



SGM6601

Low-Power DC-DC Step-Up Converter

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The SGM6601 is a high-frequency boost converter dedicated for small to medium LCD bias supply and white LED backlight supplies. The device is ideal to generate output voltages up to 38V from a dual cell NiMH/NiCd or a single cell Li-Ion battery. The part can also be used to generate standard 3.3V/5V to 12V power conversions.

The SGM6601 operates with a switching frequency up to 1MHz. This allows the use of small external components using ceramic as well as tantalum output capacitors. Together with the small package, the SGM6601 gives a very small overall solution size. The SGM6601 has an internal 400mA switch current limit, offering lower output voltage ripple and allows the use of a smaller form factor inductor for lower power applications. The low quiescent current (20 μ A TYP) together with an optimized control scheme, allows device operation at very high efficiencies over the entire load current range.

The SGM6601 is available in TDFN-2 \times 2-6L and TSOT-23-5 packages. It operated over an ambient temperature range of -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +85 $^{\circ}$ C.

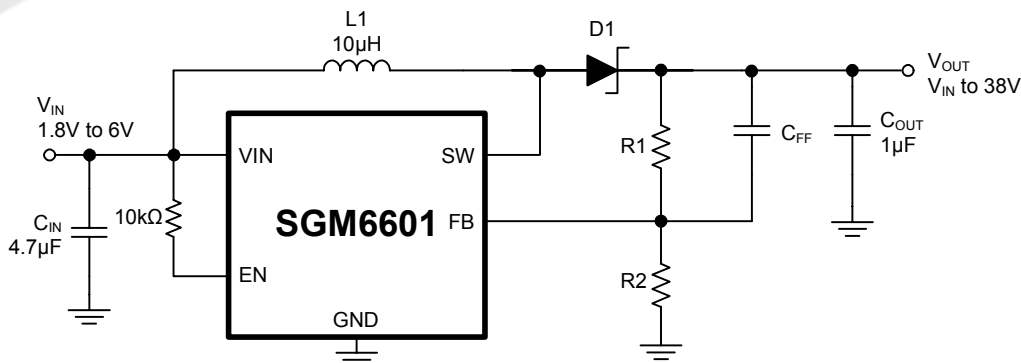
FEATURES

- Input Voltage Range: 1.8V to 6V
- Adjustable Output Voltage Range up to 38V
- 400mA Internal Switch Current
- Up to 1MHz Switching Frequency
- 20 μ A Typical No-Load Quiescent Current
- 0.1 μ A Typical Shutdown Current
- Internal Soft Start
- -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +85 $^{\circ}$ C Operating Temperature Range
- Available in Green TSOT-23-5 and TDFN-2 \times 2-6L Packages

APPLICATIONS

LCD Bias Supply
 White-LED Supply for LCD Backlights
 Digital Still Camera
 PDAs, Organizers, and Handheld PCs
 Cellular Phones
 Internet Audio Player
 Standard 3.3V/5V to 12V Conversion

TYPICAL APPLICATION



PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION

MODEL	PIN-PACKAGE	SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE RANGE	ORDERING NUMBER	PACKAGE MARKING	PACKAGE OPTION
SGM6601	TDFN-2×2-6L	-40°C to +85°C	SGM6601YTDI6G/TR	6601	Tape and Reel, 3000
	TSOT-23-5	-40°C to +85°C	SGM6601YTN5G/TR	SG4XX	Tape and Reel, 3000

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Input Supply Voltage..... -0.3V to 6V
 EN and FB Pin Voltages..... -0.3V to V_{IN}
 SW Switch Voltage..... 40V
 Operating Temperature Range..... -40°C to +85°C
 Junction Temperature..... 150°C
 Storage Temperature..... -65°C to +150°C
 Package Thermal Resistance
 TDFN-2×2-6L, θ_{JA} 124°C/W
 TSOT-23-5, θ_{JA} 250°C/W
 Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) 260°C
 ESD Susceptibility
 HBM..... 4000V
 MM..... 200V

NOTE:

Stresses beyond those listed under “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

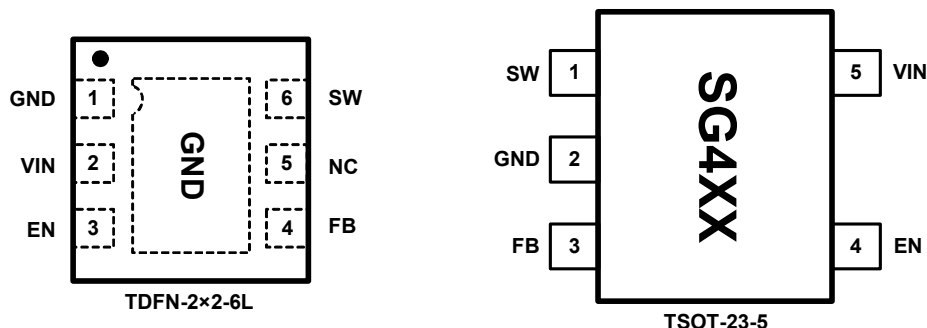
CAUTION

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PIN CONFIGURATIONS (TOP VIEW)



PIN DESCRIPTIONS

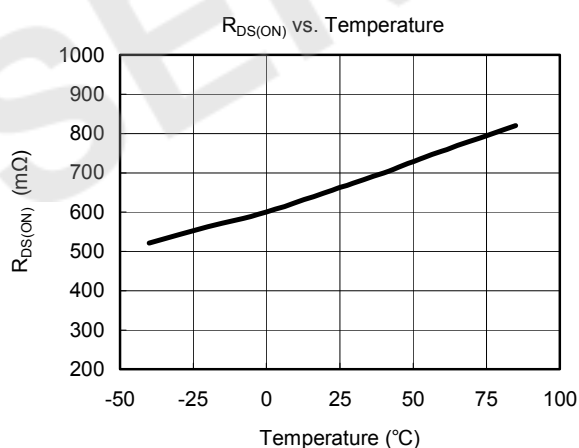
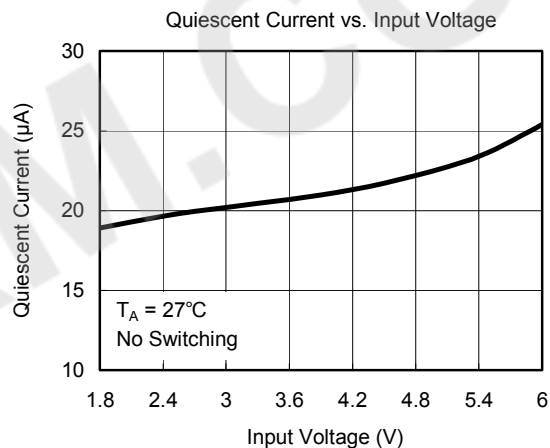
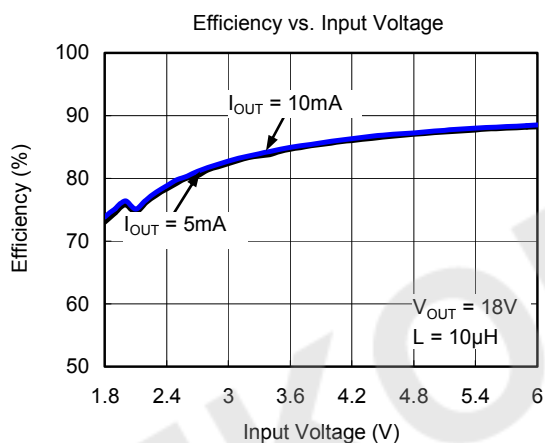
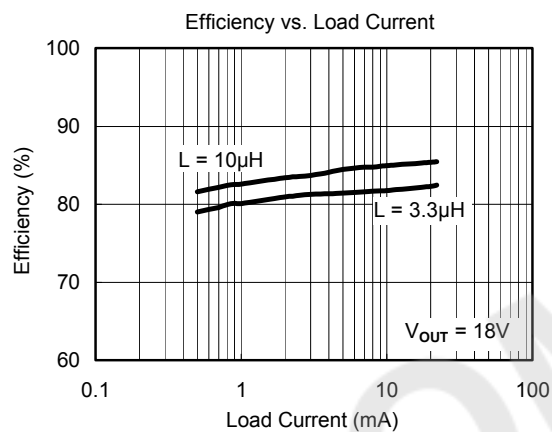
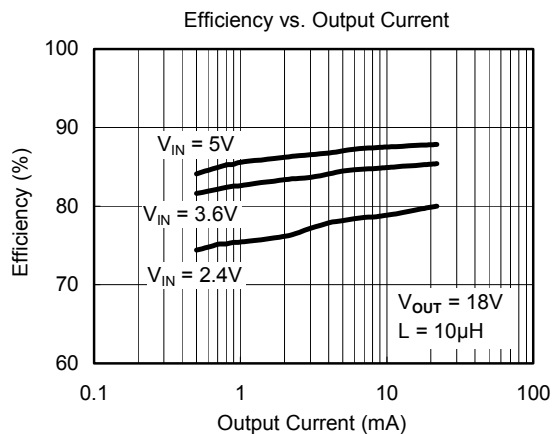
NAME	PIN		FUNCTION
	TDFN-2x2-6L	TSOT-23-5	
SW	6	1	Switch Pin. It is connected to the drain of the internal power MOSFET. Connect this pin to the inductor and Schottky diode.
GND	1	2	Ground.
FB	4	3	Feedback Pin. Connect this pin to the external voltage divider to program the desired output voltage.
EN	3	4	Enable Pin. Pulling this pin to ground forces the device into shutdown mode reducing the supply current to less than 1μA. This pin should not be left floating and needs to be terminated.
VIN	2	5	Power Input Supply. Must be closely decoupled to GND with a capacitor.
NC	5	—	No Connection.
Exposed Pad	GND	—	Power Ground Exposed Pad. Must be connected to GND plane.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

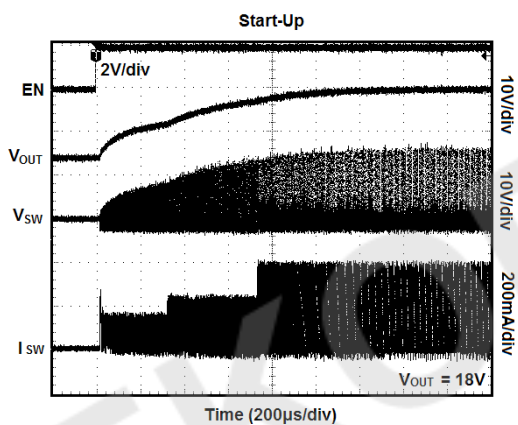
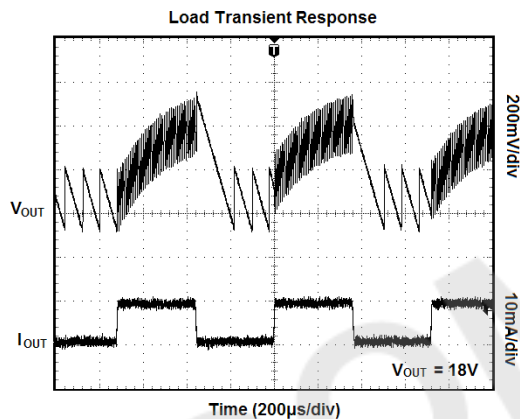
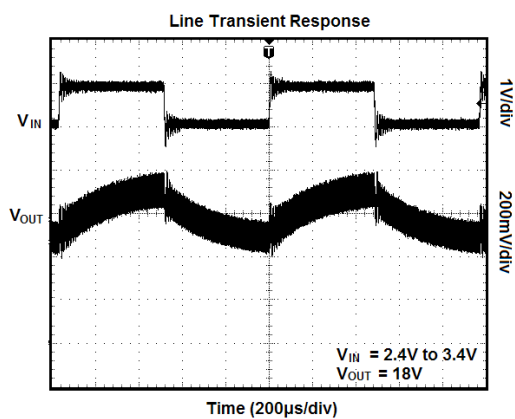
($V_{IN} = 2.4V$, $EN = V_{IN}$, $C_{IN} = 4.7\mu F$, $C_{OUT} = 1\mu F$, $L = 10\mu H$, $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$. Typical values are at $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SUPPLY CURRENT						
Input Voltage Range	V_{IN}		1.8		6	V
Shutdown Current	I_{SD}	$EN = GND$		0.1	1	μA
Operating Quiescent Current	I_Q	$I_{OUT} = 0mA$, not switching, $V_{FB} = 1.3V$		20		μA
Under Voltage Lockout Threshold	V_{UVLO}			1.5		V
ENABLE						
EN Input High Voltage	V_{IH}		1.3			V
EN Input Low Voltage	V_{IL}				0.4	V
EN Input Leakage Current		$EN = GND$ or V_{IN}		0.1	1	μA
POWER SWITCH AND CURRENT LIMIT						
Maximum switch voltage	V_{SW}				40	V
Minimum Off Time	t_{OFF}			430		ns
Maximum On Time	t_{ON}			6		μs
MOSFET On-Resistance	$R_{DS(ON)}$	$V_{IN} = 2.4V$, $I_{SW} = 200mA$		660		$m\Omega$
MOSFET Leakage Current		$V_{SW} = 38V$			1	μA
Switch Current Limit	I_{LIM}			400		mA
OUTPUT						
Adjustable Output Voltage Range	V_{OUT}		V_{IN}		38	V
Feedback Reference Voltage	V_{FB}			1.227		V
Feedback Leakage Current	I_{FB}	$V_{FB} = 1.3V$			1	μA
Output Voltage Line Regulation	ΔV_{OUT}	$V_{IN} = 1.8V$ to $6V$, $V_{OUT} = 18V$, $I_{LOAD} = 10mA$, $C_{FF} =$ not Connected		0.04		%/V
Output Voltage Load Regulation		$V_{IN} = 2.4V$, $V_{OUT} = 18V$, $I_{OUT} = 0mA$ to $30mA$		0.15		%/mA

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



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TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT

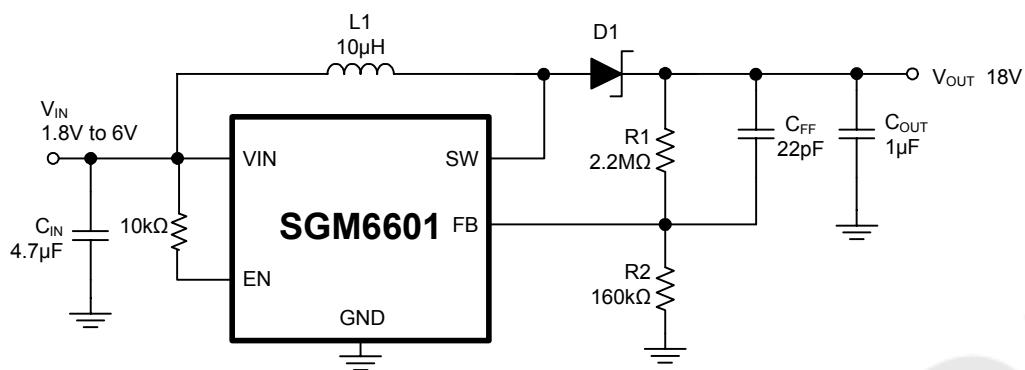


Figure 1. LCD Bias Supply

OPERATION

The SGM6601 operates with an input voltage range of 1.8V to 6V and can generate output voltages up to 38V. The device operates in a pulse-frequency-modulation (PFM) scheme with constant peak current control. This control scheme maintains high efficiency over the entire load current range, and with a switching frequency up to 1MHz, the device enables the use of very small external components.

The converter monitors the output voltage, and as soon as the feedback voltage falls below the reference voltage of typically 1.227V, the internal switch turns on and the current ramps up. The switch turns off as soon as the inductor current reaches the internally set peak current of typically 400mA. The second criteria that turns off the switch is the maximum on-time of 6μs (TYP). This is just to limit the maximum on-time of the converter to cover for extreme conditions. As the switch is turned off the external Schottky diode is forward biased delivering the current to the output. The switch remains off for a minimum of 430ns (TYP), or until the feedback voltage drops below the reference voltage again. Using this PFM peak current control scheme the converter operates in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) where the switching frequency depends on the output current, which results in very high efficiency over the entire load current range. This regulation scheme is inherently stable, allowing a wider selection range for the inductor and output capacitor.

Peak Current Control

The internal switch turns on until the inductor current reaches the typical dc current limit (I_{LIM}) of 400mA. Due to the internal propagation delay of typical 100ns, the actual current exceeds the dc current limit threshold by a small amount. The typical peak current limit can be calculated:

$$I_{PEAK(TYP)} = I_{LIM} + \frac{V_{IN}}{L} \times 100ns$$

$$I_{LIM}=400mA$$

The higher the input voltage and the lower the inductor value, the greater the peak current.

By selecting the SGM6601, it is possible to tailor the design to the specific application current limit requirements. A lower current limit supports applications requiring lower output power and allows the use of an inductor with a lower current rating and a smaller form factor. A lower current limit usually has a lower output voltage ripple as well.

Soft Start

All inductive step-up converters exhibit high inrush current during start-up if no special precaution is made. This can cause voltage drops at the input rail during start up and may result in an unwanted or early system shut down.

The SGM6601 limits this inrush current by increasing the current limit in two steps starting from $I_{LIM}/4$ for 256 cycles to $I_{LIM}/2$ for the next 256 cycles, and then full current limit.

Enable

Pulling the enable (EN) to ground shuts down the device reducing the shutdown current to 0.1μA (TYP). Because there is a conductive path from the input to the output through the inductor and Schottky diode, the output voltage is equal to the input voltage during shutdown. The enable pin needs to be terminated and should not be left floating. Using a small external transistor disconnects the input from the output during shutdown.

Undervoltage Lockout

An undervoltage lockout prevents misoperation of the device at input voltages below typical 1.5V. When the input voltage is below the undervoltage threshold, the main switch is turned off.

Thermal Shutdown

An internal thermal shutdown is implemented and turns off the internal MOSFETs when the typical junction temperature of 168°C is exceeded. The thermal shutdown has a hysteresis of typically 20°C. This data is based on statistical means and is not tested during the regular mass production of the IC.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Inductor Selection, Maximum Load Current

Because the PFM peak current control scheme is inherently stable, the inductor value does not affect the stability of the regulator. The selection of the inductor together with the nominal load current, input and output voltage of the application determines the switching frequency of the converter. Depending on the application, inductor values between 2.2μH and 47μH are recommended. The maximum inductor value is determined by the maximum on time of the switch, typically 6μs. The peak current limit of 400mA (TYP) should be reached within this 6μs period for proper operation.

The inductor value determines the maximum switching frequency of the converter. Therefore, select the inductor value that ensures the maximum switching frequency at the converter maximum load current is not exceeded. The maximum switching frequency is calculated by the following formula:

$$f_{\text{MAX}} = \frac{V_{\text{IN(MIN)}} \times (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN}})}{I_{\text{P}} \times L \times V_{\text{OUT}}}$$

Where:

I_{P} = Peak current

L = Selected inductor value

$V_{\text{IN(MIN)}}$ = The highest switching frequency occurs at the minimum input voltage

If the selected inductor value does not exceed the maximum switching frequency of the converter, the next step is to calculate the switching frequency at the nominal load current using the following formula:

$$f_{\text{S(ILOAD)}} = \frac{2 \times I_{\text{LOAD}} \times (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN}} + V_{\text{d}})}{I_{\text{P}}^2 \times L}$$

Where:

I_{P} = Peak current

L = Selected inductor value

I_{LOAD} = Nominal load current

V_{d} = Rectifier diode forward voltage (typically 0.3V)

A smaller inductor value gives a higher converter switching frequency, but lowers the efficiency.

The inductor value has less effect on the maximum available load current and is only of secondary order. The best way to calculate the maximum available load current under certain operating conditions is to estimate the expected converter efficiency at the maximum load current. The maximum load current can then be estimated as follows:

$$I_{\text{LOAD(MAX)}} = \eta \frac{I_{\text{P}}^2 \times L \times f_{\text{S(MAX)}}}{2 \times (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN}})}$$

Where:

I_{P} = Peak current

L = Selected inductor value

$f_{\text{S(MAX)}}$ = Maximum switching frequency as calculated previously

η = Expected converter efficiency. Typically 70% to 85%

The maximum load current of the converter is the current at the operation point where the converter starts to enter the continuous conduction mode. Usually the converter should always operate in discontinuous conduction mode.

Last, the selected inductor should have a saturation current that meets the maximum peak current of the converter.

Another important inductor parameter is the dc resistance. The lower the dc resistance, the higher the efficiency of the converter. See Table 1 and the typical applications for the inductor selection.

Table 1. Recommended Inductor for Typical LCD Bias Supply

INDUCTOR	COMPONENT	COMMENTS
10μH	Sumida CR32-100	High efficiency
10μH	Sumida CDRH3D16-100	High efficiency
10μH	Murata LQH4C100K04	High efficiency
4.7μH	Sumida CDRH3D16-4R7	Small solution size
4.7μH	Murata LQH3C4R7M24	Small solution size

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Setting the Output Voltage

The output voltage is calculated as:

$$V_{OUT} = 1.227V \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right)$$

For battery-powered applications, a high-impedance voltage divider should be used with a typical value for R2 of $\leq 200k\Omega$ and a maximum value for R1 of $2.2M\Omega$. Smaller values might be used to reduce the noise sensitivity of the feedback pin.

A feedforward capacitor across the upper feedback resistor R1 is required to provide sufficient overdrive for the error comparator. Without a feedforward capacitor, or one whose value is too small, the SGM6601 shows double pulses or a pulse burst instead of single pulse at the switch node (SW), causing higher output voltage ripple. If this higher output voltage ripple is acceptable, the feedforward capacitor can be left out.

The lower the switching frequency of the converter, the larger the feedforward capacitor value required. A good starting point is to use a 10pF feedforward capacitor. As a first estimation, the required value for the feedforward capacitor at the operation point can also be calculated using the following formula:

$$C_{FF} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times \frac{f_s}{20} \times R1}$$

Where:

R1 = Upper resistor of voltage divider

f_s = Switching frequency of the converter at the nominal load current (See the Inductor Selection, Maximum Load Current section for calculating the switching frequency)

C_{FF} = Choose a value that comes closest to the result of the calculation

The larger the feedforward capacitor the worse the line regulation of the device. Therefore, when concern for line regulation is paramount, the selected feedforward capacitor should be as small as possible. See the following section for more information about line and load regulation.

Line and Load Regulation

The line regulation of the SGM6601 depends on the voltage ripple on the feedback pin. Usually a 50mV peak-to-peak voltage ripple on the feedback pin FB gives good results. Some applications require a very tight line regulation and can only allow a small change in output voltage over a certain input voltage range. If no feedforward capacitor C_{FF} is used across the upper resistor of the voltage feedback divider, the device has the best line regulation. Without the feedforward capacitor the output voltage ripple is higher because the SGM6601 shows output voltage bursts instead of single pulses on the switch pin (SW), increasing the output voltage ripple. Increasing the output capacitor value reduces the output voltage ripple.

If a larger output capacitor value is not an option, a feedforward capacitor C_{FF} can be used as described in the previous section. The use of a feedforward capacitor increases the amount of voltage ripple present on the feedback pin (FB). The greater the voltage ripple on the feedback pin (≥ 50 mV), the worse the line regulation.

There are two ways to improve the line regulation further:

1. Use a smaller inductor value to increase the switching frequency which will lower the output voltage ripple, as well as the voltage ripple on the feedback pin.
2. Add a small capacitor from the feedback pin (FB) to ground to reduce the voltage ripple on the feedback pin down to 50mV again. As a starting point, the same capacitor value as selected for the feedforward capacitor C_{FF} can be used.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

EN Pin Protection

Power input V_{IN} always has very high voltage spike ($> 2 \times V_{IN}$) because of hot-insertion. In order to prevent SGM6601 from damaging by hot-insertion high voltage spike, EN pin cannot be connected to V_{IN} directly. In Figure1, one pull-up resistor ($>1k\Omega$) must be used to protect EN pin when power on.

Output Capacitor Selection

For best output voltage filtering, a low ESR output capacitor is recommended. Ceramic capacitors have a low ESR value but tantalum capacitors can be used as well, depending on the application.

Assuming the converter does not show double pulses or pulse bursts on the switch node (SW), the output voltage ripple can be calculated as:

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{I_{OUT}}{C_{OUT}} \times \left(\frac{1}{f_{S(IOUT)}} - \frac{I_P \times L}{V_{OUT} + V_d - V_{IN}} \right) + I_P \times ESR$$

where:

I_P = Peak current

L = Selected inductor value

I_{OUT} = Nominal load current

$f_{S(IOUT)}$ = Switching frequency at the nominal load current as calculated previously

V_d = Rectifier diode forward voltage (typically 0.3 V)

C_{OUT} = Selected output capacitor

ESR = Output capacitor ESR value

Input Capacitor Selection

For good input voltage filtering, low ESR ceramic capacitors are recommended. A 4.7 μ F ceramic input capacitor is sufficient for most of the applications. For better input voltage filtering this value can be increased.

Diode Selection

To achieve high efficiency a Schottky diode should be used. The current rating of the diode should meet the peak current rating of the converter as it is calculated in the Peak Current Control section. Use the maximum value for ILIM for this calculation.

Layout Considerations

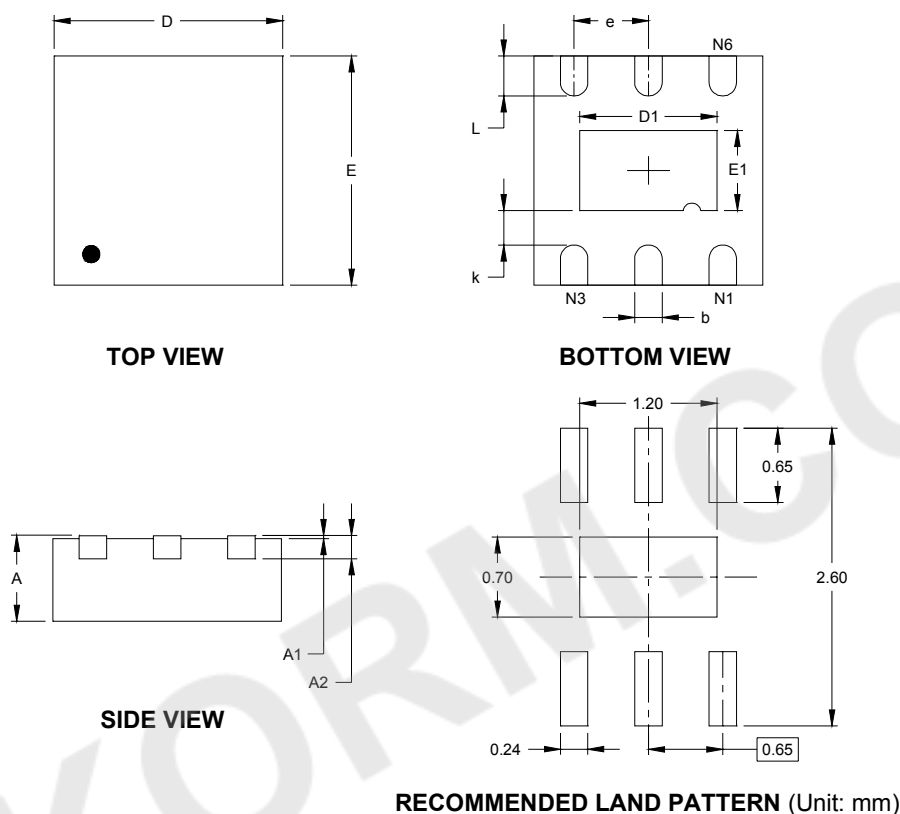
Typical for all switching power supplies, the layout is an important step in the design; especially at high peak currents and switching frequencies. If the layout is not carefully done, the regulator might show noise problems and duty cycle jitter.

The input capacitor should be placed as close as possible to the input pin for good input voltage filtering. The inductor and diode should be placed as close as possible to the switch pin to minimize the noise coupling into other circuits. Because the feedback pin and network is a high-impedance circuit, the feedback network should be routed away from the inductor. The feedback pin and feedback network should be shielded with a ground plane or trace to minimize noise coupling into this circuit.

Wide traces should be used for connections in bold. A star ground connection or ground plane minimizes ground shifts and noise.

PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

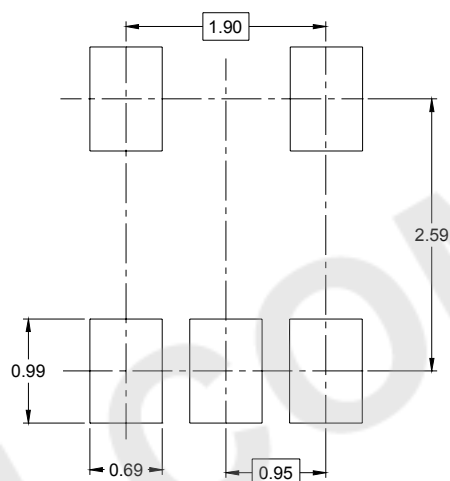
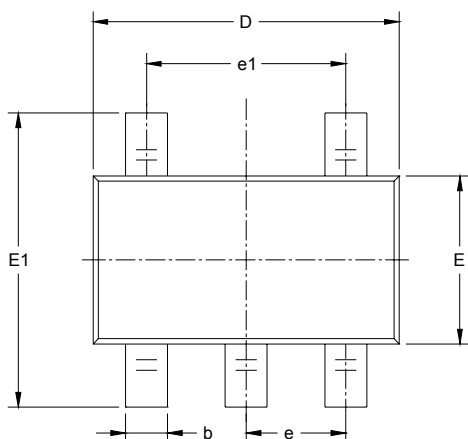
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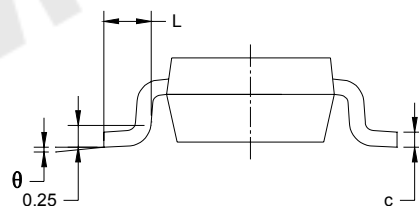
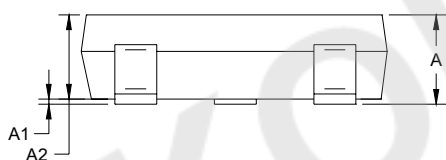
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	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.700	0.800	0.028	0.031
A1	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.002
A2	0.203 REF		0.008 REF	
D	1.900	2.100	0.075	0.083
D1	1.100	1.300	0.043	0.051
E	1.900	2.100	0.075	0.083
E1	0.600	0.800	0.024	0.031
k	0.200 MIN		0.008 MIN	
b	0.180	0.300	0.007	0.012
e	0.650 TYP		0.026 TYP	
L	0.250	0.450	0.010	0.018

PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

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RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN (Unit: mm)



Symbol	Dimensions In Millimeters		Dimensions In Inches	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.700	0.900	0.028	0.035
A1	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.004
A2	0.700	0.800	0.028	0.031
b	0.350	0.500	0.014	0.020
c	0.080	0.200	0.003	0.008
D	2.820	3.020	0.111	0.119
E	1.600	1.700	0.063	0.067
E1	2.650	2.950	0.104	0.116
e	0.950 BSC		0.037 BSC	
e1	1.900 BSC		0.075 BSC	
L	0.300	0.600	0.012	0.024
θ	0°	8°	0°	8°