

LM2621 Low Input Voltage, Step-Up DC-DC Converter

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FEATURES

- **Small VSSOP8 Package (Half the Footprint of Standard 8-Pin SOIC Package)**
- **1.09 mm Package Height**
- **Up to 2 MHz Switching Frequency**
- **1.2V to 14V Input Voltage**
- **1.24V - 14V Adjustable Output Voltage**
- **Up to 1A Load Current**
- **0.17 Ω Internal MOSFET**
- **Up to 90% Regulator Efficiency**
- **80 μ A Typical Operating Current**
- **<2.5 μ A Ensured Supply Current In Shutdown**

APPLICATIONS

- PDAs, Cellular Phones
- 2-Cell and 3-Cell Battery-Operated Equipment
- PCMCIA Cards, Memory Cards
- Flash Memory Programming
- TFT/LCD Applications
- 3.3V to 5.0V Conversion
- GPS Devices
- Two-Way Pagers
- Palmtop Computers
- Hand-Held Instruments

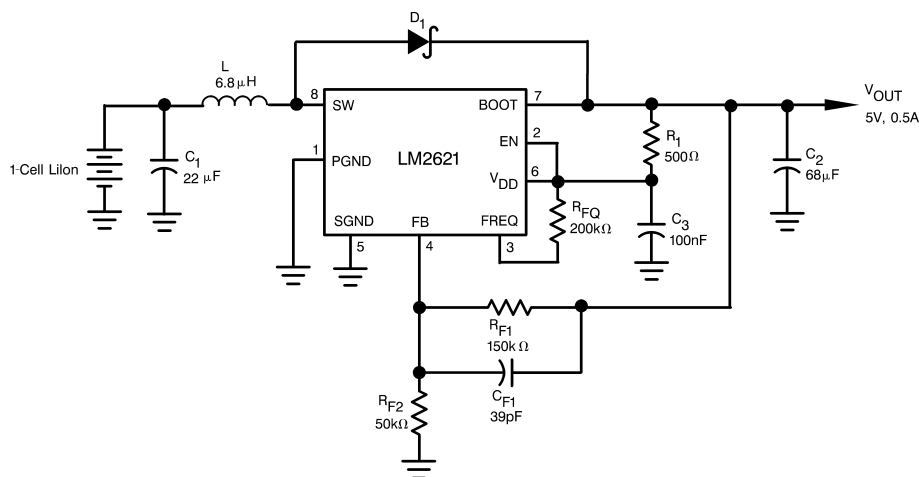
DESCRIPTION

The LM2621 is a high efficiency, step-up DC-DC switching regulator for battery-powered and low input voltage systems. It accepts an input voltage between 1.2V and 14V and converts it into a regulated output voltage. The output voltage can be adjusted between 1.24V and 14V. It has an internal 0.17 Ω N-Channel MOSFET power switch. Efficiencies up to 90% are achievable using the LM2621.

The high switching frequency (adjustable up to 2MHz) of the LM2621 allows for tiny surface mount inductors and capacitors. Because of the unique constant-duty-cycle gated oscillator topology very high efficiencies are realized over a wide load range. The supply current is reduced to 80 μ A because of the BiCMOS process technology. In the shutdown mode, the supply current is less than 2.5 μ A.

The LM2621 is available in a VSSOP-8 package. This package uses half the board area of a standard 8-pin SOIC and has a height of just 1.09 mm.

Typical Application Circuit



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Connection Diagram

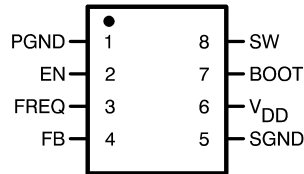


Figure 1. VSSOP-8 (DGK) Package - Top View



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

SW Pin Voltage	-0.5 V to 14.5V
BOOT, V _{DD} , EN and FB Pins	-0.5V to 10V
FREQ Pin	100μA
θ _{JA} ⁽³⁾	240°C/W
T _{Jmax} ⁽³⁾	150°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Lead Temp. (Soldering, 5 sec)	260°C
Power Dissipation (T _A =25°C) ⁽³⁾	500mW
ESD Rating ⁽⁴⁾	2kV

- (1) Absolute maximum ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Electrical specifications do not apply when operating the device outside of its rated operating conditions.
- (2) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.
- (3) The maximum power dissipation must be derated at elevated temperatures and is dictated by T_{Jmax} (maximum junction temperature), θ_{JA} (junction to ambient thermal resistance), and T_A (ambient temperature). The maximum allowable power dissipation at any temperature is P_{dmax} = (T_{Jmax} - T_A) / θ_{JA} or the number given in the Absolute Maximum Ratings, whichever is lower.
- (4) The human body model is a 100 pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5 kΩ resistor into each pin. For Pin 8 (SW) the ESD rating is 1.5 kV.

OPERATING CONDITIONS⁽¹⁾

V _{DD} Pin	2.5V to 5V
FB, EN Pins	0 to V _{DD}
BOOT Pin	0 to 10V
Ambient Temperature (T _A)	-40°C to +85°C

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Limits in standard typeface are for $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and limits in **boldface** type apply over the full operating temperature range of -40°C to $+85^\circ\text{C}$. Unless otherwise specified: $V_{DD} = V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$.

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Typ	Min	Max	Units
V_{IN_ST}	Minimum Start-Up Supply Voltage ⁽¹⁾	$I_{LOAD} = 0\text{mA}$	1.1		1.2	V
V_{IN_OP}	Minimum Operating Supply Voltage (once started)	$I_{LOAD} = 0\text{mA}$	0.65			V
V_{FB}	FB Pin Voltage		1.24	1.2028	1.2772	V
V_{OUT_MAX}	Maximum Output Voltage		14			V
V_{HYST}	Hysteresis Voltage ⁽²⁾		30		45	mV
η	Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}; V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}; I_{LOAD} = 500\text{mA}$	87			%
		$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{V}; V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}; I_{LOAD} = 200\text{mA}$	87			
D	Switch Duty Cycle		70	60	80	%
I_{DD}	Operating Quiescent Current ⁽³⁾	FB Pin > 1.3V; EN Pin at V_{DD}	80		110	μA
I_{SD}	Shutdown Quiescent Current ⁽²⁾	V_{DD} , BOOT and SW Pins at 5.0V; EN Pin < 200mV	0.01		2.5	μA
I_{CL}	Switch Peak Current Limit		2.85			A
R_{DS_ON}	MOSFET Switch On Resistance		0.17			Ω
Enable Section						
V_{EN_LO}	EN Pin Voltage Low ⁽⁴⁾				0.15V_{DD}	V
V_{EN_HI}	EN Pin Voltage High ⁽⁴⁾			0.7V_{DD}		V

(1) Output in regulation, $V_{OUT} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)} \pm 5\%$

(2) This is the total current into pins V_{DD} , BOOT, SW and FREQ.

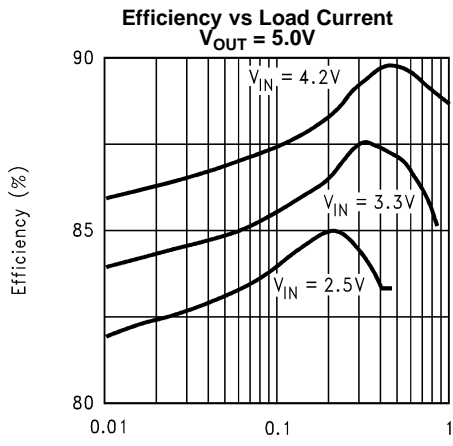
(3) This is the current into the V_{DD} pin.

(4) When the EN pin is below V_{EN_LO} , the regulator is shut down; when it is above V_{EN_HI} , the regulator is operating.

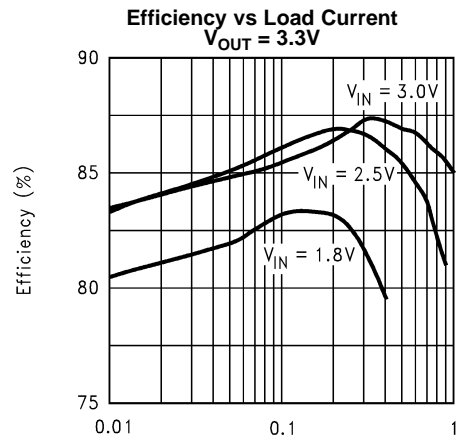
PIN DESCRIPTION

Pin	Name	Function
1	PGND	Power Ground
2	EN	Active-Low Shutdown Input
3	FREQ	Frequency Adjust. An external resistor connected between this pin and Pin 6 (V_{DD}) sets the switching frequency of the LM2621.
4	FB	Output Voltage Feedback
5	SGND	Signal Ground
6	V_{DD}	Power Supply for Internal Circuitry
7	BOOT	Bootstrap Supply for the Gate Drive of Internal MOSFET Power Switch
8	SW	Drain of the Internal MOSFET Power Switch

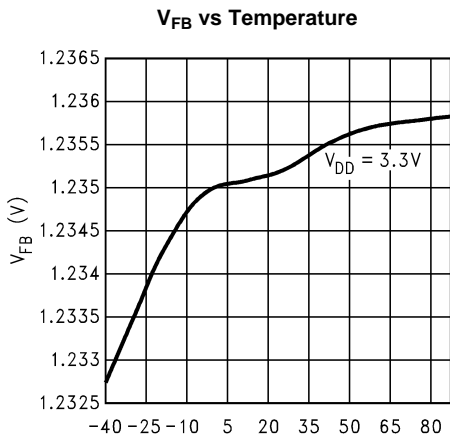
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



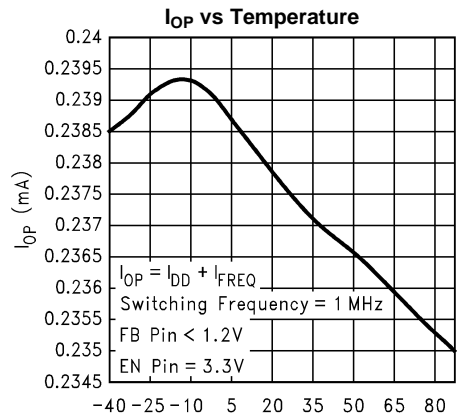
Load Current (A)
Figure 2.



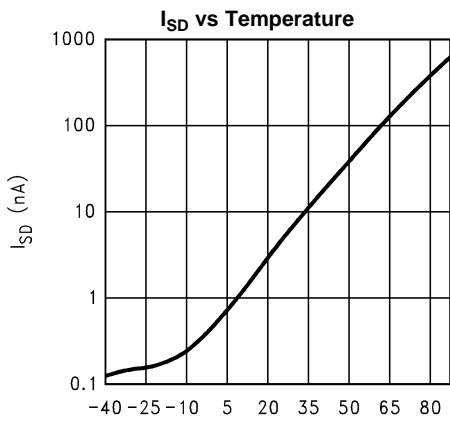
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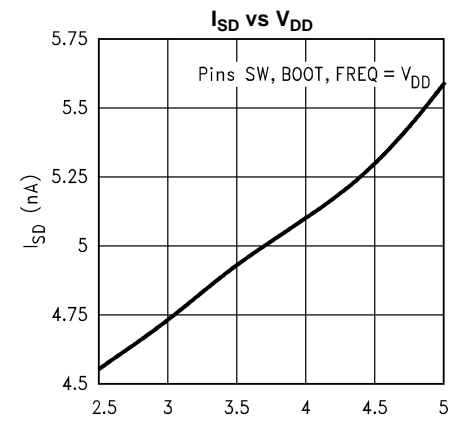
Temperature (°C)
Figure 4.



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Figure 5.



Temperature (°C)
Figure 6.



VDD (V)
Figure 7.

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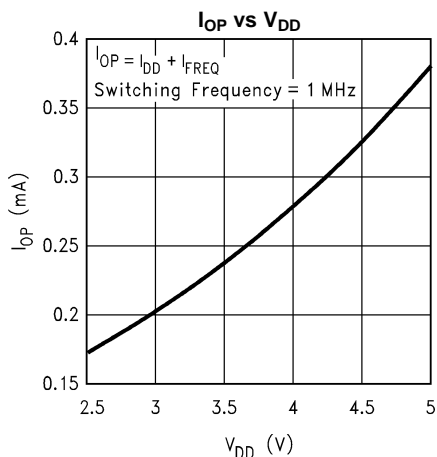


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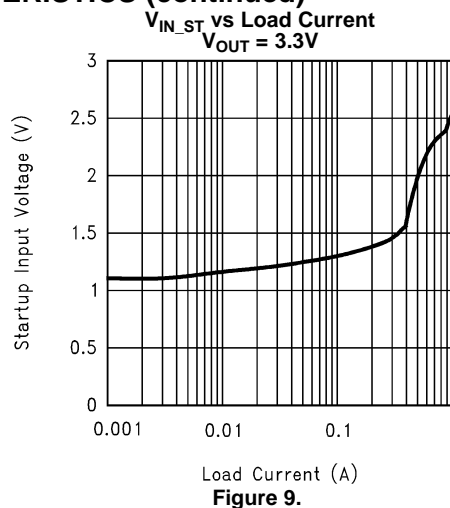


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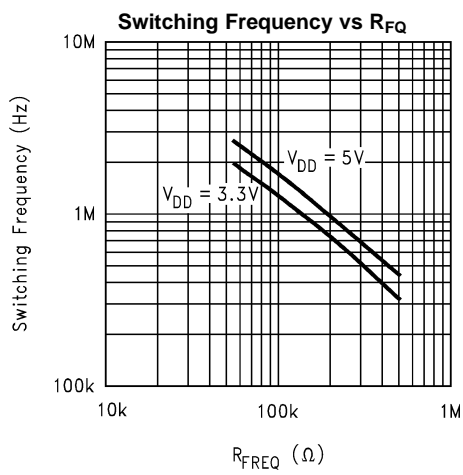


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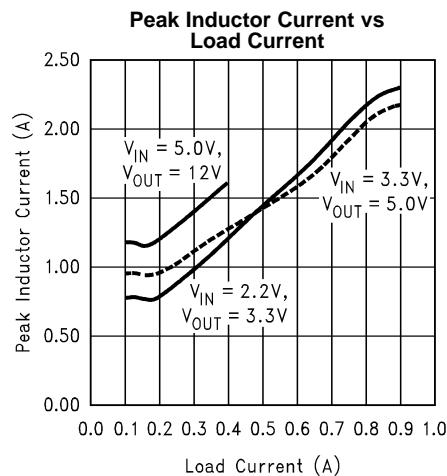


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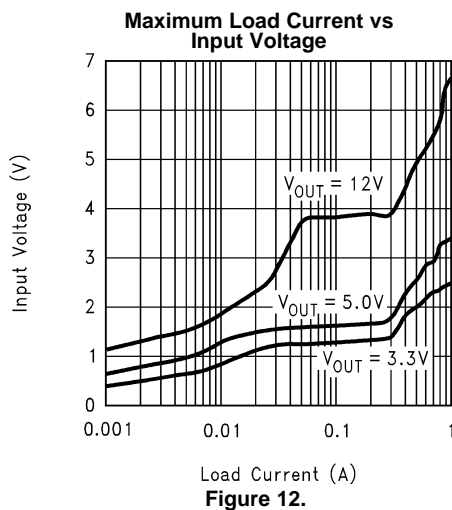


Figure 12.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The LM2621 is designed to provide step-up DC-DC voltage regulation in battery-powered and low-input voltage systems. It combines a step-up switching regulator, N-channel power MOSFET, built-in current limit, thermal limit, and voltage reference in a single 8-pin VSSOP package [Figure 13](#). The switching DC-DC regulator boosts an input voltage between 1.2V and 14V to a regulated output voltage between 1.24V and 14V. The LM2621 starts from a low 1.1V input and remains operational down to 0.65V.

This device is optimized for use in cellular phones and other applications requiring a small size, low profile, as well as low quiescent current for maximum battery life during stand-by and shutdown. A high-efficiency gated-oscillator topology offers an output of up to 1A.

Additional features include a built-in peak switch current limit, and thermal protection circuitry.

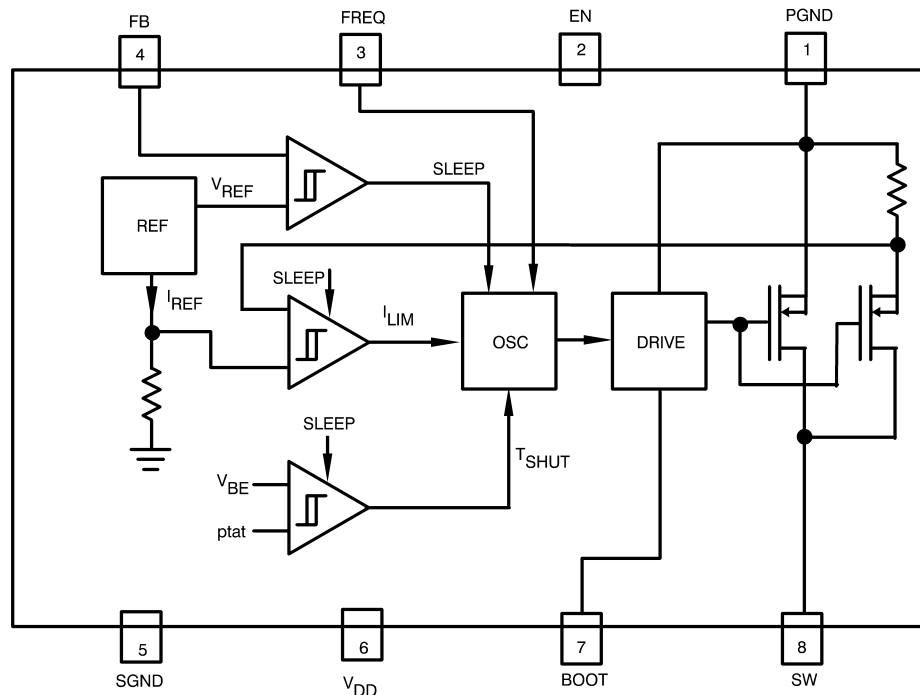


Figure 13. Functional Diagram

GATED OSCILLATOR CONTROL SCHEME

A unique gated oscillator control scheme enables the LM2621 to have an ultra-low quiescent current and provides a high efficiency over a wide load range. The switching frequency of the internal oscillator is programmable using an external resistor and can be set between 300 kHz and 2 MHz.

This control scheme uses a hysteresis window to regulate the output voltage. When the output voltage is below the upper threshold of the window, the LM2621 switches continuously with a fixed duty cycle of 70% at the switching frequency selected by the user. During the first part of each switching cycle, the internal N-channel MOSFET switch is turned on. This causes the current to ramp up in the inductor and store energy. During the second part of each switching cycle, the MOSFET is turned off. The voltage across the inductor reverses and forces current through the diode to the output filter capacitor and the load. Thus when the LM2621 switches continuously, the output voltage starts to ramp up. When the output voltage hits the upper threshold of the window, the LM2621 stops switching completely. This causes the output voltage to droop because the energy stored in the output capacitor is depleted by the load. When the output voltage hits the lower threshold of the hysteresis window, the LM2621 starts switching continuously again causing the output voltage to ramp up towards the upper threshold. [Figure 14](#) shows the switch voltage and output voltage waveforms.

Because of this type of control scheme, the quiescent current is inherently very low. At light loads the gated oscillator control scheme offers a much higher efficiency compared to the conventional PWM control scheme.

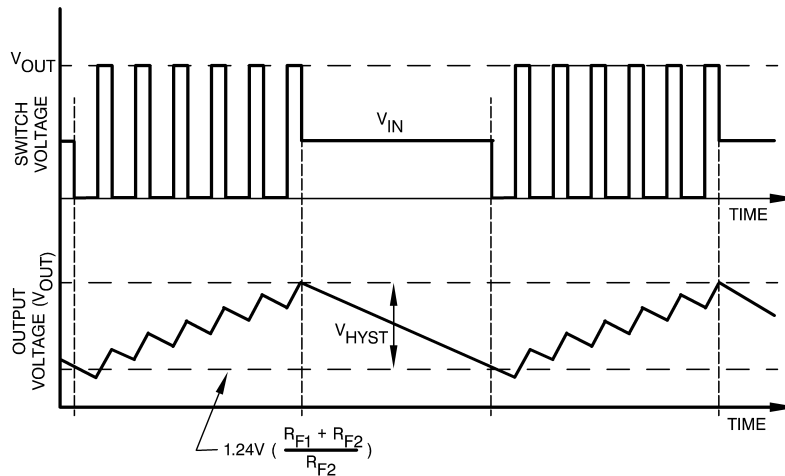


Figure 14. Typical Step-Up Regulator Waveforms

LOW VOLTAGE START-UP

The LM2621 can start-up from input voltages as low as 1.1V. On start-up, the control circuitry switches the N-channel MOSFET continuously at 70% duty cycle until the output voltage reaches 2.5V. After this output voltage is reached, the normal step-up regulator feedback and gated oscillator control scheme take over. Once the device is in regulation it can operate down to a 0.65V input, since the internal power for the IC can be bootstrapped from the output using the V_{DD} pin.

SHUTDOWN

The LM2621 features a shutdown mode that reduces the quiescent current to less than a ensured 2.5 μ A over temperature. This extends the life of the battery in battery powered applications. During shutdown, all feedback and control circuitry is turned off. The regulator's output voltage drops to one diode drop below the input voltage. Entry into the shutdown mode is controlled by the active-low logic input pin EN (Pin 2). When the logic input to this pin pulled below 0.15 V_{DD} , the device goes into shutdown mode. The logic input to this pin should be above 0.7 V_{DD} for the device to work in normal step-up mode.

OUTPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE FREQUENCY

A major component of the output voltage ripple is due to the hysteresis used in the gated oscillator control scheme. The frequency of this voltage ripple is proportional to the load current. The frequency of this ripple does not necessitate the use of larger inductors and capacitors however, since the size of these components is determined by the switching frequency of the oscillator which can be set upto 2MHz using an external resistor.

INTERNAL CURRENT LIMIT AND THERMAL PROTECTION

An internal cycle-by-cycle current limit serves as a protection feature. This is set high enough (2.85A typical, approximately 4A maximum) so as not to come into effect during normal operating conditions. An internal thermal protection circuitry disables the MOSFET power switch when the junction temperature (T_J) exceeds about 160°C. The switch is re-enabled when T_J drops below approximately 135°C.

Design Procedure

SETTING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The output voltage of the step-up regulator can be set between 1.24V and 14V by connecting a feedback resistive divider made of R_{F1} and R_{F2} . The resistor values are selected as follows:

$$R_{F2} = R_{F1} / [(V_{OUT} / 1.24) - 1] \quad (1)$$

A value of 150k Ω is suggested for R_{F1} . Then, R_{F2} can be selected using the above equation. A 39pF capacitor (C_{F1}) connected across R_{F1} helps in feeding back most of the AC ripple at V_{OUT} to the FB pin. This helps reduce the peak-to-peak output voltage ripple as well as improve the efficiency of the step-up regulator, because a set hysteresis of 30mV at the FB pin is used for the gated oscillator control scheme.

BOOTSTRAPPING

When the output voltage (V_{OUT}) is between 2.5V and 5.0V a bootstrapped operation is suggested. This is achieved by connecting the V_{DD} pin (Pin 6) to V_{OUT} . However if the V_{OUT} is outside this range, the V_{DD} pin should be connected to a voltage source whose range is between 2.5V and 5V. This can be the input voltage (V_{IN}), V_{OUT} stepped down using a linear regulator, or a different voltage source available in the system. This is referred to as non-bootstrapped operation. The maximum acceptable voltage at the BOOT pin (Pin 7) is 10V.

SETTING THE SWITCHING FREQUENCY

The switching frequency of the oscillator is selected by choosing an external resistor (R_{FQ}) connected between FREQ and V_{DD} pins. See the graph titled "[Switching Frequency vs RFQ](#)" in the [TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS](#) section of the datasheet for choosing the R_{FQ} value to achieve the desired switching frequency. A high switching frequency allows the use of very small surface mount inductors and capacitors and results in a very small solution size. A switching frequency between 300kHz and 2MHz is recommended.

INDUCTOR SELECTION

The LM2621's high switching frequency enables the use of a small surface mount inductor. A 6.8 μ H shielded inductor is suggested. The inductor should have a saturation current rating higher than the peak current it will experience during circuit operation (see graph titled "[Peak Inductor Current vs. Load Current](#)" in the [TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS](#) section). Less than 100m Ω ESR is suggested for high efficiency.

Open-core inductors cause flux linkage with circuit components and interfere with the normal operation of the circuit. They should be avoided. For high efficiency, choose an inductor with a high frequency core material, such as ferrite, to reduce the core losses. To minimize radiated noise, use a toroid, pot core or shielded core inductor. The inductor should be connected to the SW pin as close to the IC as possible. See [Table 1](#) for a list of the inductor manufacturers.

OUTPUT DIODE SELECTION

A Schottky diode should be used for the output diode. The forward current rating of the diode should be higher than the load current, and the reverse voltage rating must be higher than the output voltage. Do not use ordinary rectifier diodes, since slow switching speeds and long recovery times cause the efficiency and the load regulation to suffer. [Table 1](#) shows a list of the diode manufacturers.

INPUT AND OUTPUT FILTER CAPACITORS SELECTION

Tantalum chip capacitors are recommended for the input and output filter capacitors. A 22 μ F capacitor is suggested for the input filter capacitor. It should have a DC working voltage rating higher than the maximum input voltage. A 68 μ F tantalum capacitor is suggested for the output capacitor. The DC working voltage rating should be greater than the output voltage. Very high ESR values (>3 Ω) should be avoided. [Table 1](#) shows a list of the capacitor manufacturers.

Table 1. Suggested Manufacturers List

Inductors	Capacitors	Diodes
Coilcraft Tel: (800) 322-2645 Fax: (708) 639-1469	Sprague/ Vishay Tel: (207) 324-4140 Fax: (207) 324-7223	Motorola Tel: (800) 521-6274 Fax: (602) 244-6609
Coiltronics Tel: (407) 241-7876 Fax: (407) 241-9339	Kemet Tel: (864) 963-6300 Fax: (864) 963-6521	International Rectifier (IR) Tel: (310) 322-3331 Fax: (310) 322-3332
Pulse Engineering Tel: (619) 674-8100 Fax: (619) 674-8262	Nichicon Tel: (847) 843-7500 Fax: (847) 843-2798	General Semiconductor Tel: (516) 847-3222 Fax: (516) 847-3150

PC BOARD LAYOUT

High switching frequencies and high peak currents make a proper layout of the PC board an important part of design. Poor design can cause excessive EMI and ground-bounce, both of which can cause malfunction and loss of regulation by corrupting voltage feedback signal and injecting noise into the control section.

Power components - such as the inductor, input and output filter capacitors, and output diode - should be placed as close to the regulator IC as possible, and their traces should be kept short, direct and wide. The ground pins of the input and output filter capacitors and the PGND and SGND pins of LM2621 should be connected using short, direct and wide traces. The voltage feedback network (R_{F1} , R_{F2} , and C_{F1}) should be kept very close to the FB pin. Noisy traces, such as from the SW pin, should be kept away from the FB and V_{DD} pins. The traces that run between V_{out} and the FB pin of the IC should be kept away from the inductor flux. Always provide sufficient copper area to dissipate the heat due to power loss in the circuitry and prevent the thermal protection circuitry in the IC from shutting the IC down.

Application examples

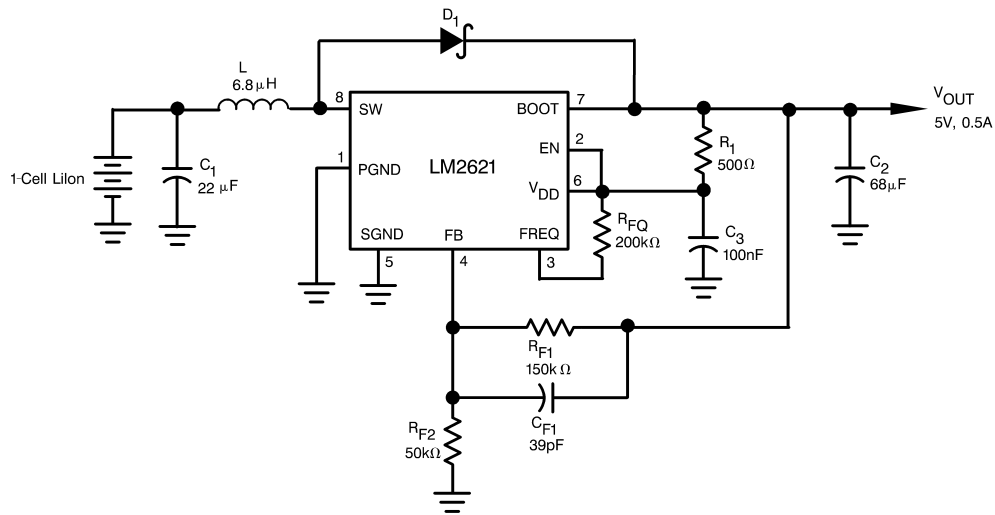


Figure 15. EXAMPLE 1 – 5V/0.5A Step-Up Regulator

U1	Texas Instruments	LM2621MM
C1	Vishay/Sprague	595D226X06R3B2T, Tantalum
C2	Vishay/Sprague	595D686X0010C2T, Tantalum
D1	Motorola	MBRS140T3
L	Coilcraft	DT1608C-682

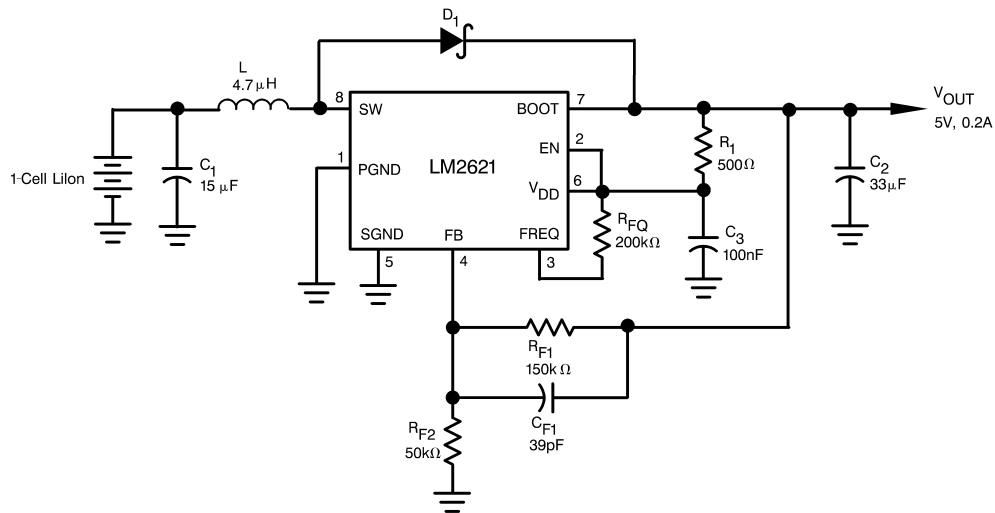


Figure 16. EXAMPLE 2 – 2mm Tall 5V/0.2A Step-Up Regulator for Low Profile Applications

U1	Texas Instruments	LM2621MM
C1	Vishay/Sprague	592D156X06R3B2T, Tantalum
C2	Vishay/Sprague	592D336X06R3C2T, Tantalum
D1	Motorola	MBRS140T3
L	Vishay/Dale	ILS-3825-03

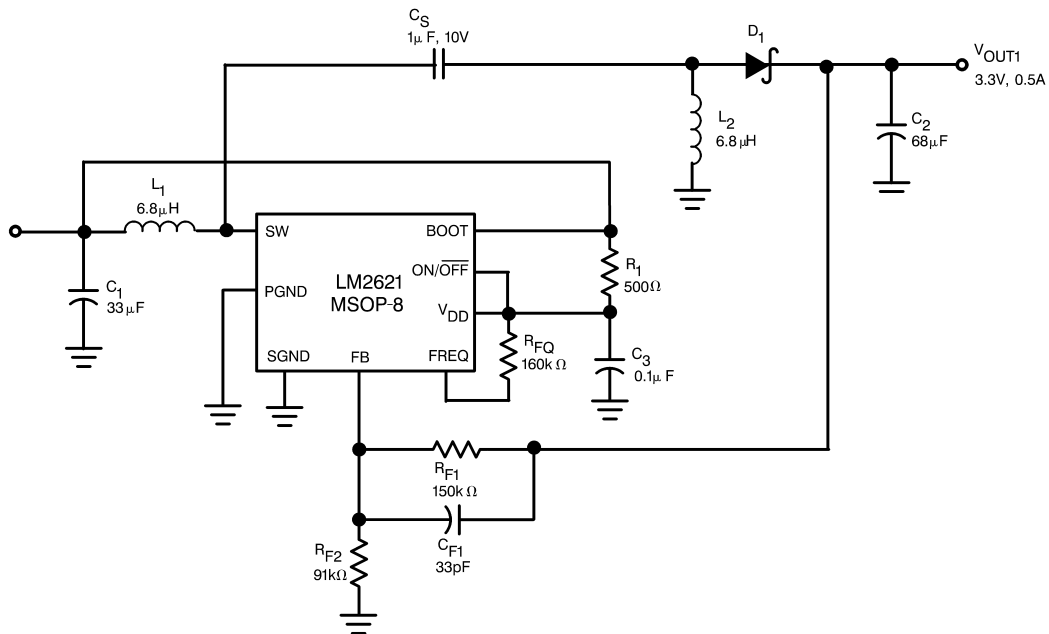


Figure 17. EXAMPLE 3 – 3.3V/0.5A SEPIC Regulator

U1	Texas Instruments	LM2621MM
C1	Vishay/Sprague	595D226X06R3B2T, Tantalum
C2	Vishay/Sprague	595D686X0010C2T, Tantalum
D1	Motorola	MBRS140T3
L1, L2	Coilcraft	DT1608C-682
CS	Vishay/Vitramon	VJ1210Y105M, Ceramic

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
LM2621MM/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	S06A	Samples
LM2621MMX	NRND	VSSOP	DGK	8		TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 85	S06A	
LM2621MMX/NOPB	ACTIVE	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 85	S06A	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.

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PREVIEW: Device has been announced but is not in production. Samples may or may not be available.

OBSELETE: TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) Eco Plan - The planned eco-friendly classification: Pb-Free (RoHS), Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt), or Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) - please check <http://www.ti.com/productcontent> for the latest availability information and additional product content details.

TBD: The Pb-Free/Green conversion plan has not been defined.

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Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt): This component has a RoHS exemption for either 1) lead-based flip-chip solder bumps used between the die and package, or 2) lead-based die adhesive used between the die and leadframe. The component is otherwise considered Pb-Free (RoHS compatible) as defined above.

Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br): TI defines "Green" to mean Pb-Free (RoHS compatible), and free of Bromine (Br) and Antimony (Sb) based flame retardants (Br or Sb do not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous material)

(3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

(6) Lead/Ball Finish - Orderable Devices may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead/Ball Finish values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

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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
LM2621MM/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LM2621MMX/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	330.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
LM2621MM/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	1000	210.0	185.0	35.0
LM2621MMX/NOPB	VSSOP	DGK	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0

DGK (S-PDSO-G8)

PLASTIC SMALL-OUTLINE PACKAGE



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- A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
 - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
 - C. Body length does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 per end.
 - D. Body width does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.50 per side.
 - E. Falls within JEDEC MO-187 variation AA, except interlead flash.



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 - C. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
 - D. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.
 - E. Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads.

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