

42 W 12 V 5 V SMPS demo board with ICE5QR0680AG

About this document

Scope and purpose

This document is an engineering report that describes a universal-input 42 W 12 V and 5 V off-line flyback converter using the latest 5th generation Infineon QR CoolSET™ <u>ICE5QR0680AG</u>. It offers high-efficiency, lowstandby power with selectable entry and exit standby power options, wide V CC operating range with fast startup, robust line protection with input Over Voltage Protection (OVP), and brownout and various modes of protection for a highly reliable system. This demo board is designed for users who wish to evaluate the performance of ICE5QR0680AG and its ease of use.

Intended audience

This document is intended for power-supply design/application engineers, students, etc., who wish to design low-cost and highly reliable systems of off-line SMPS, such as auxiliary power supplies for white goods, PCs, servers and TVs, or enclosed adapters for blu-ray players, set-top boxes, games consoles, etc.

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This AN is an engineering report for a 42 W 12 V and 5 V demo board designed in a QR flyback converter topology using the 5th generation QR CoolSET™ ICE5QR0680AG. The target applications of ICE5QR0680AG are either auxiliary power supplies for white goods, PCs, servers or TVs, or enclosed adapters for Blu-ray players, set-top boxes, games consoles, etc. With the CoolMOS™ integrated into this IC, it greatly simplifies the design and layout of the PCB. The new improved digital frequency reduction with proprietary QR operation offers lower EMI and higher efficiency for a wide AC range by reducing the switching frequency difference between low- and high-line. The enhanced Active Burst Mode (ABM) power enables flexibility in standby power operation range selection, and QR operation during ABM. As a result, the system efficiency over the entire load range is significantly improved compared to a conventional free-running QR converter implemented with only maximum switching frequency limitation at light loads. In addition, numerous adjustable protection functions have been implemented in ICE5QR0680AG to protect the system and customize the IC for the chosen application. In case of failure modes such as brownout or line over-voltage, V CC over-/under-voltage, open control-loop or over-load, output over-voltage, over-temperature, V CC short-to-ground and Current Sense (CS) short-to-ground, the device enters protection mode. By means of the cycle-by-cycle Peak Current Limitation (PCL), the dimensions of the transformer and the current rating of the secondary diode can both be optimized. Thus, a cost-effective solution can easily be achieved.

Demo board

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This document contains the list of features, the power-supply specifications, schematics, bill of materials and the transformer construction documentation. Typical operating characteristics such as performance curve and scope waveforms are shown at the end of the report.

Figure 1 DEMO_5QR0680AG_42W1

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Table 1 Specifications of DEMO_5QR0680AG_42W1

Note: The demo board is designed for dual output with cross-regulated loop feedback. It may not regulate properly if loading is applied only to single output. If the user wants to evaluate for single-output (12 V only) conditions, the following changes are necessary on the board.

1. Remove D22, L22, C28, C210, R25A (to disable 5 V output)

2. Change R26 to 10 kΩ and R25 to 38 kΩ (to disable 5 V feedback and enable 100% weighted factor on 12 V output)

Since the board (especially the transformer) is designed for dual output with optimized crossregulation, single-output efficiency might not be optimized. It is only for IC functional evaluation under single-output conditions.

Circuit description

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4.1 Line input

The AC-line input side comprises the input fuse F1 as over-current protection. The choke L11, X-capacitors C11 and C14 and Y-capacitors C12, C12A and C12B act as EMI suppressors. Optional spark-gap devices SA1, SA2 and varistor VAR can absorb HV stress during a lightning surge test. A rectified DC voltage (120~424 V DC) is obtained through the bridge rectifier BR1 together with the bulk capacitor C13.

4.2 Start-up

To achieve fast and safe start-up, ICE5QR0680AG is implemented with a start-up resistor and V CC short-to-GND protection. When V_{VCC} reaches the turn-on voltage threshold 16 V, the IC begins with a soft-start. The soft-start implemented in ICE5QR0680AG is a digital time-based function. The preset soft-start time is 12 ms with four steps. If not limited by other functions, the peak voltage on the CS pin will increase in increments from 0.3 V to 1 V. After IC turn-on, the V CC voltage is supplied by auxiliary windings of the transformer. V CC short-to-GND protection is implemented during the start-up time.

4.3 Integrated MOSFET and PWM control

ICE5QR0680AG is comprised of a power MOSFET and the new proprietary QR controller, which enables higher average efficiency and low EMI. This integrated solution greatly simplifies the circuit layout and reduces the cost of PCB manufacture. The PWM switch-on is determined by the Zero Crossing Detection (ZCD) input signal and the value of the up/down counter. The PWM switch-off is determined by the feedback (FB) signal VFB and the CS signal V_{CS} . ICE5QR0680AG also performs all necessary protection functions in Flyback converters. Details about the information mentioned above are illustrated in the product datasheet.

4.4 Clamper circuit

A clamper network (R11, C15 and D11) dissipates the energy of the leakage inductance and suppresses ringing on the SMPS transformer.

4.5 Output stage

There are two outputs on the secondary side, 12 V and 5 V. The power is coupled out via Schottky diodes D21 and D22. The capacitors C22, C23 and C28 provide energy buffering, followed by the L-C filters L21-C24 and L22- C210 to reduce the output ripple and prevent interference between SMPS switching frequency and line frequency. Storage capacitors C22, C23 and C28 are designed to have as small an internal resistance (ESR) as possible to minimize the output voltage ripple caused by the triangular current.

4.6 Feedback loop

For FB, the output is sensed by the voltage divider of R26, R25 and R25A and compared to the IC21 (TL431) internal reference voltage. C25, C26 and R24 comprise the compensation network. The output voltage of IC21 (TL431) is converted to the current signal via optocoupler IC12 and two resistors, R22 and R23, for regulation control.

4.7 Primary side peak-current control

The MOSFET drain source current is sensed via external resistors R14 and R14A. Since ICE5QR0680AG is a current mode controller, it would have a cycle-by-cycle primary current and FB voltage control, which ensures the converter's maximum power is controlled in every switching cycle.

Circuit description

For a QR flyback converter, the maximum possible output power is increased when a constant current limit value is used for the whole-line input voltage range. This is usually not desirable, as this will increase the cost of the transformer and output diode in case of output over-power conditions.

Internal current limitation with a line-dependent V_{cs} curve and the new proprietary QR switching, which reduces switching frequency difference between the minimum and maximum line, are implemented in the ICE5QR0680AG. As a result, the maximum output power can be limited against the input voltage.

4.8 Digital frequency reduction

During normal operation, the switching frequency for ICE5QR0680AG is digitally reduced with decreasing load. At light loads, the MOSFET will be turned on – not at the first minimum drain-source voltage time, but on the n th. The counter is within a range of 1 to 8 for low-line and 3 to 10 for high-line, which depends on FB voltage in a time-base. The FB voltage decreases when the output power requirement decreases, and vice versa. Therefore, the counter is set by monitoring voltage V_{FB} . The counter will be increased with low V_{FB} and decreased with high V_{FB} . The thresholds are preset inside the IC.

4.9 Active Burst Mode (ABM)

ABM entry and exit power (two levels) can be selected in ICE5QR0680AG. Details are illustrated in the product datasheet. ABM power level 1 is used in this demo board (R17 = open). In light load conditions, the SMPS enters ABM with QR switching. At this stage, the controller is always active but the V_{VCC} must be kept above the switchoff threshold. During ABM, the efficiency increases significantly and at the same time it supports low ripple on V_{out} and fast response on load-jump.

For determination of entering ABM operation, three conditions apply:

- 1. The FB voltage is lower than the threshold of V_{FB_EBLX}
- 2. The up/down counter is 8 for low-line and 10 for high-line, and
- 3. A certain blanking time ($t_{FB~BEB}$ = 20 ms) is required

Once all of these conditions are fulfilled, the ABM flip-flop is set and the controller enters ABM operation. This multi-condition determination for entering ABM operation prevents mis-triggering of ABM, so that the controller enters ABM operation only when the output power is really low during the preset blanking time.

During ABM, the maximum CS voltage is reduced from V_{CS_N} to V_{CS_BLX} to reduce the conduction loss and the audible noise. In ABM, the FB voltage changes like a sawtooth between V_{FB_BOFF} and V_{FB_BON} .

The FB voltage immediately increases if there is a high load-jump. This is observed by one comparator. As the current limit is 31/35% during ABM a certain load is needed so that FB voltage can exceed V_{FB LB}. After leaving ABM, maximum current can now be provided to stabilize V_{out} . In addition, the up/down counter will be set to 1 (low-line) or 3 (high-line) immediately after leaving ABM. This is helpful to decrease the output voltage undershoot.

Protection features

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Protection is one of the major factors in determining whether the system is safe and robust – therefore sufficient protection is necessary. ICE5QR0680AG provides comprehensive protection to ensure the system is operating safely. This includes line over-voltage, brownout, V CC over-voltage and under-voltage, over-load, output over-voltage, over-temperature (controller junction), CS short-to-GND and V CC short-to-GND. When those faults are found, the system will go into protection mode. Once the fault is removed, the system resumes normal operation. A list of protections and failure conditions are shown in the table below.

Table 2 Protection functions of ICE5QR0680AG

Circuit diagram

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Note: General guidelines for layout design of PCB:

- 1. Star ground at bulk capacitor C13: all primary grounds should be connected to the ground of bulk capacitor C13 separately in one point. This effectively reduces the switching noise going into the sensitive pins of the CoolSET[™] device. The primary star ground can be split into four groups, as follows:
	- i. Combine signal (all small signal grounds connecting to the CoolSET™ GND pin, such as filter capacitor grounds C17, C18, C19, C111, C112 and optocoupler ground) and power grounds (CS resistors R14 and R14A)
	- ii. ^V CC ground includes the V CC capacitor ground C16 and the auxiliary winding ground, pin 5 of the power transformer
	- iii. EMI return ground includes Y capacitor C12
	- iv. DC ground from bridge rectifier BR1
- 2. Filter capacitor close to the controller ground: filter capacitors C17, C18, C19, C111 and C112 should be placed as close to the controller ground and the controller pin as possible to reduce the switching noise coupled into the controller.
- 3. HV traces clearance: HV traces should retain enough spacing from the nearby traces. Otherwise, arcing could occur.
	- i. ⁴⁰⁰ V traces (positive rail of bulk capacitor C13) to nearby trace: greater than 2.0 mm
	- ii. 600 V traces (drain voltage of CoolSET™ IC11) to nearby trace: greater than 2.5 mm
- 4. Recommended minimum 232 mm² copper area at drain pin to add on PCB for better thermal performance.
- 5. Power-loop area (bulk capacitor C13, primary winding of the transformer TR1 (pins ¹ and 3), IC11 drain pin, IC11 CS pin and CS resistor R14/R14A) should be as small as possible to minimize the switching emissions.

PCB layout

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Figure 3 Top side component legend

Figure 4 Bottom side copper and component legend

Bill of materials

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Table 3 Bill of materials (R0.7)

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Transformer construction

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Core and materials: EE30/15/7 (EF30), TP4A (TDG)

Bobbin: 070-5313 (12-pin, THT, horizontal version)

Primary inductance: Lp = 315 μH (±10%), measured between pin 1 and pin 3

Manufacturer and part number: Wurth Electronics Midcom (750343506)

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Transformer construction

Figure 5 Transformer structure

10 Test results

10.1 Efficiency, regulation and output ripple

Table 4 Efficiency, regulation and output ripple

Minimum load condition : 5 V at 6 mA

Typical load condition : 5 V at 60 mA and 12 V at 1 A

Maximum load condition : 5 V at 200 mA and 12 V at 3.41 A

10.2 Standby power

Figure 7 Standby power at no-load and 30 mW load vs AC-line input voltage (measured by Yokogawa WT210 power meter – integration mode)

Figure 8 Line regulation V_{Out} vs AC-line input voltage

Figure 9 Load regulation V_{out} vs output power

Figure 10 Maximum input power (before over-load protection) vs AC-line input voltage

10.6 ESD immunity (EN 61000-4-2)

Pass EN 61000-4-2 special level (±10 kV for both contact and air discharge).

10.7 Surge immunity (EN 61000-4-5)

Pass EN 61000-4-5 installation class 4 (±2 kV for line-to-line and ±4 kV for line-to-earth). 1

10.8 Conducted emissions (EN 55022 class B)

The conducted EMI was measured by Schaffner (SMR4503) and followed the test standard of EN 55022 (CISPR 22) class B. The demo board was set up at maximum load (42 W) with input voltage of 115 V AC and 230 V AC.

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¹ PCB spark-gap distance needs to reduce to 0.5 mm.

Figure 11 Conducted emissions (line) at 115 V AC and maximum load

Figure 12 Conducted emissions (neutral) at 115 V AC and maximum load

Pass conducted emissions EN 55022 (CISPR 22) class B with 6 dB margin for quasi peak measurement at lowline (115 V AC).

Figure 13 Conducted emissions (line) at 230 V AC and maximum load

Figure 14 Conducted emissions (neutral) at 230 V AC and maximum load

Pass conducted emissions EN 55022 (CISPR 22) class B with 6 dB margin for quasi peak measurement at highline (230 V AC).

10.9 Thermal measurement

The thermal test of the open-frame demo board was done using an infrared thermography camera (FLIR-T62101) at an ambient temperature of 25°C. The measurements were taken after one hour running at full-load.

Table 5 Hottest temperature of demo board

Figure 15 Infrared thermal image of DEMO_5QR0680AG_42W1

11 Waveforms and scope plots

All waveforms and scope plots were recorded with a TELEDYNELECROY 606Zi oscilloscope.

11.1 Start-up at low/high AC-line input voltage with maximum load

Figure 16 Start-up

11.2 Soft-start

Figure 17 Soft-start

11.4 Zero crossing point during normal operation

Figure 19 Zero Crossing (ZC)

Figure 20 Load transient response

11.6 Output ripple voltage at maximum load

Figure 21 Output ripple voltage at maximum load

Figure 22 Output ripple voltage at ABM 1 W load

11.8 Entering ABM

$C1$ (yellow) : Drain voltage (V_D)	C1 (yellow) : Drain voltage (V_D)
C3 (blue) : Feedback voltage (V _{FB})	C3 (blue) : Feedback voltage (V_{FB})
C4 (green) : CS voltage (V_{cs})	C4 (green) : CS voltage (V_{cs})
Condition to enter ABM level 1: V_{FB} < 0.9 V, N _{zc} = 8 and	Condition to enter ABM level 1: V_{FB} < 0.9 V, N _{zc} = 10 and
$t_{\text{blanking}} = 20 \text{ ms}$	$t_{\text{blanking}} = 20 \text{ ms}$
$(85$ V AC, load change from 10.5 W to 1 W)	$(300$ V AC, load change from 10.5 W to 1 W)
$(5 V x 50 mA + 12 V x 0.853 A)$ to $(5 V x 50 mA + 12 V x)$ 0.0.062 A)	(5 V x 50 mA + 12 V x 0.853 A) to (5 V x 50 mA + 12 V x 0.0.062 A)

Figure 23 Entering ABM

11.10 Leaving ABM

Figure 25 Leaving ABM

Figure 26 Line OVP

Figure 27 Brownout protection

11.14 V_{cc} under-voltage protection (auto restart)

Figure 29 V_{cc} under-voltage protection

11.15 Over-load protection (odd-skip auto restart)

11.16 Output OVP (odd-skip auto restart)

Figure 31 Output OVP

Figure 32 V_{cc} short-to-GND protection

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Revision history

Major changes since the last revision

