

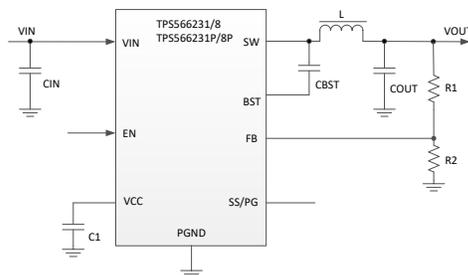
# TPS56623x 3-V to 18-V Input, 6-A Synchronous Step-Down Voltage Regulator

## 1 Features

- Configured for rugged applications
  - Input voltage range: 3 V to 18 V
  - Output voltage range: 0.6 V to 7 V
  - 6-A continuous output current
  - 0.6-V  $\pm 1\%$  reference voltage (25°C)
  - 98% maximum duty cycle
  - 600-kHz switching frequency
  - Non-latched for OC, OV, UV, and OT protections
  - Built-in output discharge function
- Numerous pin-compatible options
  - TPS566231 and TPS566238 with SS pin for adjustable soft-start time
  - TPS566231P and TPS566238P with PG pin for power good indicator
  - TPS566231 and TPS566231P for auto-skip mode
  - TPS566238 and TPS566238P for continuous current mode
- Small solution size and ease of use
  - Integrated power MOSFET with  $R_{DS(on)}$  20.8 m $\Omega$  and 10.6 m $\Omega$
  - D-CAP3™ architecture control for fast transient response and internal compensation
  - 1.5-mm  $\times$  2.0-mm HotRod™ QFN package
  - Create a custom design with the [WEBENCH® Power Designer](#)

## 2 Applications

- Digital TV, set-top box, gaming consoles
- Server, storage and networking point-of-load
- Industrial PC, IP camera, and factory automation applications



Typical Application

## 3 Description

The TPS56623x are simple, easy to use, high-efficiency, 6-A synchronous buck converters in a QFN 9-pin 1.5-mm  $\times$  2.0-mm package.

The devices operate with wider supply input voltage ranging from 3 V to 18 V. The D-CAP3™ control mode was adopted to provide a fast transient response, good line and load regulation, no requirement for external compensation, and to support low-ESR output capacitors.

The TPS566231 and TPS566231P operate in Eco-Mode™ for high efficiency during light load operation, and are designed with ULQ™ (Ultra Low Quiescent) feature, achieving 50- $\mu$ A quiescent current to enable long battery life in low-power applications. The TPS566238 and TPS566238P operate in continuous current mode, which maintains lower output ripple during all load conditions.

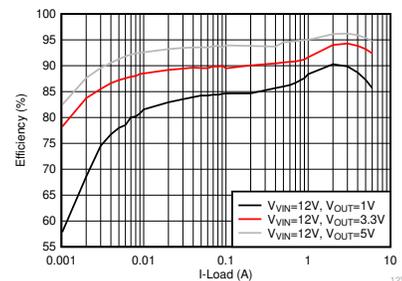
The TPS566231 and TPS566238 soft-start time can be adjusted through the SS pin. The TPS566231P and TPS566238P indicate power good through the PG pin.

The TPS56623x can support up to 98% duty cycle operation, and integrate complete protection through OVP, OCP, UVLO, OTP, and UVP with hiccup. They are each available in a 9-pin 1.5-mm  $\times$  2.0-mm HotRod™ package and the junction temperature is specified from -40°C to 125°C.

### Device Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE <sup>(1)</sup>	BODY SIZE (NOM)
TPS566231	VQFN (9)	1.50 mm $\times$ 2.00 mm
TPS566238		
TPS566231P		
TPS566238P		

- (1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.



TPS566231 Efficiency Versus Output Current



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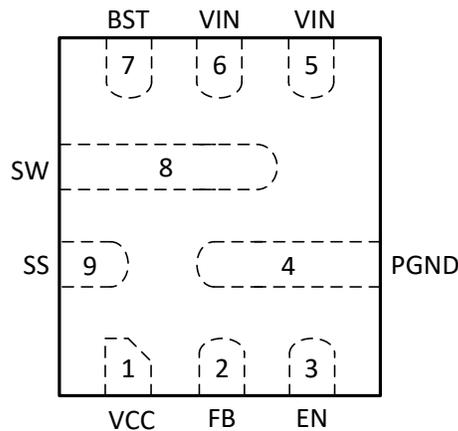
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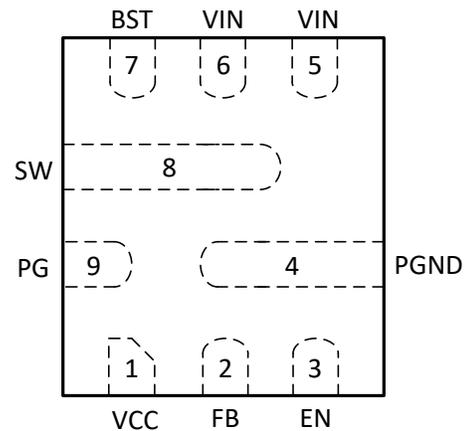
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## 5 Pin Configuration and Functions



**Figure 5-1. TPS566231/TPS566238 Package (Top View)**



**Figure 5-2. TPS566231P/TPS566238P Package (Top View)**

**Table 5-1. Pin Functions**

PIN		I/O	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
VCC	1	O	5.0-V internal VCC LDO output. This pin supplies voltage to the internal circuitry and gate driver. Bypass this pin with a 1- $\mu$ F capacitor. If $V_{VIN}$ is lower than 5 V, VCC will follow the $V_{IN}$ voltage.
FB	2	I	Converter feedback input. Connect to the center tap of the resistor divider between output voltage and ground.
EN	3	I	Enable pin of buck converter. The EN pin is a digital input pin, so it decides to turn on or turn off the buck converter. If the EN pin is open, the internal pullup current occurs to enable converter.
PGND	4	G	Ground pin. Power ground return for the switching circuit. Connect sensitive SS and FB returns to PGND at a single point.
VIN	5, 6	P	Input voltage supply pin. Connect the input decoupling capacitors between VIN and PGND.
BST	7	O	Supply input for the gate drive voltage of the high-side MOSFET. Connect the bootstrap capacitor between BST and SW. 0.1 $\mu$ F is recommended.
SW	8	O	Switch node terminal. Connect the output inductor to this pin.
SS/PG	9	O	TPS566231 and TPS566238 soft-start control pin. Connecting an external capacitor sets the soft-start time.
		O	TPS566231P and TPS566238P open-drain power good indicator. It is asserted low if output voltage is out of PG threshold, over voltage, or if the device is under thermal shutdown, EN shutdown, or during soft start.

## 6 Specifications

### 6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltage	VIN		-0.3	20	V
	BST		-0.3	26	V
	BST (10-ns transient)		-0.3	28	V
	BST-SW		-0.3	7	V
	VIN-SW			22	V
	VIN-SW (10-ns transient)			25.5	V
	SS, FB, EN, PG		-0.3	6	V
	PGND		-0.3	0.3	V
Output voltage	SW		-2	20	V
	SW (10-ns transient)		-5.5	22	V
	VCC		-0.3	6	V
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating junction temperature		-40	150	°C
T <sub>stg</sub>	Storage temperature		-55	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Rating* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Condition*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### 6.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V <sub>(ESD)</sub>	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins <sup>(1)</sup>	±2000	V
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins <sup>(2)</sup>	±500	

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.  
(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

### 6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltage	VIN		3	18	V
	BST		-0.1	23.5	V
	BST-SW		-0.1	5.5	V
	SS, FB, EN, PG		-0.1	5.5	V
	PGND		-0.1	0.1	V
Output voltage	SW		-1	18	V
	VCC		-0.1	5.5	V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output current		0	6	A
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating junction temperature		-40	125	°C

## 6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup>		TPS56623x	UNIT
		RQF (VQFN)	
		9 PINS	
R <sub>θJA</sub>	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	89.6	°C/W
R <sub>θJA_effective</sub>	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance with TI EVM	44	°C/W
R <sub>θJC(top)</sub>	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	72.2	°C/W
R <sub>θJB</sub>	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	25	°C/W
Ψ <sub>JT</sub>	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	2.2	°C/W
Ψ <sub>JB</sub>	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	24.8	°C/W
R <sub>θJC(bot)</sub>	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	NA	°C/W

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application report.

## 6.5 Electrical Characteristics

T<sub>J</sub> = -40°C to 125°C, V<sub>IN</sub> = 12 V (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>INPUT SUPPLY VOLTAGE</b>						
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input voltage range	V <sub>IN</sub>	3		18	V
I <sub>VIN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> Supply Current	No load, V <sub>EN</sub> = 5 V, non-switching (TPS566231/TPS566231P)	25	50	75	μA
		No load, V <sub>EN</sub> = 5 V, non-switching (TPS566238/TPS566238P)	275	375	475	μA
I <sub>INSDN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> Shutdown Current	No load, V <sub>EN</sub> = 0 V		3.2	5	μA
<b>UVLO</b>						
V <sub>UVLOVIN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> UVLO threshold	Wake up V <sub>IN</sub> voltage	2.62	2.74	2.86	V
		Shut down V <sub>IN</sub> voltage	2.44	2.54	2.64	V
		Hysteresis V <sub>IN</sub> voltage		200		mV
<b>VCC OUTPUT</b>						
V <sub>CC</sub>	VCC Output Voltage	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V	4.7	5	5.2	V
		V <sub>IN</sub> = 3 V		3		V
I <sub>CC</sub>	VCC Current Limit	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V	20			mA
		V <sub>IN</sub> = 3 V	5			mA
<b>FEEDBACK VOLTAGE</b>						
V <sub>FB</sub>	FB voltage	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	594	600	606	mV
		T <sub>J</sub> = -40°C to 125°C	591	600	609	mV
<b>MOSFET</b>						
R <sub>DS(ON)HI</sub>	High-side MOSFET R <sub>ds(on)</sub>	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, V <sub>IN</sub> ≥ 5 V		20.8		mΩ
		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, V <sub>IN</sub> = 3 V		25.8		mΩ
R <sub>DS(ON)LO</sub>	Low-side MOSFET R <sub>ds(on)</sub>	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, V <sub>IN</sub> ≥ 5 V		10.6		mΩ
		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, V <sub>IN</sub> = 3 V		13		mΩ
I <sub>OCL</sub>	Over Current threshold	Valley current set point	6.1	7.4	8.9	A
I <sub>NOCL</sub>	Negative Over Current threshold		2	3.4	5.3	A
<b>DUTY CYCLE and FREQUENCY CONTROL</b>						
F <sub>SW</sub>	Switching Frequency	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 1.0 V		600		kHz
T <sub>ON(MIN)</sub>	Minimum On-time <sup>(1)</sup>	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		50	90	ns
T <sub>OFF(MIN)</sub>	Minimum Off-time <sup>(1)</sup>	V <sub>FB</sub> = 0.5 V		100		ns

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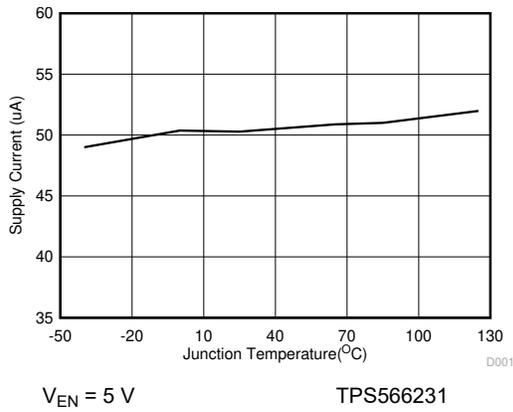
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PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>LOGIC THRESHOLD</b>						
$V_{EN(ON)}$	EN Threshold High-level		1.13	1.19	1.25	V
$V_{EN(OFF)}$	EN Threshold Low-level		1.01	1.08	1.16	V
$V_{ENHYS}$	EN Hysteresis			110		mV
$I_{EN}$	EN Pull up Current	$V_{EN} = 1.0\text{ V}$		2		$\mu\text{A}$
<b>OUTPUT DISCHARGE and SOFT START</b>						
$R_{DIS}$	Discharge resistance	$T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.5\text{ V}$ , $V_{EN} = 0\text{ V}$		114		$\Omega$
$I_{SS}$	Soft-start Charge Current	TPS566231/TPS566238	5	6.5	8.5	$\mu\text{A}$
$T_{SS}$	Internal Soft-start Time	TPS566231P/TPS566238P	0.93	1.9	2.9	ms
<b>POWER GOOD (TPS566231P/TPS566238P)</b>						
$T_{PGDLY}$	PG Start-up Delay	PG from low-to-high		1		ms
		PG from high-to-low		32		$\mu\text{s}$
$V_{PGTH}$	PG Threshold	VFB falling (fault)	80	85	90	%
		VFB rising (good)	85	90	95	%
		VFB rising (fault)	110	115	120	%
		VFB falling (good)	105	110	115	%
$V_{PG\_L}$	PG Sink Current Capability	$I_{OL} = 4\text{ mA}$			0.4	V
$I_{PGLK}$	PG Leak Current	$V_{PGOOD} = 5.5\text{ V}$			1	$\mu\text{A}$
<b>OUTPUT UNDERVOLTAGE AND OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION</b>						
$V_{OVP}$	OVP Trip Threshold		110	115	120	%
$t_{OVPDLY}$	OVP Prop deglitch	$T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		32		$\mu\text{s}$
$V_{UVP}$	UVP Trip Threshold		55	60	65	%
$t_{UVPDLY}$	UVP Prop deglitch			256		$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{UVPDEL}$	Output Hiccup delay relative to SS time	UVP detect		256		$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{UVPEN}$	Output Hiccup enable delay relative to SS time	UVP detect (TPS566231/TPS566238)		7		cycles
$t_{UVPEN}$	Output Hiccup enable delay relative to SS time	UVP detect (TPS566231P/TPS566238P)		19		ms
<b>THERMAL PROTECTION</b>						
$T_{OTP}$	OTP Trip Threshold <sup>(1)</sup>			160		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
$T_{OTPHSY}$	OTP Hysteresis <sup>(1)</sup>			25		$^{\circ}\text{C}$

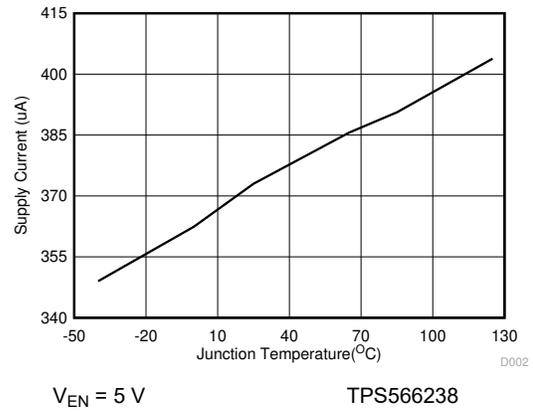
(1) No production test, specified by design.

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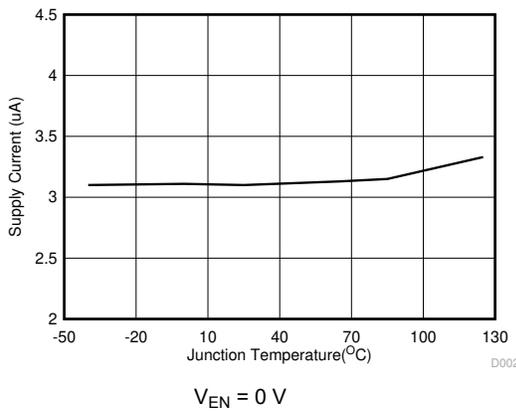
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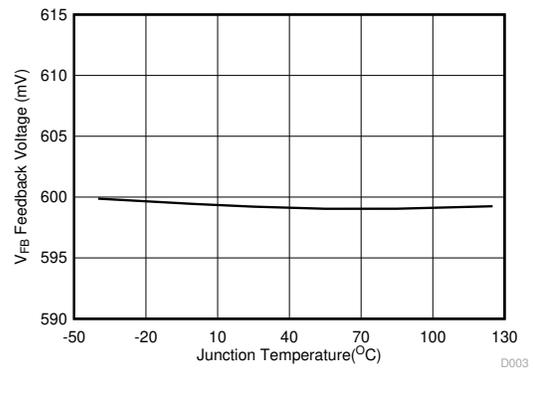
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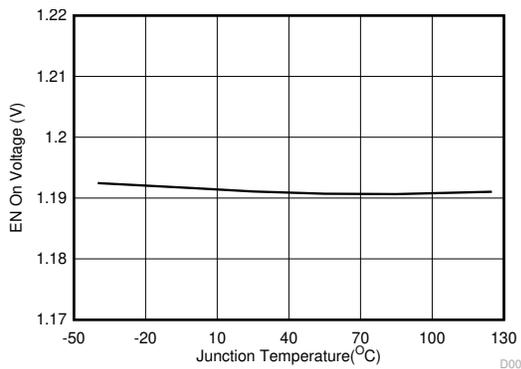
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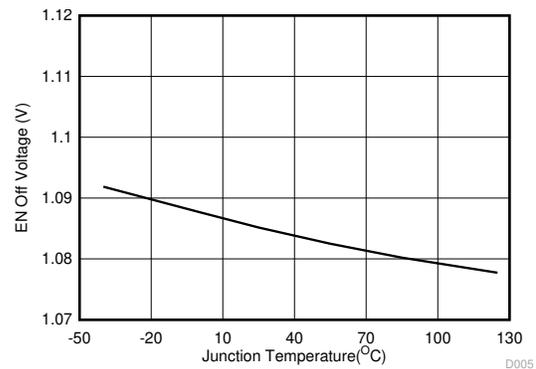
**Figure 6-3. Shutdown Current vs Temperature**



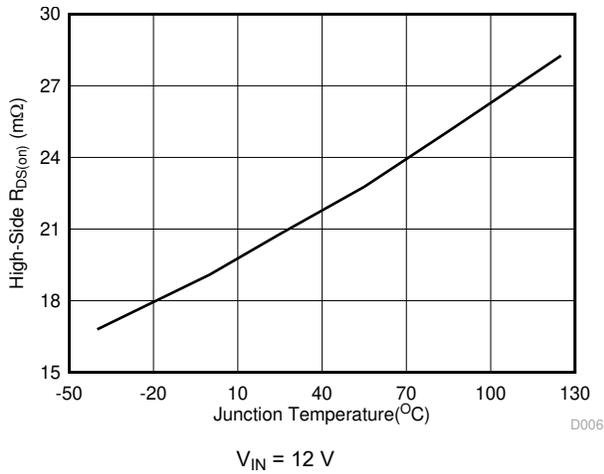
**Figure 6-4. Feedback Voltage vs Junction Temperature**



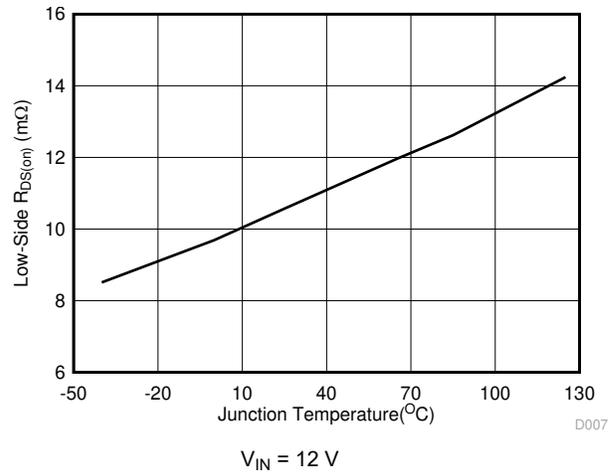
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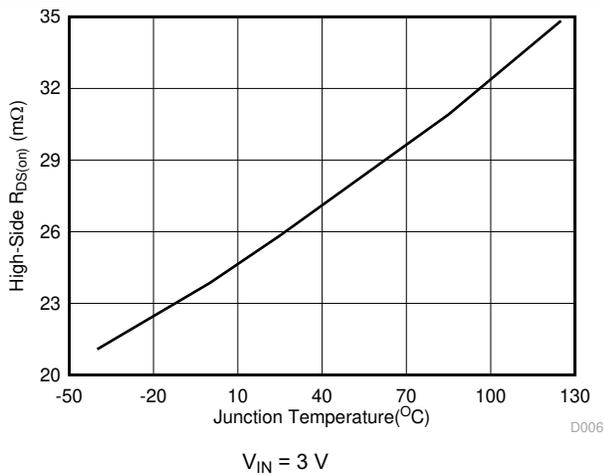
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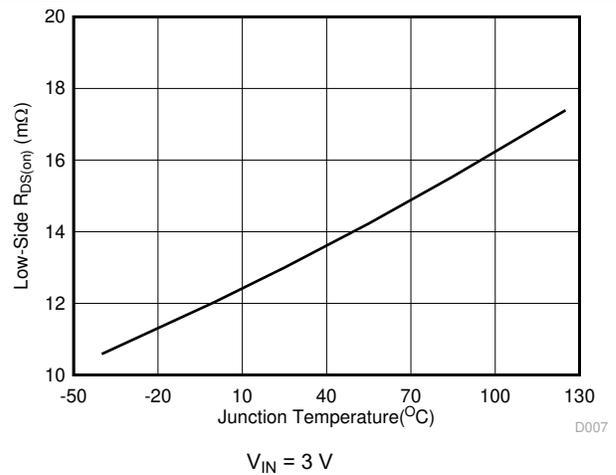
**Figure 6-7. High-Side  $R_{DS(on)}$  vs Junction Temperature**



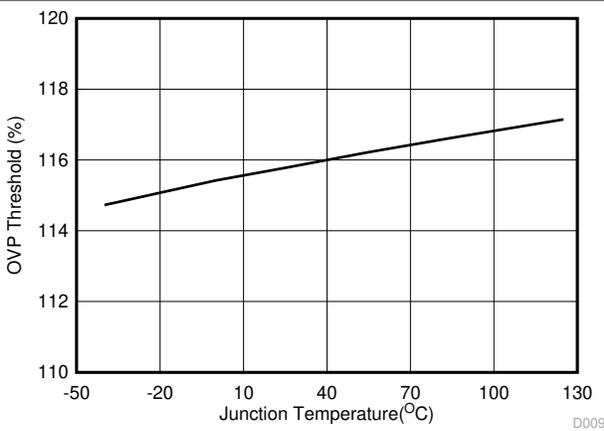
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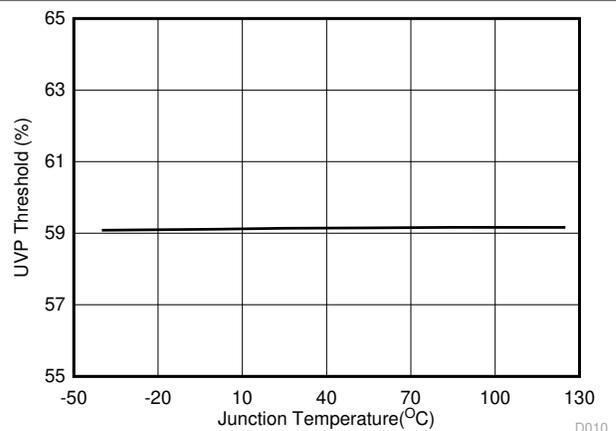
**Figure 6-9. High-Side  $R_{DS(on)}$  vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 6-10. Low-Side  $R_{DS(on)}$  vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 6-11. OVP Threshold vs Junction Temperature**



**Figure 6-12. UVP Threshold vs Junction Temperature**

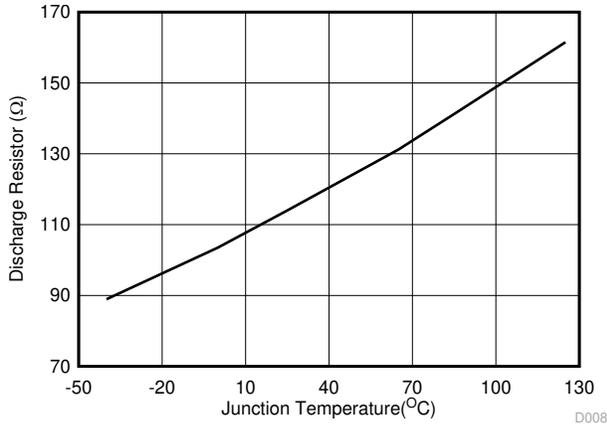


Figure 6-13. Discharge Resistor vs Junction Temperature

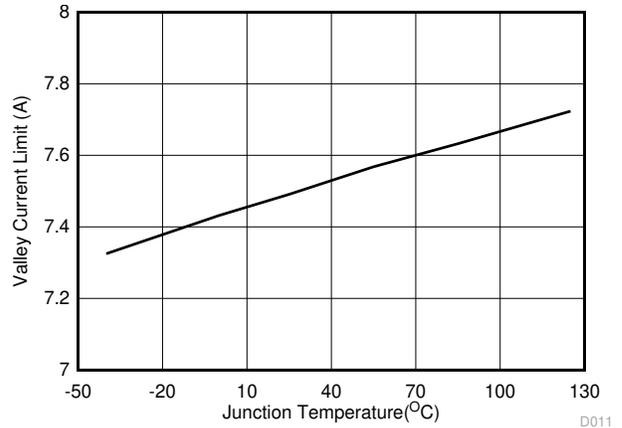
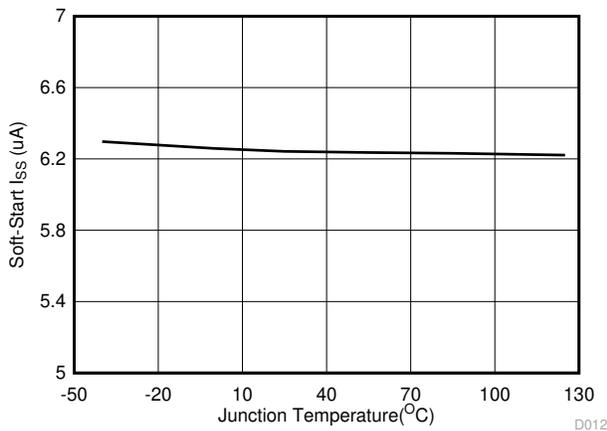
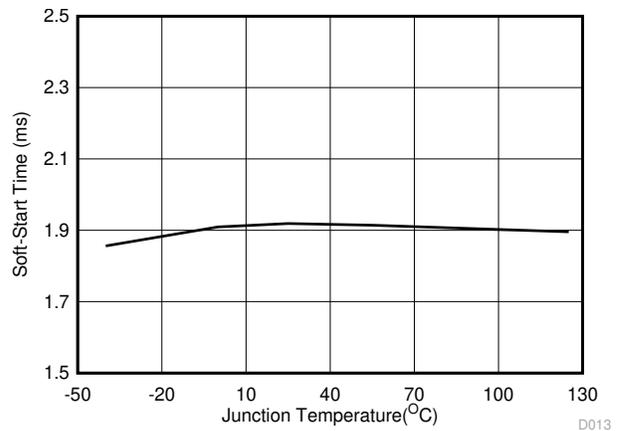


Figure 6-14. Valley Current Limit vs Junction Temperature



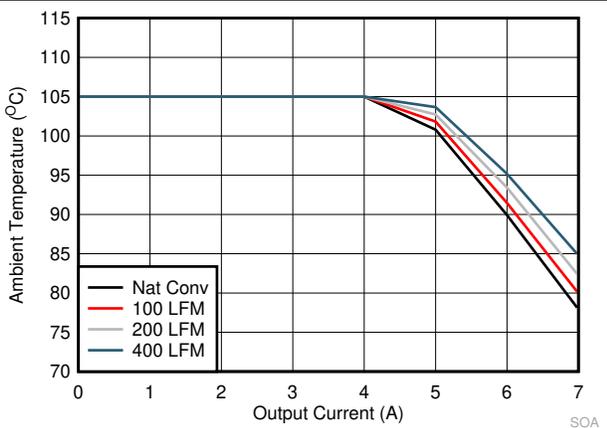
TPS566231 and TPS566238

Figure 6-15. Soft-Start Charge Current I<sub>ss</sub> vs Junction Temperature



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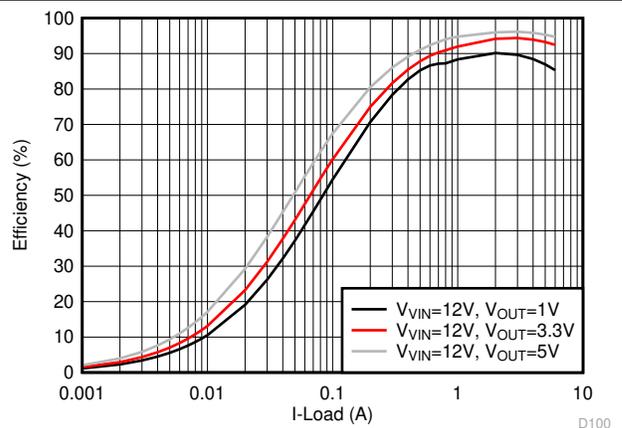
Figure 6-16. Soft-Start Time vs Junction Temperature



V<sub>IN</sub> = 12 V

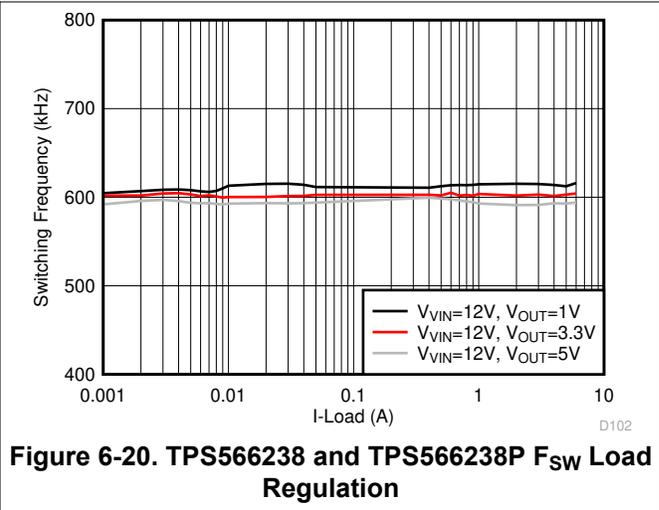
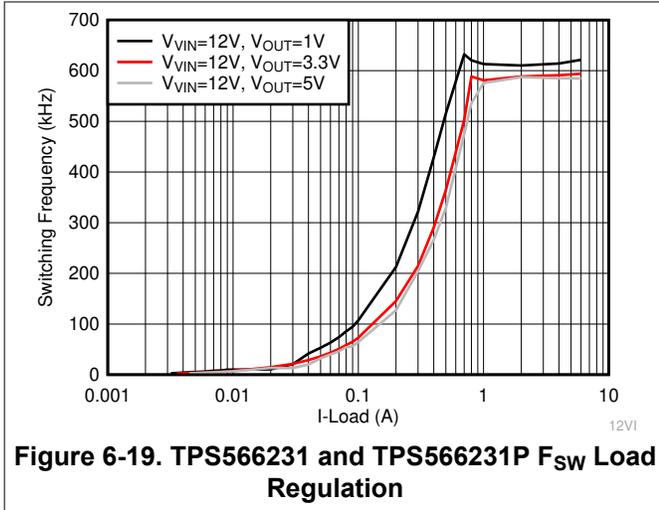
V<sub>OUT</sub> = 1.0 V

Figure 6-17. Safe Operating Area



V<sub>IN</sub> = 12 V

Figure 6-18. TPS566238 and TPS566238P Efficiency



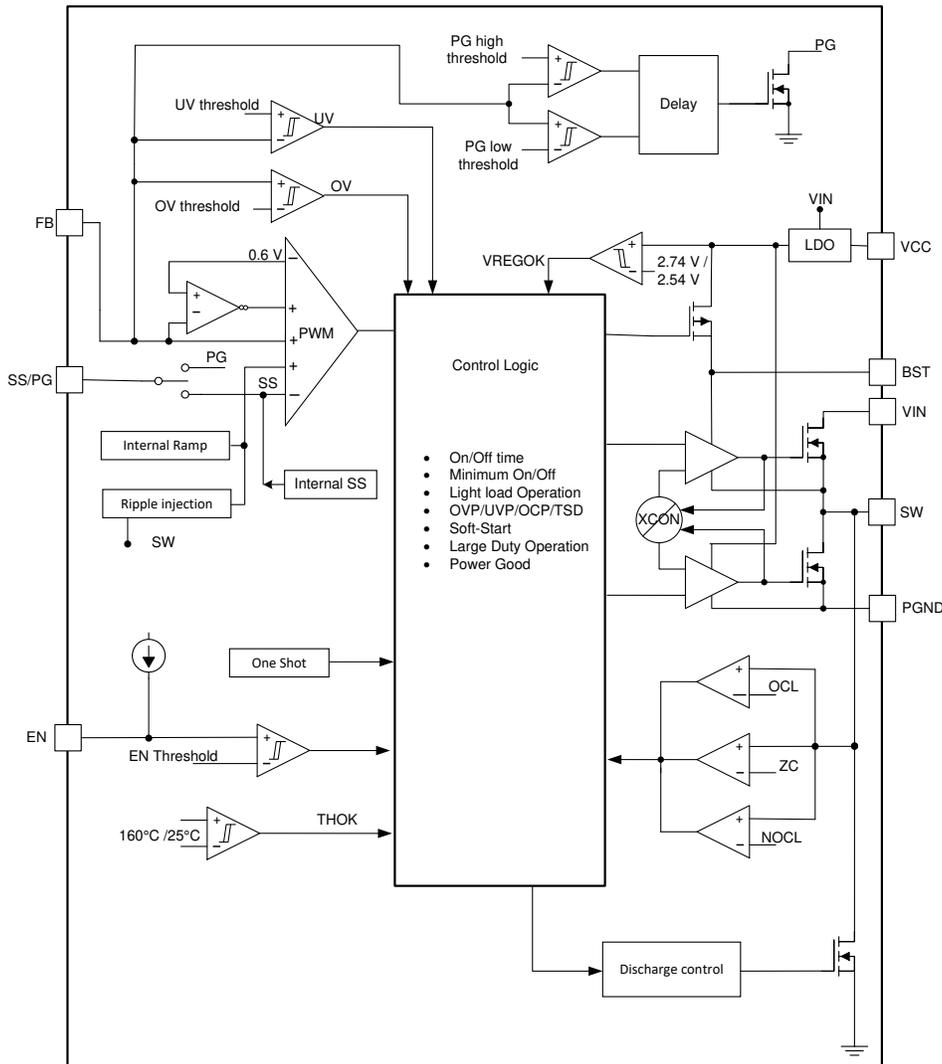
## 7 Detailed Description

### 7.1 Overview

The TPS56623x is an 6-A integrated FET synchronous buck converter that operates from 3-V to 18-V input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) and 0.6-V to 7-V output voltage. The proprietary D-CAP3™ mode enables low external component count, ease of design, and optimization of the power design for cost, size, and efficiency. The key feature of the TPS566231 and TPS566231P is ultra-low quiescent current (ULQ™) mode. This feature enables long battery life in system standby mode and high efficiency under light load conditions. The devices employ D-CAP3 mode control that provides fast transient response with no external compensation components and an accurate feedback voltage. The control topology provides a seamless transition between CCM operating mode in heavier load conditions and DCM operation in lighter load conditions.

This Eco-mode™ allows the TPS566231 and TPS566231P to maintain high efficiency at light load. The TPS566238 and TPS566238P work in continuous current mode to maintain lower output ripple in all load conditions. The soft-start time of the TPS566231 and TPS566238 can be adjusted through the SS pin. The TPS566231P and TPS566238P indicate power good through the PG pin. The devices are able to adapt to both low equivalent series resistance (ESR) output capacitors such as POS-CAP or SP-CAP, and ultra-low ESR ceramic capacitors.

### 7.2 Functional Block Diagram



## 7.3 Feature Description

### 7.3.1 PWM Operation and D-CAP3 Control

The main control loop of the buck is an adaptive on-time pulse width modulation (PWM) controller that supports a proprietary D-CAP3 mode control. D-CAP3 mode control combines adaptive on-time control with an internal compensation circuit for pseudo-fixed frequency and low external component count configuration with both low-ESR and ceramic output capacitors. It is stable even with virtually no ripple at the output. The TPS56623x also includes an error amplifier that makes the output voltage very accurate.

At the beginning of each cycle, the high-side MOSFET is turned on. This MOSFET is turned off after an internal one-shot timer expires. This one-shot duration is set proportional to the output voltage,  $V_{OUT}$ , and is inversely proportional to the converter input voltage,  $V_{IN}$ , to maintain a pseudo-fixed frequency over the input voltage range, hence it is called adaptive on-time control. The one-shot timer is reset and the high-side MOSFET is turned on again when the feedback voltage falls below the reference voltage. An internal ripple generation circuit is added to the reference voltage for emulating the output ripple. This enables the use of very low-ESR output capacitors such as multi-layered ceramic caps (MLCC). No external current sense network or loop compensation is required for D-CAP3 control topology.

For any control topology that is compensated internally, there is a range of the output filter it can support. The output filter used with the devices is a low-pass L-C circuit. This L-C filter has a double-pole frequency described in [Equation 1](#).

$$f_p = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times \sqrt{L_{OUT} \times C_{OUT}}} \quad (1)$$

At low frequency, the overall loop gain is set by the output set-point resistor divider network and the internal gain of the TPS56623x. The low-frequency L-C double pole has a 180 degree drop in-phase. At the output filter frequency, the gain rolls off at a –40-dB per decade rate and the phase drops rapidly. The internal ripple generation network introduces a high-frequency zero that reduces the gain rolloff from –40-dB to –20-dB per decade and leads the 90 degree phase boost. The internal ripple injection high-frequency zero is about 45 kHz. The inductor and capacitor selected for the output filter is recommended such that the double pole is located close to 1/3 the high-frequency zero so that the phase boost provided by this high-frequency zero provides adequate phase margin for the stability requirement. The crossover frequency of the overall system should usually be targeted to be less than one-third of the switching frequency ( $F_{SW}$ ).

### 7.3.2 Soft Start

The TPS566231 and TPS566238 have an external SS pin is provided for setting soft-start time. When the EN pin becomes high, the soft start function begins ramping up the reference voltage to the PWM comparator.

If the application needs a longer soft start time than 0.5 ms, it can be set by connecting a capacitor on the SS pin. When the EN pin becomes high, the soft-start charge current ( $I_{SS}$ ) begins charging the external capacitor ( $C_{SS}$ ) connected between SS and ground. The devices tracks the lower of the internal soft-start voltage or the external soft-start voltage as the reference. The estimated equation for the soft-start time ( $T_{SS}$ ) is shown in [Equation 2](#):

$$T_{ss}(ms) = \frac{1.4 \times C_{ss} (nF) \times V_{REF} (V)}{I_{ss} (\mu A)} \quad (2)$$

where

- $V_{REF}$  is 0.6 V
- $I_{SS}$  is 6.5  $\mu$ A

### 7.3.3 Power Good

The TPS566231P and TPS566238P have the PG pin as a power good indicator. The PG pin is an open-drain output. Once the  $V_{FB}$  is between 90% and 110% of the internal reference voltage ( $V_{REF}$ ), the PG is de-asserted and floats after a 1-ms de-glitch time. A 100-k $\Omega$  pullup resistor is recommended to pull the voltage up to VCC. The PG pin is pulled low when:

- the FB pin voltage is lower than 85% or greater than 115% of the target output voltage,
- the device an OVP, UVP, or thermal shutdown event,
- or during the soft-start period.

### 7.3.4 Large Duty Operation

The TPS56623x can support large duty operations by smoothly dropping down the switching frequency. When  $V_{IN} / V_{OUT} < 1.6$  and the  $V_{FB}$  is lower than internal  $V_{REF}$ , the switching frequency is allowed to smoothly drop to make  $T_{ON}$  extended to implement the large duty operation and also improve the performance of the load transient performance. The minimum switching frequency is limited with about 165 kHz with typical minimum off-time of 100 ns. The TPS56623x can support up to 98% duty cycle operation.

### 7.3.5 Overcurrent Protection and Undervoltage Protection

The TPS56623x has overcurrent protection and undervoltage protection. The output overcurrent limit (OCL) is implemented using a cycle-by-cycle valley detect circuit. The switch current is monitored during the OFF state by measuring the low-side FET drain-to-source voltage. This voltage is proportional to the switch current. To improve accuracy, the voltage sensing is temperature compensated.

During the on-time of the high-side FET switch, the switch current increases at a linear rate determined by  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ , the on-time, and the output inductor value. During the on-time of the low-side FET switch, this current decreases linearly. The average value of the switch current is the load current  $I_{OUT}$ . If the monitored current is above the OCL level, the converter maintains low-side FET on and delays the creation of a new set pulse, even the voltage feedback loop requires one, until the current level becomes OCL level or lower. In subsequent switching cycles, the on-time is set to a fixed value and the current is monitored in the same manner.

There are some important considerations for this type of overcurrent protection. When the load current is higher than the overcurrent threshold by one half of the peak-to-peak inductor ripple current, the OCL is triggered and the current is being limited. The output voltage tends to drop because the load demand is higher than what the converter can support. When the output voltage falls below 60% of the target voltage, the UVP comparator detects it and the device will shut off after a wait time of 256  $\mu$ s and then restart after the hiccup time (typically  $7 \times T_{SS}$ ). When the overcurrent condition is removed, the output will be recovered.

### 7.3.6 Overvoltage Protection

The TPS56623x has the overvoltage protection feature. When the output voltage becomes higher than 115% of the target voltage, the OVP is triggered. The output will be discharged after a wait time of 32  $\mu$ s, and both the high-side MOSFET driver and the low-side MOSFET driver turnoff. When the overvoltage condition is removed, the output voltage will be recovered.

### 7.3.7 UVLO Protection

Undervoltage lockout protection (UVLO) monitors the  $V_{IN}$  power input. When the voltage is lower than UVLO threshold voltage, the device is shut off and output is discharged. This is a non-latch protection.

### 7.3.8 Output Voltage Discharge

The TPS56623x has the discharge function by using internal MOSFET of about 114- $\Omega$   $R_{DS(on)}$ , which discharges the output  $V_{OUT}$  through the SW node during any event like output overvoltage protection, output undervoltage protection, TSD, if VCC voltage below the UVLO, and when the EN pin voltage ( $V_{EN}$ ) is below the turnon threshold. The discharge is slow due to the lower current capability of the MOSFET.

### 7.3.9 Thermal Shutdown

The TPS56623x monitors the internal die temperature. If the temperature exceeds the threshold value (typically 160°C), the device is shut off and the output will be discharged. This is a non-latched protection, the device restarts switching when the temperature goes below the thermal shutdown threshold.

## 7.4 Device Functional Modes

### 7.4.1 Advanced Eco-mode Control

The TPS566231 and TPS566231P operate in advanced Eco-mode mode, which maintains high light load efficiency. As the output current decreases from heavy load conditions, the inductor current is also reduced and eventually comes to a point where the rippled valley touches zero level, which is the boundary between continuous conduction and discontinuous conduction modes. The rectifying MOSFET is turned off when the zero inductor current is detected. As the load current further decreases, the converter runs into discontinuous conduction mode. The on-time is kept almost the same as it was in continuous conduction mode so that it takes longer time to discharge the output capacitor with smaller load current to the level of the reference voltage. This makes the switching frequency lower, proportional to the load current, and keeps the light load efficiency high. The light load current where the transition to Eco-mode operation happens ( $I_{OUT(LL)}$ ) can be calculated from Equation 3.

$$I_{OUT(LL)} = \frac{1}{2 \times L_{OUT} \times F_{SW}} \times \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \quad (3)$$

After identifying the application requirements, design the output inductance ( $L_{OUT}$ ) so that the inductor peak-to-peak ripple current is approximately between 20% and 30% of the  $I_{OUT(max)}$  (peak current in the application). It is also important to size the inductor properly so that the valley current does not hit the negative low-side current limit.

### 7.4.2 Force CCM Mode

The TPS566238 and TPS566238P operate in Force CCM (FCCM) mode, which keeps the converter operating in continuous current mode during light-load conditions and allows the inductor current to become negative. During FCCM mode, the switching frequency ( $F_{SW}$ ) is maintained at an almost constant level over the entire load range, which is suitable for applications requiring tight control of the switching frequency and output voltage ripple at the cost of lower efficiency under light load.

### 7.4.3 Standby Operation

The TPS56623x can be placed in standby mode by pulling the EN pin low. The device operates with a shutdown current of 3.2  $\mu$ A when in standby condition. The EN pin is pulled high internally. When floating, the part is enabled by default.

## 8 Application and Implementation

### Note

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

### 8.1 Application Information

The schematic of [Figure 8-1](#) shows a typical application for TPS566231 with 1-V output. This design converts an input voltage range of 3 V to 18 V down to 1 V with a maximum output current of 6 A.

### 8.2 Typical Application

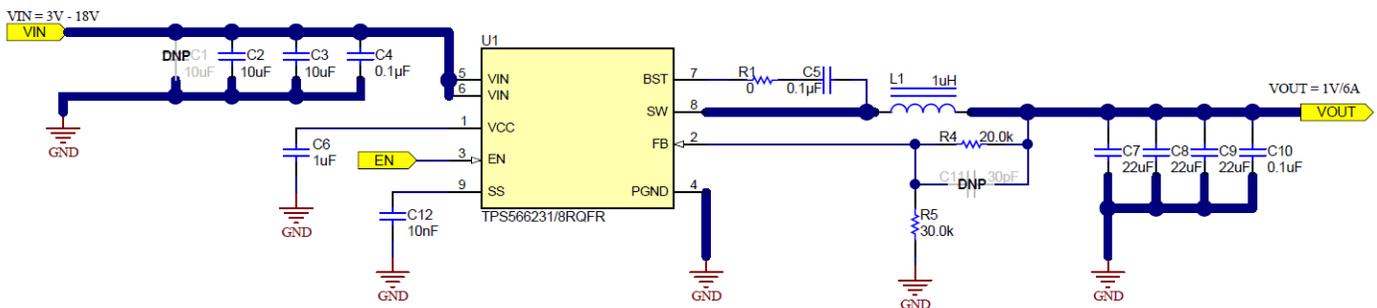


Figure 8-1. 1-V, 6-A Reference Design

#### 8.2.1 Design Requirements

[Table 8-1](#) lists the design parameters for this example.

Table 8-1. Design Parameters

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output voltage		1		V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output current		6		A
ΔV <sub>OUT</sub>	Transient response	0.1 A - 6 A load step, 2.5 A/μs		±50	mV
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input voltage	3	12	18	V
V <sub>OUT(ripple)</sub>	Output voltage ripple	CCM condition		14	mV <sub>(P-P)</sub>
F <sub>SW</sub>	Switching frequency		600		kHz
T <sub>A</sub>	Ambient temperature		25		°C

#### 8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

##### 8.2.2.1 External Component Selection

###### 8.2.2.1.1 Output Voltage Set Point

To change the output voltage of the application, it is necessary to change the value of the upper feedback resistor. By changing this resistor, you can change the output voltage above 0.6 V. See [Equation 4](#).

$$V_{OUT} = 0.6 \times \left(1 + \frac{R_{UPPER}}{R_{LOWER}}\right) \quad (4)$$

### 8.2.2.1.2 Inductor Selection

The inductor ripple current is filtered by the output capacitor. A higher inductor ripple current means the output capacitor should have a ripple current rating higher than the inductor ripple current. See [Table 8-2](#) for recommended inductor values.

The RMS and peak currents through the inductor can be calculated using [Equation 5](#) and [Equation 6](#). It is important that the inductor is rated to handle these currents.

$$I_{L(RMS)} = \sqrt{I_{OUT}^2 + \frac{1}{12} \times \left( \frac{V_{OUT} \times (V_{IN(max)} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN(max)} \times L_{OUT} \times F_{SW}} \right)^2} \quad (5)$$

$$I_{L(peak)} = I_{OUT} + \frac{I_{L(ripple)}}{2} \quad (6)$$

During transient and short-circuit conditions, the inductor current can increase up to the current limit of the device so it is safe to choose an inductor with a saturation current higher than the peak current under current limit condition.

### 8.2.2.1.3 Output Capacitor Selection

After selecting the inductor the output capacitor needs to be optimized. In D-CAP3, the regulator reacts within one cycle to the change in duty cycle so the good transient performance can be achieved without needing large amounts of output capacitance. The recommended output capacitance range is given in [Table 8-2](#). It is not recommended to choose the combination of *minimum* inductance and *minimum* capacitance or *maximum* inductance and *maximum* capacitance.

Ceramic capacitors have very low ESR, otherwise the maximum ESR of the capacitor should be less than  $V_{OUT(ripple)}/I_{OUT(ripple)}$ .

**Table 8-2. Recommended Component Values**

V <sub>OUT</sub> (V)	R <sub>LOWER</sub> (kΩ)	R <sub>UPPER</sub> (kΩ)	L <sub>OUT</sub> (μH)			C <sub>OUT</sub> (μF)		C <sub>FF</sub> (PF)
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	MAX	
0.6	10	0	0.68	1	4.7	44	220	-
1	30	20	0.68	1	4.7	44	220	-
1.2	20	20	1	1.2	4.7	44	220	-
1.8	20	40	1	1.5	4.7	44	220	0-50
3.3	20	90	1.5	2.2	4.7	44	220	10-100
5.0	30	220	1.5	2.2	4.7	44	220	10-100

#### 8.2.2.1.4 Input Capacitor Selection

The devices require input decoupling capacitors on power supply input  $V_{IN}$  and the bulk capacitors are needed depending on the application. The minimum input capacitance required is given in [Equation 7](#).

$$C_{IN(min)} = \frac{I_{OUT} \times V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(ripple)} \times V_{IN} \times F_{SW}} \quad (7)$$

TI recommends using high-quality X5R or X7R input decoupling capacitors of 30  $\mu$ F on the input voltage pin  $V_{IN}$ . The voltage rating on the input capacitor must be greater than the maximum input voltage. The capacitor must also have a ripple current rating greater than the maximum input current ripple of the application. The input ripple current is calculated by [Equation 8](#):

$$I_{CIN(rms)} = I_{OUT} \times \sqrt{\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN(min)}} \times \frac{(V_{IN(min)} - V_{OUT})}{V_{IN(min)}}} \quad (8)$$

A 1- $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor is needed for the decoupling capacitor on VCC pin.

### 8.2.3 Application Curves

Figure 8-2 through Figure 8-25 apply to the circuit of Figure 8-1.  $V_{IN} = 12\text{-V}$ .  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise specified.

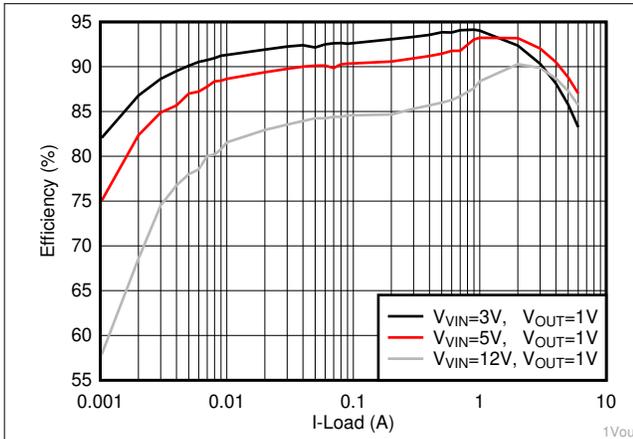


Figure 8-2. TPS566231 Efficiency Curve

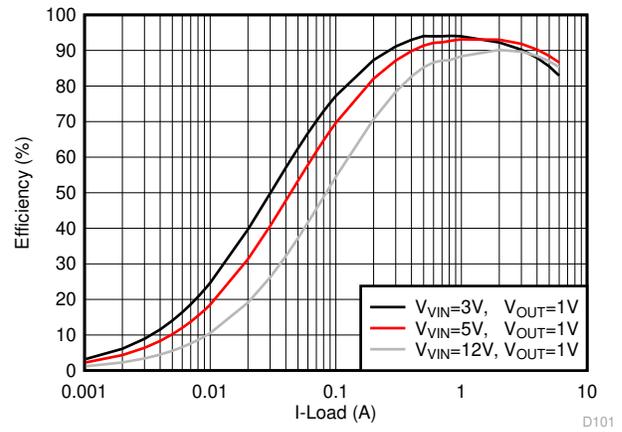


Figure 8-3. TPS566238 Efficiency Curve

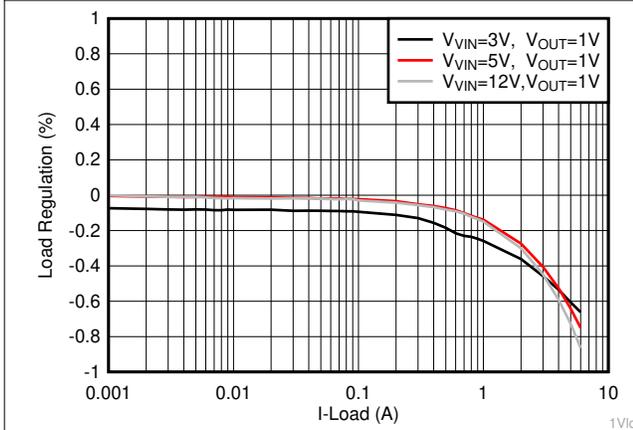


Figure 8-4. TPS566231 Load Regulation

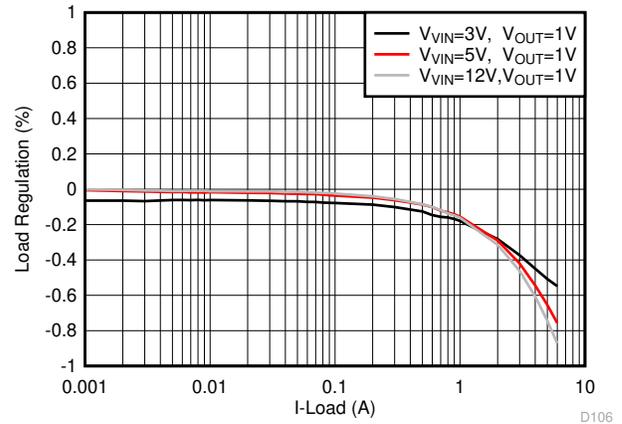


Figure 8-5. TPS566238 Load Regulation

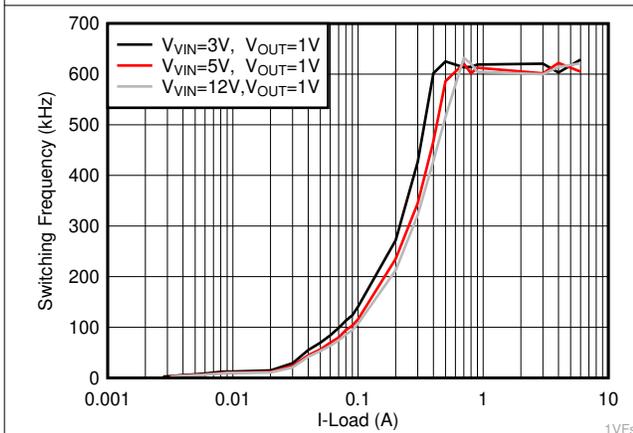


Figure 8-6. TPS566231  $F_{sw}$  vs Output Load

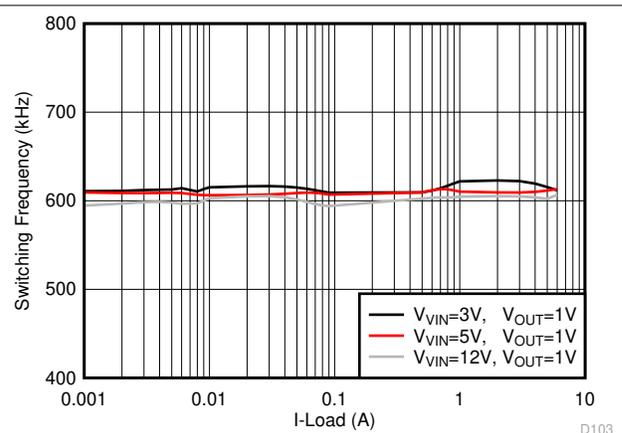
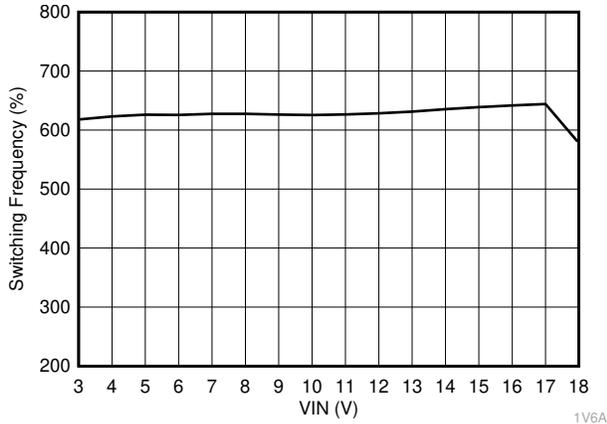
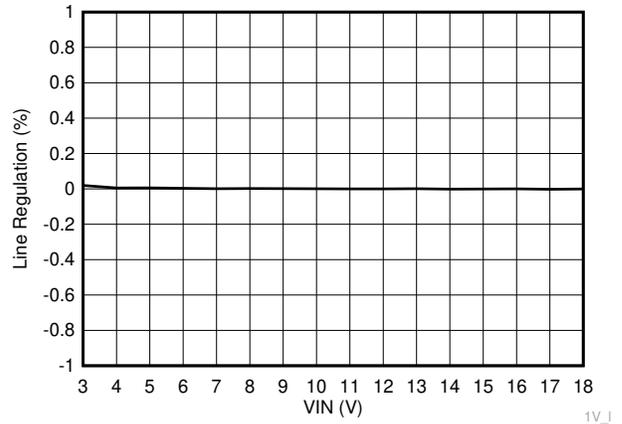


Figure 8-7. TPS566238  $F_{sw}$  vs Output Load



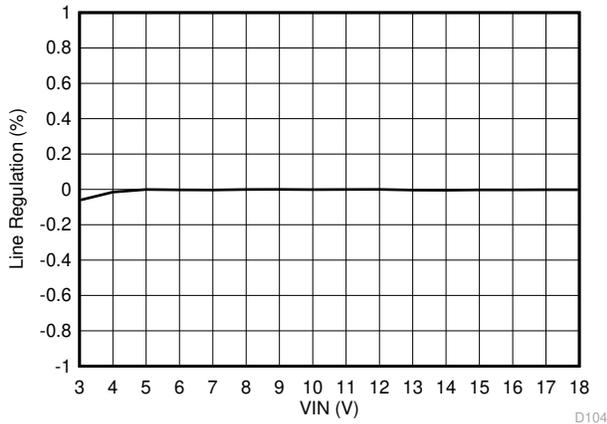
$I_{OUT} = 6\text{ A}$

**Figure 8-8. Switching Frequency vs Input Voltage**



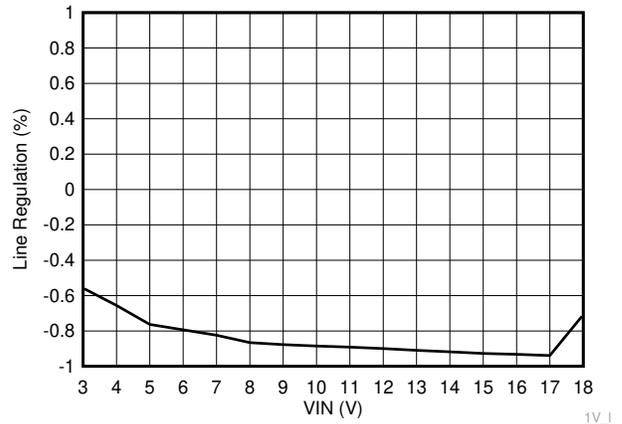
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**Figure 8-9. TPS566231 Line Regulation**



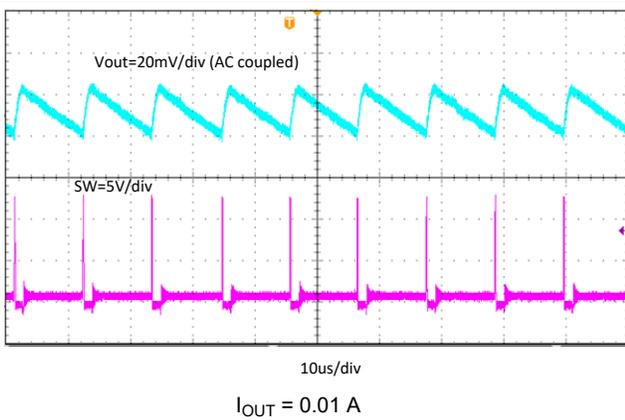
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**Figure 8-10. TPS566238 Line Regulation**

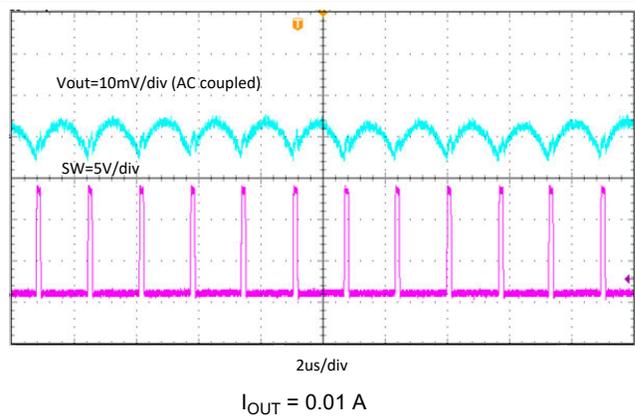


$I_{OUT} = 6\text{ A}$

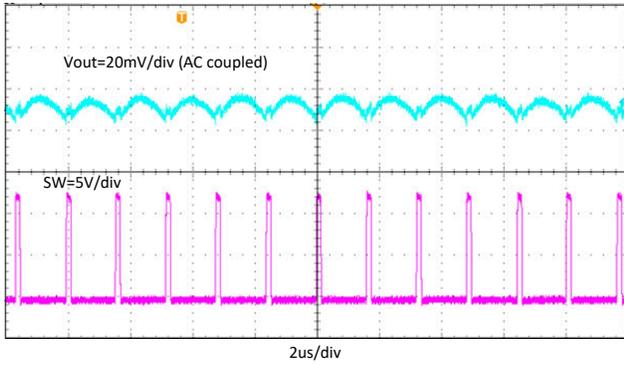
**Figure 8-11. Line Regulation**



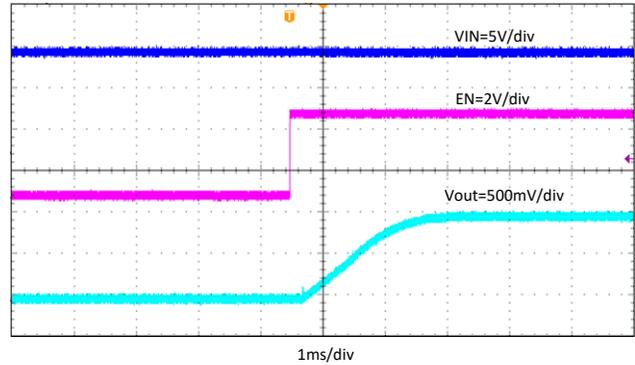
**Figure 8-12. TPS566231 Output Voltage Ripple**



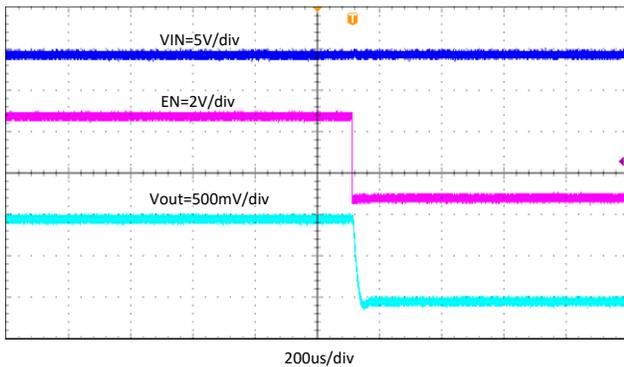
**Figure 8-13. TPS566238 Output Voltage Ripple**



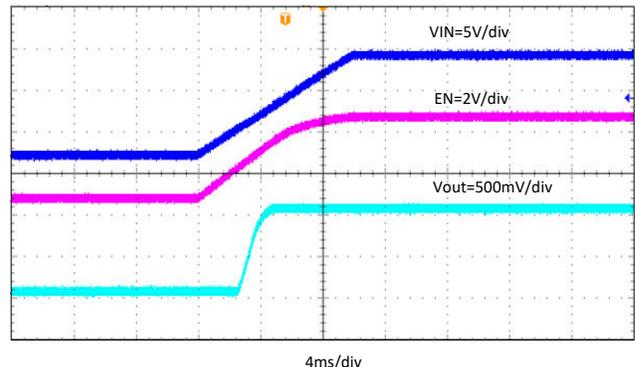
**Figure 8-14. Output Voltage Ripple,  $I_{OUT} = 6 A$**



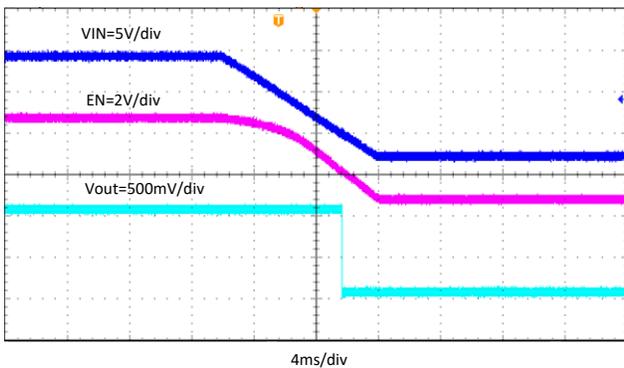
**Figure 8-15. Start-Up Through EN,  $I_{OUT} = 3 A$**



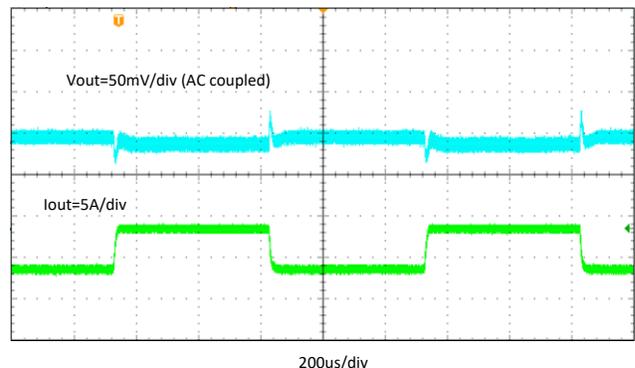
**Figure 8-16. Shut-down Through EN,  $I_{OUT} = 3 A$**



**Figure 8-17. Start-up with  $V_{IN}$  Rising,  $I_{OUT} = 3 A$**

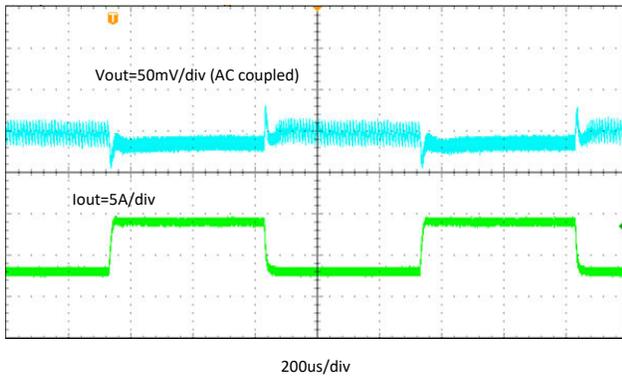


**Figure 8-18. Start-up with  $V_{IN}$  Falling,  $I_{OUT} = 3 A$**

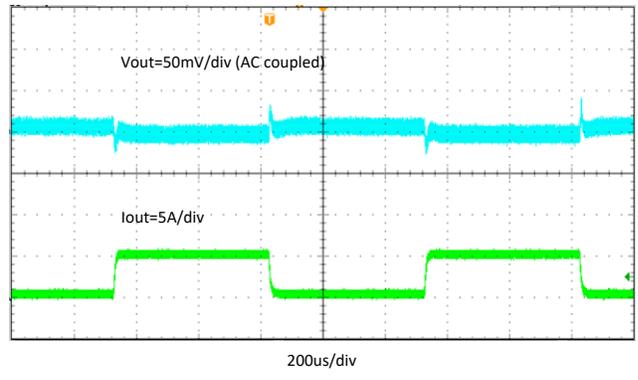


0.6 A to 5.4 A      Slew Rate = 2.5 A/ $\mu$ s

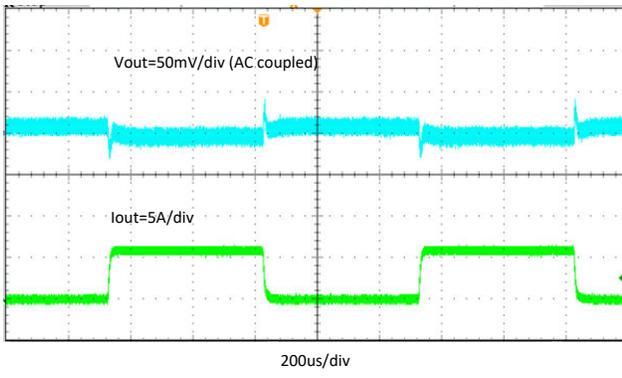
**Figure 8-19. TPS566231 Transient Response**



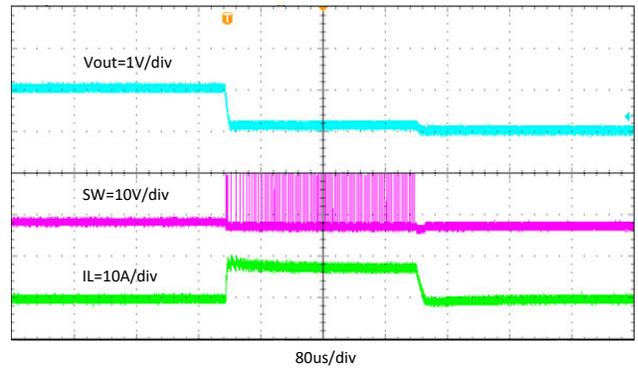
**Figure 8-20. TPS566231 Transient Response**



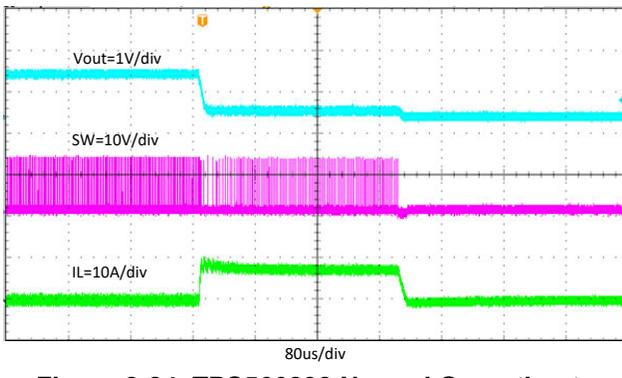
**Figure 8-21. TPS566238 Transient Response**



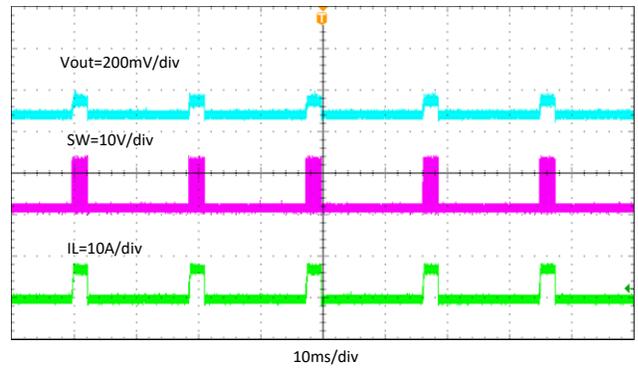
**Figure 8-22. TPS566238 Transient Response**



**Figure 8-23. TPS566231 Normal Operation to Output Hard Short**



**Figure 8-24. TPS566238 Normal Operation to Output Hard Short**



**Figure 8-25. Output Hard Short Hiccup**

## 9 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPS56623x is intended to be powered by a well-regulated dc voltage. The input voltage range is 3 V to 18 V. The input supply voltage must be greater than the desired output voltage for proper operation. Input supply current must be appropriate for the desired output current. If the input voltage supply is located far from the TPS56623x circuit, additional input bulk capacitance is recommended. Typical values are 100  $\mu$ F to 470  $\mu$ F.

## 10 Layout

### 10.1 Layout Guidelines

- A four-layer PCB for good thermal performance and with maximum ground plane is recommended. 55-mm × 60-mm, four-layer PCB with 2-1-1-2 oz copper is used as example.
- Place the decoupling capacitors right across  $V_{IN}$  and VCC as close as possible.
- Place an output inductor and capacitors with IC at the same layer. SW routing should be as short as possible to minimize EMI, and should be a width plane to carry big current. Enough vias should be added to the PGND connection of output capacitor and also as close to the output pin as possible.
- Place a BST resistor and capacitor with IC at the same layer, close to BST and SW plane. 15-mil width trace is recommended to reduce line parasitic inductance.
- Feedback must be routed away from the switching node, BST node, or other high frequency signal.
- $V_{IN}$  trace must be wide to reduce the trace impedance and provide enough current capability.
- Place multiple vias under the device near  $V_{IN}$  and PGND and near input capacitors to reduce parasitic inductance and improve thermal performance.

### 10.2 Layout Example

Figure 10-1 shows the recommended top-side layout. Component reference designators are the same as the circuit shown in Figure 8-1. Resistor divider for EN is not used in the circuit of Figure 8-1, but are shown in the layout for reference.

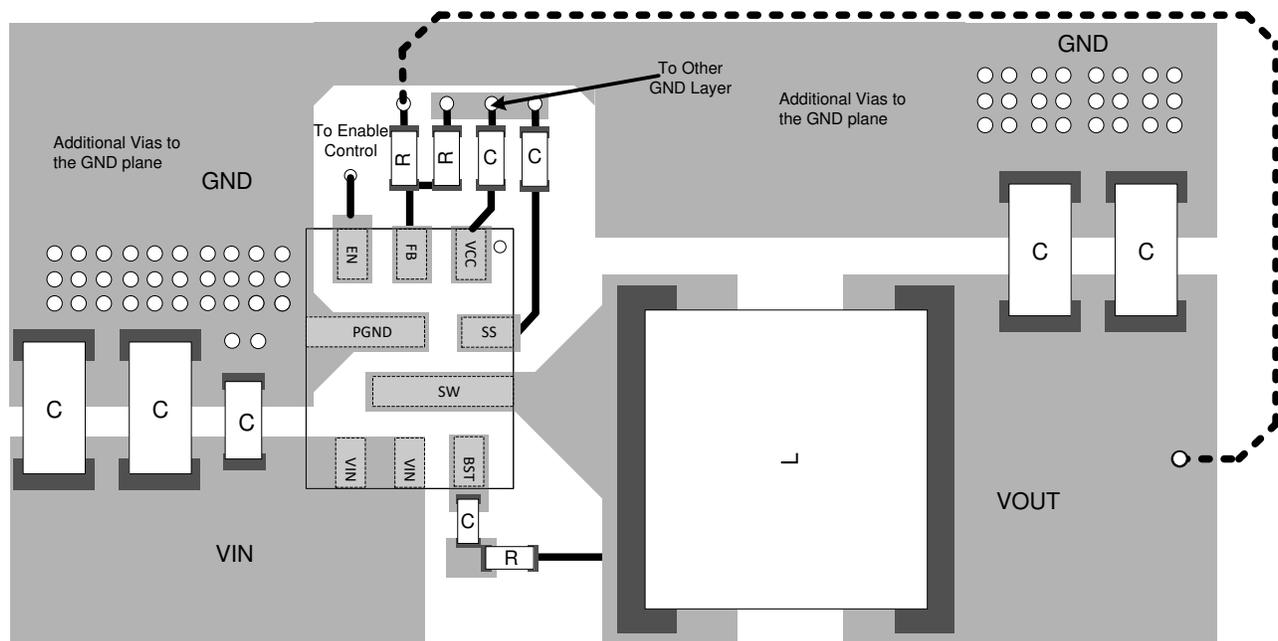


Figure 10-1. Top-Layer Layout

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### 11.5 Glossary

#### [TI Glossary](#)

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

## 12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead finish/ Ball material (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
TPS566231PRQFR	ACTIVE	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	11D	<a href="#">Samples</a>
TPS566231RQFR	ACTIVE	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	1H4	<a href="#">Samples</a>
TPS566238PRQFR	ACTIVE	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	11E	<a href="#">Samples</a>
TPS566238RQFR	ACTIVE	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	1H5	<a href="#">Samples</a>

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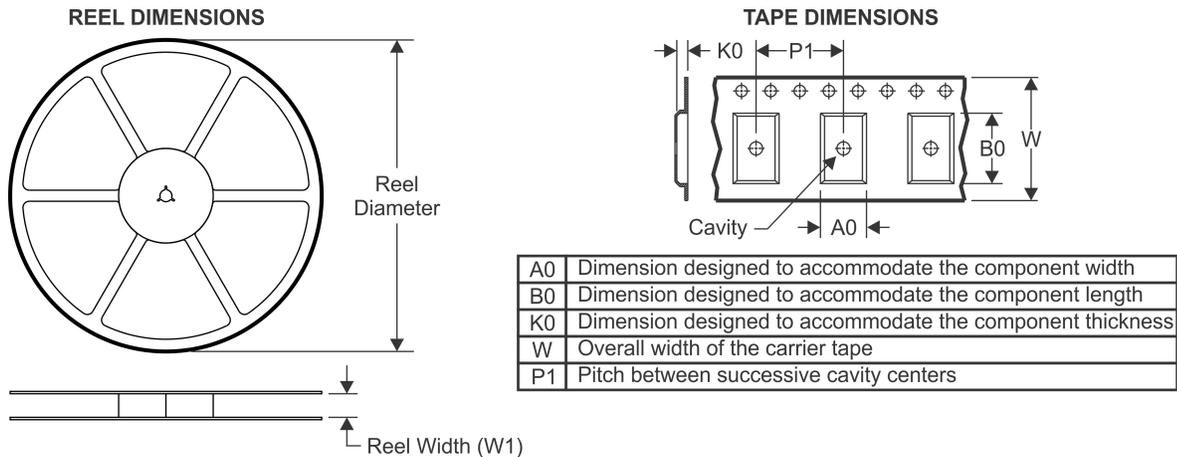
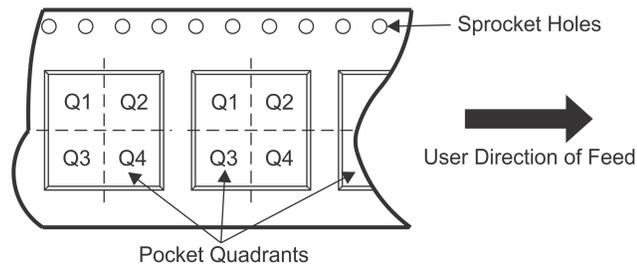
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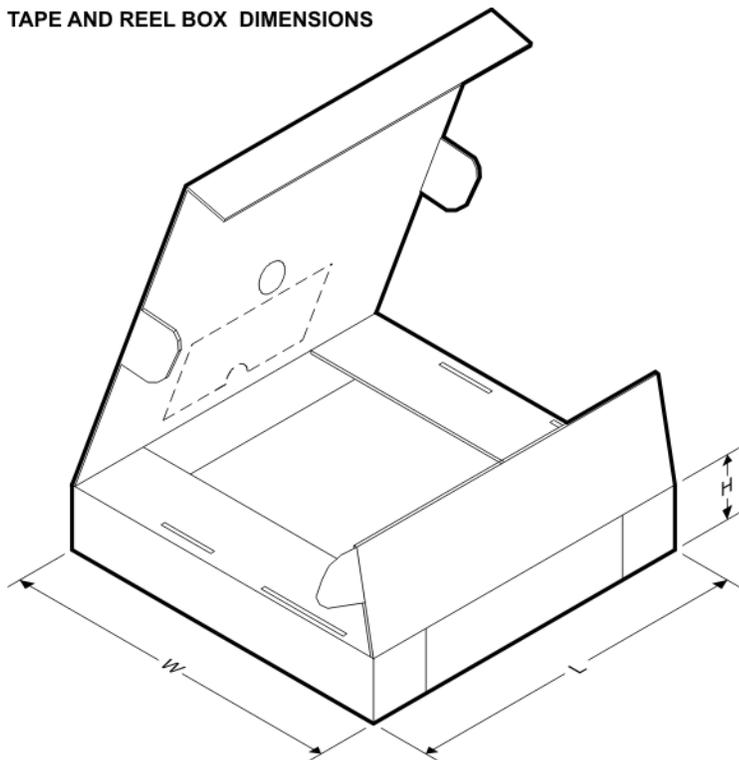
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**TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION**

**QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE**


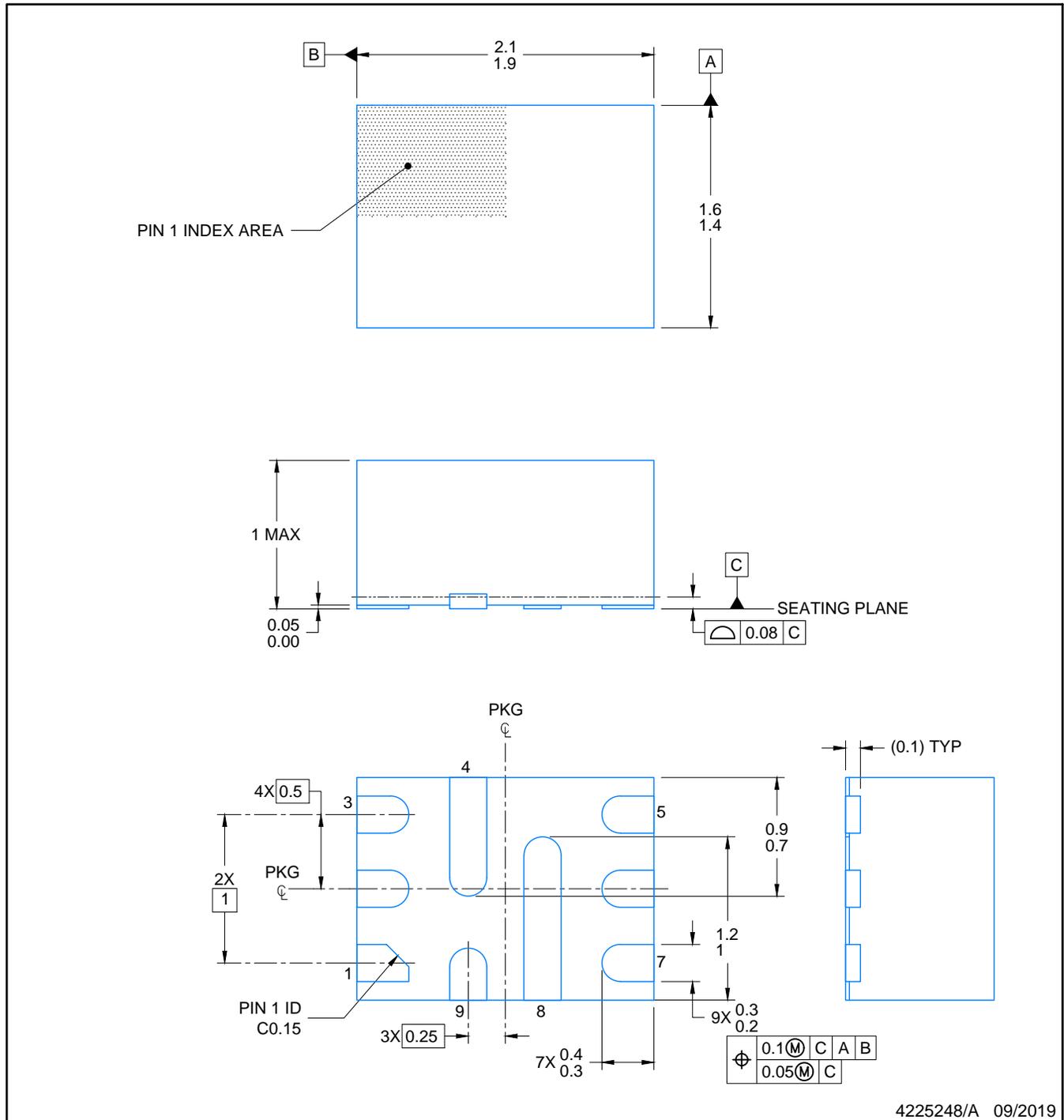
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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TPS566231PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.8	2.25	1.15	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566231PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.75	2.25	1.0	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566231RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.8	2.25	1.15	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566231RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.75	2.25	1.0	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566238PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.75	2.25	1.0	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566238PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.8	2.25	1.15	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566238RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.75	2.25	1.0	4.0	8.0	Q2
TPS566238RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	180.0	8.4	1.8	2.25	1.15	4.0	8.0	Q2

**TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS**


\*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
TPS566231PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS566231PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS566231RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS566231RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS566238PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS566238PRQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS566238RQFR	VQFN-HR	RQF	9	3000	210.0	185.0	35.0
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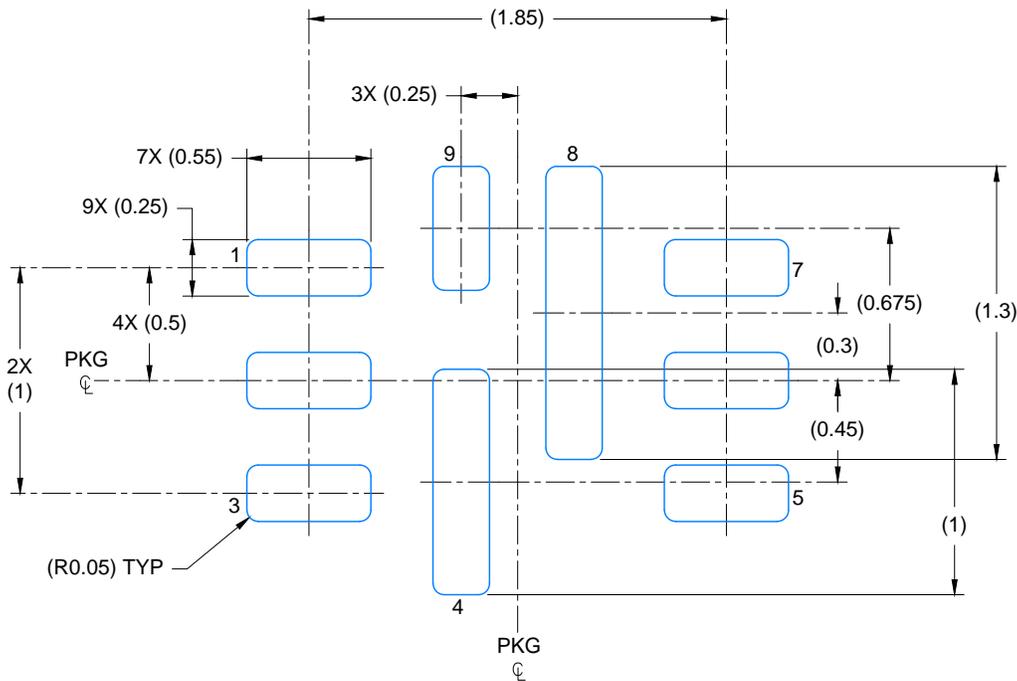
1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
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# EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

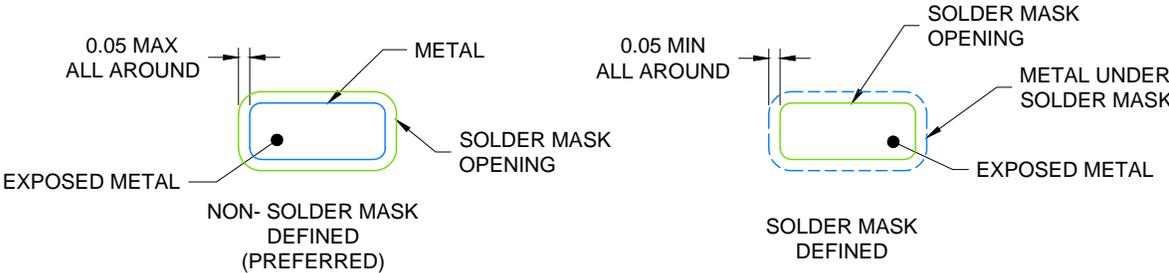
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VQFN-HR - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK- NO LEAD



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN  
SCALE: 30X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS  
NOT TO SCALE

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NOTES: (continued)

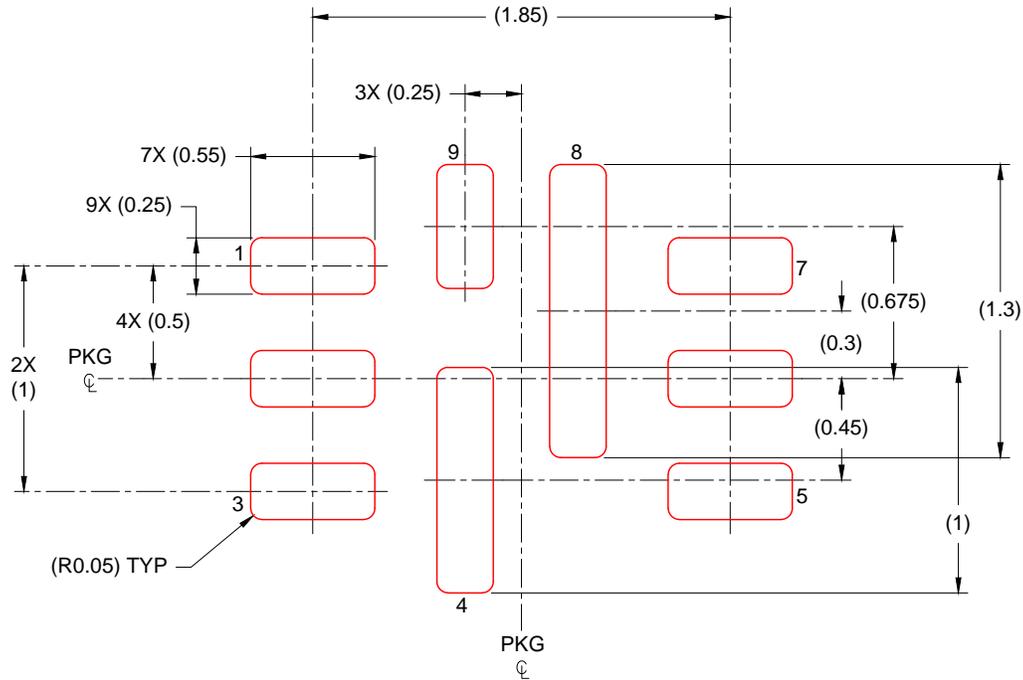
- 3. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 ([www.ti.com/lit/sluea271](http://www.ti.com/lit/sluea271)).
- 4. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

# EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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VQFN-HR - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK- NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE  
BASED ON 0.100 mm THICK STENCIL  
SCALE: 30X

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NOTES: (continued)

5. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

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