SC615A
Charge Pump Flash LED Driver

POWER MANAGEMENT

Description

The SC615A is a high-current charge pump designed specifically for use with white LEDs used in camera flash applications. Only two small bucket capacitors are required to develop the output drive, providing a low EMI solution compared to inductive boost regulators.

The SC615A has two modes of operation: Flash mode and Spotlight mode. In Flash mode, the SC615A is capable of delivering 500mA of regulated current for a duration of 500ms or up to 700mA for a reduced duration. In Spotlight mode the SC615A outputs 40% of the Flash mode current and can remain enabled continuously.

An external resistor is connected in series with the LED to set the current. In Flash mode, this resistor can dissipate up to 175mW, reducing the power dissipation requirement of the SC615A. The flash input (FLASH) overrides the control input (CTRL) to make sure the flash function is activated when called for.

The thermally efficient MLPD-10 package and ceramic bypass and bucket capacitors make the SC615A a high output current driver that requires minimal PCB area.

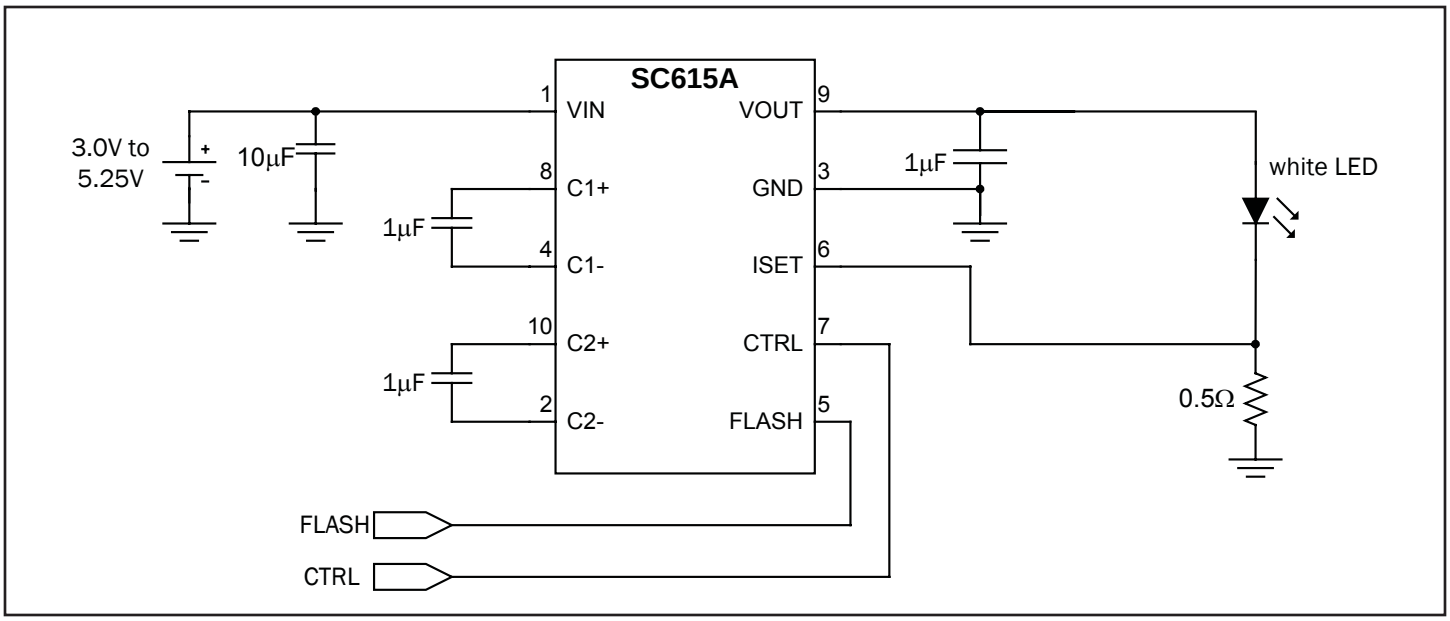
Features

- Two Selectable Modes - Flash and Spotlight
- Up to 700mA Output - Flash Mode
- Up to 280mA Output - Spotlight Mode
- 500mA Over Temperature Range and Voltage Range - Flash Mode
- Spotlight mode set to 40% of Flash Current
- 3.0V to 5.25V Input Range
- External Flash Control Pin for Synchronization to a Camera Module or Graphics Controller
- Short Circuit, Over-Voltage, and Over-Temperature Protection
- Soft-Start Functionality
- Two Control Inputs for Maximum Versatility
- Shutdown Current < 2µA
- Micro Lead Package MLPD-10, 3mm x 3mm

Applications

- Mobile Camera Phones
- Digital Cameras
- PDAs with Built-in Cameras

Typical Application Circuit



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Exceeding the specifications below may result in permanent damage to the device or device malfunction.
Operation outside of the parameters specified in the Electrical Characteristics section is not implied.

Parameter	Symbol	Maximum	Units
Supply Voltage	V_{IN}	-0.3 to 6.5	V
Output Voltage	V_{OUT}	-0.3 to 6.5	V
Pin Voltage - FLASH, CTRL, ISET, C1-, C2-		-0.3 to V_{IN} + 0.3	V
Pin Voltage - C1+, C2+		-0.3 to V_{OUT} + 0.3	V
V_{OUT} Short Circuit Duration	SC	Indefinite	
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient (JESD51 Standard Method)(1)	θ_{JA}	49	°C/W
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	T_A	-40 to +85	°C
Junction Temperature Range	T_{JC}	-40 to +150	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T_{STG}	-65 to +150	°C
IR Reflow Temperature	T_{PKG}	260	°C
ESD Protection Level(2)	V_{ESD}	2	kV

Notes:
1) Calculated from package in still air, mounted to 3"x 4.5", 4 layer FR4 PCB with thermal vias under the exposed pad per JESD51 standards.
2) Tested according to JEDEC standard JESD22-A114-B

Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified: T_A = 25°C for TYP, -40°C to +60°C for MIN and MAX;
C_{BUCKET} = C_{OUT} = 1.0µF (ESR < 0.1Ω); C_{IN} = 10.0µF; V_{IN} = 3.0V to 5.25V; V_{OUT} = 2.8V to 4.25V; R_{ISET} = 0.5Ω (0.1%).

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Output Current	I_{OUT}	FLASH high, R_{ISET} = 0.357W 3.7V < V_{IN} < 4.2V, V_{OUT} = 3.7V (1)		700		mA
		FLASH high, R_{ISET} = 0.5W 3.3V < V_{IN} < 4.2V 2.8V < V_{OUT} < 4.25V	460	500	540	mA
		FLASH low, CTRL high, R_{ISET} = 0.357W 3.7V < V_{IN} < 4.2V, V_{OUT} = 3.4V (1)		280		
		FLASH low, CTRL high, R_{ISET} = 0.5W 2.8V < V_{OUT} < 4.5V 3.0V < V_{IN} < 4.5V	170	200	230	
ISET Reference Voltage	V_{ISET}	FLASH high, R_{ISET} = 0.5W 3.3V < V_{IN} < 4.2V 2.8V < V_{OUT} < 4.25V	230	250	270	mV
ISET Reference Voltage	V_{ISET}	FLASH low, CTRL high, R_{ISET} = 0.5Ω 2.8V < V_{OUT} < 4.5V, 3.0V < V_{IN} < 4.5V	85	100	115	mV

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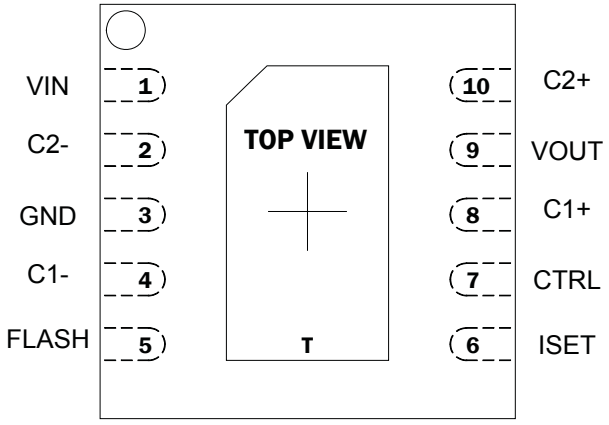
Electrical Characteristics (Cont.)

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Quiescent Current	I_Q	FLASH high		3.4	5	mA
		FLASH low, CTRL high		2.0	4.5	mA
		FLASH low, CTRL low		0.1	2	µA
Flash Mode Pulse Duration(2)	t_{FLASH}	3.3V < V_{IN} < 4.2V I_{OUT} = 500mA, V_{OUT} > 2.8V			500	ms
Flash Mode Start-Up Time(2)	t_{F-ST}	t = 0 when FLASH goes high to I_{OUT} = 90% of final value			1	ms
Spotlight Mode Start-Up Time(2)	t_{S-ST}	t = 0 when CTRL goes high to I_{OUT} = 90% of final value			1	ms
Oscillator Frequency	f_{OSC}	Device Enabled		250		kHz
Oscillator Frequency Accuracy	Δf_{OSC}		-15		15	%
Short-Circuit Output Current Limit	I_{SC}	V_{OUT} = 0V			465	mA
Input Current Limit	I_{LIMIT}	3.3V < V_{IN} < 4.2V			2.1	A
		V_{IN} = 3.7V, V_{OUT} = 3.7V, T_A = 25°C	1.38	1.53		
Over-Temperature Protection(2)	T_{OT}		150			°C
		Hysteresis	10			°C
Logic Input High Threshold	V_{IH}	FLASH, CTRL	1.5			V
Logic Input Low Threshold	V_{IL}	FLASH, CTRL			0.4	V
Logic Input High Current	I_{IH}	FLASH	1	20	35	µA
		CTRL	2	40	70	µA
Logic Input Low Current	I_{IL}	FLASH, CTRL		0.1	2	µA
ISET Ripple Voltage(2)	V_{PP}	Spotlight mode - I_{OUT} = 200mA		25		mV
		FLASH mode - I_{OUT} = 500mA		100		

Notes:
(1) V_{OUT} required by the typical LED at this current.
(2) Guaranteed by design - not tested in production.

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Pin Configuration



MLP10: 3X3 10 LEAD

Ordering Information

DEVICE	PACKAGE
SC615AMLTRT (1)	MLPD-10 3x3 (2)
SC615AEVB	Evaluation Board

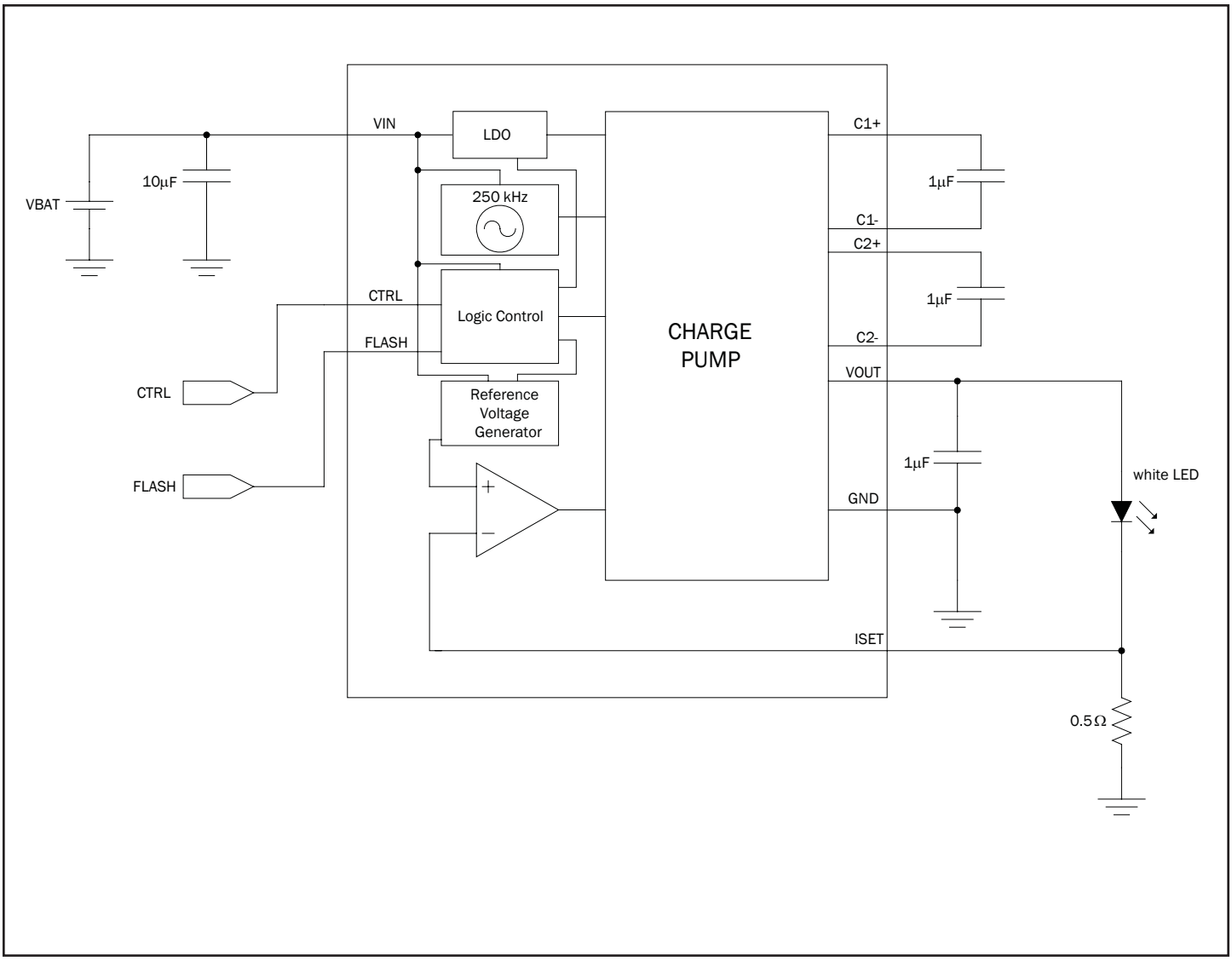
Notes:
(1) Available in tape and reel only. A reel contains 3000 devices.
(2) Available in lead-free package only. This product is fully WEEE and RoHS compliant.

Pin Descriptions

Pin	Pin Name	Pin Function
1	VIN	Input voltage.
2	C2-	Negative terminal of bucket capacitor 2.
3	GND	Ground - connect to ground plane using multiple vias.
4	C1-	Negative terminal of bucket capacitor 1.
5	FLASH	Flash mode enable pin - puts the device in active Flash mode when high and also overrides CTRL.
6	ISET	Current-setting reference pin - connect to the LED cathode and the current setting resistor.
7	CTRL	Control input bit - used to enable and set the output current in Spotlight mode when high.
8	C1+	Positive terminal of bucket capacitor 1.
9	VOUT	Output pin.
10	C2+	Positive terminal of bucket capacitor 2.
T	Thermal Pad	Pad for heat sinking purposes - not connected internally. Connect to ground plane using multiple vias.

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Block Diagram



Applications Information

General Operation

The SC615A is a powerful 2X charge pump designed to drive a high-intensity white LED with a constant current (Spotlight mode) or with a pulsed current of higher intensity (Flash mode) used for camera flash.

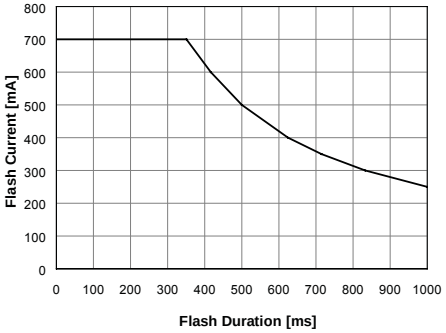
In Flash mode the SC615A output can drive 500mA at 4.25V into an LED for a minimum duration of 500ms under all temperature and input conditions. The FLASH pin is used to trigger this mode (active high). In spotlight mode the SC615A regulates the output current to 40% of the Flash mode current setting when the CTRL pin is pulled high and the FLASH pin is low. Note that Flash mode has priority over Spotlight mode, i.e., the FLASH pin triggers Flash mode regardless of the state of the CTRL pin.

Output current is regulated by attaching the ISET pin to the cathode(s) of the LED package and a low resistance sense resistor (typically 0.5Ω). The ISET pin monitors the voltage at the cathode and signals the charge pump to increase or decrease the output current until the ISET voltage reaches the programmed setting. The resistor value is chosen to set the current through the LED based on this reference voltage. The resistor can be chosen to set either the flash mode current or spotlight mode current, but it should not be less than 0.35Ω due to output current limitations of the device.

Flash Mode

Flash mode is enabled whenever the FLASH pin is pulled high and remains active until the FLASH pin is released. This mode has higher priority than Spotlight mode, so the state of the CTRL pin is overridden whenever the FLASH pin is activated. While in Flash mode the reference voltage on the ISET pin is set to 250mV. The duration of the pulse is limited by the amount of power that can be dissipated in the SC615A before it exceeds the maximum operating temperature. Note that if an output current less than the rated 500mA is desired, the duration of the pulse can increase proportionally.

Extending Flash mode beyond the 500ms pulse limit could adversely affect the long term reliability of the SC615A. Flash duration must be derated at higher currents. For example, 700mA derates to a maximum of 350ms. In Flash mode, I_{OUT} = 250mV/R_{ISET}. The plot below shows maximum Flash mode current for extended duration times.



Spotlight Mode

Spotlight mode is enabled by setting the CTRL pin high and keeping the FLASH pin low. When in Spotlight mode, the SC615A can maintain a constant current indefinitely to drive an LED or bank of LEDs. The ISET reference voltage is set to 100mV so that the output current is maintained at 200mA when a 0.5Ω resistor is used. Spotlight current is always 40% of flash current for any given value of R_{ISET}.

In spotlight mode, I_{OUT} = 100mV/R_{ISET}.

Protection Circuitry

The SC615A also provides protection circuitry that prevents the device from operating in an unspecified state. These funtions include Input Over-Voltage Protection (IOVP), Output Over-Voltage Protection (OVP), Over-Temperature (OT) Protection, Over-Current Protection (OCP), and Short-Circuit Current Protection (SCCP).

Input Over-Voltage Protection

Input over-voltage protection is included to prevent operation at high input voltages that could damage the device. The IOVP circuit senses the input voltage and determines when the supply exceeds 6V. Hysteresis is included in this circuit to avoid chattering between states. When the voltage rises above this threshold, the device is disabled until the input voltage drops to a level within the specified range.

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Output Over-Voltage Protection

Output over-voltage protection is included to prevent the SC615A from generating an output voltage that could damage other devices connected to it such as load LEDs and bypass capacitors. When the output voltage exceeds 5.5V, the OVP circuit disables the charge pump until the voltage decreases to a level within the acceptable range.

This circuit allows the device to drive LEDs with high forward voltages at a reduced level without exceeding the output voltage limits specified for the device. Note, however, that this effect is a consequence of the OVP circuit and is not its intended purpose.

Over-Temperature Protection

The over-temperature circuit helps prevent the device from overheating and experiencing a catastrophic failure. When the junction temperature exceeds 150°C the device is disabled. It remains disabled until the junction temperature drops below this threshold. As with the UVLO and OVP circuits, hysteresis is included to prevent toggling between modes.

Over-Current Protection

When the SC615A is in 2X charge pump mode, the input current will be approximately double the required output. When the steady-state load requires the maximum current available in 2X mode, the OCP circuit prevents the device from overheating due to excessive power dissipation.

Short-Circuit Current Protection

Short-circuit current protection is provided to limit the current that can be sourced when the output is shorted to ground. When a short circuit forces V_{OUT} to drop below 2V, the SCCP detects the condition and limits the output current.

Resistor Selection

The ISET resistor selection is critical in generating the correct current. The value can be chosen to set the Spotlight mode current or the Flash mode current, but it must be noted that the two current settings are dependent on the same resistor. It is recommended that the resistor be selected to match the desired LED current for Flash mode. This allows the designer to set the SC615A's maximum current and select the package size necessary for the power dissipation required in Flash mode. The typical application shown on page 1 uses a 0.5Ω resistor to set a flash mode current of 500mA and spotlight mode current of 200mA. A high precision resistor should be used to ensure the specified accuracy for LED current.

To avoid malfunction of the charge pump, it is recommended that the resistance seen at the ISET pin remain constant while the device is active (Flash or Spotlight mode). Changing the resistance value or the load current while the device is active could cause instability that would result in non-compliant behavior.

The load current return path is from the ISET sense point through the resistor and back to the ground pins. Resistance in this path adds to the total resistance and has the effect of reducing the LED current by about 4% per 10mV of DC drop across the return copper trace in flash mode. For this reason, it is crucial to have a low resistance return path. Place and ground the resistor as close as possible to the ground pin of the SC615A. The trace from the ISET pin has virtually no current. The ISET trace should make contact at the pad of the power sense resistor to minimize the effect of voltage drop between the LED cathode and the resistor.

Capacitor Selection

The SC615A is designed to use low-ESR ceramic capacitors for the input and output bypass capacitors as well as the charge pump bucket capacitors. Ideal performance is achieved when C1 is exactly equal to C2. It is recommended that X5R or X7R ceramic capacitors be used for best performance.

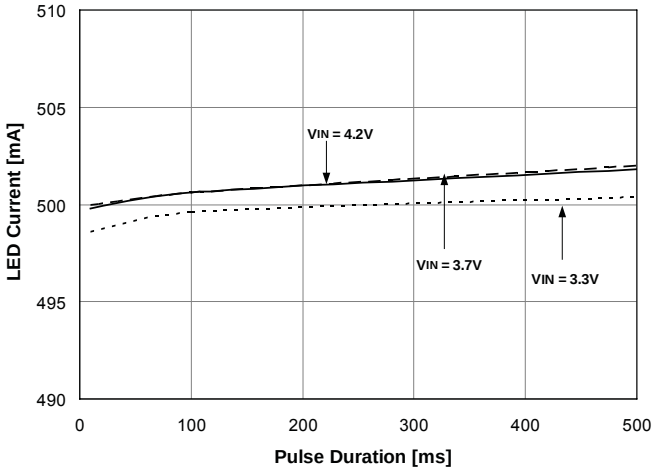
Thermal Resistance

The SC615A package is thermally efficient when the circuit board layout connects the thermal pad though multiple vias to the ground plane. The thermal resistance is rated at 49°C/W and this rating is dependent on the connection between the thermal pad and the ground plane. A layout that is done correctly should keep the junction temperature below the OT limit while operating the SC615A within the specified electrical conditions for I_{OUT} and V_{ISET}. A poor layout may allow the junction temperature to reach the OT limit while in Flash or Spotlight mode. So, it is critical to maintain adequate ground plane around the device to maximize heat transfer and avoid over-temperature shutdown.

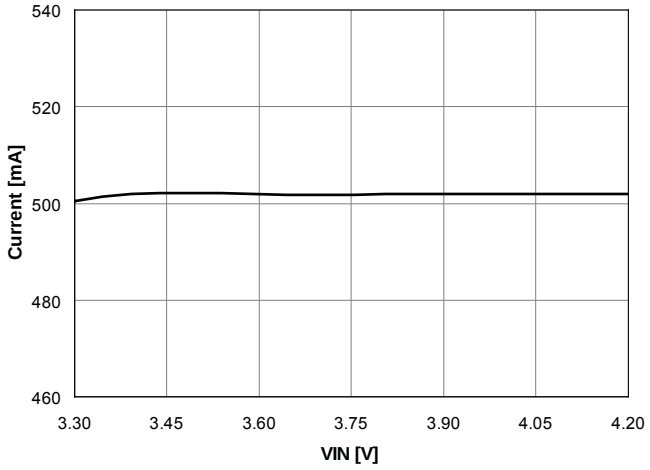
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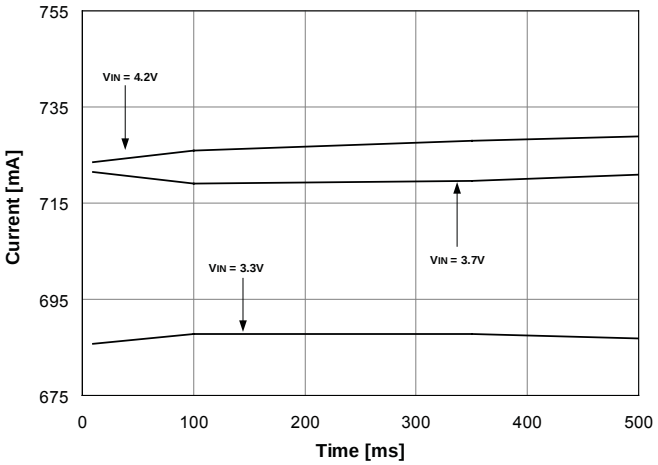
Flash Duration, RISET=500mΩ, VOUT = 3.52V(start) to 3.38V (LED heated 500ms)



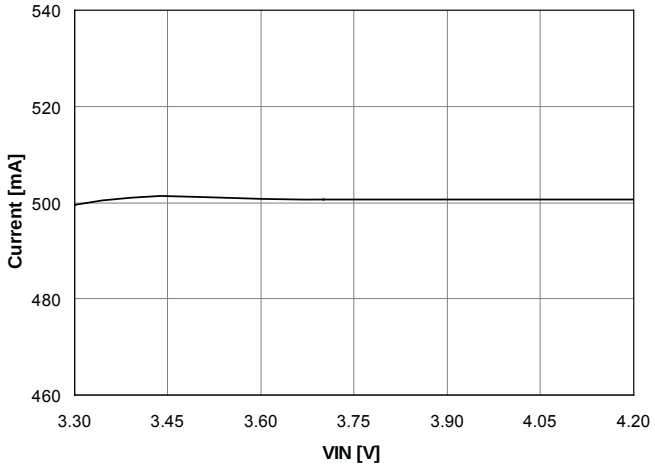
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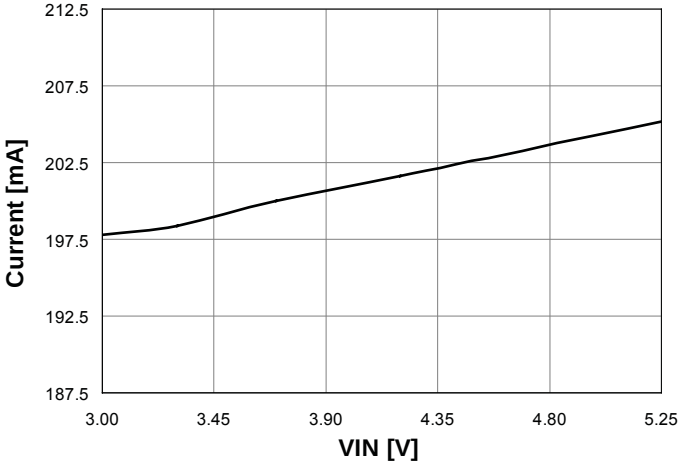
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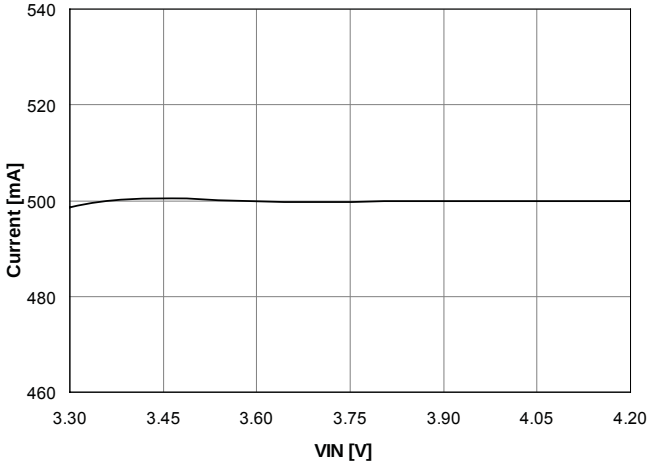
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200mA Spotlight Current, RISET = 500mΩ, VOUT = 3.0V



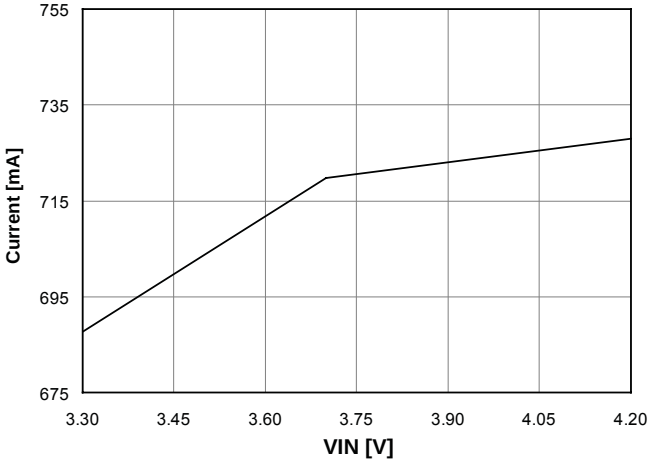
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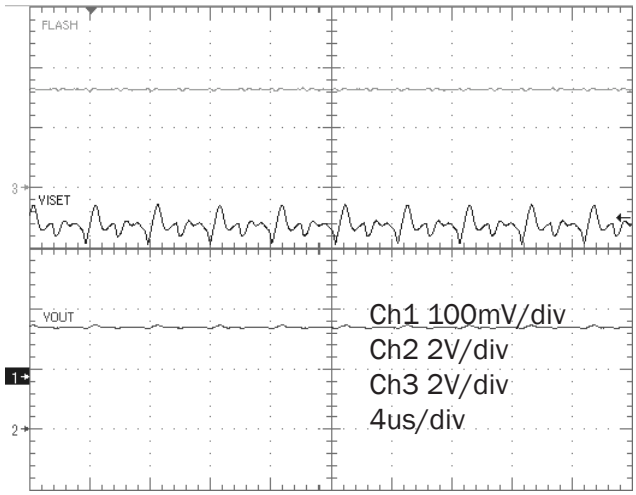
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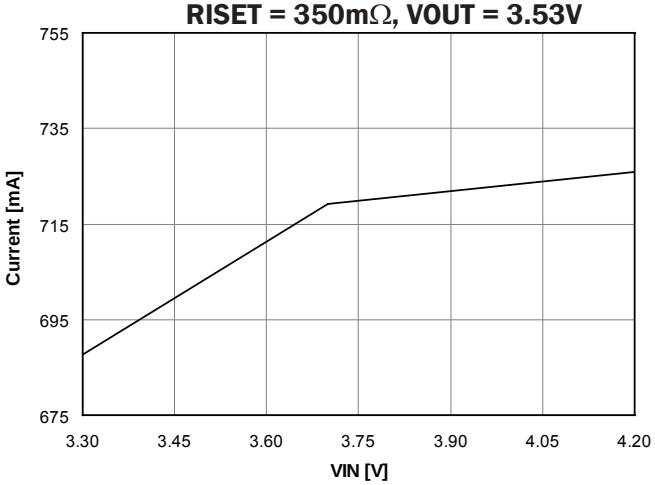
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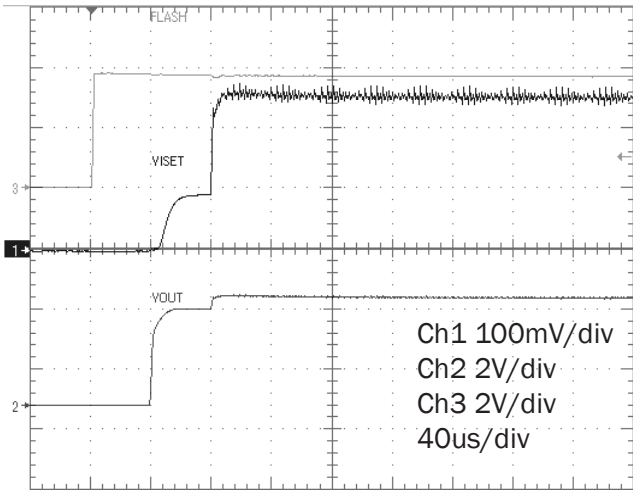
Flash Mode VISET Ripple



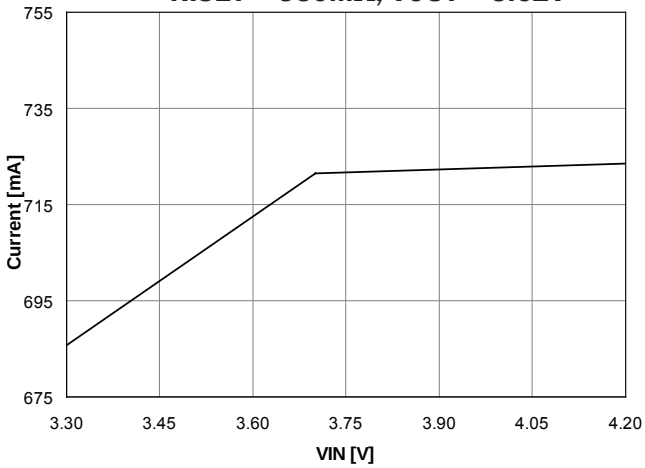
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Startup Flash Mode 500mA



Flash Current at 10ms, RISET = 350mΩ, VOUT = 3.62V



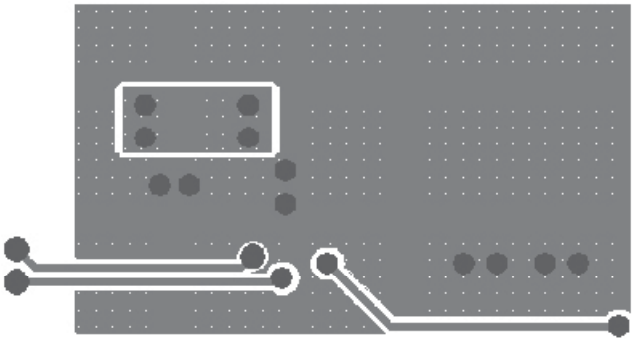
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Layout Guidelines

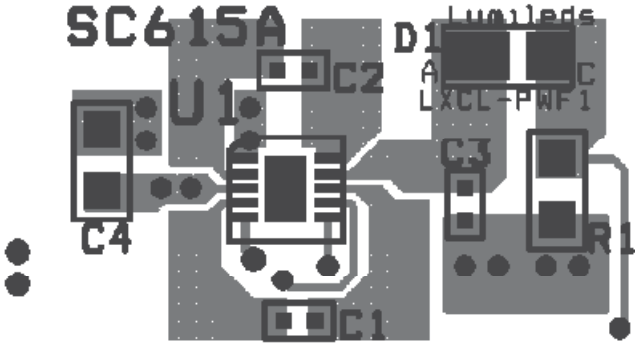
The following layout is suggested for a two-layer design. The capacitors C1 and C2 are the bucket capacitors and each conducts the full load current of up to 500mA pulsed for one half clock cycle. C3 is the output decoupling capacitor placed near the SC615A VOUT pin. C4 is the input decoupling capacitor placed near the SC615A VIN pin. Multiple vias should be used whenever it is necessary to change layers on nets connecting to pins VIN, VOUT, GND, C1-, C1+, C2- and C2+. Resistor R1 is routed with a very low resistance connection between R1 and GND pin 3. The sense trace between Pin 6 and R1 is routed around the ground vias, allowing the shortest ground return path possible. The sense trace is connected to R1 at the positive terminal pad for the most accurate output possible.

The bottom copper layer is mostly a ground plane with no obstructions between the ground vias. The smaller rectangle to the left connects the input power to VIN pin 1 and input capacitor C4. The two traces at the lower left are for logic inputs FLASH and CTRL. The trace to the right is the ISET pin “sense” trace. The sense trace is routed out of the path of the returning ground current.

Bottom Copper

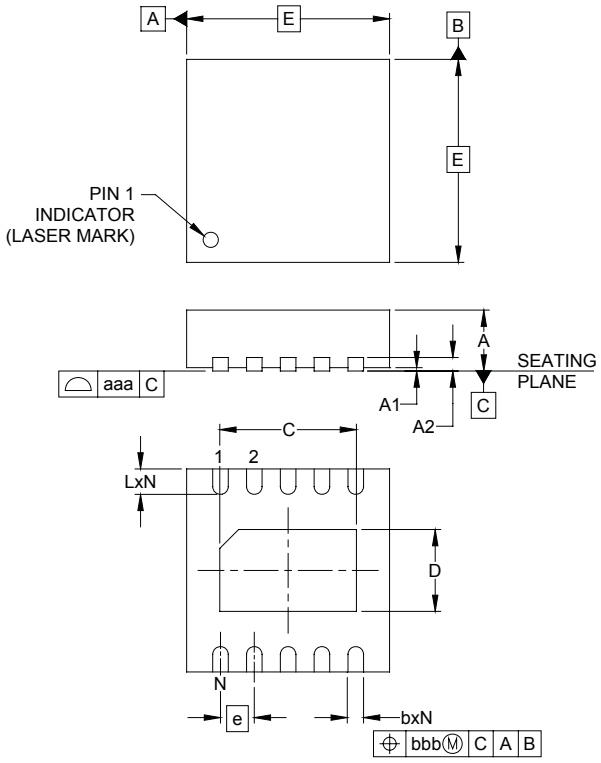


Top Copper



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Outline Drawing -MLPD-10 3x3



DIMENSIONS						
DIM	INCHES			MILLIMETERS		
	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	.031	-	.039	0.80	-	1.00
A1	.000	-	.002	0.00	-	0.05
A2	-	(.008)	-	-	(0.20)	-
b	.007	.009	.011	0.18	0.23	0.30
C	.074	.079	.083	1.87	2.02	2.12
D	.042	.048	.052	1.06	1.21	1.31
E	.114	.118	.122	2.90	3.00	3.10
e	.020 BSC			0.50 BSC		
L	.012	.016	.020	0.30	0.40	0.50
N	10			10		
aaa	.003			0.08		
bbb	.004			0.10		

NOTES:

1. CONTROLLING DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS (ANGLES IN DEGREES).
2. COPLANARITY APPLIES TO THE EXPOSED PAD AS WELL AS TERMINALS.

Marking Diagram

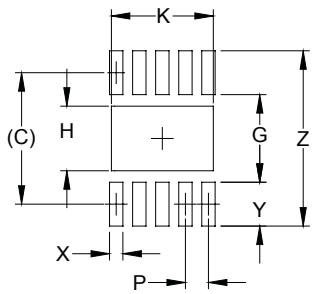
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Land Pattern -MLPD-10 3x3



DIMENSIONS		
DIM	INCHES	MILLIMETERS
C	(.112)	(2.85)
G	.075	1.90
H	.055	1.40
K	.087	2.20
P	.020	0.50
X	.012	0.30
Y	.037	0.95
Z	.150	3.80

NOTES:

1. THIS LAND PATTERN IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY. CONSULT YOUR MANUFACTURING GROUP TO ENSURE YOUR COMPANY'S MANUFACTURING GUIDELINES ARE MET.

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