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## FEATURES

- **Wide Input Voltage Range: 2.9V to 40V**
- **Positive or Negative Output Voltage Programming with a Single Feedback Pin**
- Current Mode Control Provides Excellent Transient Response
- Programmable Operating Frequency (100kHz to 1MHz) with One External Resistor
- Synchronizable to an External Clock
- Low Shutdown Current < 1 $\mu$ A
- Internal 7.2V Low Dropout Voltage Regulator
- Programmable Input Undervoltage Lockout with Hysteresis
- Programmable Soft-Start
- Small 10-Lead DFN (3mm  $\times$  3mm) and Thermally Enhanced 10-Pin MSOP Packages

## APPLICATIONS

- Automotive and Industrial Boost, Flyback, SEPIC and Inverting Converters
- Telecom Power Supplies
- Portable Electronic Equipment

## DESCRIPTION

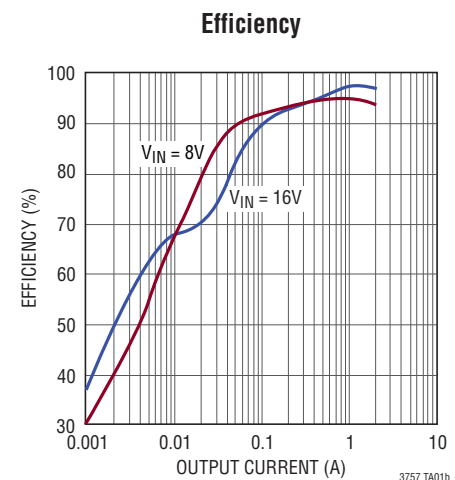
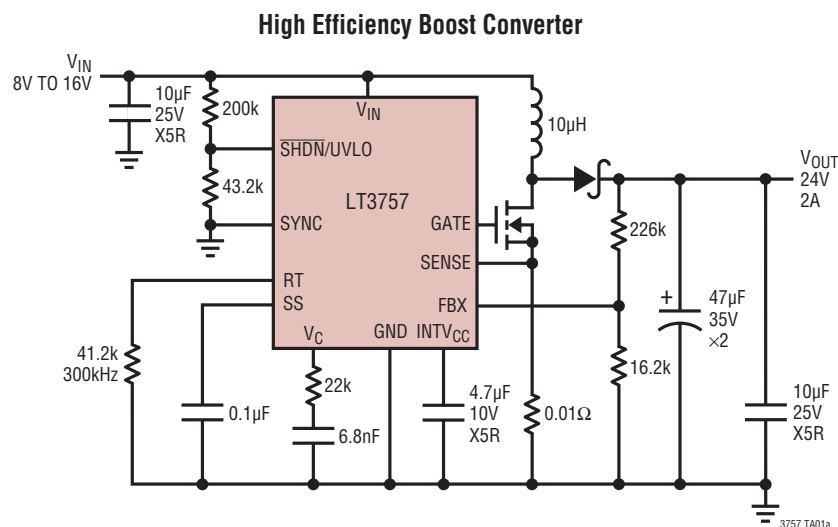
The LT<sup>®</sup>3757/LT3757A are wide input range, current mode, DC/DC controllers which are capable of generating either positive or negative output voltages. They can be configured as either a boost, flyback, SEPIC or inverting converter. The LT3757/LT3757A drive a low side external N-channel power MOSFET from an internal regulated 7.2V supply. The fixed frequency, current-mode architecture results in stable operation over a wide range of supply and output voltages.

The operating frequency of LT3757/LT3757A can be set with an external resistor over a 100kHz to 1MHz range, and can be synchronized to an external clock using the SYNC pin. A low minimum operating supply voltage of 2.9V, and a low shutdown quiescent current of less than 1 $\mu$ A, make the LT3757/LT3757A ideally suited for battery-operated systems.

The LT3757/LT3757A feature soft-start and frequency foldback functions to limit inductor current during start-up and output short-circuit. The LT3757A has improved load transient performance compared to the LT3757.

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION



# LT3757/LT3757A

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

$V_{IN}$ , $\overline{SHDN}/UVLO$ (Note 6)	40V
$INTV_{CC}$	$V_{IN} + 0.3V$ , 20V
GATE	$INTV_{CC} + 0.3V$
SYNC	8V
$V_C$ , SS	3V
RT	1.5V
SENSE	$\pm 0.3V$
FBX	-6V to 6V

Operating Temperature Range (Notes 2, 8)	
LT3757E/LT3757AE	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757I/LT3757AI	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757H/LT3757AH	-40°C to 150°C
LT3757MP/LT3757AMP	-55°C to 150°C
Storage Temperature Range	
DFN	-65°C to 125°C
MSOP	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	
MSOP	300°C

## PIN CONFIGURATION



## ORDER INFORMATION

LEAD FREE FINISH	TAPE AND REEL	PART MARKING*	PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	TEMPERATURE RANGE
LT3757EDD#PBF	LT3757EDD#TRPBF	LDYW	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic DFN	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757IDD#PBF	LT3757IDD#TRPBF	LDYW	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic DFN	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757EMSE#PBF	LT3757EMSE#TRPBF	LTDYX	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757IMSE#PBF	LT3757IMSE#TRPBF	LTDYX	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757HMSE#PBF	LT3757HMSE#TRPBF	LTDYX	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-40°C to 150°C
LT3757MPMSE#PBF	LT3757MPMSE#TRPBF	LTDYX	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-55°C to 150°C
LT3757AEDD#PBF	LT3757AEDD#TRPBF	LGGR	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic DFN	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757AIDD#PBF	LT3757AIDD#TRPBF	LGGR	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic DFN	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757AEMSE#PBF	LT3757AEMSE#TRPBF	LTGGM	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757AIMSE#PBF	LT3757AIMSE#TRPBF	LTGGM	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-40°C to 125°C
LT3757AHMSE#PBF	LT3757AHMSE#TRPBF	LTGGM	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-40°C to 150°C
LT3757AMPMSE#PBF	LT3757AMPMSE#TRPBF	LTGGM	10-Lead (3mm × 3mm) Plastic MSOP	-55°C to 150°C

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PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$V_{IN}$ Operating Range			2.9		40	V
$V_{IN}$ Shutdown $I_Q$	$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 0\text{V}$ $\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 1.15\text{V}$			0.1 6	1 6	$\mu\text{A}$ $\mu\text{A}$
$V_{IN}$ Operating $I_Q$	$V_C = 0.3\text{V}$ , $R_T = 41.2\text{k}$			1.6	2.2	mA
$V_{IN}$ Operating $I_Q$ with Internal LDO Disabled	$V_C = 0.3\text{V}$ , $R_T = 41.2\text{k}$ , $\text{INTV}_{CC} = 7.5\text{V}$			280	400	$\mu\text{A}$
SENSE Current Limit Threshold		●	100	110	120	mV
SENSE Input Bias Current	Current Out of Pin			-65		$\mu\text{A}$
<b>Error Amplifier</b>						
FBX Regulation Voltage ( $V_{\text{FBX(REG)}}$ )	$V_{\text{FBX}} > 0\text{V}$ (Note 3) $V_{\text{FBX}} < 0\text{V}$ (Note 3)	● ●	1.569 -0.816	1.6 -0.80	1.631 -0.784	V V
FBX Overvoltage Lockout	$V_{\text{FBX}} > 0\text{V}$ (Note 4) $V_{\text{FBX}} < 0\text{V}$ (Note 4)		6 7	8 11	10 14	% %
FBX Pin Input Current	$V_{\text{FBX}} = 1.6\text{V}$ (Note 3) $V_{\text{FBX}} = -0.8\text{V}$ (Note 3)		-10	70	100 10	nA nA
Transconductance $g_m$ ( $\Delta I_{V_C}/\Delta V_{\text{FBX}}$ )	(Note 3)			230		$\mu\text{S}$
$V_C$ Output Impedance	(Note 3)			5		M $\Omega$
$V_{\text{FBX}}$ Line Regulation [ $\Delta V_{\text{FBX}}/(\Delta V_{IN} \cdot V_{\text{FBX(REG)}}$ )]	$V_{\text{FBX}} > 0\text{V}$ , $2.9\text{V} < V_{IN} < 40\text{V}$ (Notes 3, 7) $V_{\text{FBX}} < 0\text{V}$ , $2.9\text{V} < V_{IN} < 40\text{V}$ (Notes 3, 7)			0.002 0.0025	0.056 0.05	%/V %/V
$V_C$ Current Mode Gain ( $\Delta V_{V_C}/\Delta V_{\text{SENSE}}$ )				5.5		V/V
$V_C$ Source Current	$V_{\text{FBX}} = 0\text{V}$ , $V_C = 1.5\text{V}$			-15		$\mu\text{A}$
$V_C$ Sink Current	$V_{\text{FBX}} = 1.7\text{V}$ $V_{\text{FBX}} = -0.85\text{V}$			12 11		$\mu\text{A}$ $\mu\text{A}$
<b>Oscillator</b>						
Switching Frequency	$R_T = 41.2\text{k}$ to GND, $V_{\text{FBX}} = 1.6\text{V}$ $R_T = 140\text{k}$ to GND, $V_{\text{FBX}} = 1.6\text{V}$ $R_T = 10.5\text{k}$ to GND, $V_{\text{FBX}} = 1.6\text{V}$		270	300 100 1000	330	kHz kHz kHz
RT Voltage	$V_{\text{FBX}} = 1.6\text{V}$			1.2		V
Minimum Off-Time				220		ns
Minimum On-Time				220		ns
SYNC Input Low					0.4	V
SYNC Input High			1.5			V
SS Pull-Up Current	SS = 0V, Current Out of Pin			-10		$\mu\text{A}$
<b>Low Dropout Regulator</b>						
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Regulation Voltage		●	7	7.2	7.4	V
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Undervoltage Lockout Threshold	Falling $\text{INTV}_{CC}$ UVLO Hysteresis		2.6	2.7 0.1	2.8	V V
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Overvoltage Lockout Threshold			16	17.5		V
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Current Limit	$V_{IN} = 40\text{V}$ $V_{IN} = 15\text{V}$		30	40 95	55	mA mA
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Load Regulation ( $\Delta V_{\text{INTVCC}}/V_{\text{INTVCC}}$ )	$0 < I_{\text{INTVCC}} < 20\text{mA}$ , $V_{IN} = 8\text{V}$		-0.9	-0.5		%
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Line Regulation $\Delta V_{\text{INTVCC}}/(V_{\text{INTVCC}} \cdot \Delta V_{IN})$	$8\text{V} < V_{IN} < 40\text{V}$			0.008	0.03	%/V
Dropout Voltage ( $V_{IN} - V_{\text{INTVCC}}$ )	$V_{IN} = 6\text{V}$ , $I_{\text{INTVCC}} = 20\text{mA}$			400		mV
$\text{INTV}_{CC}$ Current in Shutdown	$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 0\text{V}$ , $\text{INTV}_{CC} = 8\text{V}$			16		$\mu\text{A}$

# LT3757/LT3757A

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .  $V_{IN} = 24\text{V}$ ,  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 24\text{V}$ ,  $\text{SENSE} = 0\text{V}$ , unless otherwise noted.

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
INTV <sub>CC</sub> Voltage to Bypass Internal LDO				7.5	V
<b>Logic Inputs</b>					
$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO}$ Threshold Voltage Falling	$V_{IN} = \text{INTV}_{CC} = 8\text{V}$	● 1.17	1.22	1.27	V
$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO}$ Input Low Voltage	$I(V_{IN})$ Drops Below $1\mu\text{A}$			0.4	V
$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO}$ Pin Bias Current Low	$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 1.15\text{V}$	1.7	2	2.5	$\mu\text{A}$
$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO}$ Pin Bias Current High	$\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 1.30\text{V}$		10	100	nA
<b>Gate Driver</b>					
$t_r$ Gate Driver Output Rise Time	$C_L = 3300\text{pF}$ (Note 5), $\text{INTV}_{CC} = 7.5\text{V}$		22		ns
$t_f$ Gate Driver Output Fall Time	$C_L = 3300\text{pF}$ (Note 5), $\text{INTV}_{CC} = 7.5\text{V}$		20		ns
Gate $V_{OL}$				0.05	V
Gate $V_{OH}$		$\text{INTV}_{CC} - 0.05$			V

**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The LT3757E/LT3757AE are guaranteed to meet performance specifications from the  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  junction temperature. Specifications over the  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  operating junction temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls. The LT3757I/LT3757AI are guaranteed over the full  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  operating junction temperature range. The LT3757H/LT3757AH are guaranteed over the full  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $150^\circ\text{C}$  operating junction temperature range. High junction temperatures degrade operating lifetimes. Operating lifetime is derated at junction temperatures greater than  $125^\circ\text{C}$ . The LT3757MP/LT3757AMP are 100% tested and guaranteed over the full  $-55^\circ\text{C}$  to  $150^\circ\text{C}$  operating junction temperature range.

**Note 3:** The LT3757/LT3757A are tested in a feedback loop which servos  $V_{FBX}$  to the reference voltages ( $1.6\text{V}$  and  $-0.8\text{V}$ ) with the  $V_C$  pin forced to  $1.3\text{V}$ .

**Note 4:** FBX overvoltage lockout is measured at  $V_{FBX(\text{OVERVOLTAGE})}$  relative to regulated  $V_{FBX(\text{REG})}$ .

**Note 5:** Rise and fall times are measured at 10% and 90% levels.

**Note 6:** For  $V_{IN}$  below  $6\text{V}$ , the  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO}$  pin must not exceed  $V_{IN}$ .

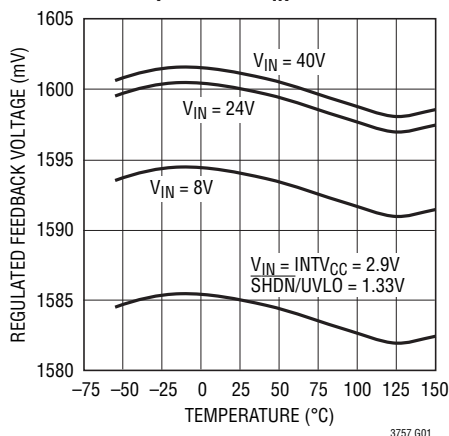
**Note 7:**  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}/\text{UVLO} = 1.33\text{V}$  when  $V_{IN} = 2.9\text{V}$ .

**Note 8:** The LT3757/LT3757A include overtemperature protection that is intended to protect the device during momentary overload conditions. Junction temperature will exceed the maximum operating junction temperature when overtemperature protection is active. Continuous operation above the specified maximum operating junction temperature may impair device reliability.

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

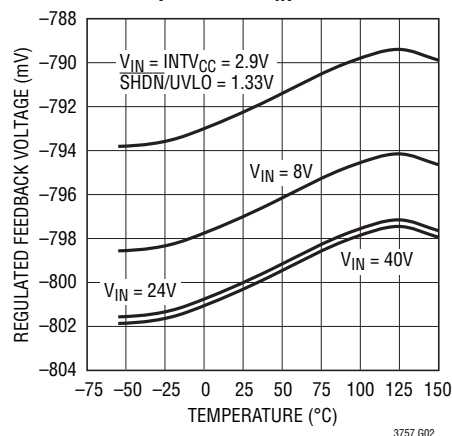
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**Positive Feedback Voltage vs Temperature,  $V_{IN}$**



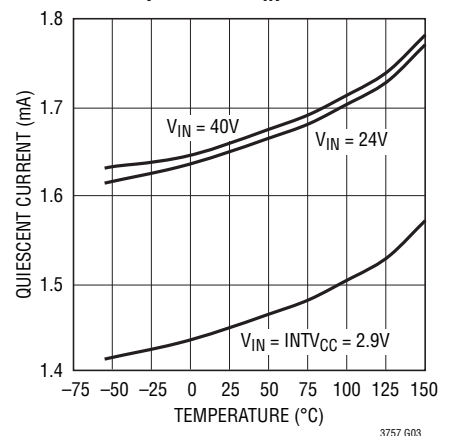
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**Negative Feedback Voltage vs Temperature,  $V_{IN}$**



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**Quiescent Current vs Temperature,  $V_{IN}$**

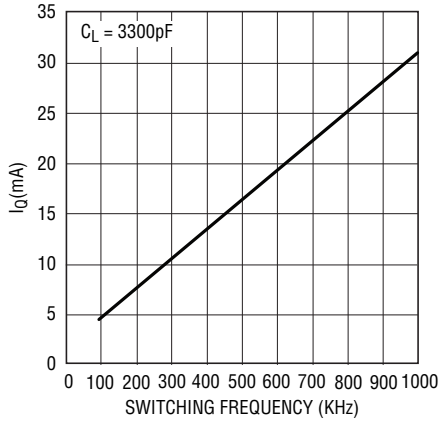


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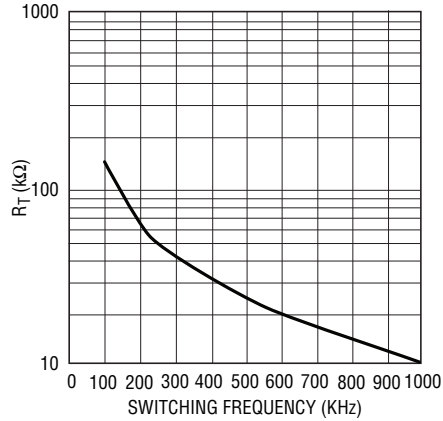
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**Dynamic Quiescent Current vs Switching Frequency**



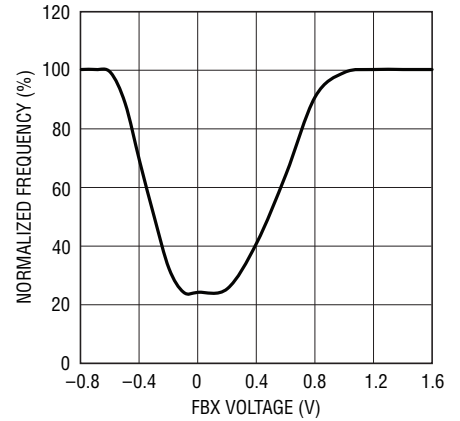
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**$R_T$  vs Switching Frequency**



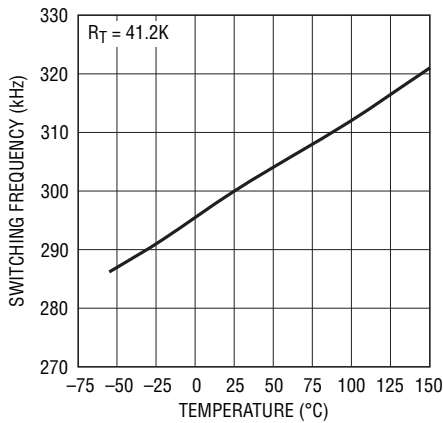
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**Normalized Switching Frequency vs FBX**



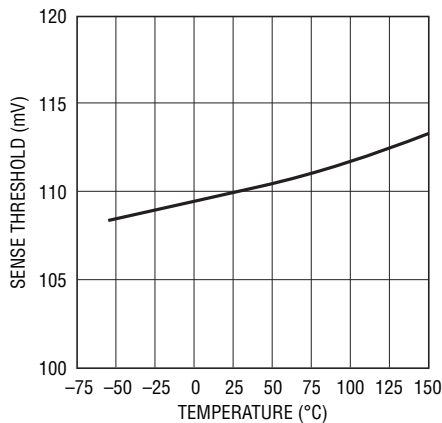
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**Switching Frequency vs Temperature**



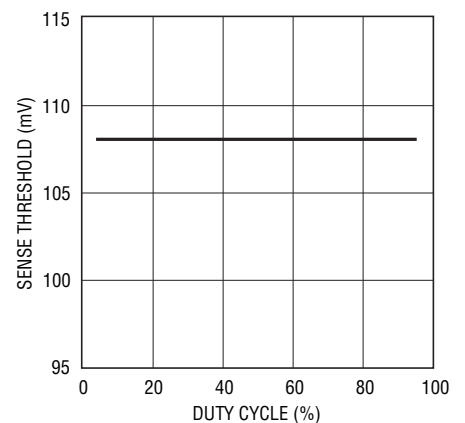
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**SENSE Current Limit Threshold vs Temperature**



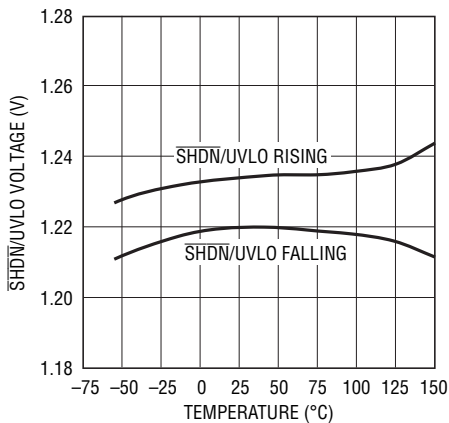
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**SENSE Current Limit Threshold vs Duty Cycle**



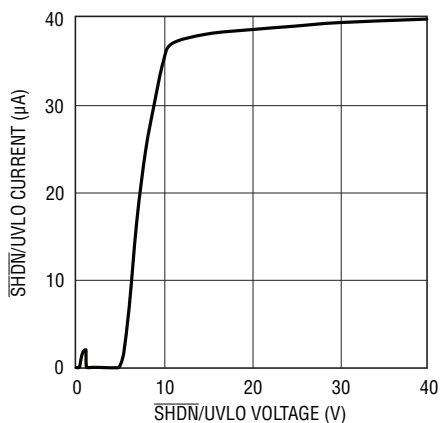
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**SHDN/UVLO Threshold vs Temperature**



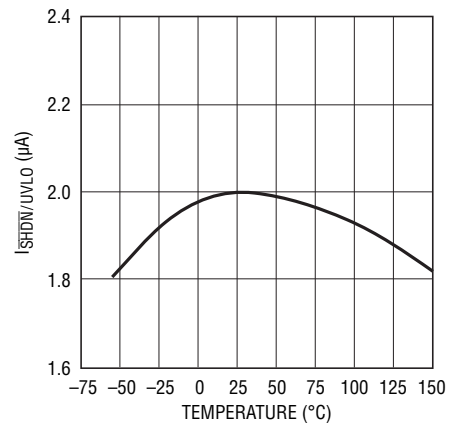
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**SHDN/UVLO Current vs Voltage**



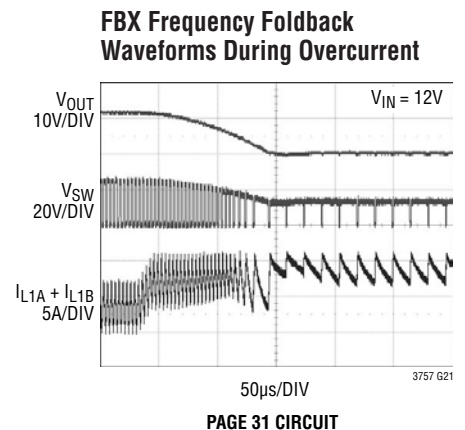
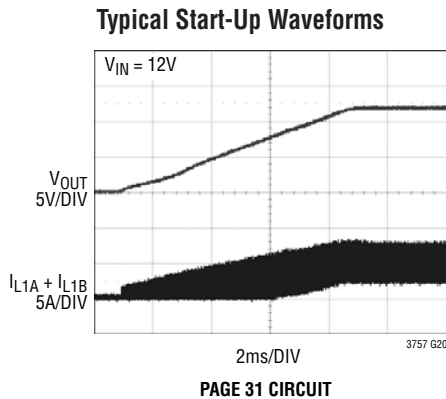
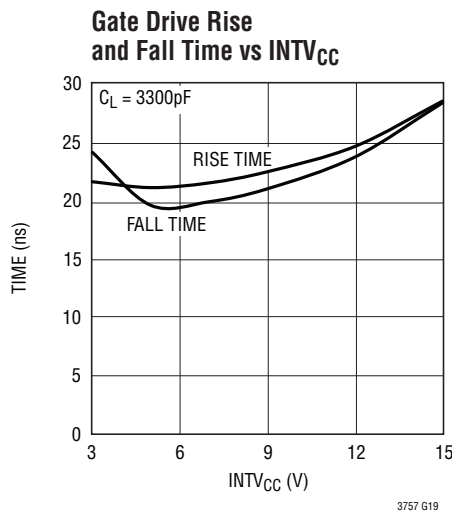
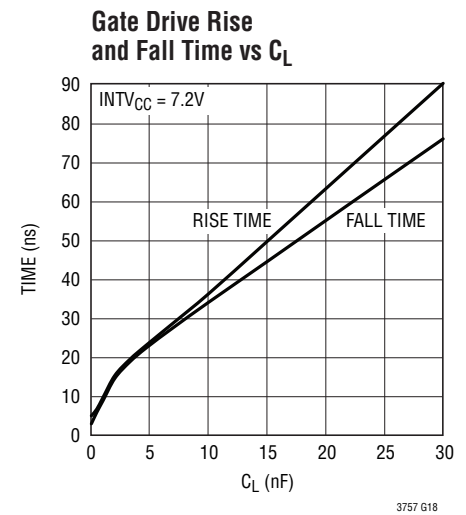
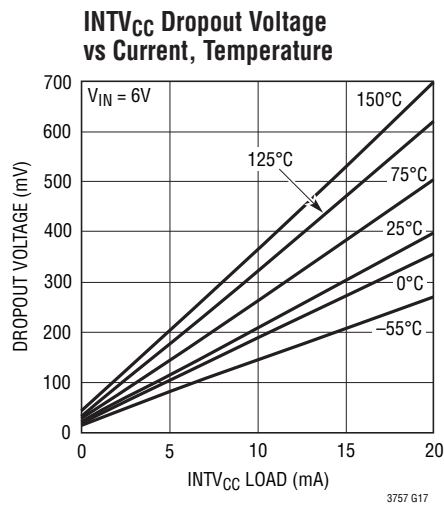
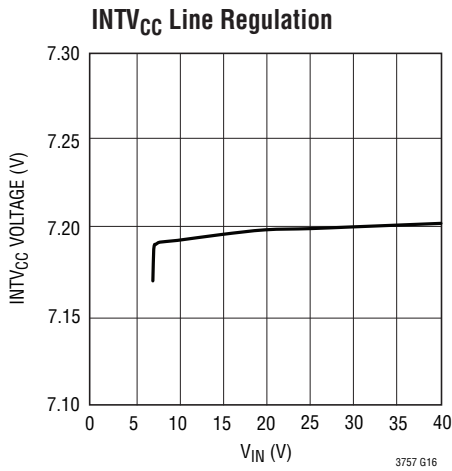
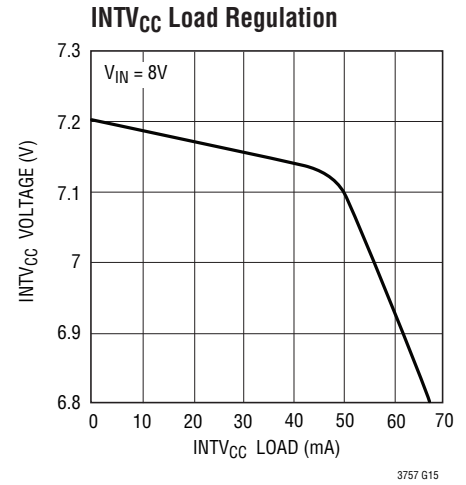
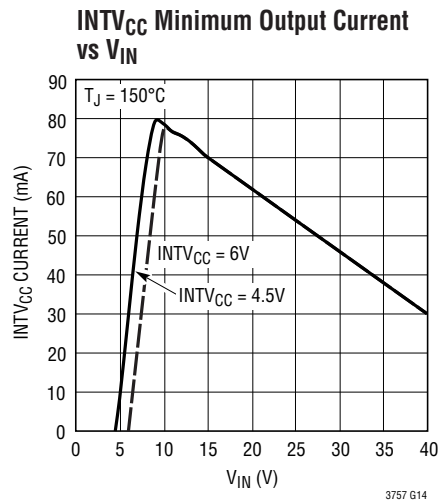
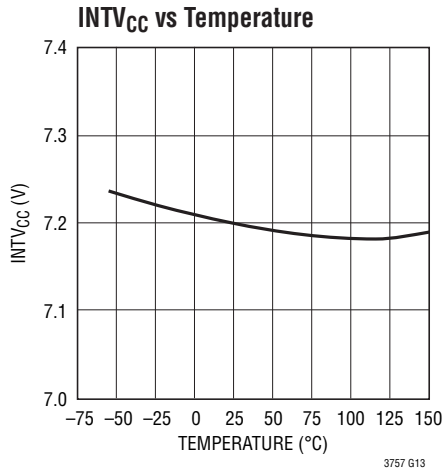
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**SHDN/UVLO Hysteresis Current vs Temperature**



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## PIN FUNCTIONS

**V<sub>C</sub> (Pin 1):** Error Amplifier Compensation Pin. Used to stabilize the voltage loop with an external RC network.

**FBX (Pin 2):** Positive and Negative Feedback Pin. Receives the feedback voltage from the external resistor divider across the output. Also modulates the frequency during start-up and fault conditions when FBX is close to GND.

**SS (Pin 3):** Soft-Start Pin. This pin modulates compensation pin voltage ( $V_C$ ) clamp. The soft-start interval is set with an external capacitor. The pin has a 10 $\mu$ A (typical) pull-up current source to an internal 2.5V rail. The soft-start pin is reset to GND by an undervoltage condition at  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$ /UVLO, an INTV<sub>CC</sub> undervoltage or overvoltage condition or an internal thermal lockout.

**RT (Pin 4):** Switching Frequency Adjustment Pin. Set the frequency using a resistor to GND. Do not leave this pin open.

**SYNC (Pin 5):** Frequency Synchronization Pin. Used to synchronize the switching frequency to an outside clock. If this feature is used, an  $R_T$  resistor should be chosen to program a switching frequency 20% slower than the SYNC pulse frequency. Tie the SYNC pin to GND if this feature is not used. SYNC is ignored when FBX is close to GND.

**SENSE (Pin 6):** The Current Sense Input for the Control Loop. Kelvin connect this pin to the positive terminal of the switch current sense resistor in the source of the N-channel MOSFET. The negative terminal of the current sense resistor should be connected to GND plane close to the IC.

**GATE (Pin 7):** N-Channel MOSFET Gate Driver Output. Switches between INTV<sub>CC</sub> and GND. Driven to GND when IC is shut down, during thermal lockout or when INTV<sub>CC</sub> is above or below the OV or UV thresholds, respectively.

**INTV<sub>CC</sub> (Pin 8):** Regulated Supply for Internal Loads and Gate Driver. Supplied from  $V_{IN}$  and regulated to 7.2V (typical). INTV<sub>CC</sub> must be bypassed with a minimum of 4.7 $\mu$ F capacitor placed close to pin. INTV<sub>CC</sub> can be connected directly to  $V_{IN}$ , if  $V_{IN}$  is less than 17.5V. INTV<sub>CC</sub> can also be connected to a power supply whose voltage is higher than 7.5V, and lower than  $V_{IN}$ , provided that supply does not exceed 17.5V.

**$\overline{\text{SHDN}}$ /UVLO (Pin 9):** Shutdown and Undervoltage Detect Pin. An accurate 1.22V (nominal) falling threshold with externally programmable hysteresis detects when power is okay to enable switching. Rising hysteresis is generated by the external resistor divider and an accurate internal 2 $\mu$ A pull-down current. An undervoltage condition resets sort-start. Tie to 0.4V, or less, to disable the device and reduce  $V_{IN}$  quiescent current below 1 $\mu$ A.

**V<sub>IN</sub> (Pin 10):** Input Supply Pin. Must be locally bypassed with a 0.22 $\mu$ F, or larger, capacitor placed close to the pin.

**Exposed Pad (Pin 11):** Ground. This pin also serves as the negative terminal of the current sense resistor. The Exposed Pad must be soldered directly to the local ground plane.



## BLOCK DIAGRAM

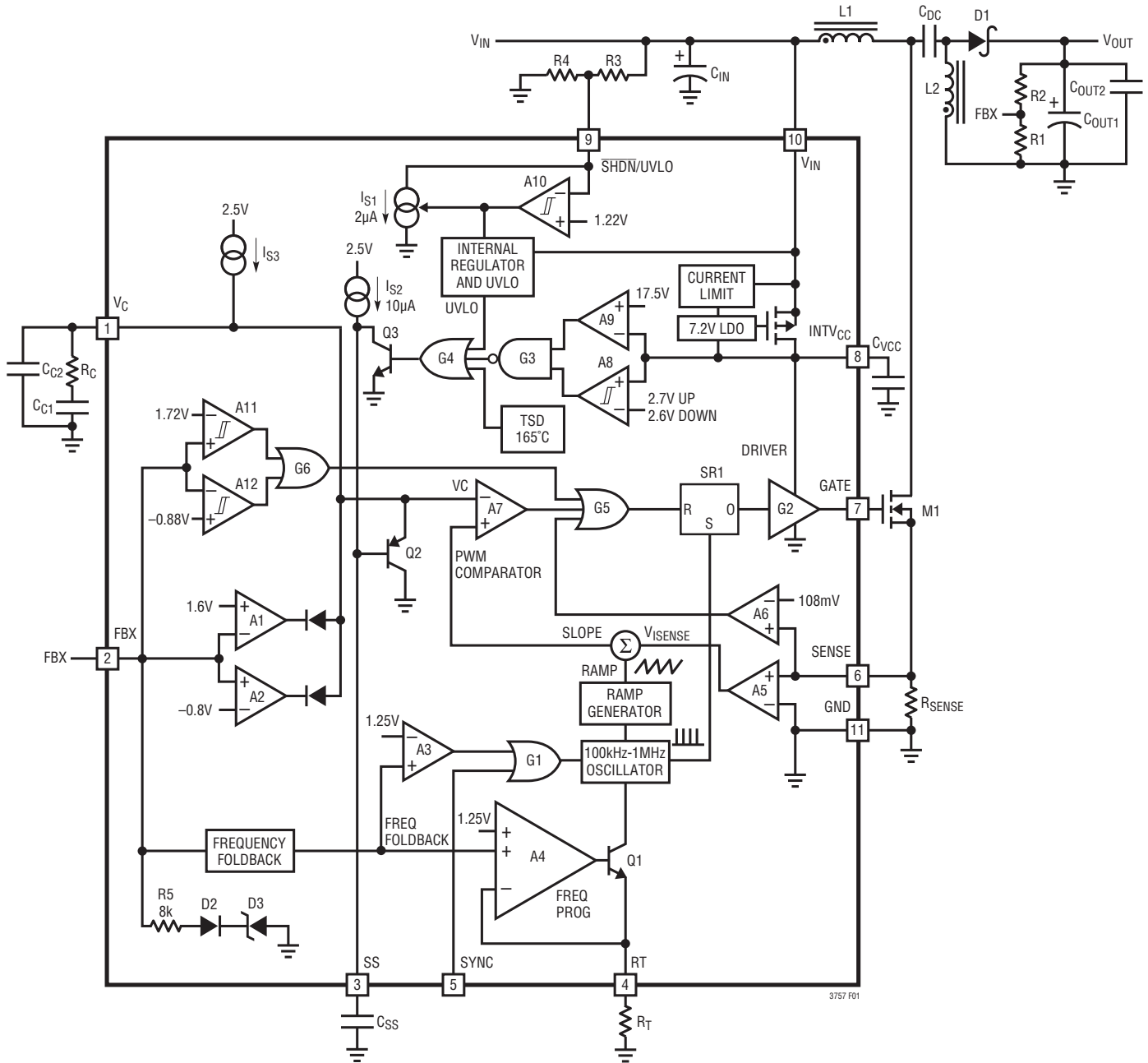


Figure 1. LT3757 Block Diagram Working as a SEPIC Converter

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### Main Control Loop

The LT3757 uses a fixed frequency, current mode control scheme to provide excellent line and load regulation. Operation can be best understood by referring to the Block Diagram in Figure 1.

The start of each oscillator cycle sets the SR latch (SR1) and turns on the external power MOSFET switch M1 through driver G2. The switch current flows through the external current sensing resistor  $R_{SENSE}$  and generates a voltage proportional to the switch current. This current sense voltage  $V_{ISENSE}$  (amplified by A5) is added to a stabilizing slope compensation ramp and the resulting sum (SLOPE) is fed into the positive terminal of the PWM comparator A7. When SLOPE exceeds the level at the negative input of A7 ( $V_C$  pin), SR1 is reset, turning off the power switch. The level at the negative input of A7 is set by the error amplifier A1 (or A2) and is an amplified version of the difference between the feedback voltage (FBX pin) and the reference voltage (1.6V or  $-0.8V$ , depending on the configuration). In this manner, the error amplifier sets the correct peak switch current level to keep the output in regulation.

The LT3757 has a switch current limit function. The current sense voltage is input to the current limit comparator A6. If the SENSE pin voltage is higher than the sense current limit threshold  $V_{SENSE(MAX)}$  (110mV, typical), A6 will reset SR1 and turn off M1 immediately.

The LT3757 is capable of generating either positive or negative output voltage with a single FBX pin. It can be configured as a boost, flyback or SEPIC converter to generate positive output voltage, or as an inverting converter to generate negative output voltage. When configured as a SEPIC converter, as shown in Figure 1, the FBX pin is pulled up to the internal bias voltage of 1.6V by a voltage divider (R1 and R2) connected from  $V_{OUT}$  to GND. Comparator A2 becomes inactive and comparator A1 performs the inverting amplification from FBX to  $V_C$ . When the LT3757 is in an inverting configuration, the FBX pin is pulled down to  $-0.8V$  by a voltage divider connected from  $V_{OUT}$  to GND. Comparator A1 becomes inactive and

comparator A2 performs the noninverting amplification from FBX to  $V_C$ .

The LT3757 has overvoltage protection functions to protect the converter from excessive output voltage overshoot during start-up or recovery from a short-circuit condition. An overvoltage comparator A11 (with 20mV hysteresis) senses when the FBX pin voltage exceeds the positive regulated voltage (1.6V) by 8% and provides a reset pulse. Similarly, an overvoltage comparator A12 (with 10mV hysteresis) senses when the FBX pin voltage exceeds the negative regulated voltage ( $-0.8V$ ) by 11% and provides a reset pulse. Both reset pulses are sent to the main RS latch (SR1) through G6 and G5. The power MOSFET switch M1 is actively held off for the duration of an output overvoltage condition.

### Programming Turn-On and Turn-Off Thresholds with the $\overline{SHDN}/UVLO$ Pin

The  $\overline{SHDN}/UVLO$  pin controls whether the LT3757 is enabled or is in shutdown state. A micropower 1.22V reference, a comparator A10 and a controllable current source  $I_{S1}$  allow the user to accurately program the supply voltage at which the IC turns on and off. The falling value can be accurately set by the resistor dividers R3 and R4. When  $\overline{SHDN}/UVLO$  is above 0.7V, and below the 1.22V threshold, the small pull-down current source  $I_{S1}$  (typical 2 $\mu$ A) is active.

The purpose of this current is to allow the user to program the rising hysteresis. The Block Diagram of the comparator and the external resistors is shown in Figure 1. The typical falling threshold voltage and rising threshold voltage can be calculated by the following equations:

$$V_{VIN,FALLING} = 1.22 \cdot \frac{(R3 + R4)}{R4}$$

$$V_{VIN,RISING} = 2\mu A \cdot R3 + V_{IN,FALLING}$$

For applications where the  $\overline{SHDN}/UVLO$  pin is only used as a logic input, the  $\overline{SHDN}/UVLO$  pin can be connected directly to the input voltage  $V_{IN}$  for always-on operation.

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### INTV<sub>CC</sub> Regulator Bypassing and Operation

An internal, low dropout (LDO) voltage regulator produces the 7.2V INTV<sub>CC</sub> supply which powers the gate driver, as shown in Figure 1. If a low input voltage operation is expected (e.g., supplying power from a lithium-ion battery or a 3.3V logic supply), low threshold MOSFETs should be used. The LT3757 contains an undervoltage lockout comparator A8 and an overvoltage lockout comparator A9 for the INTV<sub>CC</sub> supply. The INTV<sub>CC</sub> undervoltage (UV) threshold is 2.7V (typical), with 100mV hysteresis, to ensure that the MOSFETs have sufficient gate drive voltage before turning on. The logic circuitry within the LT3757 is also powered from the internal INTV<sub>CC</sub> supply.

The INTV<sub>CC</sub> overvoltage (OV) threshold is set to be 17.5V (typical) to protect the gate of the power MOSFET. When INTV<sub>CC</sub> is below the UV threshold, or above the OV threshold, the GATE pin will be forced to GND and the soft-start operation will be triggered.

The INTV<sub>CC</sub> regulator must be bypassed to ground immediately adjacent to the IC pins with a minimum of 4.7μF ceramic capacitor. Good bypassing is necessary to supply the high transient currents required by the MOSFET gate driver.

In an actual application, most of the IC supply current is used to drive the gate capacitance of the power MOSFET. The on-chip power dissipation can be a significant concern when a large power MOSFET is being driven at a high frequency and the V<sub>IN</sub> voltage is high. It is important to limit the power dissipation through selection of MOSFET and/or operating frequency so the LT3757 does not exceed its maximum junction temperature rating. The junction temperature T<sub>J</sub> can be estimated using the following equations:

$$T_J = T_A + P_{IC} \cdot \theta_{JA}$$

T<sub>A</sub> = ambient temperature

θ<sub>JA</sub> = junction-to-ambient thermal resistance

P<sub>IC</sub> = IC power consumption

$$= V_{IN} \cdot (I_Q + I_{DRIVE})$$

I<sub>Q</sub> = V<sub>IN</sub> operation I<sub>Q</sub> = 1.6mA

I<sub>DRIVE</sub> = average gate drive current = f • Q<sub>G</sub>

f = switching frequency

Q<sub>G</sub> = power MOSFET total gate charge

The LT3757 uses packages with an Exposed Pad for enhanced thermal conduction. With proper soldering to the Exposed Pad on the underside of the package and a full copper plane underneath the device, thermal resistance (θ<sub>JA</sub>) will be about 43°C/W for the DD package and 40°C/W for the MSE package. For an ambient board temperature of T<sub>A</sub> = 70°C and maximum junction temperature of 125°C, the maximum I<sub>DRIVE</sub> (I<sub>DRIVE(MAX)</sub>) of the DD package can be calculated as:

$$I_{DRIVE(MAX)} = \frac{(T_J - T_A)}{(\theta_{JA} \cdot V_{IN})} - I_Q = \frac{1.28W}{V_{IN}} - 1.6mA$$

The LT3757 has an internal INTV<sub>CC</sub> I<sub>DRIVE</sub> current limit function to protect the IC from excessive on-chip power dissipation. The I<sub>DRIVE</sub> current limit decreases as the V<sub>IN</sub> increases (see the INTV<sub>CC</sub> Minimum Output Current vs V<sub>IN</sub> graph in the Typical Performance Characteristics section). If I<sub>DRIVE</sub> reaches the current limit, INTV<sub>CC</sub> voltage will fall and may trigger the soft-start.

Based on the preceding equation and the INTV<sub>CC</sub> Minimum Output Current vs V<sub>IN</sub> graph, the user can calculate the maximum MOSFET gate charge the LT3757 can drive at a given V<sub>IN</sub> and switch frequency. A plot of the maximum Q<sub>G</sub> vs V<sub>IN</sub> at different frequencies to guarantee a minimum 4.5V INTV<sub>CC</sub> is shown in Figure 2.

As illustrated in Figure 2, a trade-off between the operating frequency and the size of the power MOSFET may be needed in order to maintain a reliable IC junction temperature.

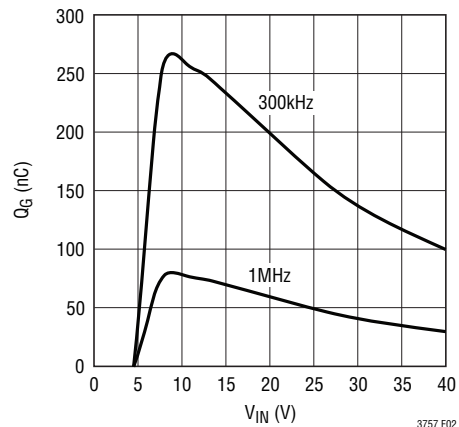


Figure 2. Recommended Maximum Q<sub>G</sub> vs V<sub>IN</sub> at Different Frequencies to Ensure INTV<sub>CC</sub> Higher Than 4.5V

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Prior to lowering the operating frequency, however, be sure to check with power MOSFET manufacturers for their most recent low  $Q_G$ , low  $R_{DS(ON)}$  devices. Power MOSFET manufacturing technologies are continually improving, with newer and better performance devices being introduced almost yearly.

An effective approach to reduce the power consumption of the internal LDO for gate drive is to tie the  $INTV_{CC}$  pin to an external voltage source high enough to turn off the internal LDO regulator.

If the input voltage  $V_{IN}$  does not exceed the absolute maximum rating of both the power MOSFET gate-source voltage ( $V_{GS}$ ) and the  $INTV_{CC}$  overvoltage lockout threshold voltage (17.5V), the  $INTV_{CC}$  pin can be shorted directly to the  $V_{IN}$  pin. In this condition, the internal LDO will be turned off and the gate driver will be powered directly from the input voltage,  $V_{IN}$ . With the  $INTV_{CC}$  pin shorted to  $V_{IN}$ , however, a small current (around 16 $\mu$ A) will load the  $INTV_{CC}$  in shutdown mode. For applications that require the lowest shutdown mode input supply current, do not connect the  $INTV_{CC}$  pin to  $V_{IN}$ .

In SEPIC or flyback applications, the  $INTV_{CC}$  pin can be connected to the output voltage  $V_{OUT}$  through a blocking diode, as shown in Figure 3, if  $V_{OUT}$  meets the following conditions:

1.  $V_{OUT} < V_{IN}$  (pin voltage)
2.  $V_{OUT} < 17.5V$
3.  $V_{OUT} <$  maximum  $V_{GS}$  rating of power MOSFET

A resistor  $R_{VCC}$  can be connected, as shown in Figure 3, to limit the inrush current from  $V_{OUT}$ . Regardless of whether or not the  $INTV_{CC}$  pin is connected to an external voltage source, it is always necessary to have the driver circuitry bypassed with a 4.7 $\mu$ F low ESR ceramic capacitor to ground immediately adjacent to the  $INTV_{CC}$  and GND pins.

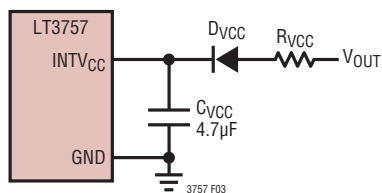


Figure 3. Connecting  $INTV_{CC}$  to  $V_{OUT}$

## Operating Frequency and Synchronization

The choice of operating frequency may be determined by on-chip power dissipation, otherwise it is a trade-off between efficiency and component size. Low frequency operation improves efficiency by reducing gate drive current and MOSFET and diode switching losses. However, lower frequency operation requires a physically larger inductor. Switching frequency also has implications for loop compensation. The LT3757 uses a constant-frequency architecture that can be programmed over a 100kHz to 1000kHz range with a single external resistor from the RT pin to ground, as shown in Figure 1. The RT pin must have an external resistor to GND for proper operation of the LT3757. A table for selecting the value of  $R_T$  for a given operating frequency is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Timing Resistor ( $R_T$ ) Value

OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY (kHz)	$R_T$ (k $\Omega$ )
100	140
200	63.4
300	41.2
400	30.9
500	24.3
600	19.6
700	16.5
800	14
900	12.1
1000	10.5

The operating frequency of the LT3757 can be synchronized to an external clock source. By providing a digital clock signal into the SYNC pin, the LT3757 will operate at the SYNC clock frequency. If this feature is used, an  $R_T$  resistor should be chosen to program a switching frequency 20% slower than SYNC pulse frequency. The SYNC pulse should have a minimum pulse width of 200ns. Tie the SYNC pin to GND if this feature is not used.

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### Duty Cycle Consideration

Switching duty cycle is a key variable defining converter operation. As such, its limits must be considered. Minimum on-time is the smallest time duration that the LT3757 is capable of turning on the power MOSFET. This time is generally about 220ns (typical) (see Minimum On-Time in the Electrical Characteristics table). In each switching cycle, the LT3757 keeps the power switch off for at least 220ns (typical) (see Minimum Off-Time in the Electrical Characteristics table).

The minimum on-time and minimum off-time and the switching frequency define the minimum and maximum switching duty cycles a converter is able to generate:

Minimum duty cycle = minimum on-time • frequency

Maximum duty cycle = 1 – (minimum off-time • frequency)

### Programming the Output Voltage

The output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) is set by a resistor divider, as shown in Figure 1. The positive and negative  $V_{OUT}$  are set by the following equations:

$$V_{OUT, POSITIVE} = 1.6V \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right)$$

$$V_{OUT, NEGATIVE} = -0.8V \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right)$$

The resistors R1 and R2 are typically chosen so that the error caused by the current flowing into the FBX pin during normal operation is less than 1% (this translates to a maximum value of R1 at about 158k).

In the applications where  $V_{OUT}$  is pulled up by an external positive power supply, the FBX pin is also pulled up through the R2 and R1 network. Make sure the FBX does not exceed its absolute maximum rating (6V). The R5, D2, and D3 in Figure 1 provide a resistive clamp in the positive direction. To ensure FBX is lower than 6V, choose sufficiently large R1 and R2 to meet the following condition:

$$6V \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right) + 3.5V \cdot \frac{R2}{8k\Omega} > V_{OUT(MAX)}$$

where  $V_{OUT(MAX)}$  is the maximum  $V_{OUT}$  that is pulled up by an external power supply.

### Soft-Start

The LT3757 contains several features to limit peak switch currents and output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) overshoot during start-up or recovery from a fault condition. The primary purpose of these features is to prevent damage to external components or the load.

High peak switch currents during start-up may occur in switching regulators. Since  $V_{OUT}$  is far from its final value, the feedback loop is saturated and the regulator tries to charge the output capacitor as quickly as possible, resulting in large peak currents. A large surge current may cause inductor saturation or power switch failure.

The LT3757 addresses this mechanism with the SS pin. As shown in Figure 1, the SS pin reduces the power MOSFET current by pulling down the  $V_C$  pin through Q2. In this way the SS allows the output capacitor to charge gradually toward its final value while limiting the start-up peak currents. The typical start-up waveforms are shown in the Typical Performance Characteristics section. The inductor current  $I_L$  slewing rate is limited by the soft-start function.

Besides start-up, soft-start can also be triggered by the following faults:

1.  $INTV_{CC} > 17.5V$
2.  $INTV_{CC} < 2.6V$
3. Thermal lockout

Any of these three faults will cause the LT3757 to stop switching immediately. The SS pin will be discharged by Q3. When all faults are cleared and the SS pin has been discharged below 0.2V, a 10 $\mu$ A current source  $I_{S2}$  starts charging the SS pin, initiating a soft-start operation.

The soft-start interval is set by the soft-start capacitor selection according to the equation:

$$T_{SS} = C_{SS} \cdot \frac{1.25V}{10\mu A}$$

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### FBX Frequency Foldback

When  $V_{OUT}$  is very low during start-up or a short-circuit fault on the output, the switching regulator must operate at low duty cycles to maintain the power switch current within the current limit range, since the inductor current decay rate is very low during switch off time. The minimum on-time limitation may prevent the switcher from attaining a sufficiently low duty cycle at the programmed switching frequency. So, the switch current will keep increasing through each switch cycle, exceeding the programmed current limit. To prevent the switch peak currents from exceeding the programmed value, the LT3757 contains a frequency foldback function to reduce the switching frequency when the FBX voltage is low (see the Normalized Switching Frequency vs FBX graph in the Typical Performance Characteristics section).

The typical frequency foldback waveforms are shown in the Typical Performance Characteristics section. The frequency foldback function prevents  $I_L$  from exceeding the programmed limits because of the minimum on-time.

During frequency foldback, external clock synchronization is disabled to prevent interference with frequency reducing operation.

### Thermal Lockout

If LT3757 die temperature reaches 165°C (typical), the part will go into thermal lockout. The power switch will be turned off. A soft-start operation will be triggered. The part will be enabled again when the die temperature has dropped by 5°C (nominal).

### Loop Compensation

Loop compensation determines the stability and transient performance. The LT3757/LT3757A use current mode control to regulate the output which simplifies loop compensation. The LT3757A improves the no-load to heavy load transient response, when compared to the LT3757. New internal circuits ensure that the transient from not switching to switching at high current can be made in a few cycles.

The optimum values depend on the converter topology, the component values and the operating conditions (including the input voltage, load current, etc.). To compensate the feedback loop of the LT3757/LT3757A, a series resistor-capacitor network is usually connected from the  $V_C$  pin to GND. Figure 1 shows the typical  $V_C$  compensation network. For most applications, the capacitor should be in the range of 470pF to 22nF, and the resistor should be in the range of 5k to 50k. A small capacitor is often connected in parallel with the RC compensation network to attenuate the  $V_C$  voltage ripple induced from the output voltage ripple through the internal error amplifier. The parallel capacitor usually ranges in value from 10pF to 100pF. A practical approach to design the compensation network is to start with one of the circuits in this data sheet that is similar to your application, and tune the compensation network to optimize the performance. Stability should then be checked across all operating conditions, including load current, input voltage and temperature.

### SENSE Pin Programming

For control and protection, the LT3757 measures the power MOSFET current by using a sense resistor ( $R_{SENSE}$ ) between GND and the MOSFET source. Figure 4 shows a typical waveform of the sense voltage ( $V_{SENSE}$ ) across the sense resistor. It is important to use Kelvin traces between the SENSE pin and  $R_{SENSE}$ , and to place the IC GND as close as possible to the GND terminal of the  $R_{SENSE}$  for proper operation.

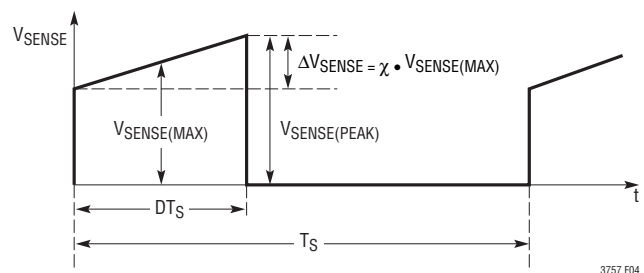


Figure 4. The Sense Voltage During a Switching Cycle

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Due to the current limit function of the SENSE pin,  $R_{SENSE}$  should be selected to guarantee that the peak current sense voltage  $V_{SENSE(PEAK)}$  during steady state normal operation is lower than the SENSE current limit threshold (see the Electrical Characteristics table). Given a 20% margin,  $V_{SENSE(PEAK)}$  is set to be 80mV. Then, the maximum switch ripple current percentage can be calculated using the following equation:

$$\chi = \frac{\Delta V_{SENSE}}{80\text{mV} - 0.5 \cdot \Delta V_{SENSE}}$$

$\chi$  is used in subsequent design examples to calculate inductor value.  $\Delta V_{SENSE}$  is the ripple voltage across  $R_{SENSE}$ .

The LT3757 switching controller incorporates 100ns timing interval to blank the ringing on the current sense signal immediately after M1 is turned on. This ringing is caused by the parasitic inductance and capacitance of the PCB trace, the sense resistor, the diode, and the MOSFET. The 100ns timing interval is adequate for most of the LT3757 applications. In the applications that have very large and long ringing on the current sense signal, a small RC filter can be added to filter out the excess ringing. Figure 5 shows the RC filter on SENSE pin. It is usually sufficient to choose  $22\Omega$  for  $R_{FLT}$  and 2.2nF to 10nF for  $C_{FLT}$ . Keep  $R_{FLT}$ 's resistance low. Remember that there is 65 $\mu\text{A}$  (typical) flowing out of the SENSE pin. Adding  $R_{FLT}$  will affect the SENSE current limit threshold:

$$V_{SENSE\_ILIM} = 108\text{mV} - 65\mu\text{A} \cdot R_{FLT}$$

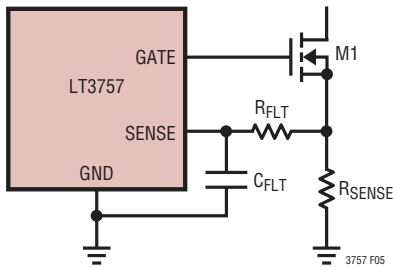


Figure 5. The RC Filter on SENSE Pin

## APPLICATION CIRCUITS

The LT3757 can be configured as different topologies. The first topology to be analyzed will be the boost converter, followed by the flyback, SEPIC and inverting converters.

### Boost Converter: Switch Duty Cycle and Frequency

The LT3757 can be configured as a boost converter for the applications where the converter output voltage is higher than the input voltage. Remember that boost converters are not short-circuit protected. Under a shorted output condition, the inductor current is limited only by the input supply capability. For applications requiring a step-up converter that is short-circuit protected, please refer to the Applications Information section covering SEPIC converters.

The conversion ratio as a function of duty cycle is

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = \frac{1}{1-D}$$

in continuous conduction mode (CCM).

For a boost converter operating in CCM, the duty cycle of the main switch can be calculated based on the output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) and the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ). The maximum duty cycle ( $D_{MAX}$ ) occurs when the converter has the minimum input voltage:

$$D_{MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT} - V_{IN(MIN)}}{V_{OUT}}$$

Discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) provides higher conversion ratios at a given frequency at the cost of reduced efficiencies and higher switching currents.

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### Boost Converter: Inductor and Sense Resistor Selection

For the boost topology, the maximum average inductor current is:

$$I_{L(MAX)} = I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

Then, the ripple current can be calculated by:

$$\Delta I_L = \chi \cdot I_{L(MAX)} = \chi \cdot I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

The constant  $\chi$  in the preceding equation represents the percentage peak-to-peak ripple current in the inductor, relative to  $I_{L(MAX)}$ .

The inductor ripple current has a direct effect on the choice of the inductor value. Choosing smaller values of  $\Delta I_L$  requires large inductances and reduces the current loop gain (the converter will approach voltage mode). Accepting larger values of  $\Delta I_L$  provides fast transient response and allows the use of low inductances, but results in higher input current ripple and greater core losses. It is recommended that  $\chi$  fall within the range of 0.2 to 0.6.

Given an operating input voltage range, and having chosen the operating frequency and ripple current in the inductor, the inductor value of the boost converter can be determined using the following equation:

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

The peak and RMS inductor current are:

$$I_{L(PEAK)} = I_{L(MAX)} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{\chi}{2} \right)$$

$$I_{L(RMS)} = I_{L(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{\chi^2}{12}}$$

Based on these equations, the user should choose the inductors having sufficient saturation and RMS current ratings.

Set the sense voltage at  $I_{L(PEAK)}$  to be the minimum of the SENSE current limit threshold with a 20% margin. The sense resistor value can then be calculated to be:

$$R_{SENSE} = \frac{80mV}{I_{L(PEAK)}}$$

### Boost Converter: Power MOSFET Selection

Important parameters for the power MOSFET include the drain-source voltage rating ( $V_{DS}$ ), the threshold voltage ( $V_{GS(TH)}$ ), the on-resistance ( $R_{DS(ON)}$ ), the gate to source and gate to drain charges ( $Q_{GS}$  and  $Q_{GD}$ ), the maximum drain current ( $I_{D(MAX)}$ ) and the MOSFET's thermal resistances ( $R_{\theta JC}$  and  $R_{\theta JA}$ ).

The power MOSFET will see full output voltage, plus a diode forward voltage, and any additional ringing across its drain-to-source during its off-time. It is recommended to choose a MOSFET whose  $B_{V_{DSS}}$  is higher than  $V_{OUT}$  by a safety margin (a 10V safety margin is usually sufficient).

The power dissipated by the MOSFET in a boost converter is:

$$P_{FET} = I_{L(MAX)}^2 \cdot R_{DS(ON)} \cdot D_{MAX} + 2 \cdot V_{OUT}^2 \cdot I_{L(MAX)} \cdot C_{RSS} \cdot f / 1A$$

The first term in the preceding equation represents the conduction losses in the device, and the second term, the switching loss.  $C_{RSS}$  is the reverse transfer capacitance, which is usually specified in the MOSFET characteristics.

For maximum efficiency,  $R_{DS(ON)}$  and  $C_{RSS}$  should be minimized. From a known power dissipated in the power MOSFET, its junction temperature can be obtained using the following equation:

$$T_J = T_A + P_{FET} \cdot \theta_{JA} = T_A + P_{FET} \cdot (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA})$$

$T_J$  must not exceed the MOSFET maximum junction temperature rating. It is recommended to measure the MOSFET temperature in steady state to ensure that absolute maximum ratings are not exceeded.



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### Boost Converter: Output Diode Selection

To maximize efficiency, a fast switching diode with low forward drop and low reverse leakage is desirable. The peak reverse voltage that the diode must withstand is equal to the regulator output voltage plus any additional ringing across its anode-to-cathode during the on-time. The average forward current in normal operation is equal to the output current, and the peak current is equal to:

$$I_{D(PEAK)} = I_{L(PEAK)} = \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{2}\right) \cdot I_{L(MAX)}$$

It is recommended that the peak repetitive reverse voltage rating  $V_{RRM}$  is higher than  $V_{OUT}$  by a safety margin (a 10V safety margin is usually sufficient).

The power dissipated by the diode is:

$$P_D = I_{O(MAX)} \cdot V_D$$

and the diode junction temperature is:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \cdot R_{\theta JA}$$

The  $R_{\theta JA}$  to be used in this equation normally includes the  $R_{\theta JC}$  for the device plus the thermal resistance from the board to the ambient temperature in the enclosure.  $T_J$  must not exceed the diode maximum junction temperature rating.

### Boost Converter: Output Capacitor Selection

Contributions of ESR (equivalent series resistance), ESL (equivalent series inductance) and the bulk capacitance must be considered when choosing the correct output capacitors for a given output ripple voltage. The effect of

these three parameters (ESR, ESL and bulk C) on the output voltage ripple waveform for a typical boost converter is illustrated in Figure 6.

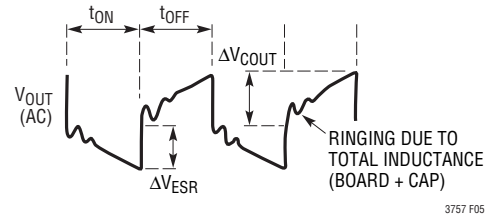


Figure 6. The Output Ripple Waveform of a Boost Converter

The choice of component(s) begins with the maximum acceptable ripple voltage (expressed as a percentage of the output voltage), and how this ripple should be divided between the ESR step  $\Delta V_{ESR}$  and the charging/discharging  $\Delta V_{COUT}$ . For the purpose of simplicity, we will choose 2% for the maximum output ripple, to be divided equally between  $\Delta V_{ESR}$  and  $\Delta V_{COUT}$ . This percentage ripple will change, depending on the requirements of the application, and the following equations can easily be modified. For a 1% contribution to the total ripple voltage, the ESR of the output capacitor can be determined using the following equation:

$$ESR_{COUT} \leq \frac{0.01 \cdot V_{OUT}}{I_{D(PEAK)}}$$

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For the bulk C component, which also contributes 1% to the total ripple:

$$C_{OUT} \geq \frac{I_{O(MAX)}}{0.01 \cdot V_{OUT} \cdot f}$$

The output capacitor in a boost regulator experiences high RMS ripple currents, as shown in Figure 6. The RMS ripple current rating of the output capacitor can be determined using the following equation:

$$I_{RMS(COUT)} \geq I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D_{MAX}}{1-D_{MAX}}}$$

Multiple capacitors are often paralleled to meet ESR requirements. Typically, once the ESR requirement is satisfied, the capacitance is adequate for filtering and has the required RMS current rating. Additional ceramic capacitors in parallel are commonly used to reduce the effect of parasitic inductance in the output capacitor, which reduces high frequency switching noise on the converter output.

### Boost Converter: Input Capacitor Selection

The input capacitor of a boost converter is less critical than the output capacitor, due to the fact that the inductor is in series with the input, and the input current waveform is continuous. The input voltage source impedance determines the size of the input capacitor, which is typically in the range of 10µF to 100µF. A low ESR capacitor is recommended, although it is not as critical as for the output capacitor.

The RMS input capacitor ripple current for a boost converter is:

$$I_{RMS(CIN)} = 0.3 \cdot \Delta I_L$$

## FLYBACK CONVERTER APPLICATIONS

The LT3757 can be configured as a flyback converter for the applications where the converters have multiple outputs, high output voltages or isolated outputs. Figure 7 shows a simplified flyback converter.

The flyback converter has a very low parts count for multiple outputs, and with prudent selection of turns ratio, can have high output/input voltage conversion ratios with a desirable duty cycle. However, it has low efficiency due to the high peak currents, high peak voltages and consequent power loss. The flyback converter is commonly used for an output power of less than 50W.

The flyback converter can be designed to operate either in continuous or discontinuous mode. Compared to continuous mode, discontinuous mode has the advantage of smaller transformer inductances and easy loop compensation, and the disadvantage of higher peak-to-average current and lower efficiency. In the high output voltage applications, the flyback converters can be designed to operate in discontinuous mode to avoid using large transformers.

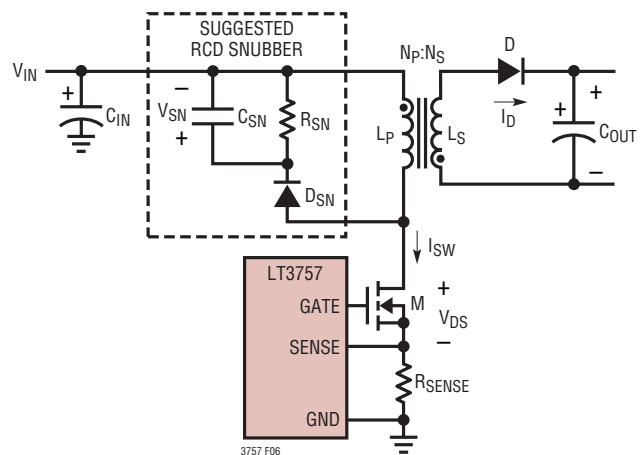


Figure 7. A Simplified Flyback Converter

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### Flyback Converter: Switch Duty Cycle and Turns Ratio

The flyback converter conversion ratio in the continuous mode operation is:

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = \frac{N_S}{N_P} \cdot \frac{D}{1-D}$$

where  $N_S/N_P$  is the second to primary turns ratio.

Figure 8 shows the waveforms of the flyback converter in discontinuous mode operation. During each switching period  $T_S$ , three subintervals occur:  $DT_S$ ,  $D2T_S$ ,  $D3T_S$ . During  $DT_S$ , M is on, and D is reverse-biased. During  $D2T_S$ , M is off, and  $L_S$  is conducting current. Both  $L_P$  and  $L_S$  currents are zero during  $D3T_S$ .

The flyback converter conversion ratio in the discontinuous mode operation is:

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = \frac{N_S}{N_P} \cdot \frac{D}{D2}$$

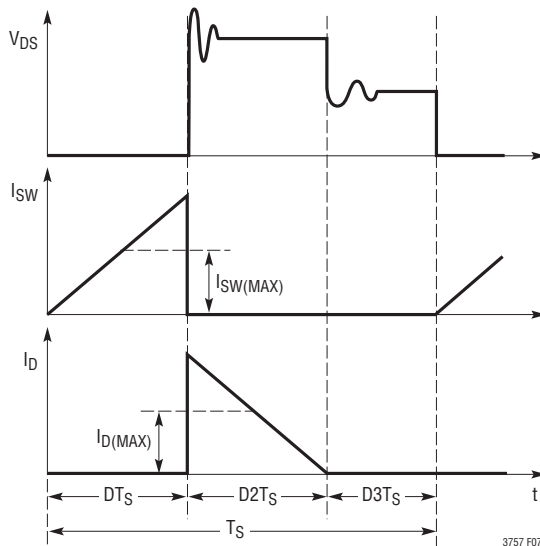


Figure 8. Waveforms of the Flyback Converter in Discontinuous Mode Operation

According to the preceding equations, the user has relative freedom in selecting the switch duty cycle or turns ratio to suit a given application. The selections of the duty cycle and the turns ratio are somewhat iterative processes, due to the number of variables involved. The user can choose either a duty cycle or a turns ratio as the start point. The following trade-offs should be considered when selecting the switch duty cycle or turns ratio, to optimize the converter performance. A higher duty cycle affects the flyback converter in the following aspects:

- Lower MOSFET RMS current  $I_{SW(RMS)}$ , but higher MOSFET  $V_{DS}$  peak voltage
- Lower diode peak reverse voltage, but higher diode RMS current  $I_{D(RMS)}$
- Higher transformer turns ratio ( $N_P/N_S$ )

The choice,

$$\frac{D}{D+D2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

(for discontinuous mode operation with a given  $D3$ ) gives the power MOSFET the lowest power stress (the product of RMS current and peak voltage). However, in the high output voltage applications, a higher duty cycle may be adopted to limit the large peak reverse voltage of the diode. The choice,

$$\frac{D}{D+D2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

(for discontinuous mode operation with a given  $D3$ ) gives the diode the lowest power stress (the product of RMS current and peak voltage). An extreme high or low duty cycle results in high power stress on the MOSFET or diode, and reduces efficiency. It is recommended to choose a duty cycle,  $D$ , between 20% and 80%.

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### Flyback Converter: Transformer Design for Discontinuous Mode Operation

The transformer design for discontinuous mode of operation is chosen as presented here. According to Figure 8, the minimum D3 (D3<sub>MIN</sub>) occurs when the converter has the minimum V<sub>IN</sub> and the maximum output power (P<sub>OUT</sub>). Choose D3<sub>MIN</sub> to be equal to or higher than 10% to guarantee the converter is always in discontinuous mode operation (choosing higher D3 allows the use of low inductances, but results in a higher switch peak current).

The user can choose a D<sub>MAX</sub> as the start point. Then, the maximum average primary currents can be calculated by the following equation:

$$I_{LP(MAX)} = I_{SW(MAX)} = \frac{P_{OUT(MAX)}}{D_{MAX} \cdot V_{IN(MIN)} \cdot \eta}$$

where  $\eta$  is the converter efficiency.

If the flyback converter has multiple outputs, P<sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> is the sum of all the output power.

The maximum average secondary current is:

$$I_{LS(MAX)} = I_{D(MAX)} = \frac{I_{OUT(MAX)}}{D2}$$

where:

$$D2 = 1 - D_{MAX} - D3$$

the primary and secondary RMS currents are:

$$I_{LP(RMS)} = 2 \cdot I_{LP(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D_{MAX}}{3}}$$

$$I_{LS(RMS)} = 2 \cdot I_{LS(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D2}{3}}$$

According to Figure 8, the primary and secondary peak currents are:

$$I_{LP(PEAK)} = I_{SW(PEAK)} = 2 \cdot I_{LP(MAX)}$$

$$I_{LS(PEAK)} = I_{D(PEAK)} = 2 \cdot I_{LS(MAX)}$$

The primary and second inductor values of the flyback converter transformer can be determined using the following equations:

$$L_P = \frac{D_{MAX}^2 \cdot V_{IN(MIN)}^2 \cdot \eta}{2 \cdot P_{OUT(MAX)} \cdot f}$$

$$L_S = \frac{D2^2 \cdot (V_{OUT} + V_D)}{2 \cdot I_{OUT(MAX)} \cdot f}$$

The primary to second turns ratio is:

$$\frac{N_P}{N_S} = \sqrt{\frac{L_P}{L_S}}$$

### Flyback Converter: Snubber Design

Transformer leakage inductance (on either the primary or secondary) causes a voltage spike to occur after the MOSFET turn-off. This is increasingly prominent at higher load currents, where more stored energy must be dissipated. In some cases a snubber circuit will be required to avoid overvoltage breakdown at the MOSFET's drain node. There are different snubber circuits, and Application Note 19 is a good reference on snubber design. An RCD snubber is shown in Figure 7.

The snubber resistor value (R<sub>SN</sub>) can be calculated by the following equation:

$$R_{SN} = 2 \cdot \frac{V_{SN}^2 - V_{SN} \cdot V_{OUT} \cdot \frac{N_P}{N_S}}{I_{SW(PEAK)}^2 \cdot L_{LK} \cdot f}$$

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where  $V_{SN}$  is the snubber capacitor voltage. A smaller  $V_{SN}$  results in a larger snubber loss. A reasonable  $V_{SN}$  is 2 to 2.5 times of:

$$\frac{V_{OUT} \cdot N_P}{N_S}$$

$L_{LK}$  is the leakage inductance of the primary winding, which is usually specified in the transformer characteristics.  $L_{LK}$  can be obtained by measuring the primary inductance with the secondary windings shorted. The snubber capacitor value ( $C_{CN}$ ) can be determined using the following equation:

$$C_{CN} = \frac{V_{SN}}{\Delta V_{SN} \cdot R_{CN} \cdot f}$$

where  $\Delta V_{SN}$  is the voltage ripple across  $C_{CN}$ . A reasonable  $\Delta V_{SN}$  is 5% to 10% of  $V_{SN}$ . The reverse voltage rating of  $D_{SN}$  should be higher than the sum of  $V_{SN}$  and  $V_{IN(MAX)}$ .

### Flyback Converter: Sense Resistor Selection

In a flyback converter, when the power switch is turned on, the current flowing through the sense resistor ( $I_{SENSE}$ ) is:

$$I_{SENSE} = I_{LP}$$

Set the sense voltage at  $I_{LP(PEAK)}$  to be the minimum of the SENSE current limit threshold with a 20% margin. The sense resistor value can then be calculated to be:

$$R_{SENSE} = \frac{80mV}{I_{LP(PEAK)}}$$

### Flyback Converter: Power MOSFET Selection

For the flyback configuration, the MOSFET is selected with a  $V_{DC}$  rating high enough to handle the maximum  $V_{IN}$ , the reflected secondary voltage and the voltage spike due to the leakage inductance. Approximate the required MOSFET  $V_{DC}$  rating using:

$$BV_{DSS} > V_{DS(PEAK)}$$

where:

$$V_{DS(PEAK)} = V_{IN(MAX)} + V_{SN}$$

The power dissipated by the MOSFET in a flyback converter is:

$$P_{FET} = I_{M(RMS)}^2 \cdot R_{DS(ON)} + 2 \cdot V_{DS(PEAK)}^2 \cdot I_{L(MAX)} \cdot C_{RSS} \cdot f/1A$$

The first term in this equation represents the conduction losses in the device, and the second term, the switching loss.  $C_{RSS}$  is the reverse transfer capacitance, which is usually specified in the MOSFET characteristics.

From a known power dissipated in the power MOSFET, its junction temperature can be obtained using the following equation:

$$T_J = T_A + P_{FET} \cdot \theta_{JA} = T_A + P_{FET} \cdot (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA})$$

$T_J$  must not exceed the MOSFET maximum junction temperature rating. It is recommended to measure the MOSFET temperature in steady state to ensure that absolute maximum ratings are not exceeded.

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### Flyback Converter: Output Diode Selection

The output diode in a flyback converter is subject to large RMS current and peak reverse voltage stresses. A fast switching diode with a low forward drop and a low reverse leakage is desired. Schottky diodes are recommended if the output voltage is below 100V.

Approximate the required peak repetitive reverse voltage rating  $V_{RRM}$  using:

$$V_{RRM} > \frac{N_S}{N_P} \cdot V_{IN(MAX)} + V_{OUT}$$

The power dissipated by the diode is:

$$P_D = I_{O(MAX)} \cdot V_D$$

and the diode junction temperature is:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \cdot R_{\theta JA}$$

The  $R_{\theta JA}$  to be used in this equation normally includes the  $R_{\theta JC}$  for the device, plus the thermal resistance from the board to the ambient temperature in the enclosure.  $T_J$  must not exceed the diode maximum junction temperature rating.

### Flyback Converter: Output Capacitor Selection

The output capacitor of the flyback converter has a similar operation condition as that of the boost converter. Refer to the Boost Converter: Output Capacitor Selection section for the calculation of  $C_{OUT}$  and  $ESR_{COUT}$ .

The RMS ripple current rating of the output capacitors in discontinuous operation can be determined using the following equation:

$$I_{RMS(COUT),DISCONTINUOUS} \geq I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4 - (3 \cdot D^2)}{3 \cdot D^2}}$$

### Flyback Converter: Input Capacitor Selection

The input capacitor in a flyback converter is subject to a large RMS current due to the discontinuous primary current. To prevent large voltage transients, use a low ESR input capacitor sized for the maximum RMS current. The RMS ripple current rating of the input capacitors in discontinuous operation can be determined using the following equation:

$$I_{RMS(CIN),DISCONTINUOUS} \geq \frac{P_{OUT(MAX)}}{V_{IN(MIN)} \cdot \eta} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4 - (3 \cdot D_{MAX})}{3 \cdot D_{MAX}}}$$

## SEPIC CONVERTER APPLICATIONS

The LT3757 can be configured as a SEPIC (single-ended primary inductance converter), as shown in Figure 1. This topology allows for the input to be higher, equal, or lower than the desired output voltage. The conversion ratio as a function of duty cycle is:

$$\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D}{V_{IN}} = \frac{D}{1 - D}$$

in continuous conduction mode (CCM).

In a SEPIC converter, no DC path exists between the input and output. This is an advantage over the boost converter for applications requiring the output to be disconnected from the input source when the circuit is in shutdown.

Compared to the flyback converter, the SEPIC converter has the advantage that both the power MOSFET and the output diode voltages are clamped by the capacitors ( $C_{IN}$ ,  $C_{DC}$  and  $C_{OUT}$ ), therefore, there is less voltage ringing across the power MOSFET and the output diodes. The SEPIC converter requires much smaller input capacitors than those of the flyback converter. This is due to the fact that, in the SEPIC converter, the inductor L1 is in series with the input, and the ripple current flowing through the input capacitor is continuous.

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### SEPIC Converter: Switch Duty Cycle and Frequency

For a SEPIC converter operating in CCM, the duty cycle of the main switch can be calculated based on the output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ), the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) and the diode forward voltage ( $V_D$ ).

The maximum duty cycle ( $D_{MAX}$ ) occurs when the converter has the minimum input voltage:

$$D_{MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_D}{V_{IN(MIN)} + V_{OUT} + V_D}$$

### SEPIC Converter: Inductor and Sense Resistor Selection

As shown in Figure 1, the SEPIC converter contains two inductors: L1 and L2. L1 and L2 can be independent, but can also be wound on the same core, since identical voltages are applied to L1 and L2 throughout the switching cycle.

For the SEPIC topology, the current through L1 is the converter input current. Based on the fact that, ideally, the output power is equal to the input power, the maximum average inductor currents of L1 and L2 are:

$$I_{L1(MAX)} = I_{IN(MAX)} = I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \frac{D_{MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

$$I_{L2(MAX)} = I_{O(MAX)}$$

In a SEPIC converter, the switch current is equal to  $I_{L1} + I_{L2}$  when the power switch is on, therefore, the maximum average switch current is defined as:

$$I_{SW(MAX)} = I_{L1(MAX)} + I_{L2(MAX)} = I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

and the peak switch current is:

$$I_{SW(PEAK)} = \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{2}\right) \cdot I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

The constant  $\chi$  in the preceding equations represents the percentage peak-to-peak ripple current in the switch, relative to  $I_{SW(MAX)}$ , as shown in Figure 9. Then, the switch ripple current  $\Delta I_{SW}$  can be calculated by:

$$\Delta I_{SW} = \chi \cdot I_{SW(MAX)}$$

The inductor ripple currents  $\Delta I_{L1}$  and  $\Delta I_{L2}$  are identical:

$$\Delta I_{L1} = \Delta I_{L2} = 0.5 \cdot \Delta I_{SW}$$

The inductor ripple current has a direct effect on the choice of the inductor value. Choosing smaller values of  $\Delta I_L$  requires large inductances and reduces the current loop gain (the converter will approach voltage mode). Accepting larger values of  $\Delta I_L$  allows the use of low inductances, but results in higher input current ripple and greater core losses. It is recommended that  $\chi$  falls in the range of 0.2 to 0.4.

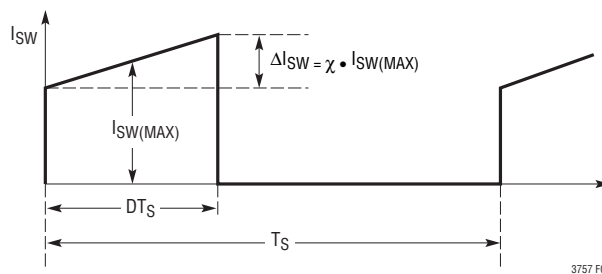


Figure 9. The Switch Current Waveform of the SEPIC Converter

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Given an operating input voltage range, and having chosen the operating frequency and ripple current in the inductor, the inductor value (L1 and L2 are independent) of the SEPIC converter can be determined using the following equation:

$$L1=L2=\frac{V_{IN(MIN)}}{0.5 \cdot \Delta I_{SW} \cdot f} \cdot D_{MAX}$$

For most SEPIC applications, the equal inductor values will fall in the range of 1μH to 100μH.

By making L1 = L2, and winding them on the same core, the value of inductance in the preceding equation is replaced by 2L, due to mutual inductance:

$$L=\frac{V_{IN(MIN)}}{\Delta I_{SW} \cdot f} \cdot D_{MAX}$$

This maintains the same ripple current and energy storage in the inductors. The peak inductor currents are:

$$I_{L1(PEAK)} = I_{L1(MAX)} + 0.5 \cdot \Delta I_{L1}$$

$$I_{L2(PEAK)} = I_{L2(MAX)} + 0.5 \cdot \Delta I_{L2}$$

The RMS inductor currents are:

$$I_{L1(RMS)} = I_{L1(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{\chi_{L1}^2}{12}}$$

where:

$$\chi_{L1} = \frac{\Delta I_{L1}}{I_{L1(MAX)}}$$

$$I_{L2(RMS)} = I_{L2(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{\chi_{L2}^2}{12}}$$

where:

$$\chi_{L2} = \frac{\Delta I_{L2}}{I_{L2(MAX)}}$$

Based on the preceding equations, the user should choose the inductors having sufficient saturation and RMS current ratings.

In a SEPIC converter, when the power switch is turned on, the current flowing through the sense resistor ( $I_{SENSE}$ ) is the switch current.

Set the sense voltage at  $I_{SENSE(PEAK)}$  to be the minimum of the SENSE current limit threshold with a 20% margin. The sense resistor value can then be calculated to be:

$$R_{SENSE} = \frac{80 \text{ mV}}{I_{SW(PEAK)}}$$

### SEPIC Converter: Power MOSFET Selection

For the SEPIC configuration, choose a MOSFET with a  $V_{DC}$  rating higher than the sum of the output voltage and input voltage by a safety margin (a 10V safety margin is usually sufficient).

The power dissipated by the MOSFET in a SEPIC converter is:

$$P_{FET} = I_{SW(MAX)}^2 \cdot R_{DS(ON)} \cdot D_{MAX} + 2 \cdot (V_{IN(MIN)} + V_{OUT})^2 \cdot I_{L(MAX)} \cdot C_{RSS} \cdot f/1A$$

The first term in this equation represents the conduction losses in the device, and the second term, the switching loss.  $C_{RSS}$  is the reverse transfer capacitance, which is usually specified in the MOSFET characteristics.

For maximum efficiency,  $R_{DS(ON)}$  and  $C_{RSS}$  should be minimized. From a known power dissipated in the power MOSFET, its junction temperature can be obtained using the following equation:

$$T_J = T_A + P_{FET} \cdot \theta_{JA} = T_A + P_{FET} \cdot (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA})$$

$T_J$  must not exceed the MOSFET maximum junction temperature rating. It is recommended to measure the MOSFET temperature in steady state to ensure that absolute maximum ratings are not exceeded.



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### SEPIC Converter: Output Diode Selection

To maximize efficiency, a fast switching diode with a low forward drop and low reverse leakage is desirable. The average forward current in normal operation is equal to the output current, and the peak current is equal to:

$$I_{D(PEAK)} = \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{2}\right) \cdot I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - D_{MAX}}$$

It is recommended that the peak repetitive reverse voltage rating  $V_{RRM}$  is higher than  $V_{OUT} + V_{IN(MAX)}$  by a safety margin (a 10V safety margin is usually sufficient).

The power dissipated by the diode is:

$$P_D = I_{O(MAX)} \cdot V_D$$

and the diode junction temperature is:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D \cdot R_{\theta JA}$$

The  $R_{\theta JA}$  used in this equation normally includes the  $R_{\theta JC}$  for the device, plus the thermal resistance from the board, to the ambient temperature in the enclosure.  $T_J$  must not exceed the diode maximum junction temperature rating.

### SEPIC Converter: Output and Input Capacitor Selection

The selections of the output and input capacitors of the SEPIC converter are similar to those of the boost converter. Please refer to the Boost Converter, Output Capacitor Selection and Boost Converter, Input Capacitor Selection sections.

### SEPIC Converter: Selecting the DC Coupling Capacitor

The DC voltage rating of the DC coupling capacitor ( $C_{DC}$ , as shown in Figure 1) should be larger than the maximum input voltage:

$$V_{C_{DC}} > V_{IN(MAX)}$$

$C_{DC}$  has nearly a rectangular current waveform. During the switch off-time, the current through  $C_{DC}$  is  $I_{IN}$ , while approximately  $-I_O$  flows during the on-time. The RMS rating of the coupling capacitor is determined by the following equation:

$$I_{RMS(CDC)} > I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D}{V_{IN(MIN)}}}$$

A low ESR and ESL, X5R or X7R ceramic capacitor works well for  $C_{DC}$ .

### INVERTING CONVERTER APPLICATIONS

The LT3757 can be configured as a dual-inductor inverting topology, as shown in Figure 10. The  $V_{OUT}$  to  $V_{IN}$  ratio is:

$$\frac{V_{OUT} - V_D}{V_{IN}} = -\frac{D}{1 - D}$$

in continuous conduction mode (CCM).

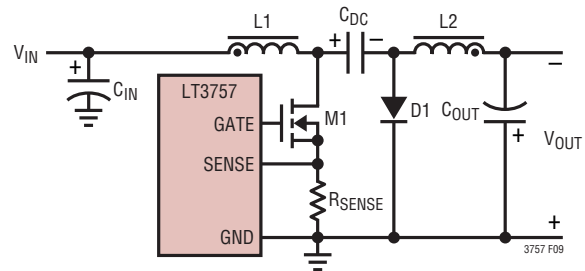


Figure 10. A Simplified Inverting Converter

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### Inverting Converter: Switch Duty Cycle and Frequency

For an inverting converter operating in CCM, the duty cycle of the main switch can be calculated based on the negative output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) and the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ).

The maximum duty cycle ( $D_{MAX}$ ) occurs when the converter has the minimum input voltage:

$$D_{MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT} - V_D}{V_{OUT} - V_D - V_{IN(MIN)}}$$

### Inverting Converter: Inductor, Sense Resistor, Power MOSFET, Output Diode and Input Capacitor Selections

The selections of the inductor, sense resistor, power MOSFET, output diode and input capacitor of an inverting converter are similar to those of the SEPIC converter. Please refer to the corresponding SEPIC converter sections.

### Inverting Converter: Output Capacitor Selection

The inverting converter requires much smaller output capacitors than those of the boost, flyback and SEPIC converters for similar output ripples. This is due to the fact that, in the inverting converter, the inductor L2 is in series with the output, and the ripple current flowing through the output capacitors are continuous. The output ripple voltage is produced by the ripple current of L2 flowing through the ESR and bulk capacitance of the output capacitor:

$$\Delta V_{OUT(P-P)} = \Delta I_{L2} \cdot \left( ESR_{C_{OUT}} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot f \cdot C_{OUT}} \right)$$

After specifying the maximum output ripple, the user can select the output capacitors according to the preceding equation.

The ESR can be minimized by using high quality X5R or X7R dielectric ceramic capacitors. In many applications, ceramic capacitors are sufficient to limit the output voltage ripple.

The RMS ripple current rating of the output capacitor needs to be greater than:

$$I_{RMS(C_{OUT})} > 0.3 \cdot \Delta I_{L2}$$

### Inverting Converter: Selecting the DC Coupling Capacitor

The DC voltage rating of the DC coupling capacitor ( $C_{DC}$ , as shown in Figure 10) should be larger than the maximum input voltage minus the output voltage (negative voltage):

$$V_{CDC} > V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT}$$

$C_{DC}$  has nearly a rectangular current waveform. During the switch off-time, the current through  $C_{DC}$  is  $I_{IN}$ , while approximately  $-I_O$  flows during the on-time. The RMS rating of the coupling capacitor is determined by the following equation:

$$I_{RMS(CDC)} > I_{O(MAX)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{D_{MAX}}{1 - D_{MAX}}}$$

A low ESR and ESL, X5R or X7R ceramic capacitor works well for  $C_{DC}$ .