

Product Overview

The A009 BuckBlockTM High Output Wide Range LED Power Modules are a line of true current regulated drivers for powering LEDs. The LUXdrive BuckBlockTM line of LED drivers are the ideal choice for powering all types of high-brightness and high-power LED Packages and arrays.

BuckBlockTM LED drivers provide high efficiency and require no external current limiting resistors. A fast response current-sensing circuit makes the BuckBlockTM ideal for applications where flashing or strobe operation of the LED(s) is required.

A dimming input, compatible with many commercially available 0-10V low voltage dimming controls, provides a convenient method to control the brightness of the LEDs. The standard units are potted in an extremely small, low profile package* and come with 6" 18AWG colored leads.



Features

- DC input voltage up to 32V
- 1.0A, 1.4A, or 2.1A constant current output*
- Extremely small form factor* (2.0"x1.2"x0.38")
- 18 AWG wires for easy electrical connections
- External analog/digital intensity control
- External potentiometer intensity control (0-100%)
- Continuous output short circuit protection
- Continuous output open circuit protection
- Input reverse polarity protection with PolarifetTM Technology
- Pulse and strobe capable (dim input)
- 0-10V Dimming compatible with many available controls

Typical Applications

- Solar & Landscape Lighting
- Architectural Lighting
- Track Lighting
- Automotive & Marine Lighting
- Portable Lighting & Flashlights
- Point of Purchase Lighting
- Desk & Reading Lamps
- Signal & marker Lighting
- Flashing & Strobe Lighting
- Cabinet & Display Case Lighting
- Sign & Channel Letters
- Much More...



* - Custom units can be designed for OEM applications. Contact LUXdrive for more information.



Part Number Identification Table

Table 1
Product Selection

Part Number	DC Input	Drive Current in (mA)	Control/Dimming	Connection Type
A009-D-V-1000	10-32V	1000	0-10V	6 Wires
A009-D-V-1400	10-32V	1400	0-10V	6 Wires
A009-D-V-2100	10-32V	2100	0-10V	6 Wires

Notes for Table 1:

1. Custom units available upon request, restrictions apply. Contact LUXdrive for additional details.

Part Number Identification

The part number is explained below:

A009- A- B -CCCC

Where:

A009 designates the LUXdrive Product ID for a BuckBlock

A designates Power Input Type (D for DC only)

B designates Dimming Type (V = 0-10V Dimming)

CCCC designates Drive Current (1000 = 1000mA, 1400 = 1400mA, 2100 = 2100mA)

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Input Voltage	32V _{DC}
Output Voltage	V _{in}
DIM Input	10V

Typical Characteristics

Output tolerance (within specified temp. range)	±10%
Efficiency	90%
Input Voltage Minimum	10V _{DC}
Max Output Voltage for 1000mA	80% of V _{in}
Max Output Voltage for 1400mA	75% of V _{in}
Max Output Voltage for 2100mA	50% of V _{in}

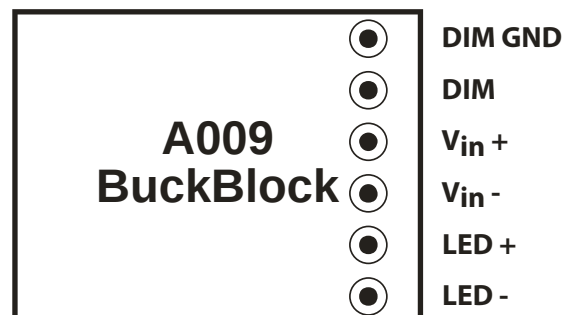


Figure 1.
Top view Pinout of the
A009 BuckBlock

Graphs

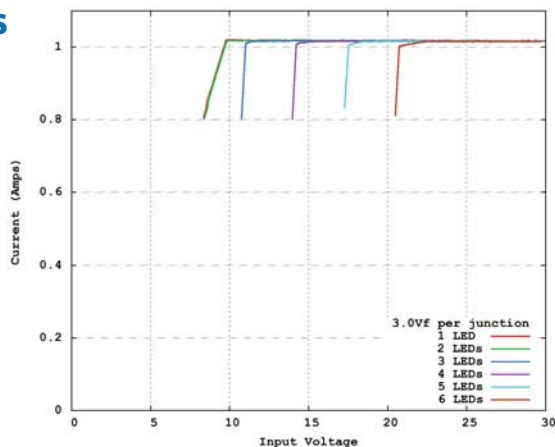


Figure 2.
1000mA Output Current vs. Vin

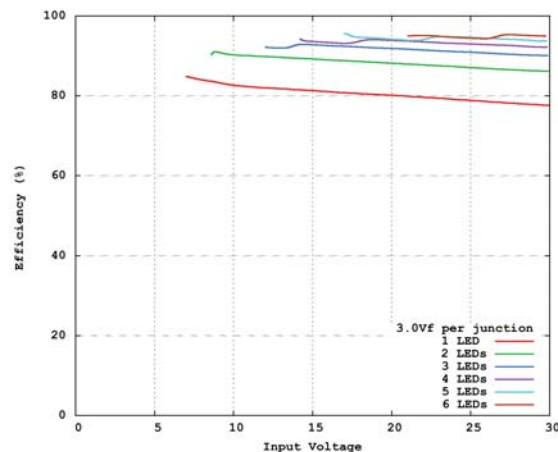


Figure 3.
1000mA Efficiency vs. Vin

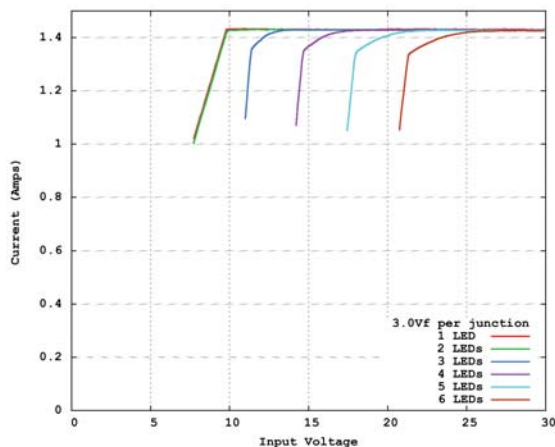


Figure 4.
1400mA Output Current vs. Vin

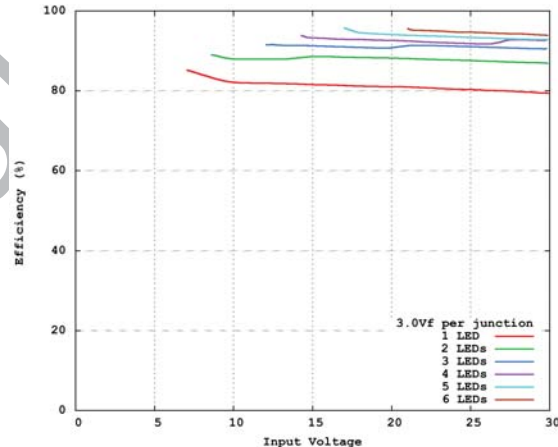


Figure 5.
1400mA Efficiency vs. Vin

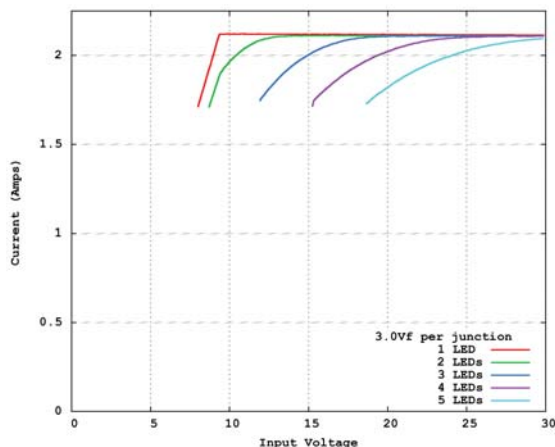


Figure 6.
2100mA Output Current vs. Vin

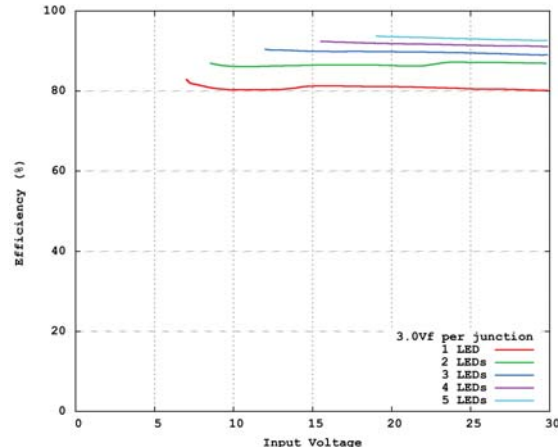


Figure 7.
2100mA Efficiency vs. Vin

Specifications

Output current, A009-D-V-1000	1000mA
Output current, A009-D-V-1400	1400mA
Output current, A009-D-V-2100	2100mA
Dimming Input, turn on threshold	1.7V $\pm$ 5%
Dimming Input, full on threshold	9V $\pm$ 5%
External pot adjustment range	0%, 5-100% ²
Output rise time	<1.5ms ³
Output fall time	<100 μ s ³
Quiescent current (DIM = 0V)	<4.5 mA ³
Operating temperature (Tcase)	-40-+80°C
Storage temperature	-40-+125°C

Application Information

The BuckBlockTM High Output LED Power Module is a high-efficiency dc to dc converter that delivers a fixed output current by varying the output voltage as required to maintain the specified current. Because the forward voltage of LEDs can change based on several environmental factors as well as the age of the LED, it is important to use this type of driver in an LED system. The higher output currents are ideal for driving multiple strings of LEDs or high-power LED modules. A fast response current-sensing circuit permits the unit to be used in applications where flashing or pulsing of the LEDs is required. Several options are available allowing for use with many types of LEDs and in a variety of operating modes.

Fixed Current Drive

When the dimming wires (purple/gray) are left unconnected, the A009 is designed to supply its rated current to one or more LED junctions. For example, a 2100mA rated unit will drive up to four white 2100mA LEDs connected in series at 24V_{DC}. Due to the nature of the buck regulator, the input voltage must always be higher than the total forward voltage drop of the LEDjunction(s) connected in series. Thus, for a series string of four junctions having an average forward drop of 3.15V each, the required minimum input voltage will be 24V_{DC}. A standard 24V_{DC} power supply is a good choice for this application. Refer to page three for the max Vout/Vin ratings for the various drive currents.

Figures 10 and 11 show a 1400mA and 2100mA unit driving multiple LEDs. Note that parallel strings of LEDs can be driven directly with no additional circuitry required to insure current sharing. The nature of the LEDs themselves will provide sufficient current sharing if the parallel strings comprise three or more junctions each, and are identical in length.

2 - Actual value varies greatly based on input and/or output voltages. Actual values will be smaller in most applications.

3 - Refer to figure 9 for the dimming response.

Adjustable Current - External Control - "V" Model

Figures 14 and 15 show the ease of dimming the A009 BuckBlockTM High Output LED Power Module. Figure 14 shows the simplest dimming configuration using a 20K Ohm potentiometer. This gives a 0-100% range of dimming. If multiple A009 modules are to be dimmed with a single potentiometer, the value of the potentiometer should be approximately $(20K\Omega/N)$ where N is the number of modules.

Figure 15 shows a 0-10V wall dimmer, such as LEDdynamics A019 Low Voltage Dimming Control, being used to control the LED brightness. This is the preferred choice for dimming multiple units, as the 0-10V dimmer can handle several drivers. The 0-10V input can also be supplied by a commercial lighting controller that has **current-sinking** 0-10V outputs, allowing the integration of LEDs with other forms of lighting in large automated systems.

For large systems where several distant BuckBlock modules will be dimmed together, it is important to use a heavier gauge wire (such as 18AWG) to run the DIM lines in a star wiring pattern (where each module has a run all the way back to the dimmer). This will help to negate any voltage drops along the DIM wires that could cause some lamps to dim differently than others.

For more advanced control, the 0-10V input can be Pulse Width Modulated (PWM). Figure 18 shows how interfacing with a microcontroller can easily be accomplished with a 2N3904 or equivalent transistor. A PWM frequency of 200Hz is recommended. This configuration can also be used to strobe or pulse the LEDs with a TTL or CMOS logic signal.

In addition to the configurations described above, the BuckBlock may also be driven by a D to A converter. The D/A converter must be able to sink at least 1mA of current from the 0-10V input of the BuckBlock. If the D/A converter cannot sink current, a voltage follower with an open collector output should be used between the D/A converter and the 0-10V input.

If the dimming control circuit used with the BuckBlock has the potential to exceed 10V, current into the DIM input needs to be limited to 10mA or less. See figure 8.

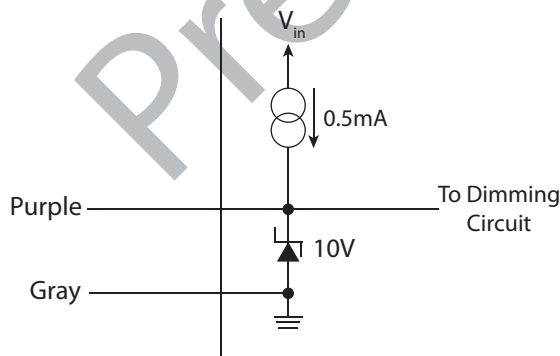


Figure 8.
Dimming input equivalent circuit

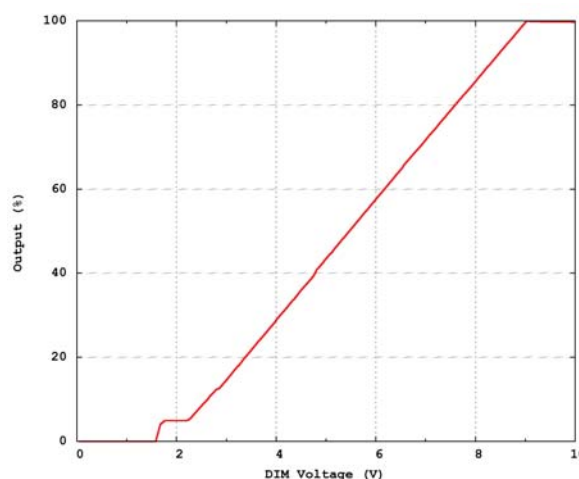


Figure 9.
Output vs. Dim Voltage

External On/Off Control

Where a manual on/off control is desired, the potentiometer in Figure 14 may be replaced by a pushbutton or toggle switch. The output current will be zero and the input current will drop to the quiescent level when the switch is closed. Figures 16 and 17 show external dimming control combined with on/off control.

Thermal Management

The BuckBlock can run many LED load configurations with no additional heat sinking in an ambient of 25°C. In situations with elevated ambient temperatures, such as those that might be experienced inside an enclosed fixture, additional heat sinking may be required. If the temperature of the driver (as measured at the T marking on the label) exceeds 60°C, additional heat sinking is recommended. If the temperature of the driver exceeds 80°C, additional heat sinking is required.

The best surface for removing heat from the BuckBlock is the back side (opposite the labeled side). The module can be attached to a heat sink with thermal grease and a mounting bracket that presses the unit firmly against the heat sink, or with double-sided tape that provides both the thermal path and mechanical mounting. When using tape (such as 3M F9469PC, a Very High Bond (VHB) tape suitable for permanent mounting), using a thinner variety (0.005" thick or less) will aid in getting the heat through the tape and to the heat sink. Care should be taken when positioning the BuckBlock module with VHB tape as the high bond strength makes removing or repositioning the module very difficult.

If the BuckBlock becomes too hot during use, it will reduce the output current to limit the power dissipation. If the temperature continues to rise, the driver will turn off until the temperature drops to a safe level.

Connections

In all cases, the LEDs being driven should be located as close to the A009 LED output as possible. 18AWG wire should be adequate for most wiring, but a heavier gauge should be considered when the long leads are required.

The power input wires should also be kept short. Where the power source is located several feet from the unit, a 100µF or larger, 50V capacitor may be required across the input terminals as shown in Figure 20.

Application Figures

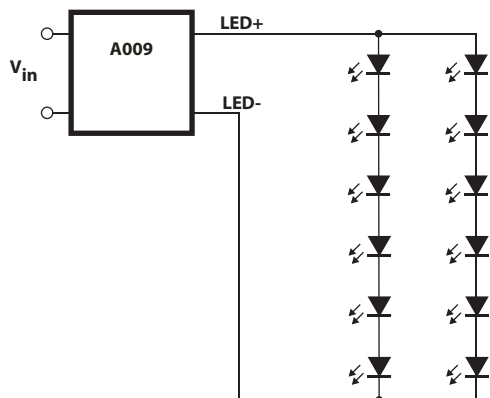


Figure 10.
1400mA unit driving 12 High Power LEDs
(VIN ≥ 24VDC)

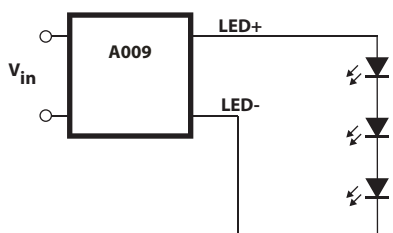


Figure 12.
1000mA unit driving three High Power
LEDs at 3W each
(VIN ≥ 12-32VDC)

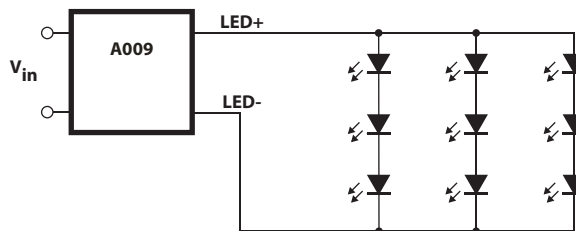


Figure 11.
2100mA unit driving nine High Power LEDs
(VIN ≥ 24VDC)

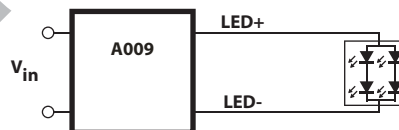


Figure 13.
1400mA unit driving one Cree XMLEZW emitter

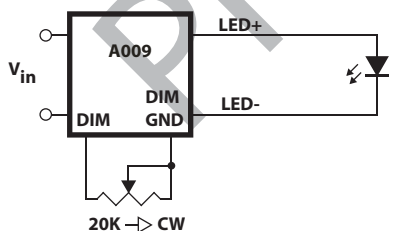


Figure 14.
External potentiometer

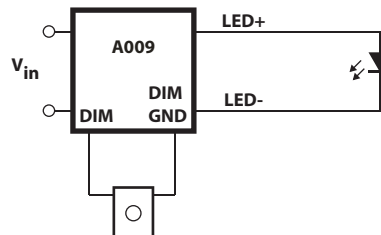


Figure 15.
External 0-10V dimming controller

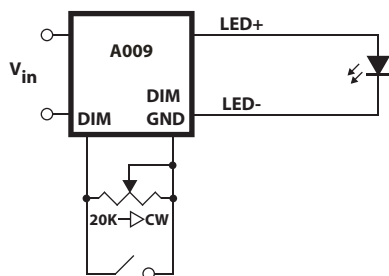


Figure 16.
External dimming plus ON/OFF control with
switch closure

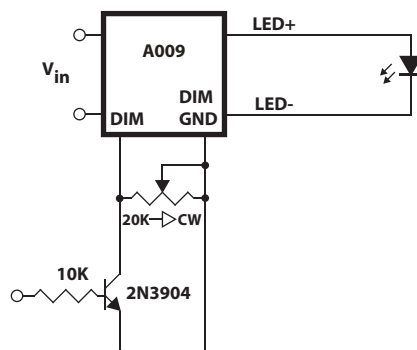


Figure 17.
External dimming plus ON/OFF control with
logic level input

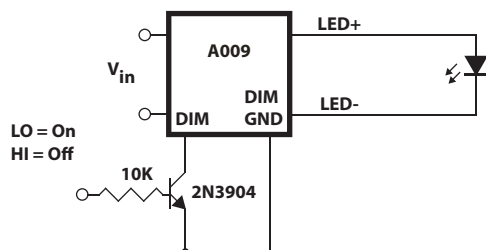


Figure 18.
Pulse/Strobe input 5V=OFF

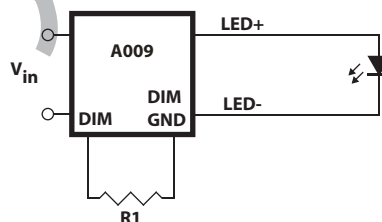


Figure 19.
Using resistor for fixed current reduction
Output is approximately: $\%I_{OUT} = R1/200$
EG: 10K $\approx$ 50%

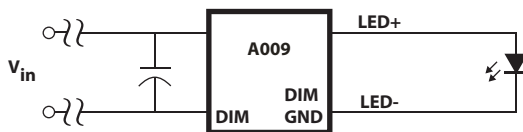
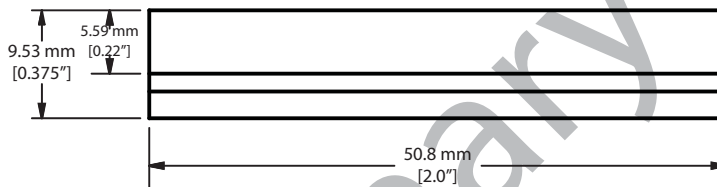
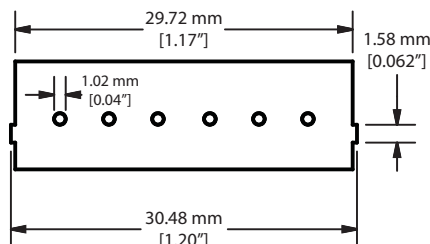


Figure 20.
Place a capacitor across the input terminals when the distance to
the DC power source is farther than several feet

Physical Dimensions



A009
6" - 18AWG Colored Leads

