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IR3513 DATASHEET

XPHASE3[™] POL CONTROL IC

DESCRIPTION

The IR3513 Control IC provides overall control of a scalable number of phases along with an internal gate driver, current sense/sharing, and PWM. This allows the IR3513 to implement a stand-alone single-phase regulator or interface with additional Phase ICs to develop a power solution with any number of phases. With this arrangement, the final solution requires only 1 IC per phase to deploy 1 to X phases. Other approaches require a control IC plus 1 to X driver ICs or scalable "all-in-one" ICs that do not utilize all IC pins or circuitry leading to increased solution cost and size.

FEATURES

- 0.8V reference supports 0.8V to 5.1V output voltage with +/-0.5% system set point accuracy
- Dynamic margin function provides ± 5 % reference offset
- 1 (stand-alone) to X phase operation with additional Phase IC
- Programmable 250 KHz to 9 Mhz daisy-chain digital phase timing provides a per phase switching frequency of 250 KHz to 1.5 MHz with no external components
- Differential remote sense amplifier with 100kohm input impedance
- IC bias linear regulator control with programmable output voltage and UVLO
- Programmable converter current limit during soft-start, hiccup with delay during normal operation
- Over voltage protection communicated to Phase ICs
- System over voltage signal protects against failures such as a shorted high side MOSFET
- Detection and protection of open remote sense lines
- Open control loop protection
- 7V/2A gate drivers (4A GATEL sink current)
- Integrated boot-strap synchronous PFET
- Small thermally enhanced 32L 5 x 5mm MLPQ package

APPLICATION CIRCUIT

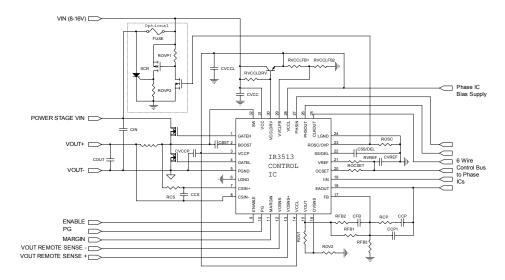


Figure 1 - IR3513 Application Circuit

ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package	Order Quantity
IR3513MTRPBF	32 Lead MLPQ (5 x 5 mm body)	3000 per reel
* IR3513MPBF	32 Lead MLPQ(5 x 5 mm body)	100 piece strips
 Samples only 		

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PIN DESCRIPTION

PIN#	PIN SYMBOL	PIN DESCRIPTION
1	GATEH	High-side driver output and input to GATEL non-overlap comparator.
2	BOOST	Supply for high-side driver. An internal bootstrap synchronous PFET is connected between this pin and the VCCP pin.
3	VCCP	Supply for low-side driver. An internal bootstrap synchronous PFET is connected from this pin to the BOOST pin.
4	GATEL	Low-side driver output and input to GATEH non-overlap comparator.
5	PGND	Return for low side driver and reference for GATEH non-overlap comparator.
6, 24	LGND	Local Ground for internal circuitry and the IC substrate connection.
7	CSIN+	Non-Inverting input to the current sense amplifier and input to debug comparator.
8	CSIN-	Inverting input to the current sense amplifier and input to synchronous rectification disable comparator.
9	ENABLE	Enable input. A logic low applied to this pin puts the IC into fault mode. Do not float this pin as the logic state will be undefined.
10	PG	Open drain output that drives low during startup and under any external fault condition. Connect external pull-up.
11	MARGIN	Tri-state input with internal pull-up to 1.425 V. Low/High voltage shifts the Error Amplifier reference voltage Up/Down 5%. V(MARGIN) should not be biased to a voltage greater than V(VCCL).
12	VOSEN-	Inverting remote sense amplifier input. Connect to ground at the load.
13	VOSEN+	Non-inverting remote sense amplifier input. Connect to output at the load.
14, 28	VCCL	Output of the voltage regulator, power input for clock oscillator circuitry and other internal circuitry. Connect a decoupling capacitor to LGND.
15	VOUT	Remote sense amplifier output.
16	OVSNS	Over voltage sense input during normal operation.
17	FB	Inverting input to the Error Amplifier.
18	EAOUT	Output of the Error Amplifier.
19	IIN	Average current input signal from active and inactive phase IC(s). This pin is also used to communicate an over voltage condition to the phase IC(s).
20	OCSET	An external resistor tied to VREF along with a fixed internal current source programs the constant output current limit and hiccup over-current thresholds. Over-current protection can be disabled by programming the threshold higher than the possible signal on the IIN pin, but no greater than 5V (do not float this pin).
21	VREF	Reference voltage for the Error Amplifier. An external RC network to LGND programs the margin slew rate and compensates the internal buffer amp.
22	SS/DEL	An external capacitor to LGND programs converter startup and over current protection delay timing. It is also used to compensate the constant output current loop during soft start.

PIN DESCRIPTION CONTINUED

23	ROSC/OVP	A resistor to LGND to program the oscillator frequency and the OCSET bias current. Oscillator frequency equals the phase switching frequency. The pin voltage is 0.6V during normal operation and higher than 1.6V if over-voltage condition is detected.
25	CLKOUT	Frequency is equivalent to the phase switching frequency multiplied by the number of phases. Connect to CLKIN pins of phase ICs.
26	PHSOUT	Phase timing output switching at the phase frequency. Connect to PHSIN pin of the first phase IC.
27	PHSIN	Feedback input of the phase timing clock. Connect to the PHSOUT pin of the last phase IC.
29	VCCLFB	Non-inverting input of the voltage regulator error amplifier. Output voltage of the regulator is programmed by a resistor divider connected to VCCL.
30	VCCLDRV	Output of the VCCL regulator error amplifier to control an external transistor. The pin senses the input of the power supply through a resistor at power-up.
31	VCC	Power Input for under voltage lockout (UVLO) detection and supply for internal IC circuits.
32	SW	Return for high-side driver and reference for GATEL non-overlap comparator.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

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 in the operational sections of the specifications are not implied.

Operating Junction Temperature.....0 to 150°C Storage Temperature Range.....65°C to 150°C MSL Rating.....2 Reflow Temperature.....260°C

PIN #	PIN NAME	V _{MAX}	V _{MIN}		I _{sink}
1	GATEH	34V	-0.3VDC, -5V for 100ns	3A for 100ns, 100mA DC	3A for 100ns, 100mA DC
2	BOOST	34V	-0.3V	1A for 100ns, 100mA DC	3A for 100ns, 100mA DC
3	VCCP	8V	-0.3V	n/a	5A for 100ns, 200mA DC
4	GATEL	8V	-0.3VDC, -5V for 100ns	5A for 100ns, 200mA DC	5A for 100ns, 200mA DC
5	PGND	0.3V	-0.3V	5A for 100ns, 200mA DC	n/a
6, 24	LGND	n/a	n/a	20mA	1mA
7	CSIN+	8V	-0.5V	1mA	1mA
8	CSIN-	8V	-0.5V	1mA	5mA
9	ENABLE	3.5V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
10	PG	VCCL + 0.3V	-0.3V	1mA	20mA
11	MARGIN	8V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
12	VOSEN-	1.0V	-0.5V	5mA	1mA
13	VOSEN+	8V	-0.5V	5mA	1mA
14, 28	VCCL	8V	-0.3V	1mA	25mA
15	VOUT	8V	-0.3V	5mA	25mA
16	OVSNS	8V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
17	FB	8V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
18	EAOUT	8V	-0.3V	25mA	10mA
19	IIN	8V	-0.3V	5mA	1mA
20	OCSET	8V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
21	VDAC	3.5V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
22	SS/DEL	8V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
23	ROSC/OVP	8V	-0.3V	5mA	1mA
25	CLKOUT	8V	-0.3V	100mA	100mA
26	PHSOUT	8V	-0.3V	10mA	10mA
27	PHSIN	8V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
29	VCCLFB	3.5V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
30	VCCLDRV	10V	-0.3V	1mA	50mA
31	VCC	18V	-0.3V	1mA	1mA
32	SW	34V	-0.3V DC, -5V for 100ns	3A for 100ns, 100mA DC	n/a

Note: Maximum GATEH - SW = 8V, Maximum BOOST - GATEH = 8V

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR RELIABLE OPERATION WITH MARGIN

 $4.75V \leq VCCL \leq 7.5V, 4.75V \leq VCCP \leq 7.5V, 8V \leq VCC \leq 16V,$ -0.3V $\leq VOSEN$ - $\leq 0.3V,$ 0 °C $\leq T_{\rm J} \leq 125$ °C, 7.75 kΩ $\leq {\rm Rosc} \leq 50$ kΩ

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The electrical characteristics involve the spread of values guaranteed within the recommended operating conditions. Typical values represent the median values, which are related to 25° C. 7.75K $\Omega \le ROSC \le 50.0$ K Ω , CSS/DEL = 0.1μ F +/-10%, C_{GATEH} = 3.3nF, C_{GATEL} = 6.8nF (unless otherwise specified).

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
VREF Reference					
System Set-Point Accuracy	MARGIN = OPEN	796	800	804	mV
(per test circuit in Fig. 2)	MARGIN = 0V	755	760	765	mV
	MARGIN = VCCL	835	840	845	mV
Source & Sink Currents	Include OCSET current	50	88	116	μA
Margin Input Thresholds	Margin Low	0.475 0.575 0.675		0.675	V
	Margin High	2.1	2.2	2.3	V
MARGIN Float Voltage		1.325	1.425	1.55	V
MARGIN Pull-up resistor		3	4	6	KΩ
Oscillator					
ROSC Voltage		0.575	0.600	0.625	V
CLKOUT High Voltage	I(CLKOUT)=-10mA, measure V(VCCL)– V(CLKOUT)		1	V	
CLKOUT Low Voltage	I(CLKOUT)= 10mA			1	V
CLKOUT Phase Delay	I(CLKOUT)= 10mA Measure time from CLKIN < 1V to GATEH 40 75 > 1V			125	ns
PHSOUT Frequency	Rosc=50.0 KΩ	225	250	275	kHz
PHSOUT Frequency	Rosc=24.5 KΩ	450	500	550	kHz
PHSOUT Frequency	Rosc=7.75 KΩ	1.35	1.50	1.65	MHz
PHSOUT High Voltage	I(PHSOUT)= -1mA			1	V
PHSOUT Low Voltage	I(PHSOUT)= 1mA			1	V
PHSIN Threshold Voltage	Compare to V(VCCL)	30	50	70	%
Enable Input	_	_	_	_	_
Threshold Voltage	ENABLE rising	815	850	885	mV
Threshold Voltage	ENABLE falling	765	800	835	mV
Hysteresis		25	50	75	mV
Bias Current	$0V \le V(ENABLE) \le 3.3V$	-5	0	5	μA
Blanking Time	Noise Pulse < 100ns will not register an ENABLE state change. Note 1	75	250	400	ns

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT		
Over-Current Comparator				in ot	•••••		
Input Offset Voltage	$1V \le V(OCSET) \le 3.3V$	-70	-40	-10	mV		
OCSET Bias Current		-5%	605 / Rosc(kΩ)	+5%	μA		
Over-Current Delay Counter	ROSC = 7.75 K Ω (PHSOUT=1.5MHz)		4096		Cycle		
Over-Current Delay Counter	ROSC = $15.0 \text{ K}\Omega$ (PHSOUT= 800 kHZ)		2048		Cycle		
Over-Current Delay Counter	ROSC = 50.0 KΩ (PHSOUT=250kHz)		1024		Cycle		
Over-Current Limit Amplifier		1024					
Input Offset Voltage		-10	0	15	mV		
Transconductance	Note 1	0.50	1.00	1.75	mA/V		
Sink Current		35	55	75	uA		
Unity Gain Bandwidth	Note 1	0.75	2.00	3.00	kHz		
Over Voltage Detection (OVD)	Comparator						
Threshold Offset Rising	Compare to V(VREF)	60	85	105	mV		
Threshold Offset Falling	Compare to V(VREF)	-15	5	25	mV		
Threshold Hysteresis		55	70	80	mV		
Propagation Delay to IIN	Measure time from V(VOUT) > V(VREF) (250mV overdrive) to V(IIN) transition to > 0.9 * V(VCCL).		90	180	ns		
IIN Pull-up Resistance	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		5	20	Ω		
OVSNS Input Bias Current	$0V \le V(OVSNS) \le V(VCCL),$	-1	0	1	μA		
Over Voltage Protection (OVP) Comparator						
OVP Threshold	Step V(ISHARE) up until GATEL drives high. Compare to V(VCCL)	-1.0	-0.8	0	V		
Propagation Delay	V(VCCL)=5V, Step V(ISHARE) up from V(DACIN) to V(VCCL). Measure time to V(GATEL)>4V.	0	40	70	ns		
Propagation Delay to ROSC	Measure time from V(VO) > V(VDAC) (250mV overdrive) to V(ROSC/OVP) transition to >1V. Note 1.		90	300	ns		
OVP ROSC High Voltage	Measure V(VCCL)-V(ROSC/OVP)	0	0.5	1.2	V		
Remote Sense Differential Arr	plifier						
Unity Gain Bandwidth	Note 1	3.0	6.4	9.0	MHz		
Input Offset	Relative to [V(VOSEN+) - V(VOSEN-)]. $1.5V \le V(VOSEN+) - V(VOSEN-) \le 5.5V$ $0.5V \le V(VOSEN+) - V(VOSEN-) \le 1.5V$	-0.2 -3	0	0.2 3	% mV		
Source Current	0.5V≤ V(VOSEN+) - V(VOSEN-) ≤ 5.5V	0.5	1.0	1.7	mA		
Sink Current	Vout=0.5V	1	4	9	mA		
Slow Date	Vout=5.5V	11 2	25	34	1///		
Slew Rate	Note 1		4	8	V/us		
Input Impedance		63	100	185	kΩ		
VOSEN+ Input Voltage Range	V(VCCL)=7V		0.00	5.5	V		
High Voltage	V(VCCL) - V(VO)		0.03	0.1	V		
Low Voltage	V(VCCL)=7V			250	mV		

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	
Soft Start and Delay					8	
Start Delay		1.0	2.2	3.5	ms	
Soft Start Time		0.9	1.5	4.5	ms	
PG Delay		0.4	1.3	3.8	ms	
OC Delay Time	V(IIN) – V(OCSET) = 500 mV	75	125	300	us	
SS/DEL to FB Input Offset Voltage	With FB = 0V, adjust V(SS/DEL) until EAOUT drives high	0.7	1.4	1.9	V	
Charge Current		30	50	65	μA	
Discharge Current		2	4	6	μA	
Charge/Discharge Current Ratio		10	12	17	μΑ/μΑ	
Charge Voltage		2.8	3	3.3	V	
Delay Comparator Threshold	Relative to Charge Voltage, SS/DEL rising – Note 1		80		mV	
Delay Comparator Threshold	Relative to Charge Voltage, SS/DEL falling – Note 1		120		mV	
Delay Comparator Hysteresis	Note 1		30		mV	
Discharge Comparator Threshold		125	200	275	mV	
Error Amplifier						
Input Offset Voltage	Measure V(FB) – V(VREF). Note 2	-1	0	1	mV	
FB Bias Current		-1	0	1	μA	
DC Gain	Note 1	100	110	120	dB	
Bandwidth	Note 1	20	30	40	MHz	
Slew Rate	Note 1	7	12	20	V/μs	
Sink Current		0.40	0.85	1.00	mA	
Source Current		5	8	12	mA	
Maximum Voltage	Measure V(VCCL) – V(EAOUT)	500	780	950	mV	
Minimum Voltage			120	250	mV	
Open Voltage Loop Detection Threshold	Measure V(VCCL) - V(EAOUT), Relative to Error Amplifier maximum voltage.	100	300	750	mV	
Open Voltage Loop Detection Delay	Measure PHSOUT pulse numbers from V(EAOUT) = V(VCCL) to PG = low.		8		Pulses	
Headroom Control						
Activation Voltage	V(VCC) – V(CSIN-)	2.7	2.95	3.3	V	
FB Bias Current	V(VCC) - V(CSIN-) = 1.0V	-640	-470	-300	uA	
PG Comparator Threshold		-18.5	-13.5	-9	uA	
PG Comparator Hysteresis		5 8 13.5				
VCC Under Voltage Lockout (Comparator (UVLO)					
Start Threshold		6.9	7.4	7.9	V	
Stop Threshold		6.5	7.0	7.5	V	
Hysteresis	Start – Stop	350	450	650	mV	

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PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Open Sense Line Detection	•				
Sense Line Detection Active Comparator Threshold Voltage		150	200	250	mV
Sense Line Detection Active Comparator Offset Voltage	V(VOUT) < [V(VOSEN+) – V(LGND)] / 2	40	60	90	mV
VOSEN+ Open Sense Line Comparator Threshold	Compare to V(VCCL)	87.5	90	92.5	%
VOSEN- Open Sense Line Comparator Threshold		0.36	0.40	0.44	V
Sense Lines Detection Source Currents	V(VOUT) = 100mv	250	500	750	uA
VCCL Regulator Amplifier					
Reference Feedback Voltage		1.15	1.19	1.23	V
VCCLFB Bias Current		-1	0	1	uA
VCCLDRV Sink Current		10	30		mA
UVLO Start Threshold	Compare to V(VCCL)	90	94	98	%
UVLO Stop Threshold	Compare to V(VCCL)	82	86	90	%
Hysteresis	Compare to V(VCCL)	7.0	8.5	9.5	%
Gate Drivers					
GATEH Source Resistance	BOOST – SW = 7V. Note 1		1.0	2.5	Ω
GATEH Sink Resistance	BOOST – SW = 7V. Note 1		1.0	2.5	Ω
GATEL Source Resistance	VCCP – PGND = 7V. Note 1		1.0	2.5	Ω
GATEL Sink Resistance	VCCP – PGND = 7V. Note 1		0.4	1.0	Ω
GATEH Source Current	BOOST=7V,GATEH=2.5V,SW=0V. Note 1		2.0		A
GATEH Sink Current	BOOST=7V,GATEH=2.5V,SW=0V. Note 1		2.0		A
GATEL Source Current	VCCP=7V, GATEL=2.5V, PGND=0V Note 1		2.0		A
GATEL Sink Current	VCCP=7V, GATEL=2.5V, PGND=0V Note 1		4.0		A
GATEH Rise Time	BOOST – SW = 7V, measure 1V to 4V transition time		5	10	ns
GATEH Fall Time	BOOST - SW = 7V, measure 4V to 1V transition time		5	10	ns
GATEL Rise Time	VCCP – PGND = 7V, Measure 1V to 4V transition time		10	20	ns
GATEL Fall Time	VCCP – PGND = 7V, Measure 4V to 1V transition time		5	10	ns
GATEL low to GATEH high delay	BOOST = VCCP = 7V, SW = PGND = 0V, measure time from GATEL falling to 1V to GATEH rising to 1V	10	20	40	ns
GATEH low to GATEL high delay	BOOST = VCCP = 7V, SW = PGND = 0V, measure time from GATEH falling to 1V to GATEL rising to 1V	10	20	40	ns
Disable Pull-Down Resistance	Ta=25 °C Note 1		80	130	kΩ

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PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
PWM Comparator					
PWM Ramp Slope		45	52.5	60	mV/ DC%
Input Offset Voltage	Note 1	-5	0	5	mV
Minimum Pulse Width	Note 1		65	75	ns
Minimum GATEH Turn-off Time		20	80	160	ns
Current Sense Amplifier		_	_		
CSIN+/- Bias Current		-200	0	200	nA
CSIN+/- Bias Current Mismatch	Note 1	-50	0	50	nA
Input Offset Voltage	CSIN+ = CSIN- = VREF. Measure input referred offset from VREF	-1	0	1	mV
Gain	Csin+=25mV+Csin-	30.5	33.0	35.5	V/V
Unity Gain Bandwidth	C(IIN)=10pF. Measure at IIN. Note 1	4.8	6.8	8.8	MHz
Slew Rate	Note 1		6		V/μs
Differential Input Range		-10		50	mV
Differential Input Range		-5		50	mV
Common Mode Input Range		-0.2		Note3	V
Rout at T _J = 25 °C	Note 1	2.3	3.0	3.7	kΩ
Rout at T _J = 65 °C		2.9	3.7	4.6	kΩ
Rout at T _J = 125 °C		3.6	4.7	5.4	kΩ
ISHARE Source Current		500			μA
ISHARE Sink Current		500			μA
Share Adjust Amplifier					
Input Offset Voltage	Note 1	-3	0	3	mV
Differential Input Range	Note 1	-1		1	V
Gain	CSIN+ = CSIN- = VREF, Adjust V(IIN) from V(Ramp floor) – 10mV to V(Ramp floor) + 10mV and measure change in PWM Ramp Start Voltage. Note 1.	4	5.0	6	V/V
Unity Gain Bandwidth	Note 1	4	8.5	17	kHz
Maximum PWM Ramp Adjust Voltage	CSIN+ = CSIN- = VREF, EAOUT =LGND, and V(IIN) = V(Ramp floor) - 100mV. Maximum adjust voltage =V(PWMRMP) – V(Ramp floor)	90	150	250	mV
Minimum PWM Ramp Adjust Voltage	CSIN+ = CSIN- = VREF, EAOUT =LGND, and V(ISHARE) = V(Ramp floor) + 100mV. Minimum adjust voltage = V(PWMRMP) – V(Ramp floor)	-230	130	-70	mV
Body Brake Comparator					
Threshold Voltage Increasing	Compare to V(Ramp floor)	-225	-125	-25	mV
Threshold Voltage decreasing	Compare to V(Ramp floor)	-315	-215	-115	mV
Threshold Hysteresis		40	90	140	mV
Propagation Delay	VCCL = 5V. Measure time from EAOUT < V(VREF) (200mV overdrive) to GATEL transition to < 4V.	20	40	70	ns

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PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Synchronous Rectification Di	sable Comparator				
Threshold Voltage	The ratio of V(CSIN-) / V(VREF), below which V(GATEL) is always low.	63	75	89	%
Negative Current Comparator					
Input Offset Voltage	Note 1	-16	0	16	mV
Propagation Delay Time	Apply step voltage to V(CSIN+) – V(CSIN-). Measure time to V(GATEL)< 1V.		200	400	ns
Bootstrap Diode	_	_	_		_
Forward Voltage	$I(BOOST) = 30mA, 6V \le VCCL \le 7V$	180	260	470	mV
Debug Comparator	-	-			-
Threshold Voltage	Compare to V(VCCL)	-260	-150	-60	mV
PG Output	-	-	_		-
Output Voltage	I(PG) = 4mA		150	300	mV
Leakage Current	V(PG) = 5.5V		0	10	μA
VCC PG Activation Threshold	I(PG)=4mA, V(PG)<300mV	1	2	3.5	V
Output Under Voltage Compa	rator				
Threshold Voltage Falling		0.600	0.665	0.730	V
Threshold Voltage Rising		0.660	0.715	0.770	V
Threshold Hysteresis		20	50	90	mV
General					
VCC Supply Current	V(VCC) - V(VOUT) > 2.5V	1.1	3.0	6.1	mA
VCCL Supply Current		9	14	19	mA
VCCP Supply Current	V(VCCP)=7V, V(BOOST)=7V	50	150	300	uA
BOOST Supply Current	$4V \le V(BOOST) \le 30V$	1.2	3.5	5.8	mA
SW Bias Current		-0.5	-1.8	-2.9	mA

Note 1: Guaranteed by design, but not tested in production

Note 2: VREF Output is trimmed to compensate for Error & Remote Sense Amp input offsets

Note 3: VCCL-0.5V or VCC - 2.5V, whichever is lower

SYSTEM SET POINT TEST

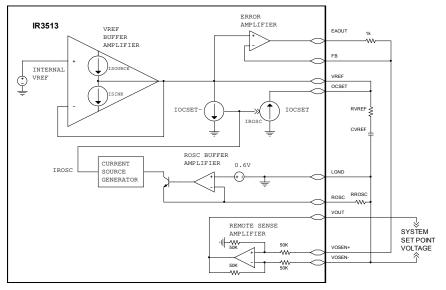


Figure 2 - System Set Point Test Circuit

SYSTEM THEORY OF OPERATION

PWM Control Method

The PWM block diagram of the *XPhase*[™] architecture is shown in Figure 3. Feed-forward voltage mode control with trailing edge modulation is used. A voltage-type error amplifier with high-gain (110dB) and wide-bandwidth is used for the control loop. It is not unity gain stable. The power-stage input voltage is sensed by the IR3513, and optional phase ICs, to provide feed-forward control. The PWM ramp slope will change with the input voltage and automatically compensate for changes in the input voltage. The input voltage can change due to variations in the silver box output voltage or due to the wire and PCB-trace voltage drop related to changes in load current.

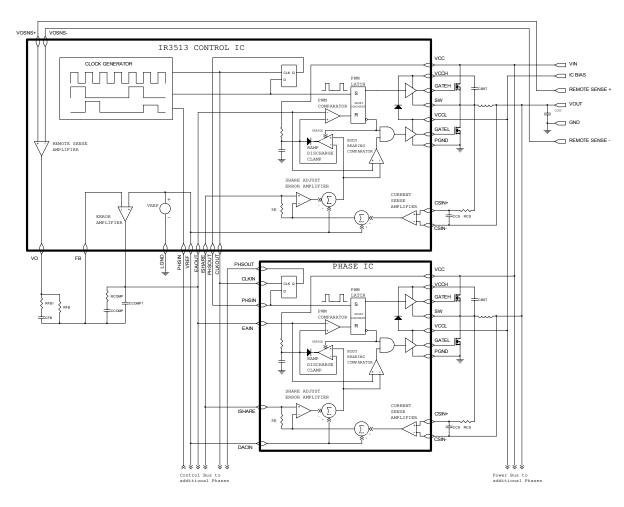


Figure 3 - PWM Block Diagram

Frequency and Phase Timing Control

The oscillator system clock frequency is programmable from 500 kHz to 9 MHZ by an external resistor. The IR3513 system clock signal (CLKOUT) is connected to CLKIN of all the phase ICs. The phase timing of the phase ICs is controlled by the daisy chain loop, where the IR3513 phase clock output (PHSOUT) is connected to the phase IC, input (PHSIN) of the first phase IC, and PHSOUT of the first phase IC is connected to PHSIN of the second phase IC, etc. The last phase IC (PHSOUT) is connected back to PHSIN of the control IC to complete the loop. During power up, the IR3513 sends out clock signals from both CLKOUT and PHSOUT pins and detects the feedback at PHSIN pin to determine the phase number and monitor any fault in the daisy chain loop. Figure 4 shows the phase timing for a four-phase converter. For single-phase operation, PHSOUT (pin 26) and PHSIN (pin 27) must be shorted together to prevent an Open Control Loop fault from occurring.

Control IC CLKOUT
Control IC PHSOUT (Phase IC1 PHSIN)
Phase IC1 PWM Latch SET
Phase IC 1 PHSOUT (Phase IC2 PHSIN)
Phase IC 2 PHSOUT (Phase IC3 PHSIN)
Phase IC 3 PHSOUT (Phase IC4 PHSIN)
Phase IC4 PHSOUT (Control IC PHSIN)

Figure 4 - Five Phase Oscillator Waveforms

PWM Operation

Upon receiving the falling edge of a clock pulse, the PWM latch is set; the PWM ramp voltage begins to increase; the low side driver is turned off, and the high side driver is then turned on after the non-overlap time. When the PWM ramp voltage exceeds the error amplifier's output voltage the PWM latch is reset. This turns off the high side driver and then turns on the low side driver after the non-overlap time and activates the ramp discharge clamp. The ramp discharge clamp quickly discharges the PWM ramp capacitor to the output voltage of the share adjust amplifier in the phase IC until the next clock pulse.

The PWM latch is reset dominant allowing all phases to go to zero duty cycle within a few tens of nanoseconds in response to a load step decrease. Phases can overlap and go up to 100% duty cycle in response to a load step increase with turn-on gated by the clock pulses. An error amplifier output voltage greater than the common mode input range of the PWM comparator results in up to 100% duty cycle regardless of the voltage of the PWM ramp. This arrangement guarantees the error amplifier is always in control and can demand 0 to 100% duty cycle as required. It also favors response to a load step decrease, which is appropriate given the low output to input voltage ratio of most systems. The inductor current will increase much more rapidly than decrease in response to load transients. An additional advantage of the architecture is that differences in ground or input voltage at the phases have no effect on operation since the PWM ramps are referenced to VREF.

Figure 5 depicts PWM operating waveforms under various conditions.

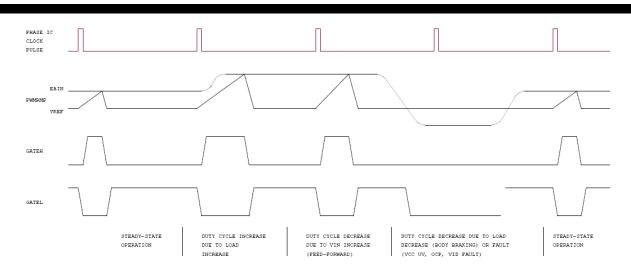


Figure 5 - PWM Operating Waveforms

Body Braking[™]

In a conventional synchronous buck converter, the minimum time required to reduce the current in the inductor in response to a load step decrease is;

$$T_{SLEW} = \frac{L * (I_{MAX} - I_{MIN})}{V_O}$$

The slew rate of the inductor current can be significantly increased by turning off the synchronous rectifier in response to a load step decrease. The switch node voltage is then forced to decrease until conduction of the synchronous rectifier's body diode occurs. This increases the voltage across the inductor from Vout to Vout + $V_{BODYDIODE}$. The minimum time required to reduce the current in the inductor in response to a load transient decrease is now;

$$T_{SLEW} = \frac{L^* (I_{MAX} - I_{MIN})}{V_O + V_{BODYDIODE}}$$

Since the voltage drop in the body diode is often higher than the output voltage, the inductor current slew rate can be increased by 2X or more. This patent pending technique is referred to as "body braking" and is accomplished through the "body braking comparator". If the error amplifier's output voltage drops below the VREF voltage or a programmable voltage, this comparator turns off the low side gate driver.

Lossless Average Inductor Current Sensing

Inductor current can be sensed by connecting a series resistor and a capacitor network in parallel with the inductor and measuring the voltage across the capacitor, as shown in Figure 6. The equation of the sensing network is,

$$v_C(s) = v_L(s) \frac{1}{1 + sR_{CS}C_{CS}} = i_L(s) \frac{R_L + sL}{1 + sR_{CS}C_{CS}}$$

Usually the resistor Rcs and capacitor Ccs are chosen so that the time constant of Rcs and Ccs equals the time constant of the inductor which is the inductance L over the inductor DCR (RL). If the two time constants match, the voltage across Ccs is proportional to the current through L, and the sense circuit can be treated as if only a sense resistor with the value of RL was used. The mismatch of the time constants does not affect the measurement of inductor DC current, but affects the AC component of the inductor current.



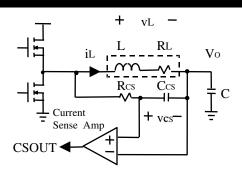


Figure 6 - Inductor Current Sensing and Current Sense Amplifier

The advantage of sensing the inductor current versus high side or low side sensing is that actual output current being delivered to the load is obtained rather than peak or sampled information about the switch currents. The output voltage can be positioned to meet a load line based on real time information. Except for a sense resistor in series with the inductor, this is the only sense method that can support a single cycle transient response. Other methods provide no information during either load increase (low side sensing) or load decrease (high side sensing).

An additional problem associated with peak or valley current mode control for voltage positioning is that they suffer from peak-to-average errors. These errors will show in many ways but one example is the effect of frequency variation. If the frequency of a particular unit is 10% low, the peak to peak inductor current will be 10% larger and the output impedance of the converter will drop by about 10%. Variations in inductance, current sense amplifier bandwidth, PWM prop delay, any added slope compensation, input voltage, and output voltage are all additional sources of peak-to-average errors.

Current Sense Amplifier

A high speed differential current sense amplifier is included in both the IR3513 and optional phase ICs, as shown in Figure 6. Its gain is nominally 33 at 25°C, and the 3850 ppm/°C increase in inductor DCR should be compensated in the voltage loop feedback path.

The current sense amplifier can accept positive differential input up to 50mV and negative up to -10mV before clipping. The output of the current sense amplifier is summed with the VREF voltage and sent to other phases through an on-chip $3K\Omega$ resistor connected to the ISHARE pin. The ISHARE pins of all the phases are tied together and the voltage on the share bus represents the average current through all the inductors and is used by the control IC for voltage positioning and current limit protection. The input offset of this amplifier is calibrated to +/- 1mV in order to reduce the current sense error.

The input offset voltage is the primary source of error for the current share loop. In order to achieve very small input offset error and superior current sharing performance, the current sense amplifier continuously calibrates itself. This calibration algorithm creates ripple on ISHARE bus with a frequency of fsw/896.

Average Current Share Loop

Current sharing between phases of the converter is achieved by the average current share loop in each phase IC. The output of the current sense amplifier is compared with average current at the share bus. If current in a phase is smaller than the average current, the share adjust amplifier of the phase will pull down the starting point of the PWM ramp thereby increasing its duty cycle and output current; if current in a phase is larger than the average current, the share adjust amplifier of the PWM ramp thereby decreasing its duty cycle and output current; if current in a phase is larger than the average current, the share adjust amplifier is internally compensated so that the crossover frequency of the current share loop is much slower than that of the voltage loop and the two loops do not interact.

IR3513 THEORY OF OPERATION

Block Diagram

The IR3513 Block diagram is shown in Figure 7, and specific features are discussed in the following sections.

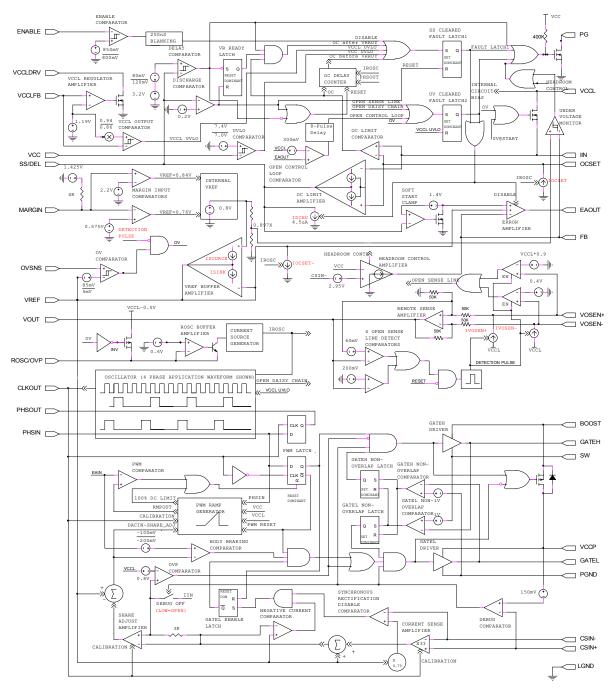


Figure 7 - Block Diagram

VREF Control

The MARGIN input comparators monitor the MARGIN pin and control the internal reference voltage whose output is sent to the VREF buffer amplifier. The output of the buffer amplifier is the VREF pin. The VREF voltage, input offsets of error amplifier and remote sense differential amplifier are post-package trimmed to provide 0.8% **system set-point** accuracy. The actual VREF voltage does not determine the system accuracy, which has a wider tolerance.

The IR3513 can accept changes in the MARGIN input while operating and vary the VREF voltage accordingly. The slew rate of the voltage at the VREF pin can be adjusted by an external capacitor between VREF pin and LGND pin. A resistor connected in series with this capacitor is required to compensate the VREF buffer amplifier. Margin transitions result in a smooth analog transition of the VREF voltage and converter output voltage minimizing inrush currents in the input and output capacitors and overshoot of the output voltage.

Remote Voltage Sensing

VOSEN+ and VOSEN- are used for remote sensing and are connected directly to the load. The remote sense differential amplifier with high speed, low input offset and low input bias current ensures accurate voltage sensing and fast transient response.

Start-up Sequence

The IR3513 has a programmable soft-start function to limit the surge current during the converter start-up. A capacitor connected between the SS/DEL and LGND pins controls soft start timing, over-current protection delay and hiccup mode timing. A charge current of 52.5uA (typical) and discharge current of 4.5uA (typical) control the up and down slope of the voltage at the SS/DEL pin respectively.

Figure 8 shows normal converter start-up. If there is no fault, the SS/DEL pin will start charging. The error amplifier output EAOUT is clamped low until SS/DEL reaches 1.4V. The error amplifier will then regulate the converter's output voltage to match the SS/DEL voltage, less the 1.4V offset, until the converter output reaches the level determined by the VREF (0.8 V typically) inputs. The SS/DEL voltage continues to increase until it rises above 3.12V and allows the PG signal to be asserted. SS/DEL finally settles at 3.2V indicating the end of the soft start.

VCCL under voltage lock out, over current, as well as a low signal on the ENABLE input immediately sets the fault latch, which causes the EAOUT pin to drive low turning off the phase IC drivers. The PG pin also drives low, and SS/DEL begins to discharge until the voltage reaches 0.2V. If the fault has cleared the fault latch will be reset by the discharge comparator allowing a normal soft start to occur.

Other fault conditions, such as over voltage, open sense lines, and open daisy chain, set different fault latches, which start discharging SS/DEL, pull down EAOUT voltage and drive PG low. However, the latches can only be reset by cycling VCCL power.

If SS/DEL pin is pulled below 0.7V, the converter can be disabled.

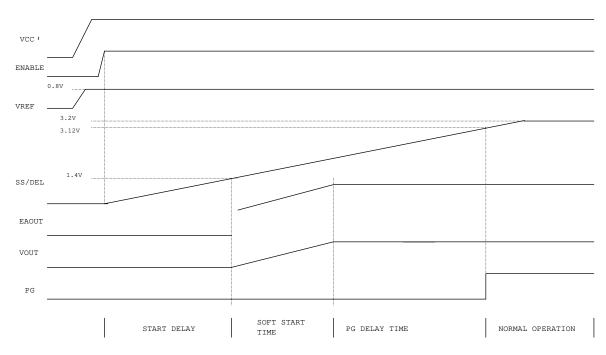


Figure 8 - Start-up sequence

Constant Over-Current Control during Soft Start

The over-current limit threshold is set by a resistor connected between OCSET and VREF pins. If the IIN pin voltage, which is proportional to the average current plus VREF voltage, exceeds the OCSET voltage during soft start, the constant over-current control is activated.

Figure 9 shows the constant over-current control with delay during soft start. The delay is required since overcurrent conditions can occur as part of normal operation due to inrush current.

If an over-current occurs during soft start (before PG is asserted), the SS/DEL voltage is regulated by the over current amplifier to limit the output current below the threshold set by OCSET voltage. If the over-current condition persists after the delay time is reached, the fault latch will be set pulling the error amplifier's output low and inhibiting switching in the phase ICs. The SS/DEL capacitor will discharge until it reaches 0.2V and the fault latch is reset allowing a normal soft start to occur. If an over-current condition is again encountered during the soft start cycle, the constant over-current control actions will repeat and the converter will be in hiccup mode. The delay time is controlled by a counter, which is triggered by the oscillator. The counter values vary with switching frequency per phase in order to have a similar delay time for different switching frequencies.

Over-Current Hiccup Protection after Soft Start

The over current limit threshold is set by a resistor connected between OCSET and VREF pins. Figure 9 shows the constant over-current control with delay after PG is asserted. The delay is required since over-current conditions can occur as part of normal operation due to load transients or margin transitions.

If the IIN pin voltage, which is proportional to the average current plus VREF voltage, exceeds the OCSET voltage after PG is asserted, it will initiate the discharge of the capacitor at SS/DEL. If the over-current condition persists long enough for the SS/DEL capacitor to discharge below the 120mV offset of the delay comparator, the fault latch will be set pulling the error amplifier's output low and inhibiting switching in the phase ICs and de-asserting the PG signal. The output current is not controlled during the delay time. The SS/DEL capacitor will discharge until it reaches 200 mV and the fault latch is reset allowing a normal soft start to occur. If an over-current condition is again encountered during the soft start cycle, the over-current action will repeat and the converter will be in hiccup mode.

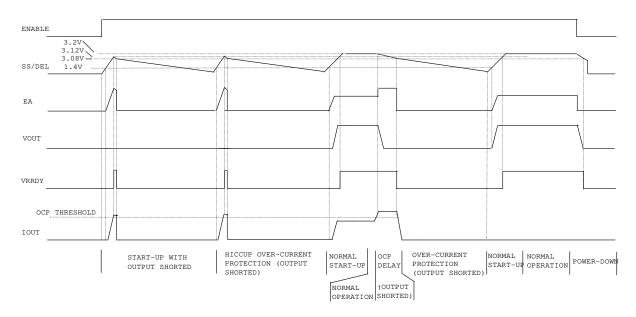


Figure 9 - Constant over-current control waveforms during and after soft start

Linear Regulator Output (VCCL)

The IR3513 has a built-in linear regulator controller, and only an external NPN transistor is needed to create a linear regulator. The output voltage can be programmed between 4.75V and 7V by the resistor divider at VCCLFB pin. The regulator output powers the gate drivers of the phase ICs and circuits in the control IC, and the voltage is usually programmed to optimize the converter efficiency. The linear regulator can be compensated by a 4.7uF capacitor at the VCCL pin. As with any linear regulator, due to stability reasons, there is an upper limit to the maximum capacitor value that can be used at this pin and it is a function of the number of phases used in the multiphase architecture and their switching frequency. Figure 10 shows the stability plots for the linear regulator with 5 phases switching at 750 kHz.

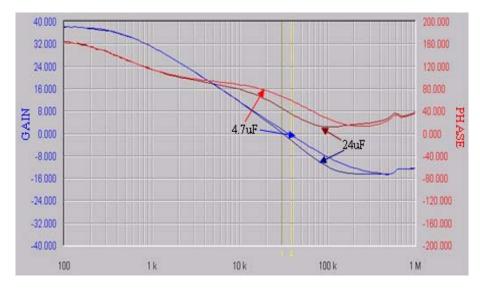


Figure 10 - VCCL regulator stability with 5 phases and PHSOUT equals 750 kHz

VCCL Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

The IR3513 IC monitors both the Vcc and VCCL for under voltage condition. During power up, the fault latch will be reset if VCCL is above 94% (typical) of the voltage set by resistor divider at VCCLFB pin and the VCC exceeds 7.5V (typical). If VCCL voltage drops below 86% (typical) of the set value or VCC drops below 7V (typical), the fault latch will be set.

Power Good (PG)

The PG pin is an open-collector output and should be pulled up to a voltage source through a resistor. During soft start, the PG remains low until the output voltage is in regulation and SS/DEL is above 3.12V. The PG pin becomes low if the fault latch, over voltage latch, open sense line latch, or open daisy chain latch is set. A high level at the PG pin indicates that the converter is in operation and has no fault, but does not ensure the output voltage is within the specification. Output voltage regulation within the design limits can logically be assured however, assuming no component failure in the system.

Open Voltage Loop Detection

The output voltage range of error amplifier is detected all the time to ensure the voltage loop is in regulation. If any fault condition forces the error amplifier output above VCCL-0.3V for 8 switching cycles, the fault latch is set. The fault latch can only be cleared by cycling power to VCCL.

Load Current Indicator Output

The IIN pin voltage represents the average current of the converter plus the VREF voltage. The load current information can be retrieved by a differential amplifier which subtracts the VREF voltage from the IIN voltage.

Enable Input

Pulling the ENABLE pin below 0.8V sets the Fault Latch and a voltage above 0.85V enables the soft start of the converter.

Over Voltage Protection (OVP)

Output over-voltage can occur during normal operation if a high side MOSFET short or other failure occurs. The over-voltage protection comparator monitors the OVSNS pin voltage. If the OVSNS pin voltage exceeds VREF by 85mV, as shown in Figure 11, the ROSC/OVP pin voltage is driven to V(VCCL) - 1V sending an over voltage signal to the host system. The ROSC/OVP pin can also be connected to a crowbar circuit, which pulls the converter input low in over voltage conditions.

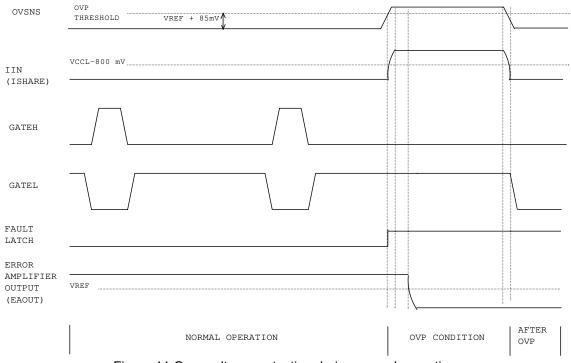
The over voltage condition also sets the over voltage fault latch, which pulls the error amplifier output low to turn off the converter output. At the same time IIN pin (ISHARE of phase ICs) is pulled up to VCCL to communicate the over voltage condition to phase ICs (if present), as shown in Figure 11. The OVP circuit overrides the normal PWM operation and will fully turn-on the low side MOSFET within approximately 150ns. The low side MOSFET will remain on until ISHARE pin voltage drops below V(VCCL) - 800mV, which signals the end of over voltage condition. An over voltage fault condition is latched in the IR3513 and can only be cleared by cycling power to VCCL.

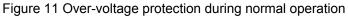
In the event of a high side MOSFET short before power up, the OVP flag is activated with as little supply voltage as possible, as shown in Figure 12. The OVSN pin is compared against a fixed voltage of 1.73V (typical) for OVP conditions at power-up. The ROSC/OVP pin will be pulled higher than 1.6V with VCCLDRV voltage as low as 1.8V. An external MOSFET or comparator should be used to disable the silver box, activate a crowbar, or turn off the supply source. The 1.8V threshold is used to prevent false over-voltage triggering caused by pre-charging of output capacitors.

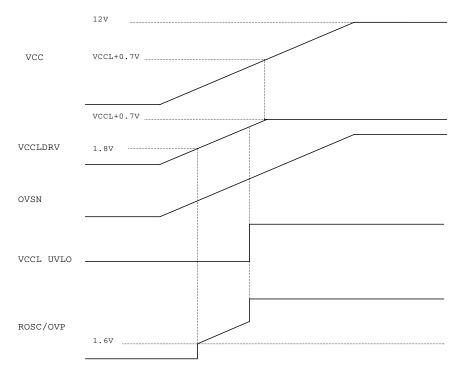
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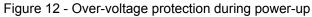
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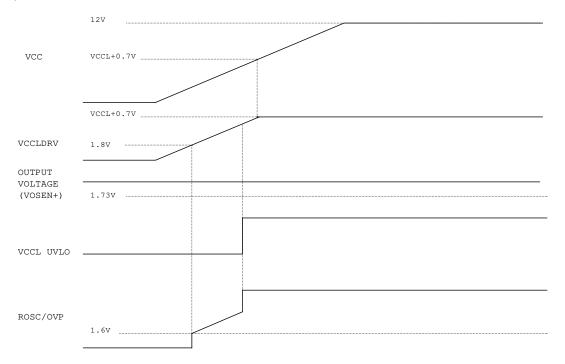


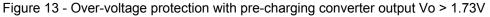




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Pre-charging of the converter output voltage may trigger OVP. If the converter output is pre-charged above 1.73V as shown in Figure 17, ROSC/OVP pin voltage will be higher than 1.6V when VCCLDRV voltage reaches 1.8V. ROSC/OVP pin voltage will be VCCLDRV-1V and rise with VCCLDRV voltage until VCCL is above UVLO threshold, after which ROSC/OVP pin voltage will be VCCL-1V. The converter cannot start unless the over voltage condition stops and VCCL is cycled. If the converter output is pre-charged 130mV above VREF but lower than 1.73V, as shown in Figure 17, the converter will soft start until SS/DEL voltage is above 3.92V (4.0V-0.08V). Then, over voltage comparator is activated and fault latch is set.





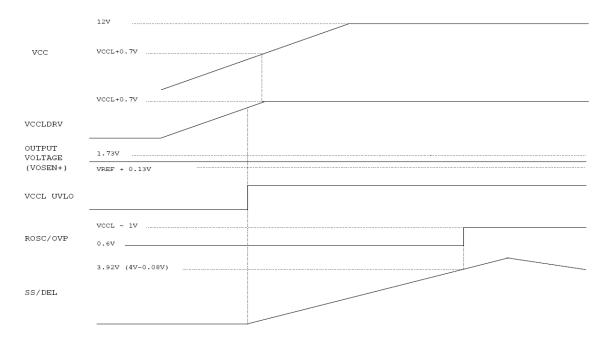


Figure 14 - Over-voltage protection with pre-charging converter output VREF + 0.13V <Vo < 1.73V

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During a MARGIN up to a MARGIN down event (80mV excursion on VREF), OVP may be triggered since the OVP threshold is a fixed 85mV above VREF. This can occur due to large output capacitance and light/no load operation where the output voltage remains high while the OVP threshold falls.

The overall system must be considered when designing for OVP. In many cases the over-current protection of the AC-DC or DC-DC converter supplying the multiphase converter will be triggered and provide effective protection without damage as long as all PCB traces and components are sized to handle the worst-case maximum current. If this is not possible, a fuse can be added in the input supply to the multiphase converter.

Error Amplifier Head Room Control

In high converter output voltage applications, there may not be enough head room in error amplifier and current sense amplifiers of phase ICs when VCC is just above UVLO start and stop thresholds. A head room control circuit is implemented to ensure V(VCC) - V(VO) > 2.5V by sourcing extra current to the resistor connecting to FB pin. When this circuit is activated, the converter voltage is lower than the required and therefore the PG is also driven low.

Open Remote Sense Line Protection

If either remote sense line VOSEN+ or VOSEN- or both is open, the output of remote sense amplifier (VOUT) drops. The IR3513 monitors VO pin voltage continuously. If VOUT voltage is lower than 200 mV, two separate pulse currents are applied to VOSEN+ and VOSEN- pins respectively to check if the sense lines are open. If VOSEN+ is open, a voltage higher than 90% of V(VCCL) will be present at VOSEN+ pin and the output of open line detect comparator will be high. If VOSEN- is open, a voltage higher than 400mV will be present at VOSEN- pin and the output of open line detect comparator will be high. The open sense line fault latch is set, which pulls error amplifier output low immediately and shut down the converter. SS/DEL voltage is discharged, and the fault latch can only be reset by cycling VCCL power.

Open Daisy Chain Protection

IR3513 checks the daisy chain every time it powers up. It starts a daisy chain pulse on the PHSOUT pin and detects the feedback at PHSIN pin. If no pulse comes back after 30 CLKOUT pulses, the pulse is restarted again. If the pulse fails to come back the second time, the open daisy chain fault is registered, and SS/DEL is not allowed to charge. The fault latch can only be reset by cycling the power to VCCL.

After powering up, the IR3513 monitors PHSIN pin for a phase input pulse equal or less than the number of phases detected. If PHSIN pulse does not return within the number of phases in the converter, another pulse is started on PHSOUT pin. If the second started PHSOUT pulse does not return on PHSIN, an open daisy chain fault is registered.

Phase Number Determination

After a daisy chain pulse is started, the IR3513 checks the timing of the input pulse at PHSIN pin to determine the phase number.

Output Voltage Under-voltage Monitoring

The IR3513 compares the FB pin to a voltage, V, equal to 0.897×Vref. If the FB pin is 50mV (typical) below the aforementioned V, the output voltage under-voltage monitor will trigger, pulling the PG pin low. The output voltage under-voltage monitor does not effect switching of the phases or soft start.

Fault Table

The Fault Table below describes the different faults that can occur and how IR3513 would react to protect the supply and the load from possible damage. The fault types that can occur are listed in row 1. Row 2 has the method that a fault is cleared. The first 4 faults are latched in the UV fault latch and the VCCL power has to be recycled by switching off the input and switching it back on for the converter to work again. The rest of the faults (except for UVLO Vout) are latched in the SS fault latch and do not need to recycle the VCCL power in order for IR3513 to resume operation. IR3513 will automatically resume operation when these fault conditions no longer apply in the system. Most of the faults disable the error amplifier (EA) and discharge the soft start capacitor. All the faults flag PGood. PGood returns back to high when the faults are cleared. The delay row shows how long it takes IR3513 to react after detecting a fault condition. Delays are provided to minimize the possibility of nuisance faults.

Fault table

					Fault Type	e				
	Open Daisy	Open Control Loop	Open Sense Line	Over Voltage	Disable	VCC UVLO	VCCL UVLO	OC Before Start-up	OC After Start-up	VOUT UVLO
Fault Clearing Method		Recycle VCCL Resume Normal Operation when Condition Clears								S
Error Amp Disabled		Yes								No
ROSC/OVP & IIN drive high until OV clears	No Yes No									
SS/DEL Discharge					Yes					No
Flags PGood					Yes					
Delay?	30 Clock Pulses	8 PHSOUT Pulses	No	No	250 ns Blank Time	N	lo	PHSOUT Pulses. Count Programm ed by ROSC value	SS/DEL Discharge Threshold	No

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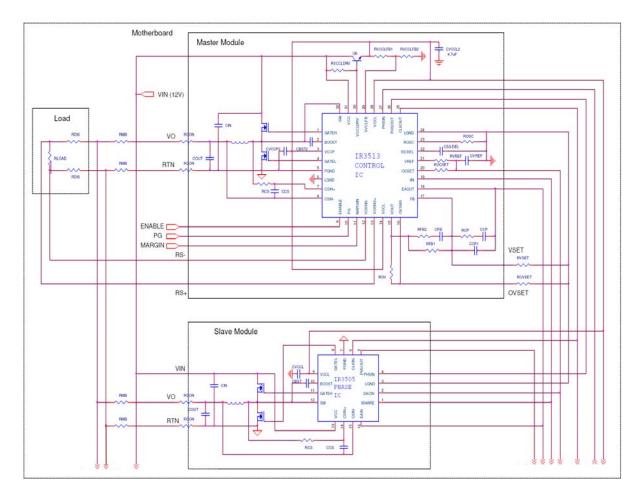


Figure 15 - Scalable Master (IR3513) & Slave (IR3505) POL modules with programmable output voltage and redundant OVP sense