



# MPM3833C

## 2.75 - 6V, 3A, Ultra-Small and Ultra-Low Noise Power Module

### DESCRIPTION

The MPM3833C is a step-down module converter with built-in power MOSFETs and inductor. The MPM3833C achieves 3A of continuous output current from a 2.75V to 6V input voltage with excellent load and line regulation. The MPM3833C works in forced continuous conduction mode (CCM) and has a voltage ripple under 10mV with one output capacitor, making it suitable for optical modules, FPGA, ASIC, and other applications requiring low ripple noise. The output voltage can be regulated as low as 0.6V. Only FB resistors, input capacitors, and output capacitors are needed to complete the design.

The constant-on-time control (COT) scheme provides fast transient response, high efficiency, and easy loop stabilization.

Full protection features include cycle-by-cycle current limiting and thermal shutdown.

The MPM3833C requires a minimal number of readily available, standard, external components and is available in an ultra-small QFN-18 (2.5mmx3.5mmx1.6mm) package.

### FEATURES

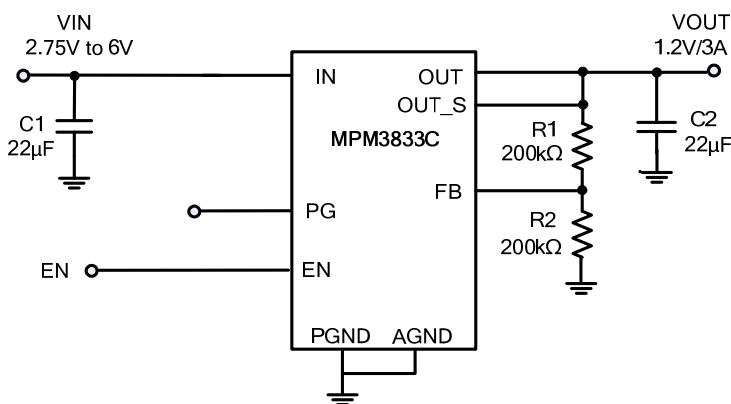
- Wide 2.75V to 6V Operating Input Range
- Adjustable Output from 0.6V
- Low Radiated Emissions (EMI) Complies with EN55022 Class B Standard
- Up to 3A Continuous Output Current
- 100% Duty Cycle in Dropout
- Forced Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM)
- Enable (EN) and Power Good (PG) for Power Sequencing
- Cycle-by-Cycle Over-Current Protection (OCP)
- Short-Circuit Protection (SCP) with Hiccup Mode
- Only Four External Components Needed
- Available in a QFN-18 (2.5mmx3.5mmx 1.6mm) Package

### APPLICATIONS

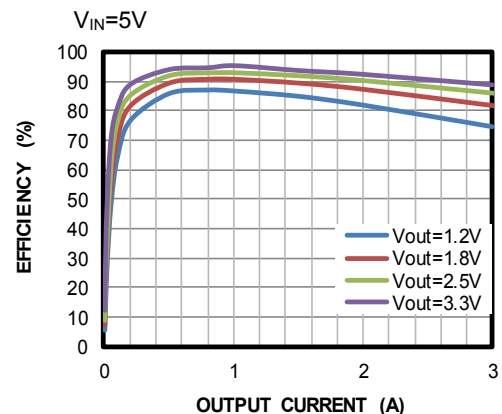
- FPGA, ASIC, DSP Power
- Optical Modules
- LDO Replacement
- Power for Portable Products
- Storage (SSD/HDD)
- Space-Limited Applications

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### TYPICAL APPLICATION



### Efficiency vs. Output Current



### ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number*	Package	Top Marking
MPM3833CGRH	QFN-18 (2.5mmx3.5mmx1.6mm)	See Below

\* For Tape & Reel, add suffix -Z (e.g. MPM3833CGRH-Z).

### TOP MARKING

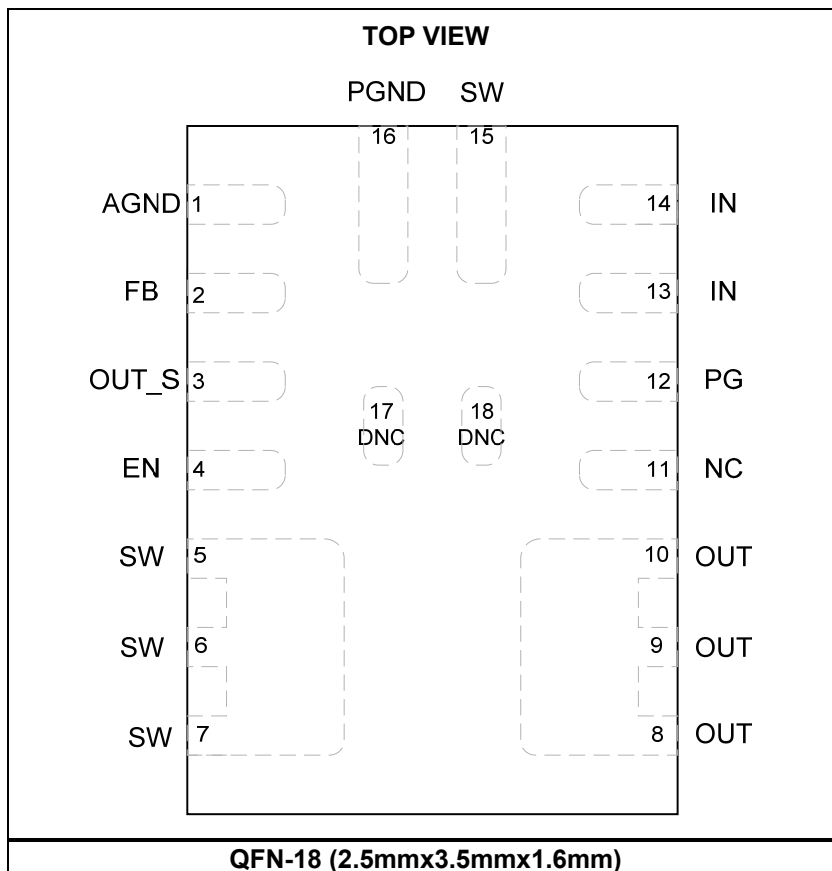
**BFX**

**YWW**

**LLL**

BFX: Product code of MPM3833CGRH  
 Y: Year code  
 WW: Week code  
 LLL: Lot number

### PACKAGE REFERENCE



**PIN FUNCTIONS**

Pin #	Name	Description
1	AGND	<b>Analog ground for the internal control circuit.</b>
2	FB	<b>Feedback.</b> An external resistor divider from the output to GND tapped to FB sets the output voltage.
3	OUT_S	<b>Output voltage sense.</b>
4	EN	<b>On/off control.</b>
5 - 7, 15	SW	<b>Switch output.</b>
8 - 10	OUT	<b>Power output.</b>
11	NC	<b>No connection.</b> Float or connect NC to GND.
12	PG	<b>Power good indicator.</b> The output of PG is an open drain with an internal pull-up resistor to IN. PG is pulled up to IN when the FB voltage is within 10% of the regulation level; otherwise, PG is low.
13, 14	IN	<b>Supply voltage to internal control circuitry.</b>
16	PGND	<b>Power ground.</b>
17, 18	DNC	<b>Do not connect.</b> Leave DNC floating.

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS** <sup>(1)</sup>

$V_{SW}$  ..... -0.3V (-5V for <10ns)  
to 6.5V (10V for <10ns)

All other pins ..... -0.3V to +6.5 V

Junction temperature ..... 150°C

Lead temperature ..... 260°C

Continuous power dissipation ( $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ) <sup>(2)(4)</sup>

QFN-18 ..... 3W

Storage temperature ..... -65°C to +150°C

**Recommended Operating Conditions** <sup>(3)</sup>

Supply voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) ..... 2.75V to 6V

Operating junction temp. ( $T_J$ ) ..... -40°C to +150°C

<b>Thermal Resistance</b>	$\theta_{JA}$	$\theta_{JC}$
EVM3833C-RH-00A <sup>(4)</sup>	42	13 ... °C/W
JESD51-7 <sup>(5)</sup>	50	12 ... °C/W

**NOTES:**

- Exceeding these ratings may damage the device.
- The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the maximum junction temperature  $T_J$  (MAX), the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance  $\theta_{JA}$ , and the ambient temperature  $T_A$ . The maximum allowable continuous power dissipation at any ambient temperature is calculated by  $P_D$  (MAX) =  $(T_J$  (MAX) -  $T_A$ ) /  $\theta_{JA}$ . Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation produces an excessive die temperature, causing the regulator to go into thermal shutdown. Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage.
- The device is not guaranteed to function outside of its operating conditions.
- Measured on EVM3833C-RH-00A, 2-layer PCB.
- The value of  $\theta_{JA}$  given in this table is only valid for comparison with other packages and cannot be used for design purposes. These values were calculated in accordance with JESD51-7 and simulated on a specified JEDEC board. They do not represent the performance obtained in an actual application.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ,  $T_J = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+125^{\circ}C$ , typical value is tested at  $T_J = +25^{\circ}C$ . The limit over temperature is guaranteed by characterization, unless otherwise noted.

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Feedback voltage	$V_{FB}$	$2.75V \leq V_{IN} \leq 6V$	591	600	609	mV
Feedback current	$I_{FB}$	$V_{FB} = 0.6V$		10		nA
Inductor L value	L	Inductance value at 1MHz		1		$\mu H$
Dropout resistance	$R_{DR}$	100% on duty		130		m $\Omega$
Switch leakage		$V_{EN} = 0V$ , $V_{IN} = 6V$ , $V_{SW} = 0V$ and $6V$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$		0	2	$\mu A$
P-FET peak current limit			3.6	6		A
N-FET valley current limit <sup>(6)</sup>				1.5		A
On time	$T_{ON}$	$V_{IN} = 5V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$		185		ns
		$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$		250		
Switching frequency	$F_s$	$V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , $I_{LOAD} = 1A$		1150		kHz
Minimum off time	$T_{MIN-OFF}$			230		ns
Minimum on time <sup>(6)</sup>	$T_{MIN-ON}$			80		ns
Soft-start time <sup>(6)</sup>	$T_{SS-ON}$			1.3		ms
Soft-stop time	$T_{SS-OFF}$			1.7		ms
Power good upper trip threshold		FB voltage in respect to the regulation		+10		%
Power good lower trip threshold				-10		%
Power good delay				100		$\mu s$
Power good sink current capability	$V_{PG\_LO}$	Sink 1mA			0.4	V
Power good logic high voltage	$V_{PG\_HI}$	$V_{IN} = 5V$ , $V_{FB} = 0.6V$	4			V
Power good internal pull-up resistor	$R_{PG}$			440		k $\Omega$
Under-voltage lockout threshold rising			2.3	2.5	2.75	V
Under-voltage lockout threshold hysteresis				400		mV
EN input logic low voltage					0.3	V
EN input logic high voltage			1.2			V
EN input current		$V_{EN} = 2V$		2		$\mu A$
		$V_{EN} = 0V$		0		$\mu A$
Supply current (shutdown)		$V_{EN} = 0V$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$		0	1	$\mu A$
Supply current (quiescent)		$V_{EN} = 2V$ , $V_{FB} = 0.63V$ , $V_{IN} = 3.6V$		500		$\mu A$
Thermal shutdown <sup>(7)</sup>				160		$^{\circ}C$
Thermal hysteresis <sup>(7)</sup>				30		$^{\circ}C$

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)**

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Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
<b>Converter System <sup>(6)</sup></b>						
Output voltage range			0.6		6	V
Recommended input capacitance	$C_{IN1}$	$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , $I_{OUT} = 2A$	4.7	22		$\mu F$
Output capacitance	$C_{OUT1}$	$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , $I_{OUT} = 2A$	10	22	100	$\mu F$
Output ripple		$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F$ , $I_{OUT} = 2A$		5		mV
Efficiency		$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , $I_{OUT} = 2A$		82		%
Load transient peak-to-peak voltage	$V_{P2P1}$	$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ to $2A@1A/\mu s$			100	mV

**NOTES:**

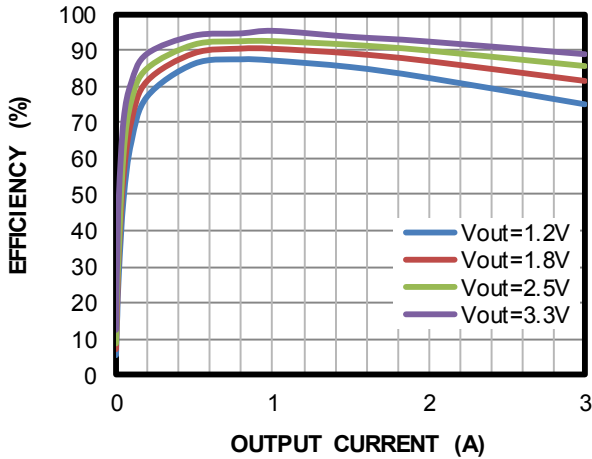
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### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

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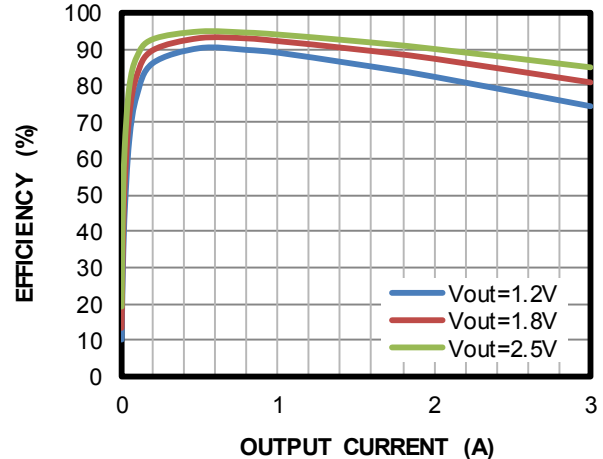
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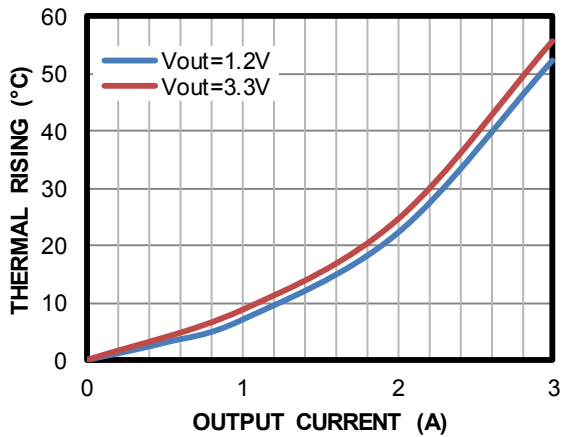


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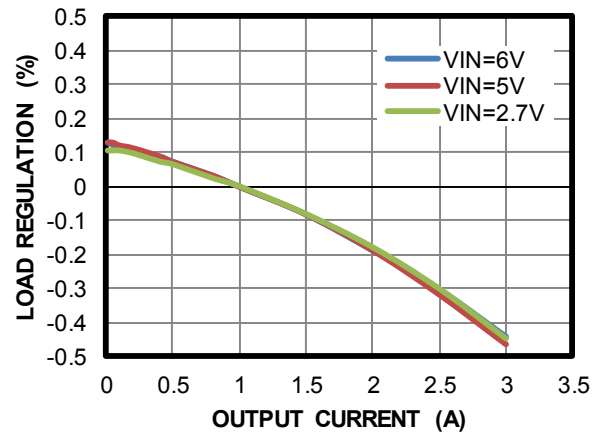
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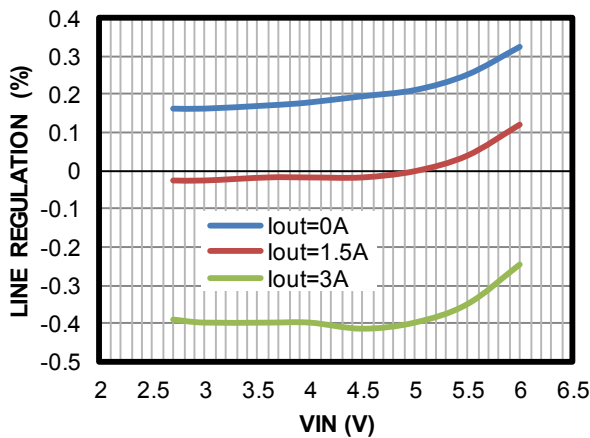
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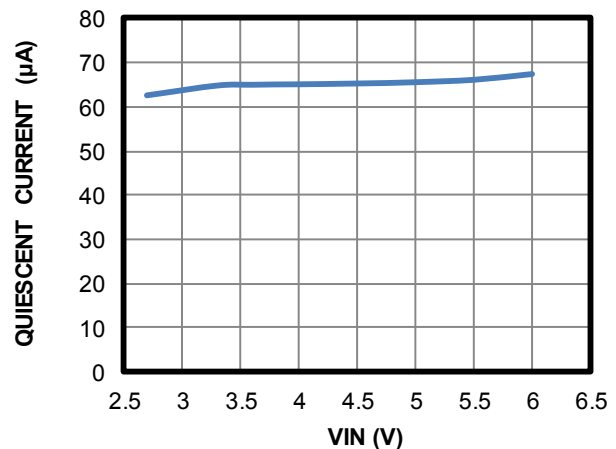
Load Regulation vs. Output Current



Line Regulation vs.  $V_{IN}$



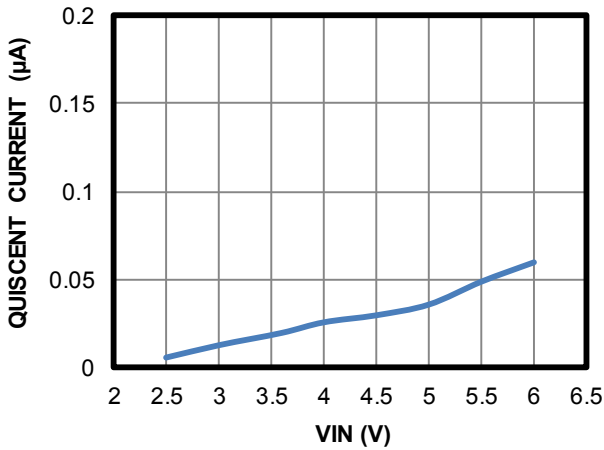
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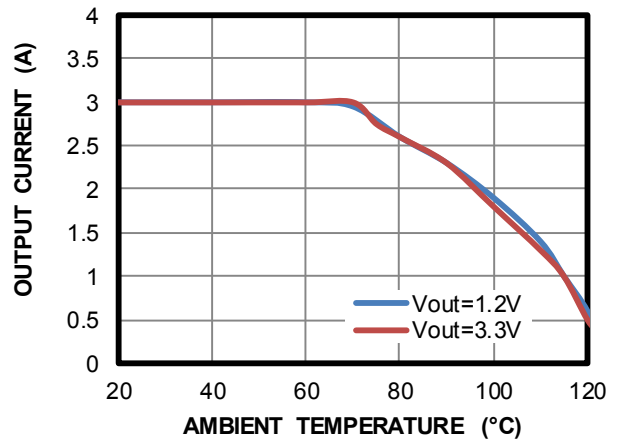
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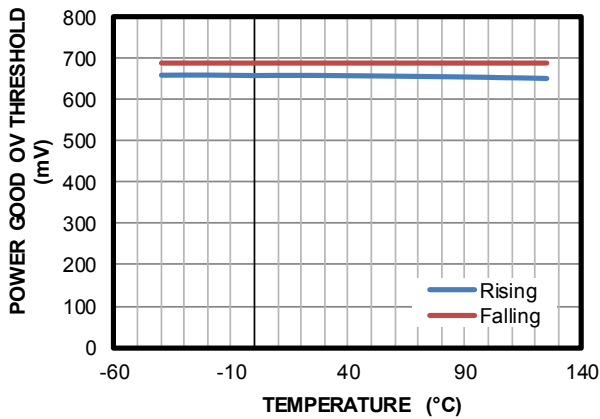
**Shutdown Current vs.  $V_{IN}$**



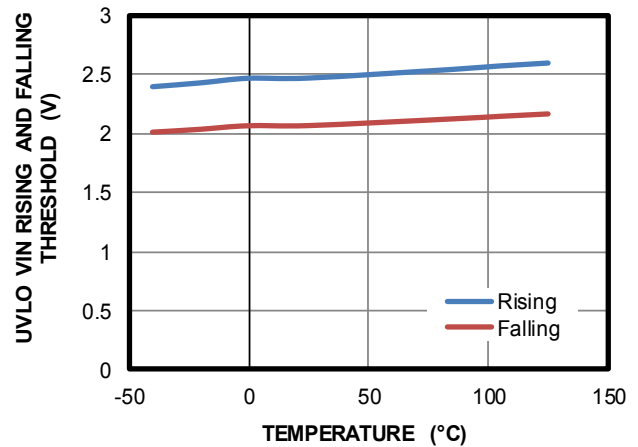
**Output Current vs. Ambient Temperature**  
 $T_J < 125^\circ C$



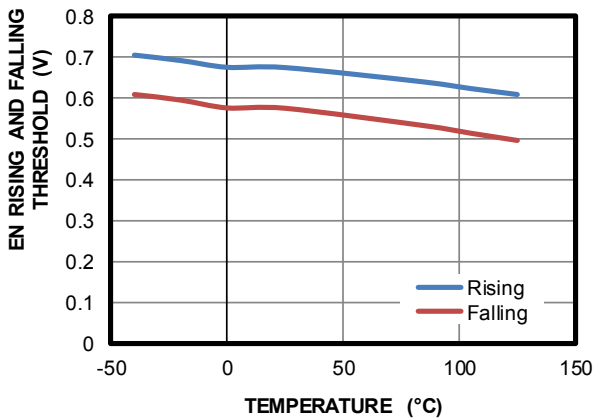
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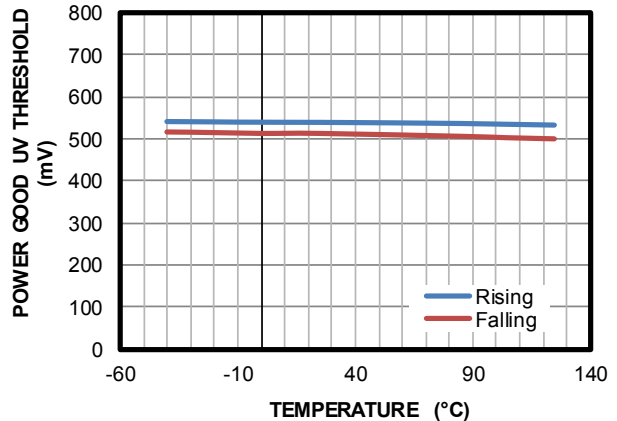
**UVLO  $V_{IN}$  Rising and Falling Threshold vs. Temperature**



**EN Rising and Falling Threshold vs. Temperature**



**Power Good UV Threshold vs. Temperature**

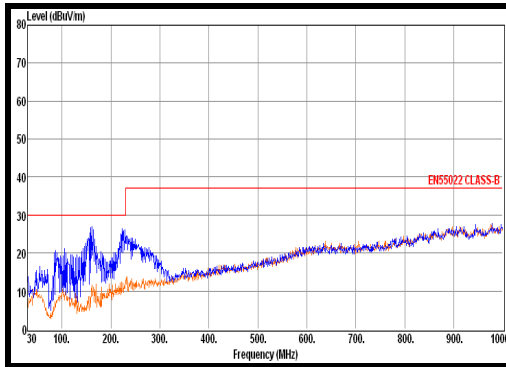


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#### Radiated Emission

$I_{OUT} = 3A$ , tested on EVM3833C-RH-00A



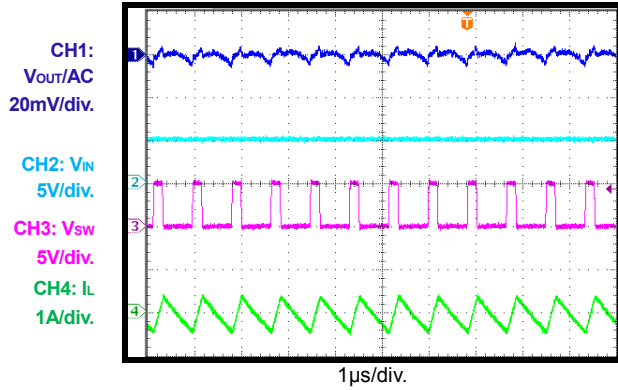


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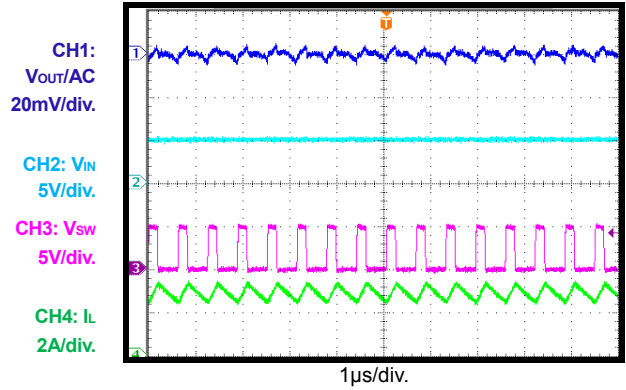
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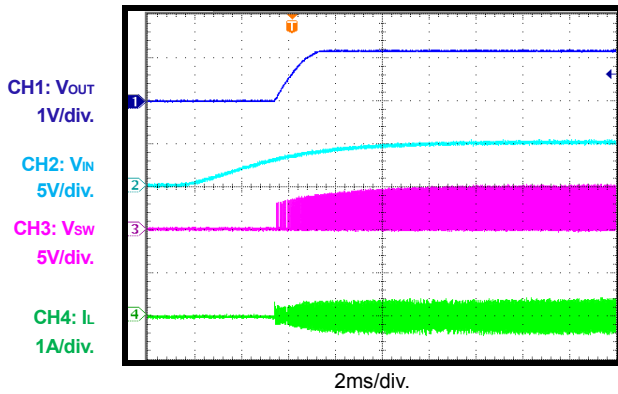
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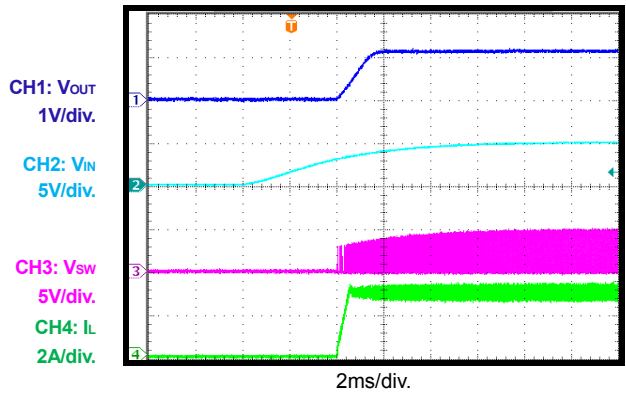
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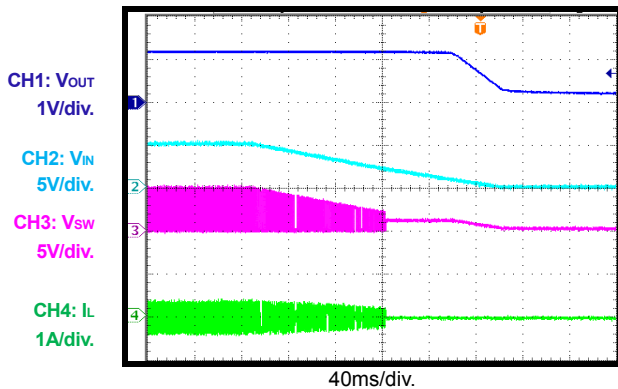
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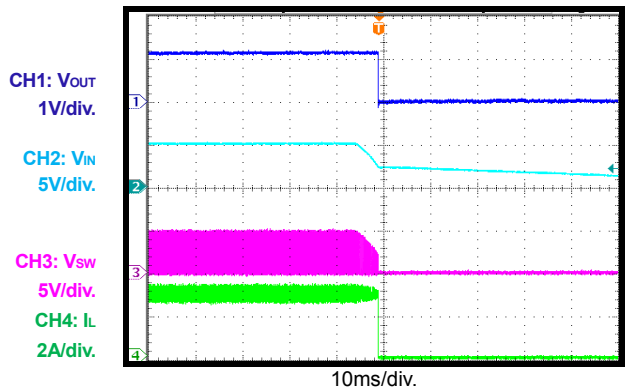
**$V_{IN}$  Shutdown**

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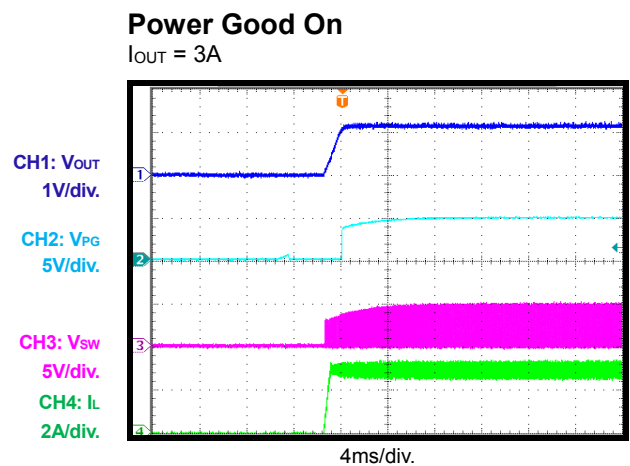
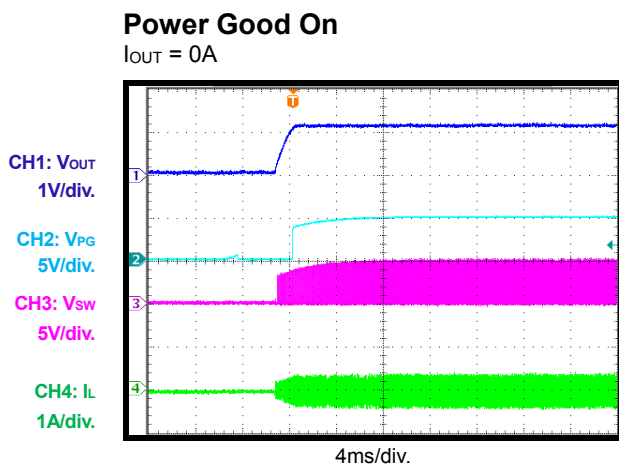
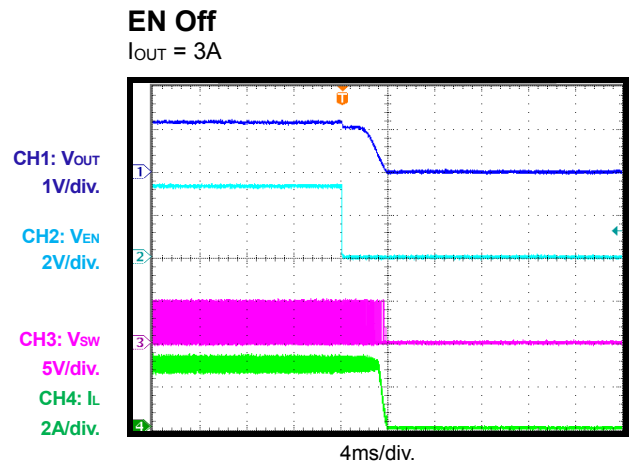
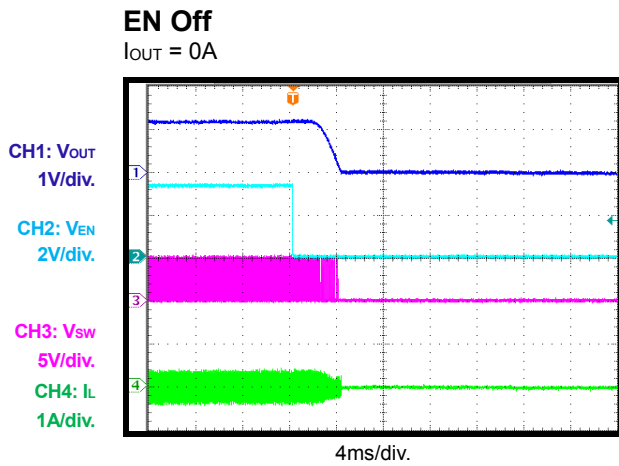
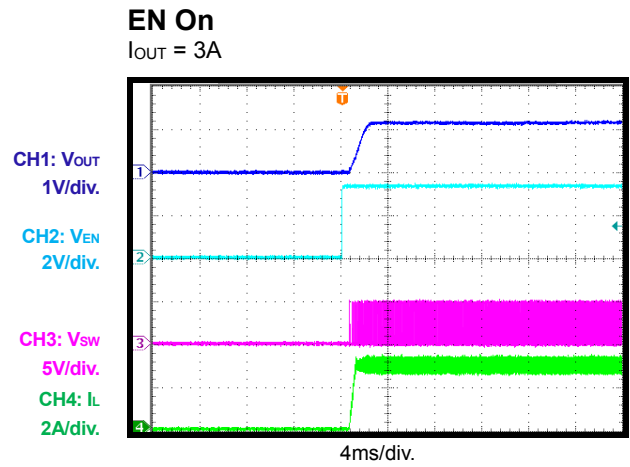
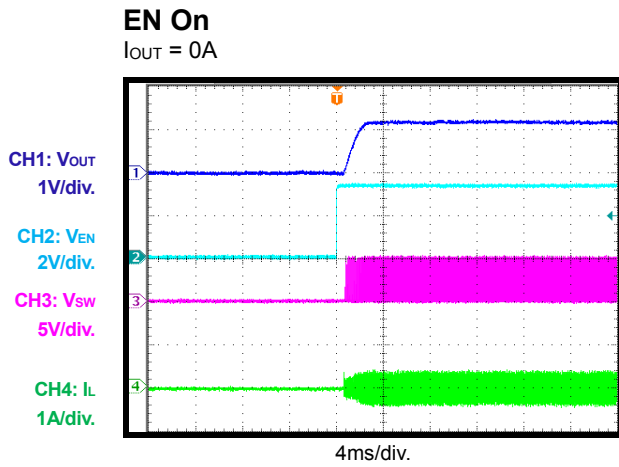
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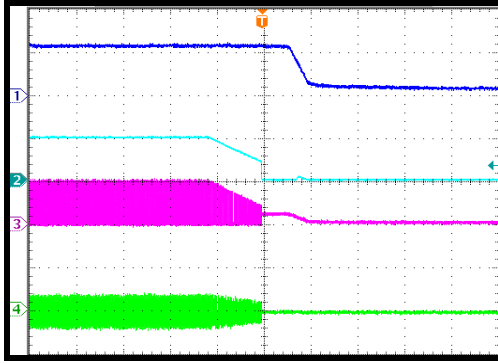
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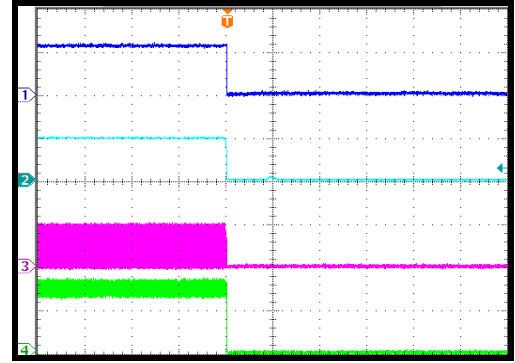
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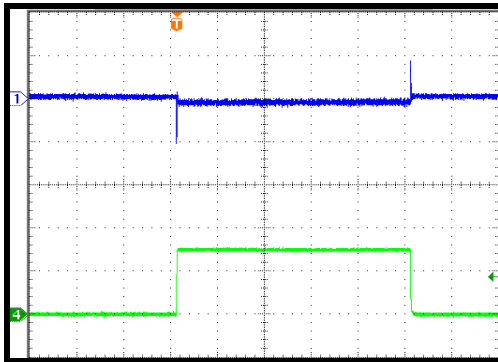


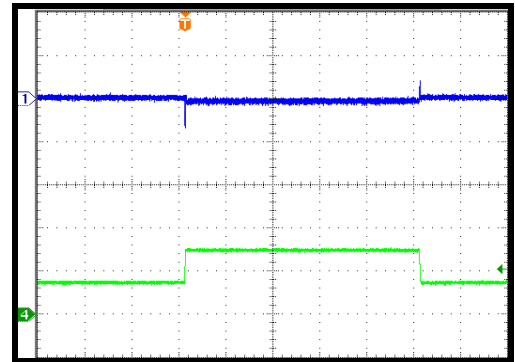
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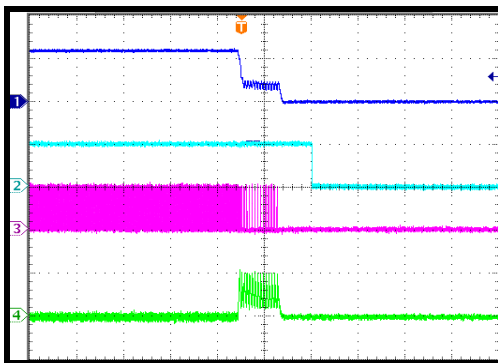
**Power Good Off**
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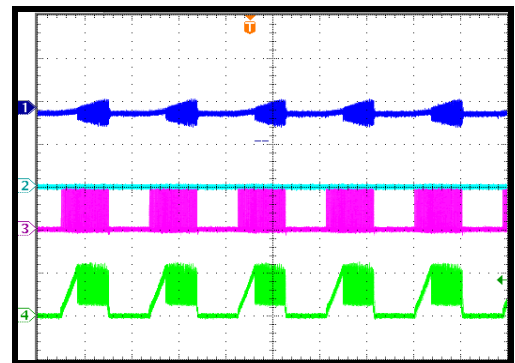
 CH1:  $V_{out}$   
1V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{PG}$   
5V/div.  
CH3:  $V_{sw}$   
5V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
1A/div.

**Power Good Off**
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 

 CH1:  $V_{out}$   
1V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{PG}$   
5V/div.  
CH3:  $V_{sw}$   
5V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.

**Load Transient**
 $I_{OUT} = 0 - 3A, 2.5A/\mu s$ 

 CH1:  $V_{out}/AC$   
50mV/div.

**Load Transient**
 $I_{OUT} = 1.5 - 3A, 2.5A/\mu s$ 

 CH1:  $V_{out}/AC$   
50mV/div.

**Short Entry**

 CH1:  $V_{out}$   
1V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{PG}$   
5V/div.  
CH3:  $V_{sw}$   
5V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
5A/div.

**Short Steady State**

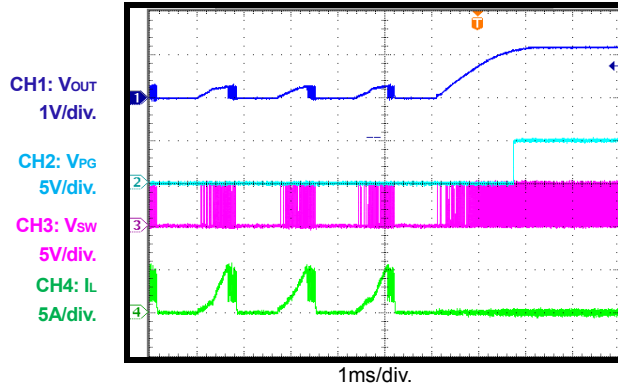
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5V/div.  
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5V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
5A/div.


### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS *(continued)*

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#### Short Recovery

$I_{OUT} = 0A$



### BLOCK DIAGRAM

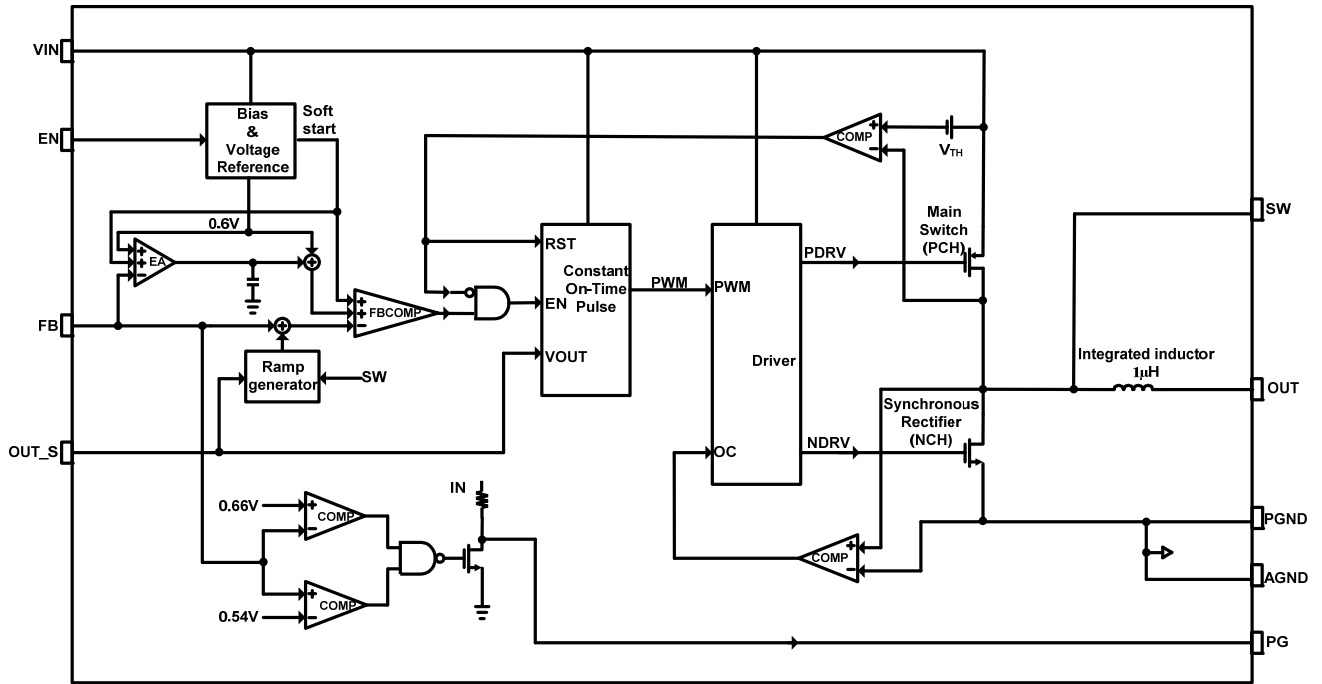


Figure 1: Functional Block Diagram

## OPERATION

The MPM3833C comes in a small surface-mounted QFN-18 (2.5mmx3.5mmx1.6mm) package. The MPM3833C's integrated inductor simplifies the schematic and layout design. Only FB resistors, input capacitors, and output capacitors are needed to complete the design. The MPM3833C uses constant-on-time (COT) control with input voltage feed-forward to stabilize the switching frequency over the full input range.

### Constant-On-Time Control (COT)

Compared to fixed-frequency pulse-width modulation (PWM) control, COT control offers the advantage of a simpler control loop and faster transient response. By using input voltage feed-forward, the MPM3833C maintains a nearly constant switching frequency across the input and output voltage ranges. The on time of the switching pulse can be estimated with Equation (1):

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times 0.833\mu\text{s} \quad (1)$$

To prevent inductor current runaway during the load transition, the MPM3833C fixes the minimum off time at 100ns. This minimum off-time limit does not affect operation during steady state.

### Forced PWM Operation

The MPM3833C works in current continuous mode (CCM) to achieve a smaller  $V_{OUT}$  ripple, load regulation, and load transient in the full load range.

### Enable (EN)

If the input voltage is greater than the under-voltage lockout (UVLO) threshold (typically 2.5V), the MPM3833C can be enabled by pulling EN above 1.2V. Leave EN floating or pull EN down to ground to disable the MPM3833C. There is an internal 1M $\Omega$  resistor from EN to ground.

### Soft Start/Stop

The MPM3833C has a built-in soft start that ramps up the output voltage at a controlled slew rate to prevent overshoots during start-up. The soft-start time is about 1.3ms, typically.

When disabled, the MPM3833C ramps down the internal reference, so the load can discharge the output linearly. The soft-stop time is 1.7ms, typically.

### Power Good Indicator (PG)

The MPM3833C has an open drain with a 440k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor pin for power good indication (PG). When FB is within  $\pm 10\%$  of the regulation voltage (0.6V), PG is pulled up to IN by the internal resistor. If the FB voltage is out of the  $\pm 10\%$  window, PG is pulled down to ground by an internal MOSFET. The MOSFET has a maximum  $R_{DS(ON)}$  of less than 100 $\Omega$ .

### Current Limit

The MPM3833C high-side switch has a typical 6A current limit, and the low-side switch has a 1.5A current limit. When the high-side switch reaches its current limit, the high side is turned off, and the low side is turned on. When the current drops to the valley current-limit threshold, the MPM3833C turns on the high side again. If the high side reaches the peak current limit and the low side reaches the valley current limit in every cycle for 100 $\mu\text{s}$ , the MPM3833C remains at the hiccup threshold until the current decreases. This prevents the inductor current from continuing to build and damaging components.

### Short Circuit and Recovery

If the output voltage is shorted to GND, the current limit is triggered. If the current limit is triggered in every cycle for 100 $\mu\text{s}$ , the MPM3833C enters hiccup mode and disables the output power stage. The MPM3833C discharges the soft-start capacitor, and then attempts to soft start again automatically. If the short-circuit condition still remains after the soft start ends, the MPM3833C repeats this operation cycle until the short circuit is removed and the output rises back to the regulation level.

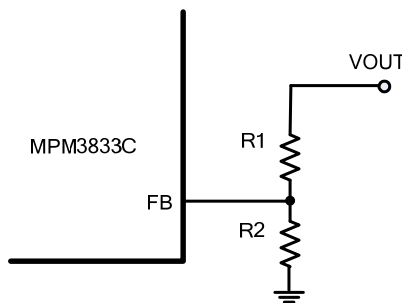
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### Setting the Output Voltage

The external resistor divider is used to set the output voltage. The feedback resistor (R1) cannot be too large or too small considering the trade-off for stability and dynamics. There is no strict requirement for the feedback resistor. R2 can be calculated with Equation (2):

$$R2 = \frac{R1}{\frac{V_{out}}{0.6} - 1} \quad (2)$$

The feedback circuit is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2: Feedback Network**

Table 1 lists the recommended resistor values for common output voltages.

**Table 1: Resistor Values for Common Output Voltages**

V <sub>OUT</sub> (V)	R1 (kΩ)	R2 (kΩ)
1.0	200 (1%)	300 (1%)
1.2	200 (1%)	200 (1%)
1.8	200 (1%)	100 (1%)
2.5	200 (1%)	63.2 (1%)
3.3	200 (1%)	44.2 (1%)

### Selecting the Input Capacitor

The input current to the step-down converter is discontinuous and therefore requires a capacitor to supply AC current while maintaining the DC input voltage. For an optimal performance, use low ESR capacitors. Ceramic capacitors with X5R or X7R dielectrics are highly recommended because of their low ESR and small temperature coefficients. For most applications, a 22μF capacitor is sufficient

Since the input capacitor absorbs the input switching current, it requires an adequate ripple current rating. The RMS current in the input capacitor can be estimated with Equation (3):

$$I_{C1} = I_{LOAD} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right)} \quad (3)$$

The worst-case condition occurs at V<sub>IN</sub> = 2V<sub>OUT</sub>, shown in Equation (4):

$$I_{C1} = \frac{I_{LOAD}}{2} \quad (4)$$

For simplification, choose an input capacitor with an RMS current rating greater than half of the maximum load current.

The input capacitor can be electrolytic, tantalum, or ceramic. When using electrolytic or tantalum capacitors, add a small, high-quality ceramic capacitor (i.e. 0.1μF) as close to the IC as possible. When using ceramic capacitors, ensure that they have enough capacitance to provide a sufficient charge to prevent an excessive voltage ripple at the input. The input voltage ripple caused by the capacitance can be estimated with Equation (5):

$$\Delta V_{IN} = \frac{I_{LOAD}}{f_s \times C1} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (5)$$

### Selecting the Output Capacitor

An output capacitor (C2) is required to maintain the DC output voltage.

Low ESR ceramic capacitors can be used to keep the output ripple low. Generally, 22μF output ceramic capacitor is sufficient for most applications. In higher output voltage conditions, a 47μF capacitor may be required for a stable system.

When using ceramic capacitors, the impedance at the switching frequency is dominated by the capacitance. The output voltage ripple is caused mainly by the capacitance. For simplification, the output voltage ripple can be estimated with Equation (6):

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{8 \times f_s^2 \times L_1 \times C2} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) \quad (6)$$

When using tantalum or electrolytic capacitors, the ESR dominates the impedance at the switching frequency. For simplification, the output ripple can be approximated with Equation (7):

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{f_s \times L_1} \times \left( 1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \right) \times R_{ESR} \quad (7)$$

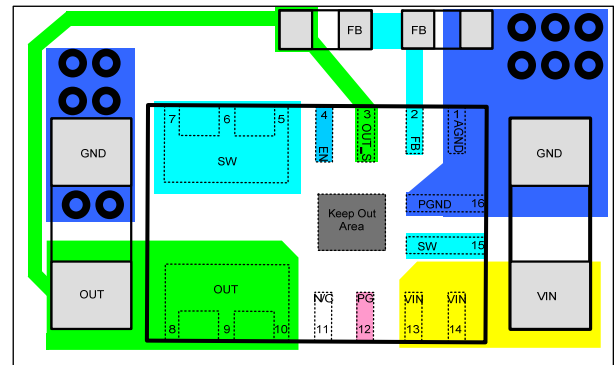
Where L1 is a 1µH integrated inductor.

The characteristics of the output capacitor affect the stability of the regulation system.

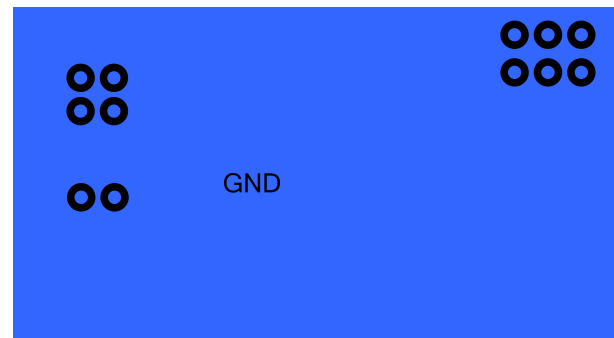
### PCB Layout Guidelines

Efficient layout of the switching power supplies is critical for stable operation, especially for the high switching converter. If the layout is not done carefully, the regulator could show poor line or load regulation or stability issues. For best results, refer to Figure 3 and follow the guidelines below.

1. Place a 0805 size ceramic input capacitor as close to the IC pins as possible.
2. Connect the two ends of the ceramic capacitor to IN and PGND directly.
3. Add coppers to SW for power dissipation.
4. Place the external feedback resistor next to FB.



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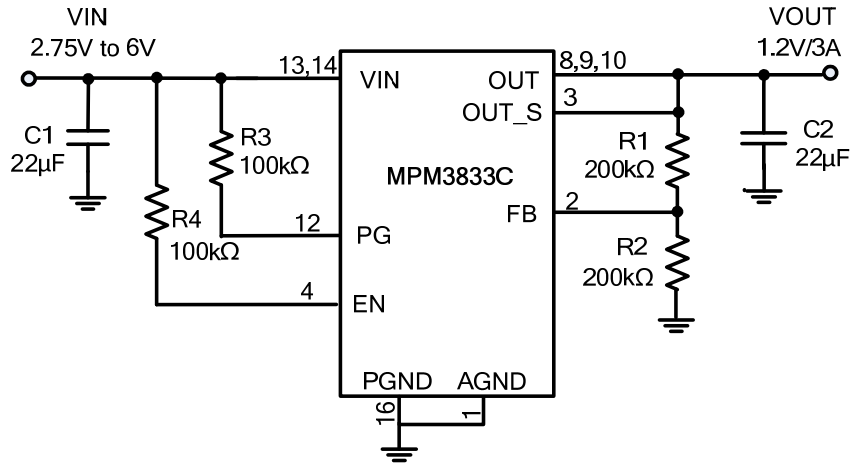


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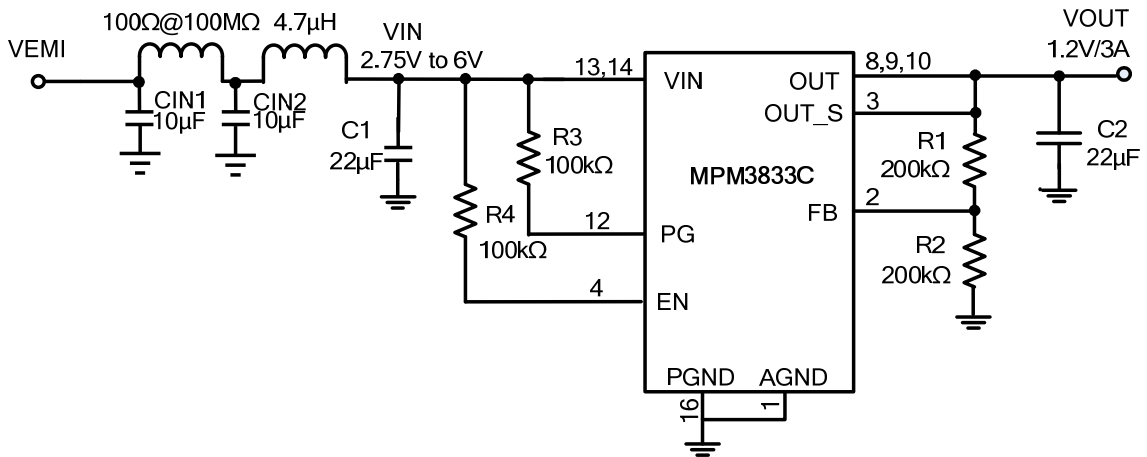
**Figure 3: Recommended Layout**



TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUITS



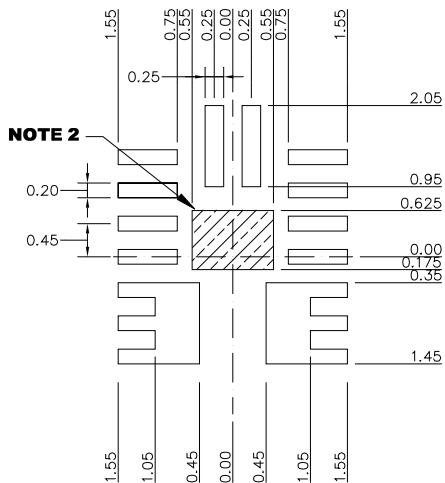
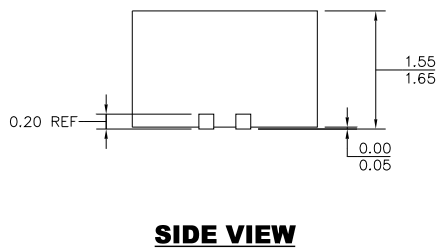
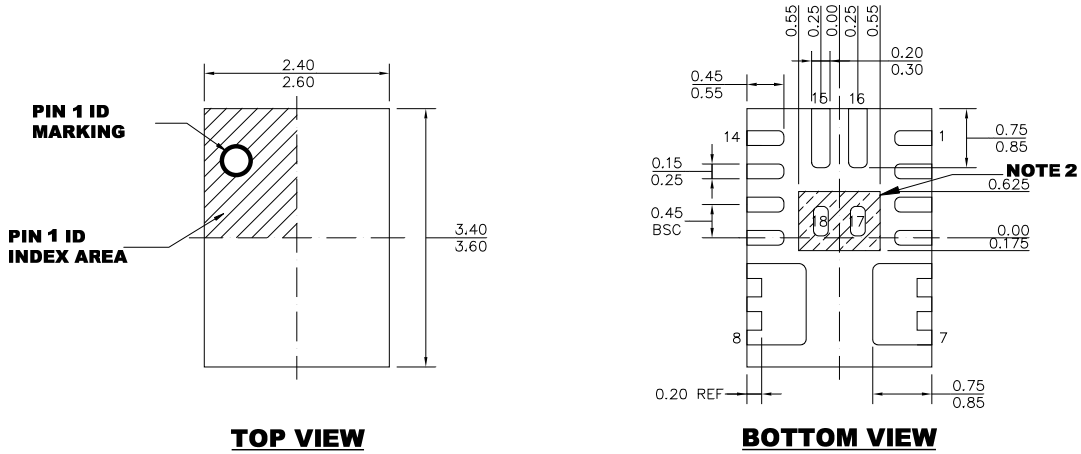
**Figure 4: Typical Application Circuits for MPM3833C**  
 NOTE: VIN < 3.3V applications may require additional input capacitors.



**Figure 6: EMI Test Circuits for MPM3833C**

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- NOTE:**
- 1) ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS.
  - 2) SHADED AREA IS THE KEEP-OUT ZONE. ANY PCB METAL TRACE AND VIA ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONNECT TO THIS AREA ELECTRICALLY OR MECHANICALLY.
  - 3) LEAD COPLANARITY SHALL BE 0.08 MILLIMETERS MAX.
  - 4) JEDEC REFERENCE IS MO-220.
  - 5) DRAWING IS NOT TO SCALE.

**RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN**

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