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Super Voltage Converters

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The ICL7660S and ICL7660A Super Voltage Converters are monolithic CMOS voltage conversion ICs that guarantee significant performance advantages over other similar devices. They are direct replacements for the industry standard ICL7660 offering an **extended** operating supply voltage range up to 12V, with **lower** supply current. A **Frequency Boost pin** has been incorporated to enable the user to achieve lower output impedance despite using smaller capacitors. All improvements are highlighted in the "Electrical Specifications" section on [page 3](#page-2-0). **Critical parameters are guaranteed over the entire commercial and industrial temperature ranges.**

The ICL7660S and ICL7660A perform supply voltage conversions from positive to negative for an input range of 1.5V to 12V, resulting in complementary output voltages of -1.5V to -12V. Only two non-critical external capacitors are needed, for the charge pump and charge reservoir functions. The ICL7660S and ICL7660A can be connected to function as a voltage doubler and will generate up to 22.8V with a 12V input. They can also be used as a voltage multipliers or voltage dividers.

Each chip contains a series DC power supply regulator, RC oscillator, voltage level translator, and four output power MOS switches. The oscillator, when unloaded, oscillates at a nominal frequency of 10kHz for an input supply voltage of 5.0V. This frequency can be lowered by the addition of an external capacitor to the "OSC" terminal, or the oscillator may be over-driven by an external clock.

The "LV" terminal may be tied to GND to bypass the internal series regulator and improve low voltage (LV) operation. At medium to high voltages (3.5V to 12V), the LV pin is left floating to prevent device latchup.

In some applications, an external Schottky diode from V_{OUT} to CAP- is needed to guarantee latchup free operation (see Do's and Dont's section on [page 8](#page-7-0)).

Pin Configurations

Features

- Guaranteed Lower Max Supply Current for All Temperature Ranges
- Wide Operating Voltage Range: 1.5V to 12V
- 100% Tested at 3V
- Boost Pin (Pin 1) for Higher Switching Frequency
- Guaranteed Minimum Power Efficiency of 96%
- Improved Minimum Open Circuit Voltage Conversion Efficiency of 99%
- Improved SCR Latchup Protection
- Simple Conversion of +5V Logic Supply to ±5V Supplies
- Simple Voltage Multiplication $V_{\text{OUT}} = (-)nV_{\text{IN}}$
- Easy to Use; Requires Only Two External Non-Critical Passive Components
- Improved Direct Replacement for Industry Standard ICL7660 and Other Second Source Devices
- Pb-Free Available (RoHS Compliant)

Applications

- Simple Conversion of +5V to ±5V Supplies
- Voltage Multiplication $V_{\text{OUT}} = \pm nV_{\text{IN}}$
- Negative Supplies for Data Acquisition Systems and Instrumentation
- RS232 Power Supplies
- Supply Splitter, $V_{\text{OUT}} = \pm V_{\text{S}}$

Ordering Information

NOTES:

1. Add "-T*" suffix for tape and reel. Please refer to **TB347** for details on reel specifications.

2. These Intersil Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets, molding compounds/die attach materials, and 100% matte tin plate plus anneal (e3 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations). Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.

3. For Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL), please see device information page for **ICL7660S**, [ICL7660A.](http://www.intersil.com/products/ICL7660A#packaging) For more information on MSL, please see Tech Brief TB363

4. Pb-free PDIPs can be used for through-hole wave solder processing only. They are not intended for use in reflow solder processing applications.

Absolute Maximum Ratings **Thermal Information**

Operating Conditions

*Pb-free PDIPs can be used for through-hole wave solder processing only. They are not intended for use in reflow solder processing applications.

CAUTION: Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions may adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

NOTES:

- 5. Connecting any terminal to voltages greater than V+ or less than GND may cause destructive latchup. It is recommended that no inputs from sources operating from external supplies be applied prior to "power up" of ICL7660S and ICL7660A.
- 6. θ_{JA} is measured with the component mounted on a low effective thermal conductivity test board in free air. See Tech Brief [TB379](http://www.intersil.com/data/tb/tb379.pdf) for details.
- 7. For θ_{JC} , the "case temp" location is taken at the package top center.
- 8. Pb-free PDIPs can be used for through-hole wave solder processing only. They are not intended for use in reflow solder processing applications.

Electrical Specifications ICL7660S and ICL7660A, V + = 5V, T_A = +25°C, OSC = Free running (see Figure [12](#page-6-0), "ICL7660S Test Circuit" [on page 7](#page-6-0) and Figure [13 "ICL7660A Test Circuit" on page 7\)](#page-6-1), unless otherwise specified.

Electrical Specifications ICL7660S and ICL7660A, V + = 5V, T_A = +25°C, OSC = Free running (see Figure 12, "ICL7660S Test Circuit" on page 7 and Figure 13 "ICL7660A Test Circuit" on page 7), unless otherwise specified. **(Continued)**

NOTES:

9. Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are 100% tested at +25°C, unless otherwise specified. Temperature limits established by characterization and are not production tested.

10. In the test circuit, there is no external capacitor applied to pin 7. However, when the device is plugged into a test socket, there is usually a very small but finite stray capacitance present, on the order of 5pF.

11. The Intersil ICL7660S and ICL7660A can operate without an external diode over the full temperature and voltage range. This device will function in existing designs that incorporate an external diode with no degradation in overall circuit performance.

12. All significant improvements over the industry standard ICL7660 are highlighted.

13. Derate linearly above 50°C by 5.5mW/°C.

Functional Block Diagram

Typical Performance Curves

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See Figure 12, "ICL7660S Test Circuit" on page 7) and Figure 13 "ICL7660A Test Circuit" on page 7 **(Continued)**

FIGURE 5. FREQUENCY OF OSCILLATION AS A FUNCTION OF EXTERNAL OSCILLATOR CAPACITANCE

FIGURE 6. UNLOADED OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE

FIGURE 8. SUPPLY CURRENT AND POWER CONVERSION EFFICIENCY AS A FUNCTION OF LOAD CURRENT

Typical Performance Curves

See Figure 12, "ICL7660S Test Circuit" on page 7) and Figure 13 "ICL7660A Test Circuit" on page 7 **(Continued)**

FIGURE 11. OUTPUT SOURCE RESISTANCE AS A FUNCTION OF OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY

NOTE:

14. These curves include, in the supply current, that current fed directly into the load R_1 from the V+ (see Figure [12](#page-6-0)). Thus, approximately half the supply current goes directly to the positive side of the load, and the other half, through the ICL7660S and ICL7660A, goes to the negative side of the load. Ideally, $V_{\text{OUT}} \simeq 2V_{\text{IN}}$, $I_S \simeq 2I_L$, so V_{IN} x $I_S \simeq V_{\text{OUT}}$ x I_L .

NOTE: For large values of C_{OSC} (>1000pF), the values of $C₁$ and $C₂$ should be increased to 100µF.

FIGURE 12. ICL7660S TEST CIRCUIT NOTE: For large values of C_{OSC} (>1000pF) the values of C₁ and C₂ should be increased to 100μ F.

FIGURE 13. ICL7660A TEST CIRCUIT

Detailed Description

The ICL7660S and ICL7660A contain all the necessary circuitry to complete a negative voltage converter, with the exception of two external capacitors, which may be inexpensive 10µF polarized electrolytic types. The mode of operation of the device may best be understood by considering Figure [14](#page-7-1), which shows an idealized negative voltage converter. Capacitor C_1 is charged to a voltage, V^+ , for the half cycle, when switches S_1 and S_3 are closed. (Note: Switches S_2 and S_4 are open during this half cycle). During the second half cycle of operation, switches S_2 and S_4 are closed, with S_1 and S_3 open, thereby shifting capacitor C_1 to C_2 such that the voltage on C_2 is exactly V+, assuming ideal switches and no load on C_2 . The ICL7660S and ICL7660A approach this ideal situation more closely than existing non-mechanical circuits.

FIGURE 14. IDEALIZED NEGATIVE VOLTAGE CONVERTER

In the ICL7660S and ICL7660A, the four switches of Figure [14](#page-7-1) are MOS power switches; S_1 is a P-Channel device; and S_2 , S_3 and S_4 are N-Channel devices. The main difficulty with this approach is that in integrating the switches, the substrates of S_3 and S_4 must always remain reverse biased with respect to their sources, but not so much as to degrade their "ON" resistances. In addition, at circuit startup, and under output short circuit conditions ($V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{+}$), the output voltage must be sensed and the substrate bias adjusted accordingly. Failure to accomplish this would result in high power losses and probable device latch-up.

This problem is eliminated in the ICL7660S and ICL7660A by a logic network that senses the output voltage (V_{OUT}) together with the level translators, and switches the substrates of S_3 and S_4 to the correct level to maintain necessary reverse bias.

The voltage regulator portion of the ICL7660S and ICL7660A is an integral part of the anti-latchup circuitry; however, its inherent voltage drop can degrade operation at low voltages. Therefore, to improve low voltage operation, the "LV" pin should be connected to GND, thus disabling the regulator. For supply voltages greater than 3.5V, the LV terminal must be left open to ensure latchup-proof operation and to prevent device damage.

Theoretical Power Efficiency Considerations

In theory, a voltage converter can approach 100% efficiency if certain conditions are met:

- 1. The drive circuitry consumes minimal power.
- 2. The output switches have extremely low ON resistance and virtually no offset.
- 3. The impedance of the pump and reservoir capacitors are negligible at the pump frequency.

The ICL7660S and ICL7660A approach these conditions for negative voltage conversion if large values of C_1 and C_2 are used. **ENERGY IS LOST ONLY IN THE TRANSFER OF CHARGE BETWEEN CAPACITORS IF A CHANGE IN VOLTAGE OCCURS**. The energy lost is defined as shown in Equation [1:](#page-7-2)

$$
E = \frac{1}{2}C_1(V_1^2 - V_2^2)
$$
 (EQ. 1)

where V_1 and V_2 are the voltages on C_1 during the pump and transfer cycles. If the impedances of C_1 and C_2 are relatively high at the pump frequency (see Figure [14](#page-7-1)) compared to the value of R_L , there will be a substantial difference in the voltages, V_1 and V_2 . Therefore it is not only desirable to make C_2 as large as possible to eliminate output voltage ripple, but also to employ a correspondingly large value for C_1 in order to achieve maximum efficiency of operation.

Do's and Don'ts

- 1. Do not exceed maximum supply voltages.
- 2. Do not connect LV terminal to GND for supply voltage greater than 3.5V.
- 3. Do not short circuit the output to V^+ supply for supply voltages above 5.5V for extended periods; however, transient conditions including start-up are okay.
- 4. When using polarized capacitors, the $+$ terminal of C_1 must be connected to pin 2 of the ICL7660S and ICL7660A, and the + terminal of C_2 must be connected to GND.
- 5. If the voltage supply driving the ICL7660S and ICL7660A has a large source impedance (25 Ω to 30 Ω), then a 2.2µF capacitor from pin 8 to ground may be required to limit the rate of rise of input voltage to less than $2V/\mu s$.
- 6. If the input voltage is higher than 5V and it has a rise rate more than 2V/ μ s, an external Schottky diode from V_{OUT} to CAP- is needed to prevent latchup (triggered by forward biasing Q4's body diode) by keeping the output (pin 5) from going more positive than CAP- (pin 4).
- 7. User should ensure that the output (pin 5) does not go more positive than GND (pin 3). Device latch-up will occur under these conditions. To provide additional protection, a 1N914 or similar diode placed in parallel with C_2 will prevent the device from latching up under these conditions, when the load on V_{OUT} creates a path to pull up V_{OUT} before the IC is active (anode pin 5, cathode pin 3).

Typical Applications

Simple Negative Voltage Converter

The majority of applications will undoubtedly utilize the ICL7660S and ICL7660A for generation of negative supply voltages. Figure [15](#page-8-0) shows typical connections to provide a negative supply where a positive supply of +1.5V to +12V is available. Keep in mind that pin 6 (LV) is tied to the supply negative (GND) for supply voltage below 3.5V.

FIGURE 15. SIMPLE NEGATIVE CONVERTER AND ITS OUTPUT EQUIVALENT

The output characteristics of the circuit in Figure [15](#page-8-0) can be approximated by an ideal voltage source in series with a resistance as shown in Figure [15](#page-8-0)B. The voltage source has a value of -(V+). The output impedance (R_O) is a function of the ON resistance of the internal MOS switches (shown in Figure [14\)](#page-7-1), the switching frequency, the value of C_1 and C_2 , and the ESR (equivalent series resistance) of C_1 and C_2 . A good first order approximation for R_O is shown in Equation [2:](#page-8-1)

$$
R_0 \cong 2((R_{SW1}+R_{SW3}+ESR_{C1})+2(R_{SW2}+R_{SW4}+ESR_{C1}))
$$

$$
\frac{1}{f_{\text{PUMP}} \times C_1} + \text{ESR}_{C2}
$$
 (EQ. 2)

f PUMP f OSC $(R_{SWX} = \text{MOSFET}$ Switch Resistance)

Combining the four R_{SWX} terms as R_{SW} , we see in Equation [3](#page-8-2) that:

$$
R_0 \cong 2xR_{SW} + \frac{1}{f_{PUMP} \times C_1} + 4xESR_{C1} + ESR_{C2}
$$
 (EQ. 3)

 R_{SW} , the total switch resistance, is a function of supply voltage and temperature (see the output source resistance graphs, Figures [2](#page-4-0), [3](#page-4-1), and [11](#page-6-2)), typically 23Ω at +25°C and 5V. Careful selection of C_1 and C_2 will reduce the remaining terms, minimizing the output impedance. High value capacitors will reduce the $1/(f_{\text{Pl JMP}} \times C_1)$ component, and low ESR capacitors will lower the ESR term. Increasing the oscillator frequency will reduce the $1/(f_{\text{PUMP}} \times C_1)$ term, but may have the side effect of a net increase in output impedance when $C_1 > 10 \mu F$ and is not long enough to fully

charge the capacitors every cycle. Equation [4](#page-8-3) shows a typical application where f_{OSC} = 10kHz and C = C₁ = C₂ = 10µF:

$$
R_0 \approx 2 \times 23 + \frac{1}{5 \times 10^3 \times 10 \times 10^{-6}} + 4 \times ESR_{C1} + ESR_{C2}
$$

\n
$$
R_0 \approx 46 + 20 + 5 \times ESR_C
$$
 (EQ. 4)

Since the ESRs of the capacitors are reflected in the output impedance multiplied by a factor of 5, a high value could potentially swamp out a low 1/f_{PUMP} \times C₁ term, rendering an increase in switching frequency or filter capacitance ineffective. Typical electrolytic capacitors may have ESRs as high as 10Ω .

Output Ripple

ESR also affects the ripple voltage seen at the output. The peak-to-peak output ripple voltage is given by Equation [5](#page-8-4):

$$
V_{\text{RIPPLE}} \cong \left(\frac{1}{2 \times f_{\text{PUMP}} \times C_2} + 2\text{ESR}_{C2} \times I_{\text{OUT}}\right) \tag{Eq. 5}
$$

A low ESR capacitor will result in a higher performance output.

Paralleling Devices

Any number of ICL7660S and ICL7660A voltage converters may be paralleled to reduce output resistance. The reservoir capacitor, C_2 , serves all devices, while each device requires its own pump capacitor, C_1 . The resultant output resistance is approximated in Equation [6](#page-8-5):

$$
R_{OUT} = \frac{R_{OUT(of ICL7660S)}}{n(number of devices)}
$$
 (EQ. 6)

Cascading Devices

The ICL7660S and ICL7660A may be cascaded as shown to produce larger negative multiplication of the initial supply voltage. However, due to the finite efficiency of each device, the practical limit is 10 devices for light loads. The output voltage is defined as shown in Equation [7](#page-8-6):

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} = -n(V_{\text{IN}}) \tag{Eq. 7}
$$

where n is an integer representing the number of devices cascaded. The resulting output resistance would be approximately the weighted sum of the individual ICL7660S and ICL7660A ROUT values.

Changing the ICL7660S and ICL7660A Oscillator Frequency

It may be desirable in some applications, due to noise or other considerations, to alter the oscillator frequency. This can be achieved simply by one of several methods.

By connecting the Boost Pin (Pin 1) to V+, the oscillator charge and discharge current is increased and, hence, the oscillator frequency is increased by approximately 3.5 times. The result is a decrease in the output impedance and ripple.

This is of major importance for surface mount applications where capacitor size and cost are critical. Smaller capacitors, such as 0.1µF, can be used in conjunction with the Boost Pin to achieve similar output currents compared to the device free running with $C_1 = C_2 = 10 \mu F$ or 100 μF . (see Figure [11](#page-6-2)).

Increasing the oscillator frequency can also be achieved by overdriving the oscillator from an external clock, as shown in Figure [16.](#page-9-0) In order to prevent device latchup, a 1k Ω resistor must be used in series with the clock output. In a situation where the designer has generated the external clock frequency using TTL logic, the addition of a 10k Ω pull-up resistor to V+ supply is required. Note that the pump frequency with external clocking, as with internal clocking, will be one-half of the clock frequency. Output transitions occur on the positive going edge of the clock.

FIGURE 16. EXTERNAL CLOCKING

It is also possible to increase the conversion efficiency of the ICL7660S and ICL7660A at low load levels by lowering the oscillator frequency. This reduces the switching losses, and is shown in Figure [17.](#page-9-1) However, lowering the oscillator frequency will cause an undesirable increase in the impedance of the pump (C_1) and reservoir (C_2) capacitors; this is overcome by increasing the values of C_1 and C_2 by the same factor by which the frequency has been reduced. For example, the addition of a 100pF capacitor between pin 7 (OSC and V+) will lower the oscillator frequency to 1kHz from its nominal frequency of 10kHz (a multiple of 10), and thereby necessitate a corresponding increase in the value of C₁ and C₂ (from 10 μ F to 100 μ F).

FIGURE 17. LOWERING OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY

Positive Voltage Doubling

The ICL7660S and ICL7660A may be employed to achieve positive voltage doubling using the circuit shown in Figure [18](#page-9-2). In this application, the pump inverter switches of the ICL7660S and ICL7660A are used to charge C_1 to a voltage level of V+ -V_F, where V+ is the supply voltage and V_F is the forward voltage on C_1 , plus the supply voltage (V+) is applied through diode D_2 to capacitor C_2 . The voltage thus created on C_2 becomes (2V+) - (2V_F) or twice the supply voltage minus the combined forward voltage drops of diodes D_1 and D_2 .

The source impedance of the output (V_{OUT}) will depend on the output current, but for $V+ = 5V$ and an output current of 10mA, it will be approximately 60 Ω .

NOTE: D₁ AND D₂ CAN BE ANY SUITABLE DIODE.

FIGURE 18. POSITIVE VOLTAGE DOUBLER

Combined Negative Voltage Conversion and Positive Supply Doubling

Figure [19](#page-10-0) combines the functions shown in Figure [15](#page-8-0) and Figure [18](#page-9-2) to provide negative voltage conversion and positive voltage doubling simultaneously. This approach would be suitable, for example, for generating +9V and -5V from an existing $+5V$ supply. In this instance, capacitors C_1 and C_3 perform the pump and reservoir functions, respectively, for negative voltage generation, while capacitors C_2 and C_4 are pump and reservoir, respectively, for the doubled positive voltage. There is a penalty in this configuration which combines both functions, however, in that the source impedances of the generated supplies will be somewhat higher, due to the finite impedance of the common charge pump driver at pin 2 of the device.

FIGURE 19. COMBINED NEGATIVE VOLTAGE CONVERTER AND POSITIVE DOUBLER

Voltage Splitting

The bidirectional characteristics can also be used to split a high supply in half, as shown in Figure [20.](#page-10-1) The combined load will be evenly shared between the two sides, and a high value resistor to the LV pin ensures start-up. Because the switches share the load in parallel, the output impedance is much lower than in the standard circuits, and higher currents can be drawn from the device. By using this circuit, and then the circuit of Figure [15,](#page-8-0) +15V can be converted, via +7.5 and -7.5, to a nominal -15V, although with rather high series output resistance (\sim 250 Ω).

FIGURE 20. SPLITTING A SUPPLY IN HALF

Regulated Negative Voltage Supply

In some cases, the output impedance of the ICL7660S and ICL7660A can be a problem, particularly if the load current varies substantially. The circuit of Figure [21](#page-10-2) can be used to overcome this by controlling the input voltage, via an ICL7611 low-power CMOS op amp, in such a way as to maintain a nearly constant output voltage. Direct feedback is inadvisable, since the ICL7660S's and ICL7660A's output does not respond instantaneously to change in input, but only after the switching delay. The circuit shown supplies enough delay to accommodate the ICL7660S and ICL7660A, while maintaining adequate feedback. An increase in pump and storage capacitors is desirable, and the values shown provide an output impedance of less than 5Ω to a load of 10mA.

Other Applications

Further information on the operation and use of the ICL7660S and ICL7660A may be found in application note [AN051,](http://www.intersil.com/data/an/an051.pdf) ["Principles and Applications of the ICL7660 CMOS Voltage](http://www.intersil.com/data/an/an051.pdf) [Converter"](http://www.intersil.com/data/an/an051.pdf).

FIGURE 21. REGULATING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE

Dual-In-Line Plastic Packages (PDIP)

NOTES:

- 1. Controlling Dimensions: INCH. In case of conflict between English and Metric dimensions, the inch dimensions control.
- 2. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M**-**1982.
- 3. Symbols are defined in the "MO Series Symbol List" in Section 2.2 of Publication No. 95.
- 4. Dimensions A, A1 and L are measured with the package seated in JEDEC seating plane gauge GS**-**3.
- 5. D, D1, and E1 dimensions do not include mold flash or protrusions. Mold flash or protrusions shall not exceed 0.010 inch (0.25mm).
- 6. E and $|e_A|$ are measured with the leads constrained to be perpendicular to datum | -C- |.
- 7. e_B and e_C are measured at the lead tips with the leads unconstrained. e_C must be zero or greater.
- 8. B1 maximum dimensions do not include dambar protrusions. Dambar protrusions shall not exceed 0.010 inch (0.25mm).
- 9. N is the maximum number of terminal positions.
- 10. Corner leads (1, N, N/2 and N/2 + 1) for E8.3, E16.3, E18.3, E28.3, E42.6 will have a B1 dimension of 0.030 - 0.045 inch (0.76 - 1.14mm).

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