

XR76121

20A Synchronous Step-Down COT Regulators

Description

The [XR7612](http://www.exar.com/XR76121)1 is a synchronous step-down regulator combining the controller, drivers, bootstrap diode and MOSFETs in a single package for point-of-load supplies. The XR76121 has a load current rating of 20A. A wide 5V to 22V input voltage range allows for single supply operation from industry standard 5V, 12V and 19.6V rails.

With a proprietary emulated current mode constant on-time (COT) control scheme, the XR76121 provides extremely fast line and load transient response using ceramic output capacitors. They require no loop compensation, simplifying circuit implementation and reducing overall component count. The control loop also provides 0.1% load and 0.1% line regulation and maintains constant operating frequency. A selectable power saving mode, allows the user to operate in discontinuous mode (DCM) at light current loads thereby significantly increasing the converter efficiency.

A host of protection features, including overcurrent, over temperature, overvoltage, short-circuit, open feedback detect and UVLO, helps achieve safe operation under abnormal operating conditions.

The XR76121 is available in a RoHS compliant, green/halogen-free space-saving 5mm x 6mm QFN package.

FEATURES

- 20A step-down regulator
- \Box 4.5V to 5.5V low V_{IN} operation □ 5V to 22V wide single input voltage
- 3V to 22V operation with external 5V bias
- ≥0.6V adjustable output voltage
- Proprietary constant on-time control No loop compensation required
	- Ceramic output capacitor stable operation
	- Programmable 70ns-1µs on-time
	- Constant 200kHz-1MHz frequency
	- □ Selectable CCM or CCM/DCM operation
- Power-good flag with low impedance when power removed
- Precision enable
- Programmable soft-start
- 5mm x 6mm QFN package

APPLICATIONS

- Servers
- Distributed power architecture
- Point-of-load converters
- FPGA, DSP and processor supplies
- Base stations, switches/routers

Figure 1. Typical Application **Figure 2. Efficiency** Figure 2. Efficiency

Absolute Maximum Ratings

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Stresses beyond those listed under absolute maximum ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any absolute maximum rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

Operating Conditions

NOTES:

1. No external voltage applied.

2. SW pin's DC range is -1V, transient is -5V for less than 50ns.

3. Recommended.

4. Measured on MaxLinear evaluation board.

Electrical Characteristics

Specifications are for operating junction temperature of $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ only; limits applying over the full operating junction temperature range are denoted by a \bullet . Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at T_J = 25°C, and are provided for reference purposes only. Unless otherwise indicated, V_{IN} = 12V, SW = AGND = PGND = 0V, C_{VCC} = 4.7uF.

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Pin Configuration

Pin Functions

NOTE:

A = Analog, I = Input, O = Output, OD = Open Drain, PWR = Power.

Typical Performance Characteristics

Efficiency and Package Thermal Derating

Unless otherwise specified: T_{AMBIENT} = 25°C, no airflow, f = 800kHz. Efficiency data includes inductor losses, schematic from the Application Information section of this datasheet.

 V_{IN} = 12V, No Airflow

 $V_{IN} = 5V$, No Airflow

All data taken at V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 1.8V, f = 800kHz, T_A = 25°C, no airflow, forced CCM. (Unless otherwise specified). Schematic from the Applications Information section of this datasheet.

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Figure 25. t_{ON} vs. Temperature, $R_{ON} = 5.9k$

Functional Block Diagram

Figure 26. Functional Block Diagram

Applications Information

Detailed Operation

The XR76121 uses a synchronous step-down proprietary emulated current-mode Constant On-Time (COT) control scheme. The on-time, which is programmed via R_{ON} , is inversely proportional to V_{IN} and maintains a nearly constant frequency. The emulated current-mode control allows the use of ceramic output capacitors.

Each switching cycle begins with the high-side (switching) FET turning on for a preprogrammed time. At the end of the on-time, the high-side FET is turned off and the low-side (synchronous) FET is turned on for a preset minimum time (250ns nominal). This parameter is termed the minimum off-time. After the minimum off-time the voltage at the feedback pin FB is compared to an internal voltage ramp at the feedback comparator. When V_{FB} drops below the ramp voltage, the high-side FET is turned on and the cycle repeats. This voltage ramp constitutes an emulated current ramp and allows for the use of ceramic capacitors, in addition to other capacitor types, for output filtering.

Enable

The enable input provides precise control for startup. Where bus voltage is well regulated, the enable input can be derived from this voltage with a suitable resistor divider. This ensures that XR76121 does not turn on until bus voltage reaches the desired level. Therefore the enable feature allows implementation of undervoltage lockout for the bus voltage PV_{IN} . Simple sequencing can be implemented by using the PGOOD signal as the enable input of a succeeding XR76121. Sequencing can also be achieved by using an external signal to control the enable pin.

Selecting the Forced CCM Mode

A voltage higher than 2.4V at the FCCM pin forces the XR76121 to operate in continuous conduction mode (CCM). Note that discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) is always on during soft-start. DCM will persist following soft-start until a sufficient load is applied to transition the regulator to CCM. Magnitude of the load required to transition to CCM is $\Delta I_1/2$, where ΔI_1 is peak-to-peak inductor current ripple. Once the regulator transitions to CCM it will continue operating in CCM regardless of the load magnitude.

Selecting the DCM/CCM Mode

The DCM will always be available if a voltage less than 0.4V is applied to the FCCM pin. XR76121 will operate in either DCM or CCM depending on the load magnitude. At light loads DCM significantly increases efficiency as seen in Figures 3 and 4. A preload of 10mA is recommended for DCM operation. This helps improve voltage regulation when external load is less then 10mA and may reduce voltage ripple.

Programming the On-Time

The on-time t_{ON} is programmed via resistor R_{ON} according to following equation:

$$
R_{ON} = \frac{V_{IN} \times [t_{ON} - (2.5 \times 10^{-8})]}{3.45 \times 10^{-10}}
$$

shows that calculated data matches typical test data $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ A graph of t_{ON} versus R_{ON} , using the above equation, is compared to typical test data in Figure 19. The graph within 3%. within 3%.
The t_{ON} corresponding to a particular set of operating

conditions can be calculated based on empirical data from:

$$
t_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \times 1.06 \times f \times Eff.}
$$

Where:

- f is the desired switching frequency at nominal I_{OUT} .
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* POUT- \blacksquare Eff. is the converter efficiency corresponding to \blacksquare nominal I_{OUT} .

 $R = \frac{1}{2}$ Substituting for t_{ON} in the first equation we get:

$$
R_{ON} = \frac{\left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{1.06 \times f \times Eff.}\right) - [(2.5 \times 10^{-8}) \times V_{IN}]}{(3.45 \times 10^{-10})}
$$

Now R_{ON} can be calculated in terms of operating conditions V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , f and efficiency using the above equation.

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 V_{IN} = 12V, I_{OUT} = 20A $\frac{1}{2}$ XR76121 R_{ON} for common output voltages,

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Overcurrent Protection (OCP)

If the load current exceeds the programmed overcurrent threshold I_{OCP} for four consecutive switching cycles, the regulator enters the hiccup mode of operation. In hiccup mode the MOSFET gates are turned off for 110ms In niccup mode the MOSFET gates are turned on for TTOMS
(hiccup timeout). Following the hiccup timeout a soft-start is attempted. If OCP persists, hiccup timeout will repeat.
The requistor will remain in biccup mode until load current. The regulator will remain in hiccup mode until load current is reduced below the programmed I_{OCP} . In order to program overcurrent protection use the following equation:

$$
R_{\text{LIM}} = \left[\frac{(I_{\text{OCP}} + (0.5 \times \Delta I_{\text{L}}))}{\left(\frac{I_{\text{LIM}}}{R_{\text{DS}}}\right)}\right] + 0.16k\Omega
$$

Where:

- \blacksquare R_{LIM} is resistor value in kΩ for programming I_{OCP}
- \blacksquare I_{OCP} is the overcurrent value to be programmed
- \blacksquare Δl_L is the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple
- \blacksquare I_{LIM}/R_{DS} is the minimum value of the parameter specified in the tabulated data
- I_{LIM}/R_{DS} = 14.5uA/mΩ
- 0.16kΩ accounts for OCP comparator offset

safeguards against premature OCP. Typical value of I_{OCP} , for a given R_{LIM} , will be higher than that predicted by The above equation is for worst-case analysis and the above equation. Graph of calculated I_{OCP} vs. R_{LIM} is compared to typical I_{OCP} in Figures 23.

Short-Circuit Protection (SCP)

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If the output voltage drops below 60% of its programmed is removed. The SCP circuit becomes active at the end
of soft-start. Hiccup mode and short-circuit recovery value (i.e., FB drops below 0.36V), the regulator will enter hiccup mode. Hiccup mode will persist until short-circuit is removed. The SCP circuit becomes active at the end waveform is shown in Figure 16.

Over Temperature Protection (OTP)

OTP triggers at a nominal controller temperature of 138°C. The gates of the switching FET and the synchronous FET are turned off. When controller temperature cools down to 123°C, soft-start is initiated and regular operation resumes.

Overvoltage Protection (OVP) VOUT

The output OVP function detects an overvoltage condition $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$ on V_{OUT} of the regulator. OVP is achieved by comparing the voltage at VSNS pin to an OVP threshold voltage the voltage at VSNS pin to an OVP threshold voltage set at $1.2 \times V_{REF}$. When VSNS voltage exceeds the OVP threshold, an internal overvoltage signal asserts after 1 us (typical). This OVP signal latches off the high-side FET,
turns on the low side FET and also seems BGOOD low. turns on the low-side FET and also asserts $PGOOD$ low. The low-side FET remains on to discharge the output The low-side FET remains on to discharge the output
capacitor until VSNS voltage drops below 1.15 x V_{REF}. Then low-side FET turns off to prevent complete discharge of V_{OUT} . The high-side and low-side FETs remain latched off until V_{IN} or EN is recycled. In order to use this feature, connect VSNS to V_{OUT} with a resistor divider as shown in connect vSNS to V_{OUT} with a resistor divider as shown in
the application circuit. Use the same resistor divider value that was used for programming $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{OUT}}$.

Programming the Output Voltage

Use a voltage divider as shown in Figure 1 to program the output voltage V_{OUT} .

$$
R1 = R2 \times \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.6} - 1\right)
$$

The recommended value for R2 is 2kΩ.

Programming the Soft-Start

program the son-start. In order to program a son-start time
of t_{SS} , calculate the required capacitance C_{SS} from the
following equation: Place a capacitor C_{SS} between the SS and AGND pins to program the soft-start. In order to program a soft-start time following equation:

$$
CSS = tSS \times \frac{10\mu A}{0.6V}
$$

Pre-Bias Startup

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Είσωτε 15 Pre-Bias Startup
XR76121 has the capability to startup into a pre-charged Figure 15.

Maximum Allowable Voltage Ripple at FB Pin

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The steady-state voltage ripple at feedback pin FB C_{OUT} and/or L snould be increased as
keep the V_{FB},_{RIPPLE} below 50mV. (V_{FB}, H_{FPE}) must not exceed 50mV in order for the regulator to function correctly. If $V_{FB,RIPPLE}$ is larger than 50mV then C_{OUT} and/or L should be increased as necessary in order to

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Feed-Forward Capacitor (CFF)

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$$
C_{\text{FF}} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times R1 \times 5 \times f_{\text{LC}}}
$$

Where f_{LC} , the output filter double-pole frequency is calculated from: i output filter double-pole freque RDS

$$
f_{LC} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times \sqrt{L \times C_{OUT}}}
$$

You must use manufacturer's DC derating curves to R load step test (and/or a loop frequency response test) $\frac{2}{x}$ is the vector (and of a response reducincy response rest) should be performed and if necessary C_{FF} can be adjusted Four must use manufacturer s DC detailing curves to determine the effective capacitance corresponding to V_{OUT} . in order to get a critically damped transient load response.

In applications where output voltage ripple is less than about 3mV, such as when a large number of ceramic C_{OUT} are paralleled, it is necessary to use ripple injection f_{FOM} across the inductor. The circuit and corresponding from across the inductor. The circuit and corresponding calculations are explained in the MaxLinear design note.

Feed-Forward Resistor (R_{FF})

 R_{FF} is required when C_{FF} is used. R_{FF} , in conjunction with C_{FF} , functions similar to a high frequency pole and adds gain margin to the frequency response. Calculate R_{FF} from:

$$
R_{\text{FF}} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times f \times C_{\text{FF}}}
$$

Where f is the switching frequency.

If R_{FF} is greater than 0.1 x R1, then instead of C_{FF}/R_{FF} , use ripple injection circuit as described in MaxLinear's design note.

Thermal Design

Proper thermal design is critical in controlling device temperatures and in achieving robust designs. There are a number of factors that affect the thermal performance. One key factor is the temperature rise of the devices in the package, which is a function of the thermal resistances of the devices inside the package and the power being dissipated.

The thermal resistance of the XR76121 is specified in the Operating Ratings section of this datasheet. The θ_{JA} thermal resistance specification is based on the XR76121 evaluation board operating without forced airflow. Since the actual board design in the final application will be different, the thermal resistances in the final design may be different from those specified.

The package thermal derating curves for the XR76121 are shown in Figures 5 and 6. These correspond to input voltage of 12V and 5V, respectively. The package thermal derating curves for the XR76121 are shown in Figures 9 and 10.

Applications Information

Figure 27. Application Circuit Schematic

Mechanical Dimensions

TERMINAL DETAILS

NOTE : ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS, ANGLES ARE IN DEGREES.

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Figure 28. Mechanical Dimensions

Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil

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Figure 29. Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil