**FEATURES**

- Regulated Output with Input Voltages Above, Below or Equal to the Output
- 1.8V to 5.5V (Input) and 5.25V (Output) Voltage Range
- 0.8A Continuous Output Current: VIN > 1.8V
- 2A Continuous Output Current: VIN > 3V
- Single Inductor
- Synchronous Rectification: Up to 96% Efficiency
- Programmable Burst Mode® Operation: IQ = 40µA
- Output Disconnect in Shutdown
- Programmable Frequency from 300kHz to 2MHz
- <1µA Shutdown Current
- Small Thermally Enhanced 14-Lead (3mm × 4mm × 0.75mm) DFN package

**APPLICATIONS**

- GSM Modems
- Handheld Instruments
- Digital Cameras
- Smart Phones
- Media Players
- Miniature Hard Disk Drive Power

**DESCRIPTION**

The LTC®3533 is a wide VIN range, highly efficient, fixed frequency, buck-boost DC/DC converter that operates from input voltages above, below or equal to the output voltage. The topology incorporated in the IC provides a continuous transfer function through all operating modes, making the product ideal for single cell lithium-ion/polymer or multi-cell alkaline/NiMH applications where the output voltage is within the input voltage range.

The LTC3533 features programmable Burst Mode operation, extended VIN and VOUT ranges down to 1.8V, and increased output current. Switching frequencies up to 2MHz are programmed with an external resistor. The Burst Mode threshold is programmed with a single resistor from the BURST pin to GND.

Other features include 1µA shutdown current, short circuit protection, programmable soft-start, current limit and thermal shutdown. The LTC3533 is housed in the thermally enhanced 14-lead (3mm × 4mm × 0.75mm) DFN package.

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**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**  
(Note 1)  
Vin, PVIN Voltages ............................................... –0.3 to 6V  
VOUT, PVOUT Voltages ............................................... –0.3 to 6V  
SW1, SW2 Voltages  
DC................................................................. –0.3 to 6V  
Pulsed < 100ns .................................................. –0.3 to 7V  
VC, FB, RUN/SS, BURST Voltages .................. –0.3 to 6V  
Operating Temperature Range (Note 2) .... ...–40°C to 85°C  
Maximum Junction Temperature (Note 3) ....... 125°C  
Storage Temperature Range ...................... –65°C to 125°C

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Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.  
For more information on lead free part marking, go to: http://www.linear.com/leadfree/  
For more information on tape and reel specifications, go to: http://www.linear.com/tapeandreel/. Some packages are available in 500 unit reels through designated sales channels with #TRMPBF suffix.

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**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**  
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**Note 1:** 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.

**Note 2:** The LTC3533EDE is guaranteed to meet performance specifications from 0ºC to 85ºC. Specifications over the –40ºC to 85ºC operating temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls.

**Note 3:** This IC includes over-temperature protection that is intended to protect the device during momentary overload conditions. Junction temperature will exceed 125ºC when over-temperature protection is active. Continuous operation above the specified maximum operating junction temperature may result in device degradation or failure.

**Note 4:** Current Measurements are performed when the outputs are not switching.
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

\( T_A = 25^\circ C, \) unless otherwise specified.

**Quiescent Current vs \( V_{IN} \)**
- (Fixed Frequency Mode)
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**Parameters:**
- \( V_{IN} = 2.9V \)
- \( V_{OUT} = 3.3V \) AT 500mA
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

$T_A = 25^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified.

Switch Pins in Buck-Boost Mode

Switch Pins Entering Buck-Boost Mode

Output Ripple at 1A Load

Load Transient Response in Fixed Frequency Mode, No Load to 1.5A

Load Transient Response in Auto Burst Mode, No Load to 600mA

Burst Mode Operation

Transition from Burst Mode Operation to Fixed Frequency Mode

VIN = 3.3V
VOUT = 3.3V AT 500mA

VIN = 4.2V
VOUT = 3.3V AT 500mA

VIN = 3.6V
VOUT = 3.3V
COUT = 100μF X5R CERAMIC

VIN = 3.6V
VOUT = 3.3V
COUT = 100μF X5R CERAMIC + 100μF LOW ESR TANTALUM

VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
COUT = 100μF CERAMIC

COUT = 100μF CERAMIC

COUT = 100μF CERAMIC + 100μF LOW ESR TANTALUM

VIN = 4.2V
VOUT = 3.3V AT 500mA

VIN = 2.7V
VOUT = 3.3V

VIN = 3.3V
VOUT = 3.3V

VIN = 4.2V
VOUT = 3.3V

VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
COUT = 100μF CERAMIC

VIN = 3.3V
VOUT = 3.3V AT 500mA

VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
COUT = 100μF CERAMIC

VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
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VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
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VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
COUT = 100μF CERAMIC

VOUT = 3.3V, 20mV/DIV
COUT = 100μF CERAMIC
PIN FUNCTIONS

**RT (Pin 1):** Programs the Frequency of the Internal Oscillator. Connect a resistor from RT to ground.
\[ f(\text{kHz}) = \frac{33,170}{\text{RT}} \ (\text{k}\Omega) \]

**BURST (Pin 2):** Used to set the Automatic Burst Mode Threshold. Connect a resistor and capacitor in parallel from this pin to ground. See the Applications Information section for component value selection. For manual control, ground the pin to force Burst Mode operation, connect to \( V_{IN} \) to force fixed frequency PWM mode.

**SGND (Pin 3):** Signal ground for the IC.

**SW1 (Pin 4):** Switch Pin where Internal Switches A and B are Connected. Connect inductor from SW1 to SW2. An optional Schottky diode can be connected from SW1 to ground for a moderate efficiency improvement. Minimize trace length to reduce EMI.

**PGND1, PGND2 (Pins 5, 6):** Power Ground for the Internal NMOS Power Switches.

**SW2 (Pin 7):** Switch Pin where Internal Switches C and D are Connected. An optional Schottky diode can be connected from SW2 to \( V_{OUT} \) for a moderate efficiency improvement. For applications with output voltages over 4.3V, this Schottky diode is required to ensure the SW2 pin does not exhibit excess voltage. Minimize trace length to reduce EMI.

**VOUT (Pin 8):** Voltage Sensing Pin for \( PV_{OUT} \) and Input Supply Pin for Internal Circuitry Powered by \( PV_{OUT} \). A filter capacitor is placed from \( V_{OUT} \) to GND. A ceramic bypass capacitor is recommended as close to the \( V_{OUT} \) and GND pins as possible.

**PVOUT (Pin 9):** Output of the Synchronous Rectifier. A filter capacitor is placed from \( PV_{OUT} \) to PGND. A ceramic bypass capacitor is recommended as close to the \( PV_{OUT} \) and PGND pins as possible.

**VIN (Pin 10):** Input Supply Pin. Internal \( V_{CC} \) for the IC.

**PVIN (Pin 11):** Power \( V_{IN} \) Supply Pin. A 10\( \mu \)F ceramic capacitor is recommended as close to the \( PV_{IN} \) and PGND pins as possible.

**RUN/SS (Pin 12):** Combined Enable and Soft-Start. Applied voltage <0.4V shuts down the IC. Tie to >1.4V to enable the IC and >1.6V to ensure the error amp is not clamped from soft-start. An RC from the shutdown command signal to this pin will provide a soft-start function by limiting the rise time of \( V_C \).

**FB (Pin 13):** Feedback Pin. Connect resistor divider tap here. The output voltage can be adjusted from 1.8V to 5.25V. The feedback reference voltage is typically 1.22V.

\[ V_{OUT} = 1.22 \cdot \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} \]

**VC (Pin 14):** Error Amp Output. An R-C network is connected from this pin to FB for loop compensation. Refer to “Closing the Feedback Loop” section for component selection guidelines. During Burst Mode operation, \( V_C \) is internally connected to a hold circuit.

**Exposed Pad (Pin 15):** IC Substrate Ground. This pin must be soldered to the PCB ground to provide both electrical contact and a good thermal contact to the PCB.
The LTC3533 provides high efficiency, low noise power for a wide variety of handheld electronic devices. The LTC proprietary topology allows input voltages above, below or equal to the output voltage by properly phasing the output switches. The error amplifier output voltage on \( V_C \) determines the output duty cycle of the switches. Since \( V_C \) is a filtered signal, it provides rejection of frequencies well below the switching frequency. The low \( R_{DS(ON)} \), low gate charge synchronous switches provide high frequency pulse width modulation control at high efficiency. High efficiency is achieved at light loads when Burst Mode operation is entered and the LTC3533’s quiescent current drops to a low 40\( \mu \)A.

**LOW NOISE FIXED FREQUENCY OPERATION**

**Oscillator**

The frequency of operation is programmed by an external resistor from \( R_T \) to ground, according to the following equation:

\[
f(\text{kHz}) = \frac{33,170}{R_T(\text{k})}\]

**Error Amplifier**

The error amplifier is a voltage mode amplifier. The loop compensation components are configured around the amplifier (from FB to \( V_C \)) to obtain stability of the converter. For improved bandwidth, an additional RC feed-forward network can be placed across the upper feedback divider resistor. The voltage on the RUN/SS pin clamps the error amplifier output, \( V_C \), to provide a soft-start function.

**Supply Current Limits**

There are two different supply current limit circuits in the LTC3533, working consecutively, each having internally fixed thresholds which vary inversely with \( V_{IN} \). The first circuit is a current limit amplifier, sourcing current into FB to drop the output voltage, should the peak input current exceed 4.5A typical. This method provides a closed loop means of clamping the input current. During conditions where \( V_{OUT} \) is near ground, such as during a short circuit or startup, this threshold is cut to 750mA, providing a fold-back feature. For this current limit feature to be most effective, the Thevenin resistance from FB to ground should be greater than 100k.

Should the peak input current exceed 7A typical, the second circuit, a high speed peak current limit comparator, shuts off PMOS switch A. The delay to output of this comparator is typically 50ns.

**Reverse Current Limit**

During fixed frequency operation, the LTC3533 operates in forced continuous conduction mode. The reverse current limit comparator monitors the inductor current from the output through switch D. Should this negative inductor current exceed 500mA typical, the LTC3533 shuts off switch D.

**Four-Switch Control**

Figure 1 shows a simplified diagram of how the four internal switches are connected to the inductor, \( V_{IN}, V_{OUT} \) and GND. Figure 2 shows the regions of operation for the LTC3533 as a function of the control voltage, \( V_C \).

Dependent on \( V_C \)’s magnitude, the LTC3533 will operate in either buck, buck/boost or boost mode. The four power switches are properly phased so the transfer between operating modes is continuous, smooth and transparent to the user. When \( V_{IN} \) approaches \( V_{OUT} \) the buck/boost region is entered, where the conduction time of the four switch region is typically 150ns. Referring to Figures 1 and 2, the various regions of operation will now be described.
OPERATION

Buck Region (VIN > VOUT)

Switch D is always on and switch C is always off during this mode. When the control voltage, VC, is above voltage V1, switch A begins to switch. During the off time of switch A, synchronous switch B turns on for the remainder of the period. Switches A and B will alternate similar to a typical synchronous buck regulator. As the control voltage increases, the duty cycle of switch A increases until the maximum duty cycle of the converter in buck mode reaches DMAX_BUCK, given by:

$$D_{MAX\_BUCK} = 100 - D_{SW} \%$$

where D4SW = duty cycle % of the four switch range.

$$D_{4SW} = (150\text{ns} \times f) \times 100 \%$$

where f = operating frequency, Hz.

Beyond this point the “four switch,” or buck/boost region is reached.

Buck/Boost or Four Switch (VIN ~ VOUT)

When the control voltage, V_C, is above voltage V2, switch pair AD remain on for duty cycle DMAX_BUCK, and switch pair AC begins to phase in. As switch pair AC phases in, switch pair BD phases out accordingly. When V_C reaches the edge of the buck/boost range, at voltage V3, the AC switch pair completely phase out the BD pair, and the boost phase begins at duty cycle D4SW. The input voltage, VIN, where the four switch region begins is given by:

$$V_{IN} = V_{OUT}(1 - D) = V_{OUT}(1 - 150\text{ns} \times f) V$$

The point at which the four switch region ends is given by:

$$V_{IN} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{1 - (150\text{ns} \times f)} V$$

where f = operating frequency, Hz.

Boost Region (VIN < VOUT)

Switch A is always on and switch B is always off during this mode. When the control voltage, V_C, is above voltage V3, switch pair CD will alternately switch to provide a boosted output voltage. This operation is typical to a synchronous boost regulator. The maximum duty cycle of the converter is limited to 90% typical and is reached when V_C is above V4.
BURST MODE OPERATION

Burst Mode operation reduces the LTC3533’s quiescent current consumption at light loads and improves overall conversion efficiency, increasing battery life. During Burst Mode operation the LTC3533 delivers energy to the output until it is regulated and then goes into a sleep mode where the outputs are off and the quiescent current drops to 40µA. In this mode the output ripple has a variable frequency component that depends upon load current, and will typically be about 2% peak-to-peak. Burst Mode operation ripple can be reduced slightly by using more output capacitance. Another method of reducing Burst Mode operation ripple is to place a small feed-forward capacitor across the upper resistor in the VOUT feedback divider network (as in Type III compensation).

During the period where the device is delivering energy to the output, the peak switch current will rise to 900mA typical and the inductor current will terminate at zero current for each cycle. In this mode, the typical maximum average output currents are given by:

\[ I_{\text{MAX(BURST)BUCK}} \approx 450\text{mA}; \ V_{\text{OUT}} < V_{\text{IN}} \]
\[ I_{\text{MAX(BURST)BOOST}} \approx 450\text{mA} \cdot (V_{\text{IN}}/V_{\text{OUT}}); \ V_{\text{OUT}} > V_{\text{IN}} \]
\[ I_{\text{MAX(BURST)BUCK-BOOST}} \approx 700\text{mA}; \ V_{\text{OUT}} \approx V_{\text{IN}}, \text{since the input and output are connected together for most of the cycle.} \]

The efficiency below 1mA becomes dominated primarily by the quiescent current. The Burst Mode operation efficiency is given by:

\[ \text{Efficiency} = \frac{\eta \cdot I_{\text{LOAD}}}{40\mu\text{A} + I_{\text{LOAD}}} \]

where \( \eta \) is typically 90% during Burst Mode operation.

Programmable Automatic Burst Mode Operation

Burst Mode operation can be automatic or digitally controlled with a single pin. In automatic mode, the LTC3533 enters Burst Mode operation at the programmed threshold and returns to fixed frequency operation when the load demand increases. The load current at which the mode transition occurs is programmed using a single external resistor from BURST to ground, according to the following equations:

Enter Burst Mode Operation: \( I_{\text{BURST}} = \frac{17}{R_{\text{BURST}}} \)

Exit Burst Mode Operation: \( I_{\text{BURST}} = \frac{19}{R_{\text{BURST}}} \)

Where \( R_{\text{BURST}} \) is in kΩ and \( I_{\text{BURST}} \) is the load transition current in Amps. Do not use values of \( R_{\text{BURST}} \) greater than 250kΩ.

For automatic operation a filter capacitor must also be connected from BURST to ground. The equation for the minimum capacitor value is:

\[ C_{\text{BURST(MIN)}} \geq \frac{C_{\text{OUT}} \cdot V_{\text{OUT}}}{60,000} \]

where \( C_{\text{BURST(MIN)}} \) and \( C_{\text{OUT}} \) are in µF.

In the event that a load transient causes FB to drop by more than 4% from the regulation value while in Burst Mode operation, the LTC3533 will immediately switch to fixed frequency mode and an internal pull-up will be momentarily applied to BURST, rapidly charging \( C_{\text{BURST}} \). This prevents the IC from immediately re-entering Burst mode operation once the output achieves regulation.
Manual Burst Mode Operation

For manual control of Burst Mode operation, the RC network connected to BURST can be eliminated. To force fixed frequency mode, BURST should be connected to VIN. To force Burst Mode operation, BURST should be grounded. When commanding Burst Mode operation manually, the circuit connected to BURST should be able to sink up to 2mA.

For optimum transient response with large dynamic loads, the operating mode should be controlled digitally by the host. By commanding fixed frequency operation prior to a sudden increase in load, output voltage droop can be minimized. Note that if the load current applied during forced Burst Mode operation (BURST pin is grounded) exceeds the current that can be supplied, the output voltage will start to droop and the LTC3533 will automatically come out of Burst Mode operation and enter fixed frequency mode, raising VOUT. Once regulation is achieved, the LTC3533 will then enter Burst Mode operation once again (since the user is still commanding this by grounding BURST), and the cycle will repeat, resulting in about 4% output ripple.

Burst Mode Operation to Fixed Frequency Transient Response

In Burst Mode operation, the compensation network is not used and VC is disconnected from the error amplifier. During long periods of Burst Mode operation, leakage currents in the external components or on the PC board could cause the compensation capacitor to charge (or discharge), which could result in a large output transient when returning to fixed frequency mode of operation, even at the same load current. To prevent this, the LTC3533 incorporates an active clamp circuit that holds the voltage on VC at an optimal voltage during Burst Mode operation. This minimizes any output transient when returning to fixed frequency mode operation. For optimum transient response, Type 3 compensation is also recommended to broaden band the control loop and roll off past the two pole response of the output LC filter. (See Closing the Feedback Loop).

Soft-Start

The soft-start function is combined with shutdown. When the RUN/SS pin is brought above 1V typical, the LTC3533 is enabled but the error amplifier duty cycle is clamped from VC. A detailed diagram of this function is shown in Figure 3. The components RSS and CSS provide a slow ramping voltage on RUN/SS to provide a soft-start function. To ensure that VC is not being clamped, RUN/SS must be raised above 1.6V.

![Figure 3](image-url)
APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

COMPONENT SELECTION

Inductor Selection

The high frequency operation of the LTC3533 allows the use of small surface mount inductors. The inductor ripple current is typically set to 20% to 40% of the maximum inductor current. For a given ripple the inductance terms are given as follows:

\[
L_{\text{BOOST}} > \frac{V_{\text{IN(MIN)}} \cdot (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN(MIN)}})}{f \cdot \Delta I_L \cdot V_{\text{OUT}}} \cdot H
\]

\[
L_{\text{BUCK}} > \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \cdot (V_{\text{IN(MAX)}} - V_{\text{OUT}})}{f \cdot \Delta I_L \cdot V_{\text{IN(MAX)}}} \cdot H
\]

where \( f \) = switching frequency, Hz
\( \Delta I_L \) = maximum allowable inductor ripple current
\( V_{\text{IN(MIN)}} \) = minimum input voltage
\( V_{\text{IN(MAX)}} \) = maximum input voltage
\( V_{\text{OUT}} \) = output voltage

For high efficiency, choose a ferrite inductor with a high frequency core material to reduce core losses. The inductor should have low ESR (equivalent series resistance) to reduce the \( I^2R \) losses, and must be able to handle the peak inductor current without saturating. Molded chokes or chip inductors usually do not have enough core to support the peak inductor currents in the 4A to 6A region. To minimize radiated noise, use a shielded inductor. See Table 1 for a suggested list of inductor suppliers.

Output Capacitor Selection

The bulk value of the output filter capacitor is set to reduce the ripple due to charge into the capacitor each cycle. The steady state ripple due to charge is given by:

\[
\%\text{Ripple}_{\text{Boost}} = \frac{I_{\text{OUT(MAX)}} \cdot (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN(MIN)}}) \cdot 100}{C_{\text{OUT}} \cdot V_{\text{OUT}}^2 \cdot f} \%
\]

\[
\%\text{Ripple}_{\text{Buck}} = \frac{(V_{\text{IN(MAX)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}) \cdot 100}{8L \cdot C_{\text{OUT}} \cdot V_{\text{IN(MAX)}}^2 \cdot f^2} \%
\]

where \( C_{\text{OUT}} \) = output filter capacitor
\( I_{\text{OUT(MAX)}} \) = maximum output load current

The output capacitance is usually many times larger than the minimum value in order to handle the transient response

Table 1. Inductor Vendor Information

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<td>(800) 227-7040</td>
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<td>(847) 699-7864</td>
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requirements of the converter. As a rule of thumb, the ratio of the operating frequency to the unity-gain bandwidth of the converter is the amount the output capacitance will have to increase from the above calculations in order to maintain the desired transient response.

The other component of ripple is due to the ESR (equivalent series resistance) of the output capacitor. Low ESR capacitors should be used to minimize output voltage ripple. For surface mount applications, Taiyo Yuden or TDK ceramic capacitors, AVX TPS series tantalum capacitors or Sanyo POSCAP are recommended. See Table 2 for contact information.

Input Capacitor Selection

Since PV_{IN} is the supply voltage for the IC it is recommended to place at least a 4.7\mu F, low ESR ceramic bypass capacitor close to PV_{IN} and GND. It is also important to minimize any stray resistance from the converter to the battery or other power source.

Optional Schottky Diodes

Schottky diodes across the synchronous switches B and D are not required, but do provide a lower drop during the break-before-make time (typically 15ns), thus improving efficiency. Use a surface mount Schottky diode such as an MBRM120T3 or equivalent. Do not use ordinary rectifier diodes since their slow recovery times will compromise efficiency.

Output Voltage < 1.8V

The LTC3533 can operate as a buck converter with output voltages as low as 400mV. The part is specified at 1.8V minimum to allow operation without the requirement of a Schottky diode; Since synchronous switch D is powered from PV_{OUT}, and the R_{DS(ON)} will increase at low output voltages, a Schottky diode is required from SW2 to V_{OUT} to provide the conduction path to the output. Note that Burst Mode operation is inhibited at output voltages below 1V typical.

Output Voltage > 4.3V

A Schottky diode from SW2 to V_{OUT} is required for output voltages over 4.3V. The diode must be located as close to the pins as possible in order to reduce the peak voltage on SW2 due to parasitic lead and trace inductances.

Input Voltage > 4.5V

For applications with input voltages above 4.5V which could exhibit an overload or short-circuit condition, a 2\Omega/1nF series snubber is required between SW1 and GND. A Schottky diode from SW1 to PV_{IN} should also be added as close to the pins as possible. For the higher input voltages, V_{IN} bypassing becomes more critical. Therefore, a ceramic bypass capacitor as close to the PV_{IN} and GND pins as possible is also required.

Operating Frequency Selection

Higher operating frequencies allow the use of a smaller inductor and smaller input and output filter capacitors, thus reducing board area and component height. However, higher operating frequencies also increase the IC’s total quiescent current due to the gate charge of the four switches, as given by:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Buck:} & \quad I_Q = (600e - 12 \cdot V_{IN} \cdot f) \, mA \\
\text{Boost:} & \quad I_Q = [800e - 12 \cdot (V_{IN} + V_{OUT}) \cdot f] \, mA \\
\text{Buck/Boost:} & \quad I_Q = [(1400e - 12 \cdot V_{IN} + 400e - 12 \cdot V_{OUT}) \cdot f] \, mA
\end{align*}
\]

where f = switching frequency in Hz. Therefore frequency selection is a compromise between the optimal efficiency and the smallest solution size.

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<td>Sanyo</td>
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**Closing the Feedback Loop**

The LTC3533 incorporates voltage mode PWM control. The control to output gain varies with operation region (buck, boost, buck/boost), but is usually no greater than 15. The output filter exhibits a double pole response, as given by:

\[ f_{\text{FILTER\_POLE}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{L \cdot C_{\text{OUT}}} \text{ Hz}} \]

(in buck mode)

\[ f_{\text{FILTER\_POLE}} = \frac{V_{\text{IN}}}{2 \cdot V_{\text{OUT}} \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{L \cdot C_{\text{OUT}}} \text{ Hz}} \]

(in boost mode)

where \( L \) is in Henries and \( C_{\text{OUT}} \) is in Farads.

The output filter zero is given by:

\[ f_{\text{FILTER\_ZERO}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{\text{ESR}} \cdot C_{\text{OUT}}} \text{ Hz} \]

where \( R_{\text{ESR}} \) is the equivalent series resistance of the output capacitor.

A troublesome feature in boost mode is the right-half plane zero (RHP), given by:

\[ f_{\text{RHPZ}} = \frac{V_{\text{IN}}^2}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot i_{\text{OUT}} \cdot L \cdot V_{\text{OUT}}} \text{ Hz} \]

The loop gain is typically rolled off before the RHP zero frequency.

A simple Type I compensation network can be incorporated to stabilize the loop, but at a cost of reduced bandwidth and slower transient response. To ensure proper phase margin using Type I compensation, the loop must be crossed over a decade before the LC double pole. Referring to Figure 5, the unity-gain frequency of the error amplifier with the Type I compensation is given by:

\[ f_{\text{UG}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{1} \cdot C_{P1}} \text{ Hz} \]

Most applications demand an improved transient response to allow a smaller output filter capacitor. To achieve a higher bandwidth, Type III compensation is required, providing two zeros to compensate for the double-pole response of the output filter. Referring to Figure 6, the location of the poles and zeros are given by:

\[ f_{\text{POLE1}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 10^3 \cdot R_{1} \cdot C_{P1}} \text{ Hz} \]

(which is a very low frequency)

\[ f_{\text{ZERO1}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{Z} \cdot C_{P1}} \text{ Hz} \]

\[ f_{\text{ZERO2}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{1} \cdot C_{Z1}} \text{ Hz} \]

\[ f_{\text{POLE2}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{Z} \cdot C_{P2}} \text{ Hz} \]

where resistance is in Ohms and capacitance is in Farads.

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Figure 5. Error Amplifier with Type I Compensation

Figure 6. Error Amplifier with Type III Compensation
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High Efficiency, High Current LED Driver

[Diagram of LT3533 with labels]

- VIN: 3V to 4.2V
- SW1, SW2
- PVIN, PVOUT
- RUN/SS
- RT
- FB
- BURST
- PGND, SGND
- ILED = 1A

Resistors and Capacitors:
- 10μF
- 44.2k
- 4.7μF
- 43k
- 95k
- 301k
- 3.3μH
- 100k
- 47pF

[Diagram of LT3533 with components and connections]
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Please refer to [http://www.linear.com/product/LTC3533#packaging](http://www.linear.com/product/LTC3533#packaging) for the most recent package drawings.

DE Package
14-Lead Plastic DFN (4mm × 3mm)
(Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1708 Rev B)

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1. DRAWING PROPOSED TO BE MADE VARIATION OF VERSION (WGED-3) IN JEDEC PACKAGE OUTLINE MO-229
2. DRAWING NOT TO SCALE
3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS
4. DIMENSIONS OF EXPOSED PAD ON BOTTOM OF PACKAGE DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH. MOLD FLASH, IF PRESENT, SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.15mm ON ANY SIDE
5. EXPOSED PAD SHALL BE SOLDER PLATED
6. SHADED AREA IS ONLY A REFERENCE FOR PIN 1 LOCATION ON THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF PACKAGE

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**Recommended Solder Pad Pitch and Dimensions**
Apply solder mask to areas that are not soldered.
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1MHz Li-Ion to 3.6V at 2A, Pulsed, with Manual Mode Control

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