

General Description

The AAT3155 is a low noise, constant frequency charge pump DC/DC converter that uses a tri-mode load switch (1X), fractional (1.5X), and doubling (2X) conversion to maximize efficiency for white LED applications. The AAT3155 is capable of driving up to four channels of LEDs at 20mA per channel from a 2.7V to 5.5V input. The current sinks may be operated individually or in parallel for driving higher current LEDs. A low external parts count (two 1 μ F flying capacitors and two small 1 μ F capacitors at IN and OUTCP) make this part ideally suited for small, battery-powered applications.

AnalogicTech's S²Cwire™ (Simple Serial Control™) serial digital input is used to enable, disable, and set current for each LED with 16 settings down to 50 μ A. The low-current mode supply current can be as low as 50 μ A to save power.

Each output of the AAT3155 is equipped with built-in protection for output short-circuit and auto-disable for load short-circuit conditions. Built-in soft-start circuitry prevents excessive inrush current during start-up. A low-current shutdown feature disconnects the load from the input and reduces quiescent current to less than 1 μ A.

The AAT3155 is available in a Pb-free, space-saving 2.85x3.0mm 12-pin TSOPJW package.

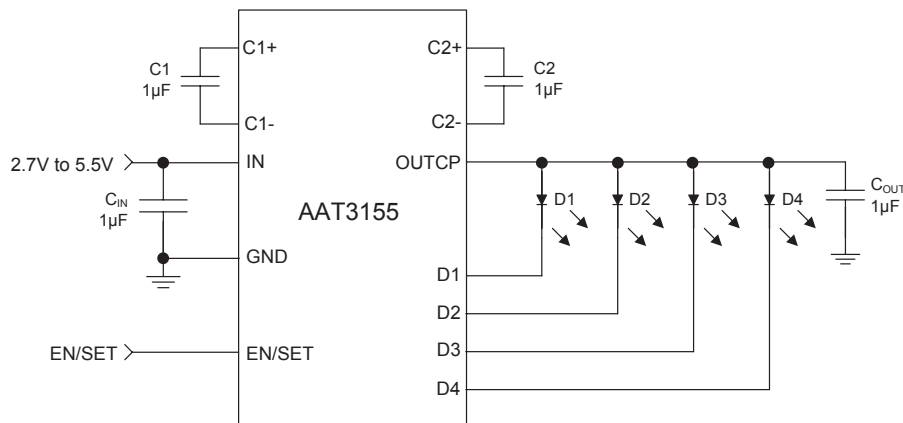
Features

- V_{IN} Range: 2.7V to 5.5V
- Fully Programmable Current with Single Wire
 - 16 Current Levels
 - Four Low Current Settings Down to 50 μ A
- Low I_Q (50 μ A) for Low Current Mode
- Tri-Mode 1X, 1.5X, and 2X Charge Pump for Maximum Efficiency and V_F Coverage
- Drives up to Four Channels of LEDs
- No Inductors, Low Noise Operation
- 1MHz Constant Switching Frequency
- Small Application Circuit
- Built-In Thermal Protection
- Automatic Soft Start
- $I_Q < 1\mu$ A in Shutdown
- 2.85x3.0mm TSOPJW-12 Package

Applications

- Color (RGB) Lighting
- Programmable Current Sinks
- White LED Backlighting
- White Photo Flash for Digital Still Cameras

Typical Application

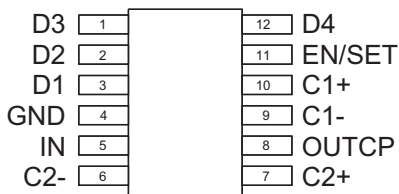


Pin Descriptions

Pin #	Symbol	Function
1	D3	Current sink input #3.
2	D2	Current sink input #2.
3	D1	Current sink input #1.
4	GND	Ground.
5	IN	Input power supply. Requires 1 μ F capacitor connected between this pin and ground.
6	C2-	Flying capacitor 2 negative terminal.
7	C2+	Flying capacitor 2 positive terminal. Connect a 1 μ F capacitor between C2+ and C2-.
8	OUTCP	Charge pump output to drive load circuit. Requires 1 μ F capacitor connected between this pin and ground.
9	C1-	Flying capacitor 1 negative terminal.
10	C1+	Flying capacitor 1 positive terminal. Connect a 1 μ F capacitor between C1+ and C1-.
11	EN/SET	S ² Cwire serial interface control pin.
12	D4	Current sink input #4.

Pin Configuration

TSOPJW-12
(Top View)



Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

Symbol	Description	Value	Units
V_{IN}	Input Voltage to GND	-0.3 to 6	V
$V_{EN/SET}$	EN/SET Voltage to GND	-0.3 to $V_{IN} + 0.3$	V
I_{OUT}^2	Maximum DC Output Current	150	mA
T_J	Operating Junction Temperature Range	-40 to 150	°C
T_{LEAD}	Maximum Soldering Temperature (at leads, 10 sec)	300	°C

Thermal Information³

Symbol	Description	Value	Units
P_D	Maximum Power Dissipation ⁴	0.625	W
θ_{JA}	Maximum Thermal Resistance	160	°C/W

1. Stresses above those listed in Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Functional operation at conditions other than the operating conditions specified is not implied. Only one Absolute Maximum Rating should be applied at any one time.
2. Based on long-term current density limitation.
3. Mounted on an FR4 board.
4. Derate 6.25mW/°C above 25°C.

Electrical Characteristics¹

$C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = C_1 = C_2 = 1.0\mu F$; $T_A = -40^\circ C$ to $+85^\circ C$, unless otherwise noted.
Typical values are $T_A = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = 3.6V$.

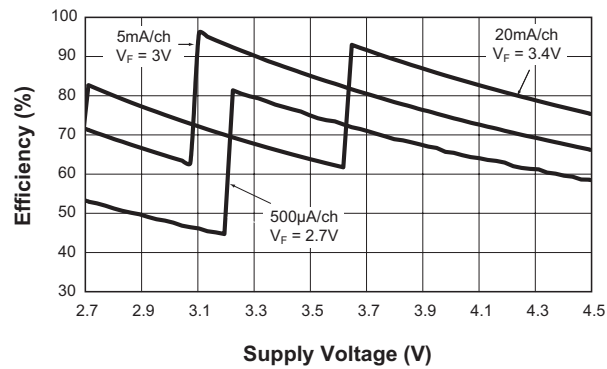
Symbol	Description	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Input Power Supply						
V_{IN}	Operation Range		2.7		5.5	V
I_{CC}	Operating Current	1X Mode, $3.0 \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5$, Active, No Load Current		0.3	1	mA
		1.5X Mode, $3.0 \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5$, Active, No Load Current		1	3	
		2X Mode, $3.0 \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5$, Active, No Load Current		1		
		50 μA Setting, 1X Mode		50		μA
I_{SHDN}	Shutdown Current	$V_{EN/SET} = 0V$			1	μA
I_{DX}	I_{SINK} Average Current Accuracy	$I_{SET} = 20mA$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$	18	20	22	mA
$I_{(D-Match)}$	Current Matching ²	$V_F:D1:D4=3.6V$		0.5	1	%
V_{TH}	1X to 1.5X or 1.5X to 2X Transition Threshold at Any I_{SINK} Pin			150		mV
Charge Pump Section						
T_{SS}	Soft-Start Time			100		μs
F_{CLK}	Clock Frequency			1000		kHz
EN/SET						
$V_{EN(L)}$	Enable Threshold Low	$V_{IN} = 2.7V$			0.4	V
$V_{EN(H)}$	Enable Threshold High	$V_{IN} = 5.5V$	1.4			V
$T_{EN/SET LO}$	EN/SET Low Time		0.3		75	μs
T_{EN/SET_HL_MIN}	Minimum EN/SET High Time			50		ns
T_{EN/SET_HL_MAX}	Maximum EN/SET High Time				75	μs
T_{OFF}	EN/SET Off Timeout				500	μs
T_{LAT}	EN/SET Latch Timeout				500	μs
$I_{EN/SET}$	EN/SET Input Leakage		-1		1	μA

1. The AAT3155 is guaranteed to meet performance specifications over the $-40^\circ C$ to $+85^\circ C$ operating temperature range and is assured by design, characterization, and correlation with statistical process controls.
2. Current matching is defined as the deviation of any sink current from the average of all active channels.

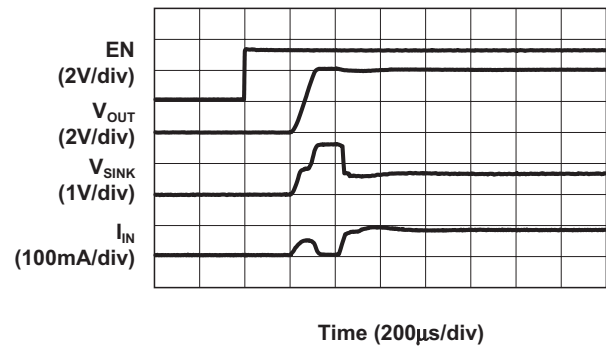
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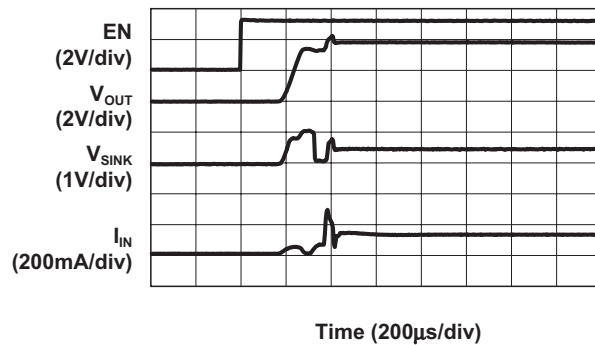
Efficiency vs. Supply Voltage



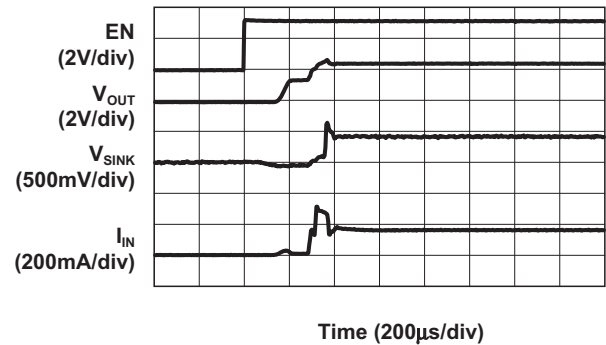
Turn-On to 1X Mode
($V_{IN} = 4.2V$; 20mA Load)



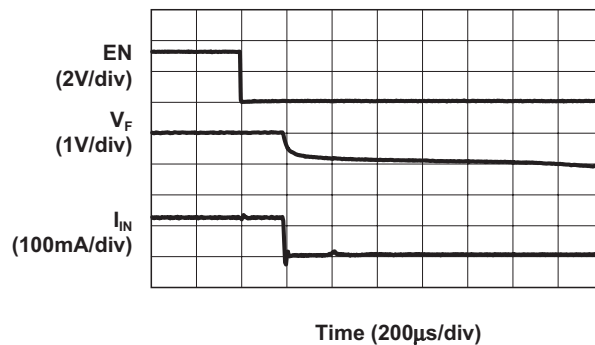
Turn-On to 1.5X Mode
($V_{IN} = 3.5V$; 20mA Load)



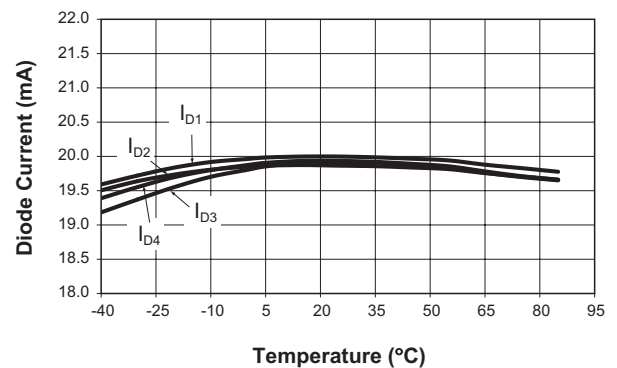
Turn-On to 2X Mode
($V_{IN} = 2.8V$; 20mA Load)



Turn-Off from 1.5X Mode
($V_{IN} = 3.5V$; 20mA Load)



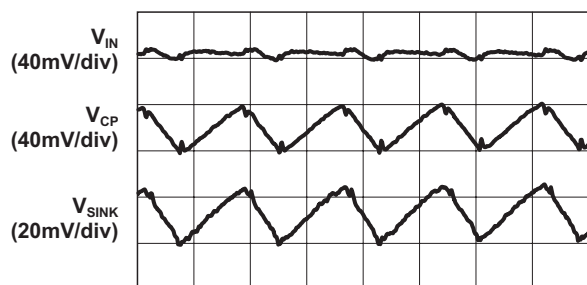
Diode Current vs. Temperature
(20mA/channel)



Typical Characteristics

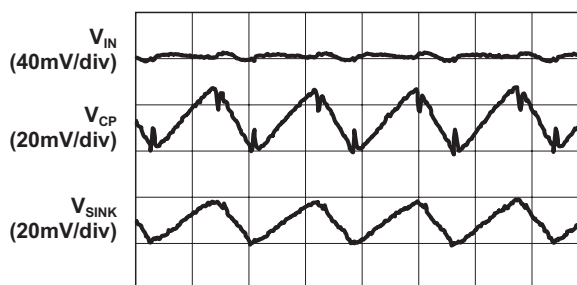
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Load Characteristics
($V_{IN} = 3.9V$; 1.5X Mode; 20mA Load)



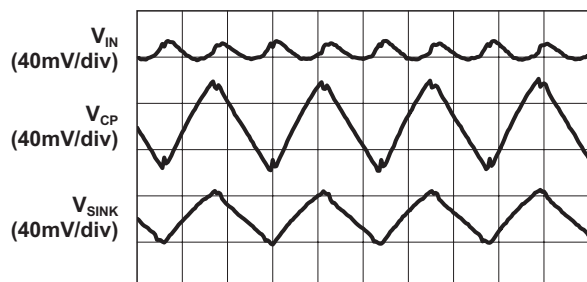
Time (500ns/div)

Load Characteristics
($V_{IN} = 3.9V$; 1.5X Mode; 14mA Load)



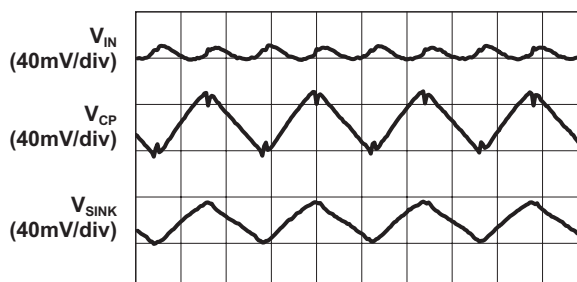
Time (500ns/div)

Load Characteristics
($V_{IN} = 2.9V$; 2X Mode; 20mA Load)



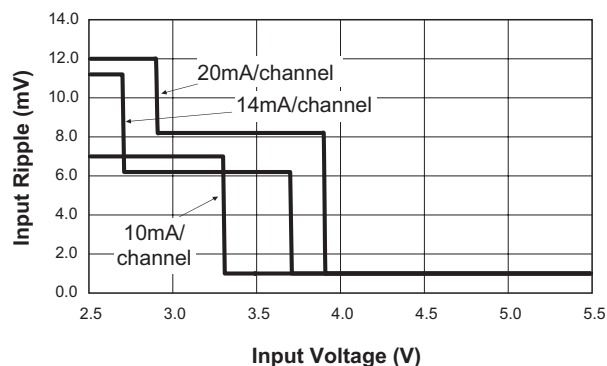
Time (500ns/div)

Load Characteristics
($V_{IN} = 2.9V$; 2X Mode; 14mA Load)

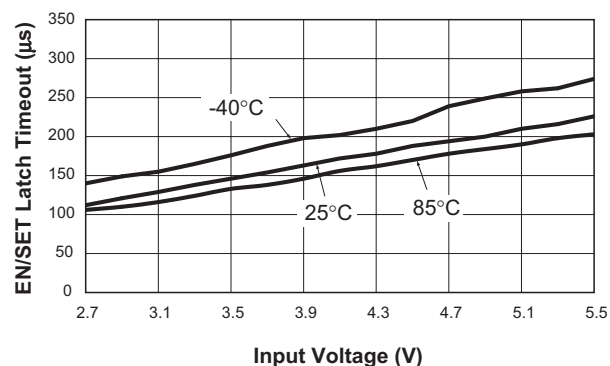


Time (500ns/div)

Input Ripple vs. Input Voltage



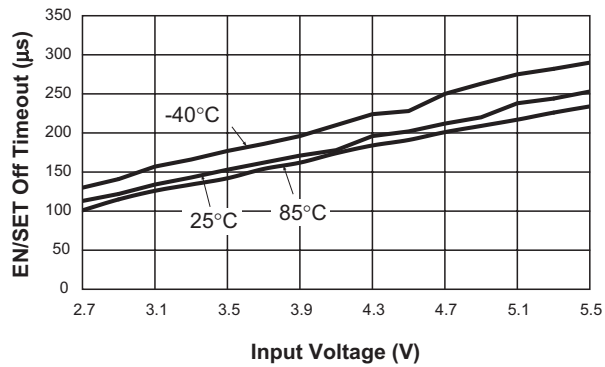
EN/SET Latch Timeout vs. Input Voltage



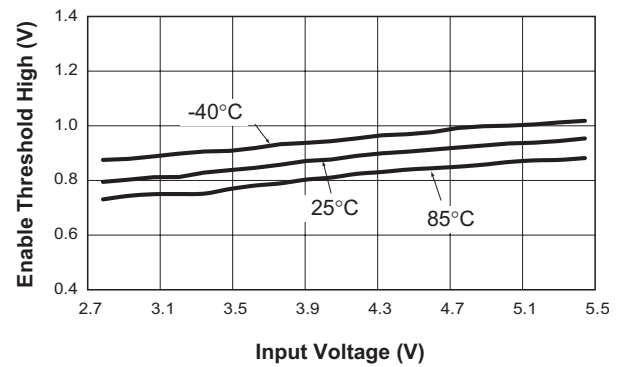
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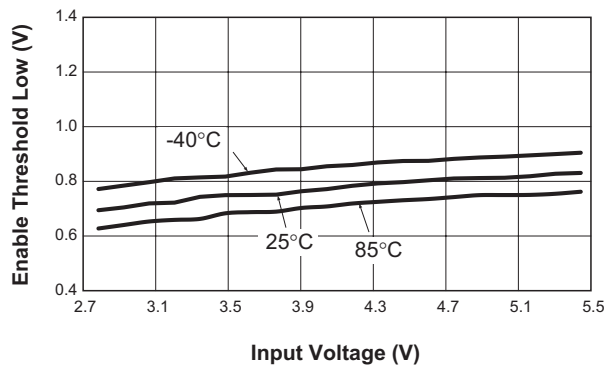
EN/SET Off Timeout vs. Input Voltage



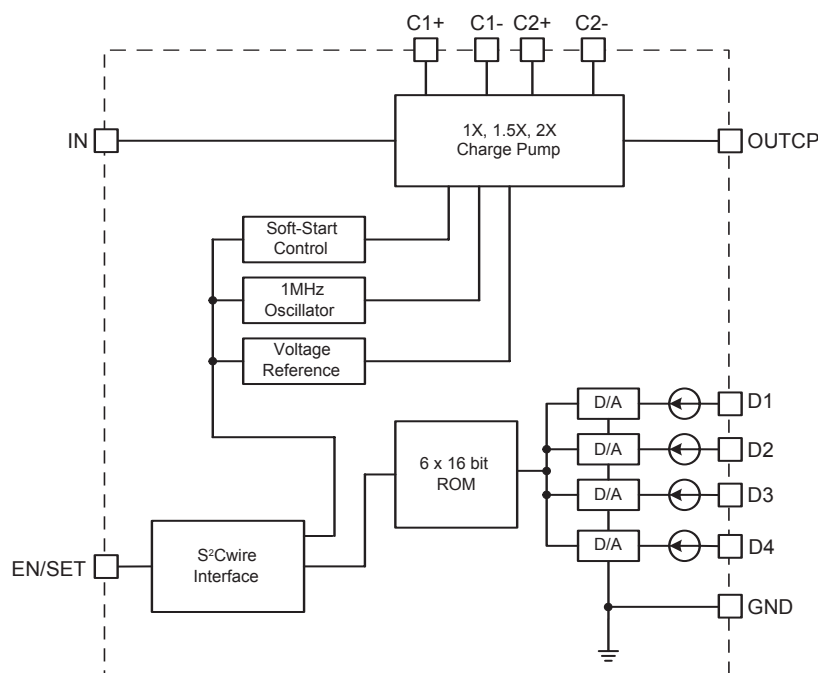
Enable Threshold High vs. Input Voltage



Enable Threshold Low vs. Input Voltage



Functional Block Diagram



Functional Description

The AAT3155 is a tri-mode load switch (1X) and high efficiency (1.5X or 2X) charge pump device intended for white LED backlight applications. To maximize power conversion efficiency, an internal sensing circuit monitors the voltage required on each constant current sink input and sets the load switch and charge pump modes based on the input battery voltage and the current sink input voltage. As the battery discharges over time, the AAT3155 charge pump is enabled when any of the four current sink inputs nears dropout. The charge pump initially starts in 1.5X mode. If the charge pump output droops enough for any current source output to become close to dropout, the charge pump will automatically transition to 2X mode. The AAT3155 requires only four external components: two $1\mu\text{F}$ ceramic capacitors for the charge pump flying capacitors (C_1 and C_2), one $1\mu\text{F}$ ceramic input capacitor (C_{IN}), and one $0.33\mu\text{F}$ to $1\mu\text{F}$ ceramic charge pump output capacitor (C_{OUT}).

The four constant current sink inputs (D1 to D4) can drive four individual LEDs with a maximum current of 20mA each. The unused sink inputs must be connected to OUTCP, otherwise the part will operate only in 2X charge pump mode. The S²Cwire serial interface enables the AAT3155 and sets the current sink magnitudes.

Constant Current Output Level Settings

The constant current sink levels for D1 to D4 are set via the serial interface according to a logarithmic scale for the first 12 codes and a separate low-current scale for the last four codes. For the first 12 codes, each code is approximately 1.5dB lower than the previous code. In this manner, LED brightness appears linear with each increasing code count. Because the inputs D1 to D4 are true independent constant current sinks, the voltage observed on any single given input will be determined by the actual forward voltage (V_F) for the LED being driven.

Since the input current sinks of the AAT3155 are programmable, no PWM (pulse width modulation) or

additional control circuitry is needed to control LED brightness. This feature greatly reduces the burden on a microcontroller or system IC to manage LED or display brightness, allowing the user to "set it and forget it." With its high-speed serial interface (1MHz data rate), the input sink current of the AAT3155 can be changed successively to brighten or dim LEDs, in smooth transitions (e.g., to fade-out) or in abrupt steps, giving the user complete programmability and real-time control of LED brightness.

S²Cwire Serial Interface

The current level magnitude is controlled by AnalogicTech's Simple Serial Control (S²Cwire) serial interface. The interface records rising edges of the EN/SET pin and decodes them into 16 different states. The 16 current level settings available are indicated in Table 1.

Data	Output (mA/Ch)	Data	Output (mA/Ch)
1	20.0	9	5.0
2	17.0	10	4.2
3	14.0	11	3.4
4	12.0	12	2.8
5	10.0	13	1.0
6	8.6	14	0.5
7	7.0	15	0.1
8	6.0	16	0.05

Table 1: Current Level Settings.

The S²Cwire serial interface has flexible timing. Data can be clocked-in at speeds greater than 1MHz, or much slower, such as 15kHz. After data is submitted, EN/SET is held high to latch the data. Once EN/SET has been held in the logic high state for time T_{LAT} , the programmed current becomes active and the internal data register is reset to zero. For subsequent current level programming, the number of rising edges corresponding to the desired code must be entered on the EN/SET pin.

When EN/SET is held low for an amount of time greater than T_{OFF} , the AAT3155 enters into shutdown mode and draws less than 1 μ A from V_{IN} . The internal data register is reset to zero during shutdown.

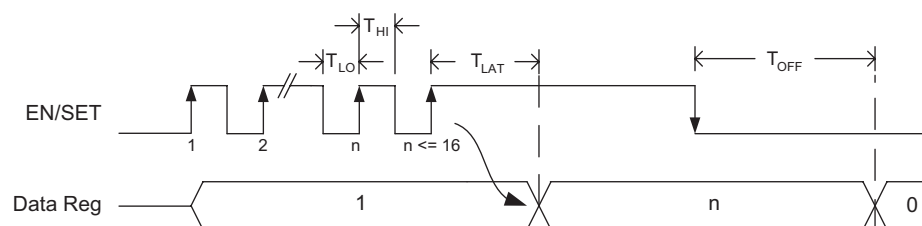
Auto-Disable Feature

The AAT3155 is equipped with an auto-disable feature for each LED channel. After the IC is enabled and started up, a test current of 100 μ A (typical) is forced through each sink channel. The channel will be disabled if the voltage of that particular SINK pin does not drop to a certain threshold. This feature is very convenient for disabling an unused channel or during an LED fail-short event.

Thermal Protection

The AAT3155 has a thermal protection circuit that will shut down the charge pump if the die temperature rises above the thermal limit, as would be the case during a short circuit of the OUTCP pin.

S²Cwire Serial Interface Timing



Applications Information

Although the AAT3155 is designed for driving white LEDs, the device also can be used to drive most types of LEDs with forward voltage specifications ranging from 2.0V to 4.7V. LED applications may include main and sub-LCD display backlighting, camera photo-flash applications, color (RGB) LEDs, infrared (IR) diodes for remotes, and other loads benefiting from a controlled output current generated from a varying input voltage. Since the D1 to D4 input current sinks are matched with negligible voltage dependence, the LED brightness will be matched regardless of the specific LED forward voltage (V_F) levels. In some instances (e.g., in high luminous output applications such as photo flash), it may be necessary to drive high- V_F type LEDs. The low-dropout current-sinks in the AAT3155 make it capable of driving LEDs with forward voltages as high as 4.7V at full current from an input supply as low as 3.0V. Outputs can be paralleled to drive high-current LEDs without complication.

Device Switching Noise Performance

The AAT3155 operates at a fixed frequency of approximately 1MHz to control noise and limit harmonics that can interfere with the RF operation of cellular telephone handsets or other communication devices. Back-injected noise appearing on the input pin of the charge pump is 20mV peak-to-peak, typically ten times less than inductor-based DC/DC boost converter white LED backlight solutions. The AAT3155 soft-start feature prevents noise transient effects associated with inrush currents during start-up of the charge pump circuit.

Capacitor Selection

Careful selection of the four external capacitors C_{IN} , C_1 , C_2 , and C_{OUT} is important because they will affect turn-on time, output ripple, and transient performance. Optimum performance will be obtained when low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic capacitors are used. In general, low ESR may be defined as less than 100m Ω . A value of 1 μ F for all four capacitors is a good starting point

when choosing capacitors. If the LED current sources are programmed only for light current levels, then the capacitor size may be decreased.

Capacitor Characteristics

Ceramic composition capacitors are highly recommended over all other types of capacitors for use with the AAT3155. Ceramic capacitors offer many advantages over their tantalum and aluminum electrolytic counterparts. A ceramic capacitor typically has very low ESR, is lowest cost, has a smaller PCB footprint, and is non-polarized. Low ESR ceramic capacitors help to maximize charge pump transient response. Since ceramic capacitors are non-polarized, they are not prone to incorrect connection damage.

Equivalent Series Resistance

ESR is an important characteristic to consider when selecting a capacitor. ESR is a resistance internal to a capacitor that is caused by the leads, internal connections, size or area, material composition, and ambient temperature. Capacitor ESR is typically measured in milliohms for ceramic capacitors and can range to more than several ohms for tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitors.

Ceramic Capacitor Materials

Ceramic capacitors less than 0.1 μ F are typically made from NPO or C0G materials. NPO and C0G materials generally have tight tolerance and are very stable over temperature. Larger capacitor values are usually composed of X7R, X5R, Z5U, or Y5V dielectric materials. Large ceramic capacitors (i.e., greater than 2.2 μ F) are often available in low-cost Y5V and Z5U dielectrics, but capacitors greater than 1 μ F are not typically required for AAT3155 applications.

Capacitor area is another contributor to ESR. Capacitors that are physically large will have a lower ESR when compared to an equivalent material smaller capacitor. These larger devices can improve circuit transient response when compared to an equal value capacitor in a smaller package size.

Ordering Information

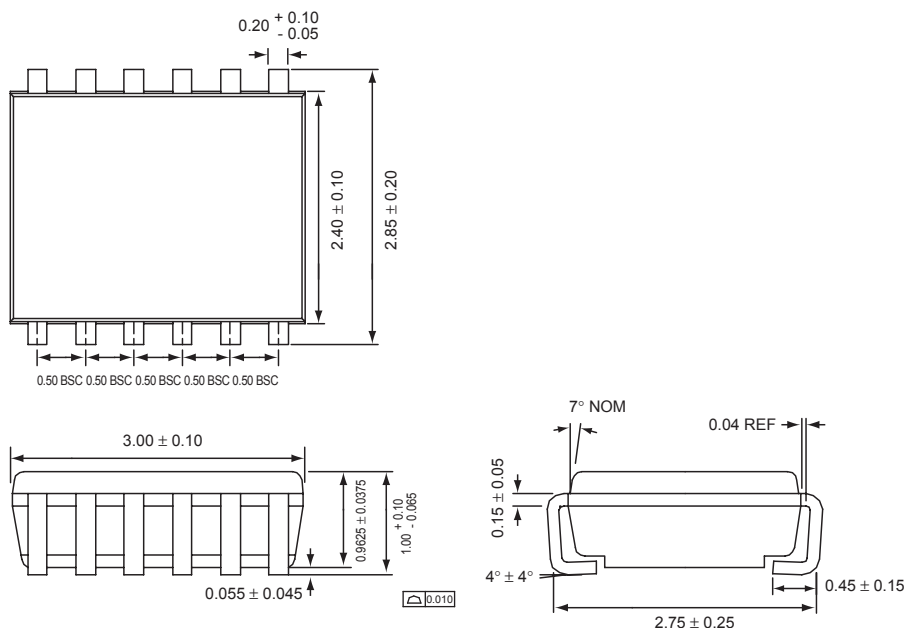
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1. XXX = assembly and date code.
2. Sample stock is generally held on part numbers listed in **BOLD**.

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