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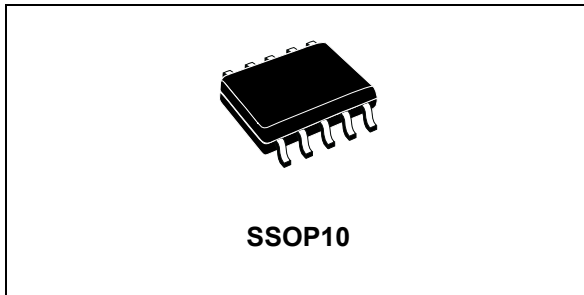
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10-pin transition mode PFC controller

Datasheet - production data



- Inductor saturation protection
- AC brownout detection
- Low ($\leq 100 \mu\text{A}$) start-up current
- 6 mA max. operating bias current
- 1% (at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$) internal reference voltage
- -600/+800 mA totem pole gate driver with active pull-down during UVLO
- SSOP10 package

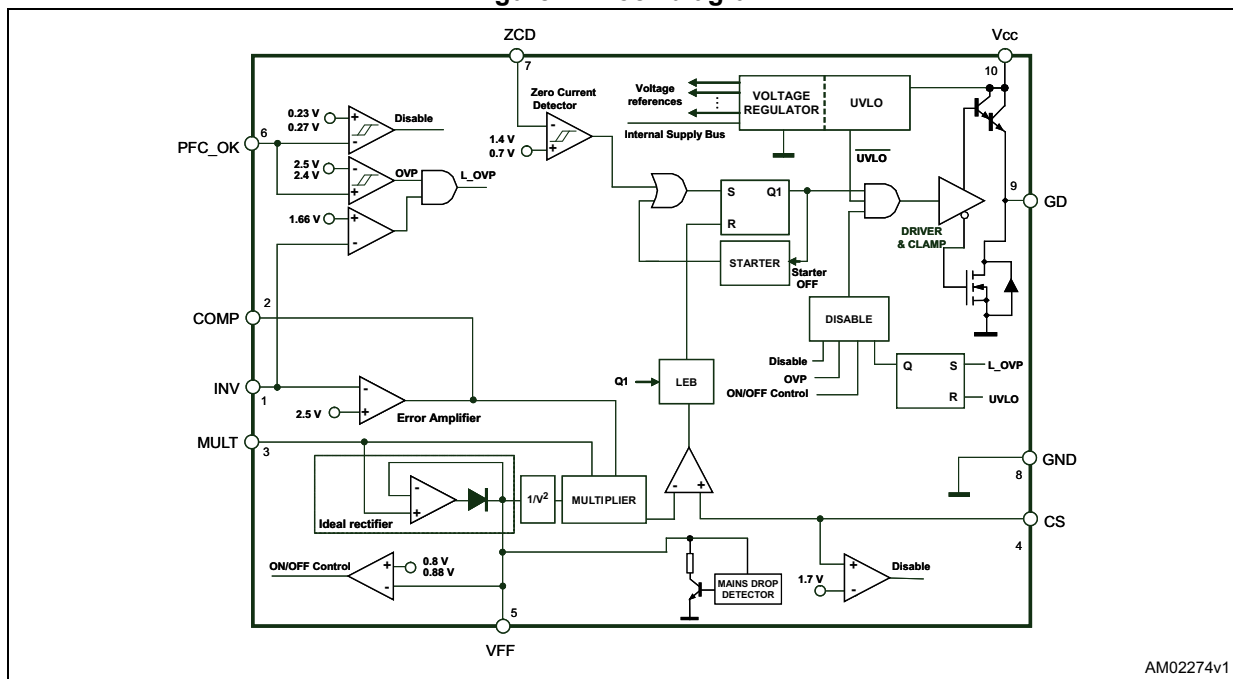
Features

- Fast “bidirectional” input voltage feed-forward ($1/V^2$ correction)
- Accurate adjustable output overvoltage protection
- Protection against feedback loop disconnection (latched shutdown)

Applications

- PFC preregulators for:
 - High-end AC-DC adapter/charger
 - Desktop PC, server, web server
 - IEC61000-3-2 or JEITA-MITI compliant SMPS
- SMPS for LED luminaires

Figure 1. Block diagram



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1 Description

The L6564 device is a current mode PFC controller operating in transition mode (TM) and represents the compact version of the L6563S device as it embeds the same driver, reference and control stages in a very compact 10-pin SSOP10 package.

The highly linear multiplier, along with a special correction circuit that reduces crossover distortion of the mains current, allows wide range mains operation with an extremely low THD even over a large load range.

The output voltage is controlled by means of a voltage mode error amplifier and an accurate (1% at $T_J = 25\text{ °C}$) internal voltage reference. The loop stability is optimized by the voltage feed-forward function ($1/V^2$ correction), which in this IC uses a proprietary technique that considerably improves line transient response as well in case of mains both drops and surges ("bidirectional").

In addition to overvoltage protection able to control the output voltage during transient conditions, the IC also provides protection against feedback loop failures or erroneous settings. Other on-board protection functions allow brownout conditions and boost inductor saturation to be safely handled.

The totem-pole output stage, capable of 600 mA source and 800 mA sink current, is suitable for the high power MOSFET or IGBT drive. This, combined with the other features and the possibility to operate with ST's proprietary fixed-off-time control, makes the device an excellent solution for SMPS up to 400 W that require compliance with the EN61000-3-2 and JEITA-MITI standards.

2 Maximum ratings

2.1 Absolute maximum ratings

Table 1. Absolute maximum ratings

| Symbol | Pin | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|--------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------|------|
| V_{CC} | 10 | IC supply voltage ($I_{CC} \leq 20$ mA) | Self-limited | V |
| --- | 1, 3, 6 | Max. pin voltage ($I_{pin} \leq 1$ mA) | Self-limited | V |
| --- | 2, 4, 5 | Analog inputs and outputs | -0.3 to 8 | V |
| I_{ZCD} | 7 | Zero current detector max. current | -10 (source) 10 (sink) | mA |
| V_{FF} pin | 5 | Maximum withstanding voltage range test condition: CDF-AEC-Q100-002 "human body model" Acceptance criteria: "normal performance" | +/- 1750 | V |
| Other pins | 1 to 4 6 to 10 | | +/- 2000 | V |

2.2 Thermal data

Table 2. Thermal data

| Symbol | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|------------|--|------------|------|
| R_{thJA} | Max. thermal resistance, junction-to-ambient | 120 | °C/W |
| P_{tot} | Power dissipation at $T_A = 50$ °C | 0.75 | W |
| T_J | Junction temperature operating range | -40 to 150 | °C |
| T_{stg} | Storage temperature | -55 to 150 | °C |

3 Pin connection

Figure 2. Pin connection

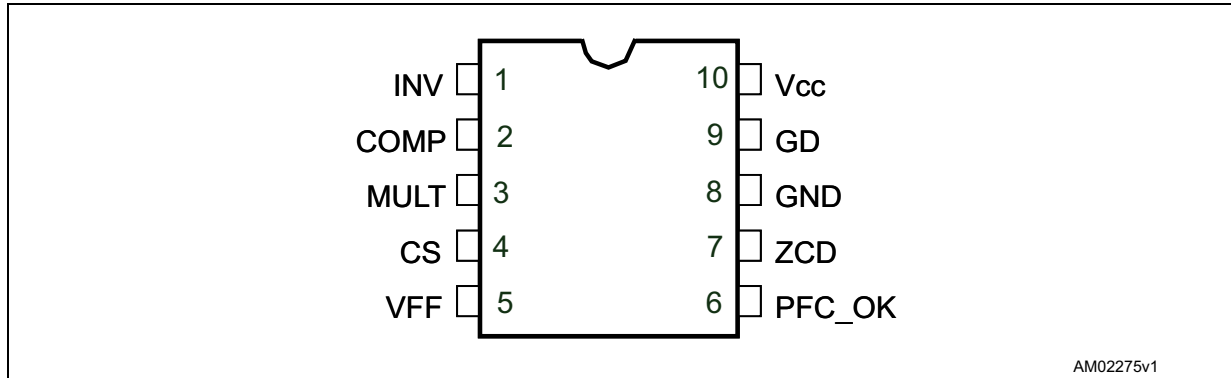


Table 3. Pin description

| N° | Name | Function |
|----|-----------------|--|
| 1 | INV | Inverting input of the error amplifier. The information on the output voltage of the PFC preregulator is fed into the pin through a resistor divider. The pin normally features high impedance. |
| 2 | COMP | Output of the error amplifier. A compensation network is placed between this pin and INV (pin 1) to achieve stability of the voltage control loop and ensure high power factor and low THD. To avoid uncontrolled rise of the output voltage at zero load, when the voltage on the pin falls below 2.4 V the gate driver output will be inhibited (burst-mode operation). |
| 3 | MULT | Main input to the multiplier. This pin is connected to the rectified mains voltage via a resistor divider and provides the sinusoidal reference to the current loop. The voltage on this pin is used also to derive the information on the RMS mains voltage. |
| 4 | CS | Input to the PWM comparator. The current flowing in the MOSFET is sensed through a resistor, the resulting voltage is applied to this pin and compared with an internal reference to determine MOSFET's turn-off. A second comparison level at 1.7 V detects abnormal currents (e.g. due to boost inductor saturation) and, on this occurrence, activates a safety procedure that temporarily stops the converter and limits the stress of the power components. |
| 5 | V _{FF} | Second input to the multiplier for $1/V^2$ function. A capacitor and a parallel resistor must be connected from the pin to GND. They complete the internal peak-holding circuit that derives the information on the RMS mains voltage. The voltage at this pin, a dc level equal to the peak voltage on pin MULT (3), compensates the control loop gain dependence on the mains voltage. Never connect the pin directly to GND but with a resistor ranging from 100 K Ω (minimum) to 2 M Ω (maximum). This pin is internally connected to a comparator in order to provide the brownout (AC mains undervoltage) protection. A voltage below 0.8 V shuts down (not latched) the IC and brings its consumption to a considerably lower level. The IC restarts as the voltage at the pin goes above 0.88 V. |

Table 3. Pin description (continued)

| N° | Name | Function |
|----|----------|---|
| 6 | PFC_OK | <p>PFC preregulator output voltage monitoring/disable function. This pin senses the output voltage of the PFC preregulator through a resistor divider and is used for protection purposes.</p> <p>If the voltage on the pin exceeds 2.5 V the IC stops switching and restarts as the voltage on the pin falls below 2.4 V. However, if at the same time the voltage of the INV pin falls below 1.66 V, a feedback failure is assumed. In this case the device is latched off. Normal operation can be resumed only by cycling V_{CC}, bringing its value lower than 6 V before to move up to Turn-on threshold.</p> <p>If the voltage on this pin is brought below 0.23 V the IC is shut down. To restart the IC the voltage on the pin must go above 0.27 V. This can be used as a remote on/off control input.</p> |
| 7 | ZCD | Boost inductor's demagnetization sensing input for transition mode operation. A negative-going edge triggers MOSFET's turn-on. |
| 8 | GND | Ground. Current return for both the signal part of the IC and the gate driver. |
| 9 | GD | Gate driver output. The totem pole output stage is able to drive the Power MOSFET's and IGBT's with a peak current of 600 mA source and 800 mA sink. The high-level voltage of this pin is clamped at about 12 V to avoid excessive gate voltages. |
| 10 | V_{CC} | Supply Voltage of both the signal part of the IC and the gate driver. Sometimes a small bypass capacitor (0.1 μ F typ.) to GND might be useful to get a clean bias voltage for the signal part of the IC. |

4 Electrical characteristics

$T_J = -25$ to 125 °C, $V_{CC} = 12$ V, $C_O = 1$ nF between the pin GD and GND, $C_{FF} = 1$ μ F and $R_{FF} = 1$ M Ω between the pin V_{FF} and GND; unless otherwise specified.

Table 4. Electrical characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Test condition | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------|------|-------|---------|
| Supply voltage | | | | | | |
| V_{CC} | Operating range | After turn-on | 10.3 | | 22.5 | V |
| V_{CCOn} | Turn-on threshold | (1) | 11 | 12 | 13 | V |
| V_{CCOff} | Turn-off threshold | (1) | 8.7 | 9.5 | 10.3 | V |
| $V_{CCrestart}$ | V_{CC} for resuming from latch | OVP latched | 5 | 6 | 7 | V |
| Hys | Hysteresis | | 2.3 | | 2.7 | V |
| V_Z | Zener voltage | $I_{CC} = 20$ mA | 22.5 | 25 | 28 | V |
| Supply current | | | | | | |
| $I_{start-up}$ | Start-up current | Before turn-on, $V_{CC} = 10$ V | | 90 | 150 | μ A |
| I_q | Quiescent current | After turn-on, $V_{MULT} = 1$ V | | 4 | 5 | mA |
| I_{CC} | Operating supply current | At 70 kHz | | 5 | 6.0 | mA |
| I_{qdis} | Idle state quiescent current | $V_{PFC_OK} > V_{PFC_OK_S}$ AND $V_{INV} < V_{FFD}$ | | 180 | 280 | μ A |
| | | $V_{PFC_OK} < V_{PFC_OK_D}$ | | 1.5 | 2.2 | mA |
| I_q | Quiescent current | $V_{PFC_OK} > V_{PFC_OK_S}$ OR $V_{COMP} < 2.3$ V | | 2.2 | 3 | mA |
| Multiplier input | | | | | | |
| I_{MULT} | Input bias current | $V_{MULT} = 0$ to 3 V | | -0.2 | -1 | μ A |
| V_{MULT} | Linear operation range | | 0 to 3 | | | V |
| V_{CLAMP} | Internal clamp level | $I_{MULT} = 1$ mA | 9 | 9.5 | | V |
| ΔV_{CS} ΔV_{MULT} | Output max. slope | $V_{MULT} = 0$ to 0.4 V, $V_{VFF} = 1$ V $V_{COMP} =$ upper clamp | 1.33 | 1.66 | | V/V |
| K_M | Gain ⁽²⁾ | $V_{MULT} = 1$ V, $V_{COMP} = 4$ V | 0.375 | 0.45 | 0.525 | 1/V |
| Error amplifier | | | | | | |
| V_{INV} | Voltage feedback input threshold | $T_J = 25$ °C | 2.475 | 2.5 | 2.525 | V |
| | | 10.3 V $< V_{CC} < 22.5$ V ⁽³⁾ | 2.455 | | 2.545 | |
| | Line regulation | $V_{CC} = 10.3$ V to 22.5 V | | 2 | 5 | mV |
| I_{INV} | Input bias current | $V_{INV} = 0$ to 4 V | | -0.2 | -1 | μ A |
| $V_{INVCLAMP}$ | Internal clamp level | $I_{INV} = 1$ mA | 8 | 9 | | V |
| Gv | Voltage gain | Open loop | 60 | 80 | | dB |
| GB | Gain-bandwidth product | | | 1 | | MHz |

Table 4. Electrical characteristics (continued)

| Symbol | Parameter | Test condition | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|---|--|-------|------|-------|------|
| I _{COMP} | Source current | V _{COMP} = 4 V, V _{INV} = 2.4 V | 2 | 4 | | mA |
| | Sink current | V _{COMP} = 4 V, V _{INV} = 2.6 V | 2.5 | 4.5 | | mA |
| V _{COMP} | Upper clamp voltage | I _{SOURCE} = 0.5 mA | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.7 | V |
| | Burst-mode voltage | (3) | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | |
| | Lower clamp voltage | I _{SINK} = 0.5 mA ⁽³⁾ | 2.1 | 2.25 | 2.4 | |
| Boost inductor saturation detector | | | | | | |
| V _{CS_th} | Threshold on current sense | (3) | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | V |
| I _{INV} | E/A input pull-up current | After V _{CS} > V _{CS_th} , before restarting | 5 | 10 | 13 | μA |
| Start-up timer | | | | | | |
| t _{START_DEL} | Start-up delay | First cycle after wakeup | 25 | 50 | 75 | μs |
| t _{START} | Timer period | | 75 | 150 | 300 | μs |
| | | Restart after V _{CS} > V _{CS_th} | 150 | 300 | 600 | |
| Current sense comparator | | | | | | |
| I _{CS} | Input bias current | V _{CS} = 0 | | | 1 | μA |
| t _{LEB} | Leading edge blanking | | 100 | 150 | 250 | ns |
| t _{d(H-L)} | Delay to output | | 100 | 200 | 300 | ns |
| V _{CSclamp} | Current sense reference clamp | V _{COMP} = upper clamp, V _{MULT} = 1 V, V _{VFF} = 1 V | 1.0 | 1.08 | 1.16 | V |
| V _{CSofst} | Current sense offset | V _{MULT} = 0, V _{VFF} = 3 V | | 40 | 70 | mV |
| | | V _{MULT} = 3 V, V _{VFF} = 3 V | | 20 | | |
| PFC_OK functions | | | | | | |
| I _{PFC_OK} | Input bias current | V _{PFC_OK} = 0 to 2.6 V | | -0.1 | -1 | μA |
| V _{PFC_OK_C} | Clamp voltage | I _{PFC_OK} = 1 mA | 9 | 9.5 | | V |
| V _{PFC_OK_S} | OVP threshold | (1) voltage rising | 2.435 | 2.5 | 2.565 | V |
| V _{PFC_OK_R} | Restart threshold after OVP | (1) voltage falling | 2.34 | 2.4 | 2.46 | V |
| V _{PFC_OK_D} | Disable threshold | (1) voltage falling | 0.12 | | 0.35 | V |
| V _{PFC_OK_D} | Disable threshold | (1) voltage falling T _J = 25 °C | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.29 | V |
| V _{PFC_OK_E} | Enable threshold | (1) voltage rising | 0.15 | | 0.38 | V |
| V _{PFC_OK_E} | Enable threshold | (1) voltage rising T _J = 25 °C | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.32 | V |
| V _{FFD} | Feedback failure detection threshold (V _{INV} falling) | V _{PFC_OK} = V _{PFC_OK_S} | 1.61 | 1.66 | 1.71 | V |

Table 4. Electrical characteristics (continued)

| Symbol | Parameter | Test condition | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|------------------------------|---|---|-------|------|-------|------|
| Voltage feed-forward | | | | | | |
| V _{VFF} | Linear operation range | | 1 | | 3 | V |
| ΔV | Dropout V _{MULTpk} -V _{VFF} | V _{CC} < V _{CCOn} | | | 800 | mV |
| | | V _{CC} > or = to V _{CCOn} | | | 20 | |
| ΔV _{VFF} | Line drop detection thresh. | Below peak value | 40 | 70 | 100 | mV |
| ΔV _{VFF} | Line drop detection thresh. | Below peak value T _J = 25 °C | 50 | 70 | 90 | mV |
| R _{DISCH} | Internal discharge resistor | T _J = 25 °C | 7.5 | 10 | 12.5 | kΩ |
| | | | 5 | | 20 | |
| V _{DIS} | Disable threshold | ⁽²⁾ voltage falling | 0.745 | 0.8 | 0.855 | V |
| V _{EN} | Enable threshold | ⁽²⁾ voltage rising | 0.845 | 0.88 | 0.915 | V |
| Zero current detector | | | | | | |
| V _{ZCDH} | Upper clamp voltage | I _{ZCD} = 2.5 mA | 5.0 | 5.7 | | V |
| V _{ZCDL} | Lower clamp voltage | I _{ZCD} = - 2.5 mA | -0.3 | 0 | 0.3 | V |
| V _{ZCDA} | Arming voltage (positive-going edge) | | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.9 | V |
| V _{ZCDT} | Triggering voltage (negative-going edge) | | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | V |
| I _{ZCDB} | Input bias current | V _{ZCD} = 1 to 4.5 V | | | 1 | μA |
| I _{ZCDsrc} | Source current capability | | -2.5 | -4 | | mA |
| I _{ZCDsnk} | Sink current capability | | 2.5 | 5 | | mA |
| Gate driver | | | | | | |
| V _{OL} | Output low voltage | I _{sink} = 100 mA | | 0.6 | 1.2 | V |
| V _{OH} | Output high voltage | I _{source} = 5 mA | 9.8 | 10.3 | | V |
| I _{srpk} | Peak source current | | -0.6 | | | A |
| I _{snkpk} | Peak sink current | | 0.8 | | | A |
| t _f | Voltage fall time | | | 30 | 60 | ns |
| t _r | Voltage rise time | | | 45 | 110 | ns |
| V _{Oclamp} | Output clamp voltage | I _{source} = 5 mA; V _{CC} = 20 V | 10 | 12 | 15 | V |
| | UVLO saturation | V _{CC} = 0 to V _{CCOn} , I _{sink} = 2 mA | | | 1.1 | V |

1. Parameters tracking each other

2. The multiplier output is given by: $V_{CS} = V_{CS_Ofst} + K_M \cdot \frac{V_{MULT} \cdot (V_{COMP} - 2.5)}{V_{VFF}^2}$

3. Parameters tracking each other

5 Typical electrical performance

Figure 3. IC consumption vs. V_{CC}

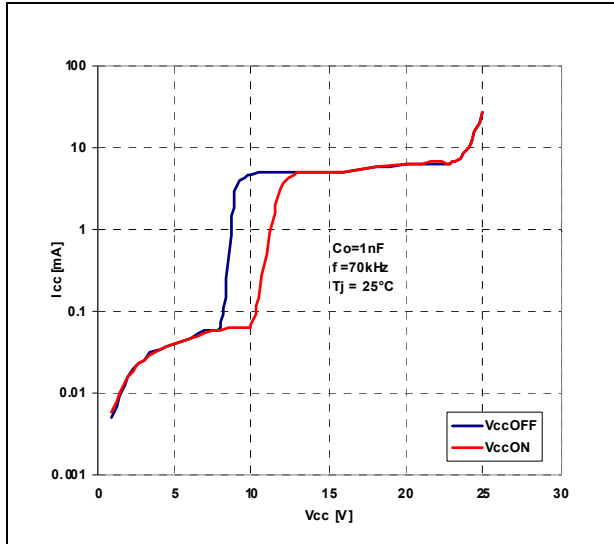


Figure 4. IC consumption vs. T_J

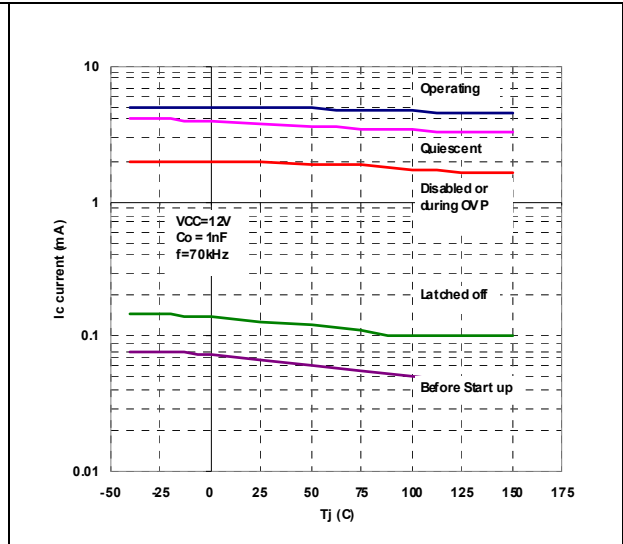


Figure 5. V_{CC} Zener voltage vs. T_J

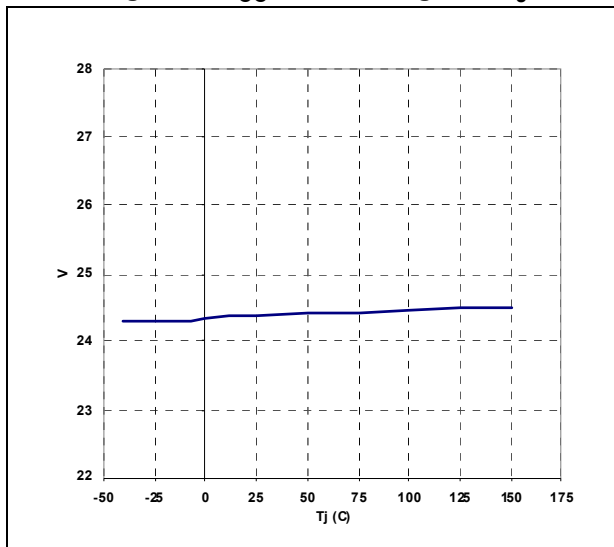


Figure 6. Startup and UVLO vs. T_J

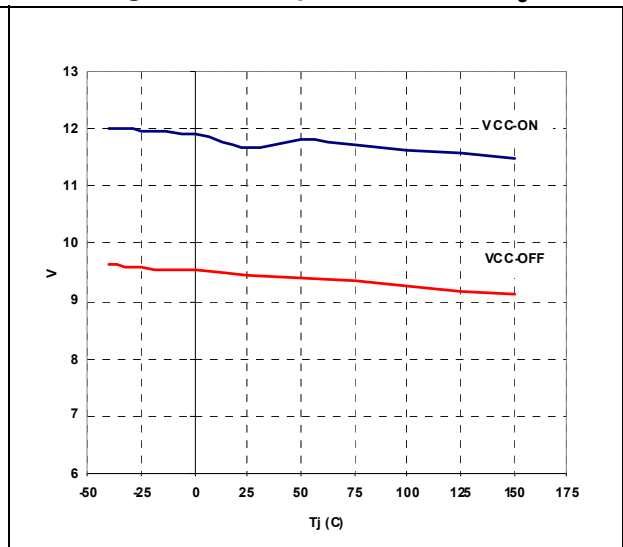


Figure 7. Feedback reference vs. T_J

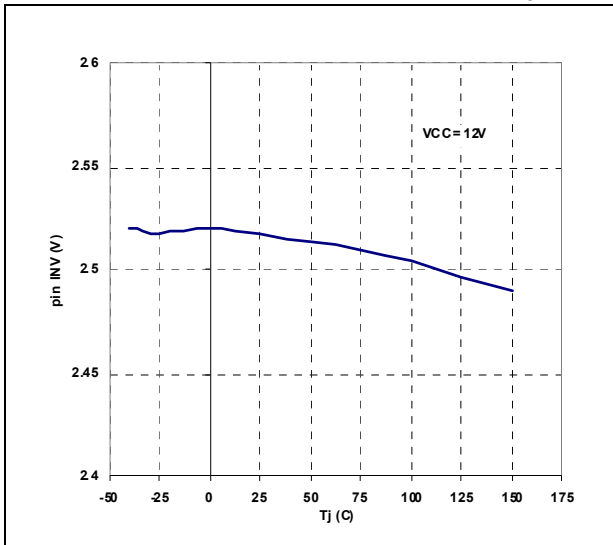


Figure 8. E/A output clamp levels vs. T_J

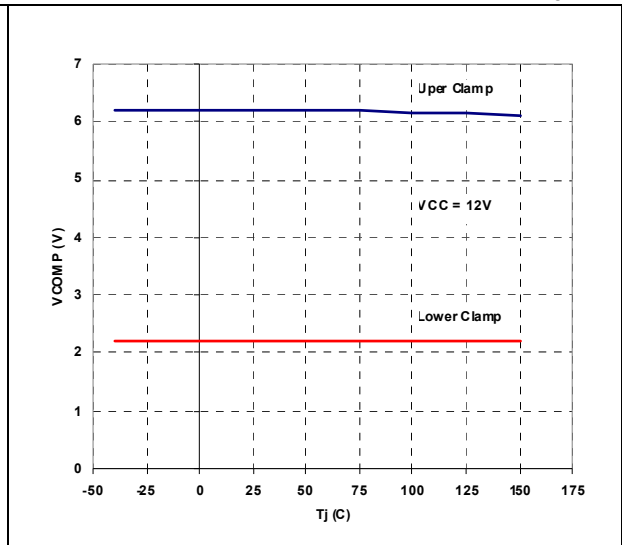


Figure 9. UVLO saturation vs. T_J

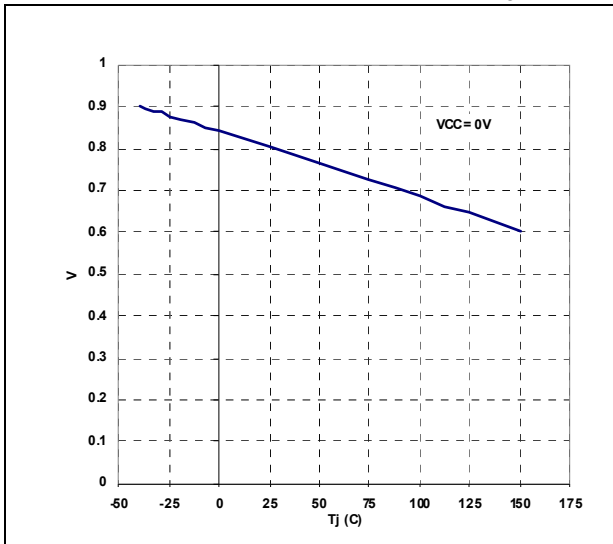


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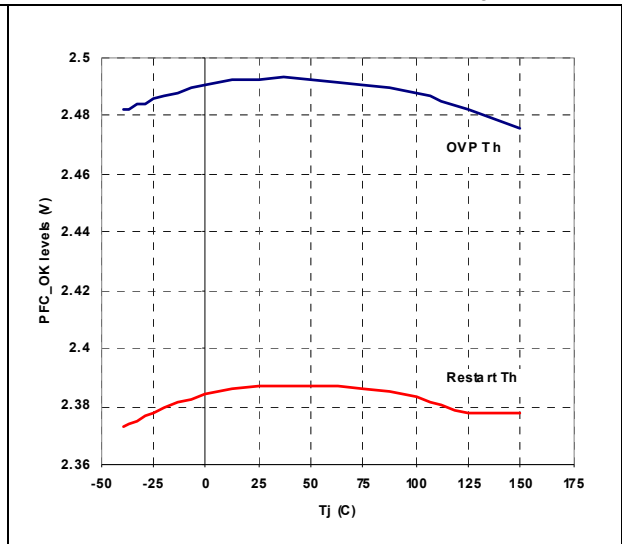


Figure 11. Inductor saturation threshold vs. T_J

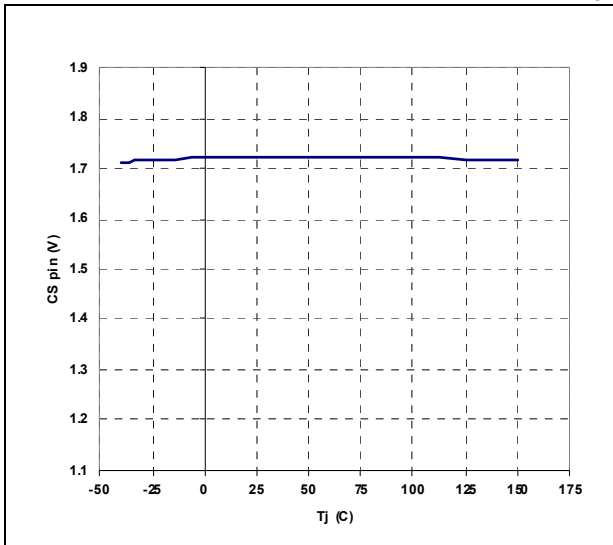


Figure 12. V_{CS} clamp vs. T_J

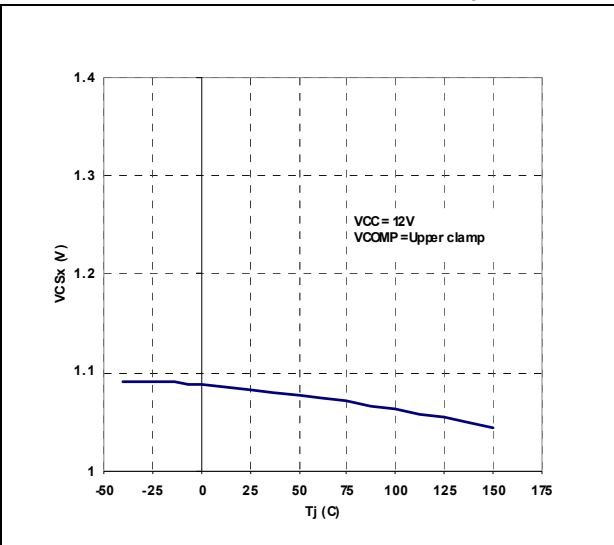


Figure 13. ZCD sink/source capability vs. T_J

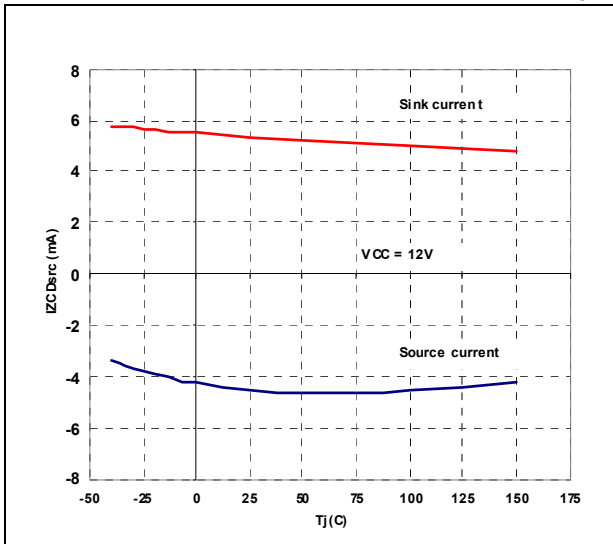


Figure 14. ZCD clamp level vs. T_J

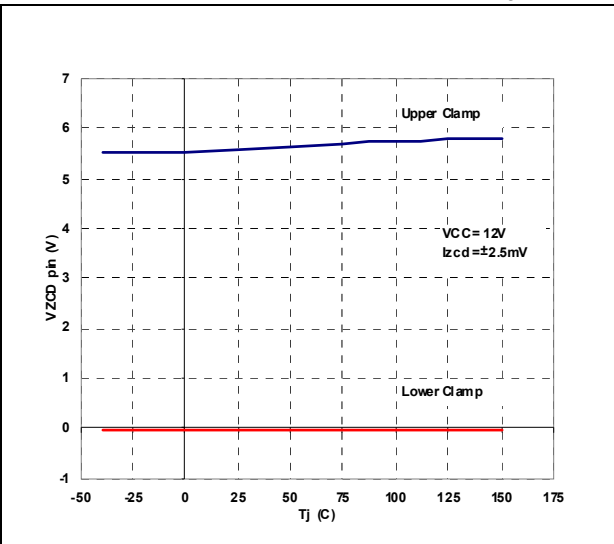


Figure 15. R discharge vs. T_J

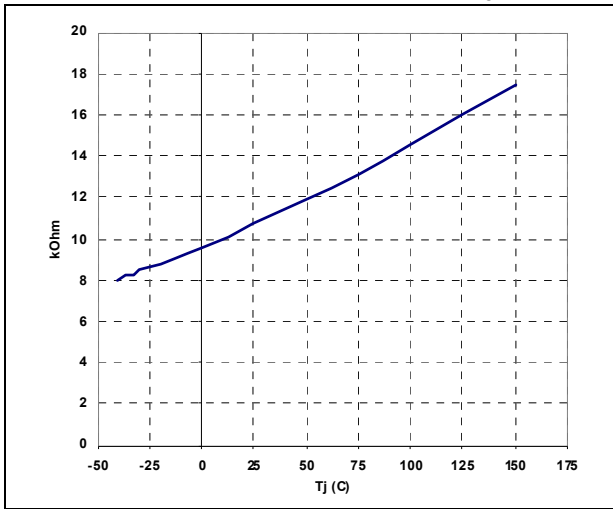


Figure 16. Line drop detection threshold vs. T_J

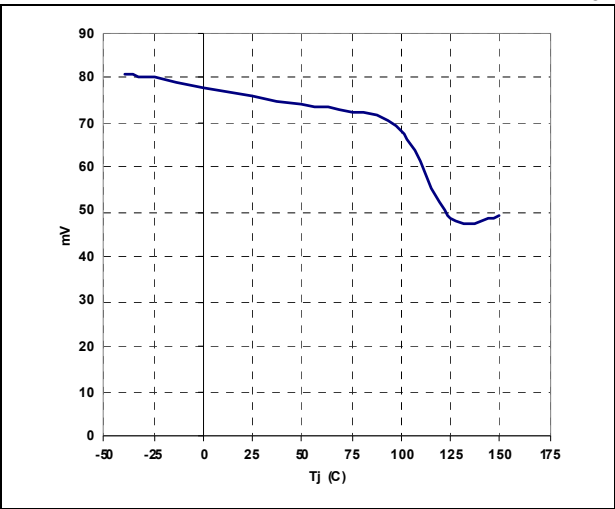


Figure 17. $V_{MULTpk} - V_{VFF}$ dropout vs. T_J

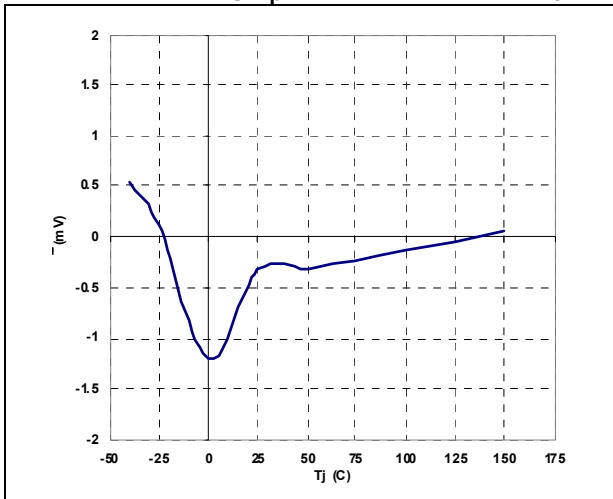


Figure 18. PFC_OK threshold vs. T_J

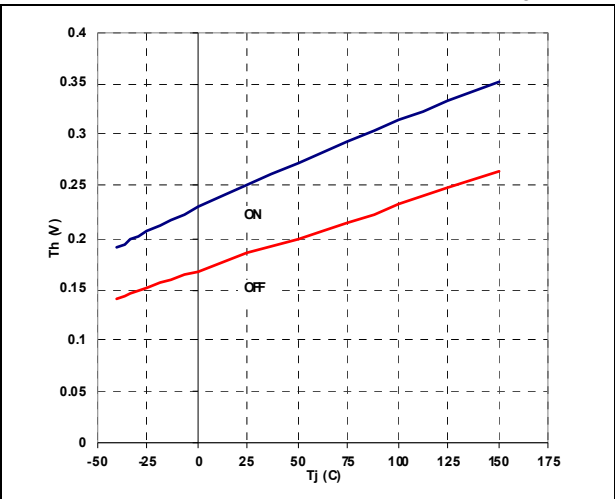


Figure 19. PFC_OK FFD threshold vs. T_J

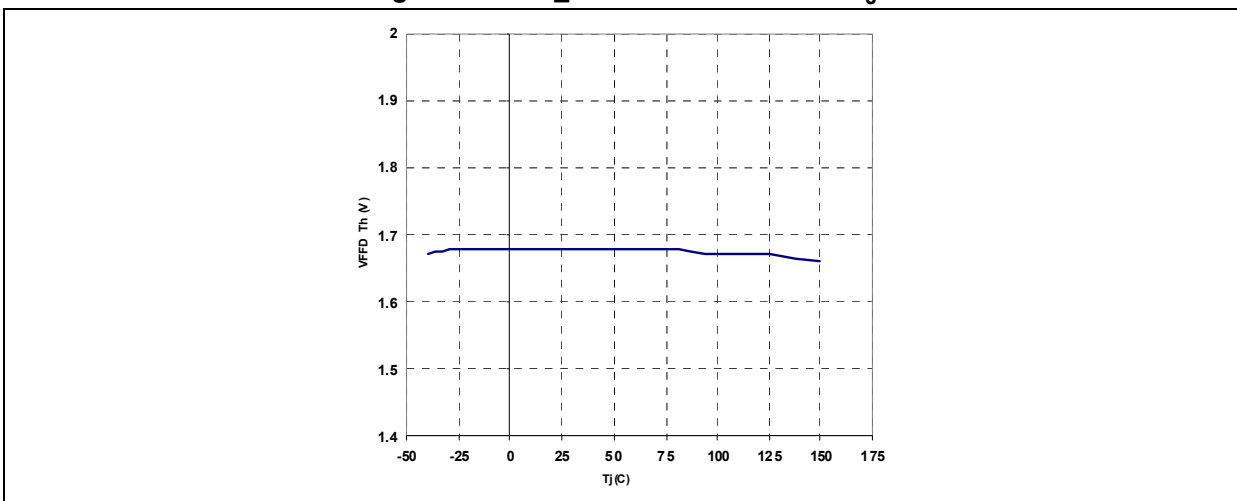


Figure 20. Multiplier characteristics at $V_{FF} = 1\text{ V}$ Figure 21. Multiplier characteristics at $V_{FF} = 3\text{ V}$

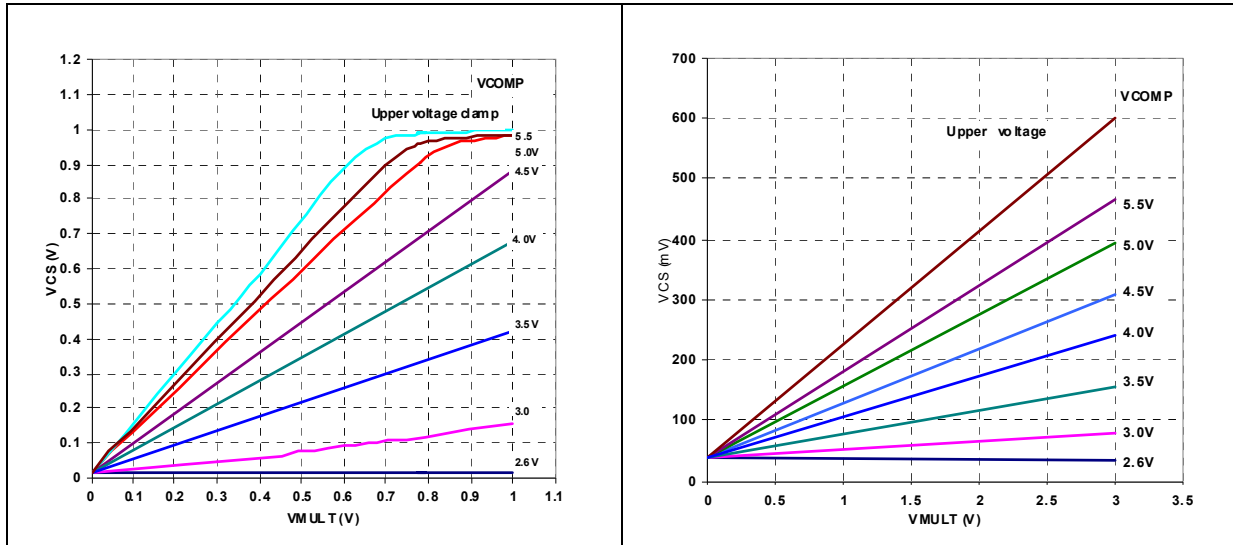


Figure 22. Multiplier gain vs. T_J

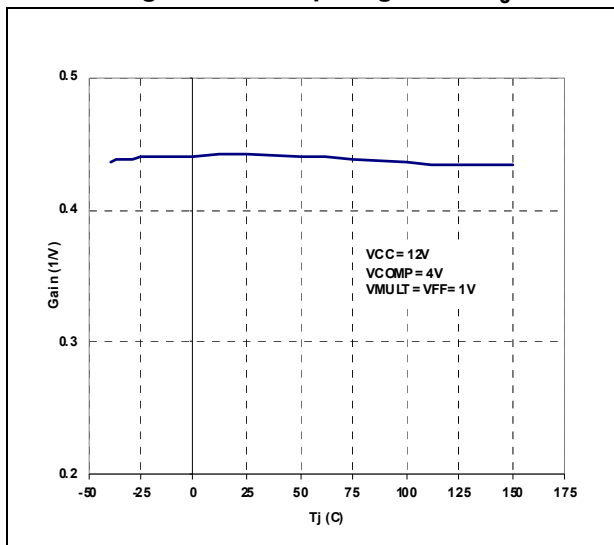


Figure 23. Gate drive clamp vs. T_J

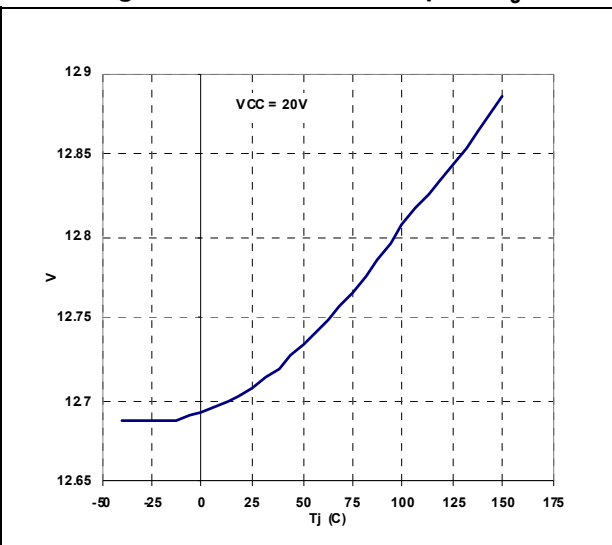


Figure 24. Gate drive output saturation vs. T_J

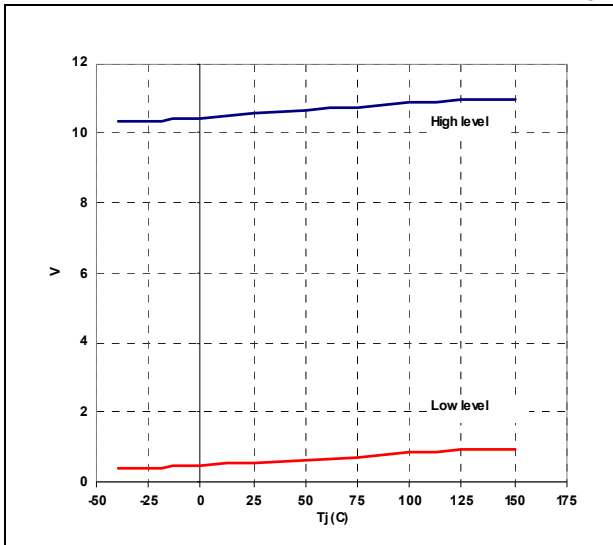


Figure 25. Delay to output vs. T_J

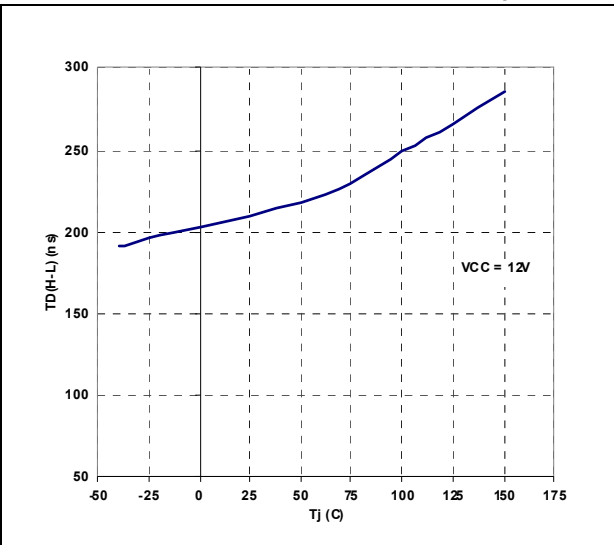
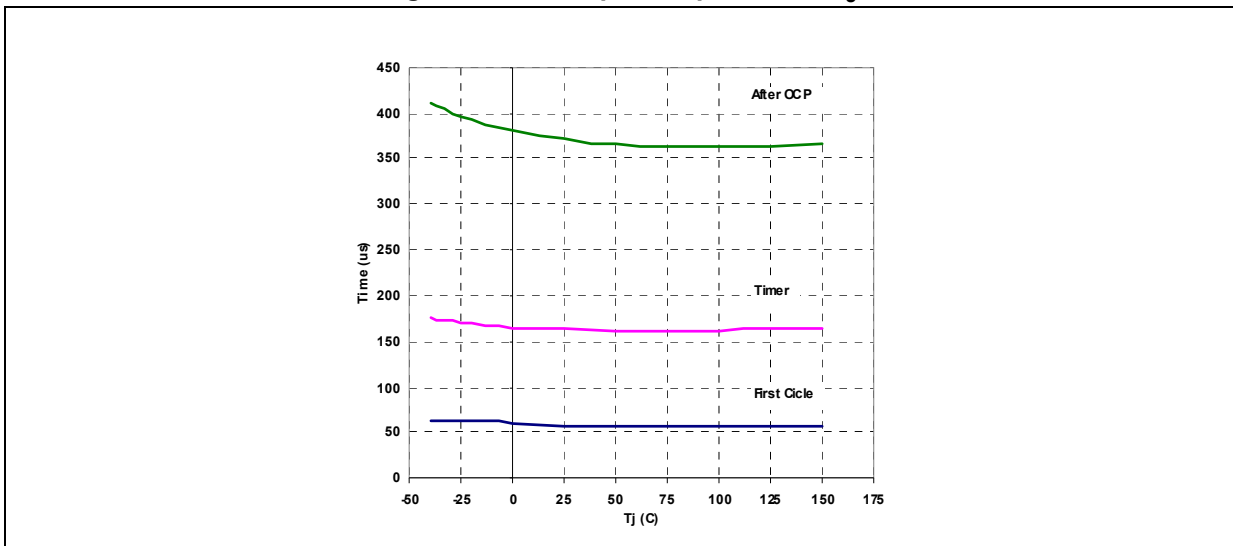


Figure 26. Start-up timer period vs. T_J



6 Application information

6.1 Overvoltage protection

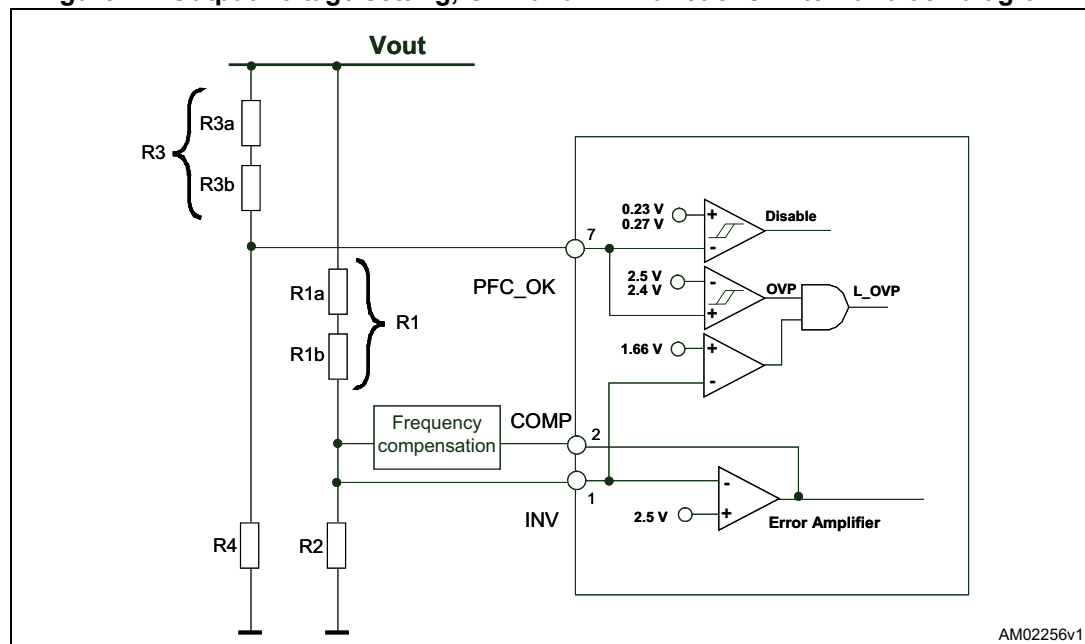
Normally, the voltage control loop keeps the output voltage V_O of the PFC preregulator close to its nominal value, set by the ratio of the resistors R1 and R2 of the output divider. A pin of the device (PFC_OK) has been dedicated to monitor the output voltage with a separate resistor divider (R3 high, R4 low, see [Figure 27](#)). This divider is selected so that the voltage at the pin reaches 2.5 V if the output voltage exceeds a preset value, usually larger than the maximum V_O that can be expected.

Example:

$V_O = 400\text{ V}$, $V_{OX} = 434\text{ V}$. Select: $R3 = 8.8\text{ M}\Omega$; then: $R4 = 8.8\text{ M}\Omega \cdot 2.5 / (434 - 2.5) = 51\text{ k}\Omega$.

When this function is triggered, the gate drive activity is immediately stopped until the voltage on the pin PFC_OK drops below 2.4 V. Notice that the R1, R2, R3 and R4 can be selected without any constraints. The unique criterion is that both dividers have to sink a current from the output bus which needs to be significantly higher than the bias current of both the INV and PFC_OK pins.

Figure 27. Output voltage setting, OVP and FFP functions: internal block diagram



6.2 Feedback failure protection (FFP)

The OVP function described above handles “normal” overvoltage conditions, i.e. those resulting from an abrupt load/line change or occurring at startup. In case the overvoltage is generated by a feedback disconnection, for instance when the upper resistor of the output divider (R1) fails open, the comparator detects the voltage at the INV pin. If the voltage is lower than 1.66 V and the OVP is active, the FFP is triggered, the gate drive activity is immediately stopped, the device is shut down, its quiescent consumption is reduced below 180 μ A and the condition is latched as long as the supply voltage of the IC is above the UVLO threshold. To restart the system it is necessary to recycle the input power, so that the V_{CC} voltage of the L6564 device goes below 6 V.

The PFC_OK pin doubles its function as a not-latched IC disable: a voltage below 0.23 V will shut down the IC, reducing its consumption below 2 mA. To restart the IC simply let the voltage at the pin go above 0.27 V.

Note that these functions offer complete protection against not only feedback loop failures or erroneous settings, but also against a failure of the protection itself. Either the resistor of the PFC_OK divider failing short or open or a PFC_OK pin floating will result in shutting down the IC and stopping the preregulator.

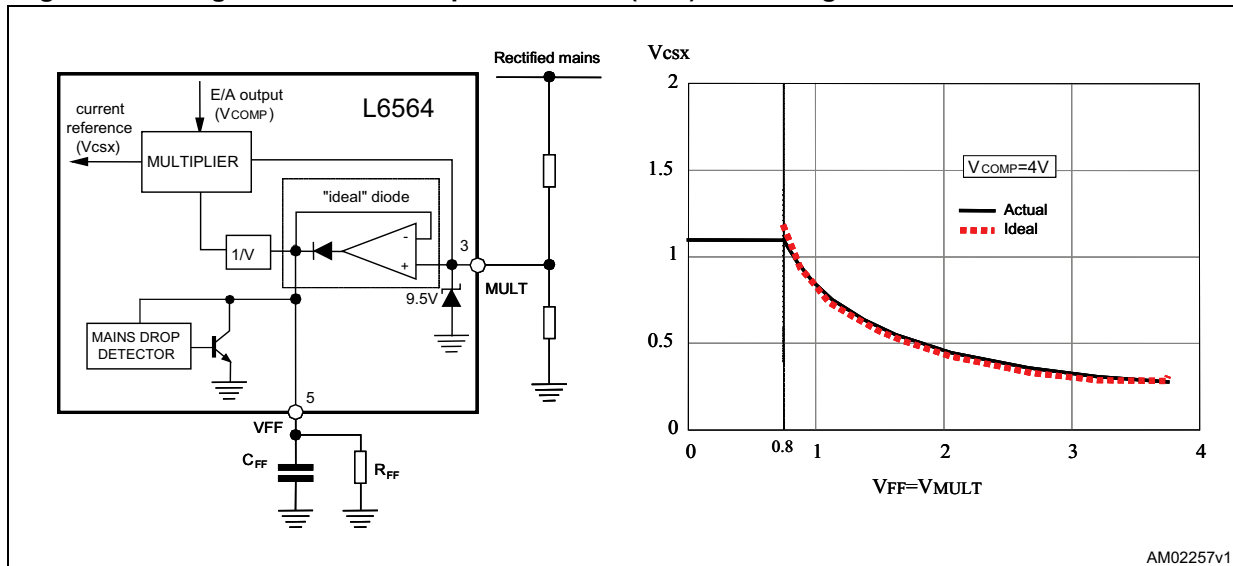
6.3 Voltage feed-forward

The power stage gain of PFC preregulators varies with the square of the RMS input voltage. So does the crossover frequency f_c of the overall open-loop gain because the gain has a single pole characteristic. This leads to large trade-off in the design.

For example, setting the gain of the error amplifier to get $f_c = 20$ Hz at 264 Vac means having f_c 4 Hz at 88 Vac, resulting in a sluggish control dynamics. Additionally, the slow control loop causes large transient current flow during rapid line or load changes that are limited by the dynamics of the multiplier output. This limit is considered when selecting the sense resistor to let the full load power pass under minimum line voltage conditions, with some margin. But a fixed current limit allows excessive power input at high line, whereas a fixed power limit requires the current limit to vary inversely with the line voltage.

Voltage feed-forward can compensate for the gain variation with the line voltage and allow minimizing all of the above-mentioned issues. It consists of deriving a voltage proportional to the input RMS voltage, feeding this voltage into a squarer/divider circuit ($1/V^2$ corrector) and providing the resulting signal to the multiplier that generates the current reference for the inner current control loop (see [Figure 28](#)).

Figure 28. Voltage feed-forward: squarer-divider ($1/V^2$) block diagram and transfer characteristic



In this way a change of the line voltage will cause an inversely proportional change of the half sine amplitude at the output of the multiplier (if the line voltage doubles the amplitude of the multiplier output will be halved and vice versa) so that the current reference is adapted to the new operating conditions with (ideally) no need for invoking the slow dynamics of the error amplifier. Additionally, the loop gain will be constant throughout the input voltage range, which improves significantly dynamic behavior at low line and simplifies loop design.

Actually, deriving a voltage proportional to the RMS line voltage implies a form of integration, which has its own time constant. If it is too small the voltage generated will be affected by a considerable amount of ripple at twice the mains frequency that will cause distortion of the current reference (resulting in high THD and poor PF); if it is too large there will be a considerable delay in setting the right amount of feed-forward, resulting in excessive overshoot and undershoot of the preregulator's output voltage in response to large line voltage changes. Clearly a trade-off was required.

The L6564 device realizes a NEW voltage feed forward that, with a technique that makes use of just two external parts, strongly minimizes this time constant trade-off issue whichever voltage change occurs on the mains, both surges and drops. A capacitor C_{FF} and a resistor R_{FF} , both connected from the pin V_{FF} (#5) to ground, complete an internal peak-holding circuit that provides a DC voltage equal to the peak of the rectified sine wave applied on pin MULT (#3). In this way, in case of sudden line voltage rise, C_{FF} will be rapidly charged through the low impedance of the internal diode; in case of line voltage drop, an internal "mains drop" detector enables a low impedance switch which suddenly discharges C_{FF} avoiding long settling time before reaching the new voltage level. The discharge of C_{FF} is stopped as its voltage equals the voltage on the pin MULT or if the voltage on the pin V_{FF} falls below 0.88 V, to prevent the "Brownout protection" function from being improperly activated (see [Section 6.6: Power management/housekeeping functions on page 25](#)).

As a result of the V_{FF} pin functionality, an acceptably low steady-state ripple and low current distortion can be achieved with a limited undershoot or overshoot on the preregulator's output.

The twice-mains-frequency ($2 \cdot f_L$) ripple appearing across C_{FF} is triangular with a peak-to-peak amplitude that, with good approximation, is given by:

Equation 1

$$\Delta V_{FF} = \frac{2V_{MULTpk}}{1 + 4f_L R_{FF} C_{FF}}$$

where f_L is the line frequency. The amount of 3rd harmonic distortion introduced by this ripple, related to the amplitude of its $2 \cdot f_L$ component, will be:

Equation 2

$$D_3 \% = \frac{100}{2\pi f_L R_{FF} C_{FF}}$$

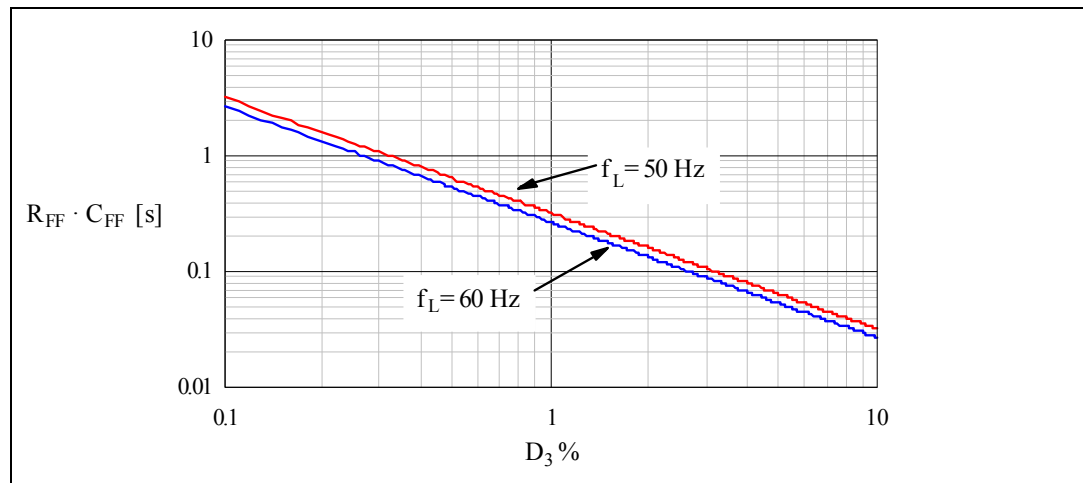
Figure 29 shows a diagram that helps choose the time constant $R_{FF} \cdot C_{FF}$ based on the amount of maximum desired 3rd harmonic distortion. Note that there is a minimum value for the time constant $R_{FF} \cdot C_{FF}$ below which improper activation of the V_{FF} fast discharge may occur. In fact, the twice-mains-frequency ripple across C_{FF} under steady state conditions must be lower than the minimum line drop detection threshold ($\Delta V_{FF_min} = 40$ mV). Therefore:

Equation 3

$$R_{FF} \cdot C_{FF} > \frac{2 \frac{V_{MULTpk_max}}{\Delta V_{VFF_min}} - 1}{4 f_{L_min}}$$

Always connect RFF and CFF to the pin, the IC will not work properly if the pin is either left floating or connected directly to ground.

Figure 29. $R_{FF} \cdot C_{FF}$ as a function of 3rd harmonic distortion introduced in the input current



6.4 THD optimizer circuit

The L6564 device is provided with a special circuit that reduces the conduction dead-angle occurring to the AC input current near the zero-crossings of the line voltage (crossover distortion). In this way the THD (total harmonic distortion) of the current is considerably reduced.

A major cause of this distortion is the inability of the system to transfer energy effectively when the instantaneous line voltage is very low. This effect is magnified by the high-frequency filter capacitor placed after the bridge rectifier, which retains some residual voltage that causes the diodes of the bridge rectifier to be reverse-biased and the input current flow to temporarily stop.

To overcome this issue the device forces the PFC preregulator to process more energy near the line voltage zero-crossings as compared to that commanded by the control loop. This will result in both minimizing the time interval where energy transfer is lacking and fully discharging the high-frequency filter capacitor after the bridge.

Figure 30 shows the internal block diagram of the THD optimizer circuit.

Figure 30. THD optimizer circuit

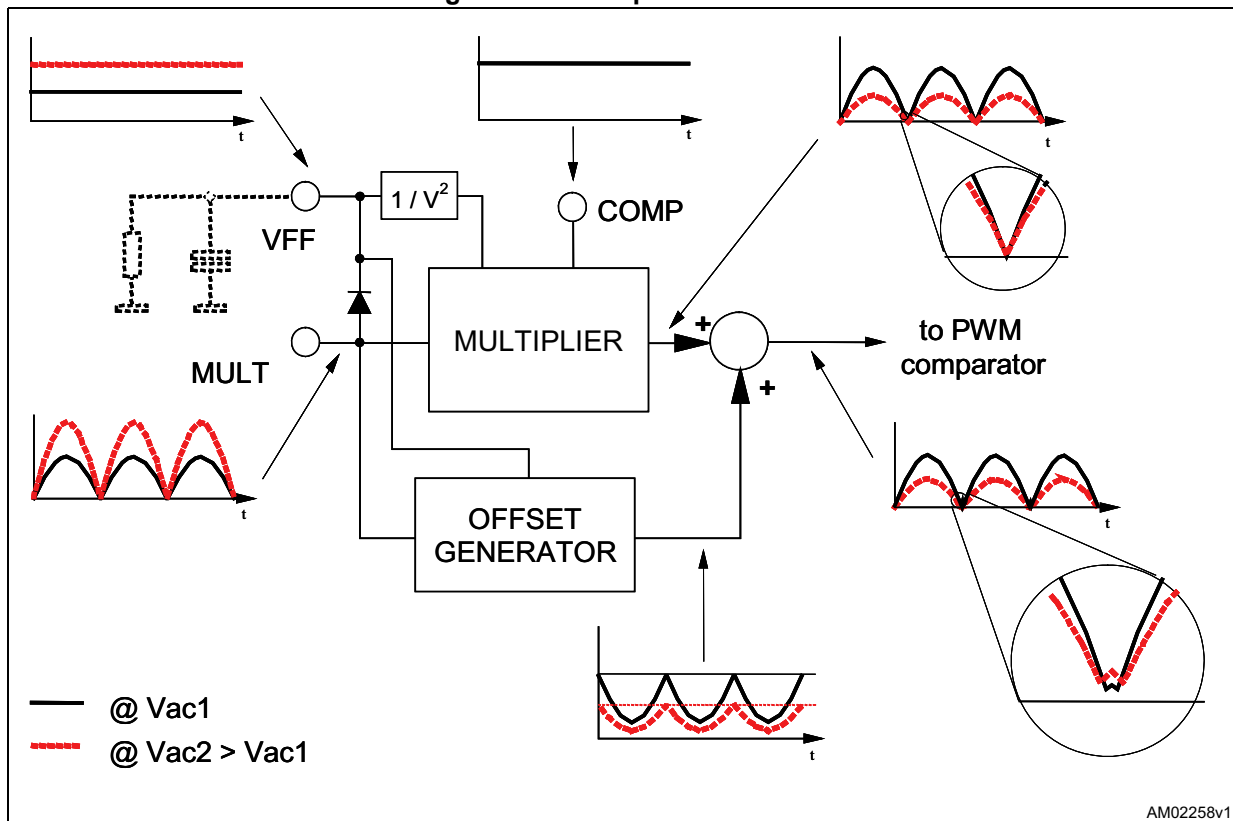
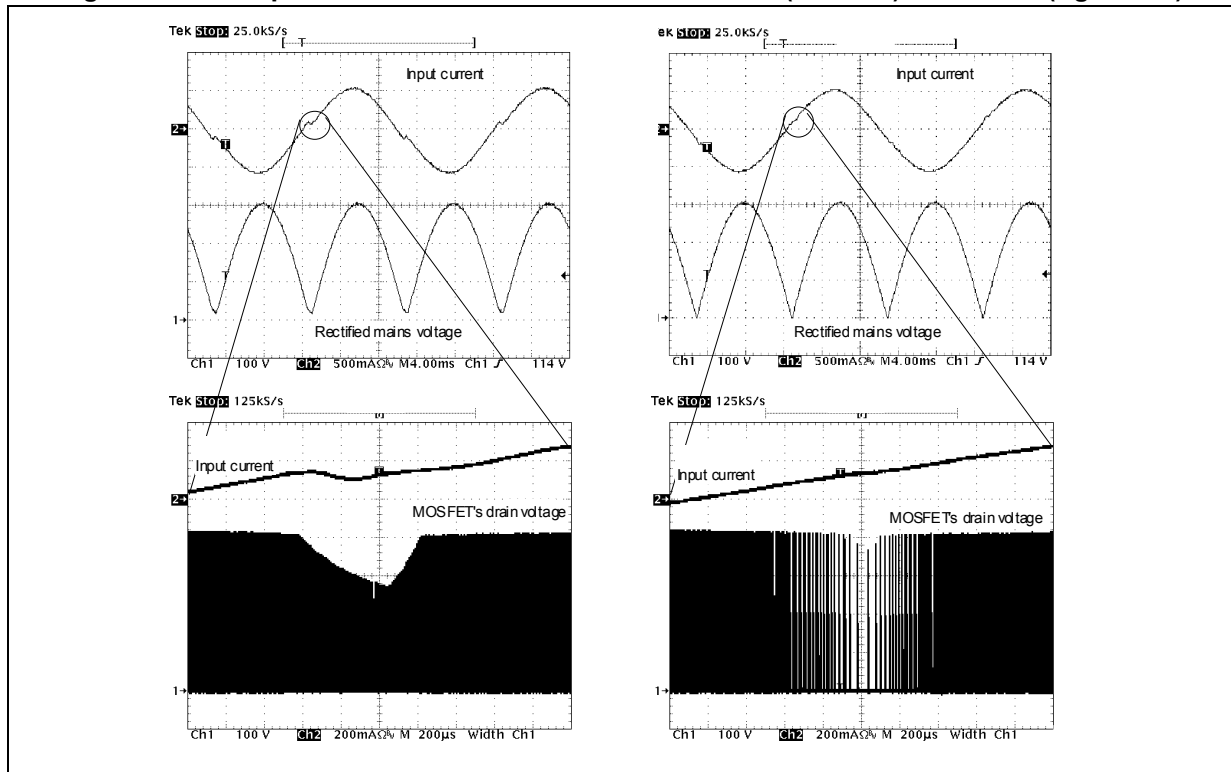


Figure 31. THD optimization: standard TM PFC controller (left side) and L6564 (right side)



Essentially, the circuit artificially increases the ON-time of the power switch with a positive offset added to the output of the multiplier in the proximity of the line voltage zero-crossings. This offset is reduced as the instantaneous line voltage increases, so that it becomes negligible as the line voltage moves toward the top of the sinusoid. Furthermore the offset is modulated by the voltage on the V_{FF} pin (see [Section 6.3: Voltage feed-forward](#)) so as to have little offset at low line, where energy transfer at zero crossings is typically quite good, and a larger offset at high line where the energy transfer gets worse.

The effect of the circuit is shown in [Figure 31](#), where the key waveforms of a standard TM PFC controller are compared to those of this chip.

To take maximum benefit from the THD optimizer circuit, the high-frequency filter capacitor after the bridge rectifier should be minimized, compatibly with EMI filtering needs. A large capacitance, in fact, introduces a conduction dead-angle of the AC input current in itself - even with an ideal energy transfer by the PFC preregulator - thus reducing the effectiveness of the optimizer circuit.

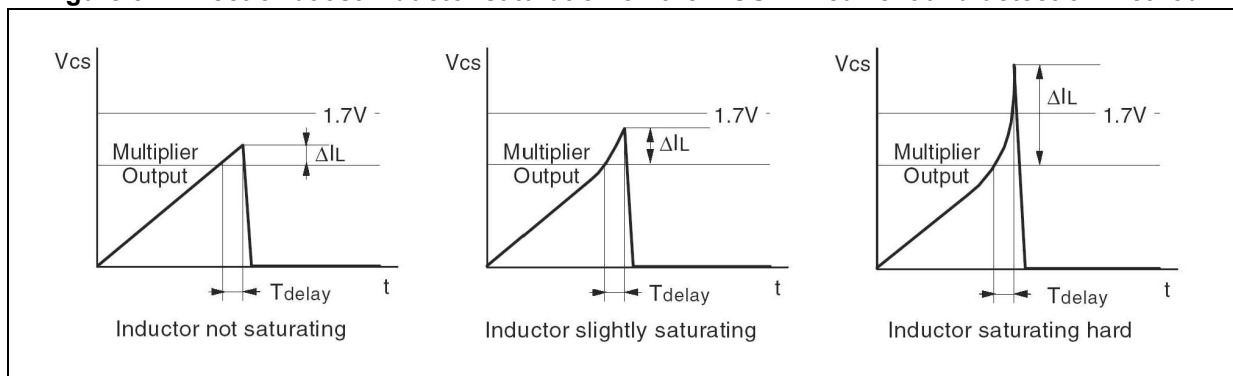
6.5 Inductor saturation detection

Boost inductor's hard saturation may be a fatal event for a PFC preregulator: the current up-slope becomes so large (50 - 100 times steeper, see [Figure 32](#)) that during the current sense propagation delay the current may reach abnormally high values. The voltage drop caused by this abnormal current on the sense resistor reduces the gate-to-source voltage, so that the MOSFET may work in the active region and dissipate a huge amount of power, which leads to a catastrophic failure after few switching cycles.

However, in some applications such as ac-dc adapters, where the PFC preregulator is turned off at light load for energy saving reasons, even a well-designed boost inductor may occasionally slightly saturate when the PFC stage is restarted because of a larger load demand. This happens when the restart occurs at an unfavorable line voltage phase, i.e. when the output voltage is significantly below the rectified peak voltage. As a result, in the boost inductor the inrush current coming from the bridge rectifier adds up to the switched current and, furthermore, there is little or no voltage available for demagnetization.

To cope with a saturated inductor, the L6564 device is provided with a second comparator on the current sense pin (CS, pin 4) that stops the IC if the voltage, normally limited within 1.1 V, exceeds 1.7 V. After that, the IC will be attempted to restart by the internal starter circuitry; the starter repetition time is twice the nominal value to guarantee lower stress for the inductor and boost diode. Hence, the system safety will be considerably increased.

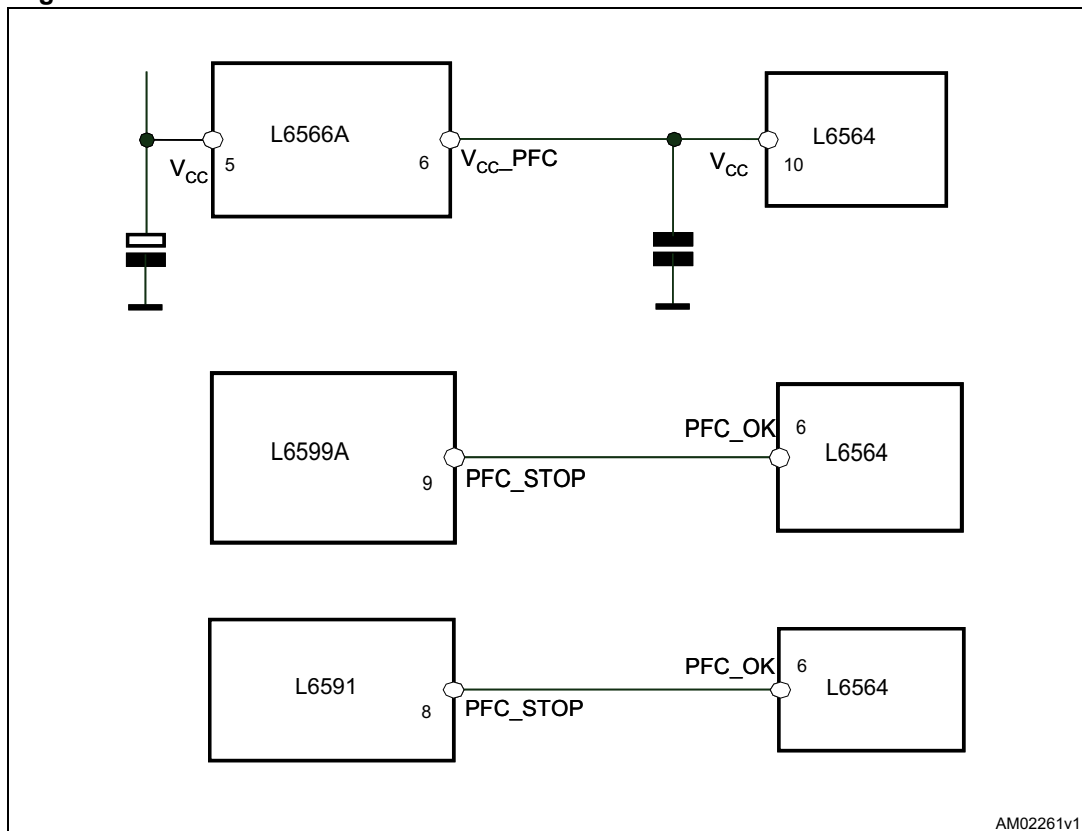
Figure 32. Effect of boost inductor saturation on the MOSFET current and detection method



6.6 Power management/housekeeping functions

A communication line with the control IC of the cascaded dc-dc converter can be established via the disable function included in the PFC_OK pin (see [Section 6.2: Feedback failure protection \(FFP\) on page 19](#) for more details). Typically this line is used to allow the PWM controller of the cascaded dc-dc converter to shut down the L6564 device in case of light load and to minimize the no-load input consumption. Should the residual consumption of the chip be an issue, it is also possible to cut down the supply voltage. Interface circuits like those are shown in [Figure 32](#). Needless to say, this operation assumes that the cascaded dc-dc converter stage works as the master and the PFC stage as the slave or, in other words, that the dc-dc stage starts first, it powers both controllers and enables/disables the operation of the PFC stage.

Figure 33. Interface circuits that let dc-dc converter's controller IC disable the L6564



Another function available is the brownout protection which is basically a not-latched shutdown function that is activated when a condition of mains under voltage is detected. This condition may cause overheating of the primary power section due to an excess of RMS current. Brownout can also cause the PFC preregulator to work open loop and this could be dangerous to the PFC stage itself and the downstream converter, should the input voltage return abruptly to its rated value. Another problem is the spurious restarts that may occur during converter power down and that cause the output voltage of the converter not to decay to zero monotonically. For these reasons it is usually preferable to shutdown the unit in case of brownout. Brownout threshold is internally fixed at 0.8 V and is sensed on pin V_{FF} (5) during the voltage falling and 80 mV threshold hysteresis prevents from rebounding at input voltage turn off. In [Table 5](#) it is possible to find a summary of all of the above mentioned working conditions that cause the device to stop operating.