## **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**





*Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.*

## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

(V<sub>DD</sub> = 13V, a 10µF capacitor connects V<sub>CC</sub> to GND, V<sub>CS</sub> = 0, V+ = 48V, 0.1µF capacitor connected to SS\_SHDN, NDRV = open circuit, OPTO = GND,  $TA = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+85^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $TA = +25^{\circ}C$ .)



## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

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## *Typical Operating Characteristics*

 $(V_{+} = 48V, V_{\text{DD}} = 13V, \text{ NRDV}$  is open circuit,  $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.)



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## *Pin Description*



## *Detailed Description*

Use the MAX5014/MAX5015 PWM current-mode controllers to design flyback- or forward-mode power supplies. Current-mode operation simplifies control-loop design while enhancing loop stability. An internal highvoltage startup regulator allows the device to connect directly to the input supply without an external startup resistor. Current from the internal regulator starts the controller. Once the tertiary winding voltage is established the internal regulator is switched off and bias current for running the IC is derived from the tertiary winding. The internal oscillator is set to 275kHz and trimmed to  $\pm 10$ %. This permits the use of small magnetic components to minimize board space. Both the MAX5014 and MAX5015 can be used in power supplies providing multiple output voltages. A functional diagram of the IC is shown in Figure 1. Typical applications circuits for forward and flyback topologies are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3, respectively.

### *Current-Mode Control*

The MAX5014/MAX5015 offer current-mode control operation with added features such as leading-edge blanking with dual internal path that only blanks the sensed current signal applied to the input of the PWM comparator. The current limit comparator monitors the CS pin at all times and provides cycle-by-cycle current limit without being blanked. The leading-edge blanking of the CS signal prevents the PWM comparator from prematurely terminating the on cycle. The CS signal contains a leading-edge spike that is the result of the MOSFET gate charge current, capacitive and diode reverse recovery current of the power circuit. Since this leading-edge spike is normally lower than the current limit comparator threshold, current limiting is not blanked and cycle-by-cycle current limiting is provided under all conditions.

Use the MAX5014 in discontinuous flyback applications where wide line voltage and load current variation is expected. Use the MAX5015 for single transistor forward converters where the maximum duty cycle must be limited to less than 50%.

Under certain conditions it may be advantageous to use a forward converter with greater than 50% duty cycle. For those cases use the MAX5014. The large duty cycle results in much lower operating primary RMS currents through the MOSFET switch and in most cases a smaller output filter inductor. The major disadvantage to this is that the MOSFET voltage rating must be higher and that slope compensation must be provided to stabilize the inner current loop. The MAX5014 provides internal slope compensation.



*Figure 1. Functional Diagram*

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*Figure 2. Forward Converter*

### *Optocoupled Feedback*

Isolated voltage feedback is achieved by using an optocoupler and a shunt regulator as shown in Figure 2. The output voltage set point accuracy is a function of the accuracy of the shunt regulator and feedback resistordivider tolerance.

### *Internal Regulators*

The internal regulators of the MAX5014/MAX5015 enable initial startup without a lossy startup resistor and regulate the voltage at the output of a tertiary (bias) winding to provide power for the IC. At startup  $V+$  is

regulated down to V<sub>CC</sub> to provide bias for the device. The V<sub>DD</sub> regulator then regulates from the output of the tertiary winding to V<sub>CC</sub>. This architecture allows the tertiary winding to only have a small filter capacitor at its output thus eliminating the additional cost of a filter inductor.

When designing the tertiary winding calculate the number of turns so the minimum reflected voltage is always higher than 12.7V. The maximum reflected voltage must be less than 36V.





*Figure 3. Flyback Converter*

To reduce power dissipation the high-voltage regulator is disabled when the  $V_{\text{DD}}$  voltage reaches 12.7V. This greatly reduces power dissipation and improves efficiency. If V<sub>CC</sub> falls below the undervoltage lockout threshold ( $V_{CC}$  = 6.6V), the low-voltage regulator is disabled, and soft-start is reinitiated. In undervoltage lockout the MOSFET driver output (NDRV) is held low.

If the input voltage range is between 13V and 36V, V+ and V<sub>DD</sub> may be connected to the line voltage provided that the maximum power dissipation is not exceeded. This eliminates the need for a tertiary winding.

### *Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO), Soft-Start, and Shutdown*

The soft-start feature of the MAX5014/MAX5015 allows the load voltage to ramp up in a controlled manner, thus eliminating output voltage overshoot.

While the part is in UVLO, the capacitor connected to the SS\_SHDN pin is discharged. Upon coming out of UVLO an internal current source starts charging the capacitor to initiate the soft-start cycle. Use the following equation to calculate total soft-start time:





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$$
t_{\text{startup}} = 0.45 \frac{\text{ms}}{\text{nF}} \times C_{\text{ss}}
$$

Operation begins when VSS\_SHDN ramps above 0.6V. When soft-start has completed, VSS SHDN is regulated to 2.4V, the internal voltage reference. Pull  $VSS$   $\overline{SHDN}$ below 0.25V to disable the controller.

Undervoltage lockout shuts down the controller when V<sub>CC</sub> is less than 6.6V. The regulators for  $V<sub>+</sub>$  and the reference remain on during shutdown.

### *Current-Sense Comparator*

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where Css is the soft-start capacitor as shown in Figure 2.<br>
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to 2.4V, the internal v The current-sense (CS) comparator and its associated logic limit the peak current through the MOSFET. Current is sensed at CS as a voltage across a sense resistor between the source of the MOSFET and GND. To reduce switching noise, connect CS to the external MOSFET source through a 100 $Ω$  resistor or an RC lowpass filter (Figures 2, 3). Select the current-sense resistor, RSENSE according to the following equation:

 $R_{\rm SENSE} = 0.465 \text{V} / \text{I}_{\rm LimPrimary}$ 

where ILimPrimary is the maximum peak primary-side current.

When  $V_{CS}$  > 465mV, the power MOSFET switches off. The propagation delay from the time the switch current reaches the trip level to the driver turn-off time is 170ns.

### *PWM Comparator and Slope Compensation*

An internal 275kHz oscillator determines the switching frequency of the controller. At the beginning of each cycle, NDRV switches the N-channel MOSFET on. NDRV switches the external MOSFET off after the maximum duty cycle has been reached, regardless of the feedback.

The MAX5014 uses an internal ramp generator for slope compensation. The internal ramp signal is reset at the beginning of each cycle and slews at 26mV/µs.

The PWM comparator uses the instantaneous current, the error voltage, the internal reference, and the slope compensation (MAX5014 only) to determine when to switch the N-channel MOSFET off. In normal operation the N-channel MOSFET turns off when:

### $V_{\text{PRIMARY}} \times R_{\text{SENSE}} > V_{\text{OPTO}} - V_{\text{RFF}} - V_{\text{SCOMP}}$

where IPRIMARY is the current through the N-channel MOSFET, VREF is the 2.4V internal reference and V<sub>SCOMP</sub> is a ramp function starting at 0 and slewing at 26mV/µs (MAX5014 only). When using the MAX5014 in a forward-converter configuration the following condition must be met to avoid control-loop subharmonic oscillations:

$$
\frac{N_S}{N_P} \times \frac{k \times R_{SENSE} \times V_{OUT}}{L} = 26 \text{mV/}\mu\text{s}
$$

where  $k = 0.75$  to 1, and N<sub>S</sub> and N<sub>P</sub> are the number of turns on the secondary and primary side of the transformer, respectively. L is the output filter inductor. This makes the output inductor current downslope as referenced across R<sub>SENSE</sub> equal to the slope compensation. The controller responds to transients within one cycle when this condition is met.

### *N-Channel MOSFET Gate Driver*

NDRV drives an N-channel MOSFET. NDRV sources and sinks large transient currents to charge and discharge the MOSFET gate. To support such switching transients, bypass  $V_{CC}$  with a ceramic capacitor. The average current as a result of switching the MOSFET is the product of the total gate charge and the operating frequency. It is this current plus the DC quiescent current that determines the total operating current.

### *Applications Information*

### *Design Example*

The following is a general procedure for designing a forward converter (Figure 2) using the MAX5015.

- 1) Determine the requirements.
- 2) Set the output voltage.
- 3) Calculate the transformer primary to secondary winding turns ratio.
- 4) Calculate the reset to primary winding turns ratio.
- 5) Calculate the tertiary to primary winding turns ratio.
- 6) Calculate the current-sense resistor value.
- 7) Calculate the output inductor value.
- 8) Select the output capacitor.

The circuit in Figure 2 was designed as follows:

- 1)  $36V \le V_{IN} \le 72V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 10A$ ,  $V_{RIPPLE} \le$ 50mV
- 2) To set the output voltage calculate the values of resistors R1 and R2 according to the following equation:

$$
\frac{V_{REF}}{V_{OUT}} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}
$$

where V<sub>RFF</sub> is the reference voltage of the shunt regulator, and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the resistors shown in Figures 2 and 3.

3) The turns ratio of the transformer is calculated based on the minimum input voltage and the lower limit of the maximum duty cycle for the MAX5015 (44%). To enable the use of MOSFETs with drain-source breakdown voltages of less than 200V use the MAX5015 with the 50% maximum duty cycle. Calculate the turns ratio according to the following equation:

$$
\frac{N_S}{N_P} \geq \frac{V_{OUT} + (V_{D1} \times D_{MAX})}{D_{MAX} \times V_{IN\_MIN}}
$$

where:

 $N_S/N_P$  = Turns ratio ( $N_S$  is the number of secondary turns and N<sub>P</sub> is the number of primary turns).

 $V$ OUT = Output voltage (5V).

 $V_{D1}$  = Voltage drop across D1 (typically 0.5V for power Schottky diodes).

DMAX = Minimum value of maximum operating duty cycle (44%).

 $V_{IN}$  MIN = Minimum Input voltage (36V).

In this example:

$$
\frac{N_S}{N_P} \ge \frac{5V + (0.5V \times 0.44)}{0.44 \times 36V} = 0.330
$$

Choose NP based on core losses and DC resistance. Use the turns ratio to calculate Ns, rounding up to the nearest integer. In this example  $N_p = 14$ and  $Ns = 5$ .

For a forward converter choose a transformer with a magnetizing inductance in the neighborhood of 200µH. Energy stored in the magnetizing inductance of a forward converter is not delivered to the load and must be returned back to the input; this is accomplished with the reset winding.

The transformer primary to secondary leakage inductance should be less than 1µH. Note that all leakage energy will be dissipated across the MOS-FET. Snubber circuits may be used to direct some or all of the leakage energy to be dissipated across a resistor.

To calculate the minimum duty cycle (DMIN) use the following equation:

$$
D_{MIN} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN\_MAX} \times \frac{N_S}{N_P} - V_{D1}} = 19.8
$$

where  $V_{IN}$  MAX is the maximum input voltage (72V).

4) The reset winding turns ratio (NR/NP) needs to be low enough to guarantee that the entire energy in the transformer is returned to  $V+$  within the off cycle at the maximum duty cycle. Use the following equation to determine the reset winding turns ratio:

$$
N_{\rm R} \le N_{\rm P} \times \frac{1 - D_{\rm MAX}'}{D_{\rm MAX}'}.
$$

where:

 $N_R/N_P$  = Reset winding turns ratio.

DMAX' = Maximum value of Maximum Duty Cycle.

$$
N_{\rm R} \le 14 \times \frac{1 - 0.5}{0.5} = 14
$$

Round NR to the nearest smallest integer.

The turns ratio of the reset winding  $(N_R/N_P)$  will determine the peak voltage across the N-channel MOSFET.

Use the following equation to determine the maximum drain-source voltage across the N-channel MOSFET:

$$
V_{DSMAX} \geq V_{IN\_MAX} \times \left(1 + \frac{N_P}{N_R}\right)
$$

VDSMAX = Maximum MOSFET drain-source voltage.  $V_{IN}$  MAX = Maximum input voltage.

$$
V_{DSMAX} \ge 72V \times \left(1 + \frac{14}{14}\right) = 144V
$$

Choose MOSFETs with appropriate avalanche power ratings to absorb any leakage energy.

5) Choose the tertiary winding turns ratio (NT/NP) so that the minimum input voltage provides the minimum operating voltage at V<sub>DD</sub> (13V). Use the follow-

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ing equation to calculate the tertiary winding turns ratio:

$$
\frac{V_{DDMIN} + 0.7}{V_{IN\_MIN}} \times N_P \le N_T \le
$$
  

$$
\frac{V_{DDMAX} + 0.7}{V_{IN\_MAX}} \times N_P
$$

where:

V<sub>DDMIN</sub> is the minimum V<sub>DD</sub> supply voltage (13V).

VDDMAX is the maximum V<sub>DD</sub> supply voltage (36V).

V<sub>IN</sub> MIN is the minimum input voltage (36V).

V<sub>IN</sub> MAX is the maximum input voltage (72V in this design example).

NP is the number of turns of the primary winding.

N<sub>T</sub> is the number of turns of the tertiary winding.

$$
\frac{13.7}{36} \times 14 \le N_T \le \frac{36.7}{72} \times 14
$$
  
5.33  $\le N_T \le 7.14$ 

Choose  $N\tau = 6$ .

6) Choose RSENSE according to the following equation:

$$
R_{\text{SENSE}} \le \frac{V_{\text{ILIM}}}{N_{\text{P}}} \times 1.2 \times I_{\text{OUTMAX}}
$$

where:

VILim is the current-sense comparator trip threshold voltage (0.465V).

NS/NP is the secondary side turns ratio (5/14 in this example).

IOUTMAX is the maximum DC output current (10A in this example).

$$
R_{\text{SENSE}} \le \frac{0.465V}{\frac{5}{14} \times 1.2 \times 10} = 109 \text{m}\Omega
$$

7) Choose the inductor value so that the peak ripple current (LIR) in the inductor is between 10% and 20% of the maximum output current.

$$
L \geq \frac{(V_{\text{OUT}} + V_{\text{D}}) \times (1 - D_{\text{MIN}})}{2 \times LIR \times 275 \text{kHz} \times I_{\text{OUTMAX}}}
$$

where  $V_D$  is the output Schottky diode forward voltage drop (0.5V) and LIR is the ratio of inductor ripple current to DC output current.

$$
L \ge \frac{(5.5) \times (1 - 0.198)}{0.4 \times 275 \text{kHz} \times 10A} = 4.01 \mu \text{H}
$$

8) The size and ESR of the output filter capacitor determine the output ripple. Choose a capacitor with a low ESR to yield the required ripple voltage.

Use the following equations to calculate the peak-topeak output ripple:

$$
V_{RIPPLE} = \sqrt{V_{RIPPLE,ESR}^2 + V_{RIPPLE, C}^2}
$$

where:

VRIPPLE is the combined RMS output ripple due to VRIPPLE,ESR, the ESR ripple, and VRIPPLE,C, the capacitive ripple. Calculate the ESR ripple and capacitive ripple as follows:

VRIPPLE,ESR = IRIPPLE x ESR

 $V$ RIPPLE,C =  $I$ RIPPLE/(2 x  $\pi$  x 275kHz x COUT)

### *Layout Recommendations*

All connections carrying pulsed currents must be very short, be as wide as possible, and have a ground plane as a return path. The inductance of these connections must be kept to a minimum due to the high di/dt of the currents in high-frequency switching power converters.

Current loops must be analyzed in any layout proposed, and the internal area kept to a minimum to reduce radiated EMI. Ground planes must be kept as intact as possible.

*Chip Information*

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## **Table 1. Component Manufacturers**



## *Selector Guide*







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