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High Efficiency 1A Synchronous Buck Converter

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Brief Description

The ZSPM4011 is a DC/DC synchronous switching regulator with fully integrated power switches, internal compensation, and full fault protection. The switching frequency of 1MHz enables the use of small filter components, resulting in reduced board space and reduced BOM costs.

The ZSPM4011 utilizes current mode feedback in normal regulation PWM mode. When the regulator is disabled (EN is low), the device draws less than 10uA quiescent current.

The ZSPM4011 integrates a wide range of protection circuitry, including: input supply under-voltage lockout, output voltage soft start, current limit, and thermal shutdown.

The ZSPM4011 includes supervisory reporting through the PG (Power Good) open drain output to interface other components in the system.

Features

- Fixed output voltages: 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 3.3V, and 5V with +/- 2% output tolerance
- Adjustable version output voltage range: 0.9V to 5V with +/- 1.5% reference
- Wide input voltage range: 6V to 24V (26.4V Abs Max)
- 1MHz +/- 10% fixed switching frequency
- 1A continuous output current: High efficiency – up to 95%
- Current mode PWM control with PFM mode for improved light load efficiency
- Voltage supervisor for V_{OUT} reported at the PG pin
- Input supply under voltage lockout
- Soft start for controlled startup with no overshoot
- Full protection for over-current, over-temperature, and V_{OUT} over-voltage
- Less than 10uA in shutdown mode
- Low external component count

Benefits

- Increased battery life
- Minimal external component count (3 capacitors, 1 inductor)
- Inherent fault protection and reporting

Available Support

- Evaluation kit
- Datasheets

Physical Characteristics

- Junction operating temperature -40°C to 125°C
- Packaged in a 16pin QFN (3x3)

Related ZMDI Products

- ZSPM4012/ZSPM4013: 2A/3A synchronous buck converters, available with adjustable output from 0.9 to 5V or fixed output voltages at 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 3.3V, 5.0V (16 Lead 3x3 QFN)
- ZSPM1000: >5A single-phase, single-rail, true digital PWM controller (24-lead 4x4 QFN)

ZSPM4011 Application Circuits

Adjustable Output
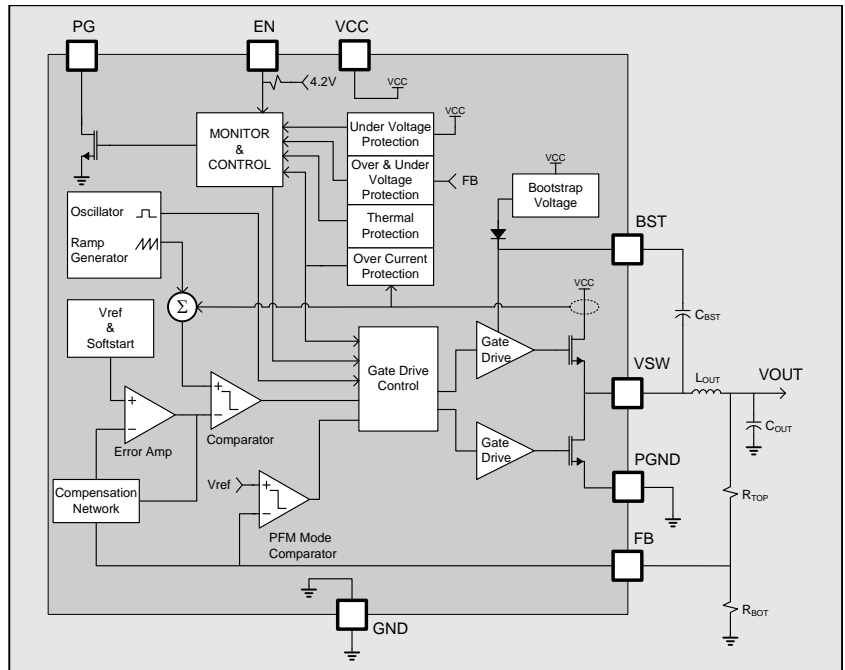

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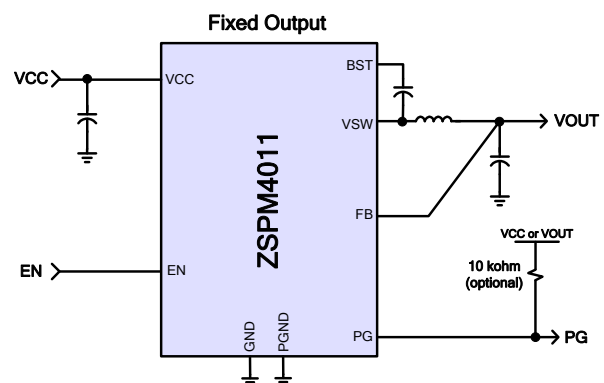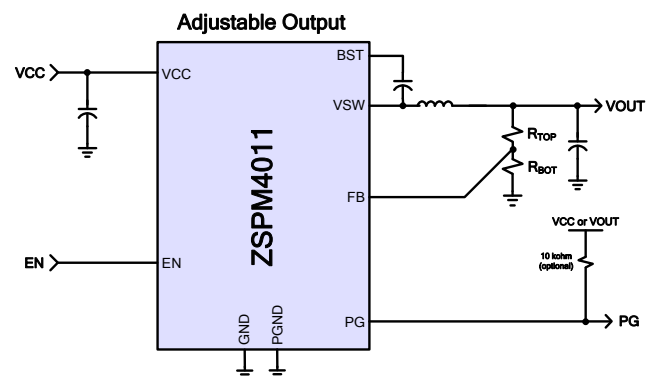
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ZSPM4011 Block Diagram

Typical Applications

- Wireless access points, cable modems
- Set-top boxes
- DVD, LCD, LED supplies
- Portable products, including GPS, smart phones, tablet PCs
- Printers

Ordering Information

Ordering Code	Description	Package
ZSPM4011AA1W00	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: adjustable output, 0.9V to 5V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W15	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 1.5V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W18	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 1.8V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W25	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 2.5V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W33	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 3.3V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W50	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 5.0V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011KIT	ZSPM4011KIT, evaluation kit for 1A synchronous buck converter	

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1.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Over operating free–air temperature range unless otherwise noted[1,2]

Table 1.1: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Value	UNIT
VCC	-0.3 to 26.4	V
BST	-0.3 to (VCC+6)	V
VSW	-1 to 26.4	V
EN, PG, FB	-0.3 to 6	V
Continuous total power dissipation	See Dissipation Rating Table	
Electrostatic Discharge – Human Body Model	+/-2k	V
Electrostatic Discharge – Charge Device Model	+/-500	V
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10 seconds)	260	°C

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute–maximum–rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
(2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal

1.2. Thermal Characteristics

Table 1.2: Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
θ_{JA}	Thermal Resistance Junction to Air (Note 1)	38	°C/W
T_{STG}	Storage Temperature Range	-65 to 150	°C
$T_{J\,MAX}$	Maximum Junction Temperature	150	°C
T_J	Operating Junction Temperature Range	-40 to 125	°C

Note 1: Assumes SOIC-8EP 1 in[2] area of 2 oz copper and 25°C ambient temperature.

1.3. Recommended Operating Conditions

Table 1.3: Recommended operating conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
VCC	Input Operating Voltage	6	12	24	V
C_{BST}	Bootstrap Capacitor	17.6	22	26.4	nF
L_{OUT}	Output Filter Inductor Typical Value (Note 1)	3.76	4.7	5.64	uH
C_{OUT}	Output Filter Capacitor Typical Value (Note 2)	33	44 (2 x 22)		uF
$C_{OUT-ESR}$	Output Filter Capacitor ESR	2		100	mΩ
C_{BYPASS}	Input Supply Bypass Capacitor Typical Value (Note 3)	8	10		uF

Note 1: For best performance, an inductor with a saturation current rating higher than the maximum V_{OUT} load requirement plus the inductor current ripple.
Note 2: For best performance, a low ESR ceramic capacitor should be used.
Note 3: For best performance, a low ESR ceramic capacitor should be used. If C_{BYPASS} is not a low ESR ceramic capacitor, a 0.1uF ceramic capacitor should be added in parallel to C_{BYPASS}.

1.4. Electrical Characteristics

Electrical Characteristics, T_J = -40°C to 125°C, VCC = 12V (unless otherwise noted)

Table 1.4: Electrical characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
VCC Supply Voltage						
VCC	Input Supply Voltage		6		24	V
$I_{CC-NORM}$	Quiescent current Normal Mode	VCC = 12V, I_{LOAD} = 0A		5.2		mA
$I_{CC-NOSWITCH}$	Quiescent current Normal Mode – Non-switching	VCC=12V, I_{LOAD}=0A, Non-switching		2.3		mA
$I_{CC-STBY}$	Quiescent current Standby Mode	VCC = 12V, EN = 0V		5	10	uA
VCC Under Voltage Lockout						
VCC_{-UV}	Input Supply Under Voltage Threshold	VCC Increasing	5.5		6.0	V
$VCC_{-UV\ HYST}$	Input Supply Under Voltage Threshold Hysteresis			650		mV
OSC						
F_{OSC}	Oscillator Frequency		0.9	1	1.1	MHz
PG Open Drain Output						
T_{PG}	PG Release Timer			10		Ms
I_{OH-PG}	High-Level Output Leakage	V_{PG} = 5V		0.5		uA
V_{OL-PG}	Low-Level Output Voltage	I_{PG} = -0.3mA			0.01	V
EN Input Voltage Thresholds						
V_{IH-EN}	High Level Input Voltage		2.2			V
V_{IL-EN}	Low Level Input Voltage				0.8	V
$V_{HYST-EN}$	Input Hysteresis			480		mV
I_{IN-EN}	Input Leakage	V_{EN}=5V		3.5		uA
		V_{EN}=0V		-1.5		uA
Thermal Shutdown						
TSD	Thermal Shutdown Junction Temperature	Note: not tested in production	150	170		°C
TSD_{HYST}	TSD Hysteresis			10		°C

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1.5. Regulator Characteristics

Electrical Characteristics, T_J = -40°C to 125°C, VCC = 12V (unless otherwise noted)

Table 1.5: Regulator characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Switch Mode Regulator: L=4.7uH and C=2 x 22uF						
$V_{OUT-PWM}$	Output Voltage Tolerance in PWM Mode	I_{LOAD} =1A	V_{OUT} – 2%	V_{OUT}	V_{OUT} + 2%	V
$V_{OUT-PFM}$	Output Voltage Tolerance in PFM Mode	I_{LOAD} = 0A	V_{OUT} – 1%	V_{OUT} + 1%	V_{OUT} + 3.5%	V
R_{DSON}	High Side Switch On Resistance	I_{VSW} = -1A (Note 1)		180		mΩ
	Low Side Switch On Resistance	I_{VSW} = 1A (Note 1)		120		mΩ
I_{OUT}	Output Current				1	A
I_{OCD}	Over Current Detect	HS switch current	1.4	1.8	2.4	A
FB_{TH}	Feedback Reference (Adjustable Mode)		0.886	0.9	0.914	V
FB_{TH-TOL}	Feedback Reference Tolerance		-1.5		1.5	%
T_{SS}	Softstart Ramp Time			4		ms
FB_{TH-PFM}	PFM Mode FB Comparator Threshold			V_{OUT} + 1%		V
V_{OUT-UV}	V_{OUT} Under Voltage Threshold		91% V_{OUT}	93% V_{OUT}	95% V_{OUT}	
V_{OUT-UV_HYST}	V_{OUT} Under Voltage Hysteresis			1.5% V_{OUT}		
V_{OUT-OV}	V_{OUT} Over Voltage Threshold			103% V_{OUT}		
V_{OUT-OV_HYST}	V_{OUT} Over Voltage Hysteresis			1% V_{OUT}		
$DUTY_{MAX}$	Max Duty Cycle	(Note 2)	95%	97%	99%	

Note 1: R_{DSON} is characterized at 1A and tested at lower current in production.
Note 2: Regulator VSW pin is forced off for 240ns every 8 cycles to ensure the BST cap is replenished.

2   Typical Performance Characteristics

T_J = -40°C to 125°C, VCC = 12V (unless otherwise noted)

Figure 2.1: Startup Response

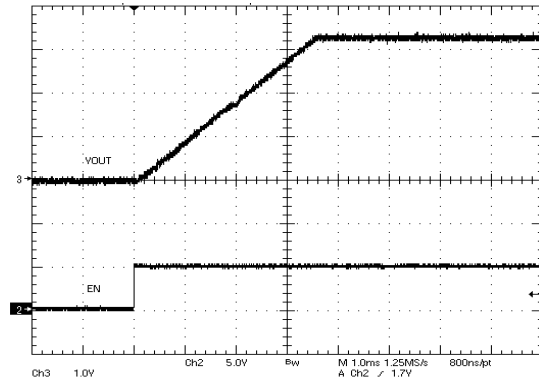**Figure 2.2: 100mA to 1A Load Step (Vcc= 12V, Vout =1,8V)**
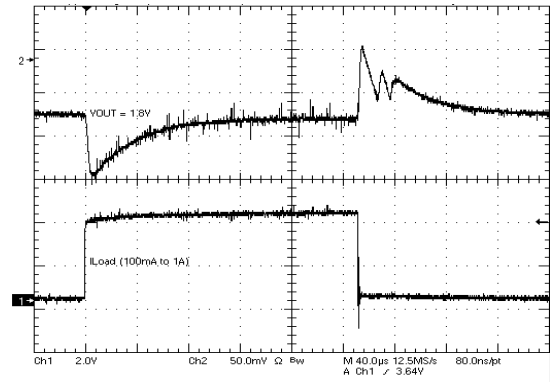
Figure 2.3: 100mA to 2A Load (Vcc=12V, Vout = 1,8V)

Figure 2.4: 100mA t0 1A Load Step (Vcc=12V, Vout = 3,3V)
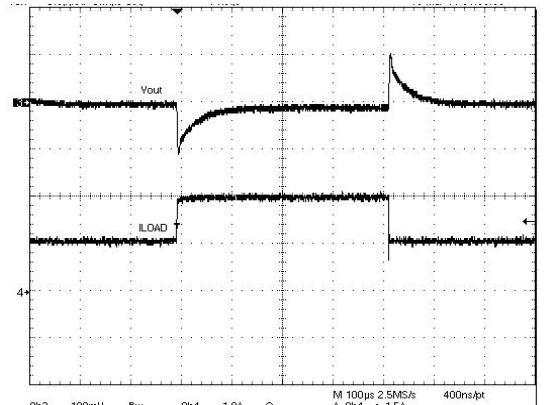
Figure 2.5: 100mA to 2A Load Step (Vcc=12V, Vout = 3.3V)
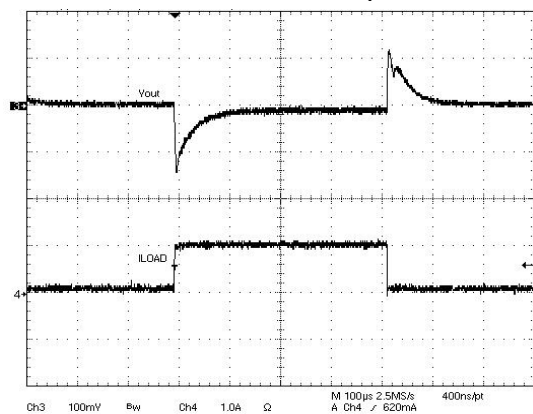
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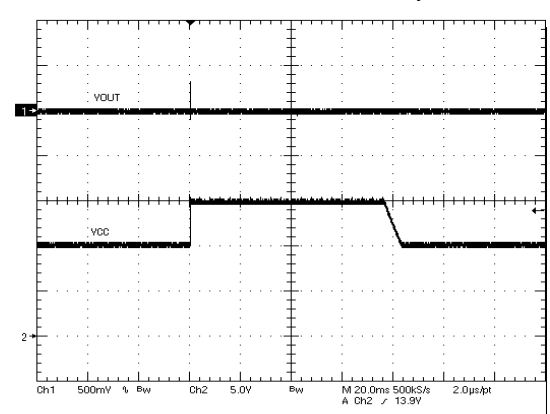
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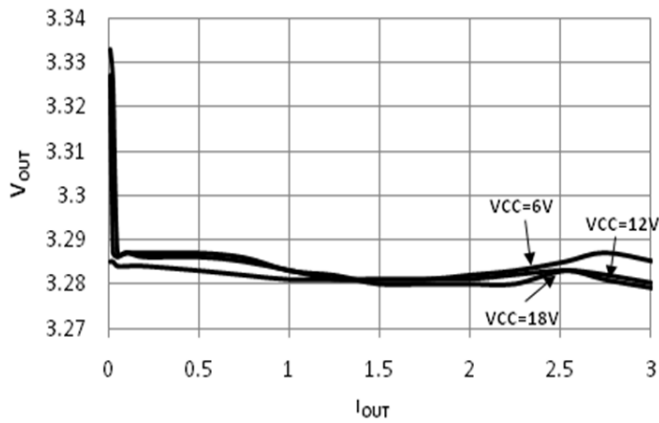*Figure 2.7: Load Regulation*

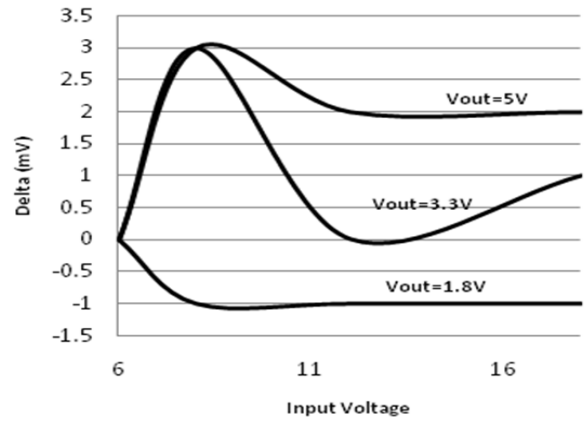*Figure 2.8: Line Regulation (IOUT=1A)*

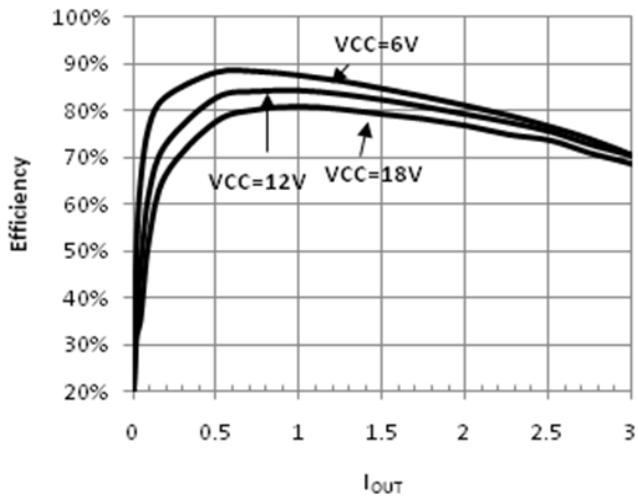*Figure 2.9: Efficiency vs. Output Current (V_{OUT} = 1.8V)*
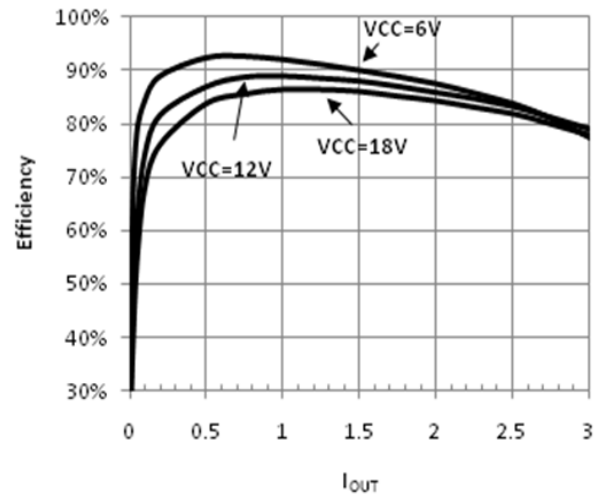

Figure 2.10: Efficiency vs. Output Current (V_{OUT} = 3.3V)

Figure 2.11: Efficiency vs. Output Current (V_{OUT} = 5V)
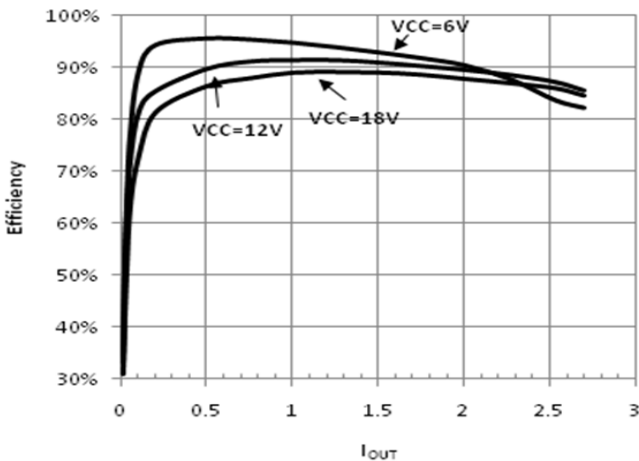
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Figure 2.13: Standby Current vs. Input Voltage

Figure 2.14: Standby Current vs. Temperature

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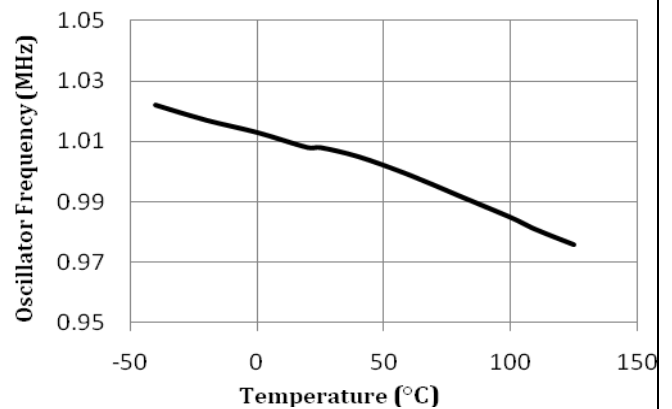
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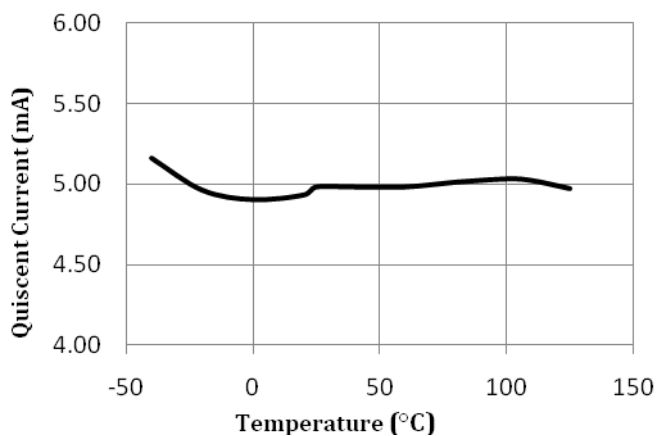
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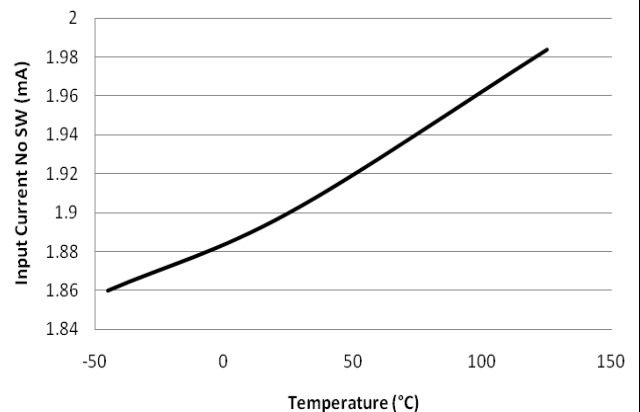
3 Description of Circuit

The ZSPM4011 current-mode synchronous step-down power supply product can be used in the commercial, industrial, and automotive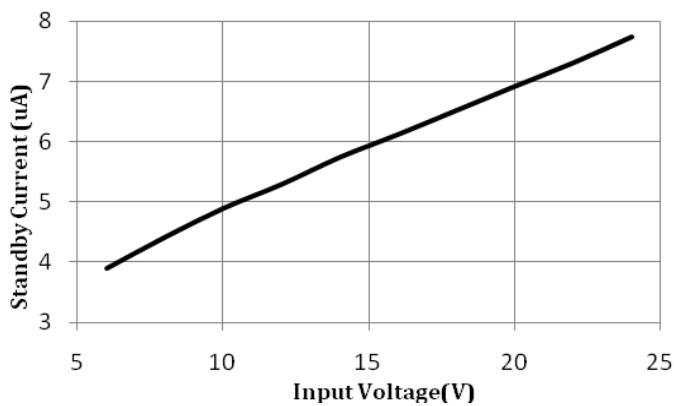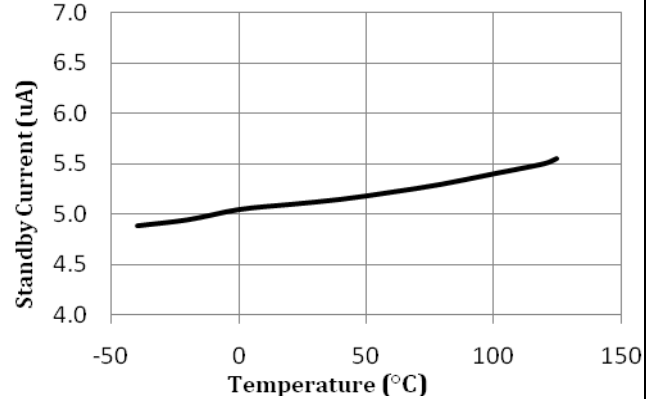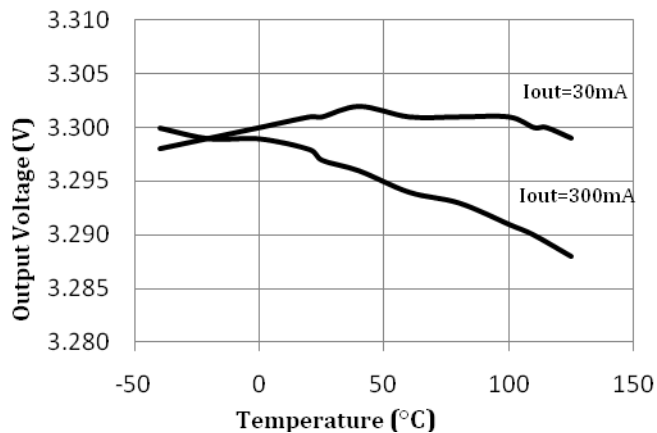 market segments. It includes flexibility for a wide range of output voltages and is optimized for high efficiency power conversion with low R_{DSON} integrated synchronous switches. A 1MHz internal switching frequency facilitates low cost LC filter combinations. Additionally, the fixed-output versions enable a minimum external component count to provide a complete regulation solution with only 4 external components: an input bypass capacitor, an inductor, an output capacitor, and the bootstrap capacitor. The regulator automatically transitions between PFM and PWM mode to maximize efficiency for the load demand.

Figure 3.1:   ZSPM4011 Block Diagram

Figure 3.2: Monitor and Control Logic Functionality

3.1. Internal Protection Details

3.1.1. Internal Current Limit

The current through the high side FET is sensed on a cycle-by-cycle basis and if current limit is reached, it will abbreviate the cycle. In addition, the device senses the FB pin to identify hard short conditions and will direct the VSW output to skip 4 cycles if current limit occurs when FB is low. This allows current built up in the inductor during the minimum on time to decay sufficiently.

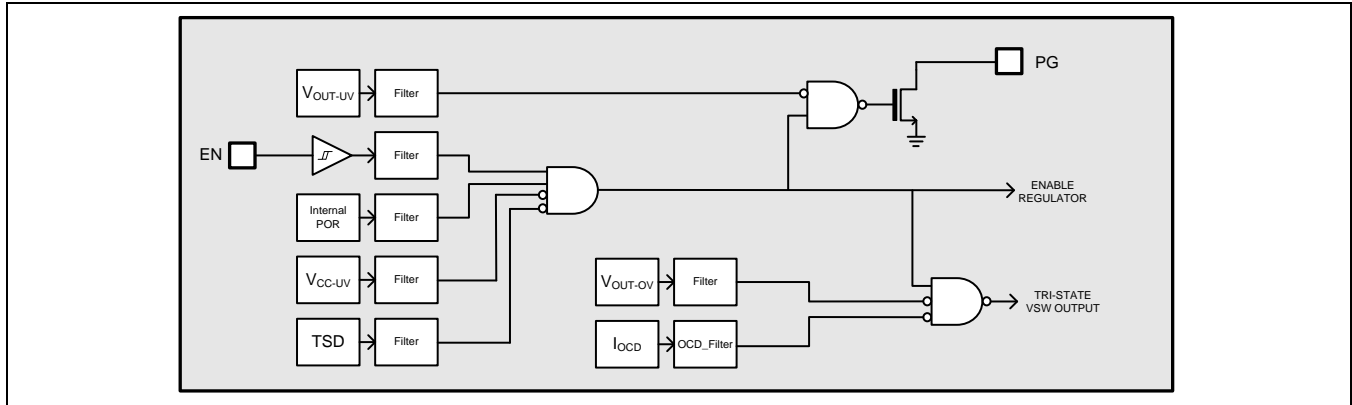Current limit is always active when the regulator is enabled. Soft start ensures that current limit does not prevent regulator startup.

An additional feature of the over-current protection circuitry is that, under extended over current conditions, the device will automatically disable. A simple toggle of the Enable pin will return the device to normal operation.

3.1.2. Thermal Shutdown

If the temperature of the die exceeds 170°C (typical), the VSW outputs will tri-state to protect the device from damage. The PG and all other protection circuitry will stay active to inform the system of the failure mode. Once the device cools to 160°C (typical), the device will attempt to start up again, following the normal soft start sequence. If the device reaches 170°C, the shutdown/restart sequence will repeat.

3.1.3. Reference Soft-Start

The reference in this device is ramped at a rate of 4ms to prevent the output from overshoot during startup. This ramp restarts whenever there is a rising edge sensed on the Enable pin. This occurs in both the fixed and adjustable versions. During the soft start ramp, current limit is still active, and will still protect the device in case of a short on the output.

3.1.4. Output Over-voltage

If the output of the regulator exceeds 103% of the regulation voltage, the VSW outputs will tri-state to protect the device from damage. This check occurs at the start of each switching cycle. If it occurs during the middle of a cycle, the switching for that cycle will complete, and the VSW outputs will tri-state at the beginning of the next cycle.

3.1.5. VCC Under-voltage Lockout

The device is held in the off state until VCC reaches 5.75V (typical). There is a 500mV hysteresis on this input, which requires the input to fall below 5.25V (typical) before the device will disable.

4   Application Circuits

4.1.   Selection of External Components

The internal compensation is optimized for a 44uF output capacitor and a 4.7uH inductor. The minimum allowable value for the output capacitor is 33uF. To keep the output ripple low, a low ESR (less than 35mOhm) ceramic is recommended. The inductor range is 4.7uH +/-20%. For optimal over-current protection, the inductor should be able to handle up to the regulator current limit without saturation.

4.2.   Typical Application Circuits

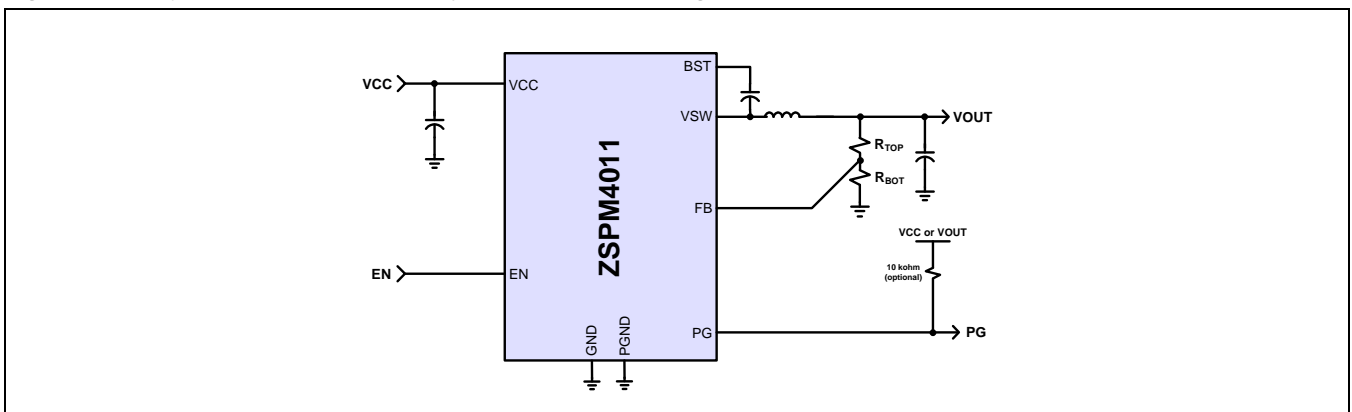*Figure 4.1:   Typical Application for Adjustable Output Voltage*

Figure 4.2:   Typical Application for Fixed Output Voltage
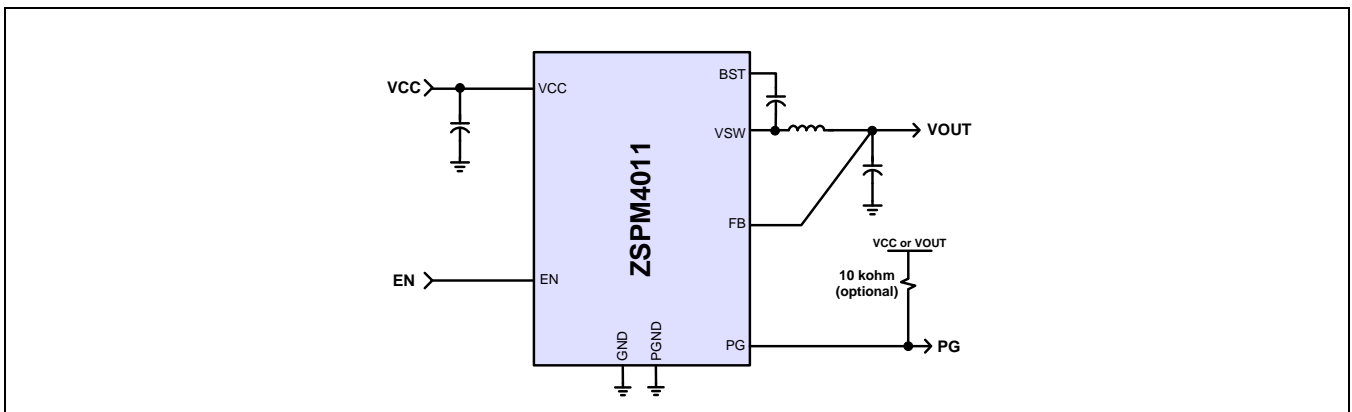
5   Pin Configuration and Package

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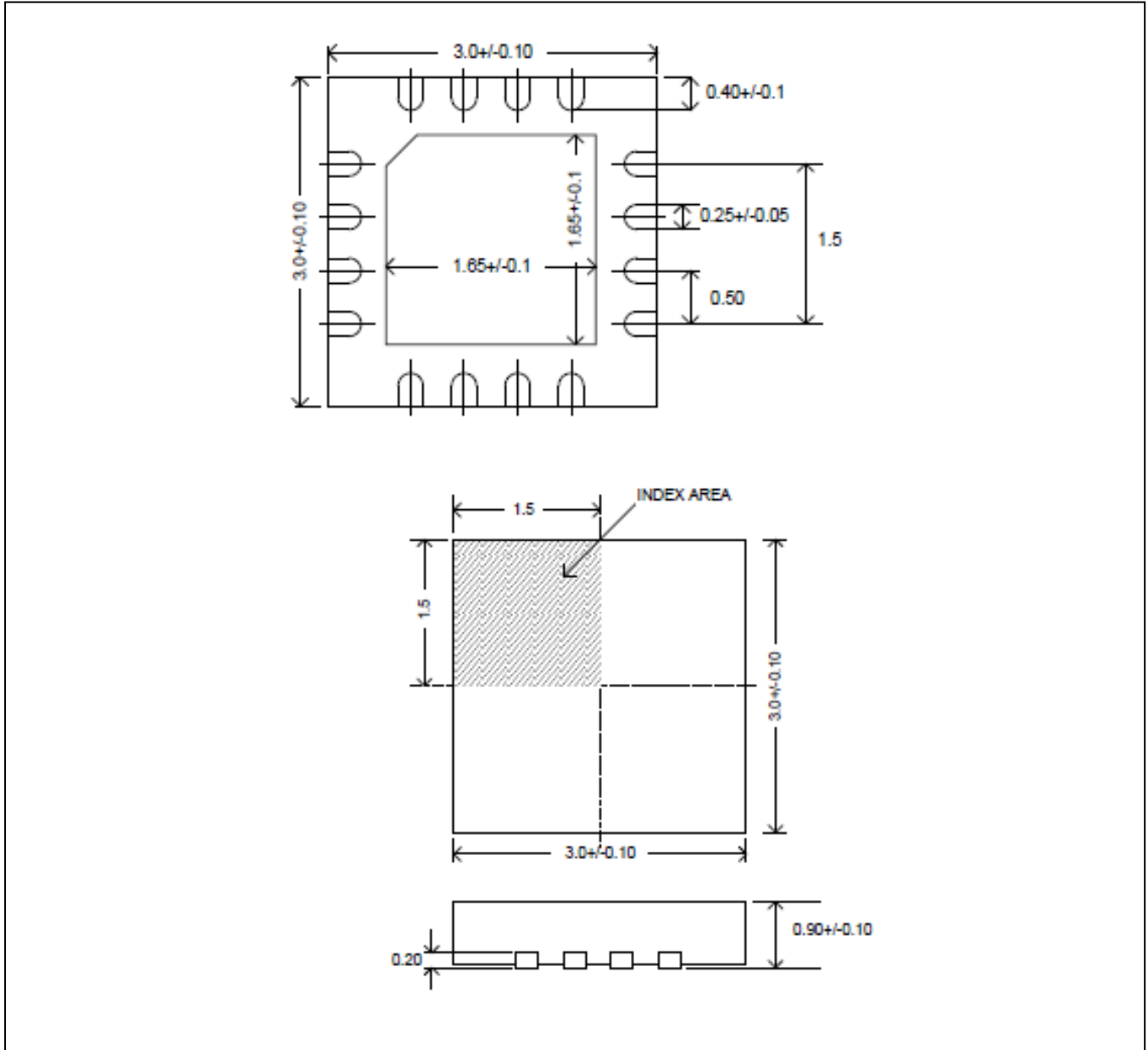
5.1. Marking Diagram & Pin-out

Figure 5.2: 16 Lead 3x3 QFN (top view)
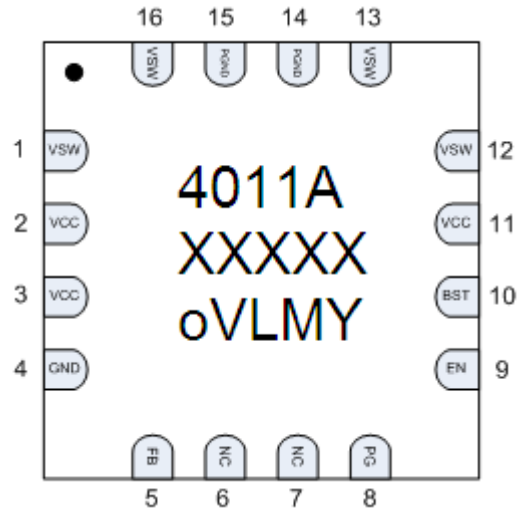
4011: Part Name
A: Revision
XXXXX: Lot number (last five digits)
O: Pin 1 mark
VL: Voltage level

- 15 … 1.5V
- 18 … 1.8V
- 25 … 2.5V
- 33 … 3.3V
- 50 … 5.0V
- 00 … 0.9V – 5.0V variable

MY: Date Code

M = Month

- 1 … January
- 2 … February
- 3 … March
- 4… April
- 5… May
- 6… June
- 7… July
- 8… August
- 9… September
- A … October
- B … November
- C … December

Y = Year

- A … 2011
- B … 2012
- C … 2013
- Etc.

5.2. Pin Description for 16 LEAD 3x3 QFN

Table 5.1: Pin description, 16 lead, 3x3 QFN

Name	Pin #	Function	Description
VSW	1	Switching Voltage Node	Connected to 4.7uH (typical) inductor
VCC	2	Input Voltage	Input voltage
VCC	3	Input Voltage	Input voltage
GND	4	GND	Primary ground for the majority of the device except the low-side power FET.
FB	5	Feedback Input	Regulator FB Voltage. Connects to V_{OUT} for fixed-mode and the output resistor divider for adjustable mode.
NC	6	No Connect	Not Connected
NC	7	No Connect	Not Connected
PG	8	PG Output	Open-drain output.
EN	9	Enable Input	Above 2.2V the device is enabled. GND the pin to disable the device. Includes internal pull-up.
BST	10	Bootstrap Capacitor	Bootstrap capacitor for the high-side FET gate driver. 22nF ceramic capacitor from BST pin to VSW pin
VCC	11	Input Voltage	Input Voltage
VSW	12	Switching Voltage Node	Connected to 4.7uH (typical) inductor
VSW	13	Switching Voltage Node	Connected to 4.7uH (typical) inductor
PGND	14	Power GND	GND supply for internal low-side FET/integrated diode
PGND	15	Power GND	GND supply for internal low-side FET/integrated diode
VSW	16	Switching Voltage Node	Connected to 4.7uH (typical) inductor

5.3. Detailed Pin Description

5.3.1. Unregulated input, VCC (Pins # 2,3)

This terminal is the unregulated input voltage source for the IC. It is recommended that a 10uF bypass capacitor be placed close to the device for best performance. Since this is the main supply for the IC, good layout practices need to be followed for this connection.

5.3.2. Bootstrap control, BST (Pin #10)

This terminal will provide the bootstrap voltage required for the upper internal NMOS switch of the buck regulator. An external ceramic capacitor placed between the BST input terminal and the VSW pin will provide the necessary voltage for the upper switch. In normal operation the capacitor is re-charged on every low side synchronous switching action. In the case of where the switch mode approaches 100% duty cycle for the high side FET, the device will automatically reduce the duty cycle switch to a minimum off time on every 8th cycle to allow this capacitor to re-charge.

5.3.3. Sense feedback, FB (Pin #5)

This is the input terminal for the output voltage feedback. For the fixed-mode versions, this should be connected directly to V_{OUT}. The connection on the PCB should be kept as short as possible, and should be made as close as possible to the capacitor. The trace should not be shared with any other connection.

For adjustable-mode versions, this should be connected to the external resistor divider. To choose the resistors, use the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = 0.9 \left(1 + R_{TOP}/R_{BOT}\right)$$

The input to the FB pin is high impedance, and input current should be less than 100nA. As a result, good layout practices are required for the feedback resistors and feedback traces. When using the adjustable version, the feedback trace should be kept as short and narrow as possible to reduce stray capacitance and the injection of noise.

5.3.4. Switching output, VSW (Pins #12,13)

This is the switching node of the regulator. It should be connected directly to the 4.7uH inductor with a wide, short trace and to one end of the Bootstrap capacitor. It is switching between VCC and PGND at the switching frequency.

5.3.5. Ground, GND (Pin #4)

This ground is used for the majority of the device including the analog reference, control loop, and other circuits.

5.3.6. Power Ground, PGND (Pins #14,15)

This is a separate ground connection used for the low-side synchronous switch to isolate switching noise from the rest of the device.

5.3.7. Enable, high-voltage, EN (Pin #9)

This is the input terminal to activate the regulator. The input threshold is TTL/CMOS compatible. It also has an internal pull-up to ensure a stable state if the pin is disconnected.

5.3.8. PG Output, PG (Pin #8)

This is an open drain, active low output. The switched mode output voltage is monitored and the PG line will remain low until the output voltage reaches the V_{OUT-UV} threshold. Once the internal comparator detects that the output voltage is above the desired threshold, an internal delay timer is activated and the PG line is de-asserted (to high) once this delay timer expires. In the event the output voltage decreases below V_{OUT-UV}, the PG line will be asserted low and remain low until the output rises above V_{OUT-UV} and the delay timer times out. See Figure 2 for the circuit schematic for the PG signal.

6   Ordering Information

Product Sales Code	Description	Package
ZSPM4011AA1W00	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: adjustable output, 0.9 to 5V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W15	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 1.5V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W18	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 1.8V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W25	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 2.5V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W33	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 3.3V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011AA1W50	ZSPM4011, 1A synchronous buck converter: Fixed output, 5.0V	16 Lead 3x3 QFN
ZSPM4011KIT	ZSPM4011KIT, evaluation kit for 1A synchronous buck converter	

Explanation of Ordering Codes:
ZSPM4011AA1W15:   "W" = 7" reel with 1000 ICs
ZSPM4011AA1R15:   "R" = 13" reel with 3300 ICs

7   Related Documents

Document	File Name
ZSPM4012 Data Sheet	*High Efficiency 2A Synchronous Buck Converter*
ZSPM4013 Data Sheet	*High Efficiency 3A Synchronous Buck Converter*
ZSPM1000, ZSPM9000 Data Sheets	*Single-Phase, Single-Rail true digital PWM controller*

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8   Glossary

Term	Description
Buck converter	Step-down converter; converts a higher DC input voltage to a lower DC output voltage with high efficiency
Synchronous rectification	is a technique for improving the efficiency of rectification by replacing diodes with actively-controlled switches such as transistors
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation (fixed frequency)
PFM	Pulse Frequency Modulation (fixed pulse width)
ESR	Equivalent Series Resistance
Bootstrap control	When using an N-Channel Power MOSFET transistor as a high-side switch for the converter switching output, a gate voltage higher than the supply voltage is necessary to turn the transistor fully on. For this purpose, a charge pump circuit, called bootstrap control is implemented to provide this high supply voltage for the high-side power MOSFET driver block.

9   Document Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
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