

LMZ12003 3-A Simple Switcher® Power Module with 20-V Maximum Input Voltage

1 Features

- Integrated Shielded Inductor
- Simple PCB Layout
- Flexible Start-up Sequencing Using External Soft-start Capacitor and Precision Enable
- Protection Against Inrush Currents and Faults such as Input UVLO and Output Short Circuit
- Junction Temperature Range -40°C to 125°C
- Single Exposed Pad and Standard Pinout for Easy Mounting and Manufacturing
- Fast Transient Response for FPGAs and ASICs
- Low Output Voltage Ripple
- Pin-to-Pin Compatible With Devices:
 - LMZ14203/2/1 (42-V Maximum 3 A, 2 A, 1 A)
 - LMZ12003/2/1 (20-V Maximum 3 A, 2 A, 1 A)
- Fully WEBENCH® Power Designer Enabled
- Electrical Specifications
 - 18-W Maximum Total Power Output
 - Up to 3-A Output Current
 - Input Voltage Range 4.5 V to 20 V
 - Output Voltage Range 0.8 V to 6 V
 - Efficiency up to 92%
- Performance Benefits
 - Operates at High Ambient Temperature With No Thermal Derating
 - High Efficiency Reduces System Heat Generation
 - Low Radiated Emissions (EMI) Tested to EN5022 Class B Standard
 - Passes 10-V/m Radiated Immunity EMI Test Standard EN61000 4-3

2 Applications

- Point-of-load Conversions from 5-V and 12-V Input Rail
- Time-Critical Projects
- Space-Constrained High Thermal Requirement Applications
- Negative Output Voltage Applications (See AN-2027) [SNVA425](#)

3 Description

The LMZ12003 SIMPLE SWITCHER® power module is an easy-to-use step-down DC-DC solution capable of driving up to 3-A load with exceptional power conversion efficiency, line and load regulation, and output accuracy. The LMZ12003 is available in an innovative package that enhances thermal performance and allows for hand or machine soldering.

The LMZ12003 can accept an input voltage rail between 4.5 V and 20 V and can deliver an adjustable and highly accurate output voltage as low as 0.8 V. The LMZ12003 only requires three external resistors and four external capacitors to complete the power solution. The LMZ12003 is a reliable and robust design with the following protection features: thermal shutdown, input undervoltage lockout, output overvoltage protection, short circuit protection, output current limit, and this device allows start-up into a prebiased output. A single resistor adjusts the switching frequency up to 1 MHz.

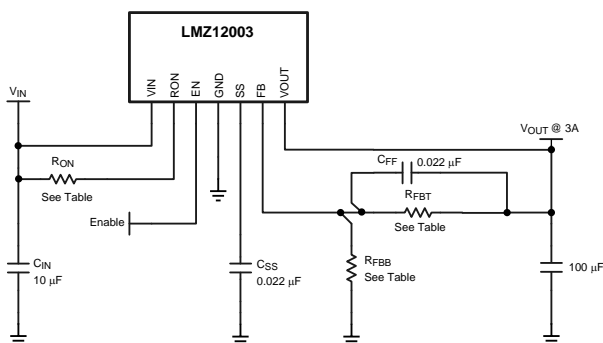
Device Information⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
LMZ12003	NDW (7)	9.85 mm x 10.16 mm

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

(2) Peak reflow temperature equals 245°C . See [SNAA214](#) for more details.

Simplified Application Schematic



Efficiency 12-V Input at 25°C

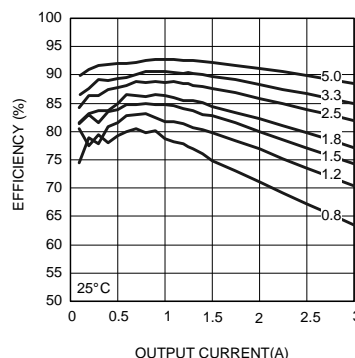


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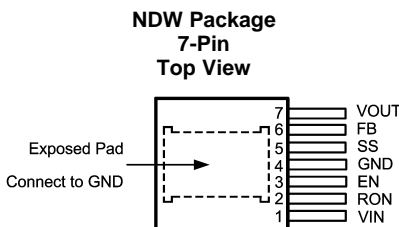
4 Revision History

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5 Pin Configuration and Functions



Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
EN	3	Analog	Enable — Input to the precision enable comparator. Rising threshold is 1.18-V nominal; 90-mV hysteresis nominal. Maximum recommended input level is 6.5 V.
EP	—	Ground	Exposed Pad — Internally connected to pin 4. Used to dissipate heat from the package during operation. Must be electrically connected to pin 4 external to the package.
FB	6	Analog	Feedback — Internally connected to the regulation, overvoltage, and short circuit comparators. The regulation reference point is 0.8 V at this input pin. Connected the feedback resistor divider between the output and ground to set the output voltage.
GND	4	Ground	Ground — Reference point for all stated voltages. Must be externally connected to EP.
RON	2	Analog	ON-Time Resistor — An external resistor from V_{IN} to this pin sets the ON-time of the application. Typical values range from 25 k Ω to 124 k Ω .
SS	5	Analog	Soft-Start — An internal 8- μ A current source charges an external capacitor to produce the soft-start function. This node is discharged at 200 μ A during disable, overcurrent, thermal shutdown and internal UVLO conditions.
VIN	1	Power	Supply input — Nominal operating range is 4.5 V to 20 V. A small amount of internal capacitance is contained within the package assembly. Additional external input capacitance is required between this pin and exposed pad.
VOUT	7	Power	Output Voltage — Output from the internal inductor. Connect the output capacitor between this pin and exposed pad.

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

	MIN	MAX	UNIT
VIN, RON to GND	–0.3	25	V
EN, FB, SS to GND	–0.3	7	V
Junction Temperature		150	°C
Peak Reflow Case Temperature (30 sec)		245	°C
Storage Temperature, T _{stg}	–65	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.
- (3) For soldering specifications, refer to the following document: [SNOA549](#)

6.2 ESD Ratings

	VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD) Electrostatic discharge Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	±2000	V

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Manufacturing with less than 500-V HBM is possible with the necessary precautions.
- (2) The human body model is a 100pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5 k Ω resistor into each pin. Test method is per JESD-22-114.

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6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

	MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{IN}	4.5	20	V
EN	0	6.5	V
Operation Junction Temperature	-40	125	°C

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		LMZ12003		UNIT
		NDW		
		7 PINS		
$R_{\theta JA}$ Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance ⁽²⁾	4-layer JEDEC Printed-Circuit-Board, 100 vias, No air flow	19.3		°C/W
	2-layer JEDEC Printed-Circuit-Board, No air flow	21.5		
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	1.9		°C/W

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).
- (2) $R_{\theta JA}$ measured on a 1.705-in x 3.0-in 4-layer board, with 1-oz. copper, thirty five thermal vias, no air flow, and 1-W power dissipation. Refer to PCB layout diagrams.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Limits are for $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified. Minimum and Maximum limits are ensured through test, design or statistical correlation. Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and are provided for reference purposes only. Unless otherwise stated the following conditions apply: $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{ V}^{(1)}$.

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS		MIN ⁽²⁾	TYP ⁽³⁾	MAX ⁽²⁾	UNIT
SYSTEM PARAMETERS						
ENABLE CONTROL						
V_{EN}	EN threshold trip point	V_{EN} rising	1.18		1.25	V
			over the junction temperature (T_J) range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$			
V_{EN-HYS}	EN threshold hysteresis	V_{EN} falling	90			mV
SOFT-START						
I_{SS}	SS source current	$V_{SS} = 0\text{ V}$	8		11	μA
			over the junction temperature (T_J) range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$			
I_{SS-DIS}	SS discharge current		-200			μA
CURRENT LIMIT						
I_{CL}	Current limit threshold	DC average $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$ to 20 V	4.2		5.25	A
			over the junction temperature (T_J) range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$			
ON/OFF Timer						
t_{ON-MIN}	ON timer minimum pulse width		150			ns
t_{OFF}	OFF timer pulse width		260			ns

- (1) EN 55022:2006, +A1:2007, FCC Part 15 Subpart B: 2007. See AN-2024 and layout for information on device under test.
- (2) Minimum and Maximum limits are 100% production tested at 25°C . Limits over the operating temperature range are ensured through correlation using Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods. Limits are used to calculate Average Outgoing Quality Level (AOQL).
- (3) Typical numbers are at 25°C and represent the most likely parametric norm.

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN ⁽²⁾	TYP ⁽³⁾	MAX ⁽²⁾	UNIT
REGULATION AND OVERVOLTAGE COMPARATOR					
V_{FB}	In-regulation feedback voltage	$V_{SS} >+ 0.8\text{ V}$ $T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to 125°C $I_O = 3\text{ A}$		0.793	V
			over the junction temperature (T_J) range of -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$	0.773	
	$V_{SS} >+ 0.8\text{ V}$ $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ $I_O = 10\text{ mA}$		0.784	0.8	0.816
V_{FB-OV}	Feedback overvoltage protection threshold		0.92		V
I_{FB}	Feedback input bias current		5		nA
I_Q	Non-switching input current	$V_{FB} = 0.86\text{ V}$	1		mA
I_{SD}	Shutdown quiescent current	$V_{EN} = 0\text{ V}$	25		μA
THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS					
T_{SD}	Thermal shutdown	Rising	165		$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_{SD-HYST}$	Thermal shutdown hysteresis	Falling	15		$^\circ\text{C}$
PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS					
ΔV_O	Output voltage ripple		8		mV _{PP}
$\Delta V_O/\Delta V_{IN}$	Line regulation	$V_{IN} = 8\text{ V}$ to 20 V , $I_O = 3\text{ A}$	0.01%		
$\Delta V_O/\Delta V_{IN}$	Load regulation	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$	1.5		mV/A
η	Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_O = 1.8\text{ V}$, $I_O = 1\text{ A}$	87%		
		$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_O = 1.8\text{ V}$, $I_O = 3\text{ A}$	77%		

6.6 Typical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, the following conditions apply: $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$; $C_{IN} = 10\text{-}\mu\text{F X7R Ceramic}$; $C_O = 100\text{-}\mu\text{F X7R Ceramic}$; $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ for efficiency curves and waveforms.

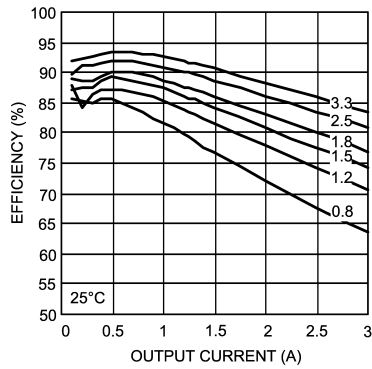


Figure 1. Efficiency 6-V Input at 25°C

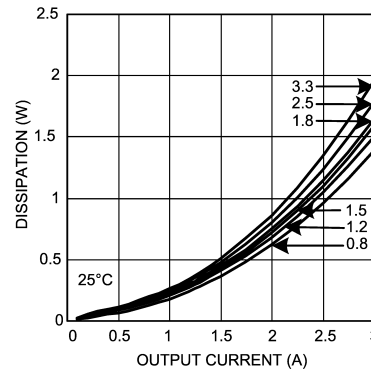


Figure 2. Dissipation 6-V Input at 25°C

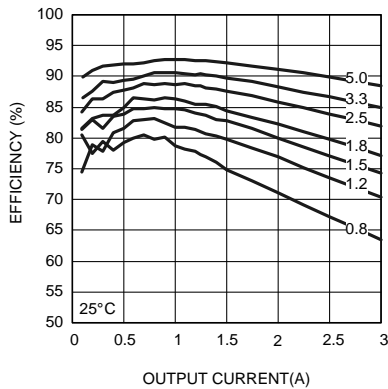


Figure 3. Efficiency 12-V Input at 25°C

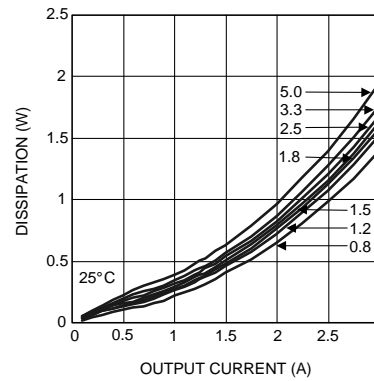


Figure 4. Dissipation 12-V Input at 25°C

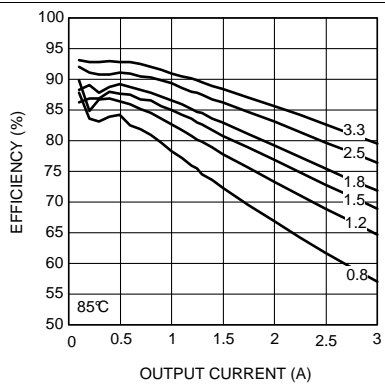


Figure 5. Efficiency 6-V Input at 85°C

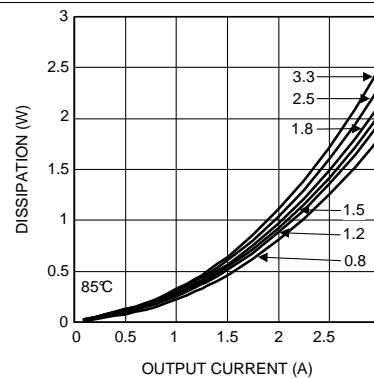


Figure 6. Dissipation 6-V Input at 85°C

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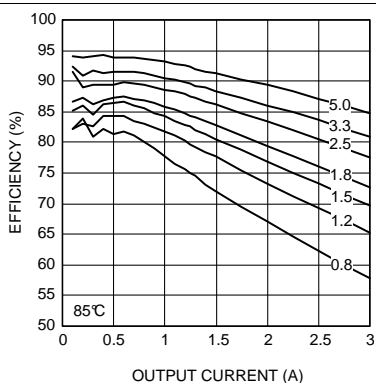


Figure 7. Efficiency 8-V Input at 85°C

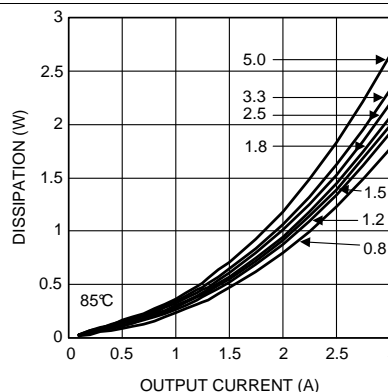


Figure 8. Dissipation 8-V Input at 85°C

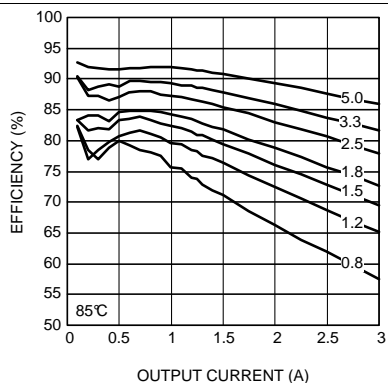


Figure 9. Efficiency 12-V Input at 85°C

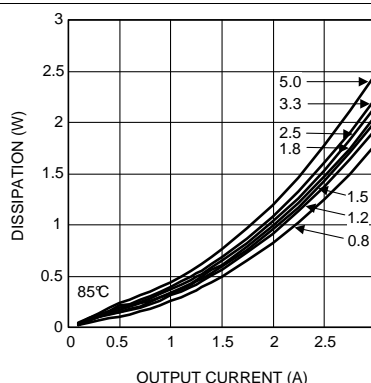


Figure 10. Dissipation 12-V Input at 85°C

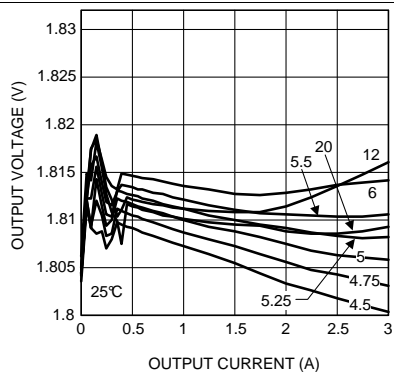


Figure 11. Line and Load Regulation at 25°C

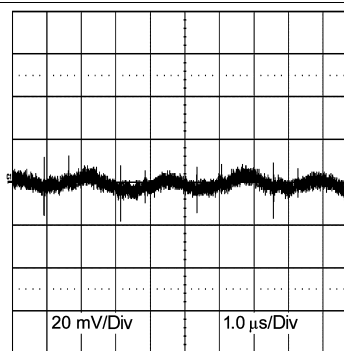
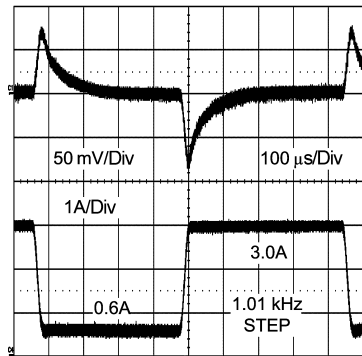


Figure 12. Output Ripple

Typical Characteristics (continued)

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12 V_{IN} 3.3 V_O 0.6-A to 3-A Step

Figure 13. Transient Response

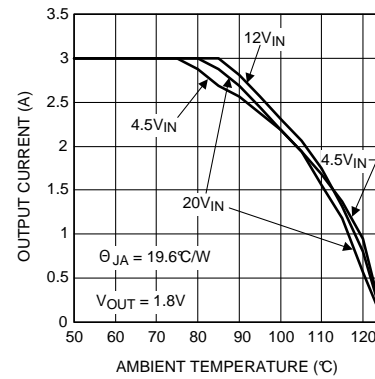


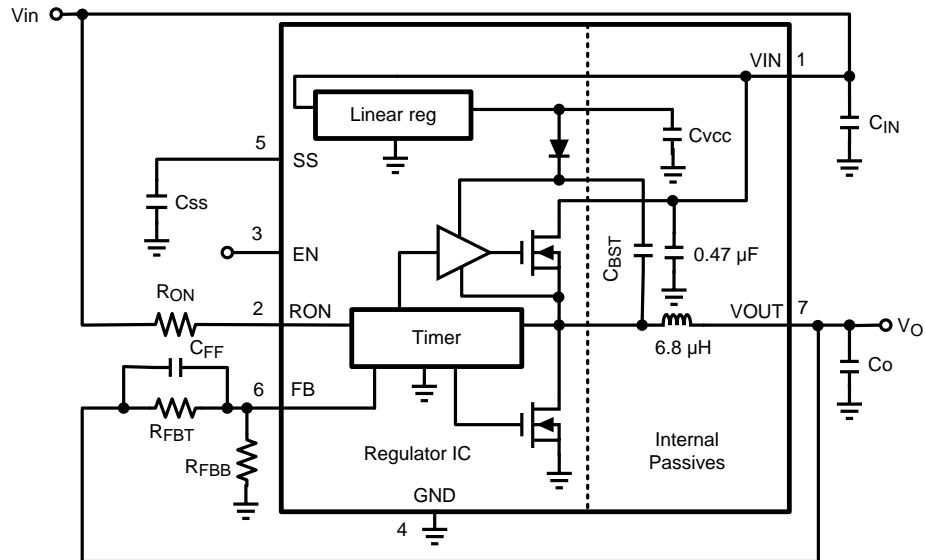
Figure 14. Thermal Derating

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The LMZ12003 power module is an easy-to-use step-down DC-DC solution capable of driving up to 3-A load with exceptional power conversion efficiency, line and load regulation, and output accuracy.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 COT Control Circuit Overview

Constant ON-Time control is based on a comparator and an ON-time one-shot, with the output voltage feedback compared with an internal 0.8-V reference. If the feedback voltage is below the reference, the main MOSFET is turned on for a fixed ON-time determined by a programming resistor R_{ON} . R_{ON} is connected to V_{IN} such that ON-time is reduced with increasing input supply voltage. Following this ON-time, the main MOSFET remains off for a minimum of 260 ns. If the voltage on the feedback pin falls below the reference level again the ON-time cycle is repeated. Regulation is achieved in this manner.

7.3.2 Output Overvoltage Comparator

The voltage at FB is compared to a 0.92-V internal reference. If FB rises above 0.92 V the ON-time is immediately terminated. This condition is known as overvoltage protection (OVP). It can occur if the input voltage is increased very suddenly or if the output load is decreased very suddenly. Once OVP is activated, the top MOSFET ON-times will be inhibited until the condition clears. Additionally, the synchronous MOSFET will remain on until inductor current falls to zero.

7.3.3 Current Limit

Current limit detection is carried out during the OFF-time by monitoring the current in the synchronous MOSFET. Referring to the *Functional Block Diagram*, when the top MOSFET is turned off, the inductor current flows through the load, the PGND pin and the internal synchronous MOSFET. If this current exceeds 4.2 A (typical) the current limit comparator disables the start of the next ON-time period. The next switching cycle will occur only if the FB input is less than 0.8 V and the inductor current has decreased below 4.2 A. Inductor current is monitored during the period of time the synchronous MOSFET is conducting. So long as inductor current exceeds 4.2 A, further ON-time intervals for the top MOSFET will not occur. Switching frequency is lower during current limit due to the longer OFF-time.

Feature Description (continued)

NOTE

Current limit is dependent on both duty cycle and temperature as illustrated in the graphs in the *Typical Characteristics* section.

7.3.4 Thermal Protection

The junction temperature of the LMZ12003 should not be allowed to exceed its maximum ratings. Thermal protection is implemented by an internal Thermal Shutdown circuit which activates at 165°C (typical) causing the device to enter a low power standby state. In this state the main MOSFET remains off causing V_O to fall, and additionally the CSS capacitor is discharged to ground. Thermal protection helps prevent catastrophic failures for accidental device overheating. When the junction temperature falls back below 145°C (typical hysteresis = 20°C) the SS pin is released, V_O rises smoothly, and normal operation resumes.

Applications requiring maximum output current especially those at high input voltage may require application derating at elevated temperatures.

7.3.5 Zero Coil Current Detection

The current of the lower (synchronous) MOSFET is monitored by a zero coil current detection circuit which inhibits the synchronous MOSFET when its current reaches zero until the next ON-time. This circuit enables the DCM operating mode, which improves efficiency at light loads.

7.3.6 Prebiased Start-Up

The LMZ12003 will properly start up into a prebiased output. This startup situation is common in multiple rail logic applications where current paths may exist between different power rails during the start-up sequence. The following scope capture shows proper behavior during this event.

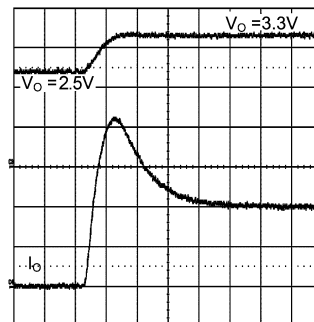


Figure 15. Prebiased Start-Up

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Discontinuous Conduction and Continuous Conduction Modes

At light load the regulator will operate in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM). With load currents above the critical conduction point, it will operate in continuous conduction mode (CCM). When operating in DCM the switching cycle begins at zero amps inductor current; increases up to a peak value, and then recedes back to zero before the end of the OFF-time. Note that during the period of time that inductor current is zero, all load current is supplied by the output capacitor. The next ON-time period starts when the voltage on the at the FB pin falls below the internal reference. The switching frequency is lower in DCM and varies more with load current as compared to CCM. Conversion efficiency in DCM is maintained because conduction and switching losses are reduced with the smaller load and lower switching frequency.

8 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The LMZ12003 is a step-down DC-to-DC power module. It is typically used to convert a higher DC voltage to a lower DC voltage with a maximum output current of 3 A. The following design procedure can be used to select components for the LMZ12003. Alternately, the WEBENCH software may be used to generate complete designs.

When generating a design, the WEBENCH software uses iterative design procedure and accesses comprehensive databases of components. Please go to www.ti.com for more details.

8.2 Typical Application

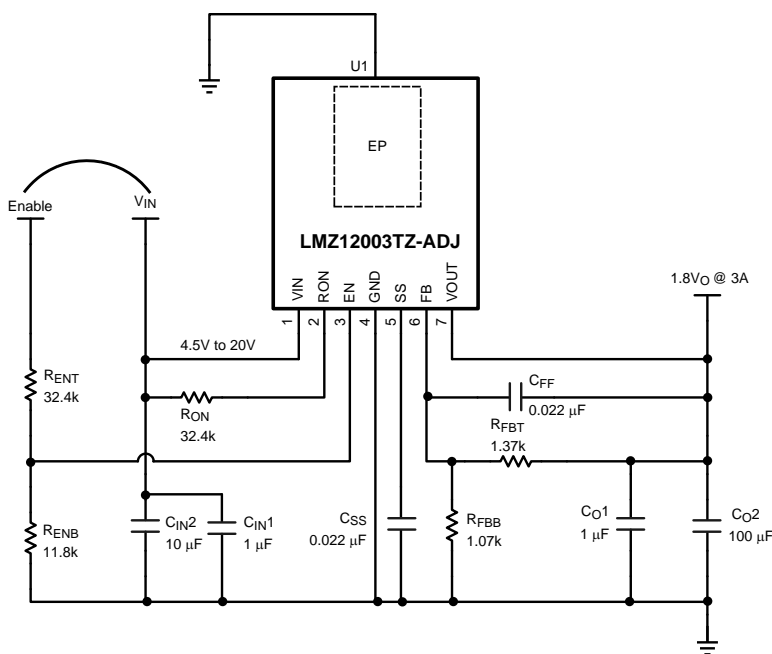


Figure 16. Evaluation Board Schematic Diagram

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For this example the following application parameters exist.

- V_{IN} Range = Up to 20 V
- V_{OUT} = 0.8 V to 6 V
- I_{OUT} = 3 A

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The LMZ12003 is fully supported by WEBENCH and offers the following: component selection, electrical and thermal simulations, as well as the build-it board for a reduction in design time. The following list of steps can be used to manually design the LMZ12003 application.

1. Select minimum operating V_{IN} with enable divider resistors
2. Program V_O with divider resistor selection

Typical Application (continued)

3. Program turnon time with soft-start capacitor selection
4. Select C_O
5. Select C_{IN}
6. Set operating frequency with R_{ON}

8.2.2.1 Enable Divider, R_{ENT} and R_{ENB} Selection

The enable input provides a precise 1.18-V band-gap rising threshold to allow direct logic drive or connection to a voltage divider from a higher enable voltage such as V_{IN} . The enable input also incorporates 90 mV (typical) of hysteresis resulting in a falling threshold of 1.09 V. The maximum recommended voltage into the EN pin is 6.5 V. For applications where the midpoint of the enable divider exceeds 6.5 V, a small Zener diode can be added to limit this voltage.

The function of this resistive divider is to allow the designer to choose an input voltage below which the circuit will be disabled. This implements the feature of programmable under voltage lockout. This is often used in battery powered systems to prevent deep discharge of the system battery. It is also useful in system designs for sequencing of output rails or to prevent early turnon of the supply as the main input voltage rail rises at power-up. Applying the enable divider to the main input rail is often done in the case of higher input voltage systems where a lower boundary of operation must be established. In the case of sequencing supplies, the divider is connected to a rail that becomes active earlier in the power-up cycle than the LMZ12003 output rail. The two resistors must be chosen based on the following ratio:

$$R_{ENT} / R_{ENB} = (V_{IN\ UVLO} / 1.18V) - 1 \quad (1)$$

The LMZ12003 demonstration and evaluation boards use 11.8 k Ω for R_{ENB} and 32.4 k Ω for R_{ENT} resulting in a rising UVLO of 4.5 V. This divider presents 5.34 V to the EN input when the divider input is raised to 20 V.

The EN pin is internally pulled up to V_{IN} and can be left floating for always-on operation.

8.2.2.2 Output Voltage Selection

Output voltage is determined by a divider of two resistors connected between V_O and ground. The midpoint of the divider is connected to the FB input. The voltage at FB is compared to a 0.8-V internal reference. In normal operation an ON-time cycle is initiated when the voltage on the FB pin falls below 0.8 V. The main MOSFET ON-time cycle causes the output voltage to rise and the voltage at the FB to exceed 0.8 V. As long as the voltage at FB is above 0.8 V, ON-time cycles will not occur.

The regulated output voltage determined by the external divider resistors R_{FBT} and R_{FBB} is:

$$V_O = 0.8\text{ V} \times (1 + R_{FBT} / R_{FBB}) \quad (2)$$

Rearranging terms; the ratio of the feedback resistors for a desired output voltage is:

$$R_{FBT} / R_{FBB} = (V_O / 0.8\text{ V}) - 1 \quad (3)$$

These resistors must be chosen from values in the range of 1.0 k Ω to 10.0 k Ω .

For $V_O = 0.8\text{ V}$ the FB pin can be connected to the output directly so long as an output preload resistor remains that draws more than 20 μA . Converter operation requires this minimum load to create a small inductor ripple current and maintain proper regulation when no load is present.

A feed-forward capacitor is placed in parallel with R_{FBT} to improve load step transient response. Its value is usually determined experimentally by load stepping between DCM and CCM conduction modes and adjusting for best transient response and minimum output ripple.

Table 1 lists the values for R_{FBT} , R_{FBB} , C_{FF} and R_{ON} .

Table 1. Bill of Materials

REF DES	DESCRIPTION	CASE SIZE	MANUFACTURER	MANUFACTURER P/N
U1	SIMPLE SWITCHER	PFM-7	Texas Instruments	LMZ12003 TZ
C_{in1}	1- μF , 50-V, X7R	1206	Taiyo Yuden	UMK316B7105KL-T
C_{in2}	10- μF , 50-V, X7R	1210	Taiyo Yuden	UMK325BJ106MM-T
C_{O1}	1- μF , 50-V, X7R	1206	Taiyo Yuden	UMK316B7105KL-T

Typical Application (continued)

Table 1. Bill of Materials (continued)

REF DES	DESCRIPTION	CASE SIZE	MANUFACTURER	MANUFACTURER P/N
C _{O2}	100-μF, 6.3-V, X7R	1210	Taiyo Yuden	JMK325BJ10CR7MM-T
R _{FBT}	1.37 kΩ	0603	Vishay Dale	CRCW06031K37FKEA
R _{FBB}	1.07 kΩ	0603	Vishay Dale	CRCW06031K07FKEA
R _{ON}	32.4 kΩ	0603	Vishay Dale	CRCW060332K4FKEA
R _{ENT}	32.4 kΩ	0603	Vishay Dale	CRCW060332K4FKEA
R _{ENB}	11.8 kΩ	0603	Vishay Dale	CRCW060311K8FKEA
C _{FF}	22 nF, ±10%, X7R, 16 V	0603	TDK	C1608X7R1H223K
C _{SS}	22 nF, ±10%, X7R, 16 V	0603	TDK	C1608X7R1H223K

8.2.2.3 Soft-Start Capacitor Selection

Programmable soft-start permits the regulator to slowly ramp to its steady-state operating point after being enabled, thereby reducing current inrush from the input supply and slowing the output voltage rise-time to prevent overshoot.

Upon turnon, after all UVLO conditions have been passed, an internal 8-μA current source begins charging the external soft-start capacitor. The soft-start time duration to reach steady-state operation is given by the formula:

$$t_{SS} = V_{REF} \times C_{SS} / I_{SS} = 0.8 \text{ V} \times C_{SS} / 8 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \quad (4)$$

This equation can be rearranged as follows:

$$C_{SS} = t_{SS} \times 8 \text{ } \mu\text{A} / 0.8 \text{ V} \quad (5)$$

Use of a 0.022-μF capacitor results in 2.2-ms soft-start duration. This is recommended as a minimum value.

As the soft-start input exceeds 0.8 V the output of the power stage will be in regulation. The soft-start capacitor continues charging until it reaches approximately 3.8 V on the SS pin. Voltage levels between 0.8 V and 3.8 V have no effect on other circuit operation. The following conditions will reset the soft-start capacitor by discharging the SS input to ground with an internal 200-μA current sink.

- The enable input being *pulled low*
- Thermal shutdown condition
- Overcurrent fault
- Internal V_{CC} UVLO (Approx 4-V input to V_{IN})

8.2.2.4 C_O Selection

None of the required C_O output capacitance is contained within the module. At a minimum, the output capacitor must meet the worst case minimum ripple current rating of 0.5 × I_{LRP-P}, as calculated in [Equation 20](#). Beyond that, additional capacitance will reduce output ripple so long as the ESR is low enough to permit it. A minimum value of 10 μF is generally required. Experimentation will be required if attempting to operate with a minimum value. Ceramic capacitors or other low ESR types are recommended. See AN-2024 for more detail.

[Equation 17](#) provides a good first pass approximation of C_O for load transient requirements:

$$C_O \geq I_{STEP} \times V_{FB} \times L \times V_{IN} / (4 \times V_O \times (V_{IN} - V_O) \times V_{OUT-TRAN}) \quad (6)$$

Solving for [Equation 7](#) yields the following:

$$C_O \geq 3 \text{ A} \times 0.8 \text{ V} \times 6.8 \text{ } \mu\text{H} \times 12 \text{ V} / (4 \times 3.3 \text{ V} \times (12 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V}) \times 33 \text{ mV}) \geq 52 \text{ } \mu\text{F} \quad (7)$$

The LMZ12003 demonstration and evaluation boards are populated with a 100-μF 6.3-V X5R output capacitor. Locations for extra output capacitors are provided.

8.2.2.5 C_{IN} Selection

The LMZ12003 module contains an internal 0.47- μ F input ceramic capacitor. Additional input capacitance is required external to the module to handle the input ripple current of the application. This input capacitance must be located in very close proximity to the module. Input capacitor selection is generally directed to satisfy the input ripple current requirements rather than by capacitance value. Worst case input ripple current rating is dictated by [Equation 8](#):

$$I(C_{IN(RMS)}) \cong 1/2 \times I_O \times \sqrt{(D / 1-D)}$$

where

- $D \cong V_O / V_{IN}$ (8)

As a point of reference, the worst case ripple current will occur when the module is presented with full load current and when $V_{IN} = 2 \times V_O$.

Recommended minimum input capacitance is 10- μ F X7R ceramic with a voltage rating at least 25% higher than the maximum applied input voltage for the application. TI recommends to pay attention to the voltage and temperature deratings of the capacitor selected.

NOTE

Ripple current rating of ceramic capacitors may be missing from the capacitor data sheet and you may have to contact the capacitor manufacturer for this rating.

If the system design requires a certain minimum value of input ripple voltage ΔV_{IN} be maintained then [Equation 9](#) may be used.

$$C_{IN} \geq I_O \times D \times (1 - D) / f_{SW-CCM} \times \Delta V_{IN} \quad (9)$$

If ΔV_{IN} is 1% of V_{IN} for a 20V input to 3.3-V output application this equals 200 mV and $f_{SW} = 400$ kHz.

$$C_{IN} \geq 3 \text{ A} \times 3.3 \text{ V} / 20 \text{ V} \times (1 - 3.3 \text{ V} / 20 \text{ V}) / (400000 \times 0.200 \text{ V})$$

$$\geq 5.2 \mu\text{F}$$

Additional bulk capacitance with higher ESR may be required to damp any resonant effects of the input capacitance and parasitic inductance of the incoming supply lines.

8.2.2.6 R_{ON} Resistor Selection

Many designs will begin with a desired switching frequency in mind. For that purpose [Equation 10](#) can be used.

$$f_{SW(CCM)} \cong V_O / (1.3 \times 10^{-10} \times R_{ON}) \quad (10)$$

This can be rearranged as

$$R_{ON} \cong V_O / (1.3 \times 10^{-10} \times f_{SW(CCM)}) \quad (11)$$

The selection of R_{ON} and $f_{SW(CCM)}$ must be confined by limitations in the ON-time and OFF-time for the [COT Control Circuit Overview](#) section.

The ON-time of the LMZ12003 timer is determined by the resistor R_{ON} and the input voltage V_{IN} . It is calculated as follows:

$$t_{ON} = (1.3 \times 10^{-10} \times R_{ON}) / V_{IN} \quad (12)$$

The inverse relationship of t_{ON} and V_{IN} gives a nearly constant switching frequency as V_{IN} is varied. R_{ON} must be selected such that the ON-time at maximum V_{IN} is greater than 150 ns. The ON-timer has a limiter to ensure a minimum of 150 ns for t_{ON} . This limits the maximum operating frequency, which is governed by [Equation 13](#):

$$f_{SW(MAX)} = V_O / (V_{IN(MAX)} \times 150 \text{ ns}) \quad (13)$$

This equation can be used to select R_{ON} if a certain operating frequency is desired so long as the minimum ON-time of 150 ns is observed. The limit for R_{ON} can be calculated as follows:

$$R_{ON} \geq V_{IN(MAX)} \times 150 \text{ ns} / (1.3 \times 10^{-10}) \quad (14)$$

If R_{ON} calculated in [Equation 11](#) is less than the minimum value determined in [Equation 14](#) a lower frequency must be selected. Alternatively, $V_{IN(MAX)}$ can also be limited in order to keep the frequency unchanged.

Additionally, consider the minimum OFF-time of 260 ns limits the maximum duty ratio. Larger R_{ON} (lower F_{SW}) should be selected in any application requiring large duty ratio.

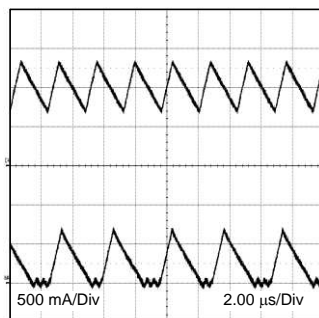
8.2.2.7 Discontinuous Conduction and Continuous Conduction Mode Selection

Operating frequency in DCM can be calculated as follows:

$$f_{SW(DCM)} \cong V_O \times (V_{IN} - 1) \times 6.8 \mu H \times 1.18 \times 10^{20} \times I_O / (V_{IN} - V_O) \times R_{ON}^2 \tag{15}$$

In CCM, current flows through the inductor through the entire switching cycle and never falls to zero during the OFF-time. The switching frequency remains relatively constant with load current and line voltage variations. The CCM operating frequency can be calculated using [Equation 7](#).

[Figure 17](#) is a comparison pair of waveforms of the showing both CCM (upper) and DCM operating modes.



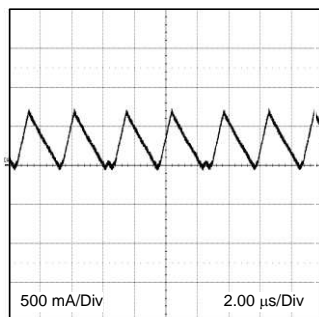
$V_{IN} = 12 \text{ V}, V_O = 3.3 \text{ V}, I_O = 3 \text{ A}/0.4 \text{ A } 2 \mu\text{s/div}$

Figure 17. CCM and DCM Operating Modes

The approximate formula for determining the DCM/CCM boundary is as follows:

$$I_{DCB} \cong V_O \times (V_{IN} - V_O) / (2 \times 6.8 \mu H \times f_{SW(CCM)} \times V_{IN}) \tag{16}$$

[Figure 18](#) is a typical waveform showing the boundary condition.



$V_{IN} = 12 \text{ V}, V_O = 3.3 \text{ V}, I_O = 0.5 \text{ A } 2 \mu\text{s/div}$

Figure 18. Transition Mode Operation

The inductor internal to the module is 6.8 μH. This value was chosen as a good balance between low and high input voltage applications. The main parameter affected by the inductor is the amplitude of the inductor ripple current (I_{LR}). I_{LR} can be calculated with:

$$I_{LR P-P} = V_O \times (V_{IN} - V_O) / (6.8 \mu H \times f_{SW} \times V_{IN})$$

where

- V_{IN} is the maximum input voltage
- and f_{SW} is determined from [Equation 10](#). (17)

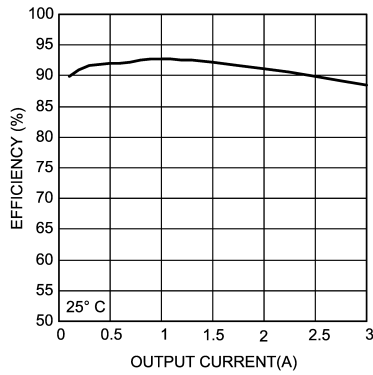
If the output current I_O is determined by assuming that $I_O = I_L$, the higher and lower peak of I_{LR} can be determined. Be aware that the lower peak of I_{LR} must be positive if CCM operation is required.

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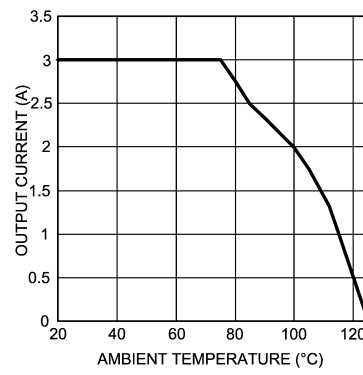
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8.2.3 Application Curves



$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}$

Figure 19. Efficiency



$V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}$

Figure 20. Thermal Derating Curve

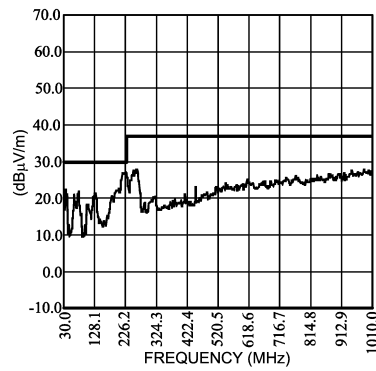


Figure 21. Radiated Emissions (EN 55022 Class B) from Evaluation Board

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The LMZ12003 device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 4.5 V and 20 V. This input supply should be well regulated and able to withstand maximum input current and maintain a stable voltage. The resistance of the input supply rail should be low enough that an input current transient does not cause a high enough drop at the LMZ12003 supply voltage that can cause a false UVLO fault triggering and system reset. If the input supply is more than a few inches from the LMZ12003, additional bulk capacitance may be required in addition to the ceramic bypass capacitors. The amount of bulk capacitance is not critical, but a 47- μ F or 100- μ F electrolytic capacitor is a typical choice.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

PCB layout is an important part of DC-DC converter design. Poor board layout can disrupt the performance of a DC-DC converter and surrounding circuitry by contributing to EMI, ground bounce and resistive voltage drop in the traces. These can send erroneous signals to the DC-DC converter resulting in poor regulation or instability. Good layout can be implemented by following a few simple design rules.

1. Minimize area of switched current loops.

From an EMI reduction standpoint, it is imperative to minimize the high di/dt current paths during PCB layout. The high current loops that do not overlap have high di/dt content that will cause observable high frequency noise on the output pin if the input capacitor C_{IN1} is placed a distance away for the LMZ12003. Therefore, physically place C_{IN1} as close as possible to the LMZ12003 VIN and GND exposed pad. This will minimize the high di/dt area and reduce radiated EMI. Additionally, grounding for both the input and output capacitor must consist of a localized top side plane that connects to the GND exposed pad (EP).

2. Have a single point ground.

The ground connections for the feedback, soft-start, and enable components must be routed to the GND pin of the device. This prevents any switched or load currents from flowing in the analog ground traces. If not properly handled, poor grounding can result in degraded load regulation or erratic output voltage ripple behavior. Provide the single point ground connection from pin 4 to EP.

3. Minimize trace length to the FB pin.

Both feedback resistors, R_{FBT} and R_{FBB} , and the feed forward capacitor C_{FF} , must be located close to the FB pin. Since the FB node is high impedance, maintain the copper area as small as possible. The trace area from R_{FBT} , R_{FBB} , and C_{FF} must be routed away from the body of the LMZ12003 to minimize noise.

4. Make input and output bus connections as wide as possible.

This reduces any voltage drops on the input or output of the converter and maximizes efficiency. To optimize voltage accuracy at the load, ensure that a separate feedback voltage sense trace is made to the load. Doing so will correct for voltage drops and provide optimum output accuracy.

5. Provide adequate device heat-sinking.

Use an array of heat-sinking vias to connect the exposed pad to the ground plane on the bottom PCB layer. If the PCB has a plurality of copper layers, these thermal vias can also be employed to make connection to inner layer heat-spreading ground planes. For best results use a 6 × 6 via array with a minimum via diameter of 8 mils thermal vias spaced 59 mils (1.5 mm). Ensure enough copper area is used for heat-sinking to keep the junction temperature below 125°C.

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10.2 Layout Examples

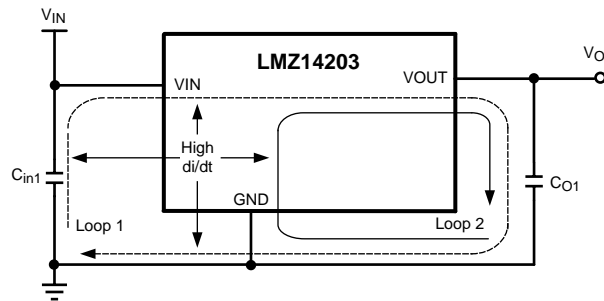


Figure 22. Critical Current Loops to Minimize

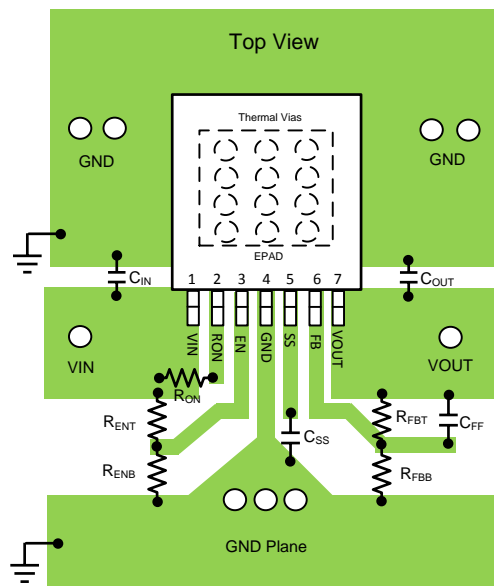


Figure 23. PCB Layout Guide

Layout Examples (continued)

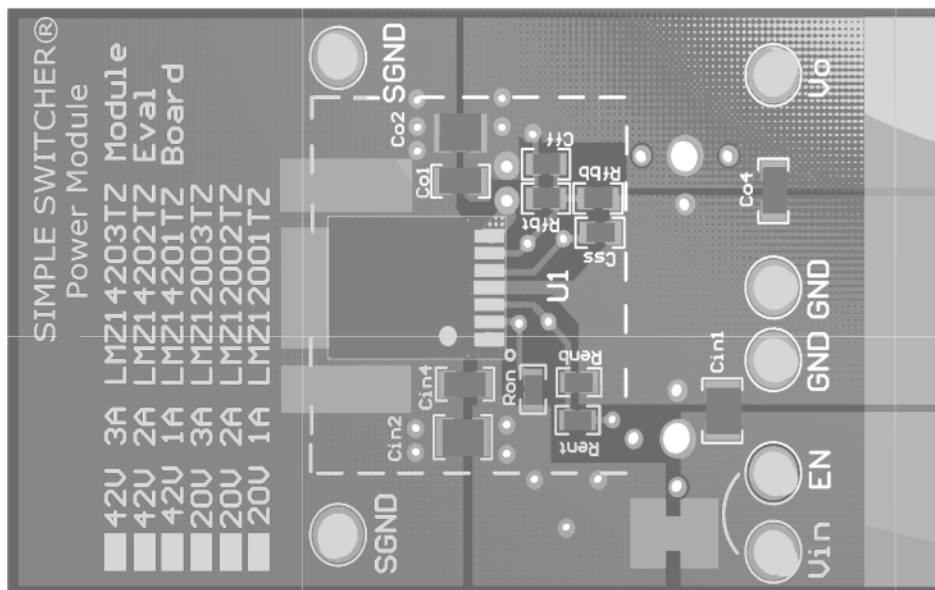


Figure 24. Top View of Evaluation PCB

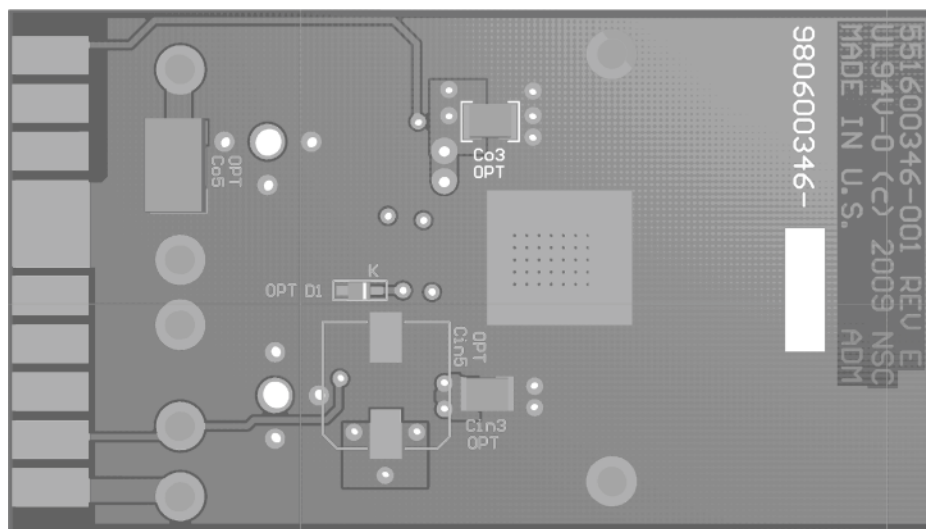


Figure 25. Bottom View of Evaluation PCB

10.3 Power Dissipation and Thermal Considerations

For the design case of $V_{IN} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_O = 3.3\text{ V}$, $I_O = 3\text{ A}$, $T_{AMB(MAX)} = 85^\circ\text{C}$, and $T_{JUNCTION} = 125^\circ\text{C}$, the device must see a thermal resistance from case to ambient of less than:

$$R_{\theta CA} < (T_{J-MAX} - T_{AMB(MAX)}) / P_{IC-LOSS} - R_{\theta JC} \tag{18}$$

Given the typical thermal resistance from junction to case to be 1.9°C/W . Use the 85°C power dissipation curves in the *Typical Characteristics* section to estimate the $P_{IC-LOSS}$ for the application being designed. In this application it is 2.25 W .

$$R_{\theta CA} < (125 - 85) / 2.25\text{ W} - 1.9 = 15.8 \tag{19}$$

To reach $R_{\theta CA} = 15.8$, the PCB is required to dissipate heat effectively. With no airflow and no external heat, a good estimate of the required board area covered by 1-oz. copper on both the top and bottom metal layers is:

Power Dissipation and Thermal Considerations (continued)

$$\text{Board Area}_{\text{cm}^2} > 500^{\circ}\text{C} \times \text{cm}^2/\text{W} / R_{\theta\text{JC}} \tag{20}$$

As a result, approximately 31 square cm of 1-oz. copper on top and bottom layers is required for the PCB design. The PCB copper heat sink must be connected to the exposed pad. Approximately thirty six, 8 mils thermal vias spaced 59 mils (1.5 mm) apart must connect the top copper to the bottom copper. For an example of a high thermal performance PCB layout, refer to the demo board application note AN-2024 [SNVA422](#).

10.4 Power Module SMT Guidelines

The recommendations below are for a standard module surface mount assembly

- Land Pattern — Follow the PCB land pattern with either soldermask defined or non-soldermask defined pads.
- Stencil Aperture
 - For the exposed die attach pad (DAP), adjust the stencil for approximately 80% coverage of the PCB land pattern
 - For all other I/O pads use a 1:1 ratio between the aperture and the land pattern recommendation
- Solder Paste — Use a standard SAC Alloy such as SAC 305, type 3 or higher
- Stencil Thickness — 0.125 to 0.15 mm
- Reflow - Refer to solder paste supplier recommendation and optimized per board size and density
- Refer to *Design Summary LMZ1xxx and LMZ2xxx Power Modules Family* ([SNAA214](#)) for reflow information.
- Maximum number of reflows allowed is one

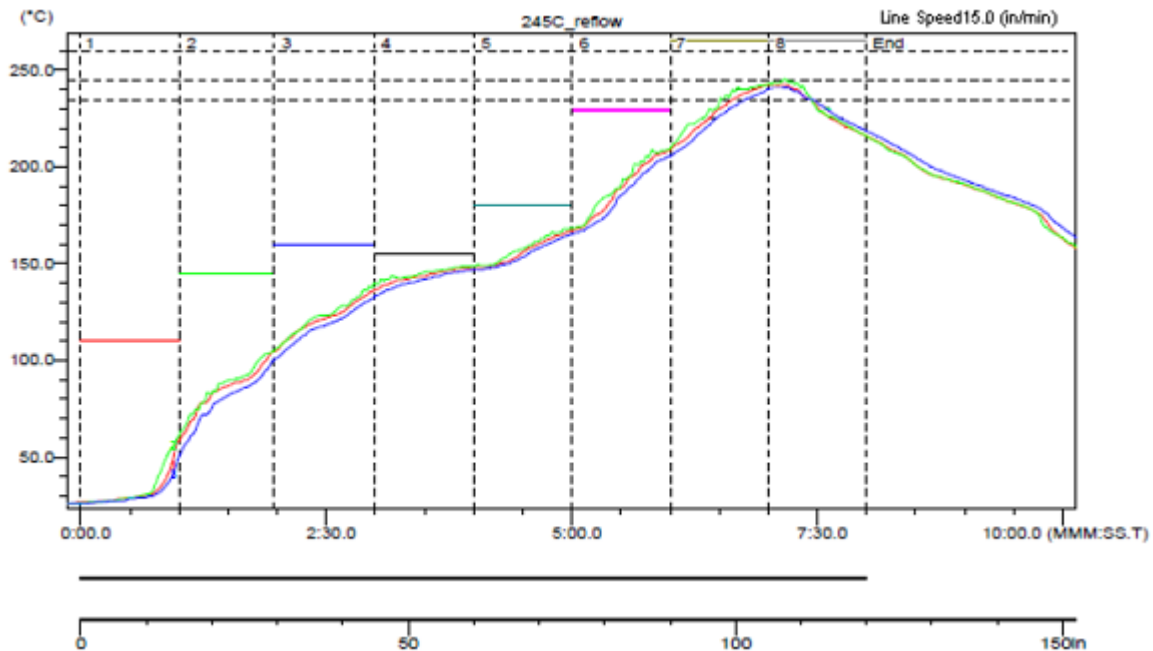


Figure 26. Sample Reflow Profile

Table 2. Sample Reflow Profile Table

PROBE	MAX TEMP (°C)	REACHED MAX TEMP	TIME ABOVE 235°C	REACHED 235°C	TIME ABOVE 245°C	REACHED 245°C	TIME ABOVE 260°C	REACHED 260°C
1	242.5	6.58	0.49	6.39	0.00	–	0.00	–
2	242.5	7.10	0.55	6.31	0.00	7.10	0.00	–
3	241.0	7.09	0.42	6.44	0.00	–	0.00	–

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Device Support

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11.2.1 Related Documentation

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- AN-2027 *Inverting Application for the LMZ14203 SIMPLE SWITCHER Power Module*, ([SNVA425](#))
- *Absolute Maximum Ratings for Soldering*, ([SNOA549](#))
- AN-2024 *LMZ1420x / LMZ1200x Evaluation Board* ([SNVA422](#))
- AN-2085 *LMZ23605/03, LMZ22005/03 Evaluation Board* ([SNVA457](#))
- AN-2054 *Evaluation Board for LM10000 - PowerWise AVS System Controller* ([SNVA437](#))
- AN-2020 *Thermal Design By Insight, Not Hindsight* ([SNVA419](#))
- AN-2026 *Effect of PCB Design on Thermal Performance of SIMPLE SWITCHER Power Modules* ([SNVA424](#))
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11.6 Glossary




[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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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
LMZ12003TZ-ADJ/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-PMOD	NDW	7	250	RoHS (In Work) & Green (In Work)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	LMZ12003 TZ-ADJ	
LMZ12003TZE-ADJ/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-PMOD	NDW	7	45	RoHS (In Work) & Green (In Work)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	LMZ12003 TZ-ADJ	
LMZ12003TZX-ADJ/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-PMOD	NDW	7	500	RoHS (In Work) & Green (In Work)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	LMZ12003 TZ-ADJ	

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LMZ12003TZ-ADJ/NOPB	TO-PMOD	NDW	7	250	330.0	24.4	10.6	14.22	5.0	16.0	24.0	Q2
LMZ12003TZ-ADJ/NOPB	TO-PMOD	NDW	7	500	330.0	24.4	10.6	14.22	5.0	16.0	24.0	Q2

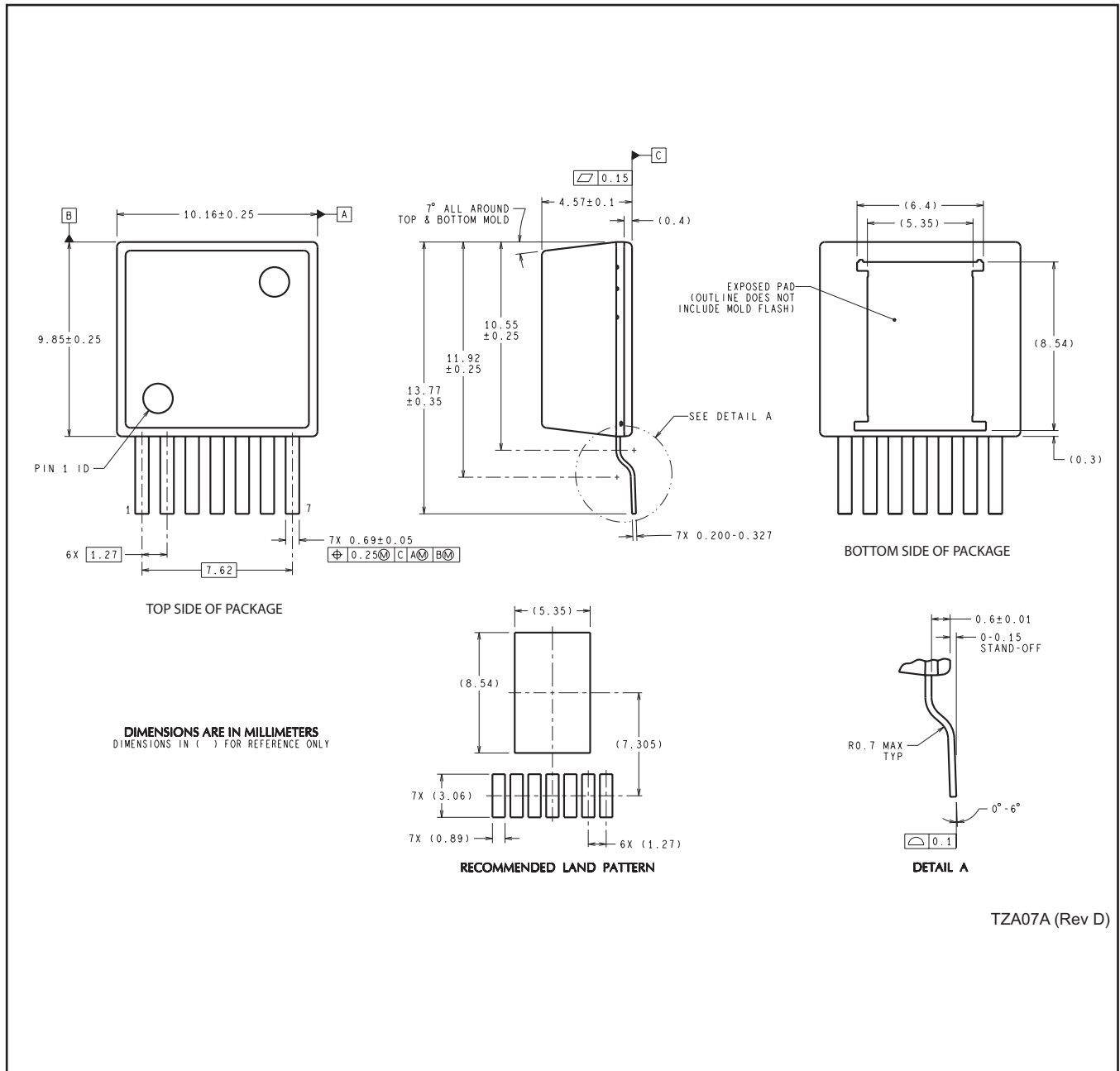
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