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## Preface

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## INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- Conventions Used in this Guide
- Recommended Reading
- The Microchip Web Site
- Customer Support
- Document Revision History

## DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to install the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board. It also describes how to operate the Evaluation Board. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “Product Overview”** – Important information about the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.
- **Chapter 2. “Installation and Operation”** – Includes instructions on how to get started with the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.
- **Chapter 3. “Graphical User Interface (GUI) Features”** – Includes instructions on the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI.
- **Appendix A. “Schematic and Layouts”** – Shows the schematic and layout diagrams for the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.
- **Appendix B. “Bill of Materials (BOM)”** – Lists the parts used to build the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.

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## CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

### DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
<b>Arial font:</b>		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB® IDE User's Guide</i>
	Emphasized text	...is the <i>only</i> compiler...
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	<u><i>File&gt;Save</i></u>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click <b>OK</b>
	A tab	Click the <b>Power</b> tab
N'Rnnnn	A number in verilog format, where N is the total number of digits, R is the radix and n is a digit.	4'b0010, 2'hF1
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
<b>Courier New font:</b>		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START
	Filenames	autoexec.bat
	File paths	c:\mcc18\h
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static
	Command-line options	-Opa+, -Opa-
	Bit values	0, 1
	Constants	0xFF, 'A'
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	<i>file.o</i> , where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename
Square brackets [ ]	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] <i>file</i> [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: {   }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	var_name [, var_name...]
	Represents code supplied by user	void main (void) { ... }

## RECOMMENDED READING

This user's guide describes how to use MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board. Other useful documents are listed below. The following Microchip documents are available and recommended as supplemental reference resources.

- **MCP19116/7 Data Sheet – “Digitally Enhanced Power Analog Synchronous Low-Side PWM Controller” (DS20005479)**
- **MPLAB® X IDE User Guide – “PICkit™ 3 In-Circuit Debugger/Programmer User’s Guide For MPLAB® X IDE” (DS52116)**

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Technical support is available through the web site at:  
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## Chapter 1. Product Overview

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board and covers the following topics:

- [MCP19117 Short Overview](#)
- [What is the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board?](#)
- [MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board Kit Contents](#)

### 1.2 MCP19117 SHORT OVERVIEW

The MCP19117 is a highly integrated, mixed-signal, analog pulse width-modulation (PWM) current mode controller with an integrated microcontroller core, and offers synchronous or asynchronous operation. Since the MCP19117 device uses traditional analog control circuitry to regulate the output current or voltage, the integration of the PIC<sup>®</sup> microcontroller mid-range core is used to provide complete customization of the device's operating parameters, protection levels, programmable offset, dead-times, slope compensation and fault handling procedures.

The MCP19117 has two internal low drop-out regulators (LDOs). A 5V LDO ( $V_{DD}$ ) provides internal power to all the digital circuitry and can supply limited external power at the  $V_{DD}$  pin. A 4V LDO ( $AV_{DD}$ ) provides power to the internal analog circuitry and supplies the reference voltage to the ADC. This device features synchronous low-side integrated drivers and 8k Words non-volatile memory, all in a space-saving 28-pin 5x5 mm QFN package.

To support traditional MOSFETs, pin 20 ( $V_{DR}$ ) is used to provide input power to the two low-side synchronous gate drivers. The evaluation board is populated with the Microchip TC1240AECSTR voltage doubler. Resistor population provides the option of powering  $V_{DR}$  with 10V through the TC1240AECSTR voltage doubler (R19, R21 populated; R22 not populated) or 5V (R22 populated; R19, R21 not populated) gate-drive capability.

User firmware, including device configuration, is loaded using Microchip's MPLAB<sup>®</sup> X Integrated Development Environment (IDE). A graphical user's interface (GUI) is used to communicate with and edit operating parameters of the MCP19117. The GUI communicates via I<sup>2</sup>C using the PICKit<sup>™</sup> Serial Analyzer.

The GUI offers the user the ability to adjust the programmable features available in the MCP19117. Note that the interface cannot stop the user from uploading incorrect settings to the device. Incorrect settings may have unintended consequences, including, but not limited to, unstable operation, damaging the load, and even damaging of the MCP19117 device. It is the user's responsibility to understand the system effects of the parameters they enter.



## 1.3 WHAT IS THE MCP19117 FLYBACK STAND-ALONE EVALUATION BOARD?

The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board is intended to demonstrate how the MCP19117 device operates in a synchronous flyback topology. It is configured to regulate load current and is also well-suited to drive LED loads. Nearly all operational and control system parameters are programmable by utilizing the integrated PIC Microcontroller core.

The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board is delivered preprogrammed with firmware designed to operate with the GUI interface. MPLAB X IDE software can be used to download user-defined firmware, thus tailoring it to their specific application. The evaluation board contains headers for In-Circuit Serial Programming™ (ICSP) as well as I<sup>2</sup>C communication.

Several test points have been designed into the printed circuit board for easy access and development purposes. The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board is also intended to demonstrate an optimized printed circuit board (PCB) layout that minimizes parasitics while increasing efficiency and power density. Proper PCB layout is critical to achieve optimum MCP19117 operation as well as power train efficiency and noise minimization. The MPLAB X IDE, MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI and MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone firmware are available for download from Microchip's web site. See [Chapter 3. "Graphical User Interface \(GUI\) Features"](#) for details.

## 1.4 MCP19117 FLYBACK STAND-ALONE EVALUATION BOARD KIT CONTENTS

The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board includes the following items:

- MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board (ADM00663)
- Important Information Sheet

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## Chapter 2. Installation and Operation

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### 2.1 ABOUT THE MCP19117 FLYBACK STAND-ALONE EVALUATION BOARD

The MCP19117 is a digitally-enhanced, power analog, synchronous low-side PWM controller. The GUI was developed to assist users in easily configuring the MCP19117 and evaluating it in their target application.

The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board is designed to operate from a single supply (nominal 8V to 14V, 24V maximum). The primary side MOSFET has a maximum  $V_{DS}$  rating of 100V. Users should be cautious that this 100V rating is not exceeded when determining input and output conditions for their application. The coupled inductor has a 2:1 ratio. The secondary MOSFET has a 200V maximum  $V_{DS}$  rating.

The default configuration provides the gate drive supply ( $V_{DR}$ ) with 10V. Adequate ceramic and bulk capacitors are supplied on the input to reduce the root mean square (RMS) ripple current and lessen input voltage deviation caused by load transients. Ceramic capacitors are also provided on the output to reduce voltage ripple and provide energy to the output while the primary side is being re-energized.

The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board is fully assembled, programmed and tested to evaluate and demonstrate the MCP19117 operating performance. Users will need to download and install the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI from the Microchip website and become familiar with its operation before powering the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.

### 2.2 SYSTEM AND CONFIGURATION REQUIREMENTS

To power-up and run the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board, the following is required:

- MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI
- MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board
- PICkit Serial Analyzer

For USB connectivity, the minimal physical requirement for the PC is a standard USB 2.0 port. If the board connects to the PC through a USB hub, use a self-powered hub.

The MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board comes with preprogrammed firmware installed to operate with the GUI. To reprogram the device, the following tools are required:

- MPLAB X IDE (version 3.05 or later)
- MPLAB® XC8 C Compiler (v1.35 or later)
- MCP19117 Flyback Standalone Firmware
- MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board
- PICkit™ 3 In-Circuit Debugger/Programmer

The MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI requires a Microsoft Windows® XP/7/8 operating system and a minimum screen resolution of 1024 x 768.

**Note:** The factory-loaded firmware requires the use of the provided GUI to function. Without the GUI, the evaluation board does not operate.

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## 2.3 CONNECTING POWER INPUT AND OUTPUT

Use the  $V_{IN}$  and GND Test Points as shown below. Nominal  $V_{IN}$  is +8V to +14V with the Positive terminal (Red) connected to  $V_{IN}$  and the Negative terminal (Black) connected to GND.

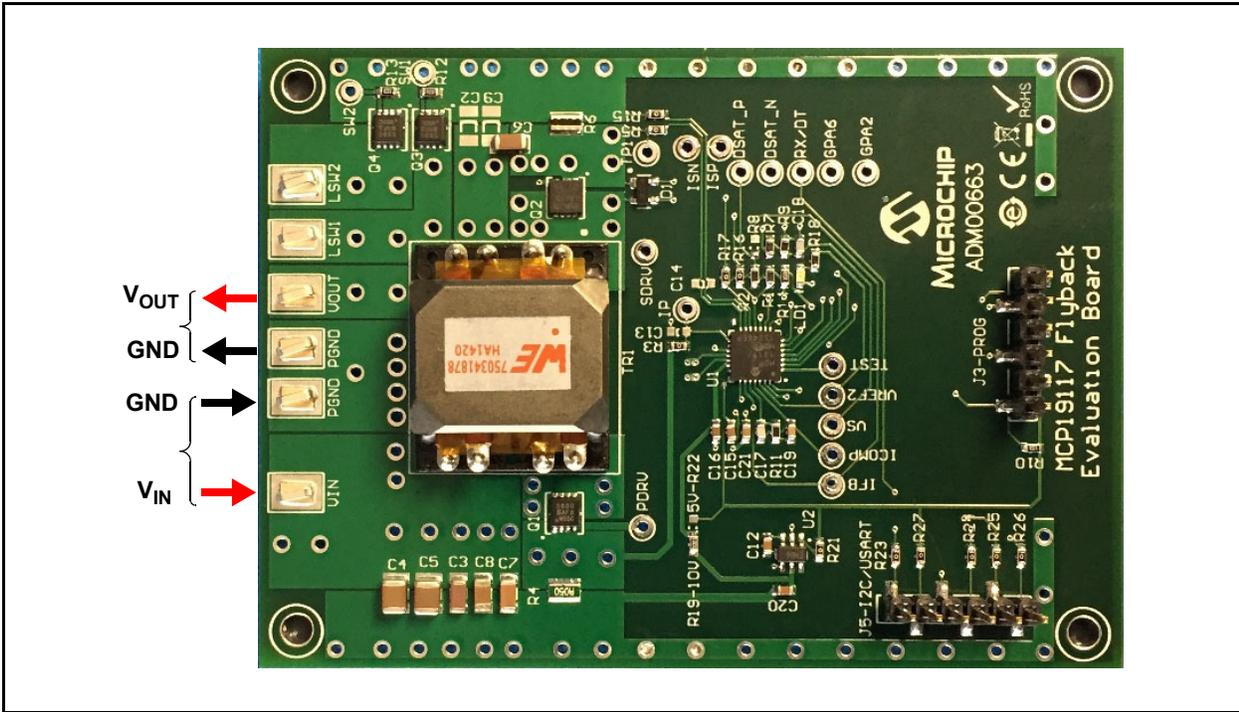


FIGURE 2-1: Applying Power to the Board.

### CAUTION

Primary side MOSFET is Rated to 100V. The transformer turns ratio is 1:2.  
Do **NOT** exceed the 100V MOSFET Rating. Primary MOSFET (OFF)  $V_{DS} = 0.5 \times V_{OUT} + V_{IN}$ .

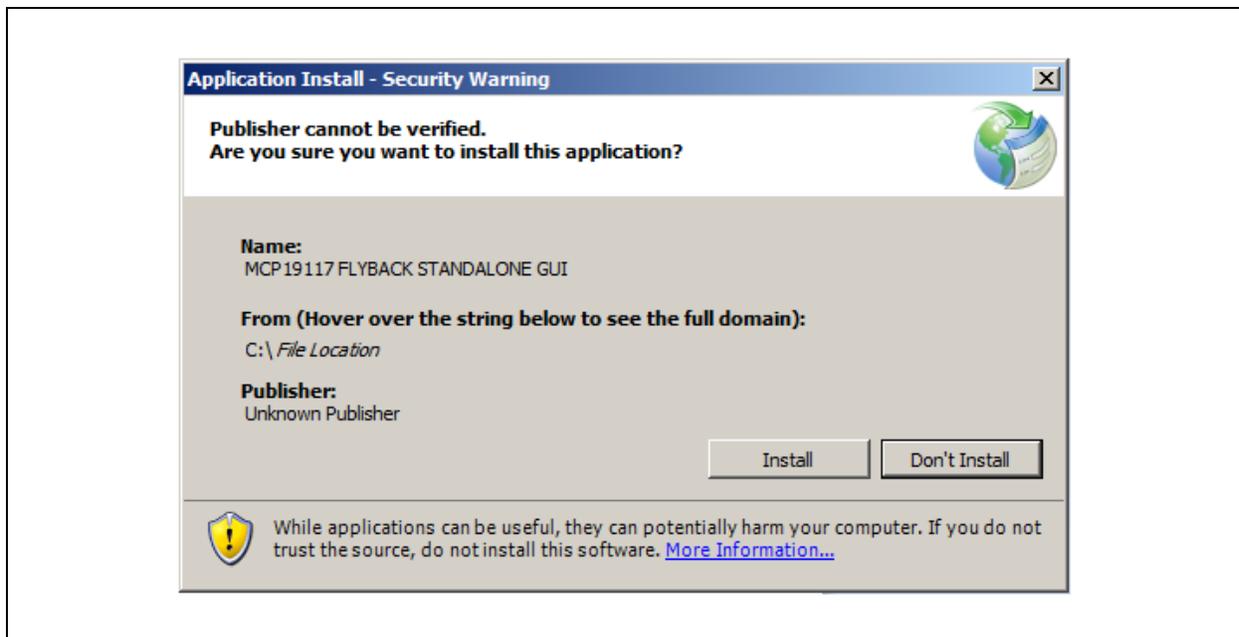
## 2.4 INSTALLING THE MCP19117 FLYBACK STANDALONE GUI

The MCP19117 comes programmed with generic firmware that is compatible with the standalone GUI. It is up to the user to modify or create new firmware dedicated to their stand-alone application if different functionality is required.

**Note:** If the default firmware is modified, the GUI may no longer be compatible with the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.

Perform the following steps to install the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI:

1. Download the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI software package from the Microchip web site.
2. Extract the content of the archive files on the computer.
3. Double-click the `setup.exe` file to start software installation. Press the **Install** button in the Application Install window (Figure 2-2). After the installation completes, the application window is displayed (as shown in Figure 3-2 of Chapter 3. “Graphical User Interface (GUI) Features”).



**FIGURE 2-2:** MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI Installation Window.

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## 2.5 REPROGRAMMING THE MCP19117 FLYBACK STAND-ALONE EVALUATION BOARD

Perform the following steps to install necessary software and begin reprogramming the MCP19117 device:

1. If MPLAB X IDE is already installed, go to Step 2. If not, download MPLAB X IDE from: [www.microchip.com/mplabx](http://www.microchip.com/mplabx), and follow the installation instructions.
2. If the MPLAB XC8 C Compiler, or a compatible equivalent, is already installed in MPLAB X IDE, go to Step 3. If not, you can download a free version of the MPLAB XC8 C Compiler from: [www.microchip.com/mplabxc](http://www.microchip.com/mplabxc). The user guide, installation instructions, and download links are available on the web page.
3. Download the MCP19117 - Flyback Stand-Alone Firmware (ADM00663\_02\_10403\_U1-R2\_Firmware.zip) from [www.microchip.com/mcp19117](http://www.microchip.com/mcp19117) under "Documentation".
4. Unzip the MCP19117 - Flyback Stand-Alone Firmware archive. Place the MCP19117 project folder in the desired folder location.

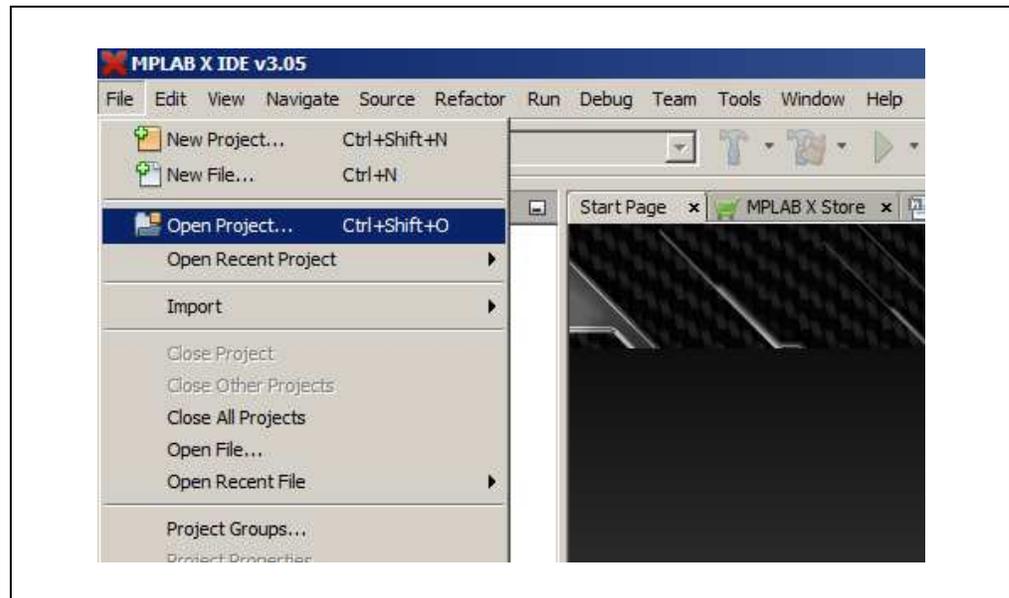
**Note:** When installed, MPLAB X IDE automatically creates a project folder. In Windows, this folder is typically located under `drive\Users\user_name\MPLABXProjects`.

5. Power-up the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.
6. Connect the PICKit 3 In-Circuit Debugger to the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board via the 6-pin connector J3, as seen in [Figure 2-3](#). For more information about PICKit 3 In-Circuit Debugger refer to the *PICKit™ 3 In-Circuit Debugger/Programmer User's Guide For MPLAB® X IDE* (DS52116).



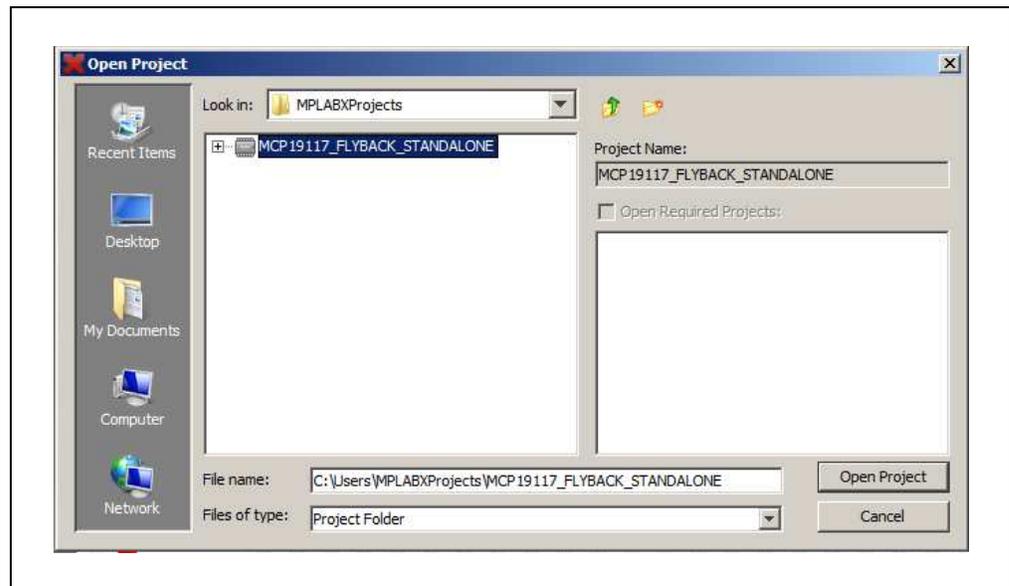
**FIGURE 2-3:** PICKit 3 In-Circuit Debugger/Programmer Connected to the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board.

- Open MPLAB X IDE to load the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone firmware. From the File menu select **Open Project** (Figure 2-4).



**FIGURE 2-4:** Opening Project in MPLAB X IDE.

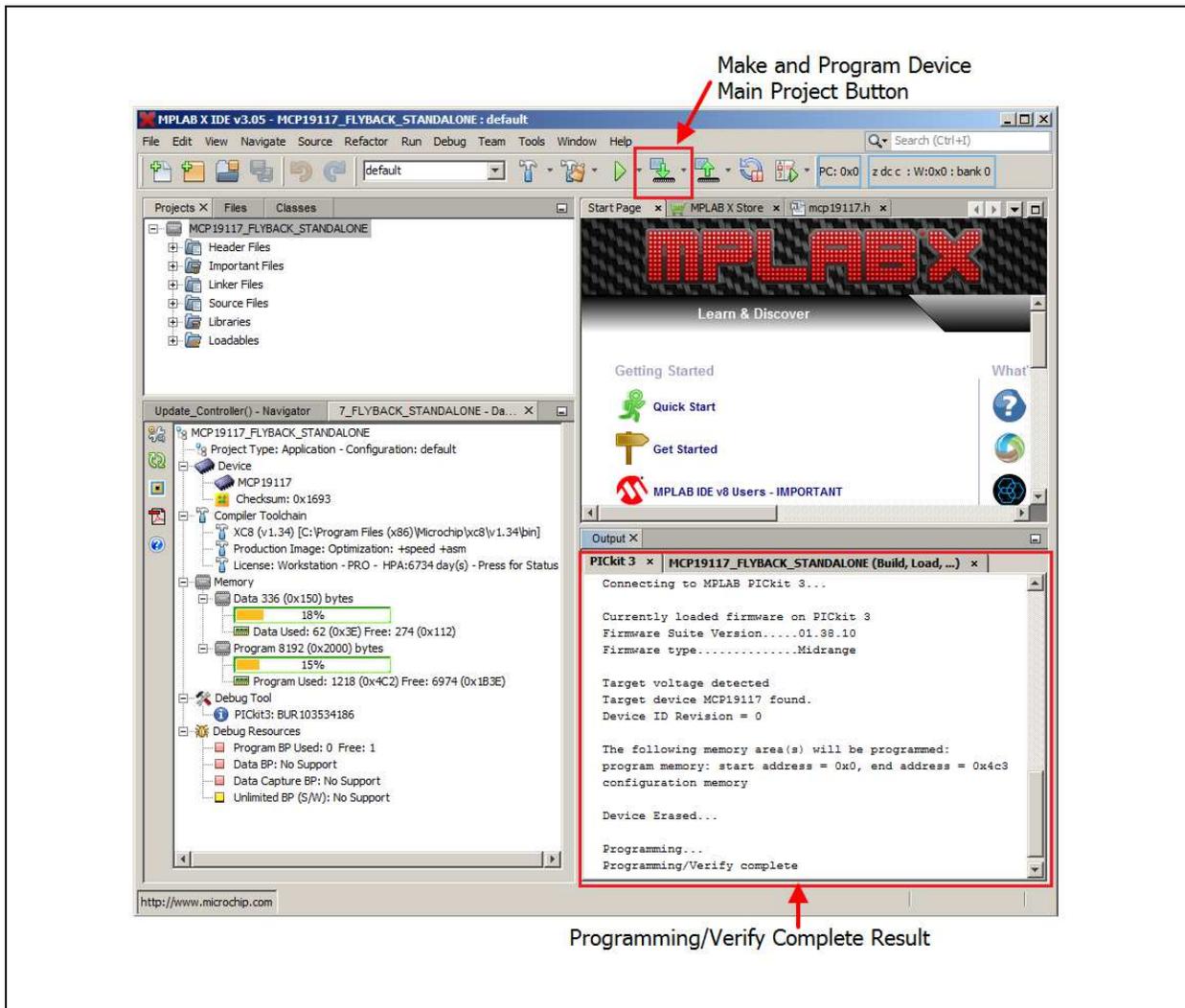
- Browse for the location of the extracted firmware. Select the MCP19117\_Stand\_Alone from the list, then check the Open as Main Project option. Click the **Open Project** button to complete loading the file.



**FIGURE 2-5:** Loading Firmware into MPLAB X IDE.

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- When the project is open, click the **Make and Program Device Main Project** button on the tool bar to program the device. Wait until the program process is complete (see [Figure 2-6](#)).



**FIGURE 2-6:** *Selecting and Executing the Make and Program Device Main Project in MPLAB X IDE.*

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## Chapter 3. Graphical User Interface (GUI) Features

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### 3.1 ABOUT THE MCP19117 FLYBACK STANDALONE GUI

This chapter describes the steps that are required to launch the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI.

#### 3.1.1 Prerequisites

Prior to starting the GUI, perform these actions:

1. Apply an input voltage in the normal operating range (8V to 14V) at the  $V_{IN}$  and Ground test points.
2. Connect the PICKit Serial Analyzer to the PC through USB port and then connect the analyzer to the Control Board via the 6-pin serial connector J5 (Figure 3-1).

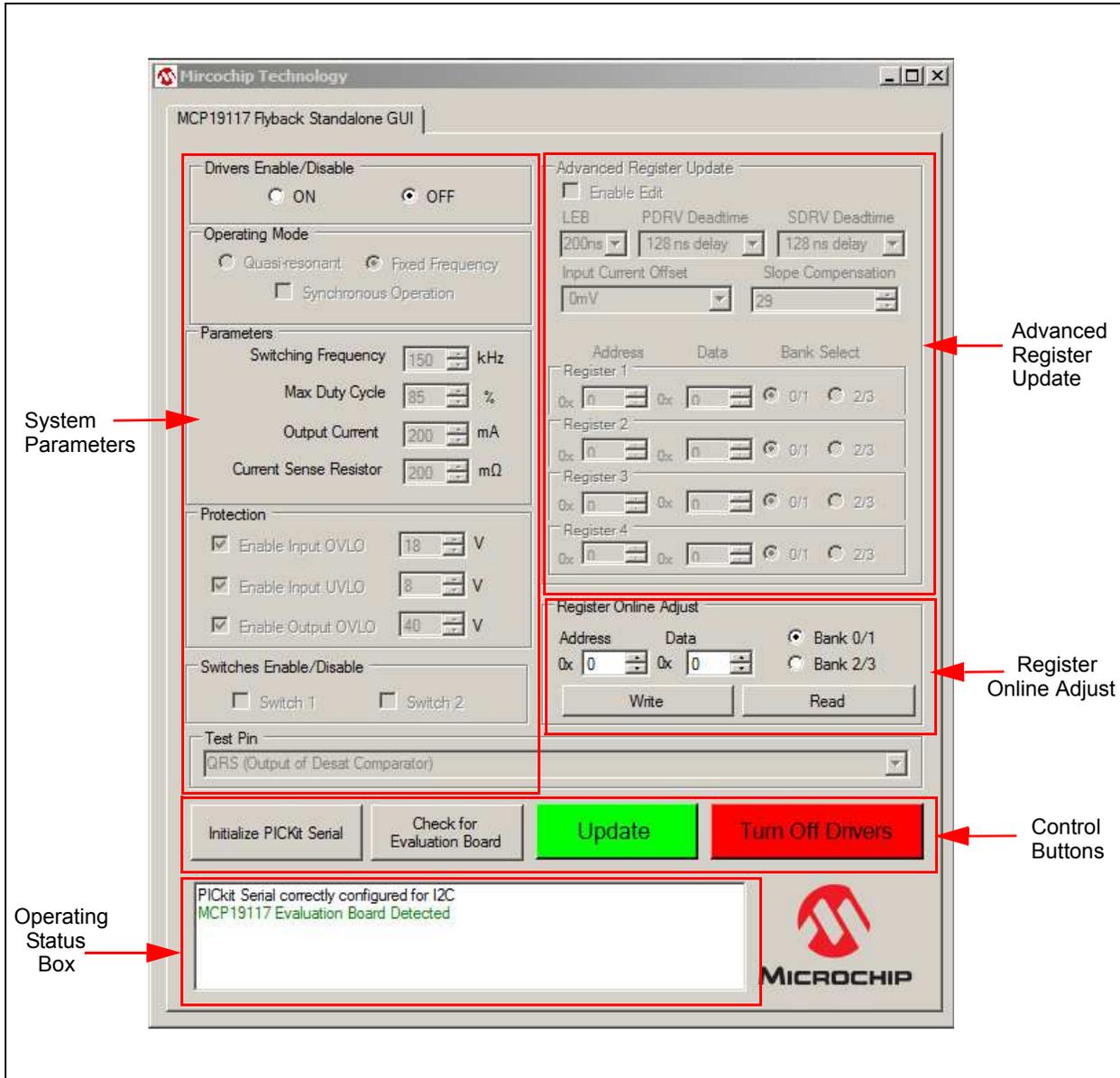


**FIGURE 3-1:** PICKit Serial Analyzer Connection to the Board.

## 3.1.2 Launching the GUI

To start the GUI, select *Start > All Programs > Microchip Technology Inc. > MCP19117 FLYBACK STANDALONE GUI*.

The interface detects the MCP19117 device automatically and is ready for use (see [Figure 3-2](#)).



**FIGURE 3-2:** MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI - Initial Screen.

# Graphical User Interface (GUI) Features

## 3.2 MCP19117 FLYBACK STANDALONE GUI DESCRIPTION

As depicted in [Figure 3-2](#), the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI is divided into five areas:

- [System Parameters Area](#)
- [Advanced Register Update Area](#)
- [Register Online Adjust Area](#)
- [Control Buttons Area](#)
- [Operating Status Box Area](#)

### 3.2.1 System Parameters Area

The following sections are available in the System Parameters Area

- [Drivers Enable/Disable Section](#)
- [Operating Mode Section](#)
- [Parameters Section](#)
- [Protection Section](#)
- [Switches Enable/Disable Section](#)
- [Test Pin Section](#)

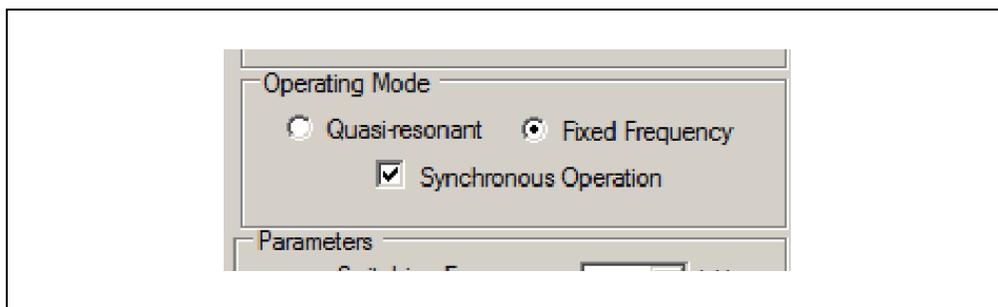
#### 3.2.1.1 DRIVERS ENABLE/DISABLE SECTION

The “Drivers Enable/Disable” section contains an “ON” and an “OFF” check box. If the “OFF” check box is selected (default), the system turns off the Primary and Secondary Drivers and all the sections in the MCP19117 Flyback Standalone GUI become read only. In order for the sections to become editable, select the “ON” check box.

#### 3.2.1.2 OPERATING MODE SECTION

The “Operating Mode” section controls how the Flyback converter operates. Options are:

- Quasi-resonant: the controller will run Quasi-resonant mode and the switching frequency will vary depending on the operation conditions.
- Fixed Frequency: the switching frequency parameters are adjustable. By default, the check box is selected.



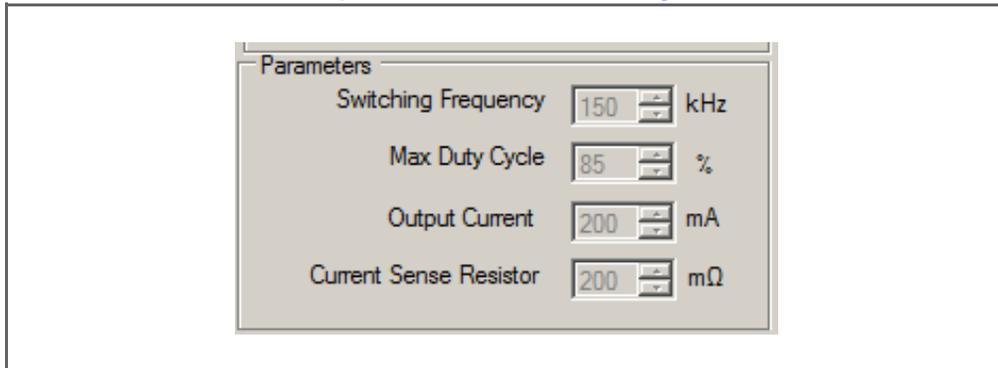
**FIGURE 3-3:** Operating Mode Options.

This section also contains a selection named Synchronous Operation. When the ON check box in the Drivers Enable/Disable section is selected, the Synchronous Operation check box is automatically selected – setting the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board to function in Synchronous mode.

If the Synchronous Operation check box is cleared, the evaluation board is set to function in Asynchronous Operation mode, which disables the secondary driver (SDRV).

## 3.2.1.3 PARAMETERS SECTION

This section controls the Switching Frequency, Maximum Duty Cycle, Output Current and Current Sense Resistor parameters, as shown in [Figure 3-4](#)



**FIGURE 3-4:** Parameters Options

The switching frequency is user programmable in Fixed Frequency mode over the range of 60 kHz to 1 MHz. Switching Frequency can be adjusted in 10 kHz intervals. The maximum duty cycle is programmable from 0 to 100%.

### CAUTION

**Increasing switching frequency results in increased switching losses in the MOSFETs. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the MOSFETs are operated within their safe operating range.**

The Output Current can be adjusted within a range of 0 to 500 mA. The Current Sense Resistor (R6) value on the MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board is 200 mΩ. Both of these values are used to calculate the set point value written to the VREFCON register. Do **NOT** raise the resistor value in the GUI without changing the resistor on the evaluation board to match. Failure to do so could result in damage to the evaluation board.

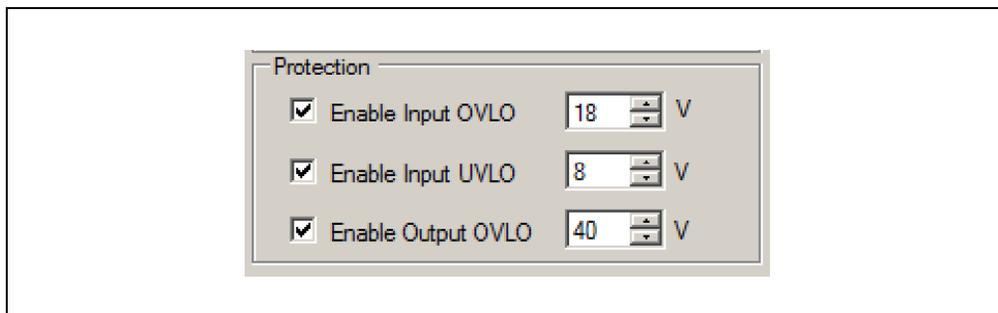
**Note:** Attempting to write a value larger than 0xFF to VREFCON is prohibited by the GUI.

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## 3.2.1.4 PROTECTION SECTION

The “Protection” section (see [Figure 3-5](#)) allows the user to set levels for the three adjustable protection features:

- Enable Input OVLO: specified range of 9V to 24V. The default setting is 18V. This parameter is configurable per its specified range.
- Enable Input UVLO: specified range is 4V to 20V. The default setting is 8V. This parameter is configurable per its specified range.
- Enable Output OVLO: configurable range between 0V and 60V. The default setting is 40V.



**FIGURE 3-5:** Protection Options.

In order for the user to be able to set different values, the corresponding check boxes of the features must be selected. Otherwise, the protections are not applied.

The LED (marked with D2) on the evaluation board is used to indicate various fault conditions. The firmware will flash this LED to indicate each of the following fault conditions:

- VIN UVLO FAULT: Short Flash Routine
- VIN OVLO FAULT: Long Flash Routine
- OUTPUT OV FAULT: Short/Long Flash Routine

### WARNING

**Use caution when changing from these default settings to ensure that damage will not occur. The VINUVLO, VINOVLO and Output OV controls adjust the VINUVLO, VINOVLO and OVREFCON registers, respectively.**

## 3.2.1.5 SWITCHES ENABLE/DISABLE SECTION

There are two general purpose MOSFET low-side series switches located on MCP19117 Flyback Stand-Alone Evaluation Board (LSW1 and LSW2). The check boxes named “Switch 1” and “Switch 2” in the Switches Enable/Disable section of the GUI allow the user to turn these switches ON (selected) and OFF (cleared).