

# Dual Full Function White LED Step-Up Converter with Built-In Schottky Diodes

## FEATURES

- Drives Up to 20 White LEDs (10 in Series per Converter) from a 3.6V Supply
- Two Independent Step-Up Converters Capable of Driving Asymmetric LED Strings
- Independent Dimming and Shutdown Control of the Two LED Strings
- Internal Schottky Diodes
- Internal Soft-Start Eliminates Inrush Current
- Open LED Protection (39.5V Max  $V_{OUT}$ )
- Fixed Frequency Operation Up to 2MHz
- 81% Efficiency Driving 16 White LEDs at 15mA (Eight per Driver) from a 3.6V Supply
- Wide Input Voltage Range: 2.7V to 24V
- Available in 10-Pin DFN and 16-Pin Thermally Enhanced TSSOP Packages

## APPLICATIONS

- Main/Sub Displays
- Digital Cameras, Sub-Notebook PCs
- PDAs, Handheld Computers
- Automotive

## DESCRIPTION

LT<sup>®</sup>3466 is a dual full function step-up DC/DC converter specifically designed to drive up to 20 White LEDs (10 in series per converter) with a constant current. Series connection of the LEDs provides identical LED currents resulting in uniform brightness and eliminating the need for ballast resistors and expensive factory calibration.

The two independent converters are capable of driving asymmetric LED strings. The dimming of the two LED strings can also be controlled independently. The LT3466 is ideal for providing backlight for main and sub-displays in cell phones and other handheld devices.

The LT3466 operating frequency can be set with an external resistor over a 200kHz to 2MHz range. A low 200mV feedback voltage minimizes power loss in the current setting resistor for better efficiency. Additional features include output voltage limiting when LEDs are disconnected and internal soft-start.

The LT3466 is available in the 10-pin (3mm × 3mm × 0.75mm) DFN and 16-pin thermally enhanced TSSOP packages.

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

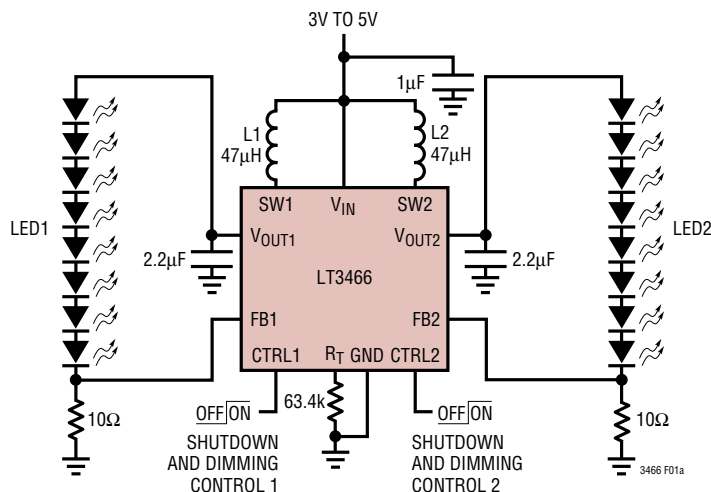
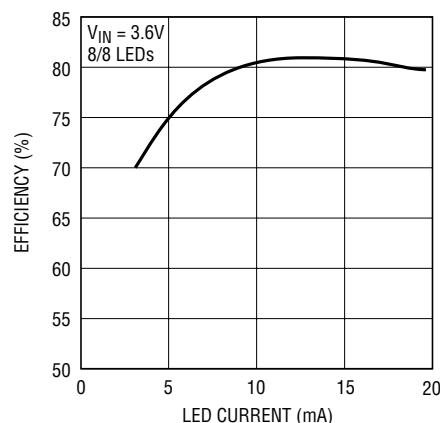


Figure 1. Li-Ion Powered Driver for 8/8 White LEDs

### Conversion Efficiency



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

|                                      |               |                                             |                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Input Voltage ( $V_{IN}$ )           | 24V           | Maximum Junction Temperature                | 125°C          |
| SW1, SW2 Voltages                    | 44V           | Storage Temperature Range                   |                |
| $V_{OUT1}$ , $V_{OUT2}$ Voltages     | 44V           | DFN                                         | –65°C to 125°C |
| CTRL1, CTRL2 Voltages                | 24V           | TSSOP                                       | –65°C to 150°C |
| FB1, FB2, $R_T$ Voltages             | 2V            | Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec, TSSOP) | 300°C          |
| Operating Temperature Range (Note 2) | –40°C to 85°C |                                             |                |

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

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| <p>TOP VIEW</p> <p>DD PACKAGE<br/>10-LEAD (3mm × 3mm) PLASTIC DFN<br/><math>T_{JMAX} = 125^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 43^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math>, <math>\theta_{JC} = 2.96^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math><br/>EXPOSED PAD (PIN 11) IS GND<br/>MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB</p> | ORDER PART NUMBER | <p>TOP VIEW</p> <p>FE PACKAGE<br/>16-LEAD PLASTIC TSSOP<br/><math>T_{JMAX} = 125^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 38^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math>, <math>\theta_{JC(PAD)} = 10^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math><br/>EXPOSED PAD (PIN 17) IS GND<br/>MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB</p> | ORDER PART NUMBER |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | LT3466EDD         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | LT3466EFE         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DD PART MARKING   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | FE PART MARKING   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | LBBH              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3466EFE           |

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes specifications that apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at  $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $V_{IN} = 3\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CTRL1} = 3\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CTRL2} = 3\text{V}$ , unless otherwise specified.

| PARAMETER                                                | CONDITIONS                                                                     | MIN   | TYP            | MAX       | UNITS       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Minimum Operating Voltage                                |                                                                                | 2.7   |                |           | V           |
| Maximum Operating Voltage                                |                                                                                |       |                | 24        | V           |
| FB1 Voltage                                              |                                                                                | ● 192 | 200            | 208       | mV          |
| FB2 Voltage                                              |                                                                                | ● 192 | 200            | 208       | mV          |
| Offset Voltage ( $V_{OS}$ ) Between FB1 and FB2 Voltages | $V_{OS} =  \text{FB1} - \text{FB2} $                                           | 0     | 1.5            | 7.5       | mV          |
| FB1 Pin Bias Current                                     | $V_{FB1} = 0.2\text{V}$ (Note 3)                                               |       | 10             | 50        | nA          |
| FB2 Pin Bias Current                                     | $V_{FB2} = 0.2\text{V}$ (Note 3)                                               |       | 10             | 50        | nA          |
| Quiescent Current                                        | $V_{FB1} = V_{FB2} = 0.3\text{V}$<br>$\text{CTRL1} = \text{CTRL2} = 0\text{V}$ |       | 5<br>16        | 7.5<br>25 | mA<br>μA    |
| Switching Frequency                                      | $R_T = 48.7\text{k}$                                                           | 0.8   | 1              | 1.2       | MHz         |
| Oscillator Frequency Range                               | (Note 4)                                                                       | 200   |                | 2000      | kHz         |
| Nominal $R_T$ Pin Voltage                                | $R_T = 48.7\text{k}$                                                           |       | 0.54           |           | V           |
| Maximum Duty Cycle                                       | $R_T = 48.7\text{k}$<br>$R_T = 20.5\text{k}$<br>$R_T = 267\text{k}$            | ● 90  | 96<br>92<br>99 |           | %<br>%<br>% |

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| PARAMETER                                    | CONDITIONS                          |   | MIN | TYP  | MAX | UNITS         |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----|------|-----|---------------|
| Converter 1 Current Limit                    | (Note 5)                            | ● | 320 | 400  |     | mA            |
| Converter 2 Current Limit                    | (Note 5)                            | ● | 320 | 400  |     | mA            |
| Converter 1 $V_{CESAT}$                      | $I_{SW1} = 300\text{mA}$            |   |     | 360  |     | mV            |
| Converter 2 $V_{CESAT}$                      | $I_{SW2} = 300\text{mA}$            |   |     | 360  |     | mV            |
| Switch 1 Leakage Current                     | $V_{SW1} = 10\text{V}$              |   |     | 0.01 | 5   | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Switch 2 Leakage Current                     | $V_{SW2} = 10\text{V}$              |   |     | 0.01 | 5   | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| CTRL1 Voltage for Full LED Current           |                                     | ● | 1.8 |      |     | V             |
| CTRL2 Voltage for Full LED Current           |                                     | ● | 1.8 |      |     | V             |
| CTRL1 or CTRL2 Voltage to Turn-On the IC     |                                     |   | 150 |      |     | mV            |
| CTRL1 and CTRL2 Voltages to Shut Down the IC |                                     |   |     |      | 50  | mV            |
| CTRL1, CTRL2 Pin Bias Current                | $V_{CTRL1} = V_{CTRL2} = 1\text{V}$ | ● | 8   | 10   | 12  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| $V_{OUT1}$ Overvoltage-Lockout Threshold     | $V_{OUT1}$ Rising                   |   |     | 39.5 |     | V             |
| $V_{OUT2}$ Overvoltage-Lockout Threshold     | $V_{OUT2}$ Rising                   |   |     | 39.5 |     | V             |
| Schottky 1 Forward Drop                      | $I_{SCHOTTKY1} = 300\text{mA}$      |   |     | 0.85 |     | V             |
| Schottky 2 Forward Drop                      | $I_{SCHOTTKY2} = 300\text{mA}$      |   |     | 0.85 |     | V             |
| Schottky 1 Reverse Leakage                   | $V_{OUT1} = 20\text{V}$             |   |     |      | 5   | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Schottky 2 Reverse Leakage                   | $V_{OUT2} = 20\text{V}$             |   |     |      | 5   | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Soft-Start Time (Switcher 1)                 |                                     |   |     | 600  |     | $\mu\text{s}$ |
| Soft-Start Time (Switcher 2)                 |                                     |   |     | 600  |     | $\mu\text{s}$ |

**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

**Note 2:** The LT3466E is guaranteed to meet specified performance from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $70^\circ\text{C}$ . Specifications over the  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $85^\circ\text{C}$  operating range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls.

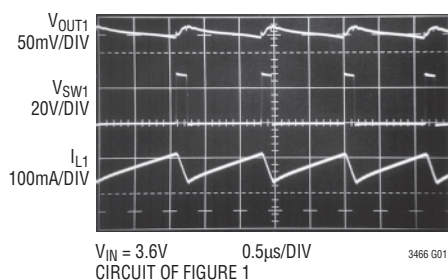
**Note 3:** Current flows out of the pin.

**Note 4:** Guaranteed by design and test correlation, not production tested.

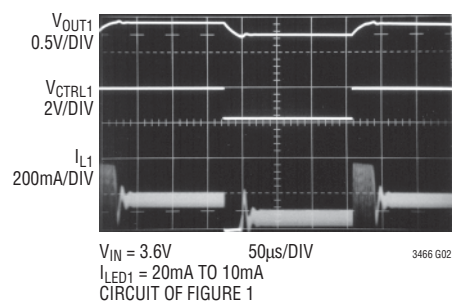
**Note 5:** Current limit is guaranteed by design and/or correlation to static test. Slope compensation reduces current limit at high duty cycle.

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Switching Waveforms

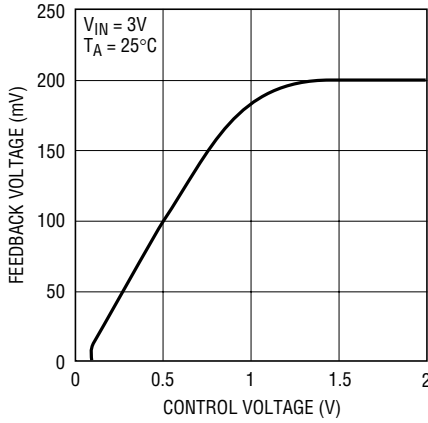


Transient Response

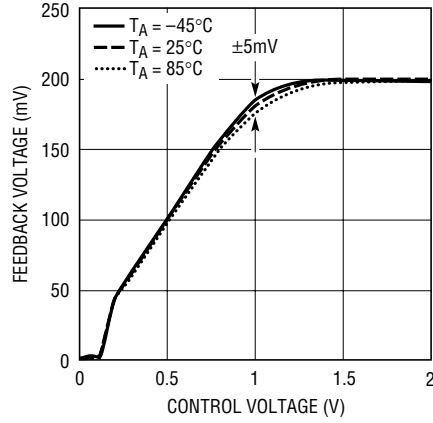


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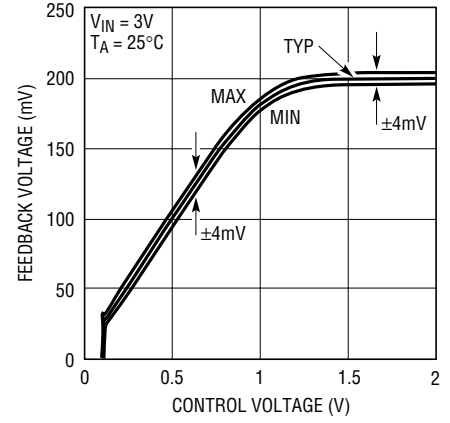
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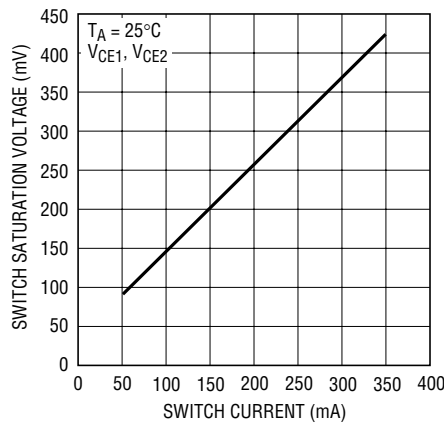
**$V_{FB}$  vs  $V_{CTRL}$   
(Temperature Variation)**



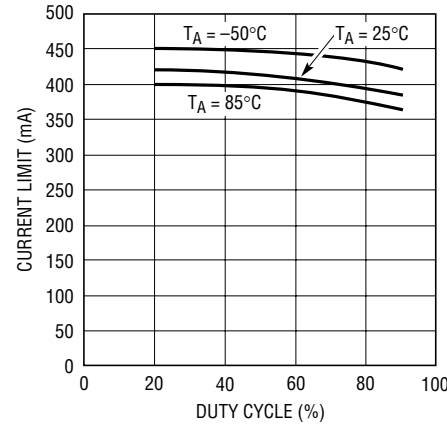
**Distribution of  $V_{FB}$  vs  $V_{CTRL}$**



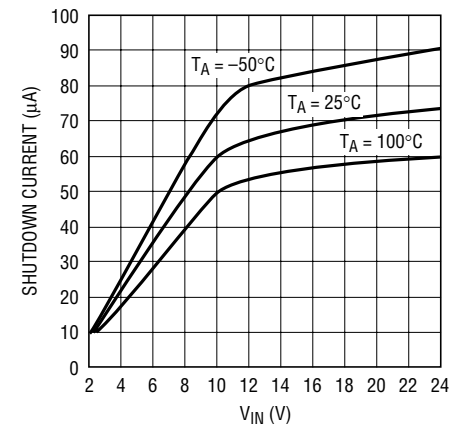
**Switch Saturation Voltage ( $V_{CESAT}$ )**



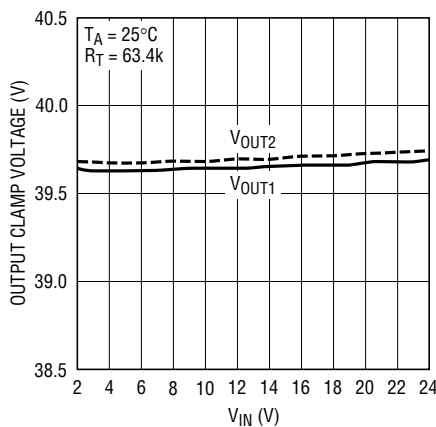
**Switch Current Limit vs Duty Cycle**



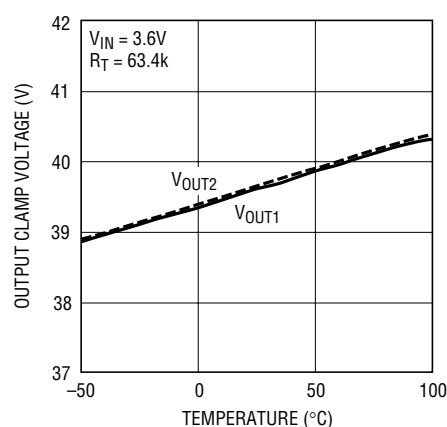
**Shutdown Quiescent Current  
( $CTRL1 = CTRL2 = 0V$ )**



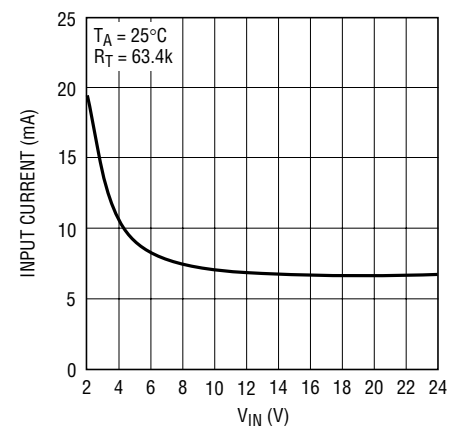
**Open-Circuit Clamp Voltage  
vs  $V_{IN}$**



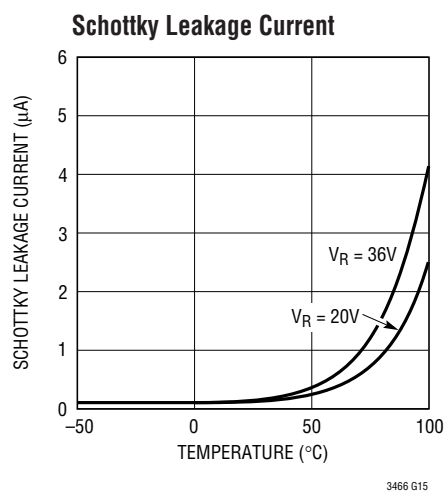
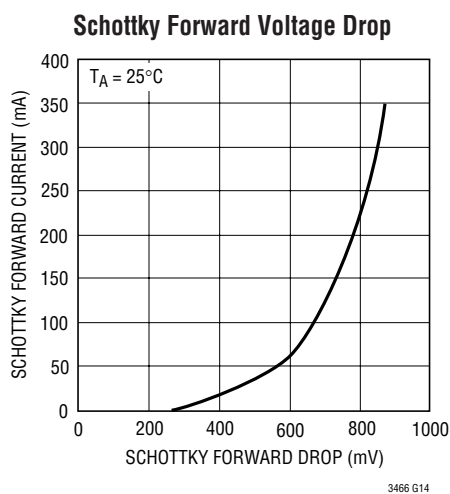
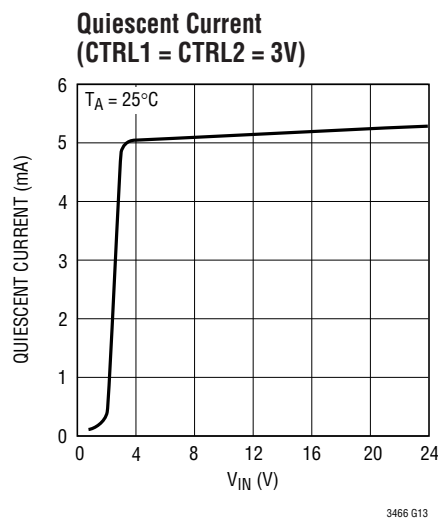
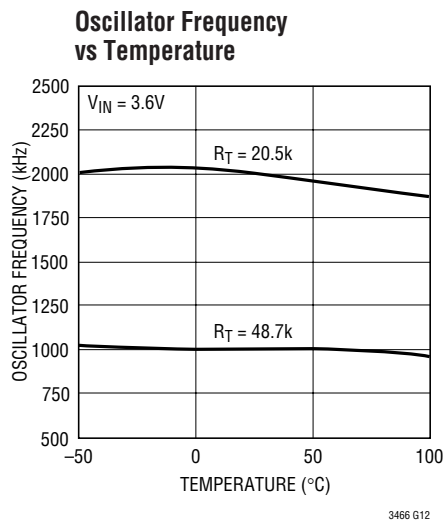
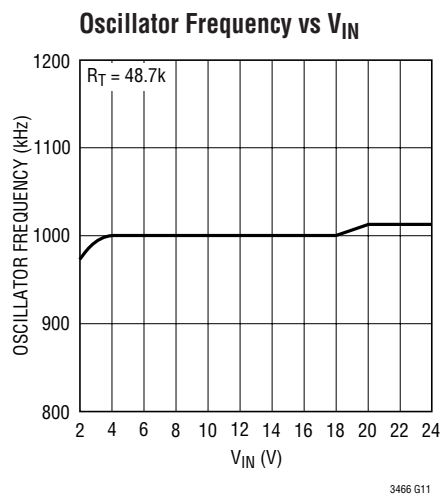
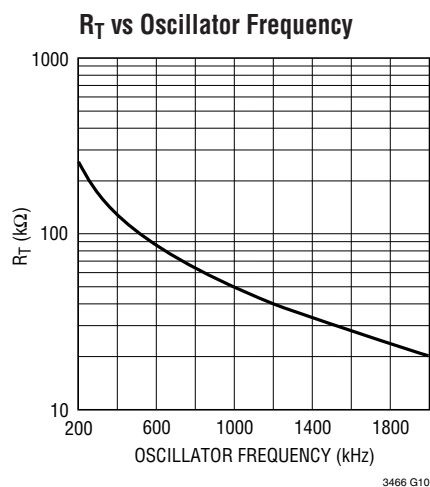
**Open-Circuit Clamp Voltage  
vs Temperature**



**Input Current with Output 1 and  
Output 2 Open Circuit**



# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



## PIN FUNCTIONS (DD/TSSOP)

**V<sub>OUT1</sub> (Pin 1/Pin 3):** Output of Converter 1. This pin is connected to the cathode of the internal Schottky diode. Connect an output capacitor from this pin to ground.

**SW1 (Pin 2/Pin 4):** Switch Pin for Converter 1. Connect the inductor at this pin.

**V<sub>IN</sub> (Pin 3/Pin 5):** Input Supply Pin. Must be locally bypassed with a 1μF, X5R or X7R type ceramic capacitor.

**SW2 (Pin 4/Pin 6):** Switch Pin for Converter 2. Connect the inductor at this pin.

**V<sub>OUT2</sub> (Pin 5/Pin 7):** Output of Converter 2. This pin is connected to the cathode of the internal Schottky diode. Connect an output capacitor from this pin to ground.

**FB2 (Pin 6/Pin 10):** Feedback Pin for Converter 2. The nominal voltage at this pin is 200mV. Connect cathode of the lowest LED and the feedback resistor at this pin. The LED current can be programmed by :

$$I_{LED2} \approx (200\text{mV}/R_{FB2}), \text{ when } V_{CTRL2} > 1.6\text{V}$$

$$I_{LED2} \approx (V_{CTRL2}/5 \cdot R_{FB2}), \text{ when } V_{CTRL2} < 1\text{V}$$

**CTRL2 (Pin 7/Pin 11):** Dimming and Shutdown Pin for Converter 2. Connect this pin to ground to disable the converter. As the pin voltage is ramped from 0V to 1.6V, the LED current ramps from 0 to  $I_{LED2}$  ( $= 200\text{mV}/R_{FB2}$ ). Any voltage above 1.6V does not affect the LED current.

**R<sub>T</sub> (Pin 8/Pin 12):** Timing Resistor to Program the Switching Frequency. The switching frequency can be programmed from 200KHz to 2MHz.

**CTRL1 (Pin 9/Pin 14):** Dimming and Shutdown Pin for Converter 1. Connect this pin to ground to disable the converter. As the pin voltage is ramped from 0V to 1.6V, the LED current ramps from 0 to  $I_{LED1}$  ( $= 200\text{mV}/R_{FB1}$ ). Any voltage above 1.6V does not affect the LED current.

**FB1 (Pin 10/Pin 15):** Feedback Pin for Converter 1. The nominal voltage at this pin is 200mV. Connect cathode of the lowest LED and the feedback resistor at this pin. The LED current can be programmed by :

$$I_{LED1} \approx (200\text{mV}/R_{FB1}), \text{ when } V_{CTRL1} > 1.6\text{V}$$

$$I_{LED1} \approx (V_{CTRL1}/5 \cdot R_{FB1}), \text{ when } V_{CTRL1} < 1\text{V}$$

**Exposed Pad (Pin 11/Pin 17):** The Exposed Pad must be soldered to the PCB system ground.

**GND (NA/Pins 1, 8, 9, 16):** These pins are internally fused to the Exposed Pad (TSSOP package only). Connect these GND pins and the Exposed Pad to the PCB system ground.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

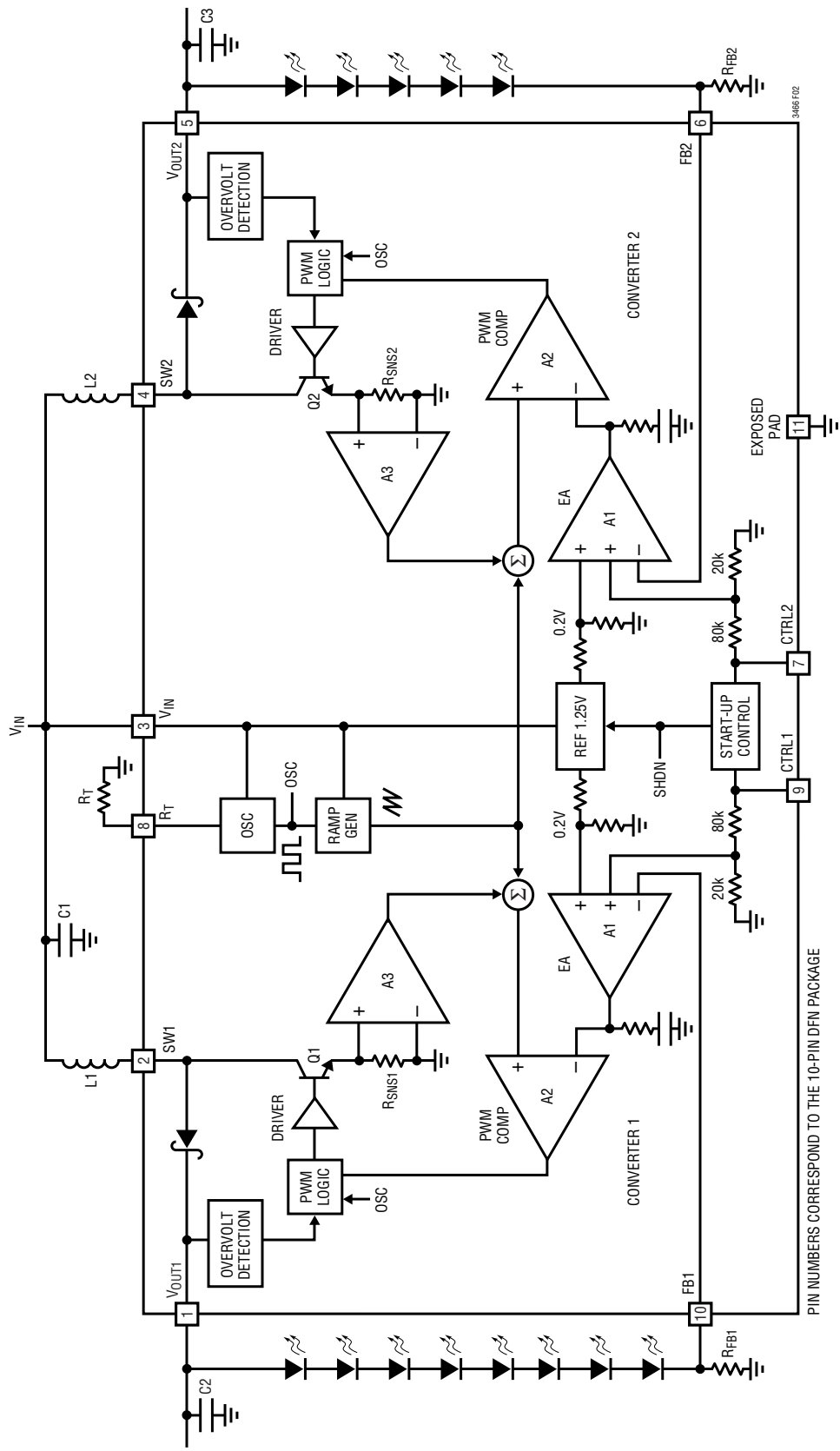


Figure 2. LT3466 Block Diagram

## OPERATION

### Main Control Loop

The LT3466 uses a constant frequency, current mode control scheme to provide excellent line and load regulation. It incorporates two identical, but fully independent PWM converters. Operation can be best understood by referring to the Block Diagram in Figure 2. The oscillator, start-up bias and the bandgap reference are shared between the two converters. The control circuitry, power switch, Schottky diode etc., are all identical for both the converters.

At power-up, the output voltages  $V_{OUT1}$  and  $V_{OUT2}$  are charged up to  $V_{IN}$  (input supply voltage) via their respective inductor and the internal Schottky diode. If either CTRL1 and CTRL2 or both are pulled high, the bandgap reference, start-up bias and the oscillator are turned on.

Working of the main control loop can be understood by following the operation of converter 1. At the start of each oscillator cycle, the power switch Q1 is turned on. A voltage proportional to the switch current is added to a stabilizing ramp and the resulting sum is fed into the positive terminal of the PWM comparator A2. When this voltage exceeds the level at the negative input of A2, the PWM logic turns off the power switch. The level at the negative input of A2 is set by the error amplifier A1, and is simply an amplified version of the difference between the feedback voltage and the 200mV reference voltage. In this manner, the error amplifier A1 regulates the feedback voltage to 200mV reference voltage. The output of the error amplifier A1 sets the correct peak current level in inductor L1 to keep the output in regulation. The CTRL1 pin voltage is used to adjust the reference voltage.

If only one of the converters is turned on, the other converter will stay off and its output will remain charged up to  $V_{IN}$  (input supply voltage). The LT3466 enters into shutdown, when both CTRL1 and CTRL2 are pulled lower than 50mV. The CTRL1 and CTRL2 pins perform independent dimming and shutdown control for the two converters.

### Minimum Output Current

The LT3466 can drive an 8-LED string at 2.5mA LED current without pulse skipping. As current is further reduced, the device may begin skipping pulses. This will

result in some low frequency ripple, although the LED current remains regulated on an average basis down to zero. The photo in Figure 3 shows circuit operation with 16 white LEDs (eight per converter) at 2.5mA current driven from 3.6V supply. Peak inductor current is less than 50mA and the regulator operates in discontinuous mode implying that the inductor current reached zero during the discharge phase. After the inductor current reaches zero, the switch pin exhibits ringing due to the LC tank circuit formed by the inductor in combination with switch and diode capacitance. This ringing is not harmful; far less spectral energy is contained in the ringing than in the switch transitions. The ringing can be damped by application of a 300 $\Omega$  resistor across the inductors, although this will degrade efficiency.

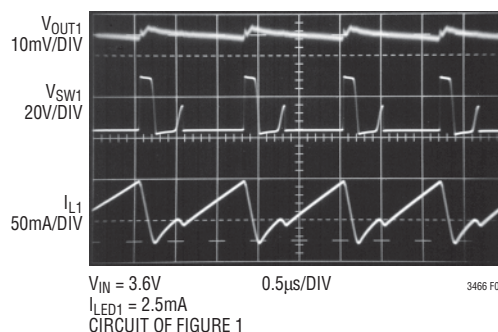


Figure 3. Switching Waveforms

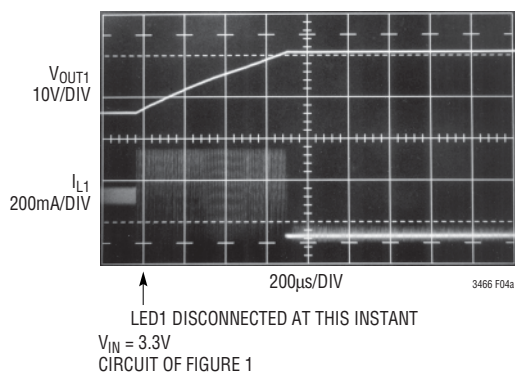
### Open-Circuit Protection

The LT3466 has internal open-circuit protection for both the converters. When the LEDs are disconnected from the circuit or fail open, the converter output voltage is clamped at 39.5V (typ). Figure 4a shows the transient response of Figure 1's step-up converter with LED1 disconnected. With LED1 disconnected, the converter starts switching at the peak inductor current limit. The converter output starts ramping up and finally gets clamped at 39.5V (typ). The converter will then switch at low inductor current to regulate the converter output at the clamp voltage. Output voltage and input current during output open circuit are shown in the Typical Performance Characteristics graphs.

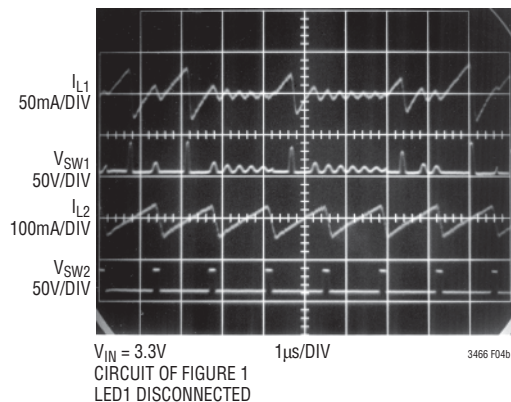
In the event one of the converters has an output open-circuit, its output voltage will be clamped at 39.5V.

## OPERATION

However, the other converter will continue functioning properly. The photo in Figure 4b shows circuit operation with converter 1 output open-circuit and converter 2 driving eight LEDs at 20mA. Converter 1 starts switching at a lower peak inductor current and begins skipping pulses, thereby reducing its input current.



**Figure 4a. Transient Response of Switcher 1 with LED1 Disconnected from the Output**



**Figure 4b. Switching Waveforms with Output 1 Open-Circuit**

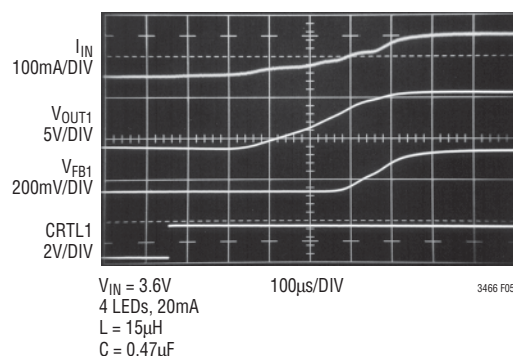
## Soft-Start

The LT3466 has a separate internal soft-start circuitry for each converter. Soft-start helps to limit the inrush current during start-up. Soft-start is achieved by clamping the output of the error amplifier during the soft-start period. This limits the peak inductor current and ramps up the output voltage in a controlled manner.

The converter enters into soft-start mode whenever the respective CTRL pin is pulled from low to high. Figure 5 shows the start-up waveforms with converter 1 driving four LEDs at 20mA. The filtered input current, as shown in Figure 5, is well controlled. The soft-start circuit is less effective when driving a higher number of LEDs.

## Undervoltage Lockout

The LT3466 has an undervoltage lockout circuit which shuts down both the converters when the input voltage drops below 2.1V (typ). This prevents the converter from operating in an erratic mode when powered from low supply voltages.



**Figure 5. Start-Up Waveforms**

# APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

## DUTY CYCLE

The duty cycle for a step-up converter is given by:

$$D = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{IN}}{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{CESAT}}$$

where:

$V_{OUT}$  = Output voltage

$V_D$  = Schottky forward voltage drop

$V_{CESAT}$  = Saturation voltage of the switch

$V_{IN}$  = Input battery voltage

The maximum duty cycle achievable for LT3466 is 96% (typ) when running at 1MHz switching frequency. It increases to 99% (typ) when run at 200kHz and drops to 92% (typ) at 2MHz. Always ensure that the converter is not duty-cycle limited when powering the LEDs at a given switching frequency.

## SETTING THE SWITCHING FREQUENCY

The LT3466 uses a constant frequency architecture that can be programmed over a 200kHz to 2MHz range with a single external timing resistor from the  $R_T$  pin to ground. The nominal voltage on the  $R_T$  pin is 0.54V, and the

current that flows into the timing resistor is used to charge and discharge an internal oscillator capacitor. A graph for selecting the value of  $R_T$  for a given operating frequency is shown in Figure 6.

## OPERATING FREQUENCY SELECTION

The choice of operating frequency is determined by several factors. There is a tradeoff between efficiency and component size. Higher switching frequency allows the use of smaller inductors albeit at the cost of increased switching losses and decreased efficiency.

Another consideration is the maximum duty cycle achievable. In certain applications, the converter needs to operate at the maximum duty cycle in order to light up the maximum number of LEDs. The LT3466 has a fixed oscillator off-time and a variable on-time. As a result, the maximum duty cycle increases as the switching frequency is decreased.

The circuit of Figure 1 is operated with different values of timing resistor ( $R_T$ ).  $R_T$  is chosen so as to run the converters at 800kHz ( $R_T = 63.4k$ ), 1.25MHz ( $R_T = 39.1k$ ) and 2MHz ( $R_T = 20.5k$ ). The efficiency comparison for different  $R_T$  values is shown in Figure 7.

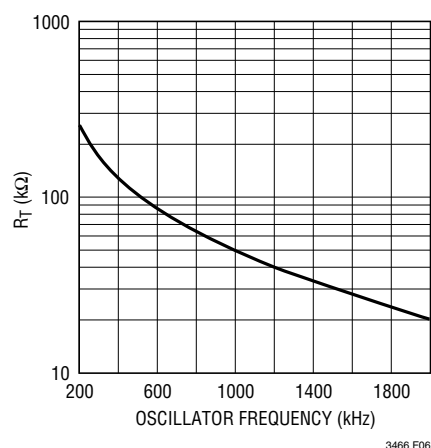


Figure 6. Timing Resistor ( $R_T$ ) Value

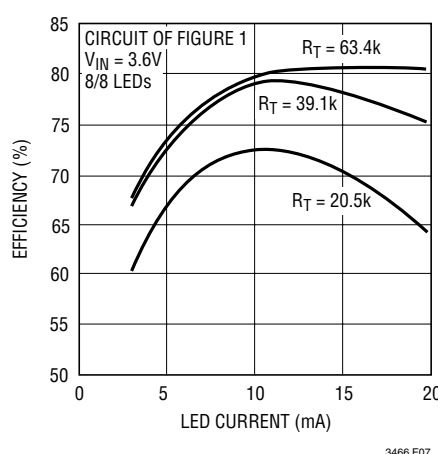


Figure 7. Efficiency Comparison for Different  $R_T$  Resistors

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### INDUCTOR SELECTION

The choice of the inductor will depend on the selection of the switching frequency of the LT3466. The switching frequency can be programmed from 200kHz to 2MHz. Higher switching frequency allows the use of smaller inductors albeit at the cost of increased switching losses.

The inductor current ripple ( $\Delta I_L$ ), neglecting the drop across the Schottky diode and the switch, is given by :

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{V_{IN(MIN)} \cdot (V_{OUT(MAX)} - V_{IN(MIN)})}{V_{OUT(MAX)} \cdot f \cdot L}$$

where:

$L$  = Inductor

$f$  = Operating frequency

$V_{IN(MIN)}$  = Minimum input voltage

$V_{OUT(MAX)}$  = Maximum output voltage

The  $\Delta I_L$  is typically set to 20% to 40% of the maximum inductor current.

The inductor should have a saturation current rating greater than the peak inductor current required for the application. Also, ensure that the inductor has a low DCR (copper wire resistance) to minimize  $I^2R$  power losses. Recommended inductor values range from 10 $\mu$ H to 68 $\mu$ H.

Several inductors that work well with the LT3466 are listed in Table 1. Consult each manufacturer for more detailed information and for their entire selection of related parts.

**Table 1. Recommended Inductors**

| PART          | L<br>( $\mu$ H) | MAX<br>DCR<br>( $\Omega$ ) | CURRENT<br>RATING<br>(mA) | VENDOR                                           |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| LQH32CN100    | 10              | 0.44                       | 300                       | Murata<br>(814) 237-1431<br>www.murata.com       |
| LQH32CN150    | 15              | 0.58                       | 300                       |                                                  |
| LQH43CN330    | 33              | 1.00                       | 310                       |                                                  |
| ELL6RH330M    | 33              | 0.38                       | 600                       | Panasonic<br>(714) 373-7939<br>www.panasonic.com |
| ELL6SH680M    | 68              | 0.52                       | 500                       |                                                  |
| A914BYW330M   | 33              | 0.45                       | 440                       | Toko<br>www.toko.com                             |
| A914BYW470M   | 47              | 0.73                       | 360                       |                                                  |
| A920CY680M    | 68              | 0.40                       | 400                       |                                                  |
| CDRH2D18150NC | 15              | 0.22                       | 350                       | Sumida<br>(847) 956-0666<br>www.sumida.com       |
| CDRH4D18-330  | 33              | 0.51                       | 310                       |                                                  |
| CDRH5D18-680  | 68              | 0.84                       | 430                       |                                                  |

### CAPACITOR SELECTION

The small size of ceramic capacitors make them ideal for LT3466 applications. Use only X5R and X7R types because they retain their capacitance over wider voltage and temperature ranges than other types such as Y5V or Z5U. A 1 $\mu$ F input capacitor is sufficient for most applications. Always use a capacitor with sufficient voltage rating.

Table 2 shows a list of several ceramic capacitor manufacturers. Consult the manufacturers for detailed information on their entire selection of ceramic parts.

**Table 2. Ceramic Capacitor Manufacturers**

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Taiyo Yuden | (408) 573-4150<br>www.t-yuden.com |
| AVX         | (803) 448-9411<br>www.avxcorp.com |
| Murata      | (714) 852-2001<br>www.murata.com  |

### INRUSH CURRENT

The LT3466 has built-in Schottky diodes. When supply voltage is applied to the  $V_{IN}$  pin, an inrush current flows through the inductor and the Schottky diode and charges up the output voltage. Both the Schottky diodes in the LT3466 can sustain a maximum of 1A current. The selection of inductor and capacitor value should ensure the peak of the inrush current to be below 1A.

For low DCR inductors, which is usually the case for this application, the peak inrush current can be simplified as follows:

$$I_{PK} = \frac{V_{IN} - 0.6}{\omega L}$$

where:

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC_{OUT}}}$$

Table 3 gives inrush peak current for some component selections.

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Table 3. Inrush Peak Current

| V <sub>IN</sub> (V) | L (μH) | C <sub>OUT</sub> (μF) | I <sub>P</sub> (A) |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 5                   | 15     | 0.47                  | 0.78               |
| 5                   | 33     | 1.00                  | 0.77               |
| 5                   | 47     | 2.2                   | 0.95               |
| 5                   | 68     | 1.00                  | 0.53               |
| 9                   | 47     | 0.47                  | 0.84               |
| 12                  | 33     | 0.22                  | 0.93               |

Typically peak inrush current will be less than the value calculated above. This is due to the fact that the DC resistance in the inductor provides some damping resulting in a lower peak inrush current.

### PROGRAMMING LED CURRENT

The LED current of each LED string can be set independently by the choice of resistors R<sub>FB1</sub> and R<sub>FB2</sub> respectively (Figure 2). The feedback reference is 200mV. In order to have accurate LED current, precision resistors are preferred (1% is recommended).

$$R_{FB1} = \frac{200\text{mV}}{I_{LED1}}$$

$$R_{FB2} = \frac{200\text{mV}}{I_{LED2}}$$

Table 4. R<sub>FB</sub> Value Selection

| I <sub>LED</sub> (mA) | R <sub>FB</sub> (Ω) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 5                     | 40.2                |
| 10                    | 20.0                |
| 15                    | 13.3                |
| 20                    | 10.0                |
| 25                    | 8.06                |

Most White LEDs are driven at maximum currents of 15mA to 20mA.

### DIMMING CONTROL

There are two different types of dimming control circuits. The LED current in the two drivers can be set independently by modulating the CTRL1 and CTRL2 pins respectively.

### Using a DC Voltage

For some applications, the preferred method of brightness control is a variable DC voltage to adjust the LED current. The CTRL pin voltage can be modulated to set the dimming of the respective LED string. As the voltage on the CTRL pin increases from 0V to 1.6V, the LED current increases from 0 to I<sub>LED</sub>. As the CTRL pin voltage increases beyond 1.6V, it has no effect on the LED current.

The LED current can be set by:

$$I_{LED} \approx (200\text{mV}/R_{FB}), \text{ when } V_{CTRL} > 1.6\text{V}$$

$$I_{LED} \approx (V_{CTRL}/5 \cdot R_{FB}), \text{ when } V_{CTRL} < 1\text{V}$$

Feedback voltage variation versus control voltage is given in the Typical Performance Characteristics graphs.

### Using a Filtered PWM Signal

A variable duty cycle PWM can be used to control the brightness of the LED string. The PWM signal is filtered (Figure 8) by an RC network and fed to the CTRL1, CTRL2 pins.

The corner frequency of R1, C1 should be much lower than the frequency of the PWM signal. R1 needs to be much smaller than the internal impedance in the CTRL pins, which is 100kΩ.

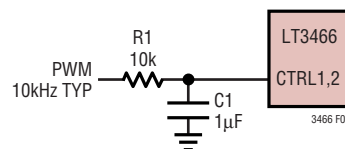


Figure 8. Dimming Control Using a Filtered PWM Signal

### LOW INPUT VOLTAGE APPLICATIONS

The LT3466 can be used in low input voltage applications. The input supply voltage to the LT3466 must be 2.7V or higher. However, the inductors can be run off a lower battery voltage. This technique allows the LEDs to be powered off two alkaline cells. Most portable devices have a 3.3V logic supply voltage which can be used to power the LT3466. The LEDs can be driven straight from the battery, resulting in higher efficiency.

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Figure 9 shows four LEDs being powered off two AA cells. The battery is connected to the inductors and the chip is powered off 3.3V logic supply voltage.

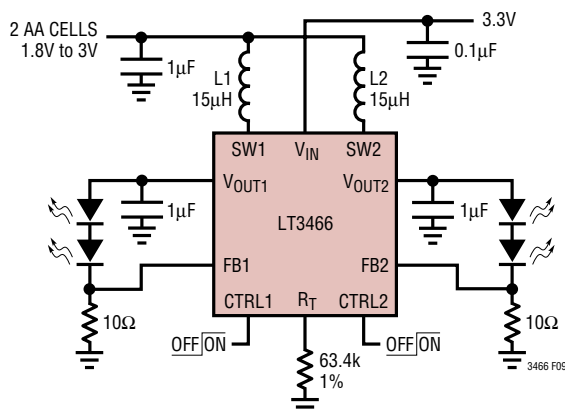


Figure 9. 2 AA Cells to Four White LEDs

## HIGH INPUT VOLTAGE APPLICATIONS

The input voltage to the LT3466 can be as high as 24V. This gives it the flexibility of driving a large number of LEDs when being powered off a higher voltage. The maximum number of LEDs that can be driven is constrained by the converter output voltages being clamped at 39.5V (typ).

The LT3466 can be used to drive 20 White LEDs (10 per converter) at 20mA when powered off two Li-Ion cells in series.

## BOARD LAYOUT CONSIDERATION

As with all switching regulators, careful attention must be paid to the PCB board layout and component placement. To prevent electromagnetic interference (EMI) problems, proper layout of high frequency switching paths is essential. Minimize the length and area of all traces connected to the switching node pins (SW1 and SW2). Keep the feedback pins (FB1 and FB2) away from the switching nodes.

The exposed paddle for both DFN and TSSOP packages must be connected to the system ground. The ground connection for the feedback resistors should be tied directly to the ground plane and not shared with any other component, except the  $R_T$  resistor, ensuring a clean, noise-free connection. Recommended component placement for the DFN package is shown in Figure 10.

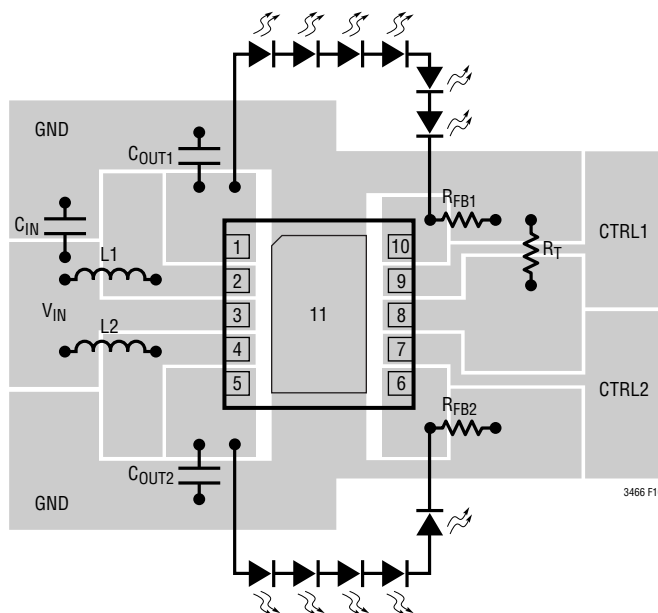
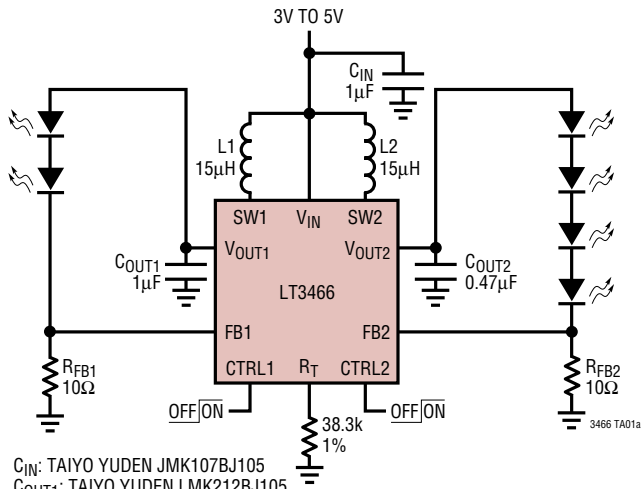


Figure 10. Recommended Component Placement (DFN Package)

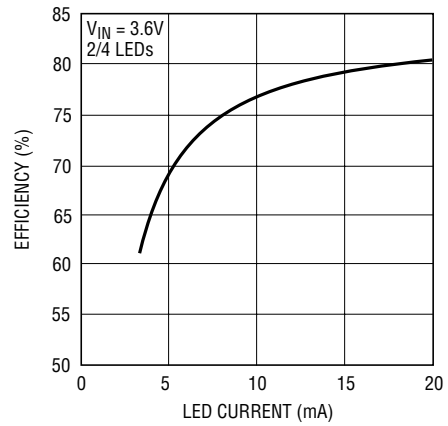
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Li-Ion to 2/4 White LEDs

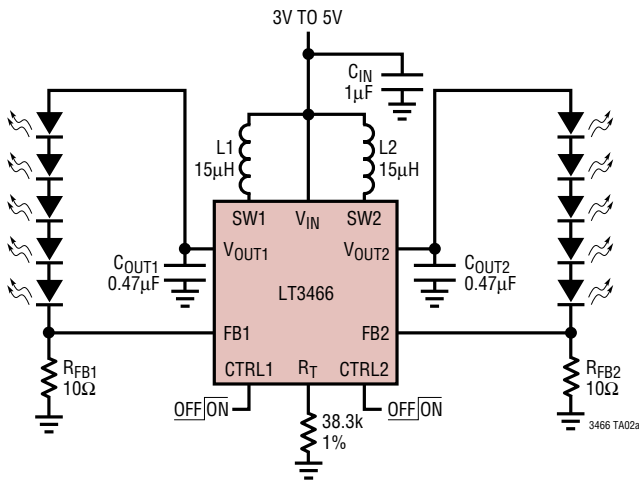


C<sub>IN</sub>: TAIYO YUDEN JMK107BJ105  
 C<sub>OUT1</sub>: TAIYO YUDEN LMK212BJ105  
 C<sub>OUT2</sub>: TAIYO YUDEN EMK212BJ474  
 L1, L2: MURATA LQH32CN150

Conversion Efficiency

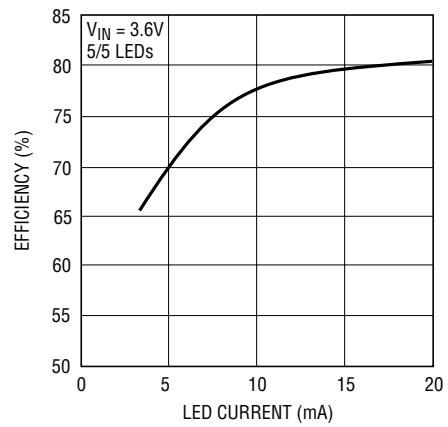


Li-Ion to 5/5 White LEDs



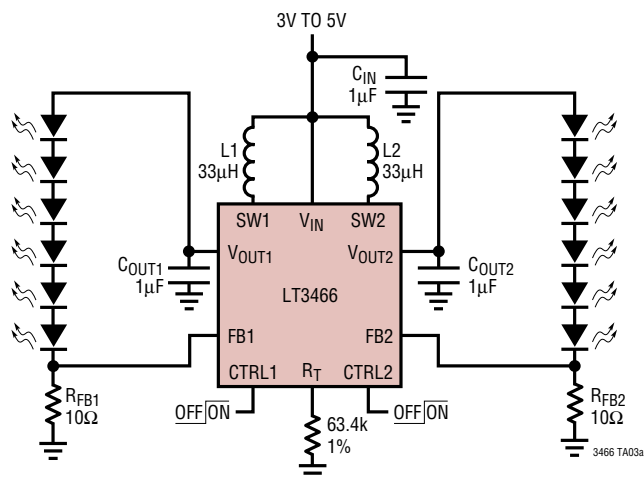
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 L1, L2: MURATA LQH32CN150

Conversion Efficiency



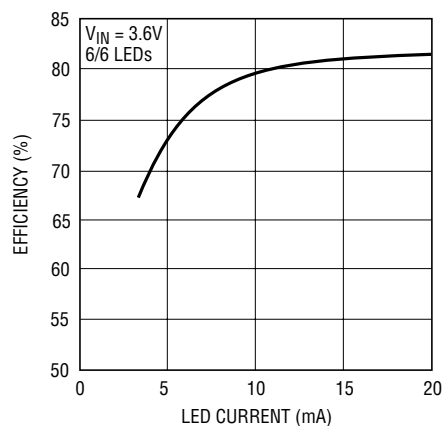
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## Li-Ion to 6/6 White LEDs



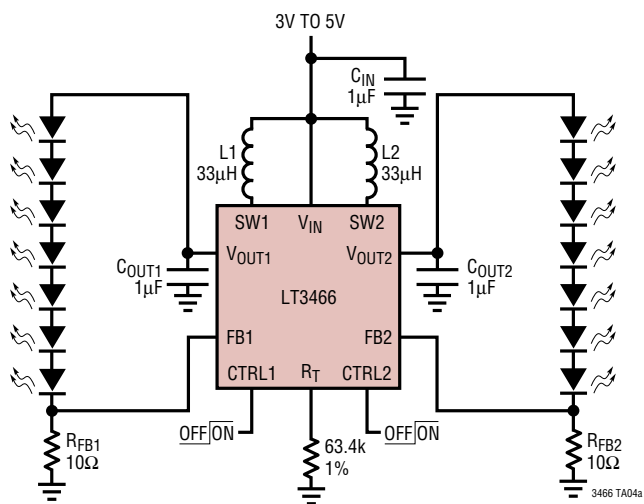
$C_{IN}$ : TAIYO YUDEN JMK107BJ105  
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 $L1$ ,  $L2$ : TOKO A914BYW-330M

## Conversion Efficiency



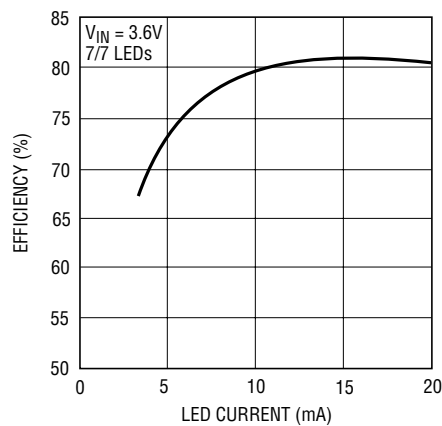
3466 TA03b

## Li-Ion to 7/7 White LEDs



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 $L1$ ,  $L2$ : TOKO A914BYW-330M

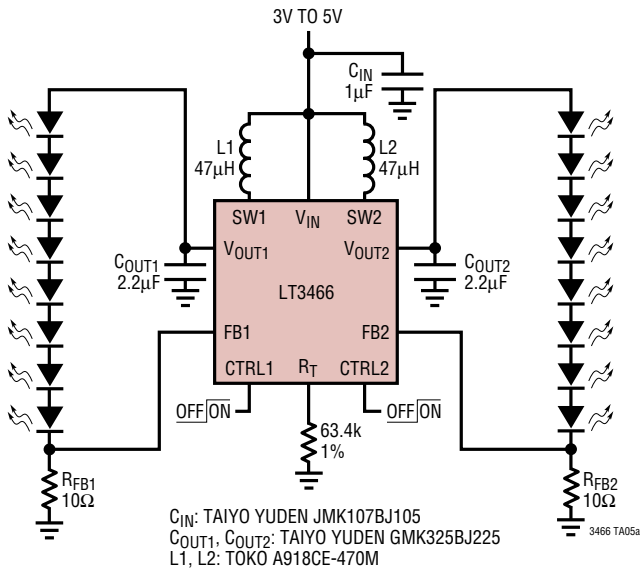
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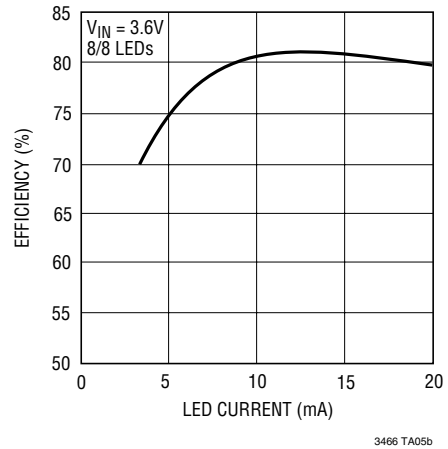
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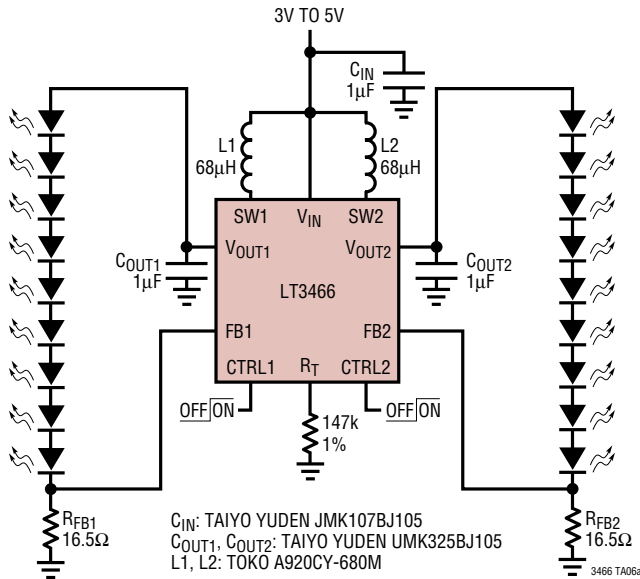
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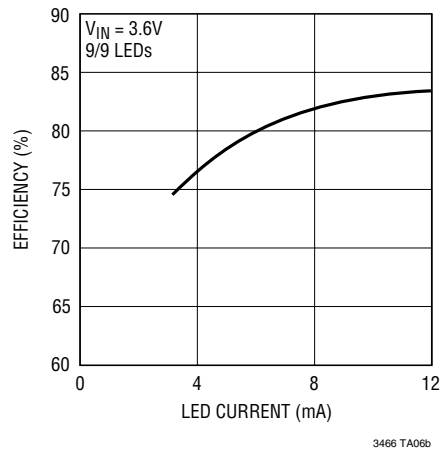
### Conversion Efficiency



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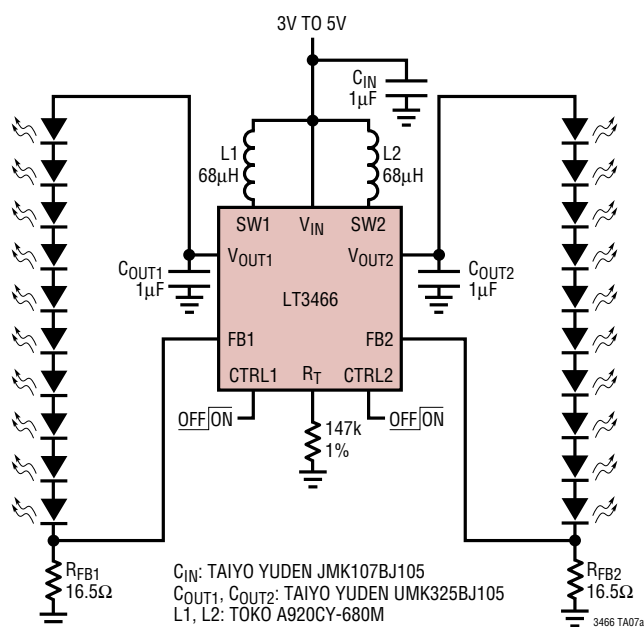


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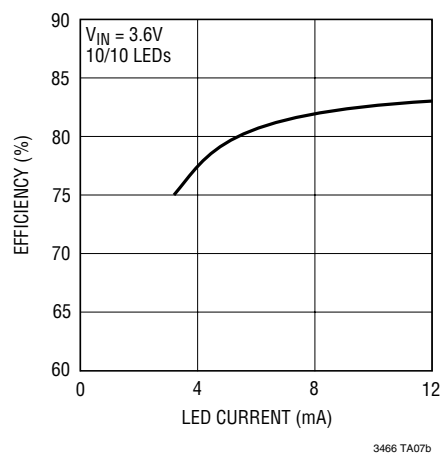


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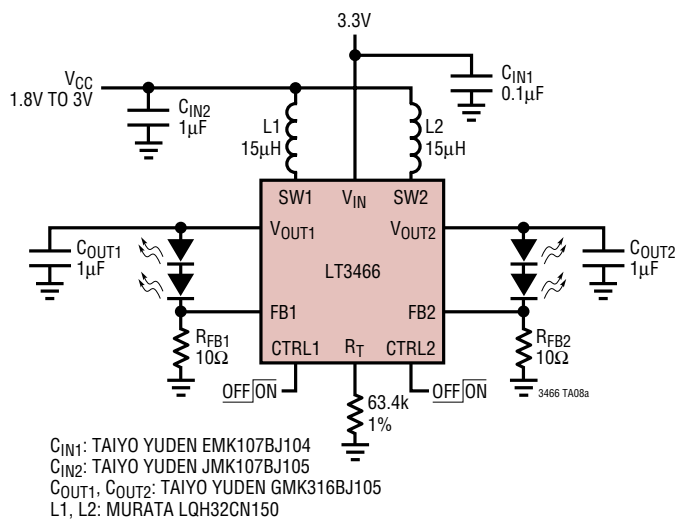
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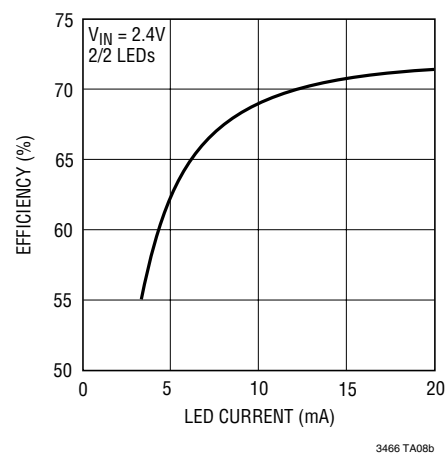
## Conversion Efficiency



## 2 AA Cells to 2/2 White LEDs

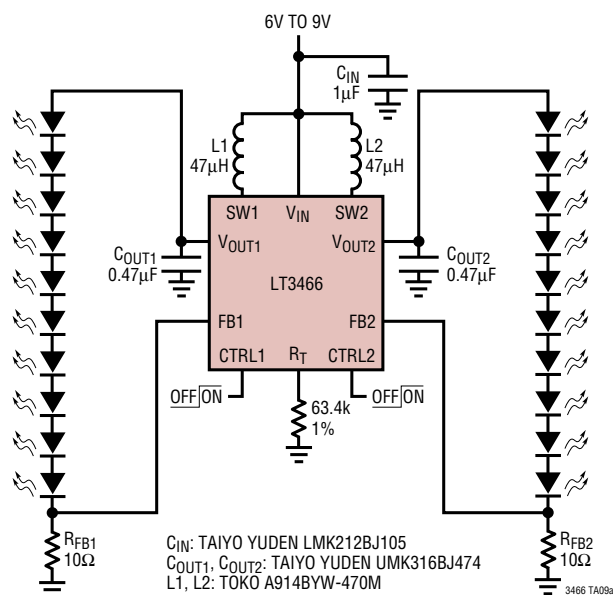


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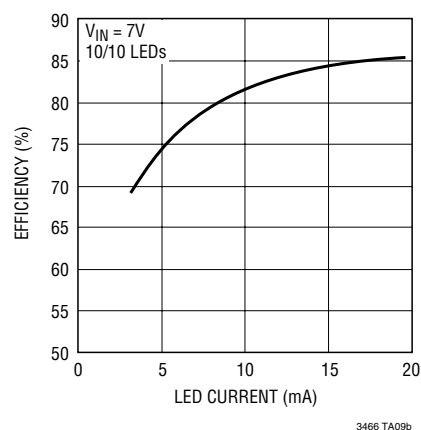


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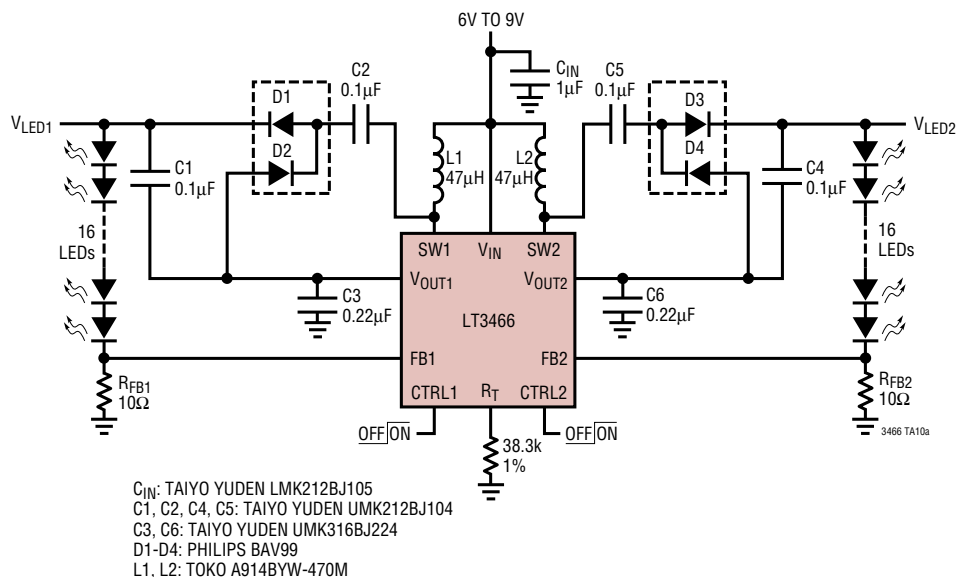
### 2 Li-Ion Cells to 10/10 White LEDs



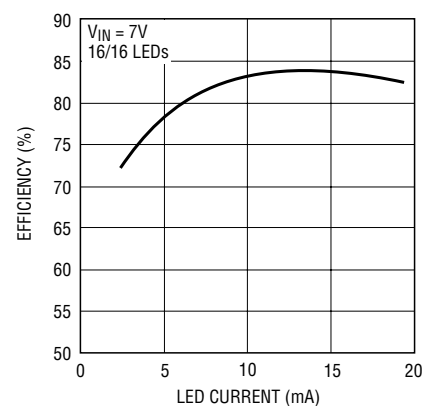
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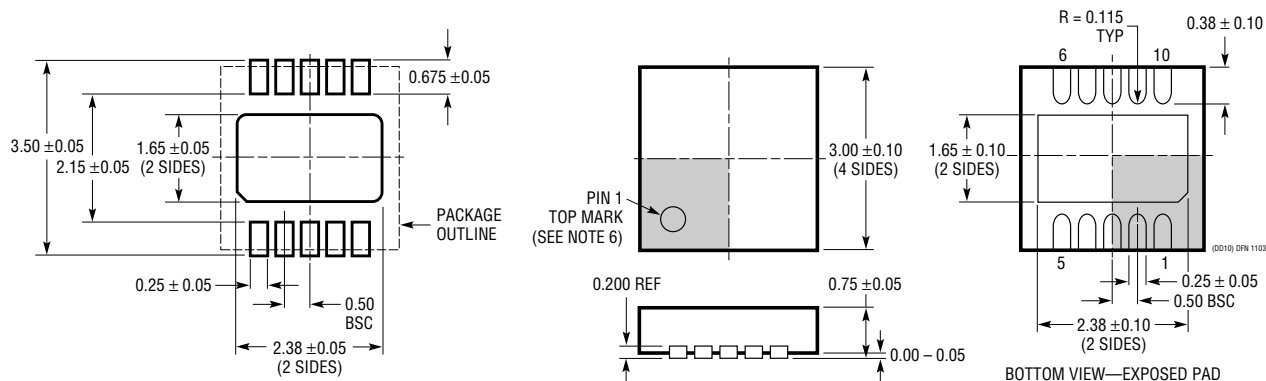


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## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

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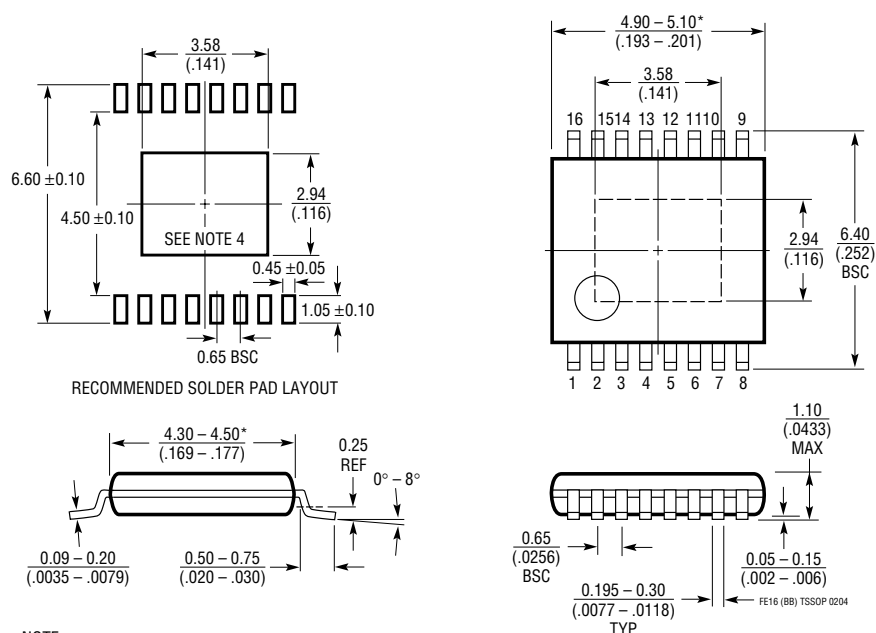


#### RECOMMENDED SOLDER PAD PITCH AND DIMENSIONS

##### NOTE:

1. DRAWING TO BE MADE A JEDEC PACKAGE OUTLINE MO-229 VARIATION OF (WEED-2). CHECK THE LTC WEBSITE DATA SHEET FOR CURRENT STATUS OF VARIATION ASSIGNMENT
2. DRAWING NOT TO SCALE
3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS
4. DIMENSIONS OF EXPOSED PAD ON BOTTOM OF PACKAGE DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH. MOLD FLASH, IF PRESENT, SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.15mm ON ANY SIDE
5. EXPOSED PAD SHALL BE SOLDER PLATED
6. SHADED AREA IS ONLY A REFERENCE FOR PIN 1 LOCATION ON THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF PACKAGE

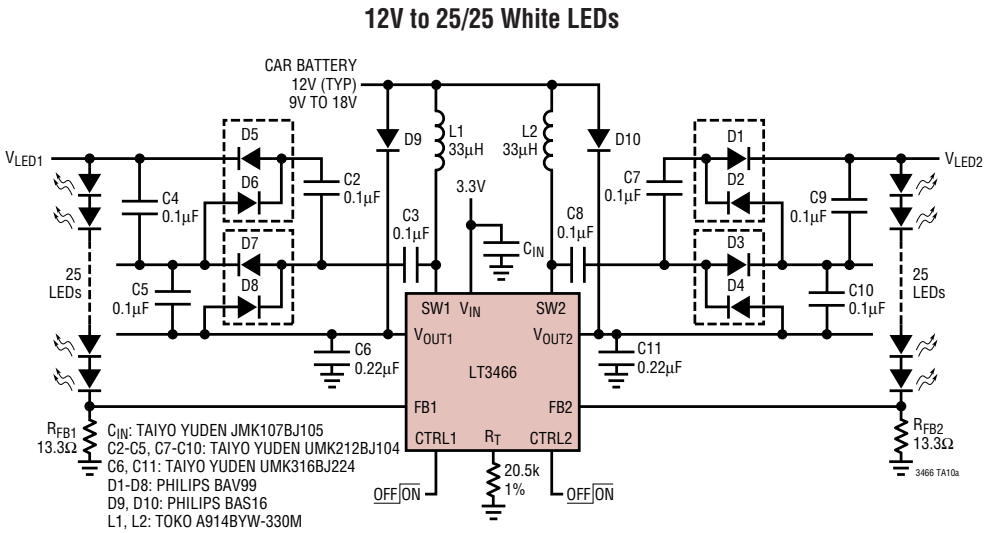
### FE Package 16-Lead Plastic TSSOP (4.4mm) (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1663) Exposed Pad Variation BB



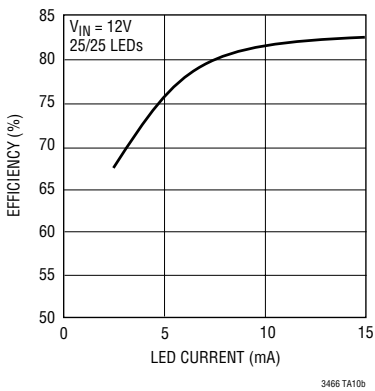
##### NOTE:

1. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: MILLIMETERS
  2. DIMENSIONS ARE IN  $\frac{\text{MILLIMETERS}}{\text{(INCHES)}}$
  3. DRAWING NOT TO SCALE
  4. RECOMMENDED MINIMUM PCB METAL SIZE FOR EXPOSED PAD ATTACHMENT
- \*DIMENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH. MOLD FLASH SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.15mm (.006") PER SIDE

TYPICAL APPLICATION



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RELATED PARTS

| PART NUMBER    | DESCRIPTION                                                                                               | COMMENTS                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LT1618         | Constant Current, Constant Voltage 1.24MHz, High Efficiency Boost Regulator                               | Up to 16 White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 1.6V to 18V, V <sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> = 34V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 1.8mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, MS Package            |
| LT1932         | Constant Current, 1.2MHz, High Efficiency White LED Boost Regulator                                       | Up to 8 White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 1V to 10V, V <sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> = 34V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 1.2mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, ThinSOT™ Package         |
| LT1937         | Constant Current, 1.2MHz, High Efficiency White LED Boost Regulator                                       | Up to 4 White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 2.5V to 10V, V <sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> = 34V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 1.9mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, ThinSOT, SC70 Packages |
| LTC3200        | Low Noise, 2MHz, Regulated Charge Pump White LED Driver                                                   | Up to 6 White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 2.7V to 4.5V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 8mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, MS Package                                           |
| LTC3201        | Low Noise, 1.7MHz, Regulated Charge Pump White LED Driver                                                 | Up to 6 White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 2.7V to 4.5V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 6.5mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, MS Package                                         |
| LTC3202        | Low Noise, 1.5MHz, Regulated Charge Pump White LED Driver                                                 | Up to 8 White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 2.7V to 4.5V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 5mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, MS Package                                           |
| LT3205/LT3206  | High Efficiency, Multidisplay LED Controller                                                              | Up to 4 (Main), 2 (Sub) and RGB, V <sub>IN</sub> : 2.8V to 4.5V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 50μA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, QFN-24 Package                         |
| LT3465/LT3465A | Constant Current, 1.2MHz/2.7MHz, High Efficiency White LED Boost Regulator with Integrated Schottky Diode | Up to Six White LEDs, V <sub>IN</sub> : 2.7V to 16V, V <sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> = 34V, I <sub>Q</sub> = 1.9mA, I <sub>SD</sub> < 1μA, ThinSOT Package      |

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