ACT4533A/B Wide Input Sensorless CC/CV Step-Down DC/DC Converter

FEATURES

- 40 V Input Voltage Surge
- 36 V Steady State Operation
- Up to 3.5 A output current
- Output Voltage up to 12 V
- 125 kHz Switching Frequency Eases EMI Design
- 91% Efficiency ($V_{\text{OUT}} = 5 \text{ V}$ @2.4 A at $V_{\text{IN}} = 12 \text{ V}$)
- Stable with Low-ESR Ceramic Capacitors to Allow Low-Profile Designs
- Integrated Over Voltage Protection
- Excellent EMI Performance
- Patented ActiveCC Sensorless Constant Current Control Improves Efficiency and Lowers Cost.
- Resistor Programmable
	- Current Limit from 1.5 A to 4.0 A
	- Patented Cable Compensation from 0 to 0.25 Ω
- ±7.5% CC Accuracy
	- Compensation of Input /Output Voltage Change
	- Temperature Compensation
	- Independent of inductance and Inductor DCR
- 2% Feedback Voltage Accuracy
- Advanced Feature Set
	- Integrated Soft Start
	- Thermal Shutdown
	- Secondary Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit
	- Protection Against Shorted ISET Pin
- SOP-8EP Package

APPLICATIONS

- Car Charger/ Adaptor
- Rechargeable Portable Device
- CV/CC regulation DC/DC converter

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

ACT4533A/B is a wide input voltage, high efficiency ActiveCC step-down DC/DC converter that operates in either CV (Constant Output Voltage) mode or CC (Constant Output Current) mode. ACT4533A/B provides up to 3.5 A output current at 125 kHz switching frequency.

ActiveCC is a patented control scheme to achieve highaccuracy sensorless constant current control. ActiveCC eliminates the expensive, high accuracy current sense resistor, making it ideal for CLA applications.

ACT4533A/B integrates adaptive gate drive to achieve excellent EMI performance passing EN55022 Class B EMC standard without adding additional EMI components while maintaining high conversion efficiency.

Protection features include cycle-by-cycle current limit, thermal shutdown, and frequency foldback at short circuit. The devices are available in a SOP-8EP package and require very few external devices for operation.

The only difference between ACT4533A and ACT4533B is that Pin 7 provides OVP for ACT4533A and EN/OVP for ACT4533B.

ORDERING INFORMATION

PIN CONFIGURATION

SOP-8EP

PIN DESCRIPTIONS

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

: Do not exceed these limits to prevent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for long periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V_{IN} = 12 V, T_A = 25 °C, unless otherwise specified.)

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR ACT4533A

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR ACT4533B

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

CV/CC Loop Regulation

As seen in Functional Block Diagram, the ACT4533A/B is a peak current mode pulse width modulation (PWM) converter with CC and CV control. The converter operates as follows:

A switching cycle starts when the rising edge of the Oscillator clock output causes the High-Side Power Switch to turn on and the Low-Side Power Switch to turn off. With the SW side of the inductor now connected to IN, the inductor current ramps up to store energy in the

magnetic field. The inductor current level is measured by the Current Sense Amplifier and added to the Oscillator ramp signal. If the resulting summation is higher than the COMP voltage, the output of the PWM Comparator goes high. When this happens or when Oscillator clock output goes low, the High-Side Power Switch turns off.

At this point, the SW side of the inductor swings to a diode voltage below ground, causing the inductor current to decrease and magnetic energy to be transferred to output. This state continues until the cycle starts again. The High-Side Power Switch is

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

driven by logic using HSB as the positive rail. This pin is charged to V_{SW} +5 V when the Low-Side Power Switch turns on. The COMP voltage is the integration of the error between FB input and the internal 0.808 V reference. If FB is lower than the reference voltage, COMP tends to go higher to increase current to the output. Output current will increase until it reaches the CC limit set by the I_{SET} resistor. At this point, the device will transition from regulating output voltage to regulating output current, and the output voltage will drop with increasing load.

The Oscillator normally switches at 125 kHz. However, if FB voltage is less than 0.6 V, then the switching frequency decreases until it reaches a typical value of 18 kHz at $V_{FB} = 0.15$ V

Over Voltage Protection (ACT4533A)

The ACT4533A has an OVP pin. If the voltage at this pin exceeds 0.8 V, the IC shuts down high-side switch. There is a 4 μ A pull-up current at this pin.

EN/OVP Pin (ACT4533B)

The ACT4533B has an enable input and OVP input for turning the IC on and off.

If the voltage at this pin rises above 0.65 V, the IC is enabled. The EN contains a 60 mV hysteresis and 4 µA pull-up current source.

If the voltage at this pin is between 0.65 V and 2.26 V, the IC operates normally; if the voltage at this pin exceeds 2.26 V, the IC shuts down high-side switch. The OVP contains a 500 mV hysteresis and 4 μ A pull-up current source.

Thermal Shutdown

The ACT4533A/B disables switching when its junction temperature exceeds 155 °C and resumes when the temperature has dropped by 25 °C.

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APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Output Voltage Setting

Figure 1:

Output Voltage Setting

Figure 1 shows the connections for setting the output voltage. Select the proper ratio of the two feedback resistors R_{FB1} and R_{FB2} based on the output voltage. Adding a capacitor in parallel with R_{FB1} helps the system stability. Typically, use $R_{FB2} \approx 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ and determine RFB₁ from the following equation:

$$
R_{FB1} = R_{FB2} \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.808V} - 1 \right) \tag{1}
$$

CC Current Setting

ACT4533A/B constant current value is set by a resistor connected between the I_{SET} pin and GND. The CC output current is linearly proportional to the current flowing out of the I_{SET} pin. The voltage at I_{SET} is roughly 1.1 V and the current gain from I_{SET} to output is roughly 21000 (21 mA/1 µA). To determine the proper resistor for a desired current, please refer to Figure 2 below.

Figure 2:

Curve for Programming Output CC Current

CC Current Line Compensation

When operating at constant current mode, the current limit increase slightly with input voltage. For wide input voltage applications, a resistor RC may be added to compensate line change and keep output high CC accuracy, as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3:

Input Line Compensation

Inductor Selection

The inductor maintains a continuous current to the output load. This inductor current has a ripple that is dependent on the inductance value:

Higher inductance reduces the peak-to-peak ripple current. The trade-off for high inductance value is the increase in inductor core size and series resistance, and the reduction in current handling capability. In general, select an inductance value L based on ripple current requirement:

$$
L = \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN} f_{SW} I_{LOADMAX} K_{RIPPLE}}
$$
 (2)

where V_{IN} is the input voltage, V_{OUT} is the output voltage, f_{SW} is the switching frequency, $I_{LOADMAX}$ is the maximum load current, and KRIPPLE is the ripple factor. Typically, choose K_{RIPPLE} = 30% to correspond to the peak-to-peak ripple current being 30% of the maximum load current.

With a selected inductor value the peak-to-peak inductor current is estimated as:

$$
I_{LPK-PK} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN} - V_{OUT})}{L \times V_{IN} \times f_{SW}}
$$
(3)

The peak inductor current is estimated as:

$$
I_{LPK} = I_{LOADMAX} + \frac{1}{2} I_{LPK-PK}
$$
 (4)

The selected inductor should not saturate at I_{LPK} . The maximum output current is calculated as:

$$
I_{OUTMAX} = I_{LIM} - \frac{1}{2} I_{LPK-PK}
$$
 (5)

LLIM is the internal current limit, which is typically 4.5 A, as shown in Electrical Characteristics Table.

External High Voltage Bias Diode

It is recommended that an external High Voltage Bias diode be added when the system has a 5 V fixed input or the power supply generates a 5 V output. This helps improve the efficiency of the regulator. The High Voltage Bias diode can be a low cost one such as IN4148 or BAT54.

Figure 4:

External High Voltage Bias Diode

This diode is also recommended for high duty cycle operation and high output voltage applications.

Input Capacitor

The input capacitor needs to be carefully selected to maintain sufficiently low ripple at the supply input of the converter. A low ESR capacitor is highly recommended. Since large current flows in and out of this capacitor during switching, its ESR also affects efficiency.

The input capacitance needs to be higher than 10 µF. The best choice is the ceramic type, however, low ESR tantalum or electrolytic types may also be used provided that the RMS ripple current rating is higher than 50% of the output current. The input capacitor should be placed close to the IN and G pins of the IC, with the shortest traces possible. In the case of tantalum or electrolytic types, they can be further away if a small parallel 0.1 µF ceramic capacitor is placed right next to the IC.

Output Capacitor

The output capacitor also needs to have low ESR to keep low output voltage ripple. The output ripple voltage is:

$$
V_{RIPPLE} = I_{LPK-PK} \times (R_{ESR} + \frac{1}{8 \times f_{SW} \times C_{OUT}})
$$
 (6)

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Where IOUTMAX is the maximum output current, KRIPPLE is the ripple factor, RESR is the ESR of the output capacitor, f_{SW} is the switching frequency, L is the inductor value, and C_{OUT} is the output capacitance. In the case of ceramic output capacitors, R_{ESR} is very small and does not contribute to the ripple. Therefore, a lower capacitance value can be used for ceramic type. In the case of tantalum or electrolytic capacitors, the ripple is dominated by RESR multiplied by the ripple current. In that case, the output capacitor is chosen to have sufficiently low ESR.

For ceramic output capacitor, typically choose a capacitance of about 22 µF. For tantalum or electrolytic capacitors, choose a capacitor with less than 50 mΩ ESR.

Rectifier Diode

Use a Schottky diode as the rectifier to conduct current when the High-Side Power Switch is off. The Schottky diode must have current rating higher than the maximum output current and a reverse voltage rating higher than the maximum input voltage.

STABILITY COMPENSATION

Figure 5:

Stability Compensation

 \odot : C_{COMP2} is needed only for high ESR output capacitor

The feedback loop of the IC is stabilized by the components at the COMP pin, as shown in Figure 5. The DC loop gain of the system is determined by the following equation:

$$
A_{VDC} = \frac{0.808V}{I_{OUT}} A_{VEA} G_{COMP}
$$
 (7)

The dominant pole P1 is due to CCOMP:

$$
f_{P1} = \frac{G_{EA}}{2\pi A_{VEA} C_{COMP}}\tag{8}
$$

The second pole P2 is the output pole:

$$
f_{P2} = \frac{I_{OUT}}{2\pi V_{OUT} C_{OUT}}\tag{9}
$$

The first zero Z1 is due to RCOMP and CCOMP:

$$
f_{Z1} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{COMP} C_{COMP}}\tag{10}
$$

And finally, the third pole is due to R_{COMP} and C_{COMP2} (if CCOMP2 is used):

$$
f_{P3} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{COMP} C_{COMP2}}\tag{11}
$$

The following steps should be used to compensate the IC:

STEP 1. Set the cross over frequency at 1/10 of the switching frequency via R_{COMP}:

$$
R_{COMP} = \frac{2\pi V_{OUT} C_{OUT} f_{SW}}{10 G_{EA} G_{COMP} \times 0.808V}
$$

= 5.12 x 10⁷ V_{OUT} C_{OUT} (Ω) (12)

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STEP 2. Set the zero f_{Z1} at 1/4 of the cross over frequency. If R_{COMP} is less than 15 kΩ, the equation for CCOMP is:

$$
C_{COMP} = \frac{2.83 \times 10^{-5}}{R_{COMP}} \quad (F) \tag{13}
$$

If R_{COMP} is limited to 15 kΩ, then the actual cross over frequency is 6.58 / $(V_{\text{OUT}}C_{\text{OUT}})$. Therefore:

$$
C_{COMP} = 6.45 \times 10^{-6} V_{OUT} C_{OUT} (F)
$$
 (14)

STEP 3. If the output capacitor's ESR is high enough to cause a zero at lower than 4 times the cross over frequency, an additional compensation capacitor CCOMP2 is required. The condition for using CCOMP2 is:

$$
R_{ESRCOUT} \geq Min\left(\frac{1.77 \times 10^{-6}}{C_{OUT}}, 0.006 \times V_{OUT}\right) (\Omega) (15)
$$

And the proper value for CCOMP2 is:

$$
C_{COMP2} = \frac{C_{OUT} R_{ESRCOUT}}{R_{COMP}}\tag{16}
$$

Though C_{COMP2} is unnecessary when the output capacitor has sufficiently low ESR, a small value CCOMP2 such as 100 pF may improve stability against PCB layout parasitic effects.

Table 1 shows some calculated results based on the compensation method above.

Table 1:

Typical Compensation for Different Output Voltages and Output Capacitors

 $O:$ C_{COMP2} is needed for high ESR output capacitor. CCOMP2 ≤ 47 pF is recommended.

CC Loop Stability

The constant-current control loop is internally compensated over the 1500 mA - 3500 mA output range. No additional external compensation is required to stabilize the CC current.

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Output Cable Resistance Compensation

To compensate for resistive voltage drop across the charger's output cable, the ACT4533A/B integrates a simple, user-programmable cable voltage drop compensation using the impedance at the FB pin. Use the curve in Figure 6 to choose the proper feedback resistance values for cable compensation. R_{FB1} is the high side resistor of voltage divider.

In the case of high R_{FB1} used, the frequency compensation needs to be adjusted correspondingly. As show in Figure 7, adding a capacitor in paralleled with R_{FB1} or increasing the compensation capacitance at COMP pin helps the system stability.

Figure 6:

Cable Compensation at Various Resistor Divider Values

Figure 7:

Frequency Compensation for High RFB1

PC Board Layout Guidance

When laying out the printed circuit board, the following checklist should be used to ensure proper operation of the IC.

- 1. Arrange the power components to reduce the AC loop size consisting of C_{IN} , IN pin, SW pin and the Schottky diode.
- 2. Place input decoupling ceramic capacitor C_{IN} as close to IN pin as possible. C_{IN} is connected power GND with vias or short and wide path.
- 3. Return FB, COMP and Iser to signal GND pin, and connect the signal GND to power GND at a single point for best noise immunity. Connect exposed pad to power ground copper area with copper and vias.
- 4. Use copper plane for power GND for best heat dissipation and noise immunity.
- 5. Place feedback resistor close to FB pin.
- 6. Use short trace connecting HSB-C_{HSB}-SW loop.

Figure 8 shows an example of PCB layout.

Figure 8: PCB Layout

Figure 9 gives one typical car charger application schematic and associated BOM list.

Figure 9:

Typical Application Circuit for 5 V/2.4 A Car Charger with OVP Circuit

Table 2:

BOM List for 5 V/2.4 A Car Charger

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Figure 10:

Typical Application Circuit for 5 V/2.4 A Car Charger with OVP and Short Circuit Protection

Table 3:

BOM List for 2.4 A Car Charger

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

(Schematic as show in Figure 9, $T_a = 25 \degree C$, unless otherwise specified)

Switching Frequency vs. Feedback Voltage

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Switching Frequency vs. Input Voltage 145 ACT4533A/B-005 140 Switching Frequency (kHz) 135 130 125 120 115 110 15 30 35 40 10 20 25 Input Voltage (V)

2780 ACT4533A/B-007 $V_{OUT} = 5V$
 $V_{IN} = 12V$ $I_{\text{ISET}} = 2.65A$ 2740 CC Current (mA) 2700 2660 2620 2580 -20 10 70 100 130 40 Temperature (°C)

CC Current vs. Temperature

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

(Schematic as show in Figure 9, $T_a = 25 \degree C$, unless otherwise specified)

Start up into CC mode

ACT4533A/B-017

ACT4533A/B-019

ACT4533A/B-021

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PACKAGE OUTLINE

SOP-8EP PACKAGE OUTLINE AND DIMENSIONS

Notes:

- 1. Lead Coplanarity is 0.1 mm max.
- 2. Dimension D does not include mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 mm per end.
- 3. Dimension E does not include interlead flash or protrusion. Interlead flash or protrusion shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.

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