

# PL59201 100V Synchronous Buck Controller

## 1 Features

- Versatile Synchronous Buck DC-DC Controller
- Wide Input Voltage Range of 6 V to 100 V
- Adjustable Output Voltage From 0.8 V to 60 V
- Meets EN55022 / CISPR 22 EMI Standards
- Lossless  $R_{DS(on)}$  or Shunt Current Sensing
- Switching Frequency From 100 kHz to 1 MHz
- SYNCIn and SYNCOut Capability
- 0.8V Reference With  $\pm 1\%$  Feedback Accuracy
- 7.5V Gate Drivers for Standard VTH MOSFETs
- 30ns Adaptive Dead-Time Control
- 2.3A Source and 3.5A Sink Capability
- Low-Side Soft-Start for Prebiased Start-Up
- Adjustable Soft-Start or Optional Voltage Tracking
- Fast Line and Load Transient Response
- Voltage-Mode Control With Line Feed forward
- High Gain-Bandwidth Error Amplifier
- Precision Enable Input and Open-Drain Power Good Indicator for Sequencing and Control
- Inherent Protection Features for Robust Design
- Hiccup Mode Over Current Protection
- Input UVLO With Hysteresis
- VCC and Gate Drive UVLO Protection
- Thermal Shutdown Protection With Hysteresis
- QFN3.5X4.5-20L

## 2 Applications

- Remote Radio Unit (RRU) and BTS
- Networking and Computing Power
- Non-Isolated PoE and IP Cameras
- Industrial Motor Drives

## 3 Description

The PL59201 is a 100V synchronous buck controller is designed to regulate from a high input voltage source or from an input rail subject to high voltage transients, minimizing the need for external surge suppression components. The PL59201 continues to operate during input voltage dips as low as 6V, at nearly 100% duty cycle if needed, making it well suited for industrial control, robotic, datacom, and RF power amplifier applications.

Forced-PWM (FPWM) operation eliminates frequency variation to minimize EMI, while a user-selectable diode emulation feature lowers current consumption at light-load conditions. Cycle-by-cycle over current protection is accomplished by measuring the voltage drop across the low-side MOSFET or by using an optional current sense resistor. The adjustable switching frequency as high as 1 MHz can be synchronized to an external clock source to eliminate beat frequencies in noise-sensitive applications.

## 4 Typical Application Schematic

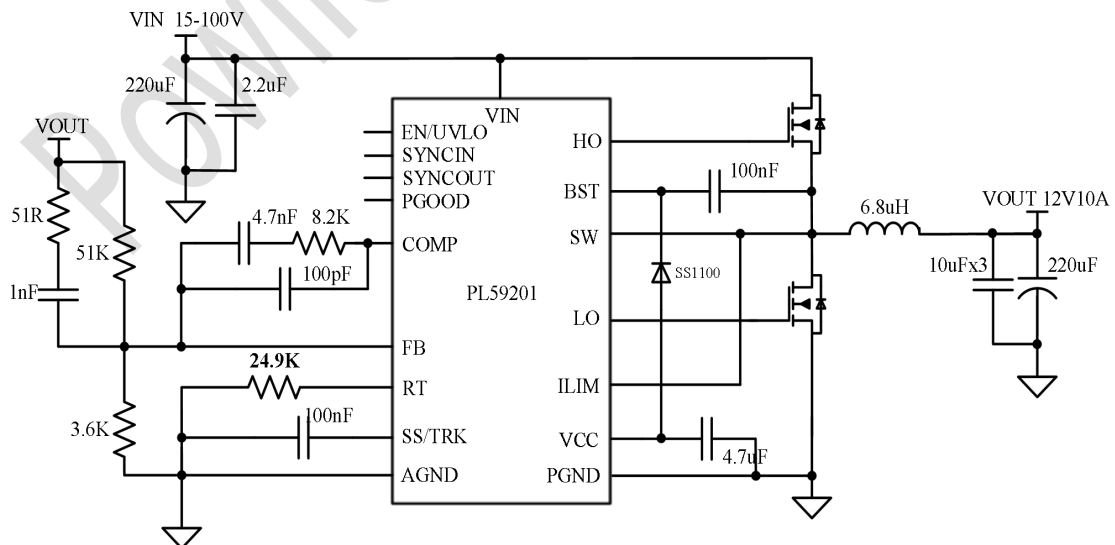


Fig.1 Typical Application Schematic

### 5 Pin Configuration and Functions

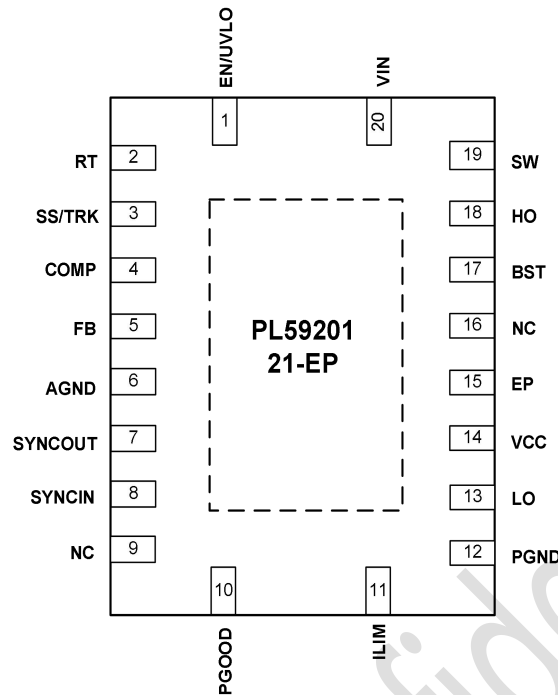


Fig.2 Pin-Function(QFN3.5X4.5-20L)

| Pin    |         | Description  |
|--------|---------|--|
| Number | Name    |  |
| 1      | EN/UVLO | Enable pin.  |
| 2      | RT      | Oscillator frequency adjust pin. The internal oscillator is programmed with a single resistor between RT and the AGND. Recommends a maximum oscillator frequency of 1 MHz. An RT pin resistor is required even when using the SYNCIN pin to synchronize to an external clock.  |
| 3      | SS/TRK  | Soft-start and voltage-tracking pin. An external capacitor and an internal 10µA current source set the ramp rate of the error amplifier reference during start-up. When the SS/TRK pin voltage is less than 0.8V, the SS/TRK voltage controls the non-inverting input of the error amp. When the SS/TRK voltage exceeds 0.8V, the amplifier is controlled by the internal 0.8V reference. SS/TRK is discharged to ground during standby and fault conditions. After start-up, the SS/TRK voltage is clamped 115mV above the FB pin voltage. If FB falls due to a load fault, SS/TRK is discharged to a level 115mV above FB to provide a controlled recovery when the fault is removed. Voltage tracking can be implemented by connecting a low impedance reference between 0V and 0.8V to the SS/TRK pin. The 10µA SS/TRK charging current flows into the reference and produces a voltage error if the impedance is not low. Connect a minimum capacitance from SS/TRK to AGND of 2.2nF. |
| 4      | COMP    | Low impedance output of the internal error amplifier. Connect the loop compensation network between the COMP pin and the FB pin.   |
| 5      | FB      | Feedback connection to the inverting input of the internal error amplifier. A resistor divider from the output to this pin sets the output voltage level. The regulation threshold at the FB pin is nominally 0.8V.  |
| 6      | AGND    | Analog ground. Return for the internal 0.8V voltage reference and analog circuits.   |
| 7      | SYNCOUT | Synchronization output. Logic output that provides a clock signal that is 180° out-of-phase with the high- side FET gate drive. Connect SYNCOUT of the master PL59201 to the SYNCIN pin of a second PL59201 to operate two controllers at the same frequency with 180° interleaved high-side FET switch turn-on transitions. Note that the SYNCOUT pin does not provide 180° interleaving when the controller is operating from an external clock that is different from the free-running frequency set by the RT resistor.  |

|    |        |   |
|----|--------|---|
| 8  | SYNCIN | Dual function pin for providing an optional clock input and for enabling diode emulation by the low-side MOSFET. Connecting a clock signal to the SYNCIN pin synchronizes switching to the external clock. Diode emulation by the low-side MOSFET is disabled when the controller is synchronized to an external clock, and negative inductor current can flow in the low-side MOSFET with light loads. A continuous logic low state at the SYNCIN pin enables diode emulation to prevent reverse current flow in the inductor. Diode emulation results in discontinuous mode operation (DCM) at light loads, which improves efficiency. A logic high state at the SYNCIN pin disables diode emulation producing forced-PWM (FPWM) operation. During soft-start when SYNCIN is high or a clock signal is present, the PL59201 operates in diode emulation mode until the output is in regulation, then gradually increases the SW zero-cross threshold, resulting in a gradual transition from DCM to FPWM. |
| 9  | NC     | This pin is floating, do not have electrical connections.   |
| 10 | PGOOD  | Power Good indicator. This pin is an open-drain output. A high state indicates that the voltage at the FB pin is within a specified tolerance window centered at 0.8V.  |
| 11 | ILIM   | Current limit adjust and current sense comparator input. A current sourced from the ILIM pin through an external resistor programs the threshold voltage for valley current limiting. The opposite end of the threshold adjust resistor can be connected to either the drain of the low-side MOSFET for RDS(on) sensing or to a current sense resistor connected to the source of the low-side FET.   |
| 12 | PGND   | Power ground return pin for the low-side MOSFET gate driver. Connect directly to the source of the low- side MOSFET or the ground side of a shunt resistor.   |
| 13 | LO     | Low-side MOSFET gate drive output.  |
| 14 | VCC    | Output of the 7.5V bias regulator. Locally decouple to PGND using a low ESR/ESL capacitor located as close as possible to the controller.   |
| 15 | EP     | Pin internally connected to exposed pad of the package. Electrically isolated.  |
| 16 | NC     | No electrical connection.   |
| 17 | BST    | Bootstrap supply for the high-side gate driver. Connect to the bootstrap (boot) capacitor. The bootstrap capacitor supplies current to the high-side FET gate and must be placed as close as possible to controller. Use an external Schottky diode to charge the bootstrap capacitor, connect the cathode of the diode to the BST pin and anode to VCC.  |
| 18 | HO     | High-side MOSFET gate drive output.   |
| 19 | SW     | Switching node of the buck controller.  |
| 20 | VIN    | Supply voltage input for the VCC LDO regulator.   |
| 21 | EP     | Exposed pad of the package. Electrically isolated. Solder to the system ground plane to reduce thermal resistance.  |

## 6 Device Marking Information

| Part Number | Order Information | Package        | Package Qty | Top Marking     | MSL |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----|
| PL59201     | PL59201IQN20A     | QFN3.5X4.5-20L | 4000        | 59201<br>RAAYMD | 3   |

59201:Part Number

RAAYMD : RAA: LOT NO.; YMD: Package Date Code

## 7 Specifications

### 7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings(Note1)

| PARAMETER                   | MIN  | MAX | Unit |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|------|
| VIN                         | -0.3 | 100 | V    |
| SW                          | -1   | 100 |      |
| SW (20ns transient)         | -5   | 100 |      |
| ILIM                        | 0    | 100 |      |
| EN/UVLO                     | -0.3 | 100 |      |
| VCC,PGOOD,SYNCIN            | -0.3 | 14  |      |
| FB, COMP, SS/TRK, RT        | -0.3 | 6   |      |
| BST                         | -0.3 | 110 |      |
| BST to VCC                  |      | 105 |      |
| BST to SW                   | -0.3 | 14  |      |
| VCC to BST (20ns transient) |      | 7   |      |
| LO (20ns transient)         | -3   |     |      |

### 7.2 Handling Ratings

| PARAMETER | DEFINITION                | MIN | MAX  | UNIT |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----|------|------|
| TST       | Storage Temperature Range | -65 | +150 | °C   |
| TJ        | Junction Temperature      | -40 | +150 | °C   |
| VESD      | HBM Human body model      | 2   |      | kV   |

### 7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions (Note 2)

| PARAMETER              | MIN  | MAX | Unit |
|------------------------|------|-----|------|
| VIN                    | 5.5  | 100 | V    |
| SW                     | -1   | 100 |      |
| ILIM                   | 0    | 100 |      |
| External VCC bias rail | 8    | 13  |      |
| EN/UVLO                | -0.3 | 100 |      |
| BST                    | -0.3 | 110 |      |
| BST to VCC             |      | 100 |      |
| BST to SW              | 5    | 13  |      |
| PGOOD                  |      | 13  |      |
| SYNCOUT                | -1   | 1   |      |
| PGOOD                  |      | 2   | mA   |
| Tj                     | -40  | 150 | °C   |

### 7.4 Thermal Information(Note 3)

| Symbol        | Description                            | QFN3.5X4.5-20L | Unit |
|---------------|--|----------------|------|
| $\theta_{JA}$ | Junction to ambient thermal resistance | 36.8           | °C/W |
| $\theta_{JC}$ | Junction to case thermal resistance    | 28             |      |

Notes:

- 1) Exceeding these ratings may damage the device.
- 2) The device function is not guaranteed outside of the recommended operating conditions.
- 3) Measured on approximately 1" square of 1 oz copper.

**7.5 Electrical Characteristics**

Typical values correspond to  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ . Minimum and maximum limits apply over the  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $150^\circ\text{C}$  junction

temperature range unless otherwise stated.  $V_{IN} = 48\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{EN}/UVLO = 1.5\text{ V}$ ,  $R_{RT} = 25\text{ k}\Omega$  unless otherwise stated.(1)(2)

| SYMBOL                                 | PARAMETER                                 | CONDITION   | MIN | TYP  | MAX | UNIT          |
|--|---|---|-----|------|-----|---------------|
| <b>INPUT SUPPLY</b>                    |   |   |     |      |     |               |
| $V_{IN}$                               | Operating input voltage range             | $I_{VCC} \leq 10\text{ mA}$ at $V_{VIN} = 5.5\text{ V}$   | 5.5 |      | 100 | V             |
| $I_{Q-RUN}$                            | Operating input current, not switching    | $V_{EN}/UVLO = 1.5\text{ V}$ , $V_{SS}/TRK = 0\text{ V}$  |     | 1.8  |     | mA            |
| $I_{Q-STBY}$                           | Standby input current                     | $V_{EN}/UVLO = 1\text{ V}$  |     | 1.75 |     | mA            |
| $I_{Q-SDN}$                            | Shutdown input current                    | $V_{EN}/UVLO = 0\text{ V}$ , $V_{VCC} < 1\text{ V}$   |     | 15   |     | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| <b>VCC REGULATOR</b>                   |   |   |     |      |     |               |
| $V_{VCC}$                              | VCC regulation voltage                    | $V_{SS}/TRK = 0\text{ V}$ , $9\text{ V} \leq V_{VIN} \leq 100\text{ V}$ , $0\text{ mA} < I_{VCC} \leq 20\text{ mA}$ |     | 7.5  |     | V             |
| $V_{VCC-LDO}$                          | $V_{IN}$ to VCC dropout voltage           | $V_{VIN} = 6\text{ V}$ , $V_{SS}/TRK = 0\text{ V}$ , $I_{VCC} = 20\text{ mA}$                                       |     | 0.25 |     | V             |
| $I_{SC-LDO}$                           | VCC short-circuit current                 | $V_{SS}/TRK = 0\text{ V}$ , $V_{VCC} = 0\text{ V}$  |     | 50   |     | mA            |
| $V_{VCC-UV}$                           | VCC under voltage threshold               | $V_{VCC}$ rising  |     | 4.93 |     | V             |
| $V_{VCC-UVH}$                          | VCC under voltage hysteresis              | Rising threshold – falling threshold  |     | 0.26 |     | V             |
| $V_{VCC-EXT}$                          | Minimum external bias supply voltage      | Voltage required to disable VCC regulator   | 8   |      |     | V             |
| $I_{VCC}$                              | External VCC input current, not switching | $V_{SS}/TRK = 0\text{ V}$ , $V_{VCC} = 13\text{ V}$   |     |      | 2.3 | mA            |
| <b>ENABLE AND INPUT UVLO</b>           |   |   |     |      |     |               |
| $V_{EN}$                               | Shutdown to operating threshold           |   |     | 1.2  |     | V             |
| $I_{EN-HYS}$                           | Shutdown to operating hysteresis          |   |     | 0.2  |     | V             |
| <b>ERROR AMPLIFIER</b>                 |   |   |     |      |     |               |
| $V_{REF}$                              | FB reference voltage                      | FB connected to COMP  |     | 800  |     | mV            |
| $V_{COMP-OH}$                          | COMP output high voltage                  | $V_{FB} = 0\text{ V}$ , COMP sourcing 1 mA  |     | 5    |     | V             |
| $V_{COMP-OL}$                          | COMP output low voltage                   | COMP sinking 1 mA   |     |      | 0.3 | V             |
| <b>SOFT-START AND VOLTAGE TRACKING</b> |   |   |     |      |     |               |
| $I_{SS}$                               | SS/TRK capacitor charging current         | $V_{SS}/TRK = 0\text{ V}$   |     | 10   |     | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| <b>POWER GOOD INDICATOR</b>            |   |   |     |      |     |               |

|   |  |  |                  |     |
|---|--|--|------------------|-----|
| PGUTH   | FB upper threshold for PGOOD<br>high to low      | % of VREF, VFB rising                        | 107.5<br>%       |     |
| PGLTH   | FB lower threshold for PGOOD<br>high to low      | % of VREF, VFB falling                       | 92.5<br>%        |     |
| TPG-RISE  | PGOOD rising filter                              | FB to PGOOD rising edge                      | 25               | μs  |
| TPG-FALL  | PGOOD falling filter                             | FB to PGOOD falling edge                     | 25               | μs  |
| VPG-OL  | PGOOD low state output<br>voltage                | VFB = 0.9 V, IPGOOD = 2 mA                   | 150              | mV  |
| IPG-OH  | PGOOD high state leakage<br>current              | VFB = 0.8 V, VPGOOD = 13 V                   | 400              | nA  |
| <b>OSCILLATOR</b>                                 |  |  |                  |     |
| FSW1  | Oscillator Frequency – 1                         | RRT = 100 kΩ                                 | 100              | kHz |
| FSW2  | Oscillator Frequency – 2                         | RRT = 25 kΩ                                  | 400              | kHz |
| <b>SYNCHRONIZATION INPUT AND OUTPUT</b>           |  |  |                  |     |
| FSYNC   | SYNCIN external clock<br>frequency range         | % of nominal frequency set by<br>RRT         | -20%<br>+50<br>% |     |
| VSYNC-IH  | Minimum SYNCIN input logic<br>high               |  | 2                | V   |
| VSYNC-IL  | Maximum SYNCIN input logic<br>low                |  | 0.4              | V   |
| RSYNCIN   | SYNCIN input resistance                          | VSYNCIN = 3 V                                | 20               | kΩ  |
| tSYNCl-PW   | SYNCIN input minimum pulse<br>width              | Minimum high state or low state<br>duration  | 50               | ns  |
| VSYNCO-O<br>H                                     | SYNCOOUT high state output<br>voltage            | ISYNCOOUT = -1 mA (sourcing)                 | 3                | V   |
| VSYNCO-O<br>L                                     | SYNCOOUT low state output<br>voltage             | ISYNCOOUT = 1 mA (sinking)                   | 0.4              | V   |
| tSYNCOOUT   | Delay from HO rising to<br>SYNCOOUT leading edge | VSYNCIN = 0 V, TS = 1/FSW,<br>FSW set by RRT | TS/2 – 140       | ns  |
| tSYNCIN   | Delay from SYNCIN leading<br>edge to HO rising   | 50% to 50%                                   | 180              | ns  |
| <b>BOOTSTRAP DIODE AND UNDERVOLTAGE THRESHOLD</b> |  |  |                  |     |
| VBST-UV   | BST to SW under voltage<br>detection             | VBST – VSW falling                           | 4.2              | V   |
| VBST-HYS  | BST to SW under voltage<br>hysteresis            | VBST – VSW rising                            | 0.3              | V   |
| <b>PWM CONTROL</b>                                |  |  |                  |     |
| tON(MIN)  | Minimum controllable on-time                     | VBST – VSW = 7 V, HO 50% to                  | 110              | ns  |

|  |                                       |   |             |         |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|
|  |                                       | 50%   |             |         |
| tOFF(MIN)  | Minimum off-time                      | VBST – VSW = 7 V, HO 50% to 50%                                     | 140         | ns      |
| Dmax   | Maximum duty cycle                    | Fsw=100kHz  | 98%         |         |
| <b>OVERCURRENT PROTECT (OCP) – VALLEY CURRENT LIMITING</b> |                                       |   |             |         |
| IRS  | ILIM source current, RSENSE mode      | Low voltage detected at ILIM  | 90 100 100  | μA      |
| IRDSON   | ILIM source current, RDS(on) mode     | SW voltage detected at ILIM, TJ = 25°C                              | 180 200 220 | μA      |
| VILIM-TH   | ILIM comparator threshold at ILIM     |   | -8 -2 3.5   | mV      |
| <b>HICCUP MODE FAULT PROTECTION</b>                        |                                       |   |             |         |
| CHICC-DEL  | Hiccup mode activation delay          | Clock cycles with current limiting before hiccup off-time activated | 128         | cycle s |
| CHICCUP  | Hiccup mode off-time after activation | Clock cycles with no switching followed by SS/TRK release           | 8192        | cycle s |
| <b>GATE DRIVERS</b>  |                                       |   |             |         |
| HDRV   | Peak HDRV Source Current              |   | 2.3         | A       |
|  | Peak HDRV Sink Current                |   | 3.5         | A       |
| LDRV   | Peak LDRV Source Current              |   | 2.3         | A       |
|  | Peak LDRV Sink Current                |   | 3.5         | A       |
| Tr(HDRV)   | CLOAD = 1000pF                        |   | 5.5         | ns      |
| Tf(HDRV)   | CLOAD = 1000pF                        |   | 3.5         | ns      |
| Tr(LDRV)   | CLOAD = 1000pF                        |   | 5.5         | ns      |
| Tf(LDRV)   | CLOAD = 1000pF                        |   | 3.5         | ns      |
| Tdelay1  | Top Gate Off to Bottom Gate On Delay  |   | 30          | ns      |
| Tdelay2  | Bottom Gate Off to Top Gate On Delay  |   | 30          | ns      |
| <b>THERMAL SHUTDOWN</b>                                    |                                       |   |             |         |
| TSD  | Thermal shutdown threshold            | TJ rising   | 150         | °C      |
| TSD-HYS  | Thermal shutdown hysteresis           |   | 15          | °C      |

Note 1: All minimum and maximum limits are specified by correlating the electrical characteristics to process and temperature variations and applying statistical process control.

Note 2: The junction temperature (TJ in °C) is calculated from the ambient temperature (TA in °C) and power dissipation (PD in Watts) as follows:  $TJ = TA + (PD \cdot R\theta JA)$  where RθJA (in °C/W) is the package thermal impedance provided in 7.4.

**8 Typical Characteristics**

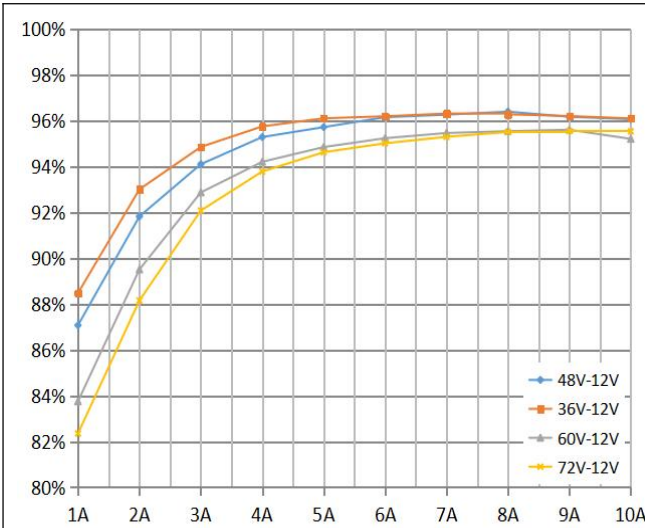


Fig8-1 Efficiency-Vout:12V/1-10A

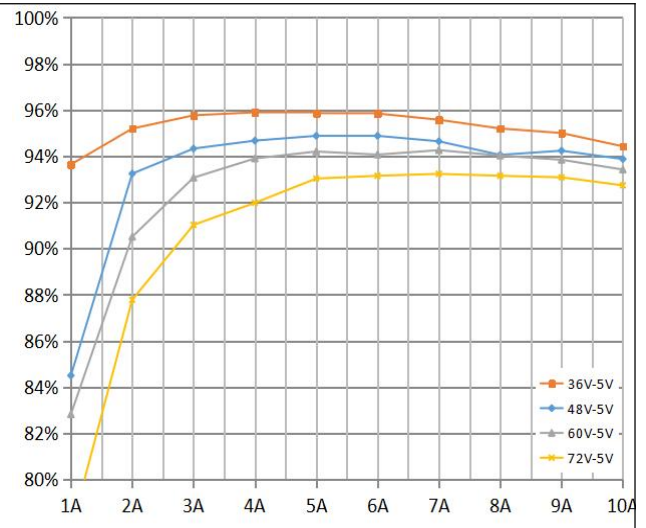
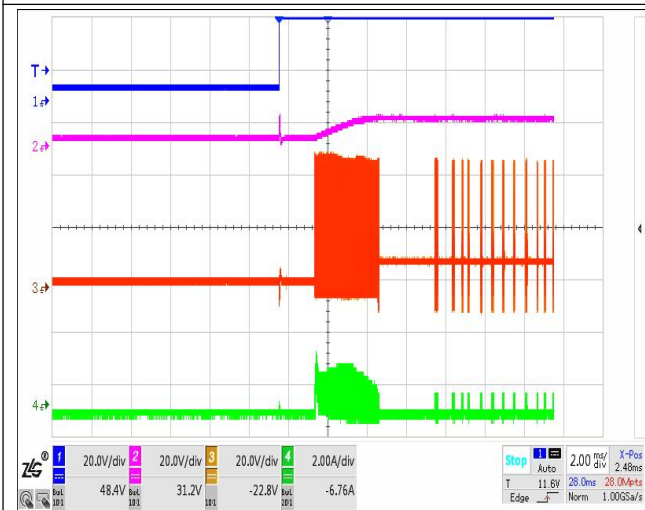
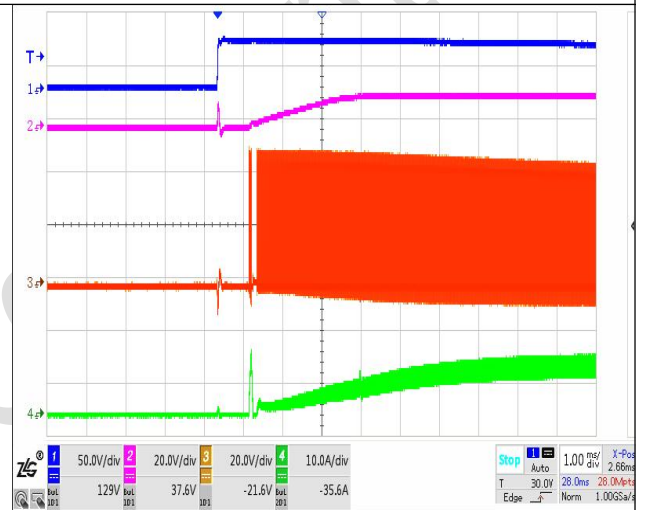


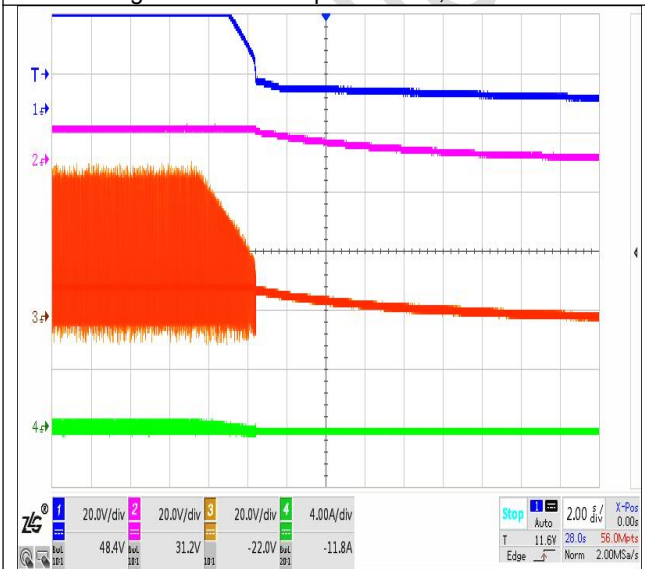
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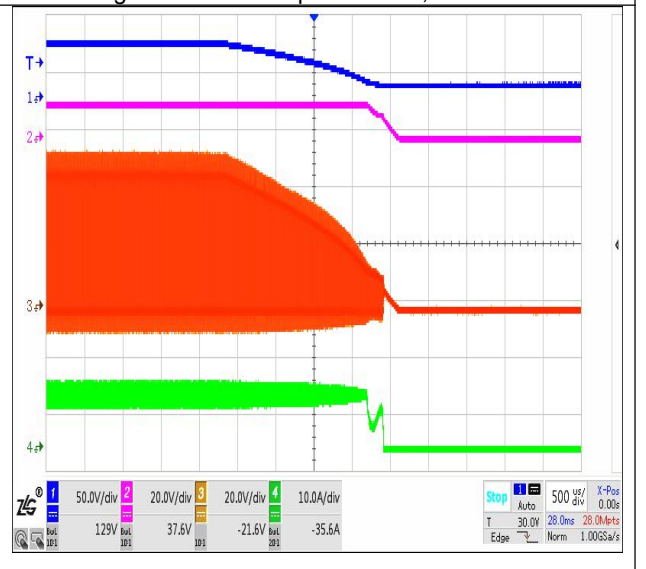
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Fig8-3 Vin Start up waveform, Iout =0A



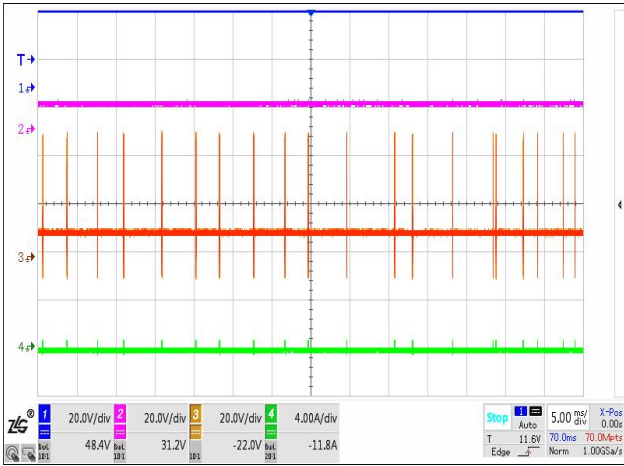
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Fig8-4 Vin Start up waveform, Iout =10A



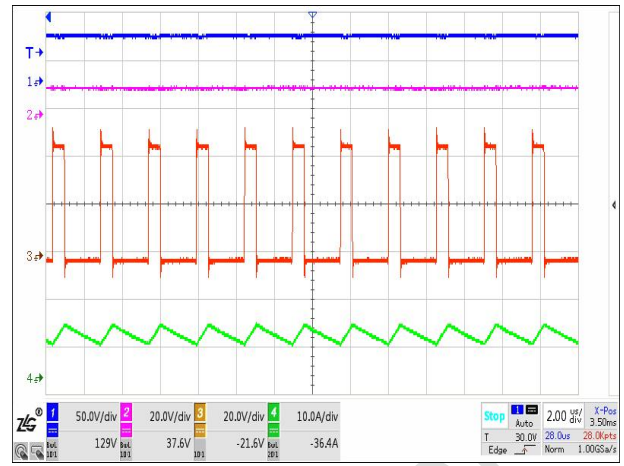
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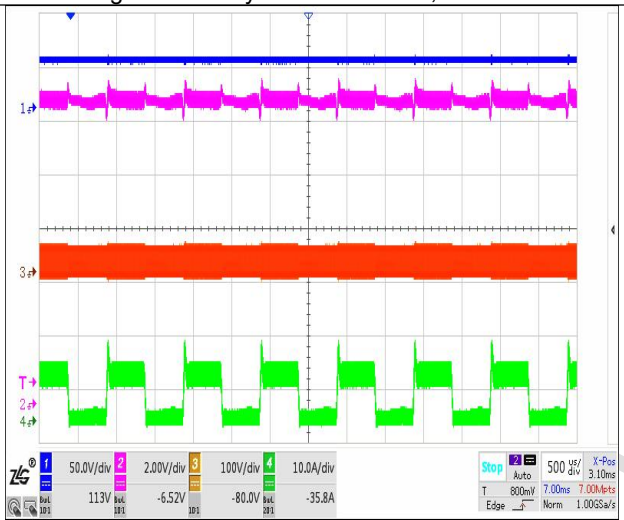
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Fig8-6 Vin Shut down waveform, Iout =10A



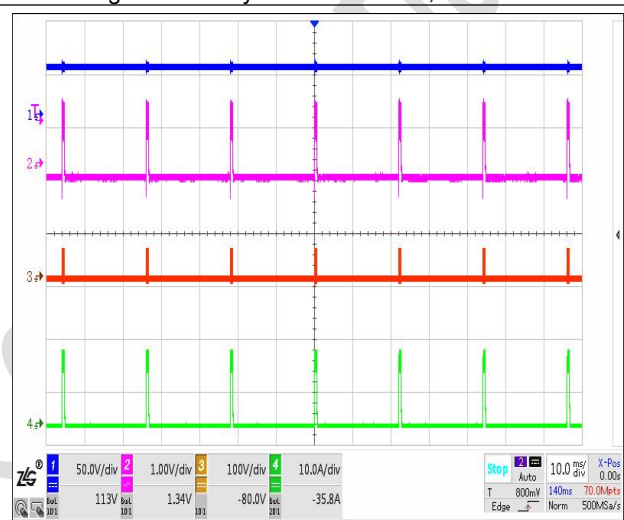
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 Fig8-7 Steady State waveform, Iout =0A



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 Vin=48V Vout=12V  
 Fig8-8 Steady State waveform, Iout =10A



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 Vin=48V Vout=12V/1-9A  
 Fig8-9 Load Transient Ripple



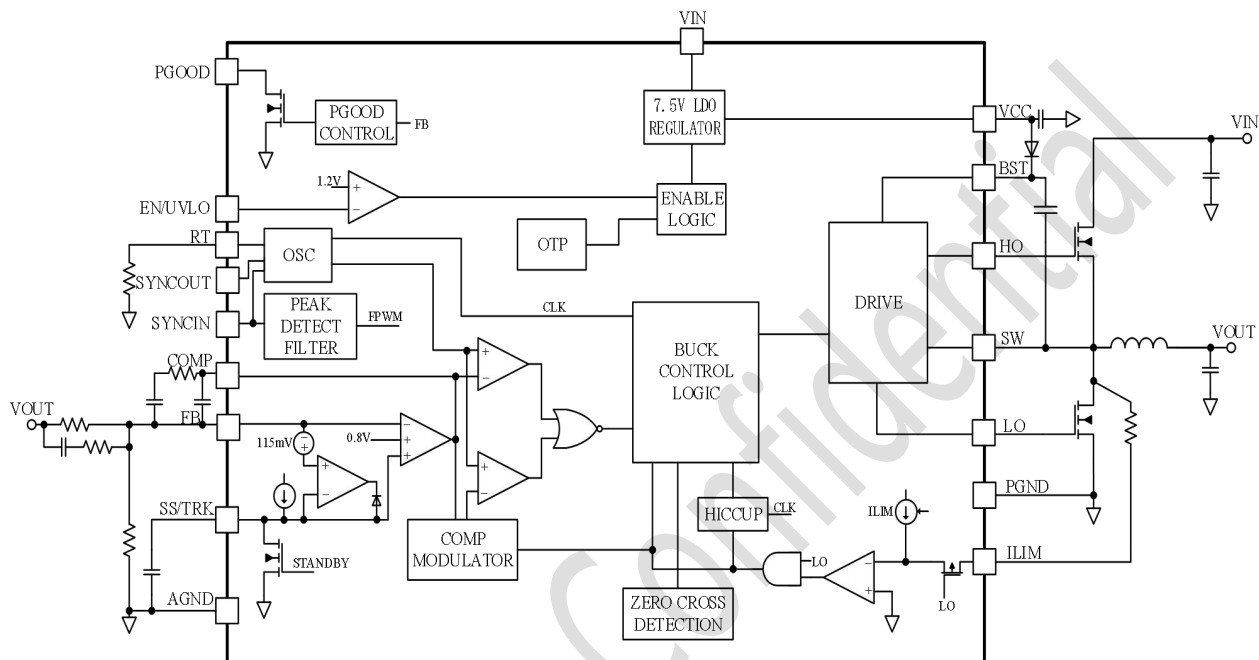
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 Fig8-10 SCP waveform

**9 Detailed Descriptions**

## 9.1 Main Control Loop

The PL59201 is a 100V synchronous buck controller with all of the functions necessary to implement a high efficiency step-down power supply. The output voltage range is from 0.8V to 60V. The voltage-mode control architecture uses input feedforward for excellent line transient response over a wide VIN range. Voltage-mode control supports the wide duty cycle range for high input voltage and low dropout applications as well as when a high voltage conversion ratio is required. Current sensing for cycle-by-cycle current limit can be implemented with either the low-side FET RDS(on) or a current sense resistor. The operating frequency is programmable from 100 kHz to 1 MHz. The PL59201 drives external high-side and low-side NMOS power switches with robust 7.5V gate drivers suitable for standard threshold MOSFETs. Adaptive dead-time control between the high-side and low-side drivers minimizes body diode conduction during switching transitions. An external bias supply can be connected to the VCC pin to improve efficiency in high-voltage applications.

## 9.2 Functional Block Diagram



**Fig9.2 Block Diagram**

## 9.3 Precision Enable (EN/UVLO)

The EN/UVLO input supports adjustable input undervoltage lockout (UVLO) with hysteresis programmed by the resistor values for application specific power-up and power-down requirements. EN/UVLO connects to a comparator-based input referenced to a 1.2V bandgap voltage. An external logic signal can be used to drive the EN/UVLO input to toggle the output ON and OFF and for system sequencing or protection. The simplest way to enable the operation of the PL59201 is to connect EN/UVLO directly to VIN. This allows self start-up of the PL59201 when VCC is within its valid operating range.

## 9.4 High-Voltage Bias Supply Regulator (VCC)

The PL59201 contains an internal high-voltage VCC regulator that provides a bias supply for the PWM controller and its gate drivers for the external MOSFETs. The input pin (VIN) can be connected directly to an input voltage source up to 100 V. The output of the VCC regulator is set to 7.5V. However, when the input voltage is below the VCC setpoint level, the VCC output tracks VIN with a small voltage drop. Connect a ceramic decoupling capacitor between 1  $\mu$ F and 5  $\mu$ F from VCC to AGND for stability.

Internal power dissipation of the VCC regulator can be minimized by connecting the output voltage or an auxiliary bias supply rail (up to 13V) to VCC using a diode DVCC.

## 9.5 Power Good Monitor (PGOOD)

The PL59201 provides a PGOOD flag pin to indicate when the output voltage is within a regulation window.

PGOOD is an open-drain output that requires a pullup resistor to a DC supply not greater than 13V. The typical range of pullup resistance is 10k $\Omega$  to 100k $\Omega$ . If necessary, use a resistor divider to decrease the voltage from a higher voltage pullup rail.

## 9.6 Switching Frequency (RT, SYNCIN)

There are two options for setting the switching frequency, FSW, of the PL59201, thus providing a power supply designer with a level of flexibility when choosing external components for various applications. To adjust the frequency, use a resistor from the RT pin to AGND, or synchronize the PL59201 to an external clock signal through the SYNCIN pin.

Adjust the PL59201 free-running switching frequency by using a resistor from the RT pin to AGND. The switching frequency range is from 100 kHz to 1 MHz. The frequency set resistance, RRT, is governed by Equation 1. E96 standard-value resistors for common switching frequencies are given in Fig9.6.1.

$$R_{RT} [k\Omega] = \frac{10^4}{F_{SW} [kHz]} \quad (1)$$

| SWITCHING FREQUENCY<br>(kHz) | FREQUENCY SET RESISTANCE<br>(kΩ) |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 100                          | 100                              |
| 200                          | 49.9                             |
| 250                          | 40.2                             |
| 300                          | 33.2                             |
| 400                          | 24.9                             |
| 500                          | 20                               |
| 750                          | 13.3                             |
| 1000                         | 10                               |

**Fig9.6.1. Frequency Set Resistors**

Apply an external clock synchronization signal to the PL59201 to synchronize switching in both frequency and phase. Requirements for the external clock SYNC signal are:

Clock frequency range: 100 kHz to 1 MHz

Clock frequency: -20% to +50% of the free-running frequency set by RRT

Clock maximum voltage amplitude: 13V

Clock minimum pulse width: 50ns

## 9.7 Configurable Soft Start (SS/TRK)

After the EN/UVLO pin exceeds its rising threshold of 1.2V, the PL59201 begins charging the output to the DC level dictated by the feedback resistor network. The PL59201 features an adjustable soft start (set by a capacitor from the SS/TRK pin to GND) that determines the charging time of the output. A 10-μA current source charges this soft-start capacitor. Soft start limits inrush current as a result of high output capacitance to avoid an overcurrent condition. Stress on the input supply rail is also reduced. The soft-start time, tSS, for the output voltage to ramp to its nominal level is set by Equation 2.

$$t_{SS} = \frac{C_{SS} * V_{REF}}{I_{SS}} \quad (2)$$

where

- CSS is the soft-start capacitance
- VREF is the 0.8V reference
- ISS is the 10μA current sourced from the SS/TRK pin More simply, calculate CSS using Equation 5.

$$C_{SS}(nF) = 12.5 * t_{ss}(ms)$$

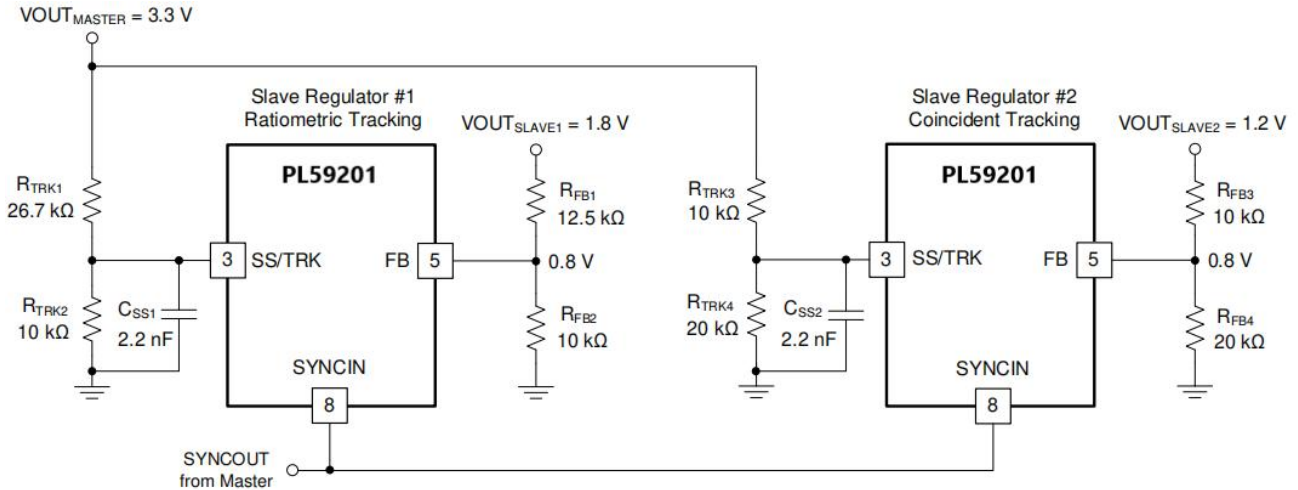
The SS/TRK pin is internally clamped to VFB + 115 mV to allow a soft-start recovery from an overload event. The clamp circuit requires a soft-start capacitance greater than 2 nF for stability and has a current limit of approximately 2 mA.

The SS/TRK pin also doubles as a tracking pin when master-slave power-supply tracking is required. This tracking is achieved by simply dividing down the output voltage of the master with a simple resistor network. Coincident, ratiometric, and offset tracking modes are possible.

If an external voltage source is connected to the SS/TRK pin, the external soft-start capability of the PL59201 is effectively

disabled. The regulated output voltage level is reached when the SS/TRACK pin reaches the 0.8V reference voltage level. It is the responsibility of the system designer to determine if an external soft-start capacitor is required to keep the device from entering current limit during a start-up event. Likewise, the system designer must also be aware of how fast the input supply ramps if the tracking feature is enabled.

Two practical tracking configurations, ratiometric and coincident, are shown in Fig9.7.1. The most common application is coincident tracking, used in core versus I/O voltage tracking in DSP and FPGA implementations. Coincident tracking forces the master and slave channels to have the same output voltage ramp rate until the slave output reaches its regulated setpoint. Conversely, ratiometric tracking sets the output voltage of the slave to a fraction of the output voltage of the master during start-up.

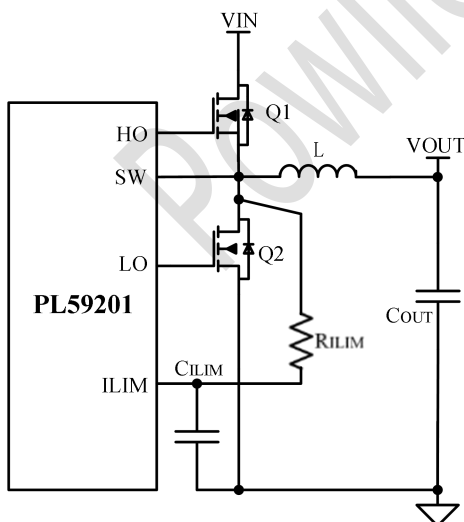


**Fig9.7.1 Tracking Implementation With Master, Ratiometric Slave, and Coincident Slave Rails**

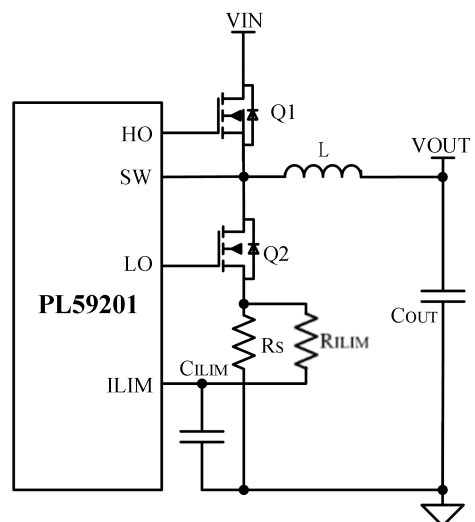
For coincident tracking, connect the SS/TRK input of the slave regulator to a resistor divider from the output voltage of the master that is the same as the divider used on the FB pin of the slave. In other words, simply select  $R_{TRK3} = R_{FB3}$  and  $R_{TRK4} = R_{FB4}$  as shown in Fig9.7.1. As the master voltage rises, the slave voltage rises identically (aside from the 80-mV offset from SS/TRK to FB when VFB is below 0.8 V). Eventually, the slave voltage reaches its regulation voltage, at which point the internal reference takes over the regulation while the SS/TRK input continues to 115 mV above FB, and no longer controls the output voltage.

**9.8 Current Sensing and Overcurrent Protection (ILIM)**

The PL59201 implements a lossless current sense scheme designed to limit the inductor current during an overload or short-circuit condition. Fig9.8.1 portrays the popular current sense method using the on-state resistance of the low-side MOSFET. Meanwhile, Fig9.8.2 shows an alternative implementation with current shunt resistor,  $R_S$ . The PL59201 senses the inductor current during the PWM off-time (when LO is high).



**Fig9.8.1 MOSFET RDS(on) Current Sensing**



**Fig9.8.2 Shunt Resistor Current Sensing**

The ILIM pin of the PL59201 sources a reference current that flows in an external resistor, designated RILIM, to program of the current limit threshold. A current limit comparator on the ILIM pin prevents further SW pulses if the ILIM pin voltage goes below GND.

Resistor RILIM is tied to SW to use the RDS(on) of the low-side MOSFET as a sensing element (termed RDS(on) mode). Alternatively, RILIM is tied to a shunt resistor connected at the source of the low-side MOSFET (termed RSENSE mode). The PL59201 detects the appropriate mode at start-up and sets the source current amplitude and temperature coefficient (TC) accordingly.

The ILIM current with RDS-ON sensing is 200  $\mu\text{A}$  at 27°C junction temperature and incorporates a TC of +4500 ppm/°C to generally track the RDS(on) temperature variation of the low-side MOSFET. Conversely, the ILIM current is a constant 100  $\mu\text{A}$  in RSENSE mode. This controls the valley of the inductor current during a steady-state overload at the output. Depending on the chosen mode, select the resistance of RILIM using Equation 3.

$$R_{ILIM} = \begin{cases} \frac{I_{OUT} - \Delta I_L / 2}{I_{RDS(on)}} \cdot R_{DS(on)Q2}, & R_{DS(on)} \text{ sensing} \\ \frac{I_{OUT} - \Delta I_L / 2}{I_{RS}} \cdot R_S, & \text{shunt sensing} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Where:

$\Delta I_L$  is the peak-to-peak inductor ripple current

RDS(on)Q2 is the on-state resistance of the low-side MOSFET

IRDS(on) is the ILIM pin current in RDS-ON mode

RS is the resistance of the current-sensing shunt element, and IRS is the ILIM pin current in RSENSE mode.

Given the large voltage swings of ILIM in RDS(on) sensing mode, a capacitor designated CILIM connected from ILIM to PGND is essential to the operation of the valley current limit circuit. Choose this capacitance such that the time constant  $R_{ILIM} \cdot C_{ILIM}$  is approximately 6 ns.

Note that current sensing with a shunt component is typically implemented at lower output current levels to provide accurate overcurrent protection. Burdened by the unavoidable efficiency penalty, PCB layout, and additional cost implications, this configuration is not usually implemented in high-current applications (except where OCP setpoint accuracy and stability over the operating temperature range are critical specifications).

## 9.9 Device Functional Modes

### 9.9.1 Shutdown Mode

The EN/UVLO pin provides ON / OFF control for the PL59201. When the EN/UVLO voltage is below 0.37V (typical), the device is in shutdown mode. Both the internal bias supply LDO and the switching regulator are off. The quiescent current in shutdown mode drops to 13.5 $\mu\text{A}$  (typical) at  $V_{IN} = 48\text{V}$ . The PL59201 also includes undervoltage protection of the internal bias LDO. If the internal bias supply voltage is below its UVLO threshold level, the switching regulator remains off.

### 9.9.2 Standby Mode

The internal bias supply LDO has a lower enable threshold than the switching regulator. When the EN/UVLO voltage exceeds 0.42V (typical) and is below the precision enable threshold (1.2V typically), the internal LDO is on and regulating. Switching action and output voltage regulation are disabled in standby mode.

### 9.9.3 Active Mode

The PL59201 is in active mode when the VCC voltage is above its rising UVLO threshold of 5 V and the EN/UVLO voltage is above the precision EN threshold of 1.2V. The simplest way to enable the PL59201 is to tie EN UVLO to VIN. This allows self start-up of the PL59201 when the input voltage exceeds the VCC threshold plus the LDO dropout voltage from VIN to VCC.

### 9.9.4 Diode Emulation Mode

The PL59201 provides a diode emulation feature that can be enabled to prevent reverse (drain-to-source) current flow in the low-side MOSFET. When configured for diode emulation, the low-side MOSFET is switched off when reverse current flow is detected by sensing of the SW voltage using a zero-cross comparator. The benefit of this configuration is lower power loss at no-load and light-load conditions, the disadvantage being slower light-load transient response.

The diode emulation feature is configured with the SYNCIN pin. To enable diode emulation and thus achieve discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) operation at light loads, connect the SYNCIN pin to AGND or leave SYNCIN floating. If forced PWM (FPWM) continuous conduction mode (CCM) operation is desired, tie SYNCIN to VCC either directly or using a pullup resistor. Note that diode emulation mode is automatically engaged to prevent reverse current flow during a prebias start-up. A gradual change from DCM to CCM operation provides monotonic start-up performance.

## 9.10 Thermal Shutdown

The PL59201 includes an internal junction temperature monitor. If the temperature exceeds 150°C (typical), thermal shutdown occurs. When entering thermal shutdown, the device:

Turns off the high-side and low-side MOSFETs.

Pulls SS/TRK and PGOOD low.

Turns off the VCC regulator.

Initiates a soft-start sequence when the die temperature decreases by the thermal shutdown hysteresis of 15°C (typical).

This is a non-latching protection, and the device will cycle into and out of thermal shutdown if the fault persists.

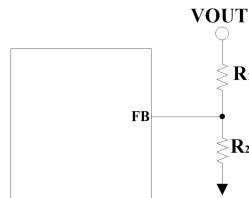
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## 10 Applications and Implementation

### 10.1 Setting the Output Voltage

Choose R1 and R2 to program the proper output voltage. To minimize the power consumption under light load, it is desirable to choose large resistance values for both R1 and R2. A value between 10k and 1M is recommended for both resistors. If R1=100k is chosen, then R2 can be calculated to be:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{FB} \times \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \quad (4)$$



**Fig 10.2 Setting Output Voltage**

### 10.2 Inductor Value Calculation

The operating frequency and inductor selection are interrelated in that higher operating frequencies allow the use of smaller inductor and capacitor values. Why would anyone ever choose to operate at lower frequencies with larger components? The answer is efficiency. A higher frequency generally results in lower efficiency because of MOSFET gate charge and switching losses. Also, at higher frequency the duty cycle of body diode conduction is higher, which results in lower efficiency. In addition to this basic trade-off, the effect of inductor value on ripple current and low current operation must also be considered.

For a given ripple, the inductance terms in continuous mode are as follows:

$$L = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{\Delta I_L \times F_{SW}} \quad (5)$$

where:

$F_{SW}$  is operating frequency, kHz

L is inductor values, uH

$V_{IN}$  is input voltage, V

$V_{OUT}$  is output voltage, V

$\Delta I_L$  is maximum inductor ripple current, A, usually select 20~40% maximum output current.

### 10.3 Power MOSFET Selection

The choice of power MOSFETs has significant impact on DC-DC regulator performance. A MOSFET with low on-state resistance,  $R_{DS(on)}$ , reduces conduction loss, whereas low parasitic capacitances enable faster transition times and reduced switching loss. Normally, the lower the  $R_{DS(on)}$  of a MOSFET, the higher the gate charge and output charge (QG and QOSS respectively), and vice versa. As a result, the product  $R_{DS(on)} \times QG$  is commonly specified as a MOSFET figure-of-merit. Low thermal resistance ensures that the MOSFET power dissipation does not result in excessive MOSFET die temperature.

The main parameters affecting power MOSFET selection in a PL59201 application are as follows:

$R_{DS(on)}$  at  $V_{GS} = 7.5\text{ V}$

Drain-source voltage rating,  $BVD_{SS}$ , typically 60 V, 80 V or 100 V, depending on maximum input voltage

Gate charge parameters at  $V_{GS} = 7.5\text{ V}$

Output charge, QOSS, at the relevant input voltage

Body diode reverse recovery charge, QRR

Gate threshold voltage, VGS(th), derived from the Miller plateau evident in the QG vs. VGS plot in the MOSFET data sheet. With a Miller plateau voltage typically in the range of 2 V to 5 V, the 7.5V gate drive amplitude of the PL59201 provides an adequately-enhanced MOSFET when on and a margin against Cdv/dt shoot-through when off.

## 10.4 CIN and COUT Selection

Input capacitor CIN is driven by the need to filter the input square wave current. Use a low ESR capacitor sized to handle the maximum RMS current, input RMS current is given by:

$$I_{CIN} = I_{OUT(MAX)} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right)} \quad (6)$$

This input current has a maximum at  $V_{IN} = 2V_{OUT}$ ,  $I_{CIN(MAX)} = I_{OUT(MAX)}/2$ .

The effects of ESR (equivalent series resistance) and the bulk capacitance must be considered when choosing the right capacitor for a given output voltage.

VOUT ripple is given by:

$$\Delta V_{OUT} \leq \Delta I_L \times \left(ESR + \frac{1}{8 \times f \times C_{OUT}}\right) \quad (7)$$

Multiple capacitors placed in parallel may be needed to meet the ESR and RMS current handling requirements.

## 10.5 Selecting the Bootstrap Capacitor

The bootstrap capacitor between the BST and SW pin supplies the gate current to charge the high-side FET device gate during each cycle's turn-on and also supplies charge for the bootstrap capacitor. The recommended value of the bootstrap capacitor is 0.1µF to 1µF. CBST should be a good quality, low ESR, ceramic capacitor located at the pins of the device to minimize potentially damaging voltage transients caused by trace inductance. A value of 0.1µF was selected for this design example. Use an external Schottky diode to charge the bootstrap capacitor, connect the cathode of the diode to the BST pin and anode to VCC.

## 10.6 PCB Board Layout

Layout is a critical portion of good power supply design. The following guidelines will help users design a PCB with the best power conversion performance, thermal performance, and minimized generation of unwanted EMI.

Input capacitors, output capacitors, and MOSFETs are the constituent components of the power stage of a buck regulator and are typically placed on the top side of the PCB (solder side). The benefits of convective heat transfer are maximized because of leveraging any system-level airflow. In a two-sided PCB layout, small-signal components are typically placed on the bottom side (component side). Insert at least one inner plane, connected to ground, to shield and isolate the small-signal traces from noisy power traces and lines.

1, The PL59201 high-side and low-side gate drivers incorporate short propagation delays, adaptive dead-time control and low-impedance output stages capable of delivering large peak currents with very fast rise and fall times to facilitate rapid turn-on and turn-off transitions of the power MOSFETs. Very high di/dt can cause unacceptable ringing if the trace lengths and impedances are not well controlled. Minimization of stray or parasitic gate loop inductance is key to optimizing gate drive switching performance, whether it be series gate inductance that resonates with MOSFET gate capacitance or common source inductance (common to gate and power loops) that provides a negative feedback component opposing the gate drive command, thereby increasing MOSFET switching times.

2, Place all sensitive analog traces and components such as COMP, FB, RT, ILIM and SS/TRK away from high-voltage switching nodes such as SW, HO, LO or BST to avoid mutual coupling. Use an internal layer or layers as a ground plane or ground planes. Pay particular attention to shielding the feedback (FB) trace from power traces and components.

3, The FB pin's resistive divider must be connected between the (+) terminal of COUT and signal ground. Great care should be taken to route the FB line away from noise sources, such as the inductor or the SW line. Also keep the FB node as small as possible to avoid noise pickup.

4, Connect the ILIM setting resistor from the drain of the low-side MOSFET to ILIM and make the connections as close as possible to the PL59201. The trace from the ILIM pin to the resistor must avoid coupling to a high-voltage switching net.

5, Minimize the loop area from the VCC and VIN pins through their respective decoupling capacitors to the GND pin. Locate these capacitors as close as possible to the PL59201.

11 Application Examples

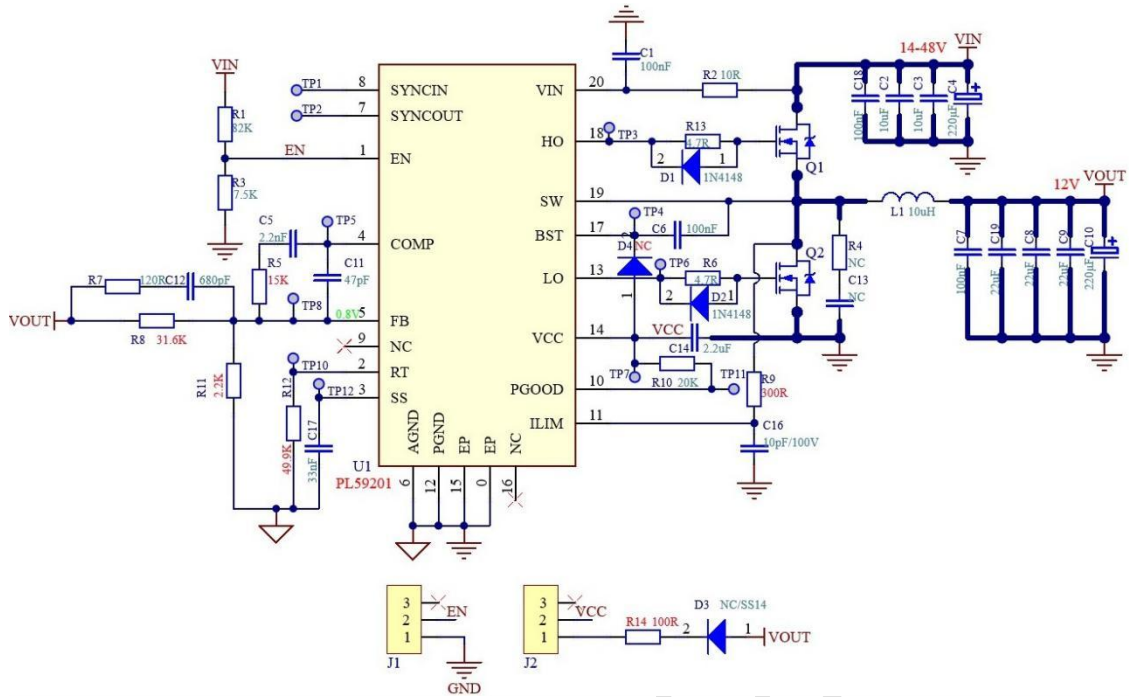


Fig11-1 Schematic

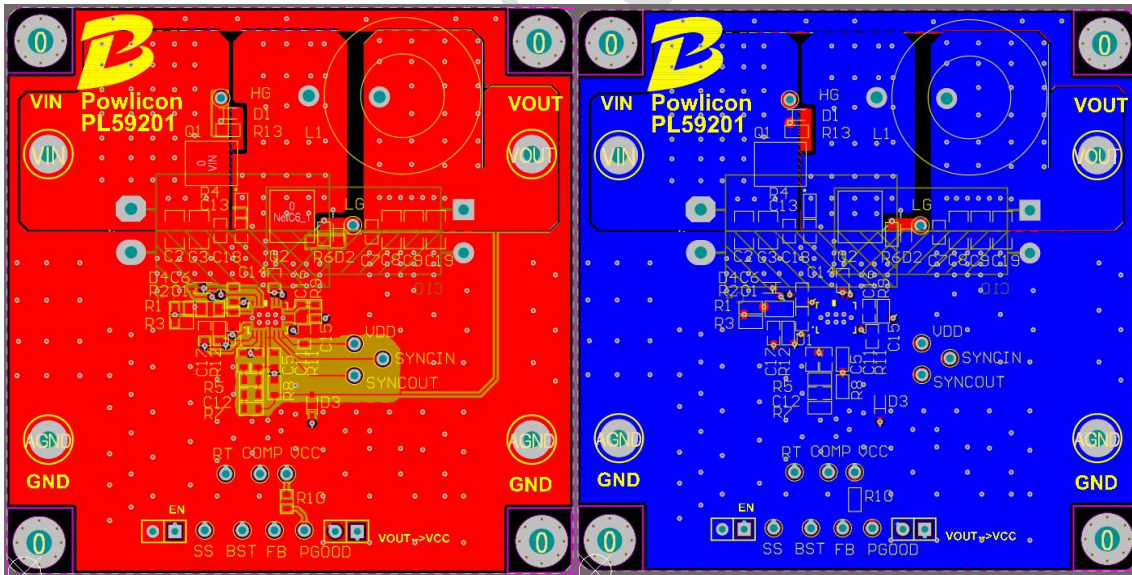
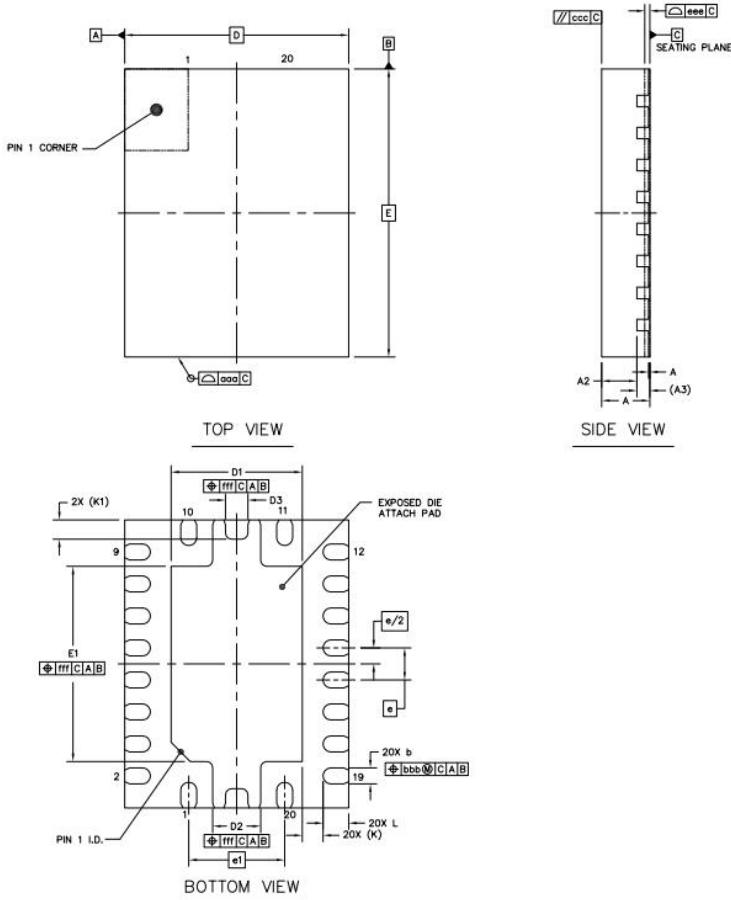


Fig11-2 PCB

### 12 Packaging Information



|                              | SYMBOL | MIN  | NOM       | MAX     |      |
|------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|---------|------|
| TOTAL THICKNESS              | A      | 0.7  | 0.75      | 0.8     |      |
| STAND OFF                    | A1     | 0    | 0.02      | 0.05    |      |
| MOLD THICKNESS               | A2     | ---  | 0.55      | ---     |      |
| L/F THICKNESS                | A3     |      | 0.203 REF |         |      |
| LEAD WIDTH                   | b      | 0.2  | 0.25      | 0.3     |      |
| BODY SIZE                    | X      | D    |           | 3.5 BSC |      |
|                              | Y      | E    |           | 4.5 BSC |      |
| LEAD PITCH                   | e      |      | 0.5 BSC   |         |      |
| LEAD PITCH                   | e1     |      | 1.5 BSC   |         |      |
| EP SIZE                      | X      | D1   | 1.95      | 2.05    | 2.15 |
|                              | Y      | E1   | 2.95      | 3.05    | 3.15 |
|                              | X      | D2   | 0.65      | 0.75    | 0.85 |
| EP EDGE TO EP EDGE           | D3     | 0.25 | 0.35      | 0.45    |      |
| LEAD LENGTH                  | L      | 0.3  | 0.4       | 0.5     |      |
| EP EDGE TO PACKAGE EDGE      | K1     | 0.2  | 0.3       | 0.4     |      |
| LEAD TIP TO EXPOSED PAD EDGE | K      |      | 0.325 REF |         |      |
| PACKAGE EDGE TOLERANCE       | aaa    |      | 0.1       |         |      |
| MOLD FLATNESS                | ccc    |      | 0.1       |         |      |
| COPLANARITY                  | eee    |      | 0.08      |         |      |
| LEAD OFFSET                  | bbb    |      | 0.1       |         |      |
| EXPOSED PAD OFFSET           | fff    |      | 0.1       |         |      |
|                              |        |      |           |         |      |
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|                              |        |      |           |         |      |

NOTES  
 1.REFER TO JEDEC MO-220;  
 2.COPLANARITY APPLIES TO LEADS, CORNER LEADS AND DIE ATTACH PAD;  
 3.BAN TO USE THE LEVEL 1 ENVIRONMENT-RELATED SUBSTANCES OF IJCT PRESCRIBING;  
 4.FINISH: Cu/EP · Sn8~20s

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