

4MHz PWM 2A Buck Regulator with HyperLight Load[™] and Power Good

General Description

The MIC23153 is a high efficiency 4MHz 2A synchronous buck regulator with HyperLight Load[™] mode, Power Good output indicator, and programmable soft-start. HyperLight Load[™] provides very high efficiency at light loads and ultra-fast transient response which makes the MIC23153 perfectly suited for supplying processor core voltages. An additional benefit of this proprietary architecture is very low output ripple voltage throughout the entire load range with the use of small output capacitors. The tiny 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF[®] package saves precious board space and requires only four external components.

The MIC23153 is designed for use with a very small inductor, down to 0.47 μ H, and an output capacitor as small as 2.2 μ F that enables a total solution size, less than 1mm in height.

The MIC23153 has a very low quiescent current of 22μ A and achieves a peak efficiency of 93% in continuous conduction mode. In discontinuous conduction mode, the MIC23153 can achieve 85% efficiency at 1mA.

The MIC23153 is available in 10-pin 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin $MLF^{\mbox{\tiny B}}$ package with an operating junction temperature range from $-40^{\circ}C$ to $+125^{\circ}C$.

Datasheets and support documentation can be found on Micrel's web site at: www.micrel.com.

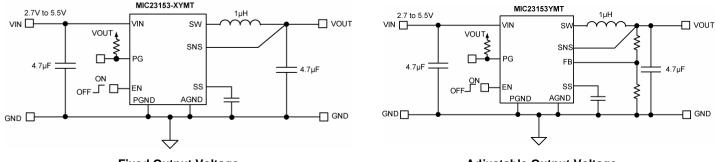
Features

- Input voltage: 2.7V to 5.5V
- Output voltage: fixed or adjustable (0.62V to 3.6V)
- Up to 2A output current
- Up to 93% peak efficiency
- 85% typical efficiency at 1mA
- Power Good output
- Programmable soft-start
- 22µA typical quiescent current
- 4MHz PWM operation in continuous mode
- Ultra fast transient response
- Low ripple output voltage
 - 35mVpp ripple in HyperLight Load[™] mode
 - 5mV output voltage ripple in full PWM mode
- Fully integrated MOSFET switches
- 0.01µA shutdown current
- Thermal shutdown and current limit protection
- 10-pin 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF[®]
- -40°C to +125°C junction temperature range

Applications

- Solid State Drives (SSD)
- Mobile handsets
- Portable media/MP3 players
- Portable navigation devices (GPS)
- WiFi/WiMax/WiBro modules
- Wireless LAN cards
- Portable applications

Typical Application



Fixed Output Voltage

Adjustable Output Voltage

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Ordering Information

Part Number	Marking Code	Nominal Output Voltage	Junction Temp. Range	Package
MIC23153-GYMT	WEG	1.8V	–40°C to +125°C	10-Pin 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin $MLF^{^{ extsf{B}}}$
MIC23153YMT	WEA	Adjustable	–40°C to +125°C	10-Pin 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin $MLF^{^{ extsf{B}}}$

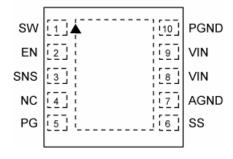
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1. Other options available (1V - 3.3V). Contact Micrel Marketing for details.

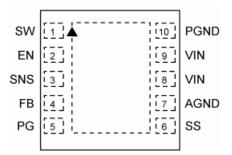
2. Thin MLF[®] is GREEN RoHS compliant package. Lead finish is NiPdAu. Mold compound is Halogen Free.

3. Thin $MLF^{\otimes} \blacktriangle$ = Pin 1 identifier.

Pin Configuration



2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF[®] (MT) Fixed Output Voltage (Top View)



2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF[®] (MT) Adjustable Output Voltage (Top View)

Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Number	Pin Name	Pin Function
(Fixed)	(Adjustable)		
1	1	SW	Switch (Output): Internal power MOSFET output switches.
2	2	EN	Enable (Input): Logic high enables operation of the regulator. Logic low will shut down the device. Do not leave floating.
3	3	SNS	Sense: Connect to V_{OUT} as close to output capacitor as possible to sense output voltage.
4	-	NC	Not Internally Connected.
-	4	FB	Feedback: Connect a resistor divider from the output to ground to set the output voltage.
5	5	PG	Power Good: Open drain output for the power good indicator. Use a pull- up resistor from this pin to a voltage source to detect a power good condition.
6	6	SS	Soft Start: Place a capacitor from this pin to ground to program the soft start time. Do not leave floating, 100pF minimum C_{SS} is required.
7	7	AGND	Analog Ground: Connect to central ground point where all high current paths meet (C_{IN} , C_{OUT} , PGND) for best operation.
8,9	8,9	VIN	Input Voltage: Connect a capacitor to ground to decouple the noise.
10	10	PGND	Power Ground.

Absolute Maximum Ratings⁽¹⁾

Operating Ratings⁽²⁾

Supply Voltage (V _{IN})	2.7V to 5.5V
Enable Input Voltage (V _{EN})	0V to V _{IN}
Sense Voltage (V _{SNS})	0.62V to 3.6V
Junction Temperature Range (T _J)	$-40^{\circ}C \le T_J \le +125^{\circ}C$
Thermal Resistance	
2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF-10 (θ_{JA})	90°C/W
2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF-10 (θ_{JC})	63°C/W

Electrical Characteristics⁽⁴⁾

 $T_A = 25^{\circ}C; V_{IN} = V_{EN} = 3.6V; L = 1.0 \mu H; C_{OUT} = 4.7 \mu F \text{ unless otherwise specified.}$ **Bold** values indicate $-40^{\circ}C \le T_J \le +125^{\circ}C$, unless noted.

Parameter	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Supply Voltage Range		2.7		5.5	V
Under-Voltage Lockout Threshold	(turn-on)	2.45	2.55	2.65	V
Under-Voltage Lockout Hysteresis			75		mV
Quiescent Current	I _{OUT} = 0mA , SNS > 1.2 * V _{OUT} Nominal		22	45	μA
Shutdown Current	V _{EN} = 0V; V _{IN} = 5.5V		0.01	5	μA
Output Voltage Accuracy	V_{IN} = 3.6V if V_{OUTNOM} < 2.5V, I_{LOAD} = 20mA V_{IN} = 4.5V if $V_{OUTNOM} \ge$ 2.5V, I_{LOAD} = 20mA	-2.5		+2.5	%
Feedback Regulation Voltage	$I_{\text{LOAD}} = 20\text{mA}$	0.6045	0.62	0.635	V
Current Limit	SNS = 0.9*V _{OUTNOM}	2.2	3.3		Α
Output Voltage Line Regulation	V_{IN} = 3.6V to 5.5V if V_{OUTNOM} < 2.5V, I_{LOAD} = 20mA V_{IN} = 4.5V to 5.5V if $V_{OUTNOM} \ge 2.5V$, I_{LOAD} = 20mA		0.3		%/V
Output Voltage Load Regulation	$\label{eq:20mA} \begin{array}{l} 20mA < I_{LOAD} < 500mA, \ V_{IN} = 3.6V \ \text{if} \ V_{OUTNOM} < 2.5V \\ 20mA < I_{LOAD} < 500mA, \ V_{IN} = 5.0V \ \text{if} \ V_{OUTNOM} \geq 2.5V \end{array}$		0.3		%
	20mA < I _{LOAD} < 1A, V _{IN} = 3.6V if V _{OUTNOM} < 2.5V 20mA < I _{LOAD} < 1A, V _{IN} = 5.0V if V _{OUTNOM} ≥ 2.5V		0.7		%
PWM Switch ON-Resistance	I _{SW} = 100mA PMOS		0.2		Ω
	I _{SW} = -100mA NMOS		0.19		
Switching Frequency	I _{OUT} = 120mA		4		MHz
Soft Start Time	V _{OUT} = 90%, C _{SS} = 470pF		320		μs
Soft Start Current	V _{SS} = 0V		2.7		μA
Power Good Threshold (Rising)		86	92	96	%
Power Good Threshold Hysteresis			7		%
Power Good Delay Time	Rising		68		μs
Enable Threshold	Turn-On	0.5	0.9	1.2	V
Enable Input Current			0.1	2	μA
Over-temperature Shutdown			160		°C
Over-temperature Shutdown Hysteresis			20		°C

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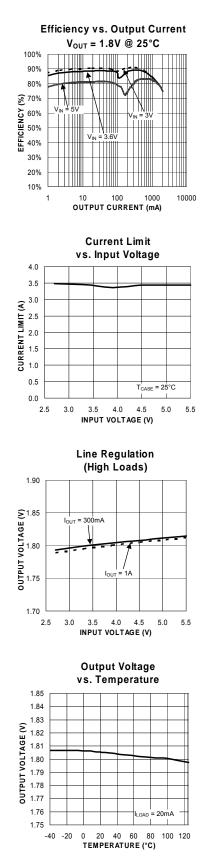
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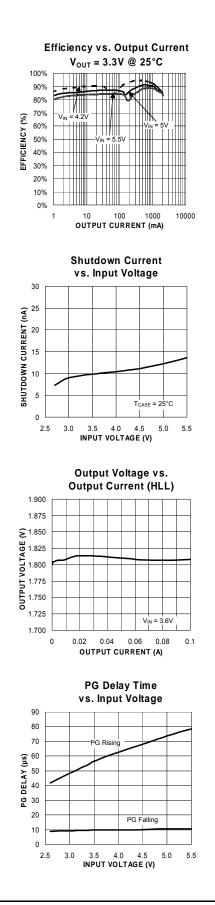
2. The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating rating.

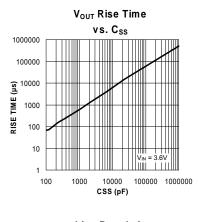
3. Devices are ESD sensitive. Handling precautions recommended. Human body model, $1.5k\Omega$ in series with 100pF.

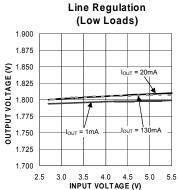
4. Specification for packaged product only.

Typical Characteristics

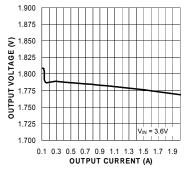




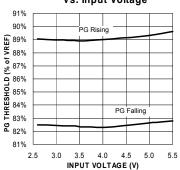




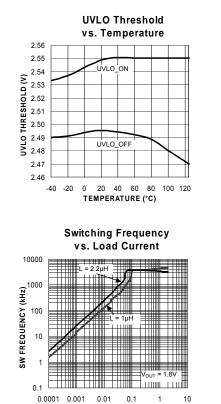
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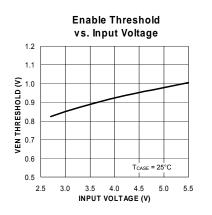
PG Thresholds vs. Input Voltage

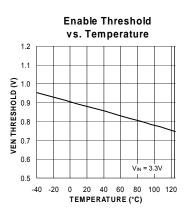


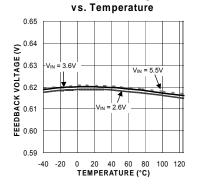
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LOAD CURRENT (A)

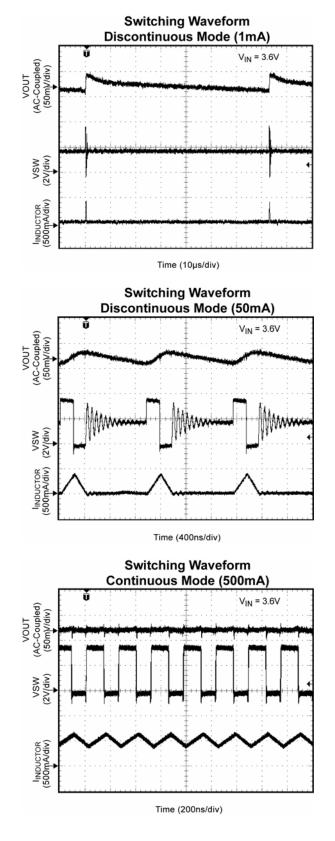


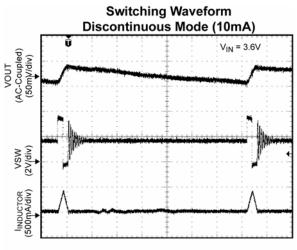




Feedback Voltage

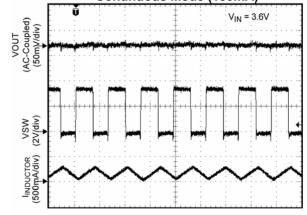
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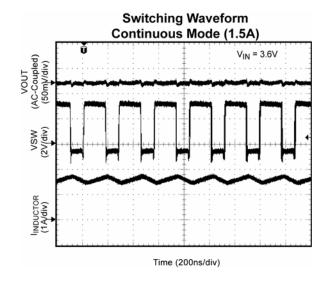


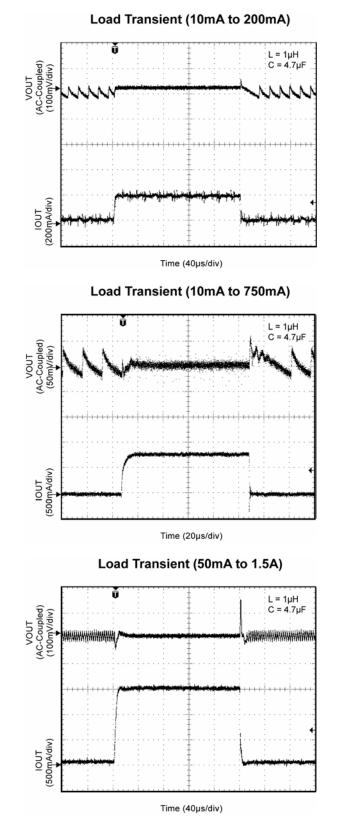
Time (1µs/div)

Switching Waveform Continuous Mode (150mA)



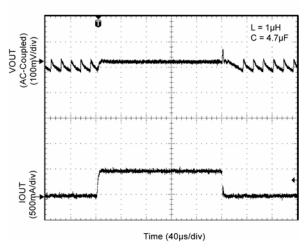
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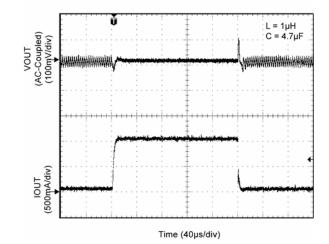


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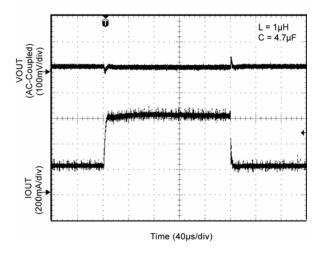
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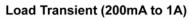
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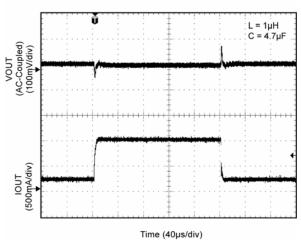


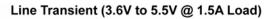
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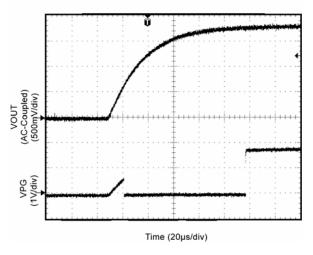




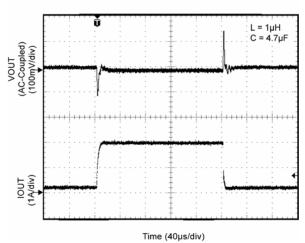


Time (100µs/div)

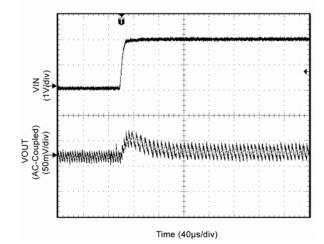
Start-Up and PG Waveform



Load Transient (200mA to 2A)



Line Transient (3.6V to 5.5V @ 20mA Load)



Functional Diagram

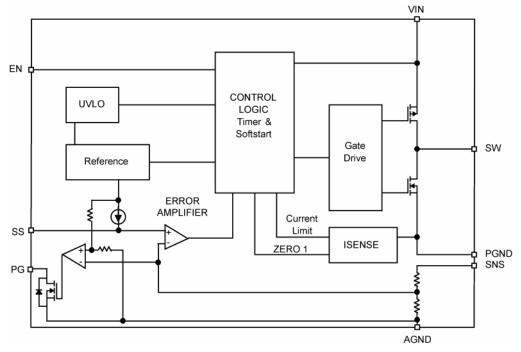


Figure 1. Simplified MIC23153 Functional Block Diagram – Fixed Output Voltage

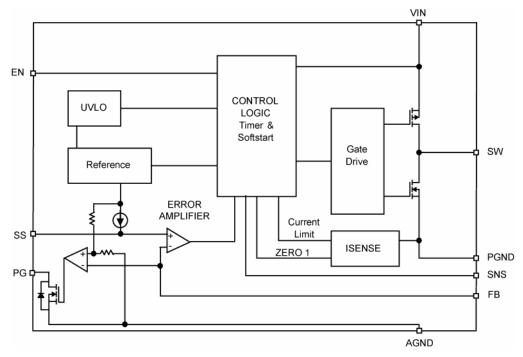


Figure 2. Simplified MIC23153 Functional Block Diagram – Adjustable Output Voltage

Functional Description

VIN

The input supply (VIN) provides power to the internal MOSFETs for the switch mode regulator along with the internal control circuitry. The VIN operating range is 2.7V to 5.5V so an input capacitor, with a minimum voltage rating of 6.3V, is recommended. Due to the high switching speed, a minimum 2.2 μ F bypass capacitor placed close to VIN and the power ground (PGND) pin is required. Refer to the layout recommendations for details.

ΕN

A logic high signal on the enable pin activates the output voltage of the device. A logic low signal on the enable pin deactivates the output and reduces supply current to 0.01μ A. MIC23153 features external soft-start circuitry via the soft start (SS) pin that reduces in-rush current and prevents the output voltage from overshooting at start up. Do not leave the EN pin floating.

SW

The switch (SW) connects directly to one end of the inductor and provides the current path during switching cycles. The other end of the inductor is connected to the load, SNS pin and output capacitor. Due to the high speed switching on this pin, the switch node should be routed away from sensitive nodes whenever possible.

SNS

The sense (SNS) pin is connected to the output of the device to provide feedback to the control circuitry. The SNS connection should be placed close to the output capacitor. Refer to the layout recommendations for more details.

AGND

The analog ground (AGND) is the ground path for the biasing and control circuitry. The current loop for the signal ground should be separate from the power ground (PGND) loop. Refer to the layout recommendations for more details.

PGND

The power ground pin is the ground path for the high

current in PWM mode. The current loop for the power ground should be as small as possible and separate from the analog ground (AGND) loop as applicable. Refer to the layout recommendations for more details.

PG

The power good (PG) pin is an open drain output which indicates logic high when the output voltage is typically above 92% of its steady state voltage. A pull-up resistor of more than 5kOhms should be connected from PG to V_{OUT} .

SS

The soft start (SS) pin is used to control the output voltage ramp up time. The approximate equation for the ramp time in milliseconds is $270 \times 10^3 \times \ln(10) \times C_{SS}$. For example, for a $C_{SS} = 470 \text{pF}$, $T_{\text{rise}} \sim 300 \mu \text{s}$. See the Typical Characteristics curve for a graphical guide. The minimum recommended value for C_{SS} is 100pF.

FB

The feedback (FB) pin is provided for the adjustable voltage option (no internal connection for fixed options). This is the control input for programming the output voltage. A resistor divider network is connected to this pin from the output and is compared to the internal 0.62V reference within the regulation loop.

The output voltage can be programmed between 0.65V and 3.6V using the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right)$$

Where: R1 is the top resistor, R2 is the bottom resistor. Example feedback resistor values:

V _{OUT}	R1	R2
1.2V	274k	294k
1.5V	316k	221k
1.8V	301k	158k
2.5V	324k	107k
3.3V	309k	71.5k

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Application Information

The MIC23153 is a high performance DC-to-DC step down regulator offering a small solution size. Supporting an output current up to 2A inside a tiny 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF[®] package, the IC requires only three external components while meeting today's miniature portable electronic device needs. Using the HyperLight LoadTM switching scheme, the MIC23153 is able to maintain high efficiency throughout the entire load range while providing ultra-fast load transient response. The following sections provide additional device application information.

Input Capacitor

A 2.2 μ F ceramic capacitor or greater should be placed close to the VIN pin and PGND pin for bypassing. A Murata GRM188R60J475ME84D, size 0603, 4.7 μ F ceramic capacitor is recommended based upon performance, size and cost. A X5R or X7R temperature rating is recommended for the input capacitor. Y5V temperature rating capacitors, aside from losing most of their capacitance over temperature, can also become resistive at high frequencies. This reduces their ability to filter out high frequency noise.

Output Capacitor

The MIC23153 is designed for use with a 2.2μ F or greater ceramic output capacitor. Increasing the output capacitance will lower output ripple and improve load transient response but could also increase solution size or cost. A low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic output capacitor such as the Murata GRM188R60J475ME84D, size 0603, 4.7μ F ceramic capacitor is recommended based upon performance, size and cost. Both the X7R or X5R temperature rating capacitors are recommended. The Y5V and Z5U temperature rating capacitors are not recommended due to their wide variation in capacitance over temperature and increased resistance at high frequencies.

Inductor Selection

When selecting an inductor, it is important to consider the following factors (not necessarily in the order of importance):

- Inductance
- Rated current value
- Size requirements
- DC resistance (DCR)

The MIC23153 is designed for use with a 0.47μ H to 2.2 μ H inductor. For faster transient response, a 0.47μ H inductor will yield the best result. For lower output ripple, a 2.2 μ H inductor is recommended.

Maximum current ratings of the inductor are generally given in two methods; permissible DC current and saturation current. Permissible DC current can be rated either for a 40°C temperature rise or a 10% to 20% loss

in inductance. Ensure the inductor selected can handle the maximum operating current. When saturation current is specified, make sure that there is enough margin so that the peak current does not cause the inductor to saturate. Peak current can be calculated as follows:

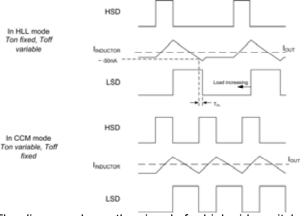
$$I_{PEAK} = \left[I_{OUT} + V_{OUT} \left(\frac{1 - V_{OUT} / V_{IN}}{2 \times f \times L} \right) \right]$$

As shown by the calculation above, the peak inductor current is inversely proportional to the switching frequency and the inductance; the lower the switching frequency or the inductance the higher the peak current. As input voltage increases, the peak current also increases.

The size of the inductor depends on the requirements of the application. Refer to the Typical Application Circuit and Bill of Materials for details.

DC resistance (DCR) is also important. While DCR is inversely proportional to size, DCR can represent a significant efficiency loss. Refer to the Efficiency Considerations.

The transition between high loads (CCM) to Hyperlight load (HLL) mode is determined by the inductor ripple current and the load current.



The diagram shows the signals for high side switch drive (HSD) for Ton control, the Inductor current and the low side switch drive (LSD) for Toff control.

In HLL mode, the inductor is charged with a fixed Ton pulse on the high side switch (HSD). After this, the LSD is switched on and current falls at a rate V_{OUT}/L . The controller remains in HLL mode while the inductor falling current is detected to cross approximately -50mA. When the LSD (or Toff) time reaches its minimum and the inductor falling current is no longer able to reach this - 50mA threshold, the part is in CCM mode and switching at a virtually constant frequency.

Once in CCM mode, the Toff time will not vary. Therefore, it is important to note that if L is large enough, the HLL transition level will not be triggered.

That inductor is:

$$L_{MAX} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot 135ns}{2 \cdot 50mA}$$

Compensation

The MIC23153 is designed to be stable with a 0.47 μ H to 2.2 μ H inductor with a 4.7 μ F ceramic (X5R) output capacitor.

Duty Cycle

The typical maximum duty cycle of the MIC23153 is 80%.

Efficiency Considerations

Efficiency is defined as the amount of useful output power, divided by the amount of power supplied.

Efficiency % =
$$\left(\frac{V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \times I_{IN}}\right) \times 100$$

Maintaining high efficiency serves two purposes. It reduces power dissipation in the power supply, reducing the need for heat sinks and thermal design considerations and it reduces consumption of current for battery-powered applications. Reduced current draw from a battery increases the devices operating time and is critical in hand held devices.

There are two types of losses in switching converters; DC losses and switching losses. DC losses are simply the power dissipation of 1^2 R. Power is dissipated in the high side switch during the on cycle. Power loss is equal to the high side MOSFET R_{DSON} multiplied by the Switch Current squared. During the off cycle, the low side N-channel MOSFET conducts, also dissipating power. Device operating current also reduces efficiency. The product of the quiescent (operating) current and the supply voltage represents another DC loss. The current required driving the gates on and off at a constant 4MHz frequency and the switching transitions make up the switching losses.

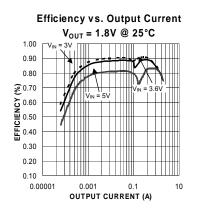


Figure 2. Efficiency Under Load

The figure above shows an efficiency curve. From no load to 100mA, efficiency losses are dominated by quiescent current losses, gate drive and transition losses. By using the HyperLight Load[™] mode, the MIC23153 is able to maintain high efficiency at low

output currents.

Over 100mA, efficiency loss is dominated by MOSFET R_{DSON} and inductor losses. Higher input supply voltages will increase the Gate-to-Source threshold on the internal MOSFETs, thereby reducing the internal R_{DSON} . This improves efficiency by reducing DC losses in the device. All but the inductor losses are inherent to the device. In which case, inductor selection becomes increasingly critical in efficiency calculations. As the inductors are reduced in size, the DC resistance (DCR) can become quite significant. The DCR losses can be calculated as follows:

$$P_{DCR} = I_{OUT}^2 \times DCR$$

From that, the loss in efficiency due to inductor resistance can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Efficiency Loss} = \left[1 - \left(\frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}} + P_{\text{DCR}}}\right)\right] \times 100$$

Efficiency loss due to DCR is minimal at light loads and gains significance as the load is increased. Inductor selection becomes a trade-off between efficiency and size in this case.

HyperLight Load[™] Mode

MIC23153 uses a minimum on and off time proprietary control loop (patented by Micrel). When the output voltage falls below the regulation threshold, the error comparator begins a switching cycle that turns the PMOS on and keeps it on for the duration of the minimum-on-time. This increases the output voltage. If the output voltage is over the regulation threshold, then the error comparator turns the PMOS off for a minimumoff-time until the output drops below the threshold. The NMOS acts as an ideal rectifier that conducts when the PMOS is off. Using a NMOS switch instead of a diode allows for lower voltage drop across the switching device when it is on. The asynchronous switching combination between the PMOS and the NMOS allows the control loop to work in discontinuous mode for light load operations. In discontinuous mode, the MIC23153 works in pulse frequency modulation (PFM) to regulate the output. As the output current increases, the off-time decreases, thus provides more energy to the output. This switching scheme improves the efficiency of MIC23153 during light load currents by only switching when it is needed. As the load current increases, the MIC23153 goes into continuous conduction mode (CCM) and switches at a frequency centered at 4MHz. The equation to calculate the load when the MIC23153 goes into continuous conduction mode may be approximated by the following formula:

$$I_{LOAD} > \left(\frac{(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times D}{2L \times f}\right)$$

As shown in the previous equation, the load at which the MIC23153 transitions from HyperLight Load[™] mode to

PWM mode is a function of the input voltage (V_{IN}), output voltage (V_{OUT}), duty cycle (D), inductance (L) and frequency (f). As shown in Figure 3, as the Output Current increases, the switching frequency also increases until the MIC23153 goes from HyperLight LoadTM mode to PWM mode at approximately 120mA. The MIC23153 will switch at a relatively constant frequency around 4MHz once the output current is over 120mA.

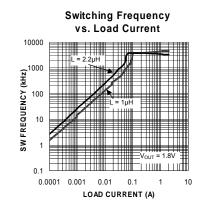
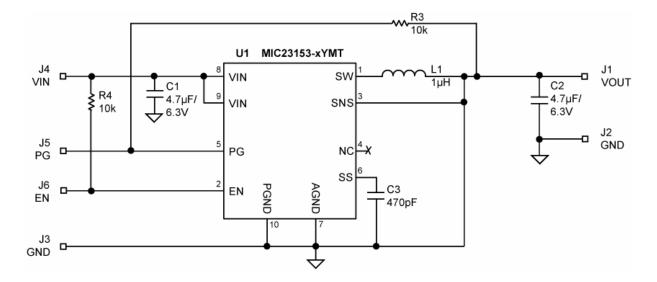


Figure 3. SW Frequency vs. Output Current

Typical Application Circuit (Fixed Output)



Bill of Materials

ltem	Part Number	Manufacturer	Description	Qty.	
C1	C1608X5R0J475K	TDK ⁽¹⁾		1	
	GRM188R60J475KE19D	Murata ⁽²⁾	Coromia Consoltar 4 7uE 6 21/ XED Size 0602		
C2	C1608X5R0J475K	TDK	Ceramic Capacitor, 4.7µF, 6.3V, X5R, Size 0603		
	GRM188R60J475KE84D	Murata		I	
C3	C1608NPO0J471K	TDK	Ceramic Capacitor, 470pF, 6.3V, NPO, Size 0603	1	
L1	VLS3012ST-1R0N1R9	TDK	1μH, 2A, 60mΩ, L3.0mm x W3.0mm x H1.0mm	1	
	LQH44PN1R0NJ0	Murata	1μH, 2.8A, 50mΩ, L4.0mm x W4.0mm x H1.2mm		
R3	CRCW06031002FKEA	Vishay ⁽³⁾	Resistor,10k, Size 0603	1	
R4	CRCW06031002FKEA	Vishay	Resistor,10k, Size 0603	1	
U1	MIC23153-xYMT	Micrel, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	4MHz 2A Buck Regulator with HyperLight Load™ Mode	1	

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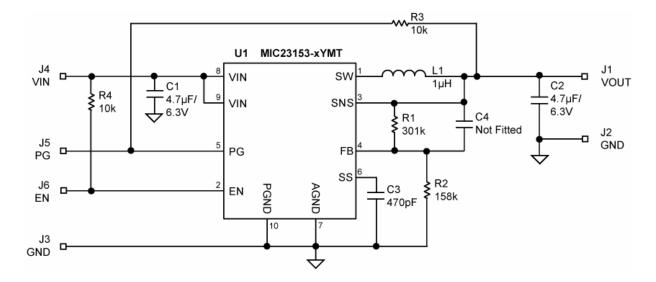
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Typical Application Circuit (Adjustable Output)



Bill of Materials

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C1	C1608X5R0J475K	TDK ⁽¹⁾		1	
	GRM188R60J475KE19D	Murata ⁽²⁾	Coromia Consultar 4 7uE 6 21/ XED Size 0602		
C2	C1608X5R0J475K	TDK	Ceramic Capacitor, 4.7µF, 6.3V, X5R, Size 0603	4	
	GRM188R60J475KE84D	Murata		1	
C3	C1608NPO0J471K	TDK	Ceramic Capacitor, 470pF, 6.3V, NPO, Size 0603	1	
C4	-	-	Not Fitted (NF)	0	
	VLS3010ST-1R0N1R9	TDK	1μH, 2A, 60mΩ, L3.0mm x W3.0mm x H1.0mm	1	
L1	LQH44PN1R0NJ0	Murata ⁽²⁾	1μH, 2.8A, 50mΩ, L4.0mm x W4.0mm x H1.2mm		
R1	CRCW06033013FKEA	Vishay ⁽³⁾	Resistor,301k, Size 0603	1	
R2	CRCW06031583FKEA	Vishay	Resistor,158k, Size 0603	1	
R3	CRCW06031002FKEA	Vishay	Resistor,10k, Size 0603	1	
R4	CRCW06031002FKEA	Vishay	Resistor,10k, Size 0603	1	
U1	MIC23153-AYMT	Micrel, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾	4MHz 2A Buck Regulator with HyperLight Load™ Mode	1	

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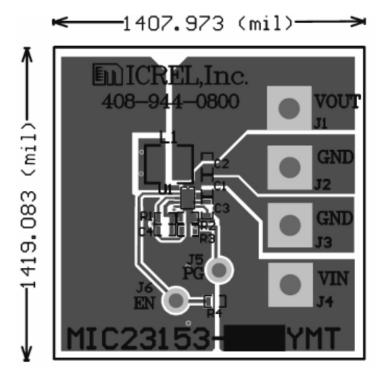
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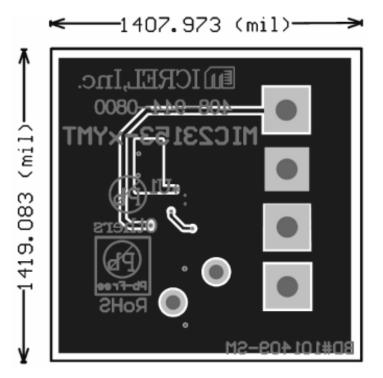
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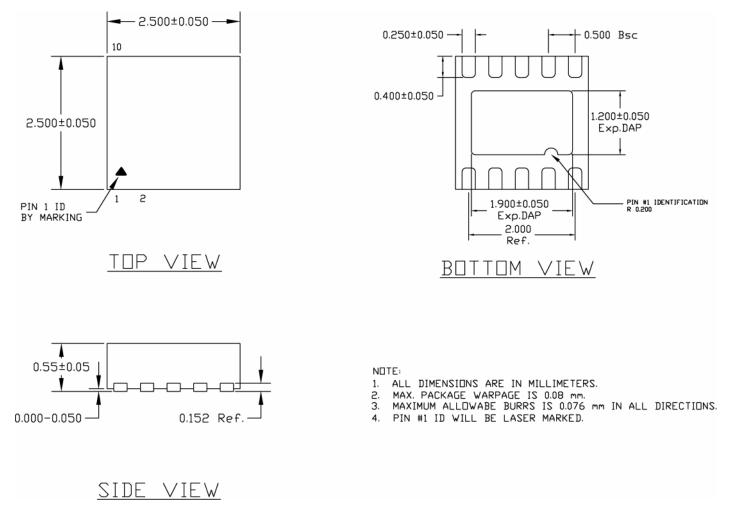


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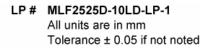
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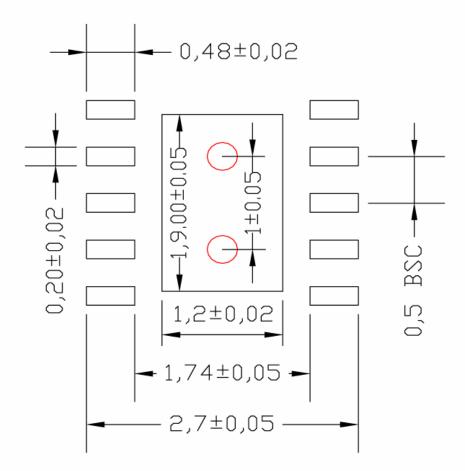
Package Information



10-Pin 2.5mm x 2.5mm Thin MLF[®]

Recommended Land Pattern





Red circle indicates Thermal Via. Size should be .300-.350 mm in diameter and it should be connected to GND plane for maximum thermal performance.

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