

LT1302/LT1302-5

Micropower High Output Current Step-Up Adjustable and Fixed 5V DC/DC Converters

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The LT® 1302/LT1302-5 are micropower step-up DC/DC converters that maintain high efficiency over a wide range of output current. They operate from a supply voltage as low as 2V and feature automatic shifting between Burst Mode operation at light load, and current mode operation at heavy load.

The internal low loss NPN power switch can handle current in excess of 2A and switch at frequencies up to 400kHz. Quiescent current is just 200µA and can be further reduced to 15µA in shutdown.

Available in 8-pin PDIP or 8-pin SO packaging, the LT1302/ LT1302-5 have the highest switch current rating of any similarly packaged switching regulators presently on the market.

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- **5V at 600mA or 12V at 120mA from 2-Cell Supply**
- **200**µ**A Quiescent Current**
- Logic Controlled Shutdown to 15µA
- **Low V_{CESAT} Switch: 310mV at 2A Typical**
- Burst Mode[™] Operation at Light Load
- Current Mode Operation for Excellent Line and Load Transient Response
- Available in 8-Lead SO or PDIP
- **Operates with Supply Voltage as Low as 2V**

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Notebook and Palmtop Computers

TYPICAL APPLICATION

- Portable Instruments
- Personal Digital Assistants
- Cellular Telephones
- Flash Memory

Figure 1. 2-Cell to 5V/600mA DC/DC Converter

2-Cell to 5V Converter Efficiency

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

Consult factory for Industrial and Military grade parts.

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS $_{T_A = 25^{\circ}C, V_{IN} = 2.5V, \text{ unless otherwise noted.}}$

The \bullet denotes specifications which apply over the 0 \degree C to 70 \degree C temperature range.

Note 1: Hysteresis is specified at DC. Output ripple depends on capacitor size and ESR.

Note 2: The LT1302 operates in a variable frequency mode. Switching frequency depends on load inductance and operating conditions and may be above specified limits.

Note 3: Minimum switch current 100% tested. Maximum switch current guaranteed by design.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS U W

LT1302 Feedback Voltage LT1302-5 Sense Pin Resistance Quiescent Current

30 **Error Amplifier Offset Voltage Community Control LT1302-5 Output Voltage Maximum On-Time**

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS U W

PIN FUNCTIONS

GND (Pin 1): Signal Ground. Feedback resistor and 0.1µF ceramic bypass capacitor from V_{IN} should be connected directly to this pin.

V_C (Pin 2): Frequency Compensation Pin. Connect series RC to GND. Keep trace short.

SHDN (Pin 3): Shutdown. Pull high to effect shutdown; tie to ground for normal operation.

FB/Sense (Pin 4): Feedback/Sense. On the LT1302 this pin connects to CMP1 input. On the LT1302-5 this pin connects to the output resistor string.

I_T (Pin 5): Normally left floating. Addition of a 3.3k resistor to GND forces the LT1302 into current mode at light loads. Efficiency drops at light load but increases at medium loads. See Applications Information section.

VIN (Pin 6): Supply Pin. Must be bypassed with: (1) a 0.1µF ceramic to GND, and (2) a large value electrolytic to PGND. When V_{IN} is greater than 5V, a low value resistor (2 Ω to 10Ω) is recommended to isolate the V_{IN} pin from input supply noise.

PIN FUNCTIONS

SW (Pin 7): Switch Pin. Connect inductor and diode here. Keep layout short and direct.

PGND (Pin 8): Power Ground. Pins 8 and 1 should be connected under the package. In the SO package, pins 1

and 8 are thermally connected to the die. One square inch of PCB copper provides an adequate heat sink for the device.

BLOCK DIAGRAMS

Figure 2. LT1302 Block Diagram

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Figure 3. LT1302-5 Block Diagram

OPERATION

The LT1302's operation can best be understood by examining the block diagram in Figure 2. The LT1302 operates in one of two modes, depending on load. With light loads, comparator CMP1 controls the output; with heavy loads, control is passed to error amplifier A1. Burst Mode operation consists of monitoring the FB pin voltage with hysteretic comparator CMP1. When the FB voltage, related to the output voltage by external attenuator R1 and R2, falls below the 1.24V reference voltage, the oscillator is enabled. Switch Q4 alternately turns on, causing current buildup in inductor L1, then turns off, allowing the built-up current to flow into output capacitor C3 via D1. As the output voltage increases, so does the FB voltage; when it exceeds the reference plus

CMP1's hysteresis (about 5mV) CMP1 turns the oscillator off. In this mode, peak switch current is limited to approximately 1A by A2, Q2, and Q3. Q2's current, set at 34µA, flows through R5, causing A2's negative input to be 25mV lower than V_{IN} . This node must fall more than 36mV below V_{IN} for A2 to trip and turn off the oscillator. The remaining 11mV is generated by Q3's current flowing through R4. Emitter-area scaling sets Q3's collector current to 0.625% of switch Q4's current. When Q4's current is 1A, Q3's current is 6.25mA, creating an 11mV drop across R4 which, added to R5's 25mV drop, is enough to trip A2.

When the output load is increased to the point where the 1A peak current cannot support the output voltage,

OPERATION

CMP1 stays on and the peak switch current is regulated by the voltage on the V_C pin (A1's output). V_C drives the base of Q1. As the V_C voltage rises, Q2 conducts less current, resulting in less drop across R5. Q4's peak current must then increase in order for A2 to trip. This current mode control results in good stability and immunity to input voltage variations. Because this is a linear,

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION U W U U

Inductor Selection

Inductors used with the LT1302 must fulfill two requirements. First, the inductor must be able to handle current of 2.5A to 3A without runaway saturation. Rod or drum core units usually saturate gradually and it is acceptable to exceed manufacturers' published saturation currents by 20% or so. Second, it should have low DCR, under 0.05 Ω so that copper loss is kept low. Inductance value is not critical. Generally, for low voltage inputs down to 2V, a 10µH inductor is recommended (such as Coilcraft DO3316- 103). For inputs above 4V to 5V use a 22µH unit (such as Coilcraft DO3316-223). Switching frequency can reach up to 400kHz so the core material should be able to handle high frequency without loss. Ferrite or molypermalloy cores are a better choice than powdered iron. If EMI is a concern a toroidal inductor is suggested, such as Coiltronics CTX20-4.

For a boost converter, duty cycle can be calculated by the following formula:

$$
DC = 1 - \left(\frac{V_{IN}}{V_{OUT}}\right)
$$

A special situation exists where the $V_{\text{OUT}}/V_{\text{IN}}$ differential is high, such as a 2V-to-12V converter. The required duty cycle is higher than the LT1302 can provide, so the converter must be designed for *discontinuous* operation. This means that inductor current goes to zero during the switch off-time. In the 2V-to-12V case, inductance must be low enough so that current in the inductor can reach 2A in a single cycle. Inductor value can be defined by:

The LT1302-5 incorporates feedback resistors R1 and R2 into the device. Output voltage is set at 5.05V in Burst Mode, dropping to 4.97V in current mode.

$$
L \leq \frac{\left(V_{IN} - V_{SW}\right) \times t_{ON}}{2A}
$$

With the 2V input a value of 3.3µH is acceptable. Since the inductance is so low, usually a smaller core size can be used. Efficiency will not be as high as for the continuous case since peak currents will necessarily be higher.

Table 1 lists inductor suppliers along with appropriate part numbers.

Capacitor Selection

The output capacitor should have low ESR for proper performance. A high ESR capacitor can result in "modehopping" between current mode and Burst Mode at high load currents because the output voltage will increase by I_{SW} \times ESR when the inductor current is flowing into the diode. Figure 4 shows output voltage of an LT1302-5 boost converter with two 220µF AVX TPS capacitors at the output. Ripple voltage at a 510mA load is about 30mV_{P-P}

and there is no low frequency component. The total ESR is under 0.03 $Ω$. If a single 100 $µF$ aluminum electrolytic capacitor is used instead, the converter mode-hops between current mode and Burst Mode due to high ESR, causing the voltage comparator to trip as shown in Figure 5. The ripple voltage is now over 500 mV_{P-P} and contains a low frequency component. Maximum allowable output capacitor ESR can be calculated by the following formula:

$$
ESR_{MAX} = \frac{V_{OS} \times V_{OUT}}{V_{REF} \times 14}
$$

where,

 $V_{OS} = 15$ mV $V_{RFF} = 1.24V$

Figure 4. Low ESR Output Capacitor Results in Stable Operation. Ripple Voltage is Under 30mV_{P-P}

Figure 5. Inexpensive Electrolytic Capacitor Has High ESR, Resulting in Mode-Hop, Ripple Voltage Amplitude Is Over 500mV_{P-P} and Includes Low Frequency Component

Input Capacitor

The input supply should be decoupled with a good quality electrolytic capacitor close to the LT1302 to provide a stable input supply. Long leads or traces from power source to the switcher can have considerable impedance at the LT1302's switching frequency. The input capacitor provides a low impedance at high frequency. A 0.1µF ceramic capacitor is required right at the V_{IN} pin. When the input voltage can be above 5V, a $10\Omega/\mu$ F decoupling network for V_{IN} is recommended as detailed in Figure 6. This network is also recommended when driving a transformer.

Figure 6. A 10Ω**/1**µ**F Decoupling Network at VIN Is Recommended When Input Voltage Is Above 5V**

Table 2 lists capacitor vendors along with device types.

Table 2. Recommended Capacitors

Diode Selection

A 2A Schottky diode such as Motorola MBRS130LT3 has been found to be the best available. Other choices include 1N5821 or MBRS130T3. Do not use "general purpose" diodes such as 1N4001. They are much too slow for use in switching regulator applications.

Frequency Compensation

Obtaining proper RC values for the frequency compensation network is largely an empirical procedure, since variations in input and output voltage, topology, capacitor ESR and inductance make a simple formula elusive. As an example, consider the case of a 2.5V to 5V boost converter supplying 500mA. To determine optimum compensation, the circuit is built and a transient load is applied to the circuit. Figure 7 shows the setup.

In Figure 7a, the V_C pin is simply left floating. Although output voltage is maintained and transient response is good, switch current rises instantaneously to the internal current limit upon application of load. This is an undesirable situation as it places maximum stress on the switch and the other power components. Additionally, efficiency is well down from its optimal value. Next, a 0.1µF capacitor is connected with no resistor. Figure 7b details response. Although the circuit eventually stabilizes, the loop is quite underdamped. Initial output "sag" exceeds 5%. Aberrant behavior in the 4th graticule is the result of the LT1302's Burst Mode comparator turning off all switching as output voltage rises above its threshold.

In Figure 7c, the 0.1µF capacitor has been replaced by a 0.01μ F unit. Undershoot is less but the response is still underdamped. Figure 7d shows the results of the 0.1µF capacitor and a 10k resistor in series. Now some amount of damping is observed, and behavior is more controlled. Figure 7e details response with a 0.01µF/10k series network. Undershoot is down to around 100mV, or 2%. A slight underdamping is still noticeable.

Finally, a 0.01µF/24k series network results in the response shown in Figure 7f. This has optimal damping, undershoot less than 100mV and settles in less than 1ms.

The V_C pin is sensitive to high frequency noise. Some layouts may inject enough noise to modulate peak switch current at 1/2 the switching frequency. A small capacitor connected from V_C to ground will eliminate this. Do not exceed 1/10 of the compensation capacitor value.

> Figure 7b. 0.1μ F from V_C to Ground. **Better, but More Improvement Needed**

Figure 7. Boost Converter with Simulated Load

Figure 7a. V_C Pin Left Unconnected. Output Shows Low Frequency Components Under Load

Figure 7c. 0.01µF from V_C to Ground. **Underdamped Response Requires Series R**

Figure 7d. 0.1µ**F with 10k Series RC. Classic Overdamped Response**

Figure 7e. 0.01µ**F, 10k Series RC Shows Good Transient Response. Slight Underdamping Still Noticeable**

Figure 7f. 0.01µ**F, 24k Series RC Results in Optimum Response**

I_T Pin

The I_T pin is used to disable Burst Mode, forcing the LT1302 to operate in current mode even at light load. To disable Burst Mode, 3.3k resistor R1 is connected from I_T to gound. More conservative frequency compensation must be used when in this mode. A 0.1µF capacitor and 4.7k resistor from V_C to ground has been found to be adequate. Low frequency Burst Mode ripple can be reduced or eliminated using this technique in many applications.

To illustrate, the transient load response of Figure 8's circuit is pictured without and with R1. Figure 8a shows output voltage and inductor current without the resistor. Note the 6kHz burst rate when the converter is delivering 25mA. By adding the 3.3k resistor, the low frequency bursting is eliminated, as shown in Figure 8b. This feature is useful in systems that contain audio circuitry. At very light or zero load, switching frequency drops and eventu-

Figure 8. Addition of R1 Eliminates Low Frequency Output Ripple in This 2.5V to 5V Boost Converter

Figure 8a. IT Pin Floating. Note 6kHz Burst Rate at ILOAD = 25mA. 0.1µ**F/4.7k Compensation Network Causes 220mV Undershoot**

ally reaches audio frequencies, but at a much lighter load than without the I_T feature. At some input voltage/load current combinations, some residual bursting may occur at frequencies out of the audio band.

Figure 8b. 3.3k Resistor from I_T Pin to Ground Forces **LT1302 into Current Mode Regardless of Load. Audio Frequency Component Eliminated**

The I_T pin cannot be used as a soft-start. Large capacitors connected to the pin will cause erratic operation. If operating the device in Burst Mode, let the pin float. Keep high dV/dt signals away from the pin.

Figure 8c details efficiency with and without the addition of R1. Burst Mode operation keeps efficiency high at light load with I_T floating. Efficiency falls off at light load with R1 added because the LT1302 cannot transition into Burst Mode.

Layout

The high speed, high current switching associated with the LT1302 mandates careful attention to layout. Follow the suggested component placement in Figure 9 for proper operation. High current functions are separated by the package from sensitive control functions. Feedback resistors R1 and R2 should be close to the feedback pin (pin4). Noise can easily be coupled into this pin if care is not taken. A small capacitor (100pF to 200pF) from FB to ground provides a high frequency bypass. If the LT1302 is operated off a three-cell or higher input, R3 (2 Ω to 10 Ω) in series with V_{IN} is recommended. This isolates the device from noise spikes on the input supply. Do not put in R3 if the device must operate from a 2V input, as input current will cause the voltage at the LT1302's V_{IN} pin to go below 2V. The 0.1µF ceramic bypass capacitor C3 (use X7R, not Z5U) should be mounted as close as possible to the package. When R3 is used, C3 should be a 1µF tantalum unit. Grounding should be segregated as illustrated. C3's Figure 8c. 3.3k Resistor for I_T to Ground Increases
Ffficiency at Moderate Load, Decreases at Linht Load and a *Ground trace should not carry switch current*. Run a

separate ground trace up under the package as shown. The battery and load return should go to the power side of the ground copper.

Thermal Considerations

The LT1302 contains a thermal shutdown feature which protects against excessive internal (junction) temperature. If the junction temperature of the device exceeds the protection threshold, the device will begin cycling between normal operation and an off state. The cycling is not harmful to the part. The thermal cycling occurs at a slow rate, typically 10ms to several seconds, which depends on the power dissipation and the thermal time constants of the package and heat sinking. Raising the ambient temperature until the device begins thermal shutdown gives a good indication of how much margin there is in the thermal design.

For surface mount devices heat sinking is accomplished by using the heat spreading capabilities of the PC board and its copper traces. Experiments have shown that the heat spreading copper layer does not need to be electrically connected to the tab of the device. The PCB material can be very effective at transmitting heat between the pad area attached to pins 1 and 8 of the device, and a ground or power plane layer either inside or on the opposite side of the board. Although the actual thermal resistance of the PCB material is high, the length/area ratio of the thermal resistance between the layer is small. Copper board stiffeners and plated through holes can also be used to spread the heat generated by the device.

Table 3 lists thermal resistance for the SO package. Measured values of thermal resistance for several different board sizes and copper areas are listed for each surface mount package. All measurements were taken in still air on 3/32" FR-4 board with 1oz copper. This data can be used as a rough guideline in estimating thermal resistance. The thermal resistance for each application will be affected by thermal interactions with other components as well as board size and shape.

Table 3. S8 Package, 8-Lead Plastic SO

* Pins 1 and 8 attached to topside copper

N8 Package, 8-Lead DIP:

Thermal Resistance (Junction-to-Ambient) = 100°C/W

Calculating Temperature Rise

Power dissipation internal to the LT1302 in a boost regulator configuration is approximately equal to:

$$
P_{D} = I_{OUT}^{2}R \left[\frac{V_{OUT} + V_{D}}{V_{IN} - \frac{I_{OUT}V_{OUT}R}{V_{IN}}} \right]^{2} - \left(\frac{V_{OUT} + V_{D}}{V_{IN} - \frac{I_{OUT}V_{OUT}R}{V_{IN}}} \right) \right]
$$

$$
+ \frac{I_{OUT}(V_{OUT} + V_{D} - V_{IN})}{27}
$$

The first term in this equation is due to switch "onresistance." The second term is from the switch driver. R is switch resistance, typically 0.15 Ω . V_D is the diode forward drop.

The temperature rise can be calculated from:

$$
\Delta T = P_D \times \theta_{JA}
$$

where:

 ΔT = Temperature Rise

 P_D = Device Power Dissipation

 θ_{JA} = Thermal Resistance (Junction-to-Ambient)

As an example, consider a boost converter with the following specifications:

 $V_{IN} = 3V$

 $V_{OUT} = 6V$

 $I_{OUT} = 700mA$

Total power loss in the LT1302, assuming $R = 0.15\Omega$ and $V_D = 0.45V$, is:

$$
P_D = (700 mA)^2 (0.15 \Omega) \left[\left(\frac{6 + 0.45}{3 - \frac{0.7 \times 6 \times 0.15}{3}} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{6 + 0.45}{3 - \frac{0.7 \times 6 \times 0.15}{3}} \right) \right] + \frac{(0.7)(6 + 0.45 - 3)}{27}
$$

 $= 223$ mW $+$ 89mW $= 312$ mW

Using the CS8 package with 100 sq. mm topside and backside heat sinking:

 $\Delta T = (312 \text{mW})(84^{\circ} \text{C/W}) = 25.9^{\circ} \text{C}$ rise

With the N8 package:

 $\Delta T = 31.2$ °C

At a 70°C ambient, die temperature would be 101.2°C.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS U

Single Cell to 5V/150mA Converter

2V to 12V/120mA Converter

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS U

3 Cell to 3.3V Buck-Boost Converter with Auxiliary 12V Regulated Output

T1 = DALE LPE-6562-A069, 1:3:1:1:1 TURNS RATIO, 10µH PRIMARY. DALE (605) 665-9301

D1, D2 = D2 = MOTOROLA MBRS130LT3
C1 = AVX TPSE107016R0100

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C2 = AVX TPSE337006R0100

C3 = AVX TPSD476016R0150

2 Li-Ion Cell to 5.8V/600mA DC/DC Converter

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PACKAGE DESCRIPTION U Dimensions in inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted.

0.065 (1.651) TYP $0.045 - 0.065$ $(1.143 - 1.651)$ 0.130 ± 0.005 0.125 (3.175) MIN 1 2 3 4 8 7 6 5 $0.255\pm0.015^{\star}$ (6.477 ± 0.381) $0.400*$ (10.160) MAX $0.009 - 0.015$ $(0.229 - 0.381)$ $0.300 - 0.325$ $(7.620 - 8.255)$

N8 Package 8-Lead Plastic DIP

*THESE DIMENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS. MOLD FLASH OR PROTURSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.010 INCH (0.254mm).

> **S8 Package 8-Lead Plastic SOIC**

 $(0.355 - 0.483)$

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