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LP55281 12-Channel RGB/White-LED Drive With SPI, I ²C Interface

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The LP55281 device is a quadruple RGB LED driver for handheld devices. It can drive 4 RGB LED sets and a single fun-light LED. The boost DC-DC converter drives high current loads with high efficiency. The RGB driver can drive individual color LEDs or RGB LEDs powered from boost output or external supply. Built-in audio synchronization feature allows user to synchronize the fun-light LED to audio inputs. The flexible SPI or I ²C interface allows easy control of LP55281. A small YZR0036 or YPG0036 package, together with minimum number of external components, is a best fit for handheld devices. The LP55281 also has an LED test feature, which can be used, for example, in production for checking the LED connections.

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6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) $(1)(2)(3)$

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

All voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pins.

(3) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

(4) Battery/Charger voltage must be above 6 V, and no more than 10% of the operational lifetime.

(5) Voltage tolerance of LP55281 above 6 V relies on fact that V_{VDD1} and V_{VDD2} (2.8 V) are available (ON) at all conditions. If V_{VDD1} and V_{VDD2} are not available (ON) at all conditions, Texas Instruments does not ensure any parameters or reliability for this device.

(6) Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage. Thermal shutdown engages at $T_J = 160^{\circ}C$ (typical) and disengages at $T_J = 140^{\circ}$ C (typical)

6.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process..

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

(1) All voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pins.

(2) In applications where high power dissipation and/or poor package thermal resistance is present, the maximum ambient temperature may have to be derated. Maximum ambient temperature ($T_{A\text{-}MAX}$) is dependent on the maximum operating junction temperature ($T_{J\text{-}MAX-OP}$ = 125 $^{\circ}$ C), the maximum power dissipation of the device in the application ($P_{D\text{-MAX}}$), and the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance of the part/package in the application ($R_{\theta J}A$), as given by the following equation: $T_{A\text{-MAX}} = T_{J\text{-MAX}} - (R_{\theta J}A \times P_{D\text{-MAX}})$.

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6.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics*.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply to *Functional Block Diagram* with: V_{VDD1} = V_{VDD2} = 3.6 V, V_{VDDIO} = 2.8 V, C_{V00} = $\rm C_{VDDIO}$ = 100 nF, $\rm C_{OUT}$ = $\rm C_{IN}$ = 10 μF, $\rm C_{VDDA}$ = 1 μF, $\rm C_{REF}$ = 100 nF, L1 = 4.7 μH, $\rm R_{RGB}$ = 8.2 kΩ and $\rm R_{RT}$ = 82 kΩ, and limits are for T_J = 25°C.⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾.

(1) All voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pins.

(2) Minimum (MIN) and maximum (MAX) limits are ensured by design, test or statistical analysis. Typical (TYP) numbers are not ensured, but do represent the most likely norm.

(3) Low-ESR surface-mount ceramic capacitors (MLCCs) used in setting electrical characteristics.

(4) VDDA output is not recommended for external use.

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply to *Functional Block Diagram* with: V_{VDD1} = V_{VDD2} = 3.6 V, V_{VDDIO} = 2.8 V, C_{VDD} = $\rm C_{VDDIO}$ = 100 nF, $\rm C_{OUT}$ = $\rm C_{IN}$ = 10 μF, $\rm C_{VDDA}$ = 1 μF, $\rm C_{REF}$ = 100 nF, L1 = 4.7 μH, $\rm R_{RGB}$ = 8.2 kΩ and $\rm R_{RT}$ = 82 kΩ, and limits are for T_J = 25°C.⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾.

(5) When V_{IN} rises above $V_{OUT} + V_{Schottky}$, V_{OUT} starts to follow the VIN voltage rise so that $V_{OUT} = V_{IN} - V_{Schottky}$.

(6) Data ensured by design.

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply to *Functional Block Diagram* with: V_{VDD1} = V_{VDD2} = 3.6 V, V_{VDDIO} = 2.8 V, C_{V00} = $\rm C_{VDDIO}$ = 100 nF, $\rm C_{OUT}$ = $\rm C_{IN}$ = 10 μF, $\rm C_{VDDA}$ = 1 μF, $\rm C_{REF}$ = 100 nF, L1 = 4.7 μH, $\rm R_{RGB}$ = 8.2 kΩ and $\rm R_{RT}$ = 82 kΩ, and limits are for T_J = 25°C.⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾.

6.6 SPI Timing Requirements

(1) Data ensured by design.

Figure 1. SPI Timing Diagram

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6.7 I2C Timing Requirements

 $V_{DD1,2}$ = 3 V to 4.5 V, V_{DDIO} = 1.65 V to $V_{DD1,2}$ ⁽¹⁾

(1) Data ensured by design.

Figure 2. I2C Timing Diagram

6.8 Boost Converter Typical Characteristics

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6.9 RGB Driver Typical Characteristics

7 Detailed Description

The LP55281 boost DC-DC converter generates a 4-V to 5.3-V supply voltage for the LEDs from single Li-Ion battery (3 V...4.5 V). The output voltage is controlled with an 8-bit register in 9 steps. The converter is a magnetic switching PWM mode DC-DC converter with a current limit. When timing resistor RT is 82 kΩ, the converter has three options for switching frequency: 1 MHz, 1.67 MHz, and 2 MHz (default). Timing resistor defines the internal oscillator frequency and thus directly affects boost frequency and all internally generated timing (RGB, ALED) of the circuit.

The LP55281 boost converter uses pulse-skipping elimination to stabilize the noise spectrum. Even with light load or no load a minimum length current pulse is fed to the inductor. An active load is used to remove the excess charge from the output capacitor at very light loads. At very light load and when input and output voltages are very close to each other, the pulse skipping is not completely eliminated. Output voltage must be at least 0.5 V higher than input voltage to avoid pulse skipping. Reducing the switching frequency also reduces the required voltage difference.

Active load can be disabled with the EN_AUTOLOAD bit. Disabling increases the efficiency at light loads, but the downside is that pulse skipping will occur. The boost converter must be stopped when there is no load to minimize the current consumption.

The topology of the magnetic boost converter is called current programmed mode (CPM) control, where the inductor current is measured and controlled with the feedback. The user can program the output voltage of the boost converter. The output voltage control changes the resistor divider in the feedback loop.

Figure 10 shows the boost topology with the protection circuitry. Four different protection schemes are implemented:

- 1. Overvoltage protection limits the maximum output voltage
	- Keeps the output below breakdown voltage.
	- Prevents boost operation if battery voltage is much higher than desired output.
- 2. Overcurrent protection limits the maximum inductor current
- Voltage over switching NMOS is monitored; too high voltages turn the switch off.
- 3. Feedback break protection prevents uncontrolled operation if FB pin gets disconnected.
- 4. Duty cycle limiting, done with digital control.

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Figure 10. Boost Converter Topology

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

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7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Magnetic Boost DC-DC Converter

7.3.1.1 Boost Standby Mode

User can stop the boost converter operation by writing the Enables register bit EN_BOOST low. When EN_BOOST is written high, the converter starts for 10 ms in PFM mode and then goes to PWM mode.

7.3.1.2 Boost Output Voltage Control

User can control the Boost output voltage by boost output 8-bit register.

7.3.1.3 Boost Frequency Control

Register-frequency selections (address 10h). Register default value after reset is 07h.

7.3.2 Functionality of RGB LED Outputs (R1-4, G1-4, B1-4)

The LP55281 device has 4 sets of RGB/color LED outputs. Each set has 3 outputs, which can be controlled individually with a 6-bit PWM control register. The pulsed current level for each LED output is set with a single external resistor R_{RGB} and a 2-bit coarse adjustment bit for each LED output (see Table 1 and Table 2).

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Table 1. LED Current Level Adjust

Table 2. LED PWM Control

Each RGB set must be enabled separately by setting EN_RGBx bit to 1. The device must be enabled (NSTBY = 1) before the RGB outputs can be activated.

When any of EN_RGBx bits are set to 1 and NSTBY = 1, the RGB driver takes a certain quiescent current from battery even if all PWM control bits are 0. The quiescent current is dependent on R_{RGB} resistor, and can be calculated from formula $I_{R-RGB} = 1.23$ V / R_{RGB} .

7.3.2.1 PWM Control Timing

PWM frequency can be selected from 3 predefined values: 10 kHz, 20 kHz, and 40 kHz. The frequency is selected with FPWM1 and FPWM0 bits, see Table 3.

Table 3. PWM Frequency

Each RGB set has equivalent internal PWM timing between R, G, and B: R has a fixed start time, G has a fixed mid-pulse time, and B has a fixed-pulse end time. PWM start time for each RGB set is different in order to minimize the instantaneous current loading due to the current sink switch on transition. See Figure 12 for details.

Figure 12. Timing Diagram

7.3.3 Audio Synchronization

The ALED output can be synchronized to incoming audio with an audio-synchronization feature. Audio synchronization synchronizes ALED based on the peak amplitude of the input signal. Programmable gain and automatic gain control function are also available for adjustment of input signal amplitude to light response. Control of ALED brightness refreshing frequency is done with four different frequency configurations. The digitized input signal has DC component that is removed by a digital DC-remover (-3 dB at 500 Hz). LP55281 has a 2-channel audio (stereo) input for audio synchronization, as shown in Figure 13. The inputs accept signals in the range of 0 V to 1.6 V peak-to-peak, and these signals are mixed into a single wave so that they can be filtered simultaneously.

LP55281 audio synchronization is mainly realized digitally, and it consists of the following signal path blocks (see Figure 13):

- Input buffer
- AD converter
- Automatic gain control (AGC) and manually programmable gain
- Peak detector

7.3.3.1 Control of Audio Synchronization

Table 4 describes the controls required for audio synchronization. ALED brightness control through serial interface is not available when audio synchronization is enabled.

Table 5. Audio Input Threshold Setting (Register 0Eh)

7.3.3.2 ALED Driver

The LP55281 device has a single ALED driver. It is a constant current sink with an 8-bit control. ALED driver can be used as a DC current sink or an audio synchronized current sink. Note, that when the audio synchronization function is enabled, the 8-bit current control register has no effect.

ALED driver is enabled when audio synchronization is enabled (EN_SYNC = 1) or when ALED[7:0] control byte has other than 00h value.

Figure 14. ALED Driver

7.3.3.2.1 Adjustment of ALED Driver

Adjustment of the ALED driver current (Register 0Ch) is described in Table 7.

Table 7. ALED Driver Current

With values other than those in Table 7, the current value can be calculated to be (15 mA / 255) \times ALED[7:0], where ALED[7:0] is value in decimals.

Figure 15. Principle of LED Connection to ADC

7.3.4 LED Test Interface

All LED pin voltages and boost output voltage in LP55281 can be measured and value can be read through the SPI/I²C compatible interface. MUX_LED[3:0] bits in the LED test register (address 12h) are used to select one of the LED outputs or boost output for measurement. The selected output is connected to the internal ADC through a 55-kΩ resistor divider. The AD conversion is activated by setting the EN_LTEST bit to 1. The first conversion is ready after 128 µs from this. The result can be read from the ADC output register (address 13h). The device executes the AD conversions automatically once in every 128 µs period, as long as the EN_LTEST bit is 1.

User can set the preferred DC current level with the LED driver controls. The PWM of the RGB drivers must be set to 100% — otherwise random variation can appear on results. Note that the 55-kΩ resistor divider causes small additional current through the LED under measurement.

ADC result can be converted into a voltage value (of the selected pin) by multiplying the ADC result (in decimals) with 27.345 mV (value of LSB). The calculated voltage value is the voltage between the selected pin and ground. The internal LDO voltage is used as a reference voltage for the conversion. The accuracy of LDO is \pm 3%, which is defining the overall accuracy. The non-linearity and offset figures are both better than 2LSB.

7.3.4.1 LED Test Procedure

An example of LED test sequence is presented here. Note that user can use incremental write sequence on l²C. The test sequence consists of the basic setup and measurement phases for all RGB LEDs and boost voltage.

Basic setup phase for the device:

- 1. Give reset to LP55281 (by power on, NRST pin or write any data to register 60h)
- 2. Set the preferred value for RED1 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 00h)
- 3. Set the preferred value for GREEN1 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 01h)
- 4. Set the preferred value for BLUE1 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 02h)
- 5. Set the preferred value for RED2 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 03h)
- 6. Set the preferred value for GREEN2 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 04h)
- 7. Set the preferred value for BLUE2 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 05h)
- 8. Set the preferred value for RED3 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 06h)
- 9. Set the preferred value for GREEN3 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 07h)
- 10. Set the preferred value for BLUE3 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 08h)
- 11. Set the preferred value for RED4 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 09h)
- 12. Set the preferred value for GREEN4 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 0Ah)
- 13. Set the preferred value for BLUE4 (write 3Fh, 7Fh, BFh or FFh to register 0Bh)
- 14. Set the preferred value for ALED (write 01h FFh to register 0Ch)
- 15. Dummy write: 00h to register 0Dh (Only if the incremental write sequence is used)
- 16. Dummy write: 00h to register 0Eh (Only if the incremental write sequence is used)
- 17. Set preferred boost voltage (write 00h FFh to register 0Fh)
- 18. Set preferred boost frequency (write 00h 07h to register 10h, PWM frequency can be anything)
- 19. Enable boost and RGB drivers (write CFh to register 11h)
- 20. Wait 20 ms for the device and boost start-up

Measurement phase:

- 1. Enable LED test and select output (write 1xh to register 12h)
- 2. Wait for 128 µs
- 3. Read ADC output (read register 13h)
- 4. Go to step 1 of measurement phase and define next output to be measured as many times as needed
- 5. Disable LED test (write 00h to register 12h) or give reset to the device (see step 1 in basic setup phase)

7.3.4.2 LED Test Time Estimation

Assuming the maximum clock frequencies used in SPI or I²C-compatible interfaces, Table 9 predicts the overall test sequence time for the test procedure shown above. This estimation gives the shortest time possible. Incremental write is assumed with ²C. Reset and LED test disable are not included.

Table 9. LED Test Time

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7.3.5 7-V Shielding

To shield the LP55281 device from high-input voltages (6 V to 7.2 V), the use of an external 2.8-V LDO is required. This 2.8-V voltage protects internally the device against high voltage condition. The recommended connection is shown in the picture below. Internally both logic and analog circuitry works at 2.8-V supply voltage. Both supply voltage pins should have separate filtering capacitors. TI recommends pulling down the external LDO voltage when it is disabled in order to minimize the leakage current of the LED outputs.

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Figure 16. LP55281 With 7-V Shielding

In cases where high voltage is not an issue, the alternative connection is shown below.

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Figure 17. LP55281 Without 7-V Shielding

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Modes Of Operation

- **RESET:** In the RESET mode all the internal registers are reset to the default values and the device goes to STANDBY mode after reset. NSTBY control bit is low after reset by default. Reset is entered always if Reset Register is written, internal Power On Reset is active, or NRST pin is pulled down externally. The LP55281 can be reset by writing any data to the Reset Register (address 60H). Power On Reset (POR) will activate during the device startup or when the supply voltage V_{DD2} falls below 1.5 V. Once V_{DD2} rises above 1.5V, POR inactivates, and the device continues to the STANDBY mode.
- **STANDBY:** The STANDBY mode is entered if the register bit NSTBY is LOW. This is the low power consumption mode, when all circuit functions are disabled. Registers can be written in this mode and the control bits are effective immediately after startup.
- **STARTUP:** When NSTBY bit is written high, the INTERNAL STARTUP SEQUENCE powers up all the needed internal blocks (VREF, Oscillator, etc.). To ensure the correct oscillator initialization, a 10 ms delay is generated by the internal state-machine. If the device temperature rises too high, the Thermal Shutdown (TSD) disables the device operation and STARTUP mode is entered until no thermal shutdown is present.
- **BOOST STARTUP:** Soft start for boost output is generated in the BOOST STARTUP mode. The boost output is raised in PWM mode during the 10 ms delay generated by the state-machine. The Boost startup is entered from Internal Startup Sequence if EN_BOOST is HIGH or from Normal mode when EN_BOOST is written HIGH. During the 10 ms Boost Startup time all LED outputs are switched off to ensure smooth startup.
- **NORMAL:** During NORMAL mode the user controls the device using the Control Registers. The registers can be written in any sequence and any number of bits can be altered in a register in one write.

Device Functional Modes (continued)

7.5 Programming

The LP55281 supports two different interface modes:

- *SPI Interface* (4-wire, serial)
- *I ²C Compatible Serial Bus Interface*

User can define the serial interface by IF_SEL pin. If IF_SEL = 0, I^2C mode is selected.

7.5.1 SPI Interface

The LP55281 is compatible with SPI serial-bus specification and it operates as a slave. The transmission consists of 16-bit write and read cycles. One cycle consists of a 7 address bits, 1 read/write (RW) bit and 8 data bits. RW bit high state defines a write cycle and low a read cycle. SO output is normally in high-impedance state and it is active only when data is sent out during a read cycle. A pullup resistor may be needed in SO line if a floating logic signal can cause unintended current consumption in the input circuits where SO is connected. The Address and Data are transmitted MSB first. The slave select signal (SS) must be low during the cycle transmission. SS resets the interface when high and it has to be taken high between successive cycles. Data is clocked in on the rising edge of the clock signal (SCK), while data is clocked out on the falling edge of SCK.

Figure 19. SPI Read Cycle

7.5.2 I ²C Compatible Serial Bus Interface

7.5.2.1 Interface Bus Overview

The I²C compatible synchronous serial interface provides access to the programmable functions and registers on the device. This protocol uses a two-wire interface for bidirectional communications between the devices connected to the bus. The two interface lines are the serial data line (SDA) and the serial clock line (SCL). These lines should be connected to a positive supply, via a pullup resistor and remain HIGH even when the bus is idle.

For every device on the bus is assigned a unique address and it acts as a master or a slave, depending on whether it generates or receives the SCL. When LP55281 is connected in parallel with other I²C compatible devices, the LP55281 supply voltages V_{DD1} , V_{DD2} and V_{DD10} must be active. Supplies are required to make sure that the LP55281 does not disturb the SDA and SCL lines.

Programming (continued)

7.5.2.2 Data Transactions

One data bit is transferred during each clock pulse. Data is sampled during the high state of the SCL. Consequently, throughout the clock's high period, the data should remain stable. Any changes on the SDA line during the high states of the SCL and in the middle of the transaction, aborts the current transaction. New data should be sent during the low SCL state. This protocol permits a single data line to transfer both command/control information and data using the synchronous serial clock.

Figure 20. Data Validity

Each data transaction is composed of a start condition, a number of byte transfers (set by the software) and a stop condition to terminate the transaction. Every byte written to the SDA bus must be 8 bits long and is transferred with the most significant bit first. After each byte, an acknowledge signal must follow. The following sections provide further details of this process.

Figure 21. Acknowledge Signal

The Master device on the bus always generates the start and stop conditions (control codes). After a start condition is generated, the bus is considered busy and it retains this status until a certain time after a stop condition is generated. A high-to-low transition of the data line (SDA), while the clock (SCL) is high, indicates a Start Condition. A low-to-high transition of the SDA line, while the SCL is high, indicates a stop condition.

Programming (continued)

In addition to the first start condition, a repeated start condition can be generated in the middle of a transaction. This allows another device to be accessed or a register read cycle.

7.5.2.3 Acknowledge Cycle

The acknowledge cycle consists of two signals: the acknowledge clock pulse the master sends with each byte transferred, and the acknowledge signal sent by the receiving device.

The master generates the acknowledge clock pulse on the ninth clock pulse of the byte transfer. The transmitter releases the SDA line (permits it to go high) to allow the receiver to send the acknowledge signal. The receiver must pull down the SDA line during the acknowledge clock pulse and ensure that SDA remains low during the high period of the clock pulse, thus signaling the correct reception of the last data byte and its readiness to receive the next byte.

7.5.2.4 Acknowledge After Every Byte Rule

The master generates an acknowledge clock pulse after each byte transfer. The receiver sends an acknowledge signal after every byte received.

There is one exception to the*acknowledge after every byte* rule. When the master is the receiver, it must indicate to the transmitter an end of data by not-acknowledging (*negative acknowledge*) the last byte clocked out of the slave. This *negative acknowledge* still includes the acknowledge clock pulse (generated by the master), but the SDA line is not pulled down.

7.5.2.5 Addressing Transfer Formats

Each device on the bus has a unique slave address. The LP55281 operates as a slave device with 7-bit address. LP55281 I ²C address is pin selectable from two different choices. *The LP55281 address is 4Ch (SI/A0 = 0) or 4Dh (SI/A0 = 1) as selected with SI/A0 pin.* If eighth bit is used for programming, the 8 th bit is 1 for read and 0 for write.

Before any data is transmitted, the master transmits the address of the slave being addressed. The slave device should send an acknowledge signal on the SDA line, once it recognizes its address.

The slave address is the first seven bits after a start condition. The direction of the data transfer (R/W) depends on the bit sent after the slave address (the eighth bit).

When the slave address is sent, each device in the system compares this slave address with its own. If there is a match, the device considers itself addressed and sends an acknowledge signal. Depending upon the state of the R/W bit (1 for read, 0 for write), the device acts as a transmitter or a receiver.

Figure 23. I ²C Device Address

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7.5.2.6 Control Register Write Cycle

- Master device generates start condition
- Master device sends slave address (7 bits) and the data direction bit (r/w=0).
- Slave device sends acknowledge signal if the slave address is correct.
- Master sends control register address (8 bits).
- Slave sends acknowledge signal.
- Master sends data byte to be written to the addressed register.
- Slave sends acknowledge signal.
- If master will send further data bytes, the control register address will be incremented by one after acknowledge signal
- Write cycle ends when the master creates stop condition.

7.5.2.7 Control Register Read Cycle

- Master device generates a start condition.
- Master device sends slave address (7 bits) and the data direction bit $(r/w=0)$.
- Slave device sends acknowledge signal if the slave address is correct.
- Master sends control register address (8 bits).
- Slave sends acknowledge signal.
- Master device generates repeated start condition.
- Master sends the slave address (7 bits) and the data direction bit $(r/w=1)$.
- Slave sends acknowledge signal if the slave address is correct.
- Slave sends data byte from addressed register.
- If the master device sends acknowledge signal, the control register address will be incremented by one. Slave device sends data byte from addressed register.
- Read cycle ends when the master does not generate acknowledge signal after data byte and generates stop condition.

< > Data from master, [] data from slave

Figure 24. Register READ Format

When a READ function is to be accomplished, a WRITE function must precede the READ function, as shown in the Read Cycle waveform.

Figure 25. Register WRITE Format

- $w = write (SDA = 0)$
- $r = read (SDA = 1)$
- ack = acknowledge (SDA pulled down by either master or slave)
- $rs = repeated start$
- $id = 7$ -bit device address

7.6 Register Maps

Following table summarizes the registers and their default values

 (1) $r/o = read-only$

8 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The LP55281 quadruple RGB driver with integrated boost converter provides a complete solution for driving up to 12 LEDs via either ²C or SPI interface.

8.2 Typical Application

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Figure 26. LP55281 Typical Application

Typical Application (continued)

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For typical LED-driver applications, use the parameters listed in Table 10.

Table 10. Design Parameters

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The output current can be approximated by using this formula: $I_{OUT} = (V_{IN} \times I_{SW_MAX} \times$ efficiency) / V_{OUT} .

Example: $3 \text{ V} \times 550 \text{ mA} \times 0.75 / 5 \text{ V} = 248 \text{ mA}$

8.2.2.1 Recommended External Components

8.2.2.1.1 Output Capacitor, COUT

The output capacitor C_{OUT} directly affects the magnitude of the output ripple voltage. In general, the higher the value of C_{OUT} , the lower the output ripple magnitude. Multilayer ceramic capacitors with low ESR are the best choice. At the lighter loads, the low ESR ceramics offer a much lower V_{OUT} ripple than the higher ESR tantalums of the same value. At the higher loads, the ceramics offer a slightly lower V_{OUT} ripple magnitude than the tantalums of the same value. However, the dv/dt of the V_{OUT} ripple with the ceramics is much lower than the tantalums under all load conditions. Capacitor voltage rating must be sufficient, TI recommends 10 V or greater.

Some ceramic capacitors, especially those in small packages, exhibit a strong capacitance reduction with the increased applied voltage. The capacitance value can fall to below half of the nominal capacitance. Output capacitance that is too low increase the noise, and it can make the boost converter unstable.

8.2.2.1.2 List Of Recommended External Components

8.2.2.1.3 Input Capacitor, C_{IN}

The input capacitor C_{IN} directly affects the magnitude of the input ripple voltage and to a lesser degree the V_{OUT} ripple. A higher value C_{IN} gives a lower V_{IN} ripple. Capacitor voltage rating must be sufficient, TI recommends 10 V or greater.

8.2.2.1.4 Output Diode, D¹

A Schottky diode must be used for the output diode. To maintain high efficiency the average current rating of the Schottky diode must be larger than the peak inductor current (1 A). Schottky diodes with a low forward drop and fast switching speeds are ideal for increasing efficiency in portable applications. Choose a reverse breakdown of the Schottky diode larger than the output voltage. Do not use ordinary rectifier diodes, since slow switching speeds and long recovery times cause the efficiency and the load regulation to suffer.

8.2.2.1.5 Inductor, L

The high switching frequency of the LP55281 device enables the use of the small surface mount inductor. A 4.7 µH shielded inductor is suggested for 2-MHz operation, use 10 µH at 1 MHz. The inductor should have a saturation current rating higher than the peak current it will experience during circuit operation (approximately 1 A). Less than 300-mΩ ESR is suggested for high efficiency. Open core inductors cause flux linkage with circuit components and interfere with the normal operation of the circuit. This should be avoided. For high efficiency, choose an inductor with a high frequency core material such as ferrite to reduce the core losses. To minimize radiated noise, use a toroid, pot core or shielded core inductor. TI recommends inductors LPS3015 and LPS4012 from Coilcraft and VLF4012 from TDK.

8.2.3 Application Curves

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8.3 Initialization Set Up Example

The following table gives an example initialization sequence to illustrate the various LED and Boost configuration options. Not every feature of the LP55281 is configured in this example.

Table 11. Initialization Example

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The LP55281 is designed to operate from an input supply range of 2.7 V to 5.5 V. This input supply must be well regulated and able to provide the peak current required by the LED configuration without voltage drop under load transients (enable on/off). The resistance of the input supply rail should be low enough such that the input current transient does not cause the LP55281 supply voltage to droop more than 5%. Additional bulk decoupling located close to the input capacitor (CIN) may be required to minimize the impact of the input supply rail resistance.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

The inductive boost converter of the LP55281 regulates a switched voltage at the SW pin, and a step current (up to ICL) through the Schottky diode and output capacitor each switching cycle. The switching voltage can create interference into nearby nodes due to electric field coupling $(I = \text{CdV/dt})$. The large step current through the diode and the output capacitor can cause a large voltage spike at the SW pin and the OUT pin due to parasitic inductance in the step current conducting path $(V = \text{Ldi/dt})$. Board layout guidelines are geared towards minimizing this electric field coupling and conducted noise.

The following list details the main (layout sensitive) areas of the LP55281 device's inductive boost converter in order of decreasing importance:

- **Output Capacitor**
	- Schottky cathode to COUT+
	- COUT– to GND
	- **Schottky Diode**
	- SW pin to Schottky anode
	- Schottky Cathode to COUT+
- Inductor
	- SW Node PCB capacitance to other traces
- **Input Capacitor**
	- CIN+ to IN pin

10.1.1 Boost Output Capacitor Placement

Because the output capacitor is in the path of the inductor current discharge path it detects a high-current step from 0 to IPEAK each time the switch turns off and the Schottky diode turns on. Any parasitic inductance (LP_) along this series path from the cathode of the diode through COUT and back into the GND pin of the LP55281 device GND pin contributes to voltage spikes (VSPIKE = $LP_$ x di/dt) at SW and FB. These spikes can potentially over-voltage the SW pin, or feed through to GND. To avoid this, COUT+ must be connected as close as possible to the cathode of the Schottky diode, and COUT− must be connected as close the the GND pin of the device as possible. The best placement for COUT is on the same layer as the LP55281 in order to avoid any vias that can add excessive series inductance.

10.1.2 Schottky Diode Placement

In the boost circuit of the LP55281 device the Schottky diode is in the path of the inductor current discharge. As a result the Schottky diode sees a high-current step from 0 to IPEAK each time the switch turns off and the diode turns on. Any parasitic inductance (LP) in series with the diode causes a voltage spike (VSPIKE = LP \times di/dt) at SW and OUT. This can potentially over-voltage the SW pin, or feed through to VOUT and through the output capacitor and into GND. Connecting the anode of the diode as close as possible to the SW pin and the cathode of the diode as close as possible to COUT and reduces the parasitic inductance and minimize these voltage spikes.

10.1.3 Inductor Placement

The node where the inductor connects to the LP55281 device's SW pin has 2 concerns. First, the switched voltage (0 to VOUT + VF_SCHOTTKY) appears on this node every switching cycle. This switched voltage can be capacitively coupled into nearby nodes. Second, there is a relatively large current (input current) on the traces connecting the input supply to the inductor and connecting the inductor to the SW bump. Any resistance in this path can cause voltage drops that can negatively affect efficiency and reduce the input operating voltage range. To reduce the capacitive coupling of the signal on SW into nearby traces, the SW bump-to-inductor connection must be minimized in area. This limits the PCB capacitance from SW to other traces. Additionally, high impedance nodes that are more susceptible to electric field coupling need to be routed away from SW and not directly adjacent or beneath. This is especially true for sensitive analog signals (ASE1, ASE2, FB, IRT, IRGB, VREF). A GND plane placed directly below SW dramatically reduces the capacitance from SW into nearby traces. Lastly, limit the trace resistance of the VIN to inductor connection and from the inductor to SW connection, by use of short, wide traces.

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Layout Guidelines (continued)

10.1.4 Boost Input Capacitor Placement

Close placement of the input capacitor to the IN pin and to the GND pin is critical because any series inductance between IN and CIN+ or CIN− and GND can create voltage spikes that could appear on the VIN supply line and in the GND plane. Close placement of the input bypass capacitor at the input side of the inductor is also critical.

10.2 Layout Example

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Figure 32. LP55281 Layout

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11.1 Device Support

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