# SC4607 Low Input, High Efficiency Synchronous, Step Down Controller

## **POWER MANAGEMENT**

### Description

The SC4607 is a voltage mode step down (buck) regulator controller that provides accurate high efficiency power conversion from an input supply range of 2.25V to 5.5V. A high level of integration reduces external component count, and makes it suitable for low voltage applications where cost, size and efficiency are critical.

The SC4607 drives external N-channel MOSFETs with 1A peak current. A non-overlap protection is provided for the gate drive signals to prevent shoot through of the MOSFET pair. The voltage drop across the high side MOSFET during its conduction is sensed for lossless short circuit current limiting.

The quiescent supply current in sleep mode is typically lower than  $10\mu$ A. A 1.2ms soft start is internally provided to prevent output voltage overshoot during start-up.

The SC4607 is an ideal choice for 3.3V, 5V or other low input supply systems. It's available in 10 pin MSOP package.

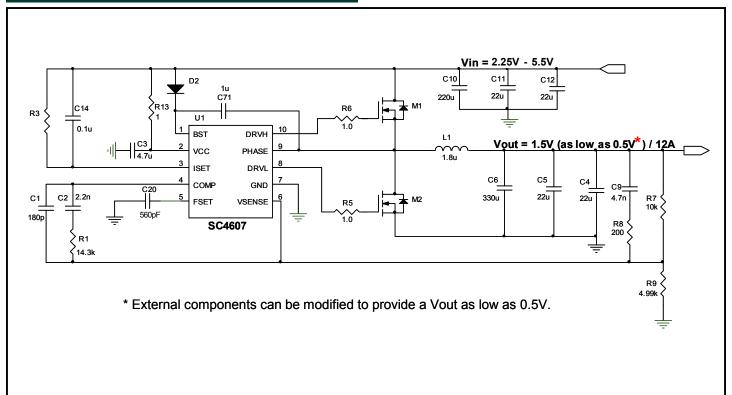
### **Features**

- Asynchronous start up
- ◆ BiCMOS voltage mode PWM controller
- ◆ 2.25V to 5.5V input voltage range
- Output voltages as low as 0.5V
- ♦ +/-1% reference accuracy
- ◆ Sleep mode (Icc = 10µA typ)
- Adjustable lossless short circuit current limiting
- Combination pulse by pulse & hiccup mode current limit
- High efficiency synchronous switching
- ◆ Up to 97% duty cycle
- ◆ 1A peak current driver
- ◆ 10-pin MSOP package

## Applications

- Distributed power architecture
- Servers/workstations
- Local microprocessor core power supplies
- DSP and I/O power supplies
- Battery-powered applications
- ◆ Telecommunications equipment
- Data processing applications

## Typical Application Circuit





# Absolute Maximum Ratings

Exceeding the specifications below may result in permanent damage to the device, or device malfunction. Operation outside of the parameters specified in the Electrical Characteristics section is not implied.

Parameter	Symbol	Maximum	Units
Supply Voltage (V <sub>cc</sub> )		7	V
Output Drivers (DRVH, DRVL) Currents		+/-0.25	A
Peak		+/-1.00	A
Inputs (VSENSE, COMP, FS/SYNC, ISET)		-0.3 to 7	V
PHASE		-0.3 to 7	V
PHASE Pulse tpulse < 50ns		-2 to 7	V
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	T <sub>A</sub>	-40 to +85	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>STG</sub>	-65 to +150	°C
Junction Temperature	T <sub>J</sub>	-55 to +150	°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering) 10 Sec.	T <sub>LEAD</sub>	+300	°C
ESD Rating (Human Body Model)	ESD	2	kV

All voltages with respect to GND. Currents are positive into, negative out of the specified terminal.

## Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, VCC = 3.3V, CT = 270pF,  $T_A = -40$  °C to 85 °C,  $T_A = T_A$ 

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Overall		1	1		
Supply Voltage				5.5	V
Supply Current, Sleep	FSET = 0V		10	15	μA
Supply Current, Operating	V <sub>CC</sub> = 5.5V		2	3.5	mA
VCC Turn-on Threshold	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C		2.05	2.2	V
	Temperature			2.25	
VCC Turn-off Hysteresis			100		mV
Error Amplifier					
Input Voltage (Internal Reference)	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C	0.495	0.5	0.505	V
	V <sub>CC</sub> = 2.25V - 5.5V, T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C	0.4925	0.5	0.5075	
	Temperature	0.4915		0.5085	
VSENSE Bias Current			200		nA
Open Loop Gain (1)	V <sub>COMP</sub> = 0.5 to 2.5V	80	90		dB
Unity Gain Bandwidth (1)			8		MHz
Slew Rate (1)			2.4		V/µs



## Electrical Characteristics (Cont.)

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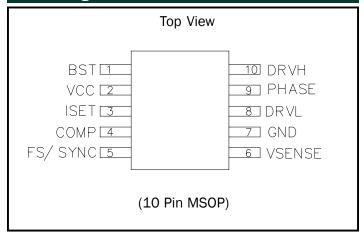
Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Error Amplifier (Cont.)					
VOUT High	I <sub>COMP</sub> = -5.5mA	V <sub>cc</sub> - 0.5	V <sub>cc</sub> - 0.3		V
VOUT Low	I <sub>COMP</sub> = 5.5mA		0.3	0.45	
Oscillator		•			
Initial Accuracy	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C	525	575	625	kHz
Voltage Stability	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , $V_{CC} = 2.25V$ to 5.5V		0.5		%/V
Temperature Coefficient	Temperature		0.02		%/°C
Minimum Operation Frequency (1)		50			kHz
Maximum Operation Frequency (1)				1M	Hz
Ramp Peak to Valley			1		V
Ramp Peak Voltage			1.3		V
Ramp Valley Voltage			0.3		V
Sleep, Soft Start, Current Limit					
Sleep Threshold	Measured at FS			75	mV
Sleep Input Bias Current	V <sub>SYNC</sub> = 0V		-1		μA
Soft Start Time (1)	F <sub>sw</sub> = 575 KHz		1.2		ms
ISET Bias Current	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	-45	-50	-55	μA
Temperature Coefficient of ISET			0.16		%/°C
Current Limit Blank Time (1)			130		ns
Gate Drive					
Duty Cycle				97	%
Peak Source (DRVH) (2)	Vgs = 3.3V, I <sub>SOURCE</sub> = 100mA		2.7		Ω
Peak Sink (DRVH) (2)	Vgs = 3.3V, I <sub>SINK</sub> = 100mA		2.4		Ω
Peak Source (DRVL) (1)	Vgs = 3.3V, I <sub>SOURCE</sub> = 100mA		2.2		Ω
Peak Sink (DRVL) (2)	Vgs = 3.3V, I <sub>SINK</sub> = 100mA		1.5		Ω
Output Rise Time	Vgs = 3.3V, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 4.7nF		35		ns
Output Fall Time	Vgs = 3.3V, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 4.7nF		27		ns
Minimum Non-Overlap (1)			40		ns

## Notes:

- (1). Guaranteed by design.
- (2). Guaranteed by characterization.



## Pin Configuration



## Ordering Information

Part Number	Device
SC4607IMSTR	MSOP-10

#### Note:

Only available in tape and reel packaging. A reel contains 2500 devices.

## Pin Descriptions

**VCC:** Positive supply rail for the IC. Bypass this pin to GND with a 0.1 to  $4.7\mu F$  low ESL/ESR ceramic capacitor.

**GND:** All voltages are measured with respect to this pin. All bypass and timing capacitors connected to GND should have leads as short and direct as possible.

**FS/SYNC:** A capacitor from FS pin to GND sets the PWM oscillator frequency. Use a high quality ceramic capacitor with low ESL and ESR for best result. When the FS is pulled and held below 75mV, its sleep mode operation is invoked. The Sleepmode supply current is 10μA typical. The oscillator and PWM are designed to provide practical operation up to 1MHz. In synchronous mode operation, a low value resistor has to be connected between ground and the timing capacitor. An external clock is then feed into the resistor capacitor junction to override the internal clock.

**VSENSE:** This pin is the inverting input of the voltage amplifier and serves as the output voltage feedback point for the Buck converter. It senses the output voltage through an external divider.

**COMP:** This is the output of the voltage amplifier. The voltage at this output is inverted internally and connected to the non-inverting input of the PWM comparator. A leadlag network around the voltage amplifier compensates for the two pole LC filter characteristic inherent to voltage mode control and is required in order to optimize the dynamic performance of the voltage mode control loop.

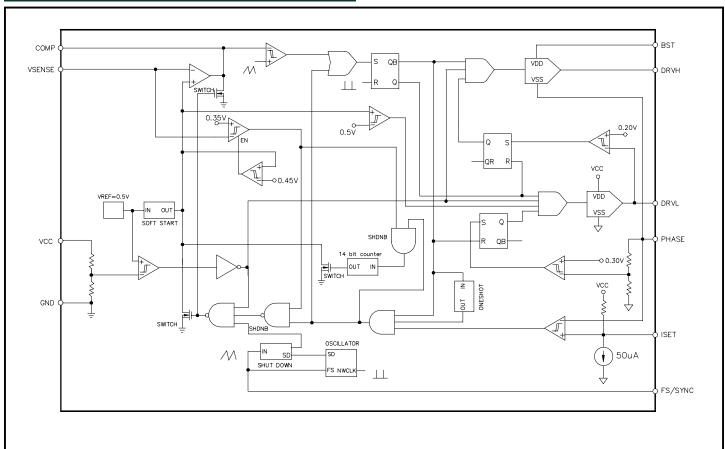
ISET and PHASE: PHASE is connected to the junction between the two external power MOSFET transistors. The voltage drop across the high side MOSFET during its conduction is compared with the voltage drop generated by the internal 50µA current source and the external current limit resistor connected between PHASE and Vin, and forms the current limit comparator and logic sets the PWM latch and terminates the output pulse. If the converter output voltage drops below 70% of its nominal voltage, the controller stops switching and goes through a soft start sequence. This prevents excess power dissipation in the low side MOSFET during a short circuit. The current limit threshold is set by the external resistor between VCC and ISET.

**BST:** This pin connects the external charge pump, and powers the high side MOSFET gate drive.

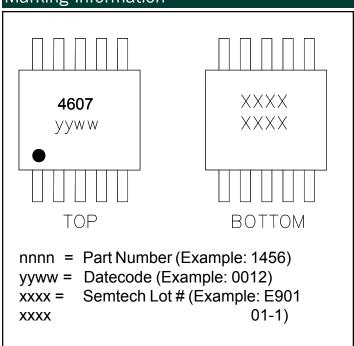
**DRVH, DRVL:** The output drivers are rated for 1A peak currents. The PWM circuitry provides complementary drive signals to the output stages. The cross conduction of the external MOSFETs is prevented by monitoring the voltage on the driver pins of the MOSFET pair in conjunction with a time delay optimized for FET turn-off characteristics.



# Block Diagram

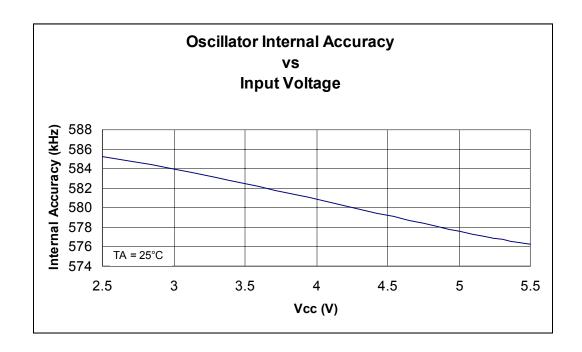


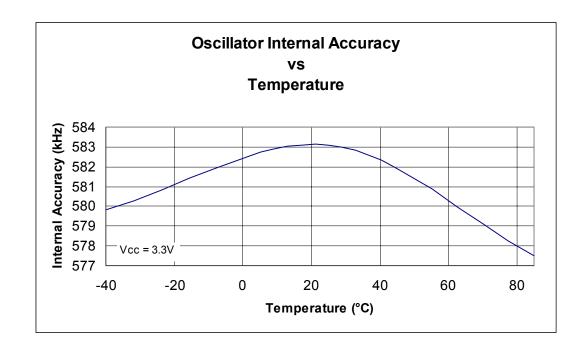
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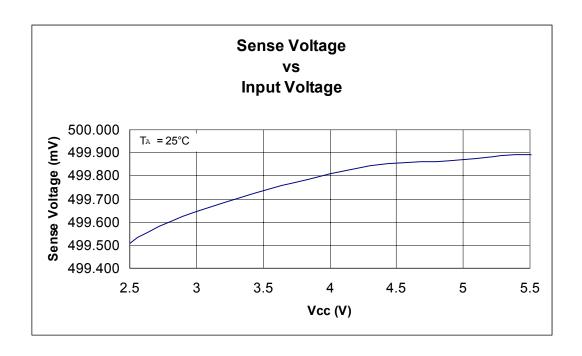
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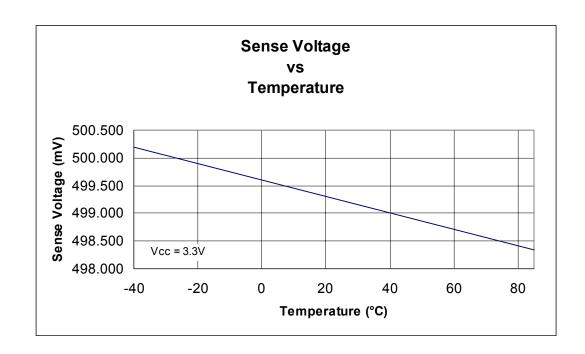






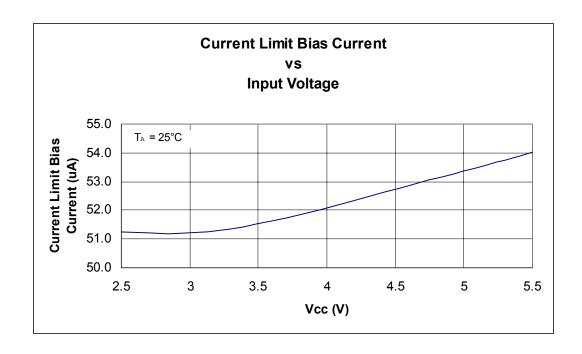
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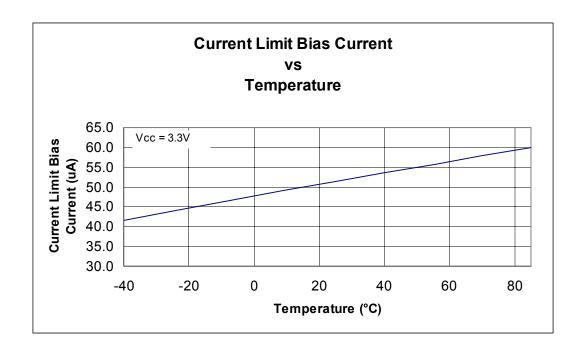






# Typical Characteristics (Cont.)







### **Application Information**

#### **Enable:**

Pulling and holding the FS/SYNC pin below 75mV initializes the SLEEP mode of the SC4607 with its typical SLEEP mode supply current of 10uA. During the SLEEP mode, the high side and low side MOSFETs are turned off and the internal soft start voltage is held low.

#### **Oscillator:**

The oscillator uses an external capacitor to set the oscillation frequency. The ramp waveform is a triangle at the PWM frequency with a peak voltage of 1.3V and a valley voltage of 0.3V. The PWM duty ratio is limited to a maximum of 97%, which allows the bootstrap capacitor to be charged during each cycle. The capacitor tolerance adds to the accuracy of the oscillator frequency. The approximate operating frequency is determined by the external capacitor connected to the FS/SYNC pin as shown below:

CAP at FS (pF)	Frequency (kHz)	Soft Start Time (µs)
120	1100	628
150	960	701
270	580	1220
560	350	1838

Table 1

In its synchronous mode, a low value resistor needs to be connected between ground and the frequency setting capacitor,  $C_{\rm T}$ . Then an external clock connects to the junction of the resistor and the capacitor to activate its synchronous mode. The frequency of the clock can be used up to 1MHz. This external clock signal should have a duty cycle from 5% to 10% and the peak voltage at the junction from the clock signal should be about 0.25V.

#### **UVLO:**

When the FS/SYNC pin is not pulled and held below 75mV, the voltage on the Vcc pin determines the operation of the SC4607. As Vcc increases during start up, the UVLO block senses Vcc and keeps the high side and low side MOSFETs off and the internal soft start voltage low until Vcc reaches 2.25V. If no faults are present, the SC4607 will initiate a soft start when Vcc exceeds 2.25V. A hys-

teresis (100mV) in the UVLO comparator provides noise immunity during its start up.

#### **Soft Start:**

The soft start function is required for step down controllers to prevent excess inrush current through the DC bus during start up. Generally this can be done by sourcing a controlled current into a timing capacitor and then using the voltage across this capacitor to slowly ramp up the error amp reference. The closed loop creates narrow width driver pulses while the output voltage is low and allows these pulses to increase to their steady state duty cycle as the output voltage reaches its regulated value. With this, the inrush current from the input side is controlled. The duration of the soft start in the SC4607 is controlled by an internal timing circuit which is used during start up and over current to set the hiccup time. The soft start time can be obtained from **Table 1.** 

The SC4607 implements its soft start by ramping up the error amplifier reference voltage providing a controlled slew rate of the output voltage, then preventing overshoot and limiting inrush current during its start up. During start up of a converter with a big capacitive load, the load current demands large supply current. To avoid this an external soft start scheme can be implemented as shown in Figure 1. Cs can be adjusted for different applications.

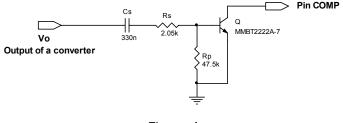


Figure 1

#### **Over Current Protection:**

Over current protection for the SC4607 is implemented by detecting the voltage drop of the high side N-MOSFET during its conduction, also known as high side  $R_{\text{DS}(\text{ON})}$  detection. This loss-less detection eliminates the sense resistor and its loss. The overall efficiency is improved and the number of components and cost of the converter are reduced.  $R_{\text{DS}(\text{ON})}$  sensing is by default inaccurate and is mainly used to protect the power supply during a fault case. The over current trigger point will vary from unit to



# Application Information (Cont.)

unit as the R $_{\text{DS(ON)}}$  of N-MOSFET varies. Even for the same unit, the over current trigger point will vary as the junction temperature of N-MOSFET varies. The SC4607 provides a built-in 50µA current source, which is combined with R $_{\text{SET}}$  (connected between V $_{\text{CC}}$  and I $_{\text{SET}}$ ) to determine the current limit threshold. The value of R $_{\text{SET}}$  can be properly selected according to the desired current limit point I $_{\text{MAX}}$  and the internal 50µA pull down current available on the I $_{\text{SFT}}$  pin based on the following expression:

$$R_{SET} = \frac{I_{MAX} \cdot R_{DS(ON)}}{50uA}$$

Kelvin sensing connections should be used at the drain and source of N-MOSFET.

The R<sub>DS(ON)</sub> sensing used in the SC4607 has an additional feature that enhances the performance of the over current protection. Because the R<sub>DS(ON)</sub> has a positive temperature coefficient, the  $50\mu A$  current source has a positive coefficient of about  $0.16\%/C^{\circ}$  providing first order correction for current sensing vs temperature. This compensation depends on the high amount of thermal transferring that typically exists between the high side N-MOSFET and the SC4607 due to the compact layout of the power supply.

When the converter detects an over current condition (I  $> I_{MAX}$ ) as shown in Figure 2, the first action the SC4607 takes is to enter the cycle by cycle protection mode (Point B to Point C), which responds to minor over current cases. Then the output voltage is monitored. If the over current and low output voltage (set at 70% of nominal output voltage) occur at the same time, the Hiccup mode operation (Point C to Point D) of the SC4607 is invoked and the internal soft start capacitor is discharged. This is like a typical soft start cycle:

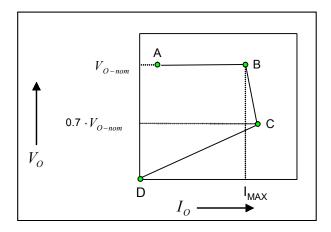


Figure 2. Over current protection characteristic of SC4607

#### **Power MOSFET Drivers:**

The SC4607 has two drivers for external power N-MOSFETs. The driver block consists of one high side N-MOSFET, 1A driver, DRVH, and one low side 1A, N-MOSFET driver, DRVL, which are optimized for driving external power MOSFETs in a synchronous buck converter. The output drivers also have gate drive non-overlap mechanism that gives a dead time between DRVH and DRVL transitions to avoid potential shoot through problems in the external MOSFETs. By using the proper design and the appropriate MOSFETs, a 12A converter can be achieved. As shown in Figure 3,  $t_{d1}$  the delay from the top MOSFET off to the bottom MOSFET on is adaptive by detecting the voltage of the phase node. t<sub>d2</sub>, the delay from the bottom MOSFET off to the top MOSFET on is fixed, is 40ns for the SC4607. This control scheme guarantees avoiding the cross conduction or shoot through between two MOSFETs and minimizes the conduction loss in the bottom diode for high efficiency applications:

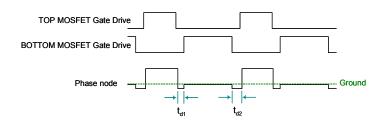


Figure 3. Timing Waveforms for Gate Drives and Phase Node



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#### **Inductor Selection:**

The factors for selecting the inductor include its cost, efficiency, size and EMI. For a typical SC4607 application, the inductor selection is mainly based on its value, saturation current and DC resistance. Increasing the inductor value will decrease the ripple level of the output voltage while the output transient response will be degraded. Low value inductors offer small size and fast transient responses while they cause large ripple currents, poor efficiencies and more output capacitance to smooth out the large ripple currents. The inductor should be able to handle the peak current without saturating and its copper resistance in the winding should be as low as possible to minimize its resistive power loss. A good tradeoff among its size, loss and cost is to set the inductor ripple current to be within 15% to 30% of the maximum output current.

The inductor value can be determined according to its operating point and the switching frequency as follows:

$$L = \frac{V_{O} \cdot (V_{I} - V_{O})}{V_{I} \cdot f_{s} \cdot \Delta I \cdot I_{OMAX}}$$

Where:

f = switching frequency and

 $\Delta I$  = ratio of the peak to peak inductor current to the maximum output load current.

The peak to peak inductor current is:

$$I_{p-p} = \Delta I \bullet I_{OMAX}$$

After the required inductor value is selected, the proper selection of the core material is based on the peak inductor current and efficiency requirements. The core must be able to handle the peak inductor current  $I_{\text{PEAK}}$  without saturation and produce low core loss during the high frequency operation is:

$$I_{PEAK} = I_{OMAX} + \frac{I_{p-p}}{2}$$

The power loss for the inductor includes its core loss and copper loss. If possible, the winding resistance should be minimized to reduce inductor's copper loss. The core loss can be found in the manufacturer's datasheet. The inductor' copper loss can be estimated as follows:

$$P_{COPPER} = I^2_{LRMS} \cdot R_{WINDING}$$

Where:

 $\rm I_{\tiny LRMS}$  is the RMS current in the inductor. This current can be calculated as follow is:

$$I_{LRMS} = I_{OMAX} \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \Delta I^2}$$

### **Output Capacitor Selection:**

Basically there are two major factors to consider in selecting the type and quantity of the output capacitors. The first one is the required ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) which should be low enough to reduce the voltage deviation from its nominal one during its load changes. The second one is the required capacitance, which should be high enough to hold up the output voltage. Before the SC4607 regulates the inductor current to a new value during a load transient, the output capacitor delivers all the additional current needed by the load. The ESR and ESL of the output capacitor, the loop parasitic inductance between the output capacitor and the load combined with inductor ripple current are all major contributors to the output voltage ripple. Surface mount speciality polymer aluminum electrolytic chip capacitors in UE series from Panasonic provide low ESR and reduce the total capacitance required for a fast transient response. POSCAP from Sanyo is a solid electrolytic chip capacitor that has a low ESR and good performance for high frequency with a low profile and high capacitance. Above mentioned capacitors are recommended to use in SC4607 application:

#### **Input Capacitor Selection:**

The input capacitor selection is based on its ripple current level, required capacitance and voltage rating. This capacitor must be able to provide the ripple current by the switching actions. For the continuous conduction mode, the RMS value of the input capacitor can be calculated from:

$$I_{CIN(RMS)} = I_{OMAX} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{V_O \cdot (V_I - V_O)}{V_I^2}}$$

This current gives the capacitor's power loss as follows:

$$P_{CIN} = I^2_{CIN(RMS)} \cdot R_{CIN(ESR)}$$

This capacitor's RMS loss can be a significant part of the total loss in the converter and reduce the overall converter efficiency. The input ripple voltage mainly depends



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on the input capacitor's ESR and its capacitance for a given load, input voltage and output voltage. Assuming that the input current of the converter is constant, the required input capacitance for a given voltage ripple can be calculated by:

$$C_{IN} = I_{OMAX} \cdot \frac{D \cdot (1-D)}{fs \cdot (\Delta V_I - I_{OMAX} \cdot R_{CIN(ESR)})}$$

Where:

D =  $V_0/V_1$ , duty ratio and  $\Delta V_1$  = the given input voltage ripple.

Because the input capacitor is exposed to the large surge current, attention is needed for the input capacitor. If tantalum capacitors are used at the input side of the converter, one needs to ensure that the RMS and surge ratings are not exceeded. For generic tantalum capacitors, it is wise to derate their voltage ratings at a ratio of 2 to protect these input capacitors.

#### **Boost Capacitor Selection:**

The boost capacitor selection is based on its discharge ripple voltage, worst case conduction time and boost current. The worst case conduction time  $T_{\rm w}$  can be estimated as follows:

$$Tw = \frac{1}{f_s} \cdot D_{max}$$

Where:

 $f_s$  = the switching frequency and Dmax = maximum duty ratio, 0.97 for the SC4607.

The required minimum capacitance for boost capacitor will be:

$$C_{boost} = \frac{I_B}{V_D} \cdot T_W$$

Where:

 $I_{\rm B}$  = the boost current and  $V_{\rm D}$  = discharge ripple voltage.

With  $f_s = 300 kH$ ,  $V_D = 0.3 V$  and  $I_B = 50 mA$ , the required capacitance for the boost capacitor is:

$$C_{\text{boost}} = \frac{I_{\text{B}}}{V_{\text{D}}} \cdot \frac{1}{f_{\text{s}}} \cdot D_{\text{max}} = \frac{0.05}{0.3} \cdot \frac{1}{300 \text{k}} \cdot 0.97 = 540 \text{nF}$$

#### **Power MOSFET Selection:**

The SC4607 can drive an N-MOSFET at the high side and an N-MOSFET synchronous rectifier at the low side. The use of the high side N-MOSFET will significantly reduce its conduction loss for high current. For the top MOSFET, its total power loss includes its conduction loss, switching loss, gate charge loss, output capacitance loss and the loss related to the reverse recovery of the bottom diode, shown as follows:

$$\begin{split} P_{\text{TOP\_TOTAL}} = I^2_{\text{TOP\_RMS}} \cdot R_{\text{TOP\_ON}} + \frac{I_{\text{TOP\_PEAK}} \cdot V_I \cdot f_s}{V_{\text{GATE}}} \cdot \\ (Q_{\text{GD}} + Q_{\text{GS2}}) + Q_{\text{GT}} \cdot V_{\text{GATE}} \cdot f_s + (Q_{\text{OSS}} + Q_{\text{rr}}) \cdot V_I \cdot f_s \end{split}$$

Where:

 $R_{\rm g}$  = gate drive resistor,

 $Q_{\text{GD}}$  = the gate to drain charge of the top MOSFET,  $Q_{\text{GS2}}$  = the gate to source charge of the top MOSFET,  $Q_{\text{GT}}$  = the total gate charge of the top MOSFET,  $Q_{\text{OSS}}$  = the output charge of the top MOSFET and  $Q_{\text{rr}}$  = the reverse recovery charge of the bottom diode.

For the top MOSFET, it experiences high current and high voltage overlap during each on/off transition. But for the bottom MOSFET, its switching voltage is the bottom diode's forward drop during its on/off transition. So the switching loss for the bottom MOSFET is negligible. Its total power loss can be determined by:

$$P_{BOT\ TOTAL} = I^2_{BOT\_RMS} \cdot R_{BOT\ ON} + Q_{GB} \cdot V_{GATE} \cdot f_s + I_{D\_AVG} \cdot V_F$$

Where:

 ${\rm Q_{GB}}$  = the total gate charge of the bottom MOSFET and  ${\rm V_F}$  = the forward voltage drop of the bottom diode.

For a low voltage and high output current application such as the 3.3V/1.5V@12A case, the conduction loss is often dominant and selecting low  $R_{\scriptscriptstyle DS(ON)}$  MOSFETs will noticeably improve the efficiency of the converter even though they give higher switching losses.



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The gate charge loss portion of the top/bottom MOSFET's total power loss is derived from the SC4607. This gate charge loss is based on certain operating conditions ( $f_s$ ,  $V_{GATE}$ , and  $I_o$ ).

The thermal estimations have to be done for both MOSFETs to make sure that their junction temperatures do not exceed their thermal ratings according to their total power losses  $P_{\text{TOTAL}}$ , ambient temperature  $T_{\text{a}}$  and their thermal resistance  $R_{\text{ja}}$  as follows:

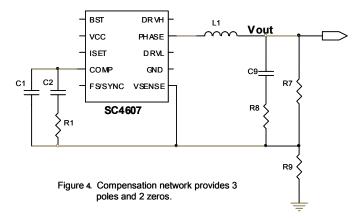
$$T_{j(max)} < T_a + \frac{P_{TOTAL}}{R_{\theta ia}}$$

#### **Loop Compensation Design:**

For a DC/DC converter, it is usually required that the converter has a loop gain of a high cross-over frequency for fast load response, high DC and low frequency gain for low steady state error, and enough phase margin for its operating stability. Often one can not have all these properties at the same time. The purpose of the loop compensation is to arrange the poles and zeros of the compensation network to meet the requirements for a specific application.

The SC4607 has an internal error amplifier and requires the compensation network to connect among the COMP pin and VSENSE pin, GND, and the output as shown in Figure 4. The compensation network includes C1, C2, R1, R7, R8 and C9. R9 is used to program the output voltage according to

$$V_{\rm O} = 0.5 \cdot (1 + \frac{R_7}{R_0})$$



For voltage mode step down applications as shown in Figure 3, the power stage transfer function is:

$$G_{VD}(s) = V_1 \frac{\frac{1}{R_C \cdot C_4}}{1 + s \frac{L_1}{R} + s^2 L_1 C_4}$$

Where:

R = load resistance and  $R_c = C_4$ 's ESR.

The compensation network will have the characteristic as follows:

$$G_{COMP}(s) = \frac{\omega_l}{s} \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{Z1}}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{P1}}} \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{Z2}}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{P2}}}$$

Where

$$\omega_{1} = \frac{1}{R_{7} \cdot (C_{1} + C_{2})}$$

$$\omega_{Z1} = \frac{1}{R_{1} \cdot C_{2}}$$

$$\omega_{Z2} = \frac{1}{(R_{7} + R_{8}) \cdot C_{9}}$$

$$\omega_{P1} = \frac{C_{1} + C_{2}}{R_{1} \cdot C_{1} \cdot C_{2}}$$

$$\omega_{P2} = \frac{1}{R_{8} \cdot C_{9}}$$

After the compensation, the converter will have the following loop gain:

$$T(s) = G_{\text{PWM}} \cdot G_{\text{COMP}}(s) \cdot G_{\text{VD}}(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{V_{\text{M}}} \cdot \omega_{\text{I}} \cdot V_{\text{I}}}{s} \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{\text{Z1}}}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{\text{P1}}}} \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{\text{Z2}}}}{1 + \frac{s}{R}} \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{s}{1}}{R_{\text{C}} \cdot C_{\text{A}}} \cdot \frac{1}{R_{\text{C}} \cdot C_{\text{A}}}$$

Where:

 $G_{PWM} = PWM gain$ 

 $V_{\rm M} = 1.0$ V, ramp peak to valley voltage of SC4607



### Application Information (Cont.)

The design guidelines for the SC4607 applications are as following:

- 1. Set the loop gain crossover corner frequency  $\,\omega_{\,c}$  for given switching corner frequency  $\,\omega_{\,s}$  =2 $\pi f_{\,s'}$
- 2. Place an integrator at the origin to increase DC and low frequency gains.
- 3. Select  $\omega_{_{Z1}}$  and  $\omega_{_{Z2}}$  such that they are placed near  $\omega_{_0}$  to damp the peaking and the loop gain has a
- -20dB/dec rate to go across the OdB line for obtaining a wide bandwidth.
- 4. Cancel the zero from C<sub>4</sub>'s ESR by a compensator pole  $\omega_{\rm P1}$  ( $\omega_{\rm P1} = \omega_{\rm ESR} = 1/(\rm R_{\rm c}C_{\rm 4})$ ).
- 5. Place a high frequency compensator pole  $\omega p_2(\omega p_2 = \pi f_s)$  to get the maximum attenuation of the switching ripple and high frequency noise with the adequate phase lag at  $\omega_c$ .

The compensated loop gain will be as given in Figure 5:

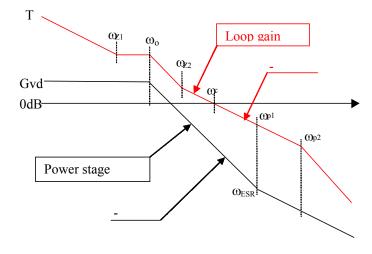


Figure 5. Asymptotic diagrams of power stage and its loop gain

#### **Layout Guideline:**

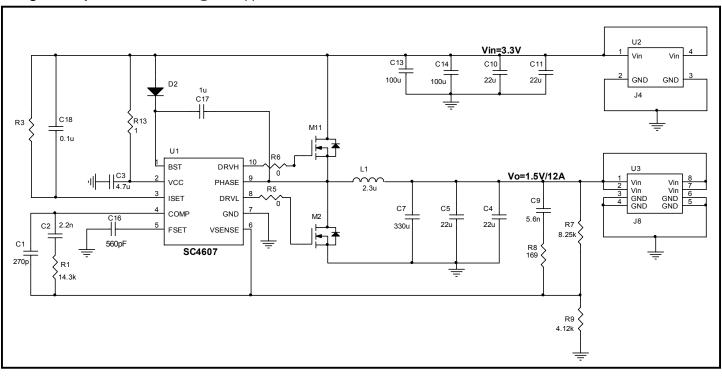
In order to achieve optimal electrical, thermal and noise performance for high frequency converters, special attention must be paid to the PCB layouts. The goal of layout optimization is to identify the high di/dt loops and minimize them. The following guideline should be used to ensure proper functions of the converters.

- 1. A ground plane is recommended to minimize noises and copper losses, and maximize heat dissipation.
- Start the PCB layout by placing the power components first. Arrange the power circuit to achieve a clean power flow route. Put all the connections on one side of the PCB with wide copper filled areas if possible.
- 3. The Vcc bypass capacitor should be placed next to the Vcc and GND pins.
- The trace connecting the feedback resistors to the output should be short, direct and far away from the noise sources such as switching node and switching components.
- Minimize the traces between DRVH/DRVL and the gates of the MOSFETs to reduce their impedance to drive the MOSFETs.
- Minimize the loop including input capacitors, top/bottom MOSFETs. This loop passes high di/dt current. Make sure the trace width is wide enough to reduce copper losses in this loop.
- 7. ISET and PHASE connections to the top MOSFET for current sensing must use Kelvin connections.
- 8. Maximize the trace width of the loop connecting the inductor, bottom MOSFET and the output capacitors.
- 9. Connect the ground of the feedback divider and the compensation components directly to the GND pin of the SC4607 by using a separate ground trace. Then connect this pin to the ground of the output capacitor as close as possible

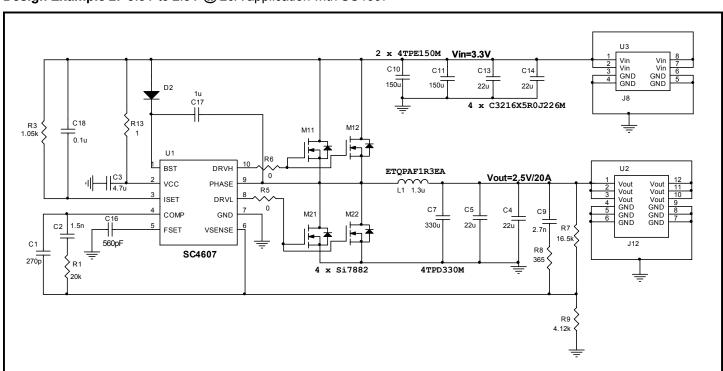


## Application Information (Cont.)

Design Example 1: 3.3V to 1.5V @12A application with SC4607



### Design Example 2: 3.3V to 2.5V @ 20A application with SC4607





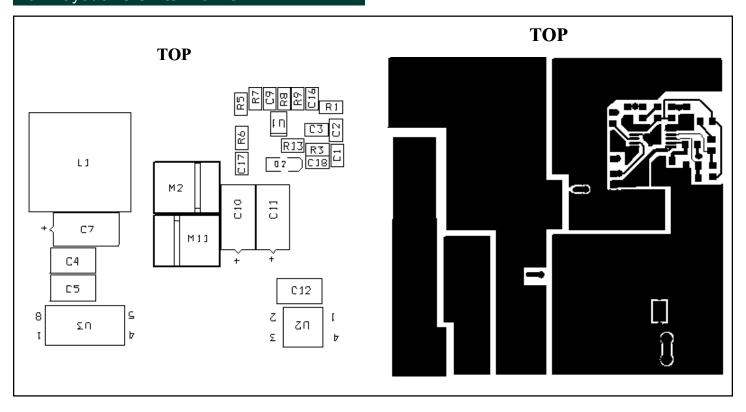
# Bill of Materials - 3.3V to 1.5V @ 12A

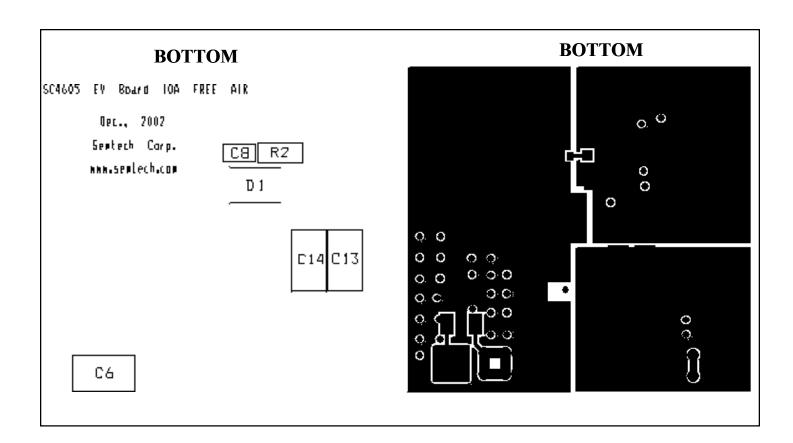
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1	1	C1	270pF	
2	1	C2	2.2nF	
3	1	C17	1uF	
4	4	C4,C5, C10, C11	22uF, 1210	TDK P/N: C3225X5R0J226M
5	1	C7	330uF, 2870	Sanyo P/N: 6TPD330M
6	1	C9	5.6nF	
7	1	C18	0.1nF	
8	1	C16	560pF	
9	1	D2	MBR0520LT1	ON Semi P/N: MBR0520LT1
10	1	L1	2.3uH	Cooper Electronic P/N: HC1-2R3
11	2	M1,M2	Powerpack, SO-8	Vishay P/N: Si7882DP
12	1	R1	14.3K	
13	1	R3	1.4K	
14	2	R5, R6	0	
15	1	R7	8.25K	
16	1	R8	169	
17	1	R9	4.12K	
18	1	R13	1	
19	1	C3	4.7uF, 0805	
20	2	C13,C14	100uF, 2870	Sanyo P/N: 6TPB100M
21	1	U1	SC4607	Semtech P/N: SC4607IMSTR

Unless specified, all resistors and capacitors are in SMD 0603 package. Resistors are +/-1% and all capacitors are +/-20%



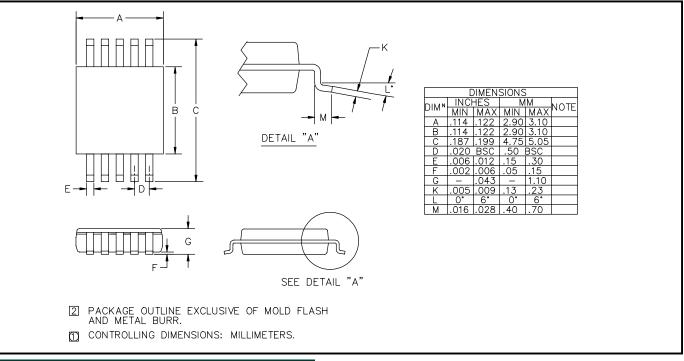
# PCB Layout - 3.3V to 1.5V @ 12A



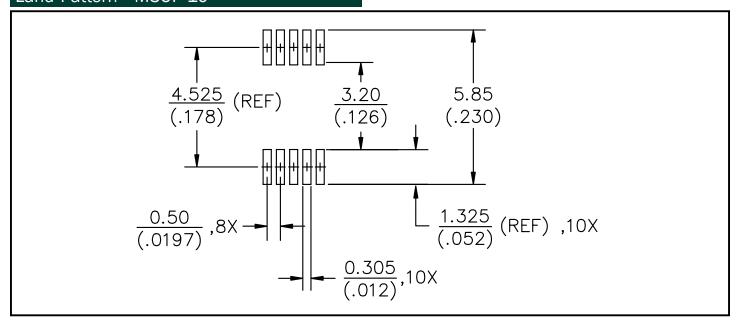




# Outline Drawing - MSOP-10



# Land Pattern - MSOP-10



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