## General Description

The MAX1605 boost converter contains a 0.5A internal switch in a tiny 6-pin SOT23 package. The IC operates from a +2.4 V to +5.5 V supply voltage, but can boost battery voltages as low as 0.8 V up to 30 V at the output.

The MAX1605 uses a unique control scheme providing the highest efficiency over a wide range of load conditions. An internal 0.5A MOSFET reduces external component count, and a high switching frequency (up to 500 kHz ) allows for tiny surface-mount components. The current limit can be set to $500 \mathrm{~mA}, 250 \mathrm{~mA}$, or 125 mA , allowing the user to reduce the output ripple and component size in low-current applications.
Additional features include a low quiescent supply current and a shutdown mode to save power. The MAX1605 is ideal for small LCD panels with low current requirements, but can also be used in other applications. A MAX1605EVKIT evaluation kit (EV kit) is available to help speed up design time.

## Applications

- LCD Bias Generators
- Cellular/Cordless Phones
- Palmtop Computers
- Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Organizers
- Handy Terminal


## Pin Configuration



## Features

- Adjustable Output Voltage up to 30 V
- 20 mA at 20 V from a Single Li+ Battery
- 88\% Efficiency
- Up to 500 kHz Switching Frequency
- Selectable Inductor Current Limit ( $125 \mathrm{~mA}, 250 \mathrm{~mA}$, or 500 mA )
- $18 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Operating Supply Current
- $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Shutdown Current
- Available in Two Small Packages
- 6-Pin TDFN
- 6-Pin SOT23


## Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP <br> RANGE | PIN- <br> PACKAGE | SOT <br> MARK |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| MAX1605EUT +T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 6 SOT23-6 | AAHP |
| MAX1605ETT +T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 6 TDFN | ABW |

## Typical Operating Circuit



## Absolute Maximum Ratings

VCC, FB, LIM, $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ to GND .................................. 0.3 V to +6 V
LX to GND.............................................. 0.3 V to +32 V
Continuous Power Dissipation $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ )
6-Pin SOT23 (derate $8.7 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) ......... 696 mW
6-Pin TDFN (derate $24.4 \mathrm{~mW} / /^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) ....... 1951 mW

Operating Temperature Range........................... $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Junction Temperature ..................................................... $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Storage Temperature Range ............................ $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) ................................. $+300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

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.

## Electrical Characteristics

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Supply Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ | (Note 2) | 2.4 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Inductor Input Voltage Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | (Note 2) | 0.8 |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ | V |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ Undervoltage Lockout | V UVLO | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ falling, 50 mV typical hysteresis | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.37 | V |
| Quiescent Supply Current | ICC | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 18 | 35 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Shutdown Supply Current |  | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=$ GND |  | 0.1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ Line Regulation | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LNR}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=18 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LOAD}}=1 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LIM}}=2.4 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 5.5 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ |  | 0.1 |  | \%/V |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ Line Regulation | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LNR}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & V_{\text {OUT }}=18 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LOAD}}=1 \mathrm{~mA}, \\ & \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LIM}}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {IN }}=2.4 \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 12 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ |  | 0.15 |  | \%/V |
| Load Regulation | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {LDR }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=18 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LIM}}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & \mathrm{I}_{\text {LOAD }}=0 \mathrm{~mA} \text { to } 20 \mathrm{~mA} \end{aligned}$ |  | 0.1 |  | \%/mA |
| Efficiency |  | $\mathrm{L} 1=100 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {LOAD }}=10 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 88 |  | \% |
| Feedback Set Point | $V_{\text {FB }}$ |  | 1.225 | 1.25 | 1.275 | V |
| Feedback Input Bias Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {FB }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 5 | 100 | nA |
| LX |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LX Voltage Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LX}}$ |  |  |  | 30.5 | V |
| LX Switch Current Limit | $I_{\text {LX(MAX }}$ | LIM $=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.56 | A |
|  |  | LIM = floating | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.285 |  |
|  |  | LIM = GND | 0.10 | 0.125 | 0.15 |  |
| LX On-Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{LX}}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LX}}=100 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 0.8 |  | $\Omega$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LX}}=100 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 1 | 2 |  |
| LX Leakage Current |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LX}}=30.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 2 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Maximum LX On-Time | $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{ON}}$ |  | 10 | 13 | 16 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| Minimum LX Off-Time | toff | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}>1.1 \mathrm{~V}$ | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}<0.8 \mathrm{~V}$ (soft-start) | 3.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 |  |

## Electrical Characteristics (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $)($ Note 1$)$

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CONTROL INPUTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ Input Threshold | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IH}}$ | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | $0.8 \times V_{\text {CC }}$ |  | V |
|  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}$ | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | $0.2 \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ |  |  |
| $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ Input Bias Current | ISHDN | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=5.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {SHDN }}=0$ to 5.5 V | -1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| LIM Input Low Level |  | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | 0.4 |  | V |
| LIM Input Float Level |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & \text { LIM }= \pm 0.5 \mu \mathrm{~A} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{Cc}} / 2\right) \\ -0.2 \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} / 2\right) \\ +0.2 \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | V |
| LIM Input High Level |  | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}-0.4 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | V |
| LIM Input Bias Current | ILIM | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}, \mathrm{LIM}=\mathrm{GND}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ | -2 | 2 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=$ GND | 0.1 | 1 |  |

## Electrical Characteristics

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1$)$

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Supply Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ | (Note 2) | 2.4 | 5.5 | V |
| Inductor Input Voltage Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | (Note 2) | 0.8 | V OUT | V |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ Undervoltage Lockout | V UVLO | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ falling, 50 mV typical hysteresis | 2.0 | 2.37 | V |
| Quiescent Supply Current | ICC | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 35 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Shutdown Supply Current |  | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=$ GND |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Feedback Set Point | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}$ |  | 1.215 | 1.285 | V |
| Feedback Input Bias Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {FB }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 100 | nA |
| LX |  |  |  |  |  |
| LX Voltage Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LX}}$ |  |  | 30.5 | V |
| LX Switch Current Limit | ILX(MAX) | LIM $=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ | 0.35 | 0.58 | A |
|  |  | LIM = floating | 0.18 | 0.30 |  |
|  |  | LIM = GND | 0.08 | 0.17 |  |
| LX On-Resistance | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{LX}}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{C C}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LX}}=100 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 2 | $\Omega$ |
| LX Leakage Current |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LX}}=30.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 2 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Maximum LX On-Time | $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{ON}}$ |  | 9 | 17 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| Minimum LX Off-Time | tofF | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}>1.1 \mathrm{~V}$ | 0.75 | 1.25 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}<0.8 \mathrm{~V}$ | 3.8 | 6.0 |  |
| CONTROL INPUTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ Input Threshold | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IH}}$ | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | $0.8 \times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ |  | V |
|  | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}$ | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | $\times \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ |  |
| $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ Input Bias Current | ISHDN | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=5.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {SHDN }}=0$ to 5.5 V | -1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |

## Electrical Characteristics (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1$)$

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LIM Input Low Level |  | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.4 | V |
| LIM Input Float Level |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LIM}}= \pm 0.5 \mu \mathrm{~A} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} / 2\right) \\ -0.25 \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{Cc}} / 2\right) \\ +0.25 \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | V |
| LIM Input High Level |  | $2.4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 5.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}-0.4 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | V |
| LIM Input Bias Current | ILIM | $\overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}, \mathrm{LIM}=\mathrm{GND}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ | -2 | 2 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}=$ GND |  | 1 |  |

Note 1: All devices are $100 \%$ tested at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. All limits over the temperature range are guaranteed by design.
Note 2: The MAX1605 requires a supply voltage between +2.4 V and +5.5 V ; however, the input voltage used to power the inductor can vary from +0.8 V to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$.

## Typical Operating Characteristics

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{L1}=10 \mu \mathrm{H}, \overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=\mathrm{LIM}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}(\mathrm{NOM})}=18 \mathrm{~V}\right.$ (Figure 3), $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$


## Electrical Characteristics (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~L} 1=10 \mu \mathrm{H}, \overline{\mathrm{SHDN}}=\mathrm{LIM}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}(\mathrm{NOM})}=18 \mathrm{~V}(\right.$ Figure 3$), \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted. $)$


## Pin Description

| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ | Active-Low Shutdown Input. A logic low shuts down the device and reduces the supply current to <br> $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. Connect $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ for normal operation. |
| 2 | $\mathrm{~V}_{\text {CC }}$ | IC Supply Voltage (+2.4V to +5.5 V ). Bypass $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ to GND with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or greater capacitor. |
| 3 | GND | Ground |
| 4 | LX | Inductor Connection. The drain of an internal 30V N-channel MOSFET. <br> LX is high impedance in shutdown. |
| 5 | LIM | Inductor Current Limit Selection. Connect LIM to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ for 500mA, leave LIM floating for 250mA, <br> or connect LIM to GND for 125mA. |
| 6 | FB | Feedback Input. Connect to a resistive-divider network between the output (VOUT) and FB to set the <br> output voltage between $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ and 30 V . The feedback threshold is 1.25 V. |



Figure 1. Functional Diagram

## Detailed Description

The MAX1605 compact, step-up DC-DC converter operates from a +2.4 V to +5.5 V supply. Consuming only $18 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ of supply current, the device includes an internal switching MOSFET with $1 \Omega$ on-resistance and selectable current limit (Figure 1). During startup, the MAX1605 extends the minimum off-time, limiting initial surge current. The MAX1605 also features a shutdown mode.

## Control Scheme

The MAX1605 features a minimum off-time, currentlimited control scheme. The duty cycle is governed by a pair of one-shots that set a minimum off-time and a maximum on-time. The switching frequency can be up to 500 kHz and depends upon the load and input voltage. The peak current limit of the internal N -channel MOSFET is pin selectable and may be set at $125 \mathrm{~mA}, 250 \mathrm{~mA}$, or 500 mA (Figure 2).


Figure 2. Setting the Peak Inductor Current Limit

## Setting the Output Voltage (FB)

Adjust the output voltage by connecting a voltage-divider from the output ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ ) to FB (Figure 3). Select R2 between $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ to $200 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. Calculate R1 with the following equation:

$$
\mathrm{R} 1=\mathrm{R} 2\left[\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{OUT}} / \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}\right)-1\right]
$$

where $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1.25 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}$ may range from $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ to 30 V . The input bias current of FB has a maximum value of 100 nA , which allows large-value resistors to be used. For less than $1 \%$ error, the current through R2 should be greater than 100 times the feedback input bias current ( $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{FB}}$ ).

## Current Limit Select Pin (LIM)

The MAX1605 allows a selectable inductor current limit of $125 \mathrm{~mA}, 250 \mathrm{~mA}$, or 500 mA (Figure 2). This allows flexibility in designing for higher current applications or for smaller, compact designs. The lower current limit allows the use of a physically smaller inductor in space-sensitive, low-power applications. Connect LIM to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ for 500 mA , leave floating for 250 mA , or connect to GND for 125 mA .

## Shutdown (SHDN)

Pull $\overline{\text { SHDN }}$ low to enter shutdown. During shutdown, the supply current drops to $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ and LX enters a highimpedance state. However, the output remains connected to the input through the inductor and output rectifier, holding the output voltage to one diode drop below $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ when the MAX1605 is shut down. The capacitance and load at OUT determine the rate at which VOUT decays. SHDN can be pulled as high as 6 V , regardless of the input and output voltages.

## Separate/Same Power for L1 and VCC

Separate voltage sources can supply the inductor ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ ) and the IC ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ ). This allows operation from low-voltage batteries as well as high-voltage sources ( 0.8 V to 30 V ) because chip bias is provided by a logic supply ( 2.4 V to 5.5 V ), while the output power is sourced directly from the battery to L1. Conversely, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ can also be supplied from one supply if it remains within $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ 's operating limits $(+2.4 \mathrm{~V}$ to $+5.5 \mathrm{~V})$.


Figure 3. Typical Application Circuit

## Design Procedure

## Inductor Selection

Smaller inductance values typically offer smaller physical size for a given series resistance or saturation current. Circuits using larger inductance values may start up at lower input voltages and exhibit less ripple, but also provide reduced output power. This occurs when the inductance is sufficiently large to prevent the maximum current limit from being reached before the maximum on-time expires. The inductor's saturation current rating should be greater than the peak switching current. However, it is generally acceptable to bias the inductor into saturation by as much as $20 \%$, although this will slightly reduce efficiency.

## Picking the Current Limit

The peak LX current limit (ILX(MAX)) required for the application may be calculated from the following equation:

$$
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LX}(\mathrm{MAX})} \geq \frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} \times \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}(\mathrm{MAX})}{\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN(MIN })}}+\frac{\left(\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN(MIN })}\right) \times \mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{OFF}(\mathrm{MIN})}}{2 \times \mathrm{L}}
$$

where $\operatorname{tOFF}_{\mathrm{OI}}(\mathrm{MIN})=0.8 \mu \mathrm{~s}$, and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}(\mathrm{MIN})}$ is the minimum voltage used to supply the inductor. The set current limit must be greater than this calculated value. Select the appropriate current limit by connecting LIM to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$, GND, or leaving it unconnected (see the Current Limit Select Pin (LIM) section and Figure 2).

## Diode Selection

The high maximum switching frequency of 500 kHz requires a high-speed rectifier. Schottky diodes, such as the Motorola MBRS0530 or the Nihon EP05Q03L, are recommended. To maintain high efficiency, the average current rating of the Schottky diode should be greater than the peak switching current. Choose a reverse breakdown voltage greater than the output voltage.

## Output Filter Capacitor

For most applications, use a small ceramic surfacemount output capacitor, $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or greater. For small ceramic capacitors, the output ripple voltage is dominated by the capacitance value. If tantalum or electrolytic capacitors are used, the higher ESR increases the output ripple voltage. Decreasing the ESR reduces the output ripple voltage and the peak-to-peak transient voltage.

Surface-mount capacitors are generally preferred because they lack the inductance and resistance of their throughhole equivalents.

## Input Bypass Capacitor

Two inputs, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$, require bypass capacitors. Bypass $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ceramic capacitor as close to the IC as possible. The input supplies high currents to the inductor and requires local bulk bypassing close to the inductor. A $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ low-ESR surface-mount capacitor is sufficient for most applications.

## PC Board Layout and Grounding

Careful printed circuit layout is important for minimizing ground bounce and noise. Keep the MAX1605's ground pin and the ground leads of the input and output capacitors less than 0.2in ( 5 mm ) apart. In addition, keep all connections to FB and LX as short as possible. In particular, when using external feedback resistors, locate them as close to FB as possible. To minimize output voltage ripple, and to maximize output power and efficiency, use a ground plane and solder GND directly to the ground plane. Refer to the MAX1605EVKIT evaluation kit for a layout example.

## Applications Information

## Negative Voltage for LCD Bias

The MAX1605 can also generate a negative output by adding a diode-capacitor charge-pump circuit (D1, D2, and C3) to the LX pin as shown in Figure 4. Feedback is still connected to the positive output, which is not loaded, allowing a very small capacitor value at C4. For best stability and lowest ripple, the time constant of the R1-R2 series combination and C4 should be near or less than that of C2 and the effective load resistance. Output load regulation of the negative output is somewhat looser than with the standard positive output circuit, and may rise at very light loads due to coupling through the capacitance of D2. If this is objectionable, reduce the resistance of R1 and R2, while maintaining their ratio, to effectively preload the output with a few hundred microamps. This is why the R1-R2 values shown in Figure 3 are about 10-times lower than typical values used for a positive-output design. When loaded, the negative output voltage will be slightly lower (closer to ground by approximately a diode forward voltage) than the inverse of the voltage on C4.


Figure 4. Negative Voltage for LCD Bias


Figure 5. Output Disconnected in Shutdown

## Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 2329

## Output Disconnected in Shutdown

When the MAX1605 is shut down, the output remains connected to the input (Figure 3), so the output voltage falls to approximately $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}-0.6 \mathrm{~V}$ (the input voltage minus a diode drop). For applications that require output isolation during shutdown, add an external PNP transistor as shown in Figure 4. When the MAX1605 is active, the voltage set at the transistor's emitter exceeds the input voltage, forcing the transistor into the saturation region. When shut down, the input voltage exceeds the emitter voltage so the inactive transistor provides high-impedance isolation between the input and output. Efficiency will be slightly degraded due to the PNP transistor saturation voltage and base current.

## Package Information

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| PACKAGE <br> TYPE | PACKAGE <br> CODE | OUTLINE <br> NO. | LAND <br> PATTERN <br> NO. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 SOT23 | $U 6 F+6$ | $\underline{21-0058}$ | $\underline{90-0175}$ |
| 6 TDFN | T633+2 | $\underline{\underline{21-0137}}$ | $\underline{90-0058}$ |

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