



TEA1738T; TEA1738LT

GreenChip SMPS control IC

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Product data sheet

1. General description

The TEA1738(L) is a low cost Switched Mode Power Supply (SMPS) controller IC intended for flyback topologies. The TEA1738(L) operates in peak current and frequency control mode. Frequency jitter has been implemented to reduce ElectroMagnetic Interference (EMI). Slope compensation is integrated for Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) operation.

The TEA1738(L) IC includes OverPower Protection (OPP). This enables the controller to operate under overpower situations for a limited amount of time.

Two pins, VINSENSE and PROTECT, are reserved for protection purposes. Input UnderVoltage Protection (UVP), output OverVoltage Protection (OVP) and OverTemperature Protection (OTP) can be implemented using a minimal number of external components.

At low power levels the primary peak current is set to 25 % of the maximum peak current and the switching frequency is reduced to limit switching losses. The combination of fixed frequency operation at high output power and frequency reduction at low output power provides high efficiency over the total load range.

The TEA1738(L) enables low cost, highly efficient and reliable supplies for power requirements up to 75 W to be designed easily and with a minimum number of external components.

2. Features and benefits

2.1 Features

- SMPS controller IC enabling low-cost applications
- Large input voltage range (12 V to 30 V)
- Integrated OverVoltage Protection (OVP) on pin VCC
- Very low supply current during start-up and restart (10 μ A typical)
- Low supply current during normal operation (0.55 mA typical without load)
- Overpower or high/low line compensation
- Adjustable overpower time-out
- Adjustable overpower restart timer
- Fixed switching frequency with frequency jitter to reduce EMI
- Frequency reduction at medium power operation to maintain high efficiency



- Frequency reduction with fixed minimum peak current at low power to maintain high efficiency at low output power levels
- Frequency increase at peak power operation
- Slope compensation for CCM operation
- Low and adjustable OverCurrent Protection (OCP) trip level
- Adjustable soft start
- Two protection inputs (e.g. for input UVP and OTP)
- IC overtemperature protection

3. Applications

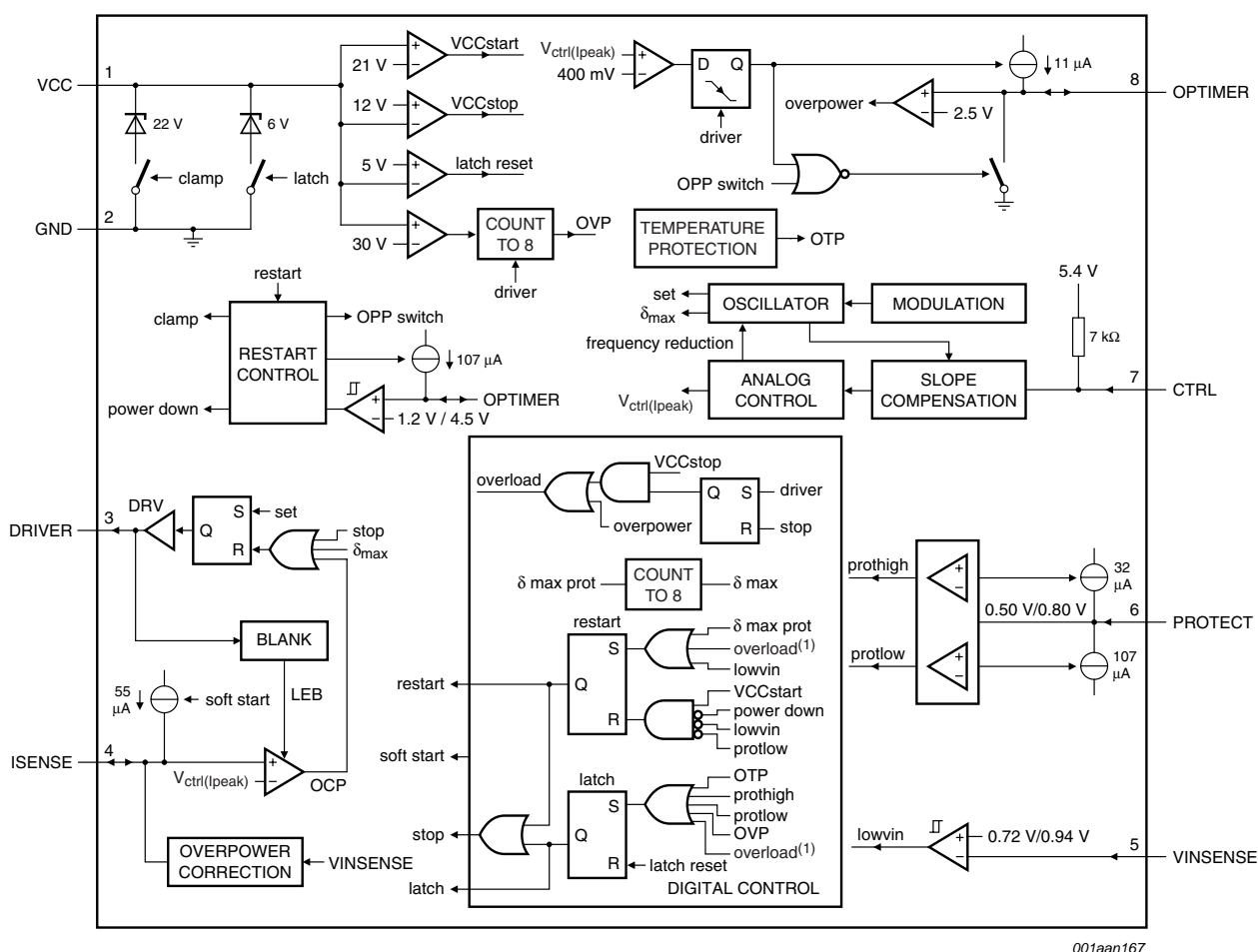
- All applications requiring efficient and cost-effective power supply solutions up to 75 W.

4. Ordering information

Table 1. Ordering information

Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
TEA1738T	SO8	plastic small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3.9 mm	SOT96-1
TEA1738LT	SO8	plastic small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3.9 mm	SOT96-1

5. Block diagram

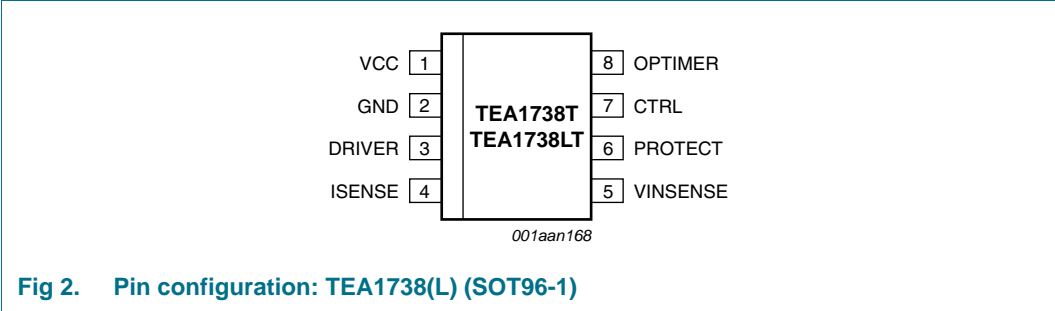


- (1) In the TEA1738LT the overload signal switches the IC to the latched-off state. In the TEA1738T the overload signal triggers the restart timer.

Fig 1. Block diagram

6. Pinning information

6.1 Pinning



6.2 Pin description

Table 2. Pin description

Symbol	Pin	Description
VCC	1	supply voltage
GND	2	ground
DRIVER	3	gate driver output
ISENSE	4	current sense input
VINSENSE	5	input voltage protection input
PROTECT	6	general purpose protection input
CTRL	7	control input
OPTIMER	8	overpower and restart timer

7. Functional description

7.1 General control

The TEA1738(L) contains a flyback circuit controller, a typical configuration of which is shown in [Figure 3](#).

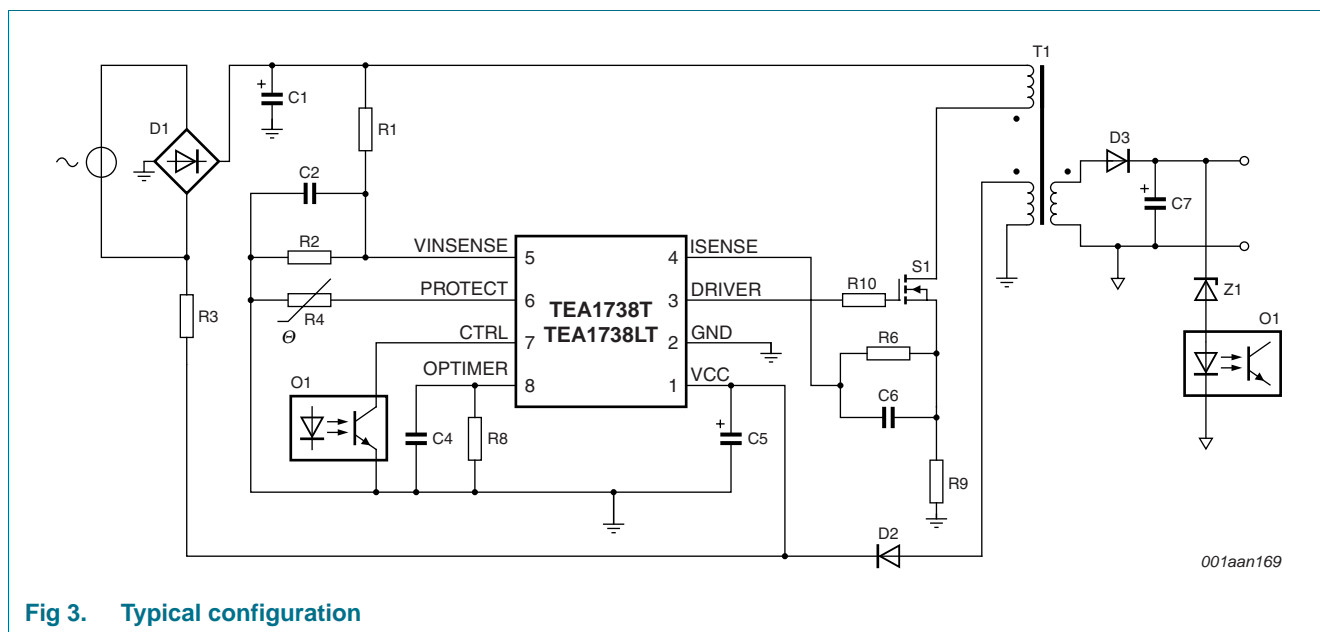


Fig 3. Typical configuration

7.2 Start-up and UnderVoltage LockOut (UVLO)

Initially, the capacitor on the VCC pin is charged from the high voltage mains via resistor R3.

If V_{CC} is lower than $V_{start-up}$, the IC current consumption is low (10 μA typical). When V_{CC} reaches $V_{start-up}$ the IC first waits for pin V_{INSENSE} to reach the $V_{start(VINSENSE)}$ voltage and for pin PROTECT to reach the $V_{det(L)(PROTECT)}$ voltage. When both levels are reached, the IC charges the ISENSE pin to the $V_{start(soft)}$ level and starts switching. In a typical application the supply voltage is taken over by the auxiliary winding of the transformer.

If a protection is triggered the controller stops switching. Depending on the protection triggered it either causes a restart or latches the converter to an off-state.

A restart caused by a protection rapidly charges the OPTIMER pin to 4.5 V (typical). The TEA1738(L) enters Power-down mode until the OPTIMER pin discharges down to 1.2 V (typical). In Power-down mode, the IC consumes a very low supply current (10 μ A typical) and the VCC pin is clamped at 22 V (typical) by an internal clamp circuit. When the voltage on pin OPTIMER drops below 1.2 V (typical) and the VCC pin voltage is above the VCC start-up voltage (see [Figure 4](#)), the IC restarts.

When a latched protection is triggered, the TEA1738(L) immediately enters Power-down mode. The VCC pin is clamped to a voltage just above the latch protection reset voltage ($V_{rst(latch)} + 1\text{ V}$).

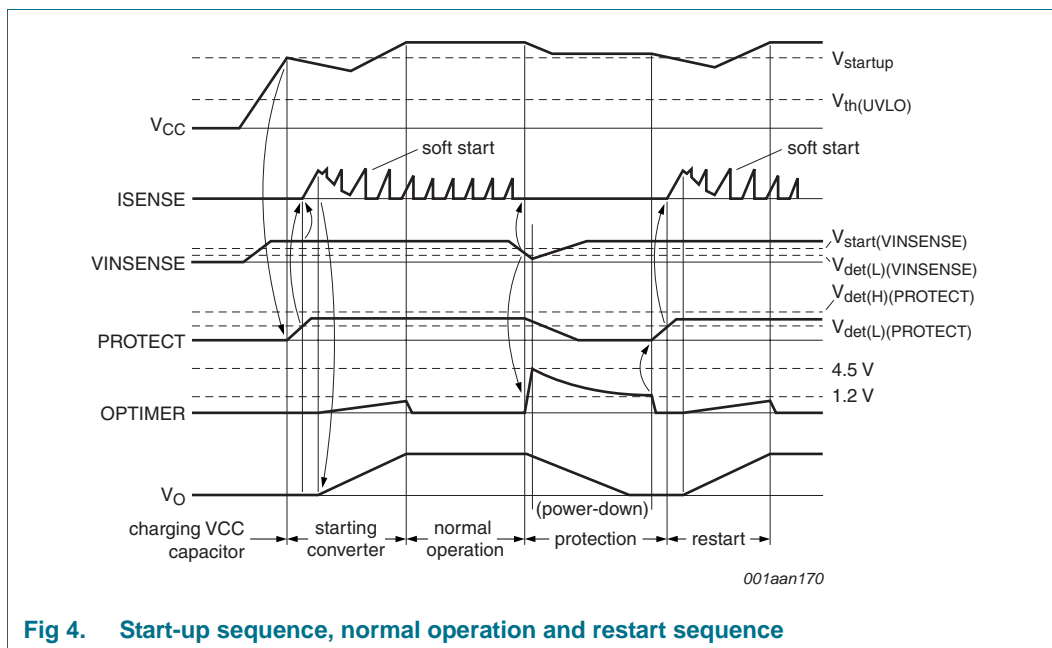


Fig 4. Start-up sequence, normal operation and restart sequence

When the voltage on pin VCC drops below the $V_{th(UVLO)}$ level during normal operation, the controller stops switching and the TEA1738T enters Restart mode. In Restart mode the driver output is disabled and the VCC pin voltage is recharged via resistor R3 to the rectified mains voltage. For the TEA1738LT a VCC undervoltage, which does not occur during a start-up event, latches the IC in an off-state.

7.3 Supply management

All internal reference voltages are derived from a temperature compensated on-chip band gap circuit. Internal reference currents are derived from a trimmed and temperature compensated current reference circuit.

7.4 OverVoltage Protection (VCC pin)

An OVP circuit is connected to the VCC pin. After 8 consecutive OVP cycles the IC triggers the latched protection. When V_{CC} drops below the $V_{th(OVP)}$ voltage before count=8 is reached, the counter is reset to zero.

If a lower overvoltage protection level is needed, a Zener diode can be connected between the VCC pin and the PROTECT pin.

7.5 Input voltage detection (VINSENSE pin)

In a typical application the mains input voltage can be detected by the VINSENSE pin. Switching does not take place until the voltage on VINSENSE has reached the $V_{start(VINSENSE)}$ voltage (0.94 V typical).

When during operation the VINSENSE voltage drops below $V_{det(L)(VINSENSE)}$ (0.72 V typical), the converter stops switching and performs a restart.

An internal clamp of 5.2 V (typical) protects this pin from excessive voltages.

7.6 Protection input (PROTECT PIN)

Pin PROTECT is a general purpose input pin, which can be used to switch off the converter (latched protection). The converter is stopped when the voltage on this pin is pulled above $V_{\text{det(H)}(\text{PROTECT})}$ (0.8 V typical) or below $V_{\text{det(L)}(\text{PROTECT})}$ (0.5 V typical). A current of 32 μA (typical) flows out of the chip when the pin voltage is at the $V_{\text{det(L)}(\text{PROTECT})}$ level. A current of 107 μA (typical) flows into the chip when the pin voltage is at the $V_{\text{det(H)}(\text{PROTECT})}$ level.

The PROTECT input can be used to create an overvoltage detection and OTP functions.

A small capacitor can be connected to the pin if the protections on this pin are not used.

An internal clamp of 4.1 V (typical) protects this pin from excessive voltages.

7.7 Duty cycle control (CTRL pin)

The output power of the converter is regulated by the CTRL pin. This pin is connected to an internal 5.4 V supply using an internal 7 k Ω resistor.

The CTRL pin voltage sets the peak current which is measured via pin ISENSE (see [Section 7.11](#)). At low and medium output power the switching frequency is reduced (see [Section 7.13](#)). The maximum duty cycle is limited to 80 % (typical).

After 8 consecutive converter strokes at maximum duty cycle the restart protection is activated. Typically this occurs when the mains input voltage is removed.

7.8 Slope compensation (CTRL pin)

A slope compensation circuit is integrated in the IC for CCM. Slope compensation guarantees stable operation for duty cycles greater than 50 %.

7.9 Overpower timer (OPTIMER pin)

If the OPTIMER pin is connected to capacitor C4 (see [Figure 3](#)), a temporary overload situation is allowed. $V_{\text{ctrl(Ipeak)}}$ (see [Figure 1](#)) is set by pin CTRL. When $V_{\text{ctrl(Ipeak)}}$ is above 400 mV, the $I_{\text{IO}(\text{OPTIMER})}$ current (11 μA typical) is sourced from the OPTIMER pin. If the voltage on the OPTIMER pin reaches the $V_{\text{prot}(\text{OPTIMER})}$ voltage (2.5 V typical) the OverPower Protection (OPP) is triggered (see [Figure 5](#)).

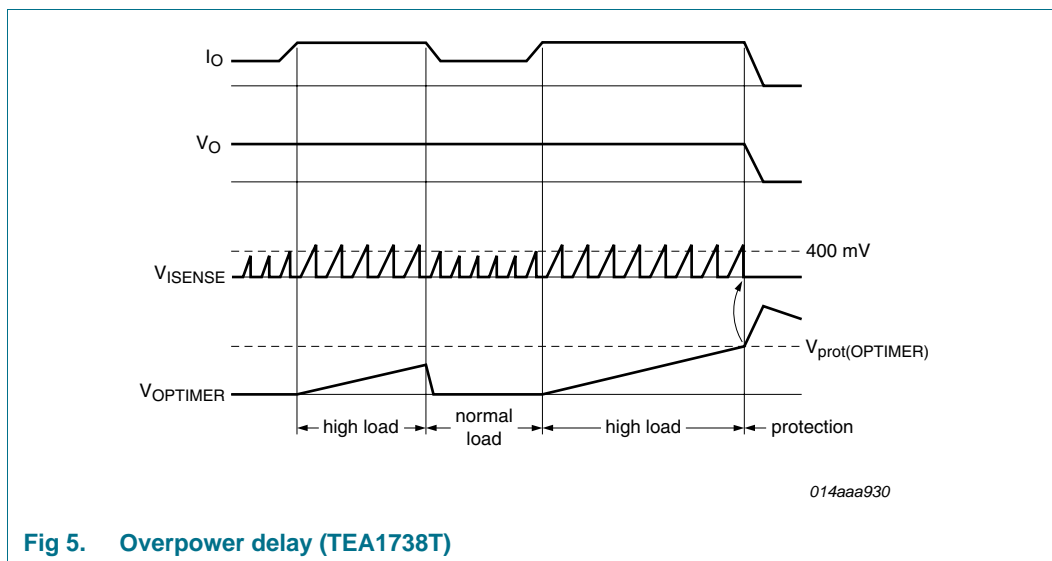


Fig 5. Overpower delay (TEA1738T)

In the TEA1738T when the $V_{\text{prot(OPTIMER)}}$ voltage is reached the device is restarted. The TEA1738LT is latched in an off state when the $V_{\text{prot(OPTIMER)}}$ voltage is reached.

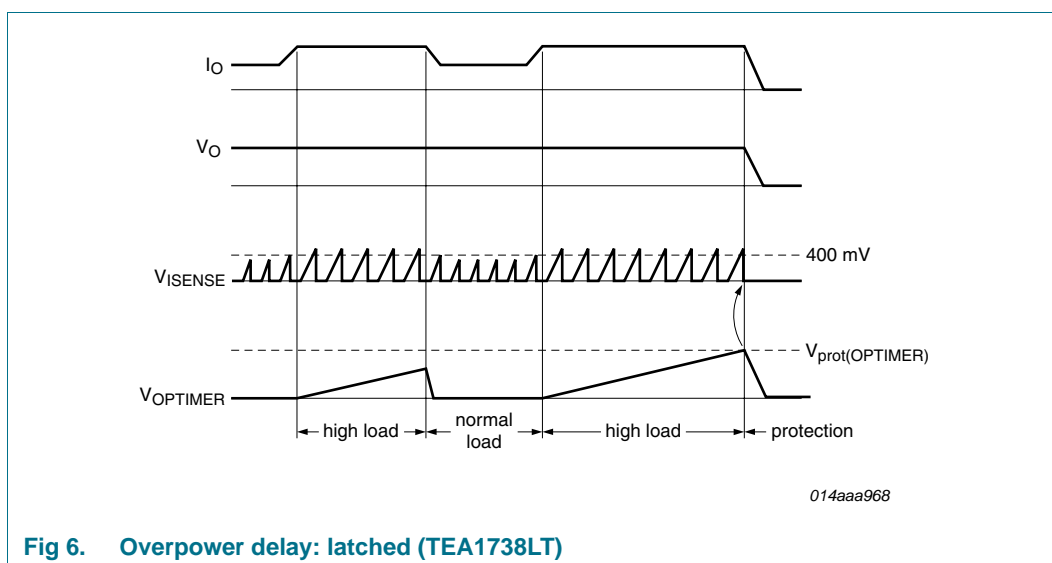


Fig 6. Overpower delay: latched (TEA1738LT)

7.10 Current mode control (ISENSE pin)

Current mode control is used for its good line regulation.

The primary current is sensed by the ISENSE pin across external resistor R9 (see [Figure 3](#)) and compared with an internal control voltage. The internal control voltage is proportional to the CTRL pin voltage (see [Figure 7](#)).

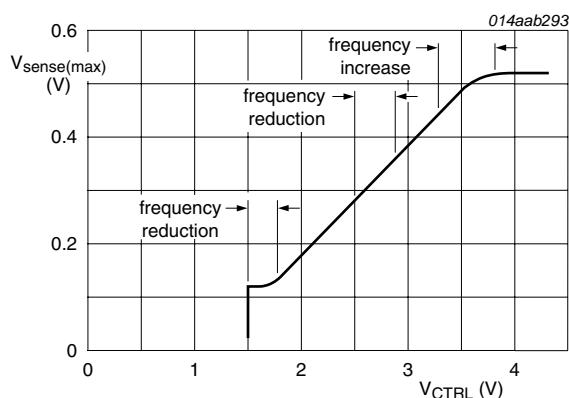


Fig 7. Peak current control

Leading edge blanking prevents false triggering due to capacitive discharge when switching on the external power switch (see [Figure 8](#)).

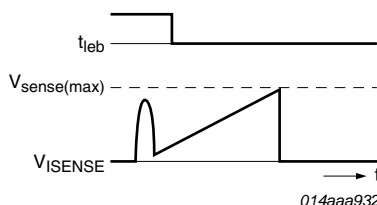


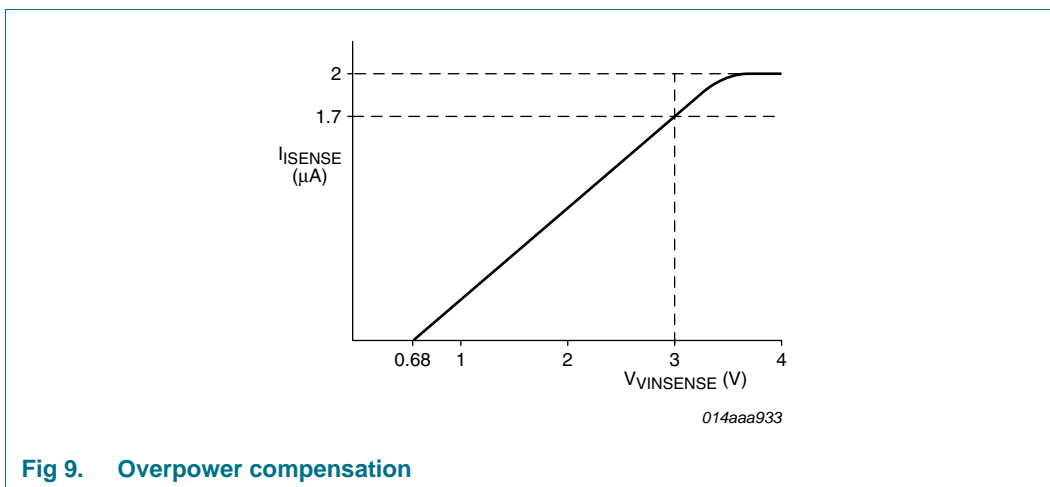
Fig 8. Leading edge blanking

7.11 Overpower or high/low line compensation (VSENSE and ISENSE pins)

The overpower compensation function can be used to realize a maximum output power which is nearly constant over the full input mains.

The overpower compensation circuit measures the input voltage on the VSENSE pin and outputs a proportionally dependent current on the ISENSE pin. The DC voltage across the soft start resistor limits the maximum peak current on the current sense resistor (see [Figure 9](#)).

At low output power levels the overpower compensation circuit is switched off.



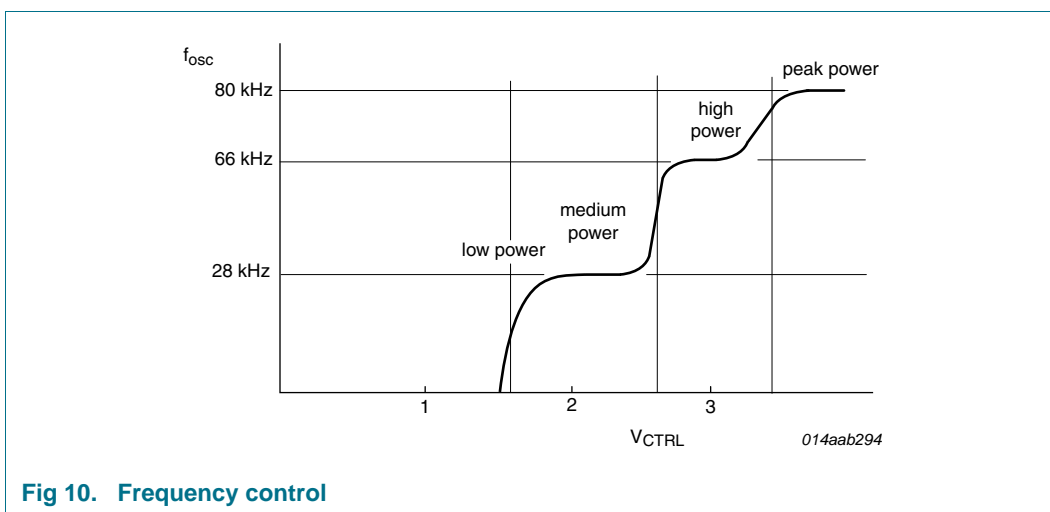
7.12 Soft start-up (ISENSE pin)

A soft start is performed to prevent audible noise during start-up or a restart condition. Before the converter (re)starts, soft start capacitor C6 (see [Figure 3](#)) on the ISENSE pin is charged. When the converter (re)starts switching, the primary peak current slowly increases as the soft start capacitor discharges through the soft start resistor (R6, see [Figure 3](#)).

The soft start time constant is set by the soft start capacitor value chosen. The soft start resistor value must also be taken into account, but this value is typically defined by the overpower compensation (see [Section 7.11](#)).

7.13 Peak power, medium power and low power operation

The switching frequency is increased for peak power operation. In medium power operation the switching losses are reduced by lowering the switching frequency. A second frequency reduction step is made when the output power is reduced to low power. In low power operation the converter switching frequency is reduced while the peak current is set to 25 % of the maximum peak current (see [Figure 7](#) and [Figure 10](#)).



7.14 Driver (pin DRIVER)

The driver circuit to the gate of the power MOSFET has a current sourcing capability of typically 300 mA and a current sink capability of typically 750 mA. This allows for a fast turn-on and turn-off of the power MOSFET for efficient operation.

7.15 OverTemperature Protection (OTP)

Integrated temperature protection ensures the IC stops switching if the junction temperature exceeds the thermal shutdown temperature limit.

OTP is a latched protection. It can be reset by removing the voltage on pin VCC.

8. Limiting values

Table 3. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
Voltages					
V _{CC}	supply voltage	continuous	-0.4	+30	V
		t < 100 ms	-	35	V
V _{VINSENSE}	voltage on pin VINSENSE	current limited	-0.4	+5.5	V
V _{PROTECT}	voltage on pin PROTECT	current limited	-0.4	+5	V
V _{CTRL}	voltage on pin CTRL		-0.4	+5.5	V
V _{IO(OPTIMER)}	input/output voltage on pin OPTIMER		-0.4	+5	V
V _{ISENSE}	voltage on pin ISENSE	current limited	-0.4	+5	V
Currents					
I _{CC}	supply current	δ < 10 %	-	0.4	A
I _{I(VINSENSE)}	input current on pin VINSENSE		-1	+1	mA
I _{I(PROTECT)}	input current on pin PROTECT		-1	+1	mA
I _{CTRL}	current on pin CTRL		-3	0	mA
I _{ISENSE}	current on pin ISENSE		-10	+1	mA
I _{DRIVER}	current on pin DRIVER	δ < 10 %	-0.4	+1	A
General					
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{amb} < 75 °C	-	0.5	W
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-55	+150	°C
T _j	junction temperature		-40	+150	°C

Table 3. Limiting values ...continued

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
ESD					
V _{ESD}	electrostatic discharge voltage	class 1			
		human body model	[1] -	4000	V
		machine model	[2] -	300	V
		charged device model	-	750	V

[1] Equivalent to discharging a 100 pF capacitor through a 1.5 kΩ series resistor.

[2] Equivalent to discharging a 200 pF capacitor through a 0.75 μH coil and a 10 Ω resistor.

9. Thermal characteristics

Table 4. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typ	Unit
R _{th(j-a)}	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	in free air; JEDEC test board	150	K/W
R _{th(j-c)}	thermal resistance from junction to case	in free air; JEDEC test board	79	K/W

10. Characteristics

Table 5. Characteristics

$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$; $V_{CC} = 20\text{ V}$; all voltages are measured with respect to ground (pin 2); currents are positive when flowing into the IC; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply voltage management (pin VCC)						
V _{startup}	start-up voltage		18.6	20.6	22.6	V
V _{th(UVLO)}	undervoltage lockout threshold voltage		11.2	12.2	13.2	V
V _{th(ovp)}	overvoltage protection threshold voltage		29	30	31	V
N _{cy(ovp)}	number of overvoltage protection cycles		7	-	8	
V _{clamp(VCC)}	clamp voltage on pin VCC	activated during restart; I _{CC} = 100 μA	-	V _{startup} + 1	-	V
		activated during latched protection; I _{CC} = 100 μA	-	V _{rst(latch)} + 1	-	V
		activated during latched protection; I _{CC} = 500 μA	-	-	V _{rst(latch)} + 4	V
I _{clamp(VCC)}	clamp current on pin VCC	activated during restart; V _{CC} = 25 V	730	-	-	μA
V _{hys}	hysteresis voltage	V _{startup} - V _{th(UVLO)}	7.5	9	10.5	V
I _{CC(startup)}	start-up supply current	V _{CC} < V _{startup}	5	10	15	μA

Table 5. Characteristics ...continued

$T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; $V_{CC} = 20\text{ V}$; all voltages are measured with respect to ground (pin 2); currents are positive when flowing into the IC; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
I _{CC(oper)}	operating supply current	no load on pin DRIVER; δ = 2 %	-	0.55	-	mA
		no load on pin DRIVER; δ = 25 %	-	0.59	-	mA
V _{rst(latch)}	latched reset voltage		4	5	6	V
Input voltage sensing (pin VINSENSE)						
V _{start(VINSENSE)}	start voltage on pin VINSENSE	detection level	0.89	0.94	0.99	V
V _{det(L)(VINSENSE)}	LOW-level detection voltage on pin VINSENSE		0.68	0.72	0.76	V
I _{O(VINSENSE)}	output current on pin VINSENSE		-	−9	-	nA
V _{clamp(VINSENSE)}	clamp voltage on pin VINSENSE	I _{I(VINSENSE)} = 50 μA	-	5.2	-	V
Protection input (pin PROTECT)						
V _{det(L)(PROTECT)}	LOW-level detection voltage on pin PROTECT		0.47	0.50	0.53	V
V _{det(H)(PROTECT)}	HIGH-level detection voltage on pin PROTECT		0.75	0.8	0.85	V
I _{O(PROTECT)}	output current on pin PROTECT	V _{PROTECT} = V _{low(PROTECT)}	−34	−32	−30	μA
		V _{PROTECT} = V _{high(PROTECT})	87	107	127	μA
V _{clamp(PROTECT)}	clamp voltage on pin PROTECT	I _{I(PROTECT)} = 200 μA	[1] 3.5	4.1	4.7	V
Peak current control (pin CTRL)						
V _{CTRL}	voltage on pin CTRL	for minimum flyback peak current	1.5	1.8	2.1	V
		for maximum flyback peak current	3.4	3.9	4.3	V
R _{int(CTRL)}	internal resistance on pin CTRL		5	7	9	kΩ
I _{O(CTRL)}	output current on pin CTRL	V _{CTRL} = 1.4 V	−0.7	−0.5	−0.3	mA
		V _{CTRL} = 3.7 V	−0.28	−0.2	−0.12	mA
Pulse width modulator						
f _{osc}	oscillator frequency	peak power	-	78	-	kHz
		high power	-	63	-	kHz
		medium power	-	26.5	-	kHz
f _{mod}	modulation frequency		210	280	350	Hz
Δf _{mod}	modulation frequency variation	high power	± 3	± 4	± 5	kHz
δ _{max}	maximum duty cycle		-	80	-	%

Table 5. Characteristics ...continued

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
N _{cy(sw)δmax}	Number of switching cycles with maximum duty cycle		7	-	8	
V _{start(red)f}	frequency reduction start voltage	pin CTRL transfer between high and medium power	-	2.7	-	V
		pin CTRL going to low power	1.5	1.8	2.1	V
V _{δ(zero)}	zero duty cycle voltage	pin CTRL	1.25	1.55	1.85	V
Overpower protection (pin OPTIMER)						
V _{prot(OPTIMER)}	protection voltage on pin OPTIMER		2.4	2.5	2.6	V
I _{prot(OPTIMER)}	protection current on pin OPTIMER	no overpower situation	100	150	200	μA
		overpower situation	−12.2	−10.7	−9.2	μA
Restart timer (pin OPTIMER)						
V _{restart(OPTIMER)}	restart voltage on pin OPTIMER	low level	0.8	1.2	1.6	V
		high level	4.1	4.5	4.9	V
I _{restart(OPTIMER)}	restart current on pin OPTIMER	charging OPTIMER capacitor	−127	−107	−87	μA
		discharging OPTIMER capacitor	−0.1	0	0.1	μA
Current sense (pin ISENSE)						
V _{sense(max)}	maximum sense voltage	ΔV/Δt = 50 mV/μs; V _{VINSENSE} = 0.78 V	0.48	0.51	0.54	V
		ΔV/Δt = 200 mV/μs; V _{VINSENSE} = 0.78 V	0.50	0.53	0.56	V
V _{th(sense)opp}	overpower protection sense threshold voltage		370	400	430	mV
ΔV _{ISENSE} /Δt	slope compensation voltage on pin ISENSE	ΔV/Δt = 50 mV/μs, high power mode	-	19	-	mV/μs
t _{leb}	leading edge blanking time		250	300	350	ns
Overpower compensation (pin VINSENSE and pin ISENSE)						
I _{opc(ISENSE)}	overpower compensation current on pin ISENSE	V _{VINSENSE} = 1 V; V _{sense(max)} > 400 mV	-	0.28	-	μA
		V _{VINSENSE} =3 V; V _{sense(max)} > 400 mV	-	1.7	-	μA
Soft start (pin ISENSE)						
I _{start(soft)}	soft start current		−63	−55	−47	μA
V _{start(soft)}	soft start voltage	V _{CTRL} = 4 V; enable voltage	-	V _{sense(max)}	-	V
R _{start(soft)}	soft start resistance		12	-	-	kΩ
Driver (pin DRIVER)						

Table 5. Characteristics ...continued

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$I_{source(DRIVER)}$	source current on pin DRIVER	$V_{DRIVER} = 2\text{ V}$	-	-0.3	-0.25	A
$I_{sink(DRIVER)}$	sink current on pin DRIVER	$V_{DRIVER} = 2\text{ V}$	0.25	0.3	-	A
		$V_{DRIVER} = 10\text{ V}$	0.6	0.75	-	A
$V_{O(DRIVER)max}$	maximum output voltage on pin DRIVER		9	10.5	12	V
Temperature protection						
$T_{pl(IC)}$	IC protection level temperature		130	140	150	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

[1] The clamp voltage on the PROTECT pin is lowered when the IC is in Power-down mode (latched or restart protection).

11. Application information

A power supply with the TEA1738(L) is a flyback converter operating in Continuous conduction mode (see [Figure 11](#)).

Capacitor C5 buffers the IC supply voltage, which is powered via resistor R3 at start-up and via the auxiliary winding during normal operation. Sense resistor R9 converts the current through the MOSFET S1 into a voltage on pin ISENSE. The value of resistor R9 defines the maximum primary peak current in MOSFET S1. Resistor R7 reduces the peak current to capacitor C5.

In the example shown in [Figure 11](#), the PROTECT pin is used for OTP. The OTP level is set by Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) resistor R4. If an (additional) external OVP is required, a Zener diode can be connected between the VCC pin and the PROTECT pin.

The VINSENSE pin is used for mains voltage detection and resistors R1 and R2 set the start voltage to about 80 V (AC).

The overpower protection time, defined by capacitor C4, is set to 60 ms.

The restart time is defined by capacitor C4 and resistor R8 at 0.5 s.

Resistor R6 and capacitor C6 define the soft start time. Resistor R5 prevents the soft start capacitor C6 from being charged during normal operation due to negative voltage spikes across the current sense resistor R9.

Capacitor C3 reduces the noise on the CTRL pin. Resistor R7 reduces the peak current to capacitor C5.

Resistor R10 is required to limit the current spikes to the DRIVER pin due to parasitic inductance of the current sense resistor R9.

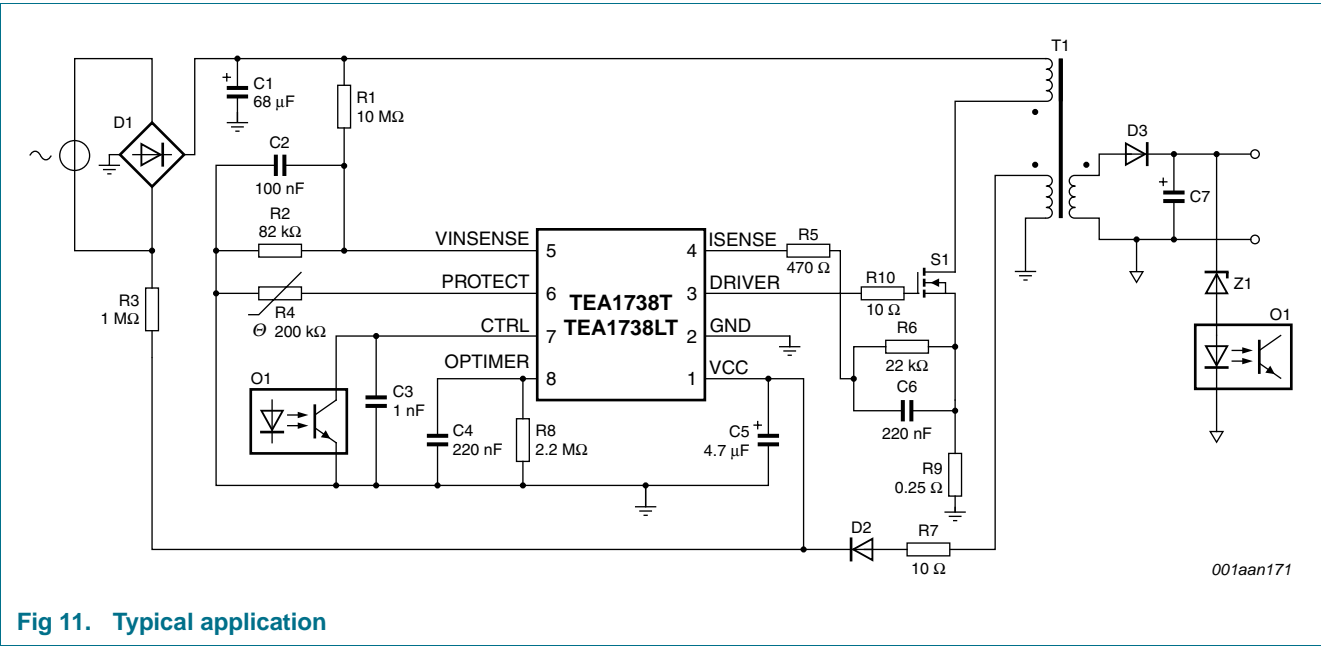


Fig 11. Typical application

12. Package outline

SO8: plastic small outline package; 8 leads; body width 3.9 mm

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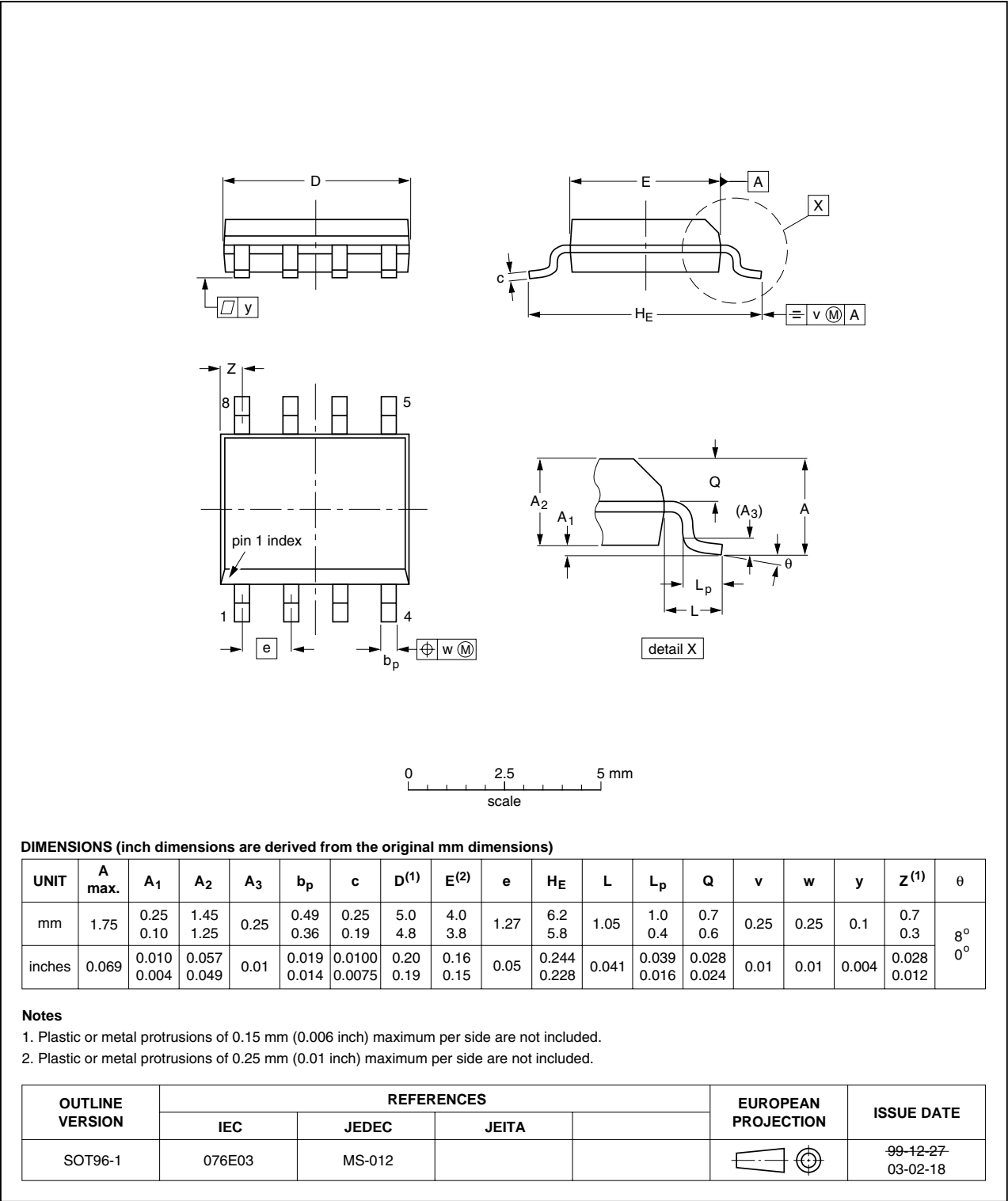


Fig 12. Package outline SOT96-1 (SO8)

13. Revision history

Table 6. Revision history

Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes
TEA1738T_TEA1738LT v.2	20110114	Product data sheet	-	TEA1738T_TEA1738LT v.1
TEA1738T_TEA1738LT v.1	20101231	Preliminary data sheet	-	-

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14.1 Data sheet status

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