The ISL9120 is a highly integrated buck-boost switching regulator that accepts input voltages either above or below the regulated output voltage. This regulator automatically transitions between buck and boost modes without significant output disturbance. The ISL9120 also has automatic bypass functionality. When the input voltage is generally within $1 \%$ to $2 \%$ of the output voltage, there will be a direct bypass connection between the VIN and VOUT pins. In addition to the automatic bypass functionality, the ISL9120 also has forced bypass functionality with the use of the BYP pin.

This device is capable of delivering up to 800 mA of output current ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}$ ) and provides excellent efficiency due to its adaptive current limit Pulse Frequency Modulation (PFM) control architecture.

The ISL9120 is designed for stand-alone applications and supports a 3.3 V fixed output voltage or variable output voltages with an external resistor divider. The forced bypass power saving mode can be chosen if voltage regulation is not required. The device consumes less than $3.5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ of current over the operating temperature range in forced bypass mode.

The ISL9120 requires only a single inductor and very few external components. Power supply solution size is minimized by a $1.41 \mathrm{~mm} \times 1.41 \mathrm{~mm}$ WLCSP.

## Features

- Accepts input voltages above or below regulated output voltage
- Automatic bypass mode functionality
- Automatic and seamless transitions between buck and boost modes
- Input voltage range: 1.8 V to 5.5 V
- Selectable forced bypass power saving mode
- Adaptive multilevel current limit scheme to optimize efficiency at low and high currents
- Output current: up to $800 \mathrm{~mA}\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}\right)$
- High efficiency: up to $98 \%$
- $41 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ quiescent current maximizes light-load efficiency
- Fully protected for over-temperature and undervoltage
- Small 1.41m x1.41mm WLCSP


## Applications

- Smartphones and tablets
- Portable consumer and wearable devices


## Related Literature

- For a full list of related documents, visit our website:
- ISL9120 device page


FIGURE 1. TYPICAL FIXED OUTPUT APPLICATION


FIGURE 2. EFFICIENCY: $V_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

## Block Diagram



FIGURE 3. BLOCK DIAGRAM

## Pin Configuration

ISL9120 9 BUMP WLCSP BOTTOM VIEW


Pin Descriptions

| PIN \# | PIN NAMES | DESCRIPTION |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| C1 | LX2 | Inductor connection, output side. |
| C2 | VOUT | Buck-boost output. Connect a $22 \mu$ F or 47 $\mu \mathrm{F}$ <br> capacitor to PGND. |
| C3 | FB | Voltage feedback pin, connect directly to <br> VoUT pin for fixed output version. |
| B1 | PGND | Power ground for high switching current. |
| B2 | EN | Logic input, drive HIGH to enable device. Do <br> not leave floating. |
| B3 | GND | Analog ground pin. |
| A1 | LX1 | Inductor connection, input side. |
| A2 | VIN | Power supply input. Range: 1.8V to 5.5V. <br> Connect a 10 $\mu$ F capacitor to PGND. |
| A3 | BYP | Forced bypass mode enable pin. Logic high <br> for forced bypass mode operation. Logic <br> low for buck-boost mode operation. Do not <br> leave floating. |
|  |  |  |

## Ordering Information

| PART NUMBER <br> (Notes 1, 2, 3) | PART MARKING | VOUT <br> (V) | TEMP RANGE $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | TAPE AND REEL QUANTITY (UNITS) | PACKAGE <br> (RoHS Compliant) | PKG. DWG. \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ISL9120IINZ-T | 120N | 3.3 | -40 to +85 | 3k | 9 Bump WLCSP | W3x3.9E |
| ISL9120IIAZ-T | 120A | ADJ. | -40 to +85 | 3k | 9 Bump WLCSP | W3x3.9E |
| ISL9120IINZ-T7A | 120N | 3.3 | -40 to +85 | 250 | 9 Bump WLCSP | W3x3.9E |
| ISL9120IIAZ-T7A | 120A | ADJ. | -40 to +85 | 250 | 9 Bump WLCSP | W3x3.9E |
| ISL9120IIN-EVZ | Evaluation Board for ISL9120IINZ |  |  |  |  |  |
| ISL9120IIA-EVZ | Evaluation Board for ISL9120IIAZ |  |  |  |  |  |

NOTES:

1. See TB347 for details about reel specifications.
2. These Pb-free WLCSP and BGA packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets, molding compounds/die attach materials, and SnAgCu -e1 solder ball terminals, which are RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb -free soldering operations. Pb-free WLCSP and BGA packaged products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.
3. For Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL), see the ISL9120 device page. For more information about MSL, see TB363.

| Absolute Maximum Ratings |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| VIN | -0.3V to 6.5V |
| LX1, LX2. | -0.3V to 6.5V |
| FB (Adjustable Version) | -0.3V to 2.7V |
| FB (Fixed $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ Version) | -0.3V to 6.5V |
| GND, PGND | -0.3V to 0.3 V |
| All Other Pins | -0.3V to 6.5V |
| ESD Rating |  |
| Human Body Model (Tested per JESD22-A114F) | . .2.5kV |
| Machine Model (Tested per JESD22-A115C) | 200 V |
| Charged Device Model (Tested per JESD22-C101F) | . . 2kV |
| Latch-Up (Tested per JESD78D; Class 2) | 100mA |

VIN $\ldots . . \ldots \ldots .$. .......................................... - 0.3 V to 6.5 V
-0.3 V to 6.5 V

FB (Fixed VOuT Version)
GND, PGND . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $-0.3 V$ to $0.3 V$
All Other Pins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . -0.3 V to 6.5 V
ESD Rating
Human Body Model (Tested per JESD22-A114F) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2.5kV
Charged Device Model (Tested per JESD22-C101F). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2kV
Latch-Up (Tested per JESD78D; Class 2) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100mA

## Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance (Typical) $\quad \theta_{\mathrm{JA}}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C} / \mathbf{W}\right) \quad \theta_{\mathrm{JB}}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C} / \mathbf{W}\right)$
1.41x1.41 WLCSP (Notes 4, 5) . . . . . . . . . 95

Maximum Junction Temperature . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Storage Temperature Range . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Pb-Free Reflow Profile . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . see TB493

## Recommended Operating Conditions

Temperature Range . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Supply Voltage ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ ) Range . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.8V to 5.5V
Load Current (IOUT) Range (DC) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . OA to 800mA

CAUTION: Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions can adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

NOTES:
4. $\theta_{\mathrm{JA}}$ is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high-effective thermal conductivity test board with "direct attach" features. See TB379
5. For $\theta_{\mathrm{JB}}$, the "board temp" is taken on the board near the edge of the package, on a copper trace at the center of one side. See TB379.

Analog Specifications $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{EN}}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~L}_{1}=1 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{1}=10 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{C}_{2}=47 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Boldface limits apply across the recommended operating temperature range, $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and input voltage range ( 1.8 V to 5.5 V ).

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN <br> (Note 6) | TYP | MAX (Note 6) | UNIT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| POWER SUPPLY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input Voltage Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ |  | 1.8 |  | 5.5 | V |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ Undervoltage Lockout Threshold | V UVLO | Rising |  | 1.725 | 1.790 | V |
|  |  | Falling | 1.550 | 1.650 |  | V |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ Supply Current | IVIN | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.7 \mathrm{~V}$ ( ( Note 7 ) |  | 41 | 55 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ Supply Current, Shutdown | $I_{\text {SD }}$ | EN = GND |  | 0.005 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ Supply Current, Bypass Mode | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{BYP}}$ | BYP = Logic high, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }} \leq 5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.8 | 3.5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| OUTPUT VOLTAGE REGULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Output Voltage Range | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ | ISL9120IIAZ, $\mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=100 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 1.00 |  | 5.20 | V |
| Output Voltage Accuracy |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3.7 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=1 \mathrm{~mA}$ | -3 |  | +4 | \% |
| FB Pin Voltage Regulation | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}$ | For adjustable output version (ISL9120IIAZ) |  | 0.80 |  | V |
| FB Pin Bias Current | $I_{\text {FB }}$ | For adjustable output version (ISL9120IIAZ) |  |  | 0.025 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Line Regulation, 500 mA | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} / \Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=500 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {IN }}$ step from 2.3 V to 5.5 V |  | 0.00681 |  | $\mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{mV}$ |
| Load Regulation, 500mA | $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{\text {OUT }} /$ $\Delta \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=3.7 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}$ step from 0 mA to 500 mA |  | 0.0072 |  | mV/mA |
| Line Regulation, 100mA | $\Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} / \Delta \mathrm{V}_{\text {l }}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=100 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {IN }}$ step from 2.3 V to 5.5 V |  | 0.00273 |  | $\mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{mV}$ |
| Load Regulation, 100mA | $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{\text {OUT }} /$ $\Delta l_{\text {OUT }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=3.7 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}$ step from 0 mA to 100 mA |  | 0.05 |  | $\mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{mA}$ |
| Output Voltage Clamp | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CLAMP }}$ | Rising | 5.32 |  | 5.82 | V |
| Output Voltage Clamp Hysteresis |  |  |  | 400 |  | mV |
| DC/DC SWITCHING SPECIFICATIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LX1 Pin Leakage Current | IPFETLEAK |  | -0.05 |  | +0.05 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| LX2 Pin Leakage Current | $I_{\text {NFETLEAK }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}$ | -0.05 |  | +0.05 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |

Analog Specifications $V_{I N}=V_{E N}=3.6 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~L}_{1}=1 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{1}=10 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{C}_{2}=47 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Boldface limits apply across the recommended operating temperature range, $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and input voltage range ( 1.8 V to 5.5 V ). (Continued)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN <br> (Note 6) | TYP | MAX <br> (Note 6) | UNIT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SOFT-START AND SOFT DISCHARGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soft-Start Time | ${ }^{\text {tSS }}$ | Time from when EN signal asserts to when output voltage ramp starts. |  | 1 |  | ms |
|  |  | Time from when output voltage ramp starts to when output voltage reaches $95 \%$ of its nominal value with device operating in buck mode. $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=500 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 1 |  | ms |
|  |  | Time from when output voltage ramp starts to when output voltage reaches $95 \%$ of its nominal value with device operating in boost mode. $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=500 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 1 |  | ms |
| VOUT Soft-Discharge ON-Resistance | ${ }^{\text {P }}$ ISCHG | EN $<\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}$ |  | 110 |  | $\Omega$ |
| POWER MOSFET |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P-Channel MOSFET ON-Resistance | $\mathrm{r}_{\text {DSON_P }}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=200 \mathrm{~mA}$, measured with internal test mode |  | 50 |  | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
| N-Channel MOSFET ON-Resistance | $\mathrm{r}_{\text {DSON_N }}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {OUT }}=200 \mathrm{~mA}$, measured with internal test mode |  | 50 |  | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ |
| INDUCTOR PEAK CURRENT LIMIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum Peak Current Limit | ILIM_MAX |  |  | 2 |  | A |
| THERMAL PROTECTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thermal Shutdown |  |  |  | 150 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis |  |  |  | 35 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| LOGIC INPUTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Input Leakage | ILEAK |  |  | 0.013 | 0.500 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Input HIGH Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IH}}$ |  | 1.4 |  |  | V |
| Input LOW Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IL }}$ |  |  |  | 0.4 | V |

## NOTES:

6. Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are $100 \%$ tested at $+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise specified. Temperature limits established by characterization and are not production tested.
7. Quiescent current measurements are taken when the output is not switching.

## Typical Performance Curves



FIGURE 4. OUTPUT VOLTAGE vS OUTPUT CURRENT


FIGURE 6. SOFT-START ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}$, NO LOAD)


FIGURE 8. SOFT-START $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}\right.$, NO LOAD $)$


FIGURE 5. QUIESCENT CURRENT vS INPUT VOLTAGE (EN = HIGH)


FIGURE 7. SOFT-START $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, 0.5 A \mathrm{R}_{\text {LOAD }}\right)$


FIGURE 9. SOFT-START ( $\left.\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}, 0.5 A \mathrm{R}_{\text {LOAD }}\right)$

## Typical Performance Curves ${ }_{\text {(contunuad) }}$



FIGURE 10. OA TO 0.5A LOAD TRANSIENT $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathbf{I N}}=4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}\right)$


FIGURE 12. BYPASS FUNCTIONALITY $\left(\mathrm{V}_{I N}=4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3\right.$, 0.5A R LOAD)


FIGURE 11. O.01A TO 0.5A LOAD TRANSIENT $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=3.3 \mathrm{~V}\right)$


FIGURE 13. BYPASS FUNCTIONALITY $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=3.3\right.$, 0.5A R LOAD)

## Functional Description

## Functional Overview

The ISL9120 implements a complete buck-boost switching regulator with a PFM controller, internal switches, references, protection circuitry, and control inputs. Refer to the "Block Diagram" on page 2.

The PFM controller automatically switches between buck and boost modes as necessary to maintain a steady output voltage with changing input voltages and dynamic external loads.

## Internal Supply and References

As shown in the "Block Diagram" on page 2, the VIN pin supplies input power to the DC/DC converter and also provides the operating voltage source required for stable $\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }}$ generation. Separate ground pins (GND and PGND) are provided to avoid problems caused by ground shift due to the high switching currents.

## Enable Input

A master enable pin, EN, allows the device to be enabled. Driving EN logic low invokes a power-down mode, where most internal device functions, including input and output power-good detection, are disabled.

## Bypass Input

The BYP pin allows the device to provide a direct connection from the VIN pin to the VOUT pin. The connection between the VIN and VOUT pins is through the external inductor and two internal power transistors. This function, called forced bypass mode operation, provides a very low quiescent current state.

For forced bypass mode operation, the minimum time required while in forced bypass operation is $800 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. Also when exiting forced bypass operation, the minimum time required before reentering forced bypass mode operation is 1 ms .

## Soft Discharge

When the device is disabled by driving EN logic low, an internal resistor between the VOUT and GND pins is activated. This internal resistor has a typical resistance of $110 \Omega$.

## POR Sequence and Soft-Start

Bringing the EN pin logic high allows the device to power-up. A number of events occur during the start-up sequence. The internal voltage reference powers up and stabilizes. The device then starts operating. There is a 1 ms (typical) delay between assertion of the EN pin and the start of the switching regulator soft-start ramp.

The soft-start feature minimizes output voltage overshoot and input inrush currents. During soft-start, the reference voltage is ramped to provide a ramping output voltage.
When the target output voltage is higher than the input voltage, there will be a transition from buck mode to boost mode during the soft-start sequence. At the time of this transition, the ramp rate of the reference voltage is decreased, such that the output voltage slew rate is decreased. This provides a slower output voltage slew rate.

## Undervoltage Lockout

The Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) feature prevents abnormal operation if the supply voltage is too low to guarantee proper operation. When the VIN pin voltage falls below the UVLO threshold, the regulator is disabled.

## Thermal Shutdown

A built-in thermal protection feature protects the ISL9120 if the die temperature reaches $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (typical). At this die temperature, the regulator is completely shut down. The die temperature continues to be monitored in this thermal shutdown mode. When the die temperature falls to $+115^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (typical), the device will resume normal operation.

When exiting thermal shutdown, the ISL9120 will execute its soft-start sequence.

## Buck-Boost Conversion Topology

The ISL9120 operates in either buck or boost mode. When operating in conditions where $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ is close to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$, the ISL9120 alternates between buck mode, boost mode, and automatic bypass modes of operation as necessary to provide a regulated output voltage.


FIGURE 14. BUCK-BOOST TOPOLOGY
Figure 14 shows a simplified diagram of the internal switches and external inductor.

## PFM Operation

During PFM operation in buck mode, Switch $D$ is continuously closed and Switch C is continuously open. Switches A and B operate in discontinuous mode during PFM operation. During PFM operation in boost mode, the ISL9120 closes Switch A and Switch C to ramp-up the current in the inductor. When the inductor current reaches the current limit, the device turns OFF Switches $A$ and $C$, then turns ON Switches B and D. With Switches B and D closed, output voltage increases as the inductor current ramps down.
As shown in Figure 15, depending on output current, there will be multiple PFM pulses to charge up the output capacitor. These pulses continue until $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ has reached the upper threshold of the PFM hysteretic, which is at $1.5 \%$ above the nominal output voltage. Switching then stops and remains stopped until $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ decays to the lower threshold of the voltage hysteretic, which is the nominal output voltage. Then the PFM operation repeats.

## Variable Peak Current Limit Scheme

To optimize efficiency across the output current range, the ISL9120 implements a multilevel current limit scheme with 32 levels between 350 mA and 2A. The transition from one level to the other is determined by the number of pulses in a PFM burst (pulse count) as shown in Figure 16. At a given peak current limit level, the pulse count increases as the output current increases. When the pulse count reaches the upper threshold at the existing current limit, the
current limit will switch to the next higher level. Similarly, if the pulse count reaches the lower threshold at the existing current limit, the device will switch to the next lower level of peak current limit. If the pulse count reaches the upper threshold at the highest current limit, the current limit will not rise any further. Increasing the output current beyond this point may cause the output to lose voltage regulation.


FIGURE 15. PFM MODE OPERATION CONCEPT


FIGURE 16. PEAK CURRENT LIMIT STEP UP TRANSITION

## Automatic Bypass Mode Operation

When the output voltage is close to the input voltage, generally within $1 \%$ to $2 \%$, the ISL9120 will engage automatic bypass mode operation, which produces a direct connection between the VIN and VOUT pins. This behavior provides excellent efficiency and very low output voltage ripple.

## Forced Bypass Mode Operation

Forced bypass mode operation is intended for applications where the output regulation is not important but the device quiescent current consumption is important. One example is when the buck-boost regulator is providing power to an LDO and the LDO is in standby mode with near zero output current. Under this condition, putting the buck-boost regulator in bypass mode will have essentially no impact on the LDO but save the $41 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ quiescent current consumption on the buck-boost regulator.

Because the bypass mode is an extreme power saving mode, there is no overcurrent protection. Therefore, caution must be taken not to overload or short-circuit the device. Power-up at bypass mode is not recommended.

## Output Voltage Programming

The ISL9120 is available in fixed and adjustable output voltage versions. To use the fixed output version (ISL9120IINZ), the VOUT pin must be connected directly to the FB pin.

In the adjustable output voltage version (ISL9120IIAZ), an external resistor divider is required to program the output voltage.

## Applications Information

## Component Selection

The fixed-output version of the ISL9120 requires only three external power components to implement the buck-boost converter: an inductor, an input capacitor, and an output capacitor.

The adjustable ISL9120 versions require three additional components to program the output voltage. Two external resistors program the output voltage and a small capacitor is added to improve transient response.

FIGURE 17. TYPICAL ISL9120IIAZ APPLICATION


## Output Voltage Programming, Adjustable Version

Setting and controlling the output voltage of the ISL9120IIAZ (adjustable output version) can be accomplished by selecting the external resistor values.

Equation 1 can be used to derive the $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{2}}$ resistor values:
VOUT $=0.8 \mathrm{~V} \cdot\left(1+\frac{\mathrm{R}_{1}}{\mathrm{R}_{2}}\right)$
When designing a PCB, include a GND guard band around the FB resistor network to reduce noise and improve accuracy and stability. Resistors $\mathrm{R}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ should be positioned close to the FB pin. The suggested value of the $R_{1}$ resistor is 187 k .

## Feed-Forward Capacitor Selection

A small capacitor ( $C_{4}$ in Figure 17) in parallel with resistor $R_{1}$ is required to provide the specified load and line regulation. The suggested value of this capacitor is 22 pF for $\mathrm{R}_{1}=187 \mathrm{k}$. An NPO type capacitor is recommended.

## Non-Adjustable Version FB Pin Connection

The fixed output versions of the ISL9120 do not require external resistors or a capacitor on the FB pin. Simply connect VOUT to FB, as shown in Figure 18.


FIGURE 18. TYPICAL ISL9120IINZ APPLICATION

## Inductor Selection

An inductor with high frequency core material (for example, ferrite core) should be used to minimize core losses and provide good efficiency. The inductor must be able to handle the peak switching currents without saturating.
A $1 \mu \mathrm{H}$ inductor with $\geq 2 \mathrm{~A}$ saturation current rating is recommended. Select an inductor with low DCR to provide good efficiency. In applications where radiated noise must be minimized, a toroidal or shielded inductor can be used.

TABLE 1. INDUCTOR VENDOR INFORMATION

| MANUFACTURER | SERIES | DIMENSION <br> $(\mathrm{mm})$ | DCR <br> $(\mathrm{m} \Omega)$ <br> TYP | ISAT <br> $(\mathbf{A})$ <br> TYP |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Toko | DFE201610R-H- <br> 1ROM | $2.0 \times 1.6 \times 1.0$ | 66 | 2.7 |
| Cyntec | PIFE20161T-1R0MS | $2.0 \times 1.6 \times 1.0$ | 65 | 2.8 |
| TDK | TFM201610GHM- <br> 1ROMTAA | $2.0 \times 1.6 \times 1.0$ | 50 | 3.8 |

## Capacitor Selection

The input and output capacitors should be ceramic X5R type with low ESL and ESR. The recommended input capacitor value is $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$. The recommended $10 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ input capacitor should have the following minimum characteristics: 0603 case size, X5R temperature range, and 10 V voltage rating. The recommended $V_{\text {OUT }}$ capacitor values are $22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$. The recommended $47 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ output capacitor should have the following minimum characteristics: 0603 case size, X5R temperature range, and 6.3 V voltage rating. The recommended $22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ output capacitor should have the following minimum characteristics: 0603 case size, X5R temperature range, and 10V voltage rating.

TABLE 2. CAPACITOR VENDOR INFORMATION

| MANUFACTURER | SERIES | WEBSITE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AVX | X5R | www.avx.com |
| Murata | X5R | www.murata.com |
| TDK | X5R | www.tdk.com |

## Recommended PCB Layout

Correct PCB layout is critical for proper operation of the ISL9120. The input and output capacitors should be positioned as closely to the IC as possible. The ground connections of the input and output capacitors should be kept as short as possible and should be on the component layer to avoid problems that are caused by high switching currents flowing through PCB vias.

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| DATE | REVISION | CHANGE |
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| Nov 29, 2018 | FN8659.3 | In the "Ordering Information" table, the VOUT for ISL9120IINZ-T7A changed from ADJ to 3.3. <br> Removed About Intersil section. Applied current sales disclaimer. |
| May 23, 2017 | FN8659.2 | In the "Absolute Maximum Ratings" table, corrected the voltage rating as follows: <br> - FB (Adjustable Version) -0.3V to 2.7V <br> - FB (Fixed VOUT Version) -0.3V to 6.5V <br> Reordered pin descriptions in the "Pin Descriptions" table. <br> Added ISL9120IINZ-T7A and ISL9120IIAZ-T7A to the "Ordering Information" table. <br> Applied new header/footer template. |
| January 29, 2016 | FN8659.1 | Page 1 - In "Description", 3rd paragraph changed the value from 1 1 A to 3.5 <br> Ordering information table Page 3, added column for Tape and Reel quantity. <br> Page 4 - Analog Specifications: <br> Under Power Supply - <br> VIN Undervoltage Lockout Threshold, changed Max value from 1.775 to 1.790 <br> VIN Supply Current, Bypass Mode changed Typ from 0.035 to 0.8 and Max from 1 to 3.5. <br> Under Output Voltage Regulation - <br> Output Voltage Accuracy, changed Min/Max from -2 and +2 to -3 and +4. |
| May 28, 2015 | FN8659.0 | Initial Release |

## Package Outline Drawing <br> For the most recent package outline drawing, see $\underline{\mathrm{W} 3 \times 3.9 \mathrm{E}}$.

## W3x3.9E

3x3 ARRAY 9 BALLS WITH 0.40 PITCH WAFER LEVEL CHIP SCALE PACKAGE
Rev 0, 8/14


RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN


BOTTOM VIEW


NOTES:

1. All dimensions are in millimeters.
2. Dimensions and tolerance per ASMEY 14.5-1994, and JESD 95-1 SPP-010.
3. NSMD refers to non-solder mask defined pad design per TB451.

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