



## 4:1 Intermediate Bus Converter Module: Up to 500W Output



Size:  
2.30 x 0.9 x 0.38in  
58.4 x 22.9 x 9.5mm

### Typical Applications

- Enterprise networks
- Optical access networks
- Storage networks
- Automated test equipment

### Features & Benefits

- Input: 36 – 60V<sub>DC</sub>  
(38 – 55V<sub>DC</sub> for IB048x)
- Output: 12.0V<sub>DC</sub> at 48V<sub>IN</sub>
- Output current up to 40A
- Output power: up to 500W \*
- 2250V<sub>DC</sub> isolation  
(1500V<sub>DC</sub> isolation for IB048x)
- 97.8% peak efficiency
- Low profile: 0.38" height above board
- Industry standard 1/8 Brick pinout
- Sine Amplitude Converter™ (SAC™)
- Low noise 1MHz ZVS/ZCS

\* For lower power applications, see 300W model IB0xxE120T32xx-xx

### Product Description

The Intermediate Bus Converter (IBC) Module is a very efficient, low profile, isolated, fixed ratio converter for power system applications in enterprise and optical access networks.

Rated at up to 360W from 36 to 60V<sub>IN</sub> and up to 500W from 50 to 55V<sub>IN</sub>, the IBC conforms to an industry standard eighth-brick footprint. Its leading efficiency enables full load operation at 55°C with only 200LFM airflow. Its small cross section facilitates unimpeded airflow — above and below its thin body — to minimize the temperature rise of downstream components.

### Part Ordering Information

Product Function		Input Voltage			Package	Output Voltage (Nom.) x 10			Temperature Grade	Output Current		Enable Logic	Pin Length		Options		
I	B	0	x	x	E	1	2	0	T	4	0	x	x	-	x	x	
IB = Intermediate Bus Converter					E = Eighth Brick Format					T = -40°C ≤ T <sub>OPERATING</sub> ≤ +100°C -40°C ≤ T <sub>STORAGE</sub> ≤ +125°C					N = Negative P = Positive		
048 = 38 – 55V <sub>DC</sub> 050 = 36 – 60V <sub>DC</sub> 054 = 36 – 60V <sub>DC</sub> *					120 = (V <sub>OUT</sub> nominal @ V <sub>IN</sub> = 48V <sub>DC</sub> x 10 (4:1 transfer ratio)					40 = Max Rated Output Current					1 = 0.145" 2 = 0.210" 3 = 0.180"		
* Operating transient to 75V <sub>DC</sub>																	

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

The absolute maximum ratings below are stress ratings only. Operation at or beyond these maximum ratings can cause permanent damage to the device.

Parameter	Comments	Min	Max	Unit
Input voltage (+IN to -IN)	See Input Range Specific Characteristics for details	-0.5	75	V <sub>DC</sub>
Input voltage slew rate			5	V / $\mu$ s
EN to -IN		-0.5	20	V <sub>DC</sub>
Output voltage (+OUT to -OUT)	See OVP setpoint max	-0.5	(see note)	V <sub>DC</sub>
Output current	P <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ 500W		40	A
Dielectric withstand (input to output)	1min	2250 1500 for IB048x		V <sub>DC</sub>
Temperature				
Operating junction	Hottest semiconductor	-40	125	°C
Storage		-55	125	

## Electrical Specifications

Specifications valid at 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 100% rated load and 25°C ambient, unless otherwise indicated.

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Input Range Specific Characteristics</b>						
<b>Part Number IB048E120T40xx-xx</b>						
Operating input voltage			38	48	55	V <sub>DC</sub>
Non-operating input surge withstand		< 100ms			75	V <sub>DC</sub>
Operating input dV / dt			0.003		5	V / $\mu$ s
Undervoltage protection						
Turn-on			33		38	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-off			31		36	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-on / turn-off hysteresis			2			V <sub>DC</sub>
Time constant					7	$\mu$ s
Undervoltage blanking time		UV blanking time is enabled after start up	50	100	200	$\mu$ s
Overvoltage protection						
Turn-off			60		64	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-on			55		64	V <sub>DC</sub>
Time constant					4	$\mu$ s
Peak short circuit input current					30	A
DC output voltage band		No load, over V <sub>IN</sub> range	9.5	12.0	13.75	V <sub>DC</sub>
Output OVP set point		Module will shut down	15		16	V <sub>DC</sub>
Dielectric withstand		Input to output; 1min	1500			V <sub>DC</sub>
Insulation resistance		Input to output		30		M $\Omega$

## Electrical Specifications (Cont.)

Specifications valid at 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 100% rated load and 25°C ambient, unless otherwise indicated.

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Input Range Specific Characteristics</b>						
<b>Part Number IB050E120T40xx-xx</b>						
Operating input voltage			36	48	60	V <sub>DC</sub>
Non-operating input surge withstand		< 100ms			75	V <sub>DC</sub>
Operating input dV / dt			0.003		5	V / $\mu$ s
Undervoltage protection						
Turn-on			31		36	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-off			29		34	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-on / turn-off hysteresis			2			V <sub>DC</sub>
Time constant					7	$\mu$ s
Undervoltage blanking time		UV blanking time is enabled after start up	50	100	200	$\mu$ s
Overvoltage protection						
Turn-off			65		69	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-on			60		69	V <sub>DC</sub>
Time constant					4	$\mu$ s
Peak short circuit input current					40	A
DC output voltage band		No load, over V <sub>IN</sub> range	9	12	15	V <sub>DC</sub>
Output OVP set point		Module will shut down	16.2		17.2	V <sub>DC</sub>
Dielectric withstand		Input to output; 1min	2250			V <sub>DC</sub>
Insulation resistance		Input to output			30	M $\Omega$

## Electrical Specifications (Cont.)

Specifications valid at 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 100% rated load and 25°C ambient, unless otherwise indicated.

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Input Range Specific Characteristics</b>						
<b>Part Number IB054E120T40xx-xx</b>						
Operating input voltage			36	48	60	V <sub>DC</sub>
Non-operating input surge withstand		< 100ms			75	V <sub>DC</sub>
Operating input dV / dt			0.003		5	V / $\mu$ s
Undervoltage protection						
Turn-on			31		36	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-off			29		34	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-on / turn-off hysteresis			2			V <sub>DC</sub>
Time constant					7	$\mu$ s
Undervoltage blanking time		UV blanking time is enabled after start up	50	100	200	$\mu$ s
Overvoltage protection						
Turn-off			76		79.5	V <sub>DC</sub>
Turn-on			75		78	V <sub>DC</sub>
Time constant					4	$\mu$ s
Peak short circuit input current					30	A
DC output voltage band		No load, over V <sub>IN</sub> range	9	12	15	V <sub>DC</sub>
Output OVP set point		Module will shut down	19		19.8	V <sub>DC</sub>
Dielectric withstand		Input to output; 1min	2250			V <sub>DC</sub>
Insulation resistance		Input to output		30		M $\Omega$

## Electrical Specifications (Cont.)

Specifications valid at 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 100% rated load and 25°C ambient, unless otherwise indicated.

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Common Input Specifications</b>						
Turn ON delay						
Start-up inhibit		V <sub>IN</sub> reaching turn-on voltage to enable function operational, see Figure 6	20	25	30	ms
Turn-on delay		Enable to 10% V <sub>OUT</sub> ; pre-applied V <sub>IN</sub> , 0 load capacitance, see Figure 7			50	μs
Output voltage rise time		From 10% to 90% V <sub>OUT</sub> , 10% load, 0 load capacitance. See Figure 8			50	μs
Restart turn-on delay		See page 14 for restart after EN pin disable			250	ms
No load power dissipation						
Enabled				3.0	3.9	W
Disabled				0.17	0.24	W
Input current		Low line, full load			10.1	A
Inrush current overshoot		Using test circuit in Figure 21, 15% load, high line			18	A
Input reflected ripple current		At max power; Using test circuit in Figure 22; see Figure 5			400	mArms
Repetitive short circuit peak current					25	A
Internal input capacitance				8.8		μF
Internal input inductance				5		nH
Recommended external input capacitance		200nH maximum source inductance	47		470	μF

## Electrical Specifications (Cont.)

Specifications valid at 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 100% rated load and 25°C ambient, unless otherwise indicated.

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Common Output Specifications</b>						
Output power *			0		500	W
Output current		P ≤ 500W			40	A
Output start up load		of I <sub>OUT</sub> max, maximum output capacitance			15	%
Effective output resistance				4.8		mΩ
Line regulation (K factor)		V <sub>OUT</sub> = K • V <sub>IN</sub> @ no load	0.247	0.250	0.253	
Current share accuracy		Full power operation; See Parallel Operation on page 15; up to 3 units			10	%
Efficiency						
50% load		See Figure 1	97.4	97.8		%
Full load		See Figure 1	97.0	97.4		%
Internal output inductance				1.6		nH
Internal output capacitance				55		μF
Load capacitance			0		3000	μF
Output voltage ripple		20MHz bandwidth (Figure 16), using test circuit in Figure 23		60	150	mVp-p
Output overload protection threshold		Of I <sub>OUT</sub> max, will not shut down when started into max C <sub>OUT</sub> and 15% load. Auto restart with duty cycle < 10%	105		150	%
Overcurrent protection time constant					1.2	ms
Short circuit current response time					1.5	μs
Switching frequency				1.0		MHz
Dynamic response – load		Load change: ±25% of I <sub>OUT</sub> max, Slew rate (dI/dt) = 1A/μs See Figures 11–14				
V <sub>OUT</sub> overshoot / undershoot					100	mV
V <sub>OUT</sub> response time				1		μs
Dynamic response – line		Line step of 5V in 1μs, within V <sub>IN</sub> operating range. (C <sub>IN</sub> = 500μF, C <sub>O</sub> = 350μF) (Figure 15 illustrates similar converter response when subjected to a more severe line transient.)				
V <sub>OUT</sub> overshoot					1.25	V
Pre-bias voltage		Unit will start up into a pre-bias voltage on the output	0		15	V <sub>DC</sub>

\* Does not exceed IPC-9592 derating guidelines. At 70°C ambient, full power operation may exceed IPC-9592 guidelines, but does not exceed component ratings, does not activate OTP and does not compromise reliability.

## Electrical Specifications (Cont.)

Specifications valid at 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 100% rated load and 25°C ambient, unless otherwise indicated.

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Control &amp; Interface Specifications</b>						
Enable (negative logic)		Referenced to -IN				
Module enable threshold			0.8			V <sub>DC</sub>
Module enable current		V <sub>EN</sub> = 0.8V		130	200	μA
Module disable threshold					2.4	V <sub>DC</sub>
Module disable current		V <sub>EN</sub> = 2.4V			130	μA
Disable hysteresis				500		mV
Enable pin open circuit voltage				2.5	3.0	V <sub>DC</sub>
EN to -IN resistance		Open circuit, 10V applied between EN and -IN		35		kΩ
Enable (positive logic)		Referenced to -IN				
Module enable threshold			2.0	2.5	3.0	V <sub>DC</sub>
Module disable threshold					1.45	V <sub>DC</sub>
EN source current (operating)		V <sub>EN</sub> = 5V			2	mA
EN voltage (operating)			4.7	5	5.3	V <sub>DC</sub>

## General Characteristics

- Conditions: T<sub>CASE</sub> = 25°C, 75% rated load and specified input voltage range unless otherwise specified.

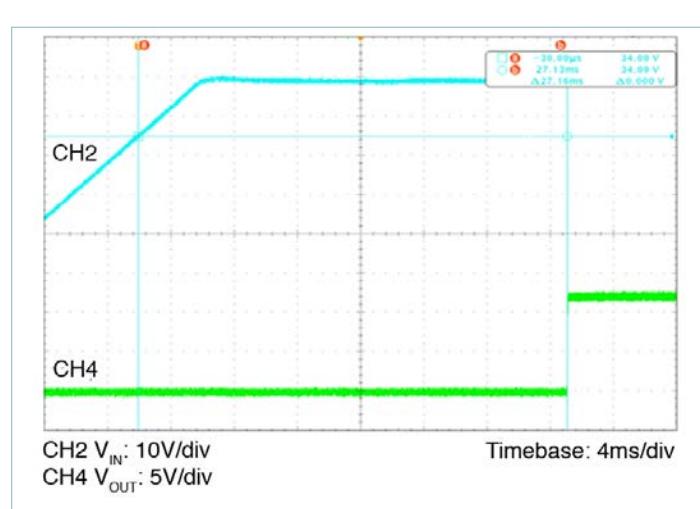
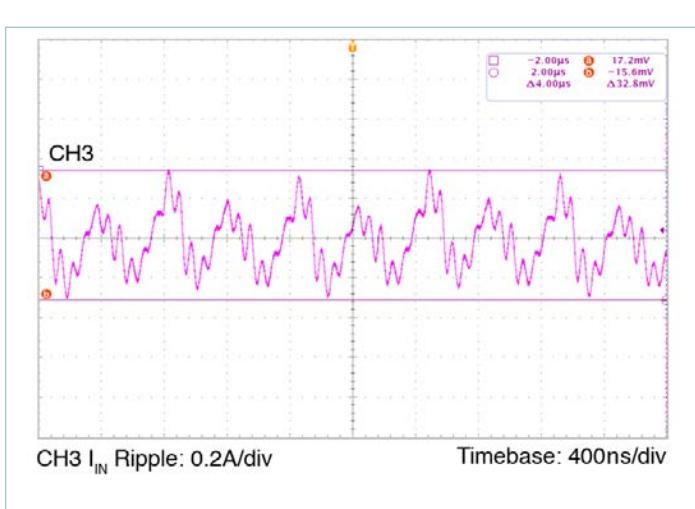
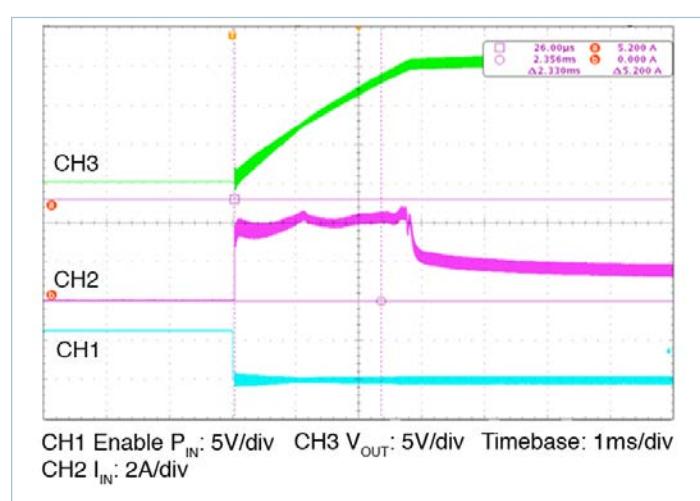
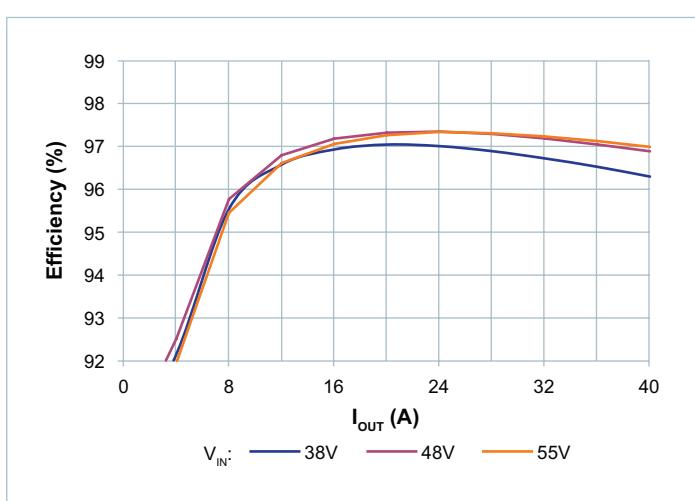
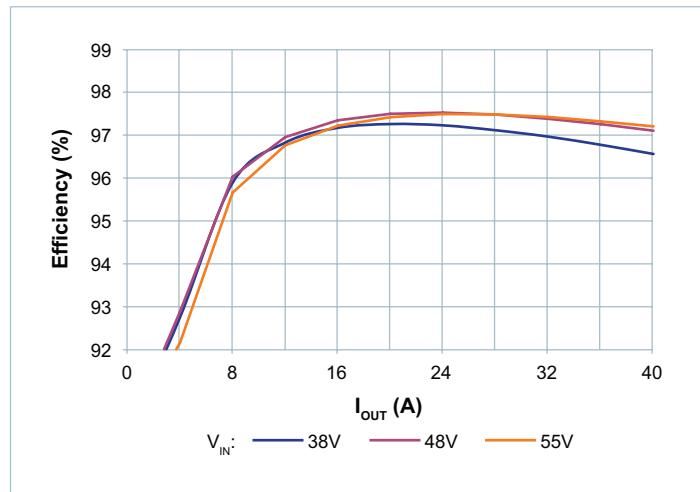
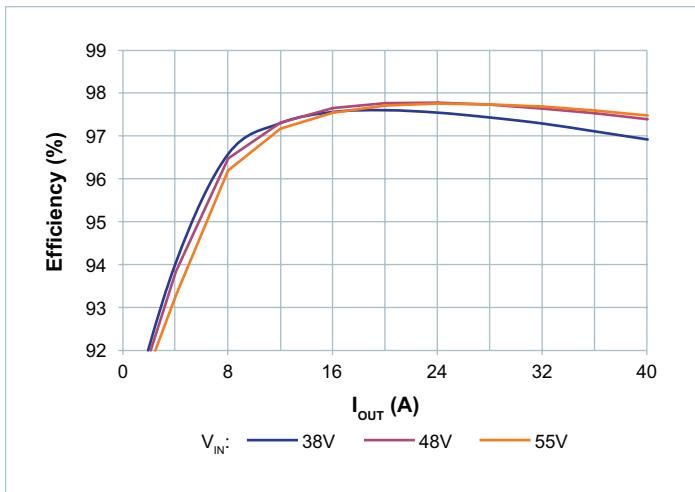
Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
MTBF		Calculated per Telcordia SR-332, 40°C	1.0			Mhrs
Service life		Calculated at 30°C	7			Years
Overtemperature shut down		T <sub>J</sub> ; Converter will reset when overtemperature condition is removed	125	130	135	°C
Mechanical						
Weight				0.71 / 20.3		oz / g
Length				2.30 / 58.4		in / mm
Width				0.9 / 22.9		in / mm
Height above customer board				0.39 / 9.9		in / mm
Pin solderability		Storage life for normal solderability			1	Years
Moisture sensitivity level	MSL	Not applicable, for wave soldering only	N/A			
Clearance to customer board		From lowest component on IBC		0.12 / 3.1		in / mm
Altitude, operating		Derate operating temp 1°C per 1000 feet above sea level	-500		10000	Feet
Relative humidity, operating		Non condensing	10		90	%
RoHS compliance		Compatible with RoHS directive 2002/95/EC				
Agency approvals		UL/CSA 60950-1				cURus
		UL/CSA 60950-1, EN60950-1				cTUVus
		Low voltage directive (2006/95/EC)				CE

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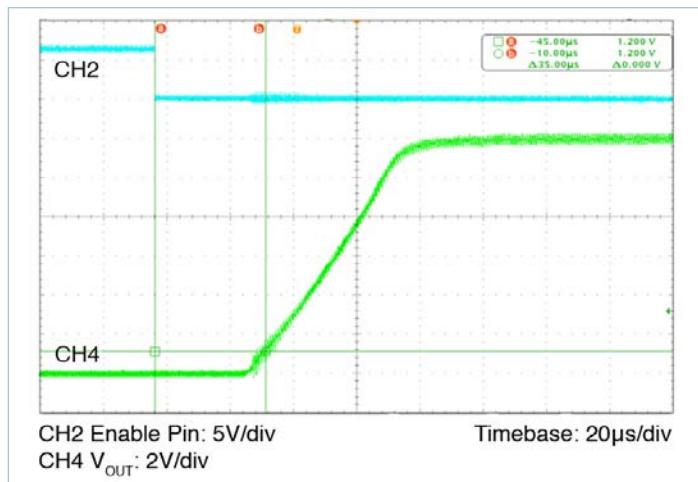
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Environmental Qualification		
• IPC-9592A, based on Class II Category 2 the following detail is applicable.		
Test Description	Test Detail	Min. Quantity Tested
5.2.3 HALT (Highly Accelerated Life Testing)	Low temp	3
	High temp	3
	Rapid thermal cycling	3
	6 DOF random vibration test	3
	Input voltage test	3
	Output load test	3
	Combined stresses test	3
5.2.4 THB (Temperature Humidity Bias)	(72hr presoak required) 1000hrs – continuous bias	30
5.2.5 HTOB (High Temperature Operating Bias)	Power cycle – On 42 minutes Off 1 minute, On 1 minute, Off 10 minutes. Alternating between maximum and minimum operating voltage every hour.	30
5.2.6 TC (Temperature Cycling)	700 cycles, 30 minute dwell at each extreme – 20C minimum ramp rate	30
5.2.7 PTC (Power & Temperature Cycling)	Reference IPC-9592A	3
5.2.8 – 5.2.13 Shock and Vibration	Random Vibration – Operating IEC 60068-2-64 (normal operation vibration)	3
	Random Vibration Non-operating (transportation) IEC 60068-2-64	3
	Shock Operating - normal operation shock IEC 60068-2-27	3
	Free fall - IEC 60068-2-32	3
	Drop Test 1 full shipping container (box)	1
5.2.14 Other Environmental Tests	5.2.14.1 Corrosion Resistance – Not required	N/A
	5.2.14.2 Dust Resistance – Unpotted class II GR-1274-CORE	3
	5.2.14.3 SMT Attachment Reliability IPC-9701 - J-STD-002	N/A
	5.2.14.4 Through Hole solderability – J-STD-002	5
ESD Classification Testing	HBM testing – JESD22-A114D	3
Total Quantity (estimated)		<b>138</b>

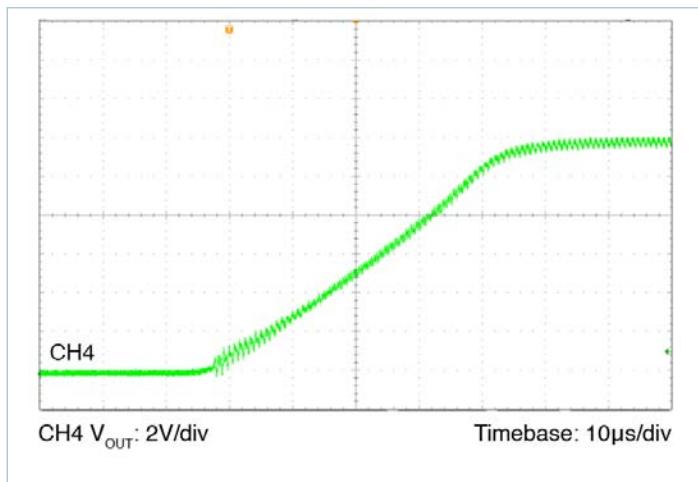
## Application Characteristics: Waveforms



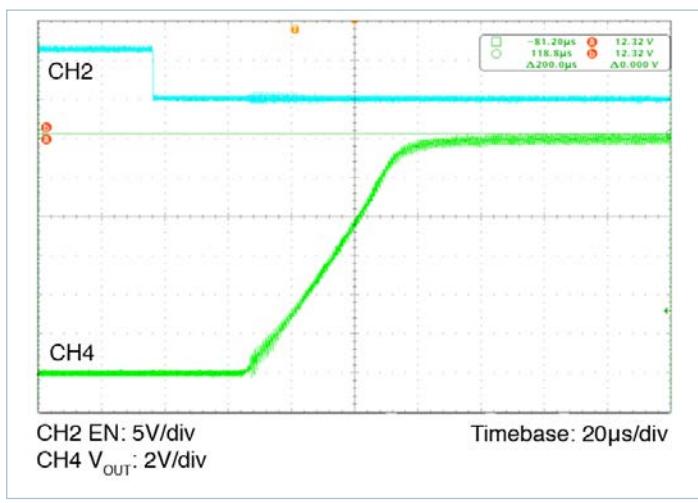
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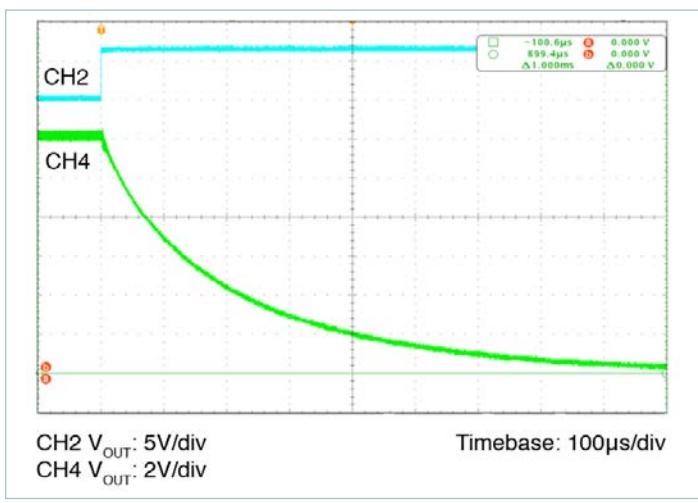
**Figure 7** — Turn on delay time; enable turn on delay at nominal line, 15% load



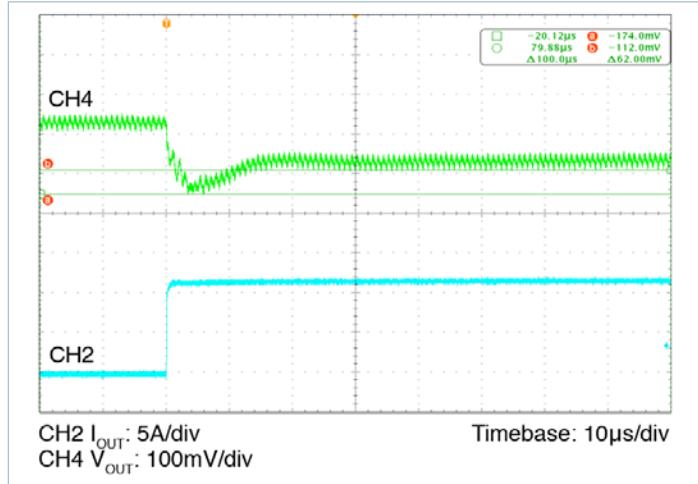
**Figure 8** — Output voltage rise time at nominal line, 10% load



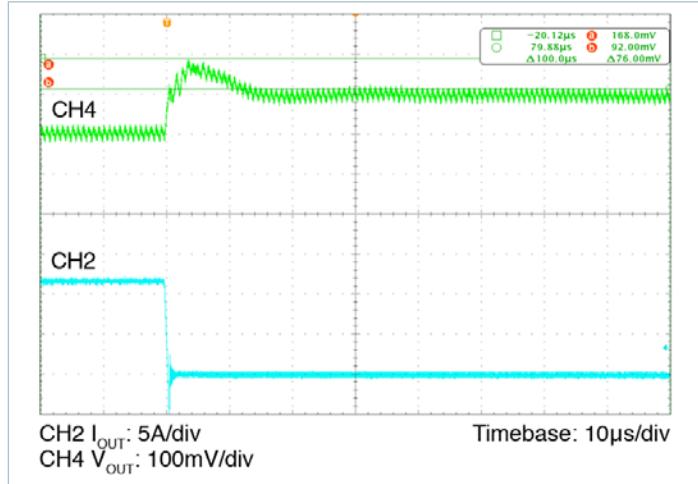
**Figure 9** — Overshoot at turn on at nominal line, 15% load



**Figure 10** — Undershoot at turn off at nominal line, 10% load

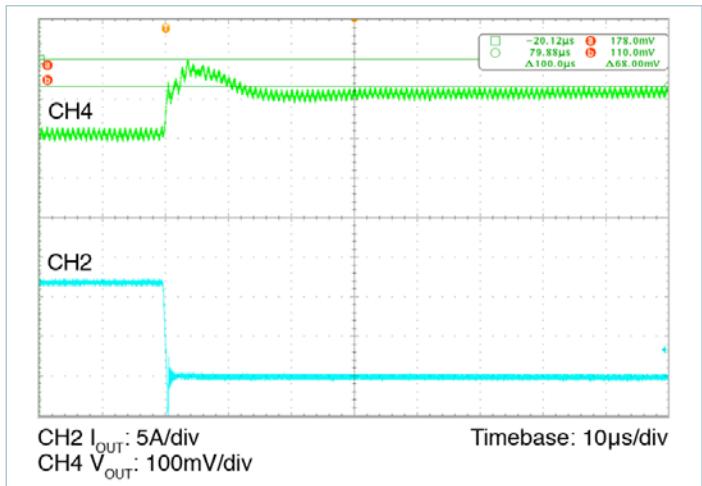


**Figure 11** — Load transient response; nominal line  
Load step 75–100%

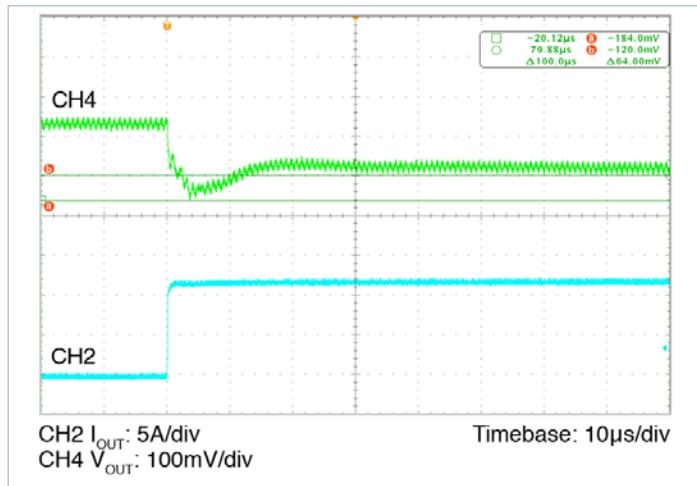


**Figure 12** — Load transient response; full load to 75%;  
nominal line

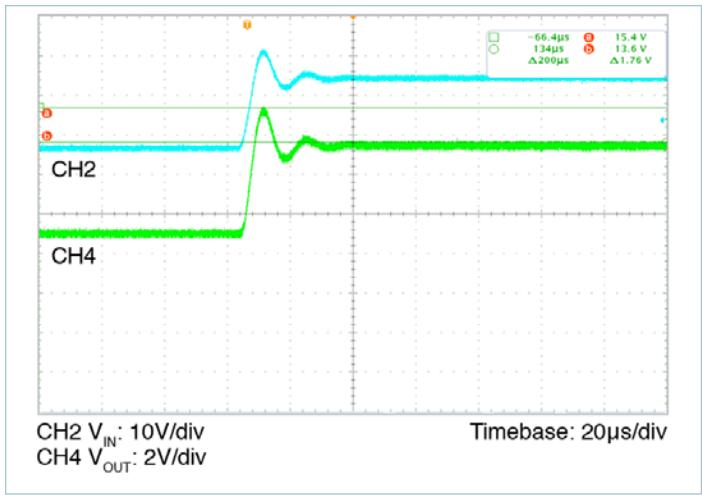
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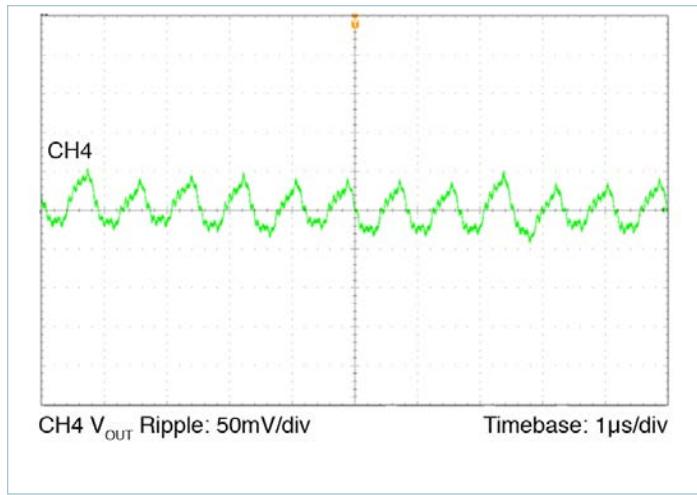
**Figure 13** — Load transient response, nominal line  
Load step 0–25%; 5A/div



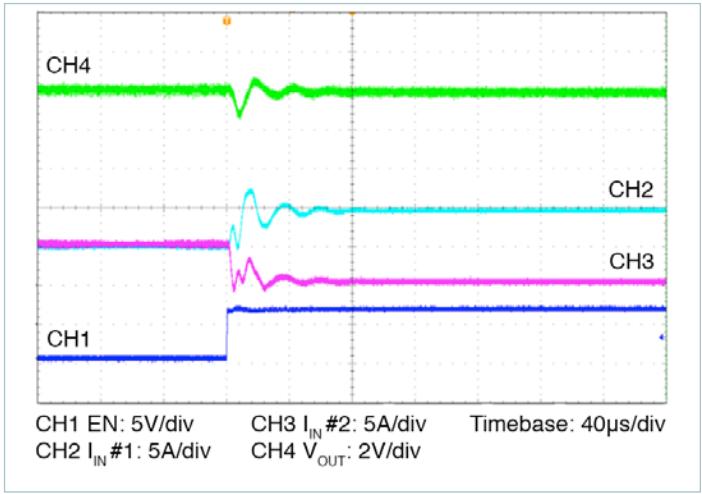
**Figure 14** — Load transient response; nominal line  
Load step 25–0%



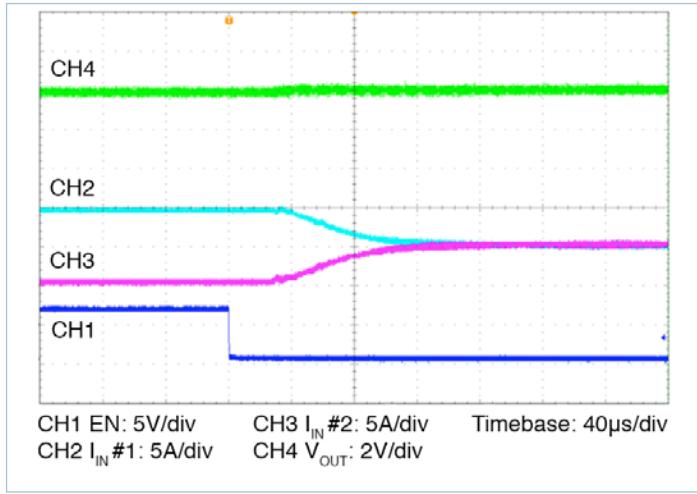
**Figure 15** — Input transient response;  
 $V_{IN}$  step low line to high line at full load



**Figure 16** — Output ripple; nominal line, full load

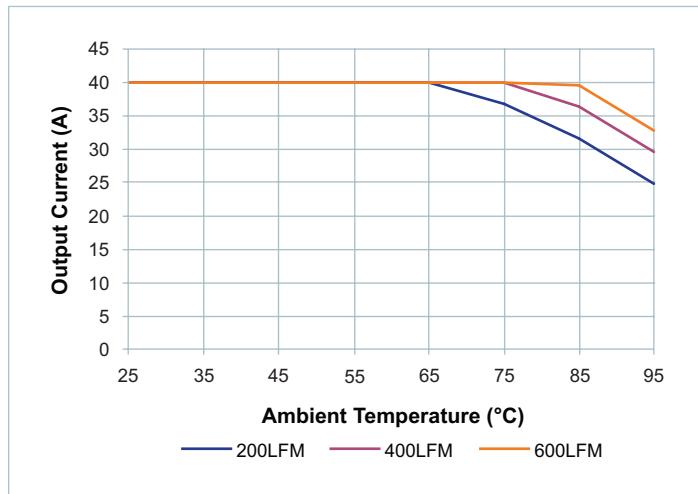


**Figure 17** — Two modules parallel array test.  $V_{OUT}$  and  $I_{IN}$  change when one module is disabled. Nominal  $V_{IN}$ ,  $I_{OUT}$  = 40A

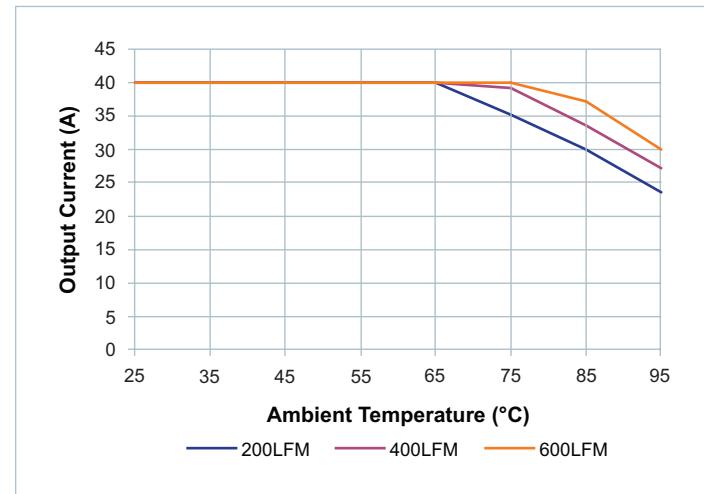


**Figure 18** — Two modules parallel array test.  $V_{OUT}$  and  $I_{IN}$  change when one module is enabled. Nominal  $V_{IN}$ ,  $I_{OUT}$  = 40A

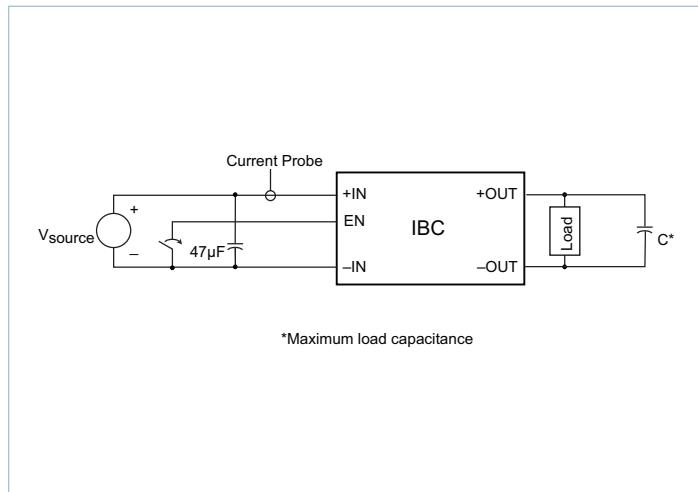
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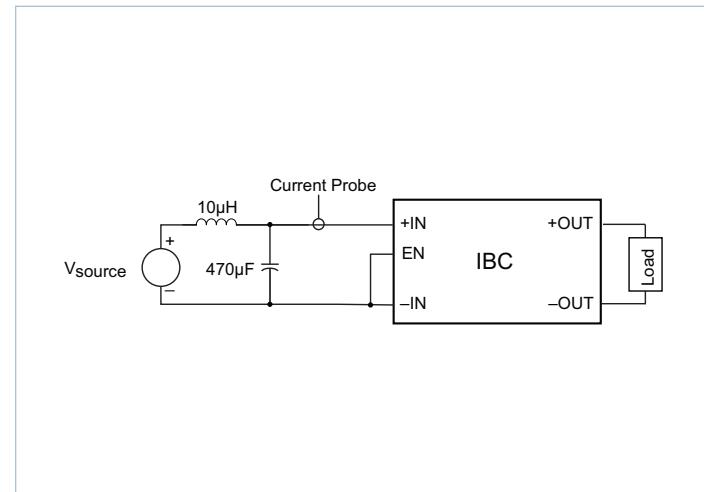
**Figure 19** — Maximum output current derating vs. ambient air temperature. Transverse airflow. Board and junction temperatures within IPC-9592 derating guidelines



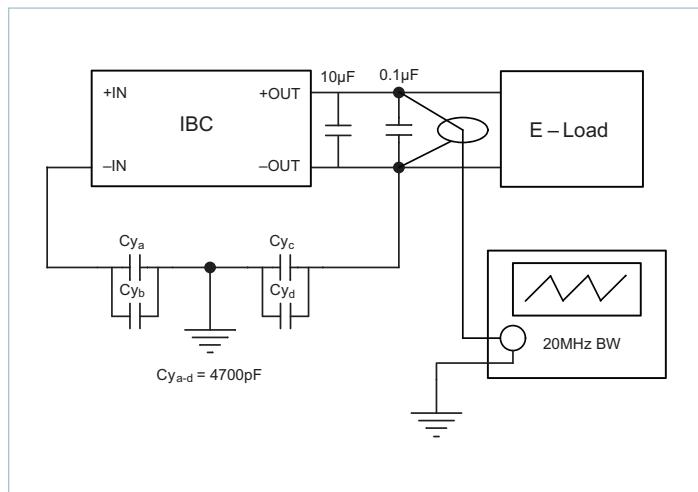
**Figure 20** — Maximum output current derating vs. ambient air temperature. Longitudinal airflow. Board and junction temperatures within IPC-9592 derating guidelines



**Figure 21** — Test circuit; inrush current overshoot

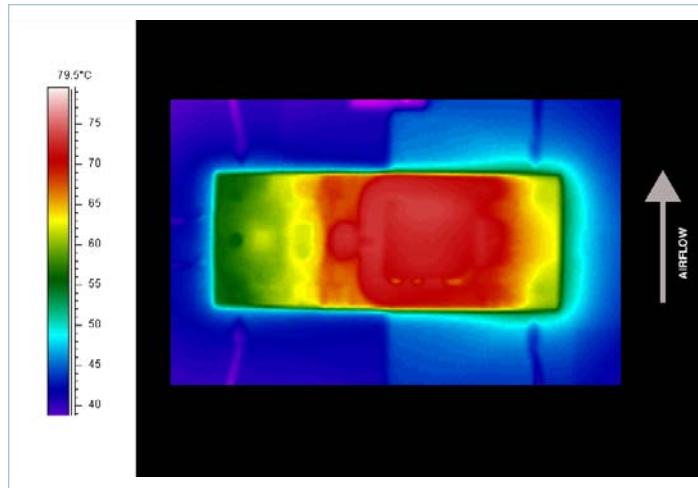


**Figure 22** — Test circuit; input reflected ripple current

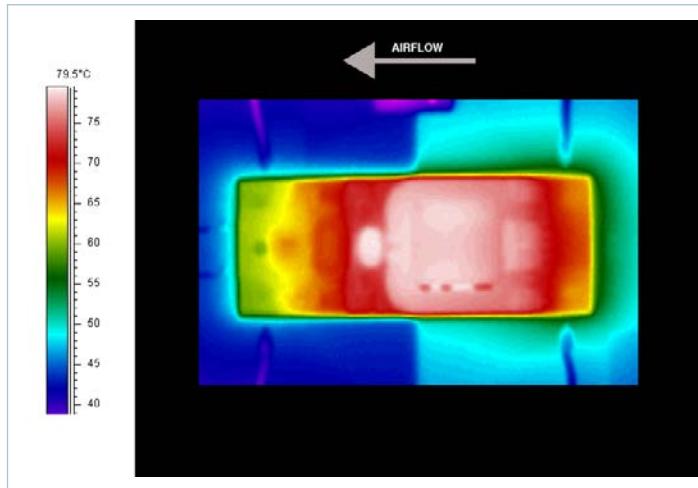


**Figure 23** — Test circuit; output voltage ripple

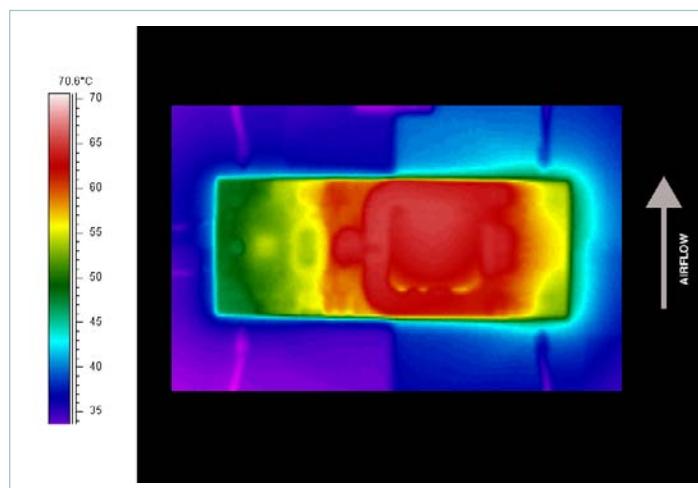
## Application Characteristics: Thermal Data



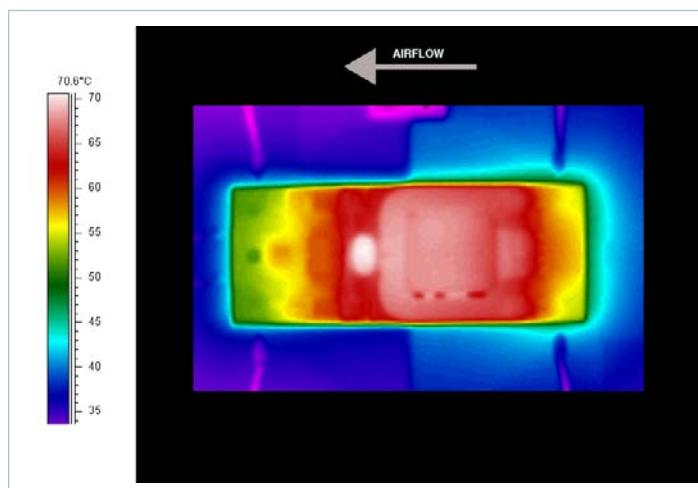
**Figure 24** — Thermal plot, 200LFM, 25°C, 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 450W output power



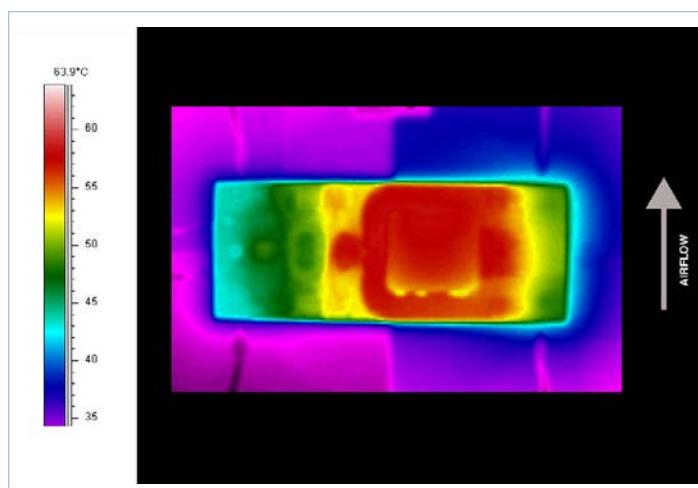
**Figure 25** — Thermal plot, 200LFM, 25°C, 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 450W output power



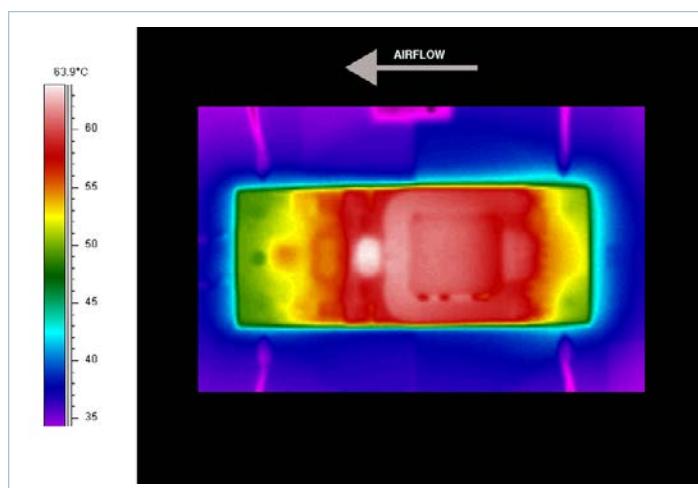
**Figure 26** — Thermal plot, 400LFM, 25°C, 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 450W output power



**Figure 27** — Thermal plot, 400LFM, 25°C, 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 450W output power



**Figure 28** — Thermal plot, 600LFM, 25°C, 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 450W output power



**Figure 29** — Thermal plot, 600LFM, 25°C, 48V<sub>IN</sub>, 450W output power

## Pin / Control Functions

### +IN / -IN — DC Voltage Input Pins

The IBC input voltage range should not be exceeded. An internal undervoltage/overvoltage lockout function prevents operation outside of the normal operating input range. The IBC turns on within an input voltage window bounded by the “Input undervoltage turn-on” and “Input overvoltage turn-off” levels, as specified. The IBC may be protected against accidental application of a reverse input voltage by the addition of a rectifier in series with the positive input, or a reverse rectifier in shunt with the positive input located on the load side of the input fuse.

The connection of the IBC to its power source should be implemented with minimal distribution inductance. If the interconnect inductance exceeds 100nH, the input should be bypassed with a RC damper to retain low source impedance and stable operation. With an interconnect inductance of 200nH, the RC damper may be 47 $\mu$ F in series with 0.3 $\Omega$ . A single electrolytic or equivalent low-Q capacitor may be used in place of the series RC bypass.

### EN — Enable/Disable

#### Negative logic option

If the EN port is left floating, the IBC output is disabled. Once this port is pulled lower than 0.8V<sub>DC</sub> with respect to -IN, the output is enabled. The EN port can be driven by a relay, optocoupler, or open collector transistor. Refer to Figures 6 and 7 for the typical enable / disable characteristics. This port should not be toggled at a rate higher than 1Hz. The EN port should also not be driven by or pulled up to an external voltage source.

#### Positive logic option

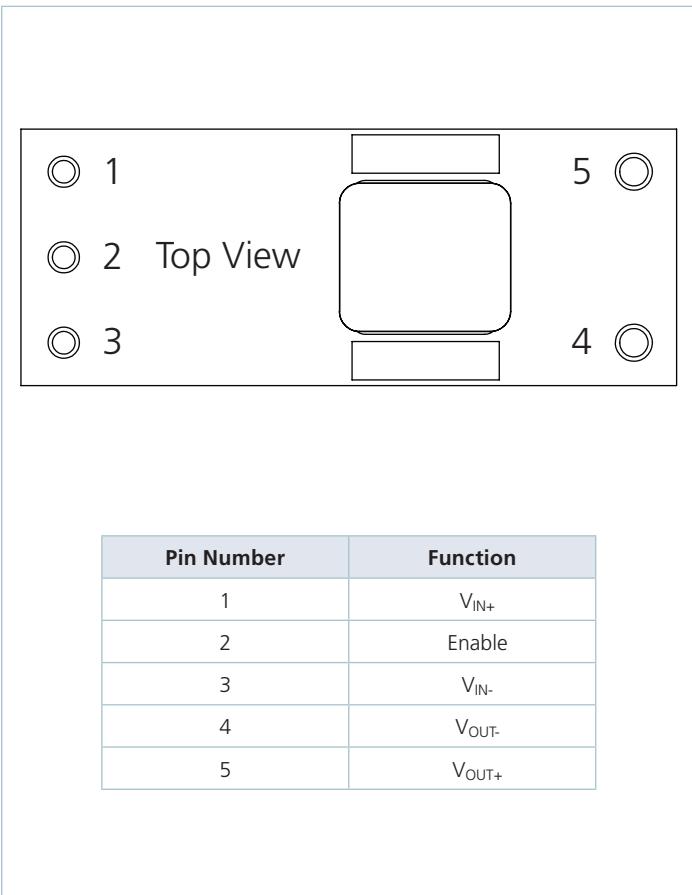
If the EN port is left floating, the IBC output is enabled. Once this port is pulled lower than 1.4V<sub>DC</sub> with respect to -IN, the output is disabled. This action can be realized by employing a relay, optocoupler, or open collector transistor. This port should not be toggled at a rate higher than 1Hz.

The EN port should also not be driven by or pulled up to an external voltage source. The EN port can source up to 2mA at 5V<sub>DC</sub>. The EN port should never be used to sink current.

If the IBC is disabled using the EN pin, the module will attempt to restart approximately every 250ms. Once the module has been disabled for at least 250ms, the turn on delay after the EN pin is enabled will be as shown in Figure 7.

### +OUT / -OUT — DC Voltage Output Pins

Total load capacitance at the output of the IBC should not exceed the specified maximum. Owing to the wide bandwidth and low output impedance of the IBC, low frequency bypass capacitance and significant energy storage may be more densely and efficiently provided by adding capacitance at the input of the IBC.



**Figure 30** — IBC Pin Designations

## Applications Note

### Parallel Operation

The IBC will inherently current share when operated in an array. Arrays may be used for higher power or redundancy in an application. Current sharing accuracy is maximized when the source and load impedance presented to each IBC within an array are equal. The recommended method to achieve matched impedances is to dedicate common copper planes within the PCB to deliver and return the current to the array, rather than rely upon traces of varying lengths. In typical applications the current being delivered to the load is larger than that sourced from the input, allowing narrower traces to be utilized on the input side if necessary. The use of dedicated power planes is, however, preferable.

One or more IBCs in an array may be disabled without adversely affecting operation or reliability as long as the load does not exceed the rated power of the enabled IBCs.

The IBC power train and control architecture allow bi-directional power transfer, including reverse power processing from the IBC output to its input. The IBC's ability to process power in reverse improves the IBC transient response to an output load dump.

### Thermal Considerations

The temperature distribution of the VI Brick® can vary significantly with its input / output operating conditions, thermal management and environmental conditions. Although the PCB is UL rated to 130°C, it is recommended that PCB temperatures be maintained at or below 125°C. For maximum long term reliability, lower PCB temperatures are recommended for continuous operation, however, short periods of operation at 125°C will not negatively impact performance or reliability.

**WARNING:** Thermal and voltage hazards. The IBC can operate with surface temperatures and operating voltages that may be hazardous to personnel. Ensure that adequate protection is in place to avoid inadvertent contact.

### Input Impedance Recommendations

To take full advantage of the IBC capabilities, the impedance presented to its input terminals must be low from DC to approximately 5MHz. The source should exhibit low inductance and should have a critically damped response. If the interconnect inductance is excessive, the IBC input pins should be bypassed with an RC damper (e.g., 47µF in series with 0.3Ω) to retain low source impedance and proper operation. Given the wide bandwidth of the IBC, the source response is generally the limiting factor in the overall system response.

Anomalies in the response of the source will appear at the output of the IBC multiplied by its K factor. The DC resistance of the source should be kept as low as possible to minimize voltage deviations. This is especially important if the IBC is operated near low or high line as the overvoltage/undervoltage detection circuitry could be activated.

### Input Fuse Recommendations

The IBC is not internally fused in order to provide flexibility in configuring power systems. However, input line fusing of VI Bricks must always be incorporated within the power system. A fast acting fuse should be placed in series with the +IN port.

### Application Notes

For IBC and VI Brick application notes on soldering, thermal management, board layout, and system design visit [www.vicorpowers.com](http://www.vicorpowers.com).

## Mechanical Drawings

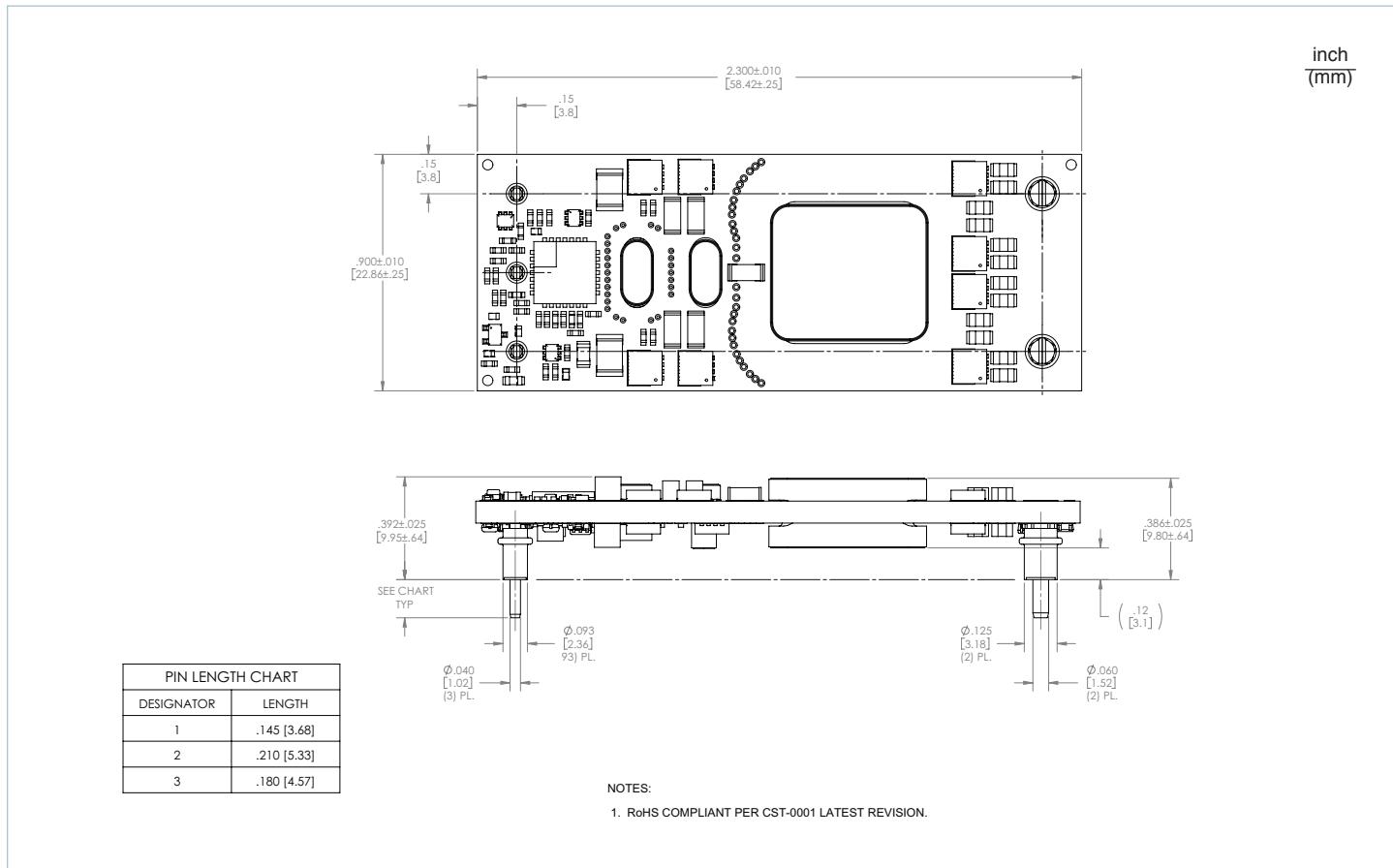


Figure 31 — IBC outline drawing

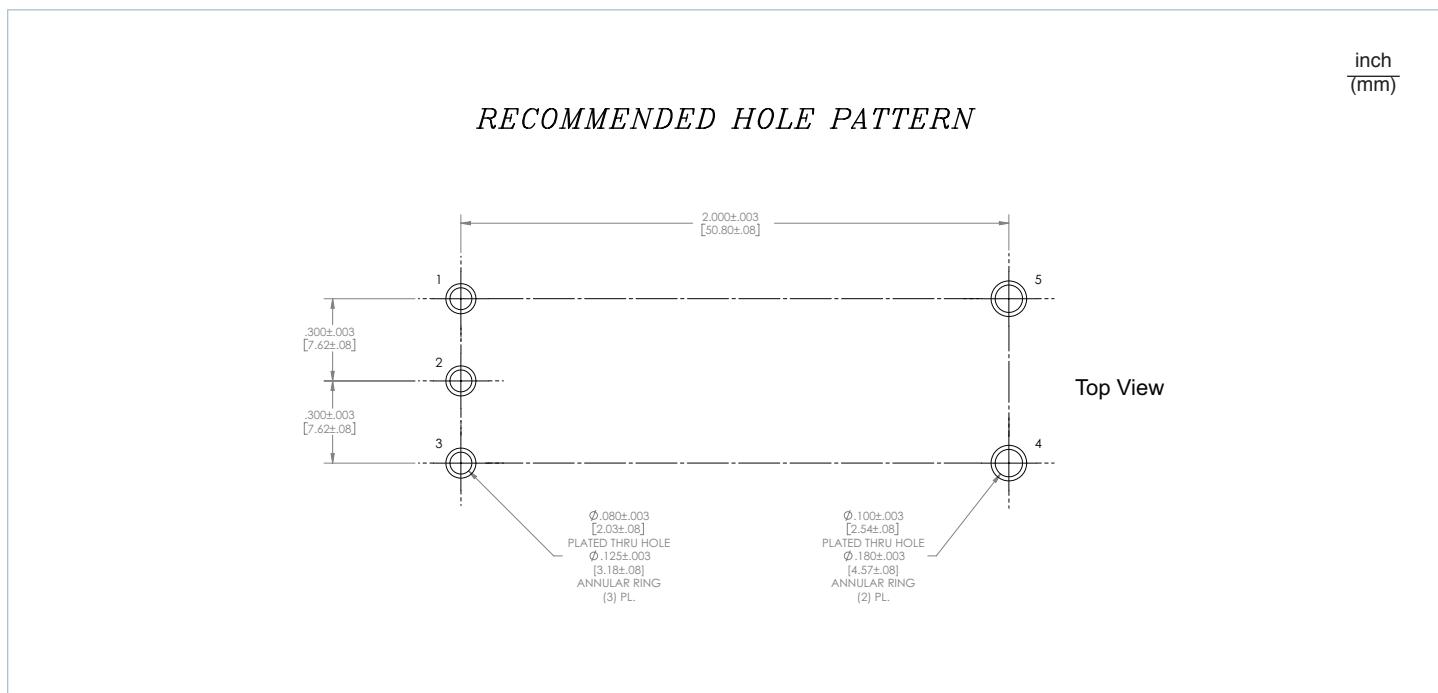


Figure 32 — IBC PCB recommended hole pattern

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