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FAN21SV04 — TinyBuck™ 4A, 24V Single-Input Integrated Synchronous Buck Regulator

Features

- Single-Supply Operation with 4A Output Current
- Wide Input Range with Dual Supply: 3.0V to 24V
- Wide Output Voltage Range: 0.8V to 80% V_{IN}
- Over 94% Peak Efficiency
- 1% Reference Accuracy Over Temperature
- Fully Synchronous Operation with Integrated Schottky Diode on Low-Side MOSFET Boosts Efficiency
- Single Supply Device for V_{IN} > 6.5V – 24V
- Programmable Frequency Operation (200-600KHz)
- Synchronizable to External Clock with Master/Slave Provisions
- Power-Good Signal
- Accepts Ceramic Capacitors on Output
- External Compensation for Flexible Design
- Starts on Pre-Bias Outputs
- Integrated Bootstrap Diode
- Programmable Over-Current Protection
- Under-Voltage, Over-Voltage, and Thermal-Shutdown Protections
- 5x6mm, 25-Pin, 3-Pad MLP Package

Applications

- Servers & Telecom
- Graphics Cards & Displays
- Computing Systems
- Set-Top Boxes & Game Consoles
- Point-of-Load Regulation

Description

The FAN21SV04 TinyBuck™ is a highly efficient, small-footprint, programmable-frequency, 4A, integrated synchronous buck regulator.

FAN21SV04 contains both synchronous MOSFETs and a controller/driver with optimized interconnects in one package, which enables designers to solve high-current requirements in a small area with minimal external components, thereby reducing cost. On-board internal 5V regulator enables single-supply operation for input voltages >6.5V.

The FAN21SV04 can be configured to drive multiple slave devices OR synchronize to an external system clock. In slave mode, FAN21SV04 may be set up to be free-running in the absence of a master clock signal.

External compensation, programmable switching frequency, and current-limit features allow for design optimization and flexibility. High-frequency operation allows for all-ceramic solutions.

Fairchild's advanced BiCMOS power process, combined with low-$R_{DS(ON)}$ internal MOSFETs and a thermally efficient MLP package, provide the ability to dissipate high power in a small package. Integration helps minimize critical inductances, making layout simpler and more efficient compared to discrete solutions.

Output over-voltage, under-voltage, over-current, and thermal-shutdown protections help protect the device from damage during fault conditions. FAN21SV04 prevents pre-biased output discharge during startup in point-of-load applications.

Related Application Notes

AN-8022 — TinyCalc™ Calculator

Ordering Information

Part Number	Operating Temperature Range	Eco Status	Package	Packing Method
FAN21SV04MPX	-10°C to 85°C	Green	Molded Leadless Package (MLP) 5x6mm	Tape and Reel
FAN21SV04EMPX	-40°C to 85°C	Green	Molded Leadless Package (MLP) 5x6mm	Tape and Reel

For Fairchild's definition of Eco Status, please visit: http://www.fairchildsemi.com/company/green/rohs_green.html.

Typical Application Diagram

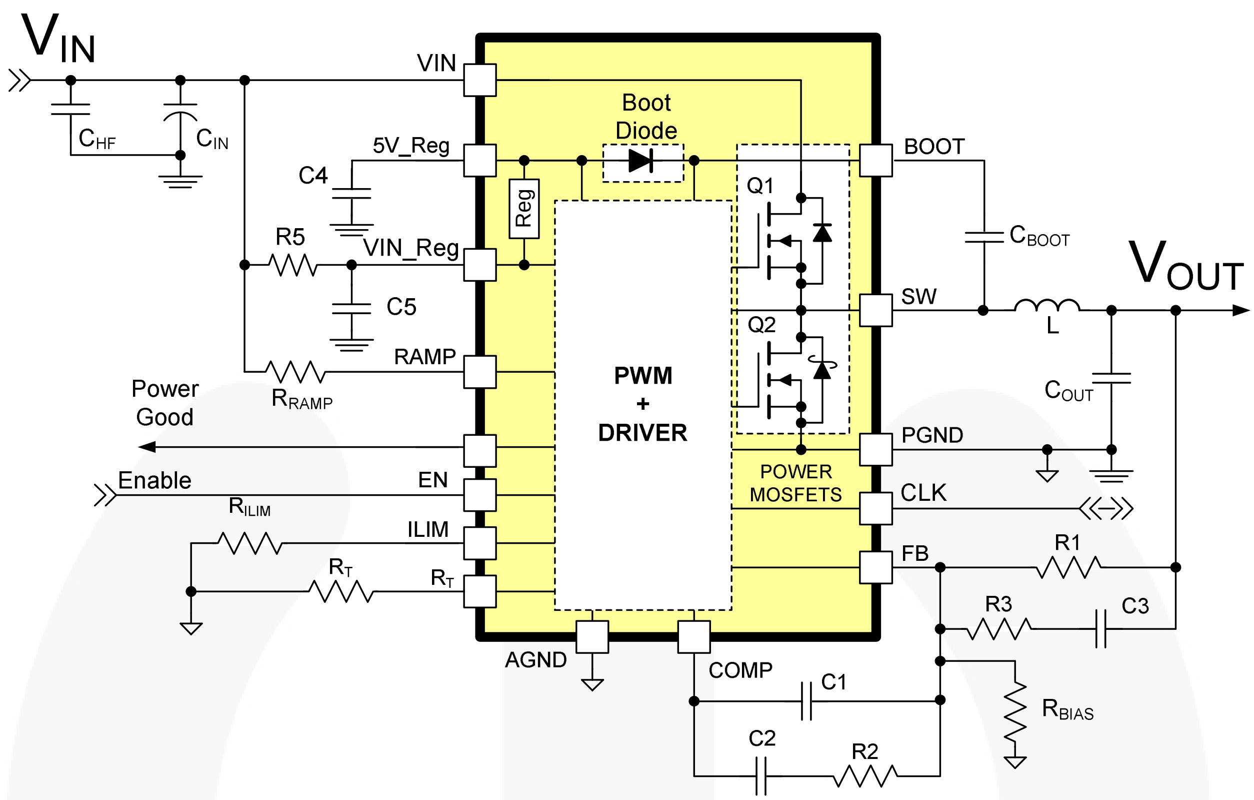

Figure 1. Typical Application as Master at V_{IN}=6.5V to 24V

Block Diagram

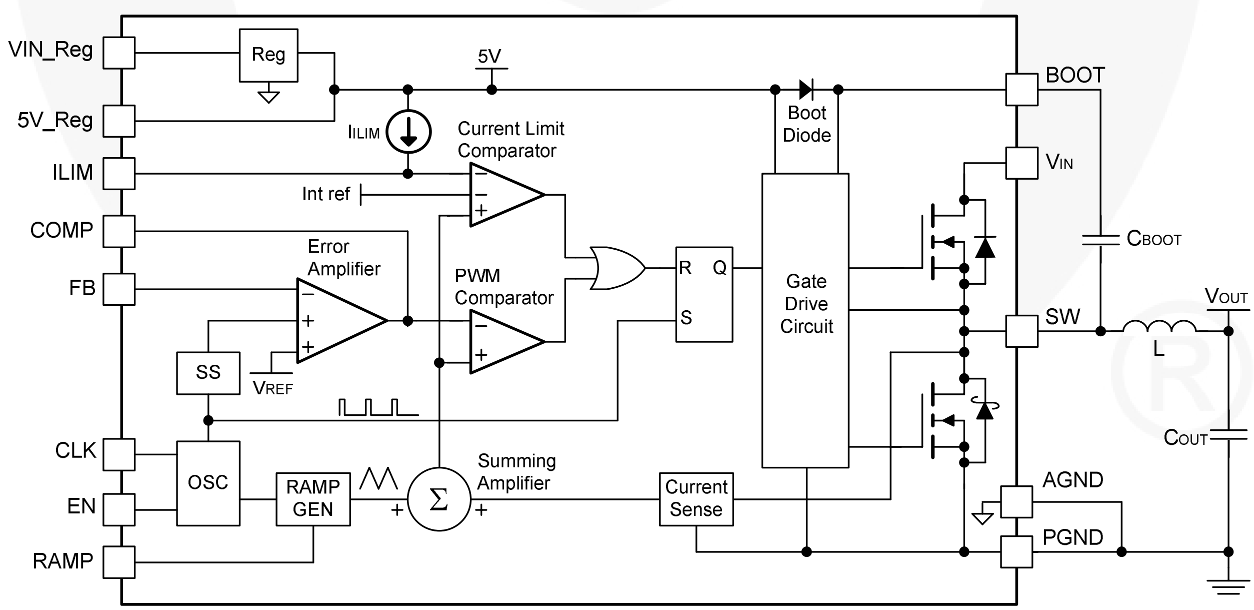

Figure 2. Block Diagram

Pin Configuration

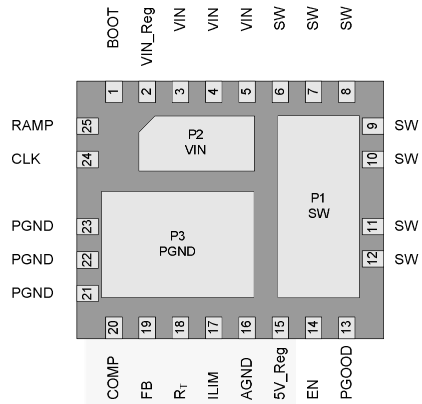

Figure 3. MLP 5x6mm Pin Configuration (Bottom View)

Pad / Pin Definitions

Pad / Pin	Name	Description
P1, 6-12	SW	**Switching Node**. Junction of high-side and low-side MOSFETs.
P2, 3-5	VIN	**Power Conversion Input Voltage**. Connect to the main input power source.
P3, 21-23	PGND	**Power Ground**. Power return and Q2 source.
1	BOOT	**High-Side Drive BOOT Voltage**. Connect through capacitor (C_{BOOT}) to SW. The IC has an internal synchronous bootstrap diode to recharge the capacitor on this pin to 5V_Reg when SW is LOW.
2	VIN_Reg	**Regulator Input Voltage**. Input voltage to the internal regulator. Connect to input voltage >6.5V with 10Ω resistor and a 1μF bypass capacitor at the pin *(see Figure 10)*.
13	PGOOD	**Power-Good**. An open-drain output that pulls LOW when the voltage on the FB pin is outside the specified limits. PGOOD does not assert HIGH until the fault latch is enabled *(see Figure 31)*.
14	EN	**ENABLE**. Enables operation when pulled to logic HIGH or left open. Toggling EN resets the regulator after a latched-fault condition. This input has an internal pull-up. When a latched fault occurs, EN is discharged by a current sink.
15	5V_Reg	**5V Regulator Output**. Internal regulator output that provides power for the IC's logic and analog circuitry. This pin should be connected to AGND through a >2.2µf X5R/X7R capacitor.
16	AGND	**Analog Ground**. The signal ground for the IC. All internal control voltages are referred to this pin. Tie this pin to the ground island/plane through the lowest impedance connection.
17	ILIM	**Current Limit**. A resistor (R_{ILIM}) from this pin to AGND can be used to program the current-limit trip threshold lower than the internal default setting.
18	R_T	**Switching Frequency and Master/Slave Set**. Connecting a resistor (R_T) to AGND sets the switching frequency and configures the CLK pin as an output (master). Tying this pin to 5V_Reg through a resistor configures the CLK signal as an input (slave) and establishes the free-running switching frequency.
19	FB	**Output Voltage Feedback**. Connect through a resistor divider to the output voltage.
20	COMP	**Compensation**. Error amplifier output. Connect the external compensation network between this pin and FB.
24	CLK	**Clock**. Bi-directional signal pin, depending on master/slave configuration. When configured as a master, this pin represents the clock output that connects directly to the slave(s) for synchronizing with 180° phase shift.
25	RAMP	**Ramp Amplitude**. A resistor (R_{RAMP}) connected from this pin to VIN sets the internal ramp amplitude and also provides voltage feedforward functionality.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses exceeding the absolute maximum ratings may damage the device. The device may not function or be operable above the recommended operating conditions and stressing the parts to these levels is not recommended. In addition, extended exposure to stresses above the recommended operating conditions may affect device reliability. The absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only.

Parameter	Conditions		Min.	Max.	Units
VIN, VIN_Reg to AGND	AGND=PGND			28	V
5V_Reg to AGND	AGND=PGND			6	V
BOOT to PGND				35	V
BOOT to SW			-0.5	6.0	V
SW to PGND	Continuous		-0.5	24.0	V
	Transient (t < 20ns, f ≤ 600KHz)		-5	30	
All other pins			-0.3	6.0	V
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge Protection Level	Human Body Model, JESD22-A114	1.5		kV
		Charged Device Model, JESD22-C101	2.5		

Recommended Operating Conditions

The Recommended Operating Conditions table defines the conditions for actual device operation. Recommended operating conditions are specified to ensure optimal performance to the datasheet specifications. Fairchild does not recommend exceeding them or designing to Absolute Maximum Ratings.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max	Units
f_{SW}	Switching Frequency		200	500	600	KHz
$V_{IN,}$ VIN_Reg	Supply Voltage for Power and Bias	VIN to PGND	3.0		24.0	V
		VIN_Reg to AGND	6.5		24.0	
T_A	Ambient Temperature	FAN21SV04MPX	-10		+85	°C
		FAN21SV04EMPX	-40		+85	
T_J	Junction Temperature				+125	°C

Thermal Information

Symbol	Parameter		Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
T_{STG}	Storage Temperature		-65		+150	°C
T_L	Lead Soldering Temperature, 30 Seconds				+300	°C
θ_{JC}	Thermal Resistance: Junction-to-Case	P1 (Q2)		4		°C/W
		P2 (Q1)		7		
		P3		4		
$\theta_{J\text{-}PCB}$	Thermal Resistance: Junction-to-Mounting Surface(1)			35		°C/W
P_D	Total Power Dissipation in the package, T_A=25°C(1)				2.8	W

Note:
1. Typical thermal resistance when mounted on a four-layer, two-ounce PCB, as shown in Figure 38. Actual results are dependent upon mounting method and surface related to the design.

Electrical Characteristics

Recommended operating conditions and using the circuit shown in Figure 1, with V_{IN}, VIN_Reg=12V, unless otherwise noted.

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Power Supplies					
Operating Current (VIN+VIN_Reg)	V_{IN}=12V, 5V_Reg Open, CLK Open, f_{SW}=500KHz, No Load		22	30	mA
VIN_Reg Operating Current	EN=High, 5V_Reg Open, CLK Open, f_{SW}=500KHz		11		mA
VIN_Reg Quiescent Current	EN=High, FB=0.9V		4	5	mA
VIN_Reg Standby Current	EN=0, V_{IN}=12V			1	mA
5V_Reg Output Voltage	Internal V_{CC} Regulator, No Load, 6.5V<VIN_Reg<24V	4.7	5.0	5.3	V
5V_Reg Max. Current Load	VIN_Reg=12V			5	mA
VIN_Reg UVLO Threshold	Rising V_{IN}, V_{IN}=VIN_Reg		5.6	6.3	V
	Falling V_{IN}, V_{IN}=VIN_Reg			5	V
Reference					
Reference Voltage measured at FB *(See Figure 4 for Temperature Coefficient)*	FAN21SV04MPX, T_A=25°C	794	800	806	mV
	FAN21SV04EMPX, T_A=25°C	795	800	805	
Oscillator					
Frequency	R_T=50kΩ to GND (Master Mode)	255	300	345	KHz
	R_T=24kΩ to GND (Master Mode)	540	600	660	
Frequency in Slave Mode Compared to Master Mode	R_T=24 kΩ to 50kΩ to 5V_Reg (Slave Mode)	-15		+15	%
Minimum On Time (2)			40	65	ns
Duty Cycle	V_{IN}=6.5V, f_{SW}=600KHz		80	85	%
Ramp Amplitude, Peak–to-Peak(2)	V_{IN}=16V, 1.8V_{OUT}, R_T=30kΩ, R_{RAMP}=200kΩ		0.5		V
Minimum Off Time (2)			100	150	ns
Synchronization					
CLK Output Pulse Width	Master (R_T to GND)	70	85	100	ns
CLK Output Sink Current	Master, V_{CLK}=0.4V	0.25		0.35	mA
CLK Output Source Current	Master, V_{CLK}=2V	-2.5		-2.0	mA
CLK Input Pulse Width	Slave: $V_{CLK} \geq$ 2V	50			ns
CLK Input Source Current	Slave: V_{CLK}=1V	-230	-200	-170	µA
CLK Input Threshold, Rising	Slave	1.73	1.83	1.93	V
Soft-Start					
V_{OUT} to Regulation ($T_{0.8}$)	Frequency=500KHz		2.5		ms
Fault Enable/SSOK ($T_{1.0}$)			3.1		ms
Error Amplifier					
DC Gain (2)	VIN_Reg > 6.5V	80	85		dB
Gain Bandwidth Product(2)		12	15		MHz
Output Voltage Swing (V_{COMP})		0.4		4.0	V
Output Current, Sourcing	5V_Reg=5V, V_{COMP}=2.2V	1.5	2.2	2.5	mA
Output Current, Sinking	5V_Reg=5V, V_{COMP}=1.2V	0.8	1.2	1.5	mA
FB Bias Current	V_{FB}=0.8V, T_A=25°C	-850	-650	-450	nA

Note:
2. Specifications guaranteed by design and characterization; not production tested.

Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

Recommended operating conditions and using the circuit shown in Figure 1 with V_{IN}, VIN_Reg=12V, unless otherwise noted.

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Control Functions					
EN Threshold, Rising			1.35	2.00	V
EN Hysteresis			250		mV
EN Pull-Up Resistance	VIN_Reg >6.5V		800		KΩ
EN Discharge Current	Auto-Restart Mode, VIN_Reg>6.5V		1		µA
FB OK Drive Resistance			800	1000	KΩ
PGOOD Low Threshold	FB < V_{REF}, 2 Consecutive Clock Cycles(3)	-14.0	-11.0	-8.0	$\%V_{REF}$
	FB > V_{REF}, 2 Consecutive Clock Cycles(3)	+7.0	+10.0	+13.5	$\%V_{REF}$
PGOOD Low Voltage	$I_{OUT} \leq$ 2mA			0.4	V
PGOOD Leakage Current	V_{PGOOD}=5V		0.2	1.0	µA
Protection and Shutdown					
Current Limit	R_{ILIM} open, f_{SW}=500KHz, V_{OUT}=1.8V, R_{RAMP}=200kΩ, 16 Consecutive Clock Cycles(3)	5.5	6.5	7.5	A
I_{LIM} Current	VIN_Reg > 6.5V, T_A=25°C	-11	-10	-9	µA
Over-Temperature Shutdown	Internal Temperature		+155		°C
Over-Temperature Hysteresis	Internal Temperature		+30		°C
Over-Voltage Threshold	2 Consecutive Clock Cycles(3)	110	115	120	$\%V_{OUT}$
Under-Voltage Shutdown	16 Consecutive Clock Cycles(3)	68	73	78	$\%V_{OUT}$
Fault-Discharge Threshold	Measured at FB pin		250		mV
Fault-Discharge Hysteresis	Measured at FB pin (V_{FB} ~500mV)		250		mV

Note:
3. Delay times are not tested in production. Guaranteed by design.

Typical Characteristics

V_{IN}=12V, V_{CC}=5V, T_A=25°C, unless otherwise specified.

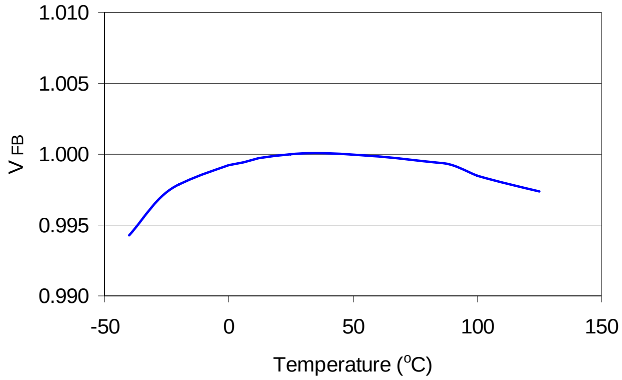

Figure 4. Reference Voltage (V_{FB}) vs. Temperature, Normalized

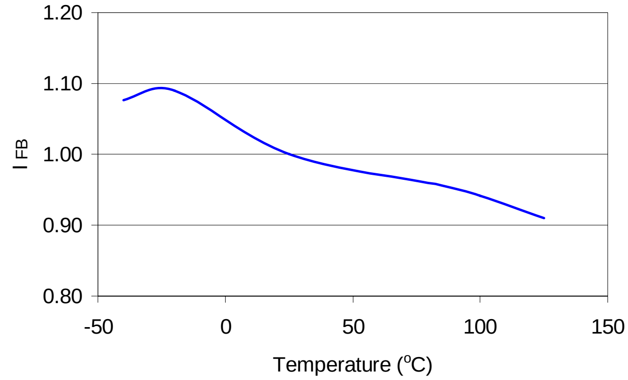

Figure 5. Reference Bias Current (I_{FB}) vs. Temperature, Normalized

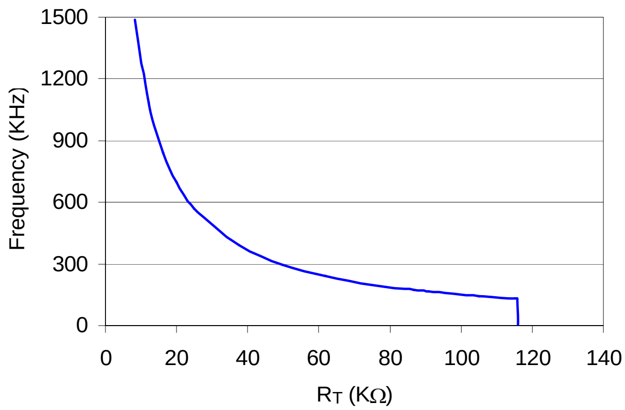

Figure 6. Frequency vs. R_T (Master)

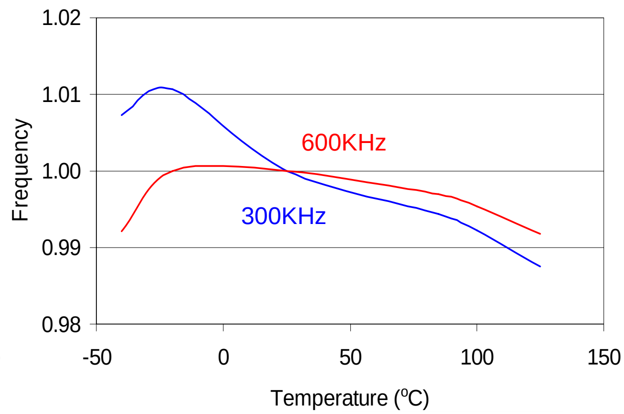

Figure 7. Frequency vs. Temperature, Normalized

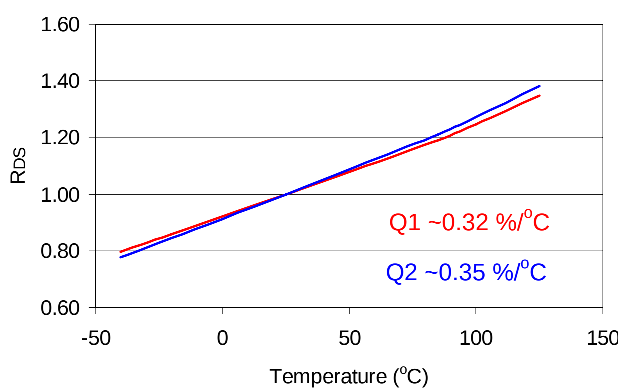

Figure 8. R_{DS} vs. Temperature, Normalized ($5V\_Reg=V_{GS}=5V$)

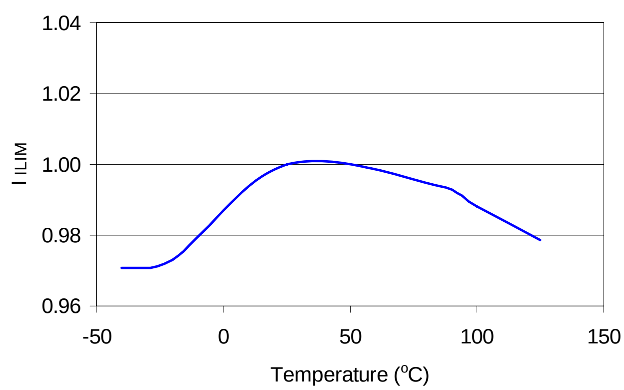

Figure 9. ILIM Current (I_{ILIM}) vs. Temperature, Normalized

Application Circuit

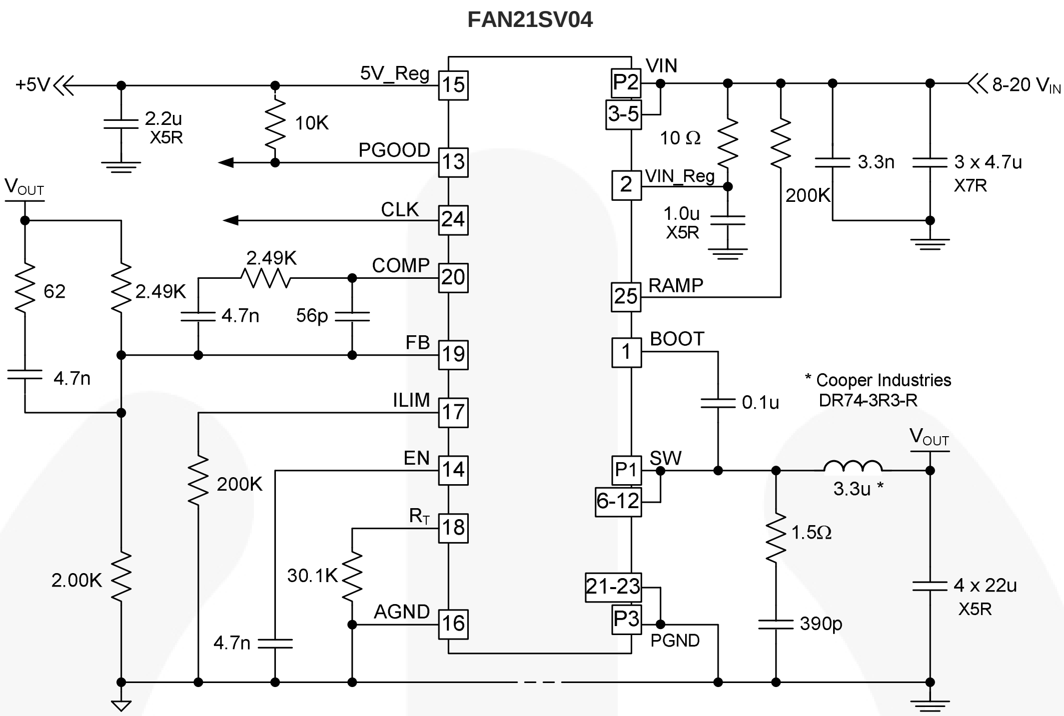

Figure 10. Single-Supply Application Circuit: 1.8V_{OUT}, 500KHz, Master, 8V – 20V Input

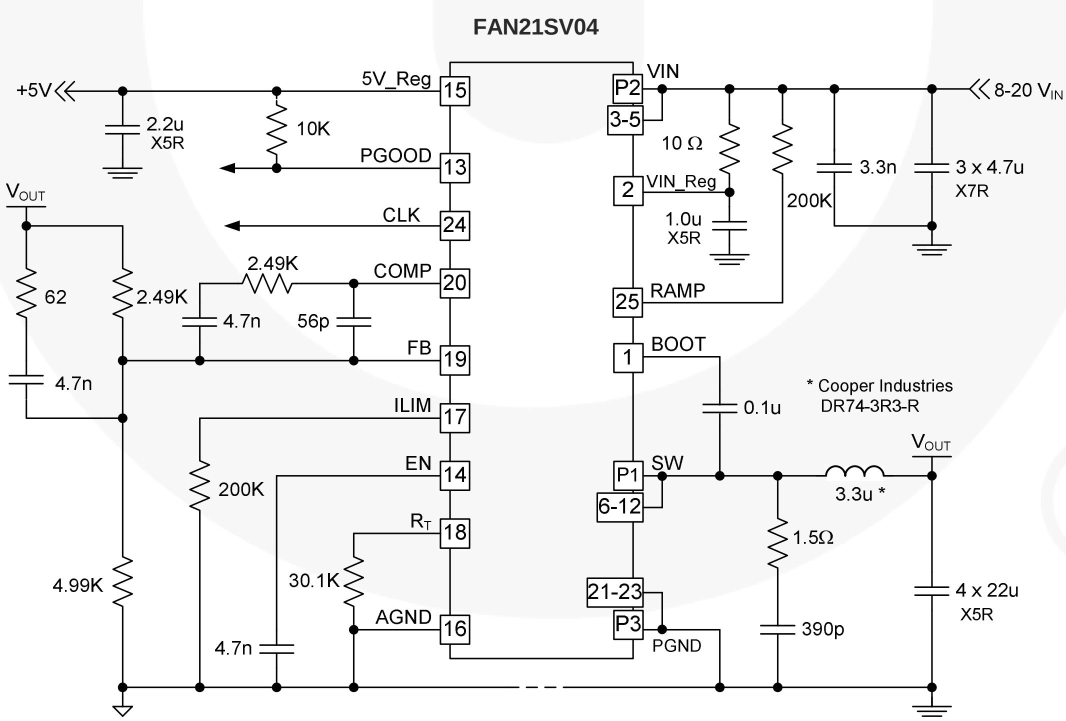

Figure 11. Single -Supply Application Circuit: 1.2 V_{OUT}, 500KHz, Master 8V – 20V Input

Typical Performance Characteristics

Typical operating characteristics using the Figure 10 circuit; V_{IN}=12V, V_{CC}=5V, T_A=25°C, unless otherwise specified.

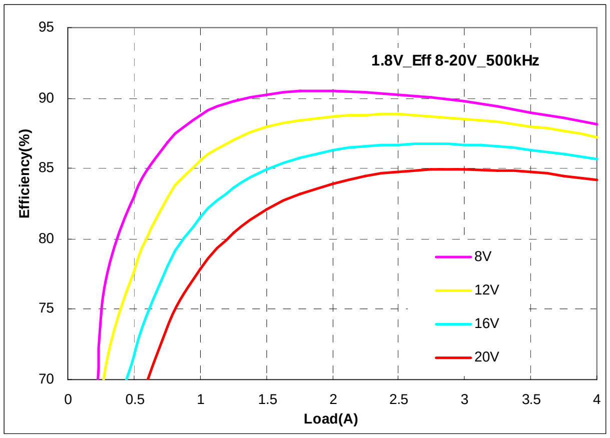

Figure 12. 1.8 V_{OUT} Efficiency Over V_{IN} vs. Load

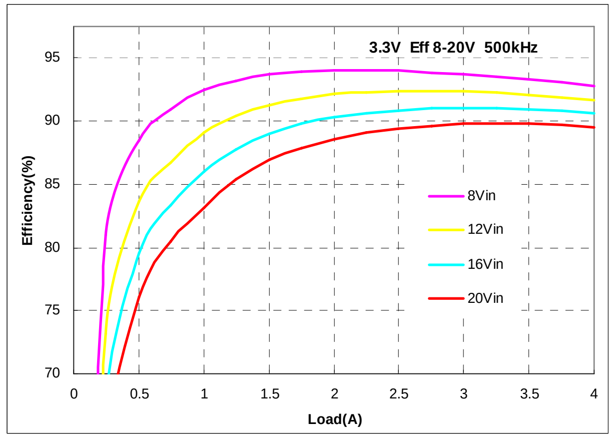

Figure 13. 3.3 V_{OUT} Efficiency, 500KHz(4)

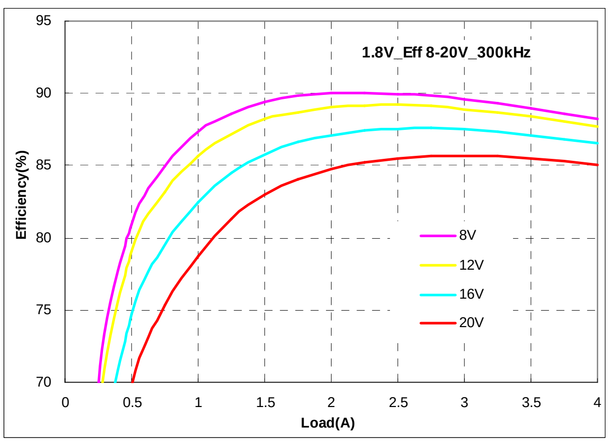

Figure 14. 1.8 V_{OUT} Efficiency, 300KHz(4)

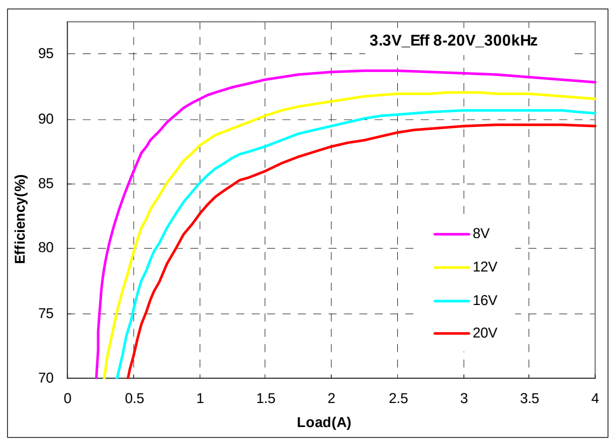

Figure 15. 3.3 V_{OUT} Efficiency, 300KHz(4)

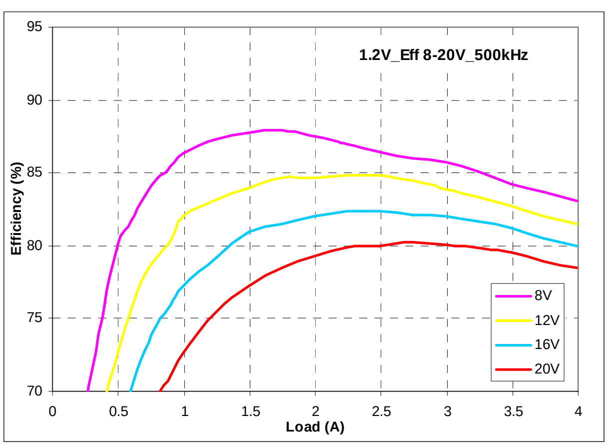

Figure 16. 1.2 V_{OUT} Efficiency, 500KHz (Figure 11)

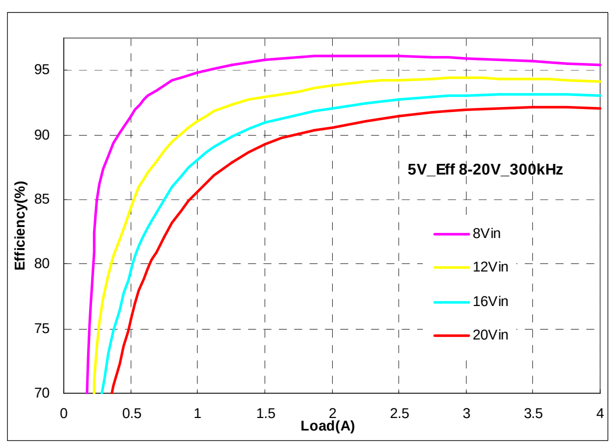

Figure 17. 5 V_{OUT} Efficiency, 300KHz(4)

Note:

4. Circuit values for this configuration change in Figure 10.

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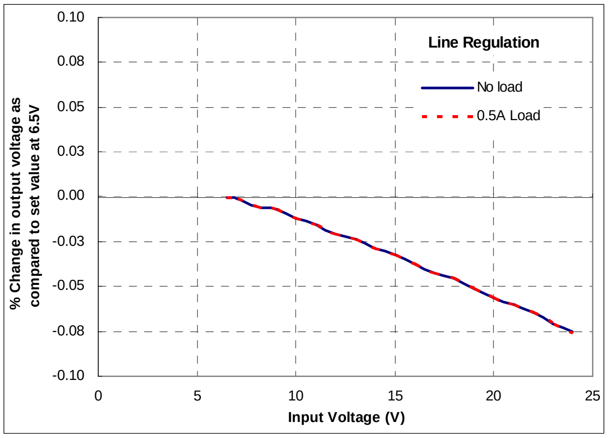


Figure 18. 1.8 V_{OUT} Line Regulation

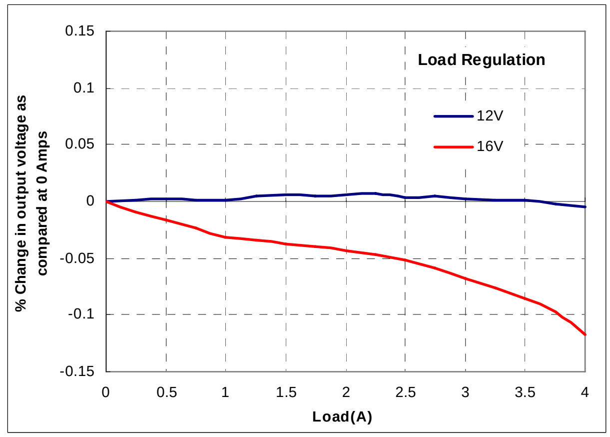


Figure 19. 1.8 V_{OUT} Load Regulation

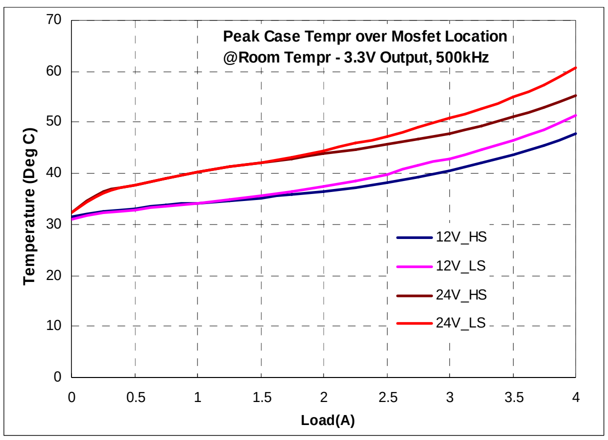


Figure 20. Peak MOSFET Temperatures 3.3V Output, 12V and 24V Input (500KHz)[5]

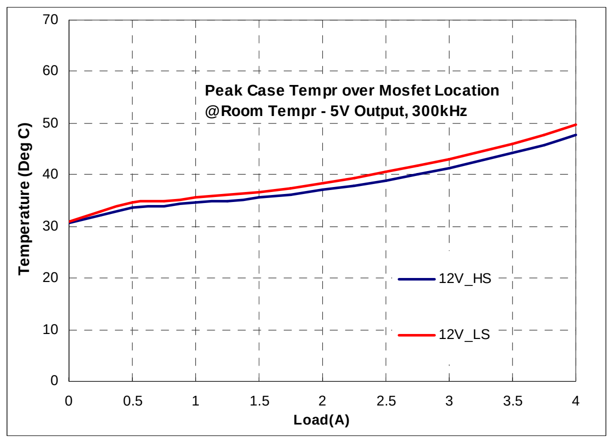


Figure 21. Peak Case Temperature Over MOSFET Locations 5V Output (300KHz)

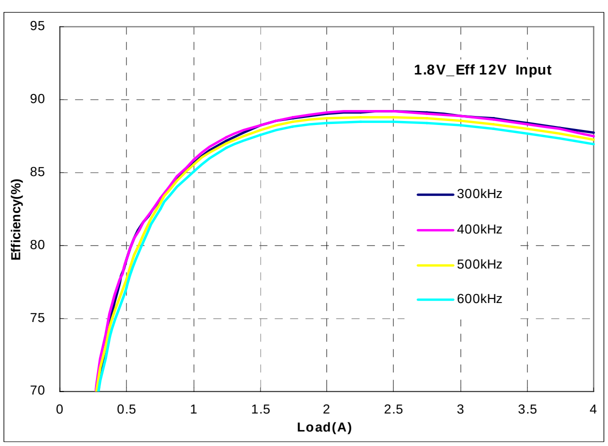


Figure 22. 1.8 V_{OUT} Efficiency Over f_{SW}

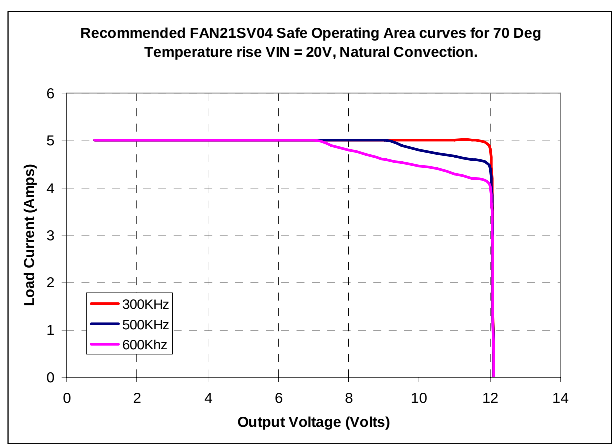


Figure 23. Typical Output Operating Area Based on Thermal Limitations

Note:

5. Circuit values for this configuration change in Figure 10.

Typical Performance Characteristics (Continued)

Typical operating characteristics using the Figure 10 circuit. V_{IN}=12V unless otherwise specified.

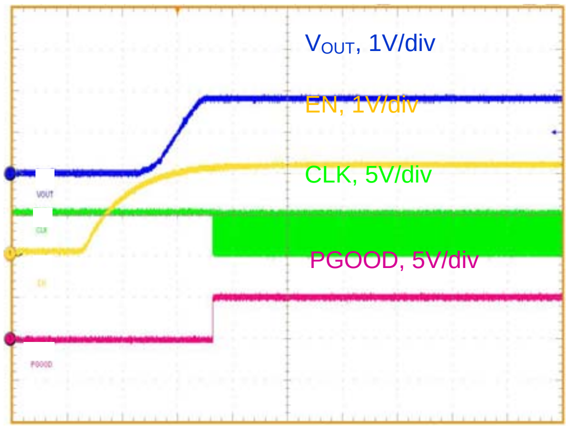


Figure 24. CLK and V_{OUT} at Startup

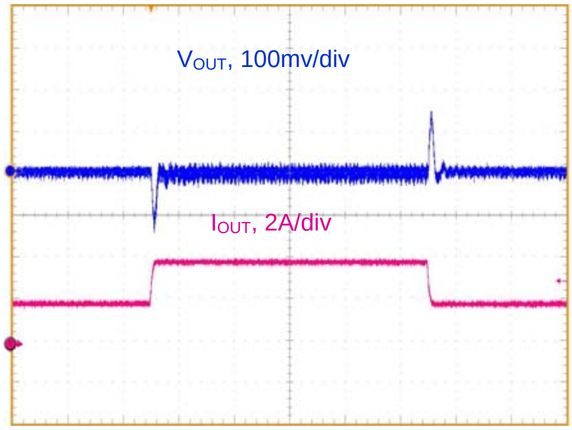


Figure 25. Transient Response, 2-4A Load

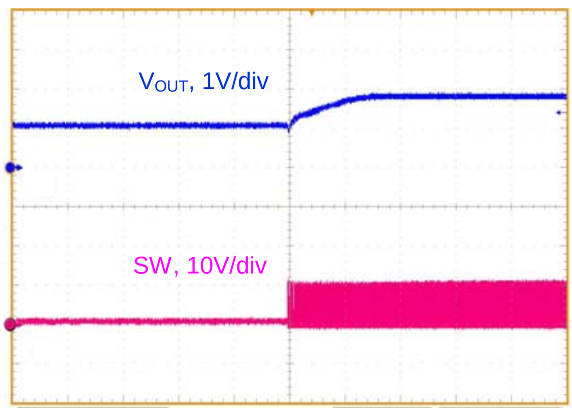


Figure 26. Startup on Pre-Bias

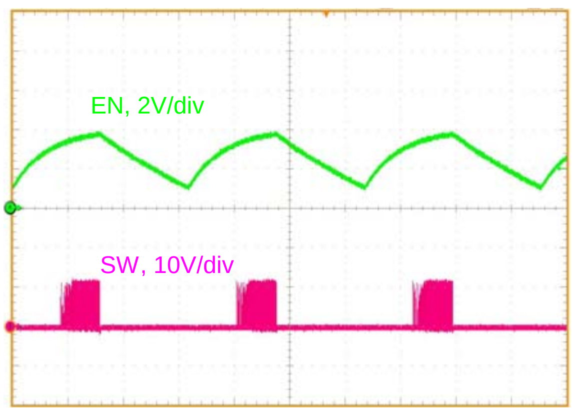


Figure 27. Restart on Fault

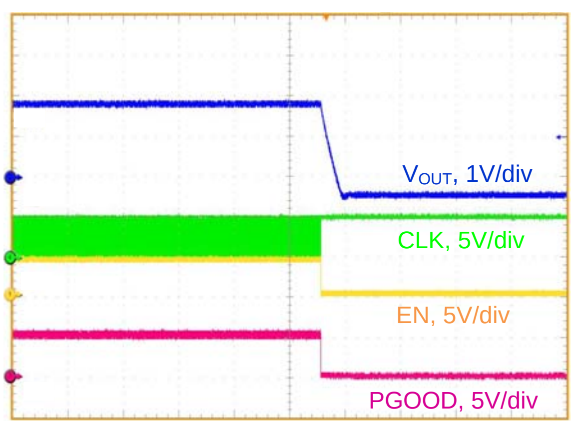


Figure 28. Shutdown, 1A Load

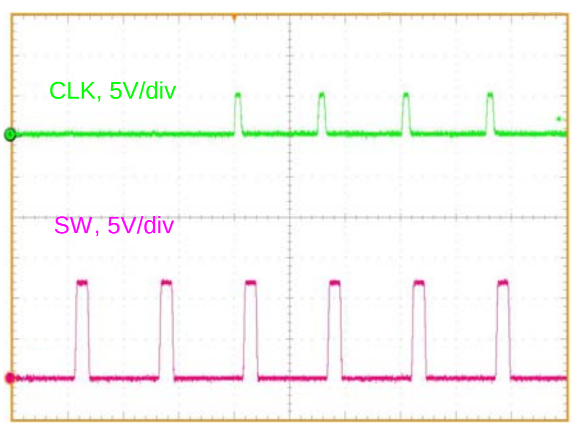


Figure 29. Slave (500KHz Free-Run to 600KHz Synchronization)

Circuit Operation

PWM Generation

Refer to Figure 2 for the PWM control mechanism. FAN21SV04 uses the summing-mode method of control to generate the PWM pulses. An amplified current-sense signal is summed with an internally generated ramp and the combined signal is compared with the output of the error amplifier to generate the pulse width to drive the high-side MOSFET. Sensed current from the previous cycle is used to modulate the output of the summing block. The output of the summing block is also compared against a voltage threshold set by the R_{LIM} resistor to limit the inductor current on a cycle-by-cycle basis. R_{RAMP} resistor helps set the charging current for the internal ramp and provides input voltage feed-forward function. The controller facilitates external compensation for enhanced flexibility.

Initialization

Once VIN_Reg voltage exceeds the UVLO threshold and EN is HIGH, the IC checks for a shorted FB pin before releasing the internal soft-start ramp (SS).

If the parallel combination of R1 and R_{BIAS} is $\leq 1k\Omega$, the internal SS ramp is not released and the regulator does not start.

Enable

FAN21SV04 has an internal pull-up to the enable (EN) pin so that the IC is enabled once VIN_Reg exceeds the UVLO threshold. Connecting a small capacitor across EN and AGND delays the rate of voltage rise on the EN pin. The EN pin also serves for the restart whenever a fault occurs *(refer to the Auto-Restart section)*. If the regulator is enabled externally, the external EN signal should go HIGH only after 5V_Reg is established. For applications where such sequencing is required, FAN21SV04 can be enabled (after the V_{CC} comes up) with external control, as shown in Figure 30.

If auto-restart is not desired, tie the EN pin HIGH with a logic gate to keep the 1µA current sink from discharging EN to 1.1V. Figure 32 shows one method to pull up EN to V_{CC} for a latch configuration.

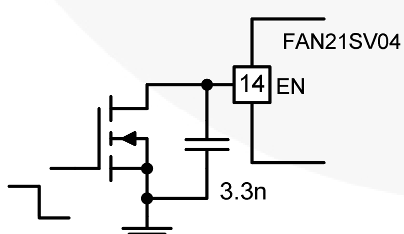


Figure 30. Enabling with External Control

Internal Regulator

FAN21SV04 facilitates single-supply operation for input voltages >6.5V. At startup, the output of the internal regulator tracks the input voltage and comes into regulation (5V) when VIN_Reg exceeds the UVLO threshold. The EN pin is released at the same time. The output voltage of the internal regulator (5V_Reg) is set to 5V. The internal regulator supplies power to all the control circuits including the drivers.

For applications with V_{IN}<6.5V, FAN21SV04 can be used if VIN_Reg is provided with a separate low-power source >6.5V. VIN_Reg supply should come up after V_{IN} during dual-supply operation. The VIN_Reg pin should always be decoupled with at least a 10Ω resistor and a 1µF ceramic capacitor *(see Figure 10, Figure 11)*.

Since 5V_Reg is used to drive the internal MOSFET gates, high peak currents are present on the 5V_Reg pin. Connect a ≥2.2µf X5R or X7R decoupling capacitor between the 5V_Reg pin and AGND. For V_{IN}>20V operation, use a 3.3Ω resistor in series with the boot capacitor to reduce noise into the regulator.

In addition to supplying power for the control circuits internally, 5V_Reg output can be used as a reference voltage for other applications requiring low noise reference voltage. 5V_Reg is capable of sourcing up to 5mA of output current.

When EN is pulled LOW externally, 5V_Reg output is still present, but the IC is in standby mode with no switching.

Soft-Start

FAN21SV04 uses an internal digital soft-start circuit to slowly ramp up the output voltage and limit inrush current during startup. When 5V_Reg is in regulation and EN is HIGH, the circuit releases SS and enables the PWM regulator. Soft-start time is a function of the switching frequency (number of clock cycles).

Once internal SS ramp has charged to 0.8V (T0.8), the output voltage is in regulation. Until SS ramp reaches 1.0V (T1.0), only the over-current-protection circuit is active during soft-start and all other output protections are inhibited.

In dual-supply operation mode, it is necessary to apply VIN before VIN_Reg reaches its UVLO threshold to avoid skipping the soft-start cycle.

VIN_Reg UVLO or toggling the EN pin discharges the SS and resets the IC.

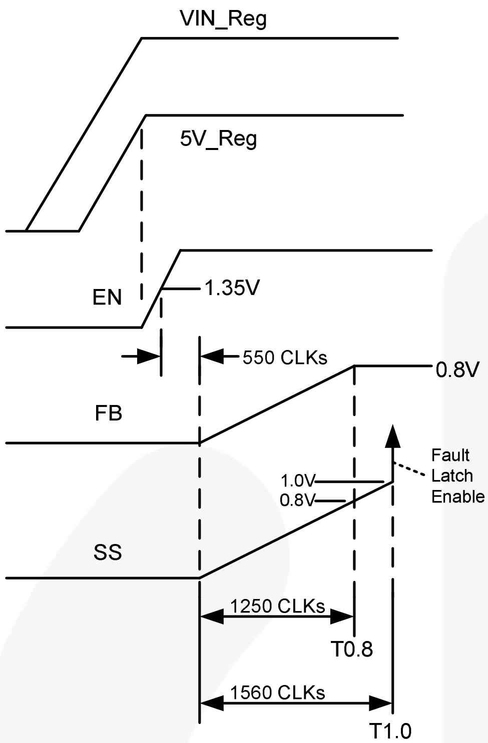


Figure 31. Typical Soft-Start Timing Diagram

Startup on Pre-Bias

The regulator does not allow the low-side MOSFET to operate in full synchronous mode until SS reaches 95% of V_{REF} (~0.76V). This enables the regulator to startup on a pre-biased output and ensures that output is not discharged during the soft-start cycle.

Protections

The converter output is monitored and protected against extreme overload, short-circuit, over-voltage, and under-voltage conditions.

Under-Voltage Protection

If FB remains below the under-voltage threshold for 16 consecutive clock cycles, the fault latch is set and the converter shuts down. This protection is not active until the internal SS ramp reaches 1.0V during soft-start.

Over-Voltage Protection

If FB exceeds 115% • V_{REF} for two consecutive clock cycles, the fault latch is set and shutdown occurs.

A shorted high-side MOSFET condition is detected when SW voltage exceeds ~0.7V while the low-side MOSFET is fully enhanced. The fault latch is set immediately upon detection.

The OV/UV fault conditions are not allowed to set the fault latch during soft-start. They are active only after T1.0 *(see Figure 31)*.

Over-Temperature Protection

The chip incorporates an over-temperature protection circuit that sets the fault latch when a die temperature of about 155°C is reached. The IC is allowed to restart when the die temperature falls below 125°C.

Auto-Restart

After a fault, the EN pin is discharged with 1µA current pull-down to a 1.1V threshold before the internal 800kΩ pull-up is restored. A new soft-start cycle begins when EN charges above 1.35V.

Depending on the external circuit, the FAN21SV04 can be configured to remain latched off or automatically restart after a fault, as listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Fault / Restart Configurations

EN Pin	Controller / Restart State
Pull to GND	OFF (Disabled)
Connected to 5V_Reg with 100KΩ	No Restart – Latched OFF
Open	Immediate Restart After Fault
Cap to GND	New Soft-Start Cycle After EN is HIGH (Auto Restart Mode)

With EN left open, restart is immediate.

If auto-restart is not desired, tie the EN pin HIGH with a logic gate to keep the 1µA current sink from discharging EN to 1.1V. Figure 32 shows one method to pull up EN to V_{CC} for a latch configuration.

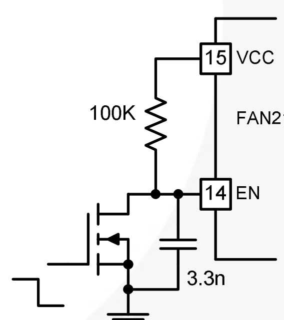


Figure 32. Enable Control with Latch Option

Power Good (PGOOD) Signal

PGOOD is an open-drain output that asserts LOW when V_{OUT} is out of regulation, as measured at the FB pin. The thresholds are specified in the Electrical Specifications section. PGOOD does not assert HIGH until soft start is complete (T1.0) *(see Figure 31)*.

Application Information

5V_Reg Output

The 5V_Reg pin is the output of the internal regulator that supplies all power to the control circuit. It is important to keep this pin decoupled to AGND with a ≥2.2µf X5R or X7R decoupling capacitor. In addition, for operation with V_{IN}>20V, add a 3.3Ω resistor in series with the boot capacitor to reduce the switching noise into the regulator.

Setting the Output Voltage

The output voltage of the regulator can be set from 0.8V to ~80% of V_{IN} by an external resistor divider (R1 and R_{BIAS} in Figure 1). For output voltages >3.3V, output current rating may need to be de-rated depending on the ambient temperature, power dissipated in the package, and the PCB layout *(refer to Thermal Information table on page 4, Figure 20, Figure 21, and Figure 23)*.

The internal reference is set to 0.8V with 650nA sourced from the FB pin to ensure that the regulator does not start if the pin is left open.

The external resistor divider is calculated using:

$$\frac{0.8V}{R_{BIAS}} = \frac{V_{OUT} - 0.8V}{R1} + 650nA \qquad (1)$$

Connect R_{BIAS} between FB and AGND.

If R1 is open *(see Figure 1),* the output voltage is not regulated and a latched fault occurs after the SS is complete (T1.0).

If the parallel combination of R1 and R_{BIAS} is ≤ 1KΩ, the internal SS ramp is not released and the regulator does not start.

Setting the Switching Frequency

Switching frequency is determined by a resistor, R_T, connected between the R_T pin and AGND (Master Mode) or 5V_Reg (Slave Mode):

where R_T is expressed in kΩ:

$$R_{T(K\Omega)} = \frac{(10^6/f) - 135}{65} \qquad (2)$$

where frequency (f) is expressed in KHz.

In Slave Mode, the switching frequency is about 10% slower for the same R_T. The regulator does not start if R_T is open in Master Mode.

Calculating the Inductor Value

Typically the inductor value is chosen based on ripple current (ΔI_L), which is chosen between 10 to 35% of the maximum DC load. Regulator designs that require fast transient response use a higher ripple-current setting while regulator designs that require higher efficiency keep ripple current on the low side and operate at a lower switching frequency. The inductor value is calculated by the following formula:

$$L = \frac{V_{OUT} \bullet (1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}})}{\Delta I_L \bullet f} \qquad (3)$$

where f is the switching frequency.

Setting the Ramp Resistor Value

R_{RAMP} resistor plays a critical role by providing charging current to the internal ramp capacitor and also serving as a means to provide input voltage feedforward.

R_{RAMP} is calculated by the following formula:

$$R_{RAMP(K\Omega)} = \frac{(V_{IN} - 1.8) \bullet V_{OUT}}{(30.5 - 4.5 \bullet I_{OUT}) \bullet V_{IN} \bullet f \bullet 10^{-6}} - 2 \qquad (4)$$

where frequency (f) is expressed in KHz.

For wide input operation, first calculate R_{RAMP} for the minimum and maximum input voltage conditions and use larger of the two values calculated.

In all applications, current through the R_{RAMP} pin must be greater than 10µA from the equation below for proper operation:

$$\frac{V_{IN} - 1.8}{R_{RAMP} + 2} \geq 10\mu A \qquad (5)$$

If the calculated R_{RAMP} values in Equation (4) result in a current less than 10µA, use the R_{RAMP} value that satisfies Equation (5). In applications with large Input ripple voltage, the R_{RAMP} resistor should be adequately decoupled from the input voltage to minimize ripple on the ramp pin.

Setting the Current Limit

There are two levels of current-limit thresholds in FAN21SV04. The first level of protection is through an internal default limit set at the factory to provide cycle-by-cycle current limit and prevent output current beyond normal levels. The second level of protection is set at the ILIM pin by connecting a resistor (R_{ILIM}) between ILIM and AGND. Current-limit protection is enabled whenever the lower of the two thresholds is reached (*see Figure 33*). The FAN21SV04 uses its internal low-side MOSFET as the current-sensing element. The current-limit threshold voltage (V_{ILIM}) is compared to the voltage drop across the low-side MOSFET sampled at the end of each PWM off-time cycle. The internal default threshold (I_{LIM} open) is temperature compensated.

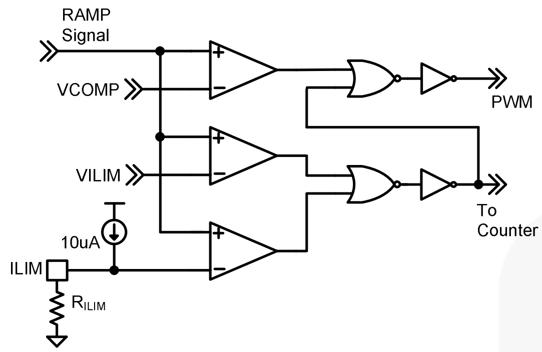


Figure 33. ILIM Network

The ILIM pin can source a 10µA current that can be used to establish a lower, temperature-dependent, current-limit threshold by connecting an external resistor (R_{ILIM}) to AGND. R_{ILIM} can be approximated with the equation:

$$R_{ILIM}(K\Omega) = 95 + 15.1 \bullet I_{OUT} + \frac{(V_{IN} - 1.8) \bullet V_{OUT} \bullet 3.33 \bullet 10^6}{(R_{RAMP} + 2) \bullet V_{IN} \bullet f} \quad (6)$$

where:

I_{OUT} = Full load current in Amps;
V_{OUT} = Set output voltage;
V_{IN} = Input voltage;
R_{RAMP} = Ramp resistor used in KΩ; and
f = Selected switching frequency in KHz.

After 16 consecutive pulse-by-pulse current-limit cycles, the fault latch is set and the regulator shuts down. Cycling VIN_Reg or EN restores operation after a normal soft-start cycle *(refer to the Auto-Restart section)*.

The over-current protection fault latch is active during the soft-start cycle. Use a 1% resistor for R_{ILIM}. For a given R_{RAMP} and R_{ILIM} setting, the current-limit point varies slightly in an inverse relationship to V_IN. If R_{ILIM} is not connected, the IC uses the internal default current-limit threshold.

Loop Compensation

The control loop is compensated using a feedback network around the error amplifier. Figure 34 shows a complete Type-3 compensation network. Type-2 compensation eliminates R3 and C3.

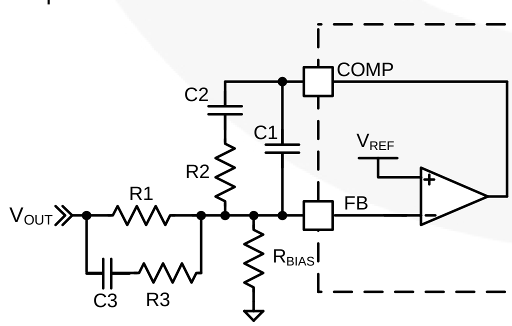


Figure 34. Compensation Network

Since the FAN21SV04 employs summing current-mode architecture, Type-2 compensation can be used for many applications. For applications that require wide loop bandwidth and/or use very low-ESR output capacitors, Type-3 compensation may be required.

R_{RAMP} provides feedforward compensation for changes in V_{IN}. With a fixed R_{RAMP} value, the modulator gain increases as V_{IN} is reduced, which can make it difficult to compensate the loop. For low-input-voltage-range designs (3V to 8V), R_{RAMP} and the compensation component values are different as compared to designs with V_{IN} between 8V and 24V.

Master / Slave Configuration

When first enabled, the IC determines if it is configured as a master or slave for synchronization, depending on how R_T is connected.

Table 2. Master / Slave Configuration

R_T to:	Master / Slave	CLK Pin
GND	Master	Output
5V_Reg	Slave, free-running	Input

Slaves free-run in the absence of an external clock signal input when R_T is connected to 5V_Reg, allowing regulation to be maintained. It is not recommended to leave R_T open when running in Slave Mode to avoid noise pick up on the clock pin.

Slave free-running frequency should be set at least 25% lower than the incoming synchronizing pulse frequency. Maximum synchronizing clock frequency is recommended to be below 600KHz.

Synchronization

The synchronization method employed by the FAN21SV04 also provides the following features for maximum flexibility.

- Synchronization to an external system clock
- Multiple FAN21SV04s can be synchronized to a single master or system clock
- Independently programmable phase adjustment for one or multiple slaves
- Free-running capability in the absence of system clock or, if the master is disabled/faulted, the slaves can continue to regulate at a lower frequency

The FAN21SV04 master outputs an 85ns-wide clock (CLK) signal, delayed 180° from its leading PWM edge. This feature allows out-of-phase operation for the slaves, thereby reducing the input capacitance requirements when more than one converter is operating on the same input supply. The leading SW-node edge is delayed ~40ns from the rising PWM signal.

On a slave, synchronization is rising-edge triggered. The CLK input pin has a 1.8V threshold and a 200µA current source pull-up.

In Master Mode, the clock signals go out after power-good signal asserts HIGH. Likewise, in Slave Mode, synchronization to an external clock signal occurs after the power-good signal goes HIGH. Until then, the converter operates in free-run mode.

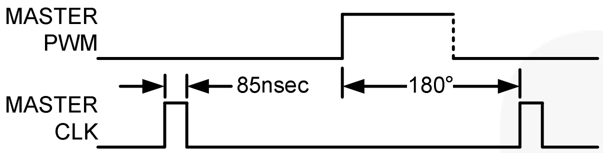


Figure 35. Synchronization Timing Diagram

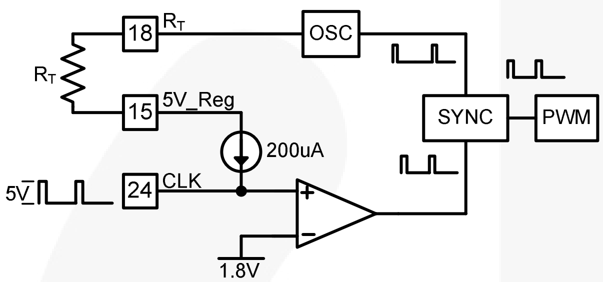


Figure 36. Slave-CLK-Input Block Diagram

One or more slaves can be connected directly to a master or system clock to achieve a 180° phase shift.

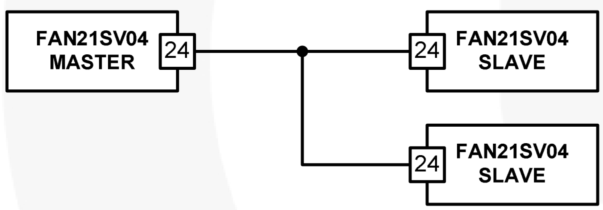


Figure 37. Slaves with 180° Phase Shift

Since the synchronizing circuit utilizes a narrow reset pulse, the actual phase delay is slightly more than 180°.

The FAN21SV04 is not intended for use in single-output, multi-phase regulator applications.

PCB Layout

Good PCB layout and careful attention to temperature rise is essential for reliable operation of the regulator. Four-layer PCB with two-ounce copper on the top and bottom side and thermal vias connecting the layers is recommended. Keep power traces wide and short to minimize losses and ringing. Do not connect AGND to PGND below the IC. Connect AGND pin to PGND at the output OR to the PGND plane.

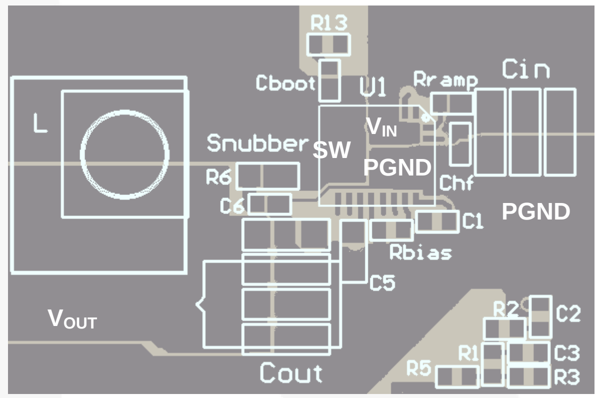
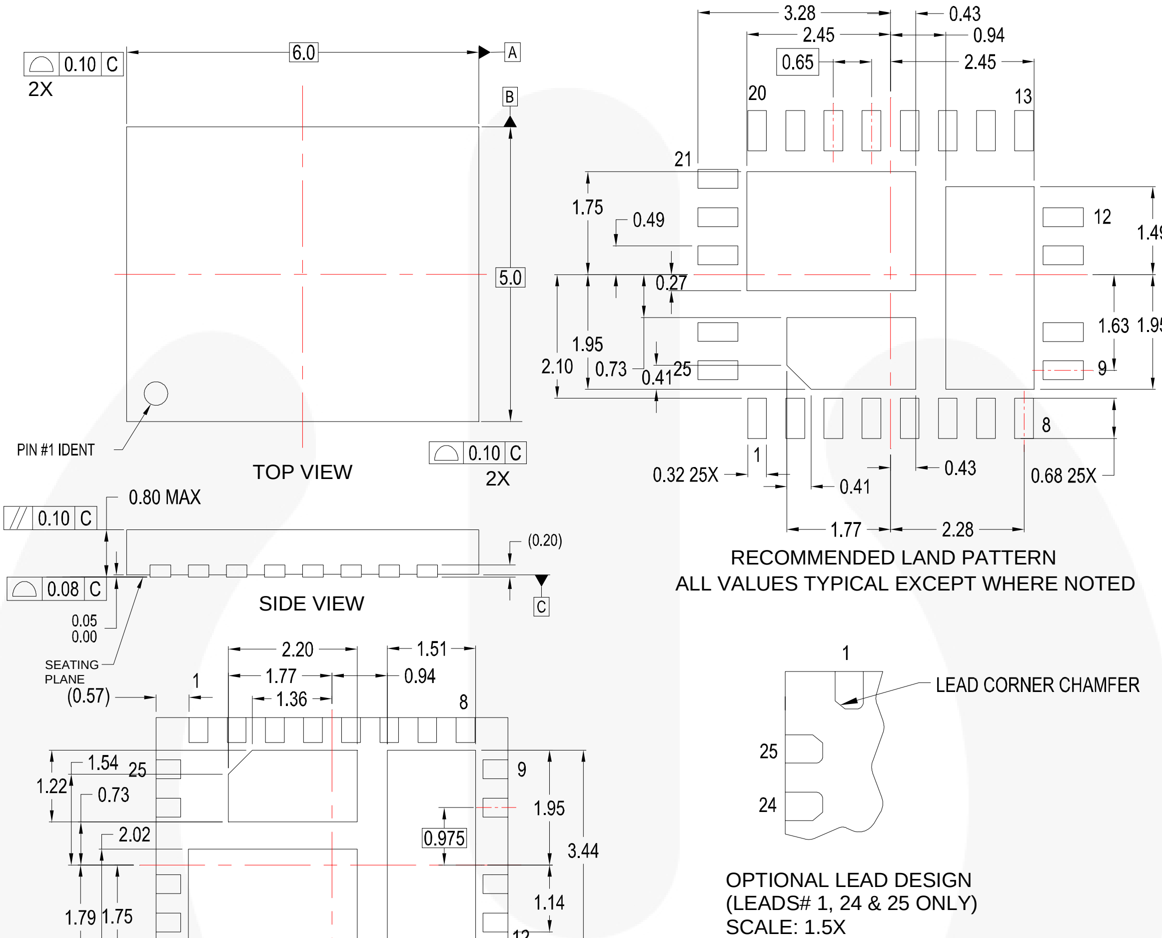
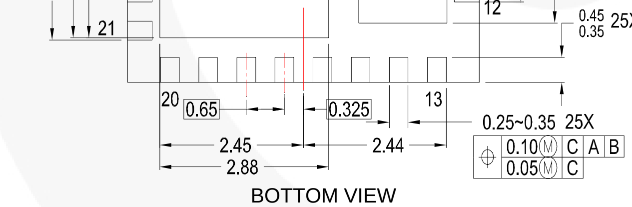


Figure 38. Recommended PCB Layout

Physical Dimensions





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