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High-Voltage Step-Up LED Driver with UVLO and Open Load Protection

Features

- 36V, 400 mΩ Integrated Switch
- Up to 92% Efficiency
- Drive LED Strings in Constant Current
- 1.8A Peak Input Current Limit:
 - I_{LED} up to 200 mA at 3.3V V_{IN} , 4 White LEDs
 - I_{LED} up to 300 mA at 5.0V V_{IN} , 4 White LEDs
 - I_{LED} up to 150 mA at 4.2V V_{IN} , 8 White LEDs
- Input Voltage Range: 2.4V to 5.5V
- Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO):
 - UVLO at V_{IN} Rising: 2.3V, typical
 - UVLO at V_{IN} Falling: 1.85V, typical
- Shutdown Current (EN = GND): 40 nA Typical
- PWM Operation: 500 kHz Switching Frequency
- Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limiting
- Internal Compensation
- Open Load Protection (OLP) in the event of:
 - Feedback Pin Shorted to GND (Prevent Excessive Current into LEDs)
 - Disconnected LED String (Prevent Overvoltage to the Converter's Output and SW Pin)
- Overtemperature Protection
- Available Packages:
 - 5-Lead SOT-23
 - 8-Lead 2x3 TDFN

Applications

- Two and Three-Cell Alkaline or NiMH/NiCd White LED Driver for Backlighting Products
- Li-Ion Battery LED Lightning Application
- Camera Flash
- LED Flashlights and Backlight Current Source
- Medical Equipment
- Portable Devices:
 - Hand-Held Gaming Devices
 - GPS Navigation Systems
 - LCD Monitors
 - Portable DVD Players

General Description

The MCP1664 is a compact, space-efficient, fixed-frequency, non-synchronous step-up converter optimized to drive multiple strings of LEDs with constant current powered from two and three-cell alkaline or NiMH/NiCd as well as from one-cell Li-Ion or Li-Polymer batteries.

The device integrates a 36V, 400 mΩ low-side switch, which is protected by the 1.8A cycle-by-cycle inductor peak current limit operation. The MCP1664 starts up without high inrush current or output overshoot. All compensation and protection circuitry is integrated to minimize the number of external components.

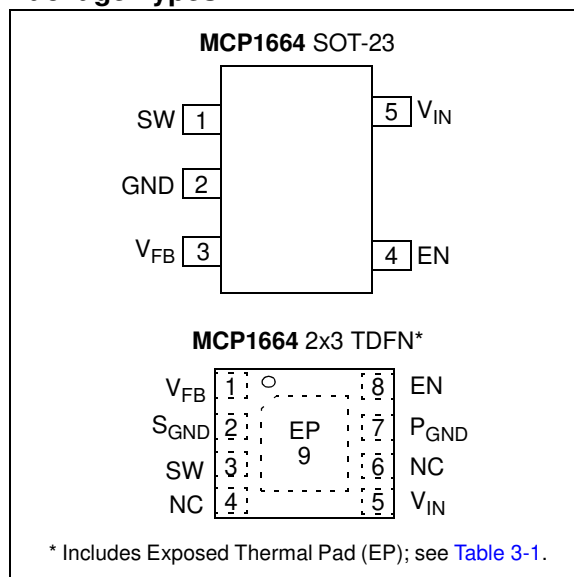
The internal feedback (V_{FB}) voltage is set to 300 mV for low power dissipation when sensing and regulating the LED current. A single resistor sets the LED current.

The device features an UVLO which avoids start-up with low inputs or discharged batteries for two cell-powered applications.

The MCP1664 features an open load protection (OLP) which turns off the operation in situations when the LED string is accidentally disconnected or the feedback pin is short-circuited to GND.

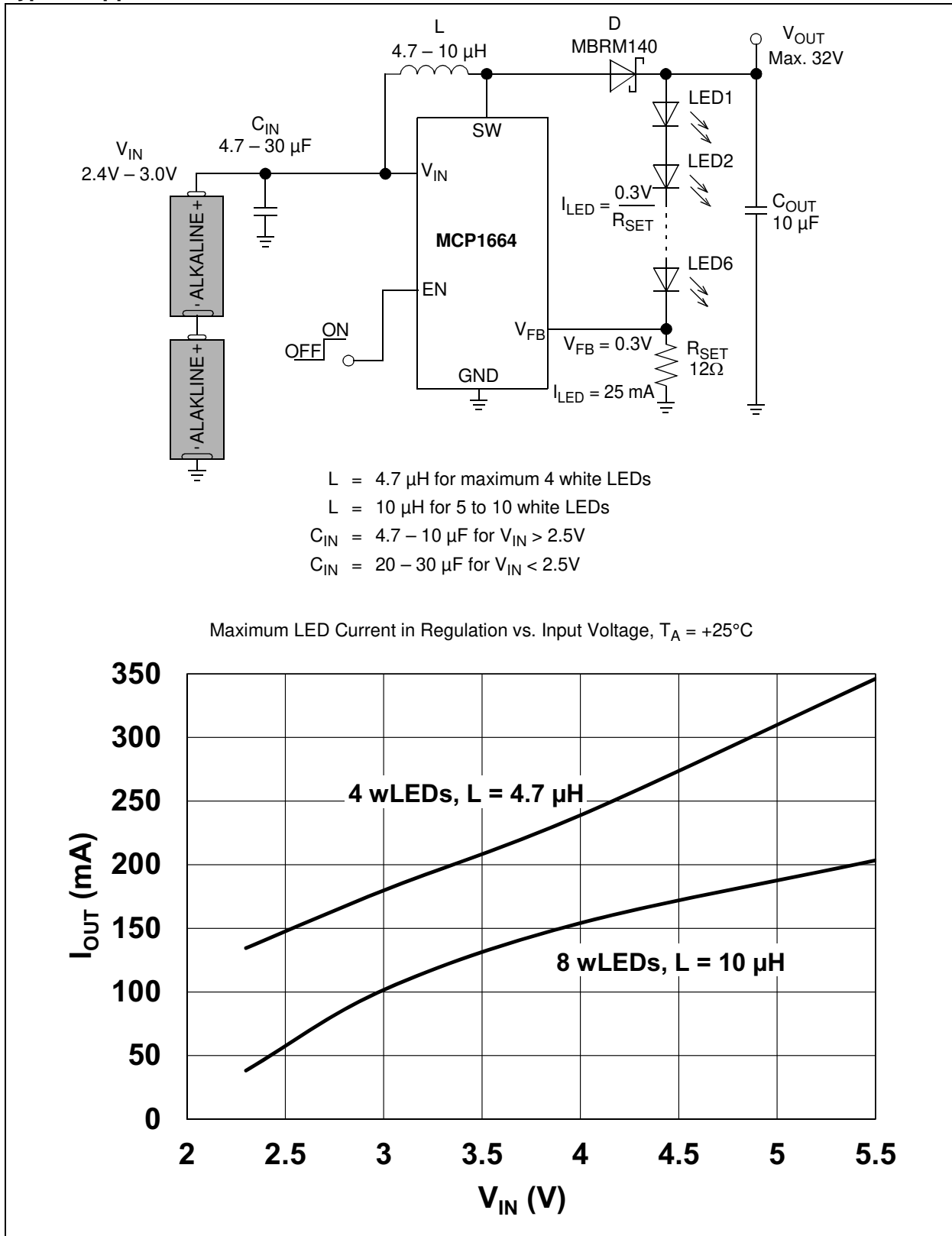
While in Shutdown mode (EN = GND), the device stops switching, and consumes 40 nA typical of input current.

Package Types



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Typical Application



1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings †

$V_{SW} - GND$	+36V
EN, $V_{IN} - GND$	+6.0V
V_{FB}	+0.35V
Power Dissipation	Internally Limited
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C
Ambient Temperature with Power Applied	-40°C to +125°C
Operating Junction Temperature	-40°C to +150°C
ESD Protection On All Pins:	
HBM	4 kV
MM400V

† **Notice:** Stresses above those listed under “Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not intended. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC AND AC CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise specified, all limits apply for typical values at ambient temperature $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V}$, V_{OUT} loaded with 3 white LEDs ($V_F = 2.65\text{V}$ at $I_F = 100\text{ mA}$), $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$, $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic, $L = 4.7\text{ }\mu\text{H}$.

Boldface specifications apply over the controlled T_A range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$.

Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Input Voltage Range	V_{IN}	2.4	—	5.5	V	Note 1
Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)	$UVLO_{START}$	—	2.3	—	V	V_{IN} rising, $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$
	$UVLO_{STOP}$	—	1.85	—	V	V_{IN} falling, $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$
Maximum Output Voltage	V_{OUTmax}	—	—	32	V	Note 1
Maximum Output Current	I_{OUT}	—	150	—	mA	4.2V V_{IN} , 8 LEDs
			200	—	mA	3.3V V_{IN} , 4 LEDs
			300	—	mA	5.0V V_{IN} , 4 LEDs
Feedback Voltage Reference	V_{FB}	275	300	325	mV	
Feedback Input Bias Current	I_{VFB}	—	0.025	—	μA	
Shutdown Quiescent Current	I_{QSHDN}	—	0.04	—	μA	EN = GND
NMOS Peak Switch Current Limit	$I_{N(MAX)}$	—	1.8	—	A	Note 2
NMOS Switch Leakage	I_{NLK}	—	0.4	—	μA	$V_{IN} = V_{SW} = 5\text{V}$; $V_{OUT} = 5.5\text{V}$ $V_{EN} = V_{FB} = \text{GND}$
NMOS Switch ON Resistance	$R_{DS(ON)}$	—	0.4	—	Ω	$V_{IN} = 5\text{V}$, $I_{LED} = 100\text{ mA}$, 4 series white LEDs Note 2
Feedback Voltage Line Regulation	$ (\Delta V_{FB}/V_{FB})/\Delta V_{IN} $	—	0.5	1	%/V	$V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V to }5\text{V}$
Maximum Duty Cycle	DC_{MAX}	—	90	—	%	Note 2
Switching Frequency	f_{SW}	425	500	575	kHz	$\pm 15\%$
EN Input Logic High	V_{IH}	85	—	—	% of V_{IN}	
EN Input Logic Low	V_{IL}	—	—	7.5	% of V_{IN}	
EN Input Leakage Current	I_{ENLK}	—	0.025	—	μA	$V_{EN} = 5\text{V}$

Note 1: Minimum input voltage in the range of V_{IN} ($V_{IN} < 5.5\text{V} < V_{OUT}$) depends on the maximum duty cycle (DC_{MAX}) and on the output voltage (V_{OUT}), according to the boost converter equation:
 $V_{INmin} = V_{OUT} \times (1 - DC_{MAX})$. Output voltage is equal to the LED voltage plus the voltage on the sense resistor ($V_{LED} + V_{RSET}$). Recommended ($V_{OUT} - V_{IN}$) > 1V.

2: Determined by characterization, not production tested.

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DC AND AC CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise specified, all limits apply for typical values at ambient temperature $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V}$, V_{OUT} loaded with 3 white LEDs ($V_F = 2.65\text{V}$ at $I_F = 100\text{ mA}$), $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$, $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic, $L = 4.7\text{ }\mu\text{H}$.

Boldface specifications apply over the controlled T_A range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$.

Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Start-Up Time	t_{SS}	—	100	—	s	EN Low to High, 90% of I_{LED} (Note 2, Figure 2-10)
Thermal Shutdown Die Temperature	T_{SD}	—	150	—	$^\circ\text{C}$	Note 2
Die Temperature Hysteresis	T_{SDHYS}	—	20	—	$^\circ\text{C}$	Note 2

Note 1: Minimum input voltage in the range of V_{IN} ($V_{IN} < 5.5\text{V} < V_{OUT}$) depends on the maximum duty cycle (DC_{MAX}) and on the output voltage (V_{OUT}), according to the boost converter equation:

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2: Determined by characterization, not production tested.

TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise specified, all limits apply for typical values at ambient temperature $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = 3.0\text{V}$, $I_{OUT} = 20\text{ mA}$, $V_{OUT} = 12\text{V}$, $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic, $L = 4.7\text{ }\mu\text{H}$.

Boldface specifications apply over the air-forced T_A range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$.

Parameters	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
Temperature Ranges						
Operating Junction Temperature Range	T_J	-40	—	+125	$^\circ\text{C}$	Steady State
Storage Temperature Range	T_A	-65	—	+150	$^\circ\text{C}$	
Maximum Junction Temperature	T_J	—	—	+150	$^\circ\text{C}$	
Package Thermal Resistances						
Thermal Resistance, 5L SOT-23	θ_{JA}	—	201.0	—	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	
Thermal Resistance, 8L 2x3 TDFN	θ_{JA}	—	52.5	—	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	

2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated: $V_{IN} = 3.3V$, $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$, V_{OUT} loaded with 4 white LEDs ($V_F = 2.9V$ at $I_F = 100\text{ mA}$), $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic, $L = 4.7\text{ }\mu\text{H}$.

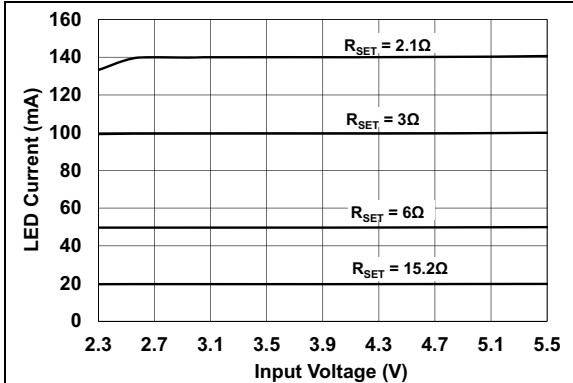


FIGURE 2-1: Four White LEDs, I_{LED} vs. V_{IN} .

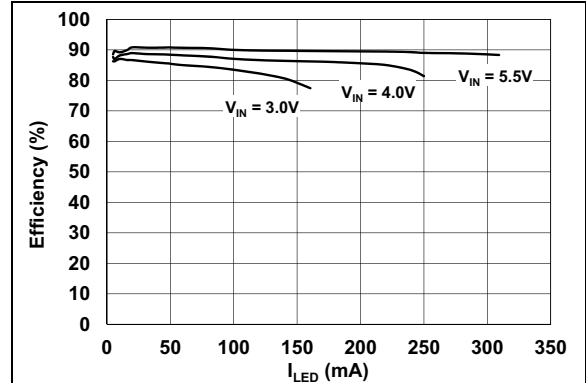


FIGURE 2-4: Four White LEDs, Efficiency vs. I_{LED} .

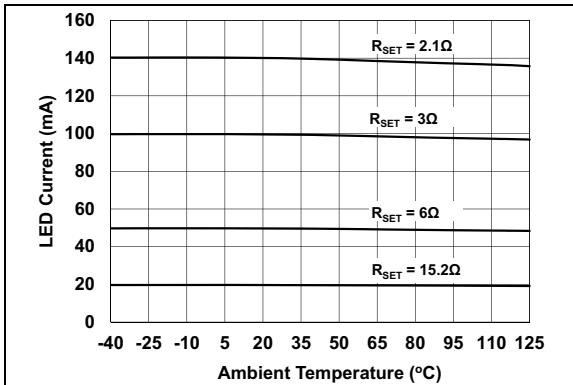


FIGURE 2-2: Four White LEDs, I_{LED} vs. Ambient Temperature.

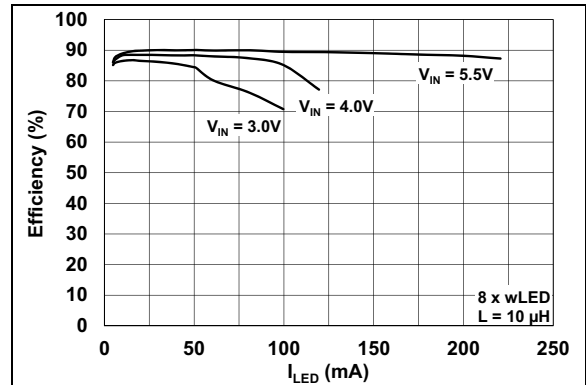


FIGURE 2-5: Eight White LEDs, Efficiency vs. I_{LED} .

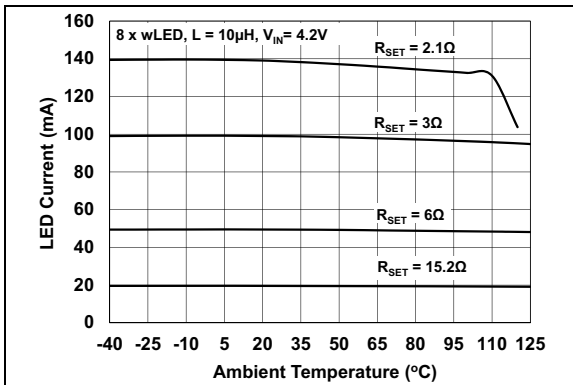


FIGURE 2-3: Eight White LEDs, I_{LED} vs. Ambient Temperature.

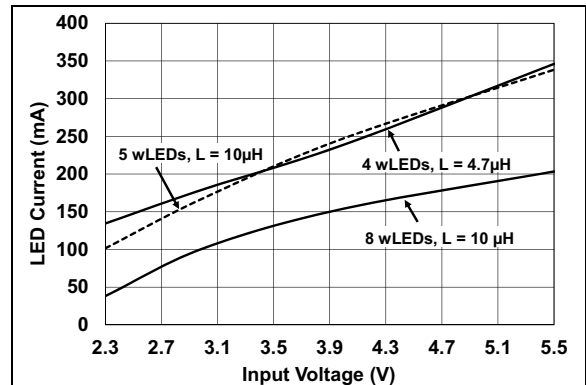


FIGURE 2-6: Maximum I_{LED} vs. V_{IN} .

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated: $V_{IN} = 3.3V$, $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$, V_{OUT} loaded with 4 white LEDs ($V_F = 2.9V$ at $I_F = 100\text{ mA}$), $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic, $L = 4.7\text{ }\mu\text{H}$.

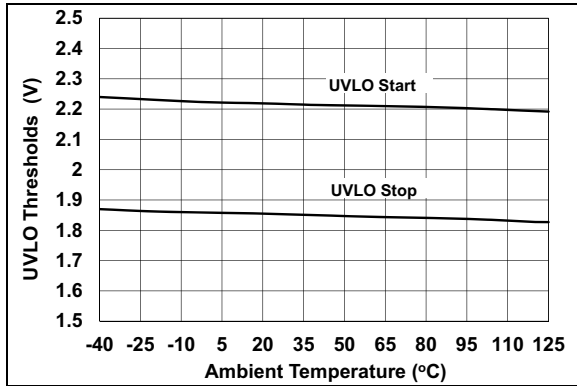


FIGURE 2-7: Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) vs. Ambient Temperature.

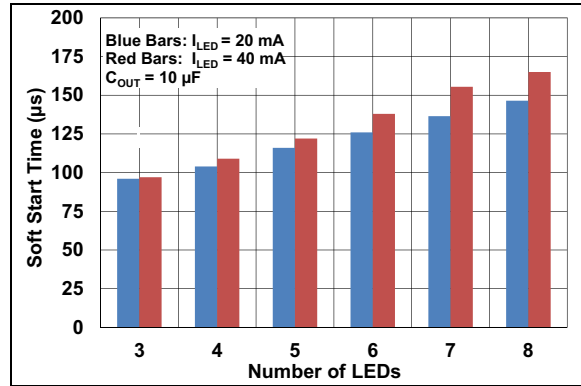


FIGURE 2-10: Start-Up Time vs. LED Number.

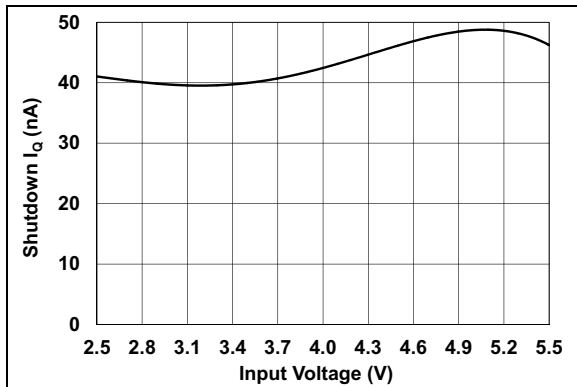


FIGURE 2-8: Shutdown Quiescent Current, I_{QSHDN} , vs. V_{IN} ($EN = GND$).

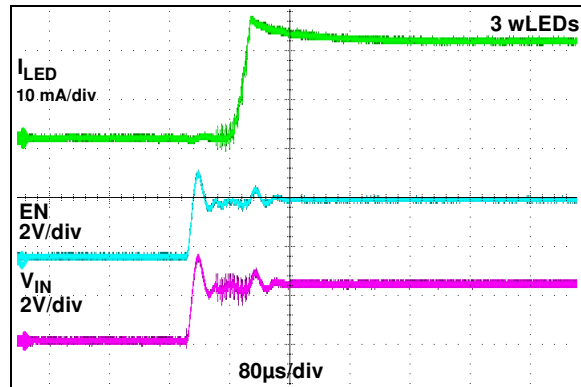


FIGURE 2-11: Start-Up When $V_{IN} = V_{ENABLE}$.

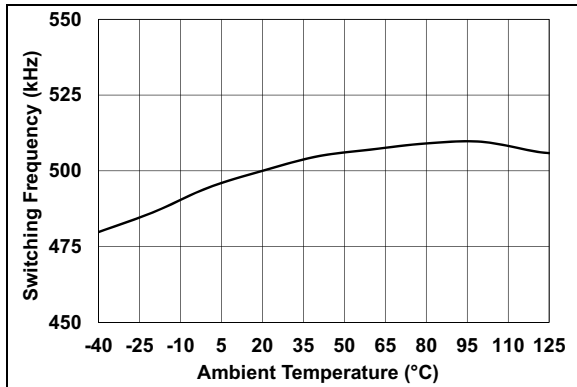


FIGURE 2-9: Switching Frequency, f_{SW} vs. Ambient Temperature.

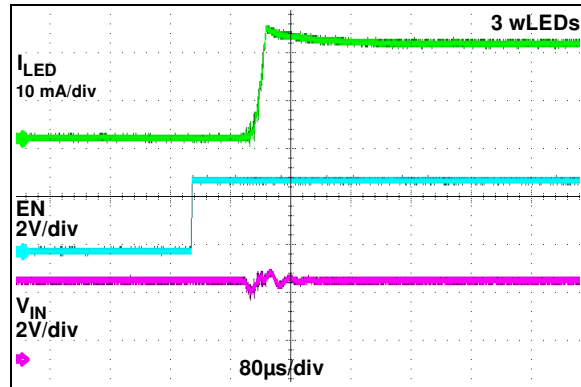


FIGURE 2-12: Start-Up After Enable.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated: $V_{IN} = 3.3V$, $I_{LED} = 20\text{ mA}$, V_{OUT} loaded with 4 white LEDs ($V_F = 2.9V$ at $I_F = 100\text{ mA}$), $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, X7R ceramic, $L = 4.7\text{ }\mu\text{H}$.

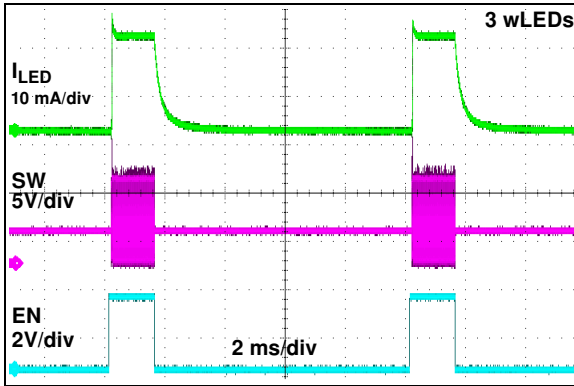


FIGURE 2-13: 100 Hz PWM Dimming, 15% Duty Cycle.

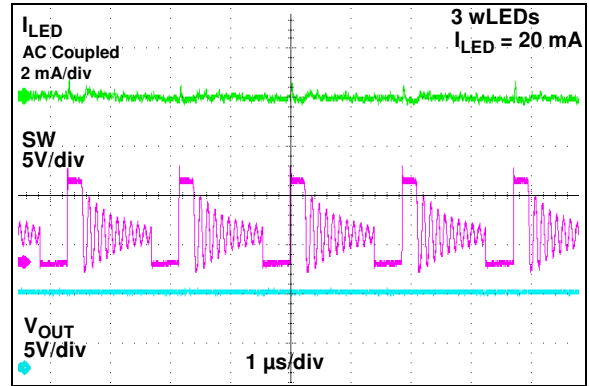


FIGURE 2-16: Three White LEDs PWM Discontinuous Mode Waveforms.

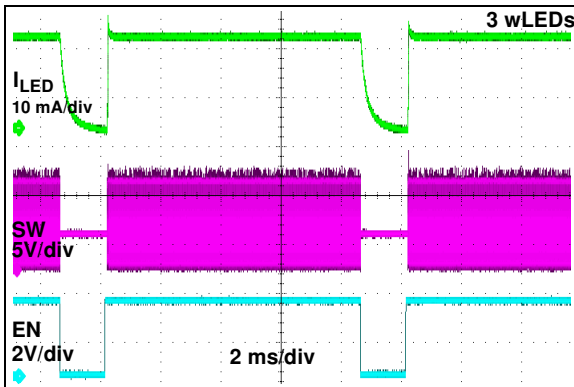


FIGURE 2-14: 100 Hz PWM Dimming, 85% Duty Cycle.

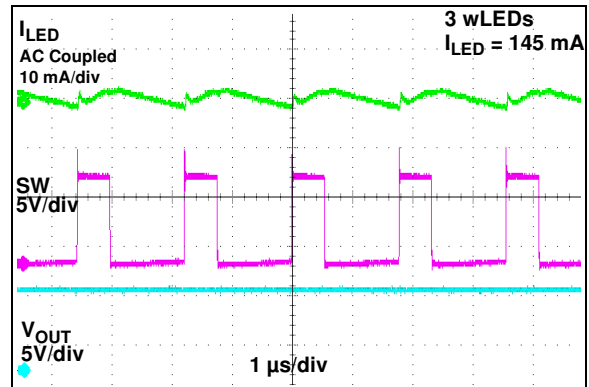


FIGURE 2-17: Three White LEDs PWM Continuous Mode Waveforms.

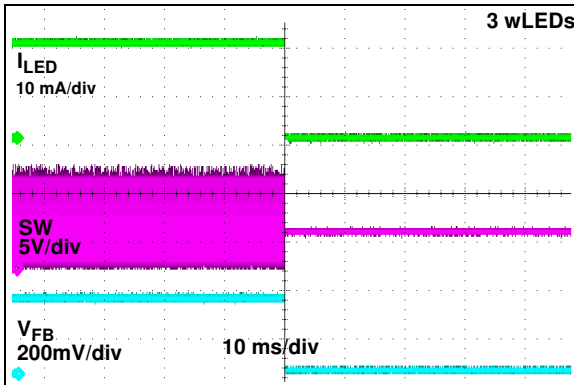


FIGURE 2-15: Open Load (LED Fail or FB to GND) Response.

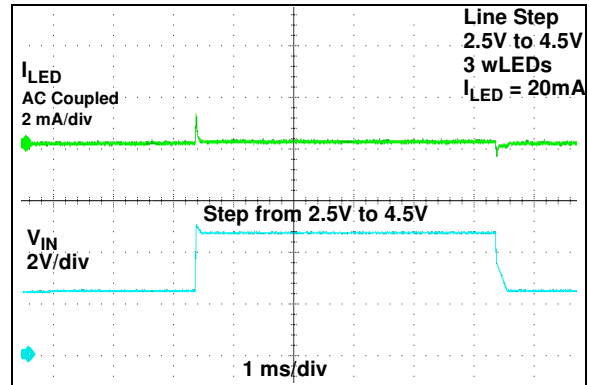


FIGURE 2-18: Line Step Response. V_{IN} steps from 2.5V to 4.5V.

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3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

The descriptions of the pins are listed in [Table 3-1](#).

TABLE 3-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE

MCP1664 SOT-23	MCP1664 2x3 TDFN	Symbol	Description
3	1	V _{FB}	Feedback Voltage Pin
—	2	S _{GND}	Signal Ground Pin (TDFN only)
1	3	SW	Switch Node, Boost Inductor Pin
—	4, 6	NC	Not Connected
5	5	V _{IN}	Input Voltage Pin
—	7	P _{GND}	Power Ground Pin (TDFN only)
4	8	EN	Enable Control Input Pin
—	9	EP	Exposed Thermal Pad (EP); must be connected to Ground. (TDFN only)
2	—	GND	Ground Pin (SOT-23 only)

3.1 Feedback Voltage Pin (V_{FB})

The V_{FB} pin is used to regulate the voltage across the R_{SET} sense resistor to 300 mV to keep the output LED current in regulation. Connect the cathode of the LED to the V_{FB} pin.

3.2 Signal Ground Pin (S_{GND})

The signal ground pin is used as a return for the integrated reference voltage and error amplifier.

3.3 Switch Node Pin (SW)

Connect the inductor from the input voltage to the SW pin. The SW pin carries inductor current and has a typical value of 1.8A. The integrated N-Channel switch drain is internally connected to the SW node.

3.4 Not Connected (NC)

This is an unconnected pin.

3.5 Power Supply Input Voltage Pin (V_{IN})

Connect the input voltage source to V_{IN}. The input source should be decoupled from GND with a 4.7 μF minimum capacitor.

3.6 Power Ground Pin (P_{GND})

The power ground pin is used as a return for the high-current N-Channel switch. The P_{GND} and S_{GND} pins are connected externally. The signal ground and power ground must be connected externally in one point.

3.7 Enable Pin (EN)

The EN pin is a logic-level input used to enable or disable device switching and lower quiescent current while disabled. A logic high (>85% of V_{IN}) will enable the regulator output. A logic low (<7.5% of V_{IN}) will ensure that the regulator is disabled.

3.8 Exposed Thermal Pad (EP)

There is no internal electrical connection between the Exposed Thermal Pad (EP) and the S_{GND} and P_{GND} pins. They must be connected to the same potential on the Printed Circuit Board (PCB).

3.9 Ground Pin (GND)

The ground or return pin is used for circuit ground connection. The length of the trace from the input cap return, the output cap return and the GND pin must be as short as possible to minimize noise on the GND pin. The SOT-23 5-lead package uses a single ground pin.

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4.0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION

4.1 Device Overview

The MCP1664 is a fixed-frequency, synchronous step-up converter, with a low voltage reference of 300 mV, optimized to keep the output current constant by regulating the voltage across the feedback resistor (R_{SET}). The MCP1664 integrates a peak current mode architecture and delivers high-efficiency conversion for LED lighting applications while being powered by two-cell and three-cell Alkaline, Ultimate Lithium, NiMH, NiCd and single-cell Li-Ion battery inputs. The maximum input voltage, V_{INmax} is 5.5V. A high level of integration lowers total system cost, eases implementation and reduces board area.

The conventional boost converter with a high voltage reference has a high voltage drop across the LED series current limit resistor. The power dissipated in this resistor, which is usually in series with the LED string, reduces the total efficiency conversion of an LED driver solution. Therefore, the voltage drop on the sense resistor (R_{SET}) used to regulate the LED current must be low. In the case of MCP1664, the V_{FB} value is 300 mV.

The device features controlled start-up voltage ($UVLO_{START} = 2.3V$) and an open load protection in case the LED fails or short circuit of the V_{FB} pin to GND. Once the V_{FB} voltage drops below 50 mV, the device stops switching and the output voltage will be equal to the input voltage (minus a diode drop voltage). This feature prevents damage to the device and LEDs in case of an accidental event like the one previously described.

The 400 m Ω , 36V integrated switch is protected by the 1.8A cycle-by-cycle inductor peak current limit operation. When the Enable pin is pulled to ground ($EN = GND$), the device stops switching, enters in Shutdown mode and consumes less than 50 nA of input current (Figure 2-8).

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4.2 Functional Description

The MCP1664 is a compact, high-efficiency, fixed 500 kHz frequency, step-up DC-DC converter that operates as a constant current generator for applications powered by either two-cell or three-cell alkaline or Lithium Energizer; three-cell NiCd or NiMH; or one-cell Li-Ion or Li-Polymer batteries.

Figure 4-1 describes the functional block diagram of the MCP1664. It incorporates a current mode control scheme in which the PWM ramp signal is derived from the NMOS power switch current (V_{SENSE}). A slope compensation signal (V_{RAMP}) is added to the current sense signal (V_{SENSE}) and compared to the output of the error amplifier (V_{ERROR}) to control the ON-time of the power switch.

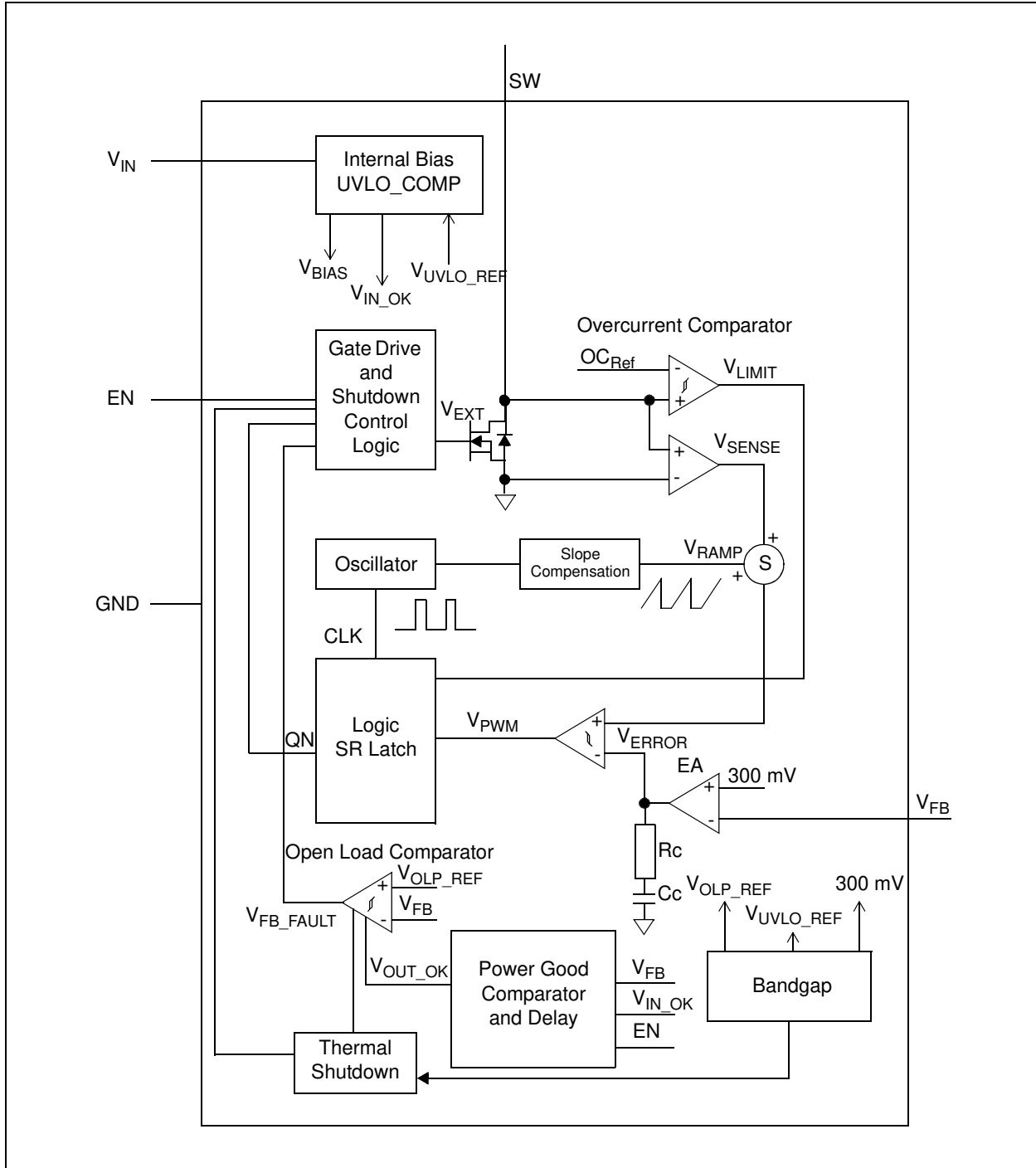


FIGURE 4-1: MCP1664 Simplified Block Diagram.

4.2.1 INTERNAL BIAS

The MCP1664 gets its bias from V_{IN} . The V_{IN} bias is used to power the device and drive circuits over the entire operating range. The maximum V_{IN} is 5.5V.

4.2.2 START-UP

The MCP1664 is capable of starting from two alkaline cells. The MCP1664 starts switching at approximately 2.3V typical for a light load current. Once started, the device will continue to operate under normal load conditions down to 1.85V typical.

The start-up time is dependent on the LED's current, the number of the LEDs connected at output and on the output capacitor value (see [Figure 2-10](#)). Output capacitor value increases the start-up time.

When the device is powered, the output capacitor charges to a value close to the input voltage (V_{IN} minus a Schottky diode voltage drop). To avoid high inrush currents that occur when charging the output capacitor during start-up, the switch peak current is limited to 1.8A. Once the voltage on the output capacitor reaches the sum of the forward voltages of all LEDs, the MCP1664 enters in constant current operation.

Due to the direct path from input to output, in the case of dimming applications (EN voltage switches from low to high), the output capacitor is already charged and the output starts from a value close to the input voltage. In this particular situation the device starts faster.

The internal oscillator has a delayed start to let the output capacitor be completely charged to the input voltage value.

4.2.3 UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT (UVLO)

The MCP1664 features an UVLO that prevents fault operation below 1.85V typical, which is close to the value of two discharged alkaline batteries.

Essentially, there is a comparator, which monitors V_{IN} and a reference voltage derived from the bandgap.

The device starts its normal operation at 2.3V typical input. A hysteresis is set for the comparator to avoid input transients (temporary V_{IN} drop) which might trigger the lower UVLO threshold and restart the device.

When the input voltage is below the $UVLO_{START}$ threshold, the device is operating with limited specification.

4.2.4 ENABLE PIN

The MCP1664 enables switching when the EN pin is set high. The device is put into Shutdown mode when the EN pin is set low. To enable the boost converter, the EN voltage level must be greater than 85% of the V_{IN} voltage. To disable the boost converter, the EN voltage must be less than 7.5% of the V_{IN} voltage.

4.2.4.1 Shutdown Mode. Input-to-Output Path (EN = GND)

In Shutdown mode, the MCP1664 stops switching and all internal control circuitry is switched off. The input voltage will be bypassed to output through the inductor and the Schottky diode.

While the device stops switching, V_{OUT} is equal to the output capacitor voltage, which slowly discharges on the leak path (from V_{OUT} to a value close to V_{IN}) after the LEDs have been turned off.

In Shutdown mode, the current consumed by the MCP1664 from batteries is very low, below 50 nA.

4.2.5 PWM MODE OPERATION

The MCP1664 operates as a fixed-frequency, non-synchronous converter. The switching frequency is maintained with a precision oscillator at 500 kHz.

Lossless current sensing converts the inductor's peak current signal to a voltage (V_{SENSE}) and adds it to the internal slope compensation (V_{RAMP}). This summed signal is compared to the voltage error amplifier output (V_{ERROR}) to provide a peak current control signal (V_{PWM}) for the PWM. The slope compensation signal depends on the input voltage. Therefore, the converter provides the proper amount of slope compensation to ensure stability. The peak limit current is set to 1.8A.

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4.2.6 INTERNAL COMPENSATION

The error amplifier, with its associated compensation network, completes the closed-loop system by comparing the output voltage to a reference at the input of the error amplifier and by feeding the amplified and inverted signal to the control input of the inner current loop. The compensation network provides phase leads and lags at appropriate frequencies to cancel excessive phase lags and leads of the power circuit. All necessary compensation and slope compensation components are integrated.

4.2.7 OPEN LOAD PROTECTION (OLP)

An internal V_{FB} fault signal turns off the PWM signal (V_{EXT}) when output goes out of regulation in the event of:

- open load (LED string fails)
or
- short circuit of the feedback pin to GND.

In any of the above events, for a regular integrated circuit (IC) without any protection implemented, the V_{FB} voltage drops to ground potential, its N-channel transistor is forced to switch at full duty cycle and V_{OUT} rises. This fault event may cause the SW pin to exceed its maximum voltage rating and may damage the boost regulator IC, its external components and the LEDs. To avoid these, the MCP1664 features an open load protection (OLP) which turns off PWM switching when such a condition is detected. There is an overvoltage comparator with 50 mV reference which monitors the V_{FB} voltage.

If the OLP event occurs with the input voltage below the $UVLO_{START}$ threshold and V_{FB} remains under 50 mV due to weak input (discharged batteries) or an overload condition, the device latches its output; it resumes after power-up.

The OLP comparator is disabled during start-up sequences and thermal shutdown.

4.2.8 OVERCURRENT LIMIT

The MCP1664 uses a 1.8A cycle-by-cycle input current limit to protect the N-channel switch. There is an overcurrent comparator which resets the drive latch when the peak of the inductor current reaches the limit. In current limitation, the output voltage and load current start dropping.

4.2.9 OUTPUT SHORT-CIRCUIT CONDITION

Like all non-synchronous boost converters, the MCP1664 inductor current will increase excessively during a short circuit on the converter's output. Short circuit on the output will cause the diode rectifier to fail and the inductor's temperature to rise or even to fail. When the diode fails, the SW pin becomes a high-impedance node; it remains connected only to the inductor and the excessive resulted ringing may cause damage to the MCP1664.

4.2.10 OVERTEMPERATURE PROTECTION

Overtemperature protection circuitry is integrated into the MCP1664. This circuitry monitors the device junction temperature and shuts the device off if the temperature exceeds +150°C. The device will automatically restart when the junction temperature drops by 20°C. The OLP is disabled during an overtemperature condition.

5.0 APPLICATION INFORMATION

5.1 Typical Applications

The MCP1664 non-synchronous boost LED current regulator operates over a wide output range up to 32V, which allows it to drive up to 10 LEDs in series connection. The input voltage ranges from 2.4V to 5.5V. The device operates down to 1.85V with limited specification. The UVLO typical thresholds are set to 2.3V typical when V_{IN} is ramping and to 1.85V when V_{IN} is falling. Output current capability increases with the input voltage and is limited by the 1.8A typical peak input current limit. Typical characterization curves in this data sheet are presented to display the typical output current capability.

5.2 LED Brightness Control

5.2.1 CONSTANT CURRENT CALCULATIONS

To calculate the resistor value for setting the LED current, use [Equation 5-1](#), where R_{SET} is connected to V_{FB} and GND. The reference voltage, V_{FB} , is 300 mV. The calculated current does not depend on the number of LEDs in the string.

EQUATION 5-1:

$$I_{LED} = \frac{V_{FB}}{R_{SET}}$$

EXAMPLE 1:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{FB} &= 300 \text{ mV} \\ I_{LED} &= 100 \text{ mA} \\ R_{SET} &= 3\Omega \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{FB} &= 300 \text{ mV} \\ I_{LED} &= 200 \text{ mA} \\ R_{SET} &= 1.5\Omega \end{aligned}$$

The power dissipated on the R_{SET} resistor is low and equal to $V_{FB} \times I_{LED}$. For $I_{LED} = 100 \text{ mA}$, the power dissipated on the sense resistor is 30 mW and the efficiency of the conversion is high.

5.2.2 PWM DIMMING

LED brightness can also be controlled by setting the maximum current for the LED string (using [Equation 5-1](#)) and by lowering this current in small steps, with a variable duty cycle PWM signal applied to the EN pin. The maximum frequency for dimming is limited by the MCP1664's start-up time, which varies with the LED current. By varying the duty cycle of the signal applied on the EN pin (from 0 to 100%), the LED current is changing linearly.

5.2.3 OUTPUT CURRENT CAPABILITY. MINIMUM INPUT VOLTAGE

The maximum device output current is dependent upon the input and output voltage. As there is a 1.8A inductor peak current limit, output current can go out of regulation before reaching the maximum duty cycle. (Note that, for boost converters, the average inductor current is equal to the input current.) Characterization graphs show device limits.

The maximum number of LEDs (n_{LED} in [Equation 5-2](#)) that can be placed in series and be driven is dependent on the maximum LED forward voltage (V_{Fmax}) and LED current set by the R_{SET} resistor. The maximum voltage at the output of the MCP1664 should be 32V. Consider that V_{Fmax} has some variation over the operating temperature range and that the LED data sheet must be reviewed for the correct data to be introduced in [Equation 5-2](#). A maximum of 10 white LEDs in series connection can be driven safely.

EQUATION 5-2:

$$((V_{Fmax} \times n_{LED}) + V_{FB}) < 32V$$

Characterization graphs show the maximum current the device can supply according to the numbers of LEDs at the output.

For example, to ensure a 150 mA load current for five LEDs (output equal to approximately 15V), a minimum of 3V input voltage is necessary. If an application is required to drive eight LEDs and is powered by one Li-Ion battery (V_{IN} from 3.6V to 4.2V), the minimum LED current the MCP1664 can regulate is close to 125 mA ([Figure 2-6](#)).

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5.2.4 OPEN LOAD PROTECTION

The MCP1664 features an open load protection (OLP) in case the LED is disconnected from the output line. If the voltage on the V_{FB} pin drops below 50 mV, the device stops switching and prevents overvoltage on the output and SW pin as well as excessive current into LEDs.

OLP is not enabled during start-up and thermal shutdown events.

5.3 Input Capacitor Selection

The boost input current is smoothed by the boost inductor, reducing the amount of filtering necessary at the input. Some capacitance is recommended to provide decoupling from the source and to ensure that the input does not drop excessively during switching transients. Because the MCP1664 is rated to work at an ambient temperature of up to +125°C, low ESR X7R ceramic capacitors are well suited since they have a low temperature coefficient and small size. For use within a limited temperature range of up to +85°C, a X5R ceramic capacitor can be used. For light load applications, 4.7 μF of capacitance is sufficient at the input. For high-power applications that have high source impedance or long leads, using a 10 μF – 20 μF input capacitor is recommended. When the device is working below a 3.0V input with high LED current, additional input capacitance can be added to provide a stable input voltage (3 x 10 μF or 33 μF) due to high input current demand. The input capacitor must be rated at a minimum of 6.3V. For MLCC ceramic capacitors and X7R or X5R capacitors, capacitance varies over the operating temperature or the DC bias range. Usually, there is a drop down to 50% of capacitance. Review the capacitor manufacturer data sheet to see how rated capacitance varies over these conditions.

Table 5-1 contains the recommended range for the input capacitor value.

5.4 Output Capacitor Selection

The output capacitor helps provide a stable output voltage and smooth load current during sudden load transients and reduces the LED current ripple. Ceramic capacitors are well suited for this application (X5R and X7R). The output capacitor ranges from 4.7 μF in case of light loads and dimming applications and up to 20 μF for hundreds of mAmps LED current applications. Extra output capacitor value is recommended when device drives higher output currents and with small boost ratios (input voltage close to the output voltage).

As mentioned in Section 5.3, Input Capacitor Selection X7R or X5R capacitance varies over the operating temperature or the DC bias range. With a voltage applied at the maximum DC rating, capacitance might drop down to half. This might affect the stability or limit the output power. Capacitance drop over the entire temperature range is less than 20%. Users must carefully select the DC voltage rating (DCV_{RATE}) for the output capacitor according to Equations 5-3 and 5-4:

EQUATION 5-3:

$$DCV_{RATE} > ((V_{Fmax} \times nLED) + V_{FB})$$

or

EQUATION 5-4:

$$DCV_{RATE} > V_{OUTmax}$$

Table 5-1 contains the recommended range for the input and output capacitor value.

TABLE 5-1: CAPACITOR VALUE RANGE

	C_{IN}	C_{OUT}
Minimum	4.7 μF	4.7 μF
Maximum	—	47 μF

5.5 Inductor Selection

The MCP1664 is designed to be used with small surface mount inductors; the inductance value can range from 4.7 μH to 10 μH . An inductance value of 4.7 μH is recommended for output voltages below 15V (4 or 5 LEDs in series connection). For higher output voltages, up to 32V (from 5 to maximum 10 LEDs), an inductance value of 10 μH is optimum.

TABLE 5-2: MCP1664 RECOMMENDED INDUCTORS FOR BOOST CONVERTER

Part Number	Value (μH)	DCR Ω (typ)	I_{SAT} (A)	Size WxLxH (mm)
Coilcraft				
MSS6132-472	4.7	0.043	2.84	6.1x6.1x3.2
XFL4020-472	4.7	0.0574	2.7	4.3x4.3x2.1
LPS5030-472	4.7	0.083	2.0	5.0x5.0x3.0
LPS6235-103	10	0.100	2.4	6.2x6.2x3.5
XAL4040-103	10	0.092	1.9	4.3x4.3x4.1
Würth® Elektronik Group				
7440530047 WE-TPC	4.7	0.07	2.2	5.8x5.8x2.8
74404042047 WE-LQS	4.7	0.03	2.0	4.0x4.0x1.6
74438335047 WE-MAPI	4.7	0.141	2.0	3.0x3.0x1.5
744778610 WE-PD2	10	0.074	1.8	5.9x6.2x4.9
74408943100 WE-SPC	10	0.082	2.1	4.8x4.8x3.8
TDK EPCOS				
B82462G4472	4.7	0.04	1.8	6.3x6.3x3.0
LTF5022-4R7	4.7	0.073	2.0	5.2x5.0x2.2
VLCF4024-4R7	4.7	0.075	1.76	4.0x4.0x2.4
SLF7055-100	10	0.039	2.5	7.0x7.0x5.5

Several parameters are used to select the correct inductor: maximum rated current, saturation current and copper resistance (DCR). For boost converters, the inductor current is much higher than the output current. The average inductor current is equal to the input current. The inductor's peak current is much higher than the average. The lower the inductor DCR, the higher the efficiency of the converter, a common trade-off in size versus efficiency.

Peak current is the maximum or limit value and saturation current typically specifies a point at which the inductance has rolled off a percentage of the rated value. This can range from a 20% to 40% reduction in inductance. As inductance rolls off, the inductor ripple current increases, as does the peak switch current. It is important to keep the inductance from rolling off too much, causing switch current to reach the peak limit.

5.6 Rectifier Diode Selection

Schottky diodes are used to reduce losses. The diode's average and peak current rating must be greater than the average output current and the peak inductor current, respectively. The diode's reverse breakdown voltage must be higher than the internal switch maximum rating voltage of 36V.

The converter's efficiency will be improved if the voltage drop across the diode is lower. The forward voltage (V_F) rating is forward-current dependent, which is equal in particular to the load current.

For high currents and high ambient temperatures, use a diode with good thermal characteristics.

TABLE 5-3: RECOMMENDED SCHOTTKY DIODES

Type	V_{OUTmax}	T_A
PMEG2010	18V	< +85°C
STPS120	18V	< +125°C
MBRM120	18V	< +125°C
PMEG4010	32V	< +85°C
UPS5819	32V	< +85°C
MBRM140	32V	< +125°C

5.7 Thermal Calculations

The MCP1664 is available in two different packages (5-lead SOT-23 and 8-lead 2x3 TDFN). By calculating the power dissipation and applying the package thermal resistance (θ_{JA}), the junction temperature is estimated. The maximum operating junction temperature rating (steady state) for the MCP1664 is +125°C.

To quickly estimate the internal power dissipation for the switching boost regulator, an empirical calculation using measured efficiency can be used. Given the measured efficiency, the internal power dissipation is estimated by Equation 5-5.

EQUATION 5-5:

$$\left(\frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}}{\text{Efficiency}}\right) - (V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}) = P_{\text{Dis}}$$

The difference between the first term, input power, and the second term, power delivered, is the internal power dissipation of the MCP1664. This is an estimate, assuming that most of the power lost is internal to the MCP1664 and not C_{IN} , C_{OUT} , the rectifier diode and the inductor. There is some percentage of power lost in the boost inductor and the rectifier diode, with very little loss in the input and output capacitors. For a more accurate estimation of internal power dissipation, subtract the $I_{\text{INRMS}}^2 \times L_{\text{DCR}}$ and $I_{\text{LED}} \times V_F$ power dissipation (where I_{INRMS} is the average input current, L_{DCR} is the inductor series resistance and V_F is the diode voltage drop). Another source of power losses for the LED driver, that is external to the MCP1664, is the sense resistor. The losses for the sense resistor can be approximated by $V_{\text{FB}} \times I_{\text{LED}}$.

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5.8 PCB Layout Information

Good printed circuit board layout techniques are important to any switching circuitry and switching power supplies are no different. When wiring the switching high-current paths, short and wide traces

should be used. Therefore, it is important that the input and output capacitors be placed as close as possible to the MCP1664 to minimize the loop area.

The R_{SET} resistor and feedback signal should be routed away from the switching node and the switching current loop. When possible, ground planes and traces should be used to help shield the feedback signal and minimize noise and magnetic interferences.

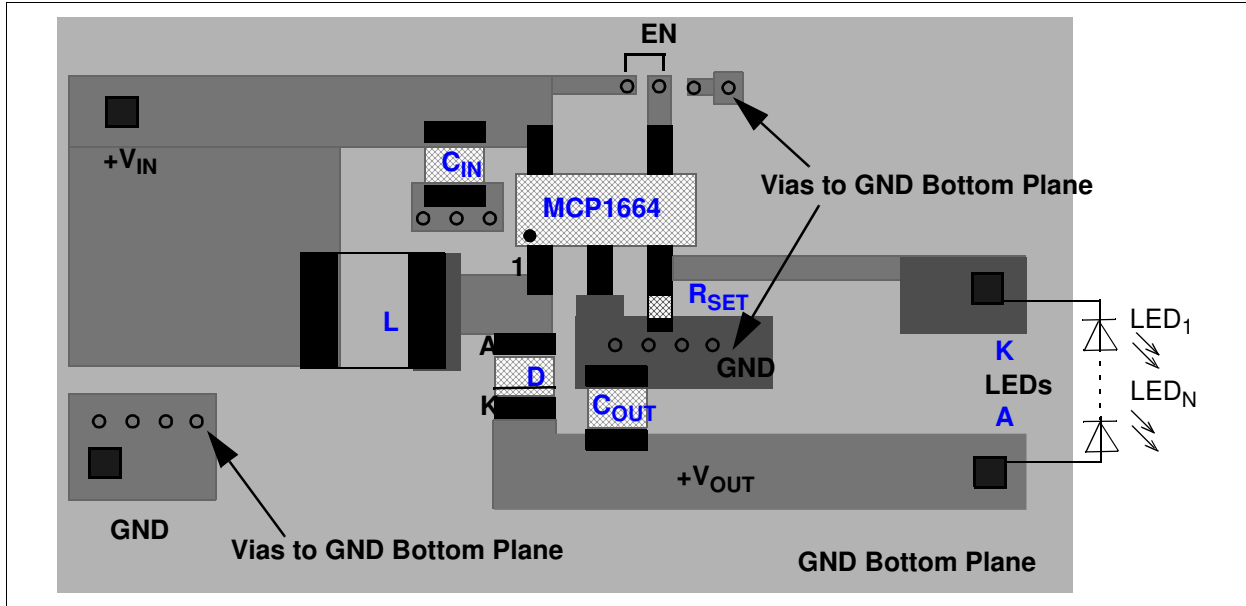


FIGURE 5-1: MCP1664 5-Lead SOT-23 Recommended Layout.

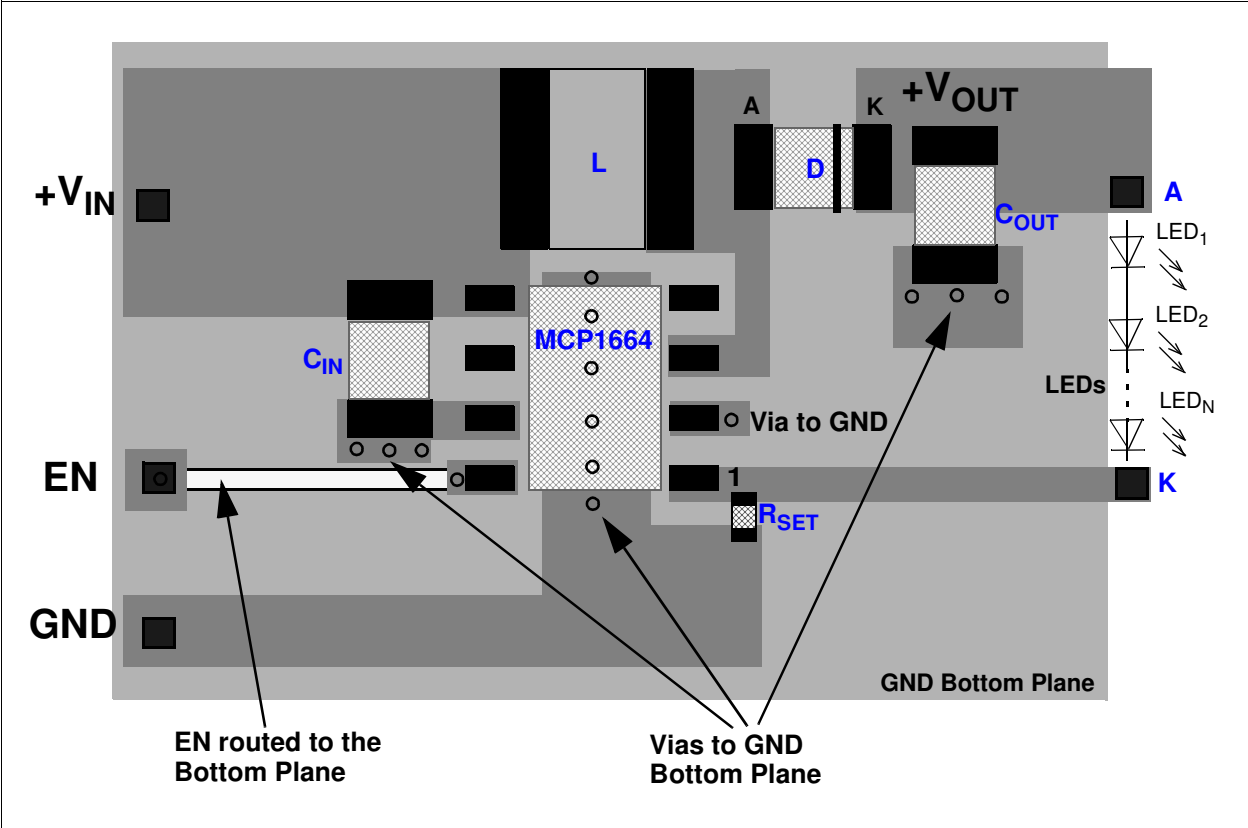


FIGURE 5-2: MCP1664 TDFN Recommended Layout.

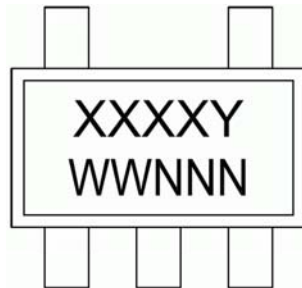
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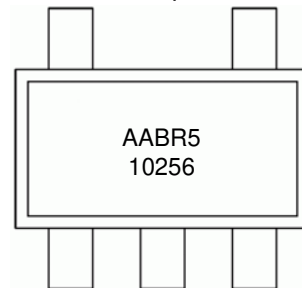
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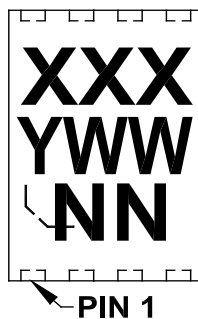
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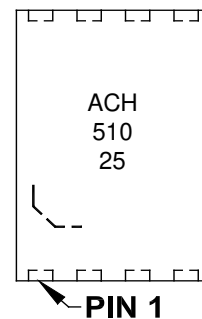
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8-Lead TDFN (2x3x0.75 mm)



Example



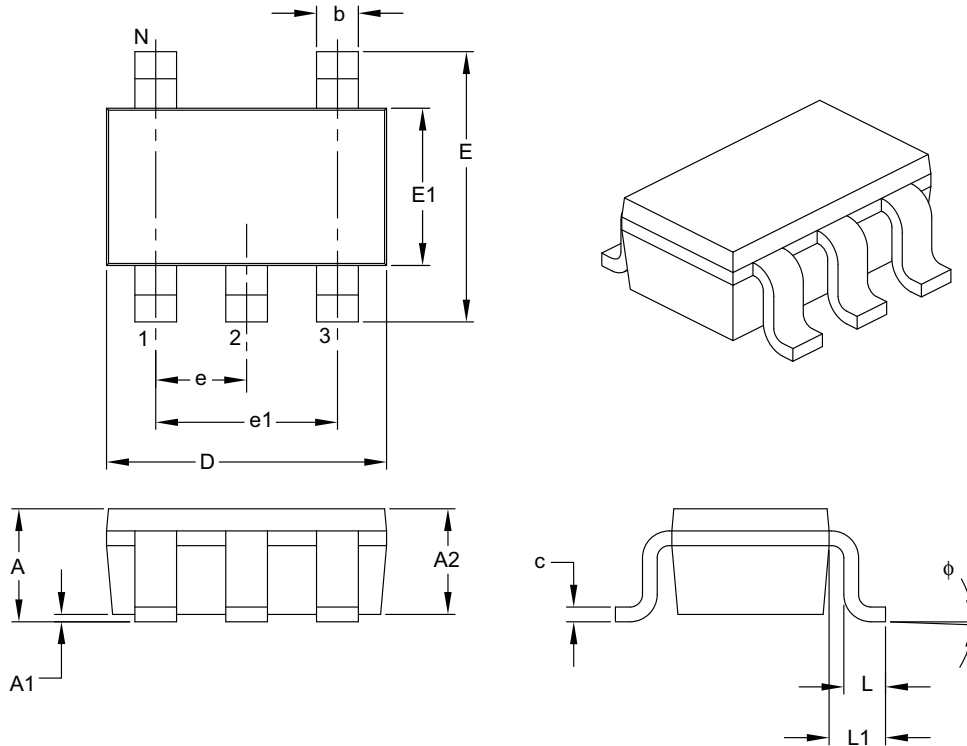
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	Y	Year code (last digit of calendar year)
	YY	Year code (last 2 digits of calendar year)
	WW	Week code (week of January 1 is week '01')
	NNN	Alphanumeric traceability code
	(e3)	Pb-free JEDEC designator for Matte Tin (Sn)
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5-Lead Plastic Small Outline Transistor (OT) [SOT-23]

Note: For the most current package drawings, please see the Microchip Packaging Specification located at <http://www.microchip.com/packaging>



Dimension Limits	Units	MILLIMETERS		
		MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	N	5		
Lead Pitch	e	0.95 BSC		
Outside Lead Pitch	e1	1.90 BSC		
Overall Height	A	0.90	–	1.45
Molded Package Thickness	A2	0.89	–	1.30
Standoff	A1	0.00	–	0.15
Overall Width	E	2.20	–	3.20
Molded Package Width	E1	1.30	–	1.80
Overall Length	D	2.70	–	3.10
Foot Length	L	0.10	–	0.60
Footprint	L1	0.35	–	0.80
Foot Angle	ϕ	0°	–	30°
Lead Thickness	c	0.08	–	0.26
Lead Width	b	0.20	–	0.51

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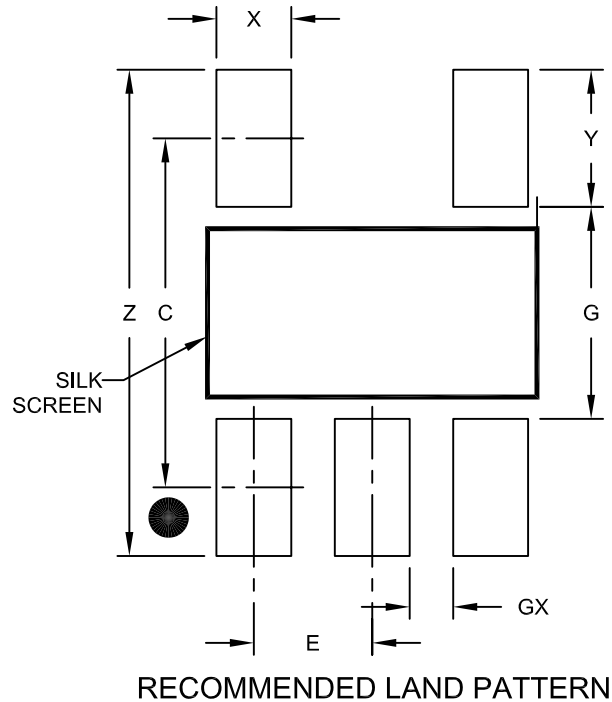
- Dimensions D and E1 do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed 0.127 mm per side.
- Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

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5-Lead Plastic Small Outline Transistor (OT) [SOT-23]

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Dimension Limits	Units	MILLIMETERS		
		MIN	NOM	MAX
Contact Pitch	E	0.95 BSC		
Contact Pad Spacing	C		2.80	
Contact Pad Width (X5)	X			0.60
Contact Pad Length (X5)	Y			1.10
Distance Between Pads	G	1.70		
Distance Between Pads	GX	0.35		
Overall Width	Z			3.90

Notes:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

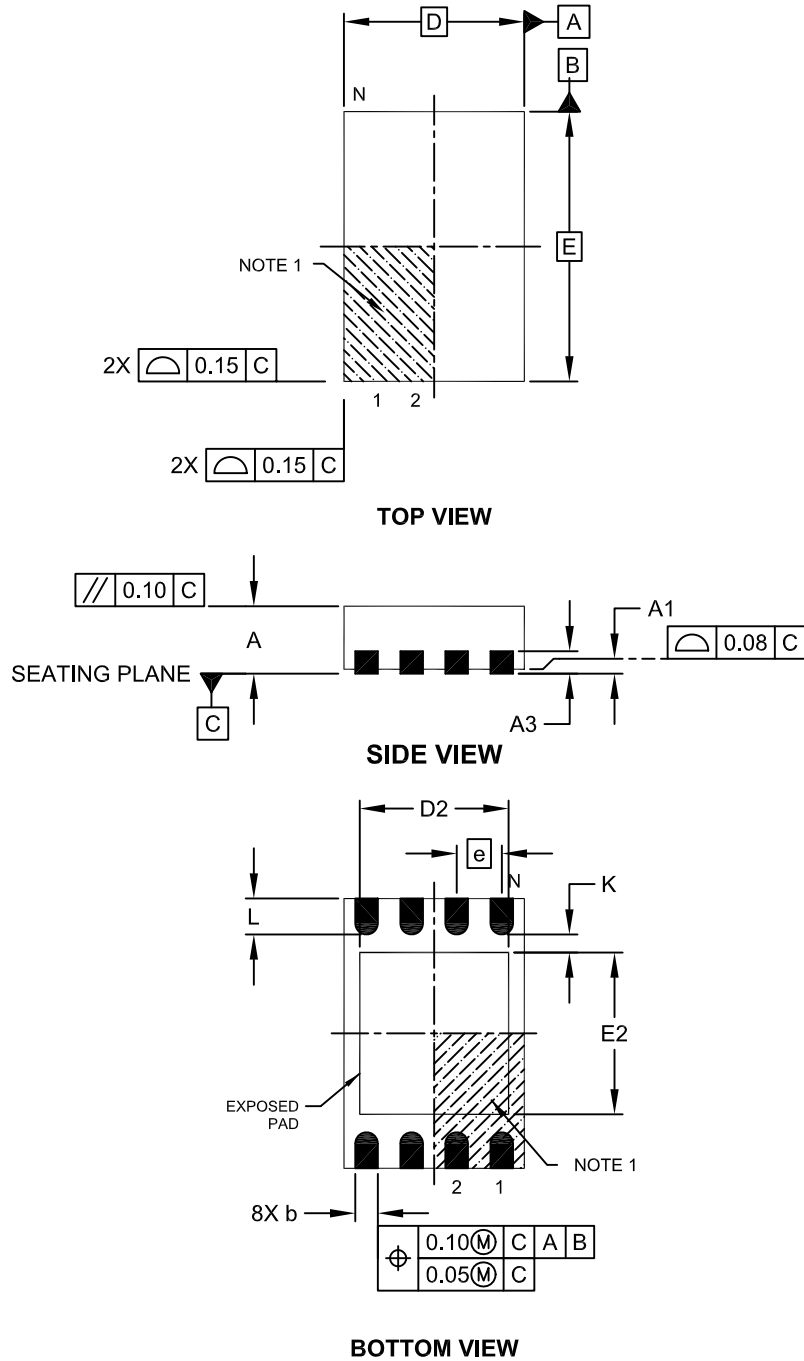
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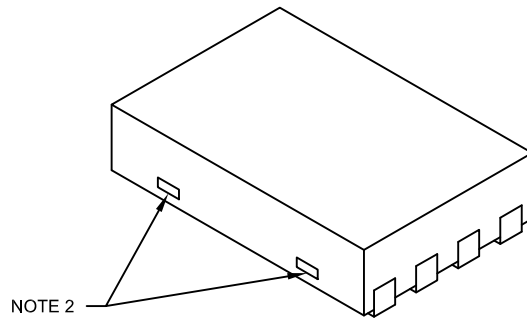
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Dimension Limits	Units	MILLIMETERS		
		MIN	NOM	MAX
Number of Pins	N	8		
Pitch	e	0.50 BSC		
Overall Height	A	0.70	0.75	0.80
Standoff	A1	0.00	0.02	0.05
Contact Thickness	A3	0.20 REF		
Overall Length	D	2.00 BSC		
Overall Width	E	3.00 BSC		
Exposed Pad Length	D2	1.20	-	1.60
Exposed Pad Width	E2	1.20	-	1.60
Contact Width	b	0.20	0.25	0.30
Contact Length	L	0.25	0.30	0.45
Contact-to-Exposed Pad	K	0.20	-	-

Notes:

- Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.
- Package may have one or more exposed tie bars at ends.
- Package is saw singulated
- Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

REF: Reference Dimension, usually without tolerance, for information purposes only.

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