

Synchronous Rectified MOSFET Driver

The ISL6609, ISL6609A is a high frequency, MOSFET driver optimized to drive two N-Channel power MOSFETs in a synchronous-rectified buck converter topology. This driver combined with an Intersil ISL63xx or ISL65xx multiphase PWM controller forms a complete single-stage core-voltage regulator solution with high efficiency performance at high switching frequency for advanced microprocessors.

The IC is biased by a single low voltage supply (5V), minimizing driver switching losses in high MOSFET gate capacitance and high switching frequency applications. Each driver is capable of driving a 3nF load with less than 10ns rise/fall time. Bootstrapping of the upper gate driver is implemented via an internal low forward drop diode, reducing implementation cost, complexity, and allowing the use of higher performance, cost effective N-Channel MOSFETs. Adaptive shoot-through protection is integrated to prevent both MOSFETs from conducting simultaneously.

The ISL6609, ISL6609A features 4A typical sink current for the lower gate driver, enhancing the lower MOSFET gate hold-down capability during PHASE node rising edge, preventing power loss caused by the self turn on of the lower MOSFET due to the high dV/dt of the switching node.

The ISL6609, ISL6609A also features an input that recognizes a high-impedance state, working together with Intersil multiphase PWM controllers to prevent negative transients on the controlled output voltage when operation is suspended. This feature eliminates the need for the schottky diode that may be utilized in a power system to protect the load from negative output voltage damage. In addition, the ISL6609A's bootstrap function is designed to prevent the BOOT capacitor from overcharging, should excessively large negative swings occur at the transitions of the PHASE node.

Features

- Drives Two N-Channel MOSFETs
- Adaptive Shoot-Through Protection
- 0.4Ω On-Resistance and 4A Sink Current Capability
- Supports High Switching Frequency
 - Fast Output Rise and Fall
 - Ultra Low Three-State Hold-Off Time (20ns)
- ISL6605 Replacement with Enhanced Performance
- BOOT Capacitor Overcharge Prevention (ISL6609A)
- Low V_F Internal Bootstrap Diode
- Low Bias Supply Current
- Enable Input and Power-On Reset
- QFN Package
 - Compliant to JEDEC PUB95 MO-220 QFN-Quad Flat No Leads-Product Outline
 - Near Chip-Scale Package Footprint; Improves PCB Efficiency and Thinner in Profile
- Pb-Free Plus Anneal Available (RoHS Compliant)

Applications

- Core Voltage Supplies for Intel® and AMD® Microprocessors
- High Frequency Low Profile High Efficiency DC/DC Converters
- High Current Low Voltage DC/DC Converters
- Synchronous Rectification for Isolated Power Supplies

Related Literature

- Technical Brief TB363 "Guidelines for Handling and Processing Moisture Sensitive Surface Mount Devices (SMDs)"

Ordering Information

PART NUMBER (Note)	PART MARKING	TEMP. RANGE (°C)	PACKAGE (Pb-Free)	PKG. DWG. #
ISL6609CBZ	ISL6609CBZ	0 to 70	8 Ld SOIC	M8.15
ISL6609CRZ	609Z	0 to 70	8 Ld 3x3 QFN	L8.3x3
ISL6609IBZ	ISL6609IBZ	-40 to 85	8 Ld SOIC	M8.15
ISL6609IRZ	09IZ	-40 to 85	8 Ld 3x3 QFN	L8.3x3
ISL6609ACBZ	6609ACBZ	0 to 70	8 Ld SOIC	M8.15
ISL6609ACRZ	09AZ	0 to 70	8 Ld 3x3 QFN	L8.3x3
ISL6609AIBZ	6609AIBZ	-40 to 85	8 Ld SOIC	M8.15
ISL6609AIRZ	9AIZ	-40 to 85	8 Ld 3x3 QFN	L8.3x3

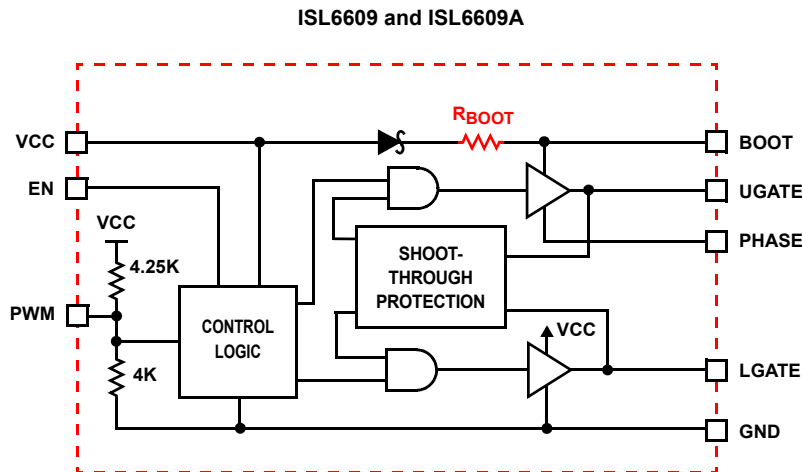
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NOTE: Intersil Pb-free plus anneal products employ special Pb-free material sets; molding compounds/die attach materials and 100% matte tin plate termination finish, which are RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations. Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.

Pinouts

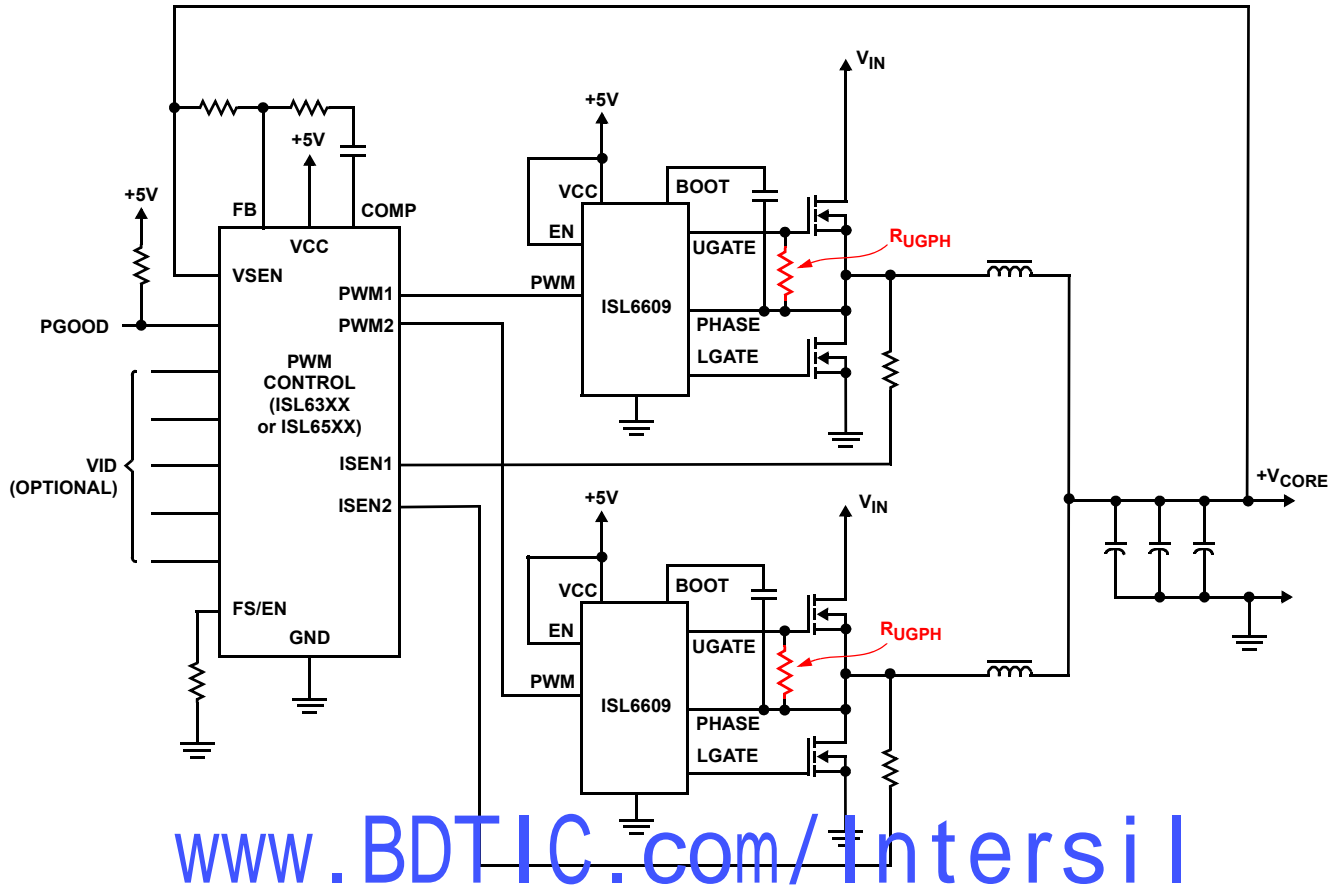


Block Diagram



INTEGRATED 3Ω RESISTOR (R_{BOOT}) AVAILABLE ONLY IN ISL6609A

Typical Application - Multiphase Converter Using ISL6609 Gate Drivers



**RUGPH IS REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL POWER SEQUENCING APPLICATIONS
(SEE APPLICATION INFORMATION SECTION ON PAGE 8)**

Electrical Specifications These specifications apply for $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 100°C , unless otherwise noted **(Continued)**

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
UGATE Turn-On Propagation Delay	t_{PDHU}	$V_{VCC} = 5\text{V}$, Outputs Unloaded	-	18	-	ns
LGATE Turn-On Propagation Delay	t_{PDHL}	$V_{VCC} = 5\text{V}$, Outputs Unloaded	-	23	-	ns
Three-state to UG/LG Rising Propagation Delay	t_{PTS}	$V_{VCC} = 5\text{V}$, Outputs Unloaded	-	20	-	ns
OUTPUT						
Upper Drive Source Resistance	R_{UG_SRC}	250mA Source Current	-	1.0	2.5	Ω
Upper Drive Sink Resistance	R_{UG_SNK}	250mA Sink Current	-	1.0	2.5	Ω
Lower Drive Source Resistance	R_{LG_SRC}	250mA Source Current	-	1.0	2.5	Ω
Lower Drive Sink Resistance	R_{LG_SNK}	250mA Sink Current	-	0.4	1.0	Ω

NOTE:

4. Guaranteed by Characterization. Not 100% tested in production.

Functional Pin Description

Note: Pin numbers refer to the SOIC package. Check diagram for corresponding QFN pinout.

UGATE (Pin 1)

Upper gate drive output. Connect to gate of high-side N-Channel power MOSFET. A gate resistor is never recommended on this pin, as it interferes with the operation shoot-through protection circuitry.

BOOT (Pin 2)

Floating bootstrap supply pin for the upper gate driver. Connect a bootstrap capacitor between this pin and the PHASE pin. The bootstrap capacitor provides the charge used to turn on the upper MOSFET. See the *Bootstrap Considerations* section for guidance in choosing the appropriate capacitor value.

PWM (Pin 3)

The PWM signal is the control input for the driver. The PWM signal can enter three distinct states during operation, see the *Three-state PWM Input* section for further details. Connect this pin to the PWM output of the controller.

GND (Pin 4)

Ground pin. All signals are referenced to this node.

LGATE (Pin 5)

Lower gate drive output. Connect to gate of the low side N-Channel power MOSFET. A gate resistor is never recommended on this pin, as it interferes with the operation shoot-through protection circuitry.

VCC (Pin 6)

Connect this pin to a +5V bias supply. Locally bypass with a high quality ceramic capacitor to ground.

EN (Pin 7)

Enable input pin. Connect this pin high to enable and low to disable the driver.

PHASE (Pin 8)

Connect this pin to the source of the upper MOSFET. This pin provides the return path for the upper gate driver current.

Thermal Pad (in QFN only)

The metal pad underneath the center of the IC is a thermal substrate. The PCB "thermal land" design for this exposed die pad should include vias that drop down and connect to one or more buried copper plane(s). This combination of vias for vertical heat escape and buried planes for heat spreading allows the QFN to achieve its full thermal potential. This pad should be either grounded or floating, and it should not be connected to other nodes. Refer to TB389 for design guidelines.

Timing Diagram

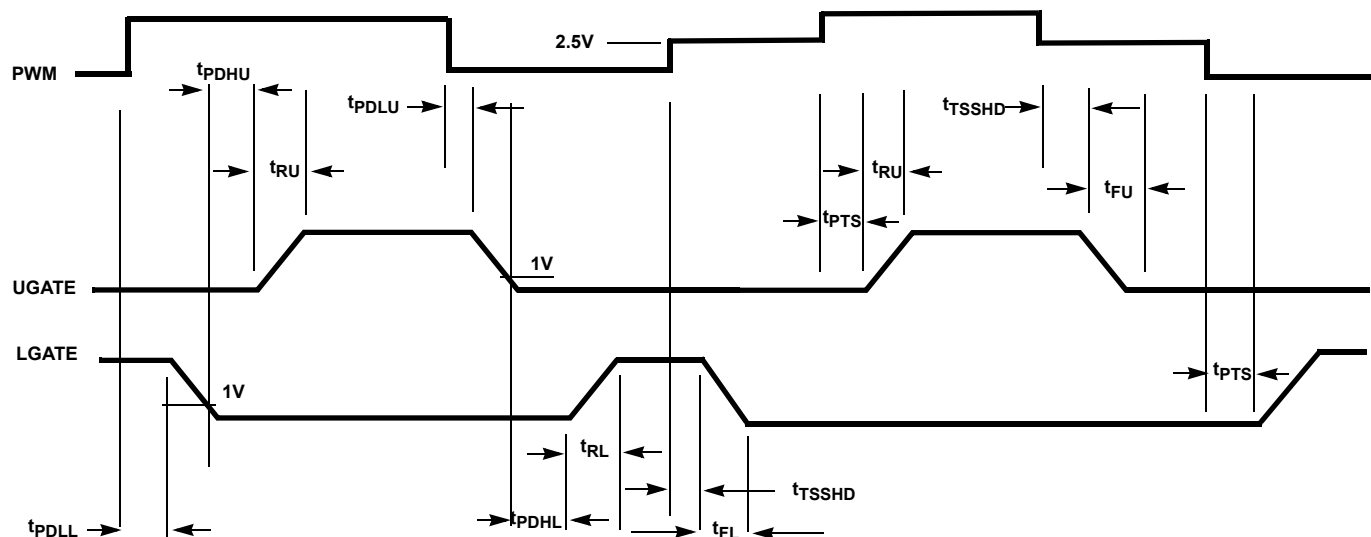


FIGURE 1. TIMING DIAGRAM

Operation and Adaptive Shoot-Through Protection

Designed for high speed switching, the ISL6609/09A MOSFET driver controls both high-side and low-side N-Channel FETs from one externally provided PWM signal.

A rising transition on PWM initiates the turn-off of the lower MOSFET (see Timing Diagram). After a short propagation delay [t_{PDLL}], the lower gate begins to fall. Typical fall times [t_{FL}] are provided in the *Electrical Specifications*. Adaptive shoot-through circuitry monitors the LGATE voltage and turns on the upper gate following a short delay time [t_{PDHU}] after the LGATE voltage drops below ~1V. The upper gate drive then begins to rise [t_{RU}] and the upper MOSFET turns on.

A falling transition on PWM indicates the turn-off of the upper MOSFET and the turn-on of the lower MOSFET. A short propagation delay [t_{PDLU}] is encountered before the upper gate begins to fall [t_{FU}]. The adaptive shoot-through circuitry monitors the UGATE-PHASE voltage and turns on the lower MOSFET a short delay time, t_{PDHL} , after the upper MOSFET's gate voltage drops below 1V. The lower gate then rises [t_{RL}], turning on the lower MOSFET. These methods prevent both the lower and upper MOSFETs from conducting simultaneously (shoot-through), while adapting the dead time to the gate charge characteristics of the MOSFETs being used.

This driver is optimized for voltage regulators with large step down ratio. The lower MOSFET is usually sized larger compared to the upper MOSFET because the lower MOSFET conducts for a longer time during a switching period. The lower gate driver is therefore sized much larger to meet this application requirement. The 0.4Ω on-resistance

and 4A sink current capability enable the lower gate driver to absorb the current injected into the lower gate through the drain-to-gate capacitor of the lower MOSFET and help prevent shoot through caused by the self turn-on of the lower MOSFET due to high dV/dt of the switching node.

Three-State PWM Input

A unique feature of the ISL6609/09A is the adaptable three-state PWM input. Once the PWM signal enters the shutdown window, either MOSFET previously conducting is turned off. If the PWM signal remains within the shutdown window for longer than the gate turn-off propagation delay of the previously conducting MOSFET, the output drivers are disabled and both MOSFET gates are pulled and held low. The shutdown state is removed when the PWM signal moves outside the shutdown window. The PWM rising and falling thresholds outlined in the *Electrical Specifications* determine when the lower and upper gates are enabled. During normal operation in a typical application, the PWM rise and fall times through the shutdown window should not exceed either output's turn-off propagation delay plus the MOSFET gate discharge time to ~1V. Abnormally long PWM signal transition times through the shutdown window will simply introduce additional dead time between turn off and turn on of the synchronous bridge's MOSFETs. For optimal performance, no more than 100pF parasitic capacitive load should be present on the PWM line of ISL6609/09A (assuming an Intersil PWM controller is used).

Bootstrap Considerations

This driver features an internal bootstrap diode. Simply adding an external capacitor across the BOOT and PHASE pins completes the bootstrap circuit. The ISL6609A's internal

bootstrap resistor is designed to reduce the overcharging of the bootstrap capacitor when exposed to excessively large negative voltage swing at the PHASE node. Typically, such large negative excursions occur in high current applications that use D²-PAK and D-PAK MOSFETs or excessive layout parasitic inductance.

The following equation helps select a proper bootstrap capacitor size:

$$C_{\text{BOOT_CAP}} \geq \frac{Q_{\text{GATE}}}{\Delta V_{\text{BOOT_CAP}}} \quad (\text{EQ. 1})$$

$$Q_{\text{GATE}} = \frac{Q_{\text{G1}} \cdot V_{\text{CC}}}{V_{\text{GS1}}} \cdot N_{\text{Q1}}$$

where Q_{G1} is the amount of gate charge per upper MOSFET at V_{GS1} gate-source voltage and N_{Q1} is the number of control MOSFETs. The $\Delta V_{\text{BOOT_CAP}}$ term is defined as the allowable droop in the rail of the upper gate drive.

As an example, suppose two IRLR7821 FETs are chosen as the upper MOSFETs. The gate charge, Q_{G} , from the data sheet is 10nC at 4.5V (V_{GS}) gate-source voltage. Then the Q_{GATE} is calculated to be 22nC at V_{CC} level. We will assume a 200mV droop in drive voltage over the PWM cycle. We find that a bootstrap capacitance of at least 0.110 μ F is required. The next larger standard value capacitance is 0.22 μ F. A good quality ceramic capacitor is recommended.

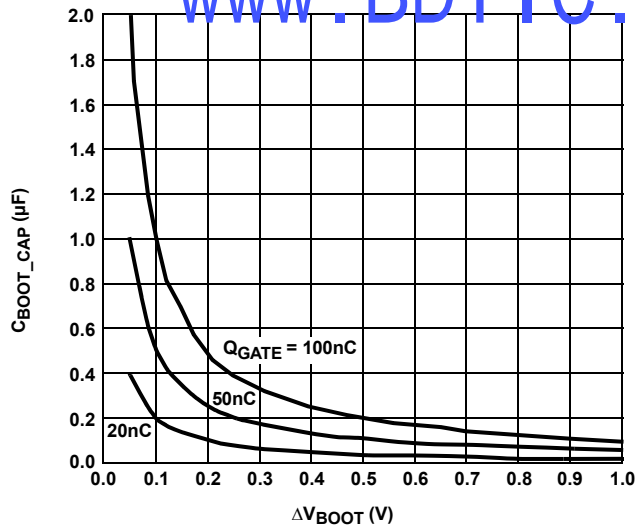


FIGURE 2. BOOTSTRAP CAPACITANCE vs BOOT RIPPLE VOLTAGE

Power Dissipation

Package power dissipation is mainly a function of the switching frequency (F_{SW}), the output drive impedance, the external gate resistance, and the selected MOSFET's internal gate resistance and total gate charge. Calculating the power dissipation in the driver for a desired application is critical to ensure safe operation. Exceeding the maximum

allowable power dissipation level will push the IC beyond the maximum recommended operating junction temperature of 125°C. The maximum allowable IC power dissipation for the SO8 package is approximately 800mW at room temperature, while the power dissipation capacity in the QFN package, with an exposed heat escape pad, is slightly better. See Layout Considerations paragraph for thermal transfer improvement suggestions. When designing the driver into an application, it is recommended that the following calculation is used to ensure safe operation at the desired frequency for the selected MOSFETs. The total gate drive power losses due to the gate charge of MOSFETs and the driver's internal circuitry and their corresponding average driver current can be estimated with Equations 2 and 3, respectively,

$$P_{\text{Qg_TOT}} = P_{\text{Qg_Q1}} + P_{\text{Qg_Q2}} + I_{\text{Q}} \cdot V_{\text{CC}} \quad (\text{EQ. 2})$$

$$P_{\text{Qg_Q1}} = \frac{Q_{\text{G1}} \cdot V_{\text{CC}}^2}{V_{\text{GS1}}} \cdot F_{\text{SW}} \cdot N_{\text{Q1}}$$

$$P_{\text{Qg_Q2}} = \frac{Q_{\text{G2}} \cdot V_{\text{CC}}^2}{V_{\text{GS2}}} \cdot F_{\text{SW}} \cdot N_{\text{Q2}}$$

$$I_{\text{DR}} = \left(\frac{Q_{\text{G1}} \cdot UV_{\text{CC}} \cdot N_{\text{Q1}}}{V_{\text{GS1}}} + \frac{Q_{\text{G2}} \cdot LV_{\text{CC}} \cdot N_{\text{Q2}}}{V_{\text{GS2}}} \right) \cdot F_{\text{SW}} + I_{\text{Q}} \quad (\text{EQ. 3})$$

where the gate charge (Q_{G1} and Q_{G2}) is defined at a particular gate-to-source voltage (V_{GS1} and V_{GS2}) in the corresponding MOSFET datasheet; I_{Q} is the driver's total quiescent current with no load at both drive outputs; N_{Q1} and N_{Q2} are number of upper and lower MOSFETs, respectively. The $I_{\text{Q}} V_{\text{CC}}$ product is the quiescent power of the driver without capacitive load and is typically negligible.

The total gate drive power losses are dissipated among the resistive components along the transition path. The drive resistance dissipates a portion of the total gate drive power losses, the rest will be dissipated by the external gate resistors (R_{G1} and R_{G2} , should be a short to avoid interfering with the operation shoot-through protection circuitry) and the internal gate resistors (R_{G11} and R_{G12}) of MOSFETs. Figures 3 and 4 show the typical upper and lower gate drives turn-on transition path. The power dissipation on the driver can be roughly estimated as:

$$P_{\text{DR}} = P_{\text{DR_UP}} + P_{\text{DR_LOW}} + I_{\text{Q}} \cdot V_{\text{CC}} \quad (\text{EQ. 4})$$

$$P_{\text{DR_UP}} = \left(\frac{R_{\text{HI1}}}{R_{\text{HI1}} + R_{\text{EXT1}}} + \frac{R_{\text{LO1}}}{R_{\text{LO1}} + R_{\text{EXT1}}} \right) \cdot \frac{P_{\text{Qg_Q1}}}{2}$$

$$P_{\text{DR_LOW}} = \left(\frac{R_{\text{HI2}}}{R_{\text{HI2}} + R_{\text{EXT2}}} + \frac{R_{\text{LO2}}}{R_{\text{LO2}} + R_{\text{EXT2}}} \right) \cdot \frac{P_{\text{Qg_Q2}}}{2}$$

$$R_{\text{EXT1}} = R_{\text{G1}} + \frac{R_{\text{G11}}}{N_{\text{Q1}}} \quad R_{\text{EXT2}} = R_{\text{G2}} + \frac{R_{\text{G12}}}{N_{\text{Q2}}}$$

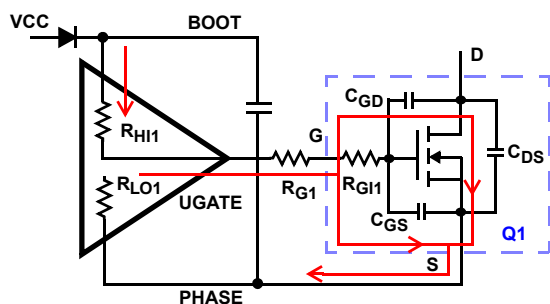


FIGURE 3. TYPICAL UPPER-GATE DRIVE TURN-ON PATH

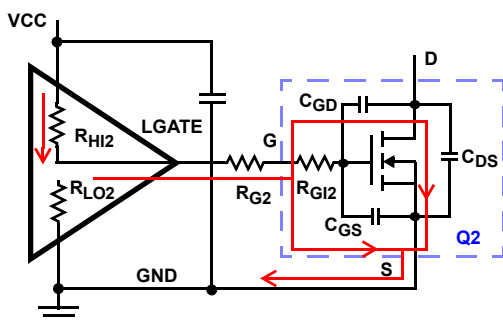


FIGURE 4. TYPICAL LOWER-GATE DRIVE TURN-ON PATH

Application Information

MOSFET and Driver Selection

The parasitic inductances of the PCB and of the power devices' packaging (both upper and lower MOSFETs) can cause serious ringing, exceeding absolute maximum rating of the devices. The negative ringing at the edges of the PHASE node could increase the bootstrap capacitor voltage through the internal bootstrap diode, and in some cases, it may overstress the upper MOSFET driver. Careful layout, proper selection of MOSFETs and packaging, as well as the proper driver can go a long way toward minimizing such unwanted stress.

The selection of D²-PAK, or D-PAK packaged MOSFETs, is a much better match (for the reasons discussed) for the ISL6609A. Low-profile MOSFETs, such as Direct FETs and multi-SOURCE leads devices (SO-8, LFPACK, PowerPAK), have low parasitic lead inductances and can be driven by either ISL6609 or ISL6609A (assuming proper layout design). The ISL6609, missing the 3Ω integrated BOOT resistor, typically yields slightly higher efficiency than the ISL6609A.

Layout Considerations

A good layout helps reduce the ringing on the switching node (PHASE) and significantly lower the stress applied to the output drives. The following advice is meant to lead to an optimized layout:

- Keep decoupling loops (VCC-GND and BOOT-PHASE) as short as possible.
- Minimize trace inductance, especially on low-impedance lines. All power traces (UGATE, PHASE, LGATE, GND, VCC) should be short and wide, as much as possible.
- Minimize the inductance of the PHASE node. Ideally, the source of the upper and the drain of the lower MOSFET should be as close as thermally allowable.
- Minimize the current loop of the output and input power trains. Short the source connection of the lower MOSFET to ground as close to the transistor pin as feasible. Input capacitors (especially ceramic decoupling) should be placed as close to the drain of upper and source of lower MOSFETs as possible.

In addition, connecting the thermal pad of the QFN package to the power ground through a via, or placing a low noise copper plane underneath the SOIC part is recommended for high switching frequency, high current applications. This is to improve heat dissipation and allow the part to achieve its full thermal potential.

Upper MOSFET Self Turn-On Effects at Startup

Should the driver have insufficient bias voltage applied, its outputs are floating. If the input bus is energized at a high dV/dt rate while the driver outputs are floating, because of self-coupling via the internal C_{GD} of the MOSFET, the UGATE could momentarily rise up to a level greater than the threshold voltage of the MOSFET. This could potentially turn on the upper switch and result in damaging inrush energy. Therefore, if such a situation (when input bus powered up before the bias of the controller and driver is ready) could conceivably be encountered, it is a common practice to place a resistor (R_{UGPH}) across the gate and source of the upper MOSFET to suppress the Miller coupling effect. The value of the resistor depends mainly on the input voltage's rate of rise, the C_{GD}/C_{GS} ratio, as well as the gate-source threshold of the upper MOSFET. A higher dV/dt, a lower C_{DS}/C_{GS} ratio, and a lower gate-source threshold upper FET will require a smaller resistor to diminish the effect of the internal capacitive coupling. For most applications, a 5k to 10kΩ resistor is typically sufficient, not affecting normal performance and efficiency.

The coupling effect can be roughly estimated with the following equations, which assume a fixed linear input ramp and neglect the clamping effect of the body diode of the upper drive and the bootstrap capacitor. Other parasitic components such as lead inductances and PCB capacitances are also not taken into account. These equations are provided for guidance purpose only.

Therefore, the actual coupling effect should be examined using a very high impedance (10MΩ or greater) probe to ensure a safe design margin.

$$V_{GS_MILLER} = \frac{dV}{dt} \cdot R \cdot C_{rss} \left(1 - e^{\frac{-V_{DS}}{\frac{dV}{dt} \cdot R \cdot C_{iss}}} \right) \quad (\text{EQ. 5})$$

$$R = R_{UGPH} + R_{GI} \quad C_{rss} = C_{GD} \quad C_{iss} = C_{GD} + C_{GS}$$

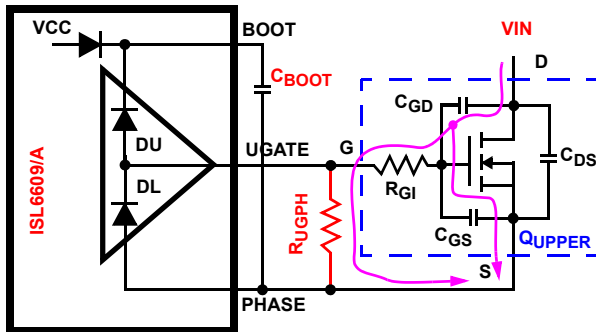
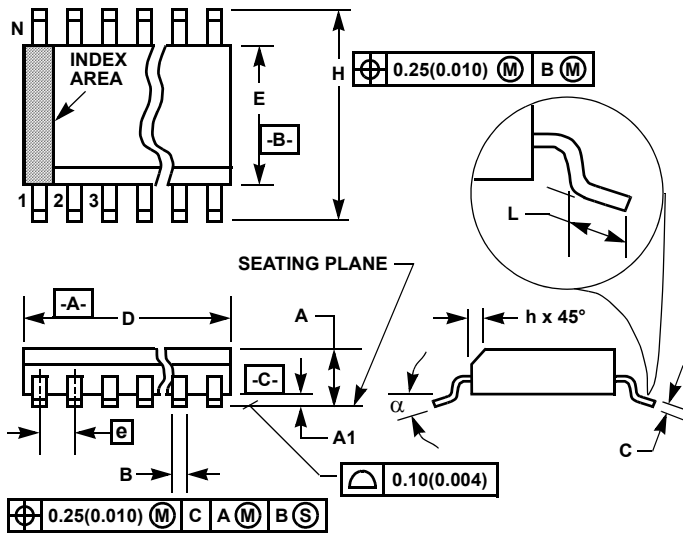


FIGURE 5. GATE TO SOURCE RESISTOR TO REDUCE UPPER MOSFET MILLER COUPLING

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Small Outline Plastic Packages (SOIC)



NOTES:

1. Symbols are defined in the "MO Series Symbol List" in Section 2.2 of Publication Number 95.
2. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M-1982.
3. Dimension "D" does not include mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusion and gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15mm (0.006 inch) per side.
4. Dimension "E" does not include interlead flash or protrusions. Interlead flash and protrusions shall not exceed 0.25mm (0.010 inch) per side.
5. The chamfer on the body is optional. If it is not present, a visual index feature must be located within the crosshatched area.
6. "L" is the length of terminal for soldering to a substrate.
7. "N" is the number of terminal positions.
8. Terminal numbers are shown for reference only.
9. The lead width "B", as measured 0.36mm (0.014 inch) or greater above the seating plane, shall not exceed a maximum value of 0.61mm (0.024 inch).
10. Controlling dimension: MILLIMETER. Converted inch dimensions are not necessarily exact.

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8 LEAD NARROW BODY SMALL OUTLINE PLASTIC PACKAGE

SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
A	0.0532	0.0688	1.35	1.75	-
A1	0.0040	0.0098	0.10	0.25	-
B	0.013	0.020	0.33	0.51	9
C	0.0075	0.0098	0.19	0.25	-
D	0.1890	0.1968	4.80	5.00	3
E	0.1497	0.1574	3.80	4.00	4
e	0.050 BSC		1.27 BSC		-
H	0.2284	0.2440	5.80	6.20	-
h	0.0099	0.0196	0.25	0.50	5
L	0.016	0.050	0.40	1.27	6
N	8		8		7
alpha	0°	8°	0°	8°	-

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