valid PEC in I²C Communications when MFR_CONFIG_ALL[2] = 1_b. The NVM Factory-Default Configuration is MFR_CONFIG_ALL[2] = 0_b, i.e., PEC Not Required.
 - I²C Communications Can Be Supported at Up to 400kHz SCL Bus Speed. Note, Clock Low Extending (Clock Stretching) Must Be Enabled On the LTM4677 to Ensure Robust Communications Above 100kHz SCL Bus Speeds, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ALL[1] = 1_b. The NVM Factory-Default Configuration is MFR_CONFIG_ALL[1] = 0_b, i.e. Clock Stretching is Disabled.
 - The LTM4677 Has an $\overline{\text{SMBALERT}}$ (ALERT) Pin and Does Support the SMBus ARA (Alert Response Address) Protocol.
 - Soliciting the Module for the Maximum Output Voltage It Can Be Commanded to Produce (MFR_VOUT_MAX_n).
 - Soliciting the Device for the Data Format of Its Output Voltage-Related Registers (VOUT_MODE_n).
 - Soliciting the Device for the Revisions of PMBus Specifications That It Supports (Part I: Rev. 1.2; Part II: Rev 1.2).
 - Soliciting the Device for the Identification of the Manufacturer of the LTM4677, "LTC" (MFR_ID) and the Manufacturer Code Representing the LTM4677 and Revision, 0x47BX (MFR_SPECIAL_ID).
 - Soliciting the Device for Its Part Number, "LTM4677" (MFR_MODEL).*
 - Soliciting the Module for Its Serial Number (MFR_SERIAL).
 - The Digital Status of the LTM4677's I/O Pads and Validity of the ADC (MFR_PADS) and WP Pin Status (MFR_COMMON[0]).

* The MFR_MODEL value is "LTM4677 ". The value consists of 8 ASCII characters and the last character is a blank space punctuation character (" "), i.e., ASCII code 0x20 or 32d.

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The following list indicates other aspects of the LTM4677 relating to power system management and power sequencing that are configurable by I²C communications—provided the state of the WP (write protect) pin and the WRITE_PROTECT register value permit the I²C writes—and by EEPROM settings:

- Providing Multiple Means to Read/Write Data Directly to a Particular Channel of the LTM4677 By Assigning Additional Slave Address for Channels 0 and 1 (MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS_n), the Benefit of Which Is That It Reduces Page Command Usage and Associated I²C Traffic. It Also Facilitates Altering the Same Register of Multiple LTM4677 in Unison without Invoking the PMBus Group Command Protocol. See also PAGE_PLUS_READ and PAGE_PLUS_WRITE.
- Configuring the Output Voltage to Be On or Off by Means Other Than the RUN_n Pin (ON_OFF_CONFIG_n[3], OPERATION commands)
- Configuring Whether the LTM4677 Performs a CLEAR_FAULTS Command Upon Itself When Either RUN_n Pin Toggles from Logic Low to Logic High. (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[0]).
- Configuring Whether the LTM4677 Pulls RUN_n Logic Low When the LTM4677 is Commanded Off By Other Means (MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_n[4]).
- Configuring the Response of the LTM4677 When It Is Commanded to Turn On Its Output Prior to the Completion of Processing TOFF_DELAY_n and TOFF_FALL_n Power-Down Sequencing (MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_n[3]).
- Configuring Whether the LTM4677's Output Is Disabled When SHARE_CLK Is Held Low (MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_n[2]).
- Configuring Whether the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ Pin is Pulled Low When GPIO_n Is Pulled Low by External Stimulus (MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_n[1]).
- Setting the Value of the MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n Registers, Representing an Estimate of the Current Drawn by the SV_{IN} Pin. The SV_{IN} Pin Current Is Not Measured by the LTM4677 but the MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n Is Used in Computing and Reporting Channel and Total Module Input Currents (MFR_READ_IIN_n, READ_IIN).
- Three Words (Six Bytes) of the LTM4677's EEPROM That Are Available for Storing User Data. (USER_DATA_03_n, USER_DATA_04).
- Invoking or Releasing Several Levels of I²C Write Protection (WRITE_PROTECT).
- Configuring the Bus Timeout for 255ms (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[3]=1_b) if the Host Needs More Time to Complete I²C Transactions.
- Determining Whether the User-Editable RAM Register Values Are Identical to the Contents of the User NVM (MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL).
- Setting the Programmable Output Voltage Range of V_{OUT} to a Narrower Range (0.5V to 2.75V) in Order to Achieve a Higher Resolution of V_{OUT} Adjustment Than Is Available by Default (MFR_PWM_MODE_n[1]). MFR_PWM_CONFIG Cannot Be Changed On the Fly; Switching Action Must Be Off. Note that Altering the V_{OUT} Range Alters the Gain of the Control Loop and May Therefore Require Loop Compensation to Be Adjusted.
- Altering the Temperature Coefficient of the LTM4677's Current Sensing Elements, if Needed (MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC_n) (Uncommon to Alter This Parameter from its NVM-Factory Default Setting).
- Altering the Gain or Offset of the Power Stage Sensors (MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN_n and MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET_n)—or That of the External Temperature Sensor, When an External Temperature Sensor Is Used On the TSNS_{1a} Pin. (Uncommon to Alter This Parameter from its NVM-Factory Default Setting).

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- Configuring Whether the LTM4677 Pulls SHARE_CLK Logic Low When SV_{IN} Has Fallen Outside Its UVLO Thresholds (MFR_PWM_CONFIG[4]). MFR_PWM_CONFIG Cannot Be Changed On the Fly; Switching Action Must Be Off (Uncommon to Alter This Parameter from its NVM-Factory Default Setting).
- Configuring Whether the LTM4677's Output Voltage Digital Servos Are Active vs Disengaged (MFR_PWM_MODE_n[6]. Uncommon to Alter This Parameter from its NVM-Factory Default Settings).
- Configuring Whether the LTM4677's Current Limit Range is Set to High Range vs Low Range. (MFR_PWM_MODE_n[7]. Not Recommended to Alter This Parameter from its NVM-Factory Default Settings).

Remaining LTM4677 status that can be queried over I²C communications follow:

- Access to Three “Hand-Shaking” Status Bits (MFR_COMMON[6:4]) to Ease Implementation of PMBus Busy Protocols, i.e., Enabling Fast and Robust System Level Communication Through Polling of These Bits to Infer LTM4677's Readiness to Act on Subsequent I²C Writes. (See PMBus Communication and Command Processing, in the Applications Information Section.)
- Providing a Means to Determine Whether the LTM4677 NVM Download to RAM Has Occurred (“NVM Initialized”, MFR_COMMON[3]).
- Providing a Means Other Than ARA Protocol to Determine Whether the LTM4677 is Pulling ALERT Low (MFR_COMMON[7]).
- Detecting a SHARE_CLK Timeout Event (MFR_COMMON[1]).
- Verifying or Altering the Slave Address of the LTM4677 (MFR_ADDRESS).

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A dedicated remote-sense amplifier precisely kelvin-senses V_{OUT0} 's load via the differential pin-pair formed by V_{OSNS0}^{+} and V_{OSNS0}^{-} . V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} can be commanded to between 0.5VDC and 1.8VDC. Output voltage readback telemetry is available over I²C (READ_VOUT_n registers). Peak output voltage readback telemetry is accessible in the MFR_READ_VOUT_PEAK_n registers. If V_{OSNS0}^{-} exceeds V_{OSNS}^{+} , no phase reversal of the differentially-sensed output voltage feedback signal occurs (Note 12). Similarly, no phase reversal occurs when SGND exceeds V_{OSNS1} (Note 12). For added flexibility, the $V_{OSNS0}^{+}/V_{OSNS0}^{-}$ feedback pins can be configured as the control loop feedback path for both V_{OUT0} and V_{OUT1} by setting MFR_PWM_CONFIG[7]=1_b. (See Figure 27).

The typical application schematic is shown in Figure 56 on the back page of this data sheet.

The LTM4677 can operate from input voltages between 5.75V and 16V (see front page figure). In this configuration, INTV_{CC} MOSFET driver and control IC bias is generated internally by an LDO fed from SV_{IN} to produce 5V at up to 100mA peak output current. Additional internal LDOs—3.3V (V_{DD33}), derived from INTV_{CC}, and 2.5V (V_{DD25}), derived from V_{DD33} —bias the LTM4677's digital circuitry. When INTV_{CC} is connected to SV_{IN} , the LTM4677 can operate from input voltages between 4.5V and 5.75V (see Figure 27). Control IC bias (SV_{IN}) is routed independent of the inputs to the power stages (V_{IN0} , V_{IN1}); this enables step-down DC/DC conversion from less than 4.5V input (see Figure 28), so long as auxiliary power (4.5V ~ 16V) is available to bias the control IC appropriately. Furthermore, the inputs of the two power stages are not connected together internal to the module; therefore, DC/DC step-down conversion from two different source power supplies can be performed.

Per Note 6 of the Electrical Characteristics section, the output current may require derating for some operating scenarios. Detailed derating guidance is provided in the Applications Information section.

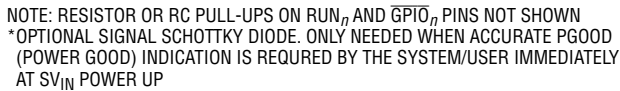
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The LTM4677 contains dual integrated constant frequency current mode control buck regulators (Channel 0 and Channel 1) whose built-in power MOSFETs are capable of fast switching speed. The factory NVM-default switching frequency clocks SYNC at 500kHz, to which the regulators synchronize their switching frequency. The default phase-interleaving angle between the channels is 180°. A pin-strapping resistor on $F_{SWPHCFG}$ configures the frequency of the SYNC clock (switching frequency) and the channel phase relationship of the channels to each other and with respect to the falling edge of the SYNC signal. (Not all possible combinations of switching frequency and phase-angle assignments are settable by resistor pin programming; see Table 4. Configure the LTM4677's NVM to implement settings not available by resistor-pin strapping.) When a $F_{SWPHCFG}$ pin-strap resistor sets the channel phase relationship of the LTM4677's channels, the SYNC clock is not driven by the module; instead, SYNC becomes strictly a high impedance input and channel switching frequency is then synchronized to SYNC provided by an externally-generated clock or sibling LTM4677 with pull-up resistor to V_{DD33} . Switching frequency and phase relationship can be altered via the I²C interface, but only when switching action is off, i.e., when the module is not regulating either output. See the Applications Information section for details.

Internal feedback loop compensation for Regulator 0 is available by connecting $COMP_{0a}$ to $COMP_{0b}$. (For Regulator 1, the connection is from $COMP_{1a}$ to $COMP_{1b}$.) With current mode control and internal feedback loop compensation, the LTM4677 module has sufficient stability margins and good transient performance with a wide range of output capacitors—even all-ceramic MLCCs. Table 19 provides guidance on input and output capacitors recommended for many common operating conditions. The Linear Technology μ Module Power Design Tool is available for transient and stability analysis. Furthermore, expert users who prefer to not make use of the module's internal feedback loop compensation—but instead, tailor the feedback loop compensation specifically for his/her application—may do so by not connecting $COMP_{na}$ to $COMP_{nb}$: the personalized loop compensation network can be applied externally, i.e., from $COMP_{na}$ to SGND, and leaving $COMP_{nb}$ open circuit.

The LTM4677 has two general purpose input/output pins, named $\overline{GPIO}_0$ and $\overline{GPIO}_1$. The behavior of these pins is configurable via registers $MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_n$ and $MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE_n$. The $\overline{GPIO}_n$ pins are high impedance during NVM-download-to-RAM initialization. These pins are intended to perform one of two primary functions, or a hybrid of the two: behave as open-drain, active low fault/warning indicators; and/or, behave as auxiliary RUN pins for their respective V_{OUTS} . In the former case, the pins can be configured as interrupt pins, pulling active low when output under/overvoltage, input under/overvoltage, input/output overcurrent, overtemperature, and/or communication, memory or logic (CML) fault or warning events are detected by the LTM4677. Factory NVM-default settings configure the LTM4677 for the latter case, enabling the $\overline{GPIO}_n$ to be bussed to paralleled siblings (paralleled LTM4677 channels and/or modules), for purposes of coordinating orderly power-up and power-down, i.e., in unison. The LTM4677 DC/DC regulator does not feature a traditional “power good” (PGOOD) indicator pin to indicate when the output voltage is within a few percent of the target regulation point. However, the $\overline{GPIO}_n$ pin can be configured as a PGOOD indicator. If used for event-based sequencing of downstream rails, configure $\overline{GPIO}_n$ as the unfiltered output of the $VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ comparator, setting Bit 12 of $MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_n$ to “1_b”; do not set Bits 9 and 10 of $MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_n$ for this purpose, since the propagation of power good in those latter instances is subject to supervisor filtering and comparator latency. If it is necessary to have the desired PGOOD polarity appear on the $\overline{GPIO}_n$ pin immediately upon SV_{IN} power-up—given that the pin will initially be high impedance, until NVM contents have downloaded to RAM—a pull-down Schottky diode is needed between the RUN_n pin of the LTM4677 and the respective $\overline{GPIO}_n$ pin (see Figure 2). If the $\overline{GPIO}_n$ pin is configured as a PGOOD indicator, the $MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE_n$ must be set to “ignore” (0x00) or else the LTM4677 cannot start up due to the latch-off conditions imposed.

(MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE = XXX1X00XX00XXXXX_b and MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE = 0x00)



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Alternating excitation currents of 2μA and 30μA are sourced from each of the TSNS_{0a} and TSNS_{1a} pins. Connecting TSNS_{0a} to TSNS_{0b}, and TSNS_{1a} to TSNS_{1b}, temperature sensing of the Channel 0 and Channel 1 power stages is realized by the LTM4677 digitizing the voltages that appear at the PNP transistor temperature sensors that reside at pins TSNS_{0b} and TSNS_{1b}, respectively. The LTM4677 performs what is known in the industry as delta VBE (ΔV_{BE}) computations and makes channel (power stage) temperature telemetry available over I²C (READ_TEMPERATURE_1_n). The junction temperature of the control IC within the LTM4677 is also available over I²C (READ_TEMPERATURE_2). Observed peak Channel temperatures can be read back in registers READ_MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK_n. Observed peak temperature of the control IC can be read back in register MFR_READ_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK.

For a fixed load current, the amplitude of the current sense information changes over temperature due to the temperature coefficient of copper (inductor DCR), which is approximately 3900ppm/°C. This would introduce significant current readback error over the operating range of the module if not for the fact that the LTM4677's temperature readback information is used in conjunction with the perceived current sense signal to yield temperature-corrected current readback data.

If desired, it is possible to use only the temperature readback information derived from the TSNS_{0a}/TSNS_{0b} pins to yield temperature-corrected current readback data for both Channels 0 and 1. This frees up the Channel 1 temperature sensor to monitor a temperature sensor external to the LTM4677. This is achieved by setting MFR_PWM_MODE₀[4] = 1_b (the NVM-factory default value is 0_b). This degrades the current readback accuracy of Channel 1—more so when Channel 0 and Channel 1 are not paralleled outputs. However, the TSNS_{1a} pin becomes available to be connected to an external diode-connected small-signal PNP transistor (such as 2N3906) and 10nF X7R capacitor, i.e., an external temperature sensor, whose temperature readback data and peak value are available over I²C (READ_TEMPERATURE_1₁, MFR_READ_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK₁). Implementation of the

aforementioned is as follows: (1) local to the LTM4677, electrically connect a 10nF X7R capacitor directly from TSNS_{1a} to SGND; (2) differentially route a pair of traces from the LTM4677's TSNS_{1a} and SGND pins to the target PNP transistor; (3) electrically connect the emitter of the PNP transistor to TSNS_{1a}; (4) electrically connect the collector and base of the PNP transistor to SGND.

Power stage duty cycle readback telemetry is available over I²C (READ_DUTY_CYCLE_n registers). Computed channel input current readback is computed by the LTM4677 as:

$$\text{MFR_READ_IIN}_n = \text{READ_DUTY_CYCLE}_n \cdot \text{READ_IOUT}_n + \text{MFR_IIN_OFFSET}_n$$

Computed module input current readback is computed by the LTM4677 as:

$$\text{READ_IIN} = \text{MFR_READ_IIN}_0 + \text{MFR_READ_IIN}_1$$

where MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n is a register value representing the SV_{IN} input bias current. The SV_{IN} current is not digitized by the module. The factory NVM-default value of MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n is 30.5mA, representing the contribution of current drawn by each of the module's channels on the SV_{IN} pin, when the power stages are operating in forced continuous mode at the factory-default switching frequency of 500kHz. See Table 8 in the Applications Information section for recommended MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n setting vs Switching Frequency. The aforementioned method by which input current is calculated yields an accurate current readback value even at light load currents, but only as long as the module is configured for forced continuous operation (NVM-factory default). SV_{IN} and peak SV_{IN} readback telemetry is accessible via I²C in the READ_VIN and MFR_VIN_PEAK registers, respectively.

The power stage switch nodes are brought out on the SW_n pin for functional operation monitoring and for optional installation of a resistor-capacitor snubber circuit (terminated to GND) for reduced EMI. Internal 2.2nF snubber capacitors connected directly to the switch nodes further facilitate implementation of a snubber network, if desired. See the Application Information section for details.

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The LTM4677 features a write protect (WP) pin. If WP is open circuit or logic high, I²C writes are severely restricted: only I²C writes to the PAGE, OPERATION, CLEAR_FAULTS, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS, and MFR_EE_UNLOCK commands are supported, with the exception that individual fault bits can be cleared by writing a “1_b” to the respective bits in the STATUS_* registers. Register reads are never restricted. Not to be confused with the WP pin, the LTM4677 features a WRITE_PROTECT register, which is also used to restrict I²C writes to register contents. Refer to Appendix A for details. The WP pin and the WRITE_PROTECT register provide a level of protection against accidental changes to RAM and EEPROM contents.

The LTM4677 supports all possible 7-bit slave addresses. The factory NVM-default slave address is 0x4F. The lower four bits of the LTM4677's slave address can be altered from this default value by connecting a resistor from the ASEL pin to SGND. See Table 5 in the Applications Information section for details. Bits[6:4] can be altered by writing to the SLAVE_ADDRESS command. The value of the SLAVE_ADDRESS command can be stored to NVM, however, the lower four bits of the SLAVE_ADDRESS is always dictated by the ASEL resistor pin-strap setting.

Up to four LTM4677 modules (8 channels) can be paralleled, suitable for powering ~144A loads such as CPUs and GPUs. (See Figure 29.) The LTM4677 can be paralleled with LTM4630 modules, as well (see Figure 30).

EEPROM

The LTM4677's control IC contains an internal EEPROM (non-volatile memory, NVM) with Error Correction Coding (ECC) to store configuration settings and fault log information. EEPROM endurance retention and mass write operation time are specified in the Electrical Characteristics and Absolute Maximum Ratings sections. Write operations at T_J > 85°C or at T_J < 0°C are possible although the Electrical Characteristics are not guaranteed and the EEPROM retention characteristics may be degraded. Read operations performed at junction temperatures between -40°C and 125°C do not degrade the EEPROM. The fault logging function, which is useful in debugging system problems that may occur at high temperatures, only writes to fault

log-specific EEPROM locations (partitions). If occasional writes to these registers occur above 85°C junction, the slight degradation in the data retention characteristics of the fault log does not undermine the usefulness of the function.

It is recommended that the EEPROM not be written when the control IC die temperature is greater than 85°C. If the die temperature exceeds 130°C, the LTM4677's control IC disables all EEPROM write operations. EEPROM write operations are subsequently re-enabled when the die temperature drops below 125°C.

The degradation in EEPROM retention for temperatures >125°C can be approximated by calculating the dimensionless acceleration factor using the following equation:

$$AF = e^{\left[\left(\frac{E_a}{k} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T_{USE} + 273} - \frac{1}{T_{STRESS} + 273} \right) \right]}$$

where:

AF = Acceleration Factor

E_a = Activation Energy = 1.4eV

K = 8.617 • 10⁻⁵ eV/°K

T_{USE} = 125°C Specified Junction Temperature

T_{STRESS} = Actual Junction Temperature in °C

Example: Calculate the effect on retention when operating at a junction temperature of 135°C for 10 hours.

$$T_{STRESS} = 130^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T_{USE} = 125^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$AF = e^{[(1.4/8.617 \cdot 10^{-5}) \cdot (1/398 - 1/403)]} = 1.66$$

The equivalent operating time at 125°C = 16.6 hours.

Thus the overall retention of the EEPROM was degraded by 6.6 hours as a result of operating at a junction temperature of 130°C for 10 hours. The effect of the overstress is negligible when compared to the overall EEPROM retention rating of 87,600 hours at a maximum junction temperature of 125°C.

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The integrity of the EEPROM is checked with a CRC calculation each time its data is read, such as after a power-on reset or execution of a `RESTORE_USER_ALL` or `MFR_RESET` command. If CRC error occurs, the `MFR` bit is set in the `STATUS_BYTE` and `STATUS_WORD` commands. The NVM CRC error bit in the `STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC` command is set and the `ALERT` and `RUN` pins are pulled low disabling the output as a safety measure. The device will only respond at special address 0x7C or global addresses 0x5A and 0x5B.

Internal EEPROM with CRC Protection and ECC

The LTM4677 contains internal EEPROM with Error Correction Coding (ECC) to store user configuration settings and fault log information. EEPROM endurance and retention for user space and fault log pages are specified in the Absolute Maximum Ratings and Electrical Characteristics table.

The integrity of the EEPROM memory is checked with a CRC calculation each time its data is to be read, such as after a power-on reset. A CRC error will prevent the controller from leaving the OFF state. If a CRC error occurs, the `CML` bit is set in the `STATUS_BYTE` and `STATUS_WORD` commands, the appropriate bit is set in the `STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC` command, and the `ALERT` and `RUN` pins will be pulled low. At that point the device will respond at special address 0x7C, which is only activated after an invalid CRC has been detected. The module will also respond to global addresses 0x5A and 0x5B, but all LTC PSM modules and ICs will respond to these addresses so users must be careful when using global addresses. EEPROM repair can be attempted by writing the desired configuration to the controller and executing a `STORE_USER_ALL` command followed by a `CLEAR_FAULTS` command. Contact the factory if EEPROM repair is unsuccessful.

See the Applications Information section and Application Note 145, or contact the factory for details on efficient in-system EEPROM programming, including bulk EEPROM programming, which the LTM4677 also supports.

SERIAL INTERFACE

The LTM4677 serial interface is a PMBus compliant slave device and can operate at any frequency between 10kHz

and 400kHz. The address is configurable using either the EEPROM or an external resistor divider. In addition the LTM4677 always responds to the global broadcast address of 0x5A (7 bit) or 0x5B (7 bit). Address 0x5A is not paged and is performed on both channels. 0x5B respects the page command. Because address 0x5A does not support page, it can not be used for any paged reading commands.

The serial interface supports the following protocols defined in the PMBus specifications: 1) send command, 2) write byte, 3) write word, 4) group, 5) read byte, 6) read word and 7) read block 8) `PAGE_PLUS_READ`, 9) `PAGE_PLUS_WRITE` 10) `SMBALERT_MASK` read, 11) `SMBALERT_MASK` write. All read operations will return a valid PEC if the PMBus master requests it. If the `PEC_REQUIRED` bit is set in the `MFR_CONFIG_ALL` command, the PMBus write operations will not be acted upon until a valid PEC has been received by the LTM4677.

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PEC write errors (if `PEC_REQUIRED` is active), attempts to access unsupported commands, or writing invalid data to supported commands will result in a CML fault. The `CML` bit is set in the `STATUS_BYTE` and `STATUS_WORD` commands, the appropriate bit is set in the `STATUS_CML` command, and the `ALERT` pin is pulled low.

DEVICE ADDRESSING

The LTM4677 offers four different types of addressing over the PMBus interface, specifically: 1) global, 2) device, 3) rail addressing and 4) alert response address (ARA).

Global addressing provides a means of the PMBus master to address all LTM4677 devices on the bus. The LTM4677 global address is fixed 0x5A (7 bit) or 0xB4 (8 bit) and cannot be disabled. Commands sent to the global address act the same as if `PAGE` is set to a value of 0xFF. Commands sent are written to both channels simultaneously. Global command 0x5B (7 bit) or 0xB6 (8 bit) is paged and allows channel specific command of all LTM4677 devices on the bus. Other LTC device types may respond at one or both of these global addresses; therefore do not read from global addresses.

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Rail addressing provides a means for the bus master to simultaneously communicate with all channels connected together to produce a single output voltage (PolyPhase®). While similar to global addressing, the rail address can be dynamically assigned with the paged MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS command, allowing for any logical grouping of channels that might be required for reliable system control. Do not read from rail addresses because multiple LTC devices may respond.

Device addressing provides the standard means of the PMBus master communicating with a single instance of an LTM4677. The value of the device address is set by a combination of the ASEL configuration pin and the MFR_ADDRESS command. When this addressing means is used, the PAGE command determines the channel being acted upon. Device addressing can be disabled by writing a value of 0x80 to the MFR_ADDRESS.

All four means of PMBus addressing require the user to employ disciplined planning to avoid addressing conflicts. Communication to LTM4677 devices at global and rail addresses should be limited to command write operations.

FAULT DETECTION AND HANDLING

A variety of fault and warning reporting and handling mechanisms are available. Fault and warning detection capabilities include:

- Input OV/FAULT Protection and UV Warning
- Average Input OC Warn
- Output OV/UV Fault and Warn Protection
- Output OC Fault and Warn Protection
- Internal and External Overtemperature Fault and Warn Protection
- External Undertemperature Fault Protection
- CML Fault (Communication, Memory or Logic)
- External Fault Detection via the Bidirectional $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ Pins.

In addition, the LTM4677 can map any combination of fault indicators to their respective $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin using the propagate $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ response commands, MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_n.

Typical usage of a $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin is as a driver for an external crowbar device, overtemperature alert, overvoltage alert or as an interrupt to cause a microcontroller to poll the fault commands. Alternatively, the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins can be used as inputs to detect external faults downstream of the controller that require an immediate response. The $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ and/or $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ pins can also be configured as power good outputs. Power good indicates the controller output is within the OV/UV fault thresholds. At power-up the pin will initially be three-state. If it is necessary to have the desired polarity on the pin at power-up in this configuration, attach a Schottky diode between the RUN pin of the propagated power good signal and the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin. The Cathode must be attached to RUN and the Anode to the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin (see Figure 2). If the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin is set to a power good status, the MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE must be ignore otherwise a latched off condition exists.

As described in the Soft-Start section, it is possible to control start-up through concatenated events. If $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ is used to drive the RUN pin of another controller, the unfiltered VOUT_UV fault limit should be mapped to the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin.

Any fault or warning event will cause the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin to assert low unless the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ is masked by the SMBALERT_MASK command. The pin will remain asserted low until the CLEAR_FAULTS command is issued, the fault bit is written to a 1, the PMBus master successfully reads the device ARA register, bias power is cycled or a MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL command is issued. Channel specific faults are cleared if the RUN pins are toggled OFF/ON or the part is commanded OFF/ON via PMBus. If bit 0 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL is set to a 1, toggling the RUN pins OFF/ON or commanding the part OFF/ON via PMBus clears all faults. The MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_n command determines if the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pins are pulled low when a fault is detected; however, the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin is always pulled low if a fault or warning is detected and the status bits are updated unless the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin is masked using the SMBALERT_MASK command.

Output and input fault event handling is controlled by the corresponding fault response byte as specified in Table 23 to Table 27. Shutdown recovery from these types of faults can either be autonomous or latched. For autonomous

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recovery, the faults are not latched, so if the fault condition is not present after the retry interval has elapsed, a new soft-start is attempted. If the fault persists, the controller will continue to retry. The retry interval is specified by the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command and prevents damage to the regulator components by repetitive power cycling. The MFR_RETRY_DELAY must be greater than 120ms. It can not exceed 83.88 seconds.

Channel-to-channel fault dependencies can be created by connecting $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins together. In the event of an internal fault, one or more of the channels is configured to pull the bussed $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins low. The other channels are then configured to shut down when the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins are pulled low. For autonomous group retry, the faulted channel is configured to release the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin(s) after a retry interval, assuming the original fault has cleared. All the channels in the group then begin a soft-start sequence. If the fault response is LATCH_OFF, the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin remains asserted low until either the RUN pin is toggled OFF/ON or the part is commanded OFF/ON. The toggling of the RUN either by the pin or OFF/ON command will clear faults associated with the channel. If it is desired to have all faults cleared when either RUN pin is toggled, set bit 0 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL to a 1.

The status of all faults and warnings is summarized in the STATUS_WORD and STATUS_BYTE commands.

RESPONSES TO V_{OUT} AND I_{OUT} FAULTS

V_{OUT} OV and UV conditions are monitored by comparators. The OV and UV limits are set in three ways.

- As a Percentage of the V_{OUT} if Using the Resistor Configuration Pins
- In EEPROM if Either Programmed at the Factory or Through the GUI
- By PMBus Command

The I_{IN} and I_{OUT} overcurrent monitors are performed by ADC readings and calculations. Thus these values are based on average currents and can have a nominal time latency of up to 90ms. The I_{OUT} calculation accounts for the power inductor DCR and the temperature coefficient of the inductor's copper winding. The input current is equal to

the sum of output current times the respective channel duty cycle plus the input offset current for each channel. If this calculated input current exceeds the IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin is pulled low and the IIN_OC_WARN bit is asserted in the STATUS_INPUT register.

The LTM4677 provides the ability to ignore the fault, shut down and latch off or shut down and retry indefinitely (hiccup). The retry interval is set in MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n and can be from 120ms to 83.88 seconds in 1ms increments. The shutdown for OV/UV and OC can be done immediately or after a user selectable deglitch time.

Output Overvoltage Fault Response

A programmable overvoltage comparator (OV) guards against transient overshoots as well as long-term overvoltages at the output. In such cases, the top MOSFET is turned off and the bottom MOSFET is turned on until the overvoltage condition is cleared *regardless of the PMBus VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE_n command byte value*. This hardware level fault response delay is typically 2μs from the overvoltage condition to BG asserted high. Using the VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE_n command, the user can select any of the following behaviors:

- OV Pull-Down Only (OV cannot be ignored)
- Shut Down (Stop Switching) Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely using the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n

Either the Latch Off or Retry fault responses can be deglitched in increments of (0 to 7) • 10μs. See Table 23.

Output Undervoltage Response

The response to an undervoltage comparator output can be either:

- Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely using the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n

Either the Latch Off or Retry fault responses can be deglitched in increments of (0 to 7) • 10μs. See Table 24.

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Peak Output Overcurrent Fault Response

Due to the current mode control algorithm, peak inductor current is always limited on a cycle by cycle basis. The value of the peak current limit is specified in the Electrical Characteristics table. The current limit circuit operates by limiting the $COMP_{na}$ maximum voltage. DCR sensing is used so the $COMP_{na}$ maximum voltage has a temperature dependency directly proportional to the TC of the DCR of the inductor. The LTM4677 automatically monitors the power stage temperature sensors and modifies the maximum allowed $COMP_{na}$ to compensate for this term.

The overcurrent fault processing circuitry can execute the following behaviors:

- Current Limit Indefinitely
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely using the Time Interval Specified in $MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n$

The overcurrent responses can be deglitched in increments of $(0 \text{ to } 7) \cdot 16\text{ms}$. See Table 25.

RESPONSES TO TIMING FAULTS

$TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ is the time allowed for V_{OUT} to rise and settle at start-up. The $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ condition is predicated upon detection of the $V_{OUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT_n}$ as the output is undergoing a $SOFT_START$ sequence. The $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ time is started after TON_DELAY_n has been reached and a $SOFT_START$ sequence is started. The resolution of the $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ is $10\mu\text{s}$. If the $V_{OUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT_n}$ is not reached within the $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ time, the response of this fault is determined by the value of the $TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE_n$ command value. This response may be one of the following:

- Ignore
- Shut Down (Stop Switching) Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely using the Time Interval Specified in $MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n$

This fault response is not deglitched. A value of 0 in $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ means the fault is ignored. The $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ should be set longer than the TON_RISE_n time. It is recommended $TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT_n$ always be set to a non-zero value, otherwise the output may never come up and no flag will be set to the user.

See Table 27.

RESPONSES TO SV_{IN} OV FAULTS

SV_{IN} overvoltage is measured with the ADC; therefore, the response is naturally deglitched by up to the 90ms typical response time of the ADC. The fault responses are:

- Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely using the Time Interval Specified in $MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n$

See Table 27.

RESPONSES TO OT/UT FAULTS

Internal Overtemperature Fault/Warn Response

An internal temperature sensor protects against EEPROM damage. Above 85°C , no writes to EEPROM are recommended. Above 130°C , the internal over temperature warn threshold is exceeded and the part disables EEPROM writes and does not re-enable until the temperature has dropped to 125°C . When the die temperature exceed 160°C the internal over temperature fault response is enabled and the PWM is disabled until the die temperature drops below 150°C . Temperature is measured by the ADC. Internal temperature faults cannot be ignored. Internal temperature limits cannot be adjusted by the user.

See Table 26.

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External Overtemperature and Undertemperature Fault Response

Two temperature sensors within the LTM4677 are used to sense power stage temperature. The `OT_FAULT_RESPONSEn` and `UT_FAULT_RESPONSEn` commands are used to determine the appropriate response to an over-temperature and undertemperature condition, respectively.

The fault responses are:

- Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely using the Time Interval Specified in `MFR_RETRY_DELAYn`

See Table 27.

RESPONSES TO EXTERNAL FAULTS

When either `GPIOn` pin is pulled low, the `OTHER` bit is set in the `STATUS_WORD` command, the appropriate bit is set in the `STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC` command, and the `ALERT` pin is pulled low. Responses are not deglitched. Each channel can be configured to ignore or shut down then retry in response to its `GPIOn` pin going low by modifying the `MFR_GPIO_RESPONSEn` command. To avoid the `ALERT` pin asserting low when `GPIO` is pulled low, assert bit 1 of `MFR_CHAN_CONFIGn`, or mask the `ALERT` using the `SMBALERT_MASK` command.

FAULT LOGGING

The LTM4677 has fault logging capability. Data is logged into memory in the order shown in Table 29. The data to be stored in the fault log is being continuously stored in internal volatile memory. When a fault event occurs, the recording into internal volatile memory is halted, the fault log information is available from the `MFR_FAULT_LOG` command, and the contents of the internal memory are copied into EEPROM. Fault logging is allowed at temperatures above 85°C; however, retention of 10 years is not guaranteed. When the die temperature exceeds 130°C the fault logging is delayed until the die temperature drops

below 125°C. After the fault condition that created the fault log event has been removed, clear the fault before the fault log data is erased, or else the part will immediately issue another fault log.

When the LTM4677 powers-up, it checks the EEPROM for a valid fault log. If a valid fault log exists in EEPROM, the “Valid Fault Log” bit in the `STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC` command will be set and an `ALERT` event will be generated. Also, fault logging will be blocked until the LTM4677 has received a `MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR` command before fault logging will be re-enabled.

The information is stored in EEPROM in the event of any fault that disables the controller on either channel. An external `GPIOn` pulling low will not trigger a fault logging event.

BUS TIMEOUT PROTECTION

The LTM4677 implements a timeout feature to avoid hanging the serial interface. The data packet timer begins at the first `START` event before the device address write byte. Data packet information must be completed within 25ms or the LTM4677 will three-state the bus and ignore the given data packet. If more time is required, assert bit 3 of `MFR_CONFIG_ALL` to allow typical bus timeouts of 255ms. Data packet information includes the device address byte write, command byte, repeat start event (if a read operation), device address byte read (if a read operation), all data bytes and the PEC byte if applicable.

The LTM4677 allows longer PMBus timeouts for block read data packets. This timeout is proportional to the length of the block read. The additional block read timeout applies primarily to the `MFR_FAULT_LOG` command. In no circumstances will the timeout period be less than the `tTIMEOUT_SMB` specification of 32ms (typical).

The user is encouraged to use as high a clock rate as possible to maintain efficient data packet transfer between all devices sharing the serial bus interface. The LTM4677 supports the full PMBus frequency range from 10kHz to 400kHz.

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Table 1 lists supported PMBus commands and manufacturer specific commands. A complete description of these commands can be found in the “PMBus Power System Management Protocol Specification – Part II – Revision 1.2.” Users are encouraged to reference this specification. Exceptions or manufacturer specific implementations are listed in Table 1.

All commands from 0xD0 through 0xFF not listed in this table are implicitly reserved by the manufacturer. Users should avoid blind writes within this range of commands to avoid undesired operation of the part. All commands from 0x00 through 0xCF not listed in this table are implicitly not supported by the manufacturer. Attempting to access non-supported or reserved commands may result in a CML

command fault event. All output voltage settings and measurements are based on the VOUT_MODE setting of 0x14. This translates to an exponent of 2–12.

If PMBus commands are received faster than they are being processed, the part may become too busy to handle new commands. In these circumstances the part follows the protocols defined in the PMBus Specification v1.2, Part II, Section 10.8.7, to communicate that it is busy.

The part includes handshaking features to eliminate busy errors and simplify error handling software while ensuring robust communication and system behavior. Please refer to the PMBus Communication and Command Processing subsection in the Applications Information section for details.

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PMBus COMMAND NAME, OR FEATURE	CMD CODE (REGISTER)	COMMAND OR FEATURE DESCRIPTION	NVM FACTORY-DEFAULT VALUE AND/OR ATTRIBUTES	PAGE
PAGE	0x00	Channel or page currently targeted for paged communications.	0x00, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	82
OPERATION _n	0x01	Operating mode control. On/off, margin high and margin low.	0x80, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	86
ON_OFF_CONFIG _n	0x02	RUN _n pin and On/Off Configuration.	0x1F, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	85
CLEAR_FAULTS	0x03	Clear any fault bits that have been set.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	110
PAGE_PLUS_WRITE	0x05	Write a command directly to a specified page.	Default value not applicable, write-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	82
PAGE_PLUS_READ	0x06	Read a command directly from a specified page.	Default value not applicable, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	83
WRITE_PROTECT	0x10	Level of protection provided by the device against accidental changes.	0x00, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	83
STORE_USER_ALL	0x15	Store user operating memory to EEPROM (user-editable NVM).	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	121
RESTORE_USER_ALL	0x16	Restore user operating memory from EEPROM.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM. Identical to MFR_RESET command (0xFD).	122
CAPABILITY	0x19	Summary of PMBus optional communication protocols supported by this device.	0xB0, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	109
SMBALERT_MASK _n	0x1B	Mask ALERT activity.	Default mask values: STATUS_VOUT _n =0x00, STATUS_IOUT _n =0x00, STATUS_INPUT=0x00, STATUS_TEMPERATURE _n =0x00, STATUS_CML=0x00, STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC _n =0x11. Read/write, paged as indicated, 10 bytes total, stored in NVM	111

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VOUT_MODE _n	0x20	Output voltage format/exponent.	0x14 (2 ⁻¹²), read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	90
VOUT_COMMAND _n	0x21	Nominal output voltage set point.	0x1000 (1.000V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	91
VOUT_MAX _n	0x24	The upper limit on the commandable output voltage.	Page 0x00: 0x2000 (2.000V) Page 0x01: 0x2000 (2.000V) Read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	90
VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH _n	0x25	Margin high output voltage set point. Must be greater than VOUT_COMMAND _n .	0x10CD (1.050V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	91
VOUT_MARGIN_LOW _n	0x26	Margin low output voltage set point. Must be less than VOUT_COMMAND _n .	0x0F33 (0.950V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	92
VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE _n	0x27	The rate at which the output voltage changes when VOUT _n is commanded to a new value via I ² C.	0x8042 (0.001V/ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	97
FREQUENCY_SWITCH	0x33	The switching frequency setting.	0xFBE8 (500kHz), read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	89
VIN_ON	0x35	The undervoltage lockout (UVLO)-rising threshold.	0xCAC0 (5.500V), as monitored on the “SV _{IN} ” pin, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	90
VIN_OFF	0x36	The undervoltage lockout (UVLO)-falling threshold.	0xCAA0 (5.250V), as monitored on the “SV _{IN} ” pin, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	90
IOUT_CAL_GAIN _n	0x38	The ratio of the voltage at the control IC's current-sense pins to the sensed current, in mΩ, at 25°C.	Trimmed at ATE, read/write, paged, stored in factory-only NVM. Writes to this register not recommended.	93
VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT _n	0x40	Output overvoltage fault limit.	0x119A (1.100V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	91
VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x41	Action to be taken by the device when an output overvoltage fault is detected.	0x7A (20μs glitch filter; non-latching shutdown; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	100
VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT _n	0x42	Output overvoltage warning threshold.	0x1133 (1.075V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	91
VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT _n	0x43	Output undervoltage warning threshold.	0x0ECD (0.925V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	92
VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT _n	0x44	Output undervoltage fault limit.	0x0E66 (0.900V), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	92
VOUT_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x45	Action to be taken by the device when an output undervoltage fault is detected.	0xB8 (non-latching shutdown; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	101
IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT _n	0x46	Output overcurrent fault threshold (cycle-by-cycle inductor peak current).	0xDB20 (25A), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	94
IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x47	Action to be taken by the device when an output overcurrent fault is detected.	0x00 (try to regulate through the fault condition/event; limit the cycle-by-cycle peak of the inductor current to not exceed the commanded IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	103

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IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT _n	0x4A	Output overcurrent warning threshold (time-averaged inductor current).	0xDAC0 (22A), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	95
OT_FAULT_LIMIT _n	0x4F	Overtemperature fault threshold.	0xF200 (128°C), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	96
OT_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x50	Action to be taken by the device when an overtemperature fault is detected via TSNS _{na} .	0xB8 (non-latching shutdown; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	105
OT_WARN_LIMIT _n	0x51	Overtemperature warning threshold.	0xEBE8 (125°C), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	96
UT_FAULT_LIMIT _n	0x53	Undertemperature fault threshold.	0xE530 (–45°C), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	96
UT_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x54	Response to undertemperature fault events.	0x00 (ignore; continue without interruption), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	105
VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT	0x55	Input supply (SV _{IN}) overvoltage fault limit.	0xDA80 (20.0V), read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	89
VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x56	Response to input overvoltage fault events.	0xB8 (non-latching shutdown; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	99
VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT	0x58	Input undervoltage warning threshold.	0xCAA6 (5.297V), read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	89
IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT	0x5D	Input supply overcurrent warning threshold.	0xDA00 (16A), read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	93
TON_DELAY _n	0x60	Time from RUN _n and/or OPERATION _n on to output rail turn-on.	0x8000 (0ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	97
TON_RISE _n	0x61	Time from when the output voltage reference starts to rise until it reaches its commanded setting.	0xC300 (3ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	97
TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT _n	0x62	Turn-on watchdog timeout fault threshold (time permitted for VOUT _n to reach or exceed VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT _n after turn-on command is received).	0xCA80 (5ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	97
TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE _n	0x63	Action to be taken by the device when a TON_MAX_FAULT _n event is detected.	0xB8 (non-latching shutdown; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	98
TOFF_DELAY _n	0x64	Time from RUN and/or Operation off to the start of TOFF_FALL _n ramp.	0x8000 (0ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	98
TOFF_FALL _n	0x65	Time from when the output voltage reference starts to fall until it reaches 0V.	0xC300 (3ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	98
TOFF_MAX_WARN_LIMIT _n	0x66	Turn-off watchdog timeout fault threshold (time permitted for VOUT _n to decay to or below 12.5% of the commanded VOUT _n value at the time of receiving a turn-off command).	0x8000 (no limit; warning is disabled), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	98

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STATUS_BYTE _n	0x78	One byte summary of the unit's fault condition.	Default value not applicable, read/write, paged, not stored in NVM.	112
STATUS_WORD _n	0x79	Two byte summary of the unit's fault condition.	Default value not applicable, read/write, paged, not stored in NVM.	112
STATUS_VOUT _n	0x7A	Output voltage fault and warning status.	Default value not applicable, read/write, paged, not stored in NVM.	113
STATUS_IOUT _n	0x7B	Output current fault and warning status.	Default value not applicable, read/write, paged, not stored in NVM.	113
STATUS_INPUT	0x7C	Input supply (SV _{IN}) fault and warning status.	Default value not applicable, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	113
STATUS_TEMPERATURE _n	0x7D	TSNS _{na} -sensed temperature fault and warning status for READ_TEMPERATURE_1 _n .	Default value not applicable, read/write, paged, not stored in NVM.	114
STATUS_CML	0x7E	Communication and memory fault and warning status.	Default value not applicable, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	114
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC _n	0x80	Manufacturer specific fault and state information.	Default value not applicable, read/write, paged, not stored in NVM.	114
READ_VIN	0x88	Measured input supply (SV _{IN}) voltage.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	118
READ_IIN	0x89	Calculated total input supply current.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	118
READ_VOUT _n	0x8B	Measured output voltage.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	118
READ_IOUT _n	0x8C	Measured output current.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	118
READ_TEMPERATURE_1 _n	0x8D	Measurement of TSNS _{na} -sensed temperature.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	118
READ_TEMPERATURE_2	0x8E	Measured control IC junction temperature.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	119
READ_DUTY_CYCLE _n	0x94	Measured duty cycle of MT _n .	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	119
READ_POUT _n	0x96	Calculated output power.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	119
PMBUS_REVISION	0x98	PMBus revision supported by this device.	0x22 (Revision 1.2 of Part I and Revision 1.2 of Part II of PMBus Specification documents), read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	109
MFR_ID	0x99	Manufacturer identification, in ASCII	"LTC", read-only, non-paged.	109
MFR_MODEL	0x9A	Manufacturer's part number, in ASCII	LTM4677, read-only, non-paged.	109
MFR_SERIAL	0x9E	Serial number of this specific unit.	Up to nine bytes of custom-formatted data that identify the unit's configuration, read-only, non-paged.	109
MFR_VOUT_MAX _n	0xA5	Maximum allowed output voltage.	0x5B34 (5.700V) on both channels. Read-only, paged, not stored in user-editable NVM.	92
USER_DATA_00	0xB0	OEM reserved data.	Read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Recommended against altering.	108

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USER_DATA_01 _n	0xB1	OEM reserved data.	Read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Recommended against altering.	108
USER_DATA_02	0xB2	OEM reserved data.	Read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Recommended against altering.	108
USER_DATA_03 _n	0xB3	User-editable words available for the user.	0x0000, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	108
USER_DATA_04	0xB4	A user-editable word available for the user.	0x0000, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	108
MFR_INFO	0xB6	Manufacturing specific information	Default value not applicable, read only, non-paged, not stored in NVM. Bit 5 is 0 _b when ECC has made a correction to data derived from the EEPROM user space.	116
MFR_EE_UNLOCK	0xBD	Unlock user EEPROM for access by MFR_EE_ERASE and MFR_EE_DATA commands.	Default value not applicable, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	127
MFR_EE_ERASE	0xBE	Initialize user EEPROM for bulk programming by MFR_EE_DATA.	Default value not applicable, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	127
MFR_EE_DATA	0xBF	Data transferred to and from EEPROM using sequential PMBus word reads or writes. Supports bulk programming.	Default value not applicable, read/write, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	127
MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_* _n	0xD0	Channel-specific configuration bits.	0x1F, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Register is named "MFR_CHAN_CONFIG" and referred to as "MFR_CHAN_CONFIG_LTM467X" in LTpowerPlay.	84
MFR_CONFIG_ALL_*	0xD1	Global configuration bits, i.e., common to both V _{OUT} channels 0 and 1.	0x09, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Bit 4 configures whether the SYNC drive circuit is active (0 _b) or inactive (1 _b); Bit 3 configures whether the Stuck PMBus Timer Timeout is 150ms for Block Reads and 32ms for Non-Block Reads (0 _b) or 250ms for all Reads (1 _b).	85
MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_* _n	0xD2	Configuration bits for propagating faults to the GPIO _n pins.	0x6893, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Register is named "MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE" and referred to as "MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE_LTM467X" in LTpowerPlay.	106
MFR_PWM_MODE_* _n	0xD4	Configuration for the PWM engine of each V _{OUT} channel.	0xC3, read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Bit 1 commands whether the output is in high range (0 _b) or low range (1 _b). Bit 0 commands whether the output is operating in Forced Continuous Conduction Mode (1 _b) or Discontinuous Mode (0 _b). Command is named MFR_PWM_MODE and referred to as MFR_PWM_MODE_LTM467X in LTpowerPlay.	87
MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE _n	0xD5	Action to be taken by the device when the GPIO _n pin is asserted low by circuitry external to the unit.	0xC0 (make the respective output's power stage high impedance, i.e., three-stated; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	107
MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE	0xD6	Action to be taken by the device when a control IC junction overtemperature fault is detected.	0xC0 (make the respective output's power stage high impedance, i.e., three-stated; autonomous restart upon fault removal), read-only, non-paged, not stored in user-editable NVM.	104
MFR_IOUT_PEAK _n	0xD7	Maximum measured value of READ_IOUT _n since the last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	120
MFR_ADC_CONTROL	0xD8	ADC telemetry parameter for repeated fast ADC readback.	0x00, read/write, not paged, not stored in NVM. Allows telemetry readback rates up to 125Hz instead of 10Hz, nominal.	120

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MFR_ADC_TELEMETRY_STATUS	0xDA	ADC status during short-loop.	Default value not applicable, read/write, not paged, not stored in NVM. ADC status indicating most recently digitized telemetry when engaged in short round-robin loop (MFR_ADC_CONTROL=0x0D)	121
MFR_RETRY_DELAY _n	0xDB	Retry interval during fault-retry mode.	0xF3E8 (250ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	99
MFR_RESTART_DELAY _n	0xDC	Minimum interval (nominal) the RUN _n pin is pulled logic low by internal circuitry.	0xFA58 (300ms), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	99
MFR_VOUT_PEAK _n	0xDD	Maximum measured value of READ_VOUT _n since the last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	119
MFR_VIN_PEAK	0xDE	Maximum measured value of READ_VIN since the last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	119
MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK _n	0xDF	Maximum value of TSNS _{na} measured temperature since the last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	119
MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS	0xE3	Clears all peak values.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	111
MFR_PADS	0xE5	Digital status of the I/O pads.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	115
MFR_ADDRESS	0xE6	LTM4677 I ² C slave address, right-justified.	0x4F, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM. Bits[6:4] represent the user-configurable upper 3 bits of the 7-bit slave address of the device. Bits[3:0] are dictated by the ASEL resistor pin-strap setting. Setting this command to 0x80 disables device-specific addressing.	84
MFR_SPECIAL_ID	0xE7	Manufacturer code representing IC silicon and revision	0x47BX, read-only, non-paged.	109
MFR_IIN_OFFSET _n	0xE9	Coefficient used in calculations of READ_IIN and MFR_READ_IIN _n , representing the contribution of input current drawn by the control IC, including the MOSFET drivers.	0x8BE7 (0.0305A), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	93
MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE	0xEA	Commands a transfer of the fault log from RAM to EEPROM. This causes the part to behave as if a channel has faulted off.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	123
MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR	0xEC	Initialize the EEPROM block reserved for fault logging and clear any previous fault logging locks.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	127
MFR_READ_IIN _n	0xED	Calculated input current, by channel.	Default value not applicable, read-only, paged, not stored in NVM.	118
MFR_FAULT_LOG	0xEE	Fault log data bytes. This sequentially retrieved data is used to assemble a complete fault log.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, stored in fault-log NVM.	123
MFR_COMMON	0xEF	Manufacturer status bits that are common across multiple LTC ICs/modules.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	115

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MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL	0xF0	Compares current command contents (RAM) with NVM.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	122
MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK	0xF4	Maximum measured control IC junction temperature since last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	Default value not applicable, read-only, non-paged, not stored in NVM.	119
MFR_PWM_CONFIG_*	0xF5	Configuration bits for setting the phase interleaving angles of Channels 0 and 1, SHARE_CLK behavior in UVLO, and using the fully differential amplifier to regulate paralleled output channels.	0x10, read/write, non-paged, stored in user-editable NVM. When bit 7 is 0 _b , Channel 1's output is regulated by the V _{OSNS1} and SGND feedback signals. When bit 7 is 1 _b , Channel 1's output is regulated by the V _{OSNS0+} and V _{OSNS0-} feedback signals. Only set bit 7 to 1 _b for PolyPhase rail applications. The command is named MFR_PWM_CONFIG and referred to as MFR_PWM_CONFIG_LTM467X in LTpowerPlay.	88
MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC _n	0xF6	Temperature coefficient of the current sensing element.	0x0F14 (3860ppm/°C), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	93
MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN _n	0xF8	Sets the slope of the temperature sensors that interface to TSNS _{na} .	0x3FAE (0.995, in custom units), read/write, paged, stored in user-editable NVM.	95
MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET _n	0xF9	Sets the offset of the TSNS _{na} temperature sensor with respect to -273.1°C.	0x8000 (0.0), read/write, paged, stored in NVM.	95
MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS _n	0xFA	Common address for PolyPhase outputs to adjust common parameters.	0x80, read/write, paged, stored in NVM.	84
MFR_RESET	0xFD	Commanded reset without requiring a power down.	Default value not applicable, send byte only, non-paged, not stored in NVM. Identical to RESTORE_USER_ALL.	87

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Table 2. $V_{OUTn}CFG$ Pin Strapping Look-Up Table for the LTM4677's Output Voltage, Coarse Setting (Not Applicable if $MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1_b$)

$R_{VOUTnCFG}^*$ (k Ω)	V_{OUTn} (V) SETTING COARSE	$MFR_PWM_CONFIG[6-n]$ BIT
Open	NVM	NVM
6.34	1.9	1
5.23	1.7	1
4.22	1.5	1
3.24	1.3	1
2.43	1.1	1
1.65	0.9	1
0.787	0.7	1
0	0.5	1

* $R_{VOUTnCFG}$ value indicated is nominal. Select $R_{VOUTnCFG}$ from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Take into account resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock/cycling, moisture (humidity) and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect $R_{VOUTnCFG}$'s value over time. All such effects must be taken into account in order for resistor pin strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET , over the lifetime of one's product.

Table 3. $V_{TRIMnCFG}$ Pin Strapping Look-Up Table for the LTM4677's Output Voltage, Fine Adjustment Setting (Not Applicable if $MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1_b$)

$R_{VTRIMnCFG}^*$ (k Ω)	V_{TRIM} (mV) FINE ADJUSTMENT TO V_{OUTn} SETTING WHEN RESPECTIVE
Open	0
32.4	99
22.6	86.625
18.0	74.25
15.4	61.875
12.7	49.5
10.7	37.125
9.09	24.75
7.68	12.375
6.34	-12.375
5.23	-24.75
4.22	-37.125
3.24	-49.5
2.43	-61.875
1.65	-74.25
0.787	-86.625
0	-99

* $R_{VTRIMnCFG}$ value indicated is nominal. Select $R_{VTRIMnCFG}$ from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Take into account resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock/cycling, moisture (humidity) and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect $R_{VTRIMnCFG}$'s value over time. All such effects must be taken into account in order for resistor pin strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET , or $RESTORE_USER_ALL$ over the lifetime of one's product.

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Table 4. $R_{FSWPHCFG}$ Pin Strapping Look-Up Table to Set the LTM4677's Switching Frequency and Channel Phase-Interleaving Angle (Not Applicable if $MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1_b$)

$R_{FSWPHCFG}^*$ (k Ω)	SWITCHING FREQUENCY (kHz)	θ_{SYNC} TO θ_0	θ_{SYNC} TO θ_1	bits [2:0] of MFR_PWM_CONFIG	bit [4] of MFR_CONFIG_ALL
Open	NVM; LTM4677 Default = 500	NVM; LTM4677 Default = 0°	NVM; LTM4677 Default = 180°	NVM; LTM4677 Default = 000 _b	NVM; LTM4677 Default = 0 _b
32.4	250	0°	180°	000 _b	0 _b
22.6	350	0°	180°	000 _b	0 _b
18.0	425	0°	180°	000 _b	0 _b
15.4	575	0°	180°	000 _b	0 _b
12.7	650	0°	180°	000 _b	0 _b
10.7	750	0°	180°	000 _b	0 _b
7.68	500	120°	240°	100 _b	0 _b
6.34	500	90°	270°	001 _b	0 _b
5.23	Sync Slave**	0°	240°	010 _b	1 _b
4.22	Sync Slave**	0°	120°	011 _b	1 _b
3.24	Sync Slave**	60°	240°	101 _b	1 _b
2.43	Sync Slave**	120°	300°	110 _b	1 _b
1.65	Sync Slave**	90°	270°	001 _b	1 _b
0.787	Sync Slave**	0°	180°	000 _b	1 _b
0	Sync Slave**	120°	240°	100 _b	1 _b

* $R_{FSWPHCFG}$ value indicated is nominal. Select $R_{FSWPHCFG}$ from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Take into account resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock/cycling, moisture (humidity) and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect $R_{FSWPHCFG}$'s value over time. All such effects must be taken into account in order for resistor pin-strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET or $RESTORE_USER_ALL$, over the lifetime of one's product.

** The "Sync Slave" setting results in $MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4]$ being set to 1_b and $FREQUENCY_SWITCH$ being set according to user-configurable EEPROM contents corresponding to Command 0x33 (factory default: 500kHz). In this configuration, the module's switching frequency synchronizes to the SYNC signal, provided that the SYNC pin is driven in a manner consistent with specifications (see the [Switching Frequency and Phase](#) subsection of the Applications Information section for details).

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Table 5. ASEL Pin Strapping Look-Up Table to Set the LTM4677's MFR_ADDRESS (Applicable Regardless of MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] Setting)

R _{ASEL} * (k Ω)	SLAVE ADDRESS
Open	100_1111_R/W
32.4	100_1111_R/W
22.6	100_1110_R/W
18.0	100_1101_R/W
15.4	100_1100_R/W
12.7	100_1011_R/W
10.7	100_1010_R/W
9.09	100_1001_R/W
7.68	100_1000_R/W
6.34	100_0111_R/W
5.23	100_0110_R/W
4.22	100_0101_R/W
3.24	100_0100_R/W
2.43	100_0011_R/W
1.65	100_0010_R/W
0.787	100_0001_R/W
0	100_0000_R/W

where:

R/W = Read/Write bit in control byte.

All PMBus device addresses listed in the specification are 7 bits wide unless otherwise noted.

Note: The LTM4677 will always respond to slave address 0x5A and 0x5B regardless of the NVM or ASEL resistor configuration values.

*R_{CFG} value indicated is nominal. Select R_{CFG} from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Take into account resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock cycling, moisture (humidity) and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect R_{CFG}'s value over time. All such effects must be taken into account in order for resistor pin-strapping to yield the expected result at every S_{VIN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL, over the lifetime of one's product.

Table 6. LTM4677 MFR_ADDRESS Command Examples Expressed in 7- and 8-Bit Addressing

DESCRIPTION	HEX DEVICE ADDRESS		BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0	R/W
	7 BIT	8 BIT									
Rail ⁴	0x5A	0xB4	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Global ⁴	0x5B	0xB6	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Default	0x4F	0x9E	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Example 1	0x40	0x80	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Example 2	0x41	0x82	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Disabled ^{2,3}			1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note 1: This table can be applied to the MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS_n commands, but not the MFR_ADDRESS command.

Note 2: A disabled value in one command does not disable the device, nor does it disable the Global address.

Note 3: A disabled value in one command does not inhibit the device from responding to device addresses specified in other commands.

Note 4: It is not recommended to write the value 0x00, 0x0C (7 bit), 0x5A (7 bit), 0x5B (7 bit) or 0x7C(7 bit) to the MFR_CHANNEL_ADDRESS_n or the MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS_n commands.

V_{IN} TO V_{OUT} STEP-DOWN RATIOS

There are restrictions in the maximum V_{IN} and V_{OUT} step-down ratio that can be achieved for a given input voltage. Each output of the LTM4677 is capable of 95% duty cycle at 500kHz, but the V_{IN} to V_{OUT} minimum dropout is still a function of its load current and will limit output current capability related to high duty cycle on the topside switch. Minimum on-time t_{ON(MIN)} is another consideration in operating at a specified duty cycle while operating at a certain frequency due to the fact that t_{ON(MIN)} < D/f_{SW}, where D is duty cycle and f_{SW} is the switching frequency. t_{ON(MIN)} is specified in the electrical parameters as 45ns. See Note 6 in the Electrical Characteristics section for output current guideline.

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INPUT CAPACITORS

The LTM4677 module should be connected to a low ac-impedance DC source. For the regulator input four 22 μ F input ceramic capacitors are used to handle the RMS ripple current. A 47 μ F to 100 μ F surface mount aluminum electrolytic bulk capacitor can be used for more input bulk capacitance. This bulk input capacitor is only needed if the input source impedance is compromised by long inductive leads, traces or not enough source capacitance. If low impedance power planes are used, then this bulk capacitor is not needed.

For a buck converter, the switching duty-cycle can be estimated as:

$$D_n = \frac{V_{OUTn}}{V_{INn}}$$

Without considering the inductor current ripple, for each output, the RMS current of the input capacitor can be estimated as:

$$I_{CINn(RMS)} = \frac{I_{OUTn(MAX)}}{\eta\%} \cdot \sqrt{D_n \cdot (1 - D_n)}$$

In the above equation, $\eta\%$ is the estimated efficiency of the power module. The bulk capacitor can be a switcher-rated electrolytic aluminum capacitor, or a Polymer capacitor.

OUTPUT CAPACITORS

The LTM4677 is designed for low output voltage ripple noise and good transient response. The bulk output capacitors defined as C_{OUT} are chosen with low enough effective series resistance (ESR) to meet the output voltage ripple and transient requirements. C_{OUT} can be a low ESR tantalum capacitor, a low ESR polymer capacitor or ceramic capacitor. The typical output capacitance range for each output is from 400 μ F to 700 μ F. Additional output filtering may be required by the system designer, if further reduction of output ripple or dynamic transient spikes is required. Table 19 shows a matrix of different

output voltages and output capacitors to minimize the voltage droop and overshoot during a 9A to 18A step, 9A/ μ s transient each channel. The table optimizes total equivalent ESR and total bulk capacitance to optimize the transient performance. Stability criteria are considered in the Table 19 matrix, and the Linear Technology μ Module Power Design Tool will be provided for stability analysis. Multiphase operation reduces effective output ripple as a function of the number of phases. Application Note 77 discusses this noise reduction versus output ripple current cancellation, but the output capacitance should be considered carefully as a function of stability and transient response. The Linear Technology μ Module Power Design Tool can calculate the output ripple reduction as the number of implemented phases increases by N times. A small value 10 Ω resistor can be placed in series from V_{OUTn} to the V_{OSNS0+} or V_{OSNS1} pin to allow for a bode plot analyzer to inject a signal into the control loop and validate the regulator stability.

LIGHT LOAD CURRENT OPERATION

The LTM4677 has two modes of operation including high efficiency, discontinuous conduction mode or forced continuous conduction mode. The mode of operation is configured by bit 0 of the $MFR_PWM_MODE_n$ command (discontinuous conduction is always the start-up mode, forced continuous is the default running mode).

If a channel is enabled for discontinuous mode operation, the inductor current is not allowed to reverse. The reverse current comparator, I_{REV} , turns off the bottom MOSFET (MB_n) just before the inductor current reaches zero, preventing it from reversing and going negative. Thus, the controller can operate in discontinuous (pulse-skipping) operation. In forced continuous operation, the inductor current is allowed to reverse at light loads or under large transient conditions. The peak inductor current is determined solely by the voltage on the $COMP_{na}$ pin. In this mode, the efficiency at light loads is lower than in discontinuous mode operation. However, continuous mode exhibits lower output ripple and less interference with audio circuitry. Forced continuous conduction mode may result

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in reverse inductor current, which can cause the input supply to boost. The VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT can detect this (if SV_{IN} is connected to V_{IN0} and/or V_{IN1}) and turn off the offending channel. However, this fault is based on an ADC read and can nominally take up to 90ms to detect. If there is a concern about the input supply boosting, keep the part in discontinuous conduction operation.

SWITCHING FREQUENCY AND PHASE

The switching frequency of the LTM4677's channels is established by its analog phase-locked-loop (PLL) locking on to the clock present at the module's SYNC pin. The clock waveform on the SYNC pin can be generated by the LTM4677's internal circuitry when an external pull-up resistor to 3.3V (e.g., V_{DD33}) is provided, in combination with the LTM4677 control IC's FREQUENCY_SWITCH command being set to one of the following supported values: 250kHz, 350kHz, 425kHz, 500kHz, 575kHz, 650kHz, 750kHz (see Table 8 for hexadecimal values). In this configuration, the module is called a "sync master": (using the factory-default setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4]=0_b), SYNC becomes a bidirectional open-drain pin, and the LTM4677 pulls SYNC logic low for nominally 500ns at a time, at the prescribed clock rate. The SYNC signal can be bused to other LTM4677 modules (configured as "sync slaves"), for purposes of synchronizing switching frequencies of multiple modules within a system—but only one LTM4677 should be configured as a "sync master"; the other LTM4677(s) should be configured as "sync slaves".

There are two recommended ways to configure an LTM4677 as a "sync slave":

- Apply an appropriate pin-strap resistor setting on the F_{SWPHCFG} pin (see Table 4), and use the factory-default setting MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6]=0_b. This configures MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4]=1_b and FREQUENCY_SWITCH according to EEPROM settings (0xFBE8 factory default, corresponding to 500kHz). The LTM4677's SYNC pin thus becomes a high impedance input and the module synchronizes its frequency to that of the externally applied clock, provided that the frequency of the externally applied clock exceeds ~45% of the target frequency (FREQUENCY_SWITCH). If the SYNC

clock is absent, the module responds by operating at its target frequency, indefinitely. If and when the SYNC clock is restored, the module automatically phase-locks to the SYNC clock as normal. The only shortcoming of this approach is: the EEPROM must be configured per above guidance; resistor pin-strapping options on the F_{SWPHCFG} pin alone cannot provide fault-tolerance to the absence of the SYNC clock.

- Set FREQUENCY_SWITCH to 0x0000 and MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4]=1_b. Using MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4]=1_b, the LTM4677's SYNC pin becomes a high impedance input, only—i.e., it does not drive SYNC low. The module synchronizes its frequency to that of the clock applied to its SYNC pin. The only shortcoming of this approach is: in the absence of an externally applied clock, the switching frequency of the module will default to the low end of its frequency-synchronization capture range (~225kHz).

The FREQUENCY_SWITCH register can be altered via I²C commands, but only when switching action is disengaged, i.e., the module's outputs are turned off. The FREQUENCY_SWITCH command takes on the value stored in NVM at SV_{IN} power-up, but is overridden according to a resistor pin-strap applied between the F_{SWPHCFG} pin and SGND only if the module is configured to respect resistor pin-strap settings (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b). Table 4 highlights available resistor pin-strap and corresponding FREQUENCY_SWITCH settings.

The relative phasing of all active channels in a PolyPhase[®] rail should be optimally phased. The relative phasing of each rail is 360°/n, where n is the number of phases in the rail. MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] configures channel relative phasing with respect to the SYNC pin. Phase relationship values are indicated with 0° corresponding to the falling edge of SYNC being coincident with the turn-on of the top MOSFETs, MT_n.

The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command can be altered via I²C commands, but only when switching action is disengaged, i.e., the module's outputs are turned off. The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command takes on the value stored in NVM at SV_{IN} power-up, but is overridden according to a resistor pin-strap applied between the F_{SWPHCFG} pin and SGND only if the module is configured to respect resistor

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pin-strap settings (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b). Table 4 highlights available resistor pin-strap and corresponding MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] settings.

Some combinations of FREQUENCY_SWITCH and MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] are not available by resistor pin-straping the F_{SWPHCFG} pin. All combinations of supported values for FREQUENCY_SWITCH and MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] can be configured by NVM programming—or, I²C transactions, provided switching action is disengaged, i.e., the module's outputs are turned off.

Care must be taken to minimize capacitance on SYNC to assure that the pull-up resistor versus the capacitor load has a low enough time constant for the application to form a “clean” clock. (See “Open-Drain Pins”, later in this section.)

When an LTM4677 is configured as a sync slave, it is permissible for external circuitry to drive the SYNC pin from a current-limited source (less than 10mA), rather than using a pull-up resistor. Any external circuitry must not drive high with arbitrarily low impedance at SV_{IN} power-up, because the SYNC output can be low impedance until NVM contents have been downloaded to RAM.

Recommended LTM4677 switching frequencies of operation for many common V_{IN}-to-V_{OUT} applications are indicated in Table 7. When the two channels of an LTM4677 are stepping input voltage(s) down to output voltages whose recommended switching frequencies in Table 7 are significantly different, operation at the higher of the two recommended switching frequencies is preferable, but minimum on-time must be considered. (See Minimum On-Time Considerations section.)

Table 7. Recommended Switching Frequency for Various V_{IN}-to-V_{OUT} Step-Down Scenarios.

	5V _{IN}	8V _{IN}	12V _{IN}
0.9V _{OUT}	350kHz to 425kHz		
1.0V _{OUT}			
1.2V _{OUT}			
1.5V _{OUT}	425kHz to 500kHz		
1.8V _{OUT}			

The current drawn by the SV_{IN} pin of the LTM4677 is not digitized or computed. A value representing the estimated SV_{IN} current is located in the MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n command, and is used in the computations of input current readback telemetry, namely READ_IIN and MFR_READ_IIN_n. The recommended setting of MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n is found in Table 8. The same value should be used for MFR_IIN_OFFSET₀ and MFR_IIN_OFFSET₁ (i.e., Pages 0x00 and 0x01).

Table 8. Recommended MFR_IIN_OFFSET_n Setting vs Switching Frequency Setting

SWITCHING FREQUENCY (kHz)	FREQUENCY_SWITCH COMMAND VALUE (HEX.)	RECOMMENDED MFR_IIN_OFFSET _n SETTING (mA)	RECOMMENDED MFR_IIN_OFFSET _n SETTING (HEX.)
250	0xF3E8	20.3	0x8A99
350	0xFABC	24.4	0x8B20
425	0xFB52	27.4	0x8B82
500	0xFBE8	30.5	0x8BE7
575	0x023F	33.6	0x9227
650	0x028A	36.7	0x9259
750	0x02EE	40.8	0x929C
Sync. to External Clock, f _{SYNC}	N/A	0.041 • f _{SYNC} + 10.037	*

*See Appendix C: PMBus Command Details, L11 data format.

MINIMUM ON-TIME CONSIDERATIONS

Minimum on-time, t_{ON(MIN)}, is the smallest time duration that the LTM4677 is capable of turning on the top MOSFET. It is determined by internal timing delays and the gate charge required to turn on the top MOSFET. Low duty cycle applications may approach this minimum on-time limit and care should be taken to ensure that:

$$t_{ON(MIN)} < \frac{V_{OUTn}}{V_{INn} \cdot f_{OSC}}$$

If the duty cycle falls below what can be accommodated by the minimum on-time, the controller will begin to skip cycles. The output voltage will continue to be regulated, but the ripple voltage and current will increase.

The minimum on-time for the LTM4677 is 45ns, nominal, guardband to 90ns.

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VARIABLE DELAY TIME, SOFT-START AND OUTPUT VOLTAGE RAMPING

The LTM4677 must enter its run state prior to soft-start. The RUN_n pins are released after the part initializes and SV_{IN} is greater than the VIN_ON threshold. If multiple LTM4677s are used in an application, they should be configured to share the same RUN_n pins. They all hold their respective RUN_n pins low until all devices initialize and SV_{IN} exceeds the VIN_ON threshold for all devices. The SHARE_CLK pin assures all the devices connected to the signal use the same time base.

After the RUN_n pin releases, the controller waits for the user-specified turn-on delay (TON_DELAY_n) prior to initiating an output voltage ramp. Multiple LTM4677s and other LTC parts can be configured to start with variable delay times. To work correctly, all devices use the same timing clock (SHARE_CLK) and all devices must share the RUN_n pin. This allows the relative delay of all parts to be synchronized. The actual variation in the delay will be dependent on the highest clock rate of the devices connected to the SHARE_CLK pin (all Linear Technology ICs are configured to allow the fastest SHARE_CLK signal to control the timing of all devices). The SHARE_CLK signal can be ±7.5% in frequency, thus the actual time delays will have some variance.

Soft-start is performed by actively regulating the load voltage while digitally ramping the target voltage from 0V to the commanded voltage set point. The rise time of the voltage ramp can be programmed using the TON_RISE_n command to minimize inrush currents associated with the start-up voltage ramp. The soft-start feature is disabled by setting TON_RISE_n to any value less than 0.250ms. The LTM4677 performs the necessary math internally to assure the voltage ramp is controlled to the desired slope. However, the voltage slope can not be any faster than the fundamental limits of the power stage. The number of steps in the ramp is equal to TON_RISE/0.1ms. Therefore, the shorter the TON_RISE_n time setting, the more jagged the soft-start ramp appears.

The LTM4677 PWM always operates in discontinuous mode during the TON_RISE_n operation. In discontinuous mode, the bottom MOSFET (MB_n) is turned off as soon as reverse current is detected in the inductor. This allows the regulator to start up into a pre-biased load.

There is no analog tracking feature in the LTM4677; however, two outputs can be given the same TON_RISE_n and TON_DELAY_n times to achieve ratiometric rail tracking. Because the RUN_n pins are released at the same time and both units use the same time base (SHARE_CLK), the outputs track very closely. If the circuit is in a PolyPhase configuration, all timing parameters must be the same.

Coincident rail tracking can be achieved by setting two outputs to have the same turn-on/off slew rates, identical turn-on delays, and appropriately chosen turn-off delays:

$$\frac{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL1}}{TON_RISE_{RAIL1}} = \frac{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL2}}{TON_RISE_{RAIL2}}$$

and

$$\frac{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL1}}{TOFF_FALL_{RAIL1}} = \frac{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL2}}{TOFF_FALL_{RAIL2}}$$

and

$$TON_DELAY_{RAIL1} = TON_DELAY_{RAIL2}$$

and (if $VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL2} \geq VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL1}$)

$$TOFF_DELAY_{RAIL1} = TOFF_DELAY_{RAIL2} + \left(1 - \frac{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL1}}{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL2}} \right) \bullet TOFF_FALL_{RAIL2}$$

or else ($VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL2} < VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL1}$)

$$TOFF_DELAY_{RAIL2} = TOFF_DELAY_{RAIL1} + \left(1 - \frac{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL2}}{VOUT_COMMAND_{RAIL1}} \right) \bullet TOFF_FALL_{RAIL1}$$

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The described method of start-up sequencing is time based. For concatenated events it is possible to control the RUN pin based on the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin of a different controller. (See Figure 2) The $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin can be configured to release when the output voltage of the converter is greater than the $\text{VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$. It is recommended to use the unfiltered VOUT UV fault limit because there is little appreciable time delay between the converter crossing the UV threshold and the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin releasing. The unfiltered output can be enabled by the $\text{MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE}_n[12]$ setting. (Refer to the MFR section of the PMBus commands in Appendix C: PMBus Command Details). The unfiltered signal may have some glitching as the VOUT signal transitions through the comparator threshold. A small digital filter of 250 μs internally deglitches the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins. If the TON_RISE time is greater than 100ms, the deglitch filter should be complimented with an externally applied capacitor between $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ and ground—to further filter the waveform. The RC time-constant of the filter should be set sufficiently fast to assure no appreciable delay is incurred. For most applications, a value of 300 μs to 500 μs will provide sufficient filtering without significantly delaying the trigger event.

DIGITAL SERVO MODE

For maximum accuracy in the regulated output voltage, enable the digital servo loop by asserting bit 6 of the MFR_PWM_MODE_n command. In digital servo mode, the LTM4677 adjusts the regulated output voltage based on the ADC voltage reading. Every 90ms the digital servo loop steps the LSB of the DAC (nominally 1.375mV or 0.6875mV depending on the voltage range bit, $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[1]$) until the output is at the correct ADC reading. At power-up this mode engages after $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ unless the limit is set to 0 (infinite). If the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ is set to 0 (infinite), the servo begins after TON_RISE_n is complete and VOUT_n has exceeded $\text{VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ and IOUT_OC_n is not present. This same point in time is when the output changes from discontinuous to the mode commanded by $\text{MFR_PWM_MODE}_n[0]$. Refer to Figure 3 for details on the VOUT_n waveform under time based sequencing.

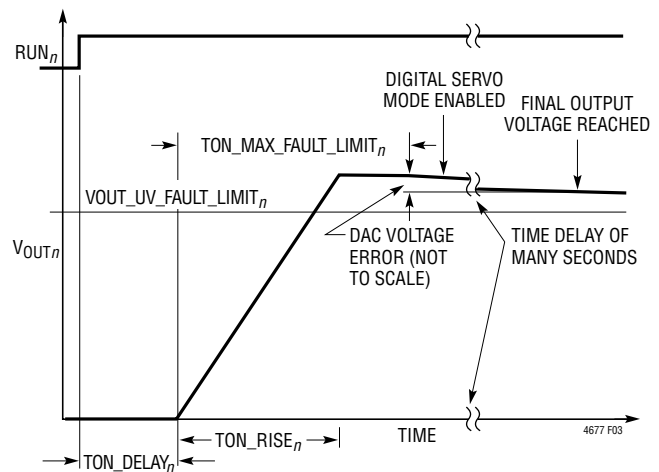


Figure 3. Timing Controlled VOUT Rise

If the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ is set to a value greater than 0 and the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE}_n$ is set to ignore (0x00), the servo begins:

1. After the TON_RISE_n sequence is complete
2. After the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ time is reached; and
3. After the $\text{VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ has been exceeded or the $\text{IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ is no longer active.

If the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ is set to a value greater than 0 and the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE}_n$ is not set to ignore (0x00), the servo begins:

1. After the TON_RISE_n sequence is complete;
2. After the $\text{TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT}_n$ time has expired and both VOUT_UV_FAULT_n and IOUT_OC_FAULT_n are not present.

The maximum rise time is limited to 1.3 seconds.

In a PolyPhase configuration it is recommended only one of the control loops have the digital servo mode enabled. This will assure the various loops do not work against each other due to slight differences in the reference circuits.

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SOFT OFF (SEQUENCED OFF)

In addition to a controlled start-up, the LTM4677 also supports controlled turn-off. The TOFF_DELAY_n and TOFF_FALL_n functions are shown in Figure 4. TOFF_FALL_n is processed when the RUN_n pin goes low or if the module is commanded off. If the module faults off or $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ is pulled low externally and the module is programmed to respond to this ($\text{MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE}_n = 0x\text{C0}$), the output three-states (becomes high impedance) rather than exhibiting a controlled ramp. The output then decays as a function of the load.

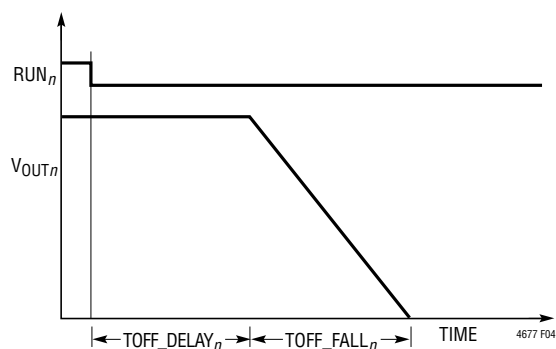


Figure 4. TOFF_DELAY_n and TOFF_FALL_n

The output voltage operates as shown in Figure 4 so long as the part is in forced continuous mode and the TOFF_FALL_n time is sufficiently slow that the power stage can achieve the desired slope. The TOFF_FALL_n time can only be met if the power stage and controller can sink sufficient current to assure the output is at zero volts by the end of the fall time interval. If the TOFF_FALL_n time is set shorter than the time required to discharge the load capacitance, the output will not reach the desired zero volt state. At the end of TOFF_FALL_n , the controller ceases to sink current and V_{OUT_n} decays at the natural rate determined by the load impedance. If the controller is in discontinuous mode, the controller does not pull negative current and the output becomes pulled low by the load, not the power stage. The maximum fall time is limited to 1.3 seconds. The number of steps in the ramp is equal to $\text{TOFF_FALL}/0.1\text{ms}$. Therefore, the shorter the TOFF_FALL_n setting, the more jagged the TOFF_FALL_n ramp appears.

UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT

The LTM4677 is initialized by an internal threshold-based UVLO where SV_{IN} must be approximately 4V and INTV_{CC} , V_{DD33} , V_{DD25} must be within approximately 20% of the regulated values. In addition, V_{DD33} must be within approximately 7% of the targeted value before the LTM4677 releases its RUN_n pins. After the part has initialized, an additional comparator monitors SV_{IN} . The VIN_ON threshold must be exceeded before the power sequencing can begin. When SV_{IN} drops below the VIN_OFF threshold, the LTM4677 ceases PWM action and SV_{IN} must increase above the VIN_ON threshold before the controller will restart. The normal start-up sequence will be allowed after the VIN_ON threshold is crossed.

It is possible to program the contents of the NVM in the application if the V_{DD33} supply is externally driven. This activates the digital portion of the LTM4677 without engaging the high voltage sections. PMBus communications are valid in this supply configuration. If SV_{IN} has not been applied to the LTM4677, $\text{MFR_COMMON}[3]$ will be asserted low, indicating that NVM has not initialized. If this condition is detected, the part will only respond to addresses 0x5A and 0x5B. To initialize the part issue the following set of commands: global address 0x5B command 0xBD data 0x2B followed by global address 0x5B command 0xBD and data 0xC4. The part will now respond to the correct address. Configure the part as desired then issue a STORE_USER_ALL . When SV_{IN} is applied a MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL command must be issued to allow the PWM to be enabled and valid ADC conversions to be read.

FAULT DETECTION AND HANDLING

The LTM4677 $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins are configurable to indicate a variety of faults including OV/UV, OC, OT, timing faults, peak overcurrent faults. In addition the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pins can be pulled low by external sources to indicate to the LTM4677 the presence of a fault in some other portion of the system.

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The fault response is configurable via PMBus Command Code names with a _RESPONSE suffix and allow the following options:

- Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY_n

Refer to [Appendix C: PMBus Command Details](#) for more details.

The OV response is automatic and rapid. If an OV is detected, MT_n is turned off and BG_n is turned on, until the OV condition clears.

Fault logging is available on the LTM4677. The fault logging is configurable to automatically store data when a fault occurs that causes the unit to fault off. The header portion of the fault logging table contains peak values. It is possible to read these values at any time. This data will be useful while troubleshooting the fault.

If the LTM4677 internal temperature is in excess of 85°C or Below 0°C, the write into the NVM is not recommended. The data will still be held in RAM, unless the 3.3V supply UVLO threshold is reached. If the die temperature exceeds 130°C all NVM communication is disabled until the die temperature drops below 125°C with the exception of the RESTORE_USER_ALL command, which is valid at any temperature.

OPEN-DRAIN PINS

Note that up to nine pull-up resistors are required for proper operation of the LTM4677:

- Three for the SMBus/I²C interface (the SCL, SDA, and ALERT pins); two, only if the system SMBus host does not make use of the ALERT interrupt. (These are 5V tolerant).
- One each for the RUN₀ and RUN₁ pins (or, just one to RUN₀ and RUN₁, if RUN₀ and RUN₁ are electrically connected together). (These are 5V tolerant).
- One each for GPIO₀ and GPIO₁ (or, just one to GPIO₀ and GPIO₁, if GPIO₀ and GPIO₁ are electrically connected together). (These are 3.3V tolerant).

- One on SHARE_CLK, required, for the LTM4677 to establish a heartbeat time base for timing-related operations and functions (output voltage ramp-up timing, voltage margining transition timing, SYNC open-drain drive frequency). (SHARE CLK is 3.3V tolerant).
- One on SYNC, in order for the LTM4677 to phase lock to the frequency generated by the open-drain output of its digital engine. EXCEPTION: in some applications, it is desirable to drive the LTM4677's SYNC pin with a hard-driven (low impedance) external clock. This is the only scenario where the LTM4677 does not require a pull-up resistor on SYNC. However, be aware that the SYNC pin can be low impedance during NVM initialization, i.e., during download of EEPROM contents to RAM (for ~50ms [Note 12] after SV_{IN} power is applied). Therefore, the hard-driven clock signal should only be applied to the LTM4677 SYNC pin through a series resistor whose impedance limits current into the SYNC pin during NVM initialization to less than 10mA. If FREQUENCY_SWITCH=0x0000, any clock signal should be provided prior to the RUN_n pins toggle from logic low to logic high, or else the switching frequency of the LTM4677 will start off at the low end of its PLL-capture range (~225kHz) until the SYNC clock becomes established. (SYNC is 3.3V tolerant).

All the above pins have on-chip pull-down transistors within the module that can sink 3mA at 0.4V. The low threshold on the pins is 0.8V; thus, plenty of margin on the digital signals with 3mA of current. For 3.3V pins, 3mA of current is a 1.1k resistor. Unless there are transient speed issues associated with the RC time constant of the resistor pull-up and parasitic capacitance to ground, a 10k resistor or larger is generally recommended.

For high speed signals such as the SDA, SCL and SYNC, a lower value resistor may be required. The RC time constant should be set to 1/3 to 1/5 the required rise time to avoid timing issues. For a 100pF load and a 400kHz PMBus communication rate, the rise time must be less than 300ns. The resistor pull-up on the SDA and SCL pins with the time constant set to 1/3 the rise time:

$$R_{\text{PULLUP}} = \frac{t_{\text{RISE}}}{3 \cdot 100\text{pF}} = 1\text{k}$$

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Be careful to minimize parasitic capacitance on the SDA and SCL pins to avoid communication problems. To estimate the loading capacitance, monitor the signal in question and measure how long it takes for the desired signal to reach approximately 63% of the output value. This is one time constant.

The SYNC pin has an on-chip pull-down transistor with the output held low for nominally 500ns. If the internal oscillator is set for 500kHz and the load is 100pF and a 3x time constant is required, the resistor calculation is as follows:

$$R_{\text{PULLUP}} = \frac{2\mu\text{s} - 500\text{ns}}{3 \cdot 100\text{pF}} = 5\text{k}$$

The closest 1% resistor is 4.99k.

If timing errors are occurring or if the SYNC frequency is not as fast as desired, monitor the waveform and determine if the RC time constant is too long for the application. If possible reduce the parasitic capacitance. If not reduce the pull up resistor sufficiently to assure proper timing.

PHASE-LOCKED LOOP AND FREQUENCY SYNCHRONIZATION

The LTM4677 has a phase-locked loop (PLL) comprised of an internal voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) and a phase detector. The PLL is locked to the falling edge of the SYNC pin. The phase relationship between channel 0, channel 1 and the falling edge of SYNC is controlled by the lower 3 bits of the MFR_PWM_CONFIG command. For PolyPhase applications, it is recommended all the phases be spaced evenly. Thus for a 2-phase system the signals should be 180° out of phase and a 4-phase system should be spaced 90°.

The phase detector is an edge-sensitive digital type that provides a known phase shift between the external and internal oscillators. This type of phase detector does not exhibit false lock to harmonics of the external clock.

The output of the phase detector is a pair of complementary current sources that charge or discharge the internal filter network. The PLL lock range is guaranteed between 225kHz and 1.1MHz.

The PLL has a lock detection circuit. If the PLL should lose lock during operation, bit 4 of the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command is asserted and the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin is pulled low. The fault can be cleared by writing a 1 to the bit. If the user does not wish to see the PLL_FAULT, even if a synchronization clock is not available at power up, bit 3 of the MFR_CONFIG_ALL command must be asserted.

If the SYNC signal is not clocking in the application, the PLL runs at the lowest free running frequency of the VCO. This will be well below the intended PWM frequency of the application and may cause undesirable operation of the converter.

If the PWM (SW_n) signal appears to be running at too high a frequency, monitor the SYNC pin. Extra transitions on the falling edge will result in the PLL trying to lock on to noise instead of the intended signal. Review routing of digital control signals and minimize crosstalk to the SYNC signal to avoid this problem. Multiple LTM4677s are required to share the SYNC pin in PolyPhase configurations; for other configurations, it is optional. If the SYNC pin is shared between LTM4677s, only one LTM4677 can be programmed with a frequency output. All the other LTM4677s must be configured for external clock (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4]=1b, and/or see Table 4).

RCONFIG PIN-STRAPS (EXTERNAL RESISTOR CONFIGURATION PINS)

The LTM4677 default NVM is programmed to respect the RCONFIG pins. If a user wishes the output voltage, PWM frequency and phasing and the address to be set without programming the part or purchasing specially programmed parts, the RCONFIG pins can be used to establish these parameters – provided MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0_b. The RCONFIG pins only require a resistor terminating to SGND of the LTM4677. The RCONFIG pins are only monitored at initial power up and during a reset (MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL) so modifying their values perhaps using a DAC after the part is powered will have no effect. To assure proper operation, the value of RCONFIG resistors applied to the LTM4677 pin-strapping pins must not deviate more than ±3% away from the target nominal values indicated in lookup Table 2 to Table 5, over the lifetime of the product. Thin film, 1% tolerance

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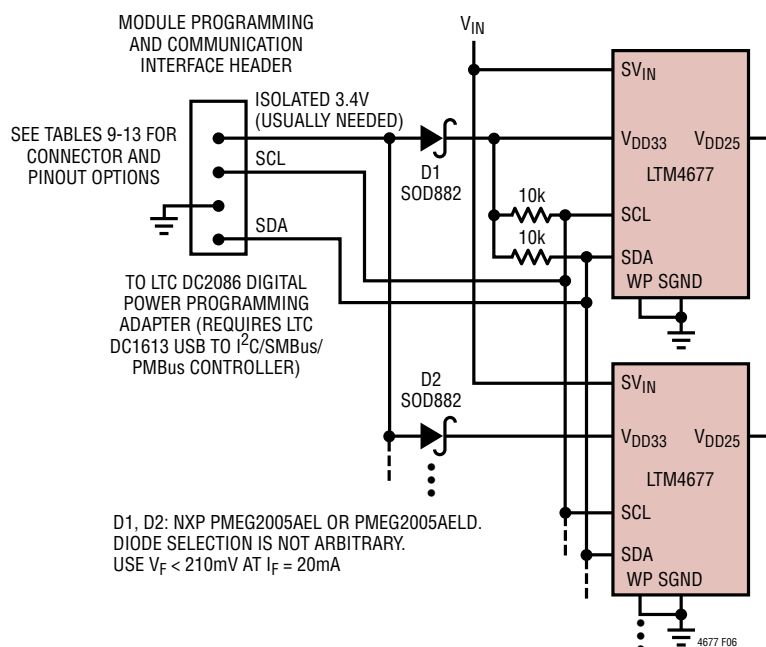


Figure 6. Circuit Suitable for Programming EEPROM/NVM of LTM4677 and Other LTC PSM Modules/ICs in Vast Systems, Even When V_{IN} Power is Absent, 0°C < T_J ≤ 85°C

data 0x2B followed by address 0x5B command 0xBD data 0xC4. The part can now be communicated with, and the project file updated. To write the updated project file to the NVM issue a STORE_USER_ALL command. When SV_{IN} is applied, a MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL must be issued to allow the PWM to be enabled and valid ADCs to be read.

Because of the controllers limited current sourcing capability, only the LTM4677s, their associated pull-up resistors and the I²C pull-up resistors should be powered from the ORed 3.3V/3.4V supply. In addition, any device sharing the I²C bus connections with the LTM4677 must not have body diodes between the SDA/SCL pins and their respective V_{DD} node because this will interfere with bus communication in the absence of system power. In Figure 5, the dongle will not bias the LTM4677s when SV_{IN} is present. It is recommended the RUN_n pins be held low to avoid providing power to the load until the part is fully configured.

The LTC controller/adaptor I²C connections are opto-isolated from the PC USB. The 3.3V/3.4V from the controller/adaptor and the LTM4677 V_{DD33} pin must be driven to each LTM4677 with a separate PFET or diode, according to Figure 5 and Figure 6. Only when SV_{IN} is not applied is it

permissible for the V_{DD33} pins to be electrically in parallel because the INTV_{CC} LDO is off. The DC1613's 3.3V current limit is 100mA but typical V_{DD33} currents are under 15mA. The V_{DD33} does back drive the INTV_{CC} pin. Normally this is not an issue if SV_{IN} is open. The DC2086 is capable of delivering 3.4V at 2A.

Using a 4-pin header in Figure 5 or Figure 6 maximizes flexibility to alter the LTM4677's NVM contents at any stage of the user's product development and production cycles. If the LTM4677's NVM is "pre-programmed", i.e., contains its finalized configuration, prior to being soldered to the user's PCB/motherboard—or, if other means have been provided for altering the LTM4677's NVM contents in the user's system—then the 3.3V/3.4V pin on the header is not needed, and a 3-pin header is sufficient to establish GUI communications. The LTM4677 can be purchased with customized NVM contents; consult factory for details. Alternatively, the NVM contents of the LTM4677 can be configured in a mass production environment by designing for it in ICT (in-circuit test), or by providing a means of applying SV_{IN} while holding the LTM4677's RUN pins low. Communication to the module must be made possible via the SCL and SDA pins/nets in all NVM programming scenarios. Recommended headers are found in Table 9 and Table 10.

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Table 9. 4-Pin Headers, 2mm Pin-to-Pin Spacing, Gold Flash or Plating, Compatible with DC2086 Cables

MOUNTING STYLE	INSERTION ANGLE	INTERFACE STYLE	VENDOR	PART NUMBER	PINOUT STYLE (SEE TABLE 11)
Surface Mount	Vertical	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3DZ-4P-2V(51) DF3DZ-4P-2V(50) DF3Z-4P-2V(50)	Type A
		Non Shrouded, Non-Keyed Header	3M	951104-2530-AR-PR	Type A and B Supported. Reversible/Not Keyed
	Right Angle	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3DZ-4P-2H(51) DF3DZ-4P-2H(50)	Type A
		Non Shrouded. Cable-to-Header/PCB Mechanics Yield Keying Effect	FCI	10112684-G03-04ULF	Type B. Keying Achieved by PCB Surface
Through-Hole	Vertical	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3-4P-2DSA(01)	Type A
		Non Shrouded, Non-Keyed Header	Harwin	M22-2010405	Type A and B Supported. Reversible/Not Keyed
			Samtec	TMM-104-01-LS	
			Sullins	NRPN041PAEN-RC	
	Right Angle	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3-4P-2DS(01)	Type A
		Non Shrouded. Cable-to-Header/PCB Mechanics Yield Keying Effect	Norcomp	27630402RP2	Type B. Keying Achieved by Intentional PCB Interference
			Harwin	M22-2030405	
			Samtec	TMM-104-01-L-S-RA	

Table 10. 3-Pin Headers, 2mm Pin-to-Pin Spacing, Gold Flash or Plating, Compatible with DC2086 Cables

MOUNTING STYLE	INSERTION ANGLE	INTERFACE STYLE	VENDOR	PART NUMBER	PINOUT STYLE (SEE TABLE 12)
Surface Mount	Vertical	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3DZ-3P-2V(51) DF3DZ-3P-2V(50) DF3Z-3P-2V(50)	Type A
		Non Shrouded, Non-Keyed Header	3M	951103-2530-AR-PR	Type A and B Supported. Reversible/Not Keyed
	Right Angle	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3DZ-3P-2H(51) DF3DZ-3P-2H(50)	Type A
		Non Shrouded. Cable-to-Header/PCB Mechanics Yield Keying Effect	FCI	10112684-G03-03LF	Type B. Keying Achieved by PCB Surface
Through-Hole	Vertical	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3-3P-2DSA(01)	Type A
		Non Shrouded, Non-Keyed Header	Harwin	M22-2010305	Type A and B Supported. Reversible/Not Keyed
			Samtec	TMM-103-01-LS	
			Sullins	NRPN031PAEN-RC	
	Right Angle	Shrouded and Keyed Header	Hirose	DF3-3P-2DS(01)	Type A
		Non Shrouded. Cable-to-Header/PCB Mechanics Yield Keying Effect	Norcomp	27630302RP2	Type B. Keying Achieved by Intentional PCB Interference
			Harwin	M22-2030305	
			Samtec	TMM-103-01-L-S-RA	

Table 11. Recommended 4-Pin Header Pinout (Pin Numbering Scheme Adheres to Hirose Conventions). Interfaces to DC2086 Cables

PIN NUMBER	PINOUT STYLE "A" (SEE TABLE 9)	PINOUT STYLE "B" (SEE TABLE 9)
1	SDA	Isolated 3.3V/3.4V
2	GND	SCL
3	SCL	GND
4	Isolated 3.3V/3.4V	SDA

Table 12. Recommended 3-Pin Header Pinout (Pin Numbering Scheme Adheres to Hirose Conventions). Interfaces to DC2086 Cables

PIN NUMBER	PINOUT STYLE "A" (SEE TABLE 10)	PINOUT STYLE "B" (SEE TABLE 10)
1	SDA	SCL
2	GND	GND
3	SCL	SDA

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Table 13. 4-Pin Male-to-Male Shrouded and Keyed Adapter (Optional. Eases Creation of Adapter Cables, if Deviating from Recommended Connectors/Connector Pinouts). Interfaces to DC2086 Cables

Vendor	Part Number	Website
Hirose	DF3-4EP-2A	www.hirose.com, www.hirose.co.jp

LTpowerPlay: An Interactive GUI for Digital Power System Management

LTpowerPlay is a powerful Windows-based development environment that supports Linear Technology digital power ICs including the LTM4677. The software supports a variety of different tasks. LTpowerPlay can be used to evaluate Linear Technology ICs by connecting to a demo board or the user application. LTpowerPlay can also be used in an offline mode (with no hardware present) in

order to build multiple IC configuration files that can be saved and reloaded at a later time. LTpowerPlay provides unprecedented diagnostic and debug features. It becomes a valuable diagnostic tool during board bring-up to program or tweak the power system or to diagnose power issues when bringing up rails. LTpowerPlay utilizes Linear Technology’s USB-to-I²C/SMBus/PMBus controller to communication with one of the many potential targets including the DC2066A (single LTM4677) or DC2143 (dual, triple, quad LTM4677) demo boards, or a customer target system. The software also provides an automatic update feature to keep the revisions current with the latest set of device drivers and documentation. A great deal of context sensitive help is available with LTpowerPlay along with several tutorial demos. Complete information is available at <http://www.linear.com/ltpowerplay>

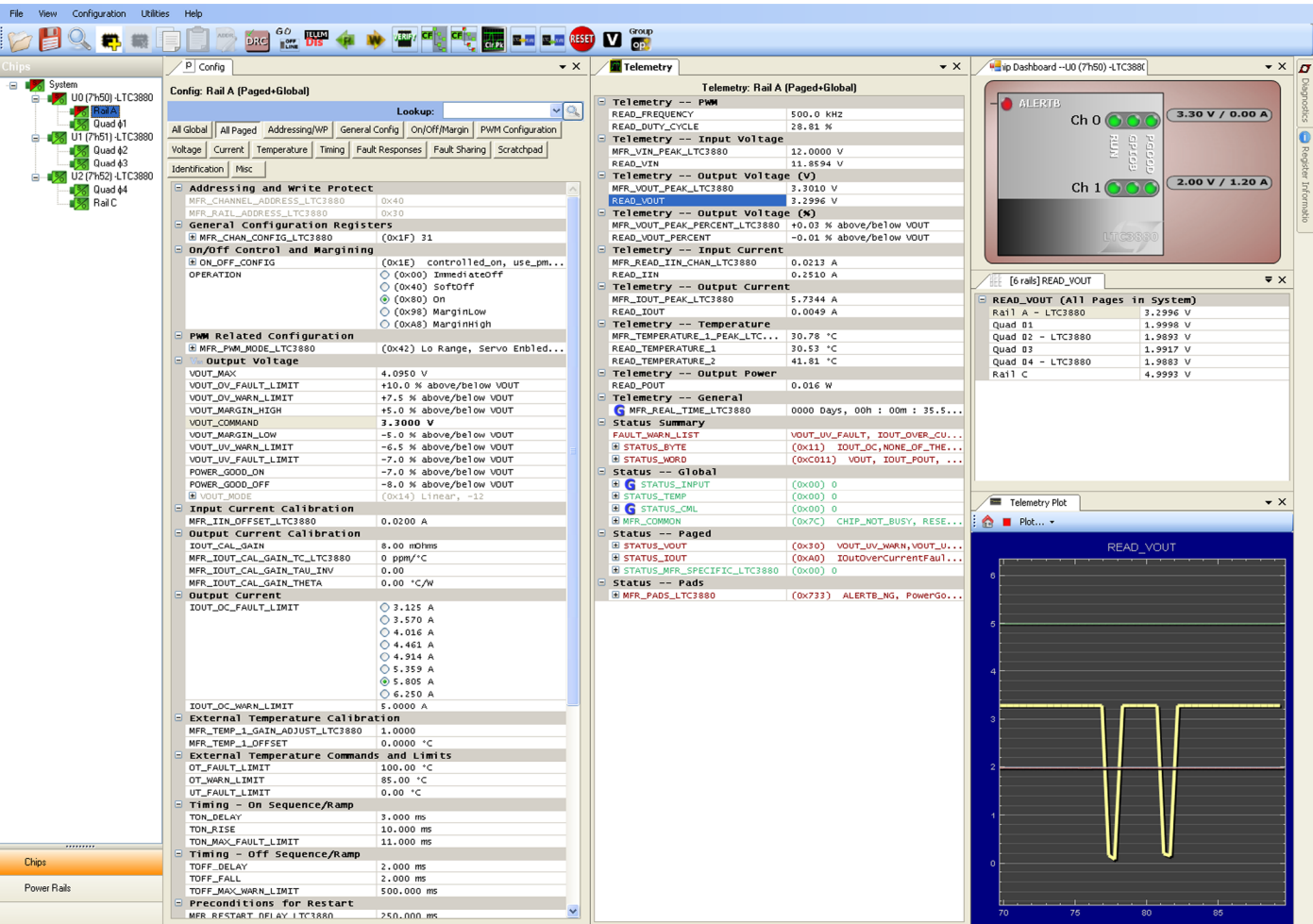


Figure 7. LTpowerPlay GUI

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PMBus COMMUNICATION AND COMMAND PROCESSING

The LTM4677 has one deep buffer to hold the last data written for each supported command prior to processing as shown in Figure 8; Write Command Data Processing. When the part receives a new command from the bus, it copies the data into the Write Command Data Buffer, indicates to the internal processor that this command data needs to be fetched, and converts the command to its internal format so that it can be executed.

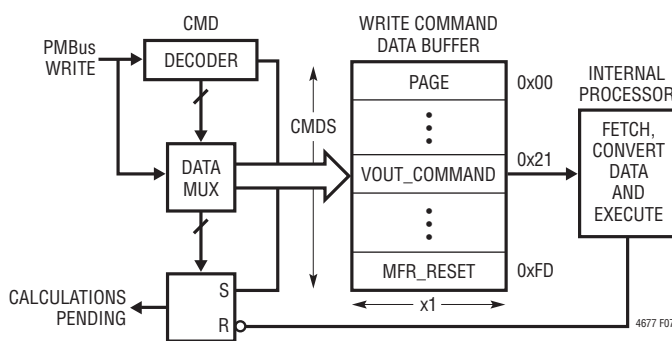


Figure 8. Write Command Data Processing

Two distinct parallel blocks manage command buffering and command processing (fetch, convert, and execute) to ensure the last data written to any command is never lost. Command data buffering handles incoming PMBus writes by storing the command data to the Write Command Data Buffer and marking these commands for future processing. The internal processor runs in parallel and handles the sometimes slower task of fetching, converting and executing commands marked for processing.

Some computationally intensive commands (e.g., timing parameters, temperatures, voltages and currents) have internal processor execution times that may be long relative to PMBus timing. If the part is busy processing a command, and new command(s) arrive, execution may be delayed or processed in a different order than received. The part indicates when internal calculations are in process via bit 5 of MFR_COMMON ('calculations not pending'). When the part is busy calculating, bit 5 is cleared. When this bit is set, the part is ready for another command. An example polling loop is provided in Figure 9 which ensures that commands are processed in order while simplifying error handling routines.

When the part receives a new command while it is busy, it will communicate this condition using standard PMBus protocol. Depending on part configuration it may either NACK the command or return all ones (0xFF) for reads. It may also generate a BUSY fault and $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ notification, or stretch the SCL clock low. For more information refer to PMBus Specification v1.2, Part II, Section 10.8.7 and SMBus v2.0 section 4.3.3. Clock stretching can be enabled by asserting bit 1 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL. Clock stretching will only occur if enabled and the bus communication speed exceeds 100kHz.

PMBus busy protocols are well accepted standards, but can make writing system level software somewhat complex. The part provides three 'hand shaking' status bits which reduce complexity while enabling robust system level communication.

The three hand shaking status bits are in the MFR_COMMON register. When the part is busy executing an internal operation, it will clear bit 6 of MFR_COMMON ('chip not busy'). When the part is busy specifically because it is in a transitional VOUT state (margining hi/lo, power off/on, moving to a new output voltage set point, etc.) it will clear bit 4 of MFR_COMMON ('output not in transition'). When internal calculations are in process, the part will clear bit 5 of MFR_COMMON ('calculations not pending'). These three status bits can be polled with a PMBus read byte of the MFR_COMMON register until all three bits are set. A command immediately following the status bits being set will be accepted without NACKing or generating a BUSY fault/ $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ notification. The part can NACK commands for other reasons, however, as required by the PMBus spec (for instance, an invalid command or data). An example of a robust command write algorithm for the VOUT_COMMAND_n register is provided in Figure 9.

```
// wait until bits 6, 5, and 4 of MFR_COMMON are all set
do
{
    mfrCommonValue = PMBUS_READ_BYTE(0xEF);
    partReady = (mfrCommonValue & 0x68) == 0x68;
}while(!partReady)

// now the part is ready to receive the next command
PMBUS_WRITE_WORD(0x21, 0x2000); //write VOUT_COMMAND to 2V
```

Figure 9. Example of a Command Write of VOUT_COMMAND

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It is recommended that all command writes (write byte, write word, etc.) be preceded with a polling loop to avoid the extra complexity of dealing with busy behavior and unwanted ALERT notification. A simple way to achieve this is to create a `SAFE_WRITE_BYTE()` and `SAFE_WRITE_WORD()` subroutine. The above polling mechanism allows your software to remain clean and simple while robustly communicating with the part. For a detailed discussion of these topics and other special cases please refer to the application note section located at www.linear.com/designtools/app_notes.

When communicating using bus speeds at or below 100kHz, the polling mechanism shown here provides a simple solution that ensures robust communication without clock stretching. At bus speeds in excess of 100kHz, it is strongly recommended that the part be configured to enable clock stretching. This requires a PMBus master that supports clock stretching. System software that detects and properly recovers from the standard PMBus NACK/BUSY faults as described in the PMBus Specification v1.2, Part II, Section 10.8.7 is required to communicate above 100kHz without clock stretching. Clock stretching will not extend the PMBus speed beyond the specified 400kHz.

THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS AND OUTPUT CURRENT DERATING

The thermal resistances reported in the Pin Configuration section of this data sheet are consistent with those parameters defined by JESD51-12 and are intended for use with finite element analysis (FEA) software modeling tools that leverage the outcome of thermal modeling, simulation, and correlation to hardware evaluation performed on a μ Module package mounted to a hardware test board. The motivation for providing these thermal coefficients is found in JESD51-12 (“Guidelines for Reporting and Using Electronic Package Thermal Information”).

Many designers may opt to use laboratory equipment and a test vehicle such as the demo board to predict the μ Module regulator’s thermal performance in their application at various electrical and environmental operating

conditions to compliment any FEA activities. Without FEA software, the thermal resistances reported in the Pin Configuration section are, in and of themselves, not relevant to providing guidance of thermal performance; instead, the derating curves provided in this data sheet can be used in a manner that yields insight and guidance pertaining to one’s application-usage, and can be adapted to correlate thermal performance to one’s own application.

The Pin Configuration section gives four thermal coefficients explicitly defined in JESD51-12; these coefficients are quoted or paraphrased below:

1. θ_{JA} , the thermal resistance from junction to ambient, is the natural convection junction-to-ambient air thermal resistance measured in a one cubic foot sealed enclosure. This environment is sometimes referred to as “still air” although natural convection causes the air to move. This value is determined with the part mounted to a JESD51-9 defined test board, which does not reflect an actual application or viable operating condition.
2. $\theta_{JCbottom}$, the thermal resistance from junction to the bottom of the product case, is determined with all of the component power dissipation flowing through the bottom of the package. In the typical μ Module regulator, the bulk of the heat flows out the bottom of the package, but there is always heat flow out into the ambient environment. As a result, this thermal resistance value may be useful for comparing packages but the test conditions don’t generally match the user’s application.
3. θ_{JCtop} , the thermal resistance from junction to top of the product case, is determined with nearly all of the component power dissipation flowing through the top of the package. As the electrical connections of the typical μ Module regulator are on the bottom of the package, it is rare for an application to operate such that most of the heat flows from the junction to the top of the part. As in the case of $\theta_{JCbottom}$, this value may be useful for comparing packages but the test conditions don’t generally match the user’s application.

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4. θ_{JB} , the thermal resistance from junction to the printed circuit board, is the junction-to-board thermal resistance where almost all of the heat flows through the bottom of the μ Module regulator and into the board, and is really the sum of the $\theta_{JCbottom}$ and the thermal resistance of the bottom of the part through the solder joints and through a portion of the board. The board temperature is measured a specified distance from the package, using a two sided, two layer board. This board is described in JESD51-9.

A graphical representation of the aforementioned thermal resistances is given in Figure 10; blue resistances are contained within the μ Module regulator, whereas green resistances are external to the μ Module package.

As a practical matter, it should be clear to the reader that no individual or sub-group of the four thermal resistance parameters defined by JESD51-12 or provided in the Pin Configuration section replicates or conveys normal operating conditions of a μ Module regulator. For example, in normal board-mounted applications, never does 100% of the device's total power loss (heat) thermally conduct exclusively through the top or exclusively through bottom of the μ Module package—as the standard defines for θ_{JCtop} and $\theta_{JCbottom}$, respectively. In practice, power loss is thermally dissipated in both directions away from the package—granted, in the absence of a heat sink and airflow, a majority of the heat flow is into the board.

Within the LTM4677, be aware there are multiple power devices and components dissipating power, with a consequence that the thermal resistances relative to different junctions of components or die are not exactly linear with respect to total package power loss. To reconcile this complication without sacrificing modeling simplicity—but also, not ignoring practical realities—an approach has been taken using FEA software modeling along with laboratory testing in a controlled-environment chamber to reasonably define and correlate the thermal resistance values supplied in this data sheet: (1) Initially, FEA software is used to accurately build the mechanical geometry of the LTM4677 and the specified PCB with all of the correct material coefficients along with accurate power loss source definitions; (2) this model simulates a software-defined JEDEC environment consistent with JESD51-9 and JESD51-12 to predict power loss heat flow and temperature readings at different interfaces that enable the calculation of the JEDEC-defined thermal resistance values; (3) the model and FEA software is used to evaluate the LTM4677 with heat sink and airflow; (4) having solved for and analyzed these thermal resistance values and simulated various operating conditions in the software model, a thorough laboratory evaluation replicates the simulated conditions with thermocouples within a controlled environment chamber while operating the device at the same power loss as that which was simulated. The outcome of this process and due diligence yields the set of derating

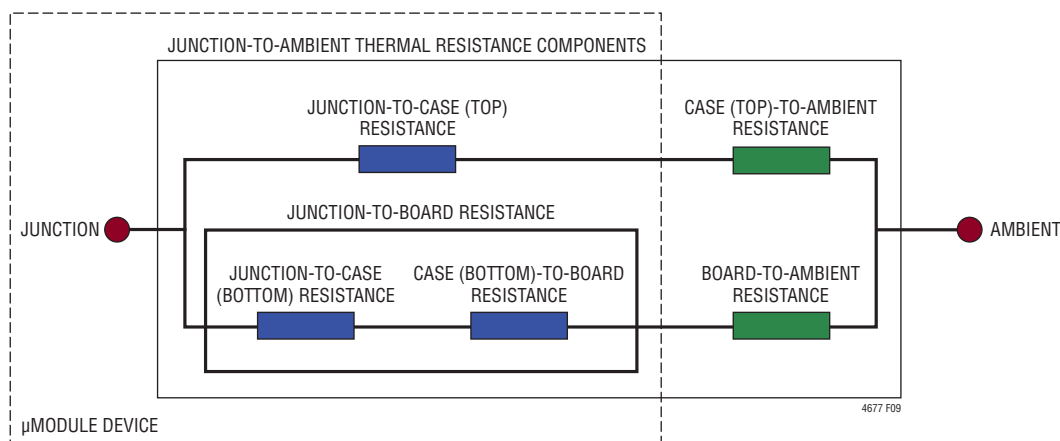


Figure 10. Graphical Representation of JESD51-12 Thermal Coefficients

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curves provided in later sections of this data sheet, along with well-correlated JEDEC51-12-defined θ values provided in the Pin Configuration section of this data sheet.

The 0.9V, 1.2V and 1.5V power loss curves in Figure 11, Figure 12 and Figure 13 respectively can be used in coordination with the load current derating curves in Figures 14 to 25 for calculating an approximate θ_{JA} thermal resistance for the LTM4677 with various heat sinking and air flow conditions. These thermal resistances represent demonstrated performance of the LTM4677 on DC2066A hardware; a 4-layer FR4 PCB measuring 99mm $\times$ 113mm $\times$ 1.6mm using outer and inner copper weights of 2oz and 1oz, respectively. The power loss curves are taken at room temperature, and are increased with multiplicative factors of 1.35 when the junction temperature reaches 120°C. The derating curves are plotted with the LTM4677's paralleled outputs initially sourcing up to 36A and the ambient temperature at 30°C. The output voltages are 0.9V, 1.2V and 1.5V. These are chosen to include the lower and higher output voltage ranges for correlating the thermal resistance. Thermal models are derived from several temperature measurements in a controlled temperature chamber along with thermal modeling analysis. The junction temperatures are monitored while ambient temperature is increased with and without air flow, and with and without a heat sink attached with thermally conductive adhesive tape. The BGA heat sinks evaluated in Table 17 (and attached to the LTM4677 with thermally conductive adhesive tape listed in Table 18)

yield very comparable performance in laminar airflow despite being visibly different in construction and form factor. The power loss increase with ambient temperature change is factored into the derating curves. The junctions are maintained at 120°C maximum while lowering output current or power while increasing ambient temperature. The decreased output current decreases the internal module loss as ambient temperature is increased. The monitored junction temperature of 120°C minus the ambient operating temperature specifies how much module temperature rise can be allowed. As an example in Figure 19, the load current is derated to ~27A at ~70°C ambient with no air or heat sink and the room temperature (25°C) power loss for this 12V_{IN} to 1.2V_{OUT} at 27A_{OUT} condition is ~4.5W. A 6.1W loss is calculated by multiplying the ~4.5W room temperature loss from the 12V_{IN} to 1.2V_{OUT} power loss curve at 27A (Figure 12), with the 1.35 multiplying factor. If the 70°C ambient temperature is subtracted from the 120°C junction temperature, then the difference of 50°C divided by 6.1W yields a thermal resistance, θ_{JA} , of 8.2°C/W—in good agreement with Table 15. Table 14, Table 15 and Table 16 provide equivalent thermal resistances for 0.9V, 1.2V and 1.5V outputs with and without air flow and heat sinking. The derived thermal resistances in Table 14, Table 15 and Table 16 for the various conditions can be multiplied by the calculated power loss as a function of ambient temperature to derive temperature rise above ambient, thus maximum junction temperature. Room temperature power loss can be derived from the efficiency curves in the Typical Performance Characteristics section and adjusted with the above ambient temperature multiplicative factors.

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Table 14. 0.9V Output

DERATING CURVE	V _{IN} (V)	POWER LOSS CURVE	AIRFLOW (LFM)	HEAT SINK	θ _{JA} (°C/W)
Figures 14, 15	5, 12	Figure 11	0	None	8.3
Figures 14, 15	5, 12	Figure 11	200	None	6.5
Figures 14, 15	5, 12	Figure 11	400	None	5.5
Figures 16, 17	5, 12	Figure 11	0	BGA Heat Sink	7.5
Figures 16, 17	5, 12	Figure 11	200	BGA Heat Sink	5.3
Figures 16, 17	5, 12	Figure 11	400	BGA Heat Sink	4.8

Table 15. 1.2V Output

DERATING CURVE	V _{IN} (V)	POWER LOSS CURVE	AIRFLOW (LFM)	HEAT SINK	θ _{JA} (°C/W)
Figures 18, 19	5, 12	Figure 12	0	None	8.3
Figures 18, 19	5, 12	Figure 12	200	None	6.5
Figures 18, 19	5, 12	Figure 12	400	None	5.5
Figures 20, 21	5, 12	Figure 12	0	BGA Heat Sink	7.5
Figures 20, 21	5, 12	Figure 12	200	BGA Heat Sink	5.3
Figures 20, 21	5, 12	Figure 12	400	BGA Heat Sink	4.8

Table 16. 1.5V Output

DERATING CURVE	V _{IN} (V)	POWER LOSS CURVE	AIRFLOW (LFM)	HEAT SINK	θ _{JA} (°C/W)
Figure 22, 23	5, 12	Figure 13	0	None	8.3
Figure 22, 23	5, 12	Figure 13	200	None	6.5
Figure 22, 23	5, 12	Figure 13	400	None	5.5
Figure 24, 25	5, 12	Figure 13	0	BGA Heat Sink	7.5
Figure 24, 25	5, 12	Figure 13	200	BGA Heat Sink	5.3
Figure 24, 25	5, 12	Figure 13	400	BGA Heat Sink	4.8

Table 17. Heat Sink Manufacturer (Thermally Conductive Adhesive Tape Pre-Attached)

HEAT SINK MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER	WEBSITE
Aavid Thermalloy	375424B00034G	www.aavid.com
Cool Innovations	4-050503PT411	www.coolinnovations.com
Wakefield Engineering	LTN20069	www.wakefield.com

Table 18. Thermally Conductive Adhesive Tape Vendor

THERMALLY CONDUCTIVE ADHESIVE TAPE MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER	WEBSITE
Chomerics	T411	www.chomerics.com

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Table 19. LTM4677 Channel Output Voltage Response vs Component Matrix. 9A Load-Stepping at 9A/μs. Typical Measured Values

C _{OUTH} VENDORS	PART NUMBER	C _{OUTL} VENDORS	PART NUMBER
AVX	12106D107MAT2A (100μF, 6.3V, 1210 Case Size)	Sanyo POSCAP	6TPF330M9L (330μF, 6.3V, 9mΩ ESR, D3L Case Size)
Murata	GRM32ER60J107ME20L (100μF, 6.3V, 1210 Case Size)	Sanyo POSCAP	6TPD470M (470μF, 6.3V, 10mΩ ESR, D4D Case Size)
Taiyo Yuden	JMK325BJ107MM-T (100μF, 6.3V, 1210 Case Size)	Sanyo POSCAP	2R5TPE470M9 (470μF, 2.5V, 9mΩ ESR, D2E Case Size)
TDK	C3225X5R0J107MT (100μF, 6.3V, 1210 Case Size)		

V _{OUTn} (V)	V _{INn} (V)	REF. CIRCUIT*	C _{OUTHn} (CERAMIC OUTPUT CAP)	C _{OUTLn} (BULK OUTPUT CAP)	CONNECT COMP _{na} TO COMP _{nb} ? (INTERNAL LOOP COMP)	R _{THn} (EXT LOOP COMP) (kΩ)	C _{THn} (EXT LOOP COMP) (pF)	f _{SW} (kHz)	F _{SWPHCFG} PIN-STRAP RESISTOR TO SGND (Table 4) (kΩ)	V _{OUTnCFG} PIN-STRAP RESISTOR TO SGND (Table 2) (kΩ)	V _{TRIMnCFG} PIN-STRAP RESISTOR TO SGND (Table 3) (kΩ)	PK-PK DEVI- ATION (0A TO 6.5A TO 0A) (mV)	RECOV- ERY TIME (μs)
0.9	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	1.65	None	84	75
0.9	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	Yes	None	None	500	None	1.65	None	131	70
0.9	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	1.65	None	85	75
0.9	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	No	8.22	2200	500	None	1.65	None	75	70
1	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	2.43	0	84	75
1	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	Yes	None	None	500	None	2.43	0	135	70
1	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	2.43	0	85	75
1	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	No	8.22	2200	500	None	2.43	0	76	70
1.2	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	3.24	0	84	75
1.2	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	Yes	None	None	500	None	3.24	0	139	75
1.2	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	3.24	0	86	75
1.2	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	No	8.22	2200	500	None	3.24	0	78	75
1.5	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	4.22	None	84	75
1.5	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	Yes	None	None	500	None	4.22	None	139	75
1.5	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	4.22	None	88	75
1.5	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	No	8.22	2200	500	None	4.22	None	80	75
1.8	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	6.34	0	84	75
1.8	5	Test Ckt. 2	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	Yes	None	None	500	None	6.34	0	139	80
1.8	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 6	None	No	8.22	2200	500	None	6.34	0	89	75
1.8	12	Test Ckt. 1	100μF × 3	330μF × 1	No	8.22	2200	500	None	6.34	0	83	80

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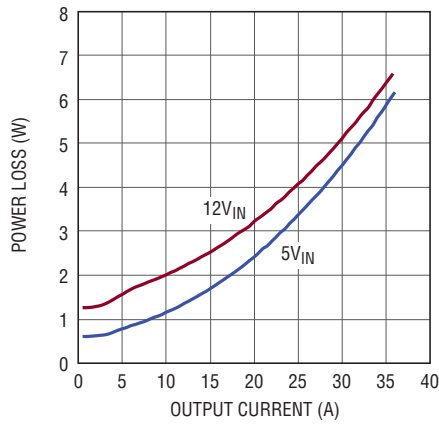
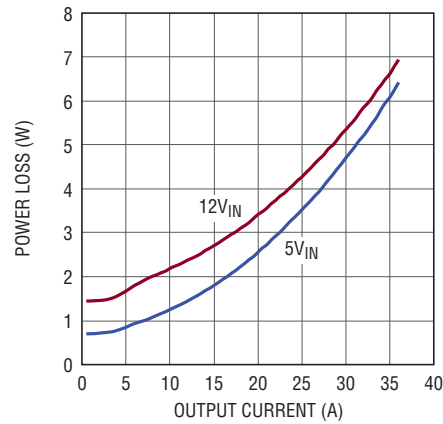
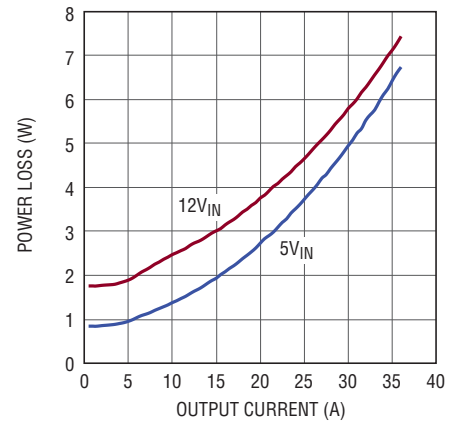
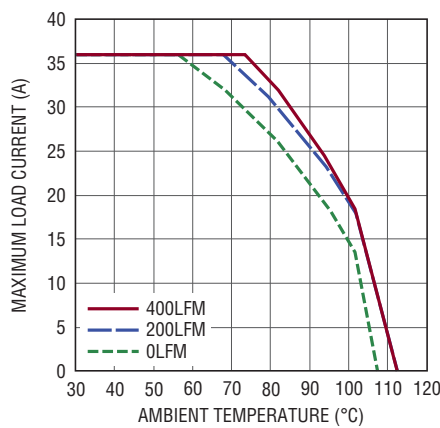
Figure 11. 0.9V_{OUT} Power Loss CurveFigure 12. 1.2V_{OUT} Power Loss CurveFigure 13. 1.5V_{OUT} Power Loss Curve

Figure 14. 5V to 0.9V Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

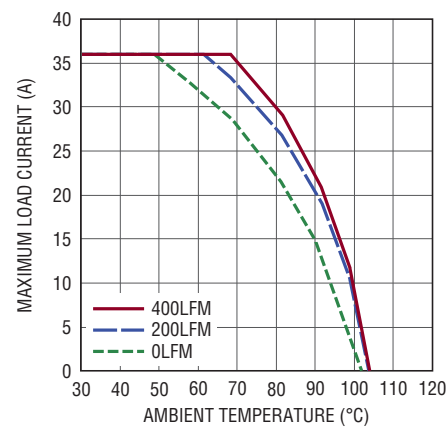


Figure 15. 12V to 0.9V Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

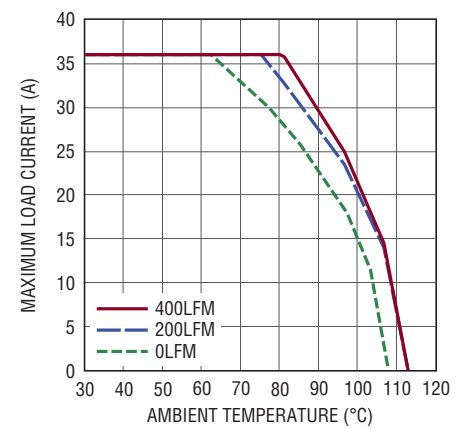


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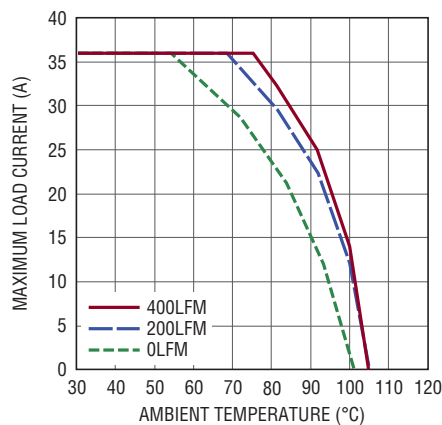


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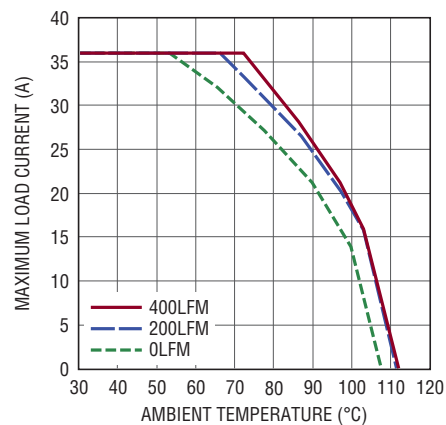


Figure 18. 5V to 1.2V Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

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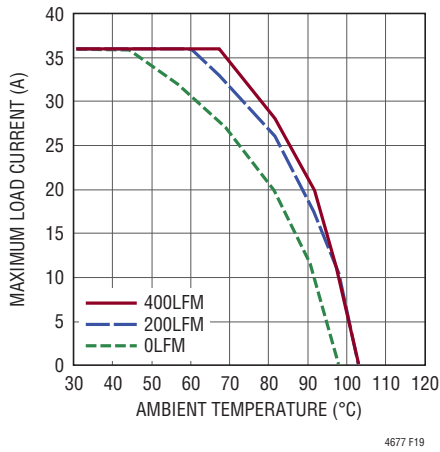


Figure 19. 12V to 1.2V Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

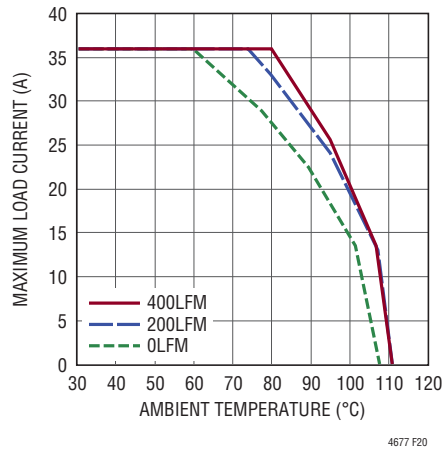


Figure 20. 5V to 1.2V Derating Curve, with Heat Sink

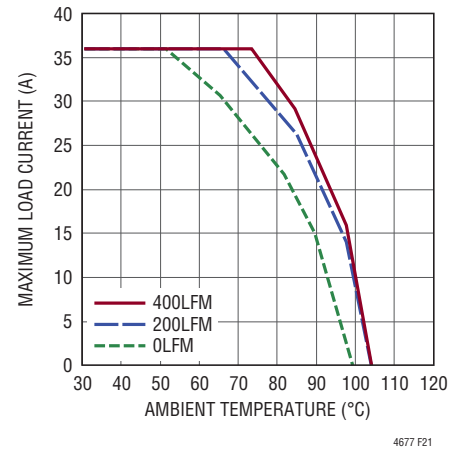


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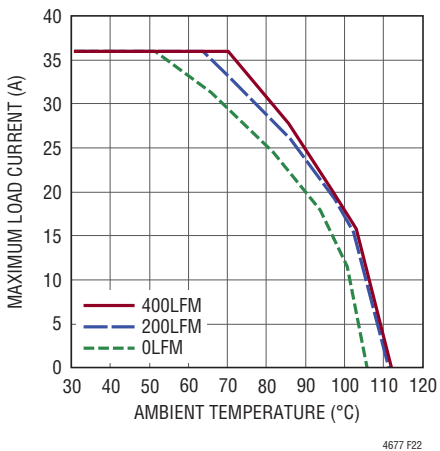


Figure 22. 5V to 1.5V Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

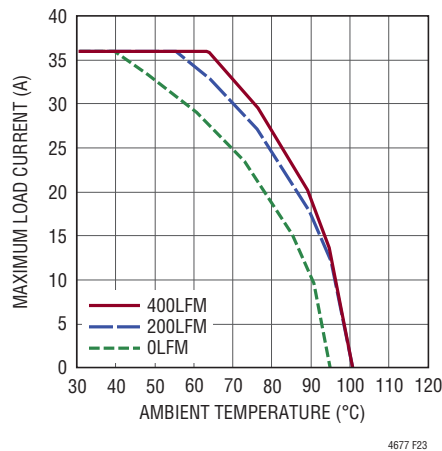


Figure 23. 12V to 1.5V Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

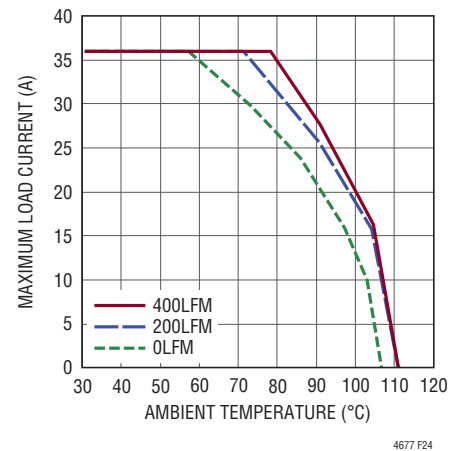


Figure 24. 5V to 1.5V Derating Curve, with Heat Sink

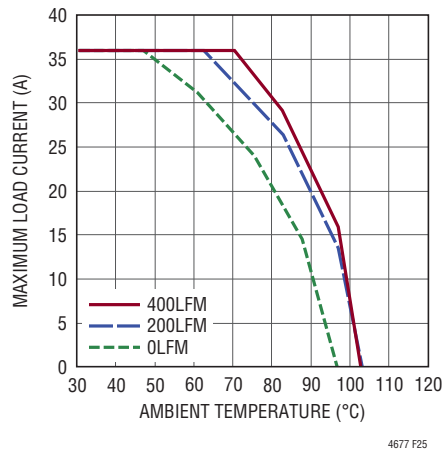


Figure 25. 12V to 1.5V Derating Curve, with Heat Sink

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EMI PERFORMANCE

The SW_n pin provides access to the midpoint of the power MOSFETs in LTM4677's power stages.

Connecting an optional series RC network from SW_n to GND can dampen high frequency (~30MHz+) switch node ringing caused by parasitic inductances and capacitances in the switched-current paths. The RC network is called a snubber circuit because it dampens (or "snubs") the resonance of the parasitics, at the expense of higher power loss.

To use a snubber, choose first how much power to allocate to the task and how much PCB real estate is available to implement the snubber. For example, if PCB space allows a low inductance 1W resistor to be used—derated conservatively to 600mW (P_{SNUB})—then the capacitor in the snubber network (C_{SW}) is computed by:

$$C_{SW} = \frac{P_{SNUB}}{V_{INn(MAX)}^2 \cdot f_{SW}}$$

where $V_{INn(MAX)}$ is the maximum input voltage that the input to the power stage (V_{INn}) will see in the application, and f_{SW} is the DC/DC converter's switching frequency of operation. C_{SW} should be NPO, COG or X7R-type (or better) material.

The snubber resistor (R_{SW}) value is then given by:

$$R_{SW} = \sqrt{\frac{5nH}{C_{SW}}}$$

The snubber resistor should be low ESL and capable of withstanding the pulsed currents present in snubber circuits. A value between 0.7Ω and 4.2Ω is normal.

For ease of snubber implementation, integrated 2.2nF snubber capacitors connect to each of the LTM4677's channel switch nodes via a low inductance path. The electrically floating ends of these snubber capacitors are made available on the $SNUB_n$ pins of the LTM4677. Using the aforementioned guidance on snubber selection, a properly sized snubber resistor can be conveniently connected directly between $SNUB_n$ and GND.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

The LTM4677 modules do not provide galvanic isolation from V_{IN} to V_{OUT} . There is no internal fuse. If required, a slow blow fuse with a rating twice the maximum input current needs to be provided to protect each unit from catastrophic failure.

The fuse or circuit breaker should be selected to limit the current to the regulator during overvoltage in case of an internal top MOSFET fault. If the internal top MOSFET fails, then turning it off will not resolve the overvoltage, thus the internal bottom MOSFET will turn on indefinitely trying to protect the load. Under this fault condition, the input voltage will source very large currents to ground through the failed internal top MOSFET and enabled internal bottom MOSFET. This can cause excessive heat and board damage depending on how much power the input voltage can deliver to this system. A fuse or circuit breaker can be used as a secondary fault protector in this situation. The device does support over current and overtemperature protection.

LAYOUT CHECKLIST/EXAMPLE

The high integration of LTM4677 makes the PCB board layout very simple and easy. However, to optimize its electrical and thermal performance, some layout considerations are still necessary.

- Use large PCB copper areas for high current paths, including V_{INn} , GND and V_{OUTn} . It helps to minimize the PCB conduction loss and thermal stress.
- Place high frequency ceramic input and output capacitors next to the V_{INn} , GND and V_{OUTn} pins to minimize high frequency noise.
- Place a dedicated power ground layer underneath the module.
- To minimize the via conduction loss and reduce module thermal stress, use multiple vias for interconnection between top layer and other power layers.
- Do not put vias directly on pads, unless they are capped or plated over.

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- Use a separate SGND copper plane for components connected to signal pins. Connect SGND to GND local to the LTM4677.
 - For parallel modules, tie the V_{OUTn} , V_{OSNS0+}/V_{OSNS-} and/or $V_{OSNS1}/SGND$ voltage-sense differential pair lines, RUN_n , $\overline{GPIO_n}$, $COMP_{na}$, SYNC and SHARE_CLK pins together—as shown in Figure 29.
 - Bring out test points on the signal pins for monitoring.
- Figure 26 gives a good example of the recommended layout.

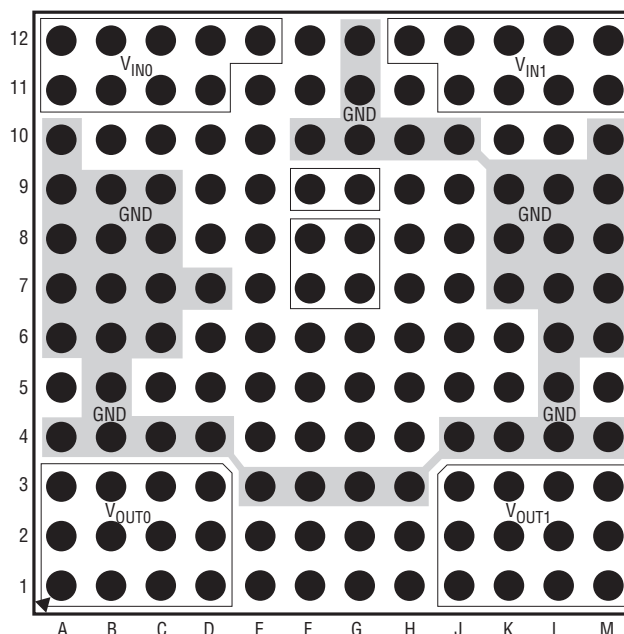
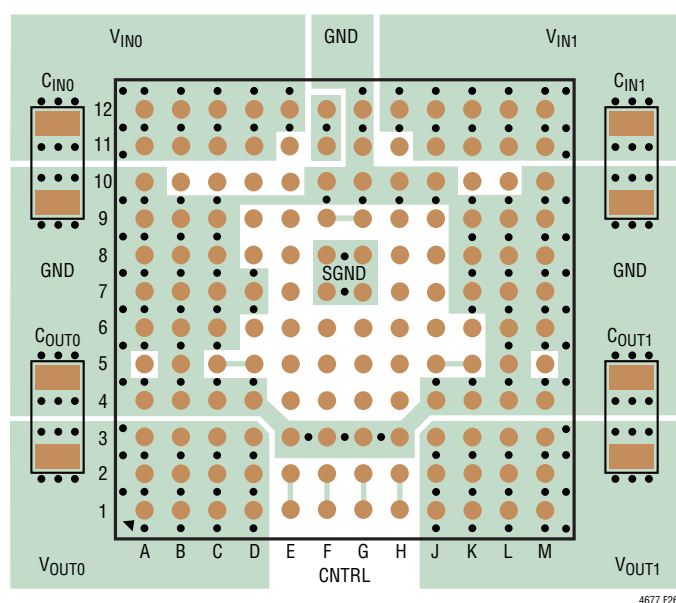
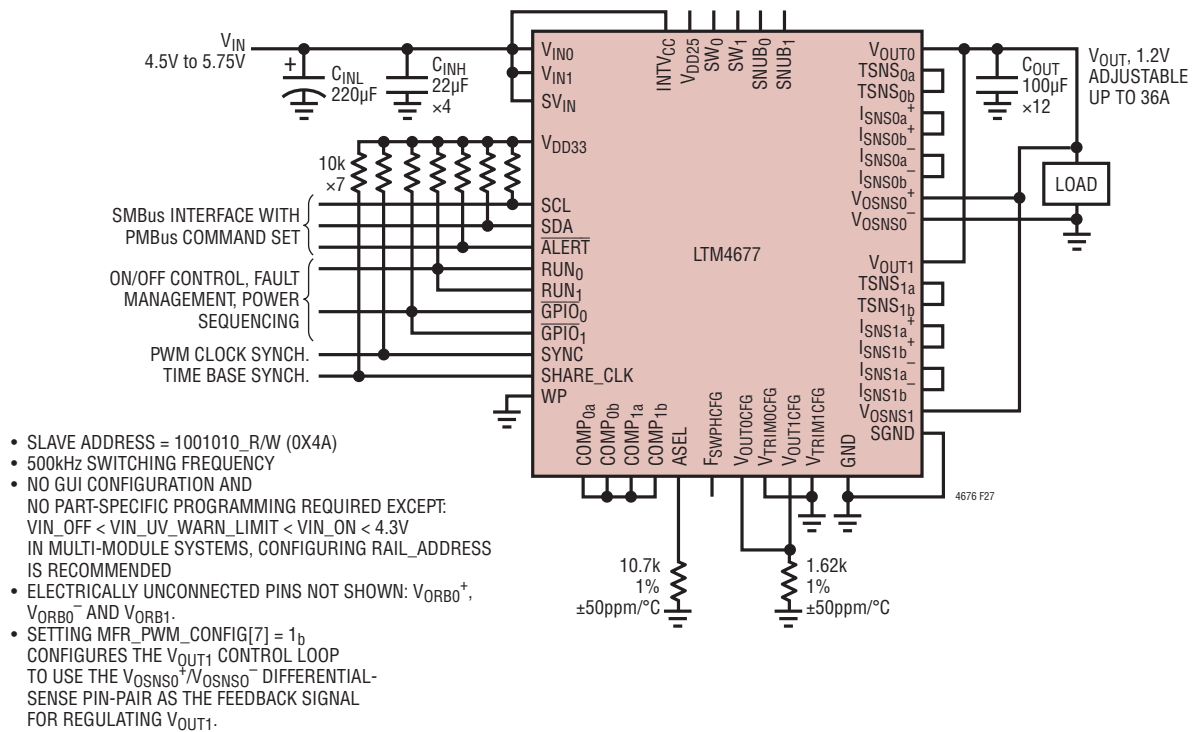
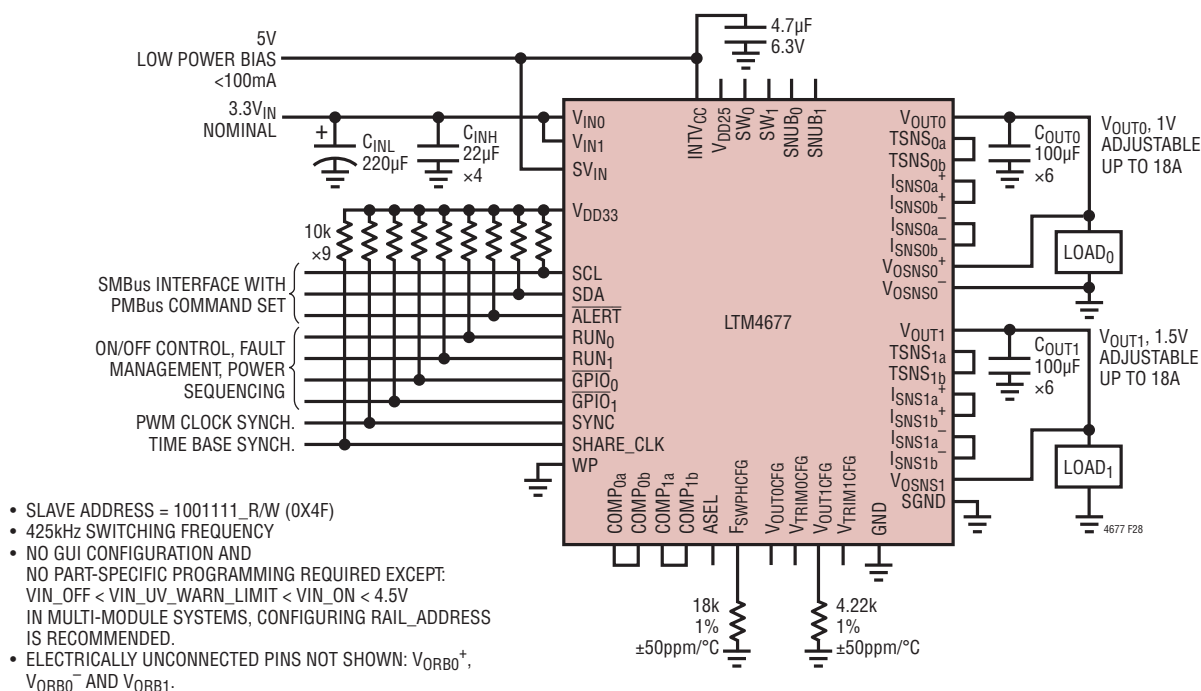


Figure 26. Recommended PCB Layout Package Top View, Universally Accommodates LTM4677, LTM4676A, and LTM4675 Modules

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Figure 27. 36A, 1.2V Output DC/DC μ Module Regulator with I²C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface

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Figure 28. 18A, 1.0V and 1.5V Outputs Generated from 3.3V Power Input and Providing I²C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface

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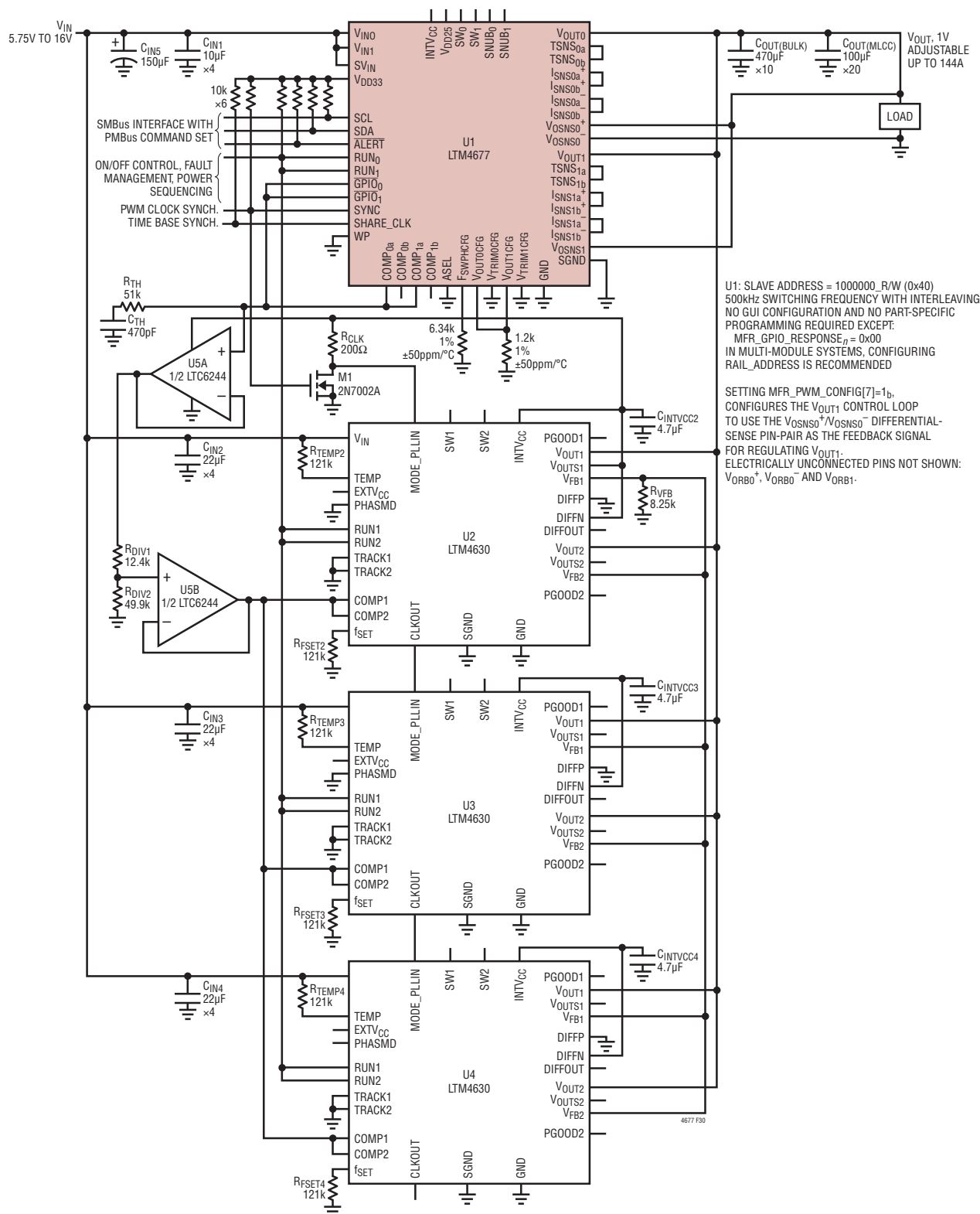


Figure 30. One LTM4677 Operating In Parallel with 3xLTM4630A Producing 1V_{OUT} at up to 144A. Power System Management Features Accessible Through LTM4677 Over 2-Wire I²C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface.

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APPENDIX A

SIMILARITY BETWEEN PMBUS, SMBUS AND I²C 2-WIRE INTERFACE

The PMBus 2-wire interface is an incremental extension of the SMBus. SMBus is built upon I²C with some minor differences in timing, DC parameters and protocol. The PMBus/SMBus protocols are more robust than simple I²C byte commands because PMBus/SMBus provide time-outs to prevent bus errors and optional packet error checking (PEC) to ensure data integrity. In general, a master device that can be configured for I²C communication can be used for PMBus communication with little or no change to hardware or firmware. Repeat start (restart) is not supported by all I²C controllers but is required for SMBus/PMBus reads. If a general purpose I²C controller is used, check that repeat start is supported.

For a description of the minor extensions and exceptions PMBus makes to SMBus, refer to PMBus Specification Part 1 Revision 1.2: Paragraph 5: Transport.

For a description of the differences between SMBus and I²C, refer to System Management Bus (SMBus) Specification Version 2.0: Appendix B—Differences Between SMBus and I²C.

PMBus data format terminology and abbreviations used in LTC data sheets (see [Appendix C: PMBus Command Details](#), for example), application notes, and the LTpowerPlay GUI are indicated in Table 20.

Table 20. Data Format Terminology

PMBus TERMINOLOGY	MEANING	TERMINOLOGY FOR: SPECS, GUI, APPLICATION NOTES	ABBREVIATIONS FOR SUMMARY COMMAND TABLE
Linear	Linear	Linear_5s_11s	L11
Linear (for Voltage Related Commands)	Linear	Linear_16u	L16
Direct	Direct-Manufacturer Customized	DirectMfr	CF
Hex		Hex	I16
ASCII		ASCII	ASC
	Register Fields	Reg	Reg

Handshaking features are included to ensure robust system communication. Please refer to the PMBus Communication and Command Processing subsection of the Applications Information section for further details.

APPENDIX B

PMBUS SERIAL DIGITAL INTERFACE

The LTM4677 communicates with a host (master) using the standard PMBus serial bus interface. The Timing Diagram, Figure 31, shows the timing relationship of the signals on the bus. The two bus lines, SDA and SCL, must be high when the bus is not in use. External pull-up resistors or current sources are required on these lines.

The LTM4677 is a slave device. The master can communicate with the LTM4677 using the following formats:

- Master transmitter, slave receiver
- Master receiver, slave transmitter

The following PMBus protocols are supported:

- Write Byte, Write Word, Send Byte, Block Write
- Read Byte, Read Word, Block Read
- Block Write -- Block Read Process Call
- Alert Response Address

Figure 33 to Figure 49 illustrate the aforementioned PMBus protocols. All transactions support PEC (parity error check) and GCP (group command protocol). The Block Read

supports 255 bytes of returned data. For this reason, the PMBus timeout may be extended when reading the fault log.

Figure 32 is a key to the protocol diagrams in this section. PEC is optional.

A value shown below a field in the following figures is a mandatory value for that field.

The data formats implemented by PMBus are:

- Master transmitter transmits to slave receiver. The transfer direction in this case is not changed.
- Master reads slave immediately after the first byte. At the moment of the first acknowledgment (provided by the slave receiver) the master transmitter becomes a master receiver and the slave receiver becomes a slave transmitter.
- Combined format. During a change of direction within a transfer, the master repeats both a start condition and the slave address but with the $R/\overline{W}$ bit reversed. In this case, the master receiver terminates the transfer by generating a NACK on the last byte of the transfer and a STOP condition.

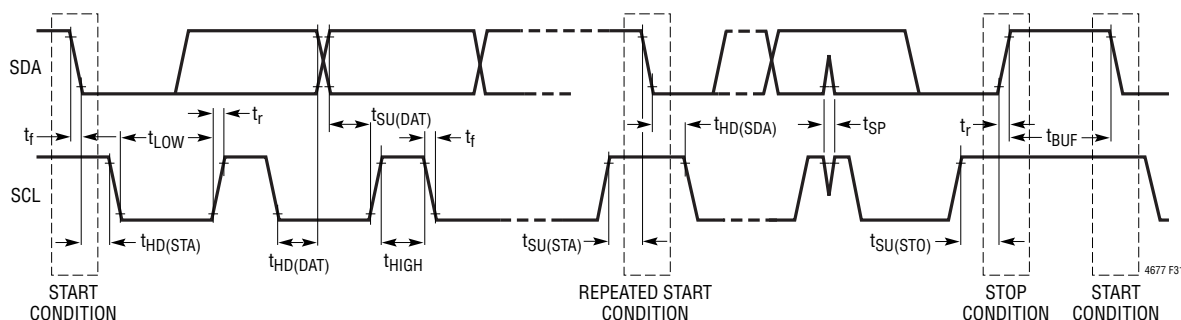


Figure 31. Timing Diagram



1	7	1	1	1
S	SLAVE ADDRESS	Rd/Wr	A	P

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1 7 1 1 8 1 1

S	SLAVE ADDRESS	Wr	A	COMMAND CODE	A	P
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1	7	1	1	8	1	8	1	1
S	SLAVE ADDRESS	Wr	A	COMMAND CODE	A	PEC	A	P

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1 7 1 1 8 1 8 1 1

S	SLAVE ADDRESS	Wr	A	COMMAND CODE	A	DATA BYTE	A	P
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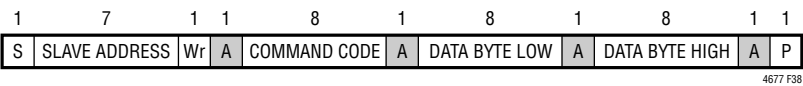
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1	7	1	1	8	1	8	1	8	1	1
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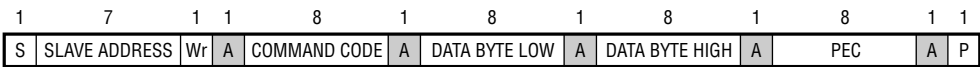
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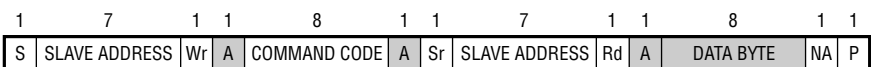
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Figure 38. Write Word Protocol



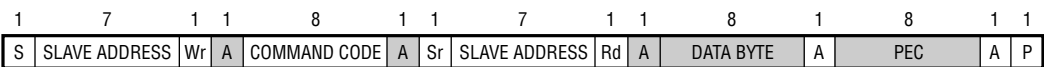
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Figure 39. Write Word Protocol with PEC



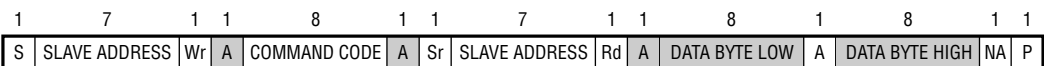
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Figure 40. Read Byte Protocol



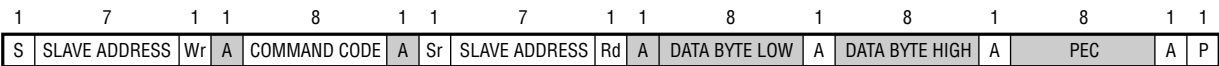
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Figure 41. Read Byte Protocol with PEC



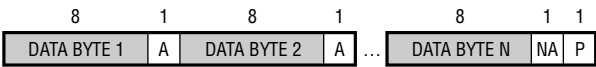
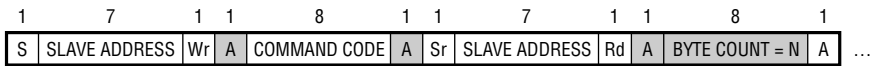
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Figure 42. Read Word Protocol



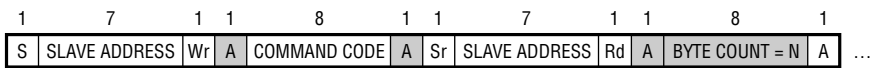
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Figure 43. Read Word Protocol with PEC



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Figure 44. Block Read Protocol



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Figure 45. Block Read Protocol with PEC

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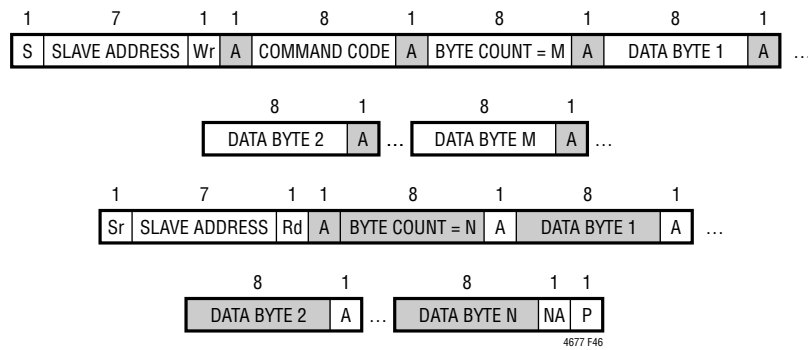


Figure 46. Block Write – Block Read Process Call

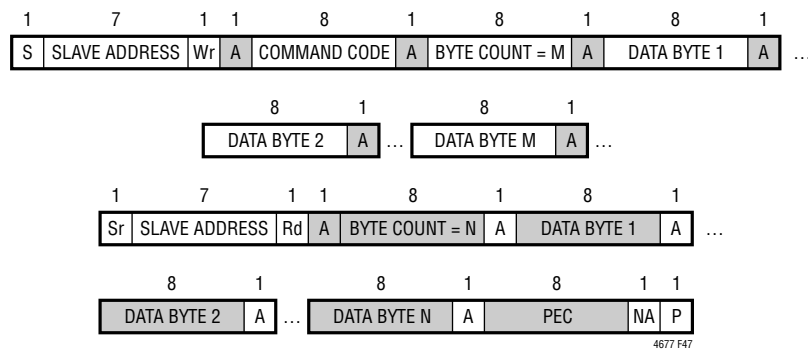


Figure 47. Block Write – Block Read Process Call with PEC

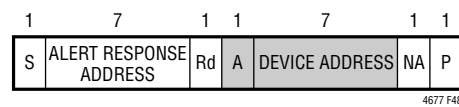


Figure 48. Alert Response Address Protocol

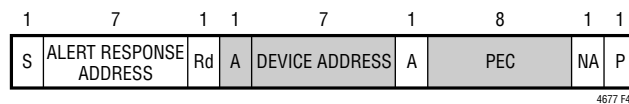


Figure 49. Alert Response Address Protocol with PEC

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ADDRESSING AND WRITE PROTECT

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
PAGE	0x00	Channel (page) presently selected for any paged command.	R/W Byte	N	Reg			0x00
PAGE_PLUS_WRITE	0x05	Write a command directly to a specified page.	W Block	N				
PAGE_PLUS_READ	0x06	Read a command directly from a specified page.	Block R/W Process	N				
WRITE_PROTECT	0x10	Protect the device against unintended PMBus modifications.	R/W Byte	N	Reg		Y	0x00
MFR_ADDRESS	0xE6	Specify right-justified 7-bit device address.	R/W Byte	N	Reg		Y	0x4F
MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS	0xFA	Specify unique right-justified 7-bit address for channels comprising a PolyPhase output.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x80

Related commands: MFR_COMMON.

PAGE

The PAGE command provides the ability to configure, control and monitor both PWM channels through only one physical address, either the MFR_ADDRESS or GLOBAL device address. Each PAGE contains the operating memory for one PWM channel.

Pages 0x00 and 0x01 correspond to channel 0 and channel 1, respectively, in this device.

Setting PAGE to 0xFF applies any following paged commands to both outputs. With PAGE set to 0xFF the LTM4677 will respond to read commands as if PAGE were set to 0x00 (channel 0 results).

This command has one data byte.

PAGE_PLUS_WRITE

The PAGE_PLUS_WRITE command provides a way to set the page within a device, send a command and then send the data for the command, all in one communication packet. Commands allowed by the present write protection level may be sent with PAGE_PLUS_WRITE.

The value stored in the PAGE command is not affected by PAGE_PLUS_WRITE. If PAGE_PLUS_WRITE is used to send a non-paged command, the Page Number byte is ignored.

This command uses Write Block protocol. An example of the PAGE_PLUS_WRITE command with PEC sending a command that has two data bytes is shown in Figure 50.

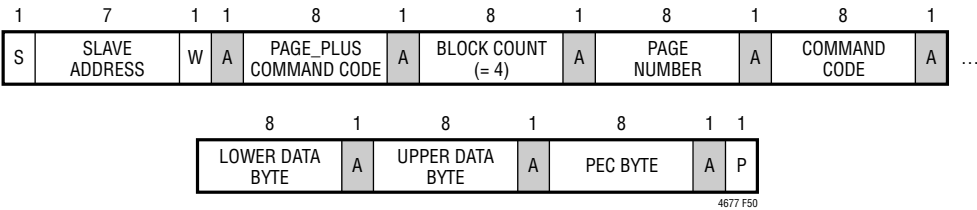


Figure 50. Example of PAGE_PLUS_WRITE

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PAGE_PLUS_READ

The PAGE_PLUS_READ command provides the ability to set the page within a device, send a command and then read the data returned by the command, all in one communication packet.

The value stored in the PAGE command is not affected by PAGE_PLUS_READ. If PAGE_PLUS_READ is used to access data from a non-paged command, the Page Number byte is ignored.

This command uses Block Write – Block Read Process Call protocol. An example of the PAGE_PLUS_READ command with PEC is shown in Figure 51.

NOTE: PAGE_PLUS commands cannot be nested. A PAGE_PLUS command cannot be used to read or write another PAGE_PLUS command. If this is attempted, the LTM4677 will NACK the entire PAGE_PLUS packet and issue a CML fault for Invalid/Unsupported Data.

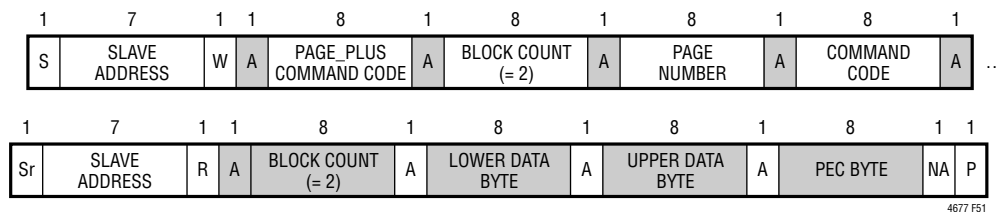


Figure 51. Example of PAGE_PLUS_READ

WRITE_PROTECT

The WRITE_PROTECT command is used to control writing to the LTM4677 device. This command does not indicate the status of the WP pin which is defined in the MFR_COMMON command. The WP pin takes precedence over the value of this command unless the WRITE_PROTECT command is more stringent.

BYTE	MEANING
0x80	Disable all writes except to the WRITE_PROTECT, PAGE, MFR_EE_UNLOCK and STORE_USER_ALL command
0x40	Disable all writes except to the WRITE_PROTECT, PAGE, MFR_EE_UNLOCK, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS, STORE_USER_ALL, OPERATION and CLEAR_FAULTS command. individual fault bits can be cleared by writing a 1 to the respective bits in the STATUS registers.
0x20	Disable all writes except to the WRITE_PROTECT, OPERATION, MFR_EE_UNLOCK, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS, CLEAR_FAULTS, PAGE, ON_OFF_CONFIG, VOUT_COMMAND and STORE_USER_ALL. Individual fault bits can be cleared by writing a 1 to the respective bits in the STATUS registers.
0x10	Reserved, must be 0
0x08	Reserved, must be 0
0x04	Reserved, must be 0
0x02	Reserved, must be 0
0x01	Reserved, must be 0

Enable writes to all commands when WRITE_PROTECT is set to 0x00.

This command has one data byte.

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If WP pin is high, PAGE, OPERATION, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS, MFR_EE_UNLOCK and CLEAR_FAULTS commands are supported. Individual fault bits can be cleared by writing a 1 to the respective bits in the STATUS registers.

MFR_ADDRESS

The MFR_ADDRESS command byte sets the 7 bits of the PMBus slave address for this device.

Setting this command to a value of 0x80 disables device addressing. The GLOBAL device address, 0x5A and 0x5B, cannot be deactivated. If RCONFIG is set to ignore (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6]=1_b), the ASEL pin is still used to determine the LSB of the channel address. If the ASEL pin is open, the LTM4677 will use the four LSBs of the MFR_ADDRESS stored in EEPROM. Values of 0x5A, 0x5B, 0x0C, and 0x7C are not recommended.

This command has one data byte.

MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS

The MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS command enables direct device address access to the PAGE activated channel. The value of this command should be common to all devices attached to a single power supply rail.

The user should only perform command writes to this address. If a read is performed from this address and the rail devices do not respond with EXACTLY the same value, the LTM4677 will detect bus contention and set a CML communications fault.

Setting this command to a value of 0x80 disables rail device addressing for the channel.

This command has one data byte.

GENERAL CONFIGURATION REGISTERS

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_CHAN_CONFIG	0xD0	Configuration bits that are channel specific.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x1F
MFR_CONFIG_ALL	0xD1	Configuration bits that are common to all pages.	R/W Byte	N	Reg		Y	0x09

MFR_CHAN_CONFIG

General purpose configuration command common to multiple LTC products.

BIT	MEANING
7	Reserved
6	Reserved
5	Reserved
4	Disable RUN Low. When asserted the RUN pin is not pulsed low if commanded OFF
3	Short Cycle. When asserted the output will immediate off if commanded ON while waiting for TOFF_DELAY or TOFF_FALL. TOFF_MIN of 120ms is honored then the part will command ON.
2	SHARE_CLOCK control, if SHARE_CLOCK is held low, the output is disabled
1	No GPIO ALERT, ALERT is not pulled low if GPIO is pulled low externally. Assert this bit if either POWER_GOOD or VOUT_UVUF are propagated on GPIO
0	Disables the VOUT decay value requirement for MFR_RETRY_TIME processing. When this bit is set to a 0, the output must decay to less than 12.5% of the programmed value for any action that turns off the rail including a fault, an OFF/ON command, or a toggle of RUN from high to low to high.

This command has one data byte.

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MFR_CONFIG_ALL

General purpose configuration command common to multiple LTC products

BIT	MEANING
7	Enable Fault Logging
6	Ignore Resistor Configuration Pins
5	Disable CML fault for Quick Command Message
4	Disable SYNC out
3	Enable 255ms Time Out
2	A valid PEC required for PMBus writes to be accepted. If this bit is not set, the part will accept commands with invalid PEC.
1	Enable the use of PMBus clock stretching
0	Enables a low to high transition on either RUN pin to issue a CLEAR_FAULTS command

This command has one data byte.

ON/OFF/MARGIN

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
ON_OFF_CONFIG	0x02	RUN pin and PMBus bus on/off command configuration.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x1F
OPERATION	0x01	Operating mode control. On/off, margin high and margin low.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x80
MFR_RESET	0xFD	Commanded reset without requiring a power-down. Identical to RESTORE_USER_ALL.	Send Byte	N				NA

ON_OFF_CONFIG

The ON_OFF_CONFIG command configures the combination of RUN_n pin input and serial bus commands needed to turn the unit on and off. This includes how the unit responds when power is applied.

Table 21. Supported Values

VALUE	MEANING
0x1F	OPERATION value and RUN _n pin must both command the device to start/run. Device executes immediate off when commanded off.
0x1E	OPERATION value and RUN _n pin must both command the device to start/run. Device uses TOFF_ command values when commanded off.
0x17	RUN _n pin control with immediate off when commanded off. OPERATION on/off control ignored.
0x16	RUN _n pin control using TOFF_ command values when commanded off. OPERATION on/off control ignored.

Note: A high on the RUN_n pin is always required to start power conversion. Power conversion will always stop with a low on RUN_n.

Programming an unsupported ON_OFF_CONFIG value will generate a CML fault and the command will be ignored.

This command has one data byte.

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OPERATION

The OPERATION command is used to turn the unit on and off in conjunction with the input from the RUN_n pins. It is also used to cause the unit to set the output voltage to the upper or lower MARGIN VOLTAGES. The unit stays in the commanded operating mode until a subsequent OPERATION command or change in the state of the RUN_n pin instructs the device to change to another mode. If the part is stored in the MARGIN_LOW/HIGH state, the next MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL or SV_{IN} power cycle will ramp to that state. If the OPERATION command is modified, for example ON is changed to MARGIN_LOW, the output will move at a fixed slope set by the VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE. The default operation command is sequence off.

Margin High (Ignore Faults) and Margin Low (Ignore Faults) operations are not supported by the LTM4677.

The part defaults to the Sequence Off state.

This command has one data byte.

Table 22. OPERATION Command Detail Register OPERATION Data Contents When On_Off_Config_Use_PMBus Enables Operation_Control

SYMBOL	Action	Value
BITS		
FUNCTION	Turn off immediately	0x00
	Turn on	0x80
	Margin Low	0x98
	Margin High	0xA8
	Sequence off	0x40

OPERATION Data Contents When On_Off_Config is Configured Such That OPERATION Command Is Not Used to Command Channel On or Off

SYMBOL	Action	Value
BITS		
FUNCTION	Output at Nominal	0x80
	Margin Low	0x98
	Margin High	0xA8

Note: Attempts to write a reserved value will cause a CML fault.

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MFR_RESET

This command provides a means by which the user can perform a reset of the LTM4677. Identical to RESTORE_USER_ALL. This write-only command has no data bytes.

PWM CONFIG

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_PWM_MODE	0xD4	Configuration for the PWM engine of each channel.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0xC3
MFR_PWM_CONFIG	0xF5	Set numerous parameters for the DC/DC controller including phasing.	R/W Byte	N	Reg		Y	0x10
FREQUENCY_SWITCH	0x33	Switching frequency of the controller.	R/W Word	N	L11	kHz	Y	500 0xFBE8

MFR_PWM_MODE

The MFR_PWM_MODE command allows the user to program the PWM controller to use, discontinuous (pulse-skipping mode), or forced continuous conduction mode.

BIT	MEANING
7	Range of I _{LIMIT} 0 – Low Current Range 1 – High Current Range
6	Enable Servo Mode
5	Reserved
4	Page 0 Only: Use of TSNS _{1a} -Sensed Temperature Telemetry 0 - Temperature sensed via TSNS _{1a} is used to temperature-correct the current-sense information digitized by Channel 1's current sense input, ISNS _{1a+} /ISNS _{1a-} . 1 - Temperature sensed via TSNS _{0a} is used to temperature-correct the current-sense information digitized by Channel 1's current sense input, ISNS _{1a+} /ISNS _{1a-} . Telemetry obtained from the thermal sensor connected to TSNS _{1a} can be external to the module, if desired.
3	Reserved
2	Reserved
1	Voltage Range 0 - Hi Voltage Range 5.5 volts max 1 - Lo Voltage Range 2.75 volts max
0	PWM Mode 0 - Discontinuous Mode 1 - Continuous Mode

Whenever the channel is ramping on, the PWM mode will be discontinuous, regardless of the value of this command.

Bit [7] of this command determines if the part is in high range or low range of the IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT command. Changing this bit value changes the PWM loop gain and compensation. Changing this bit value whenever an output is active may have detrimental system results.

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Bit [6] The LTM4677 will not servo while the part is OFF, ramping on or ramping off. When set to a one, the output servo is enabled. The output set point DAC will be slowly adjusted to minimize the difference between the READ_VOUT_ADC and the VOUT_COMMAND (or the appropriate margined value).

Bit [1] of this command determines if the part is in high range or low voltage range. Changing this bit value changes the PWM loop gain and compensation. This bit value cannot be changed when an output is active.

This command has one data byte.

MFR_PWM_CONFIG

The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command sets the switching frequency phase offset with respect to the falling edge of the SYNC signal. The part must be in the OFF state to process this command. Either the RUN pins must be low or the part must be commanded off. If the part is in the RUN state and this command is written, the command will be ignored and a BUSY fault will be asserted. Bit 7 allows remote differential voltage sensing for PolyPhase rail applications.

BIT	MEANING	
7	EA Connection 0 – Independent EA and Channel Outputs 1 – EA1 uses EA0 input for PolyPhase operation	
6	Reserved.	
5	Reserved	
4	Share Clock Enable : If this bit is 1, the SHARE_CLK pin will not be released until $SV_{IN} > VIN_ON$. The SHARE_CLK pin will be pulled low when $SV_{IN} < VIN_OFF$. If this bit is 0, the SHARE_CLK pin will not be pulled low when $SV_{IN} < VIN_OFF$ except for the initial application of SV_{IN} .	
3	Reserved	
BIT [2:0]	CHANNEL 0 (DEGREES)	CHANNEL 1 (DEGREES)
000b	0	180
001b	90	270
010b	0	240
011b	0	120
100b	120	240
101b	60	240
110b	120	300

Do not assert Bit [7] unless it is a PolyPhase application and both V_{OUT} pins are tied together and both $COMP_{na}$ pins are tied together.

This command has one data byte.

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FREQUENCY_SWITCH

The FREQUENCY_SWITCH command sets the switching frequency, in kHz, of a PMBus device. See Table 7 for recommended values.

Supported Frequencies:

VALUE [15:0]	RESULTING FREQUENCY (TYP)
0x0000	External Oscillator
0xF3E8	250kHz
0xFABC	350kHz
0xFB52	425kHz
0xFBE8	500kHz
0x023F	575kHz
0x028A	650kHz
0x02EE	750kHz
0x03E8	1000kHz

The part must be in the OFF state to process this command. Either the RUN pins must be low or the part must be commanded off. If the part is in the RUN state and this command is written, the command will be ignored and a BUSY fault will be asserted. When the part is commanded off and the frequency is changed, a PLL_UNLOCK status may be detected as the PLL locks onto the new frequency.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VOLTAGE

Input Voltage (SV_{IN}) and Limits

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT	0x55	Input supply (SV _{IN}) overvoltage fault limit.	R/W Word	N	L11	V	Y	20.0 0xDA80
VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT	0x58	Input supply (SV _{IN}) undervoltage warning limit.	R/W Word	N	L11	V	Y	5.297 0xCAA6
VIN_ON	0x35	Input voltage (SV _{IN}) at which the unit should start power conversion.	R/W Word	N	L11	V	Y	5.500 0xCAC0
VIN_OFF	0x36	Input voltage (SV _{IN}) at which the unit should stop power conversion.	R/W Word	N	L11	V	Y	5.250 0xCAA0

VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT

The VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the measured (SV_{IN}) input voltage, in volts, that causes an input overvoltage fault. The fault is detected with the A/D converter resulting in latency up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT

The VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value of the SV_{IN} input voltage that causes an SV_{IN} input undervoltage warning. The warning is detected with the A/D converter resulting in latency up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

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VIN_ON

The VIN_ON command sets the SV_{IN} input voltage, in volts, at which the unit should start power conversion.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VIN_OFF

The VIN_OFF command sets the SV_{IN} input voltage, in volts, at which the unit should stop power conversion.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Output Voltage and Limits

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
VOUT_MODE	0x20	Output voltage format and exponent (2^{-12}).	R Byte	Y	Reg			2^{-12} 0x14
VOUT_MAX	0x24	Upper limit on the commanded output voltage including VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	5.6 0x599A
VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT	0x40	Output overvoltage fault limit.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	1.1 0x119A
VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT	0x42	Output overvoltage warning limit.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	1.075 0x1133
VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH	0x25	Margin high output voltage set point. Must be greater than VOUT_COMMAND.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	1.05 0x10CD
VOUT_COMMAND	0x21	Nominal output voltage set point.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	1.0 0x1000
VOUT_MARGIN_LOW	0x26	Margin low output voltage set point. Must be less than VOUT_COMMAND.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	0.95 0x0F33
VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT	0x43	Output undervoltage warning limit.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	0.925 0x0ECD
VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT	0x44	Output undervoltage fault limit.	R/W Word	Y	L16	V	Y	0.9 0x0E66
MFR_VOUT_MAX	0xA5	Maximum allowed output voltage including VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT.	R Word	Y	L16	V		5.7 0x5B34

VOUT_MODE

The data byte for VOUT_MODE command, used for commanding and reading output voltage, consists of a 3-bit mode (only linear format is supported) and a 5-bit parameter representing the exponent used in output voltage Read/Write commands.

This read-only command has one data byte.

VOUT_MAX

The VOUT_MAX command sets an upper limit on any voltage, including VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH, the unit can command regardless of any other commands or combinations. The maximum allowed value of this command is 5.7V. The maximum output voltage the LTM4677 can produce is 5.5V including VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH. However, the VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT can be commanded as high as 5.7V.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

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VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT

The VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the output voltage measured at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output overvoltage fault.

If the VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT is modified and the switcher is active, allow 10ms after the command is modified to assure the new value is being honored. The part indicates if it is busy making a calculation. Monitor bits 5 and 6 of MFR_COMMON. Either bit is low if the part is busy. If this wait time is not met, and the VOUT_COMMAND is modified above the old overvoltage limit, an OV condition might temporarily be detected resulting in undesirable behavior and possible damage to the switcher.

If VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE is set to OV_PULLDOWN, the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin will not assert if VOUT_OV_FAULT is propagated. The LTM4677 will pull the TG low and assert the BG bit as soon as the overvoltage condition is detected.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT

The VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value of the output voltage measured at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output voltage high warning. The READ_VOUT value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the VOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the VOUT Overvoltage Warning bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH

The VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH command loads the unit with the voltage to which the output is to be changed, in volts, when the OPERATION command is set to “Margin High”. The value must be greater than VOUT_COMMAND. The maximum guaranteed value on VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH is 5.5V.

This command will not be acted on during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL output sequencing. The VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE will be used if this command is modified while the output is active and in a steady-state condition.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_COMMAND

The VOUT_COMMAND consists of two bytes and is used to set the output voltage, in volts. The maximum guaranteed value on VOUT is 5.5V.

This command will not be acted on during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL output sequencing. The VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE will be used if this command is modified while the output is active and in a steady-state condition.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

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VOUT_MARGIN_LOW

The VOUT_MARGIN_LOW command loads the unit with the voltage to which the output is to be changed, in volts, when the OPERATION command is set to “Margin Low”. The value must be less than VOUT_COMMAND.

This command will not be acted on during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL output sequencing. The VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE will be used if this command is modified while the output is active and in a steady-state condition.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT

The VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT command reads the value of the output voltage measured at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output voltage low warning.

In response to the VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the VOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the VOUT Undervoltage Warning bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT

The VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT command reads the value of the output voltage measured at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output undervoltage fault.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

MFR_VOUT_MAX

The MFR_VOUT_MAX command is the maximum output voltage in volts for each channel including VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT. If the output voltages are set to high range (Bit 1 of MFR_PWM_MODE set to a 0) MFR_VOUT_MAX for channels 0 and 1 is 5.7V. If the output voltages are set to low range (Bit 1 of MFR_PWM_MODE set to a 1) the MFR_VOUT_MAX for both channels is 2.75V. Entering VOUT_COMMAND values greater than this will result in a CML fault and the output voltage setting will be clamped to the maximum level.

This read-only command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

CURRENT

Input Current Calibration

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_IIN_OFFSET	0xE9	Coefficient used to add to the input current to account for the IQ of the part.	R/W Word	Y	L11	A	Y	0.0305 0x8BE7

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MFR_IIN_OFFSET

The MFR_IIN_OFFSET command allows the user to set an input current representing the quiescent current of each channel. For accurate results at low output current, the part should be in continuous conduction mode. (MFR_PWM_MODE[0]=1_b). See Table 8 for recommended values.

This command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Output Current Calibration

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
IOUT_CAL_GAIN	0x38	The ratio of the voltage at the current sense pins to the sensed current.	R/W Word	Y	L11	mΩ	Factory-Only NVM	Trimmed, 2.48mΩ typical
MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC	0xF6	Temperature coefficient of the current sensing element.	R/W Word	Y	CF		Y	3860 0x0F14

IOUT_CAL_GAIN

The IOUT_CAL_GAIN command is nominally used to set the resistance value of the current sense element, in milliohms. (see also MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC). Writes to this register result in a NACK and do not impact output current readback telemetry.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC

The MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC command allows the user to program the temperature coefficient of the IOUT_CAL_GAIN inductor DCR in ppm/°C.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in 16-bit 2's complement integer ppm. $N = -32768$ to $32767 \cdot 10^{-6}$. Nominal temperature is 27°C. The IOUT_CAL_GAIN is multiplied by:

$$[1.0 + \text{MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC} \cdot (\text{READ_TEMPERATURE_1} - 27)]. \text{ DCR sensing will have a typical value of } 3900.$$

The IOUT_CAL_GAIN and MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC impact all current parameters including: READ_IOUT, READ_IIN, IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT and IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT. Writes to this register are not recommended; use the factory-default value.

Input Current

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT	0x5D	Input overcurrent warning limit.	R/W Word	N	L11	A	Y	16 0xDA00

IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT

The IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value of the input current, in amperes, that causes a warning indicating the input current is high. The READ_IIN value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the OTHER bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the INPUT bit in the upper byte of the STATUS_WORD

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- Sets the IIN Overcurrent Warning bit in the STATUS_INPUT command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Output Current

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT	0x46	Output overcurrent fault limit.	R/W Word	Y	L11	A	Y	25 0xDB20
IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT	0x4A	Output overcurrent warning limit.	R/W Word	Y	L11	A	Y	22 0xDAC0

IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT

The IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the peak output current limit, in amperes. When the controller is in current limit, the overcurrent detector will indicate an overcurrent fault condition. The programmed overcurrent fault limit value is rounded up to the nearest one of the following set of discrete values:

25mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	Low Range (1.5x Nominal Loop Gain) MFR_PWM_MODE [7]=0
28.6mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
32.1mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
35.7mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
39.3mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
42.9mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
46.4mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
50mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
37.5mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	High Range (Nominal Loop Gain) MFR_PWM_MODE [7]=1
42.9mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
48.2mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
53.6mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
58.9mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
64.3mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
69.6mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	
75mV/IOUT_CAL_GAIN	

Note: This is the peak of the current waveform. The READ_IOUT command returns the average current. The peak output current limits are adjusted with temperature based on the MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC using the equation:

$$\text{IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT} = \text{IOUT_CAL_GAIN} \cdot (1 + \text{MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC} \cdot (\text{READ_TEMPERATURE_1} - 27.0)).$$

The LTpowerPlay GUI automatically convert the voltages to currents.

The I_{OUT} range is set with bit 7 of the MFR_PWM_MODE command.

The IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT is ignored during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

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IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT

This command sets the value of the output current that causes an output overcurrent warning in amperes. The READ_IOUT value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the IOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the IOUT Overcurrent Warning bit in the STATUS_IOUT command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

The IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT is ignored during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format

TEMPERATURE

Power Stage DCR Temperature Calibration

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN	0xF8	Sets the slope of the power stage temperature sensor.	R/W Word	Y	CF		Y	0.995 0x3FAE
MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET	0xF9	Sets the offset of the power stage temperature sensor with respect to -273.1°C .	R/W Word	Y	L11	C	Y	0 0x8000

MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN

The MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN command will modify the slope of the power stage temperature sensor to account for non-idealities in the element and errors associated with the remote sensing of the temperature in the inductor.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in 16-bit 2's complement integer. $N = 8192$ to 32767 . The effective adjustment is $N \cdot 2^{-14}$. The nominal value is 1.

MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET

The MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET command will modify the offset of the power stage temperature sensor to account for non-idealities in the element and errors associated with the remote sensing of the temperature in the inductor.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format. The part starts the calculation with a value of -273.15 so the default adjustment value is zero.

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Power Stage Temperature Limits

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
OT_FAULT_LIMIT	0x4F	Power stage overtemperature fault limit.	R/W Word	Y	L11	C	Y	128 0xF200
OT_WARN_LIMIT	0x51	Power stage overtemperature warning limit.	R/W Word	Y	L11	C	Y	125 0xEBE8
UT_FAULT_LIMIT	0x53	Power stage undertemperature fault limit.	R/W Word	Y	L11	C	Y	–45 0xE530

OT_FAULT_LIMIT

The OT_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the power stage temperature, in degrees Celsius, which causes an overtemperature fault. The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

OT_WARN_LIMIT

The OT_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value of the power stage temperature, in degrees Celsius, which causes an overtemperature warning. The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the OT_WARN_LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the TEMPERATURE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the Overtemperature Warning bit in the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

UT_FAULT_LIMIT

The UT_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the power stage temperature, in degrees Celsius, which causes an undertemperature fault. The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

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TIMING

Timing—On Sequence/Ramp

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
TON_DELAY	0x60	Time from RUN and/or Operation on to output rail turn-on.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	0.0 0x8000
TON_RISE	0x61	Time from when the output starts to rise until the output voltage reaches the VOUT commanded value.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	3.0 0xC300
TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT	0x62	Maximum time from the start of TON_RISE for VOUT to cross the VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	5.0 0xCA80
VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE	0x27	Rate the output changes when VOUT commanded to a new value.	R/W Word	Y	L11	V/ms	Y	0.001 0x8042

TON_DELAY

The TON_DELAY command sets the time, in milliseconds, from when a start condition is received until the output voltage starts to rise. Values from 0ms to 83 seconds are valid.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TON_RISE

The TON_RISE command sets the time, in milliseconds, from the time the output starts to rise to the time the output enters the regulation band. Values from 0 to 1.3 seconds are valid. The part will be in discontinuous mode during TON_RISE events. If TON_RISE is less than 0.25ms, the LTM4677 digital slope will be bypassed. The output voltage transition will be controlled by the analog performance of the PWM switcher. The maximum allowed slope is 4V/ms.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT

The TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value, in milliseconds, on how long the unit can attempt to power up the output without reaching the output undervoltage fault limit.

A data value of 0ms means that there is no limit and that the unit can attempt to bring up the output voltage indefinitely. The maximum limit is 83 seconds.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE

When a PMBus device receives either a VOUT_COMMAND or OPERATION (Margin High, Margin Low) that causes the output voltage to change this command set the rate in V/ms at which the output voltage changes. This commanded rate of change does not apply when the unit is commanded on or off.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

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Timing—Off Sequence/Ramp

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
TOFF_DELAY	0x64	Time from RUN and/or Operation off to the start of TOFF_FALL ramp.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	0.0 0x8000
TOFF_FALL	0x65	Time from when the output starts to fall until the output reaches zero volts.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	3.0 0xC300
TOFF_MAX_WARN_LIMIT	0x66	Maximum allowed time, after TOFF_FALL completed, for the unit to decay below 12.5%.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	0.0 0x8000

TOFF_DELAY

The TOFF_DELAY command sets the time, in milliseconds, from when a stop condition is received until the output voltage starts to fall. Values from 0 to 83 seconds are valid.

This command is excluded from fault events.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TOFF_FALL

The TOFF_FALL command sets the time, in milliseconds, from the end of the turn-off delay time until the output voltage is commanded to zero. It is the ramp time of the V_{OUT} DAC. When the V_{OUT} DAC is zero, the part will three-state.

The part will maintain the mode of operation programmed. For defined TOFF_FALL times, the user should set the part to continuous conduction mode. Loading the max value indicates the part will ramp down at the slowest possible rate. The minimum supported fall time is 0.25ms. A value less than 0.25ms will result in a 0.25ms ramp. The maximum fall time is 1.3 seconds. The maximum allowed slope is 4V/ms.

In discontinuous conduction mode, the controller will not draw current from the load and the fall time will be set by the output capacitance and load current.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TOFF_MAX_WARN_LIMIT

The TOFF_MAX_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value, in milliseconds, on how long the unit can attempt to turn off the output until a warning is asserted. The output is considered off when the V_{OUT} voltage is less than 12.5% of the programmed VOUT_COMMAND value. The calculation begins after TOFF_FALL is complete. TOFF_MAX_WARN is not enabled in VOUT_DECAY is disabled.

A data value of 0ms means that there is no limit and that the unit can attempt to turn off the output voltage indefinitely. Other than 0, values from 120ms to 524 seconds are valid.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Precondition for Restart

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_RESTART_DELAY	0xDC	Delay from actual RUN active edge to virtual RUN active edge.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	300 0xFA58

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MFR_RESTART_DELAY

This command specifies the minimum RUN off time in milliseconds. This device will pull the RUN pin low for this length of time once a falling edge of RUN has been detected. The minimum recommended value is 136ms.

Note: The restart delay is different than the retry delay. The restart delay pulls run low for the specified time, after which a standard start-up sequence is initiated. The minimum restart delay should be equal to TOFF_DELAY + TOFF_FALL + 136ms. Valid values are from 136ms to 65.52 seconds in 16ms increments. To assure a minimum off time, set the MFR_RESTART_DELAY 16ms longer than the desired time. The output rail can be off longer than the MFR_RESTART_DELAY after the RUN pin is pulled high if the output decay bit 1 is enabled in MFR_CHAN_CONFIG and the output takes a long time to decay below 12.5% of the programmed value.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

FAULT RESPONSE

Fault Responses All Faults

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_RETRY_DELAY	0xDB	Retry interval during FAULT retry mode.	R/W Word	Y	L11	ms	Y	250 0xF3E8

MFR_RETRY_DELAY

This command sets the time in milliseconds between restarts if the fault response is to retry the controller at specified intervals. This command value is used for all fault responses that require retry. The retry time starts once the fault has been detected by the offending channel. Valid values are from 120ms to 83.88 seconds in 10µs increments.

Note: The retry delay time is determined by the longer of the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command or the time required for the regulated output to decay below 12.5% of the programmed value. If the natural decay time of the output is too long, it is possible to remove the voltage requirement of the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command by asserting bit 0 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Fault Responses Input Voltage (SV_{IN})

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x56	Action to be taken by the device when an SV _{IN} input supply overvoltage fault is detected.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0xB8

VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE

The VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to an (SV_{IN}) input overvoltage fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 27.

The device also:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Set the INPUT bit in the upper byte of the STATUS_WORD

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- Sets the SV_{IN} Overvoltage Fault bit in the STATUS_INPUT command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{ALERT}$ pin, unless masked.

This command has one data byte.

Fault Responses Output Voltage

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x41	Action to be taken by the device when an output overvoltage fault is detected.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x7A
VOUT_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x45	Action to be taken by the device when an output undervoltage fault is detected.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0xB8
TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x63	Action to be taken by the device when a TON_MAX_FAULT event is detected.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0xB8

VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE

The VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to an output overvoltage fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 23.

The device also:

- Sets the VOUT_OV bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the VOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the VOUT Overvoltage Fault bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{ALERT}$ pin, unless masked.

The only value recognized for this command are:

0x80—The device shuts down (disables the output) and the unit does not attempt to retry. The output remains disabled until the fault is cleared (PMBus, Part II, Section 10.7).

0xB8—The device shuts down (disables the output) and device attempts retry continuously, without limitation, until it is commanded OFF (by the RUN pin or OPERATION command or both), bias power is removed, or another fault condition causes the unit to shut down.

0x4n The device shuts down and the unit does not attempt to retry. The output remains disabled until the part is commanded OFF then ON or the RUN pin is asserted low then high or MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL through the command or removal of SV_{IN} . The OV fault must remain active for a period of $n \cdot 10\mu s$, where n is a value from 0 to 7.

0x78+n The device shuts down and the unit attempts to retry continuously until either the fault condition is cleared or the part is commanded OFF then ON or the RUN pin is asserted low then high or MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL through the command or removal of SV_{IN} . The OV fault must remain active for a period of $n \cdot 10\mu s$, where n is a value from 0 to 7.

Any other value will result in a CML fault and the write will be ignored.

This command has one data byte.

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Table 23. VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE Data Byte Contents

BITS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	MEANING
7:6	Response For all values of bits [7:6], the LTM4677: - Sets the corresponding fault bit in the status commands and - Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked. The fault bit, once set, is cleared only when one or more of the following events occurs: - The device receives a CLEAR_FAULTS command. - The output is commanded through the RUN pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUN pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or - Bias power is removed and reapplied to the LTM4677.	00	Part performs OV pull down only (i.e., turns off the top MOSFET and turns on lower MOSFET while V_{OUT} is > $V_{\text{OUT_OV_FAULT}}$)
		01	The PMBus device continues operation for the delay time specified by bits [2:0] and the delay time unit specified for that particular fault. If the fault condition is still present at the end of the delay time, the unit responds as programmed in the Retry Setting (bits [5:3]).
		10	The device shuts down immediately (disables the output) and responds according to the retry setting in bits [5:3].
		11	Not supported. Writing this value will generate a CML fault.
5:3	Retry Setting	000-110	The unit does not attempt to restart. The output remains disabled until the fault is cleared until the device is commanded OFF bias power is removed.
		111	The PMBus device attempts to restart continuously, without limitation, until it is commanded OFF (by the RUN pin or OPERATION command or both), bias power is removed, or another fault condition causes the unit to shut down without retry. Note: The retry interval is set by the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command.
2:0	Delay Time	XXX	The delay time in 10 μ s increments. This delay time determines how long the controller continues operating after a fault is detected. Only valid for deglitched off state

VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE

The VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to an output undervoltage fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 24.

The device also:

- Sets the VOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the VOUT undervoltage fault bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

The UV fault and warn are masked until the following criteria are achieved:

- 1) The TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT has been reached
- 2) The TON_DELAY sequence has completed
- 3) The TON_RISE sequence has completed
- 4) The VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT threshold has been reached
- 5) The IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT is not present

The UV fault and warn are masked whenever the channel is not active.

The UV fault and warn are masked during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL sequencing.

This command has one data byte.

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Table 24. VOUT_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE Data Byte Contents

BITS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	MEANING
7:6	Response For all values of bits [7:6], the LTM4677: - Sets the corresponding fault bit in the status commands and - Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked. The fault bit, once set, is cleared only when one or more of the following events occurs: - The device receives a CLEAR_FAULTS command - The output is commanded through the RUN pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUN pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or - Bias power is removed and reapplied to the LTM4677.	00	The PMBus device continues operation without interruption. (Ignores the fault functionally)
		01	The PMBus device continues operation for the delay time specified by bits [2:0] and the delay time unit specified for that particular fault. If the fault condition is still present at the end of the delay time, the unit responds as programmed in the Retry Setting (bits [5:3]).
		10	The device shuts down (disables the output) and responds according to the retry setting in bits [5:3].
		11	Not supported. Writing this value will generate a CML fault.
5:3	Retry Setting	000-110	The unit does not attempt to restart. The output remains disabled until the fault is cleared until the device is commanded OFF bias power is removed.
		111	The PMBus device attempts to restart continuously, without limitation, until it is commanded OFF (by the RUN pin or OPERATION command or both), bias power is removed, or another fault condition causes the unit to shut down without retry. Note: The retry interval is set by the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command.
2:0	Delay Time	XXX	The delay time in 10 μ s increments. This delay time determines how long the controller continues operating after a fault is detected. Only valid for deglitched off state.

TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE

The TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to a TON_MAX fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 27.

The device also:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the VOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the TON_MAX_FAULT bit in the STATUS_VOUT command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.
- A value of 0 disables the TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE. It is not recommended to use 0.

This command has one data byte.

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Fault Responses Output Current

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x47	Action to be taken by the device when an output overcurrent fault is detected.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x00

IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE

The IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to an output overcurrent fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 25.

The device also:

- Sets the IOUT_OC bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the IOUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the IOUT Overcurrent Fault bit in the STATUS_IOUT command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This command has one data byte.

Table 25. IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE Data Byte Contents

BITS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	MEANING
7:6	Response For all values of bits [7:6], the LTM4677: • Sets the corresponding fault bit in the status commands and • Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked. The fault bit, once set, is cleared only when one or more of the following events occurs: • The device receives a CLEAR_FAULTS command • The output is commanded through the RUNn pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUNn pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or • Bias power is removed and reapplied to the LTM4677.	00	The LTM4677 continues to operate indefinitely while maintaining the output current at the value set by IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT without regard to the output voltage (known as constant-current or brick-wall limiting).
		01	Not supported.
		10	The LTM4677 continues to operate, maintaining the output current at the value set by IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT without regard to the output voltage, for the delay time set by bits [2:0]. If the device is still operating in current limit at the end of the delay time, the device responds as programmed by the Retry Setting in bits [5:3].
		11	The LTM4677 shuts down immediately and responds as programmed by the Retry Setting in bits [5:3].
5:3	Retry Setting	000-110	The unit does not attempt to restart. The output remains disabled until the fault is cleared by cycling the RUN n pin or removing bias power.
		111	The device attempts to restart continuously, without limitation, until it is commanded OFF (by the RUN n pin or OPERATION command or both), bias power is removed, or another fault condition causes the unit to shut down. Note: The retry interval is set by the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command.
2:0	Delay Time	XXX	The number of delay time units in 16ms increments. This delay time is used to determine the amount of time a unit is to continue operating after a fault is detected before shutting down. Only valid for deglitched off state.

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Fault Responses IC Temperature

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE	0xD6	Action to be taken by the device when an internal overtemperature fault is detected.	R Byte	N	Reg			0xC0

MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE

The MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE command byte instructs the device on what action to take in response to an internal overtemperature fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 26.

The LTM4677 also:

- Sets the MFR bit in the STATUS_WORD, and
- Sets the Overtemperature Fault bit in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This command has one data byte.

Table 26. Data Byte Contents MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE

BITS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	MEANING
7:6	Response For all values of bits [7:6], the LTM4677: • Sets the corresponding fault bit in the status commands and • Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked. The fault bit, once set, is cleared only when one or more of the following events occurs: • The device receives a CLEAR_FAULTS command • The output is commanded through the RUNn pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUNn pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or • Bias power is removed and reapplied to the LTM4677.	00	Not supported. Writing this value will generate a CML fault.
		01	Not supported. Writing this value will generate a CML fault
		10	The device shuts down immediately (disables the output) and responds according to the retry setting in bits [5:3].
		11	The device's output is disabled while the fault is present. Operation resumes and the output is enabled when the fault condition no longer exists.
5:3	Retry Setting	000	The unit does not attempt to restart. The output remains disabled until the fault is cleared.
		001-111	Not supported. Writing this value will generate CML fault.
2:0	Delay Time	XXX	Not supported. Value ignored

Fault Responses Power Stage Temperature

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
OT_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x50	Action to be taken by the device when a power stage overtemperature fault is detected,	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0xB8
UT_FAULT_RESPONSE	0x54	Action to be taken by the device when a power stage undertemperature fault is detected.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0x00

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OT_FAULT_RESPONSE

The OT_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to a power stage over-temperature fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 27.

The device also:

- Sets the TEMPERATURE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the Overtemperature Fault bit in the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has one data byte.

UT_FAULT_RESPONSE

The UT_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action to take in response to a power stage under-temperature fault. The data byte is in the format given in Table 27.

The device also:

- Sets the TEMPERATURE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the Undertemperature Fault bit in the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked.

This condition is detected by the ADC so the response time may be up to 90ms, typical.

This command has one data byte.

Table 27. Data Byte Contents: TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE, VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE, OT_FAULT_RESPONSE, UT_FAULT_RESPONSE

BITS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	MEANING
7:6	Response For all values of bits [7:6], the LTM4677: • Sets the corresponding fault bit in the status commands, and • Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked. The fault bit, once set, is cleared only when one or more of the following events occurs: • The device receives a CLEAR_FAULTS command • The output is commanded through the RUN$\overline{n}$ pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUN$\overline{n}$ pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or • Bias power is removed and reapplied to the LTM4677.	00	The PMBus device continues operation without interruption.
		01	Not supported. Writing this value will generate a CML fault.
		10	The device shuts down immediately (disables the output) and responds according to the retry setting in bits [5:3].
		11	Not supported. Writing this value will generate a CML fault.
5:3	Retry Setting	000-110	The unit does not attempt to restart. The output remains disabled until the fault is cleared until the device is commanded OFF bias power is removed.
		111	The PMBus device attempts to restart continuously, without limitation, until it is commanded OFF (by the RUN $\overline{n}$ pin or OPERATION command or both), bias power is removed, or another fault condition causes the unit to shut down without retry. Note: The retry interval is set by the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command.
2:0	Delay Time	XXX	Not supported. Values ignored

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FAULT SHARING

Fault Sharing Propagation

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE _n	0xD2	Configuration that determines which faults are propagated to the GPIO pins.	R/W Word	Y	Reg		Y	0x6893

MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE

The MFR_GPIO_PROPAGATE command enables the faults that can cause the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin to assert low. The command is formatted as shown in Table 28. Faults can only be propagated to the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ if they are programmed to respond to faults.

This command has two data bytes.

Table 28. GPIO_n Propagate Fault Configuration. The $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ and $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ pins are designed to provide electrical notification of selected events to the user. Some of these events are common to both output channels. Others are specific to an output channel. They can also be used to share faults between channels.

BIT(S)	SYMBOL	OPERATION
B[15]	VOUT disabled while not decayed.	This is used in a PolyPhase configuration when bit 0 of the MFR_CHAN_CONFIG is a zero. If the channel is turned off, by toggling the RUN pin or commanding the part OFF, and then the RUN is reasserted or the part is commanded back on before the output has decayed, VOUT will not restart until the 12.5% decay is honored. The $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin is asserted during this condition if bit 15 is asserted.
B[14]	Mfr_gpio_propagate_short_CMD_cycle	0: No action 1: Asserts low if commanded off then on before the output has sequenced off. Re-asserts high 120ms after sequence off.
b[13]	Mfr_gpio_propagate_ton_max_fault	0: No action if a TON_MAX_FAULT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if a TON_MAX_FAULT fault is asserted $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with page 0 TON_MAX_FAULT faults $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with page 1 TON_MAX_FAULT faults
b[12]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_vout_uvuf, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_vout_uvuf	Unfiltered VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT comparator output $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with channel 0 $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with channel 1
b[11]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_int_ot, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_int_ot	0: No action if the MFR_OT_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the MFR_OT_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted
b[10]	Mfr_pwrzd1_en*	0: No action if channel 1 POWER_GOOD is not true 1: Associated output will be asserted low if channel 1 POWER_GOOD is not true If this bit is asserted, the GPIO_FAULT_RESPONSE must be ignore. If the GPIO_FAULT_RESPONSE is not set to ignore, the part will latch off and never be able to start.
b[9]	Mfr_pwrzd0_en*	0: No action if channel 0 POWER_GOOD is not true 1: Associated output will be asserted low if channel 0 POWER_GOOD is not true If this bit is asserted, the GPIO_FAULT_RESPONSE must be ignore. If the GPIO_FAULT_RESPONSE is not set to ignore, the part will latch off and never be able to start.
b[8]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_ut, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_ut	0: No action if the UT_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the UT_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with page 0 UT faults $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with page 1 UT faults

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Table 28. GPIO_n Propagate Fault Configuration. The $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ and $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ pins are designed to provide electrical notification of selected events to the user. Some of these events are common to both output channels. Others are specific to an output channel. They can also be used to share faults between channels.

BIT(S)	SYMBOL	OPERATION
b[7]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_ot, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_ot	0: No action if the OT_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the OT_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with page 0 OT faults $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with page 1 OT faults
b[6]	Reserved	
b[5]	Reserved	
b[4]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_input_ov, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_input_ov	0: No action if the VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted
b[3]	Reserved	
b[2]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_iout_oc, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_iout_oc	0: No action if the IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with page 0 OC faults $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with page 1 OC faults
b[1]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_vout_uv, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_vout_uv	0: No action if the VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with page 0 UV faults $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with page 1 UV faults
b[0]	Mfr_gpio0_propagate_vout_ov, Mfr_gpio1_propagate_vout_ov	0: No action if the VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted 1: Associated output will be asserted low if the VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT fault is asserted $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_0$ is associated with page 0 OV faults $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_1$ is associated with page 1 OV faults

*The PWRGD status is designed as an indicator and not to be used for power supply sequencing.

Fault Sharing Response

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE	0xD5	Action to be taken by the device when the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin is asserted low.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg		Y	0xC0

MFR_GPIO_RESPONSE

This command determines the controller's response to the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pin being pulled low by an external source.

VALUE	MEANING
0xC0	GPIO_INHIBIT The LTM4677 will three-state the output in response to the $\overline{\text{GPIO}}$ pin pulled low.
0x00	GPIO_IGNORE The LTM4677 continues operation without interruption.

The device also:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the MFR bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the GPIOB bit in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin, unless masked. The $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin pulled low can be disabled by setting bit[1] of MFR_CHAN_CFG.

This command has one data byte.

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SCRATCHPAD

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
USER_DATA_00	0xB0	OEM reserved. Typically used for part serialization.	R/W Word	N	Reg		Y	NA
USER_DATA_01	0xB1	Manufacturer reserved for LTpowerPlay.	R/W Word	Y	Reg		Y	NA
USER_DATA_02	0xB2	OEM reserved. Typically used for part serialization.	R/W Word	N	Reg		Y	NA
USER_DATA_03	0xB3	A NVM word available for the user.	R/W Word	Y	Reg		Y	0x0000
USER_DATA_04	0xB4	A NVM word available for the user.	R/W Word	N	Reg		Y	0x0000

USER_DATA_00 through USER_DATA_04

These commands are non-volatile memory locations for customer storage. The customer has the option to write any value to the USER_DATA_nn at any time. However, the LTpowerPlay software and contract manufacturers use some of these commands for inventory control. Modifying the reserved USER_DATA_nn commands may lead to undesirable inventory control and incompatibility with these products.

These commands have 2 data bytes and are in register format.

IDENTIFICATION

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
PMBUS_REVISION	0x98	PMBus revision supported by this device. Current revision is 1.2.	R Byte	N	Reg			0x22
CAPABILITY	0x19	Summary of PMBus optional communication protocols supported by this device.	R Byte	N	Reg			0xB0
MFR_ID	0x99	The manufacturer ID of the LTM4677 in ASCII.	R String	N	ASC			LTC
MFR_MODEL	0x9A	Manufacturer part number in ASCII.	R String	N	ASC			LTM4677*
MFR_SERIAL	0x9E	Serial number of this specific unit in ASCII.	R Block	N	CF			NA
MFR_SPECIAL_ID	0xE7	Manufacturer code representing the LTM4677.	R Word	N	Reg			0x47BX

* The MFR_MODEL value is "LTM4677 ". The value consists of 8 ASCII characters and the last character is a blank space punctuation character (" "), i.e., ASCII code 0x20 or 32d.

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PMBus_REVISION

The PMBUS_REVISION command indicates the revision of the PMBus to which the device is compliant. The LTM4677 is PMBus Version 1.2 compliant in both Part I and Part II.

This read-only command has one data byte.

CAPABILITY

This command provides a way for a host system to determine some key capabilities of a PMBus device.

The LTM4677 supports packet error checking, 400kHz bus speeds, and $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin.

This read-only command has one data byte.

MFR_ID

The MFR_ID command indicates the manufacturer ID of the LTM4677 using ASCII characters.

This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_MODEL

The MFR_MODEL command indicates the manufacturer's part number of the LTM4677 using ASCII characters. The MFR_MODEL value is "LTM4677 ". The value consists of 8 ASCII characters and the last character is a blank space punctuation character (" "), i.e., ASCII code 0x20 or 32d.

This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_SERIAL

The MFR_SERIAL command contains up to 9 bytes of custom formatted data used to uniquely identify the LTM4677 configuration.

This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_SPECIAL_ID

The 16-bit word representing the part name. The 0x47E prefix denotes the part is an LTM4677, X is adjustable by the manufacturer.

This read-only command has 2 data bytes.

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FAULT WARNING AND STATUS

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
CLEAR_FAULTS	0x03	Clear any fault bits that have been set.	Send Byte	N				NA
SMBALERT_MASK	0x1B	Mask $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ Activity.	Block R/W	Y	Reg		Y	See CMD Details
MFR_CLEAR_PEAKE	0xE3	Clears all peaks values.	Send Byte	N				NA
STATUS_BYTE	0x78	One byte summary of the unit's fault condition.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg			NA
STATUS_WORD	0x79	Two byte summary of the unit's fault condition.	R/W Word	Y	Reg			NA
STATUS_VOUT	0x7A	Output voltage fault and warning status.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg			NA
STATUS_IOUT	0x7B	Output current fault and warning status.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg			NA
STATUS_INPUT	0x7C	Input supply (SV_{IN}) fault and warning status.	R/W Byte	N	Reg			NA
STATUS_TEMPERATURE	0x7D	TSNS _{ra} -sensed fault and warning status for READ_TEMPERATURE_1.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg			NA
STATUS_CML	0x7E	Communication and memory fault and warning status.	R/W Byte	N	Reg			NA
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC	0x80	Manufacturer specific fault and state information.	R/W Byte	Y	Reg			NA
MFR_PADS	0xE5	Digital status of the I/O pads.	R Word	N	Reg			NA
MFR_COMMON	0xEF	Manufacturer status bits that are common across multiple LTC ICs/modules.	R Byte	N	Reg			NA
MFR_INFO	0xB6	Manufacturing specific information	R Word	N	Reg			NA

CLEAR_FAULTS

The CLEAR_FAULTS command is used to clear any fault bits that have been set. This command clears all bits in all status commands simultaneously. At the same time, the device negates (clears, releases) its $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin signal output if the device is asserting the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin signal. If the fault is still present when the bit is cleared, the fault bit will remain set and the host notified by asserting the $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ pin low. CLEAR_FAULTS can take up to 10 μ s to process. If a fault occurs within that time frame it may be cleared before the status register is set.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

The CLEAR_FAULTS does not cause a unit that has latched off for a fault condition to restart. Units that have shut down for a fault condition are restarted when:

- The output is commanded through the RUN pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUN pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or
- MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL command is issued.
- Bias power is removed and reapplied to the integrated circuit

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MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS

The MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command clears the MFR_*_PEAK data values. A MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL will initiate this command.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

SMBALERT_MASK

The SMBALERT_MASK command can be used to prevent a particular status bit or bits from asserting $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ as they are asserted.

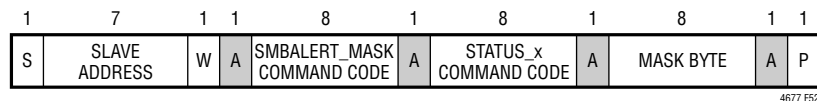
Figure 52 shows an example of the Write Word format used to set an $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ mask, in this case without PEC. The bits in the mask byte align with bits in the specified status register. For example, if the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command code is sent in the first data byte, and the mask byte contains 0x40, then a subsequent External Overtemperature Warning would still set bit 6 of STATUS_TEMPERATURE but not assert $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$. All other supported STATUS_TEMPERATURE bits would continue to assert $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ if set.

Figure 53 shows an example of the Block Write – Block Read Process Call protocol used to read back the present state of any supported status register, again without PEC.

SMBALERT_MASK cannot be applied to STATUS_BYTE, STATUS_WORD, MFR_COMMON or MFR_PADS. Factory default masking for applicable status registers is shown below. Providing an unsupported command code to SMBALERT_MASK will generate a CML for Invalid/Unsupported Data.

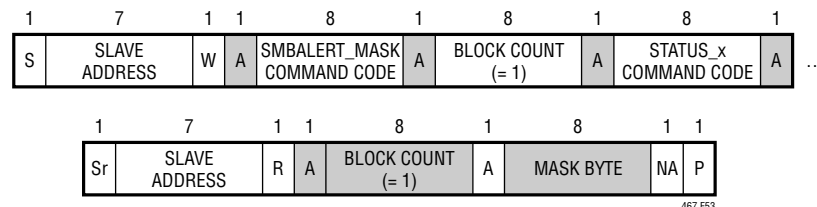
SMBALERT_MASK Default Setting: (Refer Also to Summary of the Status Registers, Figure 54)

STATUS RESISTER	ALERT Mask Value	MASKED BITS
STATUS_VOUT _n	0x00	None
STATUS_IOUT _n	0x00	None
STATUS_TEMPERATURE _n	0x00	None
STATUS_CML	0x00	None
STATUS_INPUT	0x00	None
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC _n	0x11	Bit 4 (internal PLL unlocked), bit 0 ($\overline{\text{GPIO}}_n$ pulled low by external device)



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Figure 52. Example of Setting SMBALERT_MASK



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Figure 53. Example of Reading SMBALERT_MASK

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STATUS_BYTE

The STATUS_BYTE command returns a one-byte summary of the most critical faults.

STATUS_BYTE Message Contents:

BIT	STATUS BIT NAME	MEANING
7	BUSY	A fault was declared because the LTM4677 was unable to respond.
6	OFF	This bit is set if the channel is not providing power to its output, regardless of the reason, including simply not being enabled.
5	VOUT_OV	An output overvoltage fault has occurred.
4	IOUT_OC	An output overcurrent fault has occurred.
3	VIN_UV	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
2	TEMPERATURE	A temperature fault or warning has occurred.
1	CML	A communications, memory or logic fault has occurred.
0	NONE OF THE ABOVE	A fault Not listed in bits[7:1] has occurred.

This command has one data byte

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ event.

STATUS_WORD

The STATUS_WORD command returns a two-byte summary of the channel's fault condition. The low byte of the STATUS_WORD is the same as the STATUS_BYTE command.

STATUS_WORD High Byte Message Contents:

BIT	STATUS BIT NAME	MEANING
15	V _{OUT}	An output voltage fault or warning has occurred.
14	I _{OUT}	An output current fault or warning has occurred.
13	INPUT	An SV _{IN} input voltage fault or warning has occurred.
12	MFR_SPECIFIC	A fault or warning specific to the LTM4677 has occurred.
11	POWER_GOOD#	The POWER_GOOD state is false if this bit is set.
10	FANS	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
9	OTHER	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
8	UNKNOWN	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ event.

This command has two data bytes.

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STATUS_VOUT

The STATUS_VOUT command returns one byte of V_{OUT} status information.

STATUS_VOUT Message Contents:

BIT	MEANING
7	V_{OUT} overvoltage fault.
6	V_{OUT} overvoltage warning.
5	V_{OUT} undervoltage warning.
4	V_{OUT} undervoltage fault.
3	VOUT_MAX warning.
2	TON_MAX fault.
1	TOFF_MAX warning.
0	Not supported by the LTM4677 (returns 0).

ALERT can be asserted if any of bits[7:1] are set. These may be cleared by writing a 1 to their bit position in STATUS_VOUT, in lieu of a CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_IOUT

The STATUS_IOUT command returns one byte of I_{OUT} status information.

STATUS_IOUT Message Contents:

BIT	MEANING
7	I_{OUT} overcurrent fault.
6	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
5	I_{OUT} overcurrent warning.
4:0	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).

ALERT can be asserted if any supported bits are set. Any supported bit may be cleared by writing a 1 to that bit position in STATUS_IOUT, in lieu of a CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_INPUT

The STATUS_INPUT command returns one byte of V_{IN} (SV_{IN}) status information.

STATUS_INPUT Message Contents:

BIT	MEANING
7	SV_{IN} overvoltage fault.
6	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
5	SV_{IN} undervoltage warning.
4	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
3	Unit off for insufficient SV_{IN} voltage.
2	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
1	Input over current warning.
0	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0)

ALERT can be asserted if bit 7 is set. Bit 7 may be cleared by writing it to a 1, in lieu of a CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

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STATUS_TEMPERATURE

The STATUS_TEMPERATURE command returns one byte of sensed power stage temperature status information.

STATUS_TEMPERATURE Message Contents:

BIT	MEANING
7	External overtemperature fault.
6	External overtemperature warning.
5	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).
4	External undertemperature fault.
3:0	Not supported (LTM4677 returns 0).

ALERT can be asserted if any supported bits are set. Any supported bit may be cleared by writing a 1 to that bit position in STATUS_TEMPERATURE, in lieu of a CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_CML

The STATUS_CML command returns one byte of status information on received commands, internal memory and logic.

STATUS_CML Message Contents:

BIT	MEANING
7	Invalid or unsupported command received.
6	Invalid or unsupported data received.
5	Packet error check failed.
4	Memory fault detected.
3	Processor fault detected.
2	Reserved (LTM4677 returns 0).
1	Other communication fault.
0	Other memory or logic fault.

ALERT can be asserted if any supported bits are set. Any supported bit may be cleared by writing a 1 to that bit position in STATUS_CML, in lieu of a CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC

The STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC commands returns one byte with the manufacturer specific status information.

Each channel has a copy of the same information. Only bit 0 is page specific.

The format for this byte is:

BIT	MEANING
7	Internal Temperature Fault Limit Exceeded.
6	Internal Temperature Warn Limit Exceeded.
5	NVM CRC Fault.
4	PLL is Unlocked
3	Fault Log Present
2	V _{DD33} UV or OV Fault
0	GPIO Pin Asserted Low by External Device (paged)

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If any of these bits are set, the MFR bit in the STATUS_WORD will be set.

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command. Exception: The fault log present bit can only be cleared by issuing the MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command.

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ event.

This command has one data byte.

MFR_PADS

This command provides the user a means of directly reading the digital status of the I/O pins of the device. The bit assignments of this command are as follows:

BIT	ASSIGNED DIGITAL PIN
15	V _{DD33} OV Fault
14	V _{DD33} UV Fault
13	Reserved
12	Reserved
11	ADC Values Invalid, Occurs During Start-Up
10	SYNC Output Disabled Due to External Clock
9	PowerGood1
8	PowerGood0
7	Device Driving RUN ₁ Low
6	Device Driving RUN ₀ Low
5	RUN ₁
4	RUN ₀
3	Device Driving $\overline{\text{GPIO1}}$ Low
2	Device Driving $\overline{\text{GPIO0}}$ Low
1	$\overline{\text{GPIO1}}$
0	$\overline{\text{GPIO0}}$

A 1 indicates the condition is true.

This read-only command has two data bytes.

MFR_COMMON

The MFR_COMMON command contains bits that are common to all LTC digital power and telemetry products.

BIT	MEANING
7	MODULE NOT DRIVING $\overline{\text{ALERT}}$ LOW
6	MODULE NOT BUSY
5	CALCULATIONS NOT PENDING
4	OUTPUT NOT IN TRANSITION
3	NVM Initialized
2	Reserved
1	SHARE_CLK Timeout
0	WP Pin Status

This read-only command has one data byte.

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MFR_INFO

The MFR_INFO command contains additional status bits that are LTM4677-specific and may be common to multiple LTC PSM products.

MFR_INFO Data Contents:

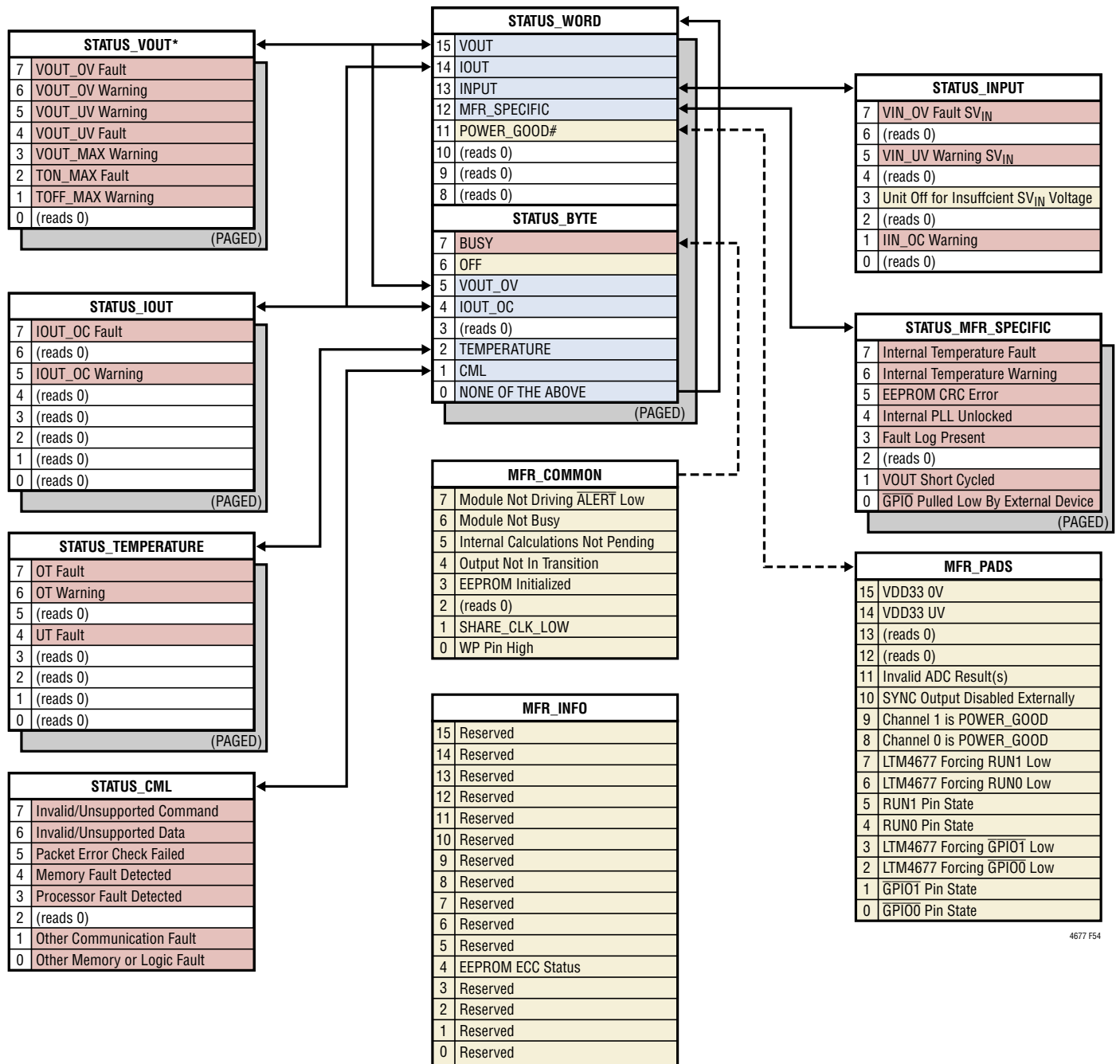
BIT	MEANING
15:6	Reserved.
5	EEPROM ECC status. 0: Corrections have been made in the EEPROM user space. 1: No corrections have been made in the EEPROM user space.
4:0	Reserved

EEPROM ECC status is updated after each RESTORE_USER_ALL or RESET command, a power-on reset or an EEPROM bulk read operation. This read-only command has two data bytes.

TELEMETRY

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
READ_VIN	0x88	Measured input supply (SV_{IN}) voltage.	R Word	N	L11	V		NA
READ_VOUT	0x8B	Measured output voltage.	R Word	Y	L16	V		NA
READ_IIN	0x89	Calculated input supply current.	R Word	N	L11	A		NA
MFR_READ_IIN	0xED	Calculated input current per channel.	R Word	Y	L11	A		NA
READ_IOUT	0x8C	Measured output current.	R Word	Y	L11	A		NA
READ_TEMPERATURE_1	0x8D	Power stage temperature sensor. This is the value used for all temperature related processing, including IOUT_CAL_GAIN.	R Word	Y	L11	C		NA
READ_TEMPERATURE_2	0x8E	Control IC die temperature. Does not affect any other registers.	R Word	N	L11	C		NA
READ_DUTY_CYCLE	0x94	Duty cycle of the top gate control signal.	R Word	Y	L11	%		NA
READ_POUT	0x96	Calculated output power.	R Word	Y	L11	W		NA
MFR_VOUT_PEAK	0xDD	Maximum measured value of READ_VOUT since last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	R Word	Y	L16	V		NA
MFR_VIN_PEAK	0xDE	Maximum measured value of READ_VIN since last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	R Word	N	L11	V		NA
MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK	0xDF	Maximum measured value of power stage temperature (READ_TEMPERATURE_1) since last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	R Word	Y	L11	C		NA
MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK	0xF4	Maximum measured value of control IC die temperature (READ_TEMPERATURE_2) since last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	R Word	N	L11	C		NA
MFR_IOUT_PEAK	0xD7	Report the maximum measured value of READ_IOUT since last MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS.	R Word	Y	L11	A		NA
MFR_ADC_CONTROL	0xD8	ADC telemetry parameter selected for repeated fast ADC read back.	R/W Byte	N	Reg			0x00
MFR_ADC_TELEMETRY_STATUS	0xDA	ADC telemetry status indicating which parameter is most recently converted when the short round robin ADC loop is enabled	R/W Byte	N	Reg			NA

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DESCRIPTION	MASKABLE	GENERATES ALERT	BIT CLEARABLE
General Fault or Warning Event	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dynamic	No	No	No
Status Derived from Other Bits	No	Not Directly	No

Figure 54. Summary of the Status Registers

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READ_VIN

The READ_VIN command returns the measured SV_{IN} input voltage, in volts.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_VOUT

The READ_VOUT command returns the measured output voltage in the same format as set by the VOUT_MODE command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

READ_IIN

The READ_IIN command returns the input current in Amperes. Note: Input current is calculated from READ_IOUT current and the READ_DUTY_CYCLE value from both outputs plus the MFR_IIN_OFFSET. For accurate values at low currents the part must be in continuous conduction mode. The greatest source of error if DCR sensing is used, is the accuracy of the inductor parasitic DC resistance (DCR) at room temperature IOUT_CAL_GAIN.

$$\text{READ_IIN} = \text{MFR_READ_IIN_PAGE0} + \text{MFR_READ_IIN_PAGE1}$$

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_READ_IIN

The MFR_READ_IIN command is a paged reading of the input current that applies the paged MFR_IIN_OFFSET parameter. This calculation is similar to READ_IIN except the paged values are used.

$$\text{MFR_READ_IIN} = \text{MFR_IIN_OFFSET} + (\text{IOUT} \cdot \text{DUTY_CYCLE})$$

This command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_IOUT

The READ_IOUT command returns the average output current in amperes. The IOUT value is a function of:

- a) the differential voltage derived from the power inductor, ΔI_{SNSn}
- b) the IOUT_CAL_GAIN value
- c) the MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC value, and
- d) READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value
- e) The MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN and the MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_TEMPERATURE_1

The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 command returns the temperature, in degrees Celsius, of the external sense element.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

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READ_TEMPERATURE_2

The READ_TEMPERATURE_2 command returns the temperature, in degrees Celsius, of the internal sense element. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_DUTY_CYCLE

The READ_DUTY_CYCLE command returns the duty cycle of controller, in percent. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_POUT

The READ_POUT command is a paged reading of the DC/DC converter output power in Watts. The POUT is calculated based on the most recent correlated output voltage and current readings. This command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_VOUT_PEAK

The MFR_VOUT_PEAK command reports the highest voltage, in volts, reported by the READ_VOUT measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

MFR_VIN_PEAK

The MFR_VIN_PEAK command reports the highest voltage, in volts, reported by the READ_VIN measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK

The MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK command reports the highest temperature, in degrees Celsius, reported by the READ_TEMPERATURE_1 measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK

The MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK command reports the highest temperature, in degrees Celsius, reported by the READ_TEMPERATURE_2 measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

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MFR_IOUT_PEAK

The MFR_IOUT_PEAK command reports the highest current, in amperes, reported by the READ_IOUT measurement.

This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKE command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_ADC_CONTROL

The MFR_ADC_CONTROL command determines the ADC read back selection. A default value of 0 in the command runs the standard telemetry loop with all parameters updated in a round robin fashion with a typical latency of 90ms. The user can command a non-zero value to monitor a single parameter with an approximate update rate of 8ms. This command has a latency of up to two ADC conversions or approximately 16ms (power stage temperature conversions may have a latency of up to three ADC conversion or approximately 24ms). Selecting a value of 0x0D will enable a short round robin loop. This commanded value runs a short telemetry loop only selecting VOUT0, IOUT0, VOUT1 and IOUT1 in a round robin manner. The round robin typical latency is 27ms. It is recommended the part remain in standard telemetry mode except for special cases where fast ADC updates of a single parameter is required. The part should be commanded to monitor the desired parameter for a limited period of time (say, less than a second) then set the command back to standard round robin mode. If this command is set to any value except standard round robin telemetry (0) all warnings and faults associated with telemetry other than the selected parameter are effectively disabled and voltage servoing is disabled. When round robin is reasserted, all warnings and faults and servo mode are re-enabled.

COMMANDED VALUE	TELEMETRY SELECTED
0x00	Standard ADC Round Robin Telemetry
0x01	SV _{IN}
0x02	Reserved
0x03	Reserved
0x04	Internal IC Temperature
0x05	Channel 0 VOUT
0x06	Channel 0 IOUT
0x07	Reserved
0x08	Channel 0 Power Stage-Sensed Temperature
0x09	Channel 1 VOUT
0x0A	Channel 1 IOUT
0x0B	Reserved
0x0C	Channel 1 Power Stage or TSNS _{1a} -Sensed Temperature
0x0D	ADC Short Round Robin
0x0E-0xFF	Reserved

If a reserved command value is entered, the part will default to Internal IC Temperature and issue a CML[6] fault. CML[6] faults will continue to be issued by the LTM4677 until a valid command value is entered.

This read/write command has 1 data byte and is formatted in register format.

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MFR_ADC_TELEMETRY_STATUS

The MFR_ADC_TELEMETRY_STATUS command provides the user the means to determine the most recent ADC conversion when the MFR_ADC_CONTROL short round robin loop is enabled using command 0xD8 value 0x0D. The bit assignments of this command are as follows:

BIT	TELEMETRY DATA AVAILABLE
7	Reserved returns 0
6	Reserved returns 0
5	Reserved returns 0
4	Reserved returns 0
3	Channel 1 IOUT readback (I _{OUT1})
2	Channel 1 VOUT readback (V _{OUT1})
1	Channel 0 IOUT readback (I _{OUT0})
0	Channel 0 VOUT readback (V _{OUT0})

Write to MFR_ADC_TELEMETRY_STATUS with data bits set to 1 clear the respective bits.

This read/write command has 1 data byte and is formatted in register format.

NVM (EEPROM) MEMORY COMMANDS

Store/Restore

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
STORE_USER_ALL	0x15	Store user operating memory to EEPROM.	Send Byte	N				NA
RESTORE_USER_ALL	0x16	Restore user operating memory from EEPROM. Identical to MFR_RESET.	Send Byte	N				NA
MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL	0xF0	Compares current command contents with NVM.	Send Byte	N				NA

STORE_USER_ALL

The STORE_USER_ALL command instructs the PMBus device to copy the non-volatile user contents of the Operating Memory to the matching locations in the non-volatile User NVM memory (EEPROM).

The 10 year data retention can only be guaranteed when STORE_USER_ALL is executed at $0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$. Executing this command at junction temperatures above 85°C or below 0°C is not recommended because data retention cannot be guaranteed for that condition. If the die temperature exceeds 130°C , the STORE_USER_ALL command is disabled. The command is re-enabled when the IC temperature drops below 125°C .

Communication with the LTM4677 and programming of the EEPROM can be initiated when VDD33 is available and SV_{IN} is not applied. To enable the part in this state, using global address 0x5B write 0x2B followed by 0xC4. The part can now be communicated with, and the project file updated. To write the updated project file to the EEPROM issue a STORE_USER_ALL command. When SV_{IN} is applied, a MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL must be issued to allow the PWM to be enabled and valid ADCs to be read.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

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RESTORE_USER_ALL

The RESTORE_USER_ALL command provides an alternate means by which the user can perform a MFR_RESET of the LTM4677.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL

The MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL command instructs the PMBus device to compare current command contents with what is stored in non-volatile memory. If the compare operation detects differences, a CML bit 0 fault will be generated.

MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL commands are disabled if the die exceeds 130°C and are not re-enabled until the die temperature drops below 125°C.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

Fault Log Operation

A conceptual diagram of the fault log is shown in Figure 55. The fault log provides telemetry recording capability to the LTM4677. During normal operation the contents of the status registers, the output voltage readings, temperature readings as well as peak values of these quantities are stored in a continuously updated buffer in RAM. The operation is similar to a strip chart recorder. When a fault occurs, the contents are written into EEPROM for nonvolatile storage. The EEPROM fault log is then locked. The part can be powered down with the fault log available for reading at a later time. As a consequence of adding ECC, the area in the EEPROM available for fault log is reduced. When reading the fault log from RAM all 6 events of cyclical data remain. However, when the fault log is read from EEPROM (after a reset), the last 2 events are lost. The read length of 147 bytes remains the same, but the fifth and sixth events are a repeat of the fourth event.

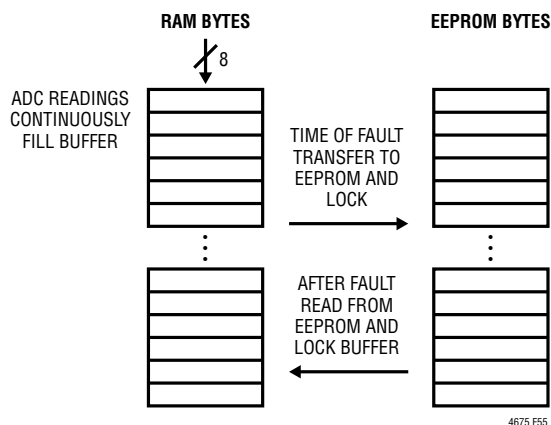


Figure 55. Fault Log Conceptual Diagram

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Fault Logging

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_FAULT_LOG	0xEE	Fault log data bytes. This sequentially retrieved data is used to assemble a complete fault log.	R Block	N	CF		Y	NA
MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE	0xEA	Command a transfer of the fault log from RAM to EEPROM.	Send Byte	N				NA
MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR	0xEC	Initialize the EEPROM block reserved for fault logging.	Send Byte	N				NA

MFR_FAULT_LOG

The MFR_FAULT_LOG command allows the user to read the contents of the FAULT_LOG after the first fault occurrence since the last MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command was last written. The contents of this command are stored in non-volatile memory, and are cleared by the MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command. The length and content of this command are listed in Table 29. If the user accesses the MFR_FAULT_LOG command and no fault log is present, the command will return a data length of 0. If a fault log is present, the MFR_FAULT_LOG will always return a block of data 147 bytes long. If a fault occurs within the first second of applying power, some of the earlier pages in the fault log may not contain valid data.

NOTE: The approximate transfer time for this command is 3.4ms using a 400kHz clock.

This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE

The MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE command forces the fault log operation to be written to EEPROM just as if a fault event occurred. This command will generate a MFR_SPECIFIC fault if the “Enable Fault Logging” bit is set in the MFR_CONFIG_ALL command.

If the die temperature exceeds 130°C, the MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE command is disabled until the IC temperature drops below 125°C.

Up-Time Counter is in the Fault Log header. The counter is the time since the last module reset (MFR_RESET, RESTORE_USER_ALL, or SV_{IN} - power cycle) in 200μs increments. This is a 48-bit binary counter.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

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Table 29. Fault Logging. This table outlines the format of the block data from a read block data of the MFR_FAULT_LOG command.

Data Format Definitions				LIN 11 = PMBus = Rev 1.2, Part 2, section 7.1
				LIN 16 = PMBus Rev 1.2, Part 2, section 8. Mantissa portion only
				BYTE = 8 bits interpreted per definition of this command
DATA	BITS	DATA FORMAT	BYTE NUM	BLOCK READ COMMAND
Block Length		BYTE	147	The MFR_FAULT_LOG command is a fixed length of 147 bytes The block length will be zero if a data log event has not been captured
HEADER INFORMATION				
Fault Log Preface	[7:0]	ASC	0	Returns LTxx beginning at byte 0 if a partial or complete fault log exists. Word xx is a factory identifier that may vary part to part.
	[7:0]		1	
	[15:8]	Reg	2	
	[7:0]		3	
Fault Source	[7:0]	Reg	4	Refer to Table 30.
MFR_REAL_TIME	[7:0]	Reg	5	48 bit share-clock counter value when fault occurred (200µs resolution).
	[15:8]		6	
	[23:16]		7	
	[31:24]		8	
	[39:32]		9	
	[47:40]		10	
MFR_VOUT_PEAK (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	L16	11	Peak READ_VOUT on Channel 0 since last power-on or CLEAR_PEAKS command.
	[7:0]		12	
MFR_VOUT_PEAK (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	L16	13	Peak READ_VOUT on Channel 1 since last power-on or CLEAR_PEAKS command.
	[7:0]		14	
MFR_IOUT_PEAK (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	L11	15	Peak READ_IOUT on Channel 0 since last power-on or CLEAR_PEAKS command.
	[7:0]		16	
MFR_IOUT_PEAK (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	L11	17	Peak READ_IOUT on Channel 1 since last power-on or CLEAR_PEAKS command.
	[7:0]		18	
MFR_VIN_PEAK	[15:8]	L11	19	Peak READ_VIN since last power-on or CLEAR_PEAKS command.
	[7:0]		20	
READ_TEMPERATURE1 (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	L11	21	Channel 0 power stage during last event.
	[7:0]		22	
READ_TEMPERATURE1 (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	L11	23	Channel 1 power stage or TSNS _{1a} -sensed temperature 1 during last event.
	[7:0]		24	
READ_TEMPERATURE2	[15:8]	L11	25	Internal temperature sensor during last event.
	[7:0]		26	

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CYCLICAL DATA				
EVENT n (Data at Which Fault Occurred; Most Recent Data)				Event “n” represents one complete cycle of ADC reads through the MUX at time of fault. Example: If the fault occurs when the ADC is processing step 15, it will continue to take readings through step 25 and then store the header and all 6 event pages to EEPROM
READ_VOUT (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	LIN 16	27	
	[7:0]	LIN 16	28	
READ_VOUT (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	LIN 16	29	
	[7:0]	LIN 16	30	
READ_IOUT (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	LIN 11	31	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	32	
READ_IOUT (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	LIN 11	33	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	34	
READ_VIN	[15:8]	LIN 11	35	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	36	
READ_IIN	[15:8]	LIN 11	37	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	38	
STATUS_VOUT (PAGE 0)		BYTE	39	
STATUS_VOUT (PAGE 1)		BYTE	40	
STATUS_WORD (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	WORD	41	
	[7:0]	WORD	42	
STATUS_WORD (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	WORD	43	
	[7:0]	WORD	44	
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC (PAGE 0)		BYTE	45	
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC (PAGE 1)		BYTE	46	
EVENT n-1 (data measured before fault was detected)				
READ_VOUT (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	LIN 16	47	
	[7:0]	LIN 16	48	
READ_VOUT (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	LIN 16	49	
	[7:0]	LIN 16	50	
READ_IOUT (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	LIN 11	51	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	52	
READ_IOUT (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	LIN 11	53	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	54	
READ_VIN	[15:8]	LIN 11	55	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	56	
READ_IIN	[15:8]	LIN 11	57	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	58	
STATUS_VOUT (PAGE 0)		BYTE	59	
STATUS_VOUT (PAGE 1)		BYTE	60	
STATUS_WORD (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	WORD	61	
	[7:0]	WORD	62	

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Table 29. Fault Logging. This table outlines the format of the block data from a read block data of the MFR_FAULT_LOG command.

STATUS_WORD (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	WORD	63	
	[7:0]	WORD	64	
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC (PAGE 0)		BYTE	65	
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC (PAGE 1)		BYTE	66	
*				
*				
*				
EVENT n-5				
(Oldest Recorded Data)				
READ_VOUT (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	LIN 16	127	
	[7:0]	LIN 16	128	
READ_VOUT (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	LIN 16	129	
	[7:0]	LIN 16	130	
READ_IOUT (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	LIN 11	131	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	132	
READ_IOUT (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	LIN 11	133	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	134	
READ_VIN	[15:8]	LIN 11	135	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	136	
READ_IIN	[15:8]	LIN 11	137	
	[7:0]	LIN 11	138	
STATUS_VOUT (PAGE 0)		BYTE	139	
STATUS_VOUT (PAGE 1)		BYTE	140	
STATUS_WORD (PAGE 0)	[15:8]	WORD	141	
	[7:0]	WORD	142	
STATUS_WORD (PAGE 1)	[15:8]	WORD	143	
	[7:0]	WORD	144	
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC (PAGE 0)		BYTE	145	
STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC (PAGE 1)		BYTE	146	

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Table 30. Explanation of Position_Fault Values

POSITION_FAULT VALUE	SOURCE OF FAULT LOG
0xFF	MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE
0x00	TON_MAX_FAULT Channel 0
0x01	VOUT_OV_FAULT Channel 0
0x02	VOUT_UV_FAULT Channel 0
0x03	IOUT_OC_FAULT Channel 0
0x05	OT_FAULT Channel 0
0x06	UT_FAULT Channel 0
0x07	VIN_OV_FAULT Channel 0
0x0A	MFR_OT_FAULT Channel 0
0x10	TON_MAX_FAULT Channel 1
0x11	VOUT_OV_FAULT Channel 1
0x12	VOUT_UV_FAULT Channel 1
0x13	IOUT_OC_FAULT Channel 1
0x15	OT_FAULT Channel 1
0x16	UT_FAULT Channel 1
0x17	VIN_OV_FAULT Channel 1
0x1A	MFR_OT_FAULT Channel 1

MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR

The MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command will erase the fault log file stored values. It will also clear bit 3 in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command. After a clear is issued, the status can take up to 8ms to clear.

This write-only command is send bytes.

Block Memory Write/Read

COMMAND NAME	CMD CODE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	PAGED	DATA FORMAT	UNITS	NVM	DEFAULT VALUE
MFR_EE_UNLOCK	0xBD	Unlock user EEPROM for access by MFR_EE_ERASE and MFR_EE_DATA commands.	R/W Byte	N	Reg			NA
MFR_EE_ERASE	0xBE	Initialize user EEPROM for bulk programming by MFR_EE_DATA.	R/W Byte	N	Reg			NA
MFR_EE_DATA	0xBF	Data transferred to and from EEPROM using sequential PMBus word reads or writes. Supports bulk programming.	R/W Word	N	Reg			NA

All the (EEPROM) commands are disabled if the die temperature exceeds 130°C. (EEPROM) commands are re-enabled when the die temperature drops below 125°C.

MFR_EE_xxxx

MFR_EE_XXXX commands are used to facilitate bulk programming of the internal EEPROM. Contact the factory for more details.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION



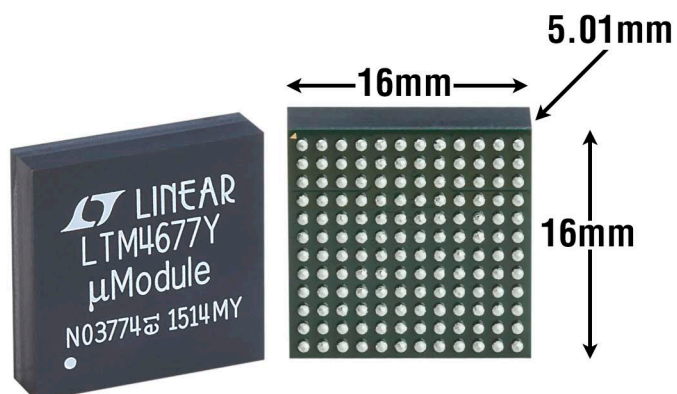
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Table 31. LTM4677 BGA Pinout

PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION
A1	V_{OUT0}	B1	V_{OUT0}	C1	V_{OUT0}	D1	V_{OUT0}	E1	I_{SNS0b}^-	F1	I_{SNS0b}^+
A2	V_{OUT0}	B2	V_{OUT0}	C2	V_{OUT0}	D2	V_{OUT0}	E2	I_{SNS0a}^-	F2	I_{SNS0a}^+
A3	V_{OUT0}	B3	V_{OUT0}	C3	V_{OUT0}	D3	V_{OUT0}	E3	GND	F3	GND
A4	GND	B4	GND	C4	GND	D4	GND	E4	$\overline{GPIO_0}$	F4	$\overline{GPIO_1}$
A5	$SNUB_0$	B5	GND	C5	$TSNS_{0b}$	D5	$TSNS_{0a}$	E5	$\overline{ALERT}$	F5	RUN_0
A6	GND	B6	GND	C6	GND	D6	SDA	E6	SCL	F6	RUN_1
A7	GND	B7	GND	C7	GND	D7	GND	E7	SYNC	F7	SGND
A8	GND	B8	GND	C8	GND	D8	$COMP_{0b}$	E8	$COMP_{0a}$	F8	SGND
A9	GND	B9	GND	C9	GND	D9	V_{OSNS0}^+	E9	V_{OSNS0}^-	F9	$INTV_{CC}$
A10	GND	B10	SW_0	C10	DNC	D10	V_{ORB0}^+	E10	V_{ORB0}^-	F10	GND
A11	V_{IN0}	B11	V_{IN0}	C11	V_{IN0}	D11	V_{IN0}	E11	DNC	F11	SV_{IN}
A12	V_{IN0}	B12	V_{IN0}	C12	V_{IN0}	D12	V_{IN0}	E12	V_{IN0}	F12	SV_{IN}

PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION	PIN ID	FUNCTION
G1	I_{SNS1b}^-	H1	I_{SNS1b}^+	J1	V_{OUT1}	K1	V_{OUT1}	L1	V_{OUT1}	M1	V_{OUT1}
G2	I_{SNS1a}^-	H2	I_{SNS1a}^+	J2	V_{OUT1}	K2	V_{OUT1}	L2	V_{OUT1}	M2	V_{OUT1}
G3	GND	H3	GND	J3	V_{OUT1}	K3	V_{OUT1}	L3	V_{OUT1}	M3	V_{OUT1}
G4	ASEL	H4	$F_{SWPHCFG}$	J4	GND	K4	GND	L4	GND	M4	GND
G5	$V_{OUT0CFG}$	H5	$V_{TRIM0CFG}$	J5	$TSNS_{1a}$	K5	$TSNS_{1b}$	L5	GND	M5	$SNUB_1$
G6	$V_{OUT1CFG}$	H6	$V_{TRIM1CFG}$	J6	V_{DD25}	K6	WP	L6	GND	M6	GND
G7	SGND	H7	SHARE_CLK	J7	V_{DD33}	K7	GND	L7	GND	M7	GND
G8	SGND	H8	$COMP_{1a}$	J8	$COMP_{1b}$	K8	GND	L8	GND	M8	GND
G9	$INTV_{CC}$	H9	V_{OSNS1}	J9	V_{ORB1}	K9	GND	L9	GND	M9	GND
G10	GND	H10	GND	J10	GND	K10	DNC	L10	SW_1	M10	GND
G11	GND	H11	DNC	J11	V_{IN1}	K11	V_{IN1}	L11	V_{IN1}	M11	V_{IN1}
G12	GND	H12	V_{IN1}	J12	V_{IN1}	K12	V_{IN1}	L12	V_{IN1}	M12	V_{IN1}

PACKAGE PHOTOGRAPH



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REVISION HISTORY

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NUMBER
A	05/17	Added “with ECC”. Added 40ms turn-on time, t_{START} . Changed readback update rate from 100ms to 90ms.	1 1, 5 7, 8, 9

