## General Description

The MAX1566/MAX1567 provide a complete powersupply solution for digital cameras. They improve performance, component count, and size compared to conventional multichannel controllers in 2-cell AA, 1-cell lithium-ion (Li+), and dual-battery designs. On-chip MOSFETs provide up to 95\% efficiency for critical power supplies, while additional channels operate with external FETs for optimum design flexibility. This optimizes overall efficiency and cost, while also reducing board space.
The MAX1566/MAX1567 include six high-efficiency DC-to-DC conversion channels:

- Step-up DC-to-DC converter with on-chip power FETs
- Main DC-to-DC converter with on-chip FETs, configurable to step either up or down
- Step-down core DC-to-DC converter with on-chip FETs
- DC-to-DC controller for white LEDs or other output
- Extra DC-to-DC controller (typically for LCD); two extra controllers on the MAX1566
- Transformerless inverting DC-to-DC controller (typically for negative CCD bias) on the MAX1567
All DC-to-DC channels operate at one fixed frequency settable from 100 kHz to 1 MHz to optimize size, cost, and efficiency. Other features include soft-start, power-OK outputs, and overload protection. The MAX1566/ MAX1567 are available in space-saving 40-pin thin QFN packages. An evaluation kit is available to expedite designs.

Applications
Digital Cameras
PDAs
Typical Operating Circuit


Features

- 95\% Efficient Step-Up DC-to-DC Converter
- 0.7V Minimum Input Voltage
- Main DC-to-DC Configurable as Either Step-Up or Step-Down
- Combine Step-Up and Step-Down for 90\% Efficient Boost-Buck
- 95\% Efficient Step-Down for DSP Core
- Regulate LED Current for Four, Six, or More LEDs
- Open LED Overvoltage Protection
- Transformerless Inverting Controller (MAX1567)
- Three Extra PWM Controllers (Two on the MAX1567)
- Up to 1 MHz Operating Frequency
- $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Shutdown Mode
- Soft-Start and Overload Protection
- Compact 40-Pin $6 \mathrm{~mm} \times 6 \mathrm{~mm}$ Thin QFN Package

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP RANGE | PIN-PACKAGE | AUX2 <br> FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| MAX1566ETL $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 40 Thin QFN <br> $6 \mathrm{~mm} \times 6 \mathrm{~mm}$ | Step-up <br> controller |  |
| MAX1567ETL $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 40 Thin QFN <br> $6 \mathrm{~mm} \times 6 \mathrm{~mm}$ | Inverting <br> controller |  |

Pin Configuration


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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

PV, PVSU, $\overline{\text { SDOK }}, \overline{A U X 1 O K}, S C F, O_{-}, F_{-}$,



Continuous Power Dissipation ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
40-Pin Thin QFN (derate $26.3 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) .2105 mW Operating Temperature Range .......................... $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Junction Temperature ..................................................... $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Storage Temperature Range ............................. $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) ................................. $+300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Note 1: LXSU has internal clamp diodes to PVSU and PGSU, LXM has internal clamp diodes to PVM and PGM, and LXSD has internal clamp diodes to PVSD and PGSD. Applications that forward bias these diodes should take care not to exceed the devices' power dissipation limits.

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\text {PVSU }}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PV}}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {PVM }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {PVSD }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {INDL2 }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{0}^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right.$ to $+\mathbf{8 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted.$)$

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GENERAL |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input Voltage Range | (Note 2) | 0.7 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Step-Up Minimum Startup Voltage (Note 2) | LOAD $<1 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; startup voltage tempco is -2300ppm $/{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (typ) (Note 3) |  | 0.9 | 1.1 | V |
| Shutdown Supply Current into PV | $\mathrm{PV}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.1 | 10 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Supply Current into PV with StepUp Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ <br> (does not include switching losses) |  | 300 | 450 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Supply Current into PV with StepUp and Step-Down Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=\mathrm{ONSD}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSD}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ (does not include switching losses) |  | 450 | 700 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Supply Current into PV with StepUp and Main Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=\mathrm{ONM}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSD}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ (does not include switching losses) |  | 450 | 700 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Total Supply Current from PV and PVSU with Step-Up and One AUX Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=\mathrm{ON} 1=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FB} 2=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ (does not include switching losses) |  | 400 | 650 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| REFERENCE |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reference Output Voltage | $I_{\text {REF }}=20 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.23 | 1.25 | 1.27 | V |
| Reference Load Regulation | $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ < IREF < 200 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 4.5 | 10 | mV |
| Reference Line Regulation | $2.7<$ PVSU < 5.5V |  | 1.3 | 5 | mV |
| OSCILLATOR |  |  |  |  |  |
| OSC Discharge Trip Level | Rising edge | 1.225 | 1.25 | 1.275 | V |
| OSC Discharge Resistance | $\mathrm{OSC}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{IOSC}=3 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 52 | 80 | $\Omega$ |
| OSC Discharge Pulse Width |  |  | 200 |  | ns |
| OSC Frequency | Rosc $=47 \mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{CosC}=100 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 500 |  | kHz |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVSU}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PV}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVM}}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {PVSD }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {INDL2 }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{0}^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ to $\mathbf{+ 8 5}^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted. )

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STEP-UP DC-TO-DC |  |  |  |  |  |
| Step-Up Startup-to-Normal Operating Threshold | Rising edge or falling edge (Note 4) | 2.30 | 2.5 | 2.65 | V |
| Step-Up Startup-to-Normal Operating Threshold Hysteresis |  |  | 80 |  | mV |
| Step-Up Voltage Adjust Range |  | 3.0 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Start Delay of ONSD, ONM, ON1, ON2, and ON3 after SU in Regulation |  |  | 1024 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OSC } \\ & \text { cycles } \end{aligned}$ |
| FBSU Regulation Voltage |  | 1.231 | 1.25 | 1.269 | V |
| FBSU to CCSU Transconductance | FBSU = CCSU | 80 | 135 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FBSU Input Leakage Current | FBSU $=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ | -100 | 0.01 | +100 | nA |
| Idle Mode ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Trip Level |  |  | 150 |  | mA |
| Current-Sense Amplifier Transresistance |  |  | 0.275 |  | V/A |
| Step-Up Maximum Duty Cycle | FBSU $=1 \mathrm{~V}$ | 80 | 85 | 90 | \% |
| PVSU Leakage Current | VLX $=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{PVSU}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.1 | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| LXSU Leakage Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {LX }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.1 | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Switch On-Resistance | N channel |  | 95 | 150 | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
|  | P channel |  | 150 | 250 |  |
| N-Channel Current Limit |  | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.4 | A |
| P-Channel Turn-Off Current |  |  | 20 |  | mA |
| Startup Current Limit | PVSU $=1.8 \mathrm{~V}$ ( Note 5) |  | 450 |  | mA |
| Startup toff | $\mathrm{PVSU}=1.8 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 700 |  | ns |
| Startup Frequency | $\mathrm{PVSU}=1.8 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 200 |  | kHz |
| MAIN DC-TO-DC CONVERTER |  |  |  |  |  |
| Main Step-Up Voltage Adjust Range | SUSD = PVSU | 3 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Main Step-Down Voltage Adjust Range | SUSD = GND, PVM must be greater than output (Note 6) | 2.45 |  | 5.00 | V |
| PVM Undervoltage Lockout in Step-Down Mode | SUSD = GND (Note 6) | 2.45 | 2.5 | 2.55 | V |
| Regulation Voltage |  | 1.231 | 1.25 | 1.269 | V |
| FBM to CCM Transconductance | FBM = CCM | 80 | 135 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FBM Input Leakage Current | FBM $=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ | -100 | 0.01 | +100 | nA |
| Idle Mode Trip Level | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU) |  | 150 |  | mA |
|  | Step-down mode (SUSD = GND) |  | 100 |  |  |
| Current-Sense Amplifier Transresistance | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU) |  | 0.25 |  | V/A |
|  | Step-down mode (SUSD = GND) |  | 0.5 |  |  |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$\left(V_{P V S U}=V_{P V}=V_{P V M}=V_{P V S D}=V_{\text {INDL2 }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{0}^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right.$ to $+\mathbf{8 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum Duty Cycle (Note 6) | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU) | 80 | 85 | 90 | \% |
|  | Step-down mode (SUSD = GND) |  | 95 |  |  |
| LXM Leakage Current | VLXM $=0$ to 3.6V, PVSU $=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.1 | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Switch On-Resistance | N channel |  | 95 | 150 | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
|  | P channel |  | 150 | 250 |  |
| Main Switch Current Limit | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU) | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.4 | A |
|  | Step-down mode (SUSD = GND) | 0.70 | 0.8 | 0.95 |  |
| Synchronous Rectifier Turn-Off Current | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU) |  | 20 |  | mA |
|  | Step-down mode (SUSD = GND) |  | 20 |  |  |
| Soft-Start Interval |  |  | 4096 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { OSC } \\ \text { cycles } \end{gathered}$ |

STEP-DOWN DC-TO-DC CONVERTER

| Step-Down Output-Voltage Adjust Range | PVSD must be greater than output (Note 7) | 1.25 |  | 5.00 | V |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FBSD Regulation Voltage |  | 1.231 | 1.25 | 1.269 | V |
| FBSD to CCSD <br> Transconductance | FBSD $=$ CCSD | 80 | 135 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FBSD Input Leakage Current | $F B S D=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ | -100 | 0.1 | +100 | nA |
| Idle Mode Trip Level |  |  | 100 |  | mA |
| Current-Sense Amplifier Transresistance |  |  | 0.5 |  | V/A |
| LXSD Leakage Current | VLXSD $=0$ to 3.6V, PVSU $=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.1 | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Switch On-Resistance | N channel |  | 95 | 150 | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
|  | P channel |  | 150 | 250 |  |
| P-Channel Current Limit |  | 0.65 | 0.77 | 0.90 | A |
| N-Channel Turn-Off Current |  | 20 |  |  | mA |
| Soft-Start Interval |  | 2048 |  |  | OSC <br> cycles |
| $\overline{\text { SDOK Output Low Voltage }}$ | 0.1 mA into $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ |  | 0.01 | 0.1 | V |
| SDOK Leakage Current | ONSU = GND |  | 0.01 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |

AUX1, 2, 3 DC-TO-DC CONTROLLERS

| INDL2 Undervoltage <br> Lockout |  | 2.45 | 2.5 | 2.55 | V |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum Duty Cycle | FB_ = 1V | 80 | 85 | 90 | $\%$ |
| FB1, FB2 (MAX1566), FB3H <br> Regulation Voltage |  | 1.231 | 1.25 | 1.269 | V |
| FB2 (MAX1567) Inverter <br> Regulation Voltage |  | -0.01 | 0 | +0.01 | V |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVSU}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PV}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVM}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVSD}}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {INDL2 }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{0}^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right.$ to $\mathbf{+ 8 5}^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted. )

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FB3L Regulation Voltage |  | 0.19 | 0.2 | 0.21 | V |
| AUX1, AUX2 FB to CC <br> Transconductance |  | 80 | 135 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| AUX3 FBL or FBH to CC Transconductance |  | 50 | 100 | 150 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FB_ Input Leakage Current |  | -100 | 0.1 | +100 | nA |
| DL_ Driver Resistance | Output high or low |  | 2.5 | 7 | $\Omega$ |
| DL_ Drive Current | Sourcing or sinking |  | 0.5 |  | A |
| Soft-Start Interval |  |  | 4096 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { OSC } \\ \text { cycles } \end{gathered}$ |
| $\overline{\text { AUX1OK Output Low Voltage }}$ | 0.1 mA into $\overline{\mathrm{AUX1OK}}$ |  | 0.01 | 0.1 | V |
| $\overline{\text { AUX1OK }}$ Leakage Current | ONSU = GND |  | 0.01 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| OVERLOAD PROTECTION |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overload Protection Fault Delay |  |  | 100,000 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { OSC } \\ \text { cycles } \end{gathered}$ |
| SCF Leakage Current | ONSU = PVSU, FBSU $=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| SCF Output Low Voltage | 0.1 mA into SCF |  | 0.01 | 0.1 | V |
| THERMAL-LIMIT PROTECTION |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thermal Shutdown |  |  | 160 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Thermal Hysteresis |  |  | 20 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| LOGIC INPUTS (ON_, SUSD) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ONSU Input Low Level | 1.1 V < PVSU < 1.8 V |  |  | 0.2 | V |
|  | $1.8 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{PVSU}<2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 0.4 |  |
|  | $2.5 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{PVSU}<5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 0.5 |  |
| ONSU Input High Level | 1.1 V < PVSU < 1.8V | $\begin{aligned} & (\text { PVSU } \\ & -0.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  | V |
|  | 1.8 V < PVSU < 5.5 V | 1.6 |  |  |  |
| ONM, ONSD, ON1, ON2, ON3, SUSD Input Low Level | 2.7 V < PVSU < 5.5V (Note 8) |  |  | 0.5 | V |
| ONM, ONSD, ON1, ON2, ON3, SUSD Input High Level | 2.7V < PVSU < 5.5V (Note 8) | 1.6 |  |  | V |
| SUSD Input Leakage |  |  | 0.1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| ON_ Impedance to GND |  |  | 330 |  | k $\Omega$ |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\text {PVSU }}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PV}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVM}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PVSD}}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {INDL2 }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{- 4 0 ^ { \circ }} \mathbf{C}\right.$ to $+\mathbf{8 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GENERAL |  |  |  |  |
| Input Voltage Range | (Note 2) | 0.7 | 5.5 | V |
| Step-Up Minimum Startup Voltage (Note 2) | LOAD $<1 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; startup voltage tempco is -2300ppm/ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (typ) (Note 3) |  | 1.1 | V |
| Shutdown Supply Current into PV | $\mathrm{PV}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 10 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Supply Current into PV with StepUp Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ <br> (does not include switching losses) |  | 400 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Supply Current into PV with StepUp and Step-Down Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=\mathrm{ONSD}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSD}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ <br> (does not include switching losses) |  | 600 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Supply Current into PV with StepUp and Main Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=\mathrm{ONM}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSD}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ (does not include switching losses) |  | 600 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Total Supply Current from PV and PVSU with Step-Up and One AUX Enabled | $\mathrm{ONSU}=\mathrm{ON} 1=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FBSU}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{FB} 2=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ (does not include switching losses) |  | 550 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| REFERENCE |  |  |  |  |
| Reference Output Voltage | IREF $=20 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.23 | 1.27 | V |
| Reference Load Regulation | $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ < IREF < 200 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 10 | mV |
| Reference Line Regulation | 2.7 V < PVSU < 5.5V |  | 5 | mV |
| OSCILLATOR |  |  |  |  |
| OSC Discharge Trip Level | Rising edge | 1.225 | 1.275 | V |
| OSC Discharge Resistance | $\mathrm{OSC}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{IOSC}=3 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 80 | $\Omega$ |
| STEP-UP DC-TO-DC CONVERTER |  |  |  |  |
| Step-Up Startup-to-Normal Operating Threshold | Rising edge or falling edge (Note 4) | 2.30 | 2.65 | V |
| Step-Up Voltage Adjust Range |  | 3.0 | 5.5 | V |
| FBSU Regulation Voltage |  | 1.231 | 1.269 | V |
| FBSU to CCSU Transconductance | FBSU = CCSU | 80 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FBSU Input Leakage Current | FBSU $=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ | -100 | +100 | nA |
| Step-Up Maximum Duty Cycle | FBSU $=1 \mathrm{~V}$ | 80 | 90 | \% |
| PVSU Leakage Current | VLX $=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{PVSU}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| LXSU Leakage Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {LX }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Switch On-Resistance | N channel |  | 150 |  |
| Swich On-Resistance | P channel |  | 250 |  |
| N-Channel Current Limit |  | 1.8 | 2.4 | A |
| MAIN DC-TO-DC CONVERTER |  |  |  |  |
| Main Step-Up Voltage Adjust Range | SUSD = PVSU | 3.0 | 5.5 | V |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$\left(V_{P V S U}=V_{P V}=V_{P V M}=V_{P V S D}=V_{\text {INDL2 }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{- 4 0} \mathbf{C}\right.$ to $+\mathbf{8 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Main Step-Down Voltage Adjust Range | SUSD = GND, PVM must be greater than output (Note 6) | 2.45 | 5.00 | V |
| PVM Undervoltage Lockout in Step-Down Mode | SUSD = GND (Note 6) | 2.45 | 2.55 | V |
| Regulation Voltage |  | 1.225 | 1.275 | V |
| FBM to CCM Transconductance | FBM $=$ CCM | 80 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FBM Input Leakage Current | FBM $=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ | -100 | +100 | nA |
| Maximum Duty Cycle | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU), step-down mode (SUSD = GND) (Note 6) | 80 | 90 | \% |
| LXM Leakage Current | VLXM $=0$ to 3.6V, PVSU $=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Switch On-Resistance | N channel |  | 150 | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
|  | P channel |  | 250 |  |
| Main Switch Current Limit | Step-up mode (SUSD = PVSU) | 1.8 | 2.4 | A |
|  | Step-down mode (SUSD = GND) | 0.70 | 0.95 |  |
| STEP-DOWN DC-TO-DC CONVERTER |  |  |  |  |
| Step-Down Output Voltage Adjust Range | PVSD must be greater than output (Note 7) | 1.25 | 5.00 | V |
| FBSD Regulation Voltage |  | 1.225 | 1.275 | V |
| FBSD to CCSD Transconductance | FBSD $=$ CCSD | 80 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FBSD Input Leakage Current | FBSD $=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ | -100 | +100 | nA |
| LXSD Leakage Current | VLXSD $=0$ to 3.6V, PVSU $=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Switch On-Resistance | N channel |  | 150 | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
|  | P channel |  | 250 |  |
| P-Channel Current Limit |  | 0.65 | 0.90 | A |
| SDOK Output Low Voltage | 0.1 mA into $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ |  | 0.1 | V |
| $\overline{\text { SDOK Leakage Current }}$ | ONSU = GND |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| AUX1, 2, 3 DC-TO-DC CONTROLLERS |  |  |  |  |
| INDL2 Undervoltage Lockout |  | 2.45 | 2.55 | V |
| Maximum Duty Cycle | $F B_{-}=1 \mathrm{~V}$ | 80 | 90 | \% |
| FB1, FB2 (MAX1566), FB3H Regulation Voltage |  | 1.225 | 1.275 | V |
| FB2 (MAX1567) Inverter Regulation Voltage |  | -0.01 | +0.01 | V |
| FB3L Regulation Voltage |  | 0.19 | 0.21 | V |
| AUX1, AUX2 FB to CC Transconductance |  | 80 | 185 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$\left(V_{P V S U}=V_{P V}=V_{P V M}=V_{P V S D}=V_{I N D L 2}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{A}}=\mathbf{- 4 0 ^ { \circ }} \mathbf{C}\right.$ to $+\mathbf{8 5}{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AUX3 FBL or FBH to CC Transconductance |  | 35 | 150 | $\mu \mathrm{S}$ |
| FB_ Input Leakage Current |  | -100 | +100 | nA |
| DL_ Driver Resistance | Output high or low |  | 7 | $\Omega$ |
| $\overline{\text { AUX1OK Output Low }}$ | 0.1 mA into $\overline{\mathrm{AUX1OK}}$ |  | 0.1 | V |
| $\overline{\text { AUX1OK Leakage Current }}$ | ONSU = GND |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| OVERLOAD PROTECTION |  |  |  |  |
| SCF Leakage Current | ONSU = PVSU, FBSU $=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| SCF Output Low Voltage | 0.1 mA into SCF |  | 0.1 | V |
| LOGIC INPUTS (ON_, SUSD) |  |  |  |  |
| ONSU Input Low Level | 1.1 V < PVSU < 1.8 V |  | 0.2 | V |
|  | $1.8 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{PVSU}<2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.4 |  |
|  | $2.5 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{PVSU}<5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.5 |  |
| ONSU Input High Level | 1.1 V < PVSU < 1.8V | $\begin{aligned} & (\text { PVSU } \\ & -0.2) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | V |
|  | 1.8 V < PVSU < 5.5 V | 1.6 |  |  |
| ONM, ONSD, ON1, ON2, ON3, SUSD Input Low Level | 2.7V < PVSU < 5.5V (Note 8) |  | 0.5 | V |
| ONM, ONSD, ON1, ON2, ON3, SUSD Input High Level | 2.7 V < PVSU < 5.5V (Note 8) | 1.6 |  | V |
| SUSD Input Leakage |  |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |

Note 2: The MAX1566/MAX1567 are powered from the step-up output (PVSU). An internal low-voltage startup oscillator drives the step-up starting at approximately 0.9 V until PVSU reaches approximately 2.5 V . When PVSU reaches 2.5 V , the main control circuitry takes over. Once the step-up is up and running, it can maintain operation with very low input voltages; however, output current is limited.
Note 3: Since the device is powered from PVSU, a Schottky rectifier, connected from the battery to PVSU, is required for low-voltage startup.
Note 4: The step-up regulator is in startup mode until this voltage is reached. Do not apply full load current during startup. A powerOK output can be used with an external PFET to gate the load until the step-up is in regulation. See the $\overline{A U X 1 O K}, \overline{S D O K}$, and SCF Connections section.
Note 5: The step-up current limit in startup refers to the LXSU switch current limit, not the output current limit.
Note 6: If the main converter is configured as a step-up (SUSD = PVSU), the P-channel synchronous rectifier is disabled until the 2.5 V normal operation threshold has been exceeded. If the main converter is configured as a step-down (SUSD = GND), all step-down operation is locked out until the normal operation threshold has been exceeded. When the main is configured as a step-down, operation in dropout ( $100 \%$ duty cycle) can only be maintained for 100,000 OSC cycles before the output is considered faulted, triggering global shutdown.
Note 7: Operation in dropout (100\% duty cycle) can only be maintained for 100,000 OSC cycles before the output is considered faulted, triggering global shutdown.
Note 8: ONM, ONSD, ON1, ON2, and ON3 are disabled until 1024 OSC cycles after PVSU reaches 2.7V.

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Typical Operating Characteristics
( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


STEP-DOWN EFFICIENCY
vs. LOAD CURRENT




MAIN (STEP-UP) EFFICIENCY vs. LOAD CURRENT (SU + MAIN AS STEP-DOWN) vS. LOAD CURRENT


EFFICIENCY vs. INPUT VOLTAGE


MAX1567 AUX2 EFFICIENCY
vs. LOAD CURRENT


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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
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REFERENCE VOLTAGE


AUX_ MAXIMUM DUTY CYCLE
vs. FREQUENCY


$100 \mu \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{div}$

REFERENCE VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE


SWITCHING FREQUENCY vs. TEMPERATURE


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

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| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | FB3H | AUX3 Controller Voltage Feedback Input. Connect a resistive voltage-divider from the step-up converter output to FBH to set the output voltage. The feedback threshold is 1.25 V . This pin is high impedance in shutdown. FB3H can provide conventional voltage feedback (with FB3L grounded) or open-LED protection in white LED drive circuits. |
| 2 | CC1 | AUX1 Controller Compensation Node. Connect a series resistor-capacitor from this pin to GND to compensate the converter control loop. This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. See the AUX Compensation section. |
| 3 | FB1 | AUX1 Controller Feedback Input. The feedback threshold is 1.25 V . This pin is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 4 | ON1 | AUX1 Controller On/Off Input. Logic high = on; however, turn-on is locked out until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up has reached regulation. This pin has an internal $330 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pulldown resistance to GND. |
| 5 | PGSD | Power Ground. Connect all PG_ pins to GND with short wide traces as close to the IC as possible. |
| 6 | LXSD | Step-Down Converter Switching Node. Connect to the inductor of the step-down converter. LXSD is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 7 | PVSD | Step-Down Converter Input. Bypass to GND with a $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ceramic capacitor. The step-down efficiency is measured from this input. |
| 8 | ONSD | Step-Down Converter On/Off Control Input. Logic high = on; however, turn-on is locked out until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up has reached regulation. This pin has an internal $330 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pulldown resistance to GND. |
| 9 | FBSD | Step-Down Converter Feedback Input. The feedback threshold is 1.25 V . This pin is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 10 | CCSD | Step-Down Converter Compensation Node. Connect a series resistor-capacitor from this pin to GND for compensating the converter control loop. This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. See the Step-Down Compensation section. |
| 11 | SUSD | Configures the Main Converter as a Step-Up or a Step-Down. This function must be hardwired. On-the-fly changes are not allowed. With SUSD connected to PV, the main is configured as a step-up and PVM is the converter output. With SUSD connected to GND, the main is configured as a stepdown and PVM is the power input. |
| 12 | CCM | Main Converter Compensation Node. Connect a series resistor-capacitor from this pin to GND for compensating the converter control loop. This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. See the Step-Up Compensation section when the main is used in step-up mode and the Step-Down Compensation section when the main is used in step-down mode. |
| 13 | FBM | Main Converter Feedback Input. The feedback threshold is 1.25 V . This pin is high impedance in shutdown. The main output voltage must not be set higher than the step-up output. |
| 14 | ONM | On/Off Control for the Main DC-to-DC Converter. Logic high = on; however, turn-on is locked out until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up has reached regulation. This pin has an internal $330 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pulldown resistance to GND. SUSD pin configures the main converter as a step-up or step-down. |
| 15 | REF | Reference Output. Bypass REF to GND with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or greater capacitor. The maximum-allowed REF load is $200 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. REF is actively pulled to GND when the step-up is shut down (all converters turn off). |

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Pin Description (continued)

| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16 | CCSU | Step-Up Converter Compensation Node. Connect a series resistor-capacitor from this pin to GND for compensating the converter control loop. This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. See the Step-Up Compensation section. |
| 17 | FBSU | Step-Up Converter Feedback Input. The feedback threshold is 1.25 V . This pin is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 18 | ONSU | Step-Up Converter On/Off Control. Logic high = on. All other ON_ pins are locked out until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up DC-to-DC converter output has reached its final value. This pin has an internal $330 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pulldown resistance to GND. |
| 19 | SCF | Open-Drain, Active-Low, Short-Circuit Flag Output. SCF goes open when overload protection occurs and during startup. SCF can drive high-side PFET switches connected to one or more outputs to completely disconnect the load when the channel turns off in response to a logic command or an overload. See the Status Outputs ( $\overline{S D O K}, \overline{A U X 1 O K}, S C F$ ) section. |
| 20 | $\overline{\text { AUX1OK }}$ | Open-Drain, Active-Low, Power-OK Signal for AUX1 Controller. $\overline{\text { AUX1OK }}$ goes low when the AUX1 controller has successfully completed soft-start. AUX1OK goes high impedance in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. |
| 21 | $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ | Open-Drain, Active-Low, Power-OK Signal for Step-Down Converter. $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ goes low when the stepdown has successfully completed soft-start. $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ goes high impedance in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. |
| 22 | OSC | Oscillator Control. Connect a timing capacitor from OSC to GND and a timing resistor from OSC to PVSU (or other DC voltage) to set the oscillator frequency between 100 kHz and 1 MHz . See the Setting the Switching Frequency section. This pin is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 23 | PGSU | Power Ground. Connect all PG_ pins to GND with short wide traces as close to the IC as possible. |
| 24 | LXSU | Step-Up Converter Switching Node. Connect to the inductor of the step-up converter. LXSU is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 25 | PVSU | Power Output of the Step-Up DC-to-DC Converter. PVSU can also power other converter channels. Connect PVSU and PV together. |
| 26 | PGM | Power Ground. Connect all PG_ pins to GND with short wide traces as close to the IC as possible. |
| 27 | LXM | Main Converter Switching Node. Connect to the inductor of the main converter (can be configured as a step-up or step-down by SUSD). LXM is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 28 | PVM | When SUSD = PVSU, the main converter is configured as a step-up and PVM is the main output. <br> When SUSD = GND, the main is configured as a step-down and PVM is the power input. |
| 29 | ON2 | AUX2 Controller On/Off Input. Logic high = on; however, turn-on is locked out until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up has reached regulation. This pin has an internal $330 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pulldown resistance to GND. |
| 30 | CC2 | AUX2 Controller Compensation Node. Connect a series resistor-capacitor from this pin to GND to compensate the converter control loop. This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. See the AUX Compensation section. |

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Pin Description (continued)

| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 | FB2 | AUX2 Controller Feedback Input. This pin is high impedance in shutdown. | MAX1566 (AUX2 is configured as a boost): FB2 feedback threshold is 1.25V. |
|  |  |  | MAX1567 (AUX2 is configured as an inverter): FB2 feedback threshold is OV. |
|  | INDL2 | Voltage Input for AUX2 Gate Driver. The voltage at INDL2 sets the high gate-drive voltage. | MAX1566 (AUX2 is configured as a boost): connect INDL2 to PVSU for optimum N-channel gate drive. |
| 32 |  |  | MAX1567 (AUX2 is configured as an inverter): connect INDL2 to the external P-channel MOSFET source to ensure the P channel is completely off when DL2 swings high. |
| 33 | GND | Analog Ground. Connect to all PG_ pins as close to the IC as possible. |  |
| 34 | DL2 | AUX2 Controller GateDrive Output. DL2 drives between INDL2 and GND. | The MAX1566 configures DL2 to drive an N-channel FET in a boost configuration. DL2 is driven low in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. |
|  |  |  | The MAX1567 configures DL2 to drive a PFET in an inverter configuration. DL2 is driven high in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. |
| 35 | DL3 | AUX3 Controller Gate-Drive Output. Connect to the gate of an N-channel MOSFET. DL3 drives between GND and PVSU and supplies up to 500 mA . This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. |  |
| 36 | DL1 | AUX1 Controller Gate-Drive Output. Connect to the gate of an N-channel MOSFET. DL1 drives between GND and PVSU and supplies up to 500 mA . This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. |  |
| 37 | PV | IC Power Input. Connect PVSU and PV together. |  |
| 38 | CC3 | AUX3 Controller Compensation Node. Connect a series resistor-capacitor from this pin to GND for compensating the converter control loop. This pin is actively driven to GND in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. See the AUX Compensation section. |  |
| 39 | FB3L | AUX3 Controller Current-Feedback Input. Connect a resistor from FB3L to GND to set LED current in LED boost-drive circuits. The feedback threshold is 0.2 V . Connect this pin to GND if using only the FB3H feedback. This pin is high impedance in shutdown. |  |
| 40 | ON3 | AUX3 Controller On/Off Input. Logic high = on; however, turn-on is locked out until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up has reached regulation. This pin has an internal $330 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ pulldown resistance to GND. |  |
| Pad | EP | Exposed Metal Pad. This pad is connected to ground. Note this internal connection is a soft-connect, meaning there is no internal metal or bond wire physically connecting the exposed pad to the GND pin. The connection is through the silicon substrate of the die and then through a conductive epoxy. Connecting the exposed pad to ground does not remove the requirement for a good ground connection to the appropriate pins. |  |

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## Detailed Description

The MAX1566/MAX1567 include the following blocks to build a multiple-output digital camera power-supply system. Both devices can accept inputs from a variety of sources including 1-cell Li+ batteries, 2-cell alkaline or NiMH batteries, and even systems designed to accept both battery types. The MAX1566/ MAX1567 include six DC-to-DC converter channels to generate all required voltages:

- Step-up DC-to-DC converter (_SU pins) with on-chip power FETS
- Main DC-to-DC converter (_M pins) with on-chip power FETS that can be configured as either a stepup or step-down DC-to-DC converter
- Step-down core DC-to-DC converter with on-chip MOSFETs (_SD pins)
- AUX1 DC-to-DC controller for boost and flyback converters
- AUX2 DC-to-DC controller for boost and flyback converters (MAX1566)
- AUX2 DC-to-DC controller for inverting DC-to-DC converters (MAX1567)
- AUX3 DC-to-DC controller for white LED as well as conventional boost applications; includes open LED overvoltage protection


## Step-Up DC-to-DC Converter

The step-up DC-to-DC switching converter typically is used to generate a 5 V output voltage from a 1.5 V to 4.5 V battery input, but any voltage from V IN to 5 V can be set. An internal NFET switch and external synchronous rectifier allow conversion efficiencies as high as $95 \%$. Under moderate to heavy loading, the converter operates in a low-noise PWM mode with constant frequency and modulated pulse width. Switching harmonics generated by fixed-frequency operation are consistent and easily filtered. Efficiency is enhanced under light ( $<75 \mathrm{~mA}$ typ) loading by an Idle Mode that switches the step-up only as needed to service the load. In this mode, the maximum inductor current is 150 mA for each pulse.

## Main DC-to-DC Converter (Step-Up or <br> Step-Down)

The main converter can be configured as a step-up (Figure 2) or a step-down converter (Figure 1) with the SUSD pin. The main DC-to-DC converter is typically used to generate 3.3 V , but any voltage from 2.7 V to 5 V can be set; however, the main output must not be set higher than the step-up output (PVSU).
An internal MOSFET switch and synchronous rectifier allow conversion efficiencies as high as 95\%. Under moderate to heavy loading, the converter operates in a low-noise PWM mode with constant frequency and modulated pulse width. Switching harmonics generated by fixed-frequency operation are consistent and easily filtered. Efficiency is enhanced under light loading ( $<150 \mathrm{~mA}$ typical for step-up mode, $<100 \mathrm{~mA}$ typical for step-down mode) by assuming an Idle Mode during which the converter switches only as needed to service the load.
Step-down operation can be direct from a Li+ cell if the minimum input voltage exceeds the desired output by approximately 200 mV . Note that if the main DC-to-DC, operating as a step-down, operates in dropout, the overload protection circuit senses an out-of-regulation condition and turns off all channels.

## Li+ to 3.3V Boost-Buck Operation

When generating 3.3V from an $\mathrm{Li}+$ cell, boost-buck operation may be needed so a regulated output can be maintained for input voltages above and below 3.3V. In that case, it may be best to configure the main converter as a step-down (SUSD = GND) and to connect its input, PVM, to the step-up output (PVSU), set to a voltage at or above 4.2V (Figures 1 and 3 ). The compound efficiency with this connection is typically up to $90 \%$. This connection is also suitable for designs that must operate from both 1 -cell $\mathrm{Li}+$ and 2 AA cells.
Note that the step-up output supplies both the step-up load and the main step-down input current when the main is powered from the step-up. The main input current reduces the available step-up output current for other loads.

2 AA to 3.3V Operation
In designs that operate only from 2 AA cells, the main DC-to-DC can be configured as a boost converter (SUSD $=P V M$ ) to maximize the 3.3 V efficiency (Figure 2).

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Figure 1. Typical 1-Cell Li+ Powered System (3.3V logic is stepped down from +5 V , and 1.8 V core is stepped down directly from the battery. Alternate connections are shown in the following figures.)

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Figure 2. Typical 2-Cell AA-Powered System (3.3V is boosted from the battery and 1.8 V is stepped down from $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{M}}(3.3 \mathrm{~V})$.)

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Figure 3. Li+ or Multibattery Input (This power supply accepts inputs from 1.5 V to 4.2 V , so it can operate from either 2 AA cells or 1 Li+ cell. The 3.3V logic supply and the 1.8 V core supply are both stepped down from 5 V for true boost-buck operation.)

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Figure 4. MAX1566 Functional Diagram

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## Core Step-Down DC-to-DC Converter

The step-down DC-to-DC is optimized for generating low output voltages (down to 1.25 V ) at high efficiency. The step-down runs from the voltage at PVSD. This pin can be connected directly to the battery if sufficient headroom exists to avoid dropout; otherwise, PVSD can be powered from the output of another converter. The stepdown can also operate with the step-up, or the main converter in step-up mode, for boost-buck operation.
Under moderate to heavy loading, the converter operates in a low-noise PWM mode with constant frequency and modulated pulse width. Efficiency is enhanced under light ( $<75 \mathrm{~mA}$ typ) loading by assuming an Idle Mode during which the step-down switches only as needed to service the load. In this mode, the maximum inductor current is 100 mA for each pulse. The stepdown DC-to-DC is inactive until the step-up DC-to-DC is in regulation.
The step-down also features an open-drain $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ output that goes low when the step-down output is in regulation. $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ can be used to drive an external MOSFET switch that gates 3.3 V power to the processor after the core voltage is in regulation. This connection is shown in Figure 15.

## AUX1, AUX2, and AUX3 DC-to-DC Controllers

The three auxiliary controllers operate as fixed-frequency voltage-mode PWM controllers. They do not have internal MOSFETs, so output power is determined by external components. The controllers regulate output voltage by modulating the pulse width of the DL_ drive signal to an external MOSFET switch.
On the MAX1566, AUX1 and AUX2 are boost/flyback PWM controllers. On the MAX1567, AUX1 is a boost/flyback PWM controller, but AUX2 is an inverting PWM controller. On both devices, AUX3 is a boost/flyback controller that can be connected to regulate output voltage and/or current (for white-LED drive).
Figure 5 shows a functional diagram of an AUX boost controller channel. A sawtooth oscillator signal at OSC governs timing. At the start of each cycle, $\mathrm{DL}_{-}$goes high, turning on the external NFET switch. The switch then turns off when the internally level-shifted sawtooth rises above CC_ or when the maximum duty cycle is exceeded. The switch remains off until the start of the next cycle. A transconductance error amplifier forms an integrator at CC_ to maintain high DC loop gain and accuracy.

The auxiliary controllers do not start until 1024 OSC cycles after the step-up DC-to-DC output is in regulation. If the auxiliary controller remains faulted for 100,000 OSC cycles ( 200 ms at 500 kHz ), then all MAX1566/MAX1567 channels latch off.

## Maximum Duty Cycle

The AUX PWM controllers have a guaranteed maximum duty cycle of $80 \%$ : all controllers can achieve at least $80 \%$ and typically reach $85 \%$. In boost designs that employ continuous current, the maximum duty cycle limits the boost ratio so:

$$
1-\text { VIN } / \text { VOUT } \leq 80 \%
$$

With discontinuous inductor current, no such limit exists for the input/output ratio since the inductor has time to fully discharge before the next cycle begins.


#### Abstract

AUX1 AUX1 can be used for conventional DC-to-DC boost and flyback designs (Figures 8 and 9). Its output (DL1) is designed to drive an N -channel MOSFET. Its feedback (FB1) threshold is 1.25 V .


#### Abstract

AUX2 In the MAX1566, AUX2 is identical to AUX1. In the MAX1567, AUX2 is an inverting controller that generates a regulated negative output voltage, typically for CCD and LCD bias. This is useful in height-limited designs where transformers may not be desired. The AUX2 MOSFET driver (DL2) in the MAX1567 is designed to drive P-channel MOSFETs. INDL2 biases the driver so $\mathrm{V}_{\text {INDL2 }}$ is the high output level of DL2. INDL2 should be connected to the P-channel MOSFET source to ensure the MOSFET turns completely off when DL2 is high. See Figure 10 for a typical inverter circuit.


## AUX3 DC-to-DC Controller, LED Driver

 The AUX3 step-up DC-to-DC controller has two feedback inputs, FB3L and FB3H, with feedback thresholds of 0.2 V (FB3L) and $1.25 \mathrm{~V}(\mathrm{FB} 3 \mathrm{H})$. If used as a conventional voltage-output step-up, FB3L is grounded and FB3H is used as the feedback input. In that case, AUX3 behaves exactly like AUX1.If AUX3 is used as a switch-mode boost current source for white LEDs, FB3L provides current-sensing feedback, while FB3H provides (optional) open-LED overvoltage protection (Figure 7).

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IN 1024 CLOCK CYCLES, SOFT-START RAMPS UP REFI FROM OV TO V REE IN
MAX1566/MAX1567 AUX_B00ST
CONTROLLERS AND RAMPS DOWN
REFI FROM V REF TO OV IN
MAX1567 AUX2 INVERTER.

Figure 5. AUX Controller Functional Diagram

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Figure 6. Oscillator Functional Diagram


Figure 7. LED drive with open LED overvoltage protection is provided by the additional feedback input to $A \cup X 3$, FB3H.

## Master-Slave Configurations

The MAX1566/MAX1567 support MAX1801 slave PWM controllers that obtain input power, a voltage reference, and an oscillator signal directly from the MAX1566/ MAX1567 master. The master-slave configuration allows channels to be easily added and minimizes system cost by eliminating redundant circuitry. The slaves also control the harmonic content of noise because their operating frequency is synchronized to that of the MAX1566/


Figure 8. +15 V LCD Bias with Basic Boost Topology


NOTE: THIS CIRCUIT CAN OPERATE WITH AUX1, AUX2, OR AUX3 ON THE MAX1566, AND WITH AUX1 OR AUX3 ON THE MAX1567. TO USE AUX3, FB3L = GND, AND FB3H IS USED FOR FEEDBACK.

Figure 9. +15 V and -7.5 V CCD Bias with Transformer

MAX1567 master converter. A MAX1801 connection to the MAX1566/MAX1567 is shown in Figure 14.

Status Outputs (信DOK, $\overline{\text { AUX1OK, SCF) }}$
The MAX1566/MAX1567 include three versatile status outputs that can provide information to the system. All are open-drain outputs and can directly drive MOSFET switches to facilitate sequencing, disconnect loads during overloads, or perform other hardware-based functions.

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Figure 10. Regulated -7.5V Negative CCD (Bias is provided by conventional inverter (works only with the MAX1567).)


Figure 11. $\pm 15 \mathrm{~V}$ Output Using an AUX-Driven Boost with Charge-Pump Inversion

SDOK pulls low when the step-down has successfully completed soft-start. $\overline{\text { SDOK }}$ goes high impedance in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. A typical use for SDOK is to drive a P-channel MOSFET that connects 3.3 V power to the CPU I/O after the CPU core is powered up (Figure 15), thus providing safe sequencing in hardware without system intervention.
AUX1OK pulls low when the AUX1 controller has successfully completed soft-start. $\overline{A U X 1 O K}$ goes high impedance in shutdown, overload, and thermal limit. A typical use for AUX1OK is to drive a P-channel MOSFET


NOTE: THIS CIRCUIT CAN OPERATE WITH AUX1, AUX2, OR AUX3 ON THE MAX1566, AND WITH AUX1 OR AUX3 ON THE MAX1567. TO USE AUX3, FB3L = GND, AND FB3H IS USED FOR FEEDBACK.

Figure 12. +15 V and -7.5 V CCD Bias Without Transformer Using Boost with a Diode-Capacitor Charge Pump (A positiveoutput linear regulator (MAX1616) can be used to regulate the negative output of the charge pump.)
that connects 5 V power to the CCD after the 15 V CCD bias (generated by AUX1) is powered up (Figure 16).
SCF goes high (high impedance, open drain) when overload protection occurs. Under normal operation, SCF pulls low. SCF can drive a high-side P-channel MOSFET switch that can disconnect a load during power-up or when a channel turns off in response to a logic command or an overload. Several connections are possible for SCF. One is shown in Figure 17 where SCF provides load disconnect for the step-up on fault and power-up.

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Figure 13. SEPIC Converter Additional Boost-Buck Channel


Figure 14. Adding a PWM Channel with an External MAX1801 Slave Controller


Figure 15. Using $\overline{S D O K}$ to Drive External PFET that Gates 3.3V Power to CPU After 1.8V Core Voltage Is in Regulation

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Figure 16. $\overline{A U X 10 K}$ Drives an External PFET that Gates 5V Supply to the CCD After the +15 V CCD Bias Supply Is Up

## Soft-Start

The MAX1566/MAX1567 channels feature a soft-start function that limits inrush current and prevents excessive battery loading at startup by ramping the output voltage of each channel up to the regulation voltage. This is accomplished by ramping the internal reference inputs to each channel error amplifier from OV to the 1.25 V reference voltage over a period of 4096 oscillator cycles ( 16 ms at 500 kHz ) when initial power is applied or when a channel is enabled.
The step-down soft-start ramp takes half the time (2048 clock cycles) of the other channel ramps. This allows the step-down and main outputs to track each other and rise at nearly the same $\mathrm{dV} / \mathrm{dt}$ rate on power-up. Once the step-down output reaches its regulation point ( 1.5 V or 1.8 V typ), the main output ( 3.3 V typ) continues to rise at the same ramp rate. See the Typical Operating Characteristics Main and Step-Down Startup Waveforms graphs.

Soft-start is not included in the step-up converter to avoid limiting startup capability with loading.

Fault Protection
The MAX1566/MAX1567 have robust fault and overload protection. After power-up, the device is set to detect an out-of-regulation state that could be caused by an overload or short. If any DC-to-DC converter channel (step-up, main, step-down, or any of the auxiliary controllers) remains faulted for 100,000 clock cycles (200ms at 500 kHz ), then all outputs latch off until the step-up DC-to-DC converter is reinitialized by the ONSU pin or by cycling the input power. The faultdetection circuitry for any channel is disabled during its initial turn-on soft-start sequence.
An exception to the standard fault behavior is that there is no 100,000 clock cycle delay in entering the fault state if the step-up output (PVSU) is dragged below its 2.5V UVLO threshold or is shorted. In this case, the

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step-up UVLO immediately triggers and shuts down all channels. The step-up then continues to attempt starting. If the step-up output short remains, these attempts cannot succeed since PVSU remains near ground.
If a soft-short or overload remains on PVSU, the startup oscillator switches the internal N -channel MOSFET, but fault is retriggered if regulation is not achieved by the end of the soft-start interval. If PVSU is dragged below the input, the overload is supplied by the body diode of the internal synchronous rectifier, or by a Schottky diode connected from the battery to PVSU. If desired, this overload current can be interrupted by a P-channel MOSFET controlled by SCF, as shown in Figure 17.

## Reference

The MAX1566/MAX1567 has a precise 1.250V reference. Connect a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ceramic bypass capacitor from REF to GND within 0.2 in ( 5 mm ) of the REF pin. REF can source up to $200 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ and is enabled whenever ONSU is high and PVSU is above 2.5 V . The auxiliary controllers and MAX1801 slave controllers (if connected) each sink up to $30 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ REF current during startup. In addition, the feedback network for the AUX2 inverter (MAX1567) also draws current from REF. If the $200 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ REF load limit must be exceeded, buffer REF with an external op amp.

## Oscillator

All DC-to-DC converter channels employ fixed-frequency PWM operation. The operating frequency is set by an RC network at the OSC pin. The range of usable settings is 100 kHz to 1 MHz . When MAX1801 slave controllers are added, they operate at the frequency set by OSC.
The oscillator uses a comparator, a 200ns one-shot, and an internal NFET switch in conjunction with an external timing resistor and capacitor (Figure 6). When the switch is open, the capacitor voltage exponentially approaches the step-up output voltage from zero with a time constant given by the product of ROSC and Cosc. The comparator output switches high when the capacitor voltage reaches $V_{\text {REF }}(1.25 V)$ ). In turn, the one-shot activates the internal MOSFET switch to discharge the capacitor for 200ns, and the cycle repeats. The oscillation frequency changes as the main output voltage ramps upward following startup. The oscillation frequency is then constant once the main output is in regulation.

## Low-Voltage Startup Oscillator

The MAX1566/MAX1567 internal control and referencevoltage circuitry receive power from PVSU and do not function when PVSU is less than 2.5 V . To ensure lowvoltage startup, the step-up employs a low-voltage startup oscillator that activates at 0.9 V if a Schottky rectifier is connected from VBATT to PVSU (1.1V with no


Figure 17. SCF Drives PFET Load Switch on 5V to Disconnect Load on Fault and Allow Full-Load Startup


Figure 18. Setting PVSD for Outputs Below 1.25V

Schottky rectifier). The startup oscillator drives the internal N-channel MOSFET at LXSU until PVSU reaches 2.5 V , at which point voltage control is passed to the current-mode PWM circuitry.
Once in regulation, the MAX1566/MAX1567 operate with inputs as low as 0.7 V since internal power for the IC is supplied by PVSU. At low input voltages, the step-

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up may have difficulty starting into heavy loads (see the Minimum Startup Voltage vs. Load Current (OUTSU) graph in the Typical Operating Characteristics); however, this can be remedied by connecting an external Pchannel load switch driven by SCF so the load is not connected until the PVSU is in regulation (Figure 17).

## Shutdown

The step-up converter is activated with a high input at ONSU. The main converter (step-up or step-down) is activated by a high input on ONM. The step-down and auxiliary DC-to-DC converters 1, 2, and 3 activate with high inputs at ONSD, ON1, ON2, and ON3, respectively. The step-down, main, and AUX_ converters cannot be activated until PVSU is in regulation. For automatic startup, connect ON_ to PVSU or a logic level greater than 1.6V.

## Design Procedure

## Setting the Switching Frequency

Choose a switching frequency to optimize external component size or circuit efficiency for the particular application. Typically, switching frequencies between 400 kHz and 500 kHz offer a good balance between component size and circuit efficiency-higher frequencies generally allow smaller components, and lower frequencies give better conversion efficiency. The switching frequency is set with an external timing resistor (ROSC) and capacitor (COSC). At the beginning of a cycle, the timing capacitor charges through the resistor until it reaches VREF. The charge time, $\mathrm{t}_{1}$, is as follows:

$$
\mathrm{t}_{1}=-\operatorname{Rosc} \times(\operatorname{Cosc}+\text { Cpar }) \times \ln (1-1.25 / \text { VPVSU })
$$

where $C_{\text {par }}(15 \mathrm{pF}$ typ) is the parasitic capacitance at the OSC pin due to internal ESD protection structure and the die-to-package capacitance.
The internal comparator that compares the capacitor Cosc voltage to the reference has a delay $t_{d}$ of 50 ns (typ). The capacitor voltage then decays to zero over time, $\mathrm{t}_{2}=200 \mathrm{~ns}$. The oscillator frequency is as follows:

$$
\mathrm{fOSC}^{2}=1 /\left(t_{1}+t_{d}+t_{2}\right)
$$

fosc can be set from 100 kHz to 1 MHz . Choose Cosc between 22 pF and 470pF. Determine Rosc:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { ROSC }= & (200 \mathrm{~ns}+50 \mathrm{~ns}-1 / \text { fosc }) / \\
& ([\text { COSC }+ \text { C par }] \ln [1-1.25 / \text { VPVSU }])
\end{aligned}
$$

See the Typical Operating Characteristics for fosc vs. ROSC using different values of Cosc.

## Setting Output Voltages

All MAX1566/MAX1567 output voltages are resistor set. The FB_ threshold is 1.25 V for all channels except for FB3L (0.2V) on both devices and FB2 (inverter) on the MAX1567. When setting the voltage for any channel
except the MAX1567 AUX2, connect a resistive volt-age-divider from the channel output to the corresponding FB_ input and then to GND. The FB_ input bias current is less than 100nA, so choose the bottom-side (FB_-to-GND) resistor to be $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ or less. Then calculate the top-side (output-to-FB_) resistor:

$$
\text { RTOP }=\text { RBOTTOM }[(\text { VOUT } / 1.25)-1]
$$

When using AUX3 to drive white LEDs (Figure 7), select the LED current-setting resistor (R3, Figure 7) using the following formula:

$$
\mathrm{R} 3=0.2 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{l} \text { LED }
$$

The FB2 threshold on the MAX1567 is OV. To set the AUX2 negative output voltage, connect a resistive volt-age-divider from the negative output to the FB2 input, and then to REF. The FB2 input bias current is less than 100nA, so choose the REF-side (FB2-to-REF) resistor (RREF) to be $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ or less. Then calculate the top-side (output-to-FB2) resistor:

$$
\operatorname{RTOP}=\operatorname{RREF}(-\operatorname{VOUT}(A U X 2) / 1.25)
$$

General Filter Capacitor Selection
The input capacitor in a DC-to-DC converter reduces current peaks drawn from the battery or other input power source and reduces switching noise in the controller. The impedance of the input capacitor at the switching frequency should be less than that of the input source so high-frequency switching currents do not pass through the input source.
The output capacitor keeps output ripple small and ensures control-loop stability. The output capacitor must also have low impedance at the switching frequency. Ceramic, polymer, and tantalum capacitors are suitable, with ceramic exhibiting the lowest ESR and high-frequency impedance.
Output ripple with a ceramic output capacitor is approximately as follows:

$$
\text { VRIPPLE }=\operatorname{lL}(\text { PEAK })[1 /(2 \pi \times \text { fOSC } \times \text { COUT })]
$$

If the capacitor has significant ESR, the output ripple component due to capacitor ESR is as follows:

$$
V_{R I P P L E}(E S R)=I_{L(P E A K} \times E S R
$$

Output capacitor specifics are also discussed in each converter's Compensation section.

## Step-Up Component Selection

This section describes component selection for the step-up, as well as for the main, if SUSD = PV.
The external components required for the step-up are an inductor, an input and output filter capacitor, and a compensation RC.

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The inductor is typically selected to operate with continuous current for best efficiency. An exception might be if the step-up ratio, (VOUT / VIN), is greater than $1 /(1-$ DMAX), where DMAX is the maximum PWM duty factor of $80 \%$.
When using the step-up channel to boost from a low input voltage, loaded startup is aided by connecting a Schottky diode from the battery to PVSU. See the Minimum Startup Voltage vs. Load Current graph in the Typical Operating Characteristics.

## Step-Up Inductor

In most step-up designs, a reasonable inductor value (LIDEAL) can be derived from the following equation, which sets continuous peak-to-peak inductor current at $1 / 2$ the DC inductor current:

LIDEAL $=[2 \mathrm{~V}$ IN $(\mathrm{MAX}) \times \mathrm{D}(1-\mathrm{D})] /$ (IOUT $\times \mathrm{fOSC})$
where $D$ is the duty factor given by:

$$
\mathrm{D}=1-(\mathrm{V} \text { IN } / \text { VOUT })
$$

Given LIDEAL, the consistent peak-to-peak inductor current is 0.5 Iout / ( $1-\mathrm{D}$ ). The peak inductor current, $\operatorname{IIND}(P K)=1.25$ IOUT / (1-D).
Inductance values smaller than LIDEAL can be used to reduce inductor size; however, if much smaller values are used, inductor current rises and a larger output capacitance may be required to suppress output ripple.

Step-Up Compensation
The inductor and output capacitor are usually chosen first in consideration of performance, size, and cost. The compensation resistor and capacitor are then chosen to optimize control-loop stability. In some cases, it may help to readjust the inductor or output-capacitor value to get optimum results. For typical designs, the component values in the circuit of Figure 1 yield good results.
The step-up converter employs current-mode control, thereby simplifying the control-loop compensation. When the converter operates with continuous inductor current (typically the case), a right-half-plane zero appears in the loop-gain frequency response. To ensure stability, the control-loop gain should cross over (drop below unity gain) at a frequency (fc) much less than that of the right-half-plane zero.
The relevant characteristics for step-up channel compensation are as follows:

- Transconductance (from FB to CC), gmEA ( $135 \mu \mathrm{~S}$ )
- Current-sense amplifier transresistance, RCS (0.3V/A)
- Feedback regulation voltage, VFB (1.25V)
- Step-up output voltage, VSU, in V
- Output load equivalent resistance, RLOAD, in $\Omega=$ Vout / Iload
The key steps for step-up compensation are as follows:

1) Place fc sufficiently below the right-half-plane zero (RHPZ) and calculate Cc.
2) Select Rc based on the allowed load-step transient. Rc sets a voltage delta on the Cc pin that corresponds to load-current step.
3) Calculate the output-filter capacitor (COUT) required to allow the RC and Cc selected.
4) Determine if $C P$ is required (if calculated to be $>10 \mathrm{pF}$ ).
For continuous conduction, the right-half-plane zero frequency (fRHPZ) is given by the following:

$$
f_{\text {RHPZ }}=\operatorname{VOUT}(1-D)^{2} /(2 \pi \times L \times \operatorname{loAD})
$$

where $\mathrm{D}=$ the duty cycle $=1-\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} / \mathrm{V}\right.$ OUT $)$, L is the inductor value, and ILOAD is the maximum output current. Typically target crossover (fc) for $1 / 6$ of the RHPZ. For example, if we assume fosc $=500 \mathrm{kHz}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathbb{I}}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}$, Vout $=5 \mathrm{~V}$, and IOUT $=0.5 \mathrm{~A}$, then RLOAD $=10 \Omega$. If we select $\mathrm{L}=4.7 \mu \mathrm{H}$, then:
$\mathrm{f}_{\text {RHPZ }}=5(2.5 / 5)^{2} /\left(2 \pi \times 4.7 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.5\right)=84.65 \mathrm{kHz}$ Choose fC $=14 \mathrm{kHz}$. Calculate CC:
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}=\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}} / \mathrm{VOUT}^{(R L O A D} / \mathrm{RCS}\right)(\mathrm{gm} / 2 \pi \times \mathrm{fC})(1-\mathrm{D})$ $=(1.25 / 5)(10 / 0.3) \times[135 \mu \mathrm{~S} /(6.28 \times 14 \mathrm{kHz})](2 / 5)$ $=6.4 \mathrm{nF}$
Choose 6.8nF.
Now select Rc so transient-droop requirements are met. As an example, if $4 \%$ transient droop is allowed, the input to the error amplifier moves $0.04 \times 1.25 \mathrm{~V}$, or 50 mV . The error-amp output drives $50 \mathrm{mV} \times 135 \mu \mathrm{~S}$, or $6.75 \mu \mathrm{~A}$, across RC to provide transient gain. Since the current-sense transresistance is $0.3 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{A}$, the value of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{C}}$ that allows the required load-step swing is as follows:

$$
\mathrm{Rc}_{\mathrm{C}}=0.3 \mathrm{I} \mathrm{IND}(\mathrm{PK}) / 6.75 \mu \mathrm{~A}
$$

In a step-up DC-to-DC converter, if LIDEAL is used, output current relates to inductor current by:

$$
\operatorname{IIND}(P K)=1.25 \text { IOUT } /(1-D)=1.25 \text { IOUT } \times \text { VOUT } / \operatorname{VIN}
$$

So, for a 500 mA output load step with $\mathrm{V} \mathbb{N}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ and VOUT $=5 \mathrm{~V}$ :

$$
R C=[1.25(0.3 \times 0.5 \times 5) / 2)] / 6.75 \mu \mathrm{~A}=69.4 \mathrm{k} \Omega
$$

Note that the inductor does not limit the response in this case since it can ramp at $2.5 \mathrm{~V} / 4.7 \mu \mathrm{H}$, or $530 \mathrm{~mA} / \mu \mathrm{s}$.
The output filter capacitor is then chosen so the COUT Rload pole cancels the Rc Cc zero:

$$
\text { COUT } \times \text { RLOAD }=\text { RC } \times \text { CC }
$$

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For the example:

$$
\text { COUT }=68 \mathrm{k} \Omega \times 6.8 \mathrm{nF} / 10 \Omega=46 \mu \mathrm{~F}
$$

Choose $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ for Cout. If the available Cout is substantially different from the calculated value, insert the available COUT value into the above equation and recalculate Rc. Higher substituted Cout values allow a higher Rc, which provides higher transient gain and consequently less transient droop.
If the output filter capacitor has significant ESR, a zero occurs at the following:

$$
Z_{E S R}=1 /(2 \pi \times \text { COUT } \times \text { RESR })
$$

If $Z_{E S R}>\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}$, it can be ignored, as is typically the case with ceramic output capacitors. If $Z_{E S R}$ is less than f C, it should be cancelled with a pole set by capacitor Cp connected from CC to GND:

$$
\text { CP = COUT } \times \text { RESR / RC }
$$

If $C P$ is calculated to be $<10 \mathrm{pF}$, it can be omitted.

## Step-Down Component Selection

This section describes component selection for the step-down converter, and for the main converter if used in step-down mode (SUSD = GND).

## Step-Down Inductor

The external components required for the step-down are an inductor, input and output filter capacitors, and compensation RC network.
The MAX1566/MAX1567 step-down converter provides best efficiency with continuous inductor current. A reasonable inductor value (LIDEAL) can be derived from the following:

$$
\text { LIDEAL }=\left[2\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\text {IN }}\right) \times \mathrm{D}(1-\mathrm{D})\right] / \text { IOUT } \times \text { fOSC }
$$

This sets the peak-to-peak inductor current at $1 / 2$ the DC inductor current. $D$ is the duty cycle:

$$
D=V_{O U T} / V_{I N}
$$

Given LIDEAL, the peak-to-peak inductor current is 0.5 IOUT. The absolute-peak inductor current is 1.25 IOUT. Inductance values smaller than LIDEAL can be used to reduce inductor size; however, if much smaller values are used, inductor current rises, and a larger output capacitance may be required to suppress output ripple. Larger values than LIDEAL can be used to obtain higher output current, but typically with larger inductor size.

## Step-Down Compensation

The relevant characteristics for step-down compensation are as follows:

- Transconductance (from FB to CC), gmEA ( $135 \mu \mathrm{~S}$ )
- Step-down slope-compensation pole, PSLOPE = VIN / ( $\pi \mathrm{L}$ )
- Current-sense amplifier transresistance, RCS (0.6V/A)
- Feedback-regulation voltage, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}(1.25 \mathrm{~V})$
- Step-down output voltage, VSD, in V
- Output-load equivalent resistance, RLOAD, in $\Omega=$ VOUT / ILOAD
The key steps for step-down compensation are as follows:

1) Set the compensation $R C$ to zero to cancel the Rload Cout pole.
2) Set the loop crossover below the lower of $1 / 5$ the slope compensation pole or $1 / 5$ the switching frequency.
If we assume V IN $=2.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=1.8 \mathrm{~V}$, and IOUT $=$ 350 mA , then RLOAD $=5.14 \Omega$.
If we select foSC $=500 \mathrm{kHz}$ and $\mathrm{L}=5.6 \mu \mathrm{H}$.
PSLOPE $=\mathrm{VIN} /(\pi \mathrm{L})=142 \mathrm{kHz}$, so choose $\mathrm{f} \mathrm{C}=24 \mathrm{kHz}$ and calculate C C:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}} & =\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}} / \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}\right)\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{LOAD}} / \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{CS}}\right)(\mathrm{gm} / 2 \pi \times \mathrm{f} \mathrm{C}) \\
& =(1.25 / 1.8)(5.14 / 0.6) \times[135 \mu \mathrm{~S} /(6.28 \times 24 \mathrm{kHz})] \\
& =6.4 \mathrm{nF}
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose 6.8nF.
Now select RC so transient-droop requirements are met. As an example, if $4 \%$ transient droop is allowed, the input to the error amplifier moves $0.04 \times 1.25 \mathrm{~V}$, or 50 mV . The error-amp output drives $50 \mathrm{mV} \times 135 \mu \mathrm{~S}$, or $6.75 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ across $\mathrm{Rc}_{\mathrm{C}}$ to provide transient gain. Since the current-sense transresistance is $0.6 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{A}$, the value of $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{C}}$ that allows the required load-step swing is as follows:

$$
\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{C}}=0.6 \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{IND}(\mathrm{PK})} / 6.75 \mu \mathrm{~A}
$$

In a step-down DC-to-DC converter, if LIDEAL is used, output current relates to inductor current by the following:

$$
\operatorname{liND}(\mathrm{PK})=1.25 \text { IOUT }
$$

So for a 250 mA output load step with V IN $=2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ and VOUT $=1.8 \mathrm{~V}$ :

$$
R_{C}=(1.25 \times 0.6 \times 0.25) / 6.75 \mu \mathrm{~A}=27.8 \mathrm{k} \Omega
$$

Choose $27 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.
Note that the inductor does somewhat limit the response in this case since it ramps at ( VIN - VOUT) / $5.6 \mu \mathrm{H}$, or (2.5-1.8) / $5.6 \mu \mathrm{H}=125 \mathrm{~mA} / \mu \mathrm{s}$.

The output filter capacitor is then chosen so the COUT RloAd pole cancels the Rc Cc zero:

$$
\text { COUT } \times \text { RLOAD }=\text { RC } \times C C
$$

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For the example:

$$
\text { COUT }=27 \mathrm{k} \Omega \times 6.8 \mathrm{nF} / 5.14 \Omega=35.7 \mu \mathrm{~F}
$$

Since ceramic capacitors are common in either $22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ values, $22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ is within a factor of two of the ideal value and still provides adequate phase margin for stability. If the output filter capacitor has significant ESR, a zero occurs at the following:

$$
\text { ZESR }=1 /(2 \pi \times \text { Cout } \times \text { RESR })
$$

If $Z_{E S R}>\mathrm{fc}$, it can be ignored, as is typically the case with ceramic output capacitors. If ZESR < fc, it should be cancelled with a pole set by capacitor Cp connected from Cc to GND:

$$
\text { CP }=\text { COUT } \times \text { RESR } / \text { RC }
$$

If CP is calculated to be $<10 \mathrm{pF}$, it can be omitted.

## AUX Controller Component Selection

 External MOSFETAll MAX1566/MAX1567 AUX controllers drive external logic-level MOSFETs. Significant MOSFET selection parameters are as follows:

- On-resistance (RDS(ON))
- Maximum drain-to-source voltage (VDS(MAX))
- Total gate charge (QG)
- Reverse transfer capacitance (CRSS)

On the MAX1566, all AUX drivers are designed for N channel MOSFETs. On the MAX1567, AUX2 is a DC-toDC inverter, so DL2 is designed to drive a P-channel MOSFET. In both devices, the driver outputs DL1 and DL3 swing between PVSU and GND. MOSFET driver DL2 swings between INDL2 and GND.
Use a MOSFET with on-resistance specified with gate drive at or below the main output voltage. The gate charge, QG, includes all capacitance associated with charging the gate and helps to predict MOSFET transition time between on and off states. MOSFET power dissipation is a combination of on-resistance and transition losses. The on-resistance loss is as follows:

$$
\text { PRDSON }=\mathrm{D} \times \mathrm{IL}^{2} \times \operatorname{RDS}(\mathrm{ON})
$$

where $D$ is the duty cycle, $I L$ is the average inductor current, and RDS(ON) is MOSFET on-resistance. The transition loss is approximately as follows:

$$
\text { PTRANS }=(\text { VOUT } \times \text { IL } \times \text { fosc } \times \text { tT }) / 3
$$

where VOUT is the output voltage, $I L$ is the average inductor current, fosc is the switching frequency, and to is the transition time. The transition time is approximately $Q_{G} / I_{G}$, where $Q_{G}$ is the total gate charge, and $I_{G}$ is the gate-drive current ( 0.5 A typ).

The total power dissipation in the MOSFET is as follows:

$$
\text { PMOSFET }=\text { PRDSON }+ \text { PTRANS }
$$

## Diode

For most AUX applications, a Schottky diode rectifies the output voltage. Schottky low forward voltage and fast recovery time provide the best performance in most applications. Silicon signal diodes (such as 1 N 4148 ) are sometimes adequate in low-current (<10mA), high-voltage (>10V) output circuits where the output voltage is large compared to the diode forward voltage.

AUX Compensation The auxiliary controllers employ voltage-mode control to regulate their output voltage. Optimum compensation depends on whether the design uses continuous or discontinuous inductor current.

## AUX Step-Up, Discontinuous Inductor Current

When the inductor current falls to zero on each switching cycle, it is described as discontinuous. The inductor is not utilized as efficiently as with continuous current, but in light-load applications this often has little negative impact since the coil losses may already be low compared to other losses. A benefit of discontinuous inductor current is more flexible loop compensation, and no maximum duty-cycle restriction on boost ratio.
To ensure discontinuous operation, the inductor must have a sufficiently low inductance to fully discharge on each cycle. This occurs when:

$$
\left.\mathrm{L}<\left[\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}^{2}}\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}\right) / \mathrm{VOUT}^{3}\right][\text { RLOAD / (2fosc })\right]
$$

A discontinuous current boost has a single pole at the following:

$$
\mathrm{fp}=(2 \mathrm{~V} \text { OUT }-\mathrm{VIN}) /(2 \pi \times \text { RLOAD } \times \text { COUT } \times \text { VOUT })
$$

Choose the integrator cap so the unity-gain crossover, fc, occurs at fosc / 10 or lower. Note that for many AUX circuits, such as those powering motors, LEDs, or other loads that do not require fast transient response, it is often acceptable to overcompensate by setting fc at fosc / 20 or lower.
Cc is then determined by the following:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}= & {\left[2 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }} \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }} /\left(\left(2 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}\right) \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {RAMP }}\right)\right]\left[\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} /\right.} \\
& \left.\left(\mathrm{K}\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}\right)\right)\right]^{1 / 2}\left[\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\text {FB }} / \mathrm{VOUT}^{(g M} /(2 \pi \mathrm{fc})\right]\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

where:

$$
K=2 L \times f O S C / R L O A D
$$

and $V_{\text {RAMP }}$ is the internal slope-compensation voltage ramp of 1.25 V .

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The Cc Rc zero is then used to cancel the fp pole, so:
$R_{\mathrm{C}}=$ R LOAD $\times$ COUT $\times \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} /\left[\left(2 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}\right) \times \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}\right]$

## AUX Step-Up, Continuous Inductor Current

Continuous inductor current can sometimes improve boost efficiency by lowering the ratio between peak inductor current and output current. It does this at the expense of a larger inductance value that requires larger size for a given current rating. With continuous inductorcurrent boost operation, there is a right-half-plane zero, ZRHP, at the following:

$$
\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{RHP}}=(1-\mathrm{D})^{2} \times \text { RLOAD } /(2 \pi \times \mathrm{L})
$$

where $(1-\mathrm{D})=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }} / \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ (in a boost converter).
There is a complex pole pair at the following:

$$
f_{0}=\text { VOUT } /\left[2 \pi \times \text { VIN }(L \times \text { COUT })^{1 / 2}\right]
$$

If the zero due to the output capacitance and ESR is less than $1 / 10$ the right-half-plane zero:

$$
\text { ZCOUT }=1 /(2 \pi \times \text { COUT } \times \text { RESR })<Z_{R H P} / 10
$$

Then choose Cc so the crossover frequency fc occurs at Zcout. The ESR zero provides a phase boost at crossover:

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}=\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} / \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{RAMP}}\right)\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}} / \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}\right)\left[\mathrm{gM} /\left(2 \pi \times \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{COUT}}\right)\right]
$$

Choose RC to place the integrator zero, $1 /\left(2 \pi \times R_{C} \times\right.$ CC ), at fo to cancel one of the pole pairs:

$$
\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{C}}=\operatorname{VIN}(\mathrm{L} \times \text { COUT })^{1 / 2} /(\text { VOUT } \times \mathrm{CC})
$$

If $Z_{\text {Cout }}$ is not less than $Z_{\text {RHP }} / 10$ (as is typical with ceramic output capacitors) and continuous conduction is required, then cross the loop over before $Z_{R H P}$ and $f_{0}$ :

$$
\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}<\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{O}} / 10 \text {, and } \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}<\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{RHP}} / 10
$$

In that case:

$$
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}=\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} / \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{RAMP}}\right)\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}} / \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}\right)(\mathrm{gm} /(2 \pi \times \mathrm{fC}))
$$

Place:

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 /\left(2 \pi \times R_{C} \times C_{C}\right) & =1 /\left(2 \pi \times R_{\text {LOAD }} \times \text { COUT }\right), \text { so that } \\
R_{C} & =\text { RLOAD }^{2} \text { COUT } / C C
\end{aligned}
$$

Or, reduce the inductor value for discontinuous operation.

## MAX1567 AUX2 Inverter Compensation, Discontinuous Inductor Current

If the load current is very low ( $\leq 40 \mathrm{~mA}$ ), discontinuous current is preferred for simple loop compensation and freedom from duty-cycle restrictions on the inverter input-output ratio. To ensure discontinuous operation, the inductor must have a sufficiently low inductance to fully discharge on each cycle. This occurs when:

$$
\mathrm{L}<\left[\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} /\left(\mathrm{IV} \text { OUTI }+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}\right)\right]^{2} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{LOAD}} /(2 \mathrm{fOSC})
$$

A discontinuous current inverter has a single pole at the following:

$$
f P=2 /(2 \pi \times \text { RLOAD } \times \text { COUT })
$$

Choose the integrator cap so the unity-gain crossover, $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}$, occurs at fosc / 10 or lower. Note that for many AUX circuits that do not require fast transient response, it is often acceptable to overcompensate by setting $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}$ at fosc / 20 or lower.
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}$ is then determined by the following:
$\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}=\left[\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} /\left(\mathrm{K}^{1 / 2} \times \mathrm{V}_{\text {RAMP }}\right)\right]\left[\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }} /\left(\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}+\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }}\right)\right][\mathrm{gm} /$

$$
(2 \pi \times f C)]
$$

where $K=2 L \times$ fosc $/$ RLOAD, and $V_{\text {RAMP }}$ is the internal slope-compensation voltage ramp of 1.25 V .
The Cc Rc zero is then used to cancel the fp pole, so:

$$
\text { RC }=(\text { RLOAD } \times \text { COUT }) /(2 C C)
$$

## MAX1567 AUX2 Inverter Compensation, Continuous Inductor Current

 Continuous inductor current may be more suitable for larger load currents (50mA or more). It improves efficiency by lowering the ratio between peak inductor current and output current. It does this at the expense of a larger inductance value that requires larger size for a given current rating. With continuous inductor-current inverter operation, there is a right-half-plane zero, ZRHP, at:$$
Z_{R H P}=\left[(1-D)^{2} / D\right] \times R L O A D /(2 \pi \times L)
$$

where $\mathrm{D}=$ IVOUTI $/$ (IVOUTI $+\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ ) (in an inverter).
There is a complex pole pair at:

$$
f_{0}=(1-D) /\left(2 \pi(L \times C)^{1 / 2}\right)
$$

If the zero due to the output-capacitor capacitance and ESR is less than $1 / 10$ the right-half-plane zero:

$$
\text { ZCOUT }=1 /(2 \pi \times \text { COUT } \times \text { RESR })<\text { ZRHP } / 10
$$

Then choose Cc such that the crossover frequency $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}$ occurs at Zcout. The ESR zero provides a phase boost at crossover:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{C}}= & \left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} / \mathrm{V}_{\text {RAMP }}\right)\left[\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }} /(\mathrm{V} \text { REF }+\mathrm{IVOUTI})\right][\mathrm{gm} / \\
& (2 \pi \times \mathrm{ZCOUT})]
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose Rc to place the integrator zero, $1 /\left(2 \pi \times R_{C} \times\right.$ Cc ), at fo to cancel one of the pole pairs:

$$
R_{C}=(L \times \operatorname{CoUT})^{1 / 2} /[(1-D) \times C C]
$$

If Zcout is not less than $\mathrm{Z}_{\text {RHP }} / 10$ (as is typical with ceramic output capacitors) and continuous conduction is required, then cross the loop over before $Z_{R H P}$ and $f_{0}$ :

$$
\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}<\mathrm{f}_{0} / 10, \text { and } \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{C}}<\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{RHP}} / 10
$$

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In that case:

$$
\begin{gathered}
C_{C}=\left(V_{I N} / V_{R A M P}\right)\left[V_{R E F} /\right. \\
\left.\left(V_{R E F}+I V_{O U T I}\right)\right][g M /(2 \pi \times f C)]
\end{gathered}
$$

Place:

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 /(2 \pi \times R C \times C C) & =1 /\left(2 \pi \times R_{\text {LOAD }} \times \text { COUT }\right), \text { so that } \\
R_{C} & =\text { RLOAD }^{2} \text { COUT } / C_{C}
\end{aligned}
$$

Or, reduce the inductor value for discontinuous operation.

## Applications Information

## Typical Operating Circuits

Figures 1, 2, and 3 show connections for AA and Li+ battery arrangements. Figures $7-13$ show various connections for the AUX1, 2, and 3 controllers. Figures 15, 16 , and 17 show various connections for the SDOK, $\overline{\text { AUX10K, and SCF outputs. }}$

Figure 1. Typical Operating Circuit for One Li+ Cell In this connection, the main converter is operated as a step-down (SUSD = GND) and is powered from PVSU. This provides boost-buck operation for the main 3.3V output so a regulated output is maintained over the $\mathrm{Li}+$ 2.7 V to 4.2 V cell voltage range. The compound efficiency from the battery to the 3.3 V output reaches $90 \%$.
The step-down 1.8 V (core) output is powered directly from VBatt.
The CCD and LCD voltages are generated with a transformerless design. AUX1 generates +15 V for CCD positive and LCD bias. The MAX1567 AUX2 inverter generates -7.5 V for negative CCD bias. The AUX3 controller generates a regulated current for a series network of four white LEDs that backlight the LCD.

Figure 2. Typical Operating Circuit for 2 AA Cells Figure 2 is optimized for $2-c e l l$ AA inputs ( 1.5 V to 3.7 V ) by connecting the step-down input (PVSD) to the main output (PVM). The main 3.3V output operates directly from the battery as a step-up (SUSD = PVSD). The 1.8 V core output now operates as a boost-buck with efficiency up to $90 \%$. The rest of the circuit is unchanged from Figure 1

Figure 3. Typical Operating Circuit for 2 AA Cells and 1-Cell Li+ The MAX1566/MAX1567 can also allow either 1-cell Li+ or 2 AA cells to power the same design. If the stepdown and main inputs are both connected to PVSU, then both the 3.3 V and 1.8 V outputs operate as boostbuck converters. There is an efficiency penalty compared to stepping down VSD directly from the battery, but that is not possible with a 1.5 V input.

Furthermore, the cascaded boost-buck efficiency compares favorably with other boost-buck techniques.


#### Abstract

LED, LCD, and Other Boost Applications Any AUX channel (except for the AUX2 inverter on the MAX1567) can be used for a wide variety of step-up applications. These include generating 5V or some other voltage for motor or actuator drive, generating 15 V or a similar voltage for LCD bias, or generating a step-up current source to efficiently drive a series array of white LEDs to display backlighting. Figures 7 and 8 show examples of these applications.


## Multiple-Output Flyback Circuits

 Some applications require multiple voltages from a single converter channel. This is often the case when generating voltages for CCD bias or LCD power. Figure 9 shows a two-output flyback configuration with an AUX channel. The controller drives an external MOSFET that switches the transformer primary. Two transformer secondaries generate the output voltages. Only one positive output voltage can be fed back, so the other voltages are set by the turns-ratio of the transformer secondaries. The load stability of the other secondary voltages depends on transformer leakage inductance and winding resistance. Voltage regulation is best when the load on the secondary that is not fed back is small compared to the load on the one that is fed back. Regulation also improves if the load-current range is limited. Consult the transformer manufacturer for the proper design for a given application.
## Transformerless Inverter for Negative CCD Bias (AUX2, MAX1567)

On the MAX1567, AUX2 is set up to drive an external Pchannel MOSFET in an inverting configuration. DL2 drives low to turn on the MOSFET, and FB2 has inverted polarity and a OV threshold. This is useful for generating negative CCD bias without a transformer, particularly with high pixel-count cameras that have a greater negative CCD load current. Figure 10 shows an example circuit.

## Boost with Charge Pump for Positive and Negative Outputs

 Another method of producing bipolar output voltages without a transformer is with an AUX controller and a charge-pump circuit, as shown in Figure 11. When MOSFET Q1 turns off, the voltage at its drain rises to supply current to VOUT+. At the same time, C1 charges to the voltage VOUT+ through D1. When the MOSFET turns on, C1 discharges through D3, thereby charging C3 to Voutminus the drop across D3 to create roughly the same voltage as VOUT+ at VOUT-, but with inverted polarity.
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If different magnitudes are required for the positive and negative voltages, a linear regulator can be used at one of the outputs to achieve the desired voltages. One such connection is shown in Figure 12. This circuit is somewhat unique in that a positive-output linear regulator can regulate a negative voltage output. It does this by controlling the charge current flowing to the flying capacitor rather than directly regulating at the output.

## SEPIC Boost-Buck

The MAX1566/MAX1567s' internal switch step-up, main, and step-down converters can be cascaded to make a high-efficiency boost-buck converter, but it is sometimes desirable to build a second boost-buck converter with an AUX_ controller.
One type of step-up/step-down converter is the SEPIC, shown in Figure 13. Inductors L1 and L2 can be separate inductors or can be wound on a single core and coupled like a transformer. Typically, a coupled inductor improves efficiency since some power is transferred through the coupling so less power passes through the coupling capacitor (C2). Likewise, C2 should have low ESR to improve efficiency. The ripple-current rating must be greater than the larger of the input and output currents. The MOSFET (Q1) drain-source voltage rating and the rectifier (D1) reverse-voltage rating must exceed the sum of the input and output voltages. Other types of step-up/step-down circuits are a flyback converter and a step-up converter followed by a linear regulator.

## Adding a MAX1801 Slave

The MAX1801 is a 6 -pin, SOT-slave, DC-to-DC controller that can be connected to generate additional output voltages. It does not generate its own reference or oscillator. Instead, it uses the reference and oscillator of the MAX1566/MAX1567 (Figure 14). The MAX1801 controller operation and design are similar to that of the MAX1566/MAX1567 AUX controllers. All comments in the AUX Controller Component Selection section also apply to add-on MAX1801 slave controllers. For more details, refer to the MAX1801 data sheet.

## Applications for Status Outputs

 The MAX1566/MAX1567 have three status outputs: SDOK, AUX1OK, and SCF. These monitor the output of the step-down channel, the AUX1 channel, and the status of the overload-short-circuit protection. Each output is open drain to allow the greatest flexibility. Figures 15, 16, and 17 show some possible connections for these outputs.Using $\overline{S D O K}$ and $\overline{A U X 1} \overline{O K}$ for Power Sequencing

SDOK goes low when the step-down reaches regulation. Some microcontrollers with low-voltage cores require that the high-voltage (3.3V) I/O rail not be powered up until the core has a valid supply. The circuit in Figure 15 accomplishes this by driving the gate of a PFET connected between the 3.3 V output and the processor I/O supply.
Figure 16 shows a similar application where $\overline{\text { AUX1OK }}$ gates 5 V power to the CCD only after the +15 V output is in regulation.
Alternately, power sequencing can also be implemented by connecting RC networks to delay the appropriate converter ON_inputs.

Using SCF for Full-Load Startup The SCF output goes low only after the step-up reaches regulation. It can be used to drive a P-channel MOSFET switch that turns off the load of a selected supply in the event of an overload. Or, it can remove the load until the supply reaches regulation, effectively allowing fullload startup. Figure 17 shows such a connection for the step-up output.

Setting VSD Below 1.25V The step-down feedback voltage is 1.25 V . With a standard two-resistor feedback network, the output voltage can be set to values between 1.25 V and the input voltage. If a step-down output voltage less than 1.25 V is desired, it can be set by adding a third feedback resistor from FBSD to a voltage higher than 1.25 V . The stepup or main outputs are convenient for this, as shown in Figure 18.
The equation governing output voltage in Figure 18's circuit is as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & {\left[\left(V_{\text {SD }}-V_{\text {FBSD }}\right) / R 1\right]+\left[\left(0-V_{\text {FBSD }}\right) / R 2\right]+} \\
& {\left[\left(V_{S U}-V_{\text {FBSD }}\right) / R 3\right] }
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SD }}$ is the output voltage, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {FBSD }}$ is 1.25 V , and $V_{S U}$ is the step-up output voltage. Any available voltage that is higher than 1.25 V can be used as the connection point for R3 in Figure 18, and for the VSD term in the equation. Since there are multiple solutions for R1, R2, and R3, the above equation cannot be written in terms of one resistor. The best method for determining resistor values is to enter the above equation into a spreadsheet and test estimated resistor values. A good starting point is with $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ at R2 and R3.

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Designing a PC Board
Good PC board layout is important to achieve optimal performance from the MAX1566/MAX1567. Poor design can cause excessive conducted and/or radiated noise. Conductors carrying discontinuous currents and any high-current path should be made as short and wide as possible. A separate low-noise ground plane containing the reference and signal grounds should connect to the power-ground plane at only one point to minimize the effects of power-ground currents. Typically, the ground planes are best joined right at the IC.

Keep the voltage-feedback network very close to the IC, preferably within 0.2 in ( 5 mm ) of the FB_pin. Nodes with high $d V / d t$ (switching nodes) should be kept as small as possible and should be routed away from high-impedance nodes such as FB_. Refer to the MAX1566/MAX1567 EV kit data sheet for a full PC board example.

## Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 9420
PROCESS: BiCMOS

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Package Information
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