

## **FEATURES**

- 1.8-V to 6-V Input Voltage Range
- Adjustable Output Voltage Range up to 28 V
- 400-mA (TPS61040) and 250-mA (TPS61041) Internal Switch Current
- Up to 1-MHz Switching Frequency
- 28-uA Typical No-Load Quiescent Curren
- 1-µA Typical Shutdown Current
- **•** Internal Soft Start
- Available in SOT23-5, Packages

### **ORDERING INFORMATION**





## **DESCRIPTION**

The TPS61040/41 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 28 V from a dual cell NiMH/NiCd or a single cell Li-Ion battery.

The part can also be used to generate standard 3.3-V/5-V to 12-V power conversions.

The TPS61040/41 operates with a switching frequency up to 1 MHz. This allows the use of small external components using ceramic as well as tantalum output capacitors. Together with the thin SON package, the TPS61040/41 gives a very small overall solution size. The TPS61040 has an internal 400 mA switch current limit, while the TPS61041 has a 250-mA switch current limit, offering lower outpu voltage ripple and allows the use of a smaller form factor inductor for lower power applications. The low quiescent current (typically 28 µA) together with an optimized control scheme, allows device operation at very high efficiencies over the entire load currenrange.



## **APPLICATIONS**

- LCD Bias Supply
- White-LED Supply for LCD Backlights
- Digital Still Camera
- PDAs, Organizers, and Handheld PCs

**TYPICAL APPLICATION**

- Cellular Phones
- Internet Audio Player
- Standard 3.3-V/5-V to 12-V Conversion





## **Pin Configuration**



### Table 2. Terminal Functions





## **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**





### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

### **OPERATION**

The TPS61040/41 operates with an input voltage range of 1.8 V to 6 V and can generate output voltages up to 28 V. 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 1 MHz, 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 1.233 V, 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 400 mA (TPS61040) or 250 mA (TPS61041). See the Peak Current Control section for more information. The second criteria that turns off the switch is the maximum on-time of 6 s (typical). 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 400 ns (typical), 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 (ILIM) of 400 mA (TPS61040) or 250 mA (TPS61041). Due to the internal propagation delay of typical 100 ns, the actual current exceeds the dc current limit threshold by a small amount. The typical peak current limit can be calculated:

$$
I_{\text{peak(typ)}} = I_{\text{LIM}} + \frac{V_{\text{IN}}}{L} \times 100 \text{ ns}
$$
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$$
I_{\text{peak(typ)}} = 400 \text{ mA} + \frac{V_{\text{IN}}}{L} \times 100 \text{ ns for the TPS61040}
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$$
I_{\text{peak(typ)}} = 250 \text{ mA} + \frac{V_{\text{IN}}}{L} \times 100 \text{ ns for the TPS61041}
$$
\n(1)

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

By selecting the TPS61040 or TPS61041, 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 TPS61040/41 limits this inrush current by increasing the current limit in two steps starting from  $\frac{I_{\rm LIM}}{4}$  for 256 4 The TPS61040/41 limits this inrush current by increasing the current limit in two steps starting from  $\frac{4 \text{ m}}{4}$  for 256<br>cycles to  $\frac{I_{LM}}{2}$  for the next 256 cycles, and then full current limit (see Figure 14).

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### **ENABLE**

Pulling the enable (EN) to ground shuts down the device reducing the shutdown current to 1 µA (typical). 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 as shown in Figure 18.

### **UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT**

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

### **THERMAL SHUTDOWN**

An internal thermal shutdown isimplemented and turns off the internal MOSFETs when the typical junction temperature of 168°C is exceeded. The thermal shutdown has a hysteresis of typically 25°C. This data is based on statistical means and isnot tested during the regular mass production of the IC.

### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

over operating free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)



- 1. Stresses beyond those listed under absolute maximum ratings may cause permanentdamage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under recommended operating conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- 2. All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

### **RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**



(1) See application section for further information.

## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**





(1) The line and load regulation depend on the external component selection. See the application section for further information.



## **TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

#### Table 3. Table of Graphs











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## **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 2.2 uH and 47 uH are recommended. The maximum inductor value is determined by the maximum on time of the switch, typically 6 µs. The peak current limit of 400 mA/250 mA (typically) should be reached within this 6-us 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:

$$
fS_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{\text{IN}}(\text{min}) \times (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN}})}{I_{\text{P}} \times L \times V_{\text{OUT}}}
$$

Where:

IP = Peak current as described in the Peak Current Control section

L = Selected inductor value

VIN(min) = The highest switching frequency occurs at the minimum input voltage (2)

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:

if 
$$
(I_{load}) = \frac{2 \times I_{load} \times (V_{OUT} - V_{IN} + Vd)}{I_P 2 \times L}
$$

\nWhere:

\nIP = Peak current as described in the Peak Current Control section

\nL = Selected inductor value

\nIload = Nominal load current

Vd = Rectifier diode forward voltage (typically 0.3V) (3)

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 isonly 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. This number can be taken out of the efficiency graphs shown in Figure 1 through Figure 4. The maximum load current can then be estimated as follows:

$$
l_{\text{load max}} = n \frac{I_{P} 2 \times L \times f_{\text{Smax}}}{2 \times (V_{\text{OUT-VIN}})}
$$

Where:

IP = Peak current as described in the Peak Current Control section

L = Selected inductor value

fSmax = Maximum switching frequency as calculated previously

 $\Gamma =$  Expected converter efficiency. Typically 70% to 85% (4)

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 (as calculated in the Peak Current Control section). Use the maximum value for ILIM for this calculation.

Another important inductor parameter is the dc resistance. The lower the dc resistance, the higher the efficiency of the converter. See Table 4 and the typical applications for the inductor selection.





Table 4. Recommended Inductor for Typical LCD Bias Supply (see Figure 15)

## **SETTING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE**

The output voltage is calculated as:

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} = 1.233V \times (1 + \frac{R1}{R2})
$$
 (5)

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

A feedforward capacitor across the upper feedback resistor R1 isrequired to provide sufficient overdrive for the error comparator. Without a feedforward capacitor, or one whose value istoo small, the TPS61040/41 shows double pulses or a pulse burst instead of single pulses 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 10-pF 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:

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

Where:

 $R1$  = Upper resistor of voltage divider

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

CFF = Choose a value that comes closest to the result of the calculation (6)

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 TPS61040/41 depends on the voltage ripple on the feedback pin. Usually a 50 mV 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 CFF is used across the upper resistor ofthe voltage feedback divider, the device has the best line regulation. Without the feedforward capacitor the output voltage ripple is higher because the TPS61040/41 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 CFF 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 50 mV again. As a starting point, the same capacitor value as selected for the feedforward capacitor CFF can be used.

## **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:

$$
\Delta V_{\text{out}} = \frac{l_{\text{out}}}{C_{\text{out}}} \times \left( \frac{1}{f_{\text{S}}} \frac{1}{(\text{lout})} - \frac{I_{\text{P}} \times L}{\text{Vout} + \text{Vd} - \text{Vin}} \right)
$$

where:

IP = Peak current as described in the Peak Current Control section

L = Selected inductor value

Iout = Nominal load current

fS (Iout) = Switching frequency at the nominal load current as calculated previously

Vd = Rectifier diode forward voltage (typically 0.3 V)

Cout = Selected output capacitor

ESR = Output capacitor ESR value (7)

See Table 5 and the typical applications section for choosing the output capacitor.

### **Table 5. Recommended Input and Output Capacitors**





## **INPUT CAPACITOR SELECTION**

For good input voltage filtering, low ESR ceramic capacitors are recommended. A 4.7 µF ceramic input capacitor is sufficient for most of the applications. For better input voltage filtering this value can be increased. See Table 5 and typical applications for input capacitor recommendations.

### **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. See Table 6 and the typical applications for the selection of the Schottky diode.



### **Table 6. Recommended Schottky Diode for Typical LCD Bias Supply (see Figure 15)**

### **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 as shown in Figure 15. A star ground connection or ground plane minimizes ground shifts and noise.









Figure 18. LCD Bias Supply With Load Disconnect



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Figure 22. White LED Supply With Adjustable Brightness Control

Using a PWM Signal on the Enable Pin, Efficiency Approx. Equals 86% at VIN = 3 V, ILED = 15 mA



 $\mathsf{A}$ A smaller output capacitor value for C2 causes a larger LED ripple.

> Figure 23. White LED Supply With Adjustable Brightness Control Using an Analog Signal on the Feedback Pin



## **Physical Dimensions**

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