## ADJ USTABLE DC-DC BOOST CONVERTER WITH INTERNAL SWITCH IN TSOT23-5

## DESCRIPTION

The ZXLD1615 is a PFM inductive boost converter designed to provide output voltages of up to 28 V from a 2.5 V to 5.5 V input supply.
The ZXLD1615 includes the output switch and peak current sense resistor, and can provide up to 10 mA output current at maximum output voltage. Higher current is available at lower output voltages.
Quiescent current is typically $60 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ and a shutdown function is provided to reduce this current to less than 100nA in the 'off' state.

Nominal output voltage can be set up to a maximum of 28 V by two external resistors and can be adjusted to lower values by a PWM control signal applied to the 'Enable' pin. Depending upon the control frequency, the PWM signal will provide either continuous (low ripple) or gated control. The PWM filter components are contained within the chip. Minimum output voltage is determined by the input supply.
The device is assembled in a low profile TSOT23-5 pin package.

## ADVANCED FEATURES

- Internal 30V NDMOS switch
- True analog output voltage control via PWM with internal filter


## FEATURES

- Low profile TSOT23-5 pin package
- Internal PWM filter for flicker free output
- High efficiency (80\% typ)
- Wide input voltage range: 2.5 V to 5.5 V
- Up to 250 mA output current at 5 V
- Low quiescent current: ( $60 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ typ)
- 100nA maximum shutdown current
- Up to 1 MHz switching frequency
- Low external component count




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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Voltages to GND unless otherwise stated)
Input voltage ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ )
LX output voltage (VLX)
Switch output current (lıx)
Power dissipation (PD)
Operating temperature (Top)
Storage temperature ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{ST}}$ )
J unction temperature (Tj max)

30 V
500mA
300 mW
-40 to $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
-55 to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
$125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: (Test conditions: $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{EN}}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{AMB}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ unless otherwise stated ${ }^{(1)}$ )

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | Input voltage |  | 2.5 |  | 5.5 | V |
| $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{N}}$ | Supply current Quiescent Shutdown | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{EN}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}_{\mathrm{N}}}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LX}}=0$, Output not switching $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{EN}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 60 \\ <10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mu \mathrm{A} \\ & \mathrm{nA} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}$ | FB pin control voltage |  | 0.98 |  | 1.07 | V |
| $\mathrm{f}_{\text {LX }}$ | Operating frequency | $\mathrm{L}=10 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=28 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \mathrm{~mA}$ load |  | 600 |  | kHz |
| $\mathrm{T}_{\text {OFF }}$ | LX output 'OFF' time |  | 350 | 500 |  | ns |
| $\mathrm{T}_{\text {ON }}{ }^{(2)}$ | LX output 'ON' time |  |  |  | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {LXpk }}$ | Switch peak current limit | $\mathrm{L}=10 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=28 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \mathrm{~mA}$ load |  | 320 |  | mA |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{LX}}$ | Switch 'On' resistance |  |  | 1.75 |  | $\Omega$ |
| $\mathrm{I}_{\text {LX(leak) }}$ | Switch leakage current | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{LX}}=20 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {ENH }}$ | EN pin high level Input voltage | Device active | 1.5 |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ | V |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {ENL }}$ | EN pin low level Input voltage | Device in shutdown |  |  | 0.4 | V |
| $\mathrm{I}_{\text {ENL }}$ | EN pin low level input current | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{EN}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | -100 | nA |
| $\mathrm{I}_{\text {ENH }}$ | EN pin high level input current | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {EN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ |  |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| $\mathrm{T}_{\text {EN(hold) }}{ }^{(3)}$ | EN pin turn off delay | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {EN }}$ switched from high to low |  | 120 |  | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| $\Delta \mathrm{T} / \mathrm{T}$ | PWM duty cycle range at 'EN' input for dc output voltage control | $10 \mathrm{kHz}<\mathrm{f}<100 \mathrm{kHz}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {ENH }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | 20 |  | 100 | \% |
| $\mathrm{f}_{\text {LPF }}$ | Internal PWM low pass filter cut-off frequency |  |  | 4 |  | kHz |
| $A_{\text {LPF }}$ | Filter attenuation | $\mathrm{f}=30 \mathrm{kHz}$ |  | 52.5 |  | dB |

## NOTES:

1 Production testing of the device is performed at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Functional operation of the device over a $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ temperature range is guaranteed by design, characterization and process control.
2 Nominal 'on' time (TONnom ) is defined by the input voltage ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ ), coil inductance (L) and peak current (llXpkdc) according to the expression: TONnom $=\left\{\mathrm{LX}(\mathrm{pkdc}) \times \mathrm{L} \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{IN}}\right\}+200 \mathrm{~ns}$
3 This is the time for which the device remains active after the EN pin has been asserted low. This delay is necessary to allow the output to be maintained during dc PWM mode operation.
4 The maximum PWM signal frequency during this mode of operation should be kept as low as possible to minimize errors due to the turn-off delay

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## PIN DESCRIPTION

| Pin No. | Name | Description |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | LX | Output of NDMOS switch |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | GND | Ground (OV) |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | FB | Feedback pin for voltage control loop <br> Nominal voltage 1.025 V |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | EN | Enable input (active high to turn on device) <br> Also used to adjust output current by PWM signal. <br> Connect to $\mathrm{V}_{\text {in }}$ for permanent operation. |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | Input voltage (2.5V to 5.5V). Decouple with capacitor close to device. |

## BLOCK DIAGRAM



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## Device Description

The device is a PFM flyback dc-dc boost converter, working in discontinuous mode.
With reference to the chip block diagram and typical application circuit, the operation of the device is as follows:

## Control loop

When 'EN' is high, the control circuits become active and the low side of the coil (L1) is switched to ground via NDM OS transistor (MN). The current in L1 is allowed to build up to an internally defined level (nominally 320 mA ) before MN is turned off. The energy stored in L1 is then transferred to the output capacitor (C2) via schottky diode (D1). The output voltage is sensed at pin 'FB' by external resistors R1 and R2 and compared to a reference voltage $V_{\text {REF }}$ ( 1.025 V nominal). A comparator senses when the output voltage is above that set by the reference and its output is used to control the 'off' time of the output switch. The control loop is self-oscillating, producing pulses of up to $5 \mu$ s maximum duration (switch 'on'), at a frequency that varies in proportion to the output current. The feedback loop maintains a voltage of $\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }}$ at the FB pin and therefore defines a maximum output voltage equal to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{REF}} *(\mathrm{R} 1+\mathrm{R} 2) / \mathrm{R} 1$. The minimum 'off' time of the output switch is fixed at $0.5 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ nominal, to allow time for the coil's energy to be dissipated before the switch is turned on again. This maintains stable and efficient operation in discontinuous mode.

## PWM operation

The internal circuitry of the ZXLD1615 is turned off when no signal is present on the 'EN' pin for more than $120 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ (nominal). A low frequency signal applied to the EN pin will therefore gate the device 'on' and 'off' at the gating frequency and the duty cycle of this signal can be varied to provide an average output equal to $V_{\text {REF }} *(R 1+R 2) / R 1 \times$ duty cycle. For best accuracy, the gating frequency should be made as low as possible (e.g. below 1 kHz ), such that the turn off delay of the chip is only a small proportion of the gating period
Further details of setting output current are given in the application notes.

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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS


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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS
(For typical applications circuit at $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=12 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~L}=10 \mu \mathrm{H}$ Coilcraft DO1608C Series, $\mathrm{TA}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ unless otherwise stated)


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## APPLICATIONS

## Setting output voltage

The ZXLD1615 has an adjustable output voltage allowing the end user maximum flexibility. To set the output voltage a potential divider network is needed (see R1 and R2 in typical applications circuit).
The output voltage is determined by the equation:
$V_{\text {OUT }}=V_{F B}\left(1+\frac{R 2}{R 1}\right)$
where VFB $=1.025 \mathrm{~V}$.
The following table gives suggested values for various output voltages.

| Required <br> output voltage | R1 | $\mathbf{R 2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 V | $270 \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| 12 V | $91 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| 18 V | $60 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| 20 V | $55 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| 25 V | $43 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| 28 V | $39 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |

Output voltage can be adjusted from $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{F}}$ to the maximum output voltage rating of the internal switch, 30V.
Once the nominal output voltage has been set, it can be adjusted to a lower value by applying a pulse width modulated (PWM) control signal to the EN pin.
PWM adjustment permits the device to be turned on and the output voltage set by a single logic signal applied to the EN pin. No external resistors are required and the amplitude of the control signal is not critical, providing it conforms to the limits defined in the electrical characteristics.

## Minimizing output voltage ripple

For applications requiring lower output ripple it may be necessary to add a small ceramic capacitor in parallel with R2. A value of 4.7 pF is suitable for most output ranges.

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## Capacitor selection

A ceramic capacitor grounded close to the GND pin of the package is recommended at the output of the device. Surface mount types offer the best performance due to their lower inductance. A minimum value of $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ is advised, although higher values will lower switching frequency and improve efficiency especially at lower load currents. A higher value will also minimize ripple when using the device to provide an adjustable dc output current.
A good quality, low ESR capacitor should also be used for input decoupling, as the ESR of this capacitor is effectively in series with the source impedance and lowers overall efficiency. This capacitor has to supply the relatively high peak current to the coil and smooth the current ripple on the input supply. A minimum value of $4.7 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ is acceptable if the input source is close to the device, but higher values will improve performance at lower input voltages, when the source impedance is high. The input capacitor should be mounted as close as possible to the IC.

## Inductor selection

The choice of inductor will depend on available board space as well as required performance. Small value inductors have the advantage of smaller physical size and may offer lower series resistance and higher saturation current compared to larger values. A disadvantage of lower inductor values is that they result in higher frequency switching, which in turn causes reduced efficiency due to switch losses. Higher inductor values can provide better performance at lower supply voltages. However, if the inductance is too high, the output power will be limited by the internal oscillator, which will prevent the coil current from reaching its peak value. This condition will arise whenever the ramp time (llx(peak) $\times \mathrm{L} \mathcal{N}_{\text {IN }}$ ) exceeds the nominal $5 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ maximum 'on' time limit for the LX output.

For maximum stability over temperature, capacitors with X7R dielectric are recommended, as these have a much smaller temperature coefficient than other types.
A table of recommended manufacturers is provided below:

| Manufacturer | Website |
| :--- | :---: |
| Murata | www.murata.com |
| Taiyo Yuden | www.t-yuden.com |
| Kemet | www.kement.com |
| AVX | www.avxcorp.com |

Recommended inductor values for the ZXLD1615 are in the range $6.8 \mu \mathrm{H}$ to $22 \mu \mathrm{H}$. The inductor should be mounted as close to the device as possible with low resistance connections to the $L X$ and $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ pins.
Suitable coils for use with the ZXLD1615 are shown in the table below:

| Part No. | $\mathbf{L}$ <br> $(\mu \mathbf{H})$ | DCR <br> $(\Omega)$ | $\mathbf{I}_{\text {SAT }}$ <br> $(\mathrm{A})$ | Manufacturer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| CMD4D11-100MC | 10 | 0.457 | 0.5 | Sumida <br> www.sumida.com |
| DO1608-103 | 10 | 0.16 | 1.1 | Coilcraft <br> www.coilcraft.com |
| LQH31CN100 | 10 | 1.3 | 0.23 | Murata <br> www.murata.com |
| LB2012Y100MR | 10 | 0.5 | 0.1 | Taiyo Yuden <br> www.t-yuden.com |

## Diode selection

The rectifier diode (D1) should be a fast low capacitance schottky diode with low reverse leakage at the working voltage. It should also have a peak current rating above the peak coil current and a continuous current rating higher than the maximum output load current.
The table below gives some typical characteristics for diodes that can be used with the ZXLD1615:

| Diode | $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{F}}$ @ 100mA (mV) | $\mathbf{I}_{\text {FSM }}(\mathbf{m A})$ | Ic $(\mathbf{m A})$ | $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{R}}$ at $\mathbf{3 0 V}(\mu \mathbf{A})$ | Package |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZHCS400 | 300 | 1000 | 400 | 15 | SOD323 |
| ZHCS500 | 300 | 1000 | 500 | 15 | SOT23 |

## Layout considerations

PCB tracks should be kept as short as possible to minimize ground bounce, and the ground pin of the device should be soldered directly to the ground plane. It is particularly important to mount the coil and the input/output capacitors close to the device to minimize parasitic resistance and inductance, which will degrade efficiency. The FB pin is a high
impedance input, so PCB track lengths to this should also be kept as short as possible to reduce noise pickup. Excess capacitance from the FB pin to ground should be avoided.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNS

## General Boost Converter

$\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ to 5.5 V , $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}$ up to 28 V


See page 7 in datasheet for R1 and R2 values for various output voltages.

1 Cell Li-lon to 3.3V Sepic Converter


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## 1 Cell Li-lon to 5V Sepic Converter



Triple Output Boost Converter for LCD or OLED Bias


Note: For all manufacturers listing please refer to application section on page 7 of this datasheet.

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PACKAGE OUTLINE


PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

| DIM | Millimeters |  | Inches |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MIN. | MAX. | MIN. | MAX. |
| A | - | 1.00 | - | 0.0393 |
| A1 | 0.01 | 0.10 | 0.0003 | 0.0039 |
| A2 | 0.84 | 0.90 | 0.0330 | 0.0354 |
| b | 0.30 | 0.45 | 0.0118 | 0.0177 |
| C | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.0047 | 0.0078 |
| D | 2.90 BSC |  | 0.114 BSC |  |
| E | 2.80 BSC |  | 0.110 BSC |  |
| E1 | 1.60 BSC |  | 0.062 BSC |  |
| e | 0.95 BSC |  | 0.037 BSC |  |
| el | 1.90 BSC |  | 0.074 BSC |  |
| L | 0.30 | 0.50 | 0.0118 | 0.0196 |
| L2 | 0.25 BSC |  | 0.010 BSC |  |
| Q | $4^{\circ}$ | $12^{\circ}$ | $4^{\circ}$ | $12^{\circ}$ |

ORDERING INFORMATION

| DEVICE | DEVICE DESCRIPTION | TEMPERATURE <br> RANGE | PART MARK | TAPING OPTIONS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZXLD1615ET5 | Boost converter in SOT23-5 | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 615 | TA, TC |

TA reels 3,000 devices, TC reels $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ devices
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