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Personal Computer DC Fan Motor Driver

Low saturation voltage drive and the smallest/thinnest 8-pin package available

LB1964T

Overview

Fans are used for cooling in personal computers. The PC power supply is cooled by a fan with a diameter of between 60 and 92 mm, and the CPU is cooled by a fan with a diameter of between 40 and 60 mm. The motor drivers used must provide high reliability, protection functions, and the capability to provide the required output current.

Sanyo has already developed and is manufacturing in volume several fan motor drivers. These include the 2-phase unipolar drive LB1966M (RD output: outputs a lock detection signal that is low when the motor is turning and high when it is stopped.) and the LB1967M (FG output: outputs a number of pulses proportional to the motor speed) for use in desktop PCs, and the single-phase unipolar drive LB1862M (RD output) and LB1962M (FG output) for use in CPU cooler fan motors. However, there are now needs for even further miniaturization, thinner form factors, and higher efficiency/lower power dissipation due to the adoption of cooling modules in notebook personal computers.

To respond to these market needs, Sanyo has now developed a new package, the MSOP (micro small outline package), to contribute to the provision of ultraminiature and thin form factor devices. As the first adoption of this new package, Sanyo has now developed the LB1964T fan motor driver for notebook personal computers to further expand the Sanyo line of miniature fan motor drivers.

By adopting the newly-developed ultraminiature MSOP-8 package, the LB1964T achieves dimensions of $3.0 \times 4.9 \times 0.93 \text{ mm}^3$ (W×L×T) (typical values). Notebook personal computer fan motor drivers are usually incorporated in the fan unit itself and the size of these ICs has prevented the further miniaturization of the printed circuit board. However, the adoption of the MSOP package means that the LB1964T has a mounting area reduced by 25% over earlier products and a thinner form factor as well. Thus this device can contribute to miniaturization in fan units.

The LB1964T achieves a 40% reduction in power dissipation as compared to 2-phase unipolar products by implementing single-phase bipolar drive with a low saturation voltage output in a Sanyo-developed power pnp bipolar process (NSV). This device also supports drive voltages in the range 2 to 8 V, and thus can provide low speed fan operation simply by lowering the applied voltage.

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The LB1964T provides an FG output for motor speed detection.

Sanyo is committing to continued contribution to end product miniaturization and is developing several devices that will adopt the MSOP package. They will include low-noise fan motor drivers, low saturation voltage forward/reverse motor drivers, operational amplifiers, comparators, and regulators.

Features

- Single-phase full-wave drive
- Low voltage drive (2 to 8 V)
- Low saturation voltage output ($V_{\text{osat}} = 0.4 \text{ V}$, $I_o = 100 \text{ mA}$)
- Ultraminiature package: MSOP-8
- Alarm signal: FG output
- Built-in thermal protection circuit

Specifications

- Supply voltage: 9 V
- OUT pin output current: 0.3 A
- OUT pin output withstand voltage: 9 V
- FG pin output withstand voltage: 7 V
- FG pin output current: 5 mA
- Operating temperature: -20 to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

Sample Availability

Sample of the LB1964T will be available in June 1999; production quantities will be anticipated in the end of 1999.

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