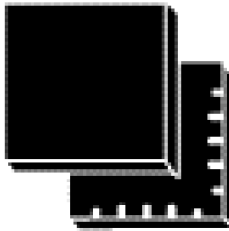


## Ultra-low power and wide input range buck-boost converter



**VFQFPN 3 x 3 x 1 mm 20L**

### Features

- Seamless transition from Buck-Boost to Boost and vice versa working mode
- Up to 70 mA output current
- Four fully integrated MOSFETs
- Enable pin
- 2.6 V to 5.3 V trimmable overvoltage level ( $\pm 1\%$  accuracy)
- 2.2 V to 3.6 V trimmable undervoltage level ( $\pm 1\%$  accuracy)
- Two fully independent LDOs (1.8 V and 3.3 V output)
- Enable/disable LDO control pins
- Load disconnect function at first switch-on
- Embedded pass transistor status and DC-DC status open drain indication pins

### Application

- WSN, building and home automation, industrial control, security, surveillance
- Wearable and biomedical sensors, fitness
- Battery charging

### Description

The **STBLW35** is an ultra-low power and high-efficiency buck-boost DC-DC converter which can work as boost or buck-boost according to the selected hardware configuration. When in buck-boost the DC-DC can seamlessly switch between the two working modes depending on operating conditions.

The IC shows very low power losses either in active or disable mode and provides an average output current between 33 mA to 70 mA, suitable to guarantee load minimum current constraints or to faster charge a battery. The device also allows the charge of any battery by tightly monitoring the end-of-charge and the minimum battery voltage in order to avoid overdischarge and to preserve battery life.

The power manager covers the input voltage range from 150 mV up to 18 V and guarantees high efficiency in both buck-boost and boost configuration.

Furthermore, the **STBLW35** device shows very high flexibility thanks also to the trimming capability of the overvoltage and the undervoltage protection voltages.

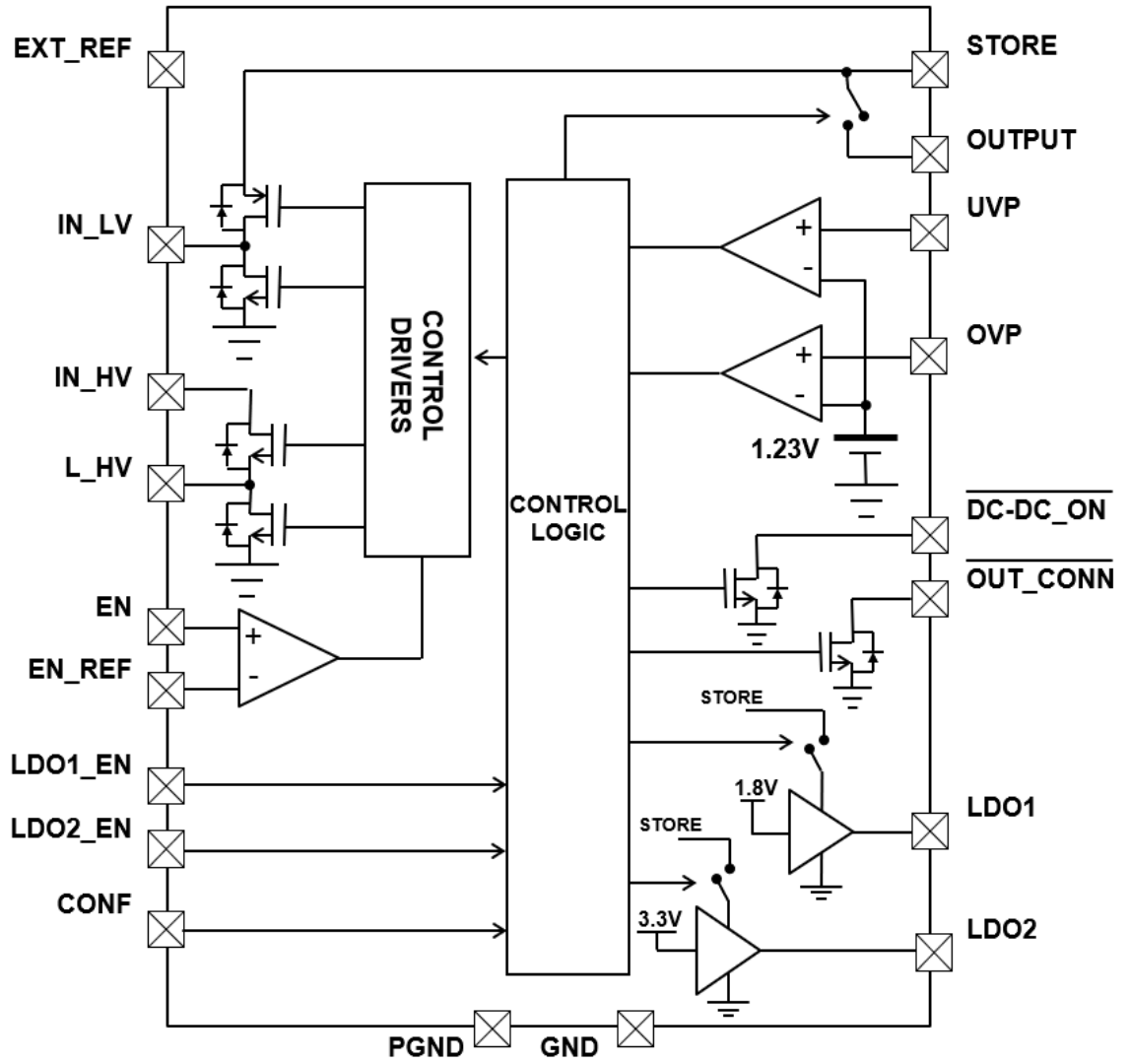
In order to optimize the power consumption during system operation, the device can be driven in standby mode thanks to the high impedance Enable pin.

An unregulated voltage output is available (to supply a transceiver for instance), while two fully independent LDOs are embedded for powering sensors and other companion chips. Both LDOs (1.8 V and 3.3 V) can be independently enabled through dedicated pins.

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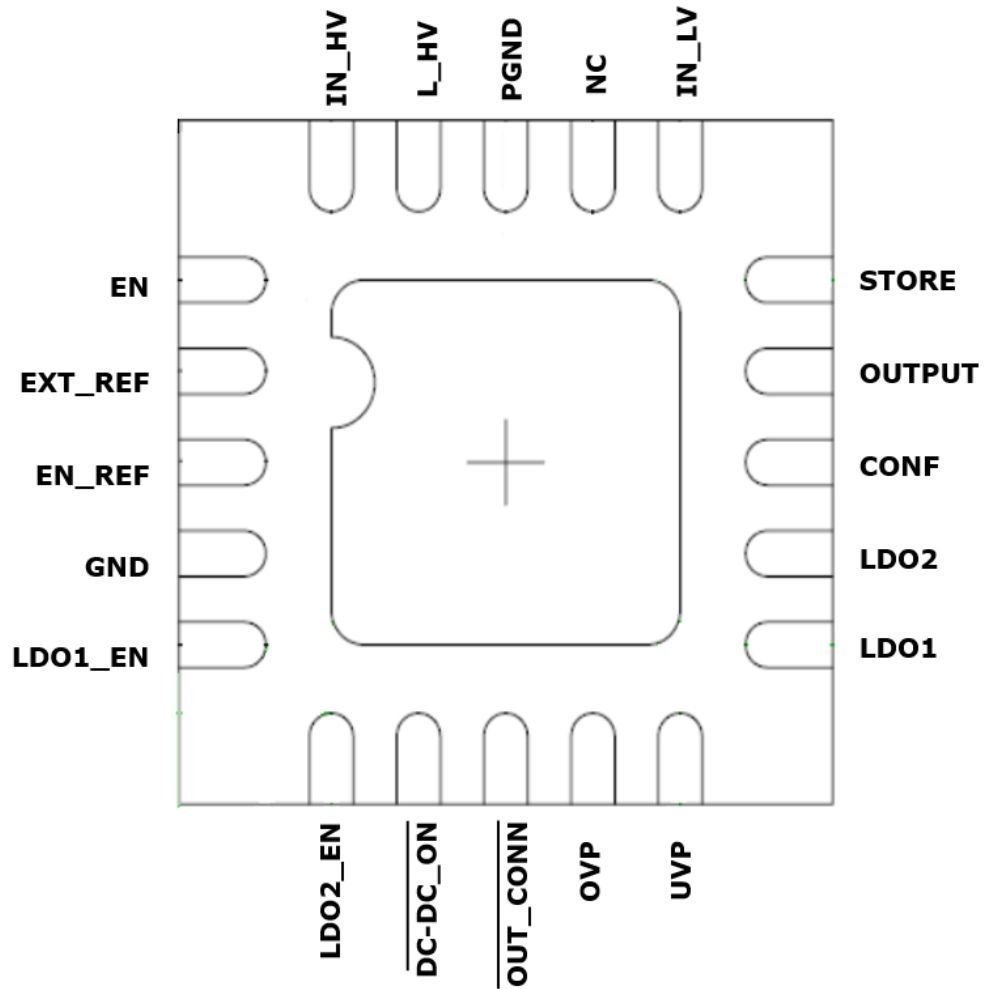

# 1 Block Diagram

Figure 1. Block diagram



## 2 Pin configuration

Figure 2. Pin out (top through view)



### 3 Pin description

**Table 1. Pin description**

Pin no.	Name	Type	Description
1	EN	I	Enable/disable switching pin. Connected to the supply voltage (directly or by a resistor partitioning, see <a href="#">Section 6 Functional description</a> , <a href="#">Section 6.2 Boost configuration</a> and <a href="#">Section 6.3 Buck-boost configuration</a> ).
2	EXT_REF	I	Connect this pin (by a short or by a 1 kΩ resistor) to an external voltage reference or to STORE pin.
3	EN_REF	I	Connect this pin to an external voltage reference: the DC-DC switches when $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_REF}$ and stops switching when $V_{EN} \leq V_{EN\_REF}$ . Connecting this pin to ground enables continuous switching of the DC-DC converter provided that enough power is available at the source and other protections (e.g. overvoltage) are not active.
4	GND	GND	Signal ground pin.
5	LDO1_EN	I	If high, enables LDO1.
6	LDO2_EN	I	If high, enables LDO2.
7	$\overline{\text{DC-DC\_ON}}$	O	DC-DC ON output flag pin (open drain). If low, it indicates that the DC-DC is switching. If high, it indicates that the DC-DC is not switching.
8	$\overline{\text{OUT\_CONN}}$	O	Embedded pass transistor connection status pin (open drain). If high, it indicates that the pass transistor between the STORE and OUTPUT pins is open (load disconnected). If low, it indicates that the pass transistor between the STORE and OUTPUT pins is closed (load connected).
9	OVP	I	Output overvoltage protection pin. To be connected to the STORE pin through a resistor divider. Internal DC-DC stops/restarts switching when the voltage at OVP pin is higher/lower than the internal bandgap voltage. Also, at startup (internal pass transistor between STORE and OUTPUT is still open) and while $V_{STORE}$ is increasing, the triggering of the internal bandgap voltage makes the internal pass transistor close.
10	UVP	I	Output undervoltage protection pin. To be connected to the STORE pin through a resistor divider. Internal pass transistor between STORE and OUTPUT pins opens when the voltage at UVP pin goes below the internal bandgap voltage.
11	LDO1	O	1.8 V regulated output voltage pin.
12	LDO2	O	3.3 V regulated output voltage pin.
13	CONF	I	DC-DC converter configuration pin. Boost configuration: CONF pin connected to the input supply source (see <a href="#">Figure 4. Boost configuration</a> ). Buck-boost configuration: CONF pin connected to ground (see <a href="#">Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration</a> ).
14	OUTPUT	I/O	Load connection pin.
15	STORE	I/O	Tank capacitor connection pin.
16	IN_LV	I	Low voltage input source. It has to be connected to the inductor for both boost and buck-boost configuration. See <a href="#">Figure 4. Boost configuration</a> and <a href="#">Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration</a> .
17	NC	I	Not connected.
18	PGND	PGND	Power ground pin.
19	L_HV	I	Input pin for buck-boost configuration. Boost configuration: to be connected to ground. Buck-boost configuration: to be connected to the inductor (see <a href="#">Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration</a> ).

Pin no.	Name	Type	Description
20	IN_HV	I	High voltage input source. Boost configuration: to be connected to ground. Buck-boost configuration: to be connected to the voltage supply source (see <a href="#">Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration</a> ).

## 4 Maximum ratings

**Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
IN_LV	Analog input	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
IN_HV	Analog input	20	V
L_HV	Analog input	$IN\_HV + 0.3$	V
CONF	Analog input	5.5	V
EN	Analog input	5.5	V
EXT_REF	Analog input	5.5	V
EN_REF	Analog input	5.5	V
OUTPUT	Analog input/output	5.5	V
STORE	Analog input/output	5.5	V
UVP	Analog input	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
OVP	Analog input	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
OUT_CONN	Digital output	5.5	V
DC-DC_ON	Digital output	5.5	V
LDO1_EN	Digital input	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
LDO2_EN	Digital input	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
LDO1	Analog output	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
LDO2	Analog output	$V_{STORE} + 0.3$	V
PGND	Power ground	0	V
GND	Signal ground	-0.3 to 0.3	V
$T_J$	Junction temperature	-40 to 125	°C
$T_{STORAGE}$	Storage temperature	150	°C

**Table 3. Thermal data**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$R_{th(JC)}$	Thermal resistance junction-case	7.5	°C/W
$R_{th(JA)}^{(1)}$	Thermal resistance junction-ambient	49	°C/W

1. Measured on 2-layer application board FR4, Cu thickness = 17  $\mu$ m with total exposed pad area = 16 mm<sup>2</sup>.

## 5 Electrical characteristics

$V_{STORE} = 4\text{ V}$ ;  $-40\text{ °C} < T_J < 85\text{ °C}$ , unless otherwise specified. Voltage with respect to GND, unless otherwise specified.

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	
<b>Output operating range</b>							
$I_{OUT}$	Maximum output current	Boost configuration	-	-	70	mA	
		Buck-boost configuration	33	35	-		
$V_{OUT}$	OUTPUT pin voltage range		2.2	-	5.3	V	
$R_{OUT}$	Pass transistor resistance		6	7	8	$\Omega$	
<b>Bandgap</b>							
$V_{BG}$	Internal reference voltage		-	1.23	-	V	
	Accuracy		-1	-	+1	%	
<b>UVP</b>							
$V_{STORE(UVP)}$	$V_{STORE}$ undervoltage protection range	$(V_{UVP} + UVP_{HYS}) < (V_{OVP} - OVP_{HYS})$	2.2	-	3.6	V	
$UVP_{HYS}$	UVP hysteresis	$V_{STORE}$ rising	-	5	-	%	
<b>OVP</b>							
$V_{STORE(OVP)}$	$V_{STORE}$ end-of-charge voltage range	$(V_{UVP} + UVP_{HYS}) < (V_{OVP} - OVP_{HYS})$	2.6	-	5.3	V	
$OVP_{HYS}$	OVP hysteresis	$V_{STORE}$ falling	-	-1	-	%	
<b>STORE</b>							
$V_{STORE}$	STORE pin voltage operating range		$V_{STORE(UVP)}$	-	$V_{STORE(OVP)}$	V	
<b>Static current consumption</b>							
$I_{SD}$	Shutdown current	Shutdown mode: before first startup or $\overline{OUT\_CONN}$ high $T_{AMB} < 60\text{ °C}$	-	-	1	nA	
$I_{SB}$	Standby current	Standby mode: $\overline{OUT\_CONN}$ low, DC-DC_ON high, $V_{STORE} = 5.3\text{ V}$ and LDO1,2_EN low $T_{AMB} = 25\text{ °C}$	-	0.8	-	$\mu\text{A}$	
$I_{OP}$	Operating current in open load	Operating mode: LDOs in open load $\overline{OUT\_CONN}$ low, DC-DC_ON high $T_{AMB} = 25\text{ °C}$	LDO1_EN = 1 or LDO2_EN = 1	-	1.7	-	$\mu\text{A}$
			LDO1_EN = 1 and LDO2_EN = 1	-	2.6	-	
<b>DC-DC converter</b>							

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
V <sub>IN-SU</sub>	Minimum input voltage to startup	Boost configuration $\overline{\text{OUT\_CONN}}$ high or at first startup	-	0.55	0.58	V
		Buck-boost configuration $\overline{\text{OUT\_CONN}}$ high or at first startup	-	2.6	2.8	
I <sub>SU</sub>	Start-up input current	Boost configuration	-	30	-	μA
		Buck-boost configuration	-	5	-	
V <sub>IN-LV</sub>	Operating input voltage range	Boost configuration	0.15	-	V <sub>EOC</sub>	V
V <sub>IN-HV</sub>		Buck-boost configuration	0.15	-	18	
V <sub>EN</sub>	EN pin voltage range		0.075		V <sub>UVP</sub>	V
R-ON <sub>B</sub>	Low-side MOS resistance	Boost configuration	0.5	1.0	1.5	Ω
SR-ON <sub>B</sub>	Synchronous rectifier MOS resistance		0.5	1.0	1.5	
R-ON <sub>BB</sub>	Low-side MOS resistance	Buck-boost configuration	1	1.5	2	Ω
SR-ON <sub>BB</sub>	Synchronous rectifier MOS resistance		1	1.5	2	
f <sub>SW</sub>	Maximum allowed switching frequency	Boost and buck-boost configurations	-	-	1	MHz
UVLO <sub>H</sub>	Undervoltage lockout activation threshold	V <sub>STORE</sub> rising	-	2.6	2.8	V
UVLO <sub>L</sub>	Undervoltage lockout deactivation threshold	V <sub>STORE</sub> falling	2	2.1	-	V
<b>LDO</b>						
V <sub>LDO1,2</sub>	LDO1,2 adjusted output voltage	LDO1_EN = 1		1.8		V
		LDO2_EN = 1		3.3		
ΔV <sub>LDO1,2</sub>	LDO1 dropout	V <sub>UVP</sub> + 200 mV < V <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ 5.3 V; I <sub>LDO1</sub> = 100 mA			0.5	%
	LDO2 dropout	3.3 < V <sub>UVP</sub> + 200 mV < V <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ 5.3 V; I <sub>LDO2</sub> = 100 mA			0.5	
t <sub>LDO</sub>	LDO1,2 START-up time	$\overline{\text{OUT\_CONN}}$ = low; C <sub>LDO1,2</sub> = 100 nF	-	-	1	ms
I <sub>LDO1,2</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>	I <sub>OUT</sub> max. from LDO1		-	-	200	mA
	I <sub>OUT</sub> max. from LDO2		-	-	200	
V <sub>LDO1,2_EN-H</sub>	LDO1,2 enable input HIGH		1	-	-	V
V <sub>LDO1,2_EN-L</sub>	LDO1,2 enable input LOW		-	-	0.5	V
<b>Digital output</b>						
V <sub>OUT_CONN_L</sub>	$\overline{\text{V\_OUT\_CONN}}$ = low	1 mA sink current	40	70	150	mV
V <sub>DC-DC_ON_L</sub>	$\overline{\text{V\_DC-DC\_ON}}$ = low	1 mA sink current	40	70	150	mV

1. Guaranteed by design, not tested in production.



## 6 Functional description

The STBLW35 integrates a DC-DC converter stage that can be configured as boost or buck-boost by tying the CONF pin to positive rail of the supply or to ground, respectively (see [Figure 4. Boost configuration](#) and [Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration](#)).

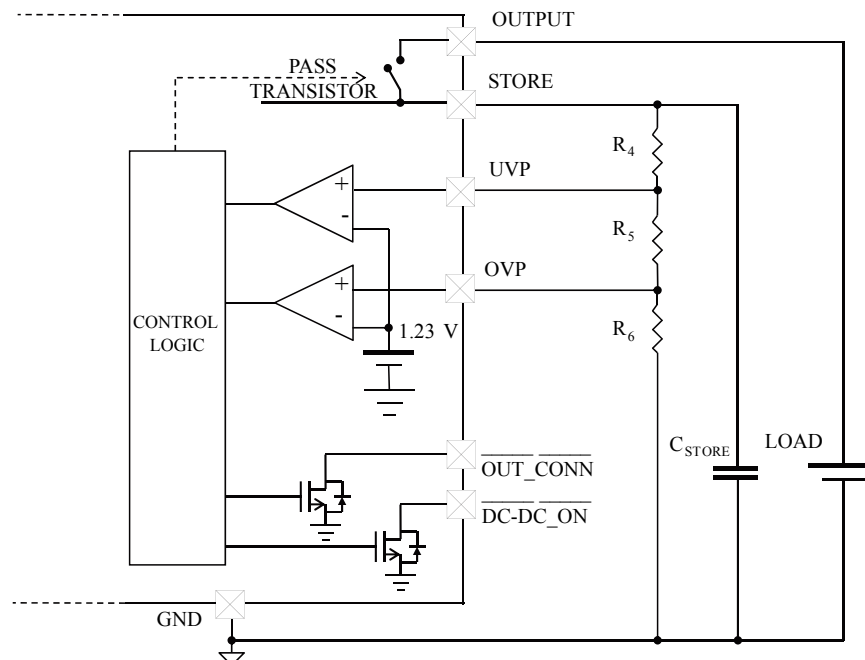
In normal operation the IC works with the EN pin connected to the input supply rail (directly or by a resistor partitioning according to voltage range of the supply source, operating range and absolute maximum rating of the EN pin), EXT\_REF pin connected to the STORE pin and by EN\_REF pin connected to a voltage reference. After the first startup (see [Figure 5. Boost startup](#) and [Section 6.3 Buck-boost configuration](#)) the DC-DC converter switches until the voltage at EN pin ( $V_{EN}$ ) is higher than the voltage at EN\_REF pin ( $V_{EN\_REF}$ ) and until the voltage at OUTPUT pin remains below the overvoltage threshold (see [Section 6.1 Output voltage control](#)).

In case of low impedance source, the EN\_REF is normally connected to GND: the IC switches at the highest duty cycle. In case of high impedance source (by means, with limited current capability, i.e. the source is unable to sustain the continuous switching at the maximum duty cycle), the EN\_REF pin can be connected to a proper voltage reference ( $V_{IN(MIN)}$ ) such that the IC stops switching when  $V_{EN} > V_{IN(MIN)}$ . This voltage reference can be set through a resistor ladder connected to STORE rail or to any other voltage reference available in the application.

### 6.1 Output voltage control

In order to guarantee the lifetime and safety of the load (e.g. a battery), the IC controls an integrated pass transistor (with  $R_{DS(ON)} = R_{BATT}$ ) between the STORE and OUTPUT pins and implements both the undervoltage and the overvoltage protection thresholds. These thresholds are respectively controlled by the pins UVP and OVP, normally connected to the STORE pin by a resistor partitioning. The respective voltages ( $V_{UVP}$  and  $V_{OVP}$ ) are compared with the IC internal voltage reference ( $V_{BG(TYP)} = 1.23\text{ V}$ ).

**Figure 3. Output voltage control section**



Before the first startup the pass transistor is open, so that the leakage from the output is lower than 1 nA. The pass transistor is closed once the voltage on the STORE pin rises such that the overvoltage threshold is triggered ( $V_{OVP} > V_{BG}$ ). An internal hysteresis ( $OVP_{HYS}$ ) sets the restart voltage level for DC-DC converter. The IC also offers the undervoltage protection threshold: the pass transistor is opened once the voltage on the STORE pin decreases down to the undervoltage threshold ( $V_{UVP} < V_{BG}$ ). For some applications (battery charging) it may be necessary to implement a reactivation hysteresis after undervoltage event: it can be easily implemented by a diode (or by a p-channel MOSFET driven by  $\overline{OUT\_CONN}$ ) between STORE and OUTPUT pins. Referring to [Figure 3. Output voltage control section](#), the design rules to set up the R4, R5 and R6 are the following:

**Equation 1:**

- $V_{BG} = V_{UVP} \times (R5 + R6) / (R4 + R5 + R6)$

**Equation 2:**

- $V_{BG} = V_{OVP} \times R6 / (R4 + R5 + R6)$

In order to minimize the leakage due to the output resistor partitioning it has to be typically:

**Equation 3:**

- $10M\Omega \leq R4 + R5 + R6 \leq 20M\Omega$

In addition, the IC provides two open drain digital outputs to an external microcontroller:

- **$\overline{OUT\_CONN}$**

This pin is pulled down when the pass transistor is closed. It is released once the pass transistor is opened (e.g. triggering of  $V_{UVP}$ ). If used, this pin must be pulled up to the STORE by a 10 M $\Omega$  (typical) resistor.

- **$\overline{DC-DC\_ON}$**

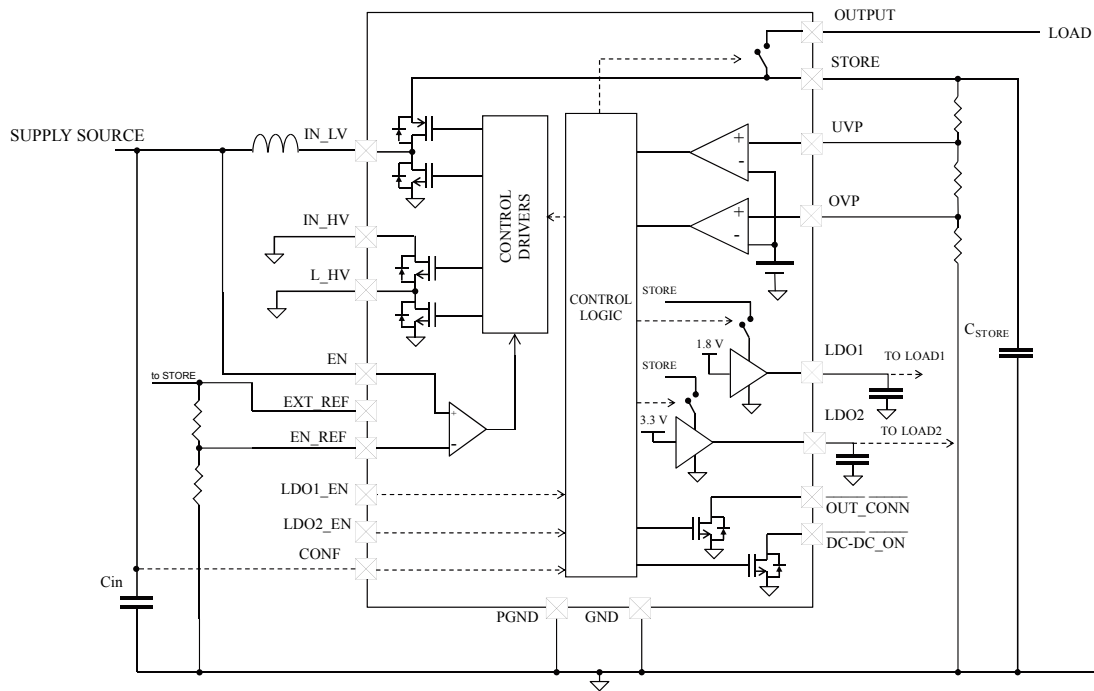
This pin is pulled down when the DC-DC converter is switching, while it's released when it is not switching, i.e. when the OVP threshold is triggered until the voltage on the STORE pin drops at  $V_{OVP} - OVP_{HYS}$  or when the UVLO threshold is triggered. If used, this pin must be pulled up to the STORE by a 10 M $\Omega$  (typical) resistor.

Note that the output current causes a voltage drop over the  $R_{BATT}$  of the internal pass transistor, consequently, voltages at STORE (where the resistor partitioning to OVP and UVP pins are connected) and OUTPUT may slightly differ. If high precision is required for the output voltage regulation thresholds, then some application workaround may be necessary. For example, two p-channel MOSFETs in back-to-back, both driven by  $\overline{OUT\_CONN}$  could be placed between STORE and OUTPUT pins.

## 6.2 Boost configuration

[Figure 4. Boost configuration](#) below shows an example of boost application circuit. In this example, the EN pin is shorted to input supply rail: a resistor partitioning may be required if the voltage range of the supply source goes above the limits of EN pin (see [Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings](#) and [Table 4. Electrical characteristics](#)).

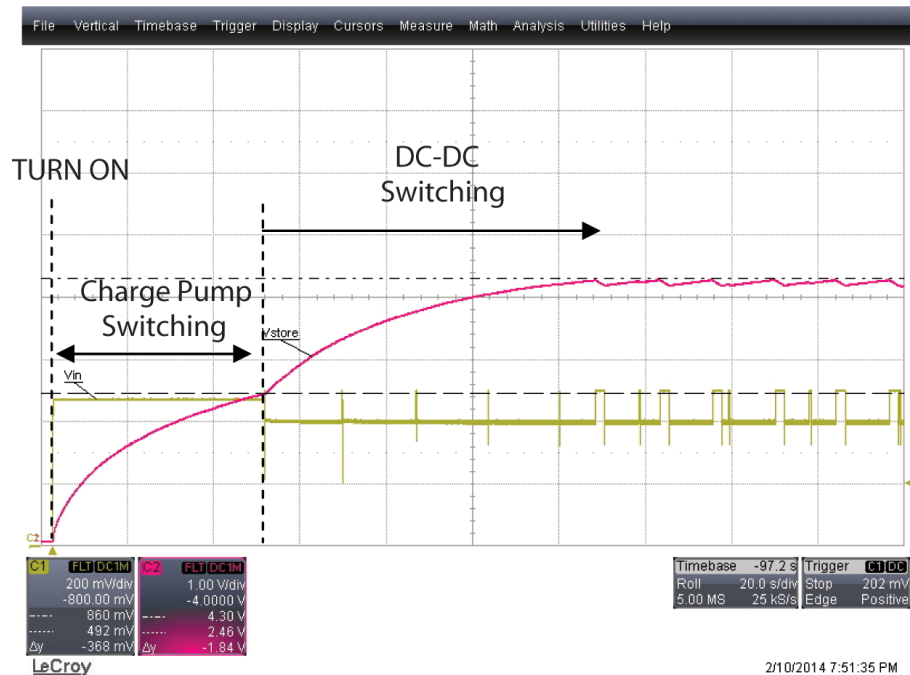
**Figure 4. Boost configuration**



In case of boost configuration, once the source is connected, the IC starts boosting the voltage on the STORE pin. In the range of  $0 \leq V_{STORE} < 2.6$  V the voltage boost is carried on by an integrated high-efficiency charge pump, while the DC-DC converter stage remains OFF.

Figure 5. Boost startup shows the behavior of input voltage  $V_{IN}$  and  $V_{STORE}$  at the startup.

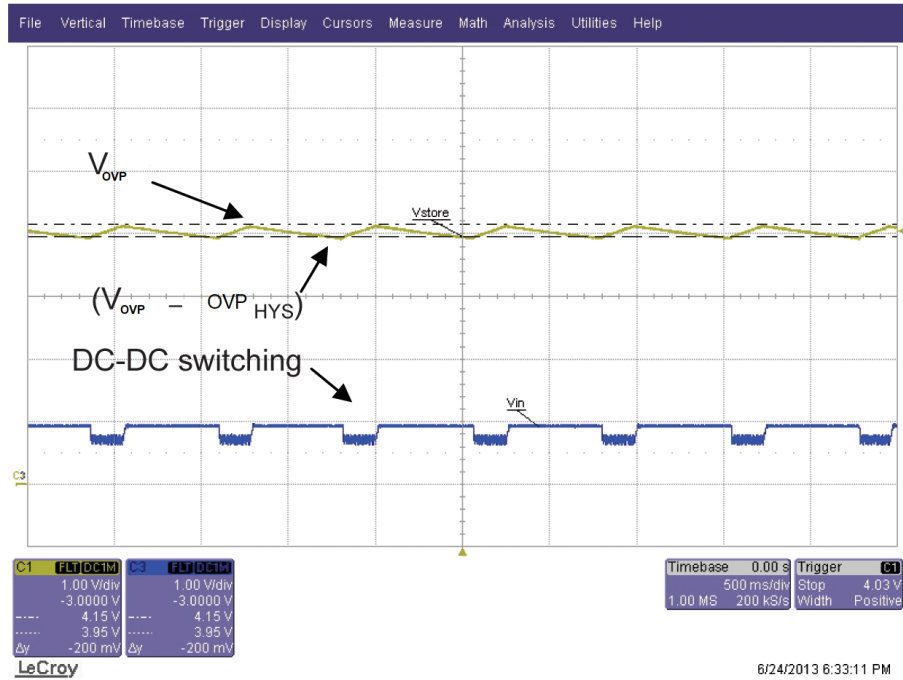
**Figure 5. Boost startup**



In the range  $V_{STORE} \geq 2.6\text{ V}$  and until  $V_{OVP} < V_{BG}$  the  $V_{STORE}$  voltage is boosted by the DC-DC converter. In this voltage range DC-DC switches until  $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_REF}$ .

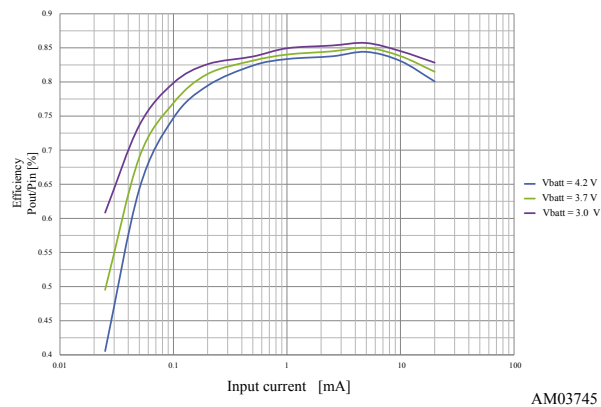
Once the voltage at STORE pin triggers the overvoltage threshold ( $V_{OVP} = V_{BG}$ ) the switching of the DC-DC converter is stopped until  $V_{STORE}$  decrease below the level defined by the internal hysteresis ( $OVP_{HYS}$ ).

Figure 6. Triggering of  $V_{OVP}$  (BATT pin floating)



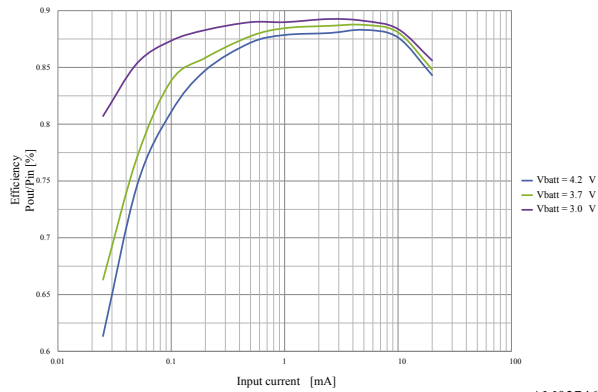
The following plots (Figure 7. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 0.85\text{ V}$ , Figure 8. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 1.25\text{ V}$ , Figure 9. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 1.65\text{ V}$ , Figure 10. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 2.05\text{ V}$ ) show the power efficiency of the DC-DC converter configured in boost mode at  $T_{AMB} = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in some typical use cases at different input voltages:

Figure 7. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 0.85\text{ V}$



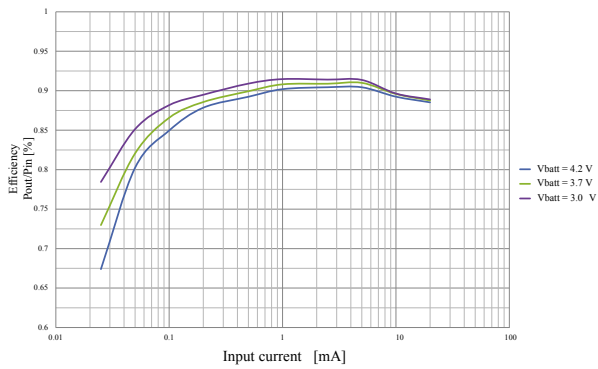
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**Figure 8. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 1.25\text{ V}$**



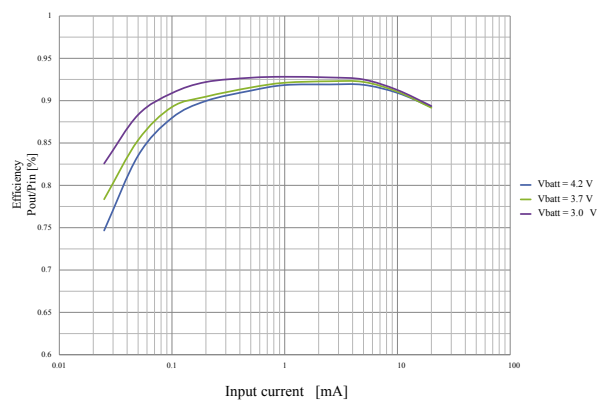
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**Figure 9. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 1.65\text{ V}$**



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**Figure 10. Efficiency vs. input current;  $V_{IN} = 2.05\text{ V}$**

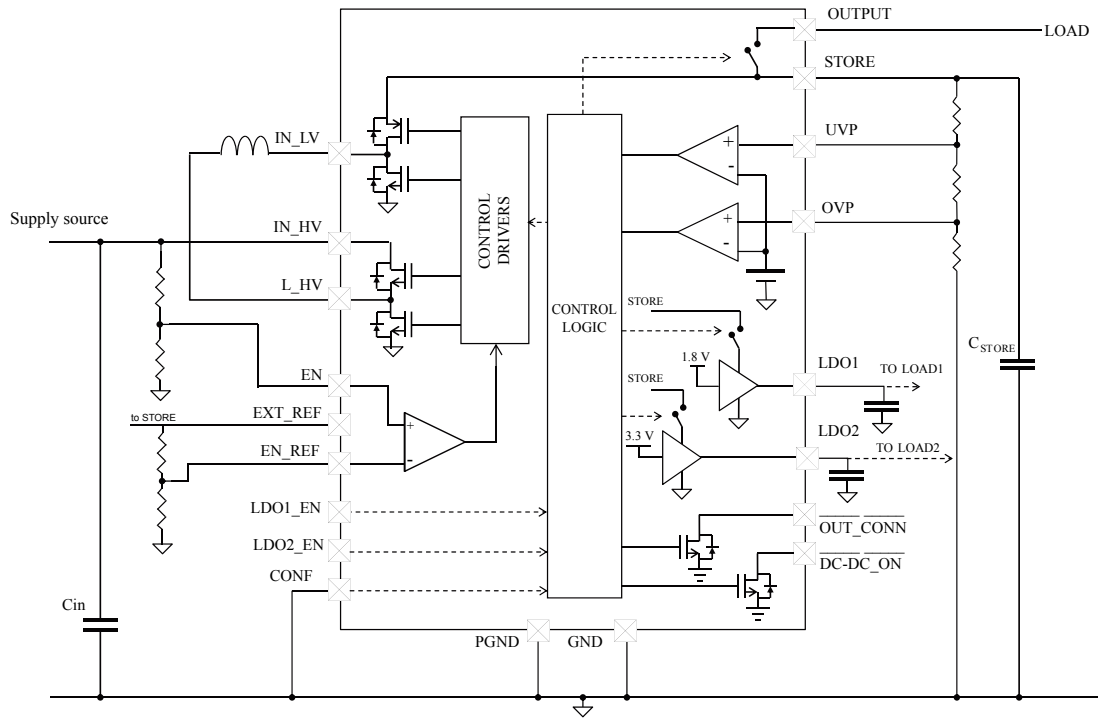


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### 6.3 Buck-boost configuration

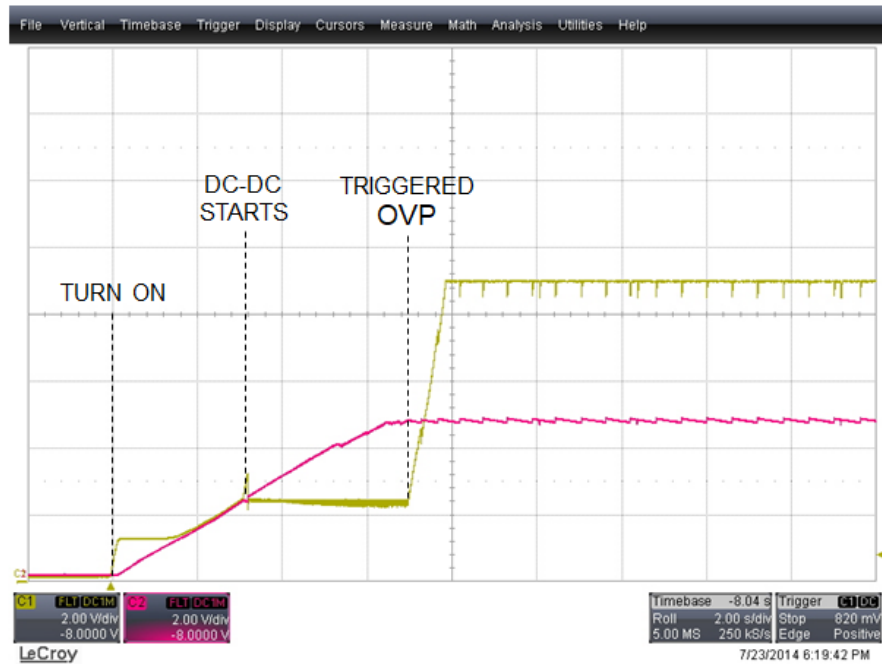
Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration shows an example of buck-boost application circuit.

**Figure 11. Buck-boost configuration**



In case of buck-boost configuration, once the source is connected, the IN\_HV and STORE pins are internally shorted until  $V_{STORE} < 2.6\text{ V}$ . Figure 12. Buck-boost startup ( $I_{IN} = 5\ \mu\text{A}$ ) shows the behavior of the input voltage  $V_{IN\_HV}$  and  $V_{STORE}$  at the startup.

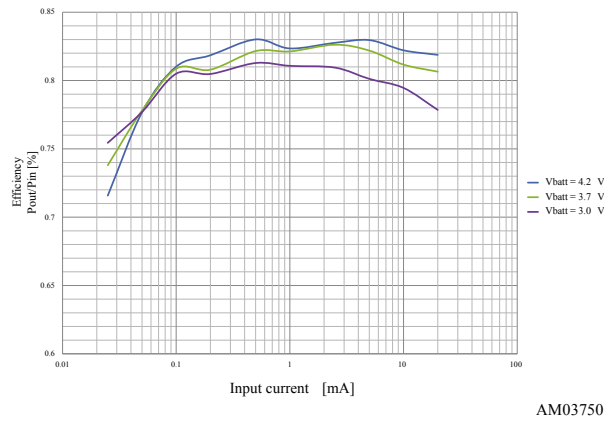
**Figure 12. Buck-boost startup ( $I_{IN} = 5\ \mu\text{A}$ )**



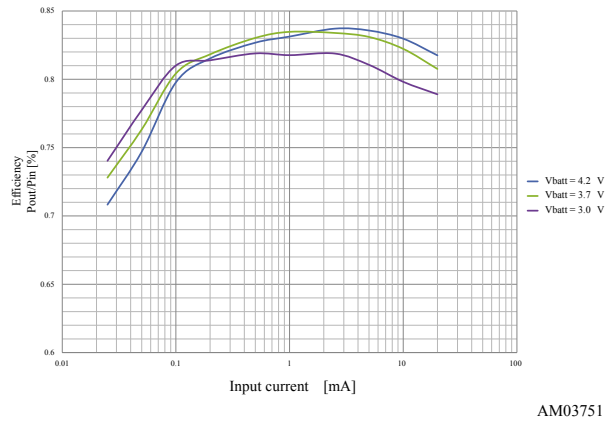
In the range  $V_{STORE} \geq 2.6\text{ V}$  and below the overvoltage protection ( $V_{OVP} < V_{BG}$ ) the integrated DC-DC converter starts switching until  $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_REF}$ . For the supply sources providing voltages above the allowed range for EN and EN\_REF then a resistor partitioning connected between the source and these pins is necessary.

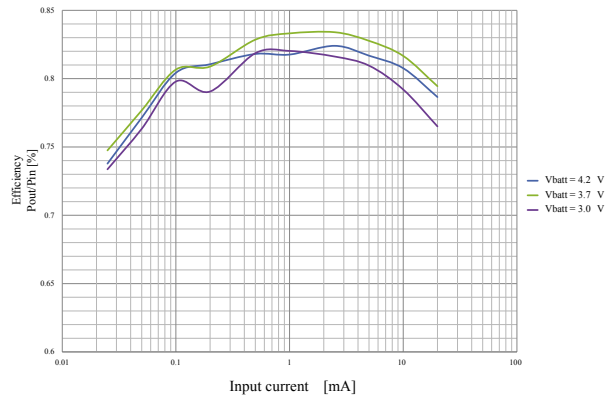
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**Figure 13. Efficiency vs. input current -  $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$**

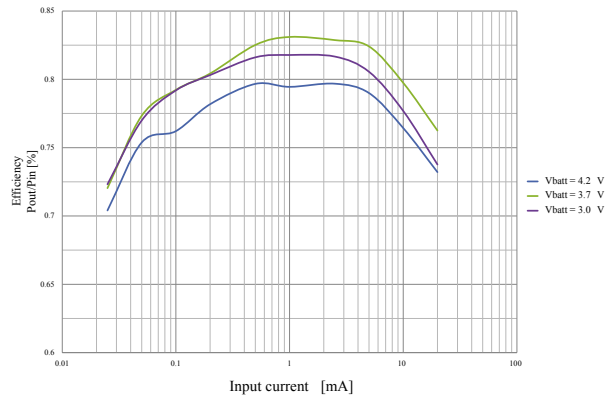


**Figure 14. Efficiency vs. input current -  $V_{IN} = 7.5\text{ V}$**



**Figure 15. Efficiency vs. input current -  $V_{IN} = 10\text{ V}$** 


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**Figure 16. Efficiency vs. input current -  $V_{IN} = 12.5\text{ V}$** 


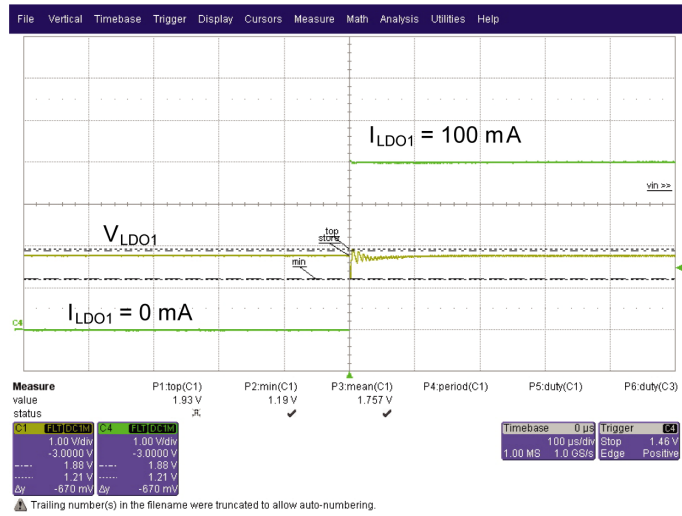
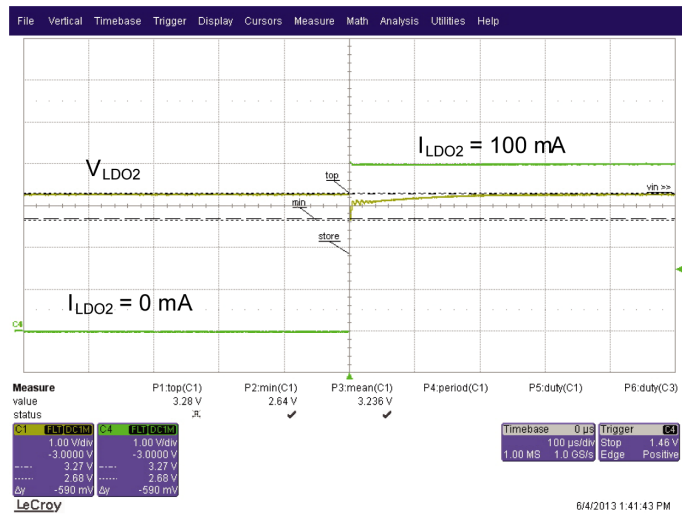
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## 6.4 Power manager

The IC works as a power manager also by providing one unregulated output voltage on the STORE pin and two regulated voltages on the LDO1 (1.8 V) and LDO2 (3.3 V) pins.

Each LDO can be selectively enabled or disabled by driving the related enable/disable pins LDO1\_EN and LDO2\_EN. The performances of the LDOs can be optimized by selecting a proper capacitor between the LDO output pin and ground. A 100 nF for each LDO pin is suitable for the most typical use cases. [Figure 17. LDO1 turn-on with 100 mA load](#) and [Figure 18. LDO2 turn-on with 100 mA load](#) show the behavior of the LDOs when a 100 mA load is connected.



**Figure 17. LDO1 turn-on with 100 mA load**

**Figure 18. LDO2 turn-on with 100 mA load**


## 7 Package and packing information

Figure 19. VFQFPN20 3 x 3 x 1 mm - 20-lead pitch 0.4 package outline

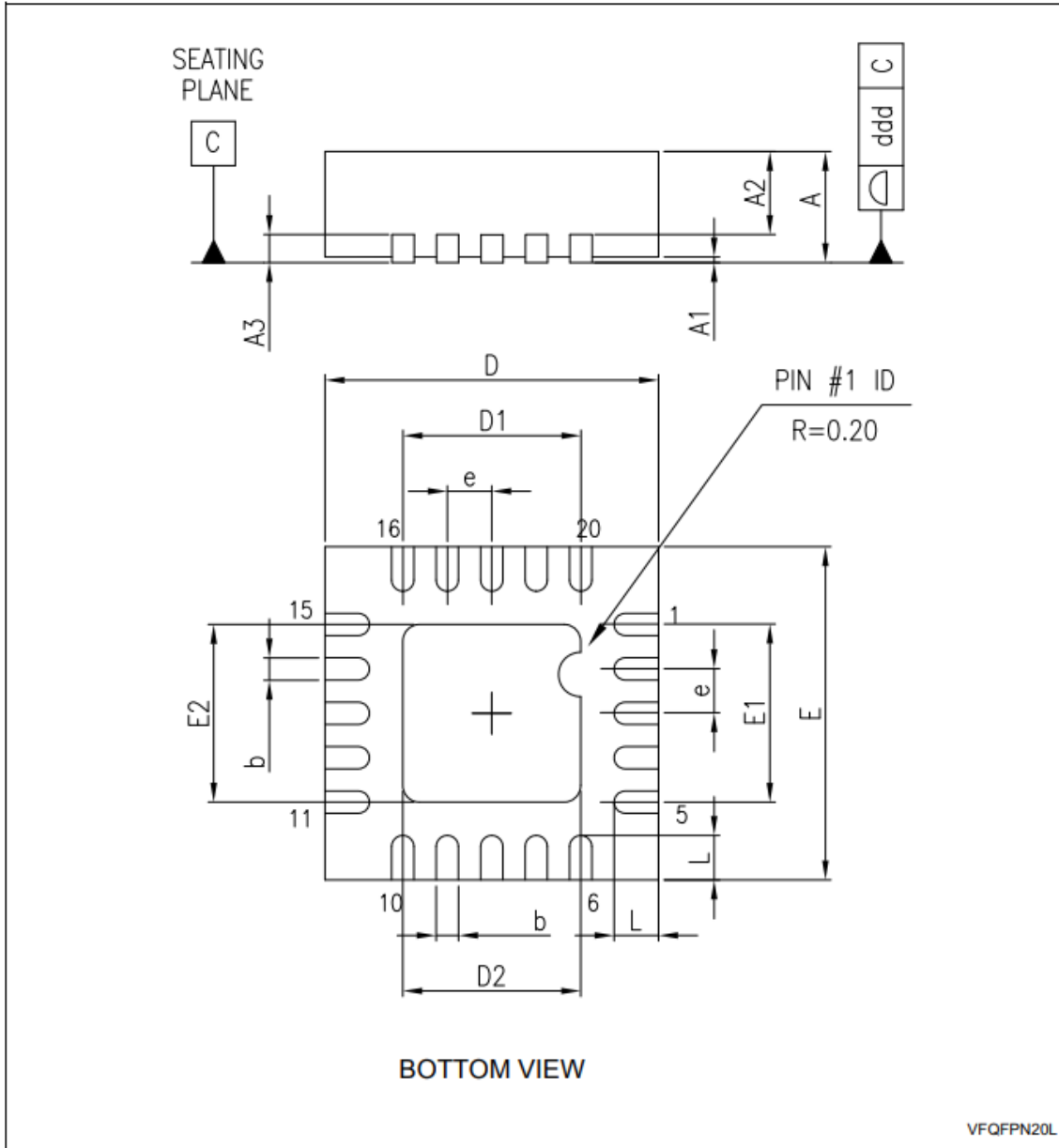


Table 5. VFQFPN20 3 x 3 x 1 mm - 20-lead pitch 0.4 package mechanical data

Symbol	Dimensions [mm] <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	0.80	0.90	1.0
A1	-	0.02	0.05
A2	-	0.65	1.00

Symbol	Dimensions [mm] <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A3	-	0.20	-
b	0.15	0.20	0.25
D	2.85	3.00	3.15
D1	-	1.60	-
D2	1.50	1.60	1.70
E	2.85	3.00	3.15
E1	-	1.60	-
E2	1.50	1.60	1.70
e	0.35	0.40	0.45
L	0.30	0.40	0.50
ddd	-	-	0.07

1. "VFQFPN" stands for "Thermally Enhanced Very thin Fine pitch Quad Packages No lead". Very thin:  $0.80 < A \leq 1.00$  mm / fine pitch:  $e < 1.00$  mm.

**Figure 20. Recommended footprint of VFQFPN20 3 x 3 x 1 mm - 20-lead pitch 0.4**

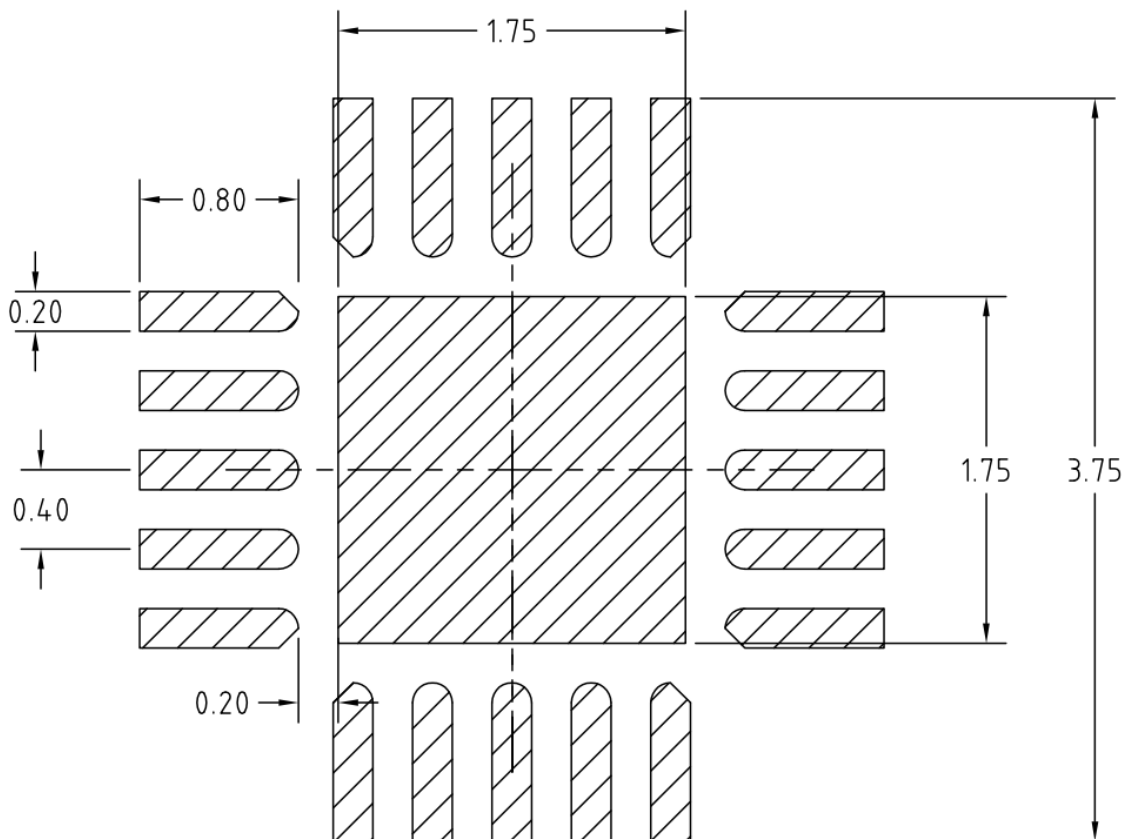
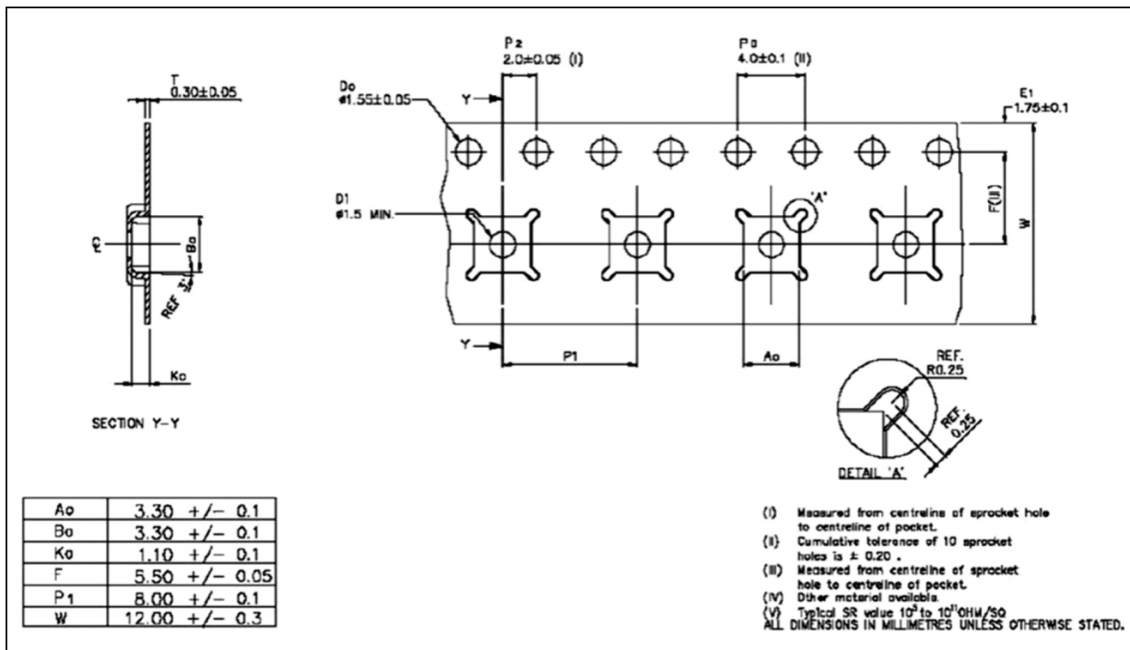


Figure 21. Tape and reel design



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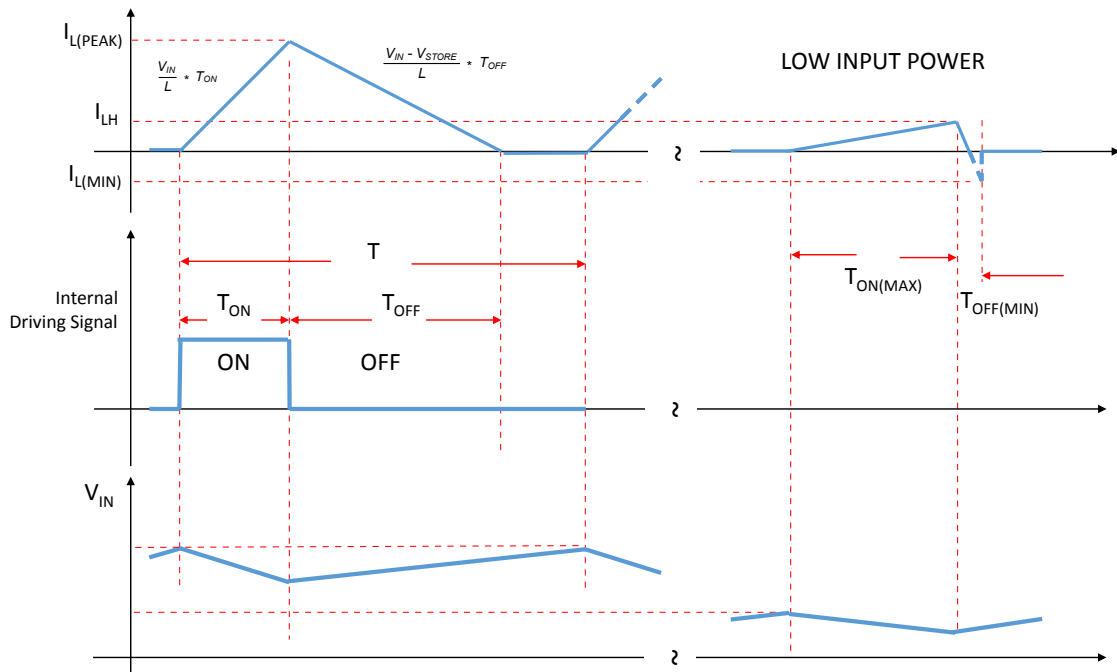
**Table 6. Order code**

Order code	Op. temp. range [°C]	Package	Packing
STBLW35TTR	-40 to 85	VFQFPN 3 x 3 x 1 20L	Tape and reel

## Appendix A Application tips

In DC-DC converters the energy is transferred from the input to the output through the inductor. During the ON phase of the duty cycle, the inductor stores energy while during the OFF phase of the duty cycle, the energy is released toward the output stage.

**Figure 22. Inductor current and input voltage waveforms**



The IC controls the duty cycle of the driving signal by comparing the voltages on the EN and EN\_REF pins. When  $V_{EN}$  rises higher than  $V_{EN\_REF}$ , the IC switches ON and the inductor is loaded for  $T_{ON}$  until one of the following events occurs:

- $V_{STORE}$  triggers the overvoltage threshold
- The inductor current ( $I_L$ ) triggers the internal threshold  $I_{L(PEAK)}$  (= 140 mA, typ.)
- $T_{ON(MAX)} = 10 \mu s$  elapses

The energy stored in the inductor is released to the output stage during the OFF phase. During  $T_{OFF}$ ,  $I_L$  decreases to 0 mA (all energy has been released). According to the internal controls of the IC,  $T_{OFF(MIN)} = 0.2 \mu s$  then, in order to prevent  $I_L$  becoming negative, the application must be designed such that the energy stored in the inductor during  $T_{ON}$  is always greater or equal to the energy released during  $T_{OFF}$ . The application has to guarantee  $I_{L(MIN)} > 0$ :

**Equation 10:**

$$I_{L(MIN)} = I_H - (V_{STORE} - V_{IN}) \times (T_{OFF(MIN)} / L) > 0$$

**Equation 11:**

$$I_{L(MIN)} = (V_{IN} / L) \times T_{ON(MAX)} - (V_{STORE} - V_{IN}) \times (T_{OFF(MIN)} / L) > 0$$

leading

**Equation 12:**

$$V_{IN} > V_{STORE} \times (T_{OFF(MIN)} / (T_{ON(MAX)} + T_{OFF(MIN)}))$$

A resistor partitioning can be used between input rail, EN and EN\_REF pins purposing the IC switch-off before  $I_{L(MIN)} \leq 0$ . As worst case for the above equation it can be considered:  $V_{STORE}$  at overvoltage level,  $V_{EN}$  at the minimum operating voltage ( $V_{IN(MIN)}$ ).

## Revision history

**Table 7. Document revision history**

Date	Version	Changes
15-Jul-2021	1	Initial release.

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