

AS1329 Low Voltage, Micropower, DC-DC Step-Up Converters

1 General Description

The AS1329A, AS1329B and the AS1329C are synchronous, fixed frequency, very high-efficiency DC-DC boost converters capable of supplying 3.3V at 160mA from a single AA-supply. Compact size and minimum external parts requirements make these devices perfect for modern portable devices.

High-speed switching frequency (1.2MHz) and internally compensated PWM current mode design provide highly-reliable DC-DC conversion, especially when driving white LEDs. The converters are available as the standard products listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Standard Products

Model	Light Load Switching
AS1329A	Medium Load Automatic Powersave Operation
AS1329B	Light Load Automatic Powersave Operation
AS1329C	Continuous Switching

The devices contain two internal MOSFET switches: one NMOS switch and one PMOS synchronous rectifier. Anti-ringing control circuitry reduces EMI by damping the inductor in discontinuous mode, and the devices exhibit extremely low quiescent current (< 1μ A) in shutdown.

In shutdown mode the battery is connected directly to the output enabling the supply of real-time-clocks. The AS1329 is available in a 6-pin TSOT-23 package.

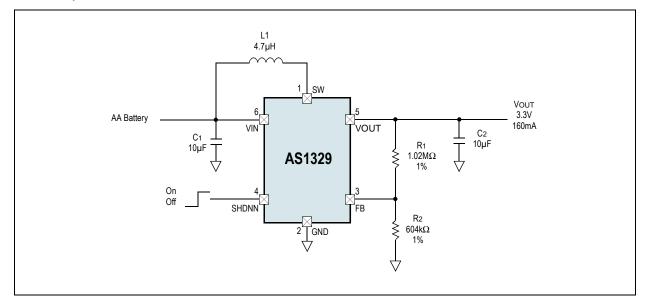
Figure 1. Typical Application Diagram – Single Cell to 3.3V Synchronous Boost Converter

2 Key Features

- Low Start-Up Voltage: 0.85V
- Output Range: 2.5V to 5.0V
- Single-Cell Operation
- Operating with coils down to 2.2µH
- Delivers 160mA @ 3.3V (from Single AA Cell)
- Delivers 220mA @ 5.0V (from Two AA Cells)
- Delivers 570mA @ 3.3V (from Two AA Cells)
- 95% Efficiency
- High-Speed Fixed-Frequency: 1.2MHz
- Internal PMOS Synchronous Rectifier
- Automatic Powersave Operation (AS1329A&B)
- Continuous Switching at Light Loads (AS1329C)
- Logic Controlled Shutdown (< 1µA)
- 6-pin TSOT-23 Package

3 Applications

The AS1329 is ideal for low-power applications where ultra-small size is critical as in medical diagnostic equipment, hand-held instruments, pagers, digital cameras, remote wireless transmitters, MP3 players, LCD bias supplies, cordless phones, GPS receivers, and PC cards.

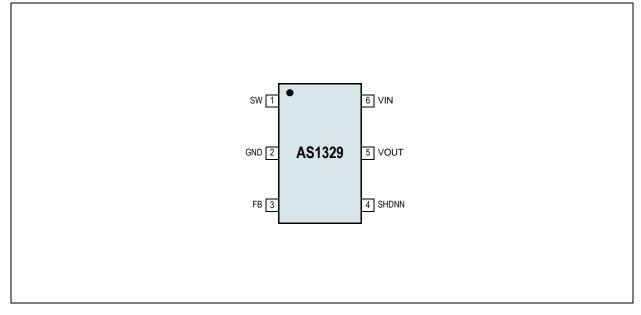


Datasheet - Pin Assignments



4 Pin Assignments

Figure 2. Pin Assignments (Top View)



4.1 Pin Descriptions

Table 2. Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1	SW	Switch Pin . Connect an inductor between this pin and VIN. Keep the PCB trace lengths as short and wide as is practical to reduce EMI and voltage overshoot. If the inductor current falls to zero, or pin SHDNN is low, an internal 100Ω anti-ringing switch is connected from this pin to VIN to minimize EMI.
		Note: An optional Schottky diode can be connected between this pin and VOUT.
2	GND	Signal and Power Ground . Provide a short, direct PCB path between this pin and the negative side of the output capacitor(s).
3	FB	Feedback Pin . Feedback input to the g_m error amplifier. Connect a resistor divider tap to this pin. The output voltage can be adjusted from 2.5 to 5V by: VOUT = $1.23V[1 + (R_1/R_2)]$
4	SHDNN	Shutdown Pin. Logic controlled shutdown input. 1 = Normal operation, 1.2MHz typical operating frequency. 0 = Shutdown; quiescent current <1µA. If SHDNN is undefined, pin SW may ring.
5	Output Voltage Sense Input and Drain of the Internal PMOS Synchronous Re VOUT Bias is derived from VOUT when VOUT exceeds VIN. PCB trace length from VOUT output filter capacitor(s) should be as short and wide as is practical.	
6	VIN	Input Voltage . The AS1329 gets its start-up bias from VIN unless VOUT exceeds VIN, in which case the bias is derived from VOUT. Thus, once started, operation is completely independent from VIN. Operation is only limited by the output power level and the internal series resistance of the supply.



5 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed in Table 3 may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in Section 6 Electrical Characteristics on page 4 is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Parameter	Min	Max	Units	Notes
VIN to GND	-0.3	7	V	
SHDNN, SW to GND	-0.3	7	V	
FB to GND	-0.3	5	V	
VOUT	-0.3	7	V	
Operating Temperature Range	-40	+85	°C	
Storage Temperature Range	-65	+125	°C	
Package Body Temperature		+260	°C	The reflow peak soldering temperature (body temperature) specified is in accordance with <i>IPC/ JEDEC J-STD-020 "Moisture/Reflow Sensitivity Classification for Non-Hermetic Solid State Surface Mount Devices".</i> The lead finish for Pb-free leaded packages is matte tin (100% Sn).
Moisture Sensitive Level		1		Represents an unlimited floor life time

Datasheet - Electrical Characteristics



6 Electrical Characteristics

TAMB = -40°C to +85°C, VIN = +1.2V, VOUT = +3.3V, VSHDNN = +1.2V (unless otherwise specified). Typ values @ TAMB = +25°C.

Table 4. Electrical Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Units	
	Minimum Start-Up Voltage	Iload = 1mA		0.85	1	V	
	Minimum Operating Voltage	SHDNN = VIN ¹		0.65	0.85	V	
	Maximum Operating Voltage	SHDNN = Vin ¹			5	V	
	Output Voltage Adjust Range	Тамв = 25℃	2.5		5	V	
Vfb	Feedback Voltage	TAMB = TMIN to TMAX	1.192	1.23	1.268	V	
lfв	Feedback Input Current	Vfb = 1.25V ²		1		nA	
IQPWS	Quiescent Current (Powersave Operation)	VFB = 1.4V ³ , AS1329A only		30	50	μA	
ISHDNN	Shutdown Current	VSHDNN = 0V		0.01	1	μA	
lq	Quiescent Current (Active)	VFB = 1.4V ³ , AS1329B&C only		150	300	μA	
INMOSSWL	NMOS Switch Leakage	Vsw = 5V		0.1	5	μA	
IPMOSSWL	PMOS Switch Leakage	Vsw = 0V		0.1	5	μA	
		Vout = 3.3V		0.35	0.8	Ω	
Ronnmos	NMOS Switch On Resistance	Vout = 5V ⁴		0.20	0.7		
_		Vout = 3.3V		0.45	0.8		
Ronpmos	PMOS Switch On Resistance	Vout = 5V ⁴		0.30	0.7	Ω	
INMOS	NMOS Current Limit	VIN = 2.5V		850		mA	
Inc	Powersave Operation Current	AS1329A only ²		3		mA	
IPS	Threshold	AS1329B only ²		0.3		mA	
	Max Duty Cycle	VFB = 1V, TAMB = TMIN to TMAX	80	87		%	
four	Switching Fragmanay	Тамв = 25°С 0.95 1.		1.2	1.5		
fsw	Switching Frequency	TAMB = TMIN to TMAX	0.85	1.2	1.5	MHz	
VSHDNNH	SHDNN Input High		1			V	
VSHDNNL	SHDNN Input Low				0.35	V	
ISHDNN	SHDNN Input Current	VSHDNN = 5.0V		0.01	1	μA	

1. Minimum VIN operation after start-up is only limited by the battery's ability to provide the necessary power as it enters a deeply discharged state.

2. Specification is guaranteed by design and not 100% production tested.

3. IQPWS is measured at VOUT. Multiply this value by VOUT/VIN to get the equivalent input (battery) current.

4. Specification is guaranteed by design and not 100% production tested.

Note: All limits are guaranteed. The parameters with min and max values are guaranteed with production tests or SQC (Statistical Quality Control) methods.

Datasheet - Typical Operating Characteristics



7 Typical Operating Characteristics

All measurements are performed with AS1329A, VOUT = 3.3V, TAMB = +25°C, unless otherwise specified. Parts used for measurements: L= 10µH (MOS6020-103ML), CIN and COUT = 10µF (GRM31CR70J106KA01L)

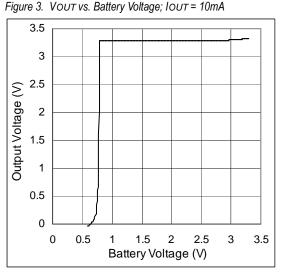


Figure 5. Startup Voltage vs. Output Current

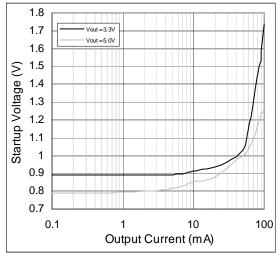


Figure 7. IOUT vs. VBATT; VOUT = 3.3V, 3% Tolerance

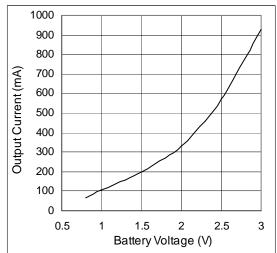


Figure 4. VOUT vs. Temperature; IOUT = 10mA

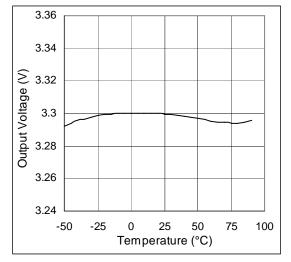
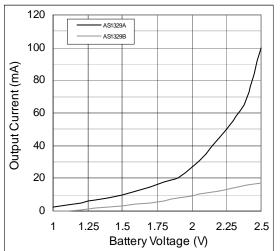
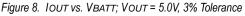
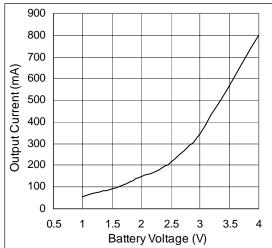


Figure 6. Powersave threshold vs. Input Voltage







Datasheet - Typical Operating Characteristics



Figure 9. No Load Battery Current vs. Battery Voltage;

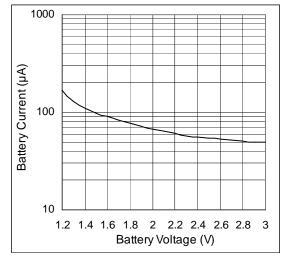
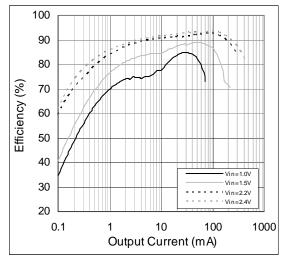
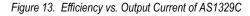


Figure 11. Efficiency vs. Output Current of AS1329A





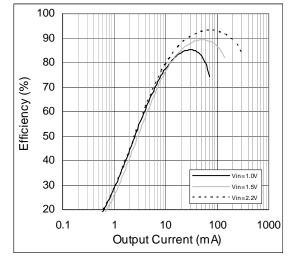


Figure 10. Efficiency vs. Battery Voltage; AS1329A

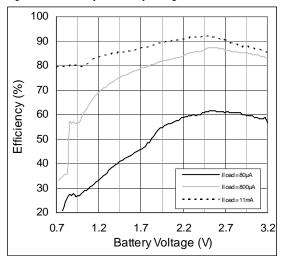


Figure 12. Efficiency vs. Output Current of AS1329B

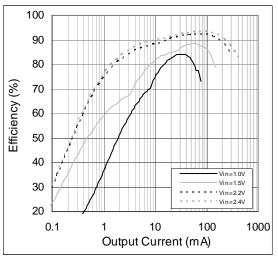
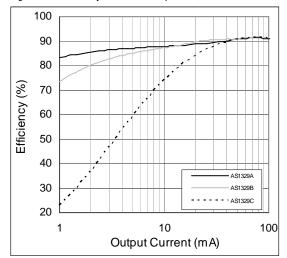


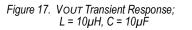
Figure 14. Efficiency vs. IOUT Comparison; VIN = 2.0V



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Figure 15. SW Pin Antiringing Operation; $V_{IN} = 1.3V$, $L = 10\mu$ H, $C = 10\mu$ F, IOUT = 5mA





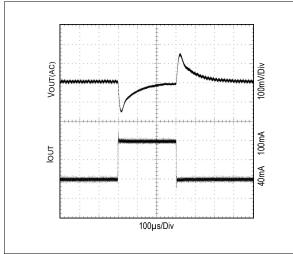


Figure 16. SW Pin Fixed Frequency Continuous Current; VIN = 1.3V, L=10 μ H, C=10 μ F, IOUT = 100mA

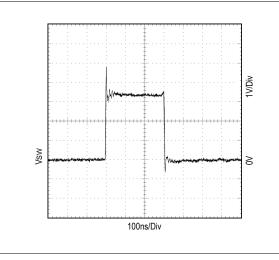
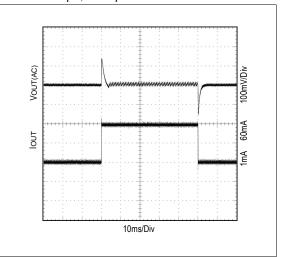


Figure 18. Fixed Frequency vs. Powersave Operation; VIN = 1.3V, $L = 10\mu$ H, C = 10μ F





8 Detailed Description

The AS1329 can operate from a single-cell input voltage (VIN) below 1V, and features fixed frequency (1.2MHz) and current mode PWM control for exceptional line- and load-regulation. With low RDS(ON) and gate charge internal NMOS and PMOS switches, the device maintains high-efficiency from light to heavy loads.

Modern portable devices frequently spend extended time in low-power or standby modes, switching to high power-drain only when certain functions are enabled. The AS1329A, AS1329B and AS1329C are ideal for portable devices since they maintain high-power conversion efficiency over a wide output power range, thus increasing battery life in these types of devices.

In addition to high-efficiency at moderate and heavy loads, the AS1329A as well as the AS1329B includes an automatic powersave mode that improves efficiency of the power converter at light loads. The powersave mode is initiated if the output load current falls below a factory programmed threshold (see Figure 6 on page 5).

Note: The AS1329C does not support powersave mode and provides continuous operation at all loads, eliminating low-frequency VOUT ripple at the expense of light load efficiency.

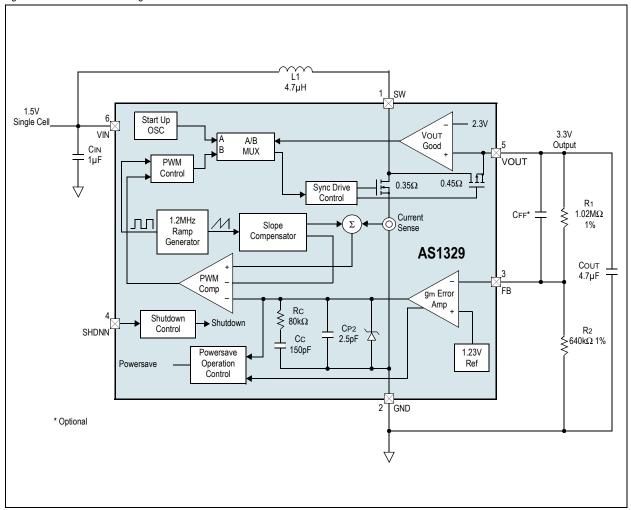


Figure 19. AS1329 - Block Diagram

8.1 Low-Voltage Start-Up

The AS1329 requires VIN of only 0.85V (typ) or higher to start up. The low-voltage start-up circuitry controls the internal NMOS switch up to a maximum peak inductor current of 850mA (typ), with 1.5ms (approx.) off-time during start-up, allowing the devices to start up into an output load.

With a VOUT > 2.3V, the start-up circuitry is disabled and normal fixed-frequency PWM operation is initiated. In this mode, the AS1329 operates independent of VIN, allowing extended operating time as the battery can drop to several tenths of a volt without affecting output regulation. The limiting factor for the application is the ability of the battery to supply sufficient energy to the output.



8.2 Low-Noise Fixed-Frequency Operation

8.2.1 Oscillator

The AS1329 switching frequency is internally fixed at 1.2MHz allowing the use of very small external components.

8.2.2 Error Amplifier

The integrated error amplifier is an internally compensated trans-conductance (gm) type (current output). The internal 1.23V reference voltage is compared to the voltage at pin FB to generate an error signal at the output of the error amplifier. A voltage divider from VOUT to GND programs the output voltage from 2.5 to 5V via pin FB as:

8.2.3 Current Sensing

A signal representing the internal NMOS-switch current is summed with the slope compensator. The summed signal is compared to the error amplifier output to provide a peak current control command for the PWM. Peak switch current is limited to approximately 850mA independent of VIN or VOUT.

8.2.4 Zero Current Comparator

The zero current comparator monitors the inductor current to the output and shuts off the PMOS synchronous rectifier once this current drops to 20mA (approx.). This prevents the inductor current from reversing polarity and results in improved converter efficiency at light loads.

8.2.5 Anti-Ringing Control

Anti-ringing control circuitry prevents high-frequency ringing on pin SW as the inductor current approaches zero. This is accomplished by damping the resonant circuit formed by the inductor and the capacitance on pin SW (Csw).

8.3 Powersave Operation (AS1329A, AS1329B)

In light load conditions, the integrated powersave feature removes power from all circuitry not required to monitor VOUT. When VOUT has dropped approximately 1% from nominal, the AS1329A & B powers up and begins normal PWM operation.

COUT (see Figure 19 on page 8) recharges, causing the AS1329A and AS1329B to re-enter powersave mode as long as the output load remains below the powersave threshold. The frequency of this intermittent PWM is proportional to load current; i.e., as the load current drops further below the powersave threshold, the AS1329A and AS1329B turns on less frequently. When the load current increases above the powersave threshold, the AS1329A and AS1329B will resume continuous, seamless PWM operation.

While the AS1329A switches to automatic powersave mode already at medium loads, the AS1329B will do so only at very light loads.

The AS1329C is a continuous switching device, hence the output voltage ripple is very low and no additional frequencies are produced which may cause interference.

Notes:

- 1. An optional capacitor (CFF) between pins VOUT and FB in some applications can reduce VOUT_{P-P} ripple and input quiescent current during powersave mode. Typical values for CFF range from 15 to 220pF.
- 2. In powersave mode, the AS1329A and AS1329B draws only 30µA from the output capacitor(s), greatly improving converter efficiency.

8.4 Shutdown

When pin SHDNN is low the AS1329 is switched off and <1µA current is drawn from battery; when pin SHDNN is high the device is switched on. If SHDNN is driven from a logic-level output, the logic high-level (on) should be referenced to VOUT to avoid intermittently switching the device on.

Note: If pin SHDNN is not used, it should be connected directly to pin OUT.

In shutdown the battery input is connected to the output through the inductor and the internal synchronous rectifier P-FET. This allows the input battery to provide backup power for devices such as an idle microcontroller, memory, or real-time-clock, without the usual diode forward drop. In this way a separate backup battery is not needed.

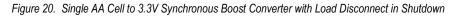
In cases where there is residual voltage during shutdown, some small amount of energy will be transferred from pin OUT to pin BATT immediately after shutdown, resulting in a momentary spike of the voltage at pin BATT. The ratio of CIN and COUT partly determine the size and duration of this spike, as does the current-sink ability of the input device.



9 Application Information

The AS1329 is perfectly suited for LED matrix displays, bar-graph displays, instrument-panel meters, dot matrix displays, set-top boxes, white goods, professional audio equipment, medical equipment, industrial controllers to name a few applications.

Along with Figure 1 on page 1, Figures 20-23 depict a few of the many applications for which the AS1329 converters are perfectly suited.



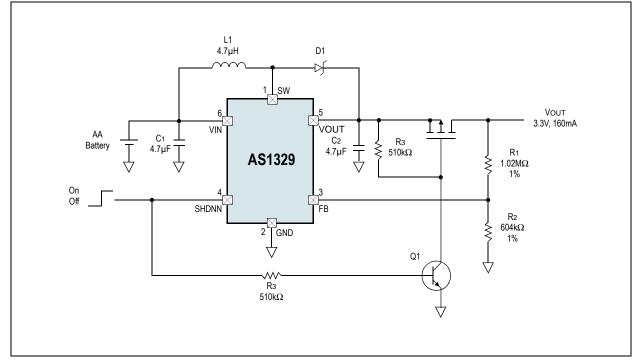
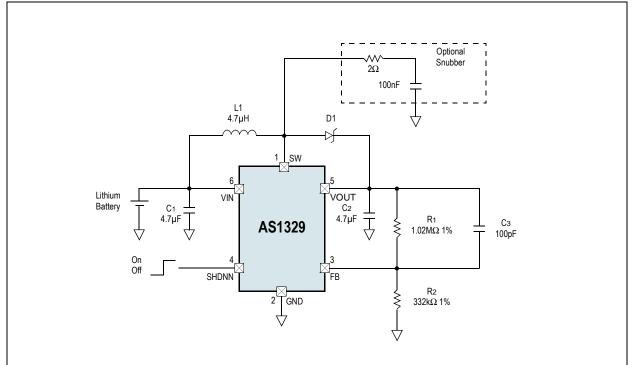
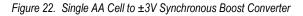


Figure 21. Single Lithium Cell to 5V, 250mA





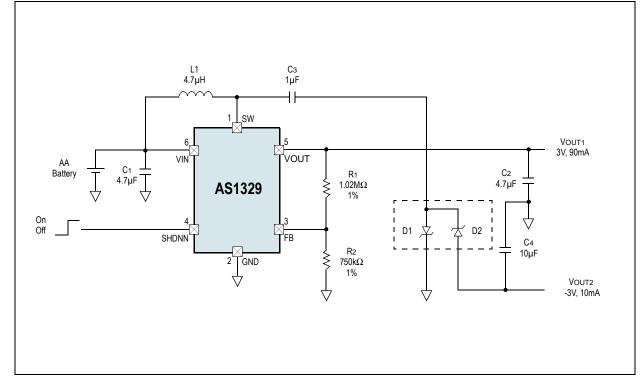
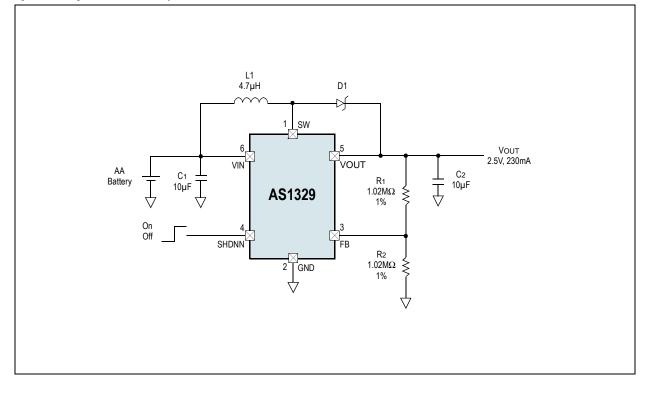


Figure 23. Single AA Cell to 2.5V Synchronous Boost Converter





9.1 Output Voltage Ripple

The AS1329 is designed to work at high efficiency. In order to reduce the output ripple the following improvements are recommended:

- Use a higher output capacitor, up to 44µF and a higher input capacitor (22µF).
- Use smaller values for the resistor divider. R1 should be about 300kΩ. To avoid a high leakage current from pin VOUT through the resistor divider to GND, R1 should not be less than 100kΩ.
- To reduce the output ripple it's also possible to speed up the feedback loop. To achieve this, place a 22pF (C4 in Figure 24) capacitor in parallel to R1. Via C4 the fast transients are shorted to the FB pin and the feedback loop is even faster. A 1MΩ resistor for R1 slows down the FB loop.
- Due to noise and to their non linear behavior, the use of potentiometers is not recommended.

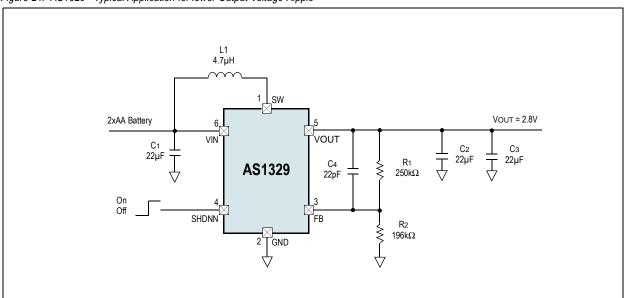


Figure 24. AS1329 - Typical Application for lower Output Voltage Ripple

Note: For correct measurements of the output ripple connect the oscilloscope probe as close as possible to the positive plate of the COUT and connect the GND of the oscilloscope probe to the negative plate of the COUT. This will reduce the inductive coupling and will deliver a more accurate measurement result.

The output ripple is getting higher as VIN is getting closer to VOUT. Figure 25 shows that the above mentioned improvements reduce the output voltage ripple. If VIN is higher than VOUT the AS1329 stops switching and VIN is connected to VOUT via the inductor and the internal P-FET.

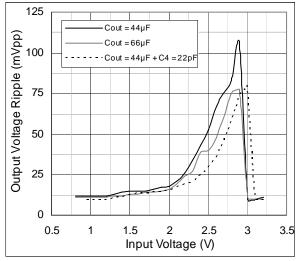
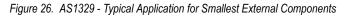


Figure 25. Output Voltage Ripple vs. Input Voltage; VOUT = 2.8V, IOUT = 0.8mA



9.2 Smallest External Components

The AS1329 is also able to work with smallest Capacitors and Inductors (see Figure 26).



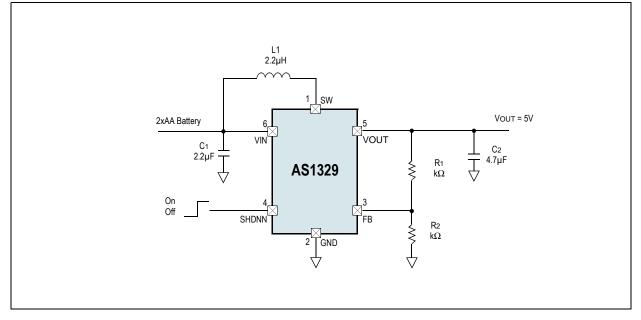
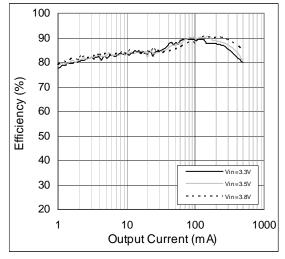


Table 5. Recommended Smallest Components

	Part Number	Value	Code	Rating	Size	Manufacturer
C1	GRM188R61A225KE34	2.2µF	X5R	10V	0603	Murata
C2	GRM188R60J475KE19	4.7µF	X5R	6.3V	0603	www.murata.com
L1	LQM31PN2R2M00	2.2µH	$238m\Omega$	0.9A	1206	

Figure 27. Efficiency vs. Output Current with Smallest External Components





9.3 External Component Selection

9.3.1 Inductor Selection

The fast switching frequency (1.2MHz) of the AS1329 allows for the use of small surface mount or chip inductor for the external inductor (see Figure 19 on page 8).

The required minimum values for the external inductor are:

- 3.3μ H for applications ≤ 3.6 V
- 4.7µH for applications > 3.6V

Larger inductor values allow greater output current capability by reducing the inductor ripple current. Increasing the inductance above 10µH will increase size while providing negligible improvement in output current capability.

The approximate output current capability of the AS1329 versus inductor value is given in:

$$IOUT(MAX) = \eta \cdot \left(IP - \frac{VIN \cdot D}{f \cdot L \cdot 2}\right) \cdot (1 - D)$$
(EQ 2)

Where:

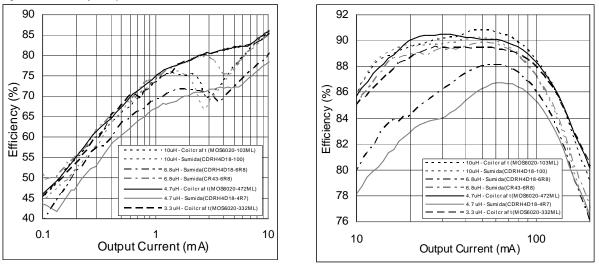
η is the estimated efficiency;
IP is the peak current limit value (0.6A);
VIN is the input voltage;
D is the steady-state duty ratio = (VOUT - VIN)/VOUT;
f is the switching frequency (1.2MHz typ);
L is the inductor value.

The inductor current ripple is typically set for 20 to 40% of the maximum inductor current (IP). High-frequency ferrite core inductor materials reduce frequency dependent power losses compared to less expensive powdered iron types, which result in improved converter efficiency.

The inductor should have low ESR to reduce the I²R power losses, and must be able to handle the peak inductor current without saturating. Molded chokes and some chip inductors normally do not have enough core to support the peak inductor currents of the AS1329 (850mA typ). To minimize radiated noise, use a toroid, pot core, or shielded bobbin inductor.

Part Number	L	DCR	Current Rating	Dimensions (L/W/T)	Manufacturer
MOS6020-103ML	10µH	$93 \text{m}\Omega$	1A	6.8x6.0x2.4mm	Coilcraft
MOS6020-472ML	4.7µH	$50 \text{m}\Omega$	1.5A	6.8x6.0x2.4mm	www.coilcraft.com
MOS6020-332ML	3.3µH	$46 \text{m}\Omega$	1.8A	6.8x6.0x2.4mm	
CDRH4D18-100	10µH	$200 \text{m}\Omega$	0.61A	6.9x5.0x2.0mm	Sumida
CDRH4D18-6R8	6.8µH	$200 \text{m}\Omega$	0.76A	6.9x5.0x2.0mm	www.sumida.com
CR43-6R8	6.8µH	131.2mΩ	0.95A	4.8x4.3x3.5mm	
CDRH4D18-4R7	4.7µH	162mΩ	0.84A	6.9x5.0x2.0mm	

Table 6. Recommended Inductors





9.3.2 Output Capacitor Selection

Low ESR capacitors should be used to minimize VOUT ripple. Multi-layer ceramic capacitors are recommended since they have extremely low ESR and are available in small footprints. A 2.2 to 10µF output capacitor is sufficient for most applications. Larger values up to 22µF may be used to obtain extremely low output voltage ripple and improve transient response.

An additional phase lead capacitor may be required with output capacitors larger than 10µF to maintain acceptable phase margin. X5R and X7R dielectric materials are recommended due to their ability to maintain capacitance over wide voltage and temperature ranges.

Table 7. Recommended Output Capacitor

Part Number	С	TC Code	Rated Voltage	Dimensions (L/W/T)	Manufacturer
JMK212BJ226MG-T	22µF ±20%	X5R	6.3V	2x1.3x1.3mm	Taiyo Yuden www.t-yuden.com

Input Capacitor Selection. Low ESR input capacitors reduce input switching noise and reduce the peak current drawn from the battery. Ceramic capacitors are recommended for input decoupling and should be located as close to the device as is practical. A 4.7µF input capacitor is sufficient for most applications. Larger values may be used without limitations.

Table 8. Recommended Input Capacitor

Part Number	С	TC Code	Rated Voltage	Dimensions (L/W/T)	Manufacturer
GRM31CR70J106KA01L	10µF ±10%	X7R	6.3V	3.2x1.6x1.6mm	Murata www.murata.com

Diode Selection. A Schottky diode should be used to carry the output current for the time it takes the PMOS synchronous rectifier to switch on. For VOUT < 4.5V a Schottky diode is optional, although using one will increase device efficiency by 2% to 3%.

Note: Do not use ordinary rectifier diodes, since the slow recovery times will compromise efficiency.

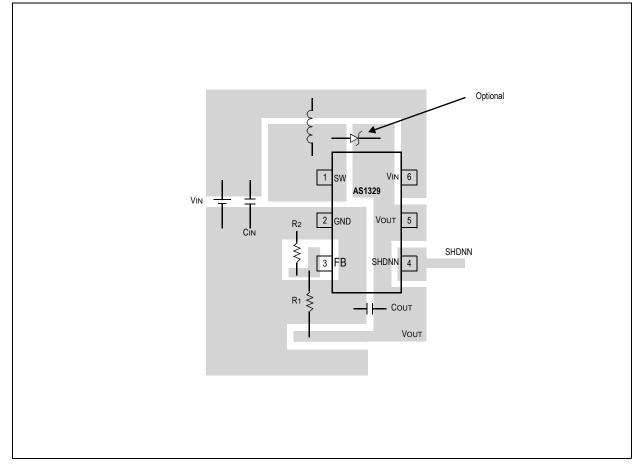


9.4 PCB Layout Guidelines

The high-speed operation of the AS1329 requires proper layout for optimum performance. Figure 29 shows the recommended component layout.

- A large ground pin copper area will help to lower the device temperature.
- A multi-layer board with a separate ground plane is recommended.
- Traces carrying large currents should be direct.
- Trace area at pin FB should be as small as is practical.
- The lead-length to the battery should be as short as is practical.

Figure 29. Recommended Single-Layer Component Placement



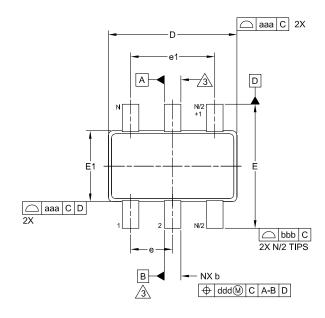
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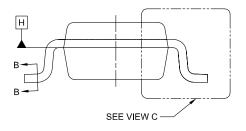


10 Package Drawings and Markings

The device is available in a 6-pin TSOT-23 package.

Figure 30. 6-pin TSOT-23 Package

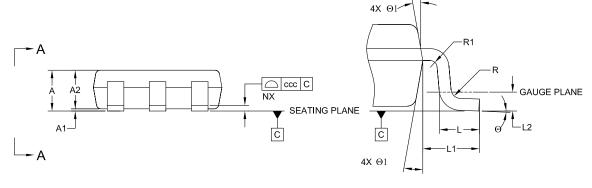




VIEW A-A



SECTION B-B



VIEW C

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REF.	MIN	NOM	MAX				
А	-	-	1.10				
A1	0	-	0.10				
A2	0.70	0.90	1.00				
b	0.30	-	0.50				
С	0.08	-	0.20				
D		2.90 BSC					
E		2.80 BSC					
E1	1.60 BSC						
е	0.95 BSC						
e1		1.90 BSC					
L	0.30	0.45	0.60				
L1		0.60 REF					
L2		0.25 BSC					
Θ	0°	4°	8°				
Θ1	4°	10°	12				
aaa	-	0.15					
bbb	-	0.20					
CCC	-	- 0.10					
ddd	-	0.20					
N		6					

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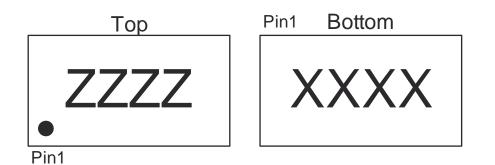
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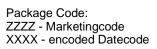


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Figure 31. 6-pin TSOT-23 Marking





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11 Ordering Information

The device is available as the standard products listed in Table 9.

Table 9. Ordering Information

Ordering Code	Marking	Description	Delivery Form	Package
AS1329A-BTTT	ASPA	Low Voltage, Micropower, DC-DC Step-Up Converter with Automatic Powersave Operation beginning at Medium Loads	Tape and Reel	6-pin TSOT-23
AS1329B-BTTT	ASPB	Low Voltage, Micropower, DC-DC Step-Up Converter with Automatic Powersave Operation beginning at Light Loads	Tape and Reel	6-pin TSOT-23
AS1329C-BTTT	ASPC	Low Voltage, Micropower, DC-DC Step-Up Converter with Continuous Switching	Tape and Reel	6-pin TSOT-23

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