

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 623 is a step-down (buck) regulator, using the LTC[®]3801 monolithic controller. The DC623 has an input voltage range of 2.5V to 9.8V and is capable of providing 1A at an output voltage of 2.5V from a single Li-Ion cell. The DC623 highlights the capabilities of the LTC3801, a constant frequency step-down DC-to-DC controller that comes in a tiny SOT-23 package and runs off extremely low quiescent currents. The LTC3801 uses a current mode PWM architecture to drive an external P-channel power

MOSFET in a buck regulator application. The result is a high performance power supply that is ideal for cell phones and other portable electronics operating from one or two Li-ion cell. Due to the use of surface mount components, the DC623 is a highly efficient power supply for use in very small spaces.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

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Table 1. Performance Summary (T_A = 25°C)

PARAMETER	CONDITION	VALUE
Minimum Input Voltage		2.5V
Maximum Input Voltage		9.8V
Output Voltage	V _{IN} = 2.5V to 9.8V, I _{OUT} = 0A to 1A	2.5V ±5%
Typical Output Ripple	V _{IN} = 4.2V, I _{OUT} = 600mA (20MHz BW)	100mV _{P-P}
Typical Supply Current	Normal	V _{IN} = 4.2V
	Sleep	V _{IN} = 4.2V
	Shutdown	V _{IN} = 4.2V, I _{th} /Run=0V
Maximum Output Current	V _{IN} = 4.2V, V _{OUT} = 2.5V	1A (min)
Typical Load Regulation	V _{IN} = 4.2V, 100mA ≤ I _{OUT} ≤ 1A	1%

QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 623 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC3801. Refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

NOTE: When measuring the input or output voltage ripple, care must be taken to avoid a long ground lead on the oscilloscope probe. Measure the input or output voltage ripple by touching the probe tip directly across the V_{IN} or V_{OUT} and GND terminals. See Figure 2 for proper scope probe technique.

1. Turn on the input power supply, set to 5V, with no load on the output. Measure V_{OUT}; it should be 2.5V ±3% (2.425V to 2.575V).
2. Vary the load current from no load to 1A. The output voltage should be within a tolerance of ±4% (2.4V and 2.6V).
3. Vary the input voltage from 2.7V to 9.8V. The output voltage should be within ±5% tolerance (2.375V and 2.625V).

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4. With the load current at 1A, measure the output ripple voltage; it should measure less than 100 mVAC.
5. Observe the voltage waveform at the switch node (pin); the switching frequency should be between 500kHz and 650kHz ($T = 2 \mu\text{s}$ and $1.5 \mu\text{s}$).
6. To shut down the circuit, connect the RUN turret to ground (GND).

When finished, disconnect the power.

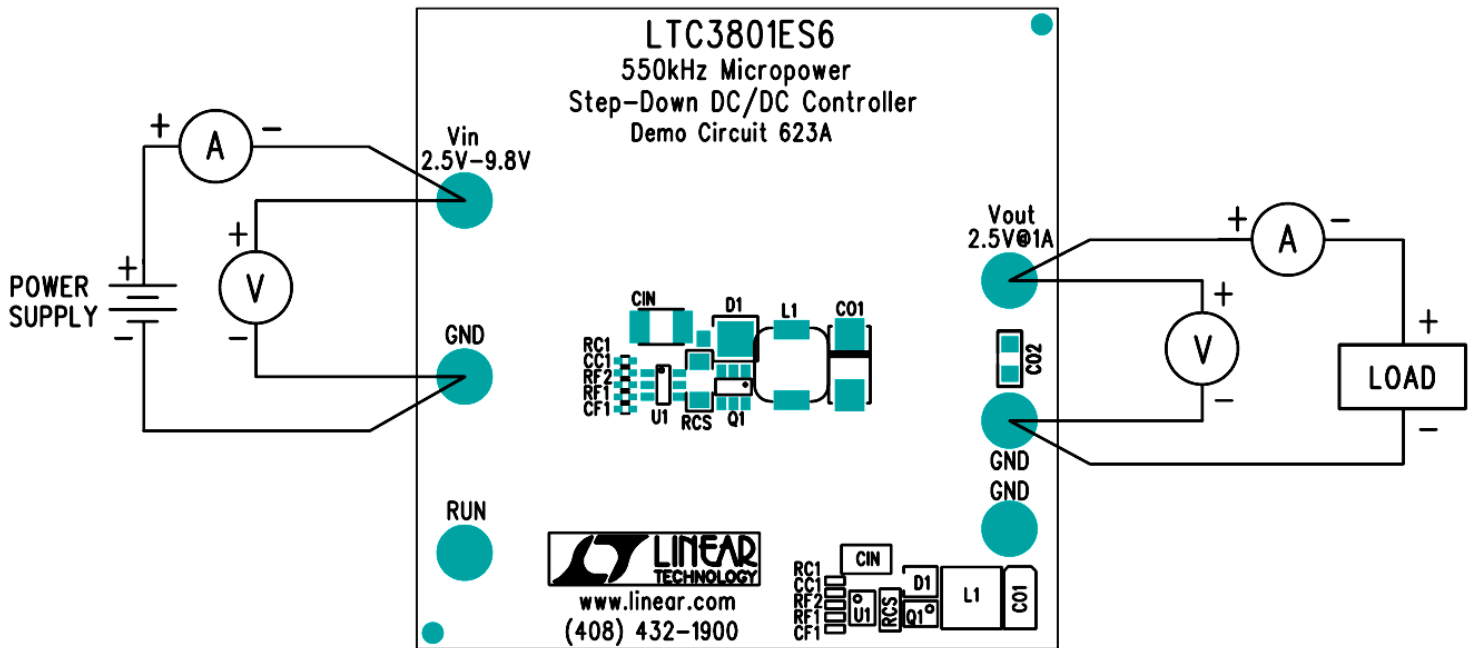


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

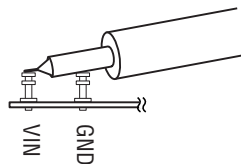


Figure 2. Measuring Input or Output Ripple

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