

# 3 A DC step-down switching regulator

Datasheet - production data



### **Features**

- 3 A DC output current
- 4.0 V to 18 V input voltage
- Output voltage adjustable from 0.8 V
- 850 kHz switching frequency
- Internal soft-start
- Integrated 95 m $\Omega$  and 69 m $\Omega$  Power MOSFETs
- All ceramic capacitor
- Enable
- Cycle-by-cycle current limiting
- · Current fold back short-circuit protection
- Available in HSOP-8, VFQFPN4x4-8L, and SO8 packages

# **Applications**

- μP/ASIC/DSP/FPGA core and I/O supplies
- Point of load for: STB, TVs, DVD
- Optical storage, hard disk drive, printers, audio/graphic cards

## **Description**

The ST1S40 device is an internally compensated 850 kHz fixed-frequency PWM synchronous step-down regulator. The ST1S40 operates from 4.0 V to 18 V input, while it regulates an output voltage as low as 0.8 V and up to  $V_{\text{IN}}$ .

The ST1S40 integrates a 95 m $\Omega$  high side switch and 69 m $\Omega$  synchronous rectifier allowing very high efficiency with very low output voltages.

The peak current mode control with internal compensation delivers a very compact solution with a minimum component count.

The ST1S40 is available in HSOP-8, VFQFPN 4 mm x 4 mm - 8 lead, and standard SO8 package.

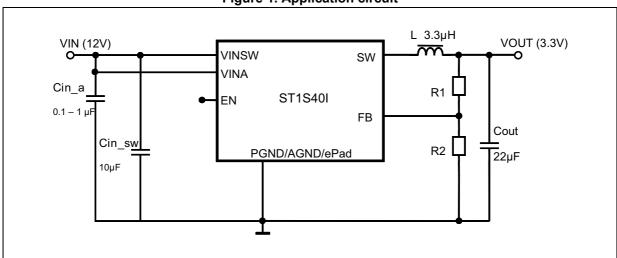


Figure 1. Application circuit

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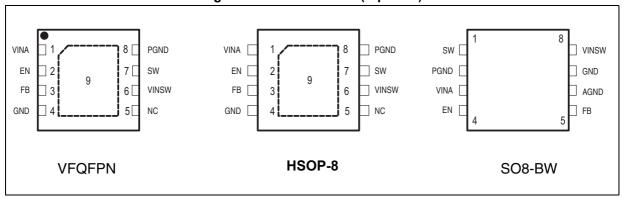


ST1S40 Pin settings

# 1 Pin settings

## 1.1 Pin connection

Figure 2. Pin connection (top view)



# 1.2 Pin description

Table 1. Pin description

No.			
VFQFPN and HSOP-8	S08-BW	Type	Description
1	3	$V_{INA}$	Unregulated DC input voltage
2	4	EN	Enable input. With EN higher than 1.2 V the device in ON and with EN lower than 0.4 V the device is OFF (ST1S40lxx).
3	5	FB	Feedback input. Connecting the output voltage directly to this pin the output voltage is regulated at 0.8 V. To have higher regulated voltages an external resistor divider is required from Vout to the FB pin.
4	6	AGND	Ground
5	-	NC	It can be connected to ground
6	8	VINSW	Power input voltage
7	1	SW	Regulator output switching pin
8	2	PGND	Power ground
-	7		Ground
9	-	ePad	Exposed pad mandatory connected to ground

Maximum ratings ST1S40

# 2 Maximum ratings

Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
V <sub>INSW</sub>	Power input voltage	-0.3 to 20	
V <sub>INA</sub>	Input voltage	-0.3 to 20	
V <sub>EN</sub>	Enable voltage	-0.3 to V <sub>INA</sub>	V
V.	Output switching voltage	-1 to V <sub>IN</sub>	V
$V_{SW}$	Output switching voitage	-2 V to -1 V for 50 nsec	
V <sub>FB</sub>	Feedback voltage	-0.3 to 2.5	
I <sub>FB</sub>	FB current	-1 to +1	mA
P <sub>TOT</sub>	Power dissipation at T <sub>A</sub> < 60 °C	2.25 (HSOP-8/DFN4x4); 1.6 SO8-BW	W
T <sub>OP</sub>	Operating junction temperature range	-40 to 150	°C
T <sub>stg</sub>	Storage temperature range	-55 to 150	°C

# 3 Thermal data

Table 3. Thermal data

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit	
		VFQFPN	40	
R <sub>thJA</sub>	Maximum thermal resistance junction-ambient <sup>(1)</sup>	HSOP-8	40	°C/W
		SO8-BW	55	

<sup>1.</sup> Package mounted on the demonstration board.

# 4 Electrical characteristics

 $T_J$  = 25 °C,  $V_{CC}$ = 12 V, unless otherwise specified.

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics** 

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Symbol	Parameter	Test condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
$V_{IN}$	Operating input voltage range	(1)	4		18	
V <sub>INON</sub>	Turn-on V <sub>CC</sub> threshold	(1)		2.9		V
V <sub>INHYS</sub>	Threshold hysteresis	(1)		0.250		
R <sub>DSON</sub> -P	High side switch ON resistance	I <sub>SW</sub> = 750 mA		95		mΩ
R <sub>DSON</sub> -N	Low side switch ON resistance	I <sub>SW</sub> = 750 mA		69		mΩ
I <sub>LIM</sub>	Maximum limiting current	(2)	4.0		6.0	Α
	Oscillator					
F <sub>SW</sub>	Switching frequency		0.7	0.85	1	MHz
D <sub>MAX</sub>	Maximum duty cycle	(2)	100			%
	Dynamic characteristic	s				
\/	Foodbook with a		0.784	0.8	0.816	V
$V_{FB}$	Feedback voltage	(1)	0.776	0.8	0.824	V
%V <sub>OUT</sub> / Δl <sub>OUT</sub>	Reference load regulation	Isw = 10 mA to I <sub>LIM</sub> <sup>(2)</sup>		0.5		%
%V <sub>OUT</sub> / ΔV <sub>IN</sub>	Reference line regulation	V <sub>IN</sub> = 4.0 V to 18 V <sup>(2)</sup>		0.4		%
	DC characteristics					
IQ	Quiescent current	Duty cycle = 0, no load V <sub>FB</sub> = 1.2 V		1.5	2.5	mA
I <sub>QST-BY</sub>	Total standby quiescent current	OFF		2	15	μΑ
IFB	FB bias current			50		
	Enable					
V <sub>EN</sub>	EN threshold voltage	Device ON level	1.2			V
v EN	LIA UIIESIIOIU VOILAGE	Device OFF level			0.4	v
I <sub>EN</sub>	EN current			2		μΑ



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Table 4. Electrical characteristics (continued)

Symbol	Doromotor	To ad a sur didi a s		Values		
Symbol	Parameter	Test condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Soft start						
T <sub>SS</sub>	Soft-start duration			1		ms
	Protection					
T <sub>SHDN</sub>	Thermal shutdown			150		°C
	Hysteresis			15		C

Specification referred to T<sub>J</sub> from -40 to +125 °C. Specifications in the -40 to +125 °C temperature range are assured by design, characterization and statistical correlation.

<sup>2.</sup> Guaranteed by design.

# 5 Functional description

The ST1S40 device is based on a "peak current mode", constant frequency control. The output voltage  $V_{OUT}$  is sensed by the feedback pin (FB) compared to an internal reference (0.8 V) providing an error signal that, compared to the output of the current sense amplifier, controls the ON and OFF time of the power switch.

The main internal blocks are shown in the block diagram in *Figure 3*. They are:

- A fully integrated oscillator that provides the internal clock and the ramp for the slope compensation avoiding sub-harmonic instability
- The soft-start circuitry to limit inrush current during the startup phase
- The transconductance error amplifier with integrated compensation network
- The pulse width modulator and the relative logic circuitry necessary to drive the internal power switches
- The drivers for embedded P-channel and N-channel Power MOSFET switches
- The high side current sensing block
- The low side current sense to implement diode emulation
- A voltage monitor circuitry (UVLO) that checks the input and internal voltages
- A thermal shutdown block, to prevent thermal run-away.

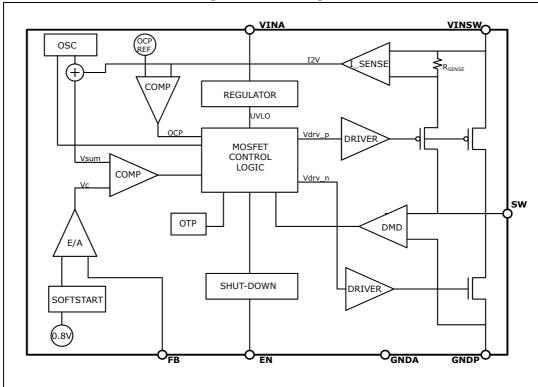


Figure 3. Block diagram

## 5.1 Internal soft-start

The soft-start is essential to assure correct and safe startup of the step-down converter. It avoids inrush current surge and causes the output voltage to increase monothonically.

The soft-start is performed by ramping the non-inverting input ( $V_{REF}$ ) of the error amplifier from 0 V to 0.8 V in around 1 ms.

# 5.2 Error amplifier and control loop stability

The error amplifier compares the FB pin voltage with the internal 0.8 V reference and it provides the error signal to be compared with the output of the current sense circuitry, that is the high side Power MOSFET current. Comparing the output of the error amplifier and the peak inductor current implements the peak current mode control loop.

The error amplifier is a transconductance amplifier (OTA). The uncompensated characteristics are listed in *Table 5*.

Table 5. Error amplifier characteristics

Parameter	Value
DC Gain	95 dB
Gm	251 μΑ/V
Ro	240 MΩ

The ST1S40 device embeds the compensation network that assures the stability of the loop in the whole operating range. All the tools needed to check the loop stability are shown below.

Gco(s) Slope Compensation High side Switch  $V_{O\underline{U}\underline{T}}$ Current sense Logic Cout Low side Driver Switch PWM comparator ≥ R1 Rc Error Amp ≶ R2 Сс  $G_{EA}(s)$ 

Figure 4 shows the simple small signal model for the peak current mode control loop.

Figure 4. Block diagram of the loop for the small signal analysis

Three main terms can be identified to obtain the loop transfer function:

- from control (output of E/A) to output, G<sub>CO</sub>(s)
- 2. from output (Vout) to the FB pin, G<sub>DIV</sub>(s)
- 3. from the FB pin to control (output of E/A), G<sub>FA</sub>(s).

The transfer function from control to output  $G_{CO}(s)$  results:

### **Equation 1**

$$G_{CO}(s) = \frac{R_{LOAD}}{R_i} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_{out} \cdot T_{SW}}{L} \cdot [m_C \cdot (1-D) - 0.5]} \cdot \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_z}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_p}\right)} \cdot F_H(s)$$

where  $R_{LOAD}$  represents the load resistance,  $R_i$  (0.3  $\Omega$ ) the equivalent sensing resistor of the current sense circuitry,  $\omega_p$  the single pole introduced by the LC filter and  $\omega_z$  the zero given by the ESR of the output capacitor.

 $F_H(s)$  accounts for the sampling effect performed by the PWM comparator on the output of the error amplifier that introduces a double pole at one half of the switching frequency.

#### **Equation 2**

$$\omega_{Z} = \frac{1}{\text{ESR} \cdot C_{OUT}}$$



#### **Equation 3**

$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{R_{LOAD} \cdot C_{OUT}} + \frac{m_C \cdot (1 - D) - 0.5}{L \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot f_{SW}}$$

where:

### **Equation 4**

$$\begin{cases} m_{C} = 1 + \frac{S_{e}}{S_{n}} \\ S_{e} = V_{pp} \cdot f_{SW} \\ S_{n} = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L} \cdot R_{i} \end{cases}$$

 $S_n$  represents the ON time slope of the sensed inductor current,  $S_e$  the slope of the external ramp ( $V_{PP}$  peak-to-peak amplitude 1.25 V) that implements the slope compensation to avoid sub-harmonic oscillations at duty cycle over 50%.

The sampling effect contribution  $F_H(s)$  is:

### **Equation 5**

$$F_{H}(s) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{n} \cdot Q_{P}} + \frac{s^{2}}{\omega_{n}^{2}}}$$

where:

### **Equation 6**

$$Q_P = \frac{1}{\pi \cdot [m_C \cdot (1-D) - 0.5]}$$

and

### **Equation 7**

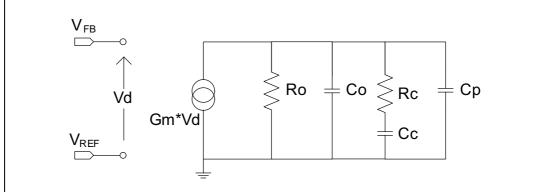
$$\omega_n = \pi \cdot f_{SW}$$

The resistor to adjust the output voltage gives the term from output voltage to the FB pin.  $G_{\text{DIV}}(s)$  is:

$$G_{DIV}(s) = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

The transfer function from FB to Vcc (output of E/A) introduces the singularities (poles and zeros) to stabilize the loop. *Figure 5* shows the small signal model of the error amplifier with the internal compensation network.

Figure 5. Small signal model for the error amplifier



 $R_C$  and  $C_C$  introduce a pole and a zero in the open loop gain.  $C_P$  does not significantly affect system stability and can be neglected.

So G<sub>EA</sub>(s) results:

#### **Equation 8**

$$G_{EA}(s) = \frac{G_{EA0} \cdot (1 + s \cdot R_c \cdot C_c)}{s^2 \cdot R_0 \cdot (C_0 + C_p) \cdot R_c \cdot C_c + s \cdot (R_0 \cdot C_c + R_0 \cdot (C_0 + C_p) + R_c \cdot C_c) + 1}$$

where  $G_{EA}$ =  $G_m \cdot R_o$ 

The poles of this transfer function are (if  $C_c >> C_0 + C_P$ ):

### **Equation 9**

$$f_{PLF} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_0 \cdot C_c}$$

### **Equation 10**

$$f_{PHF} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_c \cdot (C_0 + C_p)}$$

whereas the zero is defined as:

#### **Equation 11**

$$f_Z = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_c \cdot C_c}$$

The embedded compensation network is R<sub>C</sub> = 70 k $\Omega$ , C<sub>C</sub> = 195 pF while C<sub>P</sub> and C<sub>O</sub> can be considered as negligible. The error amplifier output resistance is 240 M $\Omega$  so the relevant singularities are:

### **Equation 12**

$$f_Z = 11,6 \text{ kHz}$$
  $f_{PLF} = 3,4 \text{ Hz}$ 



so by closing the loop, the loop gain  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{LOOP}}}(s)$  is:

## **Equation 13**

$$G_{LOOP}(s) = G_{CO}(s) \cdot G_{DIV}(s) \cdot G_{EA}(s)$$

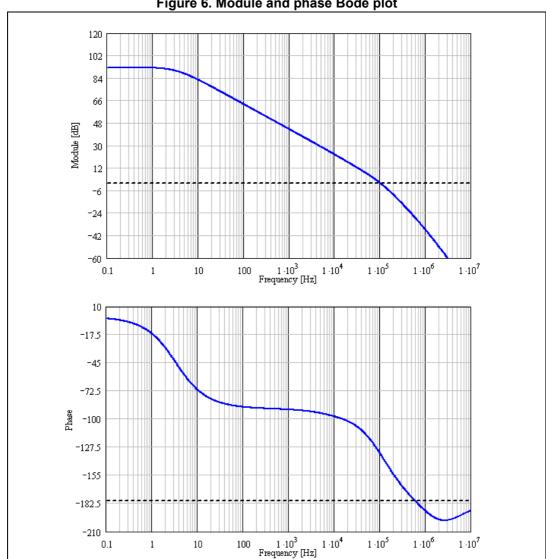
### Example:

VIN = 12 V, VOUT = 1.2 V, Iomax = 3 A, L = 1.5  $\mu$ H, Cout = 47  $\mu$ F (MLCC), R1 = 10  $k\Omega$ ,  $R2 = 20 \text{ k}\Omega$  (see Section 6.2 and Section 6.3 for inductor and output capacitor selection

The module and phase Bode plot are reported in Figure 6.

The bandwidth is 100 kHz and the phase margin is 45 degrees.







## 5.3 Overcurrent protection

The ST1S40 device implements the pulse-by-pulse overcurrent protection. The peak current is sensed through the high side Power MOSFET and when it exceeds the first overcurrent threshold (OCP1) the high side is immediately turned off and the low side conducts the inductor current for the rest of the clock period.

During overload condition, since the duty cycle is not set by the control loop but is limited by the overcurrent threshold, the output voltage drops out of regulation. If the feedback falls below 0.3 V the switching frequency is reduced to one fourth and the current limit threshold is folded back to around 2 A. Thanks to the current and frequency fold back the stress on the device and on the external power components is reduced in case of severe overload or dead-short to ground of the output.

The current fold back is disabled during the startup, in order to allow the Vout to rise up properly in case of the big output capacitor requiring high extra current to be charged.

An additional mechanism is protecting the device in case of short-circuit on the output and high input voltage. A further threshold (OCP2, 1A higher than OCP1) is compared to the inductor current. If the inductor current exceeds OCP2, the device stops switching and restarts with a soft-start cycle.

### 5.4 Enable function

The enable feature allows the device to be put into standby mode. With the EN pin lower than 0.4 V, the device is disabled and the power consumption is reduced to less than 15  $\mu$ A. With the EN pin higher than 1.2 V, the device is enabled. If the EN pin is left floating, an internal pull-down ensures that the voltage at the pin reaches the inhibit threshold and the device is disabled. The pin is also V<sub>IN</sub> compatible.

## 5.5 Hysteretic thermal shutdown

The thermal shutdown block generates a signal that turns off the power stage if the junction temperature goes above 150  $^{\circ}$ C. Once the junction temperature goes back to about 130  $^{\circ}$ C, the device restarts in normal operation.



# 6 Application information

## 6.1 Input capacitor selection

The capacitor connected to the input must be capable of supporting the maximum input operating voltage and the maximum RMS input current required by the device. The input capacitor is subject to a pulsed current, the RMS value of which is dissipated over its ESR, affecting the overall system efficiency.

So the input capacitor must have an RMS current rating higher than the maximum RMS input current and an ESR value compliant with the expected efficiency.

The maximum RMS input current flowing through the capacitor can be calculated as:

#### **Equation 14**

$$I_{RMS} = I_O \cdot \sqrt{D - \frac{2 \cdot D^2}{\eta} + \frac{D^2}{\eta^2}}$$

where Io is the maximum DC output current, D is the duty cycle,  $\eta$  is the efficiency. Considering  $\eta = 1$ , this function has a maximum at D = 0.5 and is equal to Io/2.

The peak-to-peak voltage across the input capacitor can be calculated as:

#### **Equation 15**

$$V_{PP} = \frac{I_{O}}{C_{IN} \cdot F_{SW}} \cdot \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{D}{\eta} \right) \cdot D + \frac{D}{\eta} \cdot (1 - D) \right] + ESR \cdot I_{O}$$

where ESR is the equivalent series resistance of the capacitor.

Given the physical dimension, ceramic capacitors can well meet the requirements of the input filter sustaining a higher input RMS current than electrolytic / tantalum types. In this case the equation of  $C_{\text{IN}}$  as a function of the target peak-to-peak voltage ripple ( $V_{\text{PP}}$ ) can be written as follows:

### **Equation 16**

$$C_{IN} = \frac{I_O}{V_{DD} \cdot F_{SW}} \cdot \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{D}{\eta} \right) \cdot D + \frac{D}{\eta} \cdot (1 - D) \right]$$

neglecting the small ESR of ceramic capacitors.

Considering  $\eta$  = 1, this function has its maximum in D = 0.5, therefore, given the maximum peak-to-peak input voltage (V<sub>PP MAX</sub>), the minimum input capacitor (C<sub>IN MIN</sub>) value is:

#### **Equation 17**

$$C_{IN\_MIN} = \frac{I_O}{2 \cdot V_{PP\_MAX} \cdot F_{SW}}$$

Typically,  $C_{\text{IN}}$  is dimensioned to keep the maximum peak-to-peak voltage ripple in the order of 1% of  $V_{\text{INMAX}}$ .

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In Table 6 some multi layer ceramic capacitors suitable for this device are reported.

C3225

 Manufacturer
 Series
 Cap value (μF)
 Rated voltage (V)

 Murata
 GRM31
 10
 25

 GRM55
 10
 25

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**Table 6. Input MLCC capacitors** 

A ceramic bypass capacitor, as close as possible to the  $V_{INA}$  pin, so that additional parasitic ESR and ESL are minimized, is suggested in order to prevent instability on the output voltage due to noise. The value of the bypass capacitor can go from 330 nF to 1  $\mu$ F.

## 6.2 Inductor selection

**TDK** 

The inductance value fixes the current ripple flowing through the output capacitor. So the minimum inductance value, to have the expected current ripple, must be selected. The rule to fix the current ripple value is to have a ripple at 20% to 40% of the output current.

In continuous current mode (CCM), the inductance value can be calculated by Equation 18

#### **Equation 18**

$$\Delta I_{L} = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L} \cdot T_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{L} \cdot T_{OFF}$$

where  $T_{ON}$  is the conduction time of the high side switch and  $T_{OFF}$  is the conduction time of the low side switch (in CCM,  $F_{SW}$  = 1/( $T_{ON}$  +  $T_{OFF}$ )). The maximum current ripple, given the Vout, is obtained at maximum  $T_{OFF}$ , that is at minimum duty cycle. So by fixing  $\Delta I_L$  = 20% to 30% of the maximum output current, the minimum inductance value can be calculated:

#### **Equation 19**

$$L_{MIN} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{\Delta I_{MAX}} \cdot \frac{1 - D_{MIN}}{F_{SWMIN}}$$

where F<sub>SWMIN</sub> is the minimum switching frequency, according to Table 4

The peak current through the inductor is given by:

#### **Equation 20**

$$I_{L, PK} = I_O + \frac{\Delta I_L}{2}$$

so if the inductor value decreases, the peak current (that must be lower than the current limit of the device) increases. The higher the inductor value, the higher the average output current that can be delivered, without reaching the current limit.



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In *Table 7* below some inductor part numbers are listed.

WE-PD type L

**RLF7030T** 

Manufacturer **Series** Inductor value (µH) Saturation current (A) XPL7030 2.2 to 4.7 6.8 to 10.5 Coilcraft MSS1048 2.2 to 6.8 4.14 to 6.62 10 5.5 MSS1260 WE-HC/HCA 3.3 to 4.7 7 to 11 Wurth WE-TPC typ XLH 3.6 to 6.2 4.5 to 6.4

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2.2 to 4.7

Table 7. Inductors

# 6.3 Output capacitor selection

**TDK** 

The current in the output capacitor has a triangular waveform which generates a voltage ripple across it. This ripple is due to the capacitive component (charge or discharge of the output capacitor) and the resistive component (due to the voltage drop across its ESR). So the output capacitor must be selected in order to have a voltage ripple compliant with the application requirements.

The amount of the voltage ripple can be calculated starting from the current ripple obtained by the inductor selection.

#### **Equation 21**

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = ESR \cdot \Delta I_{MAX} + \frac{\Delta I_{MAX}}{8 \cdot C_{OUT} \cdot f_{SW}}$$

For ceramic (MLCC) capacitors the capacitive component of the ripple dominates the resistive one. Whilst for electrolytic capacitors the opposite is true.

Since the compensation network is internal, the output capacitor should be selected in order to have a proper phase margin and then a stable control loop.

The equations of Section 5.2 help to check loop stability given the application conditions, the value of the inductor, and of the output capacitor.

In Table 8 some capacitor series are listed.

**Table 8. Output capacitors** 

Manufacturer	Series	Cap value (μF)	Rated voltage (V)	ESR (mΩ)
MURATA	GRM32	22 to 100	6.3 to 25	< 5
WORATA	GRM31	10 to 47	6.3 to 25	< 5
PANASONIC	ECJ	10 to 22	6.3	< 5
FANASONIC	EEFCD	10 to 68	6.3	15 to 55
SANYO	TPA/B/C	100 to 470	4 to 16	40 to 80
TDK	C3225	22 to 100	6.3	< 5

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## 6.4 Thermal dissipation

The thermal design is important in order to prevent thermal shutdown of the device if junction temperature goes above 150 °C. The three different sources of losses within the device are:

 a) conduction losses due to the ON resistance of high side switch (R<sub>HS</sub>) and low side switch (R<sub>LS</sub>); these are equal to:

### **Equation 22**

$$P_{COND} = R_{HS} \cdot I_{OUT}^{2} \cdot D + R_{LS} \cdot I_{OUT}^{2} \cdot (1 - D)$$

where D is the duty cycle of the application. Note that the duty cycle is theoretically given by the ratio between  $V_{OUT}$  and  $V_{IN}$ , but is actually slightly higher to compensate the losses of the regulator.

b) switching losses due to high side Power MOSFET turn ON and OFF; these can be calculated as:

#### **Equation 23**

$$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{SW}} = \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{IN}} \cdot \mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{OUT}} \cdot \frac{(\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{RISE}} + \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{FALL}})}{2} \cdot \mathsf{Fsw} = \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{IN}} \cdot \mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{OUT}} \cdot \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{SW}} \cdot \mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{SW}}$$

where  $T_{RISE}$  and  $T_{FALL}$  are the overlap times of the voltage across the high side power switch ( $V_{DS}$ ) and the current flowing into it during turn ON and turn OFF phases, as shown in *Figure 7*.  $T_{SW}$  is the equivalent switching time. For this device the typical value for the equivalent switching time is 20 ns.

c) Quiescent current losses, calculated as:

### **Equation 24**

$$P_O = V_{IN} \cdot I_O$$

where  $I_Q$  is the quiescent current ( $I_Q$  = 2.5 mA maximum).

The junction temperature T<sub>J</sub> can be calculated as:

#### **Equation 25**

$$T_{J} = T_{A} + Rth_{JA} \cdot P_{TOT}$$

where  $T_A$  is the ambient temperature and  $P_{\mathsf{TOT}}$  is the sum of the power losses just seen.

Rth $_{\rm JA}$  is the equivalent thermal resistance junction to ambient of the device; it can be calculated as the parallel of many paths of heat conduction from the junction to the ambient. For this device the path through the exposed pad is the one conducting the largest amount of heat. The Rth $_{\rm JA}$  measured on the demonstration board described in the following paragraph is about 40 °C/W for the VFQFPN and HSOP packages and about 55 °C/W for the SO8-BW package.



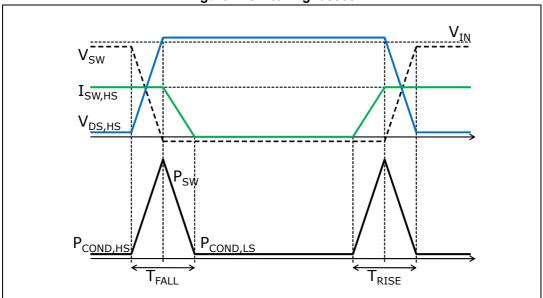


Figure 7. Switching losses

## 6.5 Layout consideration

The PC board layout of switching DC-DC regulator is very important in order to minimize the noise injected in high impedance nodes, to reduce interferences generated by the high switching current loops, and to optimize the reliability of the device.

In order to avoid EMC problems, the high switching current loops must be as short as possible. In the buck converter there are two high switching current loops: during the ON time, the pulsed current flows through the input capacitor, the high side power switch, the inductor and the output capacitor; during the OFF time, through the low side power switch, the inductor and the output capacitor.

The input capacitor connected to VINSW must be placed as close as possible to the device, to avoid spikes on VINSW due to the stray inductance and the pulsed input current.

In order to prevent dynamic unbalance between VINSW and  $V_{INA}$ , the trace connecting the  $V_{INA}$  pin to the input must be derived from VINSW.

The feedback pin (FB) connection to the external resistor divider is a high impedance node, so the interferences can be minimized through the routing of the feedback node with a very short trace and as far as possible from the high current paths.

A single point connection from signal ground to power ground is suggested.

Thanks to the exposed pad of the device, the ground plane helps to reduce the thermal resistance junction to ambient; so a large ground plane, soldered to the exposed pad, enhances the thermal performance of the converter allowing high power conversion.

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Via to connect the thermal pad To bottom or inner ground plane

Star center for common ground

Short high switching current loop

Input cap as close as possible to VINSW pin

VINA derived from Cin To avoid dynamic voltage drop Between VINA and VINSW

Figure 8. PCB layout guidelines



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# 7 Demonstration board

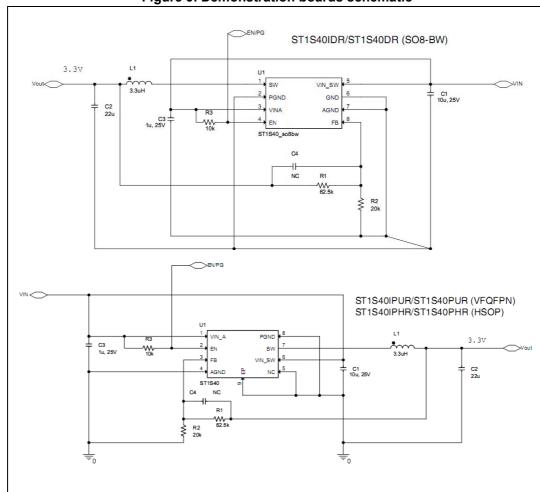


Figure 9. Demonstration boards schematic

Table 9. Component list

Reference	Part number	Description	Manufacturer
U1	ST1S40		STMicroelectronics <sup>®</sup>
L1	DRA74 3R3	3.3 µH, Isat = 5.4 A	Coiltronics
C1	C3225X7RE106K	10 μF 25 V X7R	TDK
C2	C3225X7R1C226M	22 μF 16 V X7R	TDK
C3		1 μF 25 V X7R	
C4		NC	
R1		62.5 kΩ	
R2		20 kΩ	
R3		10 kΩ	

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Figure 10. Demonstration board PCB top and bottom: HSOP-8 package

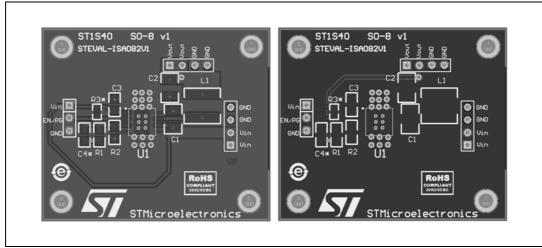


Figure 11. Demonstration board PCB top and bottom: VFQFPN package

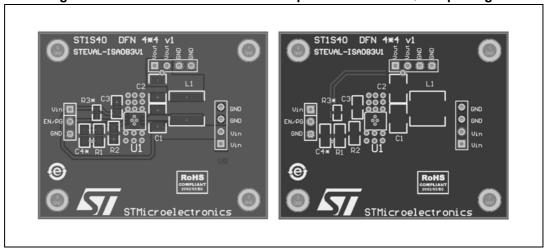
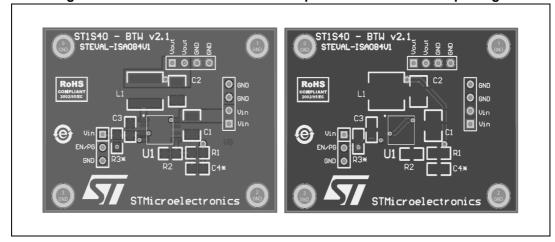


Figure 12. Demonstration board PCB top and bottom: SO8-BW package



# 8 Typical characteristics

Figure 13. Efficiency vs. I<sub>OUT</sub>

100
90
80
Vin=5V
Vo=1,8V
Vo=1,2V
40
000 050 100 150 200 250 300

Figure 14. Efficiency vs. I<sub>OUT</sub>

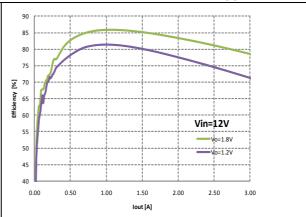


Figure 15. Efficiency vs.  $I_{OUT}$ 

lout [A]

Vin=12V ——∨o⊨5V ——∨o=3.3V

60

0.00

Figure 16. Overcurrent protection

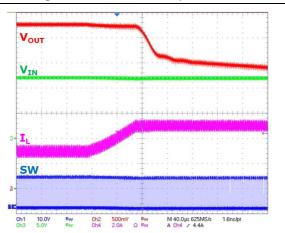


Figure 17. Short-circuit protection

2.50

1.50

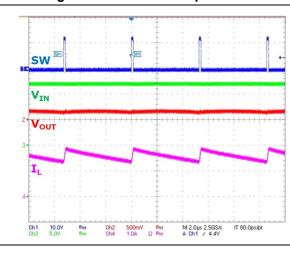
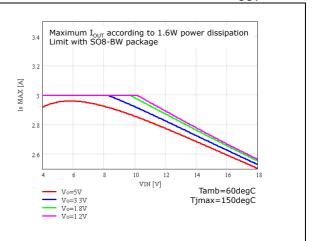


Figure 18. SO8-BW maximum  $I_{OUT}$ 



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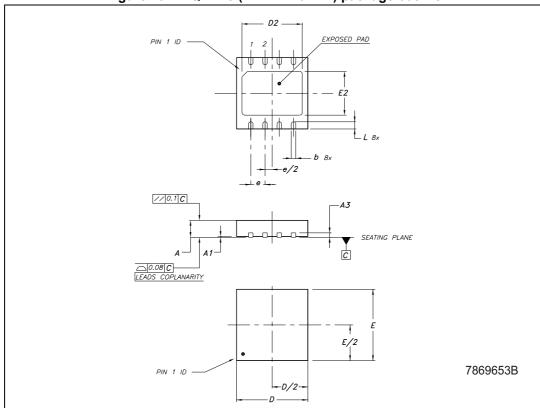


Figure 19. VFQFPN8 (4 x 4 x 1.0 mm) package outline

Table 10. VFQFPN8 (4 x 4 x 1.0 mm) package mechanical data

	Dimensions					
Symbol		mm			inch	
	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.
Α	0.80	0.90	1.00	0.0315	0.0354	0.0394
A1		0.02	0.05		0.0008	0.0020
A3		0.20			0.0079	
b	0.23	0.30	0.38	0.009	0.0117	0.0149
D	3.90	4.00	4.10	0.153	0.157	0.161
D2	2.82	3.00	3.23	0.111	0.118	0.127
E	3.90	4.00	4.10	0.153	0.157	0.161
E2	2.05	2.20	2.30	0.081	0.087	0.091
е		0.80			0.031	
L	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.016	0.020	0.024

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A2 A

B

C

Seating Plane)

(Gage Plane)

Figure 20. SO8-BW package outline

Table 11. SO8-BW package mechanical data

	Dimensions						
Symbol	mm						
	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	
Α	135		1.75	0.053		0.069	
A1	0.10		0.25	0.004		0.001	
A2	1.10		1.65	0.043		0.065	
В	0.33		0.51	0.013		0.020	
С	0.19		0.25	0.007		0.01	
D <sup>(1)</sup>	4.80		5.00	0.1890	0.1929	0.1969	
E	3.80		4.00	0.15		0.157	
е		1.27			0.050		
Н	5.80		6.20	0.228		0.244	
h	0.25		0.50	0.0098		0.0197	
L	0.40		1.27	0.0157		0.0500	
k	0°(min.), 8° (max.)						
ddd			0.10			0.0039	

Dimension D does not include mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs must not exceed 0.15 mm (.006 inch) in total (both sides).



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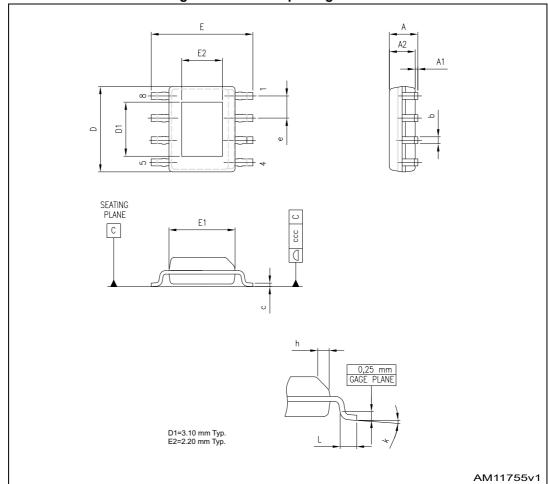


Figure 21. HSOP-8 package outline



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Table 12. HSOP-8 package mechanical data

	Dimensions						
Symbol		mm			inch		
	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	
Α			1.70			0.0669	
A1	0.00		0.150		0.00	0.0059	
A2	1.25			0.0492			
b	0.31		0.51	0.0122		0.0201	
С	0.17		0.25	0.0067		0.0098	
D	4.80	4.90	5.00	0.1890	0.1929	0.1969	
E	5.80	6.00	6.20	0.2283	0.2362	0.2441	
E1	3.80	3.90	4.00	0.1496	0.1535	0.1575	
е		1.27			0.0500		
h	0.25		0.50	0.0098		0.0197	
L	0.40		1.27	0.0157		0.0500	
k	0.00		8.00			0.3150	
ccc			0.10			0.0039	

Order codes ST1S40

# 10 Order codes

**Table 13. Ordering information** 

Order codes	Package	Function
ST1S40IPUR	VFQFPN 4 x 4 8L	
ST1S40IPHR	HSOP-8	Enable
ST1S40IDR	SO8-BW	

# 11 Revision history

**Table 14. Document revision history** 

Date	Revision	Changes	
15-Dec-2010	1	First release	
04-Mar-2011	2	Updated: Table 1, Table 2, Table 3 and Table 13.	
20-Dec-2011	3	Updated cover page: <i>Table 1</i> , <i>Table 2</i> , <i>Section 5</i> Added <i>Section 6</i> , <i>Section 7</i> and <i>Section 8</i>	
01-Mar-2012	4	HSOP8 mechanical data and package dimensions have been updated.	
10-Oct-2013	5	Updated <i>Table 2</i> - added value "-2 V to -1 V for 50 nsec" for parameter V <sub>SW</sub> .  Reformatted <i>Section 9: Package information</i> - reversed order of <i>Figure 19</i> and <i>Table 10</i> , <i>Figure 20</i> and <i>Table 11</i> , <i>Figure 21</i> and <i>Table 12</i> .  Minor corrections throughout document.	

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