



TPS61165 High-Brightness, White LED Driver in 2-mm x 2-mm QFN and SOT-23 Packages

1 Features

- 3-V to 18-V Input Voltage Range
- 38-V Open LED Protection
- 200-mV Reference Voltage With 2% Accuracy
- 1.2-A Switch FET With 1.2-MHz Switching Frequency
- Flexible 1 Wire Digital and PWM Brightness Control
- Built-in Soft Start
- Up to 90% Efficiency
- 2-mm x 2-mm x 0.8-mm 6-Pin WSON Package With Thermal Pad, and SOT-23 Package

2 Applications

- High-Brightness LED Lighting
- White LED Backlighting for Media Form Factor Display

3 Description

With a 40-V rated integrated switch FET, the TPS61165 device is a boost converter that drives LEDs in series. The boost converter runs at a 1.2-MHz fixed switching frequency with 1.2-A switch current limit, and allows for the use of a high-brightness LED in general lighting.

The default white LED current is set with the external sensor resistor R_{set} , and the feedback voltage is regulated to 200 mV, as shown in [Typical Application](#). During the operation, the LED current can be controlled using the 1 wire digital interface (EasyScale™ protocol) through the CTRL pin. Alternatively, a pulse-width-modulation (PWM) signal can be applied to the CTRL pin through which the duty cycle determines the feedback reference voltage. In either digital or PWM mode, the TPS61165 device does not burst the LED current; therefore, it does not generate audible noises on the output capacitor. For maximum protection, the device features integrated open LED protection that disables the TPS61165 device to prevent the output from exceeding its absolute maximum voltage ratings during open LED conditions.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
TPS61165	SOT-23 (6)	2.90 mm x 1.60 mm
	WSON (6)	2.00 mm x 2.00 mm

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

4 Typical Application

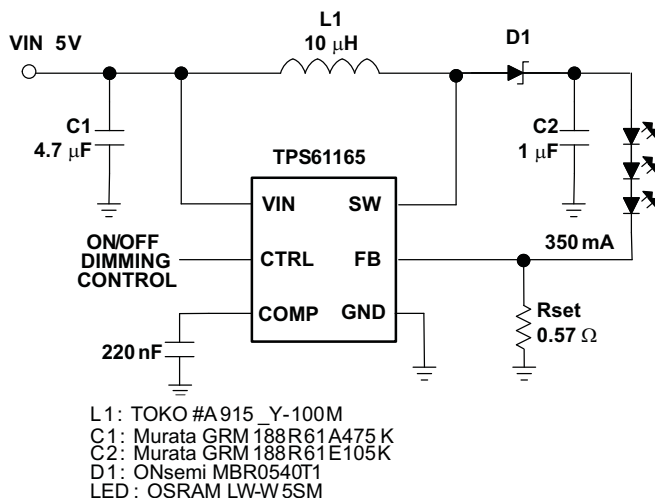


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5 Revision History

Changes from Revision B (July 2011) to Revision C Page

- Added *Pin Configuration and Functions* section, *Feature Description* section, *Device Functional Modes*, *Application and Implementation* section, *Power Supply Recommendations* section, *Layout* section, *Device and Documentation Support* section, and *Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information* section **1**

Changes from Revision A (May 2010) to Revision B Page

- Replaced the Dissipations Ratings Table with the Thermal Information Table..... **4**
- Changed [Figure 10](#)..... **13**
- Changed [Additional Application Circuits](#) and added text "For Assistance..." **18**

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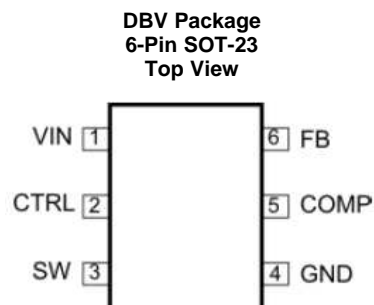
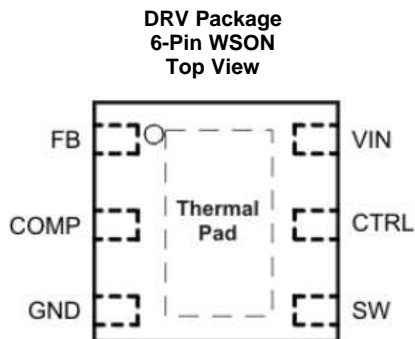
- Added "and SOT-23 Package" to the Title, the last Features item, and the last paragraph of the Description..... **1**
- Added 6-pin SOT-23 pinout to the Device Information section
 3 |
- Added the DBV package to the Ordering Information table
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- Changed the Dissipation Rating Table to include the DBV package
 4 |
- Changed two values in the last paragraph of the MAXIMUM OUTPUT CURRENT section - From: 65 mA To: 110 mA in typical condition, and From: 85 mA To: 150 mA in typical condition
 10 |

6 Device Options

TA	OPEN LED PROTECTION	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE MARKING
–40°C to 85°C	38 V (typical)	TPS61165DRV	CCQ
		TPS61165DBV	DAK

(1) The DRV package is available in tape and reel. Add R suffix (TPS61165DRVR) to order quantities of 3000 parts per reel or add T suffix (TPS61165DRVT) to order 250 parts per reel.

7 Pin Configuration and Functions



Pin Functions

NAME	PIN		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
	WSON NO.	SOT-23 NO.		
VIN	6	1	I	The input supply pin for the IC. Connect VIN to a supply voltage between 3 V and 18 V.
SW	4	3	I	This is the switching node of the IC. Connect the switched side of the inductor to SW. This pin is also used to sense the output voltage for open LED protection.
GND	3	4	O	Ground
FB	1	6	I	Feedback pin for current. Connect the sense resistor from FB to GND.
COMP	2	5	O	Output of the transconductance error amplifier. Connect an external capacitor to this pin to compensate the converter.
CTRL	5	2	I	Control pin of the boost converter. It is a multifunctional pin which can be used for enable control, PWM and digital dimming.
Thermal Pad	—	—	—	The thermal pad should be soldered to the analog ground plane. If possible, use thermal via to connect to ground plane for ideal power dissipation.

8 Specifications

8.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN}	Supply voltages on VIN ⁽²⁾	−0.3	20	V
	Voltages on CTRL ⁽²⁾	−0.3	20	V
	Voltage on FB and COMP ⁽²⁾	−0.3	3	V
	Voltage on SW ⁽²⁾	−0.3	40	V
P _D	Continuous power dissipation	See Thermal Information		
T _J	Operating junction temperature	−40	150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	−65	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground pin.

8.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V _I	Input voltage range, VIN	3		18	V
V _O	Output voltage range	VIN		38	V
L	Inductor ⁽¹⁾	10		22	μH
f _{dim}	PWM dimming frequency	5		100	kHz
C _{IN}	Input capacitor	1			μF
C _O	Output capacitor	1		10	μF
T _A	Operating ambient temperature	−40		85	°C
T _J	Operating junction temperature	−40		125	°C

- (1) These values are recommended values that have been successfully tested in several applications. Other values may be acceptable in other applications but should be fully tested by the user.

8.3 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		TPS61165		UNIT
		DRV (WSON)	DBV (SOT-23)	
		6 PINS	6 PINS	
Rθ _{JA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	80.7	210.1	°C/W
Rθ _{JC(top)}	Junction-to-case(top) thermal resistance	55.4	46.8	
Rθ _{JB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	140.2	56.7	
ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.3	0.5	
ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	36.5	50.2	
Rθ _{JC(bottom)}	Junction-to-case(bottom) thermal resistance	0.9	—	

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).
- (2) For thermal estimates of this device based on PCB copper area, see the [TI PCB Thermal Calculator](#).

8.4 Electrical Characteristics

 $V_{IN} = 3.6\text{ V}$, $CTRL = V_{IN}$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 85°C , typical values are at $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SUPPLY CURRENT						
V_I	Input voltage range, V_{IN}		3		18	V
I_Q	Operating quiescent current into V_{IN}	Device PWM switching no load			2.3	mA
I_{SD}	Shutdown current	$CRTL = GND$, $V_{IN} = 4.2\text{ V}$			1	μA
$UVLO$	Under-voltage lockout threshold	V_{IN} falling		2.2	2.5	V
V_{hys}	Under-voltage lockout hysteresis			70		mV
ENABLE AND REFERENCE CONTROL						
$V_{(CTRLH)}$	CTRL logic high voltage	$V_{IN} = 3\text{ V}$ to 18 V	1.2			V
$V_{(CTRLI)}$	CTRL logic low voltage	$V_{IN} = 3\text{ V}$ to 18 V			0.4	V
$R_{(CTRL)}$	CTRL pull down resistor		400	800	1600	k Ω
t_{off}	CTRL pulse width to shutdown	CTRL high to low	2.5			ms
t_{es_det}	Easy Scale detection time ⁽¹⁾	CTRL pin low	260			μs
t_{es_delay}	Easy Scale detection delay		100			μs
t_{es_win}	Easy Scale detection window time	Measured from CTRL high	1			ms
VOLTAGE AND CURRENT CONTROL						
V_{REF}	Voltage feedback regulation voltage		196	200	204	mV
$V_{(REF_PWM)}$	Voltage feedback regulation voltage under brightness control	$V_{FB} = 50\text{ mV}$	47	50	53	mV
		$V_{FB} = 20\text{ mV}$	17	20	23	
I_{FB}	Voltage feedback input bias current	$V_{FB} = 200\text{ mV}$			2	μA
f_S	Oscillator frequency		1.0	1.2	1.5	MHz
D_{max}	Maximum duty cycle	$V_{FB} = 100\text{ mV}$	90%	93%		
t_{min_on}	Minimum on pulse width			40		ns
I_{sink}	Comp pin sink current			100		μA
I_{source}	Comp pin source current			100		μA
G_{ea}	Error amplifier transconductance		240	320	400	umho
R_{ea}	Error amplifier output resistance			6		M Ω
f_{ea}	Error amplifier crossover frequency	5 pF connected to COMP		500		kHz
POWER SWITCH						
$R_{DS(ON)}$	N-channel MOSFET on-resistance	$V_{IN} = 3.6\text{ V}$		0.3	0.6	Ω
		$V_{IN} = 3.0\text{ V}$			0.7	
I_{LN_NFET}	N-channel leakage current	$V_{SW} = 35\text{ V}$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$			1	μA
OC and OLP						
I_{LIM}	N-Channel MOSFET current limit	$D = D_{max}$	0.96	1.2	1.44	A
I_{LIM_Start}	Start up current limit	$D = D_{max}$		0.7		A
t_{Half_LIM}	Time step for half current limit			5		ms
V_{ovp}	Open LED protection threshold	Measured on the SW pin	37	38	39	V
$V_{(FB_OVP)}$	Open LED protection threshold on FB	Measured on the FB pin, percentage of V_{ref} , $V_{ref} = 200\text{ mV}$ and 20 mV		50%		
t_{REF}	V_{REF} filter time constant			180		μs
t_{step}	V_{REF} ramp up time	Each step, Measured as number of cycles of the 1.2-MHz clock		213		μs
THERMAL SHUTDOWN						
$T_{shutdown}$	Thermal shutdown threshold			160		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
$T_{hysteresis}$	Thermal shutdown threshold hysteresis			15		$^{\circ}\text{C}$

(1) To select EasyScale mode, the CTRL pin has to be low for more than t_{es_det} during t_{es_win} .

8.5 Timing Requirements

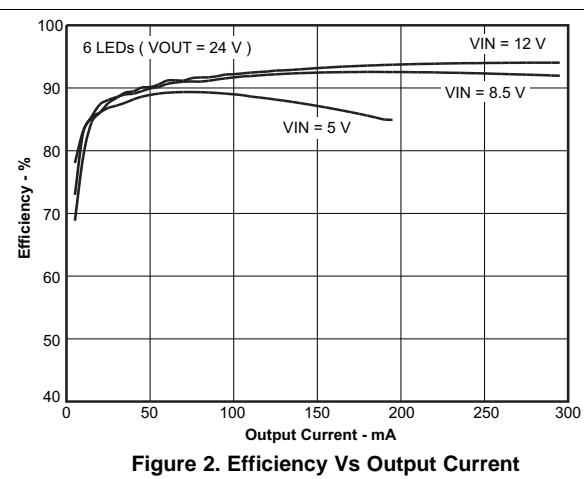
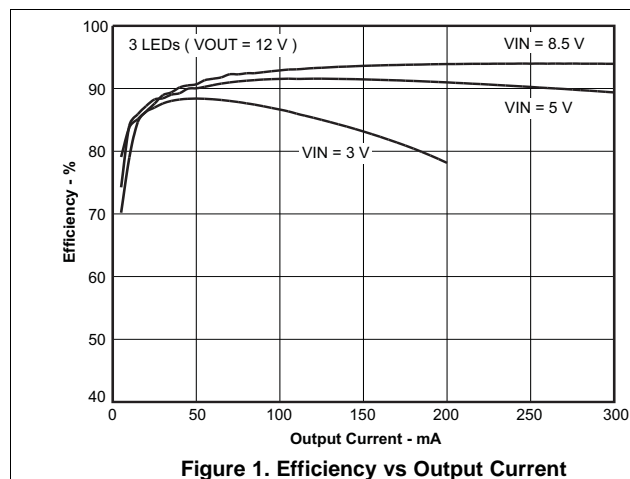
			MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
EasyScale TIMING						
t_{start}	Start time of program stream		2			μs
t_{EOS}	End time of program stream		2		360	μs
t_{H_LB}	High time low bit	Logic 0	2		180	μs
t_{L_LB}	Low time low bit	Logic 0	$2 \times t_{H_LB}$		360	μs
t_{H_HB}	High time high bit	Logic 1	$2 \times t_{L_HB}$		360	μs
t_{L_HB}	Low time high bit	Logic 1	2		180	μs
V_{ACKNL}	Acknowledge output voltage low	Open drain, $R_{pullup} = 15\text{ k}\Omega$ to V_{IN}			0.4	V
$t_{valACKN}$	Acknowledge valid time	See ⁽¹⁾			2	μs
t_{ACKN}	Duration of acknowledge condition	See ⁽¹⁾			512	μs

(1) Acknowledge condition active 0, this condition will only be applied in case the RFA bit is set. Open-drain output, line must be pulled high by the host with resistor load.

8.6 Typical Characteristics

Table 1. Table of Graphs

		FIGURE
Efficiency	3 LEDs ($V_{OUT} = 12\text{ V}$); $V_{IN} = 3, 5, 8.5\text{ V}$; $L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{H}$	Figure 1
Efficiency	6 LEDs ($V_{OUT} = 24\text{ V}$); $V_{IN} = 5, 8.5, 12\text{ V}$; $L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{H}$	Figure 2
Current limit	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	Figure 3
Current limit		Figure 4
Easyscale step		Figure 13
PWM dimming linearity	$V_{IN} = 3.6\text{ V}$; PWM Freq = 10 kHz and 32 kHz	Figure 14
Output ripple at PWM dimming	3 LEDs; $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$; $I_{LOAD} = 350\text{ mA}$; PWM = 32 kHz	Figure 15
Switching waveform	3 LEDs; $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$; $I_{LOAD} = 3500\text{ mA}$; $L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{H}$	Figure 5
Start-up	3 LEDs; $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$; $I_{LOAD} = 350\text{ mA}$; $L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{H}$	Figure 6
Open LED protection	8 LEDs; $V_{IN} = 3.6\text{ V}$; $I_{LOAD} = 20\text{ mA}$	Figure 7



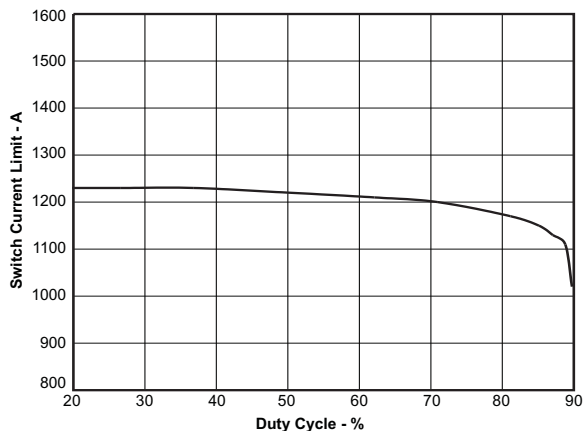


Figure 3. Switch Current Limit Vs Duty Cycle

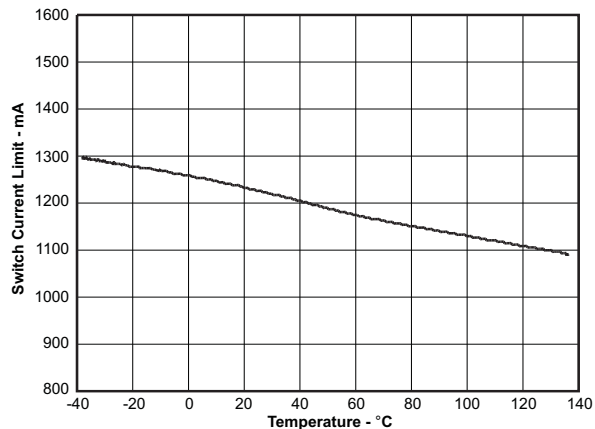


Figure 4. Switch Current Limit vs Temperature

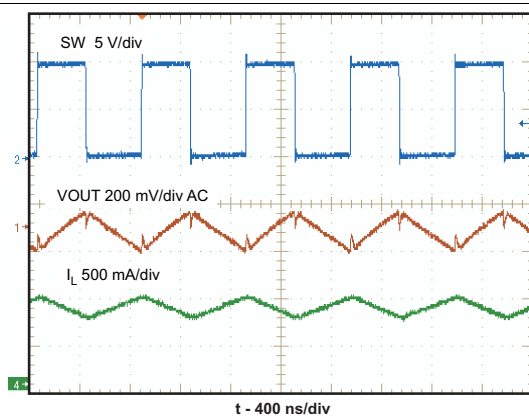


Figure 5. Switching Waveform

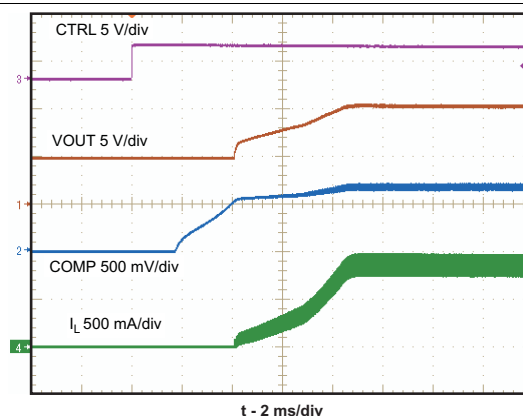


Figure 6. Start-Up

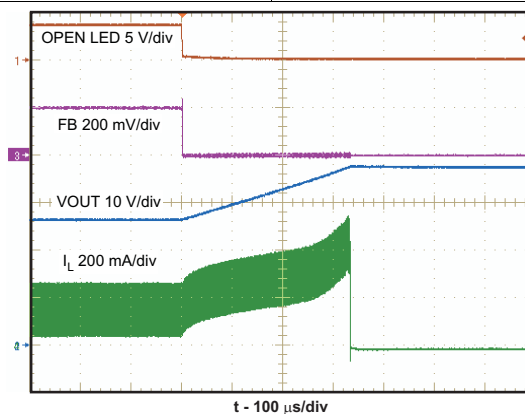


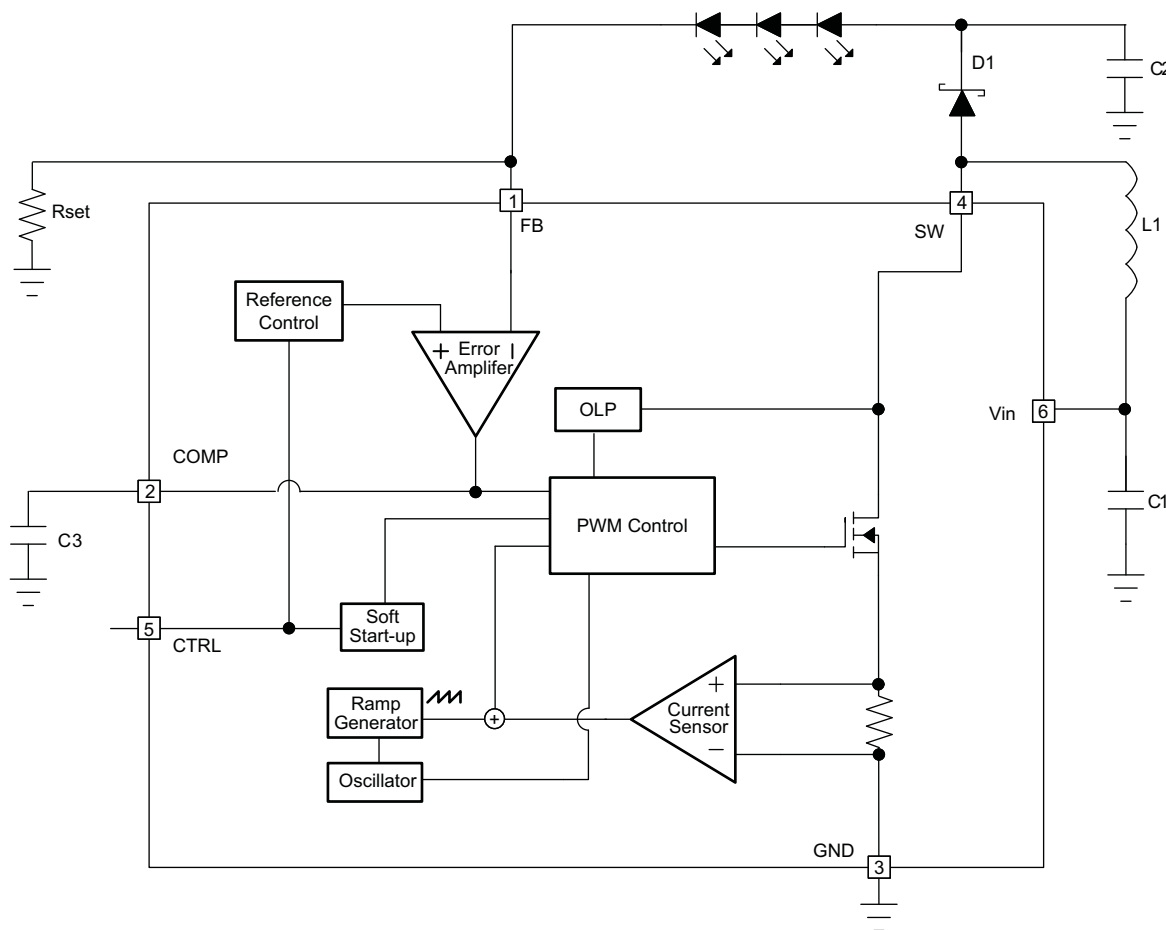
Figure 7. Open LED Protection

9 Detailed Description

9.1 Overview

The TPS61165 is a high-efficiency, high-output-voltage boost converter in small package size. The device is ideal for driving white LEDs in series. The serial LED connection provides even illumination by sourcing the same output current through all LEDs, eliminating the need for expensive factory calibration. The device integrates 40-V/1.2-A switch FET and operates in pulse width modulation (PWM) with 1.2-MHz fixed switching frequency. For operation see the block diagram. The duty cycle of the converter is set by the error amplifier output and the current signal applied to the PWM control comparator. The control architecture is based on traditional current-mode control; therefore, slope compensation is added to the current signal to allow stable operation for duty cycles larger than 40%. The feedback loop regulates the FB pin to a low reference voltage (200 mV typical), reducing the power dissipation in the current sense resistor.

9.2 Functional Block Diagram



9.3 Feature Description

9.3.1 Soft Start-Up

Soft-start circuitry is integrated into the IC to avoid a high inrush current during start-up. After the device is enabled, the voltage at FB pin ramps up to the reference voltage in 32 steps, each step takes 213 μ s. This ensures that the output voltage rises slowly to reduce the input current. Additionally, for the first 5 msec after the COMP voltage ramps, the current limit of the switch is set to half of the normal current limit specification. During this period, the input current is kept below 700 mA (typical). These two features ensure smooth start-up and minimize the inrush current. See the start-up waveform of a typical example ([Figure 6](#)).

Feature Description (continued)

9.3.2 Open LED Protection

Open LED protection circuitry prevents IC damage as the result of white LED disconnection. The TPS61165 monitors the voltage at the SW pin and FB pin during each switching cycle. The circuitry turns off the switch FET and shuts down the IC when both of the following conditions persist for 8 switching clock cycles: (1) the SW voltage exceeds the V_{OVP} threshold and (2) the FB voltage is less than half of regulation voltage. As a result, the output voltage falls to the level of the input supply. The device remains in shutdown mode until it is enabled by toggling the CTRL pin. The product of the number of external series LEDs and the maximum forward voltage of each LED plus the 200-mV reference voltage does not exceed the 38-V minimum OVP threshold

$$(N_{LEDs} \times V_{LED(MAX)} + 200 \text{ mV}) \leq 38 \text{ V.}$$

9.3.3 Undervoltage Lockout

An undervoltage lockout prevents operation of the device at input voltages below typical 2.2 V. When the input voltage is below the undervoltage threshold, the device is shutdown and the internal switch FET is turned off. If the input voltage rises by undervoltage lockout hysteresis, the IC restarts.

9.3.4 Thermal Shutdown

An internal thermal shutdown turns off the device when the typical junction temperature of 160°C is exceeded. The device is released from shutdown automatically when the junction temperature decreases by 15°C.

9.4 Device Functional Modes

9.4.1 Shutdown

The TPS61165 device enters shutdown mode when the CTRL voltage is logic low for more than 2.5 ms. During shutdown, the input supply current for the device is less than 1 μA (max). Although the internal FET does not switch in shutdown, there is still a dc current path between the input and the LEDs through the inductor and Schottky diode. The minimum forward voltage of the LED array must exceed the maximum input voltage to ensure that the LEDs remain off in shutdown.

10 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

10.1 Application Information

10.1.1 Maximum Output Current

The overcurrent limit in a boost converter limits the maximum input current and thus maximum input power for a given input voltage. Maximum output power is less than maximum input power due to power conversion losses. Therefore, the current limit setting, input voltage, output voltage and efficiency can all change maximum current output. The current limit clamps the peak inductor current; therefore, the ripple has to be subtracted to derive maximum dc current. The ripple current is a function of switching frequency, inductor value and duty cycle. The following equations take into account of all the above factors for maximum output current calculation.

$$I_p = \frac{1}{L \times F_s \times \left(\frac{1}{V_{out} + V_f - V_{in}} + \frac{1}{V_{in}} \right)}$$

where

- I_p = inductor peak to peak ripple
- L = inductor value
- V_f = Schottky diode forward voltage
- F_s = switching frequency
- V_{out} = output voltage of the boost converter. It is equal to the sum of VFB and the voltage drop across LEDs.

(1)

$$I_{out_max} = \frac{V_{in} \times (I_{lim} - I_p / 2) \times \eta}{V_{out}}$$

where

- I_{out_max} = Maximum output current of the boost converter
- I_{lim} = overcurrent limit
- η = efficiency

(2)

For instance, when V_{IN} is 3 V, 8 LEDs output equivalent to V_{OUT} of 26 V, the inductor is 22 μ H, the Schottky forward voltage is 0.2 V; and then the maximum output current is 110 mA in typical condition. When V_{IN} is 5 V, 10 LEDs output equivalent to V_{OUT} of 32 V, the inductor is 22 μ H, the Schottky forward voltage is 0.2 V; and then the maximum output current is 150 mA in typical condition.

10.1.2 Inductor Selection

The selection of the inductor affects steady state operation as well as transient behavior and loop stability. These factors make it the most important component in power regulator design. There are three important inductor specifications, inductor value, dc resistance and saturation current. Considering inductor value alone is not enough.

The inductor value determines the inductor ripple current. Choose an inductor that can handle the necessary peak current without saturating, according to half of the peak-to-peak ripple current given by [Equation 1](#), pause the inductor DC current given by:

$$I_{in_DC} = \frac{V_{out} \times I_{out}}{V_{in} \times \eta}$$

(3)

Application Information (continued)

Inductor values can have $\pm 20\%$ tolerance with no current bias. When the inductor current approaches saturation level, its inductance can decrease 20% to 35% from the 0A value depending on how the inductor vendor defines saturation current. Using an inductor with a smaller inductance value forces discontinuous PWM when the inductor current ramps down to zero before the end of each switching cycle. This reduces the maximum output current of the boost convert, causes large input voltage ripple, and reduces efficiency. Large inductance value provides much more output current and higher conversion efficiency. For these reasons, a 10- μH to 22- μH inductor value range is recommended. A 22- μH inductor optimized the efficiency for most application while maintaining low inductor peak to peak ripple. [Table 2](#) lists the recommended inductor for the TPS61165. When recommending inductor value, the factory has considered -40% and 20% tolerance from its nominal value.

TPS61165 has built-in slope compensation to avoid subharmonic oscillation associated with current mode control. If the inductor value is lower than 10 μH , the slope compensation may not be adequate, and the loop can be unstable. Therefore, customers need to verify the inductor in their application if it is different from the recommended values.

Table 2. Recommended Inductors for TPS61165

PART NUMBER	L (μH)	DCR MAX (m Ω)	SATURATION CURRENT (A)	SIZE (L x W x H mm)	VENDOR
A915_Y-100M	10	90	1.3	5.2 x 5.2 x 3.0	TOKO
VLCF5020T-100M1R1-1	10	237	1.1	5 x 5 x 2.0	TDK
CDRH4D22/HP	10	144	1.2	5 x 5 x 2.4	Sumida
LQH43PN100MR0	10	247	0.84	4.5 x 3.2 x 2.0	Murata

10.1.3 Schottky Diode Selection

The high switching frequency of the TPS61165 demands a high-speed rectification for optimum efficiency. Ensure that the average and peak current rating of the diode exceeds the average output current and peak inductor current. In addition, the reverse breakdown voltage of the diode must exceed the open LED protection voltage. The ONSem MBR0540 and the ZETEX ZHCS400 are recommended for TPS61165.

10.1.4 Compensation Capacitor Selection

The compensation capacitor C3 (see [Functional Block Diagram](#)), connected from COMP pin to GND, is used to stabilize the feedback loop of the TPS61165. A 220-nF ceramic capacitor is suitable for most applications.

10.1.5 Input and Output Capacitor Selection

The output capacitor is mainly selected to meet the requirements for the output ripple and loop stability. This ripple voltage is related to the capacitor's capacitance and its equivalent series resistance (ESR). Assuming a capacitor with zero ESR, the minimum capacitance needed for a given ripple can be calculated as shown in [Equation 4](#).

$$C_{\text{out}} = \frac{(V_{\text{out}} - V_{\text{in}}) I_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{out}} \times F_s \times V_{\text{ripple}}}$$

where

- V_{ripple} = peak-to-peak output ripple (4)

The additional output ripple component caused by ESR is calculated as shown in [Equation 4](#).

$$V_{\text{ripple_ESR}} = I_{\text{out}} \times R_{\text{ESR}} \quad (5)$$

Due to its low ESR, $V_{\text{ripple_ESR}}$ can be neglected for ceramic capacitors, but must be considered if tantalum or electrolytic capacitors are used.

Care must be taken when evaluating a ceramic capacitors derating under dc bias, aging and AC signal. For example, larger form factor capacitors (in 1206 size) have self-resonant frequencies in the range of the switching frequency. So the effective capacitance is significantly lower. The dc bias can also significantly reduce capacitance. Ceramic capacitors can loss as much as 50% of its capacitance at its rated voltage. Therefore, leave the margin on the voltage rating to ensure adequate capacitance at the required output voltage.

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The capacitor in the range of 1 μF to 4.7 μF is recommended for input side. The output requires a capacitor in the range of 1 μF to 10 μF . The output capacitor affects the loop stability of the boost regulator. If the output capacitor is below the range, the boost regulator can potentially become unstable.

The popular vendors for high value ceramic capacitors are:

TDK (<http://www.component.tdk.com/components.php>)

Murata (<http://www.murata.com/cap/index.html>)

10.2 Typical Applications

10.2.1 TPS61165 Typical Application

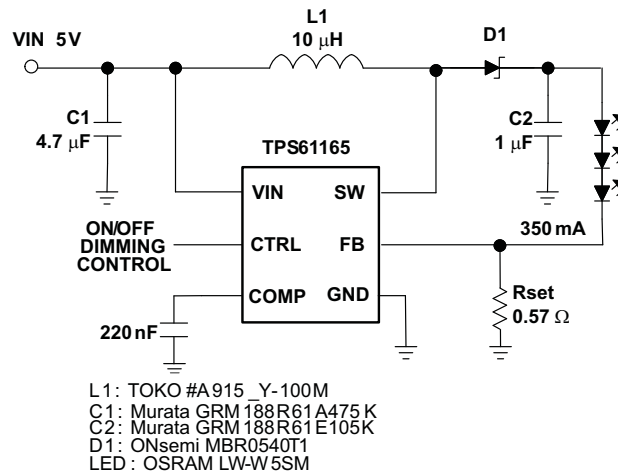


Figure 8. TPS61165 Typical Application

10.2.1.1 Design Requirements

DESIGN PARAMETERS	EXAMPLE VALUE
Brightness Control	PWM Dimming
LED Current	357 mA

10.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

10.2.1.2.1 LED Brightness Dimming Mode Selection

The TPS61165 features two dimming modes: PWM dimming and EasyScale 1 wire digital dimming.

The CTRL pin is used for the control input for both dimming modes, PWM dimming and the 1 wire dimming. The dimming mode for the TPS61165 is selected each time the device is enabled. The default dimming mode is PWM dimming. To enter 1 wire mode, the following digital pattern on the CTRL pin must be recognized by the IC every time the IC starts from the shutdown mode.

1. Pull CTRL pin high to enable the TPS61165, and to start the 1 wire detection window.
2. After the EasyScale detection delay (t_{es_delay} , 100 μs) expires, drive CTRL low for more than the EasyScale detection time (t_{es_detect} , 260 μs).
3. The CTRL pin has to be low for more than EasyScale detection time before the EasyScale detection window (t_{es_win} , 1 msec) expires. EasyScale detection window starts from the first CTRL pin low to high transition.

The IC immediately enters the 1 wire mode once the preceding three conditions are met. The EasyScale communication can start before the detection window expires. Once the dimming mode is programmed, it can not be changed without another start up. This means the IC needs to be shutdown by pulling the CTRL low for 2.5 ms and restarts. See Figure 9 for a graphical explanation.

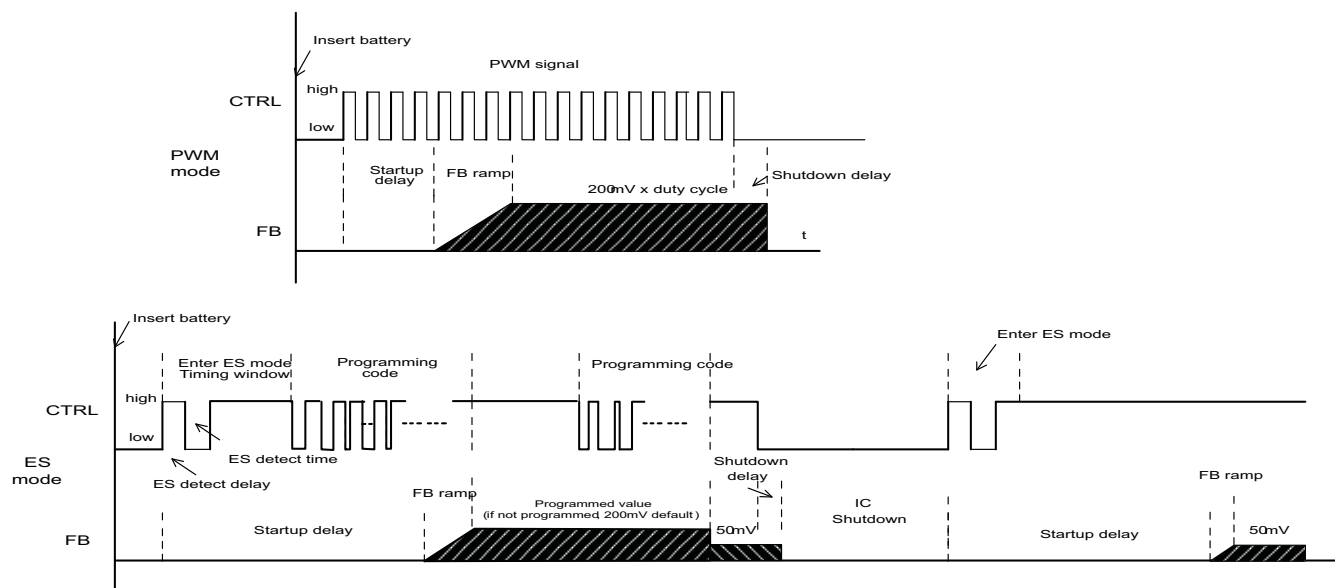


Figure 9. Dimming Mode Detection and Soft Start PWM Brightness Dimming

10.2.1.2.2 PWM Brightness Dimming

When the CTRL pin is constantly high, the FB voltage is regulated to 200 mV typically. However, the CTRL pin allows a PWM signal to reduce this regulation voltage; therefore, it achieves LED brightness dimming. The relationship between the duty cycle and FB voltage is shown in Equation 6.

$$V_{FB} = \text{Duty} \times 200 \text{ mV}$$

where

- Duty = duty cycle of the PWM signal
- 200 mV = internal reference voltage

(6)

As shown in Figure 10, the IC chops up the internal 200-mV reference voltage at the duty cycle of the PWM signal. The pulse signal is then filtered by an internal low pass filter. The output of the filter is connected to the error amplifier as the reference voltage for the FB pin regulation. Therefore, although a PWM signal is used for brightness dimming, only the WLED dc current is modulated, which is often referred as analog dimming. This eliminates the audible noise which often occurs when the LED current is pulsed in replica of the frequency and duty cycle of PWM control. Unlike other methods which filters the PWM signal for analog dimming, TPS61165 regulation voltage is independent of the PWM logic voltage level which often has large variations.

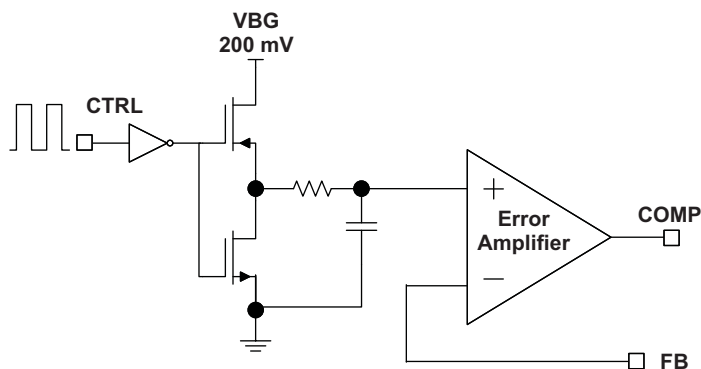


Figure 10. Block Diagram of Programmable FB Voltage Using PWM Signal

For optimum performance, use the PWM dimming frequency in the range of 5 kHz to 100 kHz. The requirement of minimum dimming frequency comes from the EasyScale detection delay and detection time specification in the dimming mode selection. Since the CTRL pin is logic only pin, adding an external RC filter applied to the pin does not work.

To use lower PWM dimming, add external RC network connected to the FB pin as shown in [Additional Application Circuits](#).

10.2.1.2.3 Digital 1 Wire Brightness Dimming

The CTRL pin features a simple digital interface to allow digital brightness control. The digital dimming can save the processor power and battery life as it does not require a PWM signal all the time, and the processor can enter idle mode if available.

The TPS61165 adopts the EasyScale protocol for the digital dimming, which can program the FB voltage to any of the 32 steps with single command. The step increment increases with the voltage to produce pseudo logarithmic curve for the brightness step. See [Table 3](#) for the FB pin voltage steps. The default step is full scale when the device is first enabled ($V_{FB} = 200$ mV). The programmed reference voltage is stored in an internal register and will not be changed by pulling CTRL low for 2.5ms and then re-enabling the IC by taking CTRL high. A power reset clears the register value and reset it to default.

10.2.1.2.4 EasyScale: 1 Wire Digital Dimming

EasyScale is a simple but flexible one-pin interface to configure the FB voltage. The interface is based on a master-slave structure, where the master is typically a microcontroller or application processor. [Figure 11](#) and [Table 4](#) give an overview of the protocol. The protocol consists of a device specific address byte and a data byte. The device specific address byte is fixed to 72 hex. The data byte consists of five bits for information, two address bits, and the RFA bit. The RFA bit set to high indicates the *Request for Acknowledge* condition. The Acknowledge condition is only applied if the protocol was received correctly. The advantage of EasyScale compared with other on-pin interfaces is that its bit detection is in a large extent independent from the bit transmission rate. It can automatically detect bit rates between 1.7 kBit/sec and up to 160 kBit/sec.

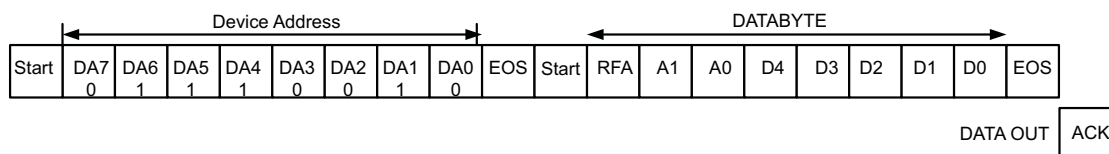
Table 3. Selectable FB Voltage

	FB Voltage (mV)	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	5	0	0	0	0	1
2	8	0	0	0	1	0
3	11	0	0	0	1	1
4	14	0	0	1	0	0
5	17	0	0	1	0	1
6	20	0	0	1	1	0
7	23	0	0	1	1	1
8	26	0	1	0	0	0
9	29	0	1	0	0	1
10	32	0	1	0	1	0
11	35	0	1	0	1	1
12	38	0	1	1	0	0
13	44	0	1	1	0	1
14	50	0	1	1	1	0
15	56	0	1	1	1	1
16	62	1	0	0	0	0
17	68	1	0	0	0	1
18	74	1	0	0	1	0
19	80	1	0	0	1	1
20	86	1	0	1	0	0
21	92	1	0	1	0	1

Table 3. Selectable FB Voltage (continued)

	FB Voltage (mV)	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
22	98	1	0	1	1	0
23	104	1	0	1	1	1
24	116	1	1	0	0	0
25	128	1	1	0	0	1
26	140	1	1	0	1	0
27	152	1	1	0	1	1
28	164	1	1	1	0	0
29	176	1	1	1	0	1
30	188	1	1	1	1	0
31	200	1	1	1	1	1

DATA IN


Figure 11. EasyScale Protocol Overview
Table 4. EasyScale Bit Description

BYTE	BIT NUMBER	NAME	TRANSMISSION DIRECTION	DESCRIPTION
Device Address Byte 72 hex	7	DA7	IN	0 MSB device address
	6	DA6		1
	5	DA5		1
	4	DA4		1
	3	DA3		0
	2	DA2		0
	1	DA1		1
	0	DA0		0 LSB device address
Data byte	7 (MSB)	RFA	IN	Request for acknowledge. If high, acknowledge is applied by device
	6	A1		0 Address bit 1
	5	A0		0 Address bit 0
	4	D4		Data bit 4
	3	D3		Data bit 3
	2	D2		Data bit 2
	1	D1		Data bit 1
	0 (LSB)	D0		Data bit 0
		ACK	OUT	Acknowledge condition active 0, this condition will only be applied in case RFA bit is set. Open drain output, Line needs to be pulled high by the host with a pullup resistor. This feature can only be used if the master has an open-drain output stage. In case of a push-pull output stage Acknowledge condition may not be requested!

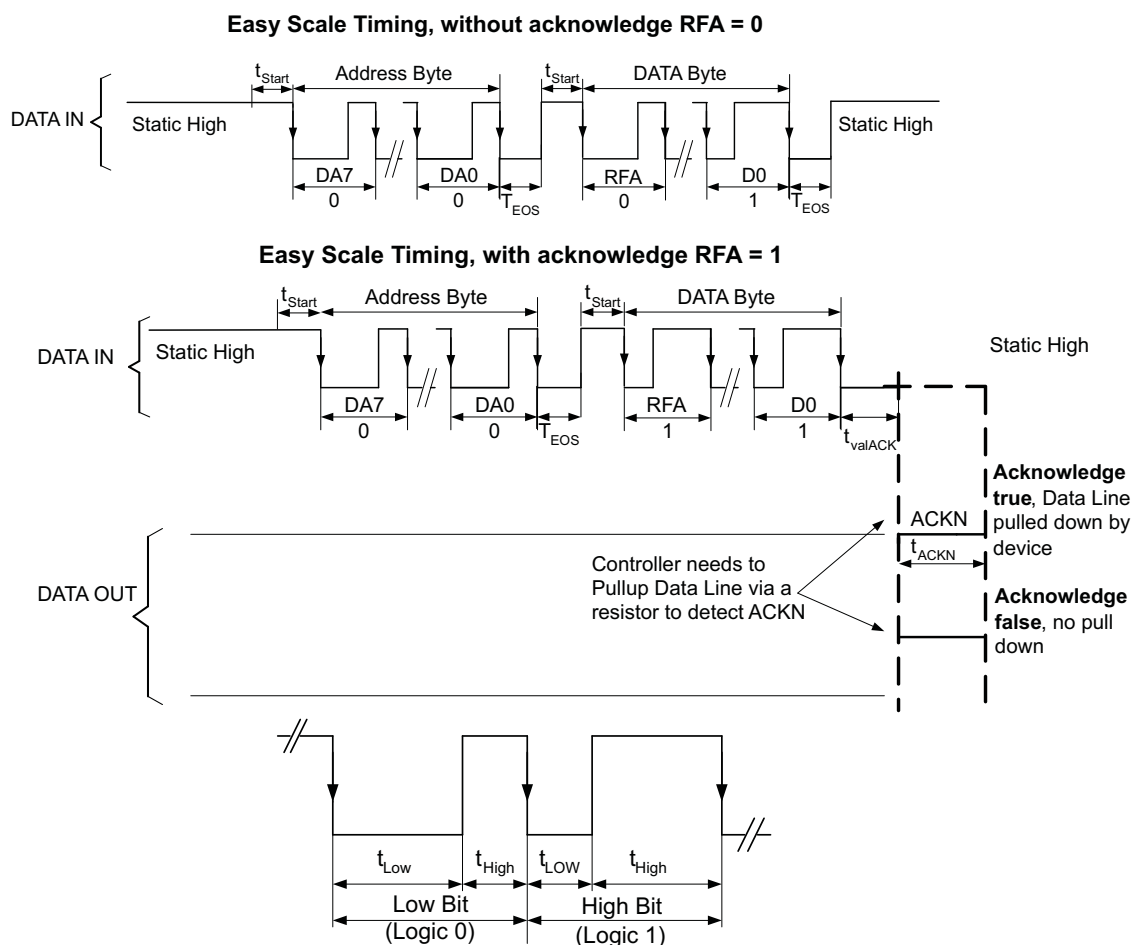


Figure 12. EasyScale — Bit Coding

All bits are transmitted MSB first and LSB last. Figure 12 shows the protocol without acknowledge request (Bit RFA = 0), Figure 12 with acknowledge (Bit RFA = 1) request. Prior to both bytes, device address byte and data byte, a start condition must be applied. For this, the CTRL pin must be pulled high for at least t_{start} (2 μ s) before the bit transmission starts with the falling edge. If the CTRL pin is already at a high level, no start condition is needed prior to the device address byte. The transmission of each byte is closed with an End of Stream condition for at least t_{EOS} (2 μ s).

The bit detection is based on a Logic Detection scheme, where the criterion is the relation between t_{LOW} and t_{HIGH} . It can be simplified to:

High Bit: $t_{HIGH} > t_{LOW}$, but with t_{HIGH} at least $2 \times t_{LOW}$, see Figure 12.

Low Bit: $t_{HIGH} < t_{LOW}$, but with t_{LOW} at least $2 \times t_{HIGH}$, see Figure 12.

The bit detection starts with a falling edge on the CTRL pin and ends with the next falling edge. Depending on the relation between t_{HIGH} and t_{LOW} , the logic 0 or 1 is detected.

The acknowledge condition is only applied if:

- Acknowledge is requested by a set RFA bit.
- The transmitted device address matches with the device address of the device.
- 16 bits is received correctly.

If the device turns on the internal ACKN-MOSFET and pulls the CTRL pin low for the time t_{ACKN} , which is 512 μ s maximum then the Acknowledge condition is valid after an internal delay time t_{valACK} . This means that the internal ACKN-MOSFET is turned on after t_{valACK} , when the last falling edge of the protocol was detected. The master controller keeps the line low in this period. The master device can detect the acknowledge condition with its input by releasing the CTRL pin after t_{valACK} and read back a logic 0. The CTRL pin can be used again after the acknowledge condition ends.

The acknowledge condition may be requested only if the master device has an open drain output. For a push-pull output stage, the use a series resistor in the CTRL line to limit the current to 500 μ A is recommended for such cases as:

- accidentally requested acknowledge, or
- to protect the internal ACKN-MOSFET.

10.2.1.2.5 Current Program

The FB voltage is regulated by a low 0.2 V reference voltage. The LED current is programmed externally using a current-sense resistor in series with the LED string. The value of the R_{SET} is calculated using [Equation 7](#).

$$I_{LED} = \frac{V_{FB}}{R_{SET}}$$

where

- I_{LED} = output current of LEDs
- V_{FB} = regulated voltage of FB
- R_{SET} = current sense resistor

(7)

The output current tolerance depends on the FB accuracy and the current sensor resistor accuracy.

10.2.1.3 Application Curves

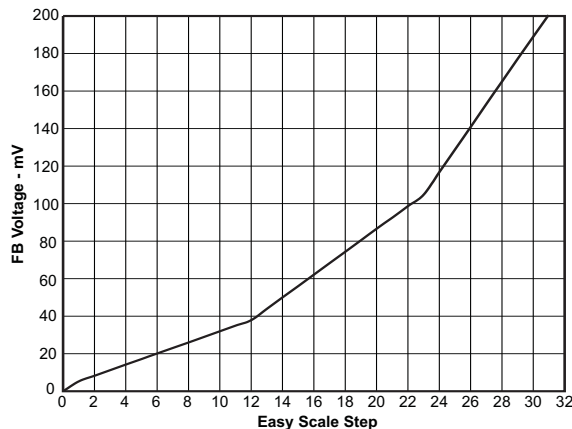


Figure 13. FB Voltage vs EasyScale Step

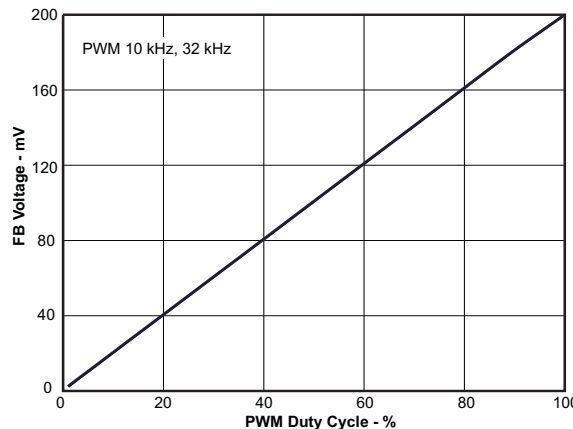
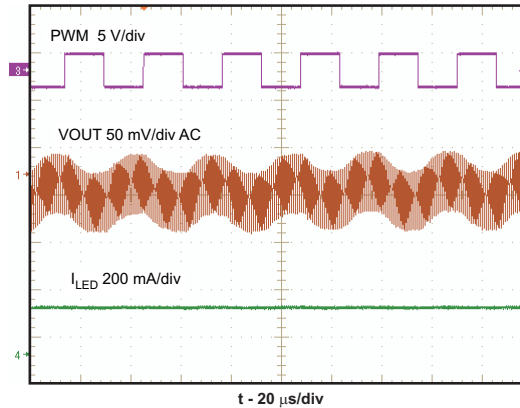
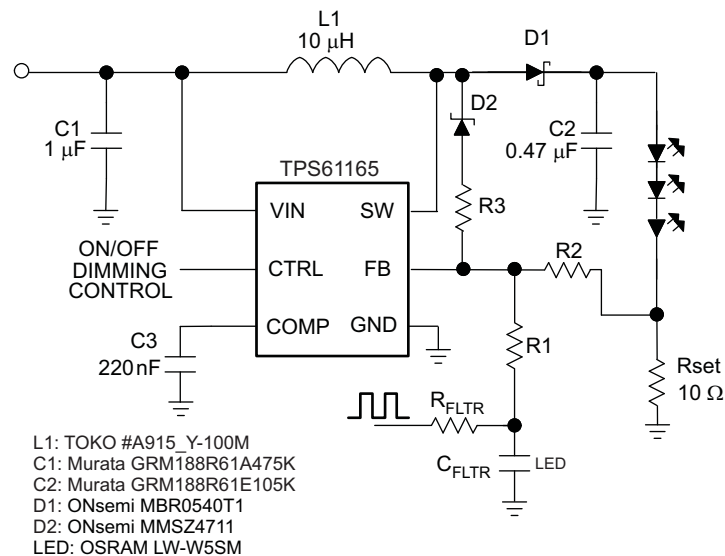


Figure 14. FB Voltage vs PWM Duty Cycle


Figure 15. Output Ripple at PWM Dimming

10.2.2 Additional Application Circuits

The TPS61165 can be configured to drive three high-brightness LEDs using an external PWM dimming network. [Figure 16](#) shows an example application circuit.


Figure 16. Drive Three High-Brightness LEDs With External PWM Dimming Network

The TPS61165 can be configured to drive nine strings of three LEDs for Media Form Factor Displays. [Figure 17](#) shows an example application circuit.

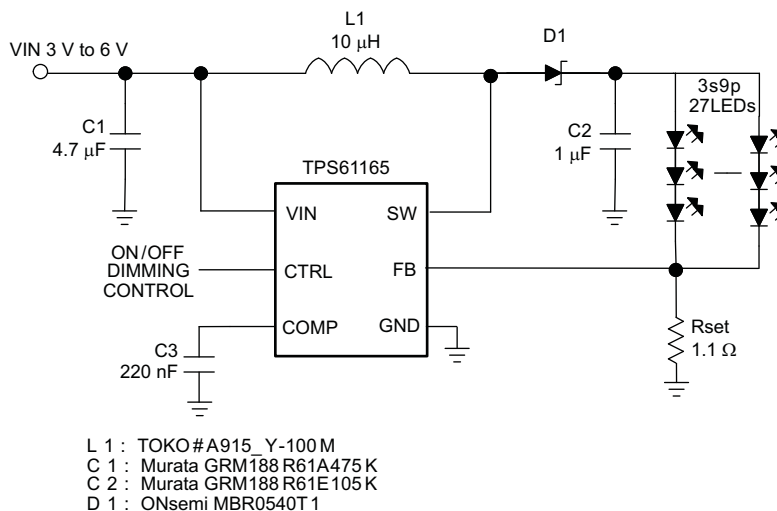


Figure 17. Drive 27 LEDs for Media Form Factor Display

The TPS61165 can be configured to drive six high-brightness LEDs in series. [Figure 18](#) provides an example applications circuit.

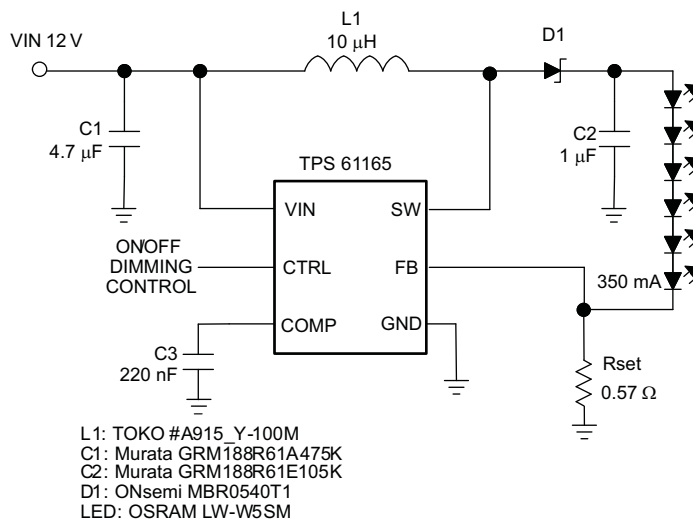


Figure 18. Drive Six High-Brightness LEDs

The TPS61165 can be configured to drive four high-brightness LEDs using SEPIC topology. An example application circuit can be found in [Figure 19](#).

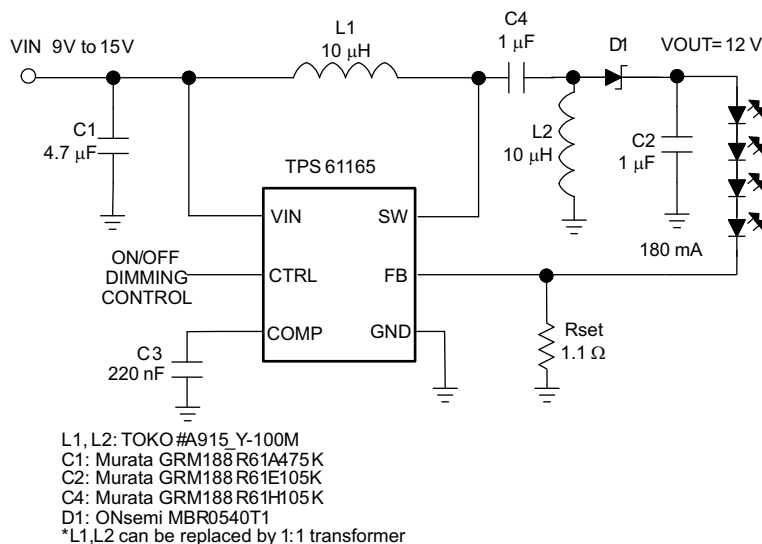


Figure 19. Drive Four High-Brightness LED With SEPIC Topology

10.3 Do's and Don'ts

There is a known issue with the TPS61165 when using the EasyScale interface to increase the feedback voltage. When V_{FB} is increased from 0 mV to any value above 0 mV, some ICs do not properly soft start during this transition and the voltage on their SW pin overshoots. If the overshoot exceeds the absolute maximum voltage rating on the SW pin, the IC is damaged.

With V_{FB} set below 10 mV through EasyScale, the parasitic offsets on the input pins of the internal trans-conductance amplifier determine the value of output of the amplifier. IC process variations are causing the offset to be larger and in the opposite polarity than expected. If the amplifier's output is already high prior to a transition from $V_{FB} = 0$ mV to any other voltage, then the modulator turns on full, bypassing soft start, and causes the SW pin and output voltage to overshoot.

To avoid this issue do not use EasyScale to change the feedback voltage from 0 mV, effectively disabling the device, to any other voltage. One alternative is to start with $V_{FB} = 10$ mV and go to a higher voltage. Another alternative is to disable the IC by taking the CTRL pin low for 2.5 ms and then re-enter EasyScale to force a soft start from $V_{FB} = 0$ mV to the default 200 mV.

11 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPS61165 requires a single supply input voltage. This voltage can range from 3 V to 18 V and be able to supply enough current for a given application.

12 Layout

12.1 Layout Guidelines

As for all switching power supplies, especially those high frequency and high current ones, layout is an important design step. If layout is not carefully done, the regulator could suffer from instability as well as noise problems. To reduce switching losses, the SW pin rise and fall times are made as short as possible. To prevent radiation of high frequency resonance problems, proper layout of the high frequency switching path is essential. Minimize the length and area of all traces connected to the SW pin and always use a ground plane under the switching regulator to minimize inter-plane coupling. The loop including the PWM switch, Schottky diode, and output capacitor, contains high current rising and falling in nanosecond and should be kept as short as possible. The input capacitor must be close to both the VIN pin and the GND pin to reduce the IC supply ripple. [Figure 20](#) shows a sample layout.

12.2 Layout Example

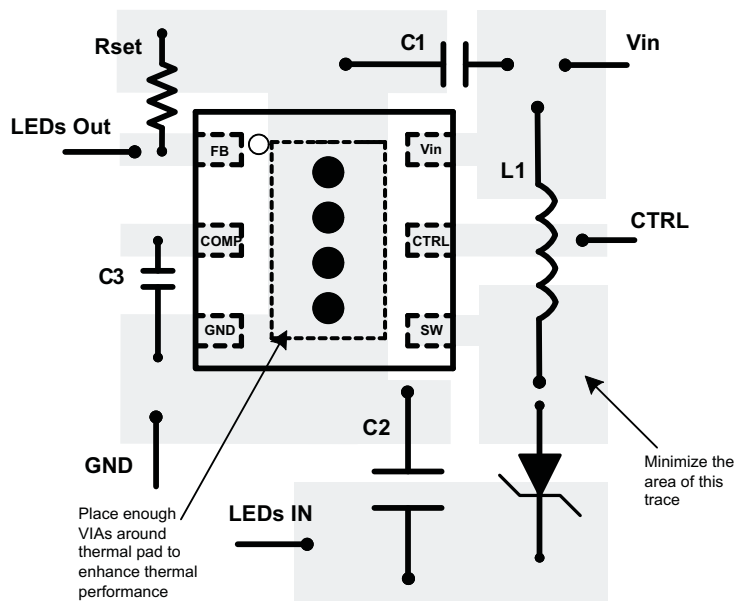


Figure 20. Layout Recommendation

12.3 Thermal Considerations

The maximum IC junction temperature should be restricted to 125°C under normal operating conditions. This restriction limits the power dissipation of the TPS61165. Calculate the maximum allowable dissipation, $P_{D(max)}$, and keep the actual dissipation less than or equal to $P_{D(max)}$. The maximum-power-dissipation limit is determined using [Equation 8](#):

$$P_{D(max)} = \frac{125^{\circ}\text{C} - T_A}{R_{\theta JA}}$$

where

- T_A is the maximum ambient temperature for the application
- $R_{\theta JA}$ is the thermal resistance junction-to-ambient given in [Thermal Information](#)

(8)

Thermal Considerations (continued)

The TPS61165 comes in a thermally enhanced QFN package. This package includes a thermal pad that improves the thermal capabilities of the package. The $R_{\theta JA}$ of the QFN package greatly depends on the PCB layout and thermal pad connection. The thermal pad must be soldered to the analog ground on the PCB. Using thermal vias underneath the thermal pad as illustrated in the layout example. Also see the *QFN/SON PCB Attachment* application report ([SLUA271](#)).

13 Device and Documentation Support

13.1 Device Support

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13.2 Documentation Support

13.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

QFN/SON PCB Attachment ([SLUA271](#))

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13.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

13.5 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

14 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
TPS61165DBVR	ACTIVE	SOT-23	DBV	6	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	DAK	Samples
TPS61165DBVT	ACTIVE	SOT-23	DBV	6	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	DAK	Samples
TPS61165DRVR	ACTIVE	SON	DRV	6	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 85	CCQ	Samples
TPS61165DRVRG4	ACTIVE	SON	DRV	6	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 85	CCQ	Samples
TPS61165DRVVT	ACTIVE	SON	DRV	6	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 85	CCQ	Samples
TPS61165DRVVG4	ACTIVE	SON	DRV	6	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 85	CCQ	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.

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NRND: Not recommended for new designs. Device is in production to support existing customers, but TI does not recommend using this part in a new design.

PREVIEW: Device has been announced but is not in production. Samples may or may not be available.

OBSOLETE: TI has discontinued the production of the device.

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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

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- Automotive: [TPS61165-Q1](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION


*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TPS61165DBVR	SOT-23	DBV	6	3000	179.0	8.4	3.2	3.2	1.4	4.0	8.0	Q3
TPS61165DBVT	SOT-23	DBV	6	250	179.0	8.4	3.2	3.2	1.4	4.0	8.0	Q3
TPS61165DRVR	SON	DRV	6	3000	180.0	8.4	2.3	2.3	1.15	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS61165DRVVT	SON	DRV	6	250	180.0	8.4	2.3	2.3	1.15	4.0	8.0	Q2

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS

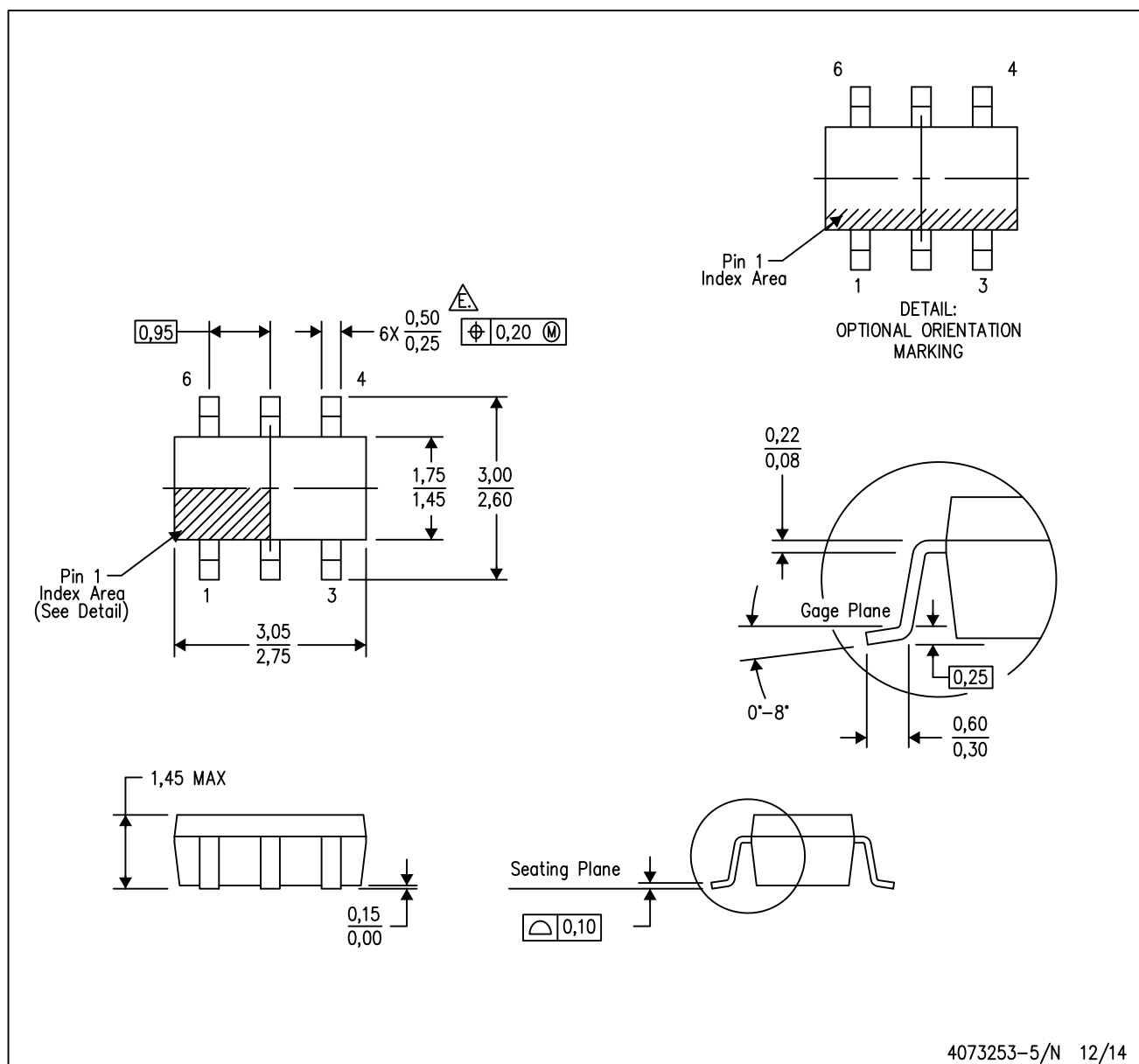


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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
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TPS61165DBVT	SOT-23	DBV	6	250	203.0	203.0	35.0
TPS61165DRVR	SON	DRV	6	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
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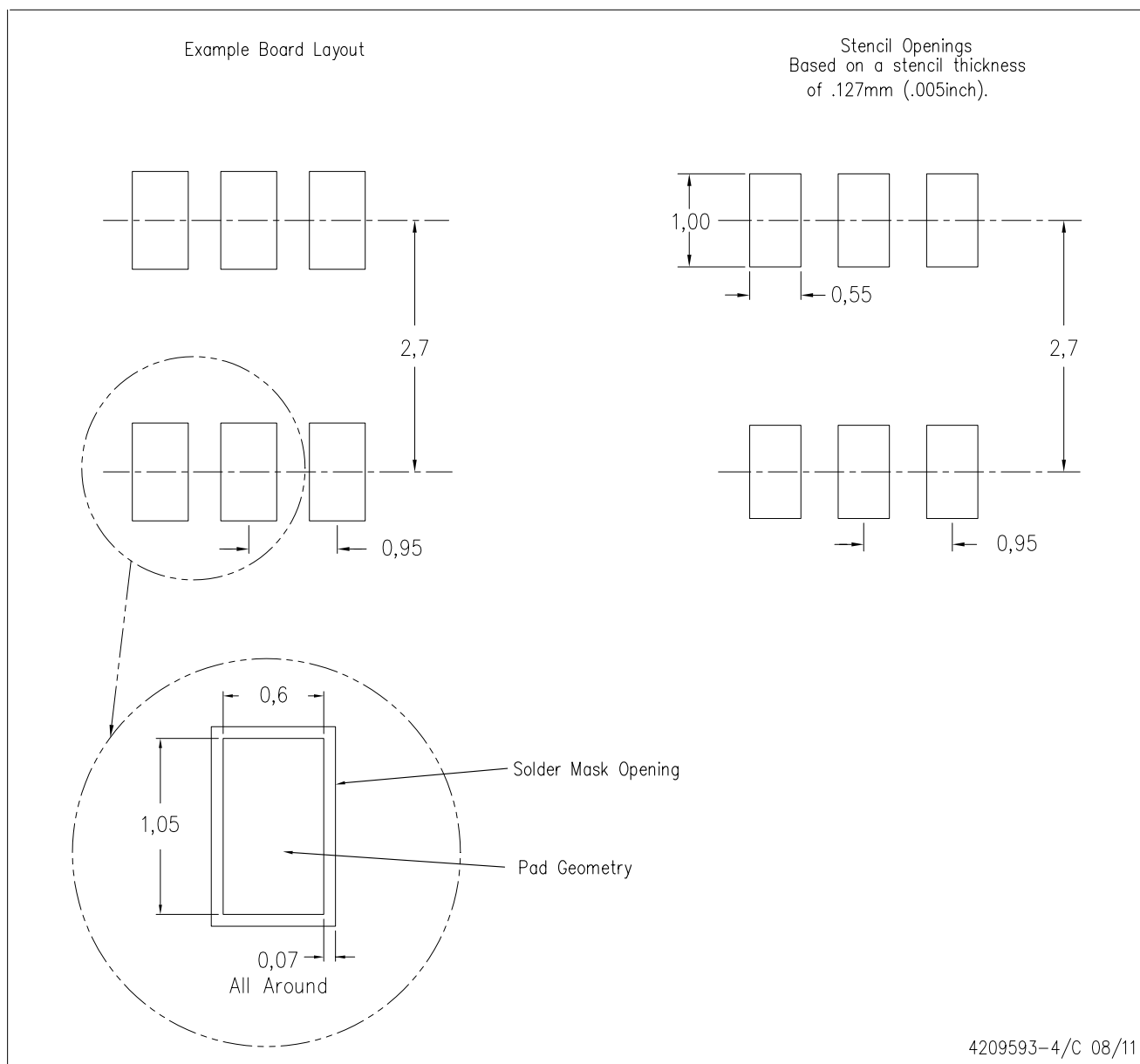
PLASTIC SMALL-OUTLINE PACKAGE



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- A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
 - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
 - C. Body dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusion. Mold flash and protrusion shall not exceed 0.15 per side.
 - D. Leads 1,2,3 may be wider than leads 4,5,6 for package orientation.
 - E. Falls within JEDEC MO-178 Variation AB, except minimum lead width.

DBV (R-PDSO-G6)

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- A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
 - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
 - C. Customers should place a note on the circuit board fabrication drawing not to alter the center solder mask defined pad.
 - D. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
 - E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Example stencil design based on a 50% volumetric metal load solder paste. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.

DRV (S-PWSON-N6)

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- NOTES:
- A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M-1994.
 - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
 - C. Small Outline No-Lead (SON) package configuration.
 -  D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. See the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad dimensions.

THERMAL PAD MECHANICAL DATA

DRV (S-PWSON-N6)

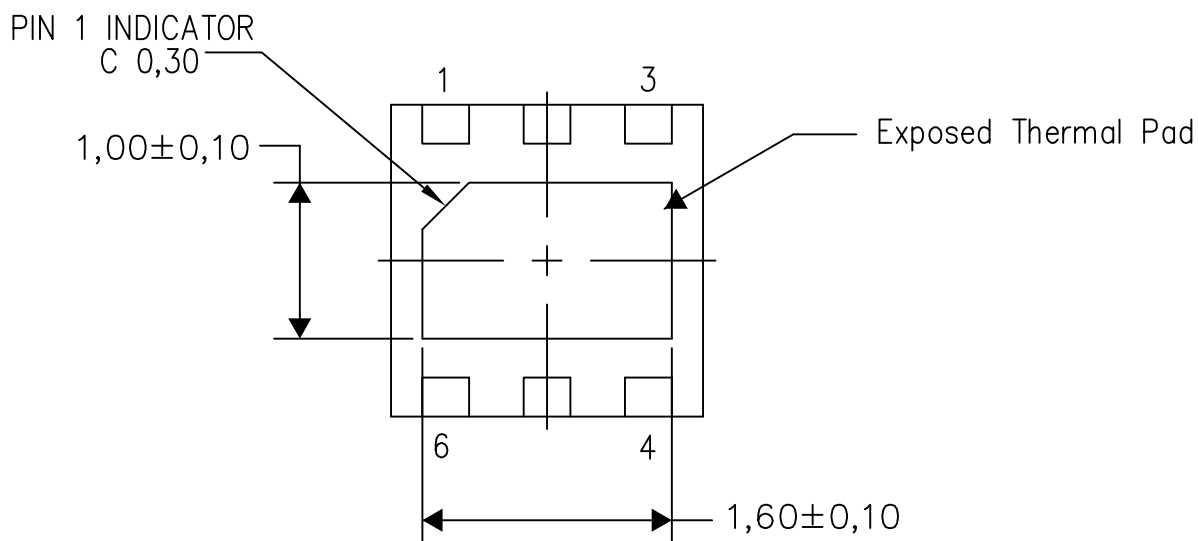
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THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No-Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at www.ti.com.

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.



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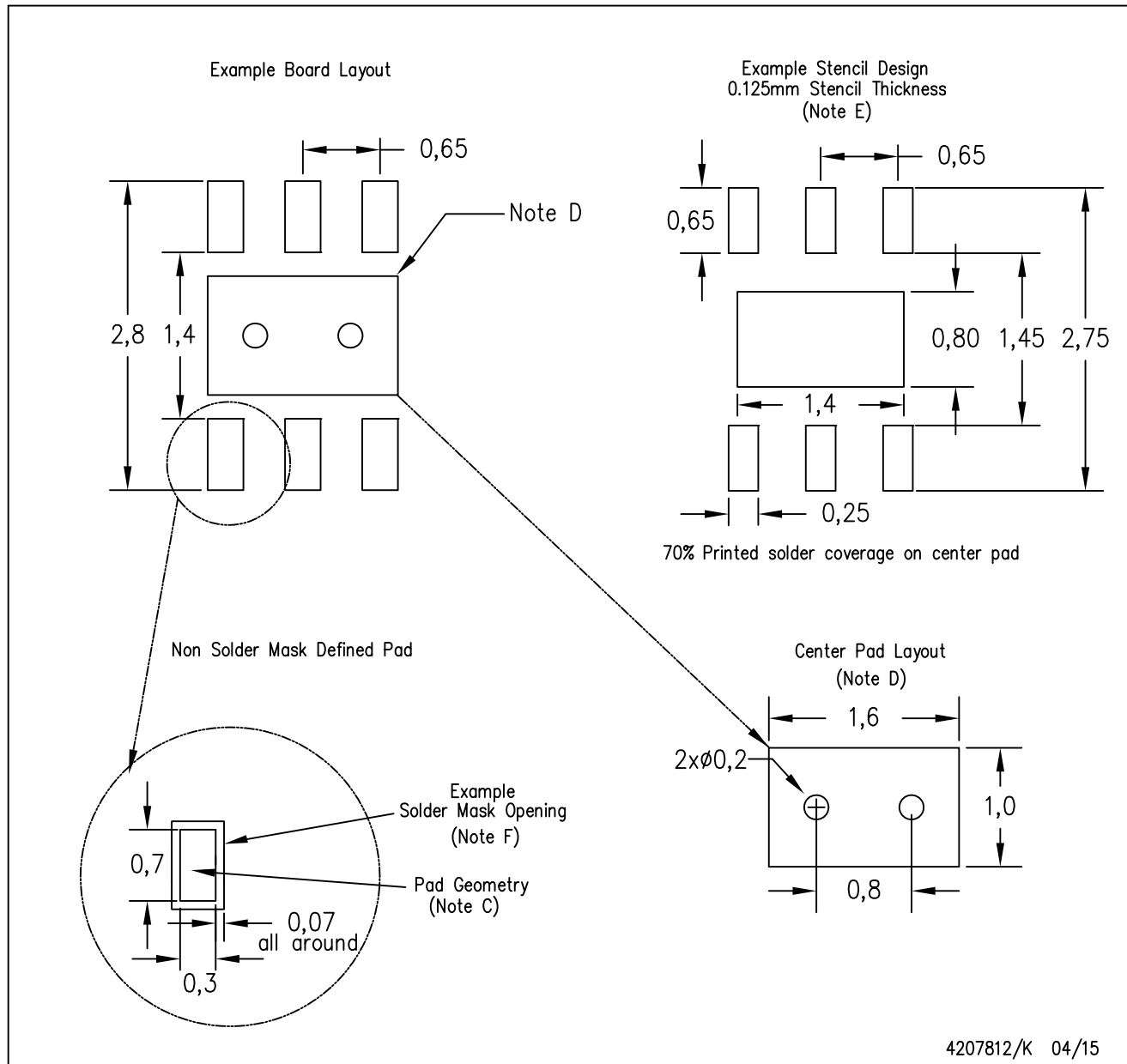
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DRV (S-PWSON-N6)

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE NO-LEAD



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 - Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
 - This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Application Note, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at www.ti.com <<http://www.ti.com>>.
 - Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC 7525 for stencil design considerations.
 - Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances.

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