# LT3120

# 26V, 9A Synchronous Buck-Boost DC/DC Converter with Accurate Programmable Output Current Limit

### DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 2815A features the LT®3120, as wide operating range synchronous monolithic buck-boost converter with programmable output current limit.

The DC2815A demo board has four user selectable operating modes:

- An accurate programmable EN/UVLO pin which is used to ENABLE the converter (JP1).
- Programmable MPPC (Maximum Power Point Control) for Input Regulation Set Point (JP2).
- Burst Mode<sup>®</sup> operation and External CLK/Fixed Frequency PWM (JP3).
- Programmable Output Average Current Limit Set Point (JP4).

The LT3120 uses average current mode control to simplify voltage loop compensation and provide good line and load transient response.

The DC2815A operates with a 2.5V to 26V input voltage range. The demo board has been designed with the output voltage set to 5V. The LT3120 incorporates a proprietary low noise switching algorithm which optimizes efficiency with input voltages above, below or equal to the output voltage and ensures seamless transitions between operating modes.

In PWM mode, the switching frequency can operate between 400kHz to 2MHz by programming the  $R_T$  resistor R5. LT3120 can be synchronized to an External CLK provided  $R_T$  is programmed 25% to 50% below the synchronization frequency.

The LT3120 has an optional programmable current limit that can be used to control the output current. The current limit circuit requires an external sense resistor connected between ISP and ISN and the current limit value can be set by adjusting R6 and C26 connected to PROG pin.

LT3120 also has programmable MPPC feature to set the input regulation voltage and can be adjusted by changing R13, R14 and C28.

Figure 2 shows typical demo board efficiency. Figure 3 and Figure 4 shows the load step response.

The LT3120 data sheet has detailed information about the operation, specifications, and applications of the part. The data sheet should be read in conjunction with this quick start guide.

#### Design files for this circuit board are available.

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#### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY** Specifications are at T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C

PARAMETER	CONDITION	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNIT	
Input Voltage V <sub>IN</sub> Range	Operating	2.5		26	V	
Switching Frequency (f <sub>SW</sub> )		1		MHz		
Output Voltage V <sub>OUT</sub>		5		V		
Output Current I <sub>OUT</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> > 5V		6.5		A	
Efficiency			See Figure 2			

Note: Demo board output current is a function of input voltage. Please refer to the data sheet for more information.

Using short twisted pair leads for any power connections and with all loads and power supplies off, refer to Figure 1 for the proper measurement and equipment setup. The Power Supply (PS1) should not be connected to the circuit until told to do so in the procedure below.

When measuring the input or output voltage ripple, care must be taken to avoid a long ground lead on the oscilloscope probe. Measure the input or output voltage ripple by touching the probe tip directly across the VIN or VOUT and GND terminals, or by using an oscilloscope probe tip jack.

- 1. Jumper and PS1 settings to start:
  - PS1 = OFF

LOAD = OFF

JP1 (EN) = ON

- JP2 (MPPC) = OFF
- JP3 (MODE) = FIXED FREQ
- JP4 (PROG) = OFF
- 2. With power OFF connect the power supply (PS1) as shown in Figure 1. If accurate current measurements are desired (for efficiency calculations for example) connect an ammeter in series with the supply as shown. The ammeter is not required however.
- 3. Turn on PS1 and slowly increase voltage until the voltage at VIN is 12V.

- 4. Verify VOUT is ~5V.
- 5. Connect a 5A load to VOUT as shown in Figure 1 (1 $\Omega$  for VOUT = 5V). Connect an ammeter if accurate current measurement or monitoring is desired.
- 6. VIN can now be varied between 2.5V and 26V. IOUT needs to be reduced for VIN < VOUT to ensure VOUT remains in regulation.
- 7. Load current (IOUT) can also be varied. The maximum IOUT is a function of VIN and the current limit. Consult the data sheet for more information on IOUT vs VIN. For VIN > VOUT, IOUT can be increased to 6.5A. For VIN < 5V, maximum IOUT is reduced. This reduction is due to IIN increasing as VIN decreases. Once the input current limit is reached, VOUT will drop out of regulation.</p>

NOTE: If VOUT drops out of regulation, check to be sure the maximum load has not been exceeded, or that VIN is not below the minimum value (2.5V).

- 8. For operation in BURST Mode move Jumper JP3 to BURST. See the data sheet for more information.
- 9. For programmable output current limit feature move JP4 to ILIM. Output current IOUT will now be limited to 4A. See the data sheet for information on adjusting the limit.



Figure 1. Test Procedure Setup Drawing for DC2815A



Figure 2. DC2815A Efficiency vs Output Current



Figure 3. DC2815A Step Load Transient  $I_{OUT}$  = 3A to 6.5A at  $V_{IN}$  = 26V



Figure 4. DC2815A Step Load Transient  $I_{OUT}$  = 1.2A to 3A at  $V_{IN}$  = 3.6V



Figure 5. DC2815A Thermal Image for a 12V Input Delivering 5V at 5A

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## **PARTS LIST**

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER				
Required Circuit Components								
1	7	C1, C2, C6-C8, C20-C21	CAP, 0.1µF, X7R, 25V, 10%, 0402, AEC-Q200	MURATA, GCM155R71E104KE02D				
2	1	C3	CAP, 1µF, X7R, 50V, 10%, 0805	TAIYO YUDEN, UMK212B7105KG-T				
3	4	C4, C5, C29, C30	CAP, 10µF, X5R, 50V, 10%, 1210	TDK, C3225X5R1H106K250AB				
4	5	C9-C13	CAP, 100µF, X5R, 10V, 20%, 1210	KEMET, C1210C107M8PACTU				
5	1	C22	CAP, 0.022µF, X7R, 16V, 10%, 0402	AVX, 0402YC223KAT2A				
6	1	C23	CAP, 1200pF, X7R, 50V, 5%, 0603	AVX, 06035C122JAT2A				
7	3	C24, C26, C28	CAP., 27pF, COG, 25V, 5%, 0603	MURATA, GQM1875C2E270JB12D				
8	1	C27	CAP., 4.7µF, X5R, 6.3V, 20%, 0603	AVX, 06036D475MAT2A				
9	1	L1	IND., 3.3μH, PWR, SHIELDED, 20%, 15.1A, 9.42mΩ, 8mm × 7.7mm, AEC-Q200	COILCRAFT, XAL7070-332MEB				
10	1	R1	RES., 49.9Ω, 1%, 1/16W, 0402, AEC-Q200	NIC, NRC04F49R9TRF				
11	2	R2, R15	RES., 1M, 1%, 1/16W, 0402, AEC-Q200	STACKPOLE ELECTRONICS, INC., RMCF0402FT1M00				
12	1	R3	RES., 187k, 1%, 1/16W, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW0402187KFKED				
13	1	R4	RES., 64.9k, 1%, 1/16W, 0402, AEC-Q200	NIC, NRC04F6492TRF				
14	1	R5	RES., 75.0k, 1%, 1/16W, 0402	VISHAY, MCS04020C7502FE000				
15	1	R6	RES., 10k, 0.1%, 1/16W, 0402	YAGEO, RT0402BRD0710KL				
16	1	R7	RES., 0Ω, 1/16W, 0402, AEC-Q200	NIC, NRC04Z0TRF				
17	3	R8, R9, R12	RES., 2M, 1%, 1/16W, 0402, AEC-Q200	VISHAY, CRCW04022M00FKED				
18	1	R16	RES., 1k, 1%, 1/16W, 0402	NIC, NRC04F1001TRF				
19	1	R18	RES., 0.01Ω, 1%, 1W, 0805, HIGH PWR, METAL, SENSE, AEC-Q200	VISHAY, WSLP0805R0100FEA18				
20	1	U1	IC, 26V, 9A SYNCHRONOUS BUCK-BOOST DC/DC CONVERTER	ANALOG DEVICES, INC., LT3120JV#PBF				
Additional Demo Board Circuit Components								
1	0	C14, C15	CAP., OPTION, 1210					
2	0	C16	CAP., 10µF, X5R, 50V, 20%, 1206, OPTION	TDK, C3216X5R1H106M160AB				
3	0	C17	CAP., 330µF, ALUM, POLY, 35V, 20%, RADIAL, SMD, AEC-Q200, OPTION	PANASONIC, EEH-ZK1V331P				
4	0	C18, C19	CAP., OPTION, 0402					
5	0	C25	CAP., OPTION, 0603					
6	0	L2	FIXED IND 1 $\mu$ H 11.5A 4.75M $\Omega$ , OPTION	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 744316100				
7	0	PCB1	PCB, DC2815A	MAO BANG, 600-DC2815A				
8	0	R10, R11, R13, R14, R19	RES., OPTION, 0402					
1	0	C14, C15	CAP., OPTION, 1210					
Hardware: For Demo Board Only								
1	7	E1, E3, E5, E7, E9-E11	TEST POINT, TURRET, 0.094" MTG. HOLE, PCB 0.062" THK	MILL-MAX, 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0				
2	4	E2, E4, E6, E8	CONN., BANANA JACK, FEMALE, THT, NON-INSULATED, SWAGE, 0.218"	KEYSTONE, 575-4				
3	4	JP1-JP4	CONN., HDR, MALE, 1x3, 2mm, VERT, ST, THT	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 62000311121				
4	4	MP1-MP4	STANDOFF, NYLON, SNAP-ON, 0.375"	KEYSTONE, 8832				
5	4	XJP1, XJP5-XJP7	CONN., SHUNT, FEMALE, 2-POS, 2mm	SAMTEC, 2SN-BK-G				

### SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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