Extra-Small, High-Performance, High-Frequency DrMOS Module

FDMF6821B

Description

The XS™ DrMOS family is ON Semiconductor's next−generation, fully optimized, ultra−compact, integrated MOSFET plus driver power stage solution for high−current, high− frequency, synchronous buck DC−DC applications. The FDMF6821B integrates a driver IC, two power MOSFETs, and a bootstrap Schottky diode into a thermally enhanced, ultra−compact 6x6 mm package.

With an integrated approach, the complete switching power stage is optimized with regard to driver and MOSFET dynamic performance, system inductance, and power MOSFET $R_{DS(ON)}$. XS DrMOS uses ON Semiconductor's high−performance POWERTRENCH® MOSFET technology, which dramatically reduces switch ringing, eliminating the need for snubber circuit in most buck converter applications.

A driver IC with reduced dead times and propagation delays further enhances the performance. A thermal warning function warns of a potential over−temperature situation. The FDMF6821B also incorporates a Skip Mode (SMOD#) for improved light−load efficiency. The FDMF6821B also provides a 3−state 3.3 V PWM input for compatibility with a wide range of PWM controllers.

Features

- Over 93% Peak−Efficiency
- High−Current Handling: 55 A
- High−Performance PQFN Copper−Clip Package
- 3−State 3.3 V PWM Input Driver
- Skip−Mode SMOD# (Low−Side Gate Turn Off) Input
- Thermal Warning Flag for Over−Temperature Condition
- Driver Output Disable Function (DISB# Pin)
- Internal Pull−Up and Pull−Down for SMOD# and DISB# Inputs, Respectively
- ON Semiconductor PowerTrench Technology MOSFETs for Clean Voltage Waveforms and Reduced Ringing
- ON Semiconductor SyncFET (Integrated Schottky Diode) Technology in Low−Side MOSFET
- Integrated Bootstrap Schottky Diode
- Adaptive Gate Drive Timing for Shoot−Through Protection
- Under−Voltage Lockout (UVLO)
- Optimized for Switching Frequencies up to 1 MHz
- Low−Profile SMD Package
- Based on the Intel® 4.0 DrMOS Standard
- This Device is Pb−Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free and is RoHS Compliant

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MARKING DIAGRAM

ORDERING INFORMATION

See detailed ordering and shipping information on page [2](#page-1-0) of this data sheet.

- Benefits • Ultra−Compact 6x6 mm PQFN, 72% Space−Saving Compared to Conventional Discrete Solutions
- Fully Optimized System Efficiency
- Clean Switching Waveforms with Minimal Ringing
- High−Current Handling

Applications

• High−Performance Gaming Motherboards

- Compact Blade Servers, V−Core and Non−V−Core DC−DC Converters
- Desktop Computers, V−Core and Non−V−Core DC−DC Converters
- Workstations
- High−Current DC−DC Point−of−Load Converters
- Networking and Telecom Microprocessor Voltage Regulators
- Small Form−Factor Voltage Regulator Modules

ORDERING INFORMATION

Typical Application Circuit

Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit

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Figure 2. DrMOS Block Diagram

Pin Configuration

Figure 3. Bottom View Figure 4. Top View

PIN DEFINITIONS

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected. Suesses exceeding mose ilsted in the Maximum Halings lable may damage the device. If any or these limits are exceeded, device functionality
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1. $I_{O(AV$

 $t_{O(AV)}$ is rated using ON Semiconductor's DrMOS evaluation board, at T_A = 25°C, with natural convection cooling. This rating is limited by
the peak DrMOS temperature, T_J = 150°C, and varies depending on operating con different application settings.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Functional operation above the stresses listed in the Recommended Operating Ranges is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses beyond the Recommended Operating Ranges limits may affect device reliability.

2. Operating at high V_{IN} can create excessive AC overshoots on the VSWH-to-GND and BOOT-to-GND nodes during MOSFET switching transients. For reliable DrMOS operation, VSWH−to−GND and BOOT−to−GND must remain at or below the Absolute Maximum Ratings shown in the table above. Refer to the ["Application Information"](#page-15-0) and "[PCB Layout Guidelines"](#page-16-0) sections of this datasheet for additional information.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Typical values are V_{IN} = 12 V, V_{CIN} = 5 V, V_{DRV} = 5 V, and T_A = T_J = +25°C unless otherwise noted.

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Figure 5. PWM Timing Diagram

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Test Conditions: V_{IN} = 12 V, V_{OUT} = 1 V, V_{CIN} = 5 V, V_{DRV} = 5 V, L_{OUT} = 250 nH, T_A = 25°C, and natural convection cooling, unless otherwise specified.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Test Conditions: V_{IN} = 12 V, V_{OUT} = 1 V, V_{CIN} = 5 V, V_{DRV} = 5 V, L_{OUT} = 250 nH, T_A = 25°C, and natural convection cooling, unless otherwise specified.

Figure 14. Driver Supply Current vs. Driver Supply Voltage

Figure 12. Power Loss vs. Output Inductor Figure 13. Driver Supply Current vs. Switching Frequency

Figure 15. Driver Supply Current vs. Output Current

Figure 16. UVLO Threshold vs. Temperature **Figure 17. PWM Threshold vs. Driver Supply Voltage**

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Functional description

The FDMF6821B is a driver−plus−FET module optimized for the synchronous buck converter topology. A single PWM input signal is all that is required to properly drive the high−side and the low−side MOSFETs. Each part is capable of driving speeds up to 1 MHz.

VCIN and Disable (DISB#)

The VCIN pin is monitored by an Under−Voltage Lockout (UVLO) circuit. When V_{CIN} rises above ~3.1 V, the driver is enabled. When V_{CIN} falls below ~2.7 V, the driver is disabled (GH, $GL = 0$). The driver can also be disabled by pulling the DISB# pin LOW (DISB# $<$ V_{IL} _{DISB}), which holds both GL and GH LOW regardless of the PWM input state. The driver can be enabled by raising the DISB# pin voltage HIGH (DISB# > V_{IH} DISB).

Table 1. UVLO AND DISABLE LOGIC

3. DISB# internal pull−down current source is 10 µA.

Thermal Warning Flag (THWN#)

The FDMF6821B provides a thermal warning flag (THWN#) to warn of over−temperature conditions. The thermal warning flag uses an open−drain output that pulls to CGND when the activation temperature (150°C) is reached. The THWN# output returns to a high− impedance state once the temperature falls to the reset temperature (135°C). For use, the THWN# output requires a pull−up resistor, which can be connected to VCIN. THWN# does NOT disable the DrMOS module.

Figure 26. THWN Operation

Three−State PWM Input

The FDMF6821B incorporates a three−state 3.3 V PWM input gate drive design. The three−state gate drive has both logic HIGH level and LOW level, along with a three−state shutdown window. When the PWM input signal enters and remains within the three−state window for a defined hold–off time (t_D_{HOLD}−OFF), both GL and GH are pulled LOW. This enables the gate drive to shut down both high−side and low−side MOSFETs to support features such as phase shedding, which is common on multi−phase voltage regulators.

Exiting Three−State Condition

When exiting a valid three−state condition, the FDMF6821B follows the PWM input command. If the PWM input goes from three−state to LOW, the low−side MOSFET is turned on. If the PWM input goes from three−state to HIGH, the high−side MOSFET is turned on. This is illustrated in Figure [27.](#page-13-0) The FDMF6821B design allows for short propagation delays when exiting the three−state window (see [Electrical Characteristics\)](#page-5-0).

Low−Side Driver

The low–side driver (GL) is designed to drive a ground– referenced, low–R_{DS(ON)}, N–channel MOSFET. The bias for GL is internally connected between the VDRV and CGND pins. When the driver is enabled, the driver's output is 180° out of phase with the PWM input. When the driver is disabled ($DISB# = 0 V$), GL is held LOW.

High−Side Driver

The high−side driver (GH) is designed to drive a floating N−channel MOSFET. The bias voltage for the high−side driver is developed by a bootstrap supply circuit consisting of the internal Schottky diode and external bootstrap capacitor (C_{BOOT}). During startup, V_{SWH} is held at PGND, allowing C_{BOOT} to charge to V_{DRV} through the internal diode. When the PWM input goes HIGH, GH begins to charge the gate of the high−side MOSFET (Q1).

During this transition, the charge is removed from CBOOT and delivered to the gate of Q1. As Q1 turns on, V_{SWH} rises to V_{IN} , forcing the BOOT pin to $V_{IN} + V_{B O O T}$, which provides sufficient V_{GS} enhancement for Q1. To complete the switching cycle, Q1 is turned off by pulling GH to V_{SWH} . C_{BOOT} is then recharged to V_{DRV} when V_{SWH} falls to PGND. GH output is in−phase with the PWM input. The high−side gate is held LOW when the driver is disabled or the PWM signal is held within the three−state window for longer than the three–state hold–off time, t_D HOLD–OFF.

Adaptive Gate Drive Circuit

The driver IC advanced design ensures minimum MOSFET dead−time, while eliminating potential shoot− through (cross−conduction) currents. It senses the state of the MOSFETs and adjusts the gate drive adaptively to ensure they do not conduct simultaneously. Figure 27 provides the relevant timing waveforms. To prevent overlap during the LOW−to−HIGH switching transition (Q2 off to Q1 on), the adaptive circuitry monitors the voltage at the GL pin. When the PWM signal goes HIGH, Q2 begins to turn off after a

propagation delay (tpp PHGLL). Once the GL pin is discharged below 1.0 V, Q1 begins to turn on after adaptive delay t_{D_DEADON}.

To preclude overlap during the HIGH−to−LOW transition (Q1 off to Q2 on), the adaptive circuitry monitors the voltage at the GH−to−PHASE pin pair. When the PWM signal goes LOW, Q1 begins to turn off after a propagation delay (tPD_PLGHL). Once the voltage across GH−to−PHASE falls below 2.2 V, Q2 begins to turn on after adaptive delay t_D DEADOFF.

NOTES:
tPD_xxx = propagation delay from external signal (PWM, SMOD#, etc.) to IC generated signal. Example (tPD_PHGLL – PWM going HIGH to LS Vɑs (GL) going LOW) thD_xxx = propagation delay from external signal (PWM, SMOD#, etc.) to IC generated signal. Example (the PHGLI – PWM going HIGH to LS Vas (GL) going LOW)
tb_xxx = delay from IC generated signal to IC generated signal. Exam

PWM

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tPD_PHGLL = PWM rise to LS VGs fall, VIH_PWM to 90% LS VGs

tPD_PLGHL = PWM fall to HS Vɑs fall, Vı∟Pwм to 90% HS Vɑs
tPD_PHGHH = PWM rise to HS Vɑs rise, Viн_Pwм to 10% HS Vɑs (SMOD# held LOW)

SMOD#

tPD_SLGLL = SMOD# fall to LS VGS fall, VIL_SMOD to 90% LS VGS tPD_SHGLH = SMOD# rise to LS VGs rise, VIH_SMOD to 10% LS VGs

Exiting 3−state

tPD_TSGHH = PWM 3−state to HIGH to HS VGS rise, VIH_PWM to 10% HS VGS tPD_TSGLH = PWM 3-state to LOW to LS VGs rise, VIL_PwM to 10% LS VGs

Dead Times

to_peadon = LS Vas fall to HS Vas rise, LS-comp trip value (~1.0 V GL) to 10% HS Vas to_DEADOFF = VSWH fall to LS VGs rise, SW-comp trip value (~2.2 V VSWH) to 10% LS VGS

Figure 27. PWM and 3−StateTiming Diagram

Skip Mode (SMOD#)

The Skip Mode function allows for higher converter efficiency when operated in light−load conditions. When SMOD# is pulled LOW, the low−side MOSFET gate signal is disabled (held LOW), preventing discharge of the output capacitors as the filter inductor current attempts reverse current flow – known as "Diode Emulation" Mode.

When the SMOD# pin is pulled HIGH, the synchronous buck converter works in Synchronous Mode. This mode

allows for gating on the Low Side MOSFET. When the SMOD# pin is pulled LOW, the low−side MOSFET is gated off. If the SMOD# pin is connected to the PWM controller, the controller can actively enable or disable SMOD# when the controller detects light−load condition from output current sensing. Normally this pin is active LOW. See Figure 28 for timing delays.

Table 2. SMOD# LOGIC

4. The SMOD# feature is intended to have a short propagation delay between the SMOD# signal and the low–side FET V_{GS} response time to control diode emulation on a cycle−by−cycle basis.

Figure 28. SMOD# Timing Diagram

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Supply Capacitor Selection

For the supply inputs (V_{CIN}) , a local ceramic bypass capacitor is recommended to reduce noise and to supply the peak current. Use at least a 1μ F X7R or X5R capacitor. Keep this capacitor close to the VCIN pin and connect it to the GND plane with vias.

Bootstrap Circuit

The bootstrap circuit uses a charge storage capacitor (C_{BOOT}) , as shown in Figure 30. A bootstrap capacitance of 100 nF X7R or X5R capacitor is usually adequate. A series bootstrap resistor may be needed for specific applications to improve switching noise immunity. The boot resistor may be required when operating above 15 V_{IN} and is effective at controlling the high−side MOSFET turn−on slew rate and V_{SHW} overshoot. R_{BOOT} values from 0.5 to 3.0 Ω are typically effective in reducing VSWH overshoot.

VCIN Filter

The VDRV pin provides power to the gate drive of the high−side and low−side power MOSFET. In most cases, it can be connected directly to VCIN, the pin that provides power to the logic section of the driver. For additional noise immunity, an RC filter can be inserted between the VDRV and VCIN pins. Recommended values would be 10 Ω and $1 \mu F$.

Power Loss and Efficiency

Measurement and Calculation

Refer to Figure 30 for power loss testing method. Power loss calculations are:

Figure 29. Block Diagram With VCIN Filter

Figure 30. Power Loss Measurement

PCB LAYOUT GUIDELINES

Figure [31](#page-17-0) and Figure [32](#page-17-0) provide an example of a proper layout for the FDMF6821B and critical components. All of the high−current paths, such as VIN, VSWH, VOUT, and GND copper, should be short and wide for low inductance and resistance. This aids in achieving a more stable and evenly distributed current flow, along with enhanced heat radiation and system performance.

Recommendations for PCB Designers

- 1. Input ceramic bypass capacitors must be placed close to the VIN and PGND pins. This helps reduce the high−current power loop inductance and the input current ripple induced by the power MOSFET switching operation
- 2. The V_{SWH} copper trace serves two purposes. In addition to being the high−frequency current path from the DrMOS package to the output inductor, it serves as a heat sink for the low−side MOSFET in the DrMOS package. The trace should be short and wide enough to present a low−impedance path for the high−frequency, high−current flow between the DrMOS and inductor. The short and wide trace minimizes electrical losses as well as the DrMOS temperature rise. Note that the V_{SWH} node is a high− voltage and high−frequency switching node with high noise potential. Care should be taken to minimize coupling to adjacent traces. Since this copper trace acts as a heat sink for the lower MOSFET, balance using the largest area possible to improve DrMOS cooling while maintaining acceptable noise emission
- 3. An output inductor should be located close to the FDMF6821B to minimize the power loss due to the V_{SWH} copper trace. Care should also be taken so the inductor dissipation does not heat the DrMOS
- 4. POWERTRENCH MOSFETs are used in the output stage and are effective at minimizing ringing due to fast switching. In most cases, no VSWH snubber is required. If a snubber is used, it should be placed close to the VSWH and PGND pins. The selected resistor and capacitor need to be the proper size for power dissipation
- 5. VCIN, VDRV, and BOOT capacitors should be placed as close as possible to the VCIN−to−CGND, VDRV−to−CGND, and BOOT−to−PHASE pin pairs to ensure clean and stable power. Routing width and length should be considered as well
- 6. Include a trace from the PHASE pin to the VSWH pin to improve noise margin. Keep this trace as short as possible
- 7. The layout should include the option to insert a small−value series boot resistor between the boot capacitor and BOOT pin. The boot−loop size, including R_{BOOT} and C_{BOOT} , should be as small as possible. The boot resistor may be required

when operating above 15 V_{IN} and is effective at controlling the high−side MOSFET turn−on slew rate and V_{SHW} overshoot. R_{BOOT} can improve noise operating margin in synchronous buck designs that may have noise issues due to ground bounce or high positive and negative V_{SWH} ringing. Inserting a boot resistance lowers the DrMOS efficiency. Efficiency versus noise trade–offs must be considered. R_{BOOT} values from 0.5Ω to 3.0 Ω are typically effective inreducing V_{SWH} overshoot

- 8. The VIN and PGND pins handle large current transients with frequency components greater than 100 MHz. If possible, these pins should be connected directly to the VIN and board GND planes. The use of thermal relief traces in series with these pins is discouraged since this adds inductance to the power path. This added inductance in series with either the VIN or PGND pin degrades system noise immunity by increasing positive and negative V_{SWH} ringing
- 9. GND pad and PGND pins should be connected to the GND copper plane with multiple vias for stable grounding. Poor grounding can create a noise transient offset voltage level between CGND and PGND. This could lead to faulty operation of the gate driver and MOSFETs
- 10. Ringing at the BOOT pin is most effectively controlled by close placement of the boot capacitor. Do not add an additional BOOT to the PGND capacitor. This may lead to excess current flow through the BOOT diode
- 11. The SMOD# and DISB# pins have weak internal pull−up and pull−down current sources, respectively. These pins should not have any noise filter capacitors. Do not to float these pins unless absolutely necessary
- 12. Use multiple vias on the VIN and VOUT copper areas to interconnect top, inner, and bottom layers to distribute current flow and heat conduction. Do not put many vias on the VSWH copper to avoid extra parasitic inductance and noise on the switching waveform. As long as efficiency and thermal performance are acceptable, place only one VSWH copper on the top layer and use no vias on the VSWH copper to minimize switch node parasitic noise. Vias should be relatively large and of reasonably low inductance. Critical high– frequency components, such as R_{BOOT} , C_{BOOT} , RC snubber, and bypass capacitors; should be located as close to the respective DrMOS module pins as possible on the top layer of the PCB. If this is not feasible, they can be connected from the backside through a network of low−inductance vias

Figure 31. PCB Layout Example (Top View)

Figure 32. PCB Layout Example (Bottom View)

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