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LM2734

Thin SOT23 1A Load Step-Down DC-DC Regulator

General Description

The LM2734 regulator is a monolithic, high frequency, PWM step-down DC/DC converter in a 6-pin Thin SOT23 package. It provides all the active functions to provide local DC/DC conversion with fast transient response and accurate regulation in the smallest possible PCB area.

With a minimum of external components and online design support through WEBENCH®™, the LM2734 is easy to use. The ability to drive 1A loads with an internal 300mΩ NMOS switch using state-of-the-art 0.5µm BiCMOS technology results in the best power density available. The world class control circuitry allows for on-times as low as 13ns, thus supporting exceptionally high frequency conversion over the entire 3V to 20V input operating range down to the minimum output voltage of 0.8V. Switching frequency is internally set to 550kHz (LM2734Y) or 1.6MHz (LM2734X), allowing the use of extremely small surface mount inductors and chip capacitors. Even though the operating frequencies are very high, efficiencies up to 90% are easy to achieve. External shutdown is included, featuring an ultra-low stand-by current of 30nA. The LM2734 utilizes current-mode control and internal compensation to provide high-performance regulation over a wide range of operating conditions. Additional features include internal soft-start circuitry to reduce inrush current, pulse-by-pulse current limit, thermal shutdown, and output over-voltage protection.
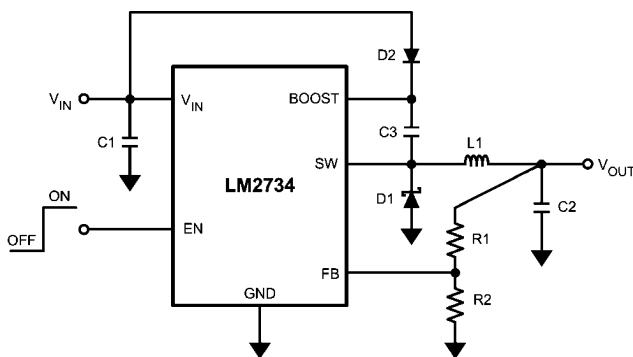
Features

- Thin SOT23-6 package
- 3.0V to 20V input voltage range
- 0.8V to 18V output voltage range
- 1A output current
- 550kHz (LM2734Y) and 1.6MHz (LM2734X) switching frequencies
- 300mΩ NMOS switch
- 30nA shutdown current
- 0.8V, 2% internal voltage reference
- Internal soft-start
- Current-Mode, PWM operation
- WEBENCH® online design tool
- Thermal shutdown
- LM2734XQ/LM2734YQ are AEC-Q100 Grade 1 qualified and are manufactured on an Automotive Grade Flow
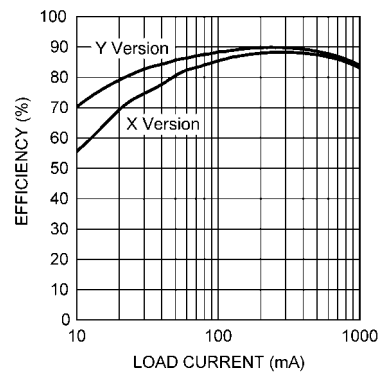
Applications

- Local Point of Load Regulation
- Core Power in HDDs
- Set-Top Boxes
- Battery Powered Devices
- USB Powered Devices
- DSL Modems
- Notebook Computers
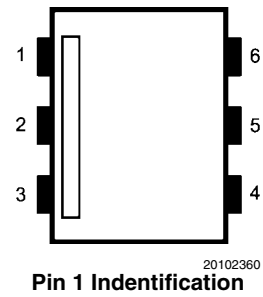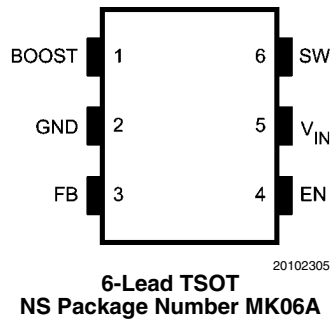- Automotive

Typical Application Circuit

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Efficiency vs Load Current
V_{IN} = 5V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V

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Connection Diagrams

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Pin 1 Indentification

Ordering Information

Order Number	Package Type	NSC Package Drawing	Package Marking	Supplied As	Features
LM2734XMK	TSOT-6	MK06A	SFDB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734XMKX			SFDB	3000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734XQMKE			SUKB	250 Units on Tape and Reel	AEC-Q100 Grade 1 Qualified. Automotive Grade Production Flow*
LM2734XQMK			SUKB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734XQMKX			SUKB	3000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734YMK			SFEB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734YMKX			SFEB	3000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734YQMKE			SVCB	250 Units on Tape and Reel	AEC-Q10-0 Grade 1 Qualified. Automotive Grade Production Flow*
LM2734YQMK			SVCB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel	
LM2734YQMKX			SVCB	3000 Units on Tape and Reel	

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Pin Descriptions

Pin	Name	Function
1	BOOST	Boost voltage that drives the internal NMOS control switch. A bootstrap capacitor is connected between the BOOST and SW pins.
2	GND	Signal and Power ground pin. Place the bottom resistor of the feedback network as close as possible to this pin for accurate regulation.
3	FB	Feedback pin. Connect FB to the external resistor divider to set output voltage.
4	EN	Enable control input. Logic high enables operation. Do not allow this pin to float or be greater than $V_{IN} + 0.3V$.
5	V_{IN}	Input supply voltage. Connect a bypass capacitor to this pin.
6	SW	Output switch. Connects to the inductor, catch diode, and bootstrap capacitor.

Absolute Maximum Ratings (*Note 1*)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

V_{IN}	-0.5V to 24V
SW Voltage	-0.5V to 24V
Boost Voltage	-0.5V to 30V
Boost to SW Voltage	-0.5V to 6.0V
FB Voltage	-0.5V to 3.0V
EN Voltage	-0.5V to (V_{IN} + 0.3V)
Junction Temperature	150°C
ESD Susceptibility (*Note 2*)	2kV

Storage Temp. Range	-65°C to 150°C
Soldering Information	
Reflow Peak Pkg. Temp.(15sec)	260°C

Operating Ratings (*Note 1*)

V_{IN}	3V to 20V
SW Voltage	-0.5V to 20V
Boost Voltage	-0.5V to 25V
Boost to SW Voltage	1.6V to 5.5V
Junction Temperature Range	−40°C to +125°C
Thermal Resistance θ_{JA} (*Note 3*)	118°C/W

Electrical Characteristics

Specifications with standard typeface are for T_J = 25°C, and those in **boldface type** apply over the full **Operating Temperature Range** (T_J = -40°C to 125°C). V_{IN} = 5V, V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} = 5V unless otherwise specified. Datasheet min/max specification limits are guaranteed by design, test, or statistical analysis.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min (*Note 4*)	Typ (*Note 5*)	Max (*Note 4*)	Units
V_{FB}	Feedback Voltage		**0.784**	0.800	**0.816**	V
$\Delta V_{FB}/\Delta V_{IN}$	Feedback Voltage Line Regulation	V_{IN} = 3V to 20V		0.01		% / V
I_{FB}	Feedback Input Bias Current	Sink/Source		10	**250**	nA
UVLO	Undervoltage Lockout	V_{IN} Rising		2.74	**2.90**	V
	Undervoltage Lockout	V_{IN} Falling	**2.0**	2.3		
	UVLO Hysteresis		**0.30**	0.44	**0.62**	
F_{SW}	Switching Frequency	LM2734X	**1.2**	1.6	**1.9**	MHz
		LM2734Y	**0.40**	0.55	**0.66**	
D_{MAX}	Maximum Duty Cycle	LM2734X	**85**	92		%
		LM2734Y	**90**	96		
D_{MIN}	Minimum Duty Cycle	LM2734X		2		%
		LM2734Y		1		
$R_{DS(ON)}$	Switch ON Resistance	V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} = 3V		300	**600**	mΩ
I_{CL}	Switch Current Limit	V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} = 3V	**1.2**	1.7	**2.5**	A
I_Q	Quiescent Current	Switching		1.5	**2.5**	mA
	Quiescent Current (shutdown)	V_{EN} = 0V		30		nA
I_{BOOST}	Boost Pin Current	LM2734X (50% Duty Cycle)		2.5	**3.5**	mA
		LM2734Y (50% Duty Cycle)		1.0	**1.8**	
V_{EN_TH}	Shutdown Threshold Voltage	V_{EN} Falling			**0.4**	V
	Enable Threshold Voltage	V_{EN} Rising	**1.8**			
I_{EN}	Enable Pin Current	Sink/Source		10		nA
I_{SW}	Switch Leakage			40		nA

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but specific performance is not guaranteed. For guaranteed specifications and the test conditions, see Electrical Characteristics.

Note 2: Human body model, 1.5kΩ in series with 100pF.

Note 3: Thermal shutdown will occur if the junction temperature exceeds 165°C. The maximum power dissipation is a function of $T_{J(MAX)}$, θ_{JA} and T_A. The maximum allowable power dissipation at any ambient temperature is $P_D = (T_{J(MAX)} - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$. All numbers apply for packages soldered directly onto a 3" x 3" PC board with 2oz. copper on 4 layers in still air. For a 2 layer board using 1 oz. copper in still air, θ_{JA} = 204°C/W.

Note 4: Guaranteed to National's Average Outgoing Quality Level (AOQL).

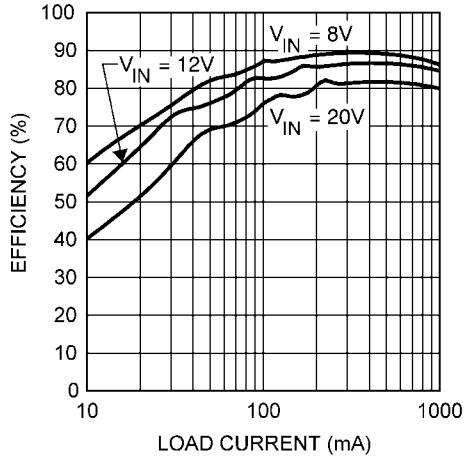**Note 5:** Typicals represent the most likely parametric norm.
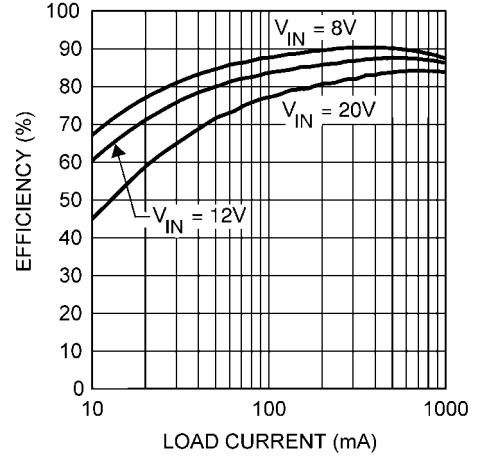
Typical Performance Characteristics
All curves taken at $V_{IN} = 5V$, $V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} = 5V$, L1 = 4.7 µH ("X"), L1 = 10 µH ("Y"), and $T_A = 25°C$, unless specified otherwise.

Efficiency vs Load Current - "X" $V_{OUT} = 5V$

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Efficiency vs Load Current - "Y" $V_{OUT} = 5V$

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Efficiency vs Load Current - "X" $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$
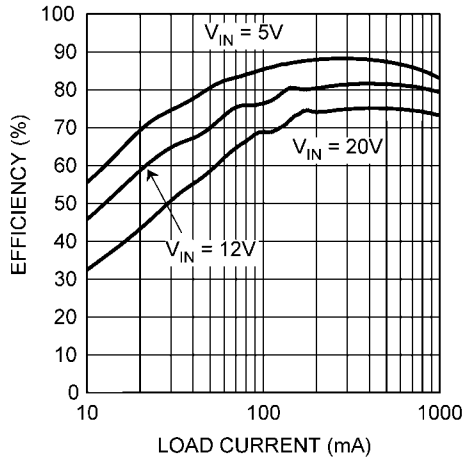
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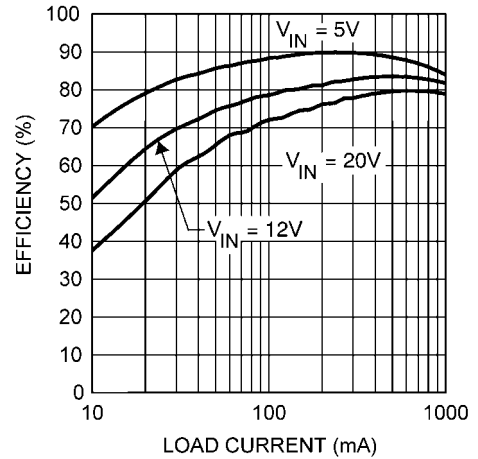
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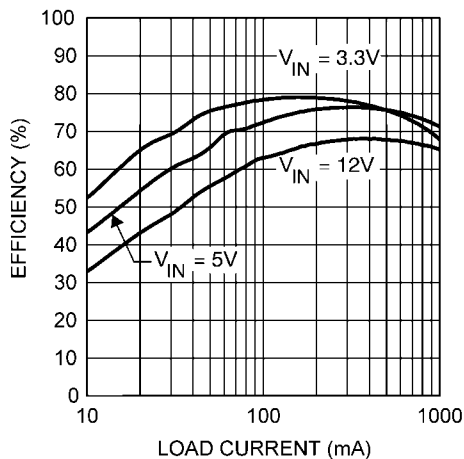
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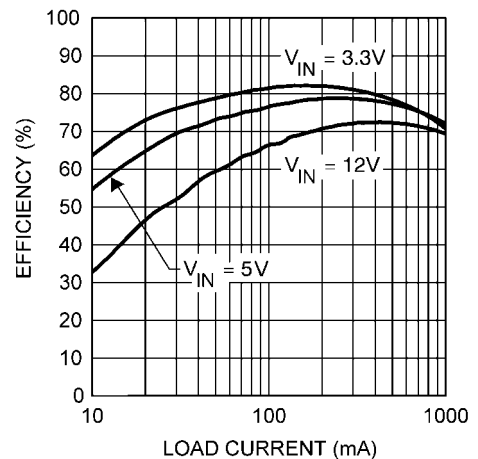
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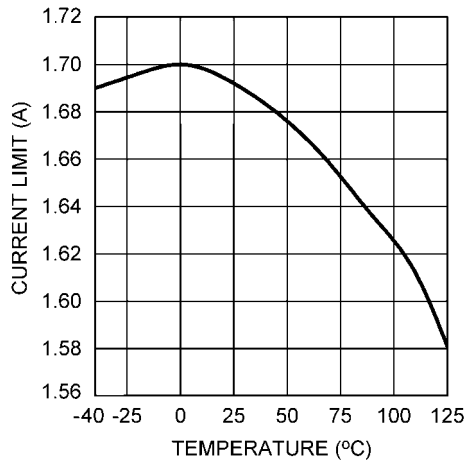## Oscillator Frequency vs Temperature - "X"
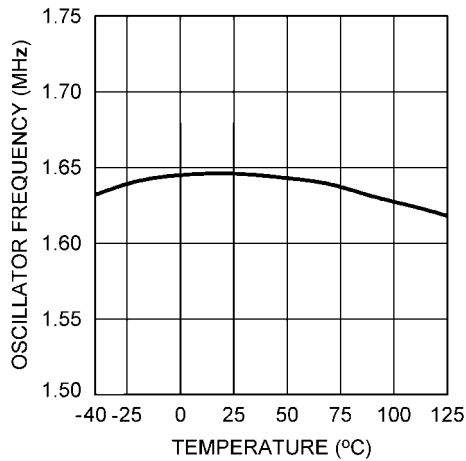
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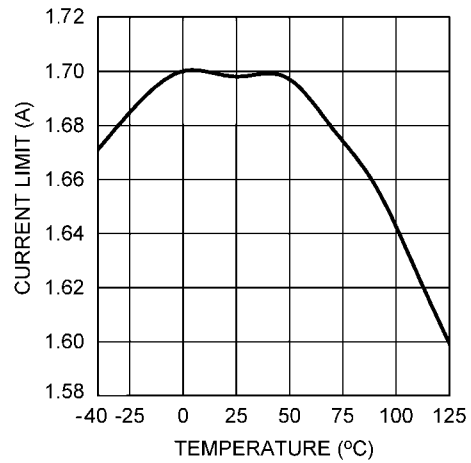## Oscillator Frequency vs Temperature - "Y"
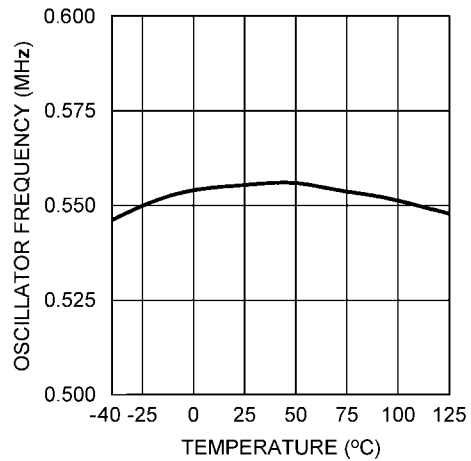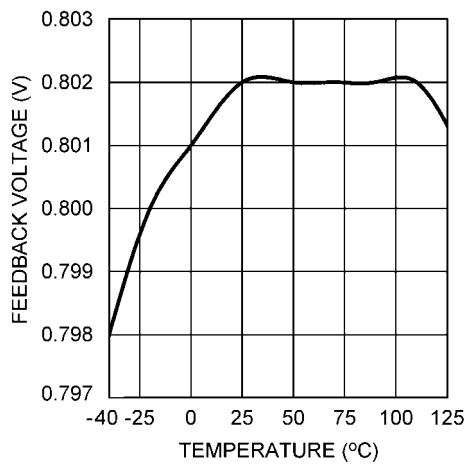

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Current Limit vs Temperature
V_{IN} = 5V

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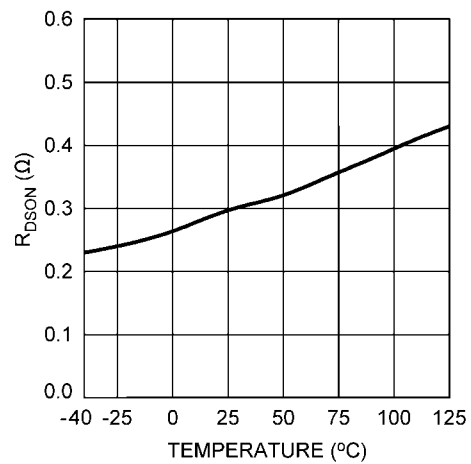## Current Limit vs Temperature
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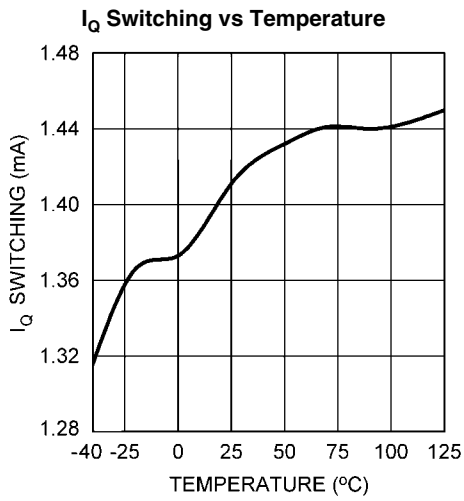20102347

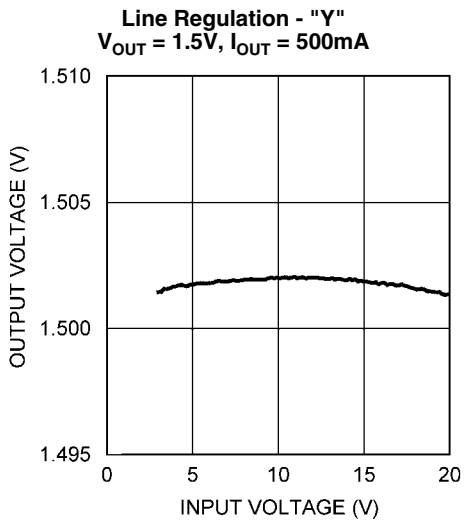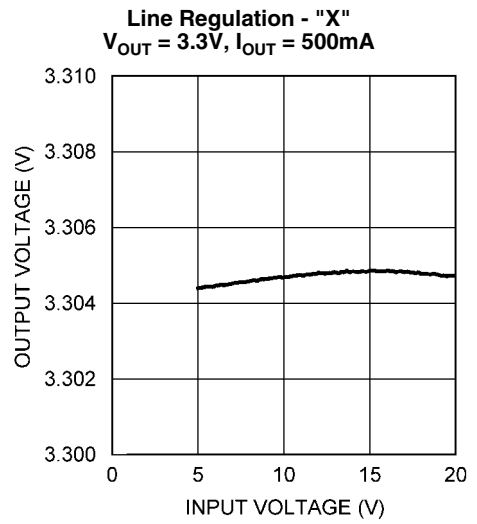## V_{FB} vs Temperature

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R_{DSON} vs Temperature

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I_Q Switching vs Temperature

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Line Regulation - "X"
V_{OUT} = 1.5V, I_{OUT} = 500mA

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Line Regulation - "Y"
V_{OUT} = 1.5V, I_{OUT} = 500mA

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Line Regulation - "X"
V_{OUT} = 3.3V, I_{OUT} = 500mA

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Line Regulation - "Y"
V_{OUT} = 3.3V, I_{OUT} = 500mA
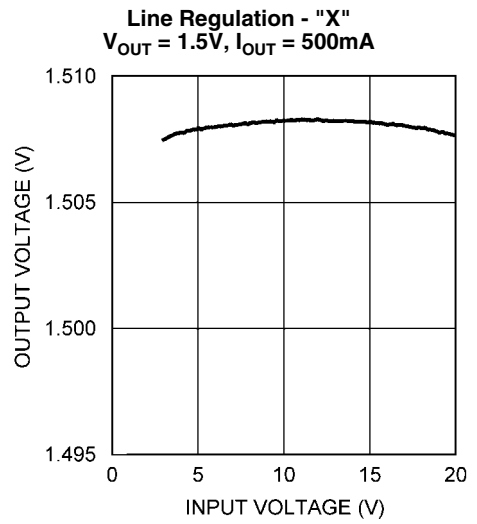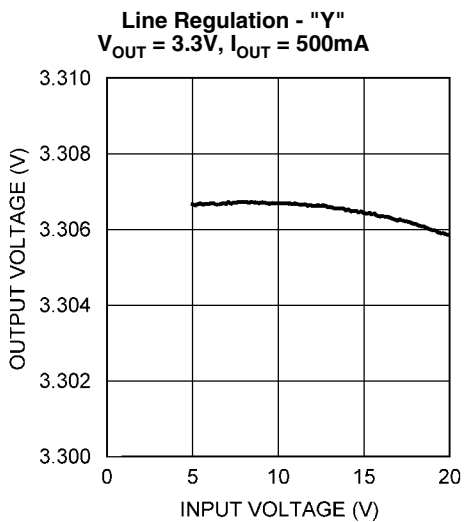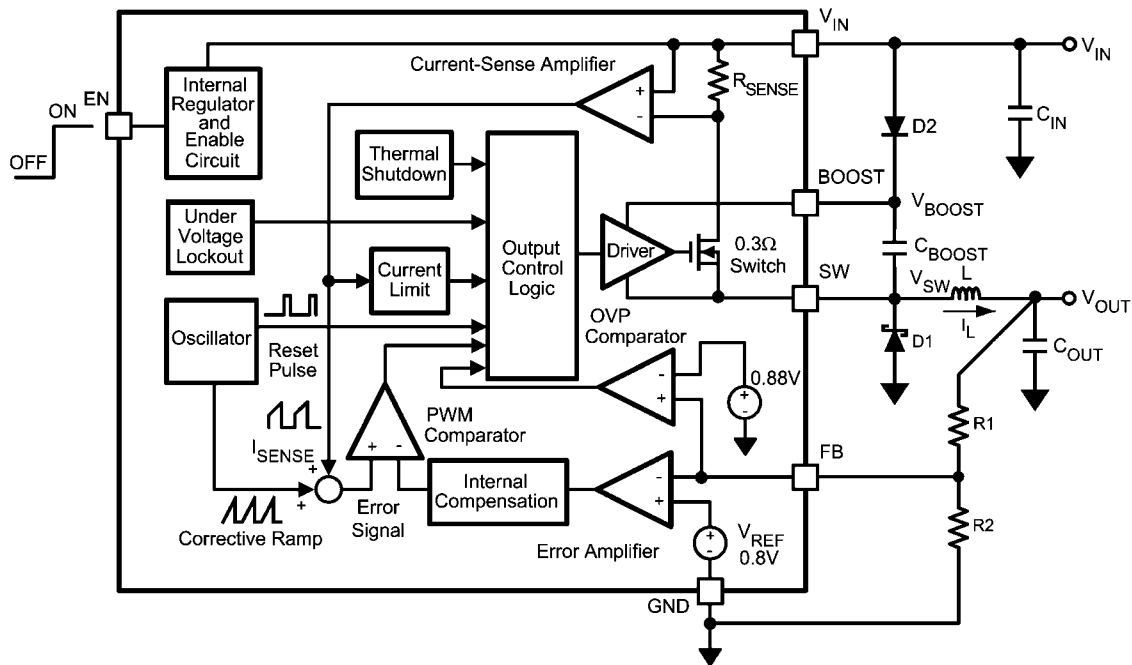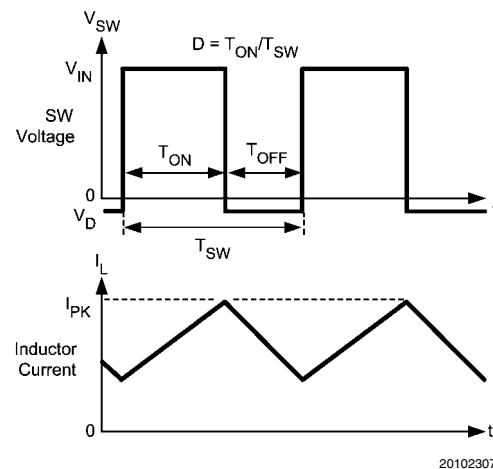

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Block Diagram

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FIGURE 1.

Application Information

THEORY OF OPERATION

The LM2734 is a constant frequency PWM buck regulator IC that delivers a 1A load current. The regulator has a preset switching frequency of either 550kHz (LM2734Y) or 1.6MHz (LM2734X). These high frequencies allow the LM2734 to operate with small surface mount capacitors and inductors, resulting in DC/DC converters that require a minimum amount of board space. The LM2734 is internally compensated, so it is simple to use, and requires few external components. The LM2734 uses current-mode control to regulate the output voltage.

The following operating description of the LM2734 will refer to the Simplified Block Diagram (*Figure 1*) and to the waveforms in *Figure 2*. The LM2734 supplies a regulated output voltage by switching the internal NMOS control switch at constant frequency and variable duty cycle. A switching cycle begins at the falling edge of the reset pulse generated by the internal oscillator. When this pulse goes low, the output control logic turns on the internal NMOS control switch. During this on-time, the SW pin voltage (V_{SW}) swings up to approximately V_{IN}, and the inductor current (I_L) increases with a linear slope. I_L is measured by the current-sense amplifier, which generates an output proportional to the switch current. The sense signal is summed with the regulator's corrective ramp and compared to the error amplifier's output, which is proportional to the difference between the feedback voltage and V_{REF}. When the PWM comparator output goes high, the output switch turns off until the next switching cycle begins. During the switch off-time, inductor current discharges through Schottky diode D1, which forces the SW pin to swing below ground by the forward voltage (V_D) of the catch diode.

The regulator loop adjusts the duty cycle (D) to maintain a constant output voltage.

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FIGURE 2. LM2734 Waveforms of SW Pin Voltage and Inductor Current

BOOST FUNCTION

Capacitor C_{BOOST} and diode D2 in *Figure 3* are used to generate a voltage V_{BOOST}. V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} is the gate drive voltage to the internal NMOS control switch. To properly drive the internal NMOS switch during its on-time, V_{BOOST} needs to be at least 1.6V greater than V_{SW}. Although the LM2734 will operate with this minimum voltage, it may not have sufficient gate drive to supply large values of output current. Therefore, it is recommended that V_{BOOST} be greater than 2.5V above V_{SW}

for best efficiency. $V_{BOOST} - V_{SW}$ should not exceed the maximum operating limit of 5.5V.
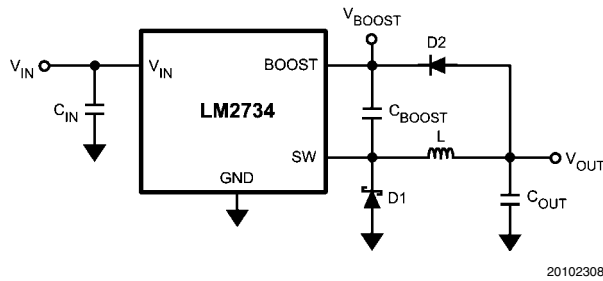
$5.5V > V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} > 2.5V$ for best performance.

FIGURE 3. V_{OUT} Charges C_{BOOST}

When the LM2734 starts up, internal circuitry from the BOOST pin supplies a maximum of 20mA to C_{BOOST}. This current charges C_{BOOST} to a voltage sufficient to turn the switch on. The BOOST pin will continue to source current to C_{BOOST} until the voltage at the feedback pin is greater than 0.76V.

There are various methods to derive V_{BOOST}:

1. From the input voltage (V_{IN})
2. From the output voltage (V_{OUT})
3. From an external distributed voltage rail (V_{EXT})
4. From a shunt or series zener diode

In the Simplifed Block Diagram of *Figure 1*, capacitor C_{BOOST} and diode D2 supply the gate-drive current for the NMOS switch. Capacitor C_{BOOST} is charged via diode D2 by V_{IN}. During a normal switching cycle, when the internal NMOS control switch is off (T_{OFF}) (refer to *Figure 2*), V_{BOOST} equals V_{IN} minus the forward voltage of D2 (V_{FD2}), during which the current in the inductor (L) forward biases the Schottky diode D1 (V_{FD1}). Therefore the voltage stored across C_{BOOST} is

$$V_{BOOST} - V_{SW} = V_{IN} - V_{FD2} + V_{FD1}$$

When the NMOS switch turns on (T_{ON}), the switch pin rises to

$$V_{SW} = V_{IN} - (R_{DSON} \times I_L),$$

forcing V_{BOOST} to rise thus reverse biasing D2. The voltage at V_{BOOST} is then

$$V_{BOOST} = 2V_{IN} - (R_{DSON} \times I_L) - V_{FD2} + V_{FD1}$$

which is approximately

$$2V_{IN} - 0.4V$$

for many applications. Thus the gate-drive voltage of the NMOS switch is approximately

$$V_{IN} - 0.2V$$

An alternate method for charging C_{BOOST} is to connect D2 to the output as shown in *Figure 3*. The output voltage should be between 2.5V and 5.5V, so that proper gate voltage will be applied to the internal switch. In this circuit, C_{BOOST} provides a gate drive voltage that is slightly less than V_{OUT}.

In applications where both V_{IN} and V_{OUT} are greater than 5.5V, or less than 3V, C_{BOOST} cannot be charged directly from these voltages. If V_{IN} and V_{OUT} are greater than 5.5V, C_{BOOST} can be charged from V_{IN} or V_{OUT} minus a zener voltage by placing a zener diode D3 in series with D2, as shown in *Figure 4*. When using a series zener diode from the input, ensure that the regulation of the input supply doesn't create a voltage that falls outside the recommended V_{BOOST} voltage.

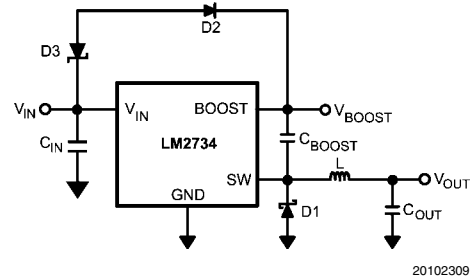$$(V_{INMAX} - V_{D3}) < 5.5V$$
$$(V_{INMIN} - V_{D3}) > 1.6V$$

FIGURE 4. Zener Reduces Boost Voltage from V_{IN}

An alternative method is to place the zener diode D3 in a shunt configuration as shown in *Figure 5*. A small 350mW to 500mW 5.1V zener in a SOT-23 or SOD package can be used for this purpose. A small ceramic capacitor such as a 6.3V, 0.1µF capacitor (C4) should be placed in parallel with the zener diode. When the internal NMOS switch turns on, a pulse of current is drawn to charge the internal NMOS gate capacitance. The 0.1 µF parallel shunt capacitor ensures that the V_{BOOST} voltage is maintained during this time.

Resistor R3 should be chosen to provide enough RMS current to the zener diode (D3) and to the BOOST pin. A recommended choice for the zener current (I_{ZENER}) is 1 mA. The current I_{BOOST} into the BOOST pin supplies the gate current of the NMOS control switch and varies typically according to the following formula for the X version:

$$I_{BOOST} = 0.56 \times (D + 0.54) \times (V_{ZENER} - V_{D2}) \text{ mA}$$

I_{BOOST} can be calculated for the Y version using the following:

$$I_{BOOST} = 0.22 \times (D + 0.54) \times (V_{ZENER} - V_{D2}) \text{ µA}$$

where D is the duty cycle, V_{ZENER} and V_{D2} are in volts, and I_{BOOST} is in milliamps. V_{ZENER} is the voltage applied to the anode of the boost diode (D2), and V_{D2} is the average forward voltage across D2. Note that this formula for I_{BOOST} gives typical current. For the worst case I_{BOOST}, increase the current by 40%. In that case, the worst case boost current will be
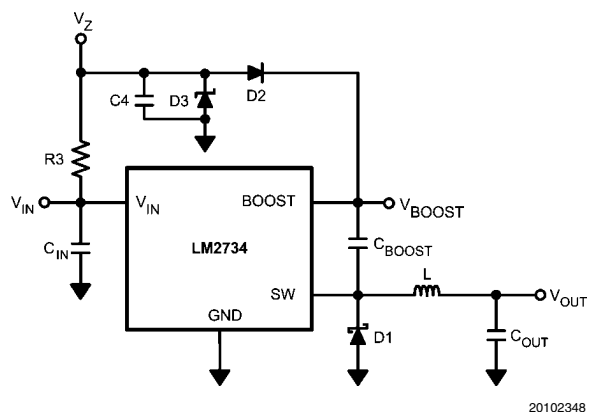
$$I_{BOOST-MAX} = 1.4 \times I_{BOOST}$$

R3 will then be given by

$$R3 = (V_{IN} - V_{ZENER}) / (1.4 \times I_{BOOST} + I_{ZENER})$$

For example, using the X-version let $V_{IN} = 10V$, $V_{ZENER} = 5V$, $V_{D2} = 0.7V$, $I_{ZENER} = 1mA$, and duty cycle D = 50%. Then

$$I_{BOOST} = 0.56 \times (0.5 + 0.54) \times (5 - 0.7) \text{ mA} = 2.5mA$$

$$R3 = (10V - 5V) / (1.4 \times 2.5mA + 1mA) = 1.11k\Omega$$

FIGURE 5. Boost Voltage Supplied from the Shunt Zener on V$_{IN}$

ENABLE PIN / SHUTDOWN MODE

The LM2734 has a shutdown mode that is controlled by the enable pin (EN). When a logic low voltage is applied to EN, the part is in shutdown mode and its quiescent current drops to typically 30nA. Switch leakage adds another 40nA from the input supply. The voltage at this pin should never exceed V$_{IN}$ + 0.3V.

SOFT-START

This function forces V$_{OUT}$ to increase at a controlled rate during start up. During soft-start, the error amplifier's reference voltage ramps from 0V to its nominal value of 0.8V in approximately 200µs. This forces the regulator output to ramp up in a more linear and controlled fashion, which helps reduce inrush current. Under some circumstances at start-up, an output voltage overshoot may still be observed. This may be due to a large output load applied during start up. Large amounts of output external capacitance can also increase output voltage overshoot. A simple solution is to add a feed forward capacitor with a value between 470pf and 1000pf across the top feedback resistor (R1). See *Figure 7* for further detail.

OUTPUT OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION

The overvoltage comparator compares the FB pin voltage to a voltage that is 10% higher than the internal reference Vref. Once the FB pin voltage goes 10% above the internal reference, the internal NMOS control switch is turned off, which allows the output voltage to decrease toward regulation.

UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT

Undervoltage lockout (UVLO) prevents the LM2734 from operating until the input voltage exceeds 2.74V(typ).

The UVLO threshold has approximately 440mV of hysteresis, so the part will operate until V$_{IN}$ drops below 2.3V(typ). Hysteresis prevents the part from turning off during power up if V$_{IN}$ is non-monotonic.

CURRENT LIMIT

The LM2734 uses cycle-by-cycle current limiting to protect the output switch. During each switching cycle, a current limit comparator detects if the output switch current exceeds 1.7A (typ), and turns off the switch until the next switching cycle begins.

THERMAL SHUTDOWN

Thermal shutdown limits total power dissipation by turning off the output switch when the IC junction temperature exceeds 165°C. After thermal shutdown occurs, the output switch

doesn't turn on until the junction temperature drops to approximately 150°C.

Design Guide

INDUCTOR SELECTION

The Duty Cycle (D) can be approximated quickly using the ratio of output voltage (V$_O$) to input voltage (V$_{IN}$):

$$D = \frac{V_O}{V_{IN}}$$

The catch diode (D1) forward voltage drop and the voltage drop across the internal NMOS must be included to calculate a more accurate duty cycle. Calculate D by using the following formula:

$$D = \frac{V_O + V_D}{V_{IN} + V_D - V_{SW}}$$

V$_{SW}$ can be approximated by:

$$V_{SW} = I_O \times R_{DS(ON)}$$

The diode forward drop (V$_D$) can range from 0.3V to 0.7V depending on the quality of the diode. The lower V$_D$ is, the higher the operating efficiency of the converter.

The inductor value determines the output ripple current. Lower inductor values decrease the size of the inductor, but increase the output ripple current. An increase in the inductor value will decrease the output ripple current. The ratio of ripple current (Δi_L) to output current (I$_O$) is optimized when it is set between 0.3 and 0.4 at 1A. The ratio r is defined as:

$$r = \frac{\Delta i_L}{I_O}$$

One must also ensure that the minimum current limit (1.2A) is not exceeded, so the peak current in the inductor must be calculated. The peak current (I$_{LPK}$) in the inductor is calculated by:

$$I_{LPK} = I_O + \Delta I_L/2$$

If r = 0.5 at an output of 1A, the peak current in the inductor will be 1.25A. The minimum guaranteed current limit over all operating conditions is 1.2A. One can either reduce r to 0.4 resulting in a 1.2A peak current, or make the engineering judgement that 50mA over will be safe enough with a 1.7A typical current limit and 6 sigma limits. When the designed maximum output current is reduced, the ratio r can be increased. At a current of 0.1A, r can be made as high as 0.9. The ripple ratio can be increased at lighter loads because the net ripple is actually quite low, and if r remains constant the inductor value can be made quite large. An equation empirically developed for the maximum ripple ratio at any current below 2A is:

$$r = 0.387 \times I_{OUT}^{-0.3667}$$

Note that this is just a guideline.

The LM2734 operates at frequencies allowing the use of ceramic output capacitors without compromising transient response. Ceramic capacitors allow higher inductor ripple without significantly increasing output ripple. See the output

capacitor section for more details on calculating output voltage ripple.

Now that the ripple current or ripple ratio is determined, the inductance is calculated by:

$$L = \frac{V_O + V_D}{I_O \times r \times f_S} \times (1\text{-}D)$$

where f_s is the switching frequency and I_O is the output current. When selecting an inductor, make sure that it is capable of supporting the peak output current without saturating. Inductor saturation will result in a sudden reduction in inductance and prevent the regulator from operating correctly. Because of the speed of the internal current limit, the peak current of the inductor need only be specified for the required maximum output current. For example, if the designed maximum output current is 0.5A and the peak current is 0.7A, then the inductor should be specified with a saturation current limit of >0.7A. There is no need to specify the saturation or peak current of the inductor at the 1.7A typical switch current limit. The difference in inductor size is a factor of 5. Because of the operating frequency of the LM2734, ferrite based inductors are preferred to minimize core losses. This presents little restriction since the variety of ferrite based inductors is huge. Lastly, inductors with lower series resistance (DCR) will provide better operating efficiency. For recommended inductors see Example Circuits.

INPUT CAPACITOR

An input capacitor is necessary to ensure that V_{IN} does not drop excessively during switching transients. The primary specifications of the input capacitor are capacitance, voltage, RMS current rating, and ESL (Equivalent Series Inductance). The recommended input capacitance is 10µF, although 4.7µF works well for input voltages below 6V. The input voltage rating is specifically stated by the capacitor manufacturer. Make sure to check any recommended deratings and also verify if there is any significant change in capacitance at the operating input voltage and the operating temperature. The input capacitor maximum RMS input current rating ($I_{RMS\text{-}IN}$) must be greater than:

$$I_{RMS\text{-}IN} = I_O \times \sqrt{D \times \left(1\text{-}D + \frac{r^2}{12}\right)}$$

It can be shown from the above equation that maximum RMS capacitor current occurs when D = 0.5. Always calculate the RMS at the point where the duty cycle, D, is closest to 0.5. The ESL of an input capacitor is usually determined by the effective cross sectional area of the current path. A large leaded capacitor will have high ESL and a 0805 ceramic chip capacitor will have very low ESL. At the operating frequencies of the LM2734, certain capacitors may have an ESL so large that the resulting impedance (2πfL) will be higher than that required to provide stable operation. As a result, surface mount capacitors are strongly recommended. Sanyo POSCAP, Tantalum or Niobium, Panasonic SP or Cornell Dubilier ESR, and multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCC) are all good choices for both input and output capacitors and have very low ESL. For MLCCs it is recommended to use X7R or X5R dielectrics. Consult capacitor manufacturer datasheet to see how rated capacitance varies over operating conditions.

OUTPUT CAPACITOR

The output capacitor is selected based upon the desired output ripple and transient response. The initial current of a load transient is provided mainly by the output capacitor. The output ripple of the converter is:

$$\Delta V_O = \Delta i_L \times \left(R_{ESR} + \frac{1}{8 \times f_S \times C_O}\right)$$

When using MLCCs, the ESR is typically so low that the capacitive ripple may dominate. When this occurs, the output ripple will be approximately sinusoidal and 90° phase shifted from the switching action. Given the availability and quality of MLCCs and the expected output voltage of designs using the LM2734, there is really no need to review any other capacitor technologies. Another benefit of ceramic capacitors is their ability to bypass high frequency noise. A certain amount of switching edge noise will couple through parasitic capacitances in the inductor to the output. A ceramic capacitor will bypass this noise while a tantalum will not. Since the output capacitor is one of the two external components that control the stability of the regulator control loop, most applications will require a minimum at 10 µF of output capacitance. Capacitance can be increased significantly with little detriment to the regulator stability. Like the input capacitor, recommended multilayer ceramic capacitors are X7R or X5R. Again, verify actual capacitance at the desired operating voltage and temperature.

Check the RMS current rating of the capacitor. The RMS current rating of the capacitor chosen must also meet the following condition:

$$I_{RMS\text{-}OUT} = I_O \times \frac{r}{\sqrt{12}}$$

CATCH DIODE

The catch diode (D1) conducts during the switch off-time. A Schottky diode is recommended for its fast switching times and low forward voltage drop. The catch diode should be chosen so that its current rating is greater than:

$$I_{D1} = I_O \times (1\text{-}D)$$

The reverse breakdown rating of the diode must be at least the maximum input voltage plus appropriate margin. To improve efficiency choose a Schottky diode with a low forward voltage drop.

BOOST DIODE

A standard diode such as the 1N4148 type is recommended. For V_{BOOST} circuits derived from voltages less than 3.3V, a small-signal Schottky diode is recommended for greater efficiency. A good choice is the BAT54 small signal diode.

BOOST CAPACITOR

A ceramic 0.01µF capacitor with a voltage rating of at least 6.3V is sufficient. The X7R and X5R MLCCs provide the best performance.

OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The output voltage is set using the following equation where R2 is connected between the FB pin and GND, and R1 is connected between V_O and the FB pin. A good value for R2 is 10kΩ.

$$R1 = \left(\frac{V_O}{V_{REF}} - 1 \right) \times R2$$

PCB Layout Considerations

When planning layout there are a few things to consider when trying to achieve a clean, regulated output. The most important consideration when completing the layout is the close coupling of the GND connections of the C_{IN} capacitor and the catch diode D1. These ground ends should be close to one another and be connected to the GND plane with at least two through-holes. Place these components as close to the IC as possible. Next in importance is the location of the GND connection of the C_{OUT} capacitor, which should be near the GND connections of C_{IN} and D1.

There should be a continuous ground plane on the bottom layer of a two-layer board except under the switching node island.

The FB pin is a high impedance node and care should be taken to make the FB trace short to avoid noise pickup and inaccurate regulation. The feedback resistors should be placed as close as possible to the IC, with the GND of R2 placed as close as possible to the GND of the IC. The V_{OUT} trace to R1 should be routed away from the inductor and any other traces that are switching.

High AC currents flow through the V_{IN}, SW and V_{OUT} traces, so they should be as short and wide as possible. However, making the traces wide increases radiated noise, so the designer must make this trade-off. Radiated noise can be decreased by choosing a shielded inductor.

The remaining components should also be placed as close as possible to the IC. Please see Application Note AN-1229 for further considerations and the LM2734 demo board as an example of a four-layer layout.
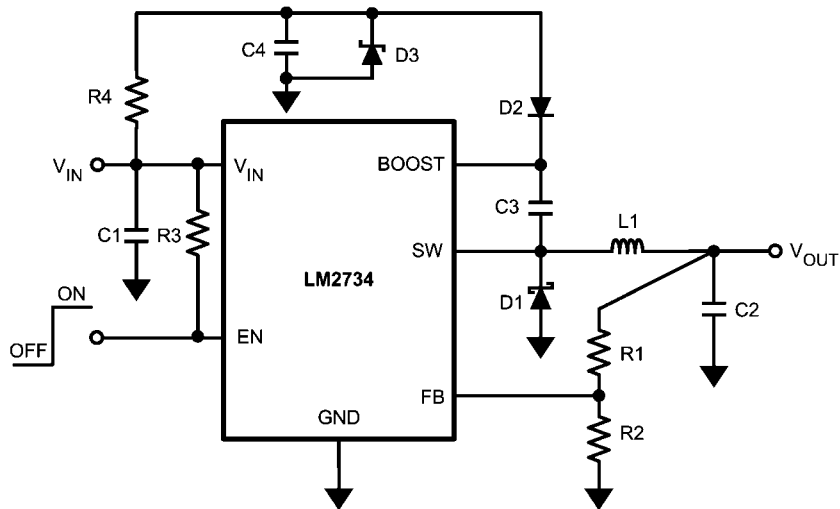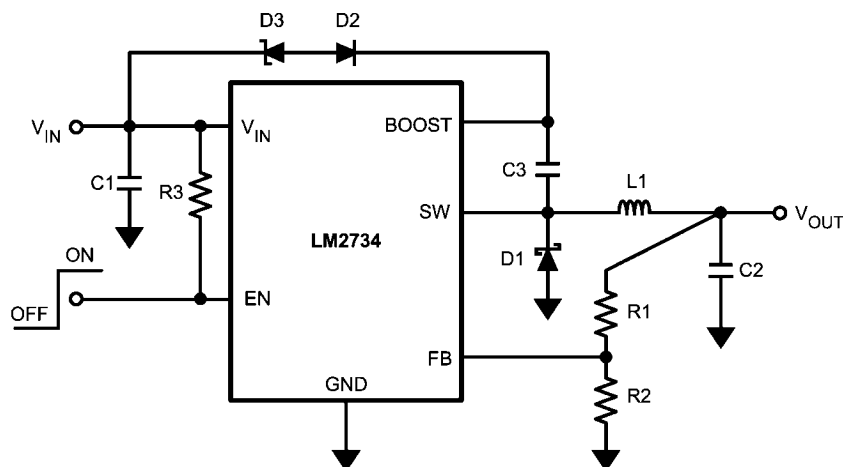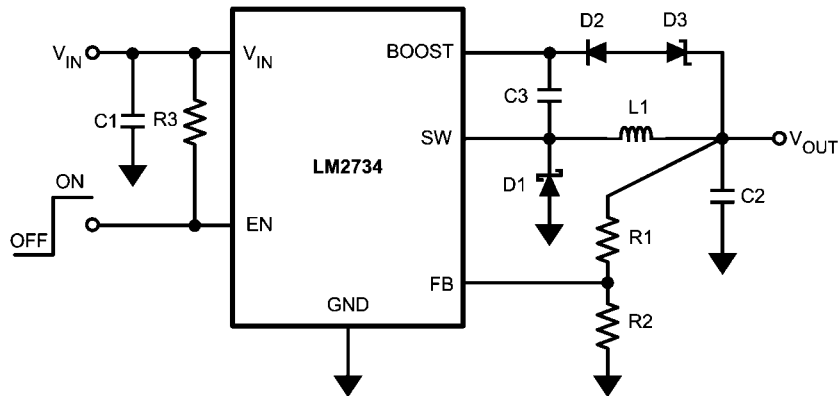
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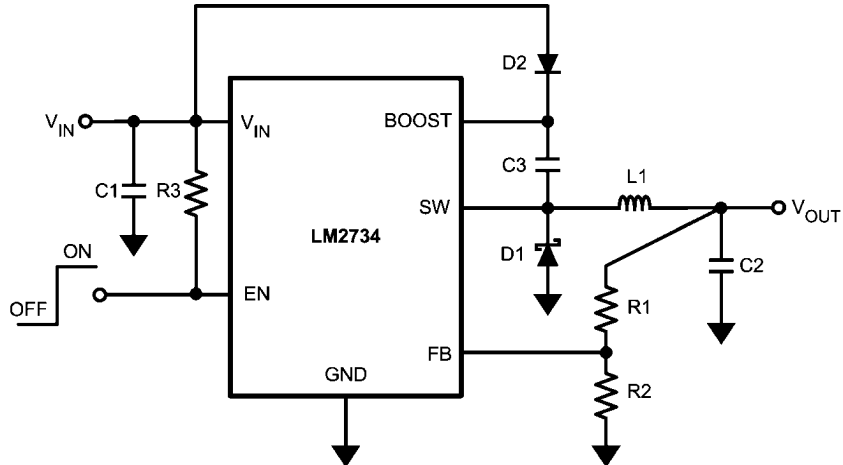
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FIGURE 6. LM2734X (1.6MHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from** V_{IN}
5V to 1.5V/1A

Bill of Materials for *Figure 6*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734X	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	10µF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ106M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01uF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	0.3V_F Schottky 1A, 10VR	MBRM110L	ON Semi
D2, Boost Diode	1V_F @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
L1	4.7µH, 1.7A,	VLCF4020T- 4R7N1R2	TDK
R1	8.87kΩ, 1%	CRCW06038871F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay
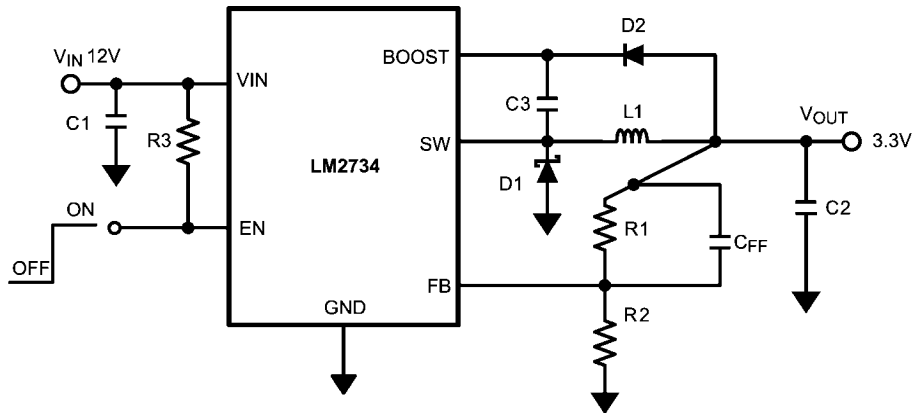
**FIGURE 7. LM2734X (1.6MHz)
V$_{BOOST}$ Derived from V$_{OUT}$
12V to 3.3V/1A**

Bill of Materials for *Figure 7*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	NSC	LM2734X
C1, Input Cap	10μF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22μF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01μF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
CFF	1000pF 25V	C0603X5R1E102K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	0.34V$_F$ Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	1V$_F$ @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
L1	4.7μH, 1.7A	VLCF4020T- 4R7N1R2	TDK
R1	31.6kΩ, 1%	CRCW06033162F	Vishay
R2	10kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031002F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay

FIGURE 8. LM2734X (1.6MHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from** V_{SHUNT}
18V to 1.5V/1A

Bill of Materials for *Figure 8*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734X	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10μF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22μF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01μF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
C4, Shunt Cap	0.1μF, 6.3V, X5R	C1005X5R0J104K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	0.4V_F Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	1V_F @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
D3, Zener Diode	5.1V 250Mw SOT-23	BZX84C5V1	Vishay
L1	6.8μH, 1.6A,	SLF7032T-6R8M1R6	TDK
R1	8.87kΩ, 1%	CRCW06038871F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay
R4	4.12kΩ, 1%	CRCW06034121F	Vishay

FIGURE 9. LM2734X (1.6MHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from Series Zener Diode (V_{IN})**
15V to 1.5V/1A

Bill of Materials for Figure 9

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734X	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22µF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01µF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	$0.4V_F$ Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	$1V_F$ @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
D3, Zener Diode	11V 350Mw SOT-23	BZX84C11T	Diodes, Inc.
L1	6.8µH, 1.6A,	SLF7032T-6R8M1R6	TDK
R1	8.87kΩ, 1%	CRCW06038871F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay

FIGURE 10. LM2734X (1.6MHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from Series Zener Diode (V_{OUT})**
15V to 9V/1A

Bill of Materials for *Figure 10*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734X	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22µF, 16V, X5R	C3216X5R1C226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01µF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	0.4V_F Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	1V_F @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
D3, Zener Diode	4.3V 350mw SOT-23	BZX84C4V3	Diodes, Inc.
L1	6.8µH, 1.6A,	SLF7032T-6R8M1R6	TDK
R1	102kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031023F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay

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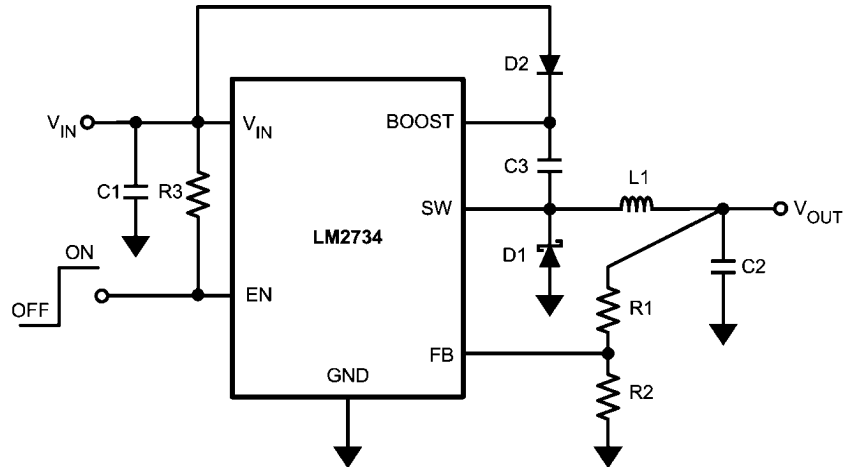
FIGURE 11. LM2734Y (550kHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from** V_{IN}
5V to 1.5V/1A

Bill of Materials for *Figure 11*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734Y	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10μF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22μF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01μF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	0.3V_F Schottky 1A, 10VR	MBRM110L	ON Semi
D2, Boost Diode	1V_F @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
L1	10μH, 1.6A,	SLF7032T-100M1R4	TDK
R1	8.87kΩ, 1%	CRCW06038871F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay
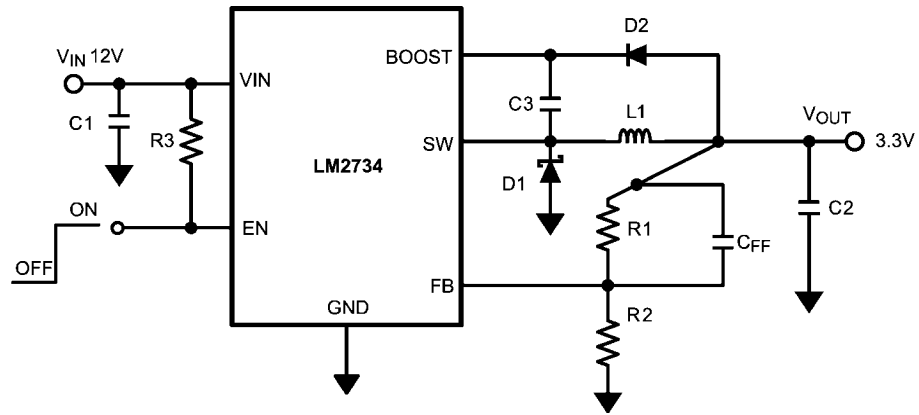
FIGURE 12. LM2734Y (550kHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from** V_{OUT}
12V to 3.3V/1A

Bill of Materials for *Figure 12*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734Y	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22µF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01µF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	$0.34V_F$ Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	$0.6V_F$ @ 30mA Diode	BAT17	Vishay
L1	10µH, 1.6A,	SLF7032T-100M1R4	TDK
R1	31.6kΩ, 1%	CRCW06033162F	Vishay
R2	10.0 kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031002F	Vishay
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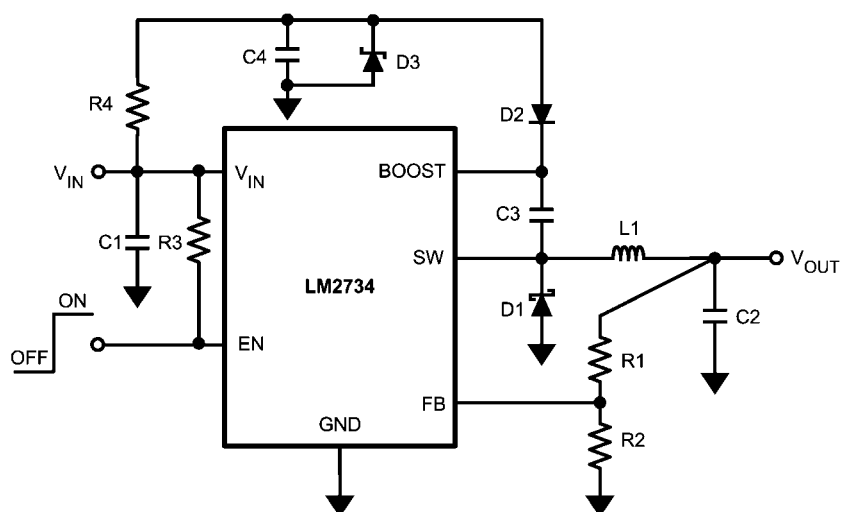
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FIGURE 13. LM2734Y (550kHz)
V_{BOOST} Derived from V_{SHUNT}
18V to 1.5V/1A

Bill of Materials for Figure 13

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734Y	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22µF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01µF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
C4, Shunt Cap	0.1µF, 6.3V, X5R	C1005X5R0J104K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	$0.4V_F$ Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	$1V_F$ @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
D3, Zener Diode	5.1V 250Mw SOT-23	BZX84C5V1	Vishay
L1	15µH, 1.5A	SLF7045T-150M1R5	TDK
R1	8.87kΩ, 1%	CRCW06038871F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay
R4	4.12kΩ, 1%	CRCW06034121F	Vishay

FIGURE 14. LM2734Y (550kHz)
V_{BOOST} **Derived from Series Zener Diode (V_{IN})**
15V to 1.5V/1A

Bill of Materials for *Figure 14*

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734Y	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22µF, 6.3V, X5R	C3216X5ROJ226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01µF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	$0.4V_F$ Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	$1V_F$ @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
D3, Zener Diode	11V 350Mw SOT-23	BZX84C11T	Diodes, Inc.
L1	15µH, 1.5A,	SLF7045T-150M1R5	TDK
R1	8.87kΩ, 1%	CRCW06038871F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay

FIGURE 15. LM2734Y (550kHz)
V_{BOOST} Derived from Series Zener Diode (V_{OUT})
15V to 9V/1A

Bill of Materials for Figure 15

Part ID	Part Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
U1	1A Buck Regulator	LM2734Y	National Semiconductor
C1, Input Cap	10µF, 25V, X7R	C3225X7R1E106M	TDK
C2, Output Cap	22µF, 16V, X5R	C3216X5R1C226M	TDK
C3, Boost Cap	0.01µF, 16V, X7R	C1005X7R1C103K	TDK
D1, Catch Diode	0.4V_F Schottky 1A, 30VR	SS1P3L	Vishay
D2, Boost Diode	1V_F @ 50mA Diode	1N4148W	Diodes, Inc.
D3, Zener Diode	4.3V 350mw SOT-23	BZX84C4V3	Diodes, Inc.
L1	22µH, 1.4A,	SLF7045T-220M1R3-1PF	TDK
R1	102kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031023F	Vishay
R2	10.2kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031022F	Vishay
R3	100kΩ, 1%	CRCW06031003F	Vishay

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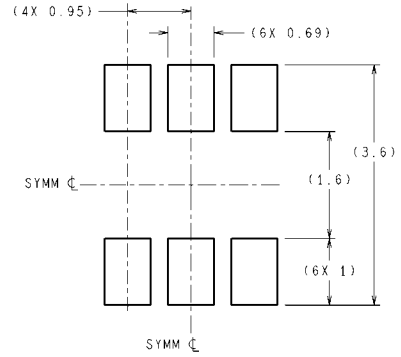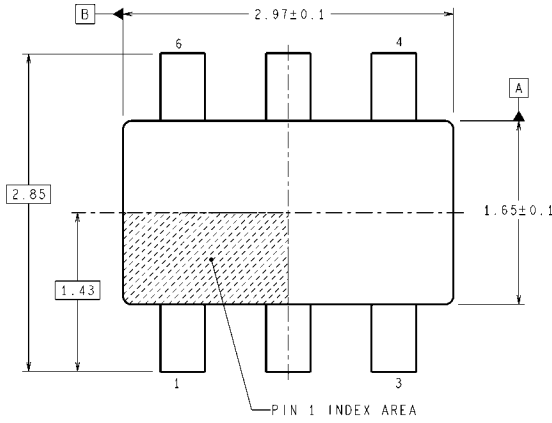
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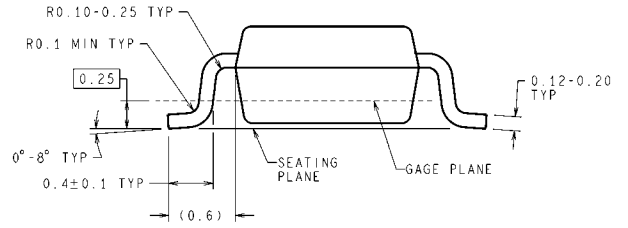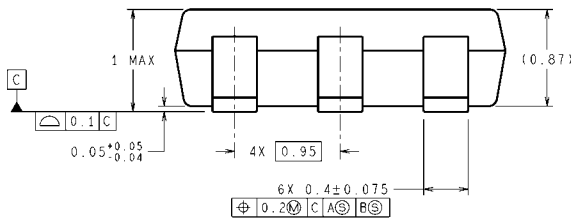
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