

SGM41299C 3A Thermoelectric Cooler (TEC) Driver

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The SGM41299C is a monolithic thermoelectric cooling (TEC) thermostat driver device with two-stage feedback amplifier. The device includes a differential driver (output) stage, an internal 2.5V output reference voltage and two zero-drift, rail-to-rail chopper amplifiers. The first chopper amplifier biases the sensed temperature signal and another is an error amplifier for compensating the closed loop temperature control. This amplifier can be used with a digital controller as well.

The TEC is driven differentially between a linear push-pull stage and a pulse-width modulation (PWM) switching stage. A linear push-pull stage forms one of the arms of the differential output which has a relatively high gain and saturates if the error signal is not close to zero (> 2.5%). This means that the TEC is effectively driven by the other arm. The other arm has a lower gain, and high frequency PWM switching driver that can drive the TEC with high efficiency. The PWM switching driver output is passed through an LC filter to remove large voltage ripple before reaching the TEC. It can sink or source current for both the heating and cooling modes connected to the TEC and stabilize its temperature at the set point.

The SGM41299C is available in a Green TQFN-6×6-36L package. It operates over the -40°C to +125°C junction temperature range.

FEATURES

- High Efficiency Single Inductor Architecture
- Single-Ended to Differential Driver with Low R_{DSON} MOSFETs inside
- TEC Voltage and Current Monitoring
- No External Sense Resistor Required
- Independent Heating and Cooling Current/Voltage Limits Programming
- PWM Driver Switching Frequency: 2.0MHz (TYP)
- Two Rail-to-Rail, Zero-Drift Chopper Amplifiers
- Compatible with RTD or NTC Thermal Sensors
- 2.5V Output Reference Voltage
- Temperature Lock Indicator
- Patent Pending
- Available in a Green TQFN-6×6-36L Package

APPLICATIONS

TEC Temperature Controls Instruments Requiring TEC Temperature Controls Optical Modules Optical Fiber Amplifiers Optical Networking Systems



PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION

MODEL	PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE RANGE	ORDERING NUMBER	PACKAGE MARKING	PACKING OPTION
SGM41299C	TQFN-6×6-36L	-40°C to +125°C	SGM41299CXTQR36G/TR	SGM41299C XTQR36 XXXXX	Tape and Reel, 3000

MARKING INFORMATION

NOTE: XXXXX = Date Code, Trace Code and Vendor Code.

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- Uendor Code
- Trace Code
 - —— Date Code Year

Green (RoHS & HSF): SG Micro Corp defines "Green" to mean Pb-Free (RoHS compatible) and free of halogen substances. If you have additional comments or questions, please contact your SGMICRO representative directly.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

PVINL to PGNDL	-0.3V to 6V
PVINS to PGNDS	-0.3V to 6V
LDR to PGNDL0	.3V to V _{PVINL}
SW to PGNDS	-0.3V to 6V
AGND to PGNDL	0.3V to 0.3V
AGND to PGNDS	0.3V to 0.3V
VREF, SFB, VLIM_nSD, ILIM, IN1P, IN1N, IN2	P, IN2N and
EN to AGND0.3V to	o V _{DD} + 0.3V
VDD, OUT1, OUT2, ITEC and VTEC to AGND	-0.3V to 6V
Maximum Current	
VREF to AGND	20mA
OUT1, OUT2, ITEC and VTEC to AGND	50mA
Package Thermal Resistance	
TQFN-6×6-36L, θ _{JA}	28°C/W
Junction Temperature	+150°C
Storage Temperature Range65°	C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10s)	+260°C
ESD Susceptibility	
НВМ	4000V
CDM	1000V

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Driver Supply Voltage Range	2.7V to 5.5V
Controller Supply Voltage Range	2.7V to 5.5V
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	40°C to +125°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range	40°C to +125°C

OVERSTRESS CAUTION

Stresses beyond those listed in Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect reliability. Functional operation of the device at any conditions beyond those indicated in the Recommended Operating Conditions section is not implied.

ESD SENSITIVITY CAUTION

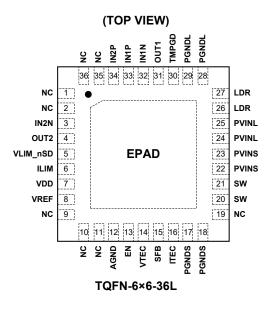
This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD if you don't pay attention to ESD protection. SGMICRO recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage. ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

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PIN CONFIGURATION



PIN DESCRIPTION

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 19, 35, 36	NC	No Connection. Leave these pins open.
3	IN2N	Inverting Input of the A2 (Compensation) Amplifier.
4	OUT2	Output of the A2 (Compensation) Amplifier.
5	VLIM_nSD	Voltage Limit/Shutdown Input. This pin sets the cooling and heating TEC voltage limits (positive or negative TEC voltage limit). The device shuts down when it is pulled low.
6	ILIM	Current Limit Setting Input. This pin sets the heating current limits and TEC cooling.
7	VDD	Power Input for the Device.
8	VREF	2.5V Reference Output.
12	AGND	Signal Ground.
13	EN	Enable. Should be set high to enable the device.
14	VTEC	TEC Voltage Monitoring Output.
15	SFB	Feedback Input of the PWM TEC Driver Output Voltage (After LC Filter).
16	ITEC	TEC Current Monitoring Output.
17, 18	PGNDS	Power Ground of the PWM Driver Arm.
20, 21	SW	Switch Node Output of the PWM Driver Arm.
22, 23	PVINS	Power Supply Input for the PWM Driver Arm.
24, 25	PVINL	Power Supply Input for the Linear Driver Arm.
26, 27	LDR	Output of the Linear Driver Arm.
28, 29	PGNDL	Power Ground of the Linear Driver Arm.
30	TMPGD	Temperature-Good Output.
31	OUT1	Output of the A1 Amplifier.
32	IN1N	Inverting Input of the A1 Amplifier.
33	IN1P	Non-Inverting Input of the A1 Amplifier.
34	IN2P	Non-Inverting Input of the A2 (Compensation) Amplifier.
Exposed Pad	EP	Exposed Pad. Connect to the analog ground.



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V_{IN} = 2.7V to 5.5V, T_J = -40°C to +125°C, all typical values are measured at T_J = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Power Supply		I		- I			
Driver Supply Voltage	V _{PVIN}		2.7		5.5	V	
Controller Supply Voltage	V _{DD}		2.7		5.5	V	
Supply Current	I _{DD}	PWM not switching		1.3	2	mA	
Shutdown Current	I _{SD}	EN = AGND or VLIM_nSD = AGND		200	350	μA	
Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)	V _{UVLO}	V _{DD} rising	2.50	2.58	2.66	V	
UVLO Hysteresis	V _{UVLO_HYST}			90		mV	
Reference Voltage	V _{REF}	I _{REF} = 0mA to 10mA	2.47	2.50	2.53	V	
Linear Output	•	·				•	
Low Output Voltage				0		V	
High Output Voltage	V _{LDR}	$I_{LDR} = 0A$		V _{PVIN}		V	
Maximum Source Current	I _{LDR_SOURCE}	T _J = +25°C	J = +25°C 3.5			А	
Maximum Sink Current	I _{LDR_SINK}	T _J = +25°C	, = +25℃		3.5	А	
P-MOSFET On-Resistance	Р	I _{LDR} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 5.0V		50	90	mΩ	
P-WOSFET ON-Resistance	$R_{DS_{PL(ON)}}$	I _{LDR} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 3.3V		58	100		
	Р	I _{LDR} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 5.0V		47	95	mΩ	
N-MOSFET On-Resistance	$R_{DS_NL(ON)}$	I _{LDR} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 3.3V	53	105	11152		
P-MOSFET Leakage Current	I _{LDR_P_LKG}			0.1	5	μA	
N-MOSFET Leakage Current	I _{LDR_N_LKG}			100	180	μA	
Linear Amplifier Gain	A _{LDR}			40		V/V	
LDR Short-Circuit Threshold	ILDR_SH_GNDL	LDR short to PGNDL, enter hiccup		4.5		А	
LDR Shon-Circuit mileshold	I _{LDR_SH_PVINL}	LDR short to PVIN, enter hiccup		-4.5		А	
Hiccup Cycle	t _{HICCUP}			15		ms	
PWM Output							
Low Output Voltage		I _{SFB} = 0A		$0.06 \times V_{PVIN}$		V	
High Output Voltage	VSFB	I _{SFB} = 0A		$0.93 \times V_{PVIN}$		V	
Maximum Source Current	I _{SW_SOURCE}	T _J = +25°C	3.5			А	
Maximum Sink Current	I _{SW_SINK}	T _J = +25°C			3.5	А	
P-MOSFET On-Resistance	D	I _{SW} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 5.0V		42	75	mΩ	
	$R_{\text{DS}_\text{PS}(\text{ON})}$	I _{SW} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 3.3V		50	85	11122	
N-MOSFET On-Resistance	Р	I _{SW} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 5.0V		31	60	mΩ	
N-MOSPET OII-Resistance	R _{DS_NS(ON)}	I _{SW} = 1.5A, V _{PVIN} = 3.3V		37	70	11122	
P-MOSFET Leakage Current	I _{SW_P_LKG}			0.1	5	μA	
N-MOSFET Leakage Current	I _{SW_N_LKG}			0.1	5	μA	
PWM Duty Cycle	D _{sw}	The range that continuous PWM operation is kept.	6		93	%	
SFB Input Bias Current	I _{SFB}			60	100	μA	
Internal Oscillator Frequency	f _{osc}	EN high	1.76	2.00	2.24	MHz	



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
EN Low Input Voltage	V _{IL}				0.8	V
EN High Input Voltage	V _{IH}		2.1			V
EN Input Current	I _{EN}			0.3	1	μA
Pull-Down Current				0.3	2	μA
Error/Compensation Amplifiers	•				•	-
hans to Offer at 1 / alterna	V _{OS1}	V _{CM1} = 1.5V, V _{OS1} = V _{IN1P} - V _{IN1N}		10	100	μV
Input Offset Voltage	V _{OS2}	V _{CM2} = 1.5V, V _{OS2} = V _{IN2P} - V _{IN2N}		10	100	μV
Input Voltage Range	V_{CM1}, V_{CM2}		0		V _{DD}	V
Common Mode Rejection Ratio	CMRR	V_{CM1} , V_{CM2} = 0.2V to V_{DD} - 0.2V		120		dB
High Output Voltage	V _{OH1} , V _{OH2}	I _{OUT1} = I _{OUT2} = 5mA	V _{DD} - 0.15			V
Low Output Voltage	V_{OL1}, V_{OL2}	I _{OUT1} = I _{OUT2} = 5mA		90	150	mV
Power Supply Rejection Ratio	PSRR			120		dB
Output Current	I _{OUT1} , I _{OUT2}	Sourcing and sinking	5			mA
Gain Bandwidth Product	GBW	V_{OUT1} , V_{OUT2} = 0.5V to V_{DD} - 1V		1		MHz
TEC Current Limit	•				•	-
Current-Limit Threshold (Cooling)	V _{ILIMC_TH}	V _{ITEC} = 2V	1.98	2.0	2.02	V
Current-Limit Threshold (Heating)	V _{ILIMH_TH}	$V_{\text{ITEC}} = 0.5 V$	0.48	0.50	0.52	V
ILIM Input Current (Cooling)	I _{ILIMC}	Sourcing current	36.5	40	43.5	μA
ILIM Input Current (Heating)	I _{ILIMH}			0.01	1	μA
Cooling to Heating Current Detection Threshold	I _{COOL_HEAT_TH}			40		mA
TEC Voltage Limit						
Voltage Limit Gain	A _{VLIM}	(V _{DRL} - V _{SFB})/V _{VLIM}		2		V/V
VLIM_nSD Input Current (Cooling)	IVLIMC	V _{OUT2} < V _{REF} /2		0.1	1	μA
VLIM_nSD Input Current (Heating)	I _{VLIMH}	$V_{OUT2} > V_{REF}/2$, sinking current	8	10	12	μA
TEC Current Measurement						
Current Sense Gain	R _{cs}			0.285		V/A
Current Measurement Accuracy	I _{LDR_ERROR}	$1A \le I_{LDR} \le 3A$	-10		10	%
ITEC Voltage Accuracy	VITEC_AT_1_A	Cooling, V _{REF} /2 + I _{LDR} × R _{CS}	1.493	1.538	1.577	V
ITEC Bias Voltage	V _{ITEC_B}	I _{LDR} = 0A	1.210	1.250	1.285	V
Maximum ITEC Output Current	I _{ITEC}		-2		2	mA



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
A _{VTEC}		0.24	0.25	0.26	V/V
$V_{VTEC_AT_1.5_V}$	$V_{\text{LDR}} - V_{\text{SFB}} = 1.5 \text{V}, V_{\text{REF}}/2 + A_{\text{VTEC}} \times (V_{\text{LDR}} - V_{\text{SFB}})$	1.59	1.63	1.67	V
V_{VTEC_B}	$V_{LDR} = V_{SFB}$	1.225	1.250	1.285	V
R _{VTEC}		-2		2	mA
$V_{\text{TMPGD}_{\text{LO}}}$	No load			0.4	V
$V_{TMPGD_{HO}}$	No load	2.0			V
R _{TMPGD_LOW}			50		Ω
R _{TMPGD_HIGH}			80		Ω
$V_{\text{OUT1_THH}}$	IN2N tied to OUT2, V_{IN2P} = 1.5V		1.56	1.63	V
$V_{\text{OUT1_THL}}$	IN2N tied to OUT2, V_{IN2P} = 1.5V	1.37	1.44		V
t _{ss}			110		ms
$V_{\text{VLIM}_n\text{SD}_T\text{HL}}$				0.07	V
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T _{SHDN_TH}			170		°C
T _{SHDN_HYS}			30		°C
	VVTEC_AT_1.5_V VVTEC_B RVTEC VTMPGD_LO VTMPGD_HO RTMPGD_HO RTMPGD_HIGH VOUT1_THH VOUT1_THH VOUT1_THL TSS	Avtec $V_{VTEC_AT_1.5_V}$ $V_{LDR} - V_{SFB} = 1.5V, V_{REF}/2 + A_{VTEC} \times (V_{LDR} - V_{SFB})$ V_{VTEC_B} $V_{LDR} = V_{SFB}$ R_{VTEC} No load V_{TMPGD_LO} No load V_{TMPGD_HO} No load R_{TMPGD_HO} No load R_{TMPGD_HO} No load R_{TMPGD_HGH} No lout1_THH V_{OUT1_THH} IN2N tied to OUT2, $V_{IN2P} = 1.5V$ V_{OUT1_THL} IN2N tied to OUT2, $V_{IN2P} = 1.5V$ $V_{VLIM_nSD_THL}$ T	Avtec 0.24 Vvtec_At_1.5_V V_LDR - VSFB = 1.5V, VREF/2 + Avtec × (VLDR - VSFB) 1.59 Vvtec_B VLDR = VSFB 1.225 Rvtec -2 VTMPGD_LO No load 2.0 RtmPGD_HO No load 2.0 RtmPGD_HGH 2.0 Vout1_the IN2N tied to OUT2, VIN2P = 1.5V 1.37 tss 1.37 tss Vull_nsD_thL 1.37	Avtec 0.24 0.25 Vvtec_At_1.5_v VLDR - VSFB = 1.5V, VREF/2 + Avtec × (VLDR - VSFB) 1.59 1.63 Vvtec_B VLDR = VSFB 1.225 1.250 Rvtec -2 -2 VTMPGD_LO No load 2.0 RtmPGD_HO No load 2.0 RtmPGD_HO No load 50 RtmPGD_HGH 80 Vout1_THH IN2N tied to OUT2, VIN2P = 1.5V 1.37 Vout1_THL IN2N tied to OUT2, VIN2P = 1.5V 1.37 tss 110 VvLIM_nSD_THL 110	Avtec 0.24 0.25 0.26 VvteC_AT_1.5_V VLDR - VSFB = 1.5V, VREF/2 + Avtec × (VLDR - VSFB) 1.59 1.63 1.67 VvteC_B VLDR = VSFB 1.225 1.250 1.285 Rvtec -2 2 2 VTMPGD_LO No load 2.0 0.4 VTMPGD_HO No load 2.0 1.205 RtmPGD_LOW 50 1.63 1.63 Vout1_THH IN2N tied to OUT2, VIN2P = 1.5V 1.56 1.63 Vout1_THL IN2N tied to OUT2, VIN2P = 1.5V 1.37 1.44 tss 110 110 Vull_nsb_THL 0.07 1.70 1.70



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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

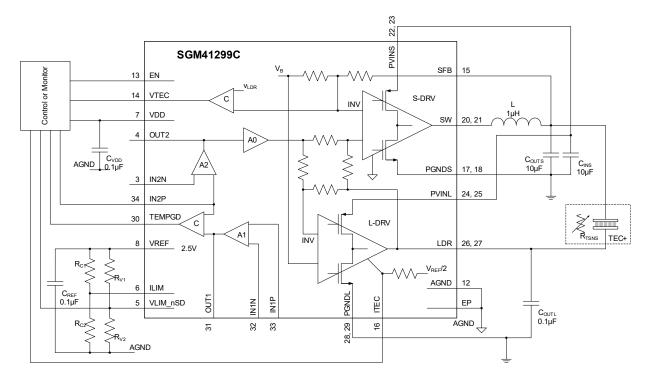


Figure 1. Block Diagram



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OPERATION PRINCIPLE AND APPLICATION

The SGM41299C contains all the necessary circuits to make a full analog control loop for a TEC thermostat, including precision chopper amplifiers, TEC differential driver and reference voltage plus monitoring and limiting functions and protections for over-temperature and over-current (see Figure 1).

The differential driver has two arms: a linear arm with high transfer gain and a switching regulator arm with a relatively lower gain. With this structure, the precise but inefficient linear driver saturates at low differential output swing such that in most of the output range only the switching arm is effectively regulating the output. This keeps the overall driving efficiency very high and close to a common switching converter rather than a linear amplifier.

Figure 2 shows a model for the differential driver. The $V_{REF}/2 = 1.25V$ is the common mode signal reference (zero) for the amplifiers. From the A0 input which is OUT2 from the compensator to the LDR output, the transfer ratio (V_{OUT2} -1.25 to V_{LDR} - V_B) is designed to be a 40× gain. The switching arm is designed to amplify the divider output (1/5 of the V_{LDR} - V_B) by 5× and 5/6 of V_{OUT2} - 1.25 by 6× gain. Overall, it makes the differential output to follow 5 × (V_{OUT2} - 1.25). Refer to the transfer plots in the typical performance characteristics for details.

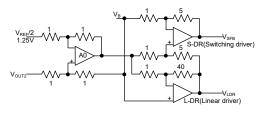


Figure 2. The Single-ended V_{OUT2} to Differential Output Transfer Model

The output current and voltage limits are independently set with programming resistor dividers (powered from V_{REF}) for both driving directions (sink and source). The bias currents can be different in each direction. This programming flexibility allows the operation range to be set for a wide range of TEC specifications.

Soft-Start

When the device starts to operate or resumes from the over-temperature or switch over-current protection conditions, both arms (the LDR and switching) output initially go to 0V and then ramp up to the common voltage of V_B (no differential driving at this moment) and then they start to split and the differential driving starts. Refer to the waveform captures in the typical performance characteristics for details. Before the differential outputs raise off the ground level enough, the internal cooling/heating current detection is not certain and the internal bias currents to VLIM and ILIM may toggle correspondingly.

TEC Thermostat Basis

The TEC device is made of semiconductor (Bi_2Te_3) thermo-electric piles that have positive or negative mobility potentials in the P-doping or N-doping, in which the mobile charge is hotter or cooler than the bulk. When foreign chargers compensate the chargers of hot or cool spots, mobile chargers are released in even hotter or cooler spots and the procedure makes the bulk hotter or cooler.

Figure 3 shows the Voltage-Current (I-V) plots of a typical 9-coupler TEC sample at different thermal power transfer values when acting as a cooler. Derived from this figure, the thermal pumping efficiency is given in Figure 4 and the resistive loss to the leakage loss relationship is extracted and given in Figure 5. The Q = 0 curve shows the I-V points with the largest generated ΔT across TEC. The ΔT = 0 curve gives the I-V points with the highest heat transfer (thermal flux). The peak trace shows the maximum achievable ΔT for different thermal loads (heat transfer). After the peak trace and at higher currents the driver voltage to ΔT gain polarity is reversed so the cooling current must be carefully limited below the peak trace to maintain a monotonic relation between drive current and generated ΔT . This is essential for the stability and loop convergent.



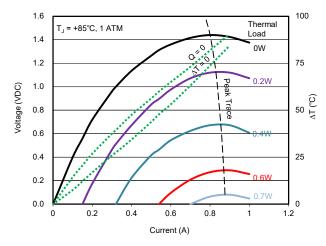


Figure 3. The Typical I-V and Thermal Transfer Plot

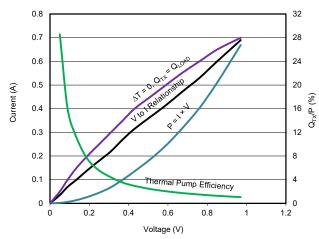


Figure 4. Thermal Pump Efficiency. The Q_{TX}/P is the Ratio of Transferred Heat to the Driving Power (in %)

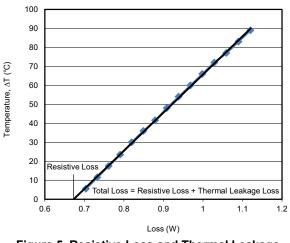


Figure 5. Resistive Loss and Thermal Leakage

From Figure 4 it can be concluded that a larger capacity TEC (capable for higher heat power transfer) has a better efficiency at the same heat load. Figure 5 illustrates that the TEC resistive loss ($P = V \times I$) is bigger than leakage loss that is due to the natural heat transfer (leakage) through the thermal resistance of the TEC from the hot side to the cool side. The resistive loss is the dominant portion of the total loss.

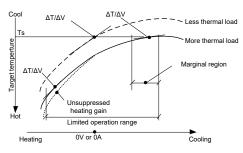


Figure 6. The Maximum and Suitable (below Marginal) Operating Ranges

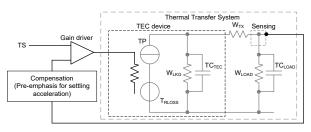


Figure 7. TEC Thermostat Combined Loop Model

Figure 6 shows that the $\Delta T/\Delta V$ (differential gain of drive voltage to temperature difference) varies in the operation range and is smaller at higher thermal loads.

Figure 7 shows the closed loop model of a TEC thermostat with its dual major poles and other key elements in the thermal system. The load thermal capacitance TC_{LOAD} (heat capacity) and the heat transfer loss W_{TX} along with the TEC thermal capacitance (TC_{TEC}) results in a 2nd order system for control loop to compensate. The TP stands for power of the thermal pump and T_{RLOSS} models the thermal leakage loss.

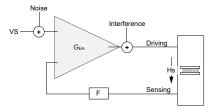


Figure 8. Error Sources in a TEC Thermostat



Based on the system model shown in Figure 8, if the temperature set point is VS, the deterministic temperature error T_{DE} and the sensed temperature T_{SNS} can be represented as:

$$T_{DE} = \frac{Noise}{F} + \frac{Hs}{1 + F \times Hs \times G_{EA}} \times Interference$$
(1)

$$T_{SNS} = \frac{VS}{F} \times \frac{G_{EA} \times Hs}{1 + G_{EA} \times Hs \times F} + T_{DE}$$
(2)

For the total interference value of the device, please refer to the SGM41299C typical performance characteristics table.

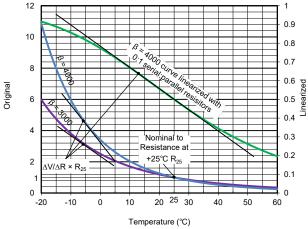


Figure 9. Typical NTC Responsivity and Linearization

TEC Thermostat Design

Several types of temperature sensors such as NTC, thermo-resistance (PTR), PN junction and thermocouples ¹ can be used for sensing the temperature of the object to make a thermostat. The NTC without linearization has typically the largest responsivity in the cooling range and is suitable for TEC applications in the cooling mode.

For example, a typical PN junction type sensor has a responsivity of about -2mV/°C. A 1k Ω NTC with β = 3000 and 200 μ A bias has almost the same responsivity at 60°C. Such responsivity is good enough for most of the thermostat applications; the main design constrain is usually the transfer gain of the TEC device. The sensor system noise, settling time and system pull-in time are the 3 main challenges for a stable design. The thermal system noise impact can be mitigated by using a low noise sensor, using a stable driver or by increasing the load thermal capacity. The response

¹ NTC is negative temperature co-efficiency resistor; PTR is positive temperature co-efficiency resistor like platinum film; junction voltage is the PN junction forward voltage bias with a constant current. The junction voltage type and thermal coupling may be easier to fabricate for integration.



time of a thermal system can also be improved by a pre-emphasizer stage. A digital PID compensator with the adaptive gain can be used instead of the analog one. This is better for design flexibility as it can easily fit different conditions.

Fast pull-in time is desired for quick calibration in production or for a quick set-up in a specific application. An error-adaptive gain (more gain when error is large and less gain when it is small) helps getting a calibration-free and fast pull-in performance for the loop. Having a digital segmented loop that has different loop gains for different error amplitude is more convenient for flexible parameter programming and achieving larger time constants.

Items	Description
Ambient	Design objective. The maximum temperature at which
Temperature	the thermostat can work.
Thermal Load	load power changes in operation.
Control Range	Design objective. The temperature to maintain and its accuracy, resolution and its range.
Response Time	Design objective. The response time when the system is locked-in with limited ambient temperature interference sudden change.
Pull-In Time	Design objective. The time to pull the system in the locked-in status from the uncontrolled (loss of control) status during start-up or after pull-off by a heavy interference.
TEC Performance	Constrain condition verification. To evaluate or select a TEC device for its maximum cooling gain (at the highest available control temperature and maximum thermal load) and heating gain (at the lowest available control temperature and lowest thermal load).
Sensor Performance	Constrain condition verification, i.e., its worst responsivity in desired range. The key element affecting the thermostat performance.
Thermal Bias	Ambient impact, i.e., the bias power in the given ambient temperature range: TEC/object to ambient thermal coupling, a constrain condition for characterize in system.
Driving Response	The system characterization. The cooling gain and heating gain at segmented different TEC loading condition.
Injection Response	The system characterization, on both the thermal load injection response and thermal bias (ambient) injection.
System Noise	The actual/simulated system characterization.
Loop Gain/ Bandwidth	Design synthesis, derived from the objectives and conditions, matches with the sensor performance.
Loop Noise	Design synthesis, derived from the objectives and conditions.
Control Mode	Design synthesis, derived from the objectives and conditions.

Table 1. Factors to Consider in TEC Thermostat Design

Programming the Limits

Both current limit and voltage limit are set by similar internal circuits. Current and voltage limit points are sent to an operational trans-impedance amplifier with current sinking and sourcing capability. If the limits are reached, the switching arm output magnitude is reduced or is cut off to prevent damages.

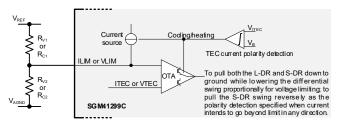


Figure 10. Voltage and Current Limit Circuit Architecture

As shown in Figure 10, the external resistor dividers (for voltage and current individually) for limit settings are biased with two current sinking/pouring sources. When the current polarity changes, the two bias current sources are turned on or off and injected into the resistor dividers, the voltages at VLIM or ILIM are set high or low to 1.25V, which is the corresponding value for both zero driving current and zero differential driving voltage. One bias current pours I_{ILIMC} (40µA) off the ILIM when driving is detected as in cooling direction and the other sinks I_{ILIMH} (10µA) into the VLIM when driving in heating direction. The 4 divider resistances are calculated from the following equations:

$$R_{V1} = 2.5 \times 10^5 \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{TEC}_MAX_HEATING}}{V_{\text{TEC}_MAX_COOLING}}\right)$$
(3)

$$R_{V2} = R_{V1} / \left(\frac{5}{V_{\text{TEC}_MAX_COOLING}} - 1 \right)$$
 (4)

$$R_{C1} = 6.25 \times 10^{4} \times \left(\frac{1.25 + 0.285 \times I_{TEC_MAX_COOLING}}{1.25 - 0.285 \times I_{TEC_MAX_HEATING}} - 1\right)$$
(5)

$$R_{C2} = R_{C1} / \left(\frac{2.5}{1.25 - 0.285 \times I_{TEC} MAX_{HEATING}} - 1 \right)$$
(6)

The V_{TEC_MAX_HEATING}, V_{TEC_MAX_COOLING}, I_{TEC_MAX_HEATING} and I_{TEC_MAX_COOLING} are parameters given for specific TEC device as listed maximum voltages and currents in its specification. The limiting voltage for either ILIM or VLIM in either cooling or heating should be far enough away from 1.25V, which is more than 50mV, to avoid

unstable caused by impaired limiting direction when the setting current or voltage swing is too close to zero.

Output Monitoring and Reference Voltage

The differential output voltage and bidirectional output current are converted into single ended output signals (biased to $V_{REF}/2 = 1.25V$) for external monitoring (V_{TEC} and I_{TEC} output voltages). The characteristic parameters of these monitoring outputs and the reference voltage (V_{REF} , which is used for biasing external sensing networks) and the temperature-good signal are given in the SGM41299C electrical characteristics table.

Designing the Analog Loop

A1 is a chopper amplifier designed for temperature sensor signal conditioning (such as changing its polarity, adjusting the offset or increasing its sensitivity). The chopper amplifier A2 is designed for making an error amplifier that provides gain and compensation to either an external control input or to the output of the chopper amplifier A1.

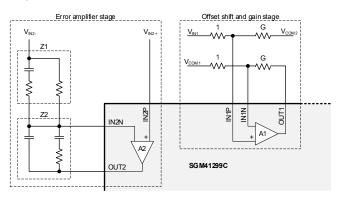


Figure 11. Using SGM41299C Amplifiers

Figure 11 shows an applicable circuit in which A2 is used to make an error amplifier with external compensation network Z1 and Z2, and A1 is used to make a gain (G) stage with level shifting from V_{COM1} at input side to V_{COM2} at output (OUT1). The temperature setting can be fed into either V_{IN2+} or V_{IN2-} and the temperature sensor (for example NTC) can replace one of the four resistors.



Operate as Driver in a Digital Loop

When the device is used in a digital thermostat loop, it works as a single-ended to differential power amplifier with programmable current limiting and voltage limiting. The single-ended input to the power stage is the OUT2 that is output of A2, which is centered to 1.25V and the differential swing is centered at 1.5V for $V_{DD} < 4V$ or 2.5V for $V_{DD} > 4V$. The external input to the power amplifier should be applied through any of the amplifier input and then the A2 transfers to OUT2 for the power amplifier.

Either the voltage limiting or the current limiting is performed with a single amplifier for two directional limiting thresholds separately. The limiting directions and thresholds follow the change and match with the actual TEC driving polarity autonomously with the internal TEC current detection circuit. The mechanism of following has to be maintained is using DACs to programming the thresholds, which could be implemented by insertion of serial resistor between the DAC output to the VLIM or ILIM that enables the bias current changing the threshold matching the TEC driving polarity. Each threshold should sit aside 1.25V farer then 50mV minimally.

Layout and Component Selection

The PWM chopper and the L and C components need to be carefully placed and routed. Keep the key components (L, C_{INS} , C_{OUTS} and C_{OUTL}) close to the device and separate the high current and reference grounds and connect them in one point. Keep the switching current loop area as small as possible. Choose proper L, C_{INS} , C_{OUTS} and C_{OUTL} for operating frequency and currents and choose a low DCR inductor and low ESR capacitors.

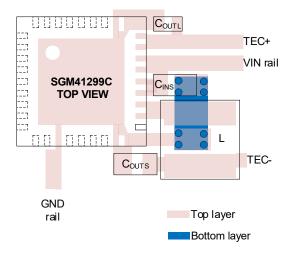


Figure 12. Key Components Placement and Layout

Designation	Vendor	Device No.	Value	Verified Suitable Range
L	Würth-Elektronik	74439344010	1µH	0.68µH ~ 1.5µH
C _{INS}	Murata	C426637/GRJ31CR71E106KE11L	10µF	≥ 10µF
Couts	Murata	C426637/GRJ31CR71E106KE11L	10µF	10µF ~ 22µF
C _{OUTL}	Murata	0805B104K500NT	0.1µF	0.1µF ~ 1µF

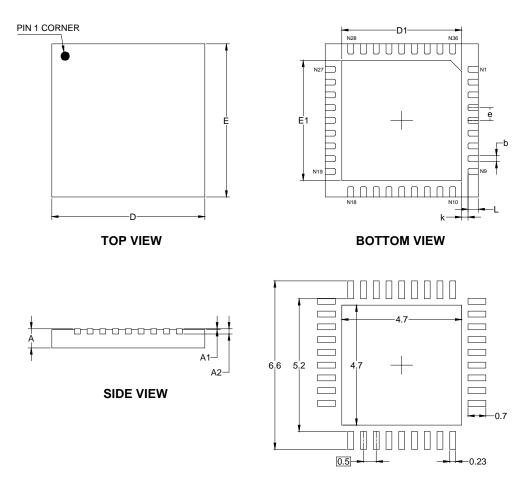
Table 2. Recommended Inductor and Capacitors

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PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS TQFN-6×6-36L



RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN (Unit: mm)

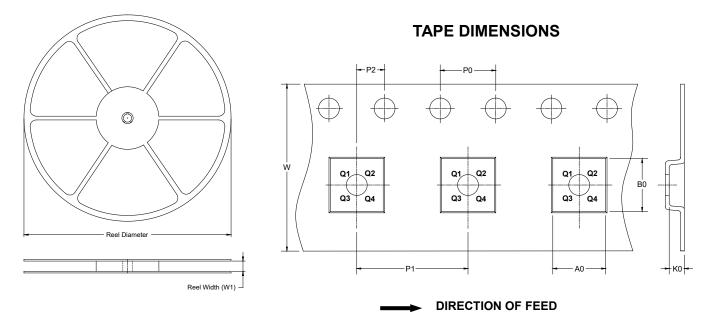
Cumula al	Dimensions In Millimeters							
Symbol	MIN	MOD	MAX					
A	0.7	0.75	0.8					
A1	0	0 0.02 0.0						
A2		0.203 REF						
b	0.18	0.28						
D		6 BSC						
E		6 BSC						
D1	4.6	4.7	4.8					
E1	4.6	4.7	4.8					
L	0.35	0.4	0.45					
е		0.5 BSC						
k		0.25 REF						

NOTE: This drawing is subject to change without notice.



TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

REEL DIMENSIONS



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KEY PARAMETER LIST OF TAPE AND REEL

Package Type	Reel Diameter	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	P2 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TQFN-6×6-36L	13″	16.4	6.40	6.40	1.40	4.0	8.0	2.0	16.0	Q1

CARTON BOX DIMENSIONS



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KEY PARAMETER LIST OF CARTON BOX

Reel Type	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)	Pizza/Carton	
13″	386	280	370	5	DD0002

