1.5 A, 1.5 MHz Current **Mode PWM Buck Down** Converter

The NCP1596A is a current mode PWM buck converter with integrated power switch. It can provide up to 1.5 A output current with high conversion efficiency. High frequency PWM control scheme can provide a low output ripple noise. Thus, it allows the usage of small size passive components to reduce the board space. In a low load condition, the controller will automatically change to PFM mode which provides a higher efficiency at low load. Additionally, the device includes soft-start, thermal shutdown with hysteresis, cycle-by-cycle current limit, and short circuit protection. This device is available in a compact 3x3 DFN package.

Features

- High Efficiency up to 90%, 1 A @ 3.3 V, 75% @ 1.2 V
- Fully Internal Compensation
- Low Output Voltage Ripple, 20 mV Typical
- $\pm 1.5\%$ Reference Voltage
- High PWM Switching Frequency, 1.5 MHz
- Automatic PWM / PFM Switchover at Light Load
- Built-in 1 ms Digital Soft Start
- Cycle-by-cycle Current Limit
- Thermal Shutdown with Hysteresis
- Internal UVLO Protection
- Ext. Adjustable Output Voltage
- Low Profile and Minimum External Components
- Designed for use with Ceramic Capacitor
- Compact 3x3 DFN Package
- These are Pb-Free Devices

Typical Applications

- Hard Disk Drives
- USB Power Device
- Wireless and DSL Modems



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MARKING DIAGRAM



1596A = Specific Device Code Α

- = Assembly Location
- = Wafer Lot L
- Υ = Year
- W = Work Week
 - = Pb-Free Package

PIN CONNECTIONS



ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package	Shipping [†]
NCP1596AMNTWG	DFN6 (Pb-Free)	3000 / Tape & Reel

†For information on tape and reel specifications, including part orientation and tape sizes, please refer to our Tape and Reel Packaging Specifications Brochure, BRD8011/D.



Figure 1. Typical Operating Circuit

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Power Supply (Pins 4, 5)	V _{IN}	6.0 –0.3 (DC) –1.0 (100 ns)	V
Input / Output Pins Pins 1, 3, 6	V _{IO}	6.0 –0.3 (DC) –1.0 (100 ns)	V
Thermal Characteristics 3x3 DFN Plastic Package Maximum Power Dissipation @ T _A = 25°C Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Ambient 0 lfpm	P _D R _{0JA}	1450 68.5	mW °C/W
Operating Junction Temperature Range (Note 4)	TJ	-40 to +150	°C
Operating Ambient Temperature Range		-40 to +85	°C
Storage Temperature Range		–55 to +150	°C
Lead Temperature Soldering (10 sec)		230	°C
Moisture Sensitivity Level (Note 3)	MSL	1	-

Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability.

NOTE: ESD data available upon request.

- 1. This device series contains ESD protection and exceeds the following tests: Human Body Model (HBM) 2.0 kV per JEDEC standard: JESD22-A114. Machine Model (MM) 200 V per JEDEC standard: JESD22-A115.
- Latch-up Current Maximum Rating: 150 mA per JEDEC standard: JESD78.
- Batched Schreit Maximum Haung. 130 m/s per SEDEC standard: JESD70.
 Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL): 1 per IPC/JEDEC standard: J–STD–020A.
- The maximum package power dissipation limit must not be exceeded.

$$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{D}} = \frac{\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{J}(\mathsf{max})} - \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{A}}}{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{\theta}\mathsf{J}\mathsf{A}}}$$

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V_{IN} = 5.0 V, V_{OUT} = 1.2 V, T_A = 25°C for typical value, $-40^{\circ}C \le T_A \le 85^{\circ}C$ for min/max values unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Operating Voltage	V _{IN}	4.0	_	5.5	V
Under Voltage Lockout Threshold	V _{UVLO}	3.2	3.5	3.8	V
Under Voltage Lockout hysteresis	V _{UVLO_HYS}	-	180	-	mV
PFET Leakage Current (Pins 5, 4) $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $85^{\circ}C$	I _{LEAK-P}		1.0	10 15	μΑ
FEEDBACK VOLTAGE	•				
FB Input Threshold (T _A = -40° C to 85° C)	V _{FB}	0.788	0.800	0.812	V
FB Input Current	I _{FB}	-	10	100	nA
THERMAL SHUTDOWN	•				
Thermal Shutdown Threshold (Note 5)	T _{SHDN}	-	160	-	°C
Hysteresis (Note 5)	T _{SDHYS}	-	30	-	°C
PWM SMPS MODE					-
Switching Frequency ($T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $85^{\circ}C$)	F _{OSC}	1.27	1.5	1.725	MHz
Internal PFET ON–Resitance (I _{LX} = 100 mA, V _{IN} = 5.0 V, T _A = 25°C) (Note 5)	R _{DS(on)_P}	_	0.2	0.3	Ohm
Minimum Duty Cycle	D _{MIN}	-	0	-	%
Maximum Duty Cycle	D _{MAX}	-	100	-	%
Soft–Start Time (V _{IN} = 5.0 V, V _o = 1.2 V, I _{LOAD} = 0 mA, T _A = 25°C)	T _{SS}	0.8	1.0	1.2	ms
Main PFET Switch Current Limit (Note 5)	I _{LIM}	2.0	2.5	-	Α
ENABLE					
Enable Threshold High	V _{EN_H}	1.8	-	-	V
Enable Threshold Low	V _{EN_L}	-	_	0.4	V
Enable bias current (EN = 0 V)	I _{EN}	-	500	-	nA
EFFICIENCY	-	-		-	-
Output Load Current 10 mA @ 1.2 V (Note 5)	η	-	50	-	%
Output Load Current 100 mA to 1.2 A @ 1.2 V (Note 5)	η	-	70	-	%
TOTAL DEVICE					
Quiescent Current Into V _{CCP} (V _{IN} = 5 V, V _{FB} = 1.0 V, T _A = 25°C)	I _{CCP}	-	10	-	μA
Quiescent Current Into V _{CC} (V _{IN} = 5 V, V _{FB} = 1.0 V, T _A = 25°C)	I _{CC}	-	500	-	μΑ
Shutdown Quiescent Current into V _{CC} and V _{CCP} (EN = 0, V _{IN} = 5 V, V _{FB} = 1.0 V, T _A = 25°C)	I _{CC_SD}	-	1.0	3.0	μA

5. Values are design guaranteed.

PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

Pin #	Symbol	Pin Description
1	FB	Feedback pin. Part is internally compensated. Only necessary to place a voltage divider or connect the out- put directly to this pin.
2	GND	Ground
3	LX	Pin connected internally to power switch. Connect externally to inductor.
4	VCCP	Power connection to the power switch.
5	VCC	IC power connection.
6	EN	Device Enable pin. This pin has an internal current source pull up. No connect is enable the device. With this pin pulled down below 0.8 V, the device is disabled and enters the shutdown mode.



Figure 2. Detail Block Diagram

EXTERNAL COMPONENT REFERENCE DATA

V _{OUT}	Inductor Model	Inductor (L1)	Diode (D1)	C _{IN} (C1)	C _{OUT} (C2)	R1	R2
3.3 V	CDC5D23 3R3 (1 A) CDRH6D38 3R3 (1.5 A)	3.3 μΗ	MBRA210LT3G	22 μF 22 μF x 2	22 μF 22 μF x 2	31 k	10 k
2.5 V	CDC5D23 3R3 (1 A) CDRH6D38 3R3 (1.5 A)	3.3 μΗ	MBRA210LT3G	22 μF 22 μF x 2	22 μF 22 μF x 2	21 k	10 k
1.5 V	CDC5D23 3R3 (1 A) CDRH6D38 3R3 (1.5 A)	3.3 μΗ	MBRA210LT3G	22 μF 22 μF x 2	22 μF 22 μF x 2	8 k	10 k
1.2 V	CDC5D23 3R3 (1 A) CDRH6D38 3R3 (1.5 A)	3.3 μΗ	MBRA210LT3G	22 μF 22 μF x 2	22 μF 22 μF x 2	5 k	10 k





TYPICAL OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS







 $(V_{IN} = 5 \ V, \ I_{LOAD} = 10 \ mA, \ L = 3.3 \ \mu H, \ C_{OUT} = 20 \ \mu F) \\ Upper Trace: Output Ripple Voltage, 20 mV/div \\ Middle Trace: \ L_X \ Pin \ Switching \ Waveform, 5 \ V/div \\ Lower Trace: Inductor Current \ Waveform, 500 \ mA/div \\ Time \ Base: 500 \ ns/div$





 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5 \ V, \ I_{LOAD}=10 \ mA, \ L=3.3 \ \mu H, \ C_{OUT}=20 \ \mu F) \\ \text{Upper Trace: Output Ripple Voltage, 20 mV/div} \\ \text{Middle Trace: } L_X \ Pin \ Switching \ Waveform, 5 \ V/div} \\ \text{Lower Trace: Inductor Current Waveform, 500 mA/div} \\ \text{Time Base: } 2 \ \mu s/div \end{array}$





 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5 \ V, \ I_{LOAD}=10 \ mA, \ L=3.3 \ \mu H, \ C_{OUT}=20 \ \mu Fx2) \\ Upper \ Trace: \ Input \ Voltage, \ 1 \ V/div \\ Lower \ Trace: \ Output \ Voltage, \ 1 \ V/div \\ Time \ Base: \ 500 \ \mu s/div \end{array}$





 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5 \ V, \ I_{LOAD}=500 \ mA, \ L=3.3 \ \mu H, \ C_{OUT}=20 \ \mu F) \\ \text{Upper Trace: Output Ripple Voltage, 20 mV/div} \\ \text{Middle Trace: } L_X \ Pin \ Switching \ Waveform, 5 \ V/div} \\ \text{Lower Trace: Inductor Current Waveform, 500 mA/div} \\ \text{Time Base: 200 ns/div} \end{array}$

Figure 18. CCM Switching Waveform for V_{OUT} = 3.3 V



 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5 \ V, \ I_{LOAD}=500 \ mA, \ L=3.3 \ \mu H, \ C_{OUT}=20 \ \mu F) \\ Upper \ Trace: \ Output \ Ripple \ Voltage, \ 20 \ mV/div \\ Middle \ Trace: \ L_{\chi} \ Pin \ Switching \ Waveform, \ 5 \ V/div \\ Lower \ Trace: \ Inductor \ Current \ Waveform, \ 500 \ mA/div \\ Time \ Base: \ 200 \ ns/div \end{array}$

Figure 20. CCM Switching Waveform for V_{OUT} = 1.2 V



 $(V_{IN} = 5 \text{ V}, \text{ } I_{LOAD} = 10 \text{ mA}, \text{ } L = 3.3 \text{ } \mu\text{H}, \text{ } C_{OUT} = 20 \text{ } \mu\text{Fx2}) \\ Upper Trace: Input Voltage, 1 V/div \\ Lower Trace: Output Voltage, 500 mV/div \\ Time Base: 500 \text{ } \mu\text{s}/\text{div}$

Figure 22. Soft–Start Waveforms for V_{OUT} = 1.2 V



 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5\ V,L=3.3\ \mu H,\ C_{OUT}=10\ \mu Fx2)\\ Upper\ Trace:\ Output\ Dynamic\ Voltage,\ 100\ mV/div\\ Lower\ Trace:\ Output\ Current,\ 200\ mA/div\\ Time\ Base:\ 20\ ns/div \end{array}$

Figure 23. Load Regulation for V_{OUT} = 3.3 V



 $(V_{IN} = 5 \text{ V}, L = 3.3 \text{ H}, C_{OUT} = 10 \ \mu\text{Fx2}) \\ Upper Trace: Output Dynamic Voltage, 50 mV/div \\ Lower Trace: Output Current, 200 mA/div \\ Time Base: 10 ns/div$

Figure 25. Load Regulation for V_{OUT} = 1.2 V



 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5~V,L=3.3~\mu H,~C_{OUT}=10~\mu Fx2)\\ Upper Trace:~Output Dynamic Voltage,~100~mV/div\\ Lower Trace:~Output Current,~200~mA/div\\ Time Base:~20~ns/div \end{array}$

Figure 24. Load Regulation for V_{OUT} = 3.3 V



 $\begin{array}{l} (V_{IN}=5~V,\,L=3.3~H,\,C_{OUT}=10~\mu F~x~2)\\ Upper Trace: Output Dynamic Voltage, 50~mV/div\\ Lower Trace: Output Current, 200~mA/div\\ Time Base: 10~ns/div \end{array}$

Figure 26. Load Regulation for V_{OUT} = 1.2 V

DETAILED OPERATING DESCRIPTION

Introduction

The NCP1596A is a current-mode buck converter with switching frequency at 1.5 MHz. High operation frequency can reduce the capacitor value and PCB area. Also, more features are built in this converter.

- 1. Internal 1 ms soft-start to avoid inrush current at startup.
- 2. Internal cycle by cycle current limit provides an output short circuit protection.
- 3. Internal compensation. No external compensation components are necessary.
- 4. Thermal shutdown protects the devices from over heat.
- 5. 100% duty cycle allowed. Speed up transient load response.

The upper feature can provide more cost effective solutions to applications. A simple function block diagram and timing diagram are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Soft-Start and Current Limit

A soft start circuit is internally implemented to reduce the in-rush current during startup. This helps to reduce the output voltage over-shoot.

The current limit is set to allow peak switch current in excess of 2 A. The intended output current of the system is 1.5 A. The ripple current is calculated to be approximately 350 mA with a 3.3 μ H inductor. Therefore, the peak current at 1.5 A output will be approximately 1.7 Amps. A 2.5 Amp set point will allow for transient currents during load step. The current limit circuit is implemented as a cycle–by–cycle current limit. Each on–cycle is treated as a separate situation. Current limiting is implemented by monitoring the P–channel switch current buildup during conduction with a current limit comparator. The output of the current limit comparator resets the PWM latch, immediately terminating the current cycle. When output loading is short circuit, device will auto restart with soft–start.

Error Amplifier and Slope Compensation

A fully internal compensated error amplifier is provided inside NCP1596A. No external circuitry is needed to stabilize the device. The error amplifier provides an error signal to the PWM comparator by comparing the feedback voltage (800 mV) with internal voltage reference of 1.2 V.

Current mode converter can exhibit instability at duty cycles over 50%. A slope compensation circuit is provided

inside NCP1596A to overcome the potential instability. Slope compensation consists of a ramp signal generated by the synchronization block and adding this to the inductor current signal. The summed signal is then applied to the PWM comparator.

Thermal Shutdown

Internal Thermal Shutdown circuitry is provided to protect the integrated circuit in the event when maximum junction temperature is exceeded. When activated, typically at 180°C, the shutdown signal will disable the P-channel switch. The thermal shutdown circuit is designed with 30°C of hysteresis. This means that the switching will not start until the die temperature drops by this amount. This feature is provided to prevent catastrophic failures from accidental device overheating. **It is not intended as a substitute for proper heat sinking**. NCP1596A is contained in the thermally enhanced QFN package.

Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

UVLO function is used to ensure the logic level correctly when input voltage is very low. In NCP1596A, the UVLO level is set to 3.5 V. If the input voltage is less than 3.5 V, the converter will shutdown itself automatically.

Low Power Shutdown Mode (EN)

NCP1596A can be disabled whenever the EN pin is tied to ground. During the shutdown mode, the internal reference, oscillator and driver control circuits will be turn off, the device only consume 1 μ A typically and output voltage will be discharge to zero by the external resistor divider. EN pin has an internal pull–up current source, which typical value is 500 nA.

Power Saving Pulse–Frequency–Modulation (PFM) Control Scheme

While the converter loading decreases, the converter enters the Discontinues-conduction-mode (DCM) operation. In DCM operation, the on-time (T_{on}) of the integrated switch for each switching cycle will decrease when the output current decreases. In order to maintain a high converter efficiency at light load condition. A minimum T_{on} is set to 70 ns. It can make sure a minimum fixed power send to output. To avoid a higher switch loss occurs when without loading apply. This control scheme can reduce the switching loss at light load and improve the conversion efficiency.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Output Voltage Selection

The output voltage is programmed through an external resistor divider connect from V_{OUT} to FB then to GND.

For internal compensation and noise immunity, the resistor from FB to GND should be in 10 k to 20 k ranges. The relationship between the output voltage and feedback resistor is given by:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{FB} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right)$$
 (eq. 1)

V_{OUT}: Output voltage V_{FB}: Feedback Voltage

R1: Feedback resistor from V_{OUT} to FB. R2: Feedback resistor from FB to GND.

Input Capacitor Selection

In the PWM buck converter, the input current is pulsating current with switching noise. Therefore, a bypass input capacitor must choose for reduce the peak current drawn from the power supply. For NCP1596A, low ESR ceramic capacitor of 10 μ F should be used for most of cases. Also, the input capacitor should be placed as close as possible to the V_{CCA} pin for effective bypass the supply noise.

Inductor Selection

The inductor parameters are including three items, which are DC resistance, inductor value and saturation current. Inductor DC resistance will effect the convector overall efficiency, low DC resistor value can provide a higher efficiency. Thus, inductor value are depend on the inductor ripple current, input voltage, output voltage, output current and operation frequency, the inductor value is given by:

$$\Delta_{\rm IL} = \frac{V_{\rm OUT}}{L \times F_{\rm SW}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{\rm OUT}}{V_{\rm IN}}\right) \tag{eq. 2}$$

 ΔIL : peak to peak inductor ripple current

L: inductor value

FSW: switching frequency

After selected a suitable value of the inductor, it should be check out the inductor saturation current. The saturation current of the inductor should be higher than the maximum load plus the ripple current.

$$\Delta_{\rm IL(MAX)} = \Delta_{\rm IOUT(MAX)} + \frac{\Delta_{\rm IL}}{2}$$
 (eq. 3)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \Delta_{IL(MAX)} & : \text{Maximum inductor current} \\ \Delta_{IOUT(MAX)} & : \text{Maximum output current} \end{array}$

Output Capacitor Selection

Output capacitor value is based on the target output ripple voltage. For NCP1596A, the output capacitor is required a ceramic capacitors with low ESR value. Assume buck converter duty cycle is 50%. The output ripple voltage in PWM mode is given by:

$$\Delta_{\text{VOUT}} \approx \Delta_{\text{IL}} \times \left(\frac{1}{4 \times \text{FSW} \times \text{C}_{\text{OUT}}} + \text{ESR}\right) (\text{eq. 4})$$

In general, value of ceramic capacitor using 20 μF should be a good choice.

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

DFN6 3*3 MM, 0.95 PITCH CASE 506AH-01

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NOTES:

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	MILLIMETERS				
DIM	MIN	NOM	MAX		
Α	0.80	0.90	1.00		
A1	0.00	0.03	0.05		
A3	0.20 REF				
b	0.35	0.45			
D	3.00 BSC				
D2	2.40	2.50	2.60		
E	3.00 BSC				
E2	1.50	1.60	1.70		
е	0.95 BSC				
κ	0.21				
L	0.30	0.40	0.50		

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