

DESCRIPTION

The MPQ3367 is a step-up converter with 6 channel current sources, designed to drive the white LED arrays as backlighting in small-to-midsize LCD panels.

The MPQ3367 uses peak current mode as its PWM control architecture to regulate the boost converter. Six channel current sources are applied into the LED cathode to adjust the LED brightness. The MPQ3367 regulates the current in each LED string to the value set by an external current-setting resistor, with 2.5% current regulation accuracy between strings.

The MPQ3367 employs a low on-resistor MOSFET and a low headroom voltage, designed for higher efficiency. It has a standard I²C digital interface for ease of use. The switching frequency can be programmed by a resistor, l^2C interface, or external clock.

The MPQ3367 provides analog, PWM, and mix dimming mode with a PWM input. Dimming mode can be selected with the I 2 C interface or the MIX/AD pin. It also has a phase shift function to eliminate noise during PWM dimming.

Robust protections are included to guarantee safe operation of the device. Protection modes include over-current protection (OCP), overvoltage protection (OVP), over-temperature protection (OTP), LED short, and open protection. There is also an option that decreases the LED current automatically at higher temperatures.

The MPQ3367 is available in a QFN-24 4mmx4mm and TSSOP28-EP package.

FEATURES

- 3.5V to 36V Input Voltage Range
- 6 Channels with Max. 150mA per Channel
- Internal 100mΩ, 50V MOSFET
- Programmable Up to 2.2MHz f_{SW}
- External Sync SW Function
- Multi-Dimming Operation Mode through PWM Input, Including:
	- o Direct PWM Dimming
	- o Analog Dimming
	- o Mix Dimming with 25%/12.5% Transfer Point
- 15000:1 Dim Ratio in PWM Dim at $F_{\text{PWM}} \leq$ 200Hz
- 200:1 Dim Ratio at Analog Dim through PWM Dim Signal Input
- Excellent EMI Performance, Frequency Spread Spectrum
- I²C Interface
- Phase Shift Function for PWM Dimming
- 2.5% Current Matching
- Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit
- Disconnect VOUT from VIN
- Optional LED Current Auto-Decrement at High Temperature
- LED Short/Open, OTP, OCP, Inductor Short Protection
- Programmable LED Short Threshold
- Programmable OVP Threshold
- Fault Indicator Signal Output
- QFN-24 4mmx4mm and TSSOP28-EP Package
- AEC-Q100 qualified

APPLICATIONS

- Tablet/Notebook
- Automotive Display

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TYPICAL APPLICATION

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TOP MARKING (MPQ3367GR-AEC1)

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PACKAGE REFERENCE

PIN FUNCTIONS

PIN FUNCTIONS *(continued)*

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (1)

Recommended Operating Conditions (3)

Thermal Resistance (4)*θJA θJC* QFN-24 (4mmx4mm)….…....…42…….9....°C/W

Notes:

- 2) The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the maximum junction temperature T_J (MAX), the junction-toambient thermal resistance θ_{JA} , and the ambient temperature T_A . The maximum allowable continuous power dissipation at any ambient temperature is calculated by $\overline{P}_D(MAX) = (T_J(MAX))$ $-T_A$) / θ_{JA} . Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause excessive die temperature, and the regulator will go into thermal shutdown. Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage.
- 3) The device is not guaranteed to function outside of its operating conditions.
- 4) Measured on JESD51-7, 4-layer PCB.

¹⁾ Exceeding these ratings may damage the device.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

V_{IN} = 12V, V_{EN} = 2V, T_J = -40°C to +125°C, typical value is at T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.

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Figure 1: I 2C Compatible Interface Timing Diagram

Notes:

5) Matching is defined as the difference of the maximum to minimum current divided by 2 times the average current

Guarantee by design

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 V_{IN} = 12V, L = 22µH, LED = 6P12S, f_{SW} = 400kHz, I_{SET} = 50mA, T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.

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Mix Dimming

 $F_{\text{PWM}} = F_{\text{(LED)}} = 200 \text{Hz}$, $D_{\text{PWM}} = 10\%$

Frequency Spread Spectrum 1/100 of Center Frequency

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Short Inductor Protection Short Diode Protection

Short VOUT to GND Protection Thermal Protection

BLOCK DIAGRAM

OPERATION

The MPQ3367 is a programmable, constant frequency, peak current mode step-up converter with up to 6 channels of regulated current sources to drive the array of white LEDs.

Internal 5V Regulator

The MPQ3367 includes an internal linear regulator (VCC). When V_{IN} is greater than 6V, this regulator outputs a 5V power supply to the internal MOSFET switch gate driver and the internal control circuitry. The VCC voltage drops to 0V when the chip shuts down. The chip remains disabled until VCC exceeds the UVLO threshold.

System Start-Up

When enabled, the MPQ3367 checks the topology connection. The IC draws current from SD to enable the input disconnect PMOS to be turned on (if this PMOS is used). After a 500μs delay, the IC monitors OVP to see if the output is shorted to GND. If the OVP voltage is less than 100mV, the IC disables and latches off. The MPQ3367 then continues to check other safety limits (e.g. LED open, over-voltage protection). If all protection tests pass, the IC starts boosting the step-up converter with an internal soft start.

The recommended power-on sequence is $V_{IN} \rightarrow$ $EN \rightarrow I^2C$ (optional) \rightarrow PWM dim signal.

Step-Up Converter

The MPQ3367 employs peak-current mode control to regulate the output energy. At the beginning of each switching cycle, the internal clock turns on the internal N-MOSFET. In normal operation, the minimum turn-on time is about 100ns. A stabilizing ramp added to the output of the current sense amplifier prevents subharmonic oscillations for duty cycles greater than 50%. This result is fed into the PWM comparator. When the summed voltage reaches the output voltage of the error amplifier, the internal MOSFET turns off.

The output voltage of the internal error amplifier is an amplified signal of the difference between the reference voltage and the feedback voltage. The converter automatically chooses the lowest active LEDX pin voltage to provide a high

enough output voltage to power all the LED arrays.

If the feedback voltage drops below the reference voltage, the output of the error amplifier increases. More current then flows through the MOSFET, increasing the power delivered to the output. This forms a closed loop that regulates the output voltage.

During light-load operation, especially in the case of VOUT \approx VIN, the converter runs in pulseskipping mode. In this mode, the MOSFET turns on for a minimum on time, then the converter discharges the power to the output for the remaining period. The external MOSFET remains off until the output voltage needs to be boosted again.

Dimming Control

The MPQ3367 provides analog, PWM, and mix dimming methods. Dimming mode can be set with I 2 C or by connecting a different resistor at MIX/AD. The voltage of MIX/AD is calculated with Equation (1):

$$
V_{\text{MIX} \mid \text{AD}}(mV) = 18(\mu A) \times R_{\text{MIX} \mid \text{AD}}(k\Omega)
$$
 (1)

Where V $_{MIX/AD}$ is the voltage and R $_{MIX/AD}$ is the resistor at MIX/AD.

Mix Dimming Mode

There are two different ways the MPQ3367 works in mixture dimming mode, with 25% or 12.5% as its transfer point (selected through the internal register).

The first option is to connect a resistor and set MIX/AD to low $($0.3V$).$

The second is to float MIX/AD, and set the internal mode select register $MODE1:0 = 00$ through I²C.

A PWM dimming signal is applied to DIM. When the dimming duty is greater than 25%, analog dimming is adopted, and the LED current amplitude follows the duty of PWM. When the dimming duty is less than 25%, PWM dimming is used (see Figure 2). The LED current amplitude remains at 1/4 of the full-scale current, and the output dimming duty is 4 times the duty of the input PWM signal. There are two options for output dimming frequency when using mix dimming: 200Hz (default) or 23kHz (no audible

noise, but larger minimum dimming duty). This does not change based on the input PWM dimming frequency. The output dimming frequency is selected with the mix dimming output frequency selection bit through the I²C.

This function eliminates audible noise and improves the dimming performance in small dimming ratio.

Figure 2: Mix Dimming with 25% Transfer Point

Direct PWM Dimming

Connect a resistor to set MIX/AD to a middle level (0.5V to 0.8V), or float MIX/AD and set the internal mode select register $MODE1:0 = 01$ through the l^2C .

When a PWM signal is applied to DIM, the amplitude of the LED current remains at the LED full-scale, and the LED current is chopped by the input PWM signal. The LED current duty follows the PWM input duty, and the LED current frequency is the same as the PWM input.

Analog Dimming Mode

Connect a resistor to set MIX/AD to a high level (1V to 1.3V), or float MIX/AD and set the internal mode select register MODE = 10 through the I2C.

The PWM input signal is calculated by an internal counter. The amplitude of the LED current is equal to I_{SET} ^{*}D_{DIM}, where I_{SET} is the fullscale LED current and D_{DIM} is the duty of the input PWM signal. For better analog dimming performance, a 100Hz to 20kHz PWM signal is recommended.

To ensure good performance with a small dimming ratio, the minimum LEDX voltage shifts up to 2V when the dimming duty is lower than 10%. Analog dimming supports a 200:1 dimming ratio.

Deep Dimming Ratio for PWM Dimming

When the output dimming on time is less than 7μs, the output voltage is regulated to 0.93 of the OVP voltage (see Figure 3).

Figure 3: Deep Dimming Ratio for PWM Dimming

Unused LED Channel Setting

If the LEDX pin of an unused channel is connected to GND, the MPQ3367 can automatically detect the unused LED string and remove it from the control loop during start-up. If employing 5 strings, connect the LED6 to GND. If using 4 strings, connect the LED5 and LED6 to GND, and so on.

The MPQ3367 can also disable the unused string by internal register (CH2:0 bit).

 $CH2:0 = 000$: All 6 channels are in use.

 $CH2:0 = 001$: LED1-5 are in use.

CH2:0 = 010: LED1-4 are in use.

 $CH2:0 = 011: LED1-3$ are in use.

CH2:0 = 100: LED1-2 are in use.

 $CH2:0 = 101$: LED1 is in use.

Phase Shift Function

To reduce inrush current and eliminate audible noise during PWM dimming, the MPQ3367 employs a phase shift function.

Two methods can be used to enable the phase shift function:

The first option is to connect SCL/PSE and SDA/PSE together to 0.75V ~ 1V. The second is to set the internal register PSE bit to 1 through the l^2C .

The LED channels' current source is phaseshifted when the IC employs PWM dimming. The shifted phase depends on which LED channels are in use, determined using Equation (2):

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Phase
$$
(°)
$$
 = $\frac{360}{n}(°)$ (2)

Where n is the LED channel in use. If all six channels are in use, the shifted phase is 60°. LED1 directly follows the input PWM signal, and LED2 lags 60° behind (see Figure 4).

Figure 4: Phase Shift with 6 Channels

Figure 5 shows the phase shift function with four channels enabled. The shifted phase in this case is 90°.

Figure 5: Phase Shift with 4 Channels

In phase shift operation, the channels must be disabled in descending order of channel number. For example, if 3 strings are employed in application, then channels 6, 5, and 4 are disabled.

It is not recommended to tie 2 channels for 1 string of LED with the phase shift function.

Frequency Spread Spectrum

The MPQ3367 uses switching frequency jitter to spread the switching frequency spectrum. This reduces the spectrum spike around the switching frequency and its harmonic frequencies.

FSP can program the dithering range, and the modulation frequency is fixed to 1/150 of switching frequency.

When FSP < 0.3V, the jitter frequency is 1/20 of the central frequency.

When $FSP = 0.4V$ to 1.4V, the jitter frequency is 1/32 of the central frequency.

Float FSP to follow the internal l^2C setting.

The frequency jitter range selected by bit FSPR selects the range.

When $FSPR = 0$ (default), the jitter frequency is 1/20 of the central frequency.

When $FSPR = 1$, the jitter frequency is $1/32$ of the central frequency.

The modulation frequency is selected by FSPMF1:0 bits.

When $FSPMF1:0 = 00$, the modulation frequency is 1/100 of the switching frequency.

When $FSPMF1:0 = 01$, the modulation frequency is 1/150 of the switching frequency.

When $FSPMF1:0 = 10$, the modulation frequency is 1/200 of the central frequency.

When $FSPMF1:0 = 11$, default, the function is disabled.

Protection

The MPQ3367 includes open LED protection, short LED protection, short LEDX to GND protection, over-current protection, short VOUT to GND protection, and thermal protection. Once the protection is triggered, FF pulls to GND and the corresponding fault bit is set to 1. After the IC recovers from protection, FF releases to high with a 750μs delay.

Open LED Protection

Open string protection is achieved through detecting the voltage of OVP and LEDX. During operation, if one string is open, the respective LEDX voltage is low to ground, and the IC keeps charging the output voltage until it reaches the OVP threshold. If OVP has been triggered, the chip stops switching and marks off the fault string, which has an LEDX pin voltage lower than 100mV. Once marked, the remaining LED strings force the output voltage back into normal regulation. The string with the largest voltage drop determines the output regulation value.

The mark-off string sends a 10μs pulse current to check whether an open fault is removed after every 500μs delay, so open string protection is recoverable.

Short String Protection

The MPQ3367 monitors the LEDX voltages to determine whether a short string fault has occurred. When one or more strings are shorted, the respective LEDX pins tolerate high voltage stress. If an LEDX voltage is higher than the short protection threshold, an internal counter starts. When this fault condition lasts for 7.7ms $(D_{\text{PWM}} = 100\%)$, the fault string is marked off. Once a string is marked off, it disconnects from the output voltage loop until the short is removed.

The short protection threshold can be set one of two ways:

The first option is to connect a resistor at STH.

STH outputs a 18μA current source. The short protection threshold is 10 times the voltage on STH. The threshold is calculated using Equation (3):

$$
V_{\text{STH}}(V) = 0.18 \times R_{\text{STH}}(k\Omega)
$$
 (3)

The second option is to set the internal register TH_S1:0 when STH is floating.

When the LEDX voltage exceeds the threshold for 480ms (D_{PWM} = 100%), all strings are marked off. The IC remains on standby until the strings release from shorting. Enable or disable this function through SEN.

The mark-off string sends a 10μs pulse current to check if a short fault is removed after every 500μs delay, so short string protection is recoverable.

Short LEDX to GND Protection

When LEDX shorts to GND, the COMP voltage increases and saturates. When the COMP saturated time lasts for 20ms or 40ms (the time can be selected by the internal register bit TCOMP), protection is triggered. Then FF pulls low and SD pulls high to turn on the external P-MOSFET. The IC also latches off.

Short VOUT to GND Protection

When VOUT shorts to GND, the output voltage decreases. When the voltage of the OVP pin hits the OVP UVLO threshold for 10μs, the protection is triggered and SD pulls high to turn off the external P-MOSFET. VOUT disconnects from VIN and the IC latches off.

Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit

To prevent the external components from exceeding the current stress rating, the IC has a cycle-by-cycle current limit protection. When the current exceeds the current limit value, the IC stops switching until the next clock cycle.

Latch-Off Current Limit Protection

Device damage may be caused by extreme conditions, such as an inductor or diode short to GND. To avoid this, the MPQ3367 provides a latch-off current limit protection when the current flowing through the internal MOSFET hits the threshold (7.5A), and lasts for 5 switching cycles.

Thermal Protection

To prevent the IC from damage when operating at exceedingly high temperatures, the MPQ3367 implements thermal protection by detecting the silicon die temperature.

Over-Temperature LED Current Decrement

When the die temperature exceeds 140°C, the MPQ3367 automatically decreases the LED current amplitude (see Figure 6).

Figure 6: ILED Decrease with Temperature

This function is enabled by the over-temperature current decrement bit (OTID).

When $OTID = 0$, the over-temperature current decrement is disabled.

When $OTID = 1$ (default), the over-temperature current decrement is enabled.

Thermal Shutdown

When the die temperature exceeds the upper threshold (TST), the IC shuts down and recovers to normal operation. When the temperature drops below the lower threshold, the IC recovers. The hysteresis value is typically 20°C.

I 2 C Interface Register Description

I 2 C Chip Address

The 7-bit MSB device address is 0x38. After the start condition, the I²C-compatible master sends a 7-bit address followed by an eighth read (read: 1) or write (write: 0) bit.

The following bit indicates the register address to/from which the data will be written/read.

The I2 C Compatible Device Address

Register Mapping:

Note: Leave corresponding pins floating if internal registers are used.

Table 1: Function Set Register 1

Table 2: Function Set Register 2

Table 3: Fault Register

Table 4: ID Register

APPLICATION INFORMATION

LED Current Setting

The LED current amplitude is set by an external resistor connected from ISET to GND. The LED current amplitude setting is determined with Equation (4):

$$
ILED(mA) = \frac{1245}{R_{\text{ISET}}(k\Omega)}
$$
 (4)

For $R_{ISET} = 24.9kΩ$, the LED current is 50mA.

Switching Frequency

The switching frequency can be programmed with a resistor, I²C interface, or external clock.

To program the frequency by an external resistor on FREQ/SYNC, the switching frequency follows Equation (5):

$$
f_{SW}(kHz) = \frac{22000}{R_{osc}(k\Omega)}\tag{5}
$$

For $R_{OSC} = 44.2kΩ$, the switching frequency is set to 500kHz.

Synchronize the switching frequency by an external clock to improve EMI, efficiency, and thermal performance.

If setting the switching frequency bit (fSW1:0), 00: 200kHz; 01: 400kHz; 10: 1MHz; 11: 2.2MHz. Float FREQ if the fSW1:0 bit is used.

Selecting the Input Capacitor

The input capacitor reduces the surge current drawn from the input supply and the switching noise from the device. The input capacitor impedance at the switching frequency should be less than the input source impedance to prevent the high-frequency switching current from passing through to the input. Use ceramic capacitors with X5R or X7R dielectrics for their low ESR and small temperature coefficients. For most applications, a 10μF ceramic capacitor is sufficient.

Selecting the Inductor

The MPQ3367 requires an inductor to supply a higher output voltage while being driven by the input voltage. A larger value inductor results in less ripple current, lower peak inductor current, and less stress on the internal N-channel MOSFET. However, the larger value inductor has a larger physical size, higher series resistance, and lower saturation current.

Choose an inductor that does not saturate under worst-case load conditions. Select the minimum inductor value to ensure that the boost converter works in continuous conduction mode with high efficiency and good EMI performance.

Calculate the required inductance value using Equation (6) and Equation (7):

$$
L \geq \frac{\eta \times V_{\text{OUT}} \times D \times (1 - D)^2}{2 \times f_{\text{SW}} \times I_{\text{LOAD}}}
$$
 (6)

$$
D = 1 - \frac{V_{\text{IN}}}{V_{\text{OUT}}} \tag{7}
$$

Where V_{IN} and V_{OUT} are the input and output voltages, f_{SW} is the switching frequency, I_{LOAD} is the LED load current, and η is the efficiency.

With the given inductor value, the inductor DC current rating is at least 40% higher than the maximum input peak inductor current for most applications. The inductor's DC resistance should be as small as possible for higher efficiency.

Selecting the Output Capacitor

The output capacitor keeps the output voltage ripple small and ensures feedback loop stability. The output capacitor impedance must be low at the switching frequency. Ceramic capacitors with X7R dielectrics are recommended for their low ESR characteristics. For most applications, a 10μF ceramic capacitor is sufficient.

PACKAGE INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN

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QFN-24 (4mmX4mm) WF

TOP VIEW

SIDE VIEW

SECTION A-A

RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN

NOTE:

1) THE LEAD SIDE IS WETTABLE. 2) ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS. 3) LEAD COPLANARITY SHALL BE 0.08 MILLIMETERS MAX. 4) JEDEC REFERENCE IS MO-220. 5) DRAWING IS NOT TO SCALE.

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