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AS1341 20V, 600mA, 100% Duty Cycle, Step-Down Converter

1 General Description

The AS1341 is a high-efficiency step-down converter with adjustable output voltages from 1.25V to VIN using supply voltages of up to 20V.

An integrated current-limited 0.4Ω MOSFET delivers load currents up to 600mA.

The AS1341 also includes a 100% duty cycle LDO mode with a low dropout of only 250mV for high efficiency if input voltages is in the range of the output voltage.

The AS1341 has a low quiescent current (12µ A) to improve lightload efficiency and minimize battery use, and draws only 0.8µ A in shutdown mode.

High switching frequencies (up to 200kHz) allow the use of small surface-mount inductors and output capacitors.

The device is available in a TDFN-8 3x3mm pin package.

2 Key Features

- ̈ Output Voltages: Fixed 5V or Adjustable
- ̈ Input Voltage Range: 4.5V to 20V
- Output Current: Up to 600mA
- 1.25V Lowest Output Voltage
- Efficiency: up to 96%
- ̈ Quiescent Supply Current: 12µ A
- Power-OK Output
- ̈ Internal 0.4Ω P-Channel MOSFET
- Shutdown Current: 0.8µ A
- ̈ 100% Maximum Duty Cycle for Low Dropout
- ̈ Current-Limited Architecture
- ̈ Thermal Shutdown
- ̈ TDFN-8 3x3mm Package

3 Applications

The device is ideal for notebook computers, distributed power systems, keep-alive supplies, and any other battery-operated, portable device.

Figure 1. AS1341 - Typical Application

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4 Pin Assignments

Figure 2. Pin Assignments (Top View)

4.1 Pin Descriptions

Table 1. Pin Descriptions

5 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed in [Table 2](#page-2-0) 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 [Electrical Characteristics on page 4](#page-3-0) is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6 Electrical Characteristics

VIN = +12V, SHDNN = VIN, Typical values are at TAMB = +25ºC (unless otherwise specified). Specifications based on circuit shown in [Figure 1](#page-0-0) [on page 1](#page-0-0).

Table 3. Electrical Characteristics

Note: All limits are guaranteed. The parameters with min and max values are guaranteed with production tests or SQC (Statistical Quality Control) methods.

7 Typical Operating Characteristics

 V OUT = 5V, TAMB = $+25^{\circ}$ C (unless otherwise specified).

0.1 1 10 100 1000 Output Current (mA)

65

Figure 11. Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage; V *OUT* = $3.3V$

Figure 12. Peak Switch Current vs. Input Voltage; $VOUT = 3.3V$

Figure 14. Switching Frequency vs. Output Current; V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V, L = 10 μ H

Figure 15. Load Regulation, VOUT vs. IOUT; V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 5V

Figure 17. Line Transient Response; $IOUT = 500mA$ Figure 18. Load Transient Response

Figure 19. LX Waveform; ViN = 20V, IOUT = 500mA Figure 20. Startup Waveform; RLOAD = 100Ω

8 Detailed Description

The AS1341 step-down converter was specifically designed for battery-powered portable devices, including laptop computers, PDAs, and MP3/ DVD/CD players. The advanced current-limited control scheme provides high-efficiency over a wide range of output loads. The highly-efficient operation (up to 100% duty cycle) allows extremely low dropout voltage, increasing the usable supply voltage range. In no-load conditions the AS1341 draws only 12µ A; in shutdown mode it draws only 0.8µ A to further reduce power consumption and extend battery life.

The AS1341 features an integrated 20V switching MOSFET, internal current sensing, and a high switching frequency, for minimal PCB space and external component requirements.

Figure 21. AS1341 - Block Diagram - 5V fixed Output Voltage

8.1 Current-Limit Control

The AS1341 uses a proprietary current-limiting control scheme with operation up to 100% duty cycle. The DC-DC converter pulses as needed to maintain regulation, resulting in a variable switching frequency that increases with the load. This eliminates the high-supply currents associated with conventional constant-frequency pulse-width-modulation (PWM) controllers that unnecessarily switch the MOSFET.

When the output voltage is too low, the error comparator sets a flip-flop, which turns on the internal P-channel MOSFET and begins a switching cycle. The inductor current ramps up linearly, storing energy in a magnetic field while charging the output capacitor and servicing the load [\(see](#page-6-0) [Figure 19 on page 7\)](#page-6-0).

The MOSFET turns off when the peak current limit is reached, or when the maximum on-time of 10µs is exceeded and the output voltage is in regulation. If the output is out of regulation and the peak current is never reached, the MOSFET remains on, allowing a duty cycle up to 100%. This feature ensures the lowest possible dropout voltage.

Once the MOSFET turns off, the flip-flop resets, the inductor current is pulled through D1 [\(see Figure 21\),](#page-7-0) and the current through the inductor ramps back down, transferring the stored energy to the output capacitor and load. The MOSFET remains off until the 0.4µ s minimum off-time expires, and the output voltage goes out of regulation.

8.2 Dropout Voltage

A buck converter's minimum input-to-output voltage differential (dropout voltage) determines the lowest usable supply voltage. In batterypowered systems, this limits the useful end-of-life battery voltage. To maximize battery life, the AS1341 operates with duty cycles up to 100%, which minimizes the dropout voltage and eliminates switching losses while in dropout. When the supply voltage approaches the output voltage, the P-channel MOSFET remains on continuously to supply the load.

Note: Dropout voltage is defined as the difference between the input and output voltages when the input is low enough for the output to drop out of regulation.

For a step-down converter with 100% duty cycle, dropout is related to the MOSFET drain-to-source on-resistance (RDSON) and inductor series resistance (RINDUCTOR), and thus it is proportional to the load current:

 $VDROPOUT = 10UTX (RDSON + RINDUCTOR)$ (EQ 1)

8.3 Shutdown

A logic low on pin SHDNN shuts down the AS1341; a logic high on SHDNN powers on the device.

In shutdown mode the supply current drops to 0.8µ A to maximize battery life, and the internal P-channel MOSFET turns off to isolate the output from the input. The output capacitance and load current determine the output voltage decay rate.

Note: Pin SHDNN should not be left floating. If the shutdown feature is not used, connect SHDNN to IN.

8.4 Power-OK Output

The AS1341 provides a Power OK output (POK) that goes high-impedance when the output reaches 92.5% of its regulation point. POK goes low when the output is below 92.5% of the regulation point and the AS1341 is turned on (IN ≥ 4.5V and SHDNN ≥ 2.4V). A 12kΩ to 1MΩ pullup resistor between pin POK and pin IN or pin OUT or another voltage (≤ IN) can provide a microprocessor logic control signal.

Note: Connect pin POK to GND when the Power-Ok feature is not used.

8.5 Thermal-Overload Protection

Integrated thermal-overload protection limits total power dissipation in the AS1341. During continuous thermal-overload conditions, when the AS1341 junction temperature exceeds TJ = +145°C, the internal thermal sensor turns off the pass transistor, allowing the AS1341 to cool down. When the AS1341 junction temperature cools by 10°C, the thermal sensor turns the pass transistor on again resulting in a pulsed output.

9 Application Information

9.1 Adjusting Output Voltage

The AS1341 feedback input features dual-mode operation. Connect FB to GND for the 5.0V preset output voltage [\(see Figure 21 on page 8\).](#page-7-0) Adjust the output voltage by connecting a voltage-divider from the output to GND [\(see Figure 22\)](#page-9-0).

Figure 22. Adjustable Output Voltage Circuit

Select a value for R2 between 10k and 1MΩ.

Calculate R1 as:

$$
R_1 = R_2 \cdot \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{FB}} - 1\right) \tag{EQ2}
$$

Where:

VFB = 1.25V. VOUT may range from 1.25V to VIN.

9.2 Negative Output Voltage

VIN may range from 4.5V to (20V-VOUT). Therefore the maximum negative output voltage is -15V.

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9.3 Setting Current Limit

The AS1341 adjustable peak current limit is set by connecting ILIMIT as shown in [Table 4.](#page-10-2)

Table 4. Setting Peak Current Limit

The current limit chosen should reflect the maximum load current. The maximum output current is half of the peak current limit. Choosing a lower current limit allows using an inductor with a lower current rating, however, it requires a higher inductance [\(see Inductor Selection\)](#page-10-1) and does not allow for reduced inductor package size.

9.4 Inductor Selection

The AS1341 operates with a wide range of inductance values. For most applications, values between 10µ H and 47µ H work best with the controller's high switching frequency. Larger inductor values will reduce the switching frequency and thereby improve efficiency and EMI.

Note: The four key factors in inductor selection are inductance value, saturation rating, series resistance, and size.

The trade-off for improved efficiency is a higher output ripple and slower transient response. On the other hand, low-value inductors respond faster to transients, improve output ripple, offer smaller physical size, and minimize cost. If the inductor value is too small, the peak inductor current exceeds the current limit due to current-sense comparator propagation delay, potentially exceeding the inductor's current rating. Calculate the minimum inductance value as follows:

$$
LMIN = ((VINMAX - VOUTPUT) \times tONMIN/ILXPEAK) \tag{EQ3}
$$

Where:

 t ONMIN = $1\mu s$

The inductor saturation current rating must be greater than the peak switch current limit, plus the overshoot due to the 250ns current-sense comparator propagation delay. Saturation occurs when the magnetic flux density of the inductor reaches the maximum level the core can support and the inductance starts to fall. Choose an inductor with a saturation rating greater than IPEAK in the following equation:

$$
IPEAK = (ILXPEAK + (VIN - VOUTPUT) \times 250 \text{ns})/L
$$
\n(EQ 4)

Inductor series resistance affects both efficiency and dropout voltage [\(see Dropout Voltage on page 9\)](#page-8-0). High series resistance limits the maximum current available at lower input voltages, and increases the dropout voltage. For optimum performance, select an inductor with the lowest possible DC resistance that fits in the allotted dimensions.

Table 5. Recommended Inductors

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9.5 Maximum Output Current

The AS1341 output current determines the regulator's switching frequency. When the converter approaches continuous mode, the output voltage falls out of regulation. For the typical application, the maximum output current is approximately:

$$
ILOADMAX = 1/2 \times ILYPEAKMIN
$$
 (EQ5)

For low-input voltages, the maximum on-time may be reached and the load current is limited by:

$$
ILOAD = (1/2 \times (VIN - VOUT) \times 10 \mu s)/L
$$
 (EQ 6)

9.6 Output Capacitor

Choose the output capacitor to service the maximum load current with acceptable voltage ripple. The output ripple has two components: variations in the charge stored in the output capacitor with each LX pulse, and the voltage drop across the capacitor's equivalent series resistance (ESR) caused by the current into and out of the capacitor:

$$
V_{RIPPLE} \cong V_{RIPPLEESR} + V_{RIPPLEC}
$$
 (EQ7)

The output voltage ripple as a consequence of the ESR and output capacitance is:

$$
V_{RIPPEESR} = ESR \times IPEAK
$$
 (EQ8)

$$
V R I P P L E C = (L X (I P E A K - I OUT P U T) 2)/(2 X (COUT X V OUT P U T)) X V IN / (V IN - V OUT P U T)
$$
 (EQ 9)

Where:

IPEAK is the peak inductor current [\(see Inductor Selection on page 11\).](#page-10-1) The worst-case ripple occurs at no-load.

Equations [EQ 7,](#page-11-0) [EQ 8,](#page-11-1) and [EQ 9](#page-11-2) are suitable for initial capacitor selection, but actual values should be set by testing a prototype or evaluation circuit. As a general rule, a smaller amount of charge delivered in each pulse results in less output ripple. Since the amount of charge delivered in each oscillator pulse is determined by the inductor value and input voltage, the voltage ripple increases with larger inductance, and as the input voltage decreases.

Table 6. Recommended Output Capacitor

9.7 Input Capacitor

The input filter capacitor reduces peak currents drawn from the power source and reduces noise and voltage ripple on the input caused by the circuit's switching. The input capacitor must meet the ripple-current requirement (IRMS) imposed by the switching current defined as:

$$
IRMS = (ILOAD X VOUTPUT)/VIN X V((4/3) X (VIN - VOUTPUT) - 1)
$$
\n
$$
(EQ 10)
$$

For most applications, non-tantalum type (ceramic, aluminum, polymer, or OS-CON) are preferred due to their robustness to high in-rush currents typical of systems with low-impedance battery inputs. Alternatively, connect two (or more) smaller value low-ESR capacitors in parallel to reduce cost. Choose an input capacitor that exhibits less than +10ºC temperature rise at the RMS input current for optimal circuit life.

Table 7. Recommended Input Capacitor

u	TC Code	Rated Voltage	Manufacturer
$10\mu F$	X7R	25V	Murata www.murata.com Taiyo Yuden www.t-yuden.com Kemet www.kemet.com Panasonic www.panasonic.com Sanyo www.edc.sanyo.com

9.8 Diode Selection

The current in the D1 [\(see Figure 22 on page 10\)](#page-9-0) changes abruptly from zero to its peak value each time the LX switch turns off. To avoid excessive losses, the diode must have a fast turn-on time and a low forward voltage.

Note: Ensure that the diode peak current rating exceeds the peak current limit set by the current limit [\(see Setting Current Limit on page 11\),](#page-10-0) and that its breakdown voltage exceeds VIN. Schottky diodes are recommended.

9.9 Stable Operation

A well-designed system and selection of high-quality external components can eliminate excessive noise on pins OUT, FB, or GND, which can lead to unstable device operation. Instability typically manifests itself as grouped switching pulses with large gaps and excessive low-frequency output ripple (motorboating) during no-load or light-load conditions.

9.10 Recommended Components

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9.11 PC Board Layout and Grounding

High switching frequencies and large peak currents make PC board layout an important part of AS1341-based designs. Good PCB layout can avoid switching noise being introduced into the feedback path, resulting in jitter, instability, or degraded performance.

- High-power traces [\(see Figure 22 on page 10\)](#page-9-0) should be as short and wide as possible.
- The current loops formed by the external components (CIN, COUT, L1, and D1 see [Figure 22 on page 10\)](#page-9-0) should be as short as possible to avoid radiated noise. Connect the ground pins of these power components at a common node in a star-ground configuration.
- Separate noisy traces, such as the LX node, from the feedback network with grounded copper.
- Keep the extra copper on the PCB and integrate it into a pseudo-ground plane.
- When using external feedback, place the resistors as close to pin FB as possible to minimize noise coupling.

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10 Package Drawings and Markings

Figure 24. TDFN-8 3x3mm Marking

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Figure 25. TDFN-8 3x3mm Package

11 Ordering Information

The device is available as the standard products shown in [Table 9.](#page-16-0)

Table 9. Ordering Information

Note: All products are RoHS compliant.

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