AL8866QEV1 User Guide
Boost, Buck-Boost 1A LED Driver

General Description

The AL8866Q is a Buck-Boost, Boost, Buck, and SEPIC (single-ended primary-inductance converter) DC-switching controller designed to drive an external MOSFET for high-power automotive LED applications. The AL8866Q operates within a wide input power supply range from 4.5V to 85V.

The AL8866Q is based on a fixed-frequency, peak current-mode control architecture to incorporate a spread spectrum frequency modulation technique, achieving low-EMI performance.

The AL8866Q modulates the LED current with analog or PWM dimming techniques. Analog dimming responses with over 100:1 linear range is obtained by varying the voltage at the DIM pin. PWM dimming is achieved by directly modulating the same DIM pin with the desired duty cycle.

The AL8866Q integrates a soft-start function, which limits the current through the inductor and external power switch during initialization start up. It gradually increases the inductor and switch current to minimize potential overvoltage and overcurrent at the output.

The AL8866Q, with an open-drain fault output, indicates when protection conditions trigger, such as LED output overvoltage, LED output open/short, cycle-by-cycle overcurrent protection, sense resistor and inductor/diode shorts, diode open, and thermal shutdown.

The AL8866Q is available in the enhanced thermal SO-8EP and wettable U-DFN3030-10 packages. The demo board uses an SO-8 package.

Applications

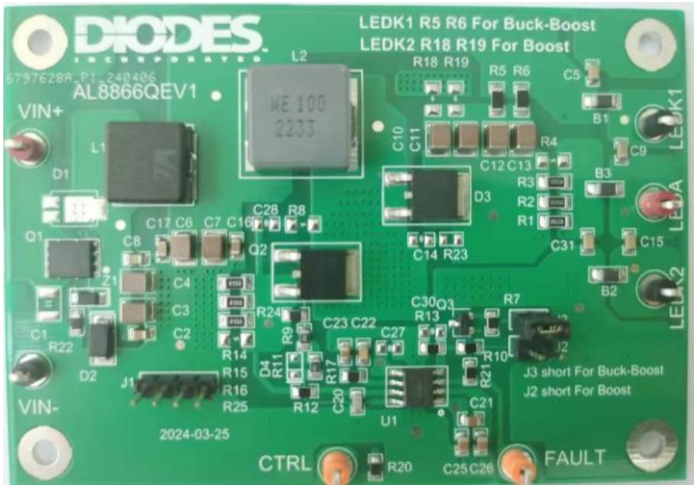
- Automotive front lighting
- Automotive high beam, low beam
- Automotive daytime running light
- Automotive fog light, turn light, and position light
- Other automotive LED lighting

Key Features

- AEC-Q100 (Grade 1) Qualified
- Wide Input Voltage Range from 4.5V to 85V
- Pre-Fixed 400kHz Switching Frequency (Factory Set)
- Spread Spectrum Frequency Modulation for Low EMI
- Analog Dimming Range: 1% to 100%
- 100% Dimming Level ±3% Current Accuracy
- 20% Dimming Level ±12% Current Accuracy
- PWM Dimming Ratio 100:1 at 200Hz PWM Frequency
- Programmable Soft Start
- Fault Status Indication for Protection
- Output Overvoltage and LED Open Circuit Protection
- Output Undervoltage and LED Short Circuit Protection
- Cycle-by-Cycle Over Current Limitation Protection
- Sense Resistor Short Circuit Protection
- Diode/Inductor Short Circuit Protection
- Diode Open Circuit Protection
- Thermal Shutdown

AL8866QEV1 Specifications

Parameter	Value
Input Voltage	9VDC to 16VDC
LED Current	1A
Number of LEDs	1~7pcs
XY Dimension	91mm x 64mm



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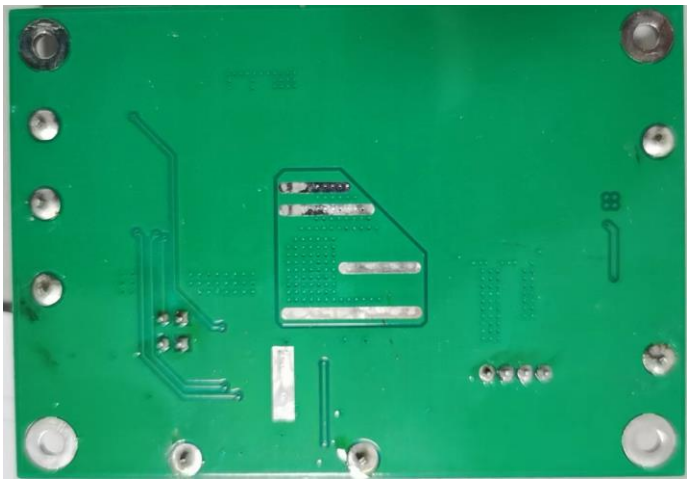


Figure 2: Bottom View

Connection Instructions & Quick Start Guide

1. Ensure that the DC source is switched OFF or disconnected before soldering or connecting.
2. By default, the LED current of the evaluation board is preset at 1000mA output.
3. Connect the anode wire of the external LED string to the LEDA connector.
4. Connect the cathode wire of the external LED string to the LEDK2 connector for Boost applications; LEDK1 connector for Buck-Boost applications. This Demo Board, by default, shorts R5, R6 using Buck-Boost Topology. The PCB optionally shorts R18, R19 for Boost topology.
5. Power Supply Input: 9~16VDC between **VIN+** and **GND**.
6. J1 is a common GND for prompt testing. J2 shorts optional for Boost OVP protection. By default, J3 shorts for buck-boost OVP. CTRL connector is used for analog and PWM dimming signal input. The fault connector is for abnormal indication.
7. Ensure that the area around the board is clear and safe. The board and LEDs are preferably enclosed in a transparent safety cover.
8. Turn on the main switch. The LED string should light up.

Evaluation Board Schematic

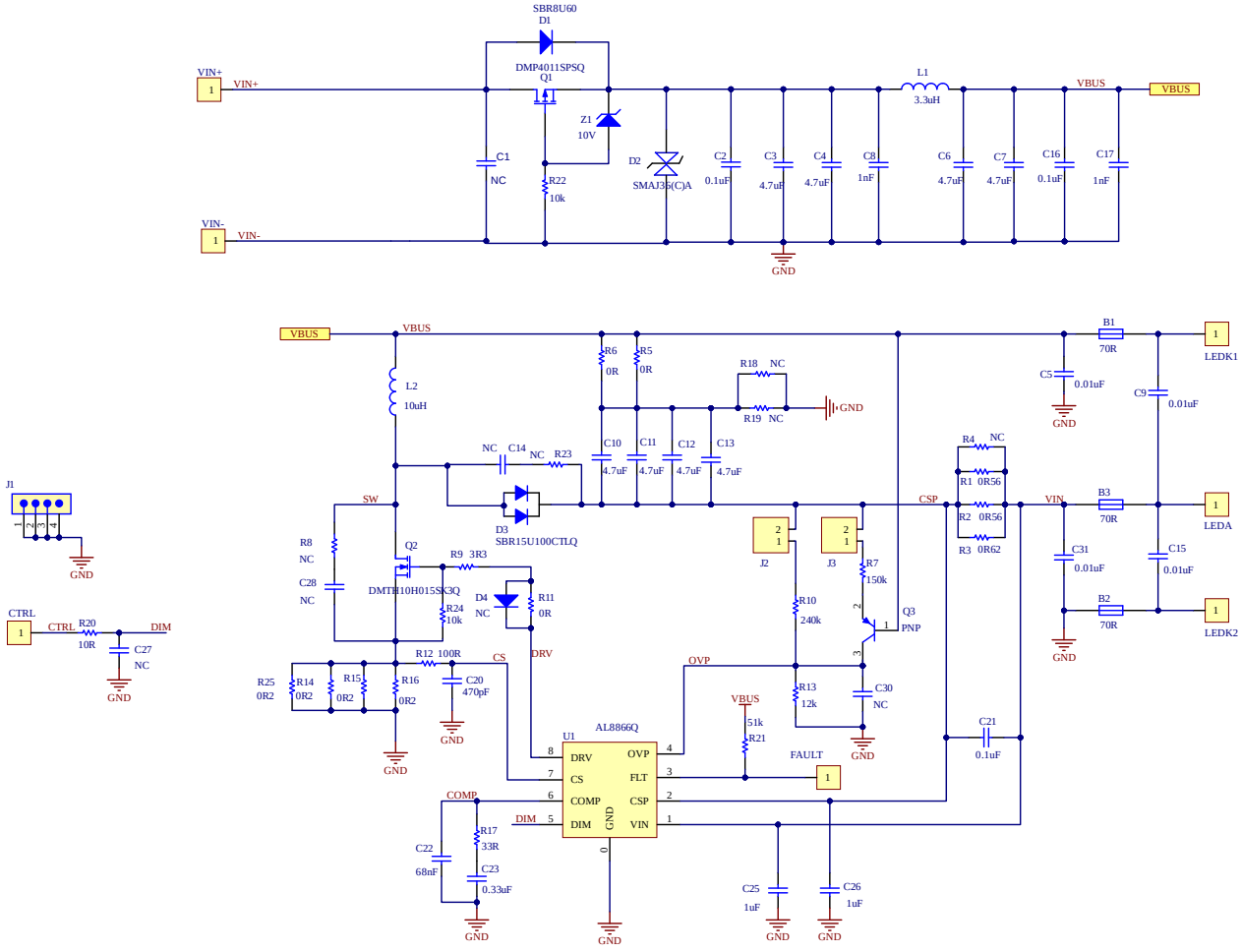


Figure 3: Evaluation Board Schematic

Evaluation Board Layout

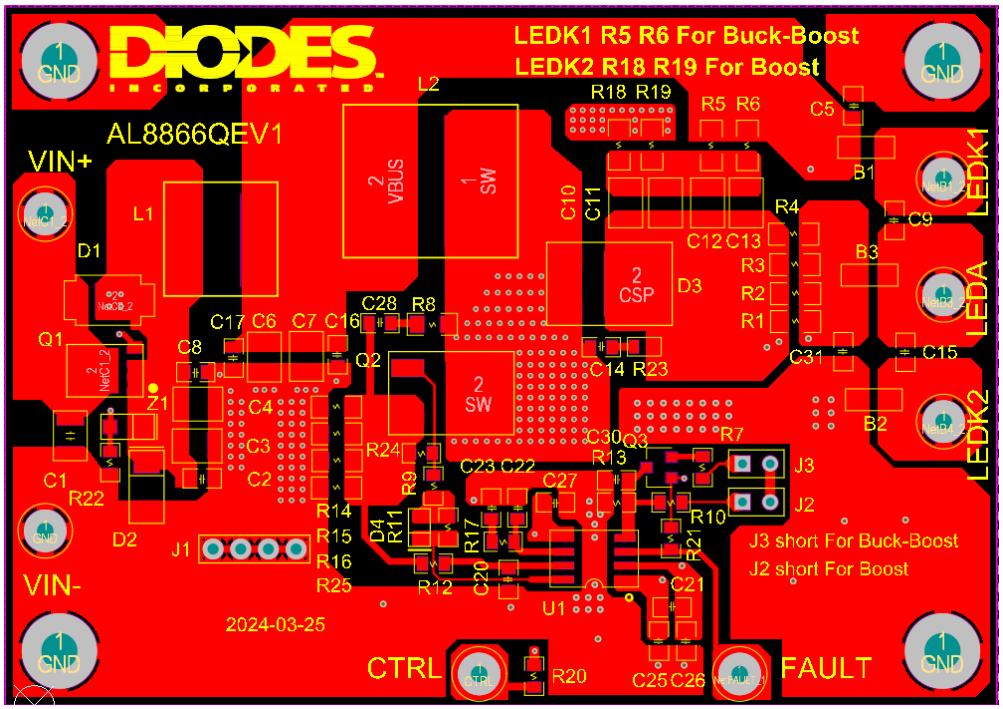


Figure 4: PCB Layout Top Layer View

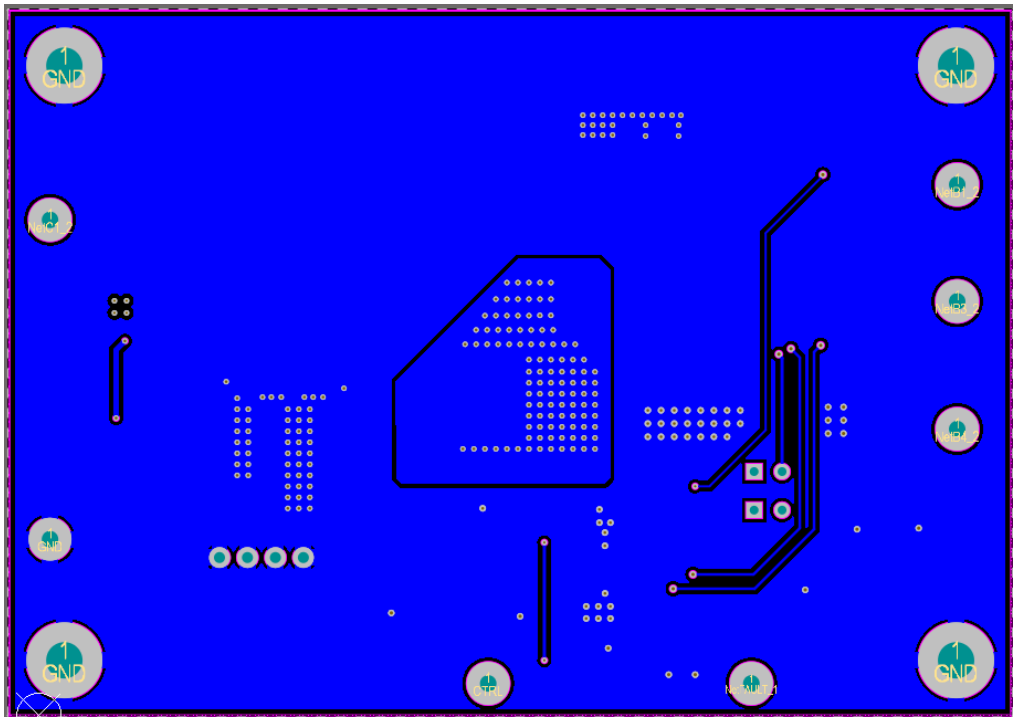


Figure 5: PCB Layout Bottom Layer View

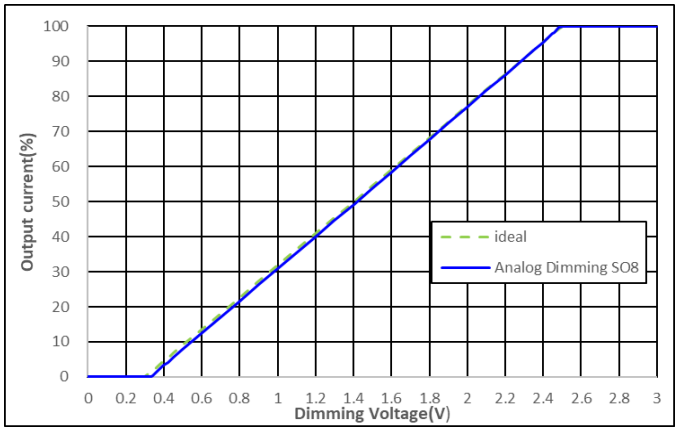
Bill of Materials

Num	Designator	Description	Quantity
1	C2, C16, C21	Cap, X7R, 100nF, 50V, 0805	3
2	C3, C4, C6, C7, C10, C11, C12, C13	Cap, X7R, 4.7uF, 100V, 1210	8
3	C8, C17	Cap, X7R, 1nF, 50V, 0805	2
4	C5, C9, C15, C31	Cap, X7R, 10nF, 50V, 0805	4
5	C20	Cap, X7R, 470pF, 50V, 0805	1
6	C22	Cap, X7R, 68nF, 50V, 0805	1
7	C23	Cap, X7R, 330nF, 50V, 0805	1
8	C25, C26	Cap, X7R, 1uF, 50V, 0805	2
9	R1	Resistor 0R62 1% 1206	1
10	R2, R3	Resistor 0R56 1% 1206	2
11	R14, R15, R16,	Resistor 0R15 1% 1/2W 1206	3
12	R5, R6	Resistor 0R 1% 1206	2
13	R7	Resistor 150k 1% 0805	1
14	R10	Resistor 240k 1% 0805	1
15	R13	Resistor 12k 1% 0805	1
16	R22, R24	Resistor 10k 1% 0805	2
17	R9, R11	Resistor 1R 1% 0805	2
18	R12	Resistor 100R 1% 0805	1
19	R17	Resistor 33R 1% 0805	1
20	R20	Resistor 10R 1% 0805	1
21	R21	Resistor 51k 1% 0805	1
22	LEDA, VIN+	Connector, Red color	2
23	LEDK1, LEDK2, VIN-	Connector, Black color	3
24	CTRL, FAULT	Connector, Yellow color	2
25	D2	Diode TVS SMAJ36CA 36V SMB DIODES	1
26	D3	Diode SBR15U100CTLQ DPAK DIODES	1
27	Z1	Diode BZT52C10Q 10V SOD123 DIODES	1
28	J1	Connector_4PIN_2.54mm	1
29	J2, J3	Connector_2PIN_2.54mm	2
30	J3	Jumper for CON J3	1
31	B1, B2, B3	BeadCore,70R 2.5A 74279215 WURTH	3
32	L1	Inductor SMD 3.3uH 12A, 784325033 WURTH	1
33	L2	Inductor SMD 10uH 8.8A, 744373965100 WURTH	1
34	Q1	P-MOS, DMP4011SPSQ, DI5060 DIODES	1
35	Q2	N-MOS, DMTH10H015SK3Q DPAK DIODES	1
36	Q3	TR PNP ZXTP5401FLQ SOT23 DIODES	1
37	U1	IC AL8866QSP-13 DIODES	1
38	PCB	PCB FR4 2sides, 1.6mm 2OZ,113X58.6mm	1
39	Package	Inner package	1
40	Label	Label	1

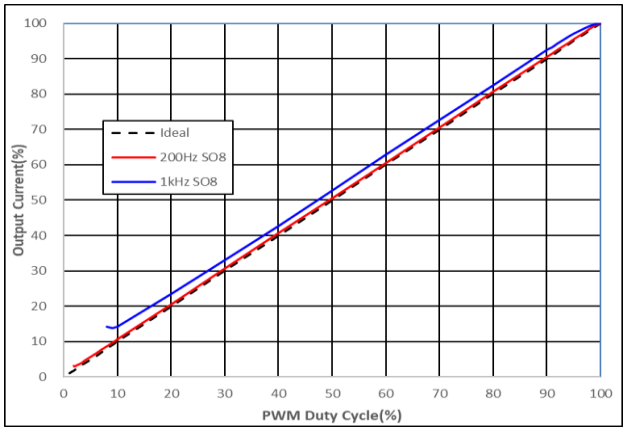
Efficiency Test

Input(V)	Iin(A)	Pin(W)	Io(A)	Vo(V)	Po(W)	Eff(%)
9.0	2.580	23.22	1.013	20.27	20.53	88.4
10.0	2.322	23.22	1.012	20.34	20.58	88.6
11.0	2.105	23.16	1.012	20.32	20.56	88.8
12.0	1.927	23.12	1.012	20.35	20.59	89.1
13.0	1.776	23.09	1.012	20.32	20.56	89.1
14.0	1.650	23.10	1.012	20.33	20.57	89.1
15.0	1.541	23.12	1.012	20.34	20.58	89.1
16.0	1.447	23.15	1.012	20.35	20.59	89.0

Dimming Curve



Analog Dimming



PWM Dimming

Operating Waveforms

Turn On & Off by Vin, Buck-Boost, Test condition: VIN=12V, Io=1A Vo=21V

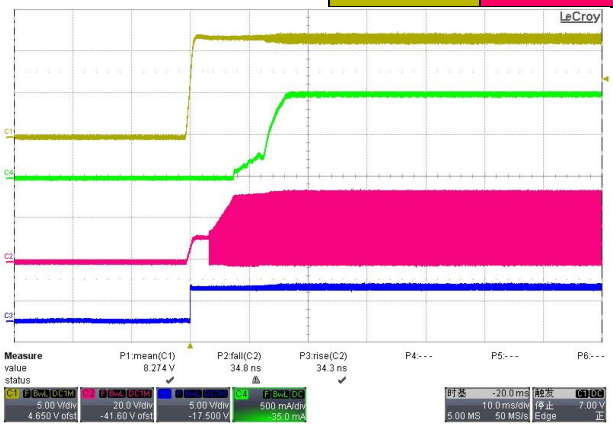
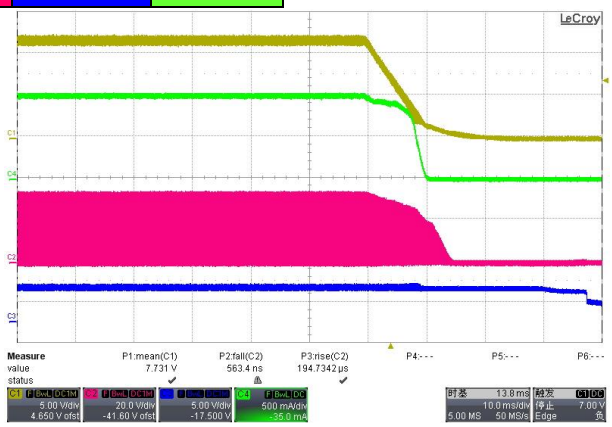


Figure 6 Turn on @ DIM Floating



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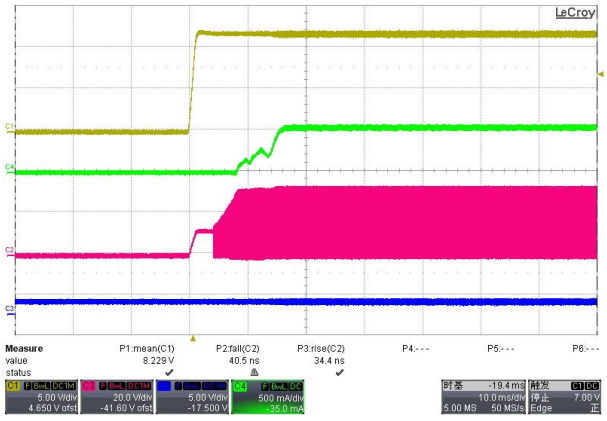

Figure 8 Turn on @ADim= 1.5V

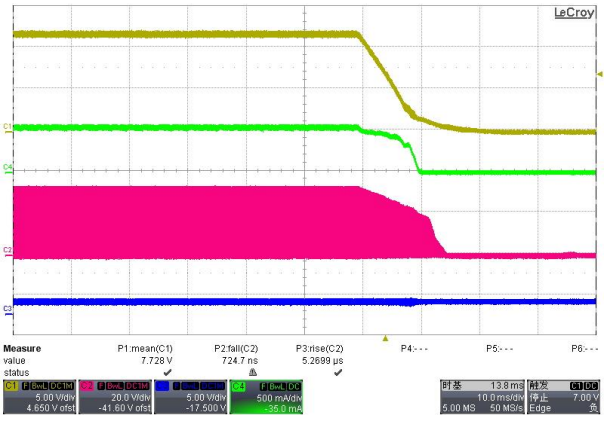

Figure 9 Turn off @ ADim= 1.5V

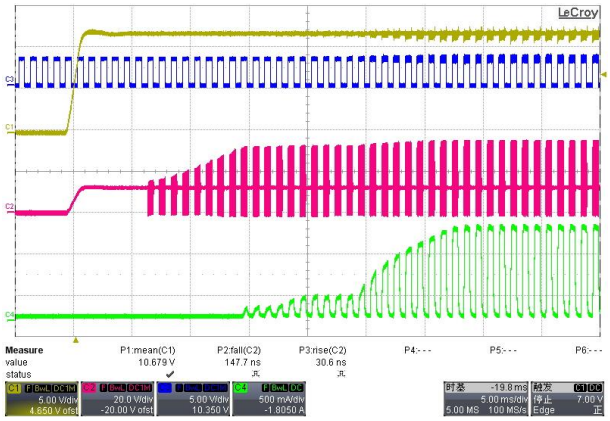

Figure 10 Turn on @ PWM=50% 1kHz

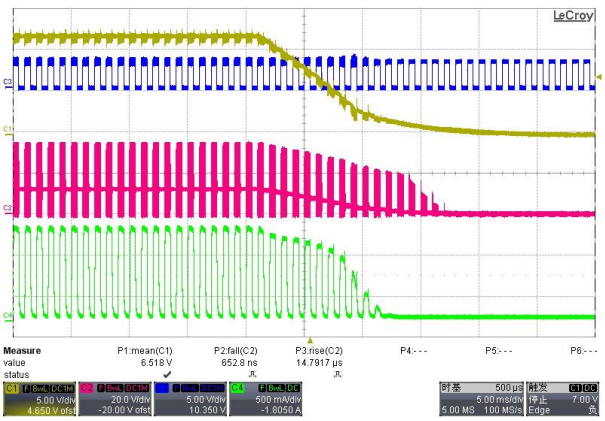

Figure 11 Turn off @ PWM=50% 1kHz

Operating Waveforms (continued)

Stable Operating, Buck-Boost, VIN=12V, Io=1A Vo=21V

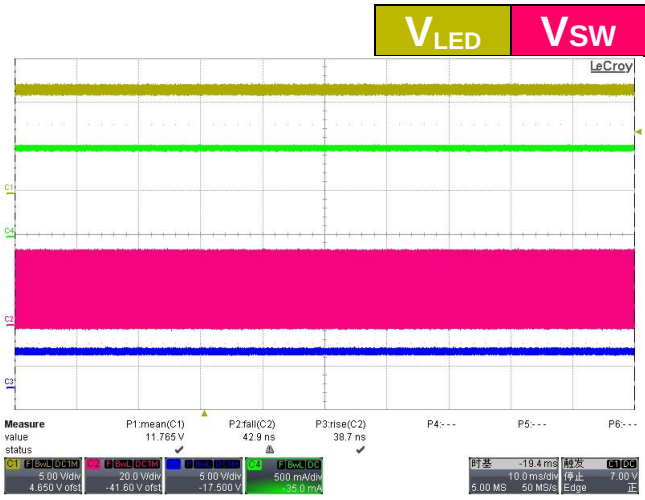

Figure 12 Stable waveform at Dim Float

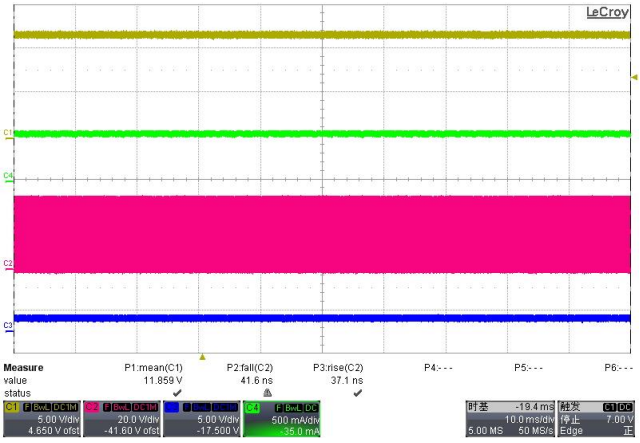

Figure 13 Stable waveform at Dim=1.5V

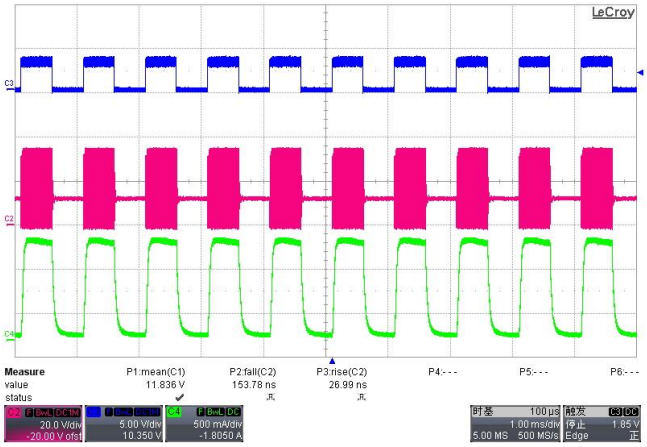

Figure 14 PWM Dimming at 1kHz 50%

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