## NCV890231GEVB

## NCV890231 Automotive Grade High-Frequency Buck Regulator Evaluation Board User's Manual

## Description

The NCV890231 evaluation board provides a convenient way to evaluate a high-frequency buck converter design. No additional components are required, other than de supplies for the input and enable voltages. An external clock can be used to synchronize the switching frequency; and the board also provides a synchronization output, enabling it to be used as a master. It is configured for a 3.3 V output with a 2 MHz switching frequency and a 2.0 A maximum output current, over the typical 4.5 V to 18 V automotive input voltage range. In addition, the board regulates up to 30 V thanks to switching frequency foldback.

## Key Features

- 3.3 V Output Voltage
- 2 MHz Switching Frequency
- 2.0 A Current Limit
- Wide Input Voltage of 4.5 V to 45 V
- Regulates through Load Dump Conditions
- External Clock Synchronization up to 2.5 MHz
- Synchronization Output
- Automotive Grade

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Figure 1. NCV890231GEVB Board Picture

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Table 1. DEMONSTRATION BOARD TERMINALS

| Terminal |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| VIN | Positive dc input voltage |
| GND | Common dc return |
| VOUT | Regulated dc output voltage |
| EN | Enable input |
| SYNCI | Input for external clock synchronization |
| SYNCO | Output for synchronizing other boards |

Table 2. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS
(Voltages are with respect to GND)

| Rating | Value | Units |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Dc supply voltage (VIN, EN) | -0.3 to 45 V | V |
| Dc supply voltage (SYNCI) | -0.3 to 6 V | V |
| Junction Temperature (NCV890231) | -40 to 150 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Ambient temperature (Demo Board) | -40 to 85 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability.

Table 3. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS
( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 4.5 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}} \leq 40 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{EN}}=2 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, 0 \leq \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }} \leq 2.0 \mathrm{~A}$, unless otherwise specified)

| Characteristics | Conditions | Typical Value | Units |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Regulation

| Output Voltage |  | 3.30 | V |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Voltage Accuracy |  | 4 | $\%$ |
| Line Regulation | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=1.0 \mathrm{~A}$ | 0.12 | $\%$ |
| Load Regulation | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=13.2 \mathrm{~V}$ | 0.03 | $\%$ |

## Switching

| Switching Frequency |  | 2.0 | MHz |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Soft-start Time |  | 1.4 | ms |
| SYNCI Frequency range |  | 1.8 to 2.5 | MHz |

## Current Limit

| Average Current Limit | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=6$ to 18 V | 1.8 | A |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cycle-by-cycle Current Limit |  | 2.45 | A |

## Protections

| Input Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ decreasing | 4.2 | V |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Thermal Shutdown | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}$ increasing | 170 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |



Figure 2. NCV890231GEVB Board Schematic

## Operational Guidelines

1. Connect a dc input voltage, within the 4.5 V to 45 V range, between VIN and GND
2. Connect a load between VOUT and GND
3. Connect a dc enable voltage, within the 4.5 V to 40 V range, between EN and GND
4. Optionally, for external clock synchronization, connect a pulse source between SYNCI and GND. The high state level should be within the 2 to 6 V range, and the low state level within the -0.3 V to 0.8 V range, with a minimum pulse width of 40 ns and a frequency within the 1.8 to 2.5 MHz range.


Figure 3. NCV890231GEVB Board Connections

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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE

## Efficiency



Figure 4. Efficiency at $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{~ M H z}$ for a 3.3 V output

## Start-up



## Load Transients



Figure 7. Load transient 0.1 A to 2.0 A, with $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=13.2 \mathrm{~V}$


Figure 8. Load transient 0.2 A to 2.0 A, with $V_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=13.2 \mathrm{~V}$


Figure 9. Load transient 2.0 A to 0.2 A, with $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=13.2 \mathrm{~V}$

## Synchronization



Figure 10. Starting synchronization at 2.5 MHz (from free-running)

Minimum on time


Figure 11. Minimum on time seen during a load transient

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## Schematic



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PCB LAYOUT


Figure 12. Top View


Figure 13. Bottom View

Table 4. BILL OF MATERIALS

| Reference | Value | Part \# | Manufacturer | Description | Package |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U1 |  | NCV890231 | ON Semiconductor | Integrated circuit | $3 \times 3$ DFN10 |
| L1 | $4.7 \mu \mathrm{H}$ | 7447786004 | Wurth | Inductor | WE-PD-XS |
| DFW |  | MBR440MFS | ON Semiconductor | Diode, Schottky, 1.5A, 40V | SMB |
| DBST |  | BAS16HT1 | ON Semiconductor | Diode, Switching, 200mA, 75V | SOD-323 |
| CVIN1 | $4.7 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |  | Murata | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X7R | 1210 |
| CVIN2 | $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |  | Murata | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X5R | 0805 |
| CDRV, CBST | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |  | Kemet | Capacitor, Ceramic, 10V, X7R | 0603 |
| ZFB1 | 4.7 nF |  | Murata | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X7R | 0603 |
| COUT1, COUT2 | $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ |  | Murata | Capacitor, Ceramic, 10V, X7R | 1206 |
| CCOMP | 330 pF |  | Murata | Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, C0G | 0603 |
| RCOMP | $12.4 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ |  | Vishay | Resistor, $1 \%$ | 0603 |
| RFB1 | $100 \Omega$ |  | Vishay | Resistor, $1 \%$ | 0603 |
| RFB2 | $31.6 \Omega$ |  | Vishay | Resistor, $1 \%$ | 0603 |

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