

BENEFITS and FEATURES

- **Wide input voltage range**
 - $V_{in} = 2.7V$ to $5.5V$
- **Complete integrated power solution**
 - 4A DC/DC Step-Down (Buck) Regulator with Bypass Function
 - 4A DC/DC Step-Down (Buck) Regulator
 - 2A DC/DC Step-Down (Buck) Regulator
 - Two 390mA LDOs
- **Space Savings**
 - Fully integrated
 - High $F_{sw} = 1.125MHz$ to $3.3MHz$
 - Works with $0.47\mu H$ Inductor
 - Integrated sequencing
- **Easy system level design**
 - Configurable Sequencing
 - Multiple Wake up Triggers with GPIOs
 - Seamless Sequencing of External Supplies
 - Four Programmable GPIOs
- **Buck 1 Bypass Mode for 3.3V system level compliance**
- **Highly configurable**
 - uP interface for status reporting and controllability
 - Programmable Reset and Power Good GPIO's
 - Flexible Sequencing Options
 - Multiple Sleep Modes
- **I²C Interface – 1MHz**

APPLICATIONS

- Solid-State Drives (SSD)
- FPGA
- Computer Vision
- Portable Audio / Video

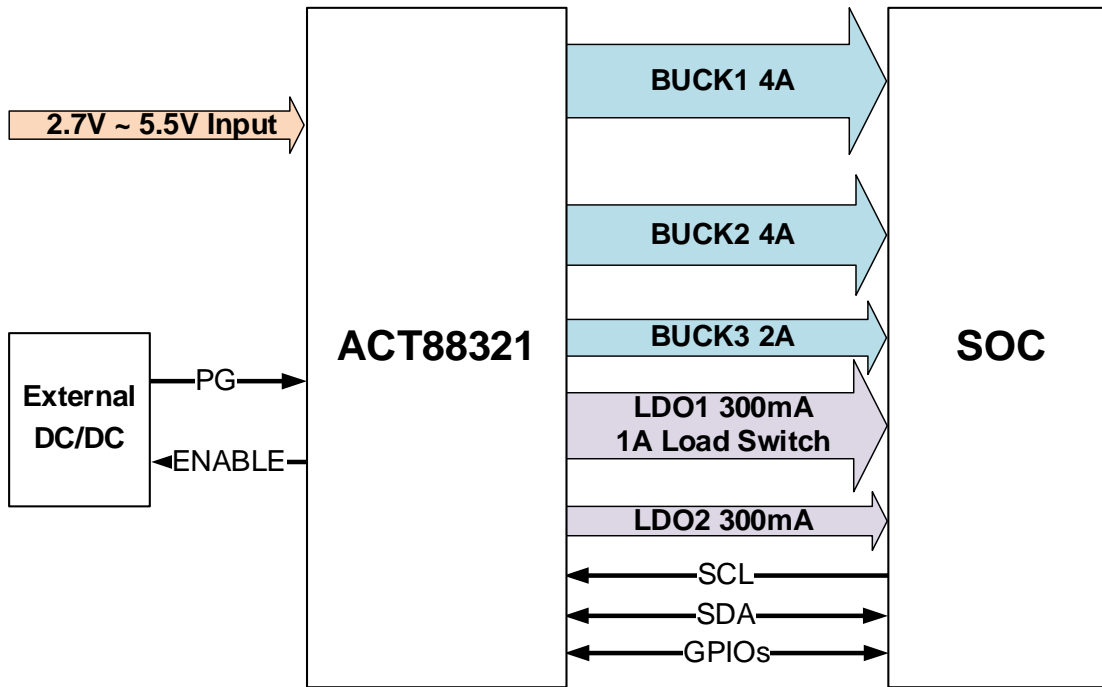
GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ACT88321 PMIC is an integrated ActiveCiPS™ power management integrated circuit. It powers a wide range of processors, including solid-state drive applications, video processors, FPGA's, wearables, peripherals, and microcontrollers. The ACT88321 is optimized for SSD and FPGA applications. A similar product, ACT88328, is optimized for video and wearables applications. The ACT88321 is highly flexible and can be re-configured via I²C for multiple applications without the need for PCB changes. The low external component count and high configurability significantly speeds time to market. Examples of configurable options include output voltage, startup time, slew rate, system level sequencing, switching frequency, sleep modes, operating modes etc. ACT88321 is programmed at the factory with a default configuration. These settings can be optimized for a specific design through the I²C interface. The ACT88321 is available in several default configurations. Contact the factory for specific default configurations.

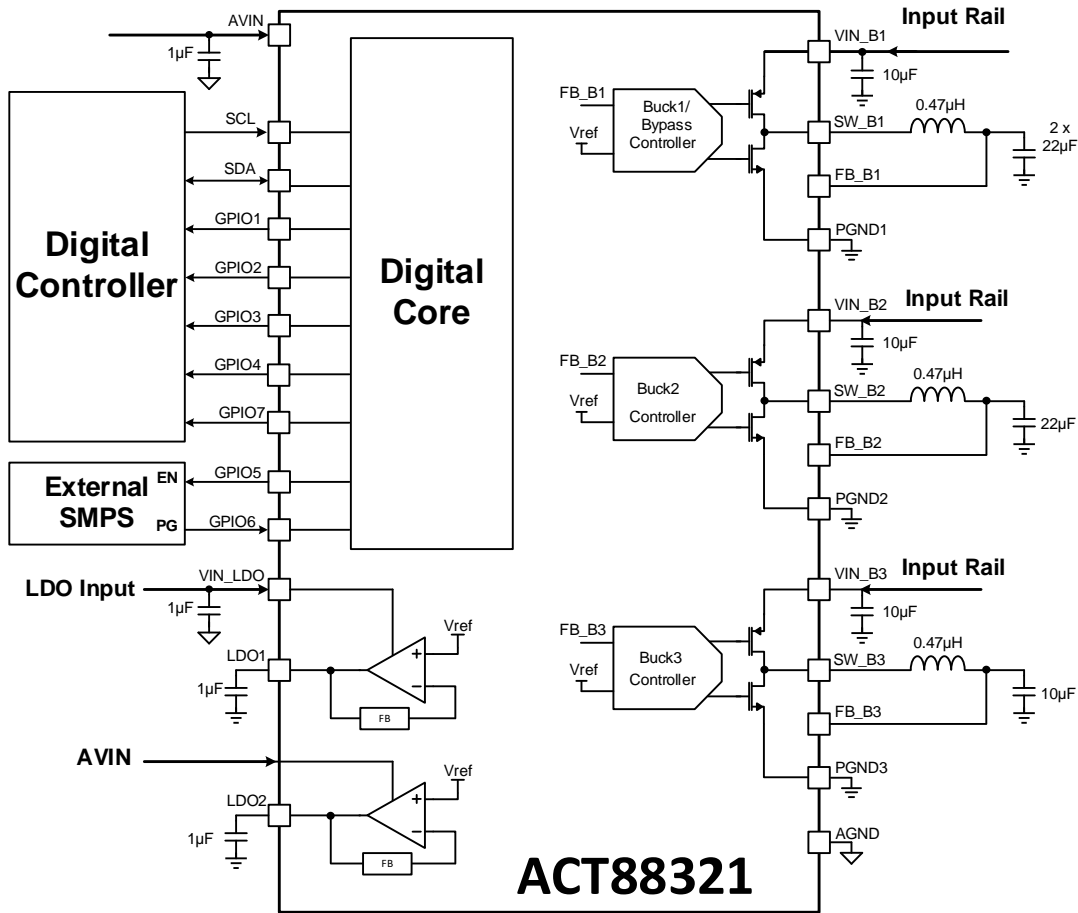
The core of the device includes three DC/DC step down converters using integrated power FETs, two low-drop-out regulators (LDOs). Buck1 and LDO1 can be configured as a load switch. Buck1 is a peak current mode, fixed frequency DC-DC step down converter that is optimized for output voltage close to the input voltage. Buck1 switches at either $1.125MHz$ or $2.25MHz$, requiring only three small components for operation. Buck2 and Buck3 use an asynchronous constant on-time, ACOT, control architecture to optimize the load transient response with smaller output capacitors. The LDOs only require small ceramic capacitors. All outputs are highly configurable via the I²C interface.

The ACT88321 PMIC is available in a 2.18×2.58 mm 30 ball WLCSP package.

TYPICAL APPLICATION DIAGRAM

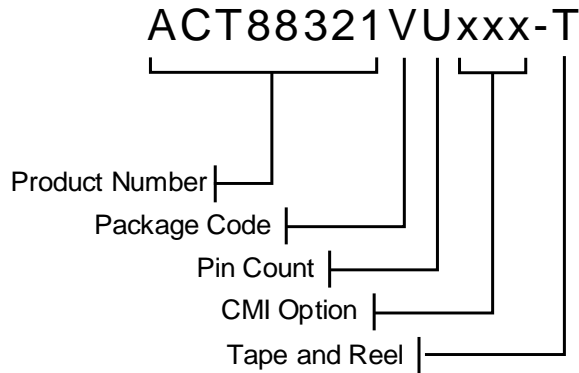


FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	V _{OUT1}	V _{OUT2}	V _{OUT3}	V _{LDO1}	V _{LDO2}	7-bit I ² C Address	Package
ACT88321VU101-T	2.9V	0.93V	1.8V	LSW	1.8V	0x25h	30 pin WLCSP



Note 1: Standard product options are identified in this table. Contact factory for custom options, minimum order quantity required.

Note 2: All Qorvo components are RoHS Compliant and with Pb-free plating unless specified differently. The term Pb-free means semiconductor products that are in compliance with current RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) standards.

Note 3: Package Code designator. "V" represents CSP.

Note 4: Pin Count designator. "U" represents 30 pins.

Note 5: "xxx" represents the CMI (Code Matrix Index) option The CMI identifies the IC's default register settings.

PIN CONFIGURATION – WLCSP

	1	2	3	4	5
A	VIN_B1	SW_B1	PGND1	VIN_LDO1	LDO1
B	VIN_B1	SW_B1		AVIN	LDO2
C	FB_B1		SDA	SCL	GPIO4
D	GPIO7	GPIO2	GPIO5		AGND
E	FB_B3		PGND23	SW_B2	FB_B2
F	VIN_B3	SW_B3	PGND23	SW_B2	VIN_B2

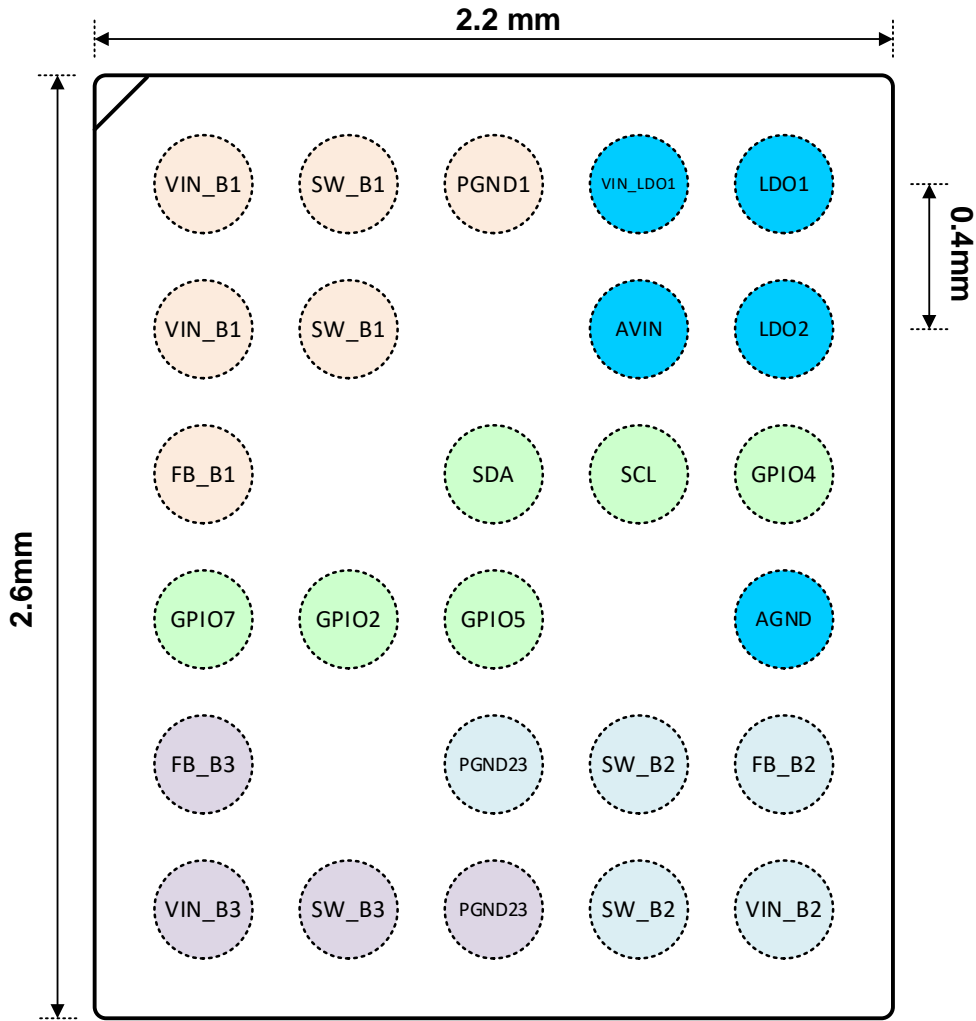


Figure 1: Pin Configuration – Top View (bumps down) – WLCSP- 30

PIN DESCRIPTIONS

Ball (CSP)	NAME	DESCRIPTION
A3	PGND1	Dedicated Power Ground for Buck1 Regulator.
B3	n/a	B3 is unused and does not have a package bump that can be soldered to the PCB
E3, F3	PGND23	Dedicated Power Ground for Buck2 and Buck3 Regulators
E4, F4	SW_B2	Switch Pin for Buck2 Regulator.
F5	VIN_B2	Dedicated VIN power input for Buck 2 Regulator.
E5	FB_B2	Feedback for Buck2 Regulator. Connect to the Buck2 output capacitor.
A5	LDO1	Output for LDO1 Regulator (Leave unconnected if LDO1 is not used and disabled).
A4	VIN_LDO	Dedicated VIN power input for LDO1 Regulator.
C4	SCL	I ² C Clock Input.
C3	SDA	I ² C Data Input and Output.
D5	AGND	Analog Ground. Kelvin connect to the other ground pins on the IC.
B5	LDO2	Output for LDO2 Regulator (Leave unconnected if LDO2 is not used and disabled).
E1	FB_B3	Feedback for Buck3 Regulator. Connect to the Buck3 output capacitor.
F1	VIN_B3	Dedicated VIN power input for Buck3 Regulator.
F2	SW_B3	Switch Pin for Buck3 Regulator.
E2	n/a	E2 is unused and does not have a package bump that can be soldered to the PCB
D2	GPIO2	Configurable general-purpose input/open drain output.
C2	n/a	C2 is unused and does not have a package bump that can be soldered to the PCB
C5	GPIO4	Configurable general-purpose input/open drain output.
D3	GPIO5	Configurable general-purpose input/open drain output.
D4	n/a	D4 is unused and does not have a package bump that can be soldered to the PCB
D1	GPIO7	Configurable general-purpose input/open drain output.
C1	FB_B1	Feedback for Buck1 Regulator. Connect to the Buck1 output capacitor.
B4	AVIN	Analog Input supply and power input for LDO2. This is also the pin that is monitored for VIN OV and UV.
A1, B1	VIN_B1	Dedicated VIN power input for Buck1 Regulator.
A2, B2	SW_B1	Switch pin for Buck1 Regulator.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (NOTE1)

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNIT
All I/O and Power pins except PGND1, PGND2, PGND3, AGND	-0.3 to 6	V
Grounds: Any PGND referenced to AGND	-0.3 to +0.3	V
SW_Bx to PGNDx	-1 to VIN_Bx + 1	V
FB_Bx to PGNDx	-0.3 to AVIN + 0.3	V
LDO1 to AGND	-0.3 to VIN_LDO + 0.3	V
LDO2 to AGND	-0.3 to AVIN + 0.3	V
Junction to Ambient Thermal Resistance, CSP (Note2)	37	°C/W
Operating Junction Temperature	-40 to 150	°C
Storage Temperature	-55 to 150	°C
HBM ESD	2000	V
MSL Rating	1	

Note1: Do not exceed these limits to prevent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for long periods may affect device reliability.

Note2: Measured on Qorvo Evaluation Kit

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
AVIN, VIN_B1, VIN_B2, VIN_B3 (Note1)		2.7		5.5	V
VIN_LDO	LDO Mode	1.62		5.5	V
	NLSW Mode	0.4		3	V
	PLSW Mode	1.62		AVIN	V
Operating Junction Temperature		-40		125	°C

Note1: AVIN must always be the highest input voltage to the IC.



DIGITAL I/O ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(AVIN = 3.3V, T_j = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
GPIOs Leakage Current	Output = 5V			1	μA
GPIOs Output Low (Open Drain)	IOL = 1mA			0.35	V
GPIOs Input Low				0.35	V
GPIOs Input High		1.25			V
GPIOs Delay Times			0		ms
			1		
			5		
			10		
GPIOs Deglitch Time		10		40	μs



SYSTEM CONTROL ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(AVIN = 3.3V, T_j = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Supply Inputs Voltage Range: VIN_B1 referenced to PGND1 VIN_B2 referenced to PGND2 VIN_B3 referenced to PGND3		2.7		5.5	V
VIN_LDO referenced to AGND	LDO Mode	1.62		5.5	V
	NLSW Mode	0.4		Min of (AVIN-1 or 3.6V)	
	PLSW Mode	1.62		AVIN	
UVLO Threshold Falling (Note 1)	VIN_LVL=0	2.5	2.6	2.7	V
	VIN_LVL=1	3.35	3.5	3.65	V
UVLO Hysteresis (Note 1)	VIN_LVL=0	50	100	150	mV
	VIN_LVL=1	250	300	350	mV
OV Threshold Rising – VIN_OV (Note 1)	From 3.7V to 5.8V with 0.3V steps. See details in VIN_OV table	-3.5	SET POINT	3.5	%
OV Hysteresis (Note 1)		100	200	300	mV
POK OV Interrupt Threshold Rising	From 3.5V to 5.6V with 0.3V steps. See details on POK_OV table	-3.5	SET POINT	3.5	%
POK OV Interrupt Threshold Hysteresis		100	200	300	mV
POK Deglitch Time OV or UV			5		μs
Operating Supply Current	All Regulators Disabled nSaveIQQ=1		42		μA
	All Regulators Disabled nSaveIQQ=0		10		μA
Operating Supply Current	All Regulators Enabled – No load		260		μA
System Monitor (SYSMON) Programmable Range – Rising Threshold	In 100mV steps	2.7		4.8	V
System Monitor (SYSMON) Accuracy		-3.5	SET POINT	3.5	%
System Warning (SYSWARN) Programmable Range	In 100mV steps	2.7		5.7	V
System Warning (SYSWARN) Accuracy	In 100mV steps	-3.5	SET POINT	3.5	%
VIN Deglitch Time UV	Falling, enter UV		5		μs
VIN Deglitch Time UV	Rising, exit UV		100		μs
VIN Deglitch Time OV	Rising, enter OV		5		μs
VIN Deglitch Time OV	Falling, exit OV		200		μs

Thermal Shutdown Temperature TSD_SHUTDWN	Temperature rising	155	°C
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis		30	°C
Startup Delay after initial AVIN	Time from AVIN > UVLO threshold to start of first regulator turning On. (zero turn on delay setting) nSaveIQQ=1	620 750	µs
	Time from AVIN > UVLO threshold to start of first regulator turning On. (zero turn on delay setting) nSaveIQQ=0	920 1150	µs
Thermal Interrupt Threshold, TSD_ALERT	Temperature rising - Referenced to TSD_SHUTDWN	TSD_SHUTDWN - 30	°C
Thermal Interrupt Hysteresis		20	°C
Transition time from Deep Sleep (DPSP) State to Active State	Time from PWREN pin low to high transition to time when the first regulator turns ON with minimum turn on delay configuration.	224 500	µs
	Using I ² C	84	µs
Transition time from Sleep State (SLEEP) to Active State	Time from I ² C command to clear sleep mode to time when the first regulator turns ON with minimum turn on delay configuration.	84	µs
Time to first power rail turn off	Time from turn Off command to when the first power rail turns off with minimum turn off delay configuration	180	µs
Startup Delay Programmable Range	ONDLY=000	0	ms
	ONDLY=001	0.5	
	ONDLY=010	1	
	ONDLY=011	2	
	ONDLY=100	4	
	ONDLY=101	8	
	ONDLY=110	16	
	ONDLY=111	32	
Turn Off Delay Programmable Range	OFFDLY=000	0	ms
	OFFDLY=001	0.5	
	OFFDLY=010	1	
	OFFDLY=011	2	
	OFFDLY=100	4	
	OFFDLY=101	8	
	OFFDLY=110	16	
	OFFDLY=111	32	
nRESET Programmable Range	TRST_DLY=000	0.5	ms
	TRST_DLY=001	1	
	TRST_DLY=010	2.5	
	TRST_DLY=011	5	
	TRST_DLY=100	10	
	TRST_DLY=101	20	
	TRST_DLY=110	50	
TRST_DLY=111	100		
GPIOs Delay Programmable Range	IOx_DLY=00	0	ms



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	IOx_DLY=01	1	
	IOx_DLY=10	5	
	IOx_DLY=11	10	

Note1: All Under-voltage Lockout, Overvoltage measurements are referenced between AVIN and AGND pin.

BUCK1 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, REGULATOR:

(VIN_B1 = 3.3V, Tj = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Operating Voltage Range		2.7		5.5	V
Output Voltage Range	Configured for 25mV steps	0.6		3.775	V
Maximum Output Current (Note1)		4			A
Maximum Operation Duty Cycle		99			%
Supply Current, Standby	Low Power Mode Enabled Regulator Only, No Load (VOUT = VSET*1.05)		40		μA
	ULPM Mode Enabled Regulator Only, No Load (VOUT = VSET*1.05), IC is in SLEEP or DEEP SLEEP Mode.		10		μA
Supply Current, Shutdown	Regulator Disabled (Note2)		0.1	1	μA
	Regulator Disabled		0.1	7.5	uA
Output Voltage Accuracy – PWM (Note2)	Default output voltage, IOUT = 2A	-1	VNOM	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – PWM	Default output voltage, IOUT = 2A	-1.5	VNOM	1.5	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – PFM (Note2)	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1mA, Average Ripple Voltage	-1	VNOM	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – PFM	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1mA, Average Ripple Voltage	-1.5	VNOM	1.5	%
Line Regulation	Default output voltage, VIN_B1 = 3.3V to 5.5V, PWM mode		0.05		%/V
Load Regulation	Default output voltage, PWM Mode		0.05		%/A
Power Good Threshold	VOUT_B1 Rising	90	93	96	%VNOM
Power Good Hysteresis	VOUT_B1 Falling		3		%VNOM
Overvoltage Fault Threshold	VOUT_B1 Rising	107	110	113	%VNOM
Overvoltage Fault Hysteresis	VOUT_B1 Falling		3		%VNOM
Switching Frequency		2.00	2.25	2.36	MHz
		1.00	1.125	1.18	MHz
Soft-Start Period – Programmable	10% to 90% VNOM		250 500		μs
Soft-Start Period	Variation from set point	-40		40	%
Internal High Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) ILIMSET	B1_ILIMSET=0		3.8		A
	B1_ILIMSET=1		5.0		
Internal High Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) Tolerance	At default ILIMSET	-25	ILIMSET	25	%
	At other set points	-30	ILIMSET	30	



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Internal High Side Peak Current Limit, Shutdown Level	Above ILIMSET = all settings	10	25	40	%
Low Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) ILIMSET (Note3)	B1_ILIMSET=0 B1_ILIMSET=1		3.8 5.0		A
PMOS On-Resistance	I _{SW} = -1A, VIN_B1 = 3.3V		30		mΩ
NMOS On-Resistance	I _{SW} = 1A, VIN_B1 = 3.3V		40		mΩ
SW Leakage Current – NMOS	V _{IN_B1} = 5V, V _{SW} = 5V (Note2)		0.1	1	μA
	V _{IN_B1} = 5V, V _{SW} = 5V		0.1	1.5	uA
SW Leakage Current – PMOS	V _{IN_B1} = 5V, V _{SW} = 0V (Note2)		0.1	2.5	μA
	V _{IN_B1} = 5V, V _{SW} = 0V		0.1	9.0	uA
Switching Rise / Fall Times	V _{IN_B1} = 5V B1_DRVADJ=00 B1_DRVADJ=01 B1_DRVADJ=10 B1_DRVADJ=11		2.2/2 1.9/1.9 1.7/1.8 1.6/1.7		ns
Output Pull Down Resistance	Enabled when regulator disabled		4.4		Ohms

Note1: There are two balls for VIN_B1 and SW_B1 which is good for 4A average lifetime rating at 105 deg C junction.

Note2: T_A = +25°C

Note3: LSILIM is used for current run-away protection. It is only enabled when the top FET on-time is less than 120ns.



BUCK1 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, REGULATOR: – BYPASS MODE OPTION

(VIN_B1 = 3.3V, Tj = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Bypass Mode					
Input Voltage Range for By-Pass Mode		2.7	3.3	3.7	V
PMOS On-Resistance	I _{sw} = -1A, VIN = 3.3V		30		mΩ
Internal PMOS Current Detection	Triggers Interrupt on IRQ Pin	1.6	2.5	3.6	A
Internal PMOS Current Detection Deglitch Time			10		μs
Internal PMOS Current Shutdown (Note1)	Shuts down after deglitch time and stays off for Off Time	3.1	4.5	5.8	A
Internal PMOS Current Shutdown Deglitch Time			10		μs
Internal PMOS Current Shutdown Off time			14		ms
Internal PMOS Softstart	Only used with 3.3V Input		6.6		mV/us
Overvoltage Protection Threshold			3.8		V
OV Deglitch Time			10		μs

Note1: There are two balls for VIN_B1 and SW_B1 which is good for 4A average lifetime rating at 105 deg C junction.

BUCK2 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, REGULATORS:

(VIN_B2 = 3.3V, Tj = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Operating Voltage Range		2.7		5.5	V
Output Voltage Range	Configured for 10mV steps	0.5		1.77	V
Maximum Output Current (Note1)		4			A
Supply Current, Standby	Ultra Low Power Mode Enabled, Regulator Current Only, No Switching (VFB_B2 = VSET*1.05)		12		μA
	Low Power Mode Enabled, Regulator Current Only, No Switching (VFB_B2 = VSET*1.05)		38		μA
Supply Current, Shutdown	Regulator Disabled (Note2)		0.1	1	μA
	Regulator Disabled		0.1	5.5	μA
Output Voltage Accuracy – CCM (Note2)	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1A	-1	VNOM	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – CCM	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1A	-2	VNOM	2	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – DCM(Note2)	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1mA, Average Ripple Voltage	-1	VNOM + 3%	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – DCM	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1mA, Average Ripple Voltage, Low Power Mode Enabled	-2	VNOM + 3%	2	%
Line Regulation	Default output voltage, VIN_B2 = 3.3V to 5.5V, CCM mode		0.05		%/V
Load Regulation	Default output voltage, CCM Mode		0.05		%/A
Power Good Threshold	VOUT_B2 Rising	90	93	96	%VNOM
Power Good Hysteresis	VOUT_B2 Falling		3		%VNOM
Overvoltage Fault Threshold	VOUT_B2 Rising	107	110	113	%VNOM
Overvoltage Fault Hysteresis	VOUT_B2 Falling		3		%VNOM
Emulated Switching Frequency	FSET=00		1.5		MHz
	FSET=01		2.0		
	FSET=10		2.5		
	FSET=11		3.3		
Soft-Start Period – Programmable	10% to 90% VNOM		50		μs
			100		
			250		
			500		
Soft-Start Period	Variation from set point	-40		40	%
Internal High Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) ILIMSET	B2_ILIMSET=0		3.8		A
	B2_ILIMSET=1		5.0		

Internal High Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) Tolerance	At default ILIMSET	-15	ILIMSET	15	%
	At other set points	-20	ILIMSET	20	%
Low Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) ILIMSET (Note3)	B2_ILIMSET=0 B2_ILIMSET=1		3.8 5.0		A
PMOS On-Resistance	I _{SW} = -500mA, V _{IN_B2} = 3.3V		50		mΩ
NMOS On-Resistance	I _{SW} = 500mA, V _{IN_B2} = 3.3V		22		mΩ
SW Leakage Current – NMOS	V _{IN_B2} = 5V, V _{SW} = 5V (Note2)		0.1	1	μA
	V _{IN_B2} = 5V, V _{SW} = 5V		0.1	2	μA
SW Leakage Current – PMOS	V _{IN_B2} = 5V, V _{SW} = 0V (Note2)		0.1	1.5	μA
	V _{IN_B2} = 5V, V _{SW} = 0V		0.1	6	μA
Dynamic Voltage Scaling Rate	B2_SLEW=00		22.5		mV/μs
	B2_SLEW=01		11.25		
	B2_SLEW=10		5.625		
	B2_SLEW=11		2.8125		
Switching Rise / Fall Times	V _{IN_B2} = 5V		1.4/1.4		ns
	B2_DRVADJ=00		1.2/1.3		
	B2_DRVADJ=01		1.1/1.2		
	B2_DRVADJ=10 B2_DRVADJ=11		1.0/1.1		
Output Pull Down Resistance	Enabled when regulator disabled		9.40		Ohms

Note1: There is one ball for V_{IN_B2} and two balls for SW_B2 which is good for 2A and 4A average lifetime rating at 105 deg C junction.

Note2: T_A = 25°C

Note3: LSILIM is used for current run-away protection. It is only enabled when the top FET on-time is less than 120ns.

BUCK3 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, REGULATORS:

(VIN_B3 = 3.3V, Tj = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Operating Voltage Range		2.7		5.5	V
Output Voltage Range	Configured for 100mV steps	0.5		3.6	V
Maximum Output Current (Note1)		2			A
Supply Current, Standby	Ultra Low Power Mode Enabled, Regulator Current Only, No Switching (VFB_B3 = VSET*1.05)		12		μA
	Low Power Mode Enabled, Regulator Current Only, No Switching (VFB_B3 = VSET*1.05)		38		μA
Supply Current, Shutdown	Regulator Disabled (Note2)		0.1	1	μA
	Regulator Disabled		0.1	4.5	μA
Output Voltage Accuracy – CCM (Note2)	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1A	-1	VNOM	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – CCM	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1A	-2	VNOM	2	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – DCM (Note2)	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1mA, Average Ripple Voltage	-1	VNOM+ 3%	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy – DCM	Default output voltage, IOUT = 1mA, Average Ripple Voltage	-2	VNOM+ 3%	2	%
Line Regulation	Default output voltage, VIN_B3 = 3.3V to 5.5V, CCM mode		0.05		%/V
Load Regulation	Default output voltage, CCM Mode		0.05		%/A
Power Good Threshold	VOUT_B3 Rising	90	93	96	%VNOM
Power Good Hysteresis	VOUT_B3 Falling		3		%VNOM
Overvoltage Fault Threshold	VOUT_B3 Rising	107	110	113	%VNOM
Overvoltage Fault Hysteresis	VOUT_B3 Falling		3		%VNOM
Emulated Switching Frequency	FSET=00		1.5		MHz
	FSET=01		2.0		
	FSET=10		2.5		
	FSET=11		3.3		
Soft-Start Period – Programmable Range	10% to 90% VNOM		50		μs
			100		
			250		
			500		
Soft-Start Period	Variation from set point	-40		40	%
Internal High Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) ILIMSET	B3_ILIMSET=0		2.0		A
	B3_ILIMSET=1		3.0		
Internal High Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) Tolerance	At default ILIMSET	-15	ILIMSET	15	%
	At other set points	-20	ILIMSET	20	%



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Low Side Peak Current Limit (Cycle-by-Cycle) ILIMSET (Note3)	B3_ILIMSET=0 B3_ILIMSET=1	2.0 3.0		A
PMOS On-Resistance	I _{SW} = -500mA, V _{IN_B3} = 3.3V	75		mΩ
NMOS On-Resistance	I _{SW} = 500mA, V _{IN_B3} = 3.3V	70		mΩ
SW Leakage Current – NMOS	V _{IN_B3} = 5V, V _{SW} = 5V	0.1	1	μA
SW Leakage Current – PMOS	V _{IN_B3} = 5V, V _{SW} = 0V (Note2)	0.1	1	μA
	V _{IN_B3} = 5V, V _{SW} = 0V	0.1	4.5	μA
Switching Rise / Fall Times	V _{IN_B3} = 5V B3_DRVADJ=00 B3_DRVADJ=01 B3_DRVADJ=10 B3_DRVADJ=11	1.2/1.3 1.1/1.2 1.0/1.1 0.9/1.0		ns
Output Pull Down Resistance	Enabled when regulator disabled	9.40		Ohms

Note1: There is one ball for V_{IN_B3} and SW_{B3} which is good for 2A average lifetime rating at 105 deg C junction.

Note2: T_A = +25°C

Note3: LSILIM is used for current run-away protection. It is only enabled when the top FET on-time is less than 120ns.

LDO1 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(VIN_LDO1 = 3.3V, T_j = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Operating Voltage Range		1.62		5.5	V
Output Voltage Range	Configurable in 50mV steps	0.6		3.75	V
Output Current	VIN_LDO1 = 1.62V to 5.5V, LDO1_ILIM=1	0.39			A
Output Voltage Accuracy (Note1)	At default output voltage setting VIN_LDO - VLDO1 > 0.4V	-1	V _{NOM}	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy	At default output voltage setting VIN_LDO - VLDO1 > 0.4V	-1.5	V _{NOM}	1.5	%
Line Regulation	VIN_LDO - VLDO1 > 0.4V VIN_LDO = 3V to 5V ILDO1 = 1mA		0.01		% / V
Load Regulation	ILDO1 = 1mA to 390mA, ILIM_SCL_LDO1=1 VIN_LDO - VLDO1 > 0.4V		0.025		% / A
Supply Current	Regulator Enabled No Load		14	30	μA
	Regulator Disabled		0	1	μA
Soft-Start Period	LDO1_SS = 0. VLDO1 = 10% to 90%		200		μs
	LDO1_SS = 1. VLDO1 = 10% to 90%		360		μs
Power Good Threshold	VLDO1 Rising	90	93	96	%V _{NOM}
Power Good Hysteresis	VLDO1 Falling		3		%V _{NOM}
Overvoltage Fault Threshold	VLDO1 Rising	107	110	113	%V _{NOM}
Overvoltage Fault Hysteresis	VLDO1 Falling		3		%V _{NOM}
Dropout Voltage	ILDO1 = 200mA, VIN_LDO > 2.7V, LDO1_ILIM=0			200	mV
	ILDO1 = 400mA, VIN_LDO > 2.7V, LDO1_ILIM=1			400	mV
	ILDO1 = 200mA, VIN_LDO = 1.6V, LDO1_ILIM=0		225		mV
	ILDO1 = 400mA, VIN_LDO = 1.6V, LDO1_ILIM=1		670		mV
Discharge Resistance	Enabled when regulator disabled	10	20	35	Ω
Output Current Limit	VIN_LDO = 2.7V to 5.5V, VIN_LDO - VLDO1 > 0.4V LDO1_ILIM=0 LDO1_ILIM=1	310 390	400 500		mA
Short Output Foldback Current			35		%

Note1: T_A = 25°C

LDO1 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS – LOAD SWITCH

(VIN_LDO1 = 3.3V, T_j = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Load Switch Operation Range	NLSW Mode, Input Voltage Range of VIN_LDO	0.4		Minimum of (AVIN-1 or 3.6V)	V
	PLSW Mode, Input Voltage Range of VIN_LDO	1.62		AVIN	V
Load Switch On-Resistance	NLSW Mode, V _{LDO1_IN} = 0.4V I _{LDO1} = 100mA		55		mΩ
	NLSW Mode, V _{LDO1_IN} = 3.3V I _{LDO1} = 100mA		310		mΩ
	PLSW Mode, V _{LDO1_IN} = 3.3V I _{LDO1} = 100mA		380		mΩ
Load Switch Supply Current	NLSW Mode. Load Switch Enabled. No Load		16		μA
	PLSW Mode. Load Switch Enabled. No Load		20		
	Load Switch Disabled		0	1	
Soft-Start Period	NLSW Mode		200		μs
	PLSW Mode. Load Switch Uses Current Limit to accomplish softstart		N/A		
Output Current Limit	NLSW Mode: NLSW1_ILIM = 0	0.49	0.65		mA
	NLSW Mode: NLSW1_ILIM = 1	0.84	1.1		
	PLSW Mode: LDO1_ILIM = 0	0.31	0.33		
	PLSW Mode: LDO1_ILIM = 1	0.39	0.48		
Over Voltage Protection Threshold			3.8		V
OV Deglitch Time			10		μs

LDO2 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(AVIN = 3.3V, T_j = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Operating Voltage Range		2.7		5.5	V
Output Voltage Range	Configurable in 50mV steps	0.6		3.75	V
Output Current	AVIN = 2.7V to 5.5V, LDO2_ILIM=1	0.39			A
Output Voltage Accuracy (Note1)	At default output voltage setting AVIN - V _{LDO2_OUT} > 0.4V	-1	V _{SET}	1	%
Output Voltage Accuracy	At default output voltage setting AVIN - V _{LDO2_OUT} > 0.4V	-1.5	V _{SET}	1.5	%
Line Regulation	AVIN - V _{LDO2_OUT} > 0.4V AVIN = 2.7V to 5.5V I _{LDO2_OUT} = 1mA		0.01		% / V
Load Regulation	I _{LDO2_OUT} = 1mA to 390mA, LDO2_ILIM=1 AVIN - V _{LDO2_OUT} > 0.4V		0.025		% / A
Supply Current	Regulator Enabled, No Load		14	30	μA
	Regulator Disabled		0	1	μA
Soft-Start Period	LDO2_SS = 0. V _{LDO1} = 10% to 90% LDO2_SS = 1. V _{LDO1} = 10% to 90%		200 360		μs
Power Good Threshold	V _{LDO2_OUT} Rising	90	93	96	%V _{NOM}
Power Good Hysteresis	V _{LDO2_OUT} Falling		3		%V _{NOM}
Overvoltage Fault Threshold	V _{LDO2_OUT} Rising	107	110	113	%V _{NOM}
Overvoltage Fault Hysteresis	V _{LDO2_OUT} Falling		3		%V _{NOM}
Dropout Voltage	I _{LDO2} = 200mA, AVIN > 2.7V, LDO2_ILIM=0			200	mV
	I _{LDO2} = 400mA, AVIN > 2.7V, LDO2_ILIM=1			400	
	I _{LDO1} = 200mA, V _{IN_LDO} = 1.6V, LDO1_ILIM=0		225		mV
	I _{LDO1} = 400mA, V _{IN_LDO} = 1.6V, LDO1_ILIM=1		670		mV
Discharge Resistance	Enabled when regulator disabled	10	20	35	Ω
Output Current Limit	AVIN = 2.7V to 5.5V, AVIN - V _{LDO1} > 0.4V LDO2_ILIM=0	310	400	500	mA
	LDO2_ILIM=1	390	500	600	
Short Output Foldback Current			35		%

Note1: T_A = 25°C

I²C INTERFACE ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(AVIN = 3.3V, T_j = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise specified.)

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SCL, SDA Input Low	AVIN = 3.3V			0.4	V
SCL, SDA Input High	AVIN = 3.3V	1.25			V
SDA Leakage Current	SDA=5V			1	μA
SDA Output Low	I _{OL} = 5mA			0.35	V
SCL Clock Frequency, f _{SCL}		0		1000	kHz
SCL Low Period, t _{LOW}		0.5			μs
SCL High Period, t _{HIGH}		0.26			μs
SDA Data Setup Time, t _{SU}		50			ns
SDA Data Hold Time, t _{HD}	(Note1)	0			ns
Start Setup Time, t _{ST}	For Start Condition	260			ns
Stop Setup Time, t _{SP}	For Stop Condition	260			ns
Capacitance on SCL or SDA Pin				10	pF
SDA Fall Time SDA, T _{of}	Device requirement			120	ns
Pulse Width of spikes must be suppressed on SCL and SDA		0		50	ns

Note1: Comply to I²C timings for 1MHz operation - "Fast Mode Plus".

Note2: No internal timeout for I²C operations, however, I²C communication state machine will be reset when entering RESET, IDLE, OVUVFLT, and THERMAL states to clear any transactions that may have been occurring when entering the above states.

Note3: This is an I²C system specification only. Rise and fall time of SCL & SDA not controlled by the device.

Note4: Device Address is 7'h5A

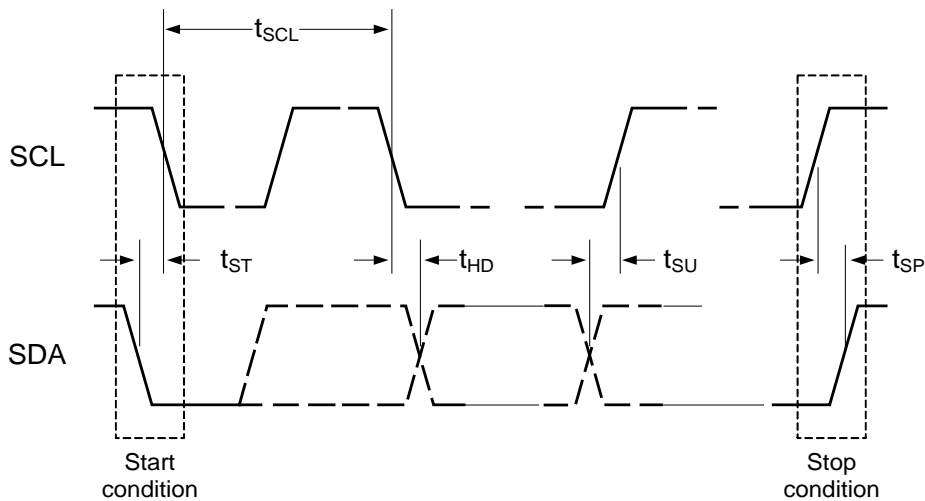


Figure 2: I²C Data Transfer

SYSTEM CONTROL INFORMATION

General

The ACT88321 is a single-chip integrated power management solution designed to power many processors. It integrates three highly efficient buck regulators, and two LDOs. Its high integration and high switching frequency result in an extremely small footprint and low-cost power solution. It contains a master controller that manages startup sequencing, timing, voltages, slew rates, sleep states, and fault conditions. I²C configurability allows system level changes without the need for costly PCB changes. The built-in load bypass switch enables full sequencing configurability in 3.3V systems.

The ACT88321 master controller monitors all outputs and reports faults via I²C and hardwired status signals. Faults can be masked, and fault levels and responses are configurable via I²C.

Many of the ACT88321 GPIOs and functions are configurable. The IC's default functionality is defined by the default CMI (Code Matrix Index), but much of this functionality can be changed via I²C. The first part of the datasheet describes basic IC functionality and default pin functions. The last section of the datasheet provides the configuration and functionality specific to each CMI version. Contact sales@qorvo.com for additional information about other configurations.

I²C Serial Interface

To ensure compatibility with a wide range of systems, the ACT88321 uses standard I²C commands. The ACT88321 always operates as a slave device and is addressed using a 7-bit slave address followed by an eighth bit, which indicates whether the transaction is a read-operation or a write-operation. Refer to each specific CMI for the IC's slave address

There is no timeout function in the I²C packet processing state machine, however, any time the I²C state machine receives a start bit command, it immediately resets the packet processing, even if it is in the middle of a valid packet.

I²C commands are communicated using the SCL and SDA pins. SCL is the I²C serial clock input. SDA is the data input and output. SDA is open drain and must have a pullup resistor. Signals on these pins must meet timing requirements in the Electrical Characteristics Table.

Table 1: ACT88321 I²C Addresses

7-Bit Slave Address		8-Bit Write Address	8-Bit Read Address
0x25h	010 0101b	0x4Ah	0x4Bh
0x27h	010 0111b	0x4Eh	0x4Fh
0x67h	110 0111b	0xCEh	0xCFh
0x6Bh	110 1011b	0xD6h	0xD7h

I²C Registers

The ACT88321 has an array of internal registers that contain the IC's basic instructions for setting up the IC configuration, output voltages, switching frequency, fault thresholds, fault masks, etc. These registers give the IC its operating flexibility. The two types of registers are described below.

Basic Volatile – These are R/W (Read and Write) and RO (Read only). After the IC is powered, the user can modify the R/W register values to change IC functionality. Changes in functionality include things like masking certain faults. The RO registers communicate IC status such as fault conditions. Any changes to these registers are lost when power is recycled. The default values are fixed and cannot be changed by the factory or the end user.

Basic Non-Volatile – These are R/W and RO. After the IC is powered, the user can modify the R/W register values to change IC functionality. Changes in functionality include things like output voltage settings, startup delay time, and current limit thresholds. Any changes to these registers are lost when power is recycled. The default values can be modified at the factory to optimize IC functionality for specific applications. Please contact Qorvo for custom options and minimum order quantities.

When modifying only certain bits within a register, take care to not inadvertently change other bits. Inadvertently changing register contents can lead to unexpected device behavior.

State Machine

The ACT88321 contains an internal state machine with five internal states.

RESET State

In the RESET, or "cold" state, the ACT88321 is waiting for the input voltage on AVIN to be within a valid range defined by the UVLO and VIN_OV thresholds. All volatile registers are reset to defaults and Non-Volatile registers are reset to programmed defaults. The IC transitions from RESET to POWER SEQUENCE START when the input voltage enters the valid range. The IC

transitions from any other state to RESET if the input voltage drops below the UVLO threshold voltage. It is important to note any transition to RESET returns all volatile and non-volatile registers to their default states

POWER SEQUENCE START State

The POWER SEQUENCE START state is a transitional state while the regulators are starting. The outputs are enabled and are starting up in this state. The IC immediately transitions to the POWER ON or SLEEP states when the regulators go into regulation. The ACT88321 fault mask bits ILIM_FLTMSK, ILIM_WARN_FLTMSK, OV_FLTMSK and UV_FLTMSK default to 1 at startup, so if one regulator has a fault at startup, all other regulators will turn on. After a successful power up, these bits are cleared to 0 so that faults are detected. Any faults after this time result in standard hiccup mode functionality.

POWER ON (Active) State

The ACTIVE state is the normal operating state when the input voltage is within the allowable range, all outputs are turned on, and no faults are present. The IC only enters the ACTIVE State from the POWER SEQUENCE START State.

SLEEP State

The SLEEP state is a configurable low power state. Based on the system's low power operational requirements, the user can configure the SLEEP state by defining which internal and external regulators are kept on or turned off during the SLEEP state. Each individual regulator output can be programmed to be either on or off in the SLEEP state. Buck2 can also be programmed to regulate to its VSET0 voltage, VSET1 voltage (DVS), or be turned off in the SLEEP state. Note that no other regulators can be programmed to change between VSET0 and VSET1 when the IC enters the SLEEP State. The regulators follow their programmed sequencing delay times when turning on or off as they exit or enter the SLEEP state. The IC can enter SLEEP state via the I²C register SLEEP bit or by a GPIO input. Figure 3 shows how the NVM SLEEP_MODE factory bit sets the I²C and GPIO requirements to enter and exit the SLEEP state.

When the I²C bit SLEEP_MODE = 0, the IC enters SLEEP State with the logical AND of the I²C SLEEP bit and the GPIOs. If more than one GPIO is configured as a SLEEP State input, then all the GPIOs must be asserted. If no GPIOs are configured to control the SLEEP

State, then only the SLEEP bit controls SLEEP State entry and exit. The IC immediately exits the SLEEP State when the SLEEP bit or a GPIO is de-asserted.

When the I²C bit SLEEP_MODE = 1, the IC enters SLEEP State with the logical OR of the I²C SLEEP bit and the GPIOs. If no GPIOs are configured to control the SLEEP state, then only the SLEEP bit controls the SLEEP State. The IC exits SLEEP State when both I²C and GPIO are de-asserted.

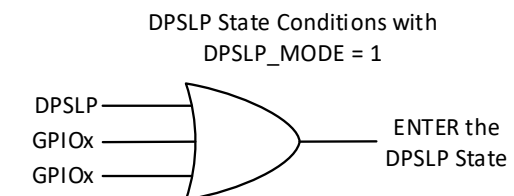
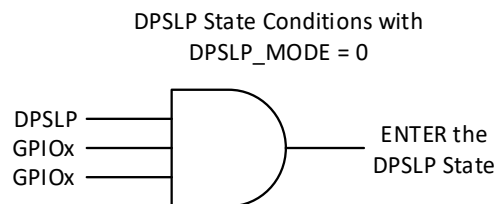
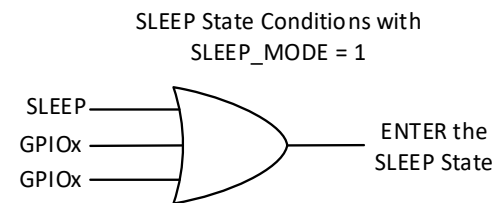
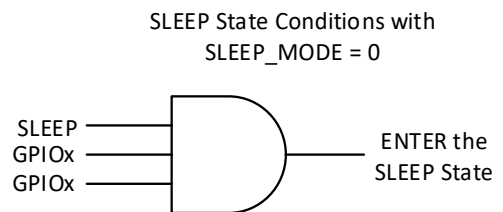


Figure 3. SLEEP and DPSLP State Truth Tables

DPSLP State

The DPSLP State is another low power operating mode for the operating system. It is intended to be used in a lower power configuration than the SLEEP state. It is

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similar with the SLEEP state, but DPSLP uses slightly different configurations to enter and exit this mode. Each output can be programmed to be on or off in the DPSLP state. Buck2 can also be programmed to operate at its VSET0 voltage, VSET1 voltage, or be turned off. Note that no other regulators can be programmed to change between VSET0 and VSET1 when the IC enters the SLEEP State. All outputs can be programmed to have different functionality between the SLEEP and DPSLP states. The outputs follow their programmed sequencing delay times when turning on or off as they enter or exit the DPSLP state. The IC can enter DPSLP state via the I²C register DPSLP bit or by a GPIOs input. Figure 3 shows how the NVM DPSLP factory bit sets the I²C and GPIO requirements to enter and exit the DPSLP state.

Any GPIO can be configured to control the DPSLP state without requiring any I²C command. This GPIO hardware function is called PWREN. After the DPSLP state is enabled via I²C, a high to low transition on the PWREN input puts the IC in DPSLP state. When the PWREN input is toggled from low to high, the IC exits DPSLP state.

The PWREN function can be configured to be either edge triggered or level triggered. The difference between these configurations only affects DPSLP Mode at power up.

Level triggered: If PWREN is low at startup, the IC enters DPSLP immediately after VIN goes above the UV threshold.

Edge triggered: If PWREN is low at startup, the IC ignores PWREN and starts up normally. PWREN must be pulled high and then pulled low to enter DPSLP Mode. If PWREN is high at startup, the IC immediately enters DPSLP Mode when PWREN is pulled low.

Like the SLEEP state, an NVM factory bit DPSLP_MODE sets the logic OR or AND logic between I²C and GPIOs for entering and exiting the DPSLP state.

When DPSLP_MODE = 0, the IC enters DPSLP State with the logical AND of the I²C DPSLP bit and the GPIOs. If more than one GPIO is configured as a DPSLP State input, then all the GPIOs must be asserted. If no GPIOs are configured to control the DPSLP State, then only the DPSLP bit controls DPSLP State entry and exit. The IC immediately exits the DPSLP State when the DPSLP bit or a GPIO is de-asserted.

When the I²C bit DPSLP_MODE = 1, the IC enters DPSLP State with the logical OR of the I²C DPSLP bit and the GPIOs. If no GPIOs are configured to control the DPSLP state, then only the DPSLP bit controls the DPSLP State. The IC exits DPSLP State when both I²C and GPIO are de-asserted.

GPIOs can also be programmed to individually turn one or multiple outputs on and off. This on/off GPIO functionality in addition to the PWREN functionality. It provides a wide range of configurability for setting different DPSLP on/off patterns. Note that the GPIOs have four delay time options for both the rising and falling edges. These settings are 0ms, 1ms, 2.5ms, and 5ms.

For example, in SSD applications, the host can use these GPIOs and PWREN to enter different power save modes like PS3.5 and PS4.

In video applications, the GPIOs can be connected to sensor inputs to trigger the IC to exit the DPSLP mode when a sensor input triggers. The GPIO polarity can be programmed as active HIGH or LOW. GPIOs also have a programmable 1ms, 5ms, and 10ms deglitch time.

THERMAL State

In the THERMAL state, the IC has exceeded the thermal shutdown temperature. The IC shuts down all regulators and asserts the nRESET to protect the IC in this condition. The THERMAL state can be disabled by setting register 0x01h bit 5 (TMSK) = 1. Note that thermal shutdown fault bit, TWARN, still provides the thermal status even if TMSK = 1.

OVUVFLT State

If one of the regulators exceed an OV or UV level at any time after the soft start ramp has completed, the IC moves to UVOVFLT state. In this state, all regulators shutdown and the IC asserts the nRESET pin. After entering the OVUVFLT state, the IC stays there for 100ms and then goes back to the ACTIVE state. If the OV or UV condition still exists in the ACTIVE state, the IC returns to the OVUVFLT state. The cycle continues until the OV or UV fault is removed, or the input power is removed. This state can only be enabled by clearing an output's OV_FLTMSK or UV_FLTMSK volatile bits to 0 and setting DISOVUVSD(0x09h[0])=0. The IC does not directly enter OVUVFLT in an overcurrent condition but does enter this state due to the resulting UV condition.

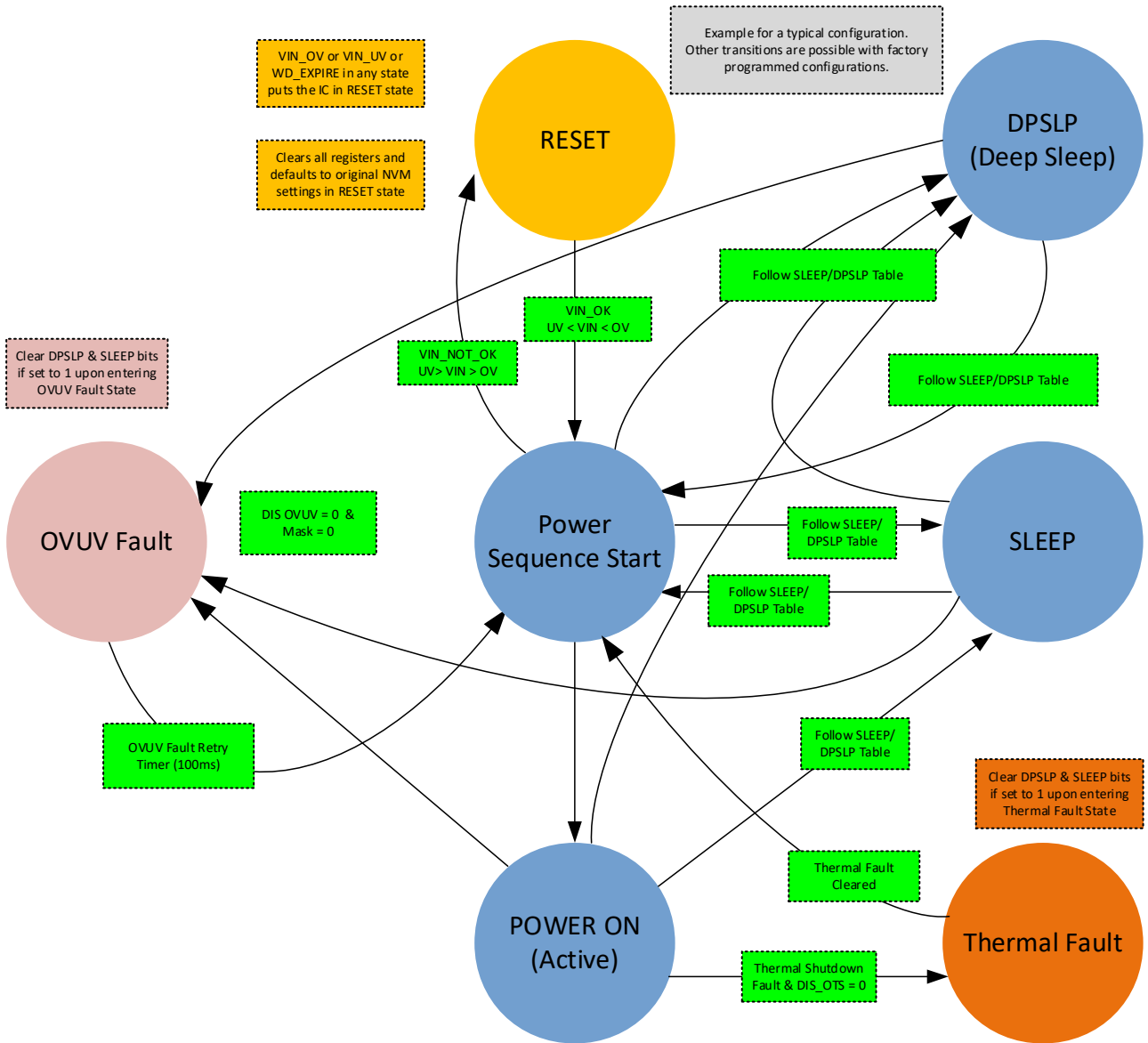


Figure 4: State Machine

Sequencing

The ACT88321 provides the end user with extremely versatile sequencing capability that can be optimized for many different applications. Each of the five outputs has five basic sequencing parameters: input trigger, turn-on delay, turn-off delay, softstart time, and output voltage. Each of these parameters is controlled via the IC's internal registers. Contact Qorvo for custom sequencing configurations. Refer to the Qorvo Application Note describing the Register Map for full details on I²C functionality and programming ranges.

Turn on and Turn off Options. The ACT88321 provides several options for enabling the IC. These include automatic power up when input power is applied as well as power up with a digital input signal to a GPIO. The GPIO can be configured to latch the IC on with an input pulse or to be level triggered. Once powered on, the IC can be turned off with either the GPIO or an I²C command.

Input trigger. The input trigger for a regulator is the event that turns that regulator on. Each output can have a separate input trigger. The input trigger can be the internal power ok (POK) signal from one of the other regulators, the internal VIN POK signal, or an external signal applied to a GPIO. This flexibility allows a wide range of sequencing possibilities, including having some of the outputs be sequenced with another external power supply or a control signal from the host. As an example, if the LDO1 input trigger is Buck1, LDO1 will not turn on until Buck1 is in regulation. Input triggers are defined at the factory and can be changed with a custom CMI configuration. The GPIOs can be internally connected to a power supply's internal POK signal and used as an output to turn on external supplies in the overall sequencing scheme.

Turn-on Delay. The turn-on delay is the time between an input trigger going active and the output starting to turn on. Each output's turn-on delay is configured via its I²C bit ON_DELAY. Turn-on delays can be changed after the IC is powered on, but they are volatile and reset to the factory defaults when power is recycled.

Turn-off Delay. The turn-off delay is the time between the input trigger for SLEEP or DPSP Mode being asserted and when each output starts to turn off. Each output's turn-off delay is configured via its I²C bit OFF_DELAY. Turn-off delays can be changed after the IC is powered on, but they are volatile and reset to the factory defaults when power is recycled.

Softstart Time. The softstart time is the time it takes an output to ramp from 10% to 90% to its programmed voltage. Each output's softstart time is configured separately via its I²C softstart bits. Softstart times can be changed after the IC is powered on, but they are volatile and reset to the factory defaults when power is recycled.

Output Voltage. Each buck's output voltage is programmed via its I²C bits Bx_VSET0 and Bx_VSET1. Note that in all conditions Bx_VSET0 must be programmed to a higher voltage than Bx_VSET1. Buck2 regulates to its B2_VSET0 voltage in ACTIVE mode. It can be programmed to regulate to B2_VSET1 in DVS mode, SLEEP state or by a GPIO input. Buck2 can change between B2_VSET0 and B2_VSET1 on-the-fly. Buck1/3 cannot change between Bx_VSET0 and Bx_VSET1 on-the-fly. Typically, Buck1/3 operate at the Bx_VSET0 voltage. If a system requires two different voltage options, a GPIO can be programmed as a voltage pinstrap input. The pinstrap input must be set before the output is enabled. The pinstrap input cannot be changed while the converter is running. If the input is a logic L, Buck1/3 operates from Bx_VSET0 and if the input is a logic H, Buck1/3 operate from VSET1. This polarity can be reversed. The LDOs only have a single register, LDOx_VSET, to set their output voltage.

Each output's Bx_VSET0 and Bx_VSET1 voltage can be changed via I²C after the IC is powered on, but the new setting is volatile and is reset to the factory defaults when power is recycled. All bucks and LDO output voltages can be changed on-the-fly by writing a new value into their I²C registers. The Buck1 and Buck3 output voltage should only be changed by the minimum step size for each I²C write. The Buck2, LDO1, and LDO2 output voltages can be changed with larger step sizes, but Qorvo recommends minimizing the step size change to prevent the IC from detecting an instantaneous over or under voltage condition due to fault thresholds being immediately changed, but output voltage taking time to respond.

Dynamic Voltage Scaling

On-the-fly dynamic voltage scaling (DVS) for Buck2 is available via the I²C interface. Note that Buck1/3 output voltage cannot be changed on-the-fly. DVS allows systems to save power by quickly adjusting the microprocessor performance level when the workload changes. Note that DVS is not a different operating state. The IC operates in the ACTIVE state, but just regulates the outputs to a different voltage. For fault free operation, the user must ensure output load conditions plus the current

required to charge the output capacitance during a DVS rising voltage condition does not exceed the current limit setting of the regulator. As with any power supply, changing an output voltage too fast can require a current higher than the current limit setting. The user must ensure that the voltage step, slew rate, and load current conditions do not result in an instantaneous loading that results in a current limit condition.

The IC can be configured to enter DVS by I²C, by a GPIO pin, or when entering SLEEP/DPSLP mode. Entering DVS via I²C requires that the factory bit EN_DVS_BY_I2C be set to 1. To enter DVS, change I²C bit DVS_FROM_I2C from 000 to a different value. The required value is CMI specific. Entering DVS by a GPIO pin or when entering SLEEP/DPSLP are also CMI dependent, so contact Qorvo for details if this is required.

Input Voltage Monitoring (SYSMON)

The ACT88321 monitors the input voltage on the AVIN pin to ensure it is within specified limits for system level

operation. The IC “wakes up” and allows I²C communication when AVIN rises above the UVLO threshold. UVLO can be set to either 2.6V or 3.5V by a factory programmable bit, VIN_LVL. VIN_LVL is not user adjustable. However, the outputs do not turn on until AVIN rises above the SYSMON threshold. SYSMON is programmable between 2.7V and 4.8V with 100mV steps. If AVIN drops below the SYSMON threshold, the outputs continue to operate normally as long as AVIN is still above UVLO. A GPIO can be programmed to output an active low SYSMON signal so the host can use it for system control purposes. In the meantime, the IC asserts the nIRQ interrupt when AVIN < SYSMON. The nIRQ interrupt can be masked by an NVM register bit. The SYSMON signal output is a real-time signal. The IC also has a real-time status bit, SYSDAT, that follows the internal SYSMON signal. Note that the nIRQ output is latched until the SYSSTAT bit in register 0x00h is read via I²C. Figure 5 shows the SYSMON details.

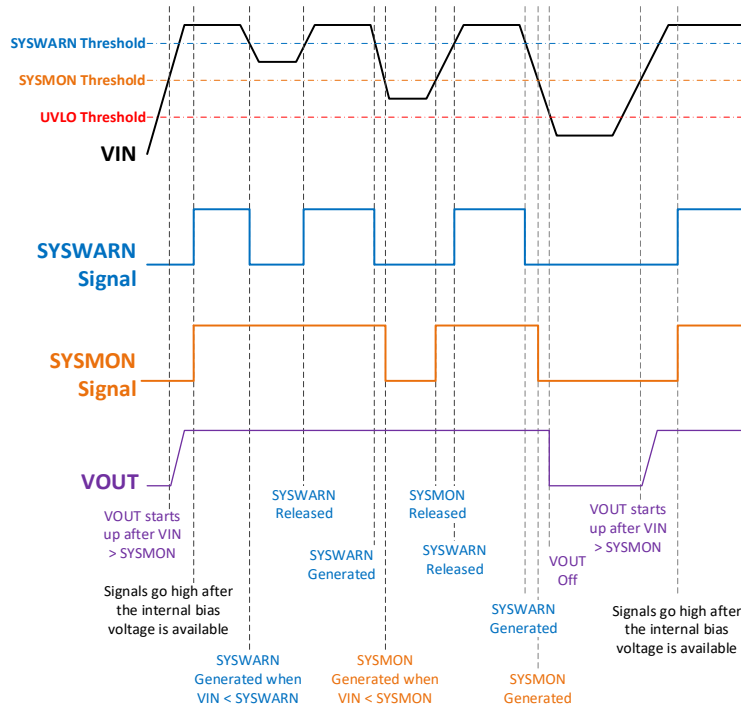


Figure 5: SYSMON and SYSWARN Signals

Input Voltage Warning (SYSWARN)

The ACT88321 also has a second level of input voltage monitoring, SYSWARN. SYSWARN provides another level of low input voltage warning to the host. It is programmable between 2.7V and 5.7V with 100mV steps by the SYSWARN bits. A GPIO can be programmed to output an active low SYSWARN signal so the host can use it for system control purposes. In the meantime, the IC asserts the nIRQ interrupt when $V_{IN} < SYSWARN$. The nIRQ interrupt can be masked in the NVM register bit. The SYSWARN signal output is a real-time signal. The IC also has a real-time status bit, SYSWARN, that follows the internal SYSWARN signal. Note that the nIRQ output is latched until the SYSWARN bit in register 0x00h is read via I²C.

Fault Protection

The ACT88321 contains several levels of fault protection, including the following:

Output Overvoltage

Output Undervoltage

Output Current Limit and Short Circuit

Thermal Warning

Thermal Shutdown

There are three types of I²C register bits associated with each fault condition: fault flag bits, fault bits, and mask bits. The fault flag bits display the real-time fault status. Their status is valid regardless of whether that fault is masked. The mask bits either block or allow the fault to affect the fault bit. Each potential fault condition can be masked via I²C if desired. Any unmasked fault condition results in the fault bit going high, which asserts the nIRQ pin. nIRQ is typically active low. The nIRQ pin only de-asserts after the fault condition is no longer present and the corresponding fault bit is read via I²C. Note that masked faults can still be read in the fault flag bit. Refer to the Qorvo Application Note describing the Register Map for full details on I²C functionality and programming ranges.

Input Voltage UVLO

The ACT88321 monitors its input voltage at the AVIN pin for a UVLO condition. When the input voltage is below the UVLO threshold, the IC is in the RESET State, all outputs are turned off, and nRESET is asserted low. I²C functionality is not enabled until AVIN goes above the UVLO threshold. When the input voltage goes above UVLO, the IC transitions to the ACTIVE state and starts

up normally. The UVLO threshold can be set to either 2.6V or 3.5V by a factory programmable bit, VIN_LVL. VIN_LVL is not user adjustable.

Input Voltage OV

The ACT88321 monitors its input voltage at the AVIN pin for an OV condition. There are two overvoltage levels, POK_OV and VIN_OV. The first level is set by the POK_OV register, which is programmable between 3.5V and 5.6V in 300mV steps. When AVIN goes above the POK_OV threshold, an interrupt is generated on the nIRQ output, but all outputs stay on. If $V_{IN_POK_OV_MASK} = 0$, the VIN_POK_OV register provides real-time status if. If it = 1, then VIN_POK_OV register is latched until read by I²C. The second level, VIN_OV, is programmable between 3.7V and 5.81V. When the input voltage is above the VIN_OV threshold, the IC is in the RESET State, all outputs are turned off, and nRESET is asserted low. I²C functionality is still enabled while AVIN is above the VIN_OV threshold. When the input voltage goes below the VIN_OV threshold, the IC transitions back to the Power Sequence Start State and starts up normally.

Output Under/Over Voltage

When an output's OV_FLTMSK and UV_FLTMSK (volatile bits) = 0 and DISOVUVSD (0x09h[0])=0, the ACT88321 monitors the output voltages for under voltage and over voltage conditions. If one output enters an UV/OV fault condition, the IC enters the OVUV Fault State and shuts down all outputs for 100ms. It then enters the POWER START SEQUENCE State and restarts with the programmed power up sequence. If an output is in current limit, it is possible that its voltage can drop below the UV threshold which also shuts down all outputs. If that behavior is not desired, just mask the appropriate fault bit. Note that all faults are masked by default. Even when the fault are masked, each output still provides its real-time UV/OV fault status via its fault flag. Masking an OV/UV fault just prevents the fault from being reported via the nIRQ pin. A UV/OV fault condition pulls the nRESET pins low. Note that then nRESET and nIRQ pins are configurable via CMI settings

Output Current Limit

The ACT88321 incorporates a three-level overcurrent protection scheme for the buck converters and a single level scheme for the LDOs. For the buck converters, the overcurrent current threshold refers to the peak switch current. The first protection level is when a buck converter's peak switch current reaches 80% of the Cycle-by-Cycle current limit threshold for greater than 16 switching cycles. Under this condition, the IC reports the

fault via the appropriate fault flag bit. If the fault is unmasked, it asserts the nIRQ pin. This may or may not turn off that output or other outputs depending on the specific CMI. The next level is when the current increases to the Cycle-by-Cycle threshold. The buck converter limits the peak switch current in each switching cycle. This reduces the effective duty cycle and causes the output voltage to drop, potentially creating an undervoltage condition. When the overcurrent condition results in an UV condition, and UV is not masked, the IC turns off all supplies off for 100ms and restarts. The third level is when the peak switch current reaches 120% of the Cycle-by-Cycle current limit threshold. This immediately shuts down the regulator and waits 14ms before restarting.

For LDOs, the overcurrent thresholds are set by each LDO's Output Current Limit setting. When the output current reaches the Current Limit threshold, the LDO limits the output current. This reduces the output voltage, creating an undervoltage condition, causing all supplies to turn off for 100ms before restarting.

The overcurrent fault limits for each output are adjustable via I²C. Overcurrent fault reporting can be masked via I²C, but the overcurrent limits are always active and will shut down the IC when exceeded.

Thermal Warning and Thermal Shutdown

The ACT88321 monitors its internal die temperature and reports a warning via nIRQ when the temperature rises above the Thermal Interrupt Threshold of typically 135 deg C. It reports a fault when the temperature rises above the Thermal Shutdown Temperature of typically 155 deg C. A temperature fault moves the state machine to the Thermal Fault State and shuts down all outputs unless the fault is masked. Both the fault and the warning can be masked via I²C. The temperature warning and fault flags still provide real-time status even if the faults are masked. Masking just prevents the faults from being reported via the nIRQ pin.

PWREN

PWREN is a digital input that helps determine if the IC operates in POWER ON mode or DPSSLP mode. Refer to the DPSSLP State section for details. PWREN has a bidirectional filter to prevent noise from triggering this function. The PWREN signal must be longer than 120µs to enter or exit DPSSLP mode.

When PWREN is pulled low, the Buck2 can be configured to regulate to the VSET0 voltage, VSET1 voltage, or turn off. Buck1/3 and the LDOs can be configured to

either stay on or turn off. This feature provides the system with a single digital input to reconfigure the outputs for a system level low power mode.

nIRQ

The ACT88321 interrupt pin informs the host of any unmasked IC faults. In general, anything with a status change asserts the nIRQ pin. The status changes can be masked by set the corresponding register bits. If interrupt bit is set, the fault must be read before it clears the interrupt bit. If the fault remains the interrupt bit remains set.

The following status changes assert nIRQ:

- Input over-voltage, under-voltage
- Input voltage drops below SYSMON
- Input voltage drops below SYSWARN
- Thermal warning
- Any buck regulator exceeding its warning current for 16 cycles after soft start or a UV/OV condition.
- Watch Dog timer expiring.
- GPIOs wake up mode high to low transition
- nIRQ can be re-configured to any GPIO pin.

nRESET

The nRESET pin is an open drain 5V compatible output used to issue the main reset to the system's CPU/controller. The output monitors the input voltage and valid regulator outputs to trigger a reset if the input voltage or regulator output voltages are not valid. The nRESET delay time is controlled by the TRST_DLY control bits. The delay time is programmable from 0.5ms to 100ms. nRESET is essentially the same as a Power Good (PG) function but with a fixed delay after all the supply rails go into regulation.

The nRESET output signal is typically tied to all regulators outputs that are necessary for the system controller and I/Os to function properly. Each regulator has a register bit, RST, that determines if that regulator's POK signal is used as an input to the nRESET output signal. In general, the behavior of the nRESET output is such that the nRESET output is low if any one of the Power Okay (POK) signals from the controlling regulators is

low. In other words, if any one of the controlling regulator outputs is not okay, the nRESET output will be asserted low. The ACT88321 allows the user to determine how nRESET responds to a disabled regulator's POK bit. In general, a disabled regulator should not affect the nRESET signal, even if that regulator's POK signal is configured as an input to the nRESET output. This prevents a regulator's POK signal from triggering nRESET when the regulator is commanded by the user to turn off

The ACT88321 RSTI_BY_POK (register 0xAE, bit 7) bit defines this functionality. For outputs that are configured to control the nRESET functionality (RST=1), if RSTI_BY_POK=0 and the output is turned off, that output does not assert nRESET low. If RSTI_BY_POK=1 and the output is turned off, it does assert nRESET low. A regulator's POK signal is typically low only from the time when it is enabled (enable to the regulator goes high) to the time when the output reaches 90% or higher of the final output voltage. nRESET can be reconfigured to any GPIO pin.

EXT_EN

The EXT_EN is a GPIO output function that is used to enable an external power supply. This function is useful for incorporating external power supplies into the overall system level startup sequencing. The EXT_EN output can be triggered by one of the regulator's POK signals. It can be programmed with a 0, 1, 5, or 10ms delay time using the GPIOx's I²C bits IOx_DLY in registers 0x0Bh and 0x0Ch.

EXT_PG

The EXT_PG is a GPIO input function that is used to determine that an external power supply has turned on and its output voltage is in regulation. This function is useful for incorporating external power supplies into the overall system level startup sequencing. The EXT_PG output can be used as an input trigger to turn on one of the ACT88321 regulators.

POK

Any regulator's internal POK bit can be connected to a GPIO to provide an external POK signal. The POK function indicates that a regulator's output voltage is in regulation.

ROM Mode

In SSD applications, there is a chance the firmware, which is stored in the flash, is not loaded properly. In this situation, the SSD fails to startup and work properly. The SSD core must be put back into ROM mode to attempt a restart. In some systems, this requires recycling power, removing and reinserting the SSD card, or manually shorting pins on the SSD module.

ACT88321 includes a ROM Mode feature that significantly simplifies this process at a system level. The ACT88321 ROM Mode forces the SSD core to stay in its ROM state if it does not power up properly.

Figure 6 shows how ROM Mode is implemented. One GPIO is configured as the input for the ISP Ready signal, which is an output from the SSD core after the system powers up. Another GPIO is configured as output for the ROM state signal. After the ACT88321 startup sequence completes, the ACT88321 deasserts its nRESET output and an internal watchdog timer starts monitoring the ISP Ready input signal (active high) to make sure system powers up successfully. If the ISP Ready input is not asserted within 7s (configurable to 7s or 20s), the ACT88321 starts the ROM mode. It turns off all regulator outputs, asserts nRESET low, and asserts the ROM_Only signal low. After a 100ms (configurable between 100ms and 250ms) delay, the ACT88321 restarts the power up sequence. The ROM_Only output stays asserted low until nRESET is de-asserted high to make sure the SSD core stays in the ROM state when powered up.

ROM mode is only activated after nRESET is deasserted. I²C bit NVM ROM_EN enables ROM mode. If the SSD driver needs to enter a power save mode before the 7s watchdog timer expires, the host needs to disable ROM mode before entering the power save mode to avoid the potential risk of activating the ROM_Only and nRESET outputs.

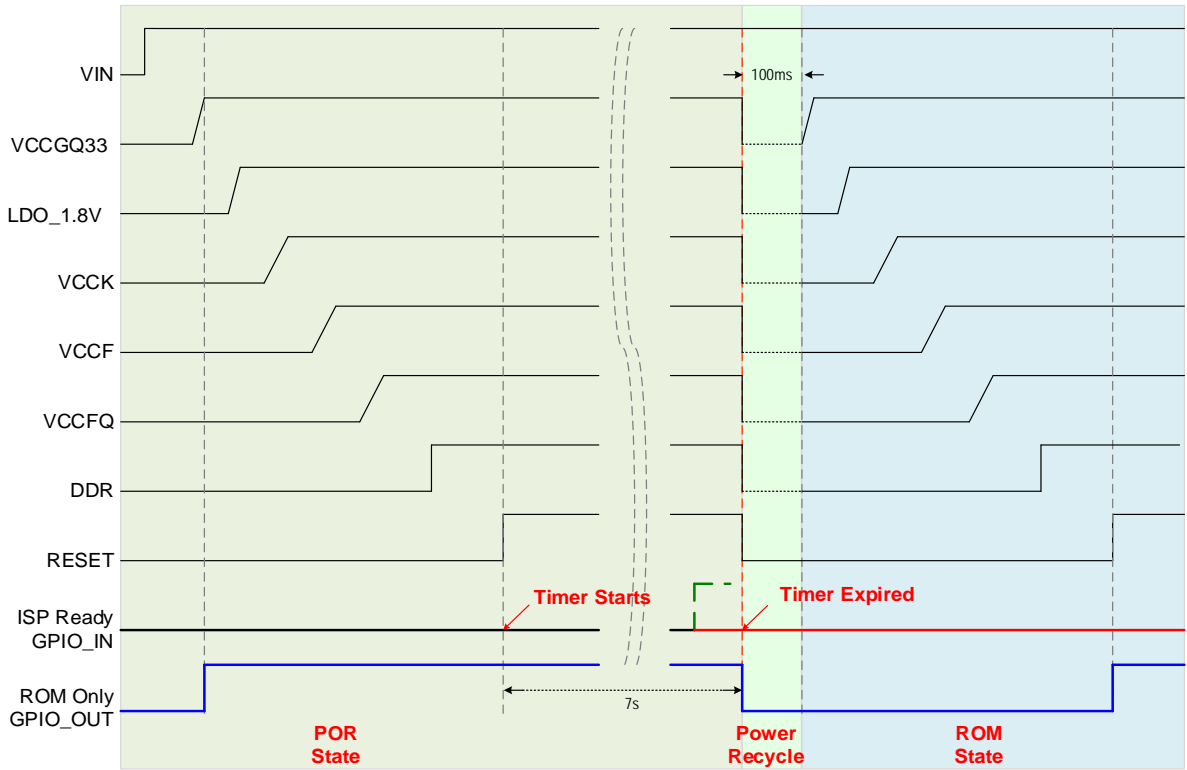


Figure 6: ROM State

GPIO Wake up Mode

All GPIOs can be configured to force the IC into and out of DPSLP mode. Any number of GPIOs can be configured for this functionality. Please see the DPSLP State section for details.

Mode Function (Buck1 Bypass Mode)

A GPIO can be configured for the MODE function. Pulling the MODE pin to ground configures Buck1 as a switching converter. Pulling MODE pin high configures Buck1 as a bypass switch. The MODE pin must be fixed at power up and cannot be changed. The MODE function, when enabled by the IC's CMI, allows a single IC to support both operating modes. The customer can select one mode or the other by a resistor stuffing option.

Pin Descriptions

The ACT88321 input and output pins are configurable via CMI configurations. The following descriptions refer to the basic pin functions and capabilities. Refer to the CMI Options section in the back of the datasheet for specific pin functionality for each CMI.

VIN_Bx

VIN_Bx pins are the dedicated input power pins to the buck converters. Each buck converter must be bypassed directly to its PGNDx pin on the top PCB layer with a high-quality ceramic capacitor. Refer to the Step-down DC/DC Converters section for more details.

AVIN

AVIN is the input power to LDO2. It also powers the IC's analog circuitry. AVIN must be bypassed directly to AGND on the top PCB layer with a 1uF ceramic capacitor.

VIN_LDO

This is the dedicated input power to the LDO1. VIN_LDO must be bypassed directly to AGND on the top PCB layer with a 1uF ceramic capacitor.

GPIOx

The ACT88321 has 4 GPIO pins. The GPIOs allow a variety of functions to be implemented. They can be used as inputs or open drain outputs. The GPIOs do not have push-pull functionality. Their polarity can also be

changed. These options allow implementation of a variety of system functions plus flexibility of functions tied to each pin. Examples of system functions that can be implemented are nRESET, Power Good (PG) output, interrupt request or interrupt pin (nIRQ), digital output from power okay (POK) signal from individual regulators, digital outputs to control external regulators (EXT_EN), digital input lines to monitor power good signals from external regulators (EXT_PG), digital input to control power sequencing or regulator ON/Off, control input used to enter or exit sleep (SLEEP) and deep sleep (DPSLP) modes, inputs to control Dynamic Voltage Scaling (DVS) in the Buck regulators, Buck1 bypass mode selection, and outputs for the SYSMON and SYMWARN functions. All GPIOs are capable of the functionality described above. All GPIOs are 5V compliant and can be pulled to 5V regardless of their bias supply.

SCL, SDA

These are the I²C clock and data pins to the IC. They have standard I²C functionality. The SCL and SDA pins have dedicated functionality and cannot be used for other functionality. If I²C is not needed, these pins should be tied to either ground or to AVIN.

PGNDx

The PGNDx pins are the buck converter power ground pins. They connect directly to the buck converters' low side FETs.

SW_Bx

SWx are the switch nodes for the buck converters. They connect directly to the buck inductor on the top layer.

FB_Bx

These are the feedback pins for the buck regulators. They should be kelvin connected to the buck output capacitors.

LDOx

These are the LDO output pins. Each LDO output must be bypassed to AGND with a 1 μ F capacitor.

AGND

AGND is the ground pin for the IC's analog circuitry and LDOs. AGND must be connected to the IC's PGNDx pins. The connection between AGND and the PGNDx pins should not have high currents flowing through it.

Step-down DC/DC Converters

General Description

The ACT88321 contains three fully integrated step-down converters. Buck1/2 are 4A outputs, while Buck3 is a 2A output. Buck1 is a fixed frequency, current mode controlled, synchronous PWM converter that achieves peak efficiencies of up to 96.5%. Buck1 switches at 1.125MHz or 2.25MHz. Buck2/3 are ACOT mode controlled. All bucks are internally compensated, requiring only three small external components (Cin, Cout, and L) for operation. They ship with default output voltages that can be modified via the I²C interface for systems that require advanced power management functions.

Each buck converter has a dedicated input pin and power ground pin. Each buck converter must have a dedicated input capacitor that is optimally placed to minimize its power routing loops. Note that even though each buck converter has separate inputs, all buck converter inputs must be connected to the same voltage potential.

Buck1 is configurable as a bypass switch for systems with a 3.3V bus voltage. The bypass switch provides full sequencing capability by allowing the 3.3V bus to be used as the input to the other supplies and still be properly sequenced to the downstream load.

The ACT88321 buck regulators are highly configurable and can be quickly and easily reconfigured via I²C. This allows them to support changes in hardware requirements without the need for PCB changes. Examples of I²C functionality are given below:

Real-time power good, OV, and current limit status

Ability to mask individual faults

Dynamically change output voltage

On/Off control

Softstart ramp

DVS Slew rate control

Switching delay and phase control

Low power mode

Overcurrent thresholds

Refer to Qorvo's Register Map Definition application note for full details on I²C functionality and programming ranges.

Operating Mode – Buck1

By default, Buck1 operates in fixed-frequency PWM mode at medium to heavy loads, then transition to a proprietary power-saving Low Power Mode, LPM, at light loads to save power. LPM mode reduces conduction losses by preventing the inductor current from going negative.

To further optimize efficiency and reduce power losses at extremely light loads, an additional lower power mode, LPM, is available. LPM minimizes quiescent current in between switching cycles. This reduces input current to approximately 40μA in LPM mode. Light load output voltage ripple increases from approximately 5mV to 10mV when in LPM mode. Light load voltage droop when going from light load to heavier loads is only increased by 2-3mV when in LPM mode. LPM allows the customer to test the IC in their use case and optimize the balance between power consumption, voltage ripple, and transient response in their system. Setting DISLPM = 0 enables LPM while setting DISLPM = 1 disables LPM.

BUCK1 ULPM

The ACT88321 incorporates an ultra-low power mode, ULPM, that provides significant efficiency improvements at very light loads. This improvement can be as much as 8% with a 2mA load. ULPM mode reduces the buck converters quiescent current from ~40μA to ~10μA. ULPM mode helps systems like SSDs achieve very low power loss at extremely light loads, which is a requirement in their standby modes. ULPM mode regulates the output voltage between 99% to 101% of the setpoint. When the output voltage increases to 101%, the buck converter shuts down to save quiescent current until the output voltage drops to 99%. It then turns back on and increases the output voltage to 101% again. ULPM mode should only be used when the load current is less than 50mA. With higher load currents, the output voltage drop can trigger UVLO before the converter can react. Using it with greater than 50mA results in much lower efficiencies than standard PWM or LPM mode operation.

If DVS mode is not needed when going into and out of DPSP mode, program ULPM mode to automatically turn on when the IC enters SLEEP/DPSP mode. If DVS is needed when going into and out of SLEEP/DPSP mode, ULPM mode must be manually enabled after entering SLEEP/DPSP mode and disabled before leaving SLEEP/DPSP mode.

Operating Mode – Buck2 and Buck3

By default, Buck2 and Buck3 operate in adaptive constant on time (ACOT) mode at medium to heavy loads, then transition to a proprietary power-saving mode at light loads to save power.

To further optimize efficiency and reduce power losses at extremely light loads, an additional lower power mode, LPM, is available. LPM minimizes quiescent current in between switching cycles. This LPM mode reduces input current to approximately 40µA at no load. LPM allows the customer to test the IC in their use case and optimize the balance between power consumption, voltage ripple, and transient response in their system. Buck2 and Buck3's LPM mode can be controlled independently. Setting EN_LPM = 1 enables LPM while setting EN_LPM = 0 disables LPM to normal mode.

BUCK23 ULPM

Buck2 and Buck3 have factory level bit (EN_ULPM) to allow operate in ultra-low power mode, ULPM, that provides significant efficiency improvements at very light loads. ULPM mode reduces the buck converters quiescent current from 40µA to 12µA. ULPM mode helps systems like SSDs achieve very low power loss at extremely light loads, which is a requirement in their standby modes. ULPM mode regulates the output voltage between 101.5% to 104% of the setpoint. When the output voltage increases to 103%, the buck converter shuts down to save quiescent current until the output voltage drops to 101.5%. It then turns back on and increases the output voltage to 104% again. ULPM mode should only be used when the load current is less than 5mA. With higher load currents, the efficiency is lower than LPM or normal mode operation.

Synchronous Rectification

Buck1/2/3 each feature integrated synchronous rectifiers (or LS FETs) to maximize efficiency and minimize the total solution size and cost by eliminating the need for external rectifiers.

Enable / Disable Control

When power is applied to the IC, all converters automatically turn on according to a pre-programmed sequence. Once in normal operation (ACTIVE state), each converter can be independently disabled via I²C. Each CMI version requires a different set of command to disable a converter, so contact the factory for specific instructions

if needed. Each converter contains an optional integrated discharge resistor that actively discharges the output capacitor when the regulator is disabled. The discharge function is enabled via the I²C bit Dis_Pulldown.

Soft-Start

Each buck regulator contains a softstart circuit that limits the rate of change of the output voltage, minimizing input inrush current and ensuring that the outputs power up monotonically. This circuitry is effective any time the regulator is enabled, as well as after responding to a short circuit or other fault condition. The Buck1 softstart time is adjustable to either 250µs or 500µs via its I²C SST register. The Buck2/3 softstart time is adjustable to 50µs, 100µs, 250µs, or 500µs via its I²C SST bits.

Output Voltage Setting

Buck1/2/3 regulate to the voltage defined by I²C register VSET0 in normal operation and by VSET1 in DVS mode.

For Buck1, the output voltage programming range is 0.6V to 3.775V in 25mV steps.

$$V_{BUCK1} = 0.6V + VSETx * 0.025V$$

Where VSETx is the decimal equivalent of the value in I²C VSETx register. The VSETx registers contain an unsigned 7-bit binary value.

For Buck2, the output voltage programming range is 0.5V to 1.77V in 10mV steps.

$$V_{BUCK2} = 0.5V + VSETx * 0.01V$$

For Buck3, the output voltage programming range is 0.5V to 3.6V in 100mV steps.

$$V_{BUCK3} = 0.5V + VSETx * 0.1V$$

Qorvo recommends that a buck converter's output voltage be kept within +/- 25% of the default output voltage to maintain accuracy. Voltage changes larger than +/- 25% may require different factory trim settings (new CMI) to maintain accuracy.

100% Duty Cycle Operation

Buck1 supports 100% duty cycle operation. This allows operating conditions where the output voltage is very close to the input voltage. During 100% duty cycle operation, the P-ch high-side power MOSFET is turned on continuously, providing a direct connection from the input to the output (through the inductor), ensuring the lowest possible dropout voltage in battery powered applications.

Because Buck2/3 operate in ACOT mode, they require a minimum off-time every switching cycle. The required off-time is 40ns. Buck3 has an additional option that allows almost 100% duty cycle when VIN is close to VOUT. This option, frequency foldback, starts increasing the on-time when the input voltage drops below 125% of the programmed output voltage. This effectively reduces the switching frequency. As the input voltage drops, the on-time increases until it reaches the maximum allowable on-time of 3.5 μ s. This results in >98% duty cycle with a switching frequency of 285kHz, which supports very low dropout voltages. Enable this option by setting EN_FRQ_FB_HDTY=1.

Dynamic Voltage Scaling

Buck2 supports Dynamic Voltage Scaling (DVS). DVS allows the user to optimize the processor's energy to complete tasks by lowering the processor's operating frequency and input voltage when lower performance is acceptable. In normal operation, each output regulates to the voltage programmed in its I²C register VSET0. During DVS, the output regulates to VSET1. The output transitions from VSET0 to VSET1 at a rate determined by the output capacitance and the load current. The outputs transition between VSET1 and VSET0 by the rate determined by the I²C bits DVS_SET. VSET1 must always be set equal to or lower than VSET0.

For fault free operation, the user must ensure output load conditions plus the current required to charge the output capacitance during a DVS rising voltage condition does not exceed the current limit setting of the regulator. As with any power supply, changing an output voltage too fast can require a current higher than the current limit setting. The user must ensure that the voltage step, slew rate, and load current conditions do not result in an instantaneous loading that results in a current limit condition.

Optimizing Noise

The internal FET rise and fall times can be optimized to minimize switching noise at the cost of lower efficiency via the DRVADJ I²C bit.

Overcurrent and Short Circuit Protection

Each buck converter provides overcurrent and short circuit protection. Overcurrent protection is achieved with cycle-by-cycle current limiting. The peak current threshold is set by the ILIM_SET I²C bits.

For Buck1, if the peak switch current reaches the programmed threshold for 16 consecutive switching cycles,

the IC asserts the Buck1 ILIM_WARN bit and pulls nIRQ low. A short circuit condition that results in the peak switch current being 122% of the value set by ILIM_SET immediately shuts down all supplies, asserts the ILIM bit, and restarts the system in 100ms when EN_ILIM2 (0x4Dh[5])=1, ILIM_FLTMSK=0 and DISOVUVSD=0. BUCK1 automatically tries to restart in 14ms if EN_ILIM2=1 and its faults are masked.

For Buck2/3, if the peak switch current reaches the programmed threshold for 16 consecutive switching cycles, the IC asserts the Buck2/3 ILIM bit and asserts nIRQ low. If the short circuit condition lasts for 32 consecutive switching cycles, the IC immediately shuts down all supplies and restarts the system in 100ms. If Buck2 or Buck3's EN_ILIMSD=1, ILIM_FLTMSK=0 and DISOVUVSD=0, the output automatically tries to restart in 14ms if EN_ILIMSD=1 and its faults are masked.

When an overcurrent condition is reported in the ILIM I²C registers, the contents of these registers are latched until read via I²C. Overcurrent and short circuit conditions can be masked via the I²C bit ILIM_FLTMSK. Note that ILIM_FLTMSK, ILIM_WARN_FLTMSK, OV_FLTMSK and UV_FLTMSK default to 1 (masked) at power up. The user can un-mask faults by setting these bits to 0 via I²C.

After a buck converter starts up (internal POK=1), if its output voltage drops below the POK falling threshold longer than the blanking time (~28 μ s to 56 μ s), the converter enters foldback current mode. This reduces the current limit to 1.25A to reduce output voltage overshoot when the load current drops and the converter recovers from the short circuit condition.

When the on-time is less than 120ns, the high side FET overcurrent circuitry will not have enough time to react. All buck converters include a low-side current limit setting, to account for this condition. The low-side current limit can only be enabled with a factory setting. When this current limit threshold is reached, the low side FET stays on until the inductor current decays lower than the programmed current threshold. The high side FET cannot turn on again until the low side FET current drops below this value. The Buck1/2 low side overcurrent thresholds are 3.8A when ILIM=0 and 5.0A when ILIM=1. The Buck3 low side overcurrent threshold is 2.0A when ILIM=0 and 3.0A when ILIM=1. This function also protects the inductor by preventing current runaway which could saturate the inductor.

Compensation

The buck converters utilize a proprietary internal compensation scheme to simultaneously simplify external component selection and optimize transient performance over their full operating range. No compensation design is required; simply follow a few simple guidelines described below when choosing external components.

Minimum On-Time

The ACT88321 Buck1 minimum on-time is 85ns and the Buck2/3 minimum on-time is 40ns. If the calculated on-time is less than the allowable minimum, then the user must configure the converter to switch at a lower frequency. For Buck1, setting I²C bit HalfFreq = 0 sets F_{sw} = 2.25MHz and setting it to 1 sets F_{sw} = 1.125MHz. For Buck2/3, the I²C FREQ_SEL bits set F_{sw} to 1.5MHz, 2.0MHz, 2.5MHz, or 3.3MHz. The following equation calculates the on-time.

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN} * F_{SW}}$$

Where V_{out} is the output voltage, V_{in} is the input voltage, and F_{sw} is the switching frequency.

BUCK1 Bypass Switch

The ACT88321 provides a bypass mode for 3.3V systems. This allows the 3.3V input voltage to power the ACT88321 regulators and be sequenced to the downstream loads. In bypass mode, the Buck1 P-ch FET acts as a switch and the N-ch FET is disabled. The bypass switch turns on the 3.3V rail with the programmed delay and softstart time.

In bypass mode, the ACT88321 Buck1 I²C registers are reconfigured to the following settings.

1. POK register bit is reconfigured to be the output of the Soft Start ramp. When soft start is complete and the voltage on the SW1 pin reaches VIN_B1-200mV, this bit goes high to allow the sequencing of the other regulators to continue. The POK bit no longer reports the Buck1 output voltage status.
2. ILIM register bit is reconfigured to be the output of the internal PMOS Current Detection circuit. This is set to 4.5A typical. If the bypass current exceeds the Internal PMOS Current Detection current, ILIM triggers the nIRQ output and gets latched in the ILIM0 bit if IRQ_nMASK = 1 (not masked). Overcurrent can also be masked with

the ILIM_FLTMSK register. Note that ILIM_FLTMSK, ILIM_WARN_FLTMSK, OV_FLTMSK and UV_FLTMSK default to 1 (masked) at power up. The user can un-mask faults by setting these bits to 0 via I²C.

3. The POK register bit is reconfigured to the output of the Internal PMOS circuit. The voltage threshold is set to VIN_B1-200mV rising and VIN_B1-300mV falling. If the bypass switch output goes below this value, it triggers an under-voltage fault condition and moves the IC into the OVUVFLT state. This immediately shuts down all regulators including the bypass switch. The system restarts in 100ms, following the programmed startup sequencing. This fault is disabled by default but can be enabled by setting the I²C bit UV_FLTMSK = 0.

Note that in bypass mode, the overvoltage protection is set to 3.8V with a 10μs deglitch time. If AVIN goes above 3.8V, the bypass switch is turned off and retries after 100ms if OV_FLTMSK=0 and DISOVUVSD=0

Buck1 can be configured to enter bypass mode with a GPIO pin. With this configuration, the GPIO is called the MODE pin. Pulling MODE low puts Buck1 in Buck mode. Pulling MODE high puts Buck1 in bypass mode. Note that the MODE pin must be fixed either high or low at startup and that it cannot be changed on-the-fly.

Input Capacitor Selection

Each regulator requires a high quality, low-ESR, ceramic input capacitor. Note that even though each buck converter has separate input pins, all input pins must be connected to the same voltage potential. 10μF capacitors are typically suitable, but this value can be increased without limit. Smaller capacitor values can be used with lighter output loads. Choose the input capacitor value to keep the input voltage ripple less than 50mV.

$$V_{ripple} = I_{out} * \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} * \left(1 - \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}\right) / (F_{sw} * C_{in})$$

Be sure to consider the capacitor's DC bias effects and maximum ripple current rating when using capacitors smaller than 0805.

A capacitor's actual capacitance is strongly affected by its DC bias characteristics. The input capacitor is typically an X5R, X7R, or similar dielectric. Use of Y5U,

Z5U, or similar dielectrics is not recommended. Input capacitor placement is critical for proper operation. Each buck's input capacitor must be placed as close to the IC as possible. The traces from VIN_Bx to the capacitor and from the capacitor to PGNDx should be as short and wide as possible.

Inductor Selection

The ACT88321 buck converters are optimized for operation with 0.47µH to 1µH inductors. Choose an inductor with a low DC resistance and avoid inductor saturation by choosing inductors with DC ratings that exceed the maximum output current by at least 30%. The following equation calculates the inductor ripple current.

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right) * V_{OUT}}{F_{SW} * L}$$

Where V_{OUT} is the output voltage, V_{IN} is the input voltage, F_{SW} is the switching frequency, and L is the inductor value.

Output Capacitor Selection

The ACT88321 is designed to use small, low ESR, ceramic output capacitors. Buck1/2 typically require a 22µF output capacitor while Buck3 typically requires a 10µF capacitor. To ensure stability, the actual Buck1/2 capacitance must be greater than 12µF while Buck3 must be greater than 6µF. There is no maximum output capacitance limitation. Design for an output ripple voltage less than 1% of the output voltage. The following equation calculates the output voltage ripple as a function of output capacitance.

$$V_{RIPPLE} = \frac{\Delta I_L}{8 * F_{SW} * C_{OUT}}$$

Where ΔI_L is the inductor ripple current, F_{SW} is the switching frequency, and C_{OUT} is the output capacitance after taking DC bias into account.

Be sure to consider the capacitor's DC bias effects and maximum ripple current rating when using capacitors smaller than 0805.

A capacitor's actual capacitance is strongly affected by its DC bias characteristics. The output capacitor is typically an X5R, X7R, or similar dielectric. Use of Y5U, Z5U, or similar dielectrics are not recommended due to their wide variation in capacitance over temperature and voltage ranges.

LDO CONVERTERS

General Description

The ACT88321 contains two fully integrated low dropout linear regulators (LDO). LDO1 and LDO2 are 390mA outputs. The LDOs require only two small external components (C_{in}, C_{out}) for operation. They ship with default output voltages that can be modified via the I²C interface for systems that require advanced power management functions. LDO1 can also be configured for load switch mode.

LDO1 has a dedicated input pin, VIN_LDO, so it can operate from different input voltage than the Buck converters and from LDO2. LDO2 input voltage comes from the AVIN pin.

Enable / Disable Control

When power is applied to the IC, all LDOs automatically turn on according to a pre-programmed sequence. Once in normal operation (ACTIVE state), each converter can be independently disabled via I²C or GPIO. Each CMI version requires a different set of commands to disable a converter, so contact the factory for specific instructions if needed. Each converter contains an optional integrated discharge resistor that actively discharges the output capacitor when the regulator is disabled. Each LDO's discharge function is enabled via its I²C bit DIS_PULLDOWN_Lx.

Soft-Start

Each LDO contains a softstart circuit that limits the rate of change of the output voltage, minimizing input inrush current and ensuring that the outputs power up in a monotonically. This circuitry is effective any time the LDO is enabled, as well as after responding to a short circuit or other fault condition. Each LDO's softstart time is adjustable to either 200µs or 360µs via its I²C bits SST_LDOx.

Output Voltage Setting

LDO1/2 regulate to the voltage defined by I²C registers LDOx_VSET. Unlike the buck converters, the LDOs only have one VSET register.

The LDO output voltage programming range is 0.6V to 3.75V in 50mV steps.

$$V_{LDOx} = 0.6V + LDOx_VSET * 0.05V$$

Where LDOx_VSET is the decimal equivalent of the value in the register. LDOx_VSET contains an unsigned

6-bit binary value. As an example, if LDO1's LDO1_VSET register contains 011000b (24 decimal), the output voltage is 1.8V.

Qorvo recommends that an LDO's output voltage be kept within +/- 25% of the default output voltage to maintain accuracy. Voltage changes larger than +/- 25% may require different factory trim settings (new CMI) to maintain accuracy.

Overcurrent and Short Circuit Protection

Each LDO provides overcurrent and short circuit protection. The overcurrent threshold is set by their I²C bits. The LDO1 current limit is set to 0.4A or 0.5A by the ILIM_SCL_LDO1 I²C bit. The LDO2 current limit is set to 0.4A or 0.5A by the ILIM_SCL_LDO2 I²C bit. Note that the LDO2 bits are only configurable by the factory.

In both an overload and a short circuit condition, the LDO limits the output current which causes the output voltage to drop. This can result in an undervoltage fault in addition to the current limit fault. When the current limiting results in a drop-in output voltage that triggers an undervoltage condition, the IC shuts down all power supplies, asserts nIRQ low, and enters the UVLOFLT state. The IC restarts in 100ms and starts up with default sequencing. Overcurrent and short circuit conditions can be masked via the I²C bit LDOx_ILIM_FLTMSK. Note that ILIM_FLTMSK, ILIM_WARN_FLTMSK, OV_FLTMSK and UV_FLTMSK default to 1 (masked) at power up. The user can un-mask faults by setting these bits to 0 via I²C.

Input Capacitor Selection

Each LDO requires a high quality, low-ESR, ceramic input capacitor. A 1µF is typically suitable, but this value can be increased without limit. The input capacitor should be a X5R, X7R, or similar dielectric.

Output Capacitor Selection

Each LDO requires a high quality, low-ESR, ceramic output capacitor. When LDOx_ILIM is set to 0.4A, a 1µF capacitor is typically suitable. The minimum allowable capacitance value is 0.7µF. When LDOx_ILIM is set to 0.5A, 2.2µF capacitor is typically suitable, with a minimum allowable capacitance value of 1.5µF. In both cases, the maximum allowable output capacitance is 100µF. The output capacitor should be a X5R, X7R, or similar dielectric.

LDO1 Load Switch Mode

LDO1 has the option to be used as a load switch. This option is only accessible via factory I²C bits and requires a custom CMI. When in load switch mode, LDO1 still retains overcurrent protection. Overvoltage and undervoltage protection are disabled.

In load switch mode, LDO1 has two operating options: NLSW and PLSW modes. In NLSW mode, the load switch is an n-ch FET. NLSW mode is used with an input voltage between 0.4V and AVIN-1V. Due to the lower n-ch FET R_{dson}, NLSW mode can operate with up to 1A of bypass current while maintaining a low voltage drop. The NLSW current limit is set to 0.65A or 1.11A by the NLSW1_ILIM_SCL I²C bit.

In PLSW mode, the load switch is a p-ch FET. It can operate with an input voltage between 1.62V and AVIN. The PLSW current limit is set to 0.33A or 0.48A by the ILIM_SCL_LDO1 I²C bit.

NLSW and PLSW modes can only be fixed at the factory.

NLSW mode has a fixed 200μs softstart time. PLSW mode relies on the current limit setting for softstart.

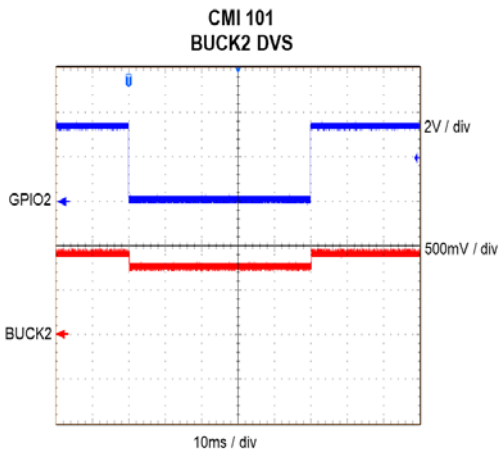
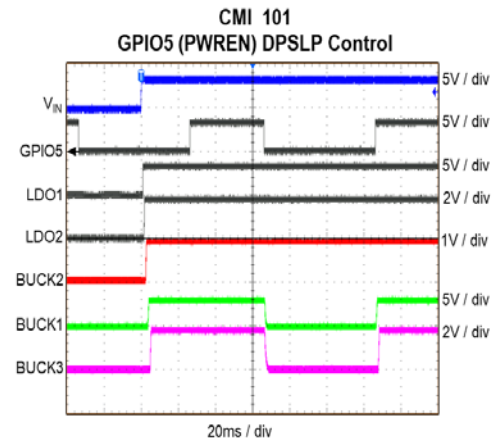
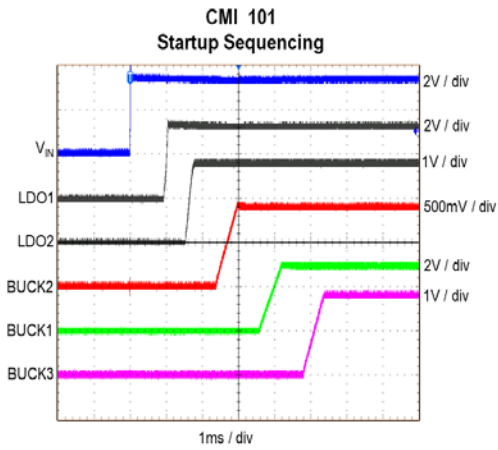
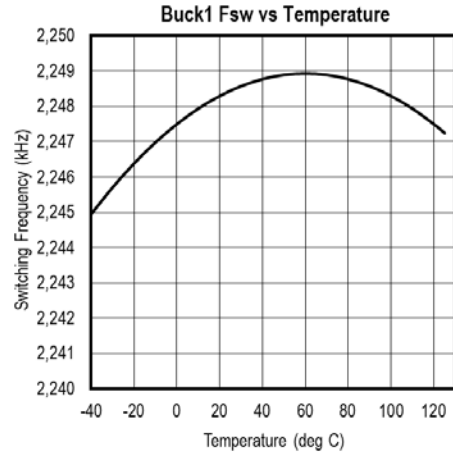
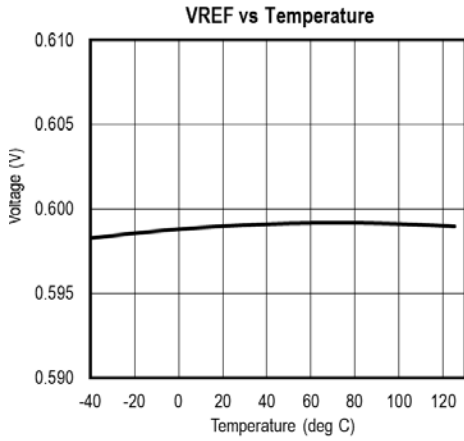
The LDO1 POK is functional in Load Switch mode. The POK signal is asserted when the switch is enabled and is not in current limit. In bypass mode, the over voltage protection is set at 3.8V with a 10us deglitch time. If VIN_LDO goes above 3.8V, the load switch is turned off and retries after 100ms.

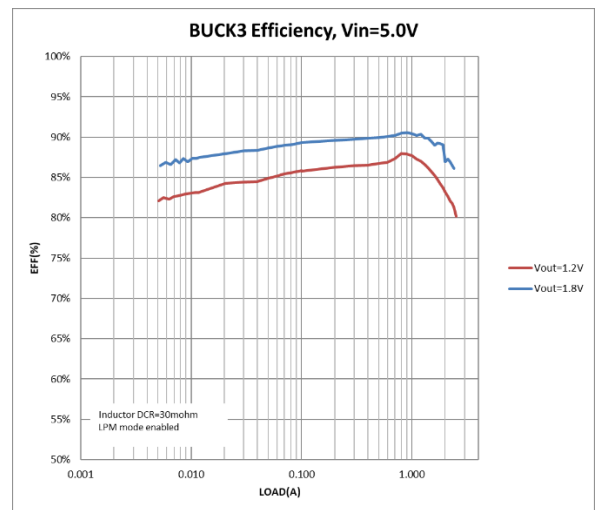
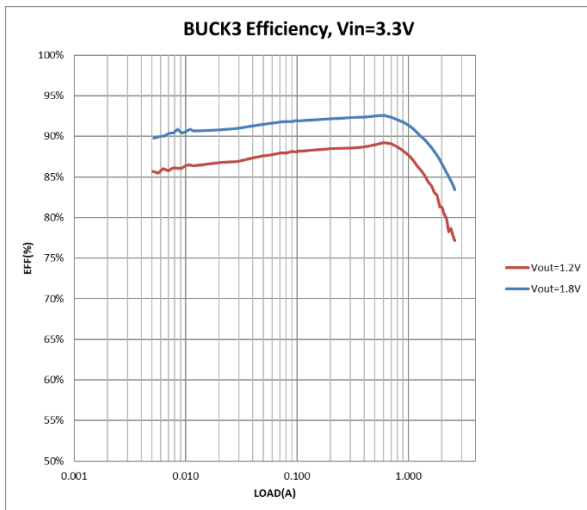
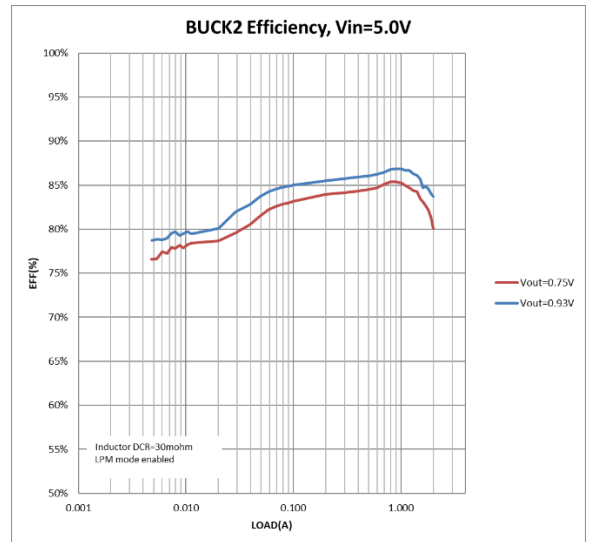
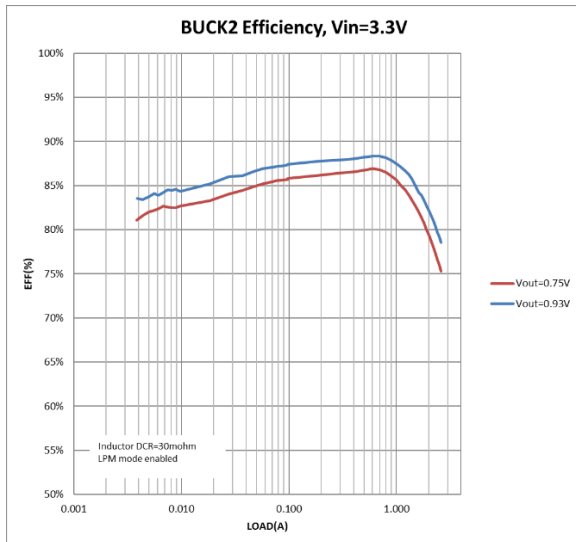
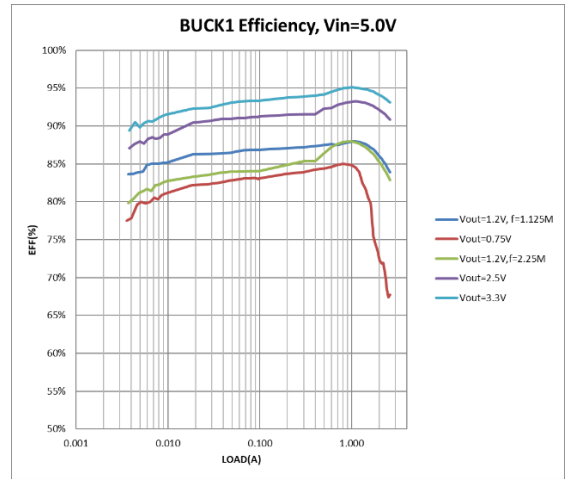
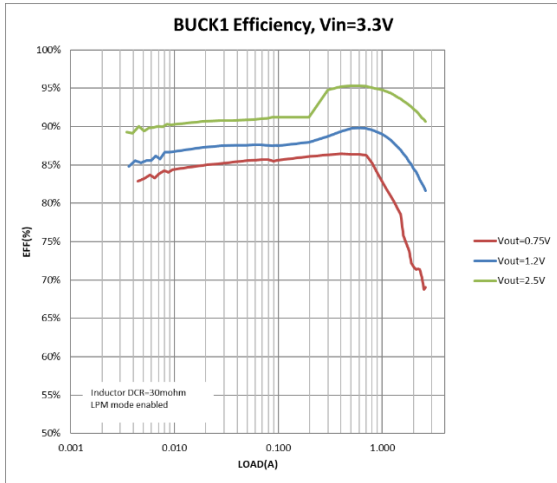
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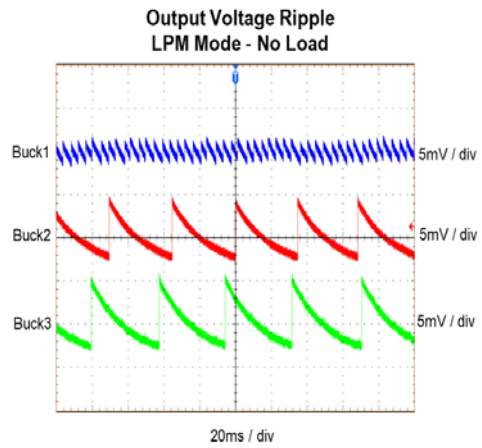
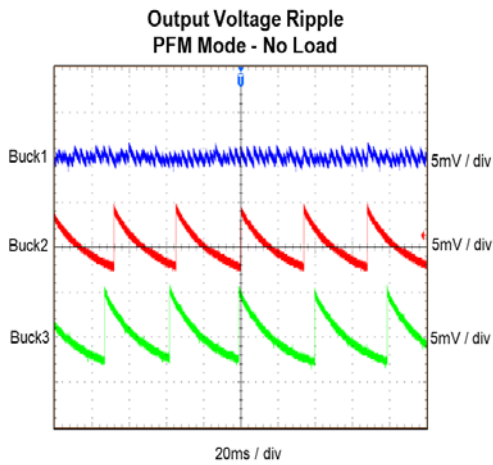
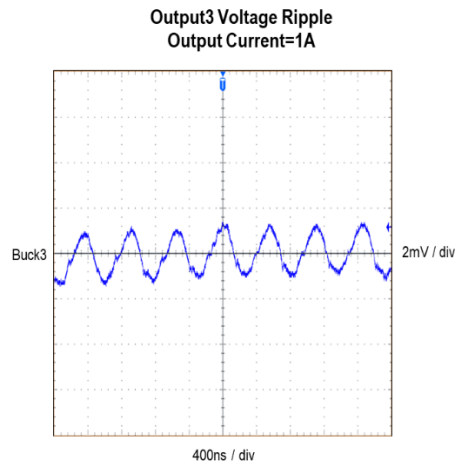
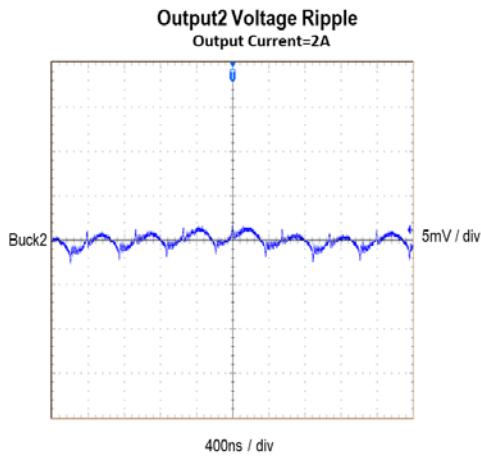
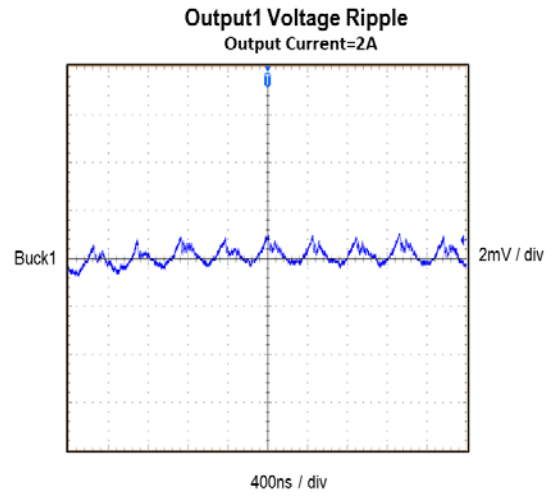
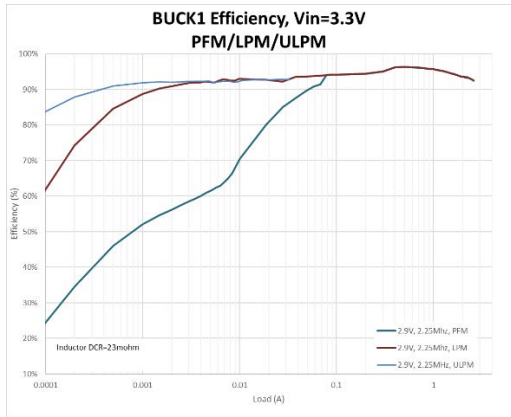
Proper parts placement and PCB layout are critical to the operation of switching power supplies. Follow the following layout guidelines when designing the ACT88321 PCB. Refer to the Qorvo ACT88321 Evaluation Kits for layout examples

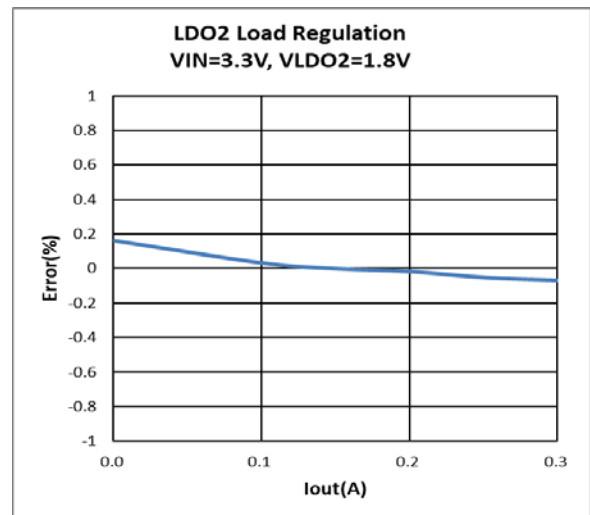
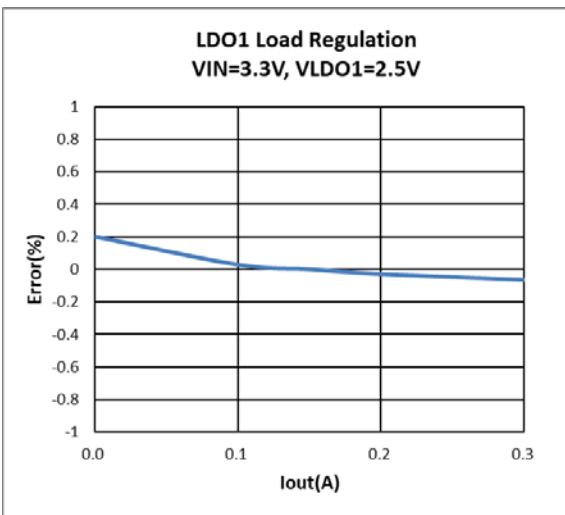
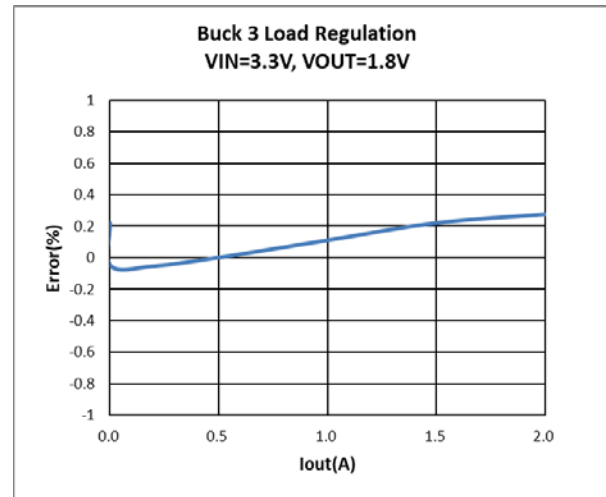
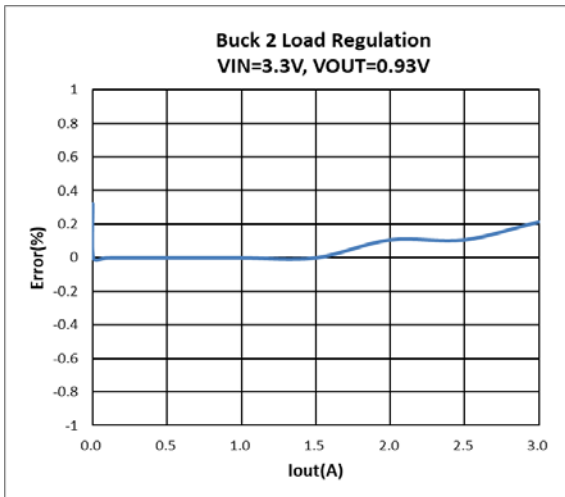
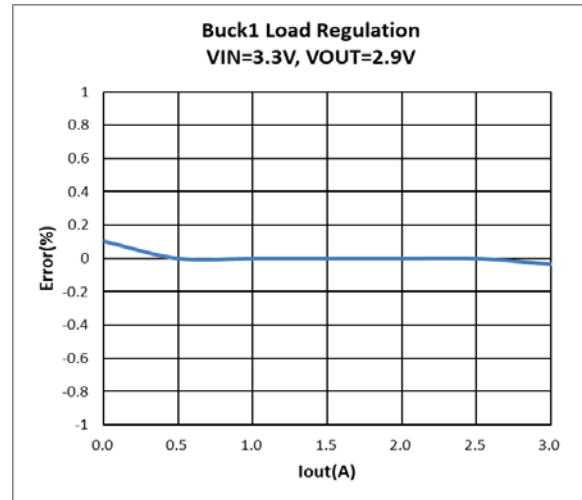
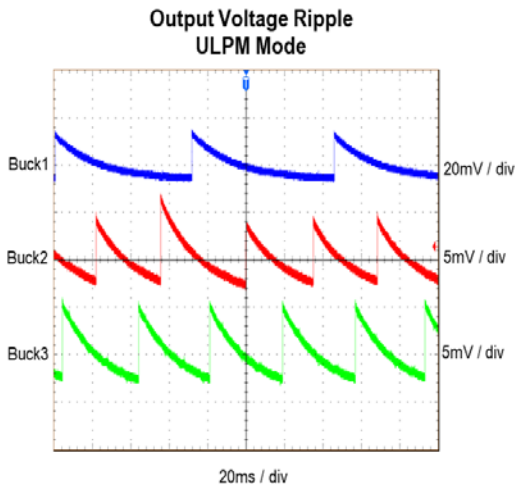
1. Place the buck input capacitors as close as possible to the IC. Connect the capacitors directly to the corresponding VIN_Bx input pin and PGNDx power ground pin on the same PCB layer as the IC. Avoid using vias.
2. Minimize the switch node trace length between each SW_Bx pin and the inductor. Avoid routing sensitive analog signals near these high frequency, high dV/dt traces.
3. Place the LDO input capacitors close to their input pins. Connect their ground pins into the ground plane that connects the IC's PGNDx pins.
4. The input capacitor and output capacitor grounds should be connected as close together as possible, with short, direct, and wide traces.
5. Connect the PGNDx ground pins and the AGND ground pin directly to the PGND under the IC. The AGND ground plane should be routed separately from the other ground planes and only connect to the main ground plane under the IC at the AGND pin.
6. Connect the VIN input capacitor to the AGND ground pin.
7. Remember that all open drain outputs need pullup resistors.
8. Connect the PGND directly to the top layer ground plane. Connect the top layer ground plane to both internal ground planes and the PCB backside ground plane with thermal vias. Provide ground plane routing on multiple layers that allows the IC's heat to flow into the PCB and then spread radially from the IC. Avoid cutting the ground planes and adding vias that restrict the radial flow of heat of operating conditions and are relatively insensitive to layout considerations.

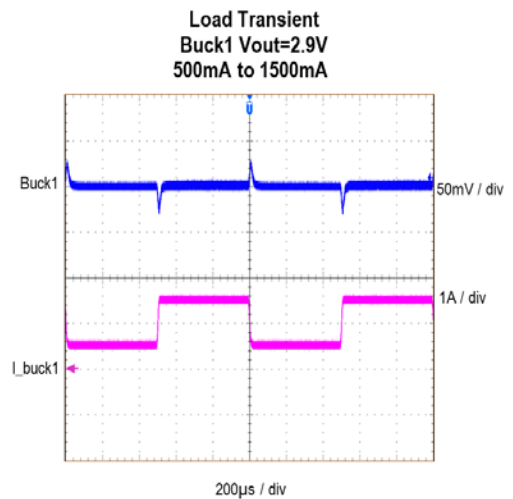
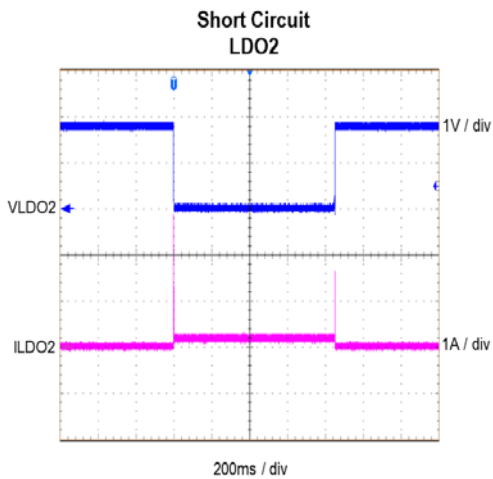
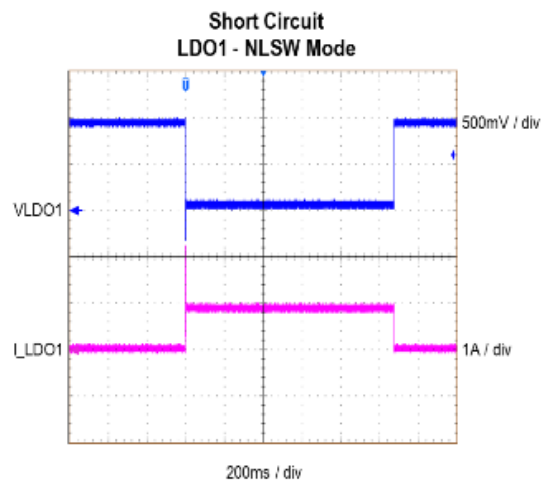
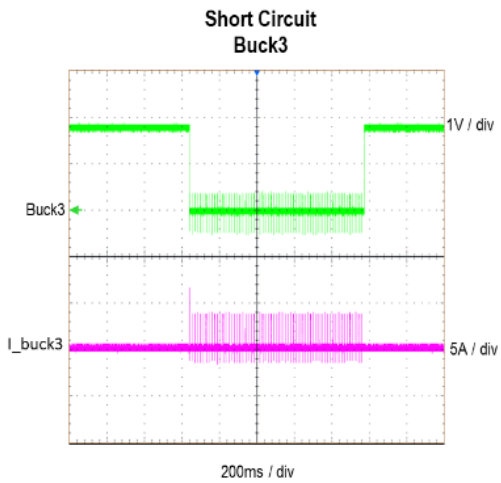
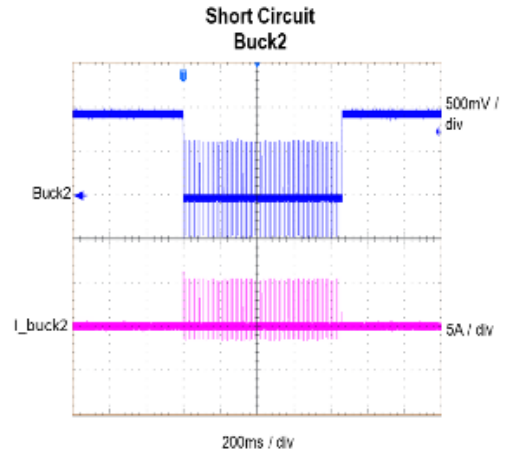
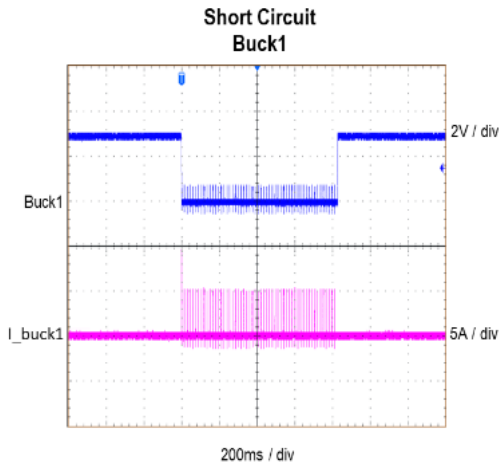
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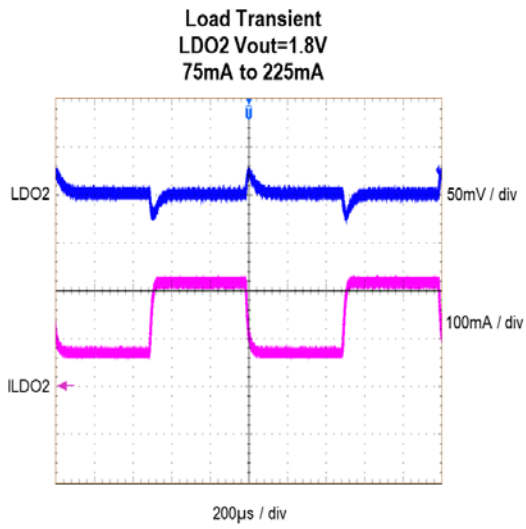
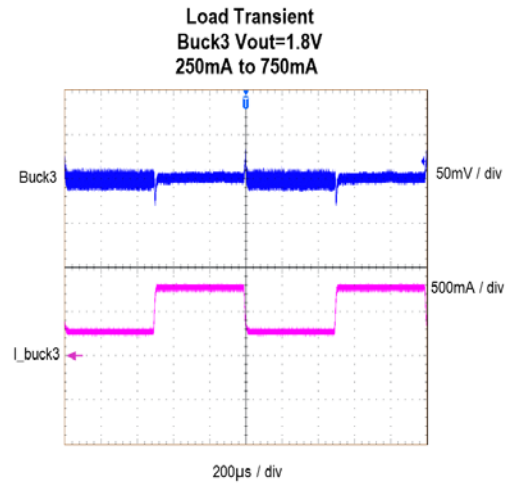
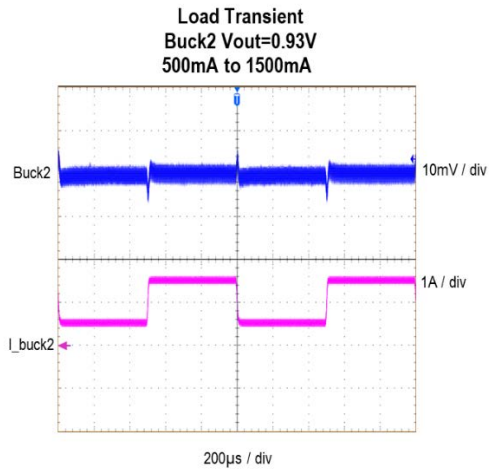












This section provides the basic default configuration settings for each available ACT88321 CMI option. IC functionality in this section supersedes functionality in the main datasheet. Generating the desired functionality for a custom CMI sometimes requires reassigning internal resources, resulting in removal of base IC functionality. The following sections attempt to describe any removed functionality from the base IC functionality. The user is required to fully test all required functionality to ensure the CMI fully meets their requirements.

CMI 101: ACT88321VU101-T

CMI 101 is optimized to show the many of the ICs functionality and it is intended to provide the user with a base IC for initial testing. It is designed to operate from a 3.3V input voltage.

Voltage and Currents

Rail	Active Mode Voltage VSET0 (V)	DVS Voltage VSET1(V)	DVS Voltage Trigger	Sleep Mode	DPSLP Mode	Current Limit (A)	Fsw (kHz)
Buck1	2.9	2.5	GPIO7	On	Off	5	2250
Buck2	0.9	0.75	GPIO2	On	VSET0	5	2000
Buck3	1.8	1.2	GPIO4	On	Off	3	2000
LDO1	PLSW-on	n/a	n/a	On	On	0.48	n/a
LDO2	1.8	n/a	n/a	On	On	0.50	n/a
EXT_EN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Startup and Sequencing

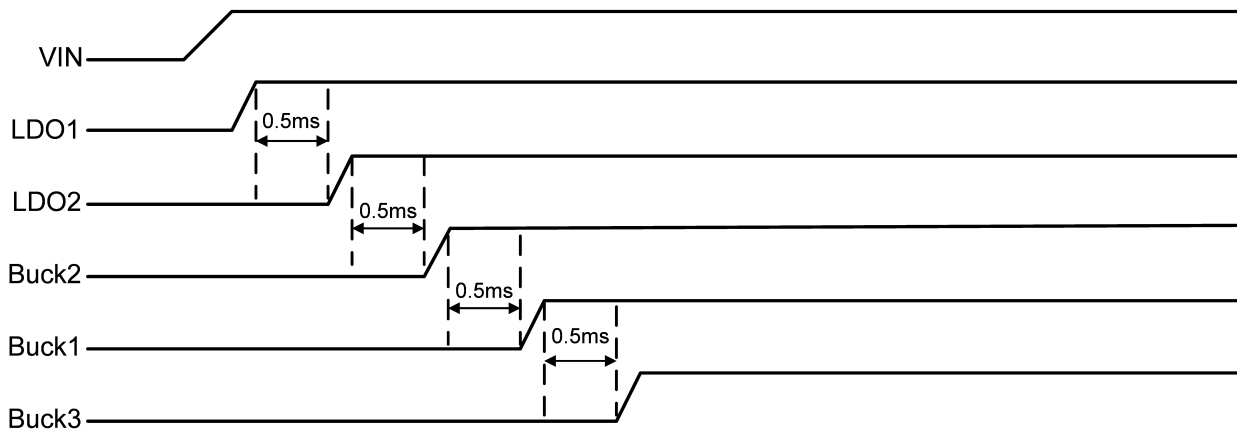
Rail	Sequence Order	Sequencing Input Trigger	StartUp Delay (us)	Soft-Start (ms)
LDO1	1	VIN_UVLO	0	0.16
LDO2	2	LDO1	500	0.16
Buck2	3	LDO2	500	0.5
Buck1	4	Buck2	500	0.5
Buck3	5	Buck1	500	0.5
EXT_EN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Voltage Thresholds

Setting	Voltage Threshold
UVLO	2.6V
SYSMON	2.7V
SYSWARN	2.7V
POK_OV	3.8V
VIN_OV	3.7V

Startup

CMI 101 Startup



SLEEP Mode

SLEEP Mode can be enabled in CMI 101 with I²C. The SLEEP and SLEEP_MODE bits are both set to 0 by default. No GPIOs are configured as inputs to enable SLEEP Mode.

DPSLP Mode

DPSLP Mode can be enabled in CMI 101 using GPIO5 which is configured as the PWREN input. The DPSLP and DPSLP_MODE bits are both set to 0 by default.

DVS Mode

GPIO2 is used for DVS Mode. When GPIO2 = H, Buck2 is set to VSET0 (0.9V). When GPIO2 = L, Buck2 is set to VSET1 (0.75V).

Voltage Select Inputs

GPIO4/7 are the voltage select inputs for Buck3/1. Note that GPIO4/7 cannot be changed while the outputs are enabled. GPIO2 can change Buck2 on the fly.

When GPIO7 = H, Buck1 is set to its VSET0 voltage, 2.9V.

When GPIO7 = L, Buck1 is set to its VSET1 voltage, 2.5V.

When GPIO4 = H, Buck3 is set to its VSET0 voltage, 1.8V.

When GPIO4 = L, Buck3 is set to its VSET1 voltage, 1.2V.

GPIO2 - Buck2 DVS

Digital input. When GPIO2 = H, Buck2 = 0.9V (VSET0). When GPIO2 = L, Buck2 = 0.75V (VSET1).

GPIO4 – Buck3 Voltage Select

Digital input. When GPIO4 = H, Buck3 = 1.8V (VSET0). When GPIO4 = L, Buck3 = 1.2V (VSET1). Note that GPIO4 must be set before Buck3 is powered on. GPIO4 cannot be changed after Buck3 is powered on.

GPIO5 – PWREN

Digital input. Configured as the PWREN input to enable DPSLP Mode.

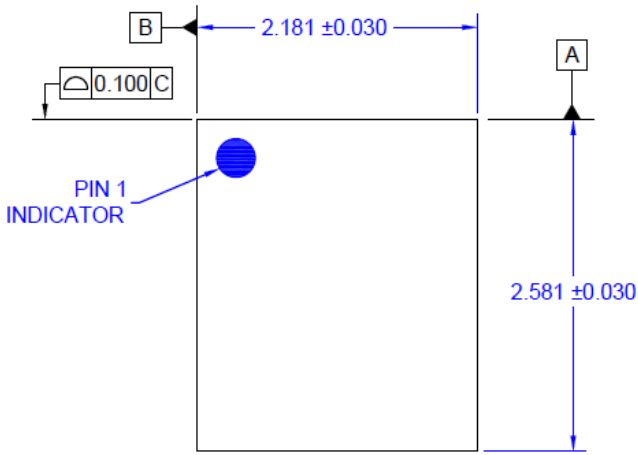
GPIO7 – Buck1 Voltage Select

Digital input. When GPIO7 = H, Buck1 = 1.8V (VSET0). When GPIO7 = L, Buck1 = 1.2V (VSET1). Note that GPIO7 must be set before Buck1 is powered on. GPIO7 cannot be changed after Buck1 is powered on.

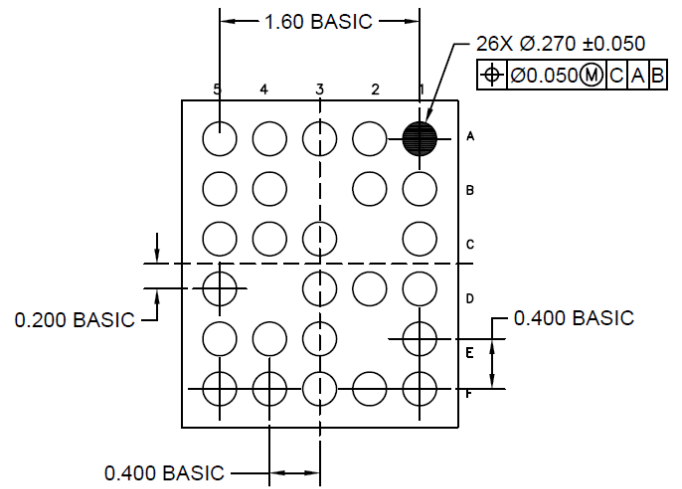
I²C Address

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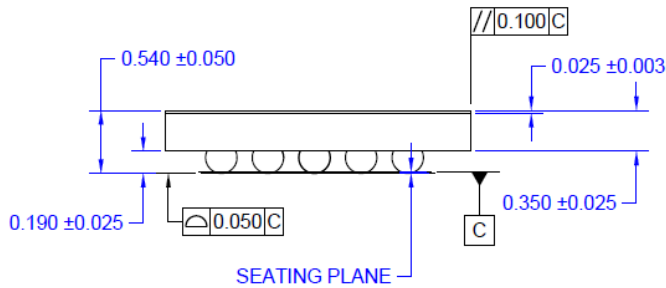
PACKAGE OUTLINE AND DIMENSIONS



TOP VIEW (BUMPS DOWN)



BOTTOM VIEW (BUMPS UP)



SIDE VIEW

Product Compliance

This part complies with RoHS directive 2011/65/EU as amended by (EU) 2015/863.

This part also has the following attributes:

- Lead Free
- Halogen Free (Chlorine, Bromine)



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