



# EVQ4312-R-01A

## 45V, 2A, Low-I<sub>Q</sub>, Synchronous Step-Down Converter with Frequency Spread Spectrum Evaluation Board, AEC-Q100 Qualified

### DESCRIPTION

The EVQ4312-R-01A evaluation board is designed to demonstrate the capabilities of the MPQ4312, a synchronous, step-down switching regulator with a configurable frequency and an integrated, internal high-side MOSFET (HS-FET) and low-side MOSFET (LS-FET). It provides up to 2A of highly efficient output current (I<sub>OUT</sub>), with current mode control for fast loop response.

The wide 3.3V to 45V input voltage (V<sub>IN</sub>) range accommodates a variety of step-down applications in automotive input environments. A 1.7μA quiescent current (I<sub>Q</sub>) in shutdown mode allows the device to be used in battery-powered applications. High power conversion

efficiency across a wide load range is achieved by scaling down the switching frequency (f<sub>SW</sub>) under light-load conditions to reduce switching and gate driver losses.

Frequency foldback helps prevent inductor current (I<sub>L</sub>) runaway during start-up. Thermal shutdown provides reliable, fault-tolerant operation. High-duty cycle and low-dropout mode are provided for automotive cold crank conditions.

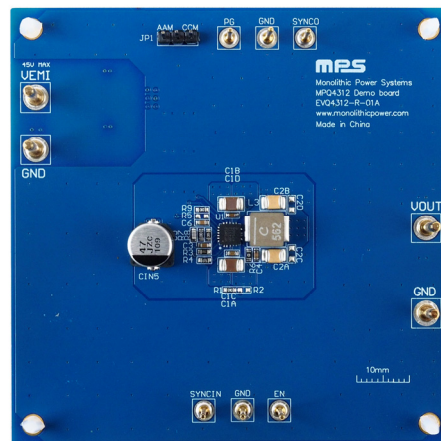
The EVQ4312-R-01A is fully assembled and tested. The MPQ4312 is available in a QFN-20 (4mmx4mm) package with wettable flanks, and is AEC-Q100 Grade 1 qualified.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.

| Parameter                                  | Condition                                                             | Value       |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Input voltage (V <sub>IN</sub> ) range     |                                                                       | 3.3V to 45V |
| Output voltage (V <sub>OUT</sub> )         | V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.3V to 45V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 0A to 2A            | 3.3V        |
| Maximum output current (I <sub>OUT</sub> ) | V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.3V to 45V                                         | 2A          |
| Typical efficiency                         | V <sub>IN</sub> = 12V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 3.3V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 2A | 94.7%       |
| Switching frequency (f <sub>SW</sub> )     |                                                                       | 410kHz      |

### EVQ4312-R-01A EVALUATION BOARD



LxWxH (8.3cmx8.3cmx1.3cm)

| Board Number  | MPS IC Number   |
|---------------|-----------------|
| EVQ4312-R-01A | MPQ4312GRE-AEC1 |

## QUICK START GUIDE

1. Preset the power supply ( $V_{IN}$ ) between 3.3V and 45V, then turn off the power supply. Electronic loads represent a negative impedance to the regulator, and setting a current too high can trigger hiccup mode.
2. If longer cables (>0.5m total) are used between the source and the evaluation board, install a damping capacitor at the input terminals, especially when  $V_{IN} \geq 24V$ .
3. Connect the power supply terminals to:
  - a. Positive (+): VEMI
  - b. Negative (-): GND
4. Connect the load terminals to:
  - a. Positive (+): VOUT
  - b. Negative (-): GND
5. After making the connections, turn on the power supply. The board should automatically start up.
6. To use the enable function, apply a digital input to the EN pin. Drive EN above 1V to turn on the regulator; drive EN below 0.85V to turn off the regulator.
7. The MPQ4312's switching frequency ( $f_{SW}$ ) can be configured by R3, the FREQ pin's resistor ( $R_{FREQ}$ ). R3 can be estimated based on the relationship between  $f_{SW}$  and  $R_{FREQ}$  (see Figure 1).

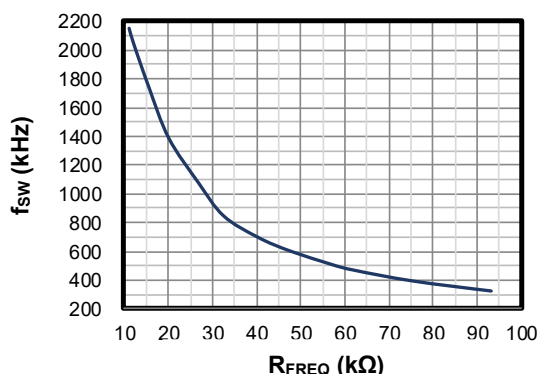


Figure 1:  $f_{SW}$  vs.  $R_{FREQ}$

8. To use the sync function, apply a 350kHz to 1000kHz external clock to the SYNCIN pin to synchronize the internal clock's rising edge.
9. The output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) is set by the external resistor divider. If  $R7 = 100k\Omega$ , then  $R8$  can be calculated using Equation (1):

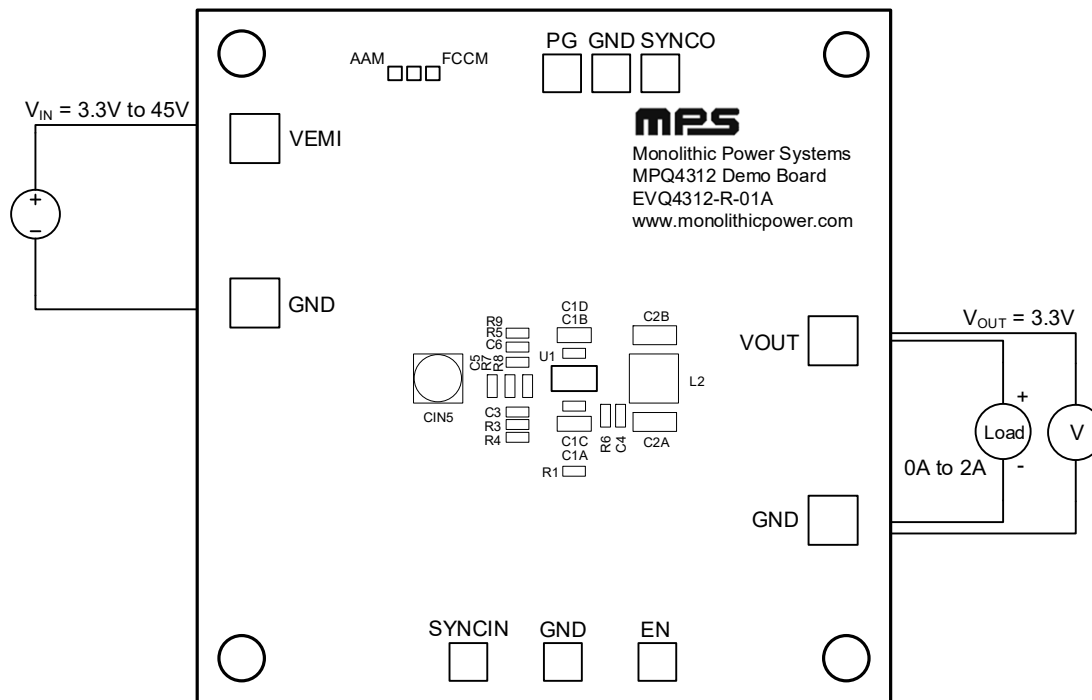
$$R8 = \frac{R7}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.815V} - 1} \quad (1)$$

Table 1 shows the recommended R7 and R8 values for common output voltages.

Table 1: Resistor Selection for Output Voltages

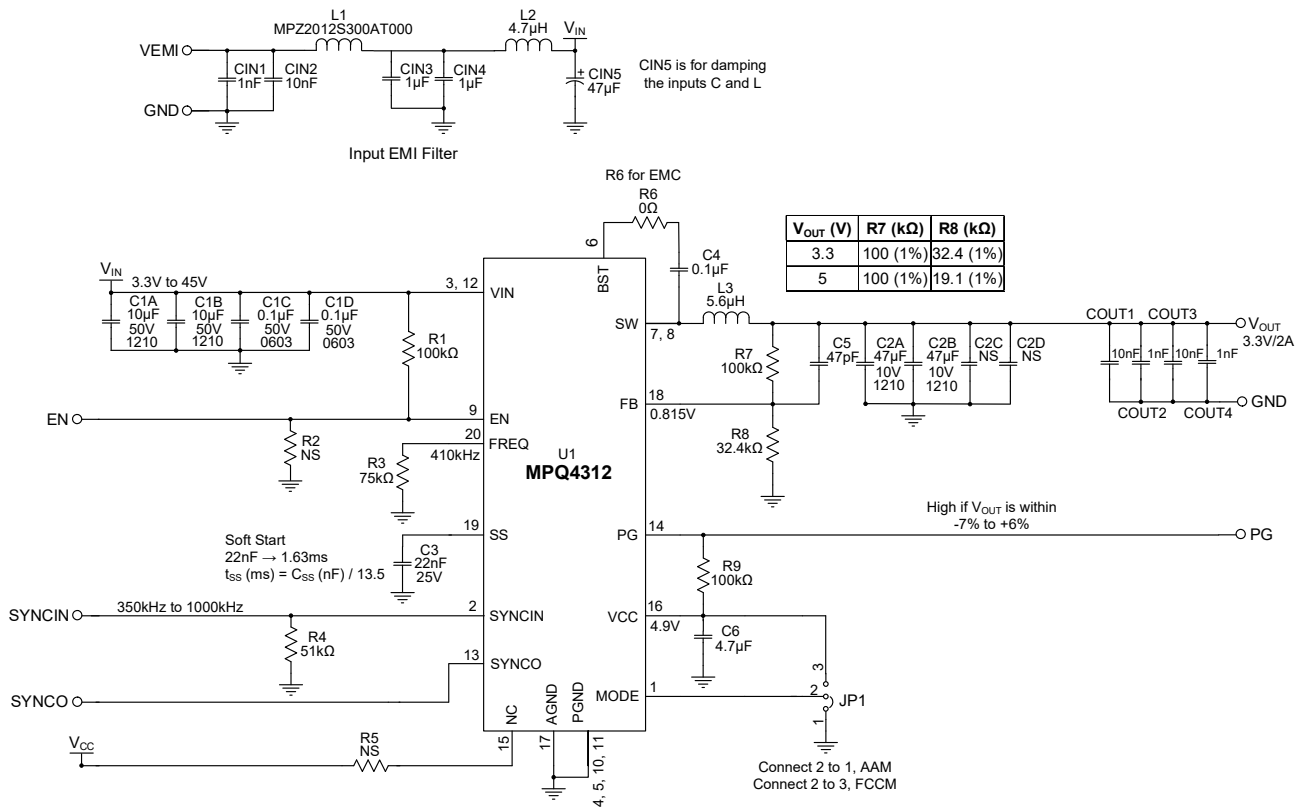
| $V_{OUT}$ (V) | R7 (k $\Omega$ ) | R8 (k $\Omega$ ) |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 3.3           | 100 (1%)         | 32.4 (1%)        |
| 5             | 100 (1%)         | 19.1 (1%)        |

Figure 2 shows the measurement equipment set-up.



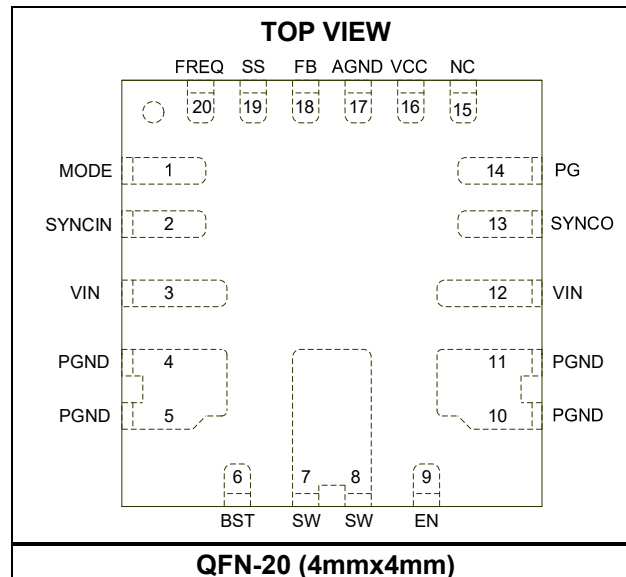
**Figure 2: Measurement Equipment Set-Up**

## EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC



**Figure 3: Evaluation Board Schematic**

## PACKAGE REFERENCE



## EVQ4312-R-01A BILL OF MATERIALS

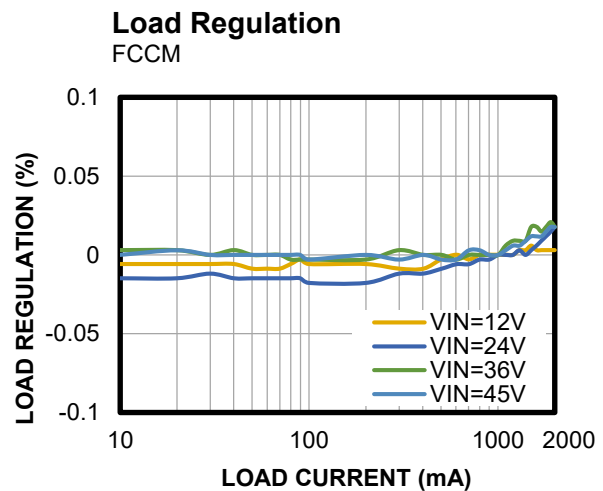
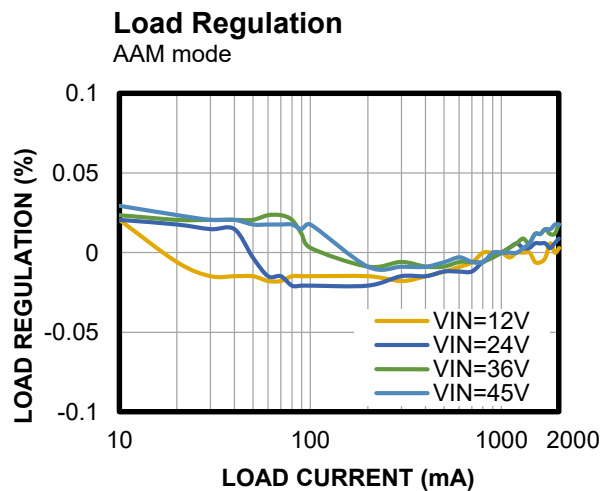
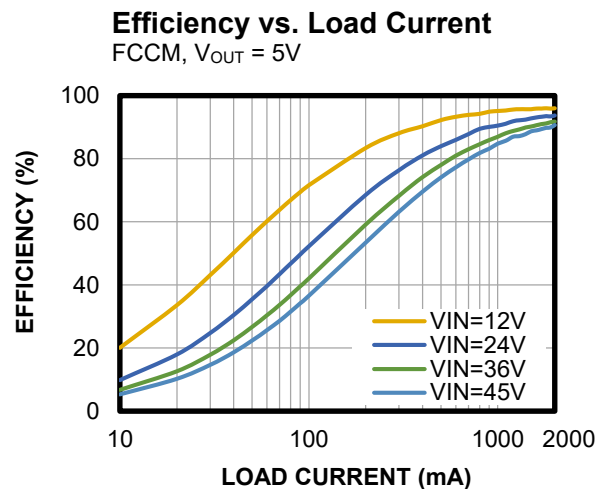
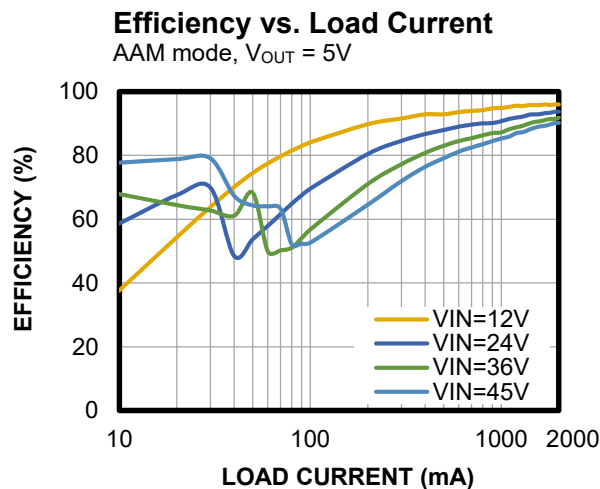
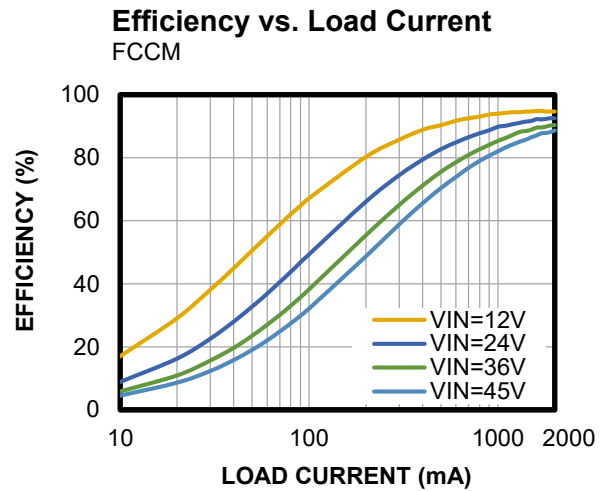
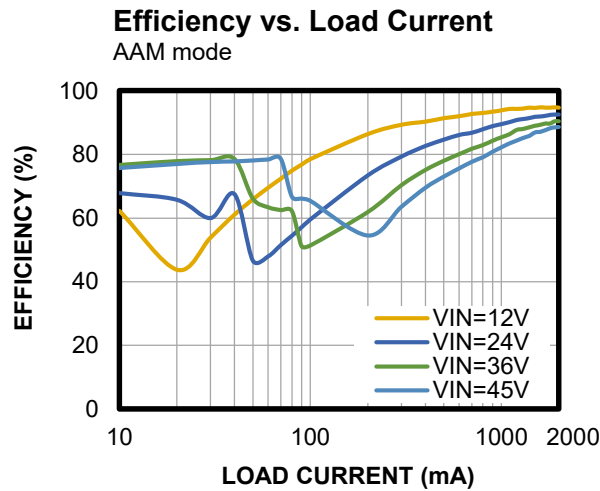
| Qty | Ref                                  | Value   | Description                            | Package          | Manufacturer          | Manufacturer PN    |
|-----|--------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 3   | CIN1, COUT2, COUT4                   | 1nF     | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R            | 0603             | Murata                | GRM216R71H102KA01  |
| 3   | CIN2, COUT1, COUT3                   | 10nF    | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R            | 0603             | Murata                | GRM188R71H103KA01D |
| 2   | CIN3, CIN4                           | 1μF     | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R            | 1206             | TDK                   | C3216X7R1H105K     |
| 1   | CIN5                                 | 47μF    | Aluminum capacitor, 63V                | SMD              | Panasonic             | EEHZA1J470P        |
| 2   | C1A, C1B                             | 10μF    | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R            | 1210             | Murata                | GRM32ER71H106KA12L |
| 2   | C1C, C1D                             | 0.1μF   | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R            | 0603             | Murata                | GCJ188R71H104KA12D |
| 2   | C2A, C2B                             | 47μF    | Ceramic capacitor, 10V, X5R            | 1210             | Murata                | GRM32ER61A476KE20L |
| 1   | C3                                   | 22nF    | Ceramic capacitor, 25V, X7R            | 0603             | Murata                | GRM188R71E223JA01D |
| 1   | C4                                   | 0.1uF   | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R            | 0603             | Murata                | GRM188R71H104KA93D |
| 1   | C5                                   | 47pF    | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, C0G            | 0603             | TDK                   | C1608C0G1H470J     |
| 1   | C6                                   | 4.7μF   | Ceramic capacitor, 10V, X5R            | 0603             | Murata                | GRM188R61A475KE15D |
| 1   | L1                                   | 30mΩ    | Magnetic bead, 6A                      | 0805             | TDK                   | MPZ2012S300AT000   |
| 1   | L2                                   | 4.7uH   | Inductor, 31.5mΩ, 6A                   | SMD              | Cyntec                | VCMT063T-4R7MN5T   |
| 1   | L3                                   | 5.6μH   | Inductor, 14.5mΩ, 9.9A                 | SMD              | Coilcraft             | XAL6060-562MEC     |
| 3   | R1, R7, R9                           | 100kΩ   | Film resistor, 1%                      | 0603             | Yageo                 | RC0603FR-07100KL   |
| 1   | R3                                   | 75kΩ    | Film resistor, 1%                      | 0603             | Yageo                 | RC0603FR-0775KL    |
| 1   | R4                                   | 51kΩ    | Film resistor, 1%                      | 0603             | Yageo                 | RC0603FR-0751KL    |
| 1   | R6                                   | 0Ω      | Film resistor, 1%                      | 0603             | Yageo                 | RC0603FR-070RL     |
| 1   | R8                                   | 32.4kΩ  | Film resistor, 1%                      | 0603             | Yageo                 | RC0603FR-0732K4L   |
| 4   | C2C, C2D, R2, R5                     | NS      |                                        |                  |                       |                    |
| 1   | JP1                                  | 2.54mm  | Test pin, 3-pin                        | DIP              | Any                   |                    |
| 4   | VEMI, GND, VOUT, GND                 | 2mm     | Golden pin                             | DIP              | Custom <sup>(1)</sup> |                    |
| 7   | SYNCIN, ICS, PG, SYNCO, EN, GND, GND | 1mm     | Golden pin                             | DIP              | Custom <sup>(1)</sup> |                    |
| 1   | U1                                   | MPQ4312 | 45V, 2A, step-down converter, AEC-Q100 | QFN-20 (4mmx4mm) | MPS                   | MPQ4312GRE-AEC1    |

### Note:

1) Contact an MPS FAE for more information regarding custom pins.

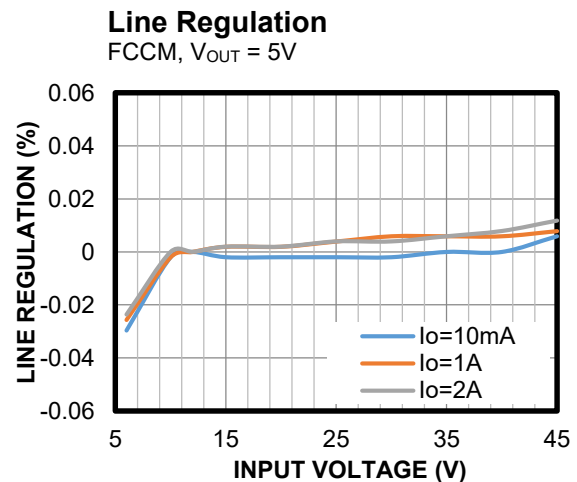
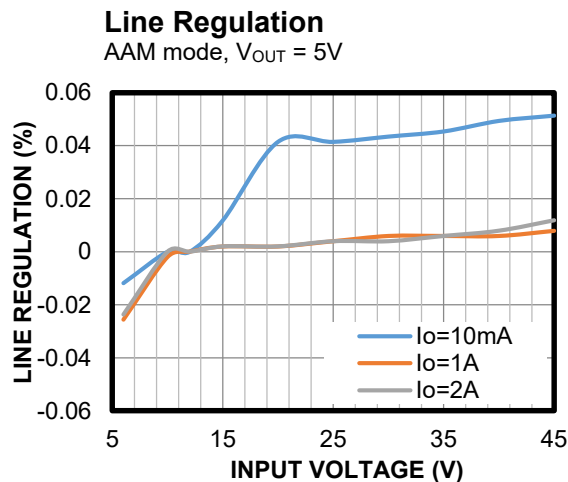
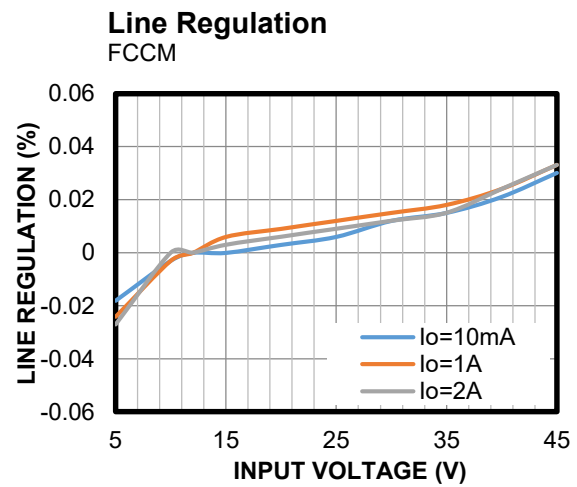
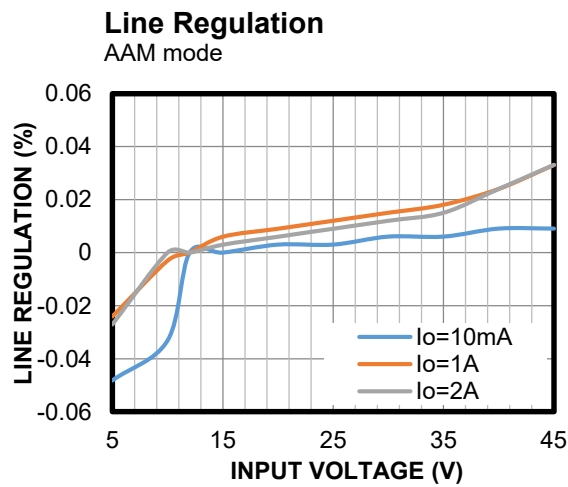
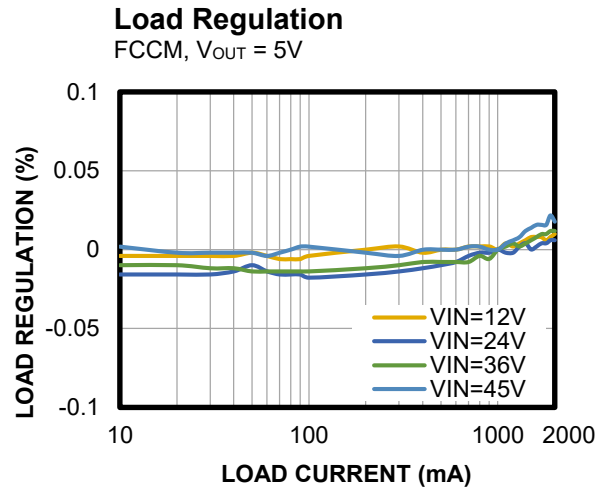
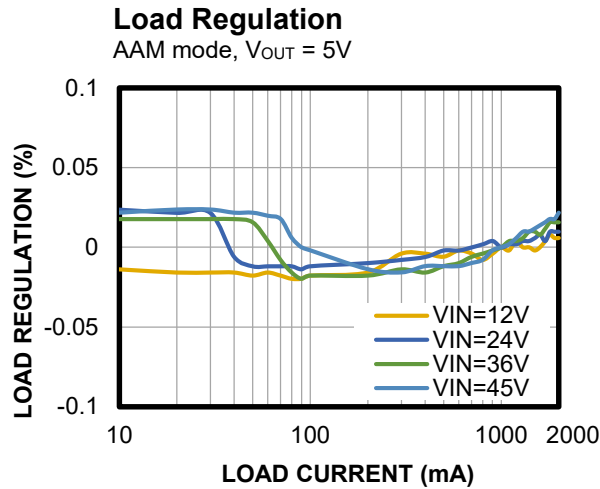
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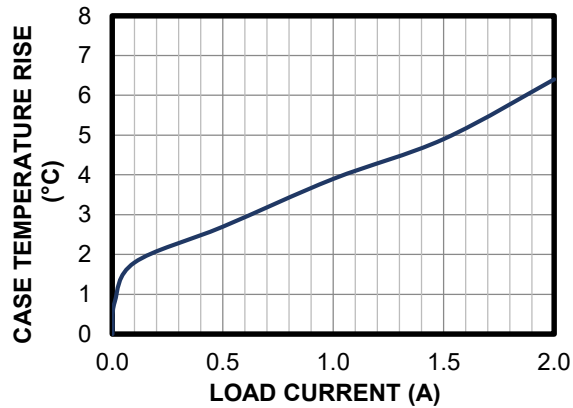


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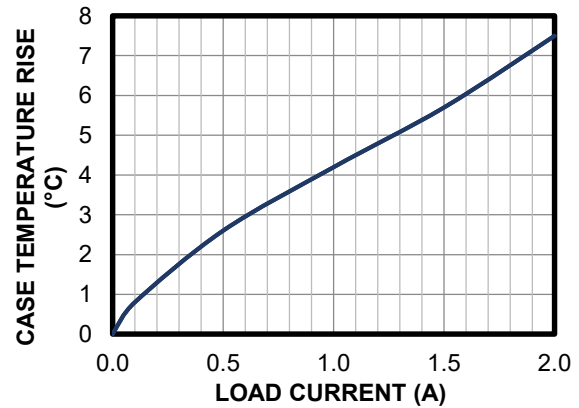
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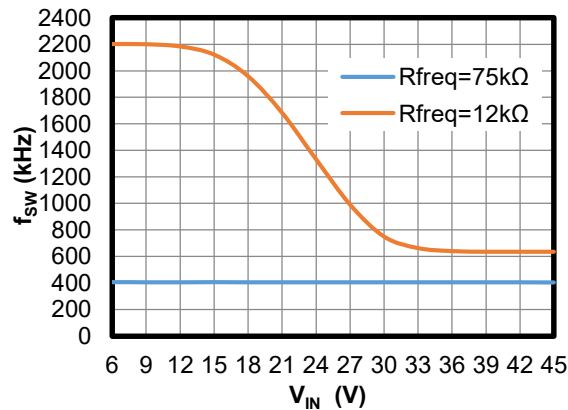


### Case Temperature Rise

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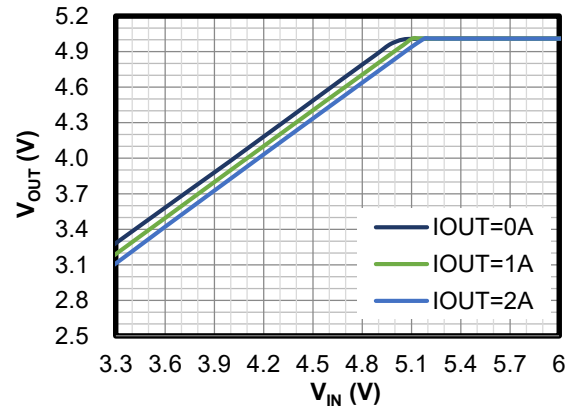


### $f_{SW}$ vs. $V_{IN}$



### Low-Dropout Mode

$V_{OUT} = 5V$

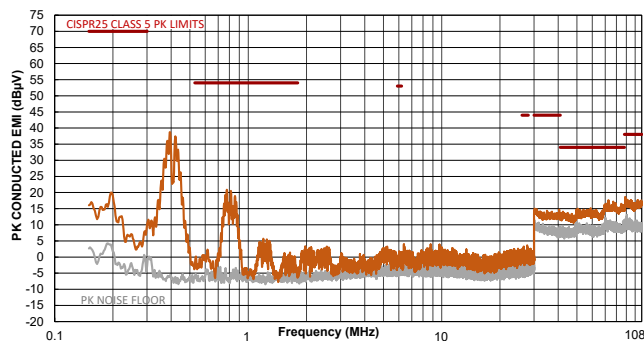


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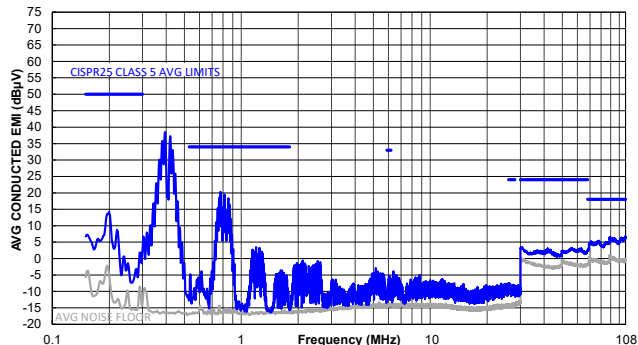
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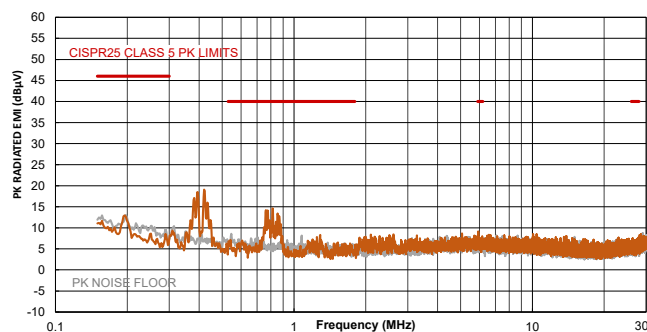
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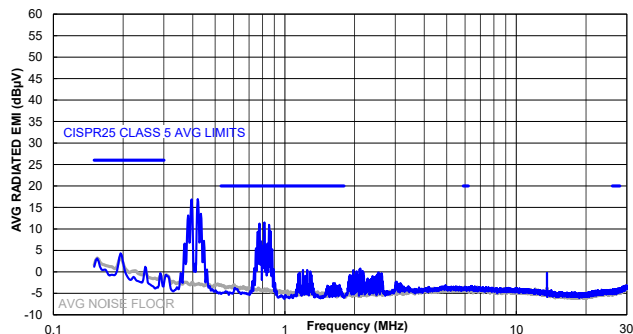
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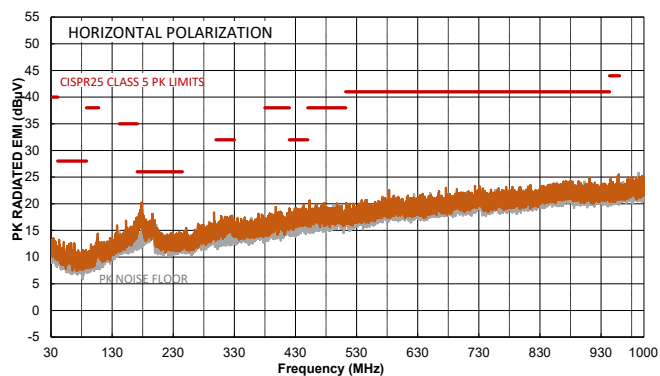
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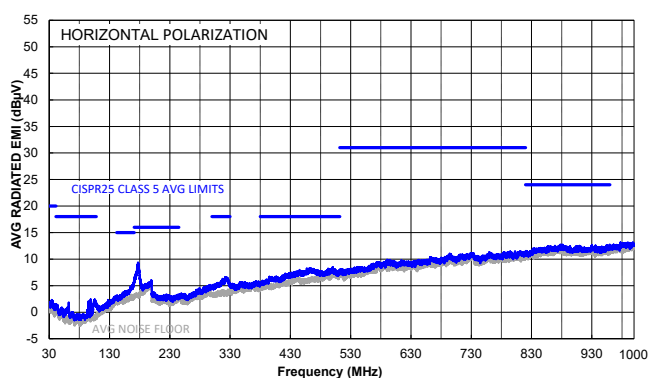
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Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz



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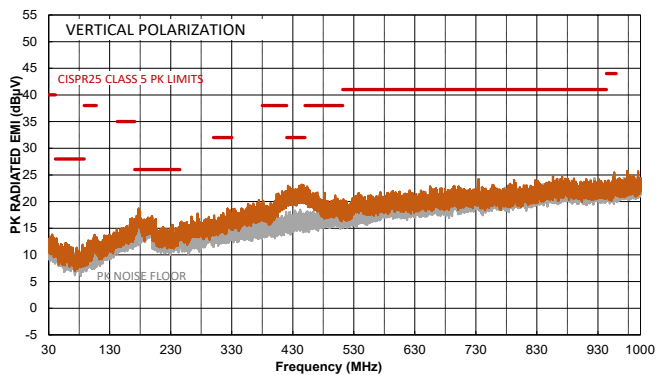


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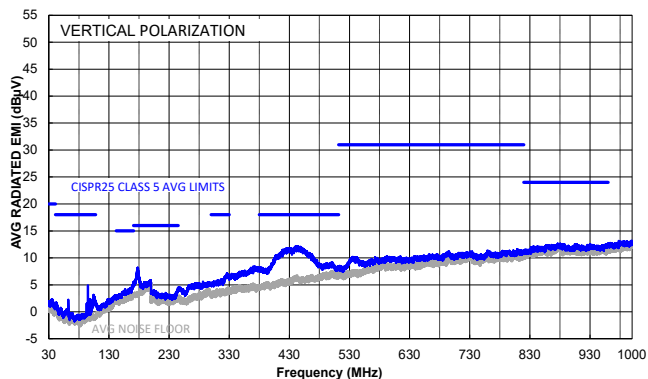
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Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



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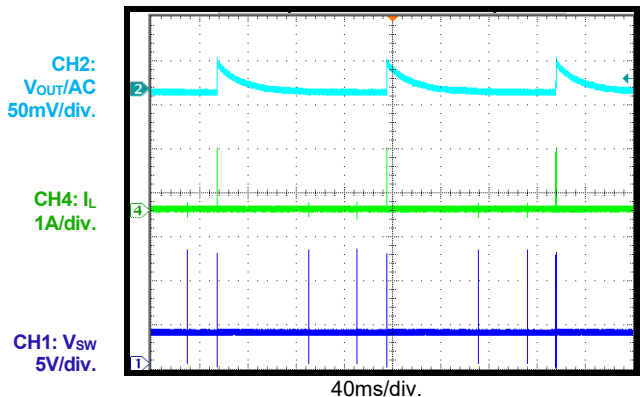
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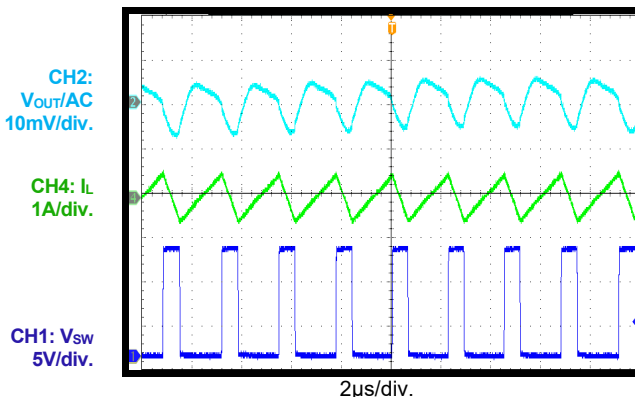
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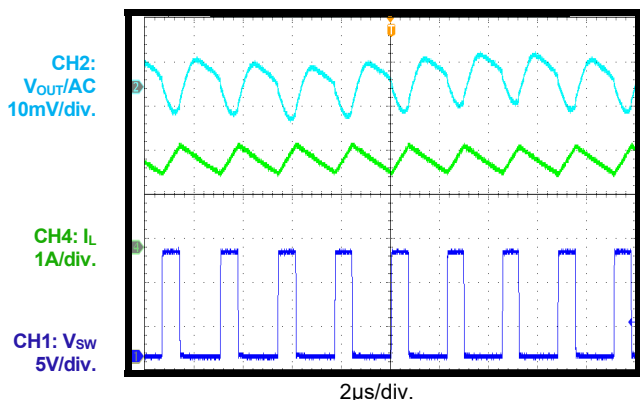
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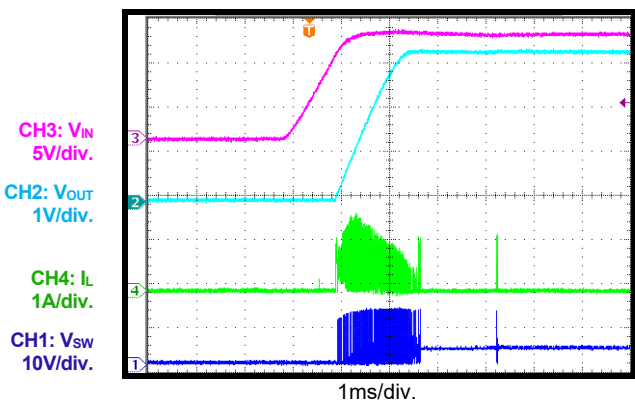
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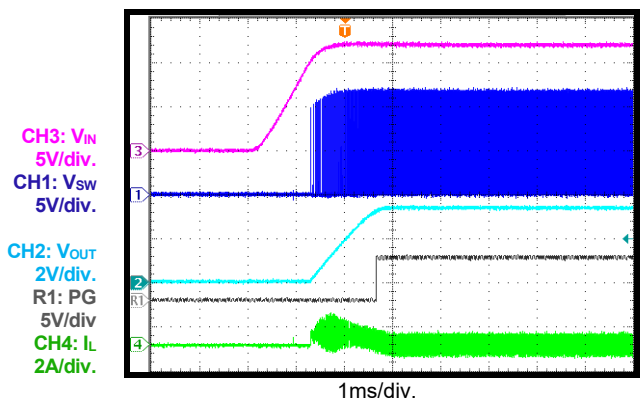
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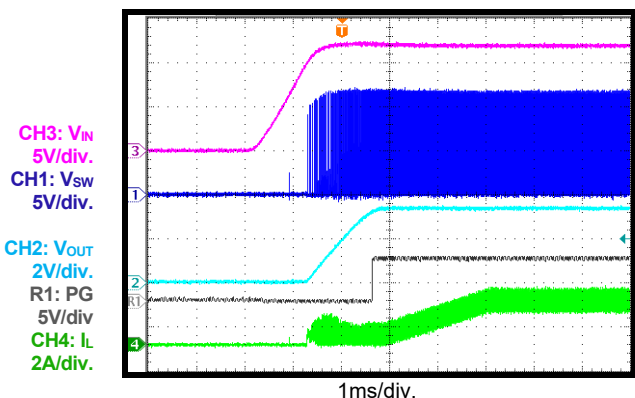
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### Start-Up through VIN

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , FCCM


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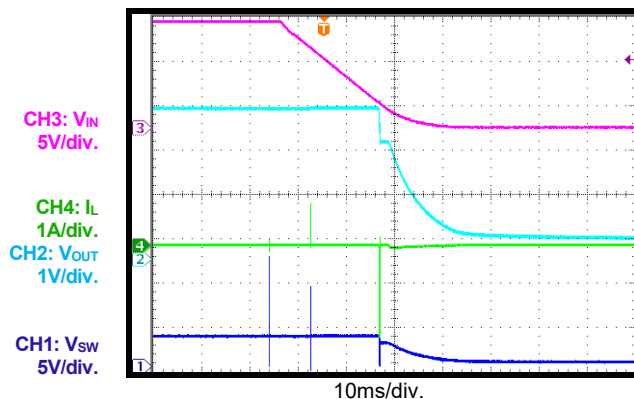
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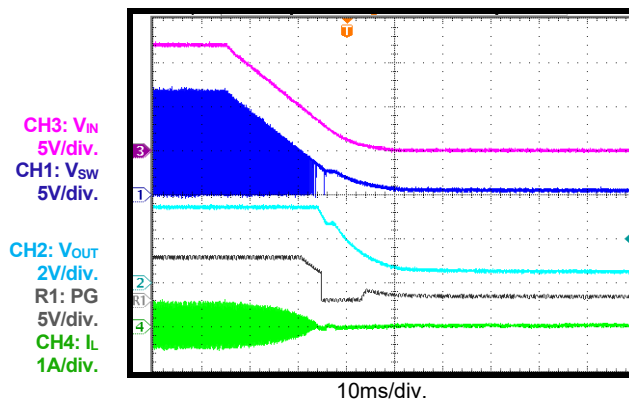
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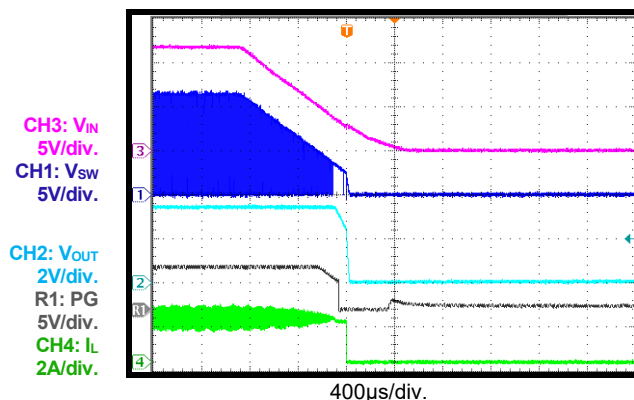
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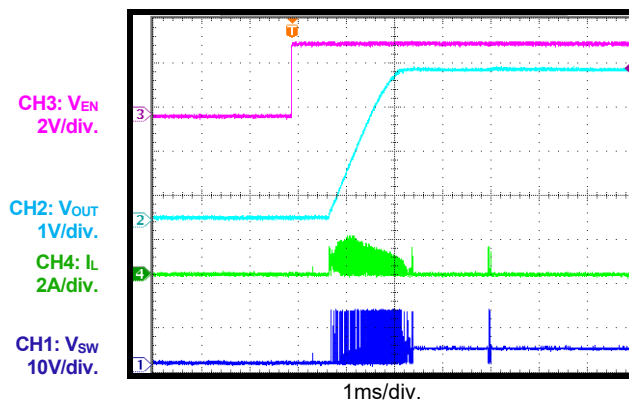
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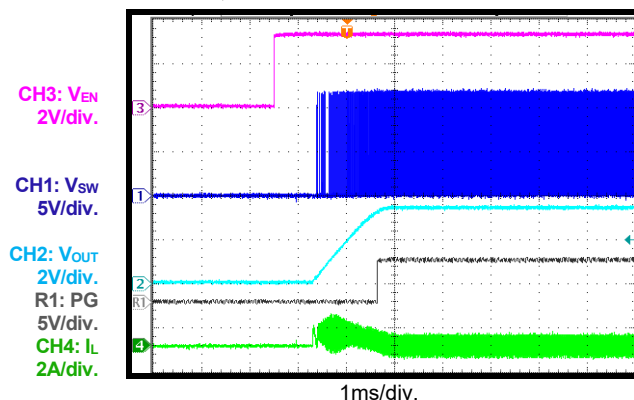
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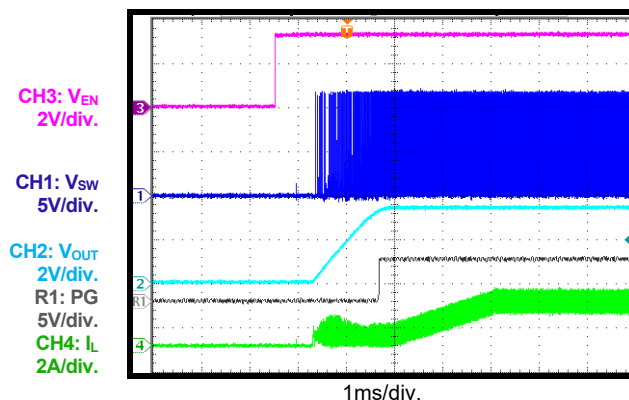
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$I_{OUT} = 2A$



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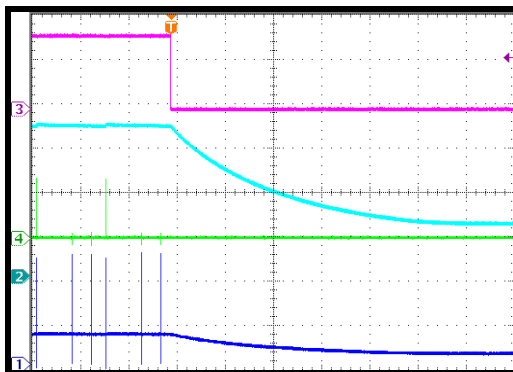
### Shutdown through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.

CH4:  $I_L$   
1A/div.

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
1V/div.

CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.


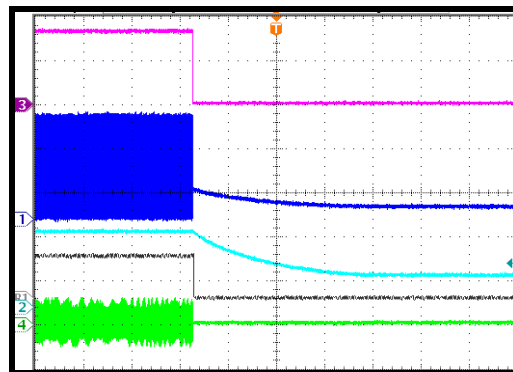
100ms/div.

### Shutdown through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , FCCM

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.

CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.  
R1: PG  
5V/div.

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
1A/div.


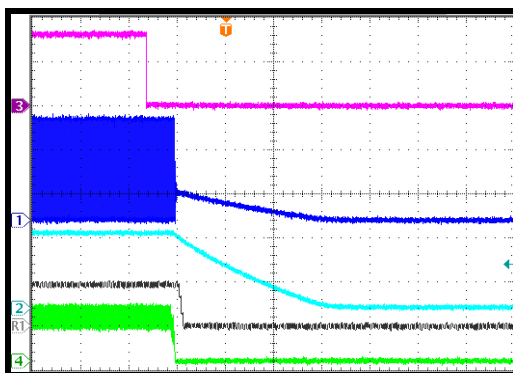
100ms/div.

### Shutdown through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ 

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.

CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.  
R1: PG  
5V/div.

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.


100μs/div.

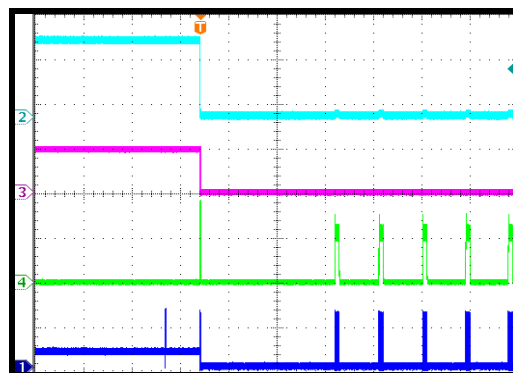
### SCP Entry

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.

CH3:  $V_{PG}$   
5V/div.

CH4:  $I_L$   
5A/div.

CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
10V/div.


20ms/div.

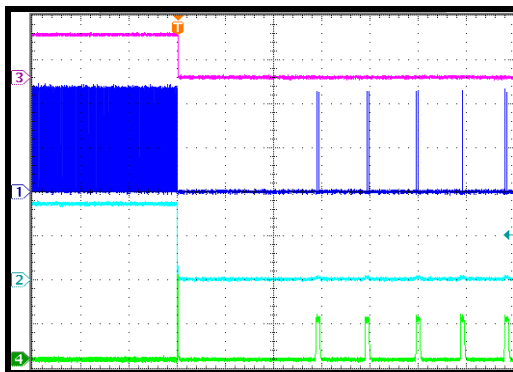
### SCP Entry

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , FCCM

CH3:  $V_{PG}$   
5V/div.

CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.

CH4:  $I_L$   
5A/div.


20ms/div.

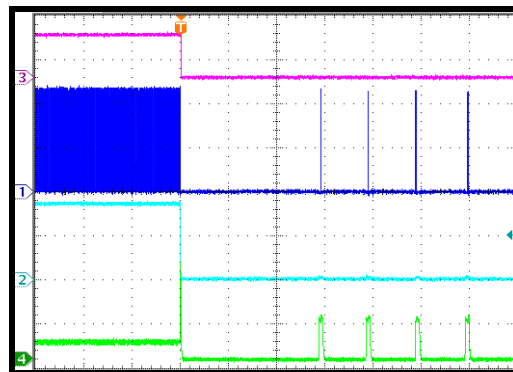
### SCP Entry

 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ 

CH3:  $V_{PG}$   
5V/div.

CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.

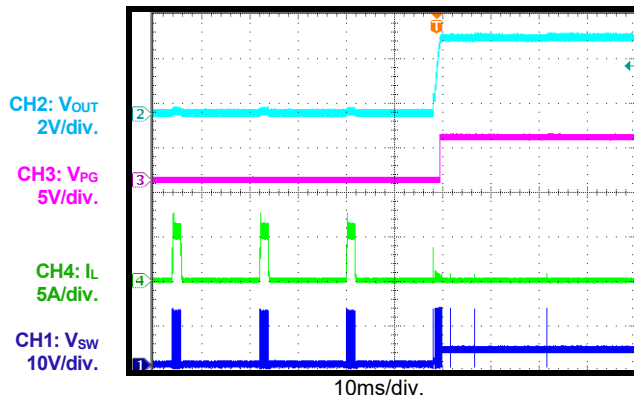
CH4:  $I_L$   
5A/div.


20ms/div.

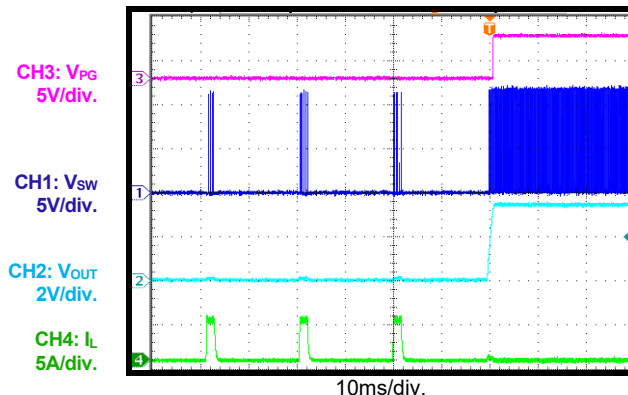
## EVB TEST RESULTS *(continued)*

Performance curves and waveforms are tested on the evaluation board,  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 2 \times 47\mu F$ ,  $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $f_{SW} = 410kHz$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

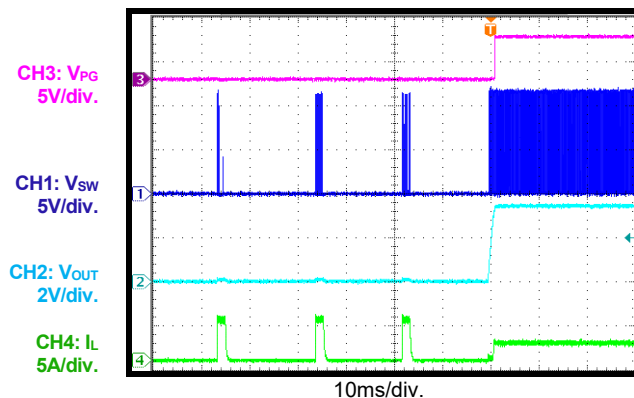
### SCP Recovery

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode


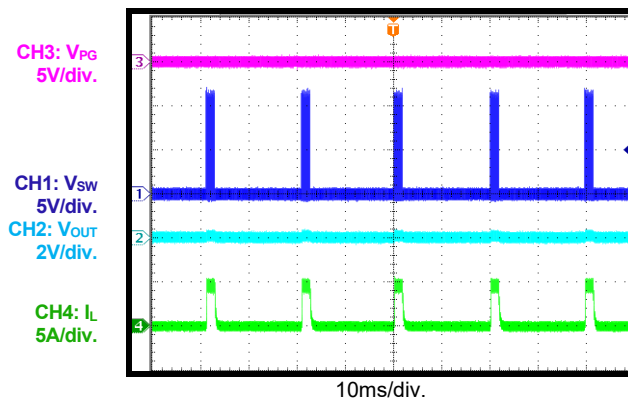
### SCP Recovery

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , FCCM


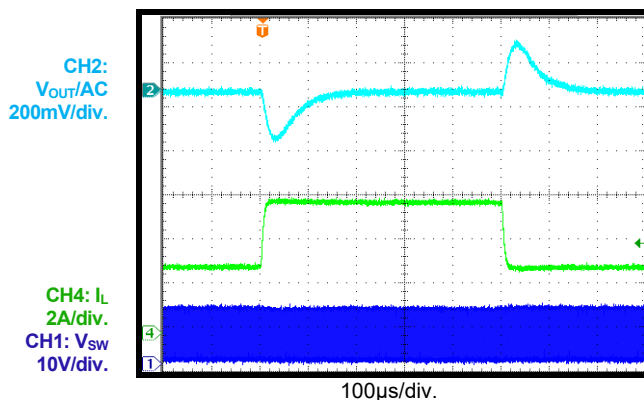
### SCP Recovery

 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ 


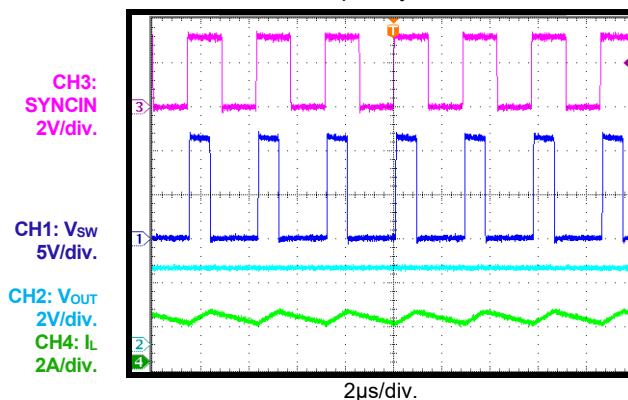
### SCP Steady State



### Load Transient

 $I_{OUT} = 1A$  to  $2A$ 


### SYNC Operation

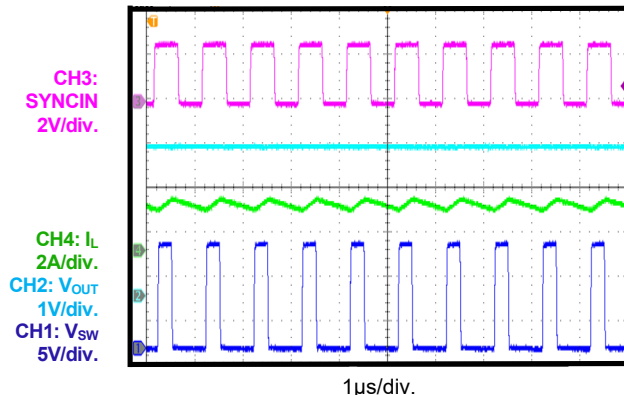
 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ , SYNC frequency = 350kHz


## EVB TEST RESULTS (continued)

Performance curves and waveforms are tested on the evaluation board,  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 2 \times 47\mu F$ ,  $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $f_{SW} = 410kHz$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

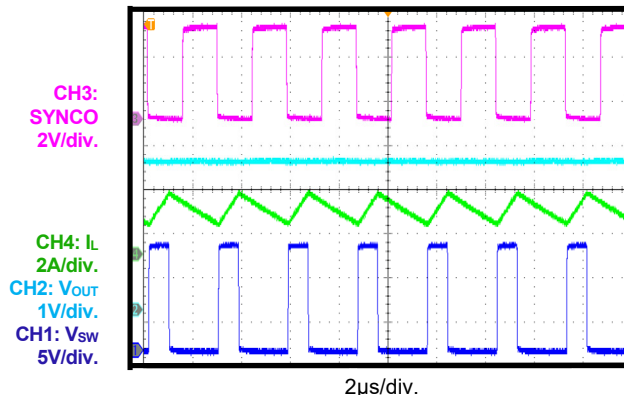
### SYNC Operation

$I_{OUT} = 2A$ , SYNC frequency = 1000kHz



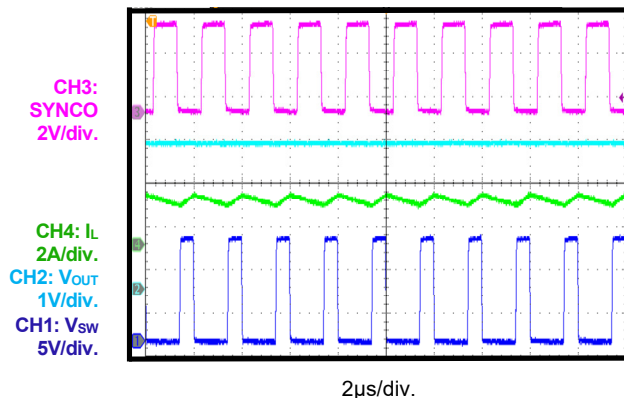
### SYNC Operation

$I_{OUT} = 2A$ , SYNC frequency = 350kHz



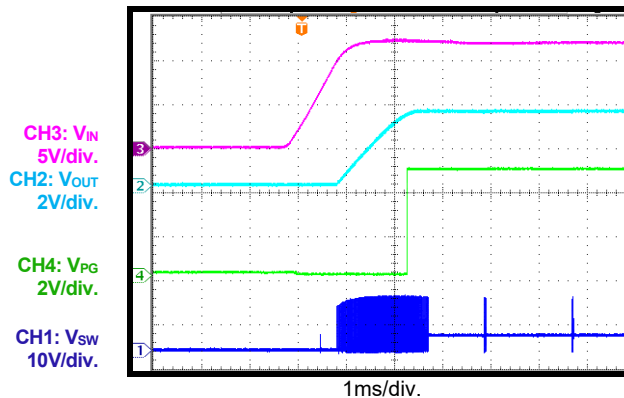
### SYNC Operation

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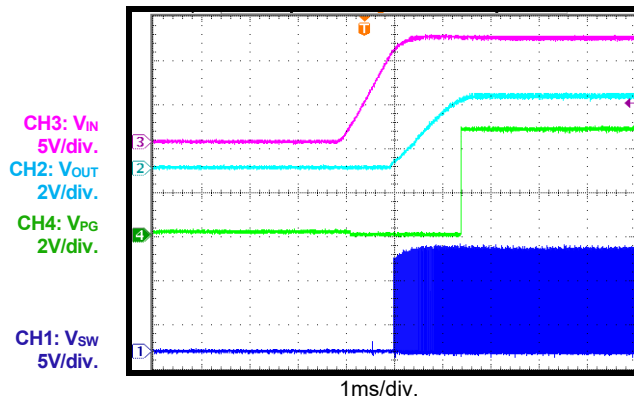
### PG in Start-Up through VIN

$I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode



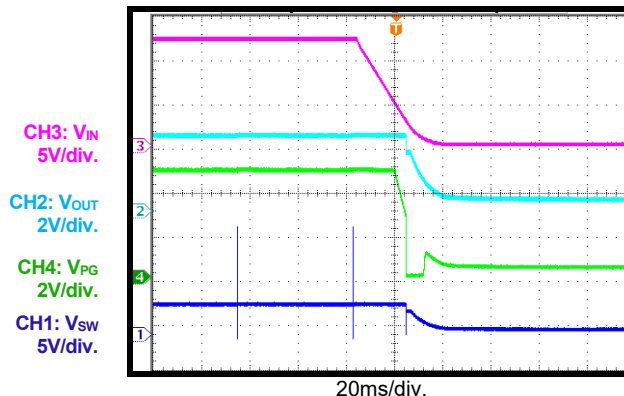
### PG in Start-Up through VIN

$I_{OUT} = 2A$



### PG in Shutdown through VIN

$I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode



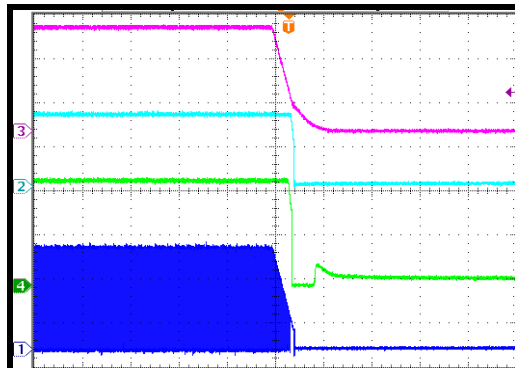
## EVB TEST RESULTS (continued)

Performance curves and waveforms are tested on the evaluation board,  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 2 \times 47\mu F$ ,  $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $f_{SW} = 410kHz$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

### PG in Shutdown through VIN

 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ 

CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
5V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $V_{PG}$   
2V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.

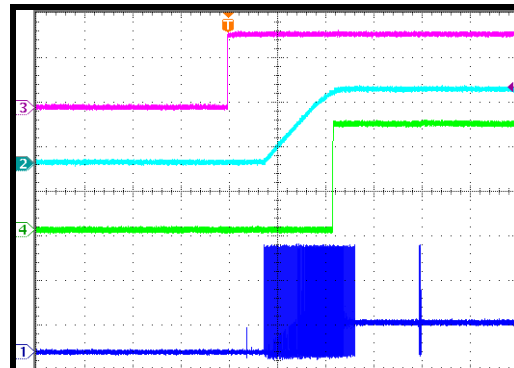


20ms/div.

### PG in Start-Up through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $V_{PG}$   
2V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.

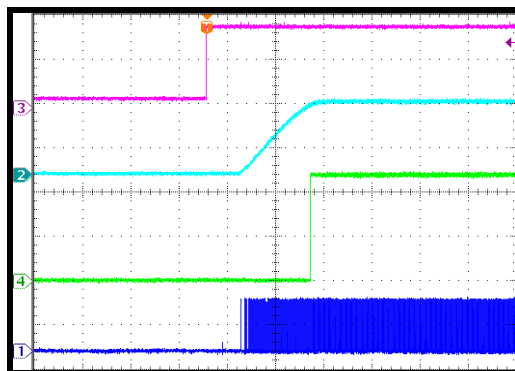


1ms/div.

### PG in Start-Up through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ 

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $V_{PG}$   
2V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
10V/div.

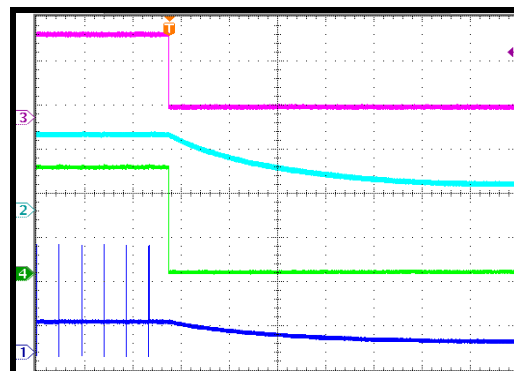


1ms/div.

### PG in Shutdown through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ , AAM mode

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $V_{PG}$   
2V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.

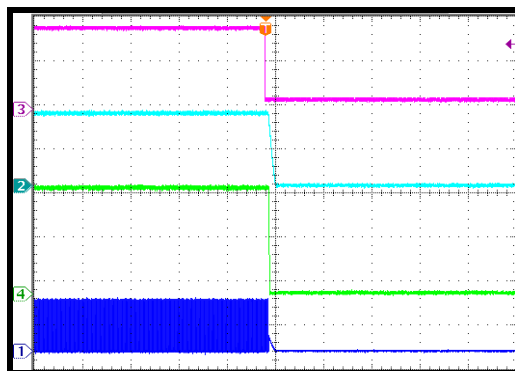


100ms/div.

### PG in Shutdown through EN

 $I_{OUT} = 2A$ 

CH3:  $V_{EN}$   
2V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $V_{PG}$   
2V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
10V/div.

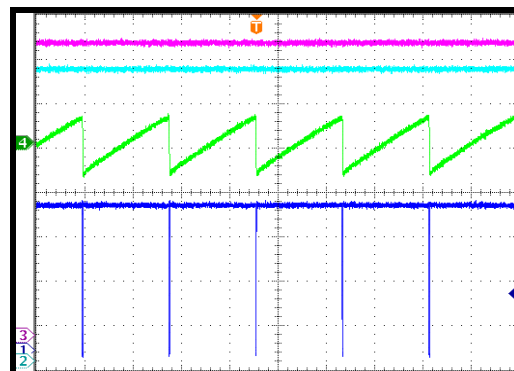


1ms/div.

### Low-Dropout Mode

 $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT}$  set to 3.3V,  $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 

CH4:  $I_L$   
50mA/div.  
CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
500mV/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
500mV/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
1V/div.



4μs/div.

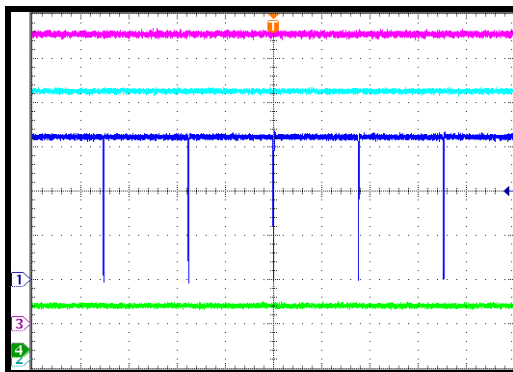
## EVB TEST RESULTS (continued)

Performance curves and waveforms are tested on the evaluation board,  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 2 \times 47\mu F$ ,  $L = 5.6\mu H$ ,  $f_{SW} = 410kHz$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

### Low-Dropout Mode

$V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT}$  set to 3.3V,  $I_{OUT} = 2A$

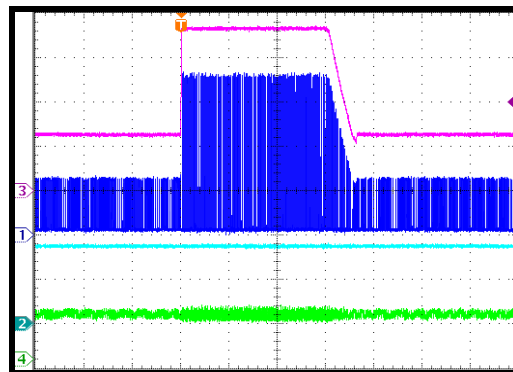
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
1V/div.  
CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
500mV/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
500mV/div.



### Load Dump

$V_{IN} = 12V$  to 36V,  $I_{OUT} = 2A$

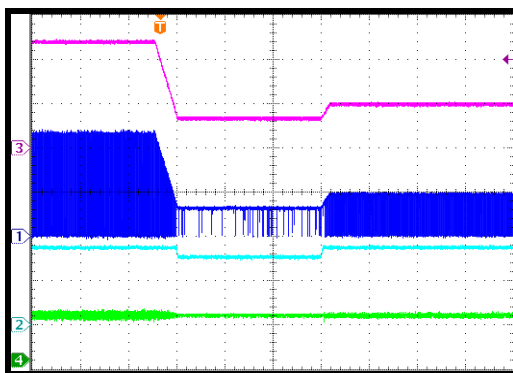
CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
10V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
10V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.



### Cold Crank

$V_{IN} = 12V$  to 3.3V to 5V,  $I_{OUT} = 2A$

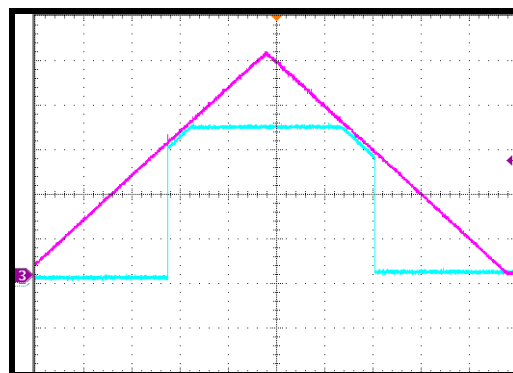
CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
5V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.



### $V_{IN}$ Ramping Up and Down

$I_{OUT} = 0.1A$

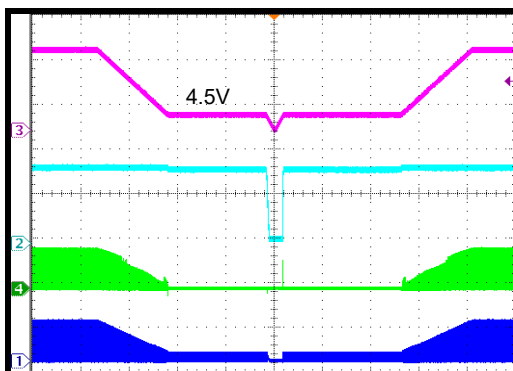
CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
1V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
1V/div.



### $V_{IN}$ Ramping Down and Up

$I_{OUT} = 1mA$

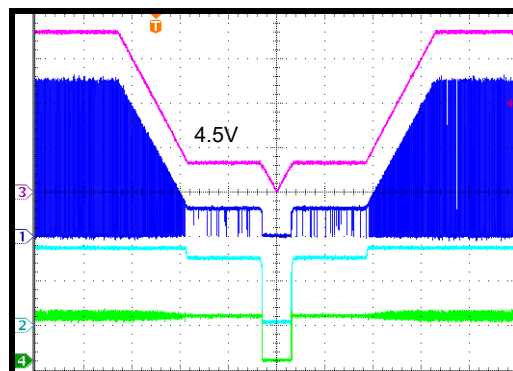
CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
10V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
20V/div.



### $V_{IN}$ Ramping Down and Up

$I_{OUT} = 2A$

CH3:  $V_{IN}$   
5V/div.  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$   
5V/div.  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}$   
2V/div.  
CH4:  $I_L$   
2A/div.



## PCB LAYOUT (2)

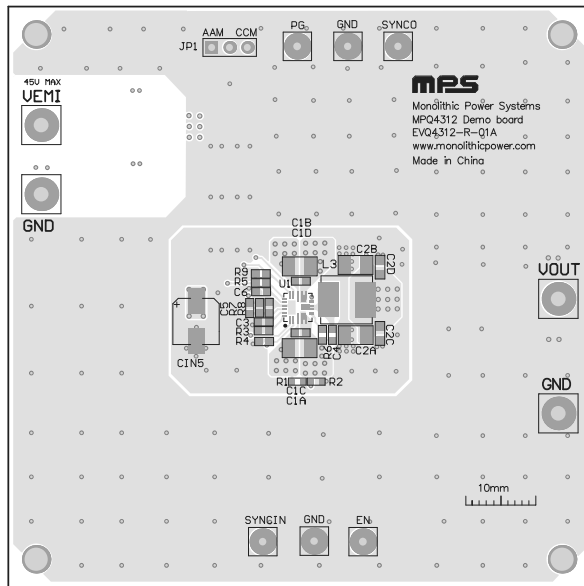


Figure 4: Top Silk and Top Layer

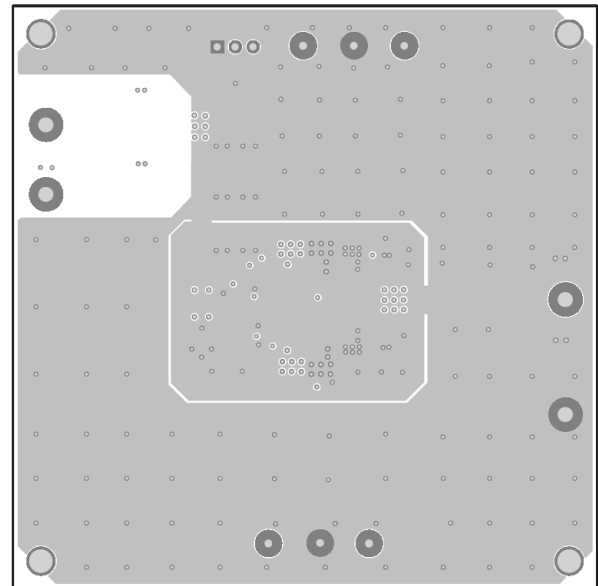


Figure 5: Mid-Layer 1

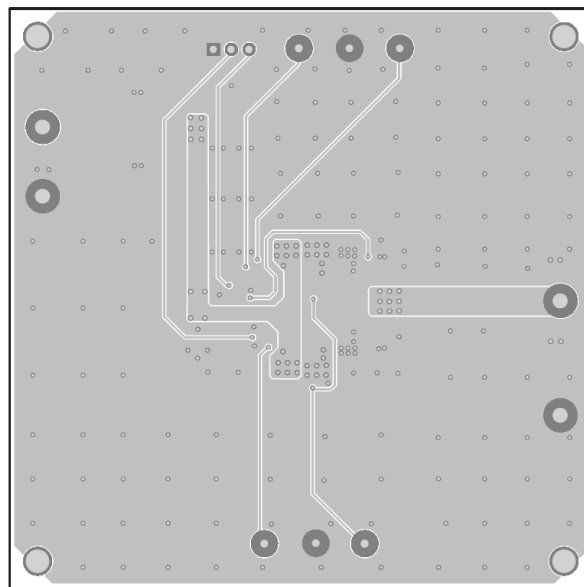


Figure 6: Mid-Layer 2

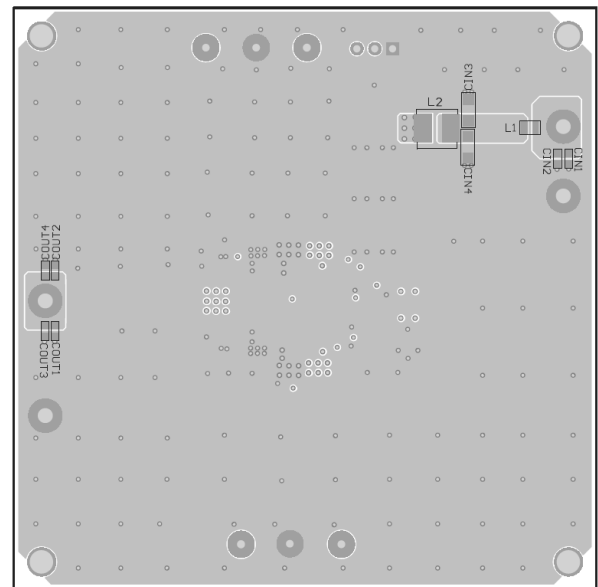


Figure 7: Bottom Layer and Bottom Silk

### Note:

- 2) The copper thickness is 2oz.

## REVISION HISTORY

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