

## General Description

The XR76115 is a synchronous step-down regulator combining the controller, drivers, bootstrap diode and MOSFETs in a single package for point-of-load supplies. The XR76115 has a load current rating of 15A. A wide 5V to 22V input voltage range allows for single supply operation from industry standard 5V, 12V and 19.6V rails.

With a proprietary emulated current mode Constant On-Time (COT) control scheme, the XR76115 provides extremely fast line and load transient response using ceramic output capacitors. It requires no loop compensation, simplifying circuit implementation and reducing overall component count. The control loop also provides 0.25% load and 0.12% line regulation and maintains constant operating frequency. A selectable power saving mode, allows the user to operate in discontinuous mode (DCM) at light current loads thereby significantly increasing the converter efficiency.

A host of protection features, including over-current, over-temperature, short-circuit and UVLO, help achieve safe operation under abnormal operating conditions.

The XR76115 is available in a RoHS-compliant, green/halogen-free space-saving QFN 6x6mm package.

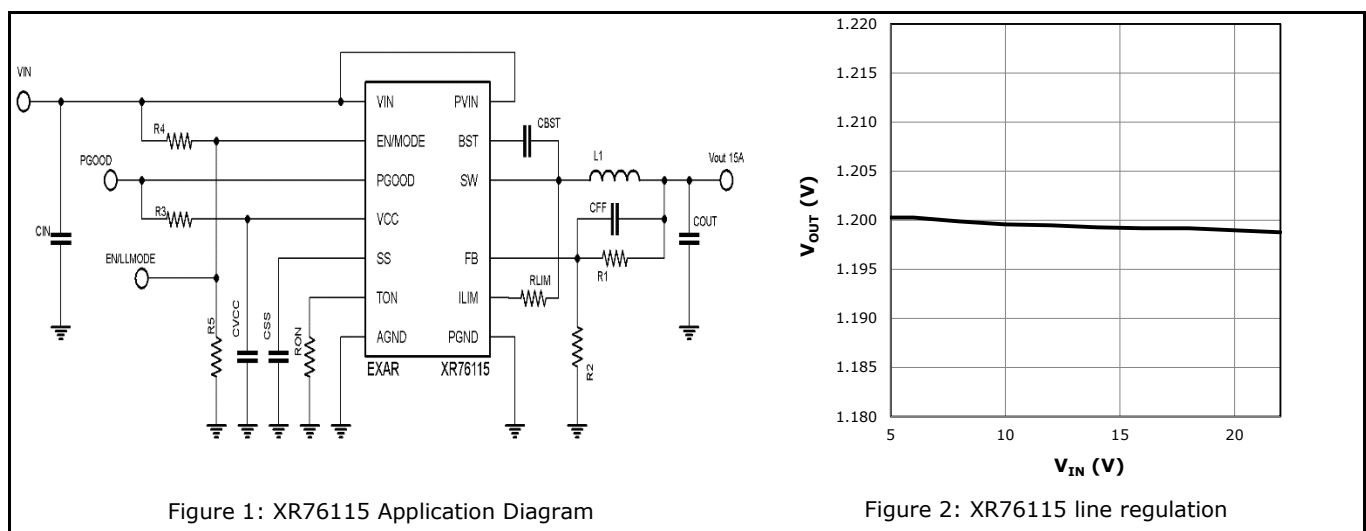
## FEATURES

- 15A Capable Step Down Regulator
  - 4.5V to 5.5V Low  $V_{IN}$  Operation
  - 5V to 22V Wide Single Input Voltage
  - $\geq 0.6V$  Adjustable Output Voltage
- Controller, drivers, bootstrap diode and MOSFETs integrated in one package
- Proprietary Constant On-Time Control
  - No Loop Compensation Required
  - Ceramic Output Cap. Stable operation
  - Programmable 200ns-2 $\mu$ s On-Time
  - Quasi Constant 200kHz-800kHz Freq.
  - Selectable CCM or CCM/DCM Operation
- Precision Enable and Power-Good Flag
- Programmable Soft-start
- 6x6mm 37-pin QFN Package

## APPLICATIONS

- Distributed Power Architecture
- Point-of-Load Converters
- Power Supply Modules
- FPGA, DSP, and Processor Supplies
- Base Stations, Switches/Routers, and Servers

## Typical Application



### Absolute Maximum Ratings

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

PV <sub>IN</sub> , V <sub>IN</sub> .....	-0.3V to 25V
V <sub>CC</sub> .....	-0.3V to 6.0V
BST .....	-0.3V to 31V <sup>1</sup>
BST-SW .....	-0.3V to 6V
SW, I <sub>LIM</sub> .....	-1V to 25V <sup>1,2</sup>
All other pins.....	-0.3V to V <sub>CC</sub> +0.3V
Storage Temperature .....	-65°C to 150°C
Junction Temperature.....	150°C
Power Dissipation.....	Internally Limited
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec).....	300°C
ESD Rating (HBM - Human Body Model) .....	2kV

### Operating Ratings

PV <sub>IN</sub> .....	3V to 22V
V <sub>IN</sub> .....	4.5V to 22V
V <sub>CC</sub> .....	4.5V to 5.5V
SW, I <sub>LIM</sub> .....	-1V to 25V <sup>2</sup>
PGOOD, V <sub>CC</sub> , T <sub>ON</sub> , SS, EN.....	-0.3V to 5.5V
Switching Frequency .....	200kHz-800kHz <sup>3</sup>
Junction Temperature Range (T <sub>J</sub> ) .....	-40°C to 125°C
XR76115 Package Power Dissipation max at 25°C .....	5.2W
XR76115 JEDEC51 Package Thermal Resistance θ <sub>JA</sub> .....	19°C/W

Note 1: No external voltage applied

Note 2: SW pin's DC range is -1V, transient is -5V for less than 50ns

Note 3: Recommended

### Ordering Information

Part Number	Temperature Range	Marking	Package	Packing Quantity	Note 1
XR76115EL-F	-40°C ≤ T <sub>J</sub> ≤ +125°C	76115EL YYWW XXXXXXX	6x6mm QFN	Bulk	RoHS Compliant Halogen Free
XR76115ELMTR-F				250/Tape & Reel	
XR76115ELTR-F				3k/Tape & Reel	
XR76115EVB	XR76115 Evaluation Board				

“YY” = Year - “WW” = Work Week - “XXXXXXX” = Lot Number; when applicable.

### Electrical Characteristics

Specifications are for Operating Junction Temperature of T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C only; limits applying over the full Operating Junction Temperature range are denoted by a “\*”. Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C, and are provided for reference purposes only. Unless otherwise indicated, V<sub>IN</sub>=12V

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
<b>Power Supply Characteristics</b>					
V <sub>IN</sub> , Input Voltage Range	5	12	22	V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V<sub>CC</sub> regulating</li> <li>V<sub>CC</sub> tied to V<sub>IN</sub></li> </ul>
	4.5	5.0	5.5		
I <sub>VIN</sub> , V <sub>IN</sub> supply current		0.7	1.3	mA	Not switching, V <sub>IN</sub> =12V, V <sub>FB</sub> =0.7V
I <sub>VCC</sub> , V <sub>CC</sub> Quiescent current		0.7	1.3	mA	Not switching, V <sub>CC</sub> =V <sub>IN</sub> =5V, V <sub>FB</sub> =0.7V
I <sub>VIN</sub> , V <sub>IN</sub> supply current		11		mA	f=300kHz, R <sub>ON</sub> =107k, V <sub>FB</sub> =0.58V
I <sub>OFF</sub> , Shutdown current		0.5		µA	Enable=0V, V <sub>IN</sub> =12V, V <sub>IN</sub> =PV <sub>IN</sub>
<b>Enable and Under-Voltage Lock-Out UVLO</b>					
V <sub>IH_EN</sub> , EN Pin Rising Threshold	1.8	1.9	2.0	V	
V <sub>EN_HYS</sub> , EN Pin Hysteresis		50		mV	
V <sub>IH_EN</sub> , EN Pin Rising Threshold for DCM/CCM operation	2.8	3.0	3.1	V	
V <sub>EN_HYS</sub> , EN Pin Hysteresis		100		mV	
V <sub>CC</sub> UVLO start threshold, rising edge	4.00	4.25	4.50	V	

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
V <sub>CC</sub> UVLO Hysteresis		200		mV	
<b>Reference voltage</b>					
V <sub>REF</sub> , Reference voltage	0.597	0.600	0.603	V	V <sub>IN</sub> =5V-22V → V <sub>CC</sub> regulating
	0.596	0.600	0.604	V	V <sub>IN</sub> =4.5V-5.5V → V <sub>CC</sub> tied to V <sub>IN</sub>
	0.594	0.600	0.606	V	• V <sub>IN</sub> =5V-22V → V <sub>CC</sub> regulating, V <sub>IN</sub> =4.5V-5.5V → V <sub>CC</sub> tied to V <sub>IN</sub>
DC load regulation		±0.25		%	CCM operation, closed loop, applies to any C <sub>OUT</sub>
DC Line regulation		±0.12		%	
Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
<b>Programmable Constant On-Time</b>					
On-Time 1	1.66	1.95	2.24	µs	• R <sub>ON</sub> =140kΩ, V <sub>IN</sub> =22V
f corresponding to On-Time 1	243	280	329	kHz	V <sub>IN</sub> =22V, V <sub>OUT</sub> =12V
Minimum Programmable On-Time		109		ns	R <sub>ON</sub> =6.98kΩ, V <sub>IN</sub> =22V
On-Time 2	205	245	279	ns	• R <sub>ON</sub> =6.98kΩ, V <sub>IN</sub> =12V
f corresponding to On-Time 2	986	1122	1341	kHz	V <sub>OUT</sub> =3.3V
f corresponding to On-Time 2	299	340	406	kHz	V <sub>OUT</sub> =1.0V
On-Time 3	400	470	540	ns	• R <sub>ON</sub> =16.2kΩ, V <sub>IN</sub> =12V
Minimum Off-Time		250	350	ns	•
<b>Diode Emulation Mode</b>					
Zero crossing threshold		-2		mV	DC value measured during test
<b>Soft-Start</b>					
SS Charge current	-14	-10	-6	µA	•
SS Discharge current	1	3		mA	• Fault present
<b>V<sub>CC</sub> Linear Regulator</b>					
V <sub>CC</sub> Output Voltage	4.8	5.0	5.2	V	• V <sub>IN</sub> =6V to 22V, I <sub>load</sub> =0 to 30mA • V <sub>IN</sub> =5V, I <sub>load</sub> =0 to 20mA
	4.51	4.7			
Dropout Voltage	100	300	490	mV	• I <sub>VCC</sub> =30mA
<b>Power Good Output</b>					
Power Good Threshold	-10	-7.5	-5	%	
Power Good Hysteresis		2	4	%	
Power Good Sink Current	1	15		mA	
<b>Protection: OCP, OTP, Short-Circuit</b>					
Hiccup timeout		110		ms	
I <sub>LIM</sub> pin source current	45	50	55	µA	
I <sub>LIM</sub> current temperature coefficient		0.4		%/°C	
I <sub>LIM</sub> comparator offset	-8	0	+8	mV	•
Current limit blanking		100		ns	
Thermal shutdown threshold		150		°C	Rising temperature
Thermal Hysteresis		15		°C	
Feedback pin short-circuit threshold	50	60	70	%	• Percent of V <sub>REF</sub> , short circuit is active After PGOOD is up
<b>Output Power Stage</b>					
High-side MOSFET R <sub>DS(ON)</sub>		7	10	mΩ	V <sub>GS</sub> =4.5V, I <sub>DS</sub> =2A
Low-side MOSFET R <sub>DS(ON)</sub>		4	4.6	mΩ	V <sub>GS</sub> =4.5V, I <sub>DS</sub> =2A
Maximum Output Current	15			A	•

Block Diagram

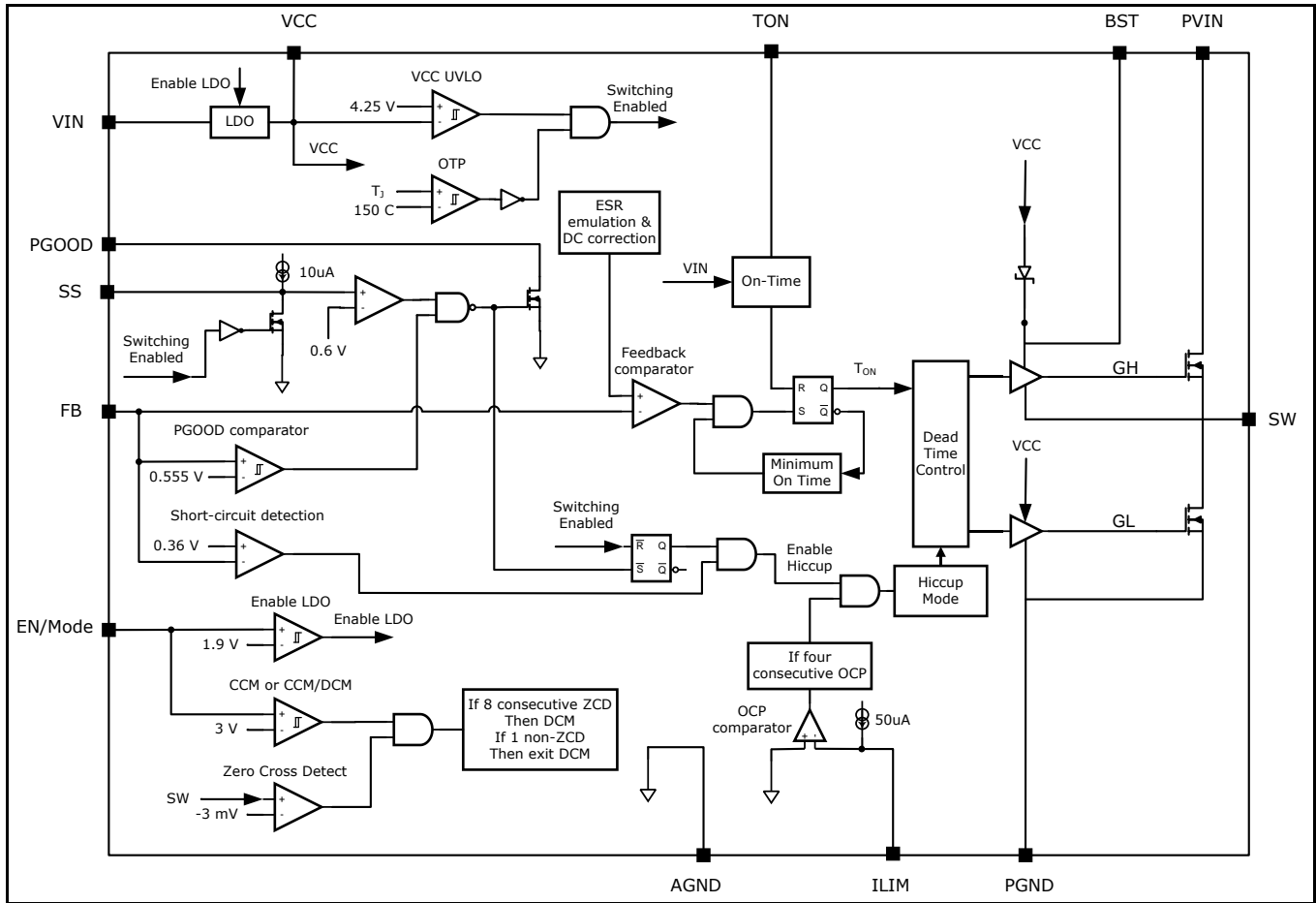


Figure 3: XR76115 Block Diagram

Pin Assignment

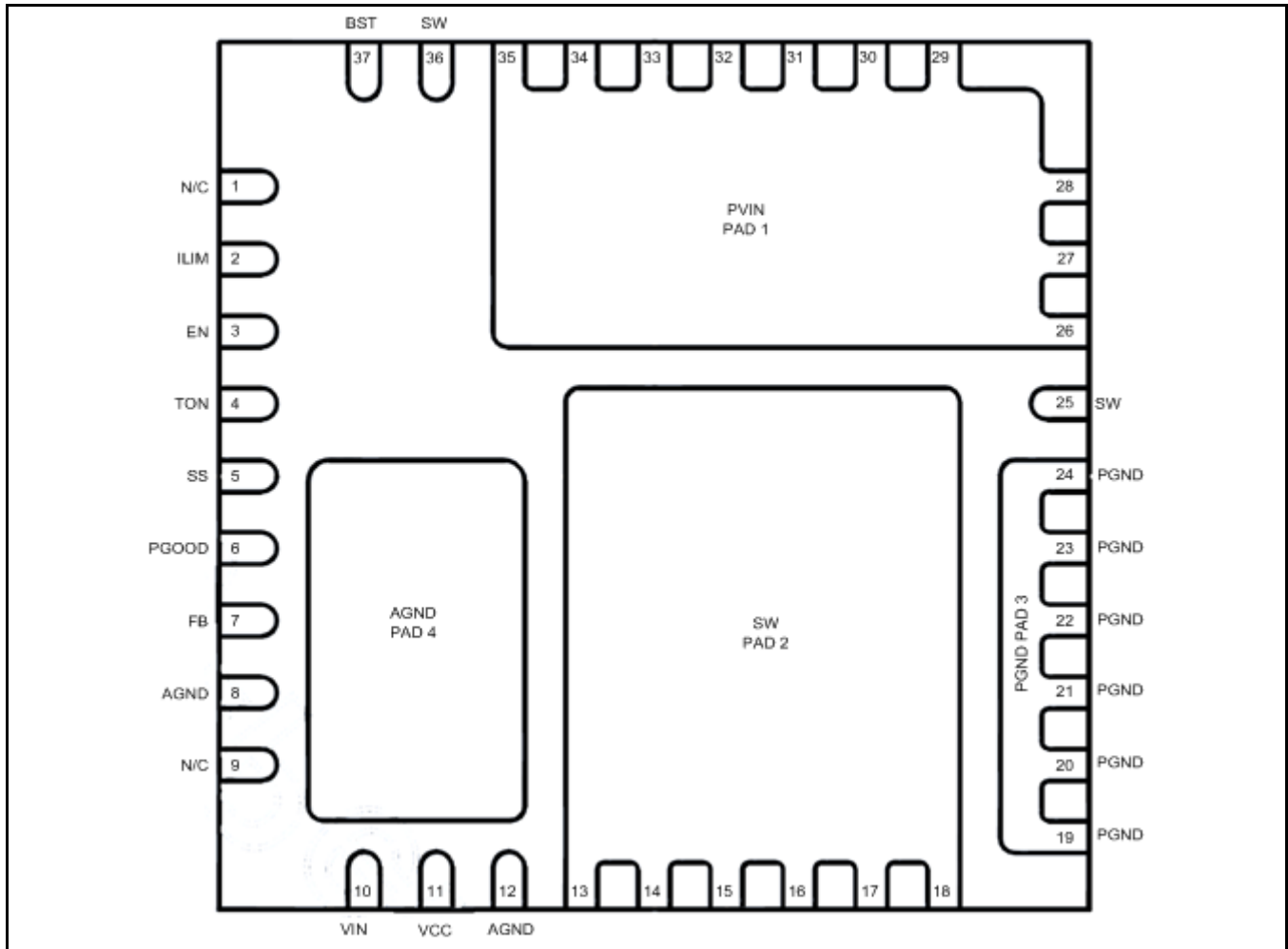


Figure 4: XR76115 Pin Assignment, top view

## Pin Description

Name	Pin Number	Description
NC	1,9	Not connected.
ILIM	2	Over-current protection programming. Connect with a resistor to SW.
EN/MODE	3	Precision enable pin. Pulling this pin above 1.9V will turn the regulator on and it will operate in CCM. If the voltage is raised above 3.0V then the regulator will operate in DCM/CCM depending on load.
TON	4	Constant on-time programming pin. Connect with a resistor to AGND.
SS	5	Soft-Start pin. Connect an external capacitor between SS and AGND to program the soft-start rate based on the 10uA internal source current.
PGOOD	6	Power-good output. This open-drain output is pulled low when $V_{OUT}$ is outside the regulation.
FB	7	Feedback input to feedback comparator. Connect with a set of resistors to $V_{OUT}$ and AGND in order to program $V_{OUT}$ .
AGND	8, 12, AGND Pad	Signal ground for control circuitry. Connect AGND Pad with a short trace to pins 8 and 12.
VIN	10	Supply input for the regulator's LDO. Normally it is connected to PVIN.
VCC	11	The output of regulator's LDO. For operation using a 5V rail, VCC should be shorted to VIN.
SW	13-18, 25, 36, SW Pad	Switch node. Drain of the low-side N-channel MOSFET. Source of the high-side MOSFET is wire-bonded to the SW Pad.
PGND	19-24, PGND Pad	Ground of the power stage. Should be connected to the system's power ground plane. Source of the low-side MOSFET is wire-bonded to PGND Pad.
PVIN	26-35, PVIN Pad	Input voltage for power stage. Drain of the high-side N-channel MOSFET.
BST	37	High-side driver supply pin. Connect a 1uF bootstrap capacitor between BST and SW.

### Typical Performance Characteristics

All data taken at  $V_{IN}=12V$ ,  $V_{OUT}=1.2V$ ,  $f=600kHz$ ,  $T_A=25^\circ C$ , No Air flow, Forced CCM, unless otherwise specified. Schematic and BOM from Applications Circuit section of this datasheet.

#### REGULATION

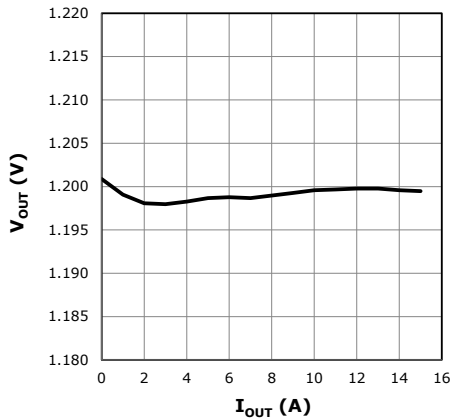


Figure 5: Load regulation,  $V_{IN}=12V$

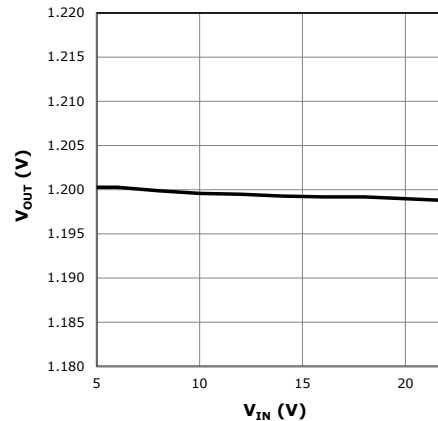


Figure 6: Line regulation,  $I_{OUT}=15A$

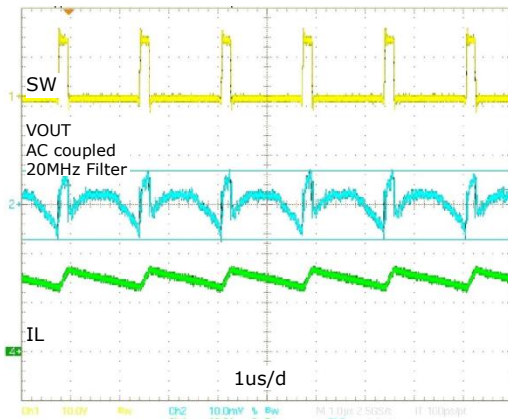


Figure 7:  $V_{OUT}$  ripple is 14mV at 15A

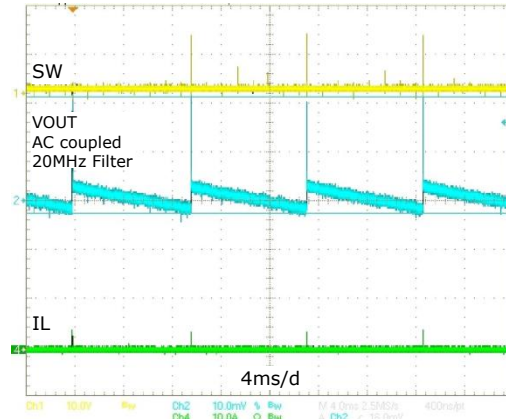


Figure 8:  $V_{OUT}$  ripple is 23mV at 0A, DCM

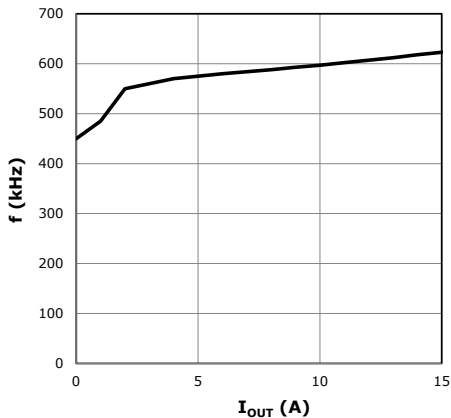


Figure 9: Frequency vs.  $I_{OUT}$ , Forced CCM

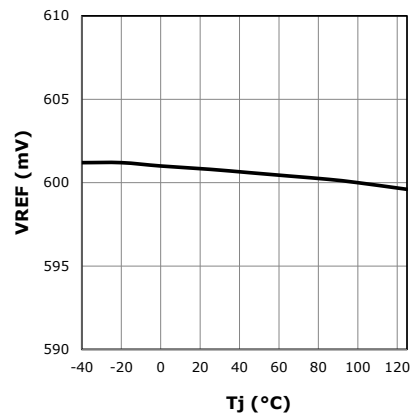


Figure 10:  $V_{REF}$  vs. temperature

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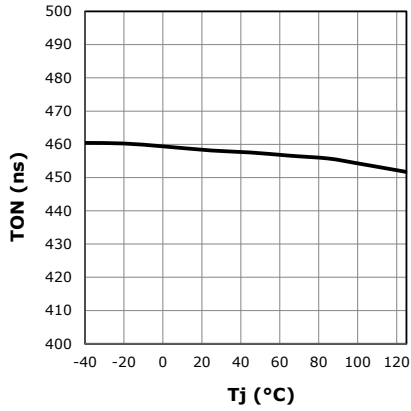


Figure 11: On-Time vs. temperature

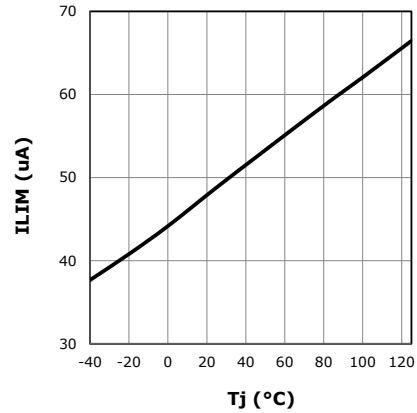


Figure 12:  $I_{LIM}$  vs. temperature

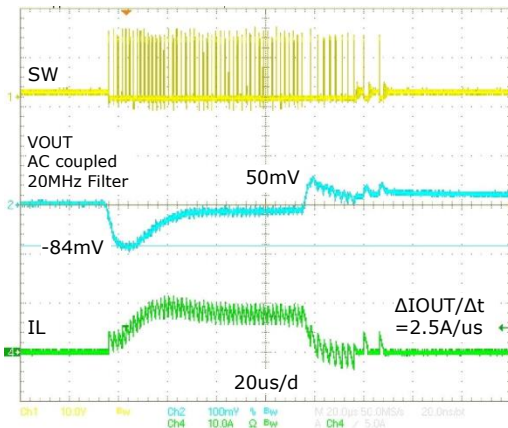


Figure 13: load step, DCM/CCM, 0A-7.5A-0A

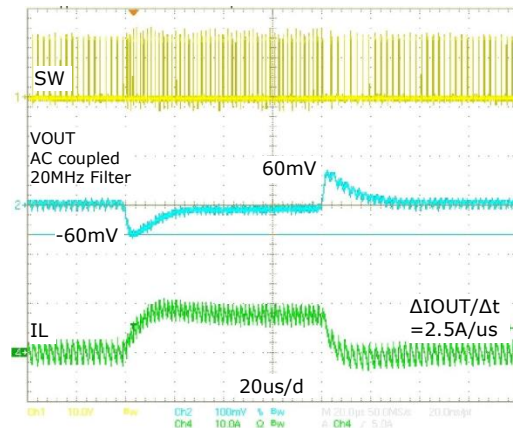


Figure 14: load step, Forced CCM, 0A-7.5A-0A

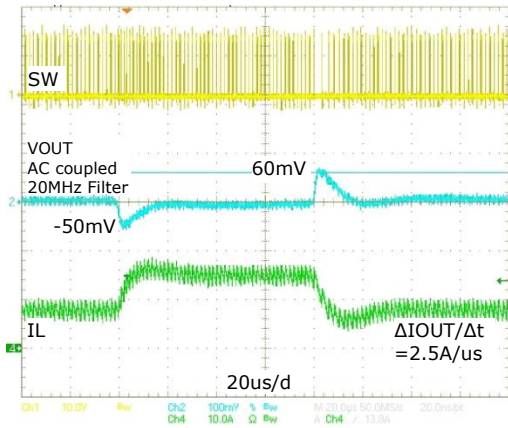


Figure 15: load step, Forced CCM, 7.5A-15A-7.5A

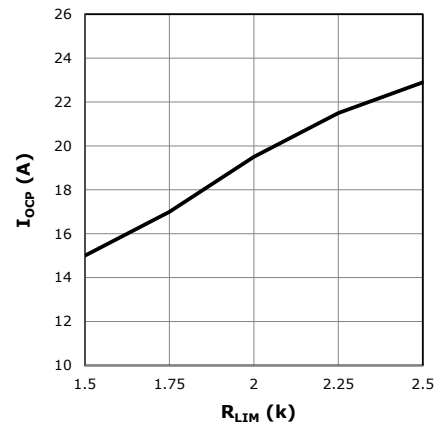


Figure 16: Typical  $I_{OCP}$  versus  $R_{LIM}$



Powerup

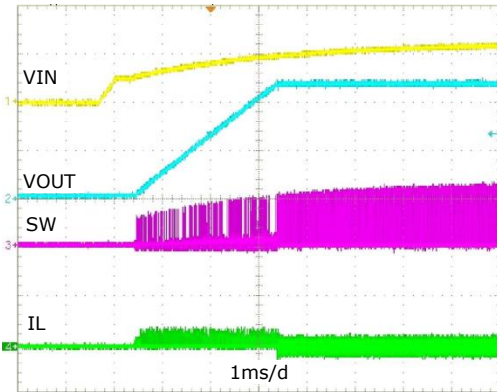


Figure 17: Powerup, Forced CCM,  $I_{OUT}=0A$

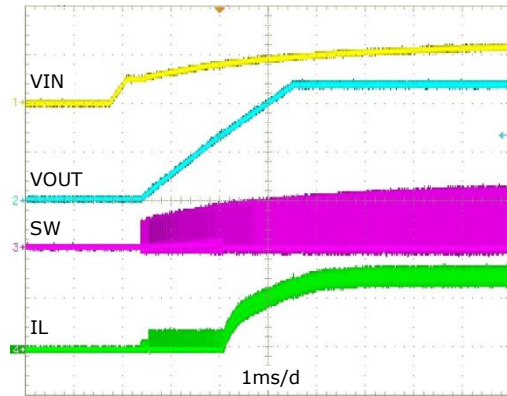


Figure 18: Powerup, Forced CCM,  $I_{OUT}=15A$

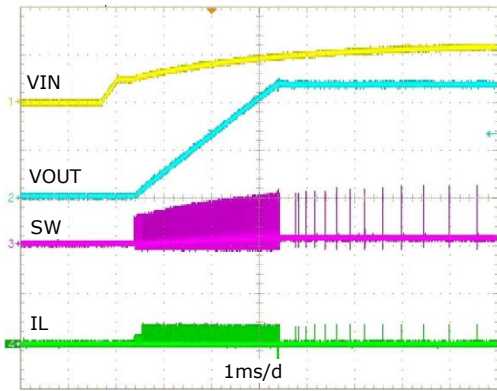


Figure 19: Powerup, DCM/CCM,  $I_{OUT}=0A$

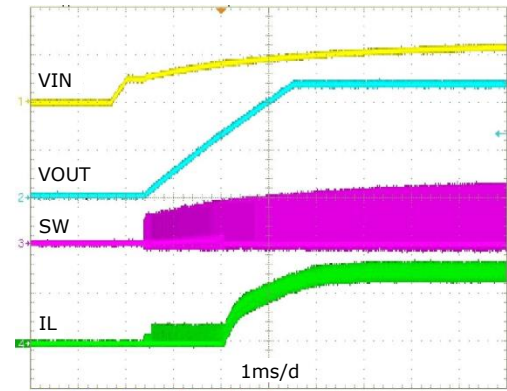


Figure 20: Powerup, DCM/CCM,  $I_{OUT}=15A$

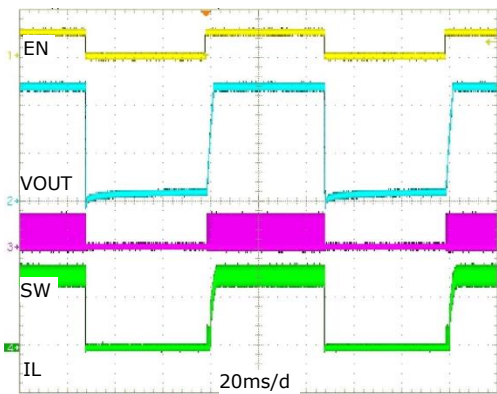


Figure 21: Enable turn on/turn off,  $1.2V_{OUT}$ , 15A

## Efficiency and Thermal Characteristics

T<sub>AMBIENT</sub>=25°C, No Air flow, Inductor losses are included.

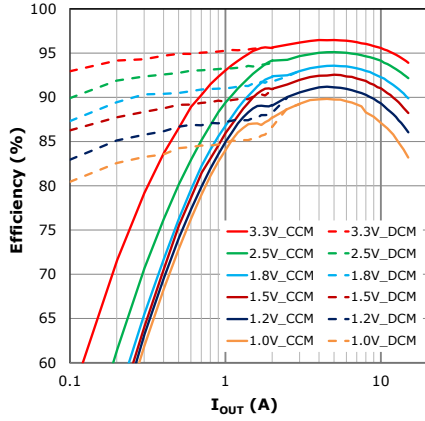


Figure 22: 5V<sub>IN</sub>, 600kHz, 0.47uH

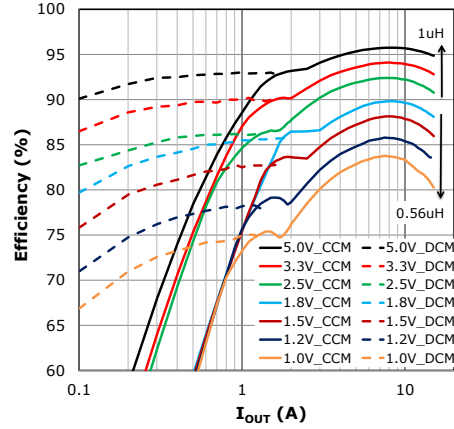


Figure 23: 12V<sub>IN</sub>, 600kHz

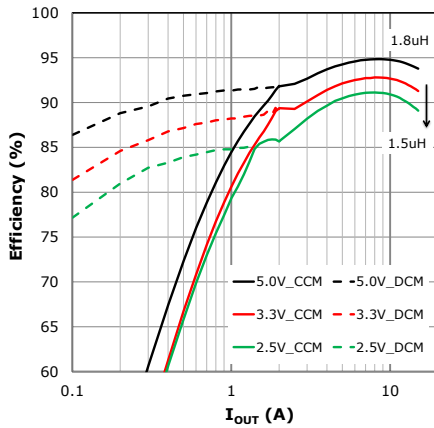


Figure 24: 22V<sub>IN</sub>, 400kHz

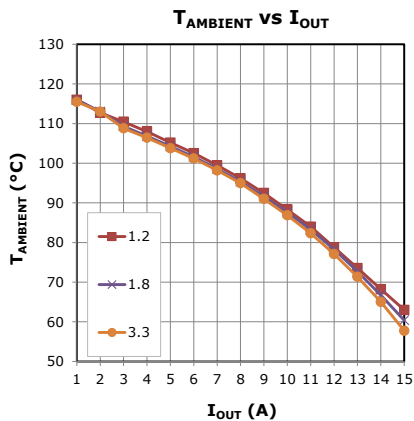


Figure 25: Package Thermal Derating, 12VIN

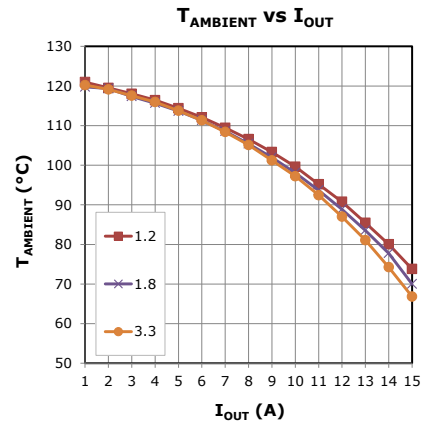


Figure 26: Package Thermal Derating, 5VIN

### Detailed Operation

The XR76115 uses a synchronous step-down proprietary emulated current-mode Constant On-Time (COT) control scheme. The on-time, which is programmed via  $R_{ON}$ , is inversely proportional to  $V_{IN}$  and maintains a nearly constant frequency. The emulated current-mode control allows the use of ceramic output capacitors.

Each switching cycle begins with the high-side (switching) FET turning on for a preprogrammed time. At the end of the on-time, the high-side FET is turned off and the low-side (synchronous) FET is turned on for a preset minimum time (250ns nominal). This parameter is termed the Minimum Off-Time. After the minimum off-time the voltage at the feedback pin FB is compared to an internal voltage ramp at the feedback comparator. When  $V_{FB}$  drops below the ramp voltage, the high-side FET is turned on and the cycle repeats. This voltage ramp constitutes an emulated current ramp and allows for the use of ceramic capacitors, in addition to other capacitor types, for output filtering.

### Enable/Mode

The EN/MODE pin accepts a tri-level signal that is used to control channel turn-on and turn-off. It also selects between two modes of operation: 'Forced CCM' and 'DCM/CCM'. If EN is pulled below 1.9V the regulator shuts down. A voltage between 1.9V and 3V selects the Forced CCM mode, which will run the converter in continuous conduction for all load currents. A voltage higher than 3V selects the DCM/CCM mode, which will run the converter in discontinuous conduction mode at light loads. DCM/CCM, which is based on diode emulation, is described below.

### Diode Emulation Mode (DCM/CCM)

Diode Emulation Mode is designed to increase the converter efficiency at light loads. Light-load efficiency is increased by preventing negative inductor current. This is achieved by monitoring the inductor current valley (bottom) via SW and turning off the synchronous FET as inductor current  $I_L$  approaches zero.  $I_L$  is monitored indirectly by monitoring  $V_{SW}$  during the synchronous FET conduction period (i.e.,  $V_{SW}=I_L \times R_{DS(ON)}$ ). If  $V_{SW}$  does not drop to -2mV the converter operates in continuous conduction mode as shown in Figure 27. If  $V_{SW}$  equals -2mV then a zero-crossing is detected (Figure 28). Eight consecutive zero-crossings activate the diode emulation mode. Then, on every subsequent switching cycle, GL is turned off when  $V_{SW}$  reaches -2mV (Figure 28). As  $I_{OUT}$  decreases further, discontinuous conduction ensues (Figure 29). The constant on-time delivers a fixed energy at the start of each switching cycle. The synchronous FET is turned off when  $V_{SW}$  drops to -2mV. Any remaining inductor energy is discharged through the FET's body diode. Now, because  $I_{OUT}$  is low, it takes longer for  $V_{OUT}$  to drop below regulation and trigger a new switching cycle. Hence switching frequency  $f$  decreases. This increases the efficiency at light loads.

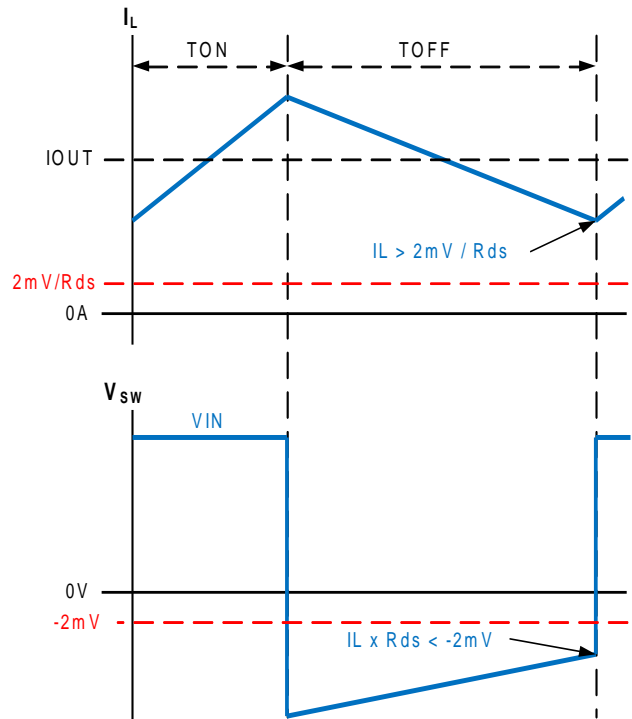


Figure 27: Continuous conduction during diode emulation

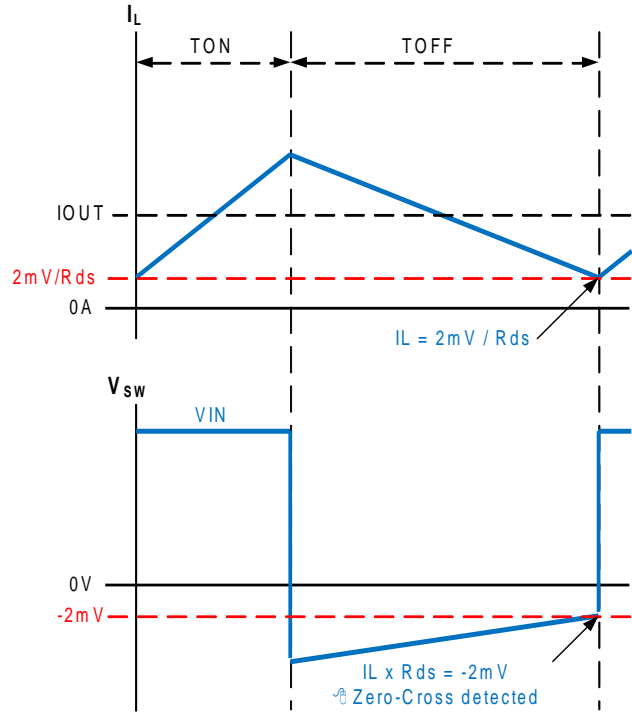


Figure 28: Zero-Crossing detection

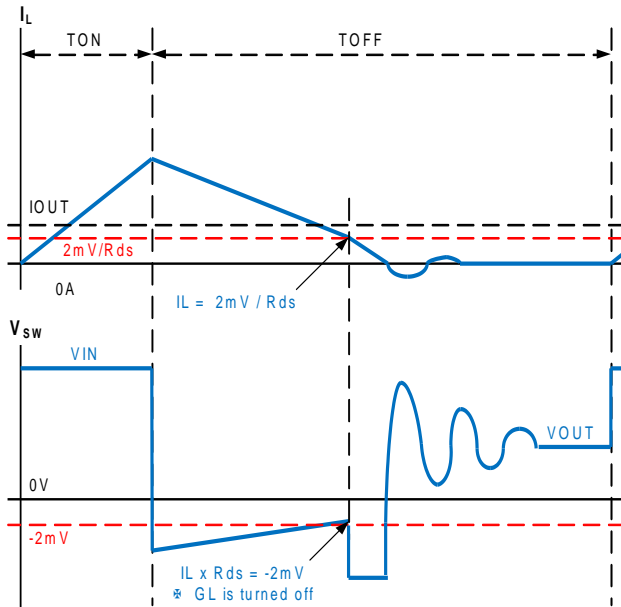


Figure 29: Discontinuous conduction during diode emulation

### Programming the On-Time

The on-time  $T_{ON}$  is programmed via resistor  $R_{ON}$  according to following equation:

$$T_{ON} = \frac{(3.4 \times 10^{-10}) \times R_{ON}}{V_{IN}}$$

The required  $T_{ON}$  for a given application is calculated from:

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \times f}$$

Therefore,  $R_{ON}$  can be selected based on the output voltage and desired switching frequency as follows:

$$R_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{(3.4 \times 10^{-10}) \times f}$$

Note that switching frequency  $f$  will increase somewhat, as a function of increasing load current and increasing losses (see Figure 9).

Figure 30 suggests resistance values for common output voltages and switching frequencies.

$V_{OUT}$ [V]	$R_{ON}$ [Ω] at 300kHz	$R_{ON}$ [Ω] at 400kHz	$R_{ON}$ [Ω] at 500kHz	$R_{ON}$ [Ω] at 600kHz	$R_{ON}$ [Ω] at 800kHz
3.3	32,353	24,265	19,412	16,176	12,132
2.5	24,510	18,382	14,706	12,255	9,191
1.8	17,647	13,235	10,588	8,824	6,618
1.5	14,706	11,029	8,824	7,353	5,515
1.2	11,765	8,824	7,059	5,882	4,412
1.0	9,804	7,353	5,882	4,902	3,676

Figure 30:  $R_{ON}$  resistances for common output voltages and frequencies

### Over-Current Protection (OCP)

If the load current exceeds the programmed over-current  $I_{OCP}$  for four consecutive switching cycles, then the regulator enters the hiccup mode of operation. In hiccup mode the MOSFET gates are turned off for 110ms (hiccup timeout). Following the hiccup timeout a soft-start is attempted. If OCP persists, hiccup timeout will repeat. The regulator will remain in hiccup mode until load current is reduced below the programmed  $I_{OCP}$ . In order to program over-current protection use the following equation:

$$R_{LIM} = \frac{(I_{OCP} \times R_{DS(ON)}) + 8mV}{I_{LIM}}$$

where:

$R_{LIM}$  is resistor value for programming  $I_{OCP}$

$I_{OCP}$  is the over-current value to be programmed

$R_{DS(ON)}=4.6m\Omega$ (maximum specification)

8mV is the OCP comparator offset

$I_{LIM}$  is the internal current that generates the necessary OCP comparator threshold (use 45μA)

Note that  $I_{LIM}$  has a positive temperature coefficient of 0.4%/°C. This is meant to approximately match and compensate for positive temperature coefficient of the synchronous FET.

The above equation is for worst-case analysis and safeguards against premature OCP. Actual value of  $I_{OCP}$ , for a given  $R_{LIM}$ , will be higher than that predicted by the above equation. Typical  $I_{OCP}$  versus  $R_{LIM}$  is shown in Figure 16.

### Short-Circuit Protection (SCP)

If the output voltage drops below 60% of its programmed value, the regulator will enter hiccup mode. Hiccup mode will persist until the short-circuit is removed. The SCP circuit becomes active after PGOOD asserts high.

### Over-Temperature Protection (OTP)

OTP triggers at a nominal controller temperature of 150°C. The gates of the switching FET and the synchronous FET are turned off. When die temperature cools down to 135°C, soft-start is initiated and operation resumes.

### Programming the Output Voltage

Use an external voltage divider as shown in Figure 1 to program the output voltage  $V_{OUT}$ .

$$R1 = R2 \times \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{0.6} - 1 \right)$$

The recommended value for  $R2$  is 2kΩ.

## Programming the Softstart

Place a capacitor  $C_{SS}$  between the SS and GND pins to program the soft-start. In order to program a soft-start time of  $T_{SS}$ , calculate the required capacitance  $C_{SS}$  from the following equation:

$$C_{SS} = T_{SS} \times \frac{10\mu A}{0.6V}$$

## Feed-Forward Capacitor C<sub>FF</sub>

A feed-forward capacitor  $C_{FF}$  is required.  $C_{FF}$  provides a low-impedance/high-frequency path for the output voltage ripple to be transmitted to FB. It also results in improved load transient response. Calculate  $C_{FF}$  from:

$$C_{FF} = \frac{L \times I_{step}}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \times (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times R1}$$

Where  $I_{step}$  is load step

Load step transient response should be checked with  $C_{FF}$  calculated above. If necessary the value of  $C_{FF}$  may be adjusted in order to yield a critically damped transient response.

## Feed-Forward Resistor R<sub>FF</sub>

In order to prevent switching noise from coupling to the feedback pin, it may be necessary to place a resistor  $R_{FF}$  in series with  $C_{FF}$ . Calculate  $R_{FF}$  from:

$$R_{FF} = \frac{10ns}{C_{FF}}$$

## Thermal Design

Proper thermal design is critical in controlling device temperatures and in achieving robust designs. There are a number of factors that affect the thermal performance. One key factor is the temperature rise of the devices in the package, which is a function of the thermal resistances of the devices inside the package and the power being dissipated.

The thermal resistance of the XR76115 is specified in the "Operating Ratings" section of this datasheet. The JEDEC  $\theta_{JA}$  thermal resistance provided is based on tests that comply with the JESD51-2A "Integrated Circuit Thermal Test Method Environmental Conditions – Natural Convection" standard. JESD51-xx are a group of standards whose intent is to provide comparative data based on a standard test condition which includes a defined board construction. Since the actual board design in the final application will be different from the board defined in the standard, the thermal resistances in the final design may be different from those shown.

The package thermal derating curves for the XR76115 are shown in Figures 25 and 26. These correspond to input voltage of 12V and 5V respectively.

Applications Circuit

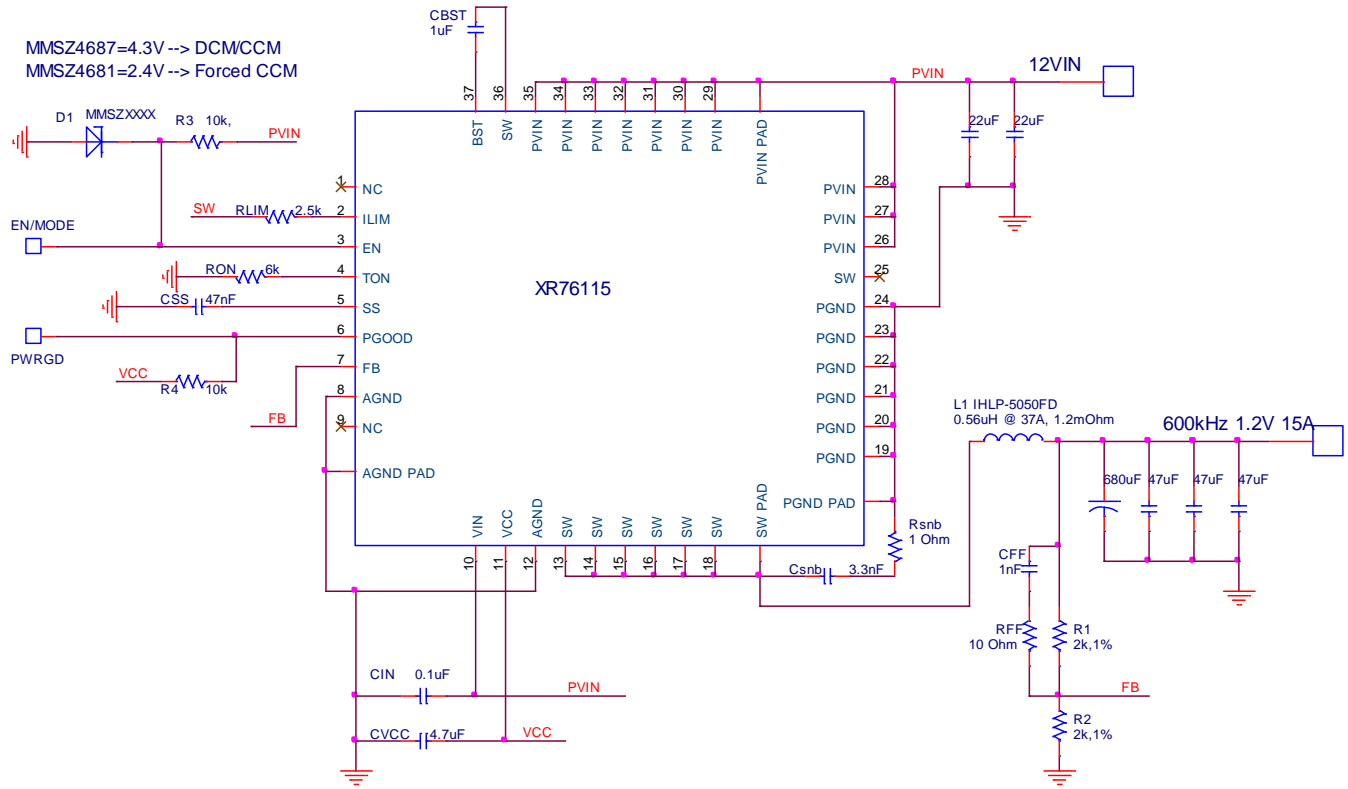
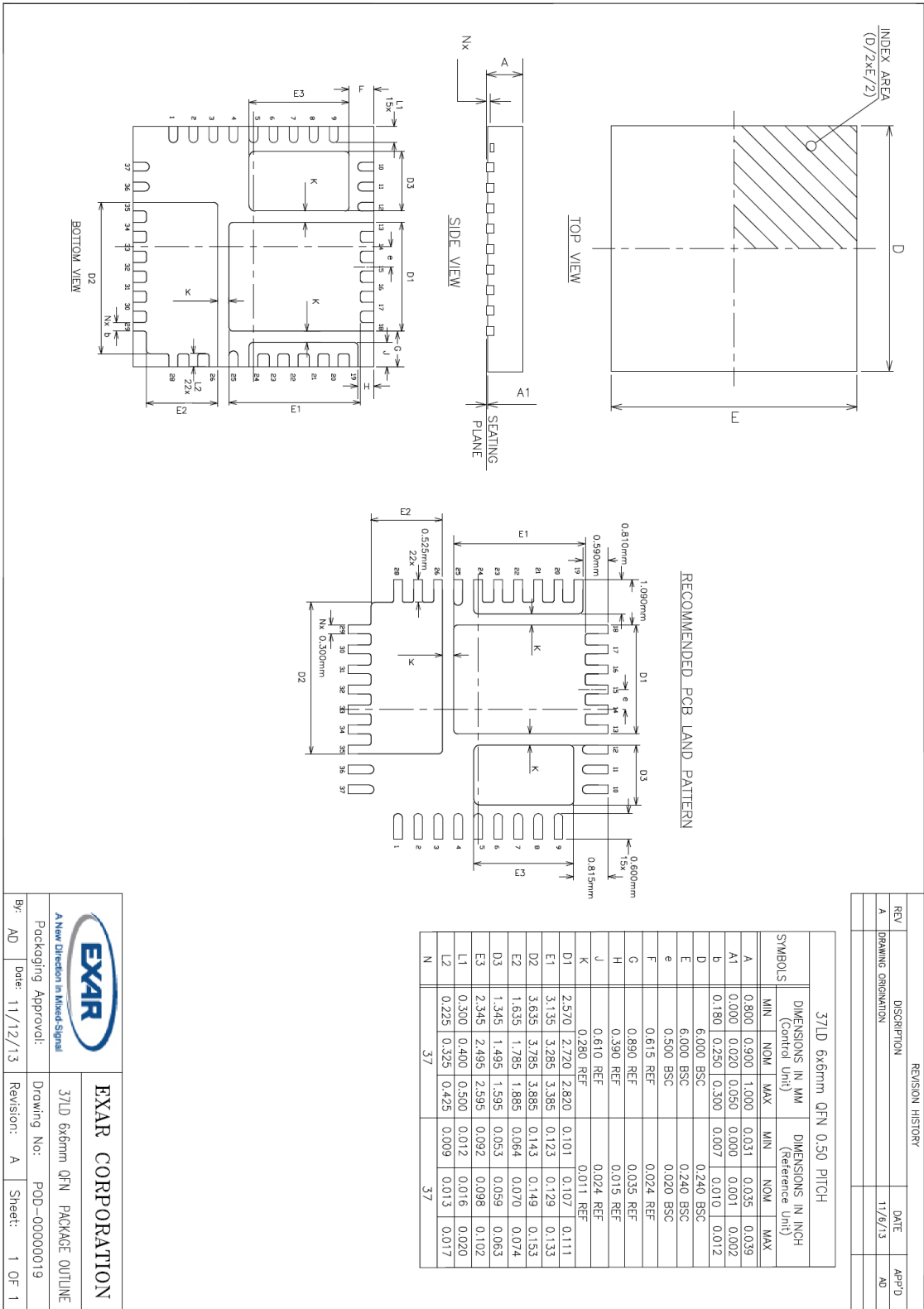



Figure 31: XR76115 Application circuit schematic

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