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1. Introduction

This document describes in detail a clamped inductive load (CIL) test fixture designed to accurately measure the voltage and current waveforms of a [Wolfspeed XM3 Power Modules](#), shown below in Figure 1, under an inductive load switching event. This enables the calculation of switching loss energies under precise test conditions to dynamically evaluate the module and facilitate in-module comparisons and power electronic system design. During a CIL switching event, the voltage across and the current through a switch position are simultaneously present. Multiplying these two waveforms point by point results in a time-domain function of the instantaneous power in units of Watts (W). The instantaneous power has large peaks two times per switching period at the turn-on and turn-off events. The instantaneous power can then be integrated using built-in oscilloscope MATH tools or waveform data and post processing to determine the total energy lost in Joules (J) during a given switching event.



Figure 1 Wolfspeed's Silicon Carbide (SiC) XM3 Half-Bridge Module



There are two types of switching events: actively switched (MOSFET) and forced commutated (body diode). The test fixtures to measure both events are given below in Figure 2 and Figure 3, respectively. Q1 and Q2 represent the respective switch positions of the Wolfspeed XM3 half-bridge power module. Likewise, D1 and D2 represent the intrinsic body diodes of each switch position since there are no external Schottky diodes. For both tests, film capacitors (C_{Bulk}) are used for bulk energy storage to provide the needed energy transfer to the inductor (L) for the switching event, while high-frequency ceramic capacitors (C_{HF}) are used to provide a low-inductance switching loop. For MOSFET switching measurements in Figure 2, the inductor is connected across the upper switch position of the module from the midpoint to the positive bus rail while Q1 is held off and Q2 is pulsed; for body diode switching measurements in Figure 3, the inductor is connected across the lower switch position of the module to the negative bus rail while Q1 is pulsed and Q2 is held off.

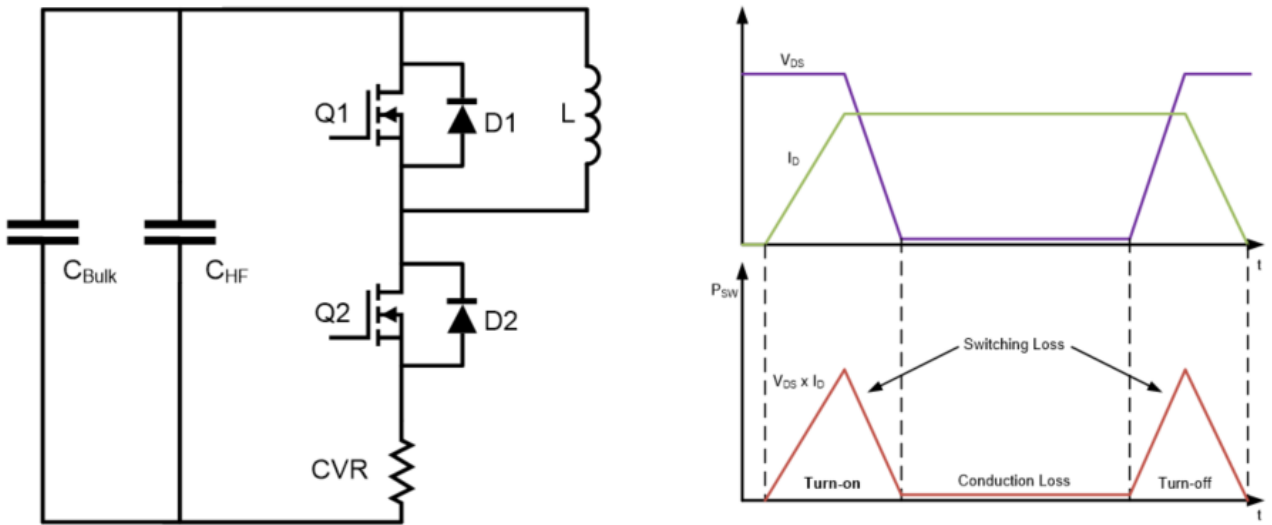


Figure 2 CIL Test Fixture Used to Measure the Switching Loss of MOSFET Q2

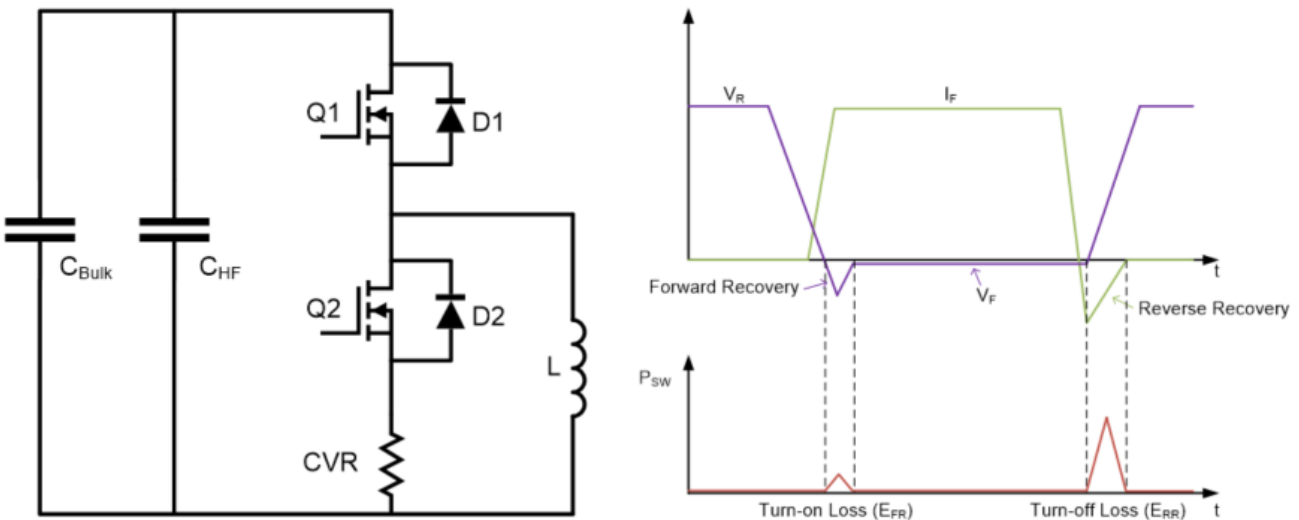


Figure 3 CIL Test Fixture Used to Measure the Switching Loss of Body Diode D2



2. Evaluation Board Contents



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The evaluation board, shown in Figure 4, contains most of the relevant components shown in each test configuration above and provides several important features when characterizing the dynamic performance of the Wolfspeed XM3 power module. These features consist of bulk capacitors, high-frequency capacitors, a high bandwidth current measurement via a current viewing resistor (CVR), a Kelvin high-frequency drain-source voltage measurement point via direct-BNC, and connection points for the inductor. A list of the components utilized for testing is given below in Table 1.

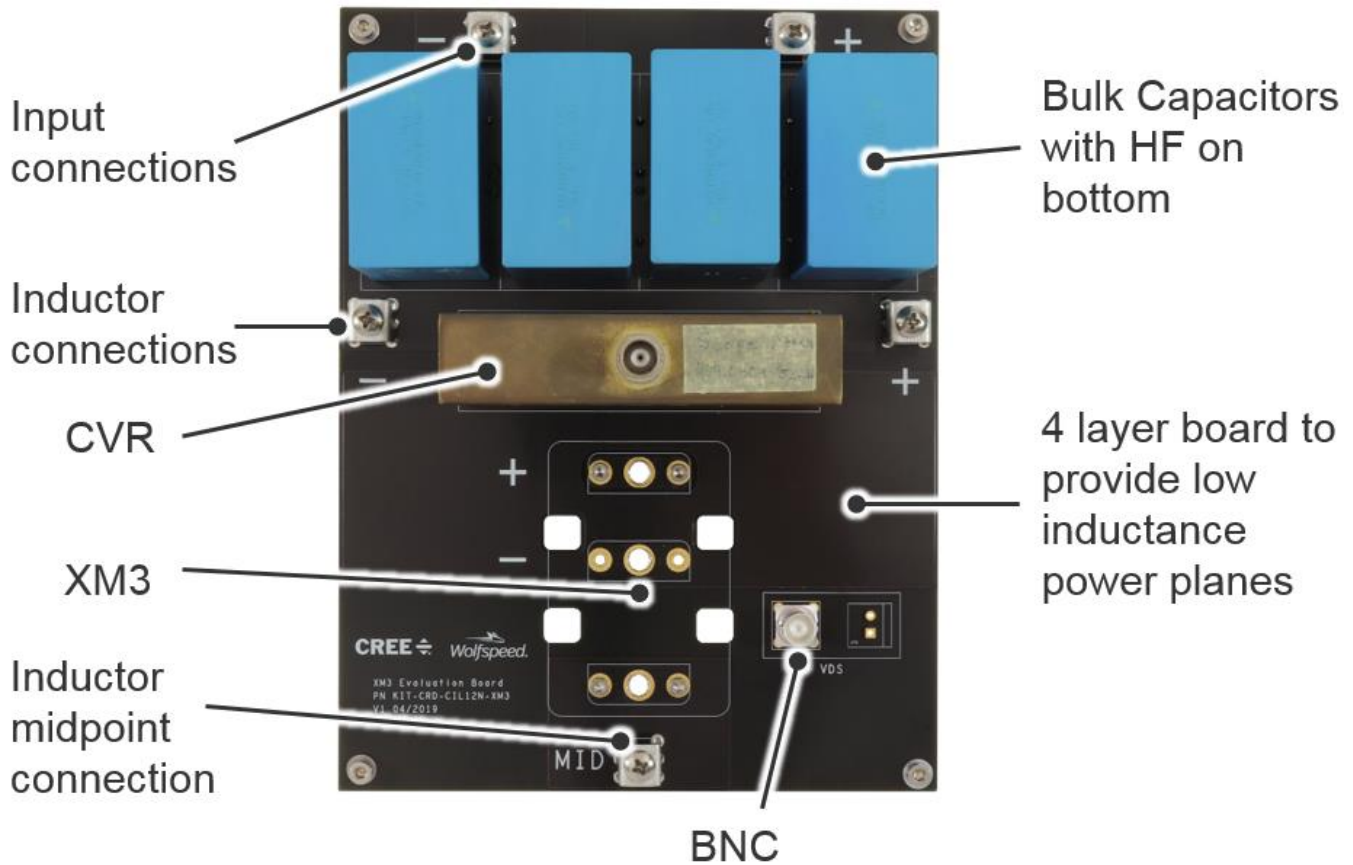


Figure 4 Evaluation Board

Table 1 KIT-CRD-CIL12N-XM3 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials

Item	QTY	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
1	1	XM3 SiC Half-Bridge Power Module	Wolfspeed	
2	1	200 μ F, 1.1 kV, Bulk Capacitor	EPCOS	B32778J0207K000
3	30	0.1 μ F, 1 kV, High-Frequency Capacitors	EPCOS	B32672L0104J000
4	1	2.51 m Ω , 400 MHz, Current Viewing Resistor	T&M Research	W-2-0025-4FC
5	1	BNC Jack, 50 Ω	TE Connectivity	1-1337445-0
6	5	Screw Terminals, 10-32	Keystone	8196



3. Current and Voltage Sensing

The current sensor utilized in this setup is a W Series Bar Strap Type, flat cable input CVR from T&M Research (W-2-0025-4FC), shown in Figure 5. Note that the phenolic insulator has been shortened to be flush with the resistor base. It has a bandpass of 400 MHz and a rise time of 2 ns. The large width and flat bolt-on structure allows it to be placed in the high frequency loop of the power module without introducing excessive parasitic inductance. Since the CVR is connected to the grounded oscilloscope, the polarity of the CVR must be addressed by connecting the case side of the CVR to the negative terminal of the module. This establishes a low-impedance ground connection via the CVR’s BNC with a coaxial cable connected to the oscilloscope and terminated into 50 Ω. The coaxial cable should be as short as possible. The actual measurement taken is the voltage drop across the CVR; therefore, the channel attenuation can be set to 1/CVR(Ω) to get the direct current measurement. Furthermore, since the negative terminal of the module has been established as ground, with the case of the CVR connected at this point, the measured current is negative and should be inverted using the oscilloscope’s MATH function to set the proper polarity.

The drain-source measurement is performed with a single-ended, high bandwidth, high voltage probe. A probe tip to BNC adapter should be used to directly plug in the voltage probe to the VDS measurement point.

A high bandwidth oscilloscope is required to adequately capture the fast switching transitions of SiC MOSFETs. Before completing a CIL test, the oscilloscope and probes need to be compensated and deskewed. Compensating the voltage probe ensures that the parasitics of the probe don’t cause the step responses measured to artificially appear under- or over-damped. Not compensating probes can result in differences in energy loss calculations, rise and fall times, and peak overshoots. Deskewing probes ensure that the channels and probes are synchronized in the time domain. Shifting waveforms in time, even by a few ns, can significantly impact overall switching loss calculations.



Figure 5 T&M Research W-2-0025-4FC 2.51 mΩ CVR



4. Inductor

The inductor utilized for testing Wolfspeed XM3 power modules should be sized to allow enough pulse resolution (5-30 μ s depending on bus voltage) to be able to reach switched current levels in the needed range (50-900 A) without running into bandwidth or time resolution issues of the chosen controller that actuates the gate signals. Furthermore, shorter pulse durations keep the oscilloscope’s measurement time range small enough (<50 μ s) to achieve the highest sample rate. The oscilloscope has a limited buffer size, so a large inductor may result in a reduced sample rate due to available memory. Keeping the current pulses short also minimizes the needed on-board bulk energy storage and limits self-heating of the die due to long conduction periods. An air-core inductor can be utilized to prevent saturation and should be shielded to prevent the magnetic field from coupling into any sensitive measurement or control signals.

5. Power Supply



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The connectors on the board have very high voltage levels present when the board is connected to an electrical source, and thereafter until the bulk capacitors are fully discharged. Please ensure that appropriate safety procedures are followed when working with these connectors as serious injury, including death by electrocution or serious injury by electrical shock or electrical burns, can occur if you do not follow proper safety precautions. When devices are being attached for testing, the board must be disconnected from the electrical source and all bulk capacitors must be fully discharged. After use the board should immediately be disconnected from the electrical source. After disconnection any stored up charge in the bulk capacitors will continue to charge the connectors. Therefore, you must always ensure that all bulk capacitors have completely discharged prior to handling the board.

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接通电源后，该评估板上可能存在非常高的电压，板子上一些组件的温度可能超过50摄氏度。此外，移除电源后，上述情况可能会短暂持续，直至大容量电容器完全释放电量。通电时禁止触摸板子，应在大容量电容器完全释放电量后，再触摸板子。

板子上的连接器在充电时以及充电后都具有非常高的电压，直至大容量电容器完全释放电量。请确保在操作板子时已经遵守了正确的安全流程，否则可能会造成严重伤害，包括触电死亡、电击伤害或电灼伤。连接器件进行测试时，必须切断板子电源，且大容量电容器必须释放了所有电量。使用后应立即切断板子电源。切断电源后，大容量电容器中存储的电量会继续输入至连接器中。因此，必须始终在操作板子前，确保大容量电容器已完全释放电量。

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The suggested high voltage power supply utilized is a 2 kV, 150 mA, non-isolated supply from Glassman High Voltage (PS/FR2P150). This provides a low-cost solution that inherently does not have a large amount of energy storage. However, since it is non-isolated, high voltage relays are needed to open the ground loops formed due to the measurement circuitry and to charge/discharge the bulk energy storage. If ground loops are not properly removed, the resulting measurements will be significantly impacted. For safety, normally-closed relays should be used in case of a loss of control power. Furthermore, a large bleed-off resistance is connected directly across the bulk capacitors on the evaluation board PCB to slowly discharge the energy storage to a safe level. Three relays are used to create the three operating states required to complete a CIL test: CHARGE, TEST and DISCHARGE. Each operating state is further explained below. The CIL test fixture schematic with the addition of the high voltage power supply and high voltage relays is given for each respective operating state in Figure 7, Figure 8, and Figure 9.

Note that the test fixture schematic shown is for MOSFET switching analysis, but it is also applicable to body diode switching analysis where the inductor is connected across Q2.



Figure 6 Glassman High Voltage PS/FR2P150 non-isolated power supply

CHARGE – Relay 1 and Relay 3 are CLOSED to enable charging of the bus bulk capacitors. A ground loop is formed via the non-isolated power supply return and ground reference established by the oscilloscope. Once the bus is charged, the transition to the TEST state can be made.

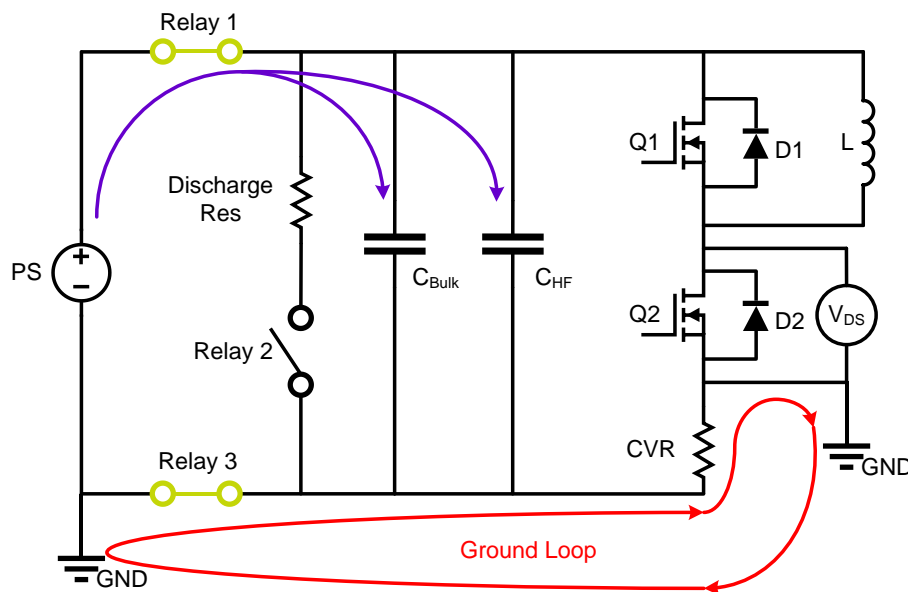


Figure 7. CIL Test Fixture Schematic During the CHARGE State



TEST – All relays are OPEN, removing the ground loop and referencing the test circuit to the established ground connection made via the oscilloscope. The CIL test can then be performed. Once the test is complete, the transition to the DISCHARGE state can be made, or the transition to the CHARGE state can be made to perform additional testing without discharging the bus capacitors.

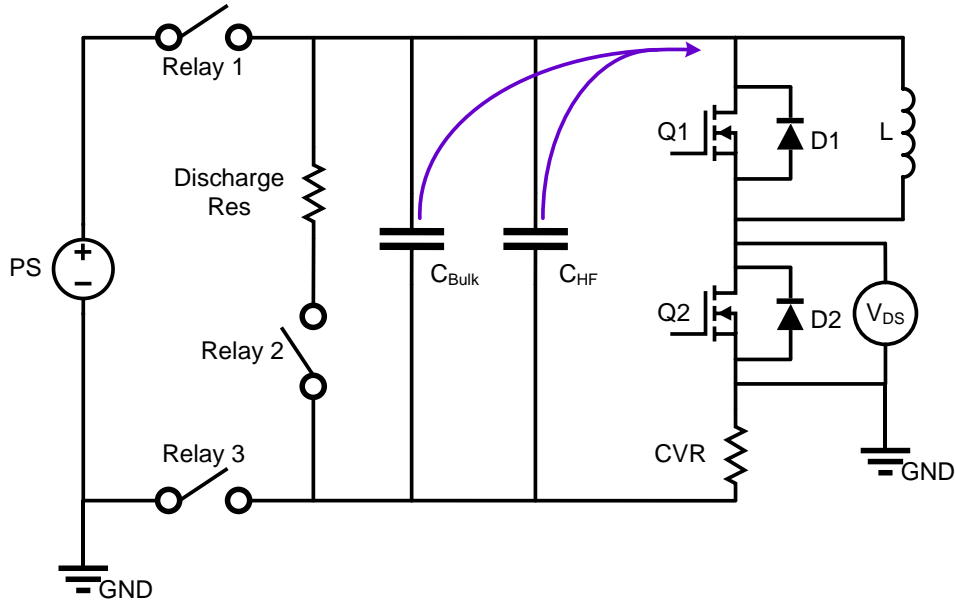


Figure 8. CIL Test Fixture Schematic During the TEST State.

DISCHARGE – In the final state, all relays are CLOSED to discharge the dc bus bulk capacitors and output capacitance of the high voltage power supply via the Discharge Resistor. Proper sizing of the Discharge Resistor should be considered in terms of power dissipation and the time required to discharge.

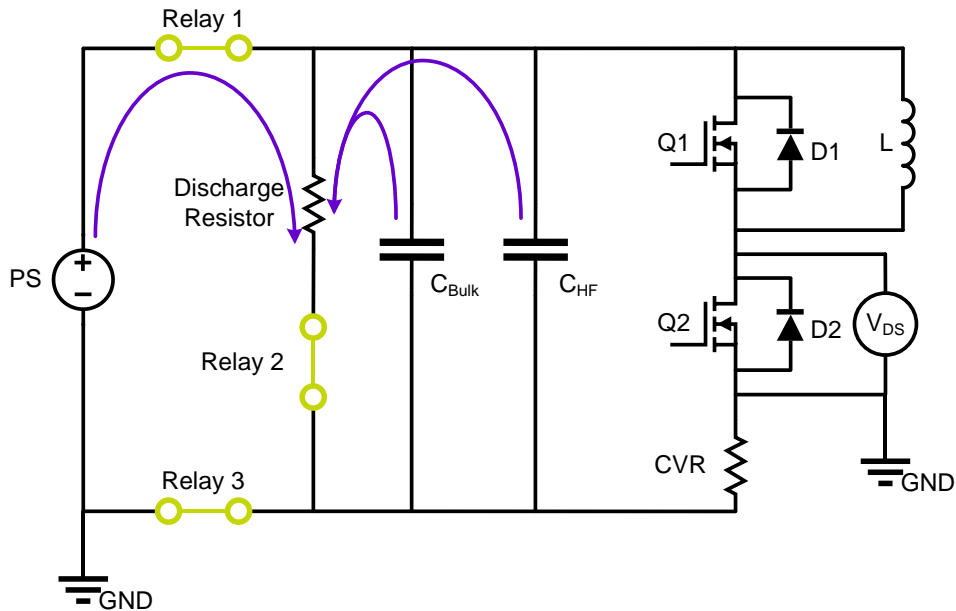


Figure 9. CIL test Fixture Schematic During the DISCHARGE State



6. Gate Driver

The companion XM3 gate driver ([CGD12HBXMP](#)) is shown below in Figure 10. It is a direct mount, dual-channel isolated gate driver that is optimized for Wolfspeed’s XM3 half-bridge power module. **For input/output connections and other general information regarding the use or functionality of the gate driver, please refer to the [CGD12HBXMP](#) datasheet.**

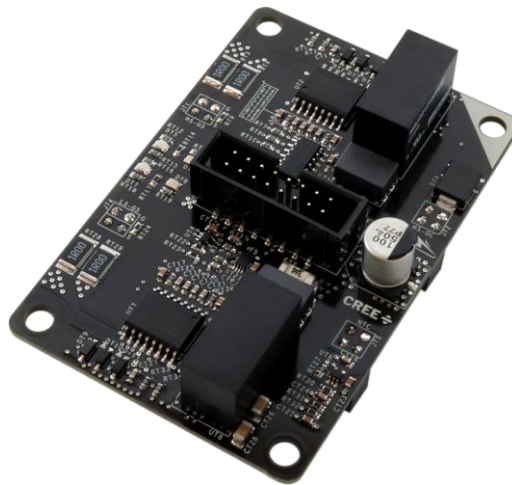


Figure 10 [CGD12HBXMP](#) dual channel differential isolated gate driver

7. Revision History

Revision	Date	Notes
A	2019-06-01	Initial Release
B	2019-07-03	Updated Figures
C	2019-11-01	Updated Hyperlinks

8. Important Notes

8.1. Purposes and Use

Cree, Inc. (on behalf of itself and its affiliates, “Cree”) reserves the right in its sole discretion to make corrections, enhancements, improvements, or other changes to the board or to discontinue the board.

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8.2. Operation of Board

It is important to operate the board within Cree’s recommended specifications and environmental considerations as described in the Documentation. Exceeding specified ratings (such as input and output voltage, current, power, or environmental ranges) may cause property damage. If you have questions about these ratings, please contact Cree at sic_power@cree.com prior to connecting interface electronics (including input power and intended loads). Any loads applied outside of a specified output range may result in adverse consequences, including unintended or inaccurate evaluations or possible permanent damage to the board or its interfaced electronics. Please consult the Documentation prior to connecting any load to the board. If you have any questions about load specifications for the board, please contact Cree at sic_power@cree.com for assistance.

Users should ensure that appropriate safety procedures are followed when working with the board as serious injury, including death by electrocution or serious injury by electrical shock or electrical burns can occur if you do not follow proper safety precautions. It is not necessary in proper operation for the user to touch the board while it is energized. When devices are being attached to the board for testing, the board must be disconnected from the electrical source and any bulk capacitors must be fully discharged. When the board is connected to an electrical source and for a short time thereafter until board components are fully discharged, some board components will be electrically charged and/or have temperatures greater than 50° Celsius. These components may include bulk capacitors, connectors, linear regulators, switching transistors, heatsinks, resistors and SiC diodes that can be identified using board schematic. Users should contact Cree at sic_power@cree.com for assistance if a board schematic is not included in the Documentation or if users have questions about a board’s components. When operating the board, users should be aware that these components will be hot and could electrocute or electrically shock the user. As with all electronic evaluation tools, only qualified personnel knowledgeable in handling electronic performance evaluation, measurement, and diagnostic tools should use the board.

8.3. User Responsibility for Safe Handling and Compliance with Laws

Users should read the Documentation and, specifically, the various hazard descriptions and warnings contained in the Documentation, prior to handling the board. The Documentation contains important safety information about voltages and temperatures.

Users assume all responsibility and liability for the proper and safe handling of the board. Users are responsible for complying with all safety laws, rules, and regulations related to the use of the board. Users are responsible for (1) establishing protections and safeguards to ensure that a user’s use of the board will not result in any property damage, injury, or death, even if the board should fail to perform as described, intended, or expected, and (2) ensuring the safety of any activities to be conducted by the user or the user’s employees, affiliates, contractors, representatives, agents, or designees in the use of the board. User questions regarding the safe usage of the board should be directed to Cree at sic_power@cree.com.

