

# Quad 40V<sub>IN</sub> Silent Switcher $\mu$ Module Regulator with Configurable 1.2A Output Array

## FEATURES

- Four Complete Step-Down Switching Power Supplies
- Low Noise Silent Switcher® Architecture
- CISPR22 Class B Compliant
- CISPR25 Class 5 Compliant
- Wide Input Voltage Range: 3V to 40V
- Wide Output Voltage Range: 0.8V to 8V
- 1.2A Continuous Output Current per Channel at 12V<sub>IN</sub>, 3.3V<sub>OUT</sub>, T<sub>A</sub> = 85°C
- 1.5A Continuous Output Current per Channel at 12V<sub>IN</sub>, 3.3V<sub>OUT</sub>, T<sub>A</sub> = 60°C
- Multiphase or Multi- $\mu$ Module Parallelable for Increased Output Current
- Selectable Switching Frequency: 300kHz to 3MHz
- Compact Package (6.25mm × 11.25mm × 2.22mm) Surface Mount BGA

## DESCRIPTION

The LTM8051 is quad 40V<sub>IN</sub>, 1.2A step-down Silent Switcher  $\mu$ Module® regulator. The Silent Switcher architecture minimizes EMI while delivering high efficiency at frequencies up to 3MHz. Included in the package are the controllers, power switches, inductors, and support components. Operating over a wide input voltage range, the LTM8051 supports output voltages from 0.8V to 8V, and a switching frequency range of 300kHz to 3MHz, each set by a single resistor. Only the bulk input and output filter capacitors are needed to finish the design. The LTM8051 product video is available on website. [▶](#)

The LTM8051 is packaged in a compact (6.25mm × 11.25mm × 2.22mm) over-molded Ball Grid Array (BGA) package suitable for automated assembly by standard surface mount equipment. The LTM8051 is available with SnPb or RoHS compliant.

## APPLICATIONS

- Automated Test Equipment
- Distributed Supply Regulation
- Industrial Supplies
- Medical Equipment

### Configurable Output Array

The LTM8051 outputs can be paralleled in an array for up to 4.8A capability.

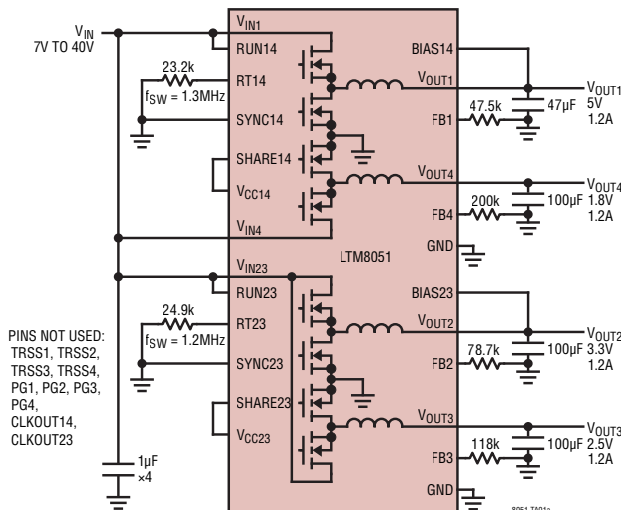


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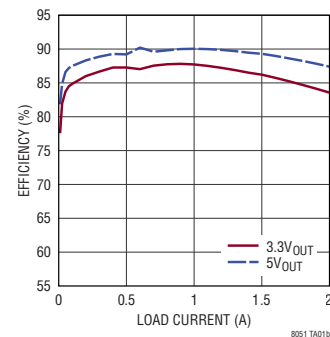
[▶](#) Click to view associated Video Design Idea.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

### 1.8V<sub>OUT</sub> to 5V<sub>OUT</sub> from 7V<sub>IN</sub> to 40V<sub>IN</sub> Quad Step-Down Converter



### Efficiency, V<sub>IN</sub> = 24V, BIAS = 5V

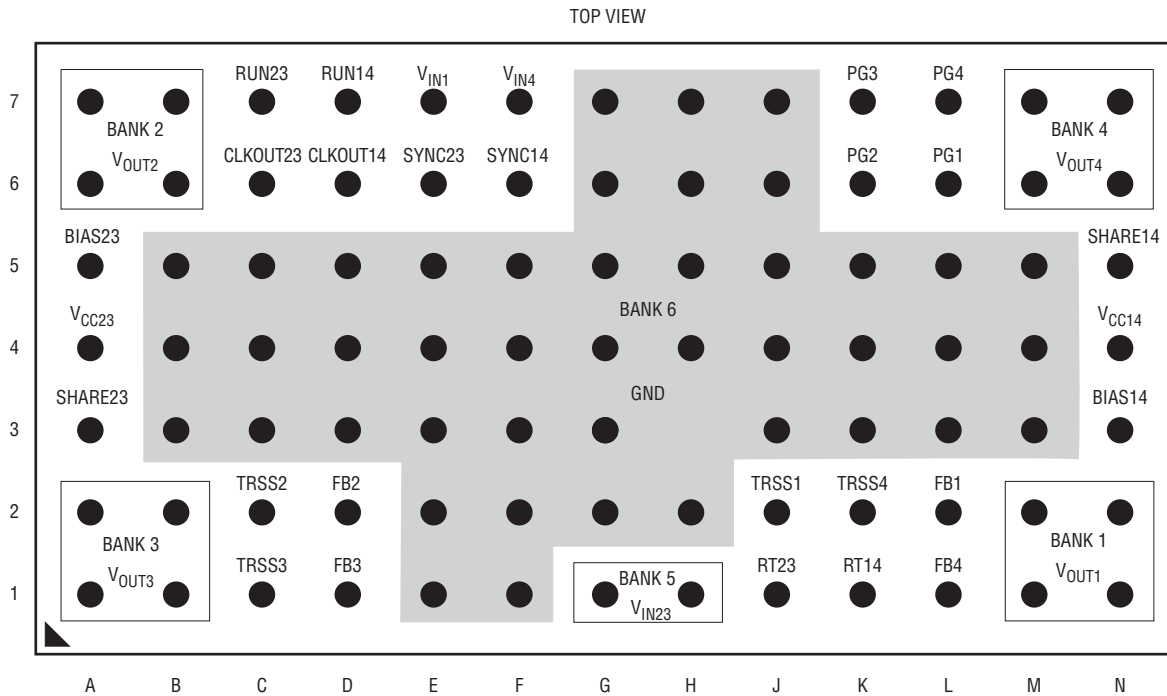


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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

$V_{INn}$ , $RUNn$ , $PGn$ .....	42V	$SYNCn$ .....	6V
$V_{OUTn}$ , $BIASn$ .....	10V	Maximum Internal Temperature (Note 2) .....	125°C
$FBn$ , $TRSSn$ , $SHAREn$ , $RTn$ , $V_{CCn}$ .....	4V	Storage Temperature .....	-55°C to 125°C
		Peak Solder Reflow Package Body Temperature ..	260°C

## PIN CONFIGURATION



$T_{JMAX} = 125^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\theta_{JA} = 16^{\circ}\text{C/W}$ ,  $\theta_{JCTop} = 11.4^{\circ}\text{C/W}$ ,  
 $\theta_{JCbott} = 3.5^{\circ}\text{C/W}$ , WEIGHT = 0.42g  
 $\theta$  VALUES DETERMINED PER JEDEC 51-9, 51-12

## ORDER INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	PAD OR BALL FINISH*	PART MARKING		PACKAGE TYPE	MSL RATING	TEMPERATURE RANGE (SEE NOTE 2)
		DEVICE	FINISH CODE			
LTM8051EY#PBF	SAC305 (RoHS)	LTM8051Y	e1	BGA	3	-40°C to 125°C
LTM8051IY#PBF	SAC305 (RoHS)	LTM8051Y	e1	BGA	3	-40°C to 125°C
LTM8051IY	SnPb (63/37)	LTM8051Y	e0	BGA	3	-40°C to 125°C

- Contact the factory for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges. \*Pad or ball finish code is per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-609.
- This product is not recommended for second side reflow.
- [Recommended LGA and BGA PCB Assembly and Manufacturing Procedures](#)
- [LGA and BGA Package and Tray Drawings](#)

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the specified operating internal temperature range, otherwise specifications are at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .  $V_{INn} = 12\text{V}$ ,  $\text{RUN}n = 2\text{V}$  unless otherwise noted (Note 2).

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Minimum $V_{IN1}$ Input Voltage		●			3.0	V
Minimum $V_{IN23}$ Input Voltage		●			3.0	V
Minimum $V_{IN4}$ Input Voltage	$V_{IN1} = 3\text{V}$	●			2.0	V
Output DC Voltage	$\text{FB}n$ Open			0.8		V
	$\text{FB}n = 27.4\text{k}\Omega$			8		V
Maximum Output DC Current	(Note 3)				2.5	A
Quiescent Current into $V_{INn}$	$\text{RUN}n = 0$			2	4	$\mu\text{A}$
	$\text{BIAS}n = 5\text{V}$ , $\text{SYNC}n = 0\text{V}$ , No load			60		$\mu\text{A}$
	$\text{BIAS}n = 5\text{V}$ , $\text{SYNC}n = 3.3\text{V}$ , No load			10		$\text{mA}$
Current into $\text{BIAS}n$	$\text{RUN}n = 0$ , $\text{BIAS}n = 5\text{V}$				1	$\mu\text{A}$
	$\text{BIAS}n = 5\text{V}$ , $\text{SYNC}n = 3.3\text{V}$ , No load			7		$\text{mA}$
Line Regulation	$5\text{V} < V_{INn} < 40\text{V}$			0.1		%
Load Regulation	$12V_{INn}$ , $0.1\text{A} < I_{OUTn} < 2\text{A}$			0.2		%
Output RMS Ripple	$3.3V_{OUTn}$			10		$\text{mV}$
$\text{FB}n$ Voltage		●	792	800	808	$\text{mV}$
			784	800	816	$\text{mV}$
Current out of $\text{FB}n$	$V_{OUTn} = 1\text{V}$ , $\text{FB}n = 0\text{V}$ , $\text{RUN}n = 0\text{V}$			4		$\mu\text{A}$
Minimum $\text{BIAS}n$ for Proper Operation					3.2	V
Switching Frequency	$R_{Tn} = 113\text{k}\Omega$ , $V_{INn} = 6\text{V}$			300		$\text{kHz}$
	$R_{Tn} = 30.9\text{k}\Omega$ , $V_{INn} = 6\text{V}$			1		$\text{MHz}$
	$R_{Tn} = 7.15\text{k}\Omega$ , $V_{INn} = 6\text{V}$			3		$\text{MHz}$
$\text{RUN}n$ Threshold				0.74		V
$\text{RUN}n$ Input Current	$\text{RUN}n = 0\text{V}$				1	$\mu\text{A}$
$\text{PG}n$ Threshold at $\text{FB}n$	Lower Threshold			740		$\text{mV}$
	Upper Threshold			860		$\text{mV}$
$\text{PG}n$ Output Sink Current	$\text{PG}n = 0.1\text{V}$		100			$\mu\text{A}$
$\text{CLKOUT}n V_{OL}$	$V_{INn} = 6\text{V}$			0		V
$\text{CLKOUT}n V_{OH}$	$V_{INn} = 6\text{V}$			3.3		V
$\text{SYNC}n$ Input High Threshold			1.5			V
$\text{SYNC}n$ Input Low Threshold					0.8	V
$\text{SYNC}n$ Threshold to Enable Spread Spectrum			2.8		4	V
$\text{SYNC}n$ Current	$\text{SYNC}n = 6\text{V}$ , $V_{INn} = 6\text{V}$			65		$\mu\text{A}$
$\text{TRSS}n$ Source Current	$\text{TRSS}n = 0\text{V}$			2		$\mu\text{A}$
$\text{TRSS}n$ Pull-Down Resistance	Fault Condition, $\text{TRSS}n = 0.1\text{V}$			230		$\Omega$

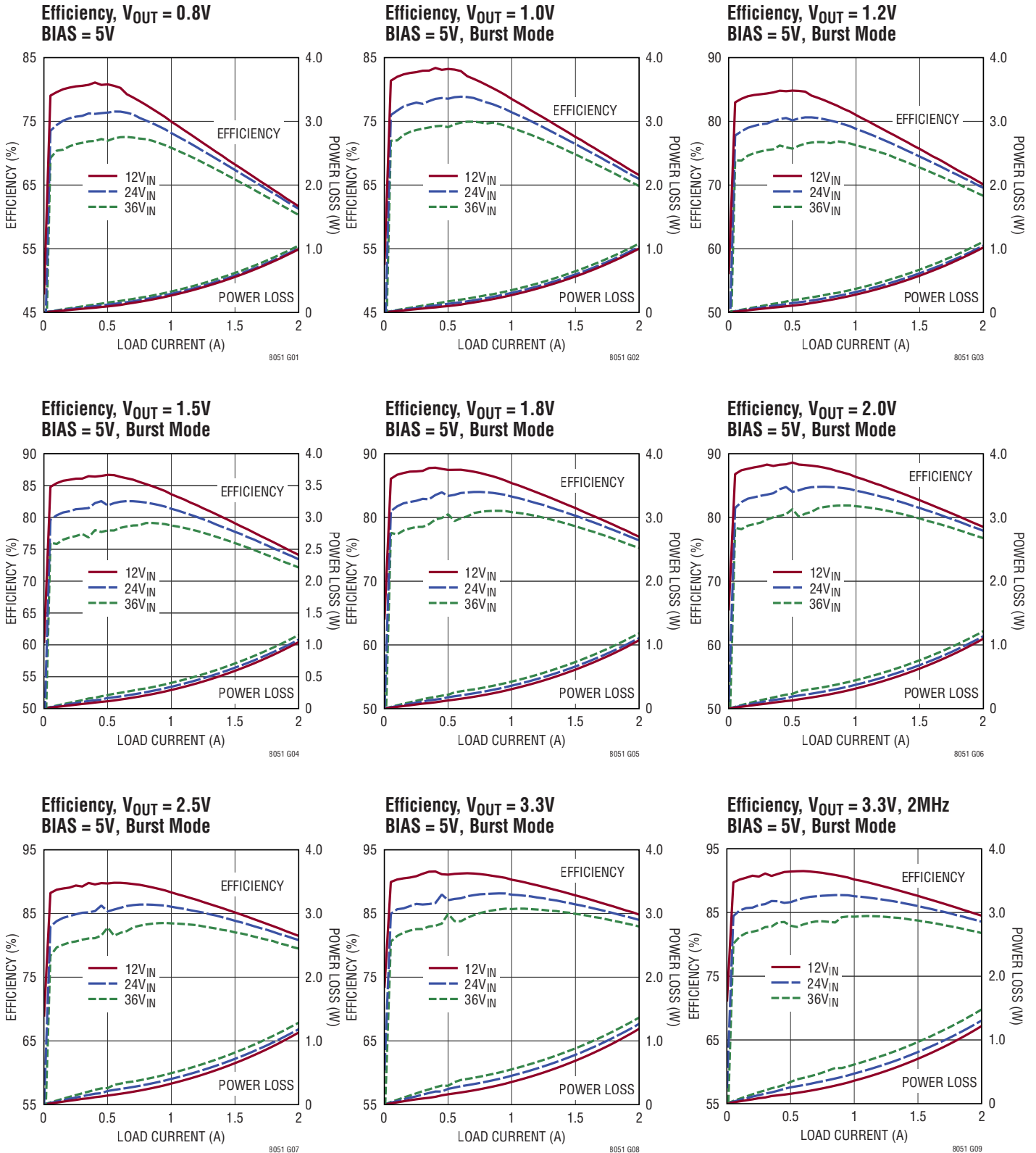
**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The LTM8051E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  internal. Specifications over the full  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  internal operating temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls.

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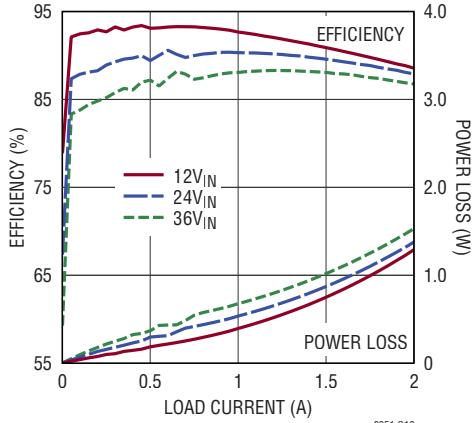
**Note 3:** The maximum current out of either channel may be limited by the internal temperature of the LTM8051. See Thermal Considerations for different  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ , and  $T_A$ .

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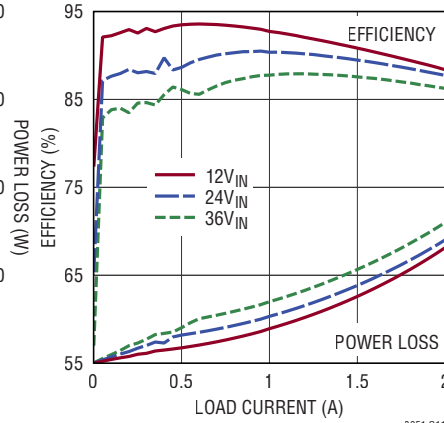
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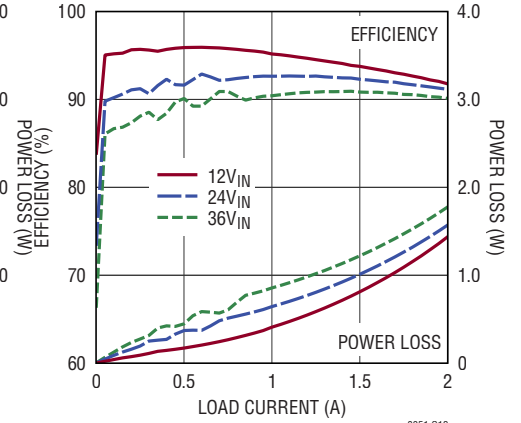
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**Efficiency,  $V_{OUT} = 5.0\text{V}$ , 2MHz  
BIAS = 5V, Burst Mode**



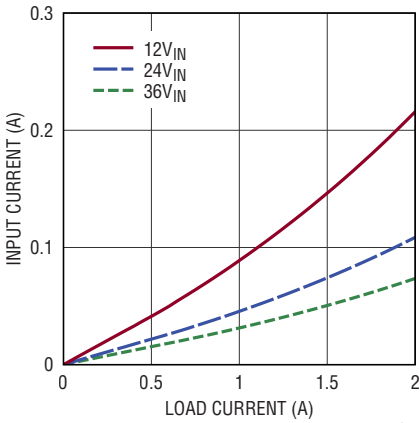
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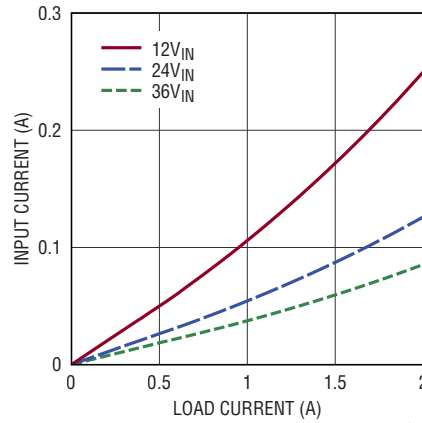
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**Input vs Load Current  
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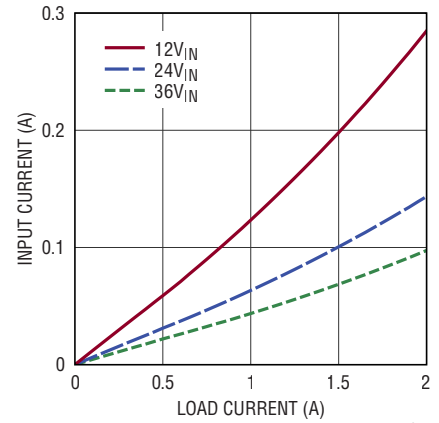
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**Input vs Load Current  
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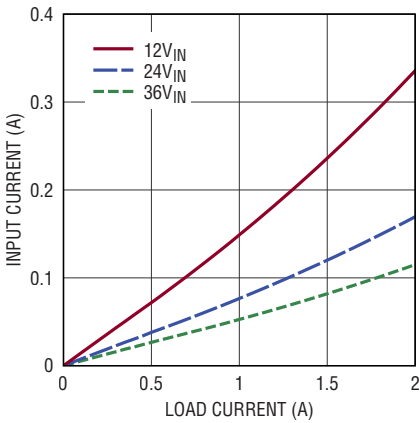
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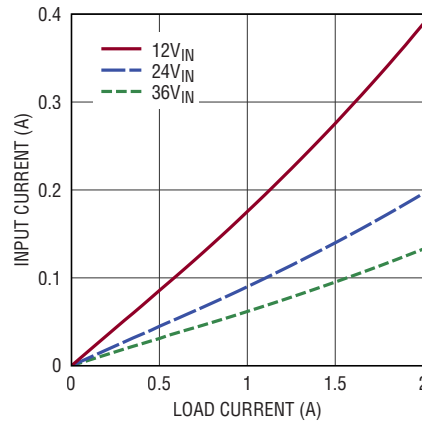
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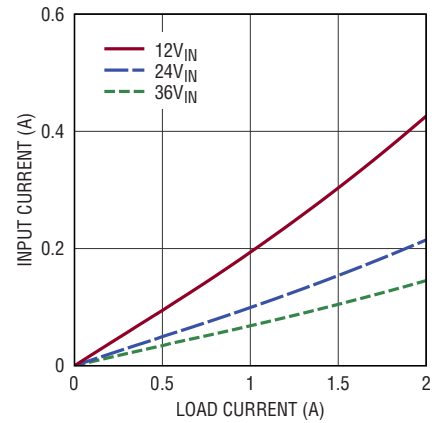
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**Input vs Load Current  
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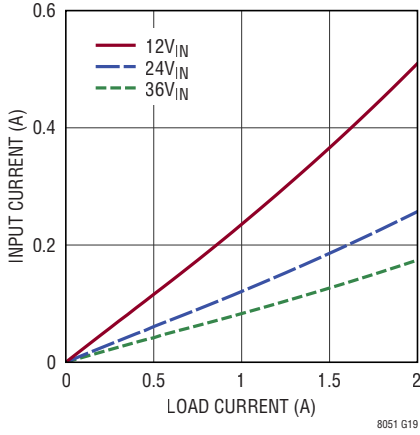
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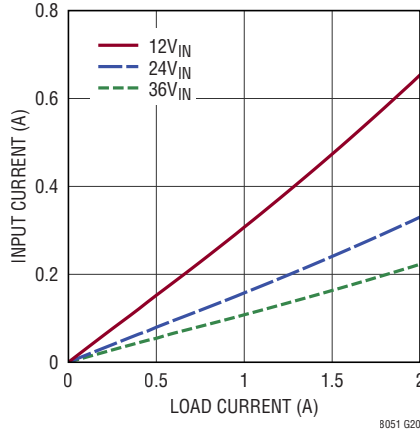
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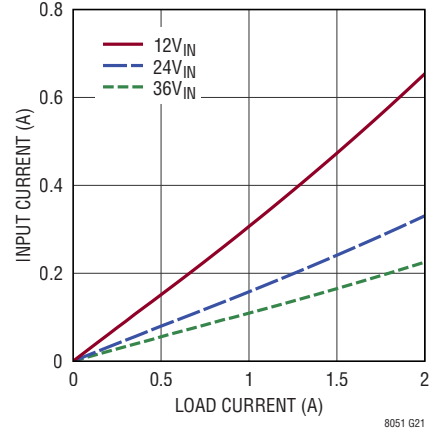
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 Burst Mode



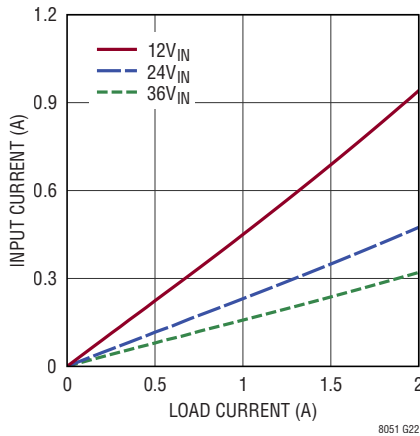
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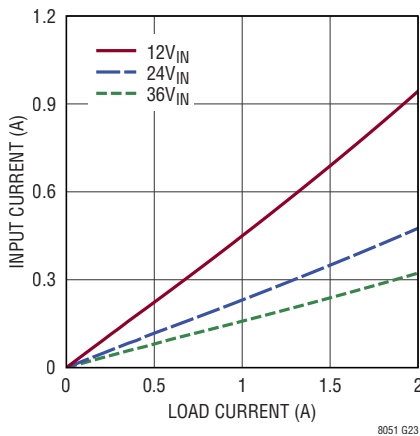
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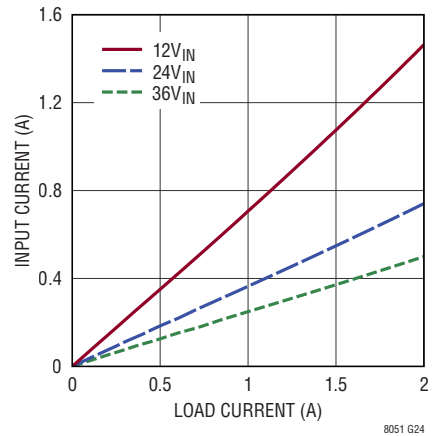
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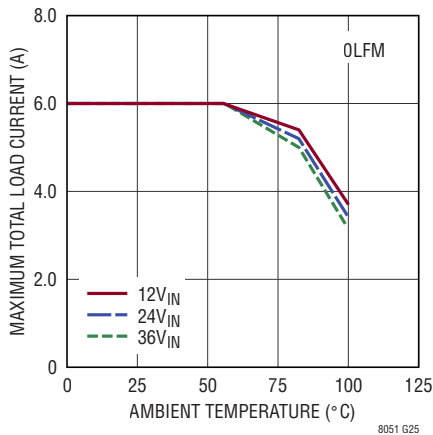
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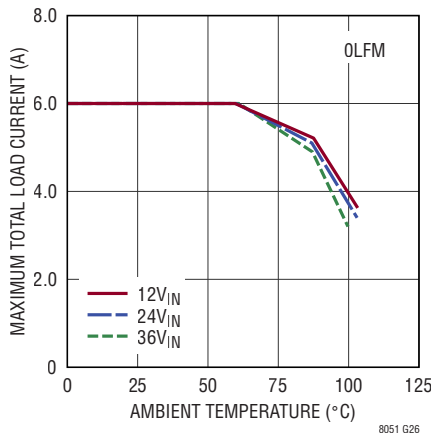
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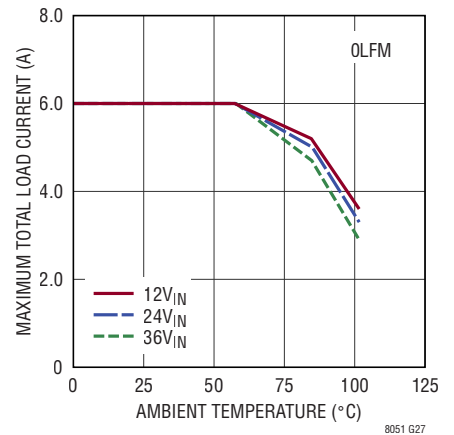
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 $T_J = 120^\circ\text{C}$ , Burst Mode  
 All Channels at Same Load



**Derating,  $V_{OUT} = 1\text{V}$**   
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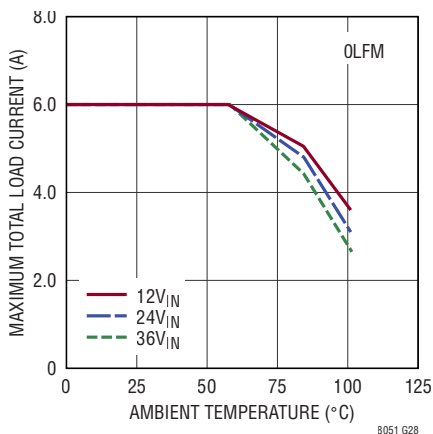


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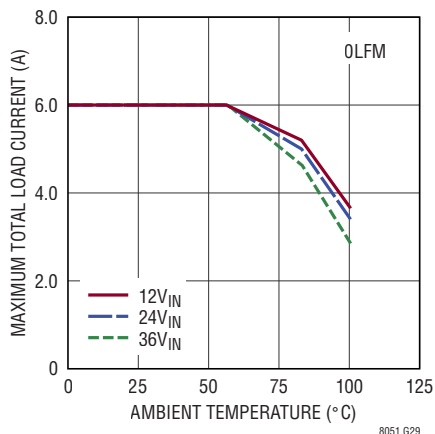


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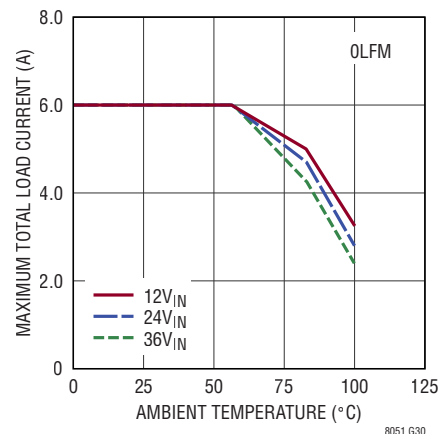
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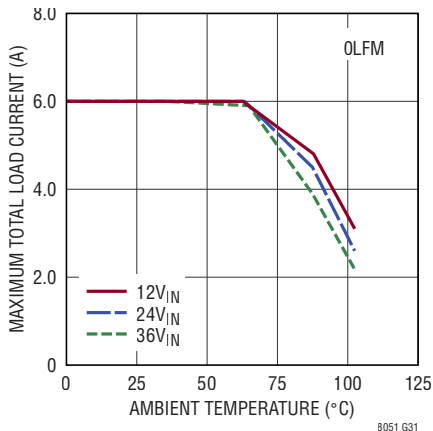
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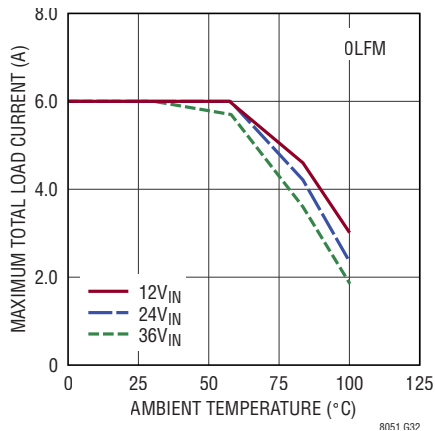
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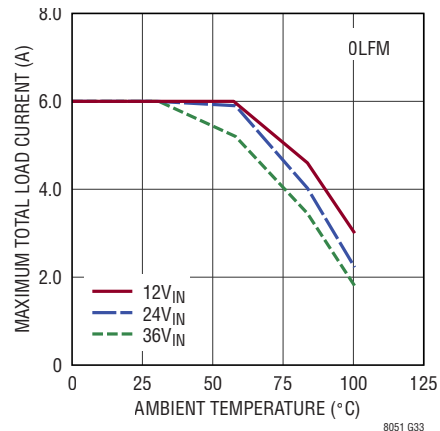
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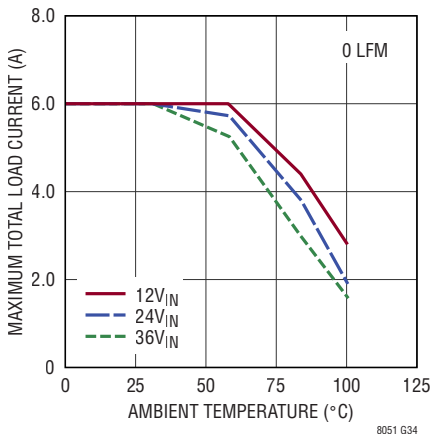
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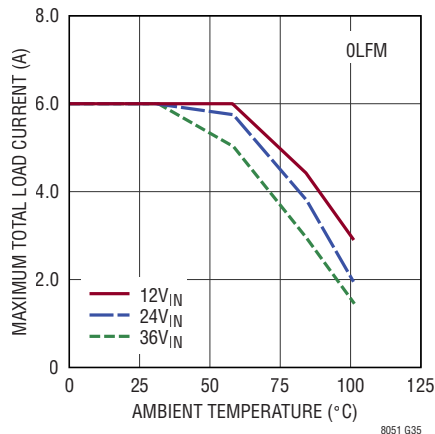
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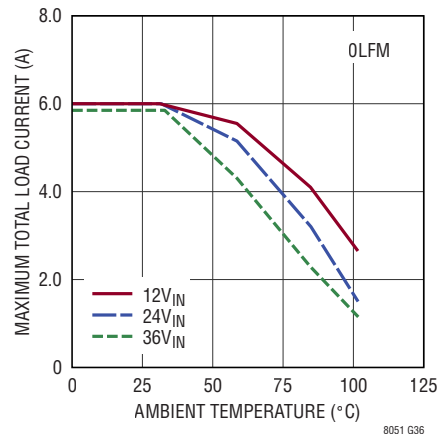
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 All Channels at Same Load



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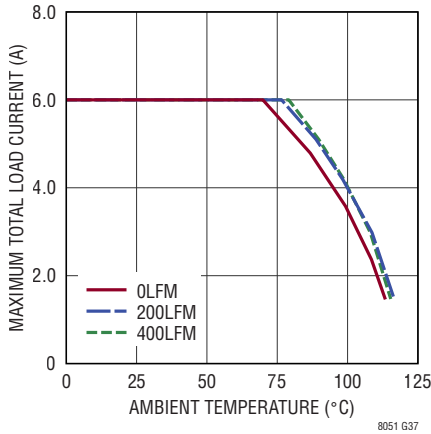


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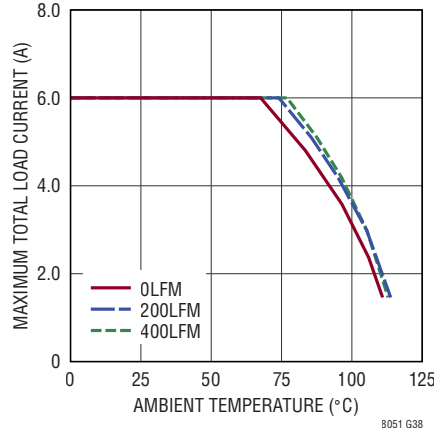


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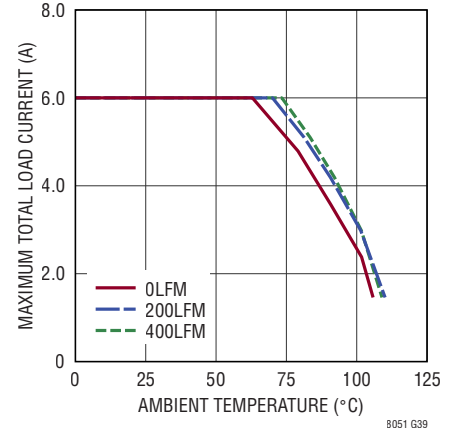
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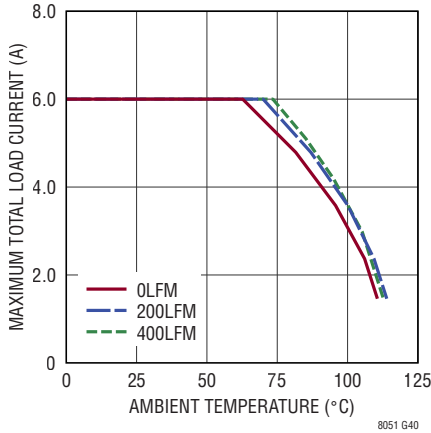
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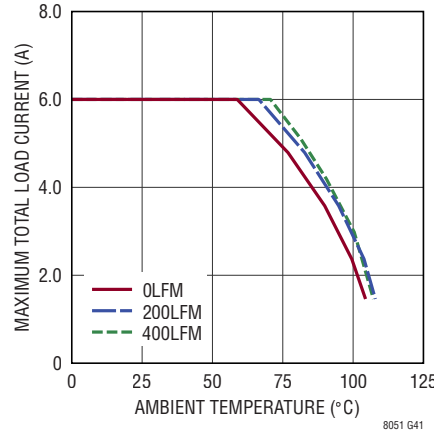
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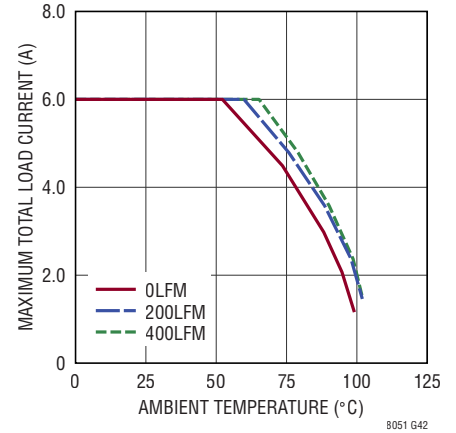
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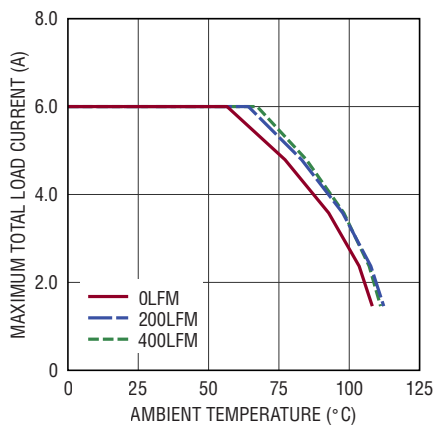
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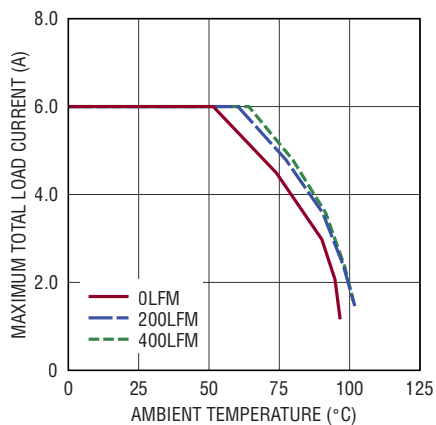
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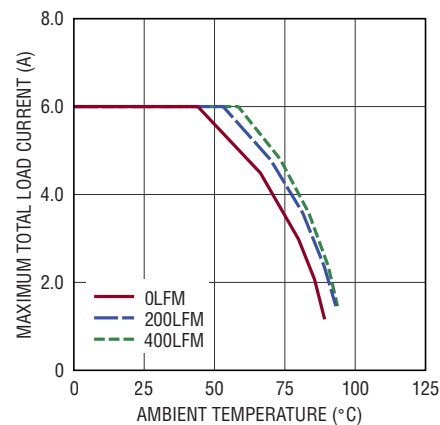
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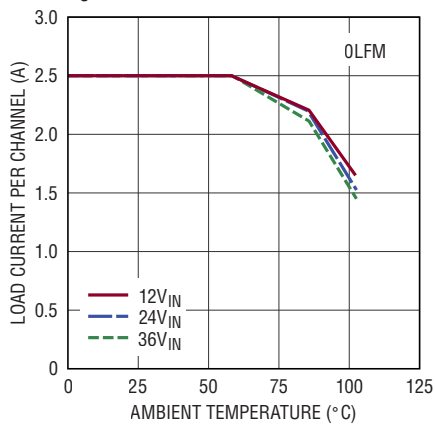
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Forced Continuous Mode  
All Channels at Same Load**



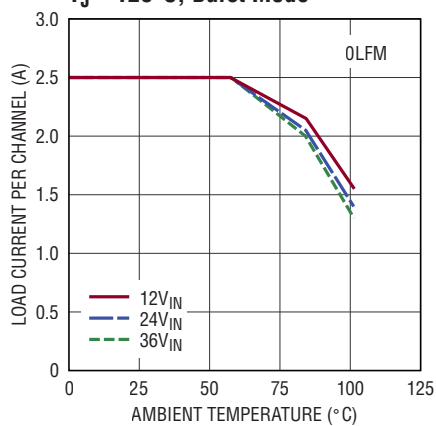
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CH1 ON, CH2/CH3/CH4 OFF  
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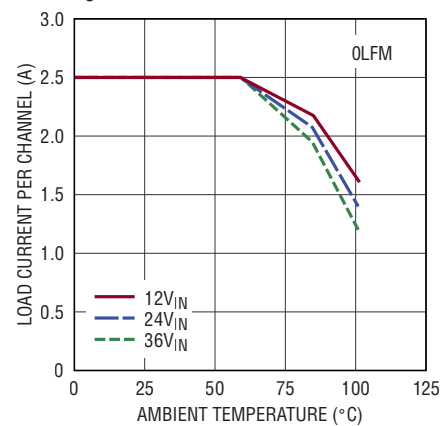
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CH1 ON, CH2/CH3/CH4 OFF  
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T<sub>J</sub> = 120°C, Burst Mode**



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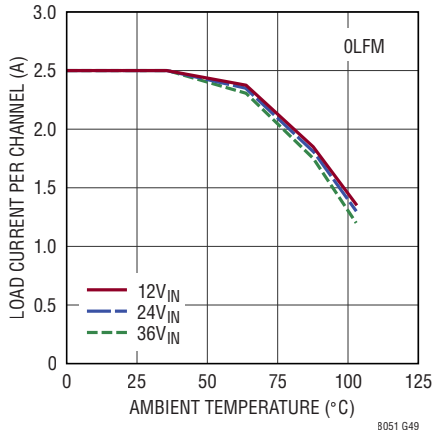
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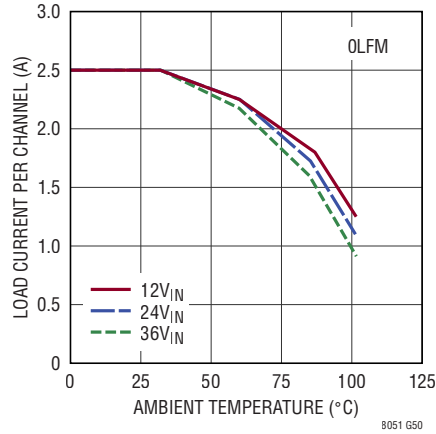
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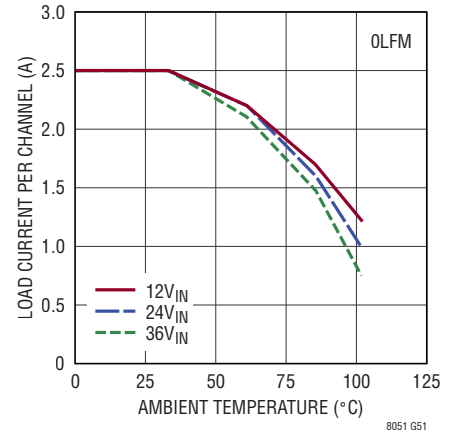
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 **$T_J = 120^\circ\text{C}$ , Burst Mode**



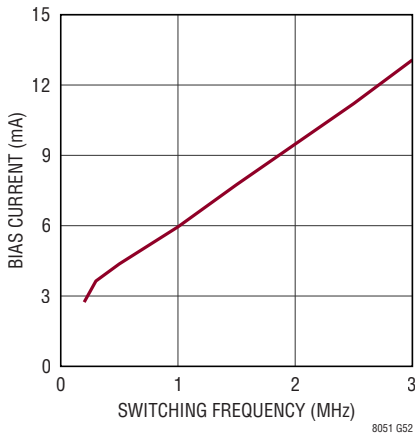
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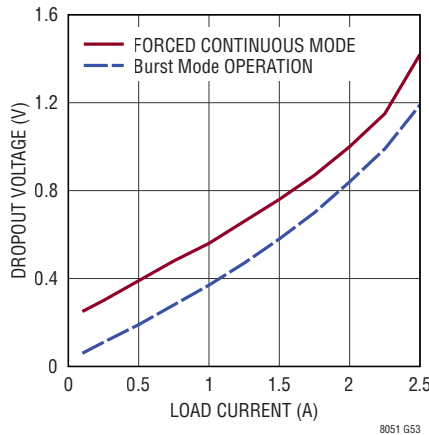
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 **$T_J = 120^\circ\text{C}$ , Burst Mode**



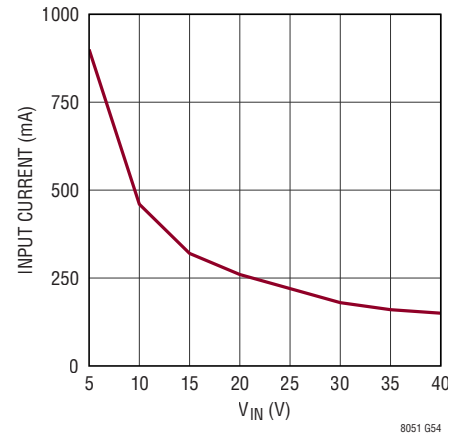
**BIAS Current vs Frequency**  
 **$12\text{V}_{IN}$  to  $3.3\text{V}_{OUT}$**   
**Forced Continuous Mode**



**Dropout Voltage vs Load Current**

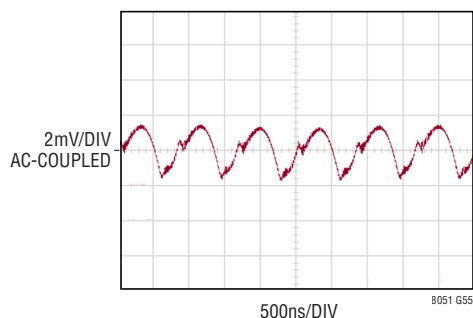


**Input Current vs  $V_{IN}$**   
 **$V_{OUT}$  Short Circuited**

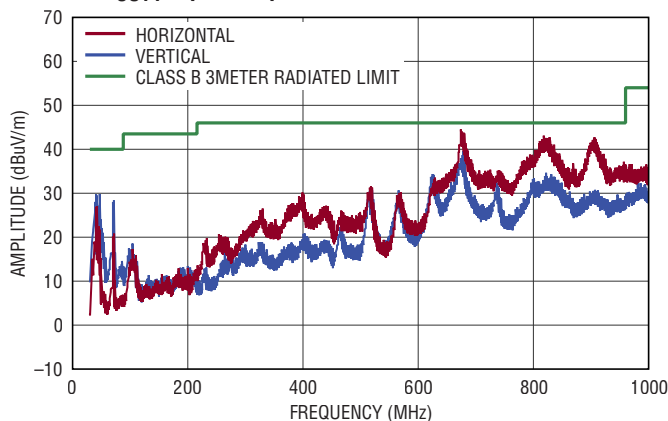


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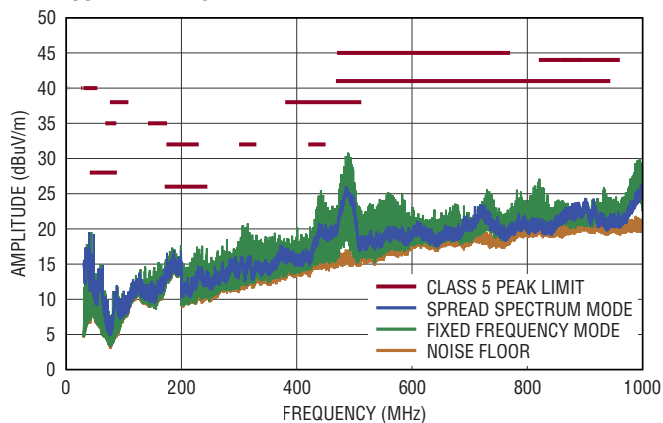
**Output Voltage Ripple**  
**DC2860A Demo Board**  
 $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$



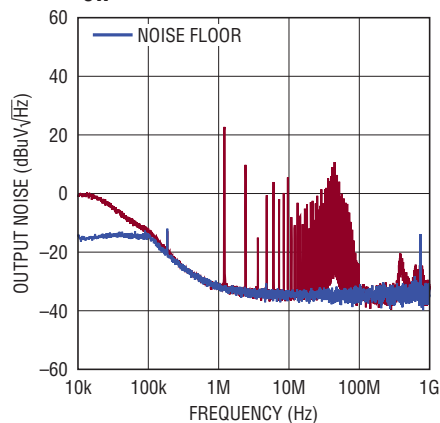
**CISPR22 Class B Emissions DC2860A Demo Board**  
 $V_{INn} = 12\text{V}$ ,  $I_{OUTn} = 1.2\text{A}$ ,  $5V_{OUT1}$ ,  $3.3V_{OUT2}$ ,  $2.5V_{OUT3}$ ,  
 $1.8V_{OUT4}$ , Spread Spectrum On, No EMI Filter



**CISPR25 Radiated Emission with Class 5 Peak Limit**  
**DC2860A Demo Board**  
 $V_{IN} = 14\text{V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$ , Four Channels Paralleled,  
 $I_{OUT} = 4.8\text{A}$ ,  $f_{SW} = 2\text{MHz}$



**Output Noise Spectral Density**  
**DC2860A Demo Board**  
 $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 1.2\text{A}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$ ,  
 $f_{SW} = 1.2\text{MHz}$



10kHz TO 100kHz, RBW = 100Hz  
 100kHz TO 1MHz, RBW = 1kHz  
 1MHz TO 10MHz, RBW = 10kHz  
 10MHz TO 100MHz, RBW = 100kHz  
 100MHz TO 1GHz, RBW = 1MHz

## PIN FUNCTIONS

**V<sub>OUT1</sub>/V<sub>OUT2</sub>/V<sub>OUT3</sub>/V<sub>OUT4</sub> (Bank 1/Bank 2/Bank 3/Bank 4):** Power Output for channel 1, channel 2, channel 3, channel 4, respectively. Apply the output filter capacitor and the output load between these pins and GND pins.

**V<sub>IN23</sub> (Bank 5):** Input power for the channel 2/3 regulator. The V<sub>IN23</sub> bank powers the internal control circuitry for both channel 2, channel 3 and is monitored by undervoltage lockout circuitry. The V<sub>IN23</sub> voltage must be greater than 3.0V for either channel 2, channel 3 of the LTM8051 to operate. Decouple V<sub>IN23</sub> to ground with an external, low ESR capacitor. See Table 1 for recommended values.

**GND (Bank 6):** Tie these GND pins to a local ground plane below the LTM8051 and the circuit components. In most applications, the bulk of the heat flow out of the LTM8051 is through these pads, so the printed circuit design has a large impact on the thermal performance of the part. See the PCB Layout and Thermal Considerations sections for more details. Return the feedback divider (R<sub>FB</sub>) to this net.

**CLKOUT14/CLKOUT23 (Pins D6/C6):** Synchronization Output. When SYNC14/SYNC23 > 2.8V, the CLKOUT14/CLKOUT23 pins provide a waveform about 90 degrees out-of-phase with channel 1, channel 2, respectively. This allows synchronization with other regulators with up to four phases. When an external clock is applied to the SYNC pin, the CLKOUT pin will output a waveform with about the same phase, duty cycle, and frequency as the SYNC waveform. In Burst Mode<sup>®</sup> operation, the CLKOUT pin will be internally grounded. Float this pin if the CLKOUT function is not used. Do not drive this pin.

**RUN14/RUN23 (Pins D7/C7):** The corresponding channel of the LTM8051 is shutdown when these pins are low and active when these pins are high. Tie to V<sub>INn</sub> if shutdown feature is not used. An external resistor divider from V<sub>INn</sub> can be used to program a V<sub>INn</sub> threshold below which the corresponding channel of the LTM8051 will shut down. Do not float this pin.

**V<sub>IN1</sub> (Pin E7):** Input power for the channel 1 regulator. The V<sub>IN1</sub> powers the internal control circuitry for channel 1 and channel 4 and is monitored by undervoltage lockout circuitry. The V<sub>IN1</sub> voltage must be greater than 3.0V for either channel 1 and channel 4 of the LTM8051 to operate. Decouple V<sub>IN1</sub> to ground with an external, low ESR capacitor. See Table 1 for recommended values.

**SYNC14/SYNC23 (Pins F6/E6):** External Clock Synchronization Input. Ground these pins for low ripple Burst Mode operation at low output loads; this will also disable the CLKOUT function. Apply a DC voltage between 2.8V and 4.2V for forced continuous mode operation with spread-spectrum modulation. Float the SYNC<sub>n</sub> pin for forced continuous mode operation without spread-spectrum modulation. Apply a clock source to the SYNC<sub>n</sub> pin for synchronization to an external frequency. The LTM8051 will be in forced continuous mode when an external frequency is applied.

**V<sub>IN4</sub> (Pin F7):** Input power for the channel 4 regulator. Decouple V<sub>IN4</sub> to ground with an external, low ESR capacitor. See Table 1 for recommended values.

**TRSS1/TRSS2/TRSS3/TRSS4 (Pins J2/C2/C1/K2):** Output Tracking and Soft-Start Pins. These pins allow user control of output voltage ramp rate during start-up. A TRSS<sub>n</sub> voltage below 0.8V forces the LTM8051 to regulate the FB<sub>n</sub> pin to equal the TRSS<sub>n</sub> pin voltage. When TRSS<sub>n</sub> is above 0.8V, the tracking function is disabled and the internal reference resumes control of the error amplifier. An internal 2μA pull-up current on these pins allow a capacitor to program output voltage slew rate. These pins are pulled to ground during shutdown and fault conditions; use a series resistor if driving from a low impedance output. These pins may be left floating if the soft-start feature is not being used.

**RT14/RT23 (Pins K1/J1):** Connect a resistor between RT<sub>n</sub> and ground to set the switching frequency. Do not drive these pins.

## PIN FUNCTIONS

**FB1/FB2/FB3/FB4 (Pins L2/D2/D1/L1):** The LTM8051 regulates the FB $n$  pins to 800mV. Connect the feedback resistor to these pins to set the output voltage.

**PG1/PG2/PG3/PG4 (Pins L6/K6/K7/L7):** The PG $n$  pin is the open-drain output of an internal comparator. PG $n$  remains low until the FB $n$  pin is within  $\pm 7.5\%$  of the final regulation voltage, and there are no fault conditions. PG $n$  is pulled low during V<sub>IN $n$</sub>  UVLO, thermal shutdown, or when the RUN $n$  pin is low.

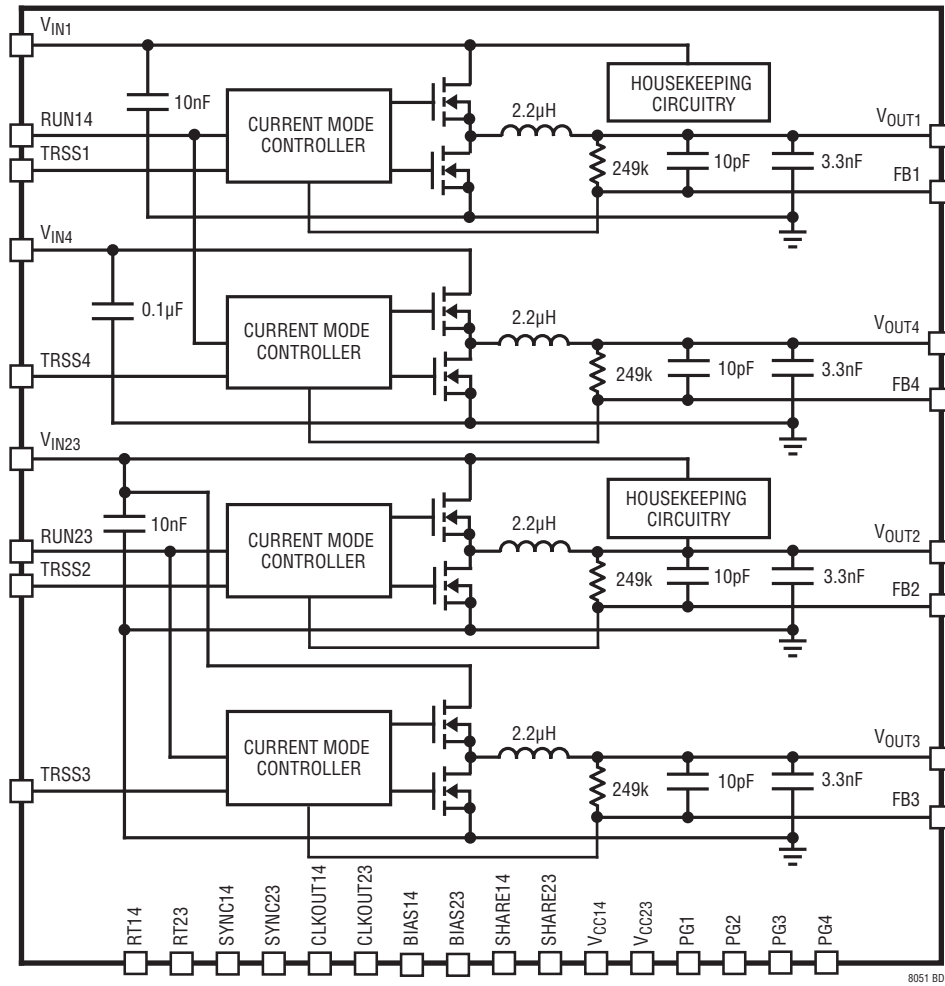
**BIAS14/BIAS23 (Pins N3/A5):** The internal regulator will draw current from BIAS $n$  instead of V<sub>IN1</sub> or V<sub>IN23</sub> when BIAS $n$  is tied to a voltage higher than 3.2V. For output voltages of 3.3V and above these pins should be tied to V<sub>OUT $n$</sub> . If these pins are tied to a supply other than V<sub>OUT $n$</sub> , use a local bypass capacitor on these pins.

**V<sub>CC14</sub>/V<sub>CC23</sub> (Pins N4/A4):** Internal Regulator Bypass Pins. The internal power drivers and control circuits are powered from these voltage. V<sub>CC $n$</sub>  current will be supplied from BIAS $n$  if V<sub>BIAS $n$</sub>  > 3.2V, otherwise current will be

drawn from V<sub>IN $n$</sub> . If V<sub>OUT1</sub> and V<sub>OUT4</sub> are load sharing, leave V<sub>CC14</sub> floating. If V<sub>OUT2</sub> and V<sub>OUT3</sub> are load sharing, leave V<sub>CC23</sub> floating. If V<sub>OUT1</sub> and V<sub>OUT4</sub> are independent voltages, connect SHARE14 to V<sub>CC14</sub>; if V<sub>OUT2</sub> and V<sub>OUT3</sub> are independent voltages, connect SHARE23 to V<sub>CC23</sub>; otherwise, the LTM8051 will not regulate properly. Do not load the V<sub>CC $n$</sub>  with external circuitry.

**SHARE14/SHARE23 (Pins N5/A3):** Sharing Control. Float SHARE14 when V<sub>OUT1</sub> and V<sub>OUT4</sub> are load sharing. Connect SHARE14 to V<sub>CC14</sub> if V<sub>OUT1</sub> and V<sub>OUT4</sub> are independent. Float SHARE23 when V<sub>OUT2</sub> and V<sub>OUT3</sub> are load sharing. Connect SHARE23 to V<sub>CC23</sub> if V<sub>OUT2</sub> and V<sub>OUT3</sub> are independent. Connect SHARE14 and SHARE23 if parallel all four channels. Connect these pins to the SHARE $n$  pin of another LTM8051 when load sharing with another LTM8051. See Configurable Output Array on the first page. These load sharing configurations can be extended across multiple LTM8051  $\mu$ Module ICs.

**BLOCK DIAGRAM**



## OPERATION

The LTM8051 is a quad standalone nonisolated step-down switching DC/DC power supply that can deliver a peak current of up to 2.5A per channel. The continuous current is determined by the internal operating temperature. It provides a precisely regulated output voltage programmable via one external resistor from 0.8V to 8V. The input voltage range for  $V_{IN1}$ ,  $V_{IN23}$  is 3V to 40V, while the input voltage range for  $V_{IN4}$  is 2V to 40V.

Given that the LTM8051 is a step-down converter, make sure that the input voltage is high enough to support the desired output voltage and load current. See simplified Block Diagram.

The LTM8051 contains current mode controllers, power switching elements, power inductors, and a modest amount of input and output capacitance. The LTM8051 is a fixed-frequency PWM regulator. The switching frequency is set by simply connecting the appropriate resistor value from the  $RTn$  pin to GND.

Internal regulators provide power to the control circuitries. Bias regulators normally draw power from the  $V_{INn}$  pin, but if the  $BIASn$  pin is connected to an external voltage higher than 3.2V, bias power is drawn from the external source (typically the regulated output voltage). This improves efficiency. Tie  $BIASn$  to GND if it is not used.

To enhance efficiency, the LTM8051 automatically switches to Burst Mode operation in light or no load situations. Between bursts, all circuitry associated with controlling the output switch is shut down reducing the input supply current to just a few  $\mu$ A.

The  $TRSSn$  node acts as an auxiliary input to the error amplifier. The voltage at  $FBn$  serves to the  $TRSSn$  voltage until  $TRSSn$  goes above 0.8V. Soft-start is implemented by generating a voltage ramp at the  $TRSSn$  pin using an external capacitor which is charged by an internal  $2\mu$ A constant current. Alternatively, driving the  $TRSSn$  pin with a signal source or resistive network provides a tracking function. Do not drive the  $TRSSn$  pin with a low impedance voltage source. See the Applications Information section for more details.

The LTM8051 contains power good comparators which trip when the  $FBn$  pin is at about 92% to 108% of its regulated value. The  $PGn$  output is an open-drain transistor that is off when the output is in regulation, allowing an external resistor to pull the  $PGn$  pin high.

The LTM8051 is equipped with a thermal shutdown that inhibits power switching at high junction temperatures. The activation threshold of this function is above the maximum temperature rating to avoid interfering with normal operation, so prolonged or repetitive operation under a condition in which the thermal shutdown activates may damage or impair the reliability of the device.

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### Set Output Voltage

The output voltage is programmed with a FB resistor as shown in the Figure 1. Choose the resistor value according to:

$$R_{FB} = \frac{249k\Omega}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.8V} - 1}$$

1% resistor is recommended to maintain output voltage accuracy.

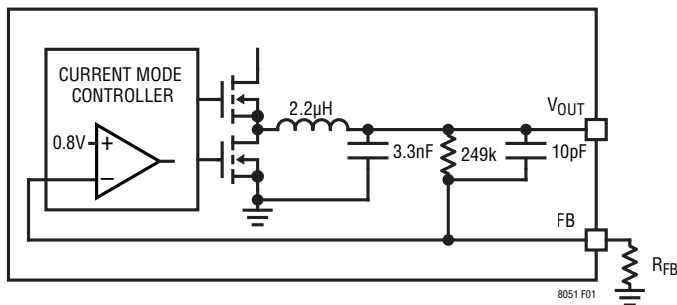


Figure 1. Set Output Voltage with a FB Resistor

For most applications, the design process is straightforward, summarized below.

1. Look at Table 1 and find the row that has the desired input range and output voltage.
2. Apply the recommended  $C_{IN}$ ,  $C_{OUT}$ ,  $R_{FB}$  and  $R_T$  values.
3. Connect BIAS as indicated.

When using the LTM8051 with different output voltages, the higher frequency recommended by Table 1 will usually result in the best operation. While these component combinations have been tested for proper operation, it is incumbent upon the user to verify proper operation over the intended system's line, load and environmental conditions. Bear in mind that the maximum output current is limited by junction temperature, the relationship between the input and output voltage magnitude and other factors. Please refer to the graphs in the Typical Performance Characteristics section for guidance.

The maximum frequency (and attendant  $R_T$  value) at which the LTM8051 should be allowed to switch is given in Table 1 in the Maximum  $f_{SW}$  column, while the recommended frequency (and  $R_T$  value) for optimal efficiency over the given input condition is given in the  $f_{SW}$  column. There are additional conditions that must be satisfied if the synchronization function is used. Please refer to the Synchronization section for details.



## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### Capacitor Selection Considerations

The  $C_{IN}$  and  $C_{OUT}$  capacitor values in Table 1 are the minimum recommended values for the associated operating conditions. Applying capacitor values below those indicated in Table 1 is not recommended and may result in undesirable operation. Using larger values is generally acceptable, and can yield improved dynamic response, if it is necessary. Again, it is incumbent upon the user to verify proper operation over the intended system's line, load and environmental conditions.

Ceramic capacitors are small, robust and have very low ESR. However, not all ceramic capacitors are suitable. X5R and X7R types are stable over temperature and applied voltage and give dependable service. Other types, including Y5V and Z5U have very large temperature and voltage coefficients of capacitance. In an application circuit they may have only a small fraction of their nominal capacitance resulting in much higher output voltage ripple than expected.

Ceramic capacitors are also piezoelectric. In Burst Mode operation, the LTM8051's switching frequency depends on the load current, and can excite a ceramic capacitor at audio frequencies, generating audible noise. Since the LTM8051 operates at a lower current limit during Burst Mode operation, the noise is typically very quiet to a casual ear.

If this audible noise is unacceptable, use a high performance electrolytic capacitor at the output. It may also be a parallel combination of a ceramic capacitor and a low cost electrolytic capacitor.

A final precaution regarding ceramic capacitors concerns the maximum input voltage rating of the LTM8051. A ceramic input capacitor combined with trace or cable inductance forms a high-Q (underdamped) tank circuit. If the LTM8051 circuit is plugged into a live supply, the input voltage can ring to twice its nominal value, possibly exceeding the device's rating. This situation is easily avoided; see the Hot-Plugging Safely section.

**Table 1. Recommended Component Values and Configuration ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )**

$V_{IN}^1$ (V)	$V_{OUT}$ (V)	$R_{FB}$ (k $\Omega$ )	$C_{IN}^2$	$C_{OUT}$	BIAS (V)	$C_{FF}$	$f_{SW}$ (kHz)	$R_T$ (k $\Omega$ )	MAX $f_{SW}$ (kHz)	MIN $R_T$ (k $\Omega$ )
3 to 40	0.8	Open	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	2 $\times$ 100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10	47pF	450	75	1200	24.9
3 to 40	1	1000	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	2 $\times$ 100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10	33pF	550	60.4	1400	21
3 to 40	1.2	499	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	2 $\times$ 100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10	22pF	650	49.9	1400	21
3 to 40	1.5	287	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	2 $\times$ 100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10	22pF	800	40.2	1400	21
3.2 to 40	1.8	200	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10		800	40.2	1800	15
3.5 to 40	2	165	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10		900	34.8	1800	15
4.2 to 40	2.5	118	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10		1100	27.4	2000	13.3
5 to 40	3.3	78.7	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	100 $\mu\text{F}$ 4V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10		1200	24.9	2800	8.06
7 to 40	5	47.5	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	47 $\mu\text{F}$ 6.3V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10		1300	22.1	3000	7.15
10.5 to 40	8	27.4	1 $\mu\text{F}$ 50V X5R 0805	22 $\mu\text{F}$ 10V X5R 0805	3.2 to 10		1700	16.5	3000	7.15

1. The LTM8051 may be capable of the operating at lower input voltages but may skip switching cycles.

2. A bulk input capacitor is required.

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### Frequency Selection

The LTM8051 uses a constant frequency PWM architecture that can be programmed to switch from 300kHz to 3MHz by using a resistor tied from the RT pin to ground. Table 2 provides a list of  $R_T$  resistor values and their resultant frequencies. The resistors in the table are standard 1% E96 values.

### Operating Frequency Trade-Offs

It is recommended that the user apply the optimal  $R_T$  value given in Table 1 for the input and output operating condition. When using the LTM8051 with different output voltages, the higher frequency recommended by Table 1 will usually result in the best operation. System level or other considerations, however, may necessitate another operating frequency. While the LTM8051 is flexible enough to accommodate a wide range of operating frequencies, a haphazardly chosen one may result in undesirable operation under certain operating or fault conditions. A frequency that is too high can reduce efficiency, generate

**Table 2. Switching Frequency vs  $R_T$  Value**

$f_{sw}$ (MHz)	$R_T$ (k $\Omega$ )
0.3	113
0.4	86.6
0.5	68.1
0.6	54.9
0.7	46.4
0.8	40.2
0.9	34.8
1.0	30.9
1.2	24.9
1.4	21.0
1.6	17.8
1.8	15.0
2.0	13.3
2.2	11.5
2.4	10.2
2.6	9.09
2.8	8.06
3.0	7.15

excessive heat or even damage the LTM8051 if the output is overloaded or short-circuited. A frequency that is too low can result in a final design that has too much output ripple or too large of an output capacitor.

### BIAS $n$ Pin Considerations

The BIAS $n$  pin is used to provide drive power for the internal power switching stage and operate other internal circuitry. For proper operation, it must be powered by at least 3.2V. If the output voltage is programmed to 3.2V or higher, BIAS $n$  may be simply tied to  $V_{OUTn}$ . If  $V_{OUTn}$  is less than 3.2V, BIAS $n$  can be tied to  $V_{INn}$  or some other voltage source. If the BIAS $n$  pin voltage is too high, the efficiency of the LTM8051 may suffer. The optimum BIAS $n$  voltage is dependent upon many factors, such as load current, input voltage, output voltage and switching frequency. In all cases, ensure that the maximum voltage at the BIAS $n$  pin is less than 10V. If BIAS $n$  power is applied from a remote or noisy voltage source, it may be necessary to apply a decoupling capacitor locally to the pin. A 1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor works well. The BIAS $n$  pin may also be tied to GND at the cost of a small degradation in efficiency.

### Maximum Load

The maximum practical continuous load that the LTM8051 can drive per channel, while rated at 1.2A, actually depends upon both the internal current limit and the internal temperature. The internal current limit is designed to prevent damage to the LTM8051 in the case of overload or short-circuit. The internal temperature of the LTM8051 depends upon operating conditions such as the ambient temperature, the power delivered, and the heat sinking capability of the system. For example, if  $V_{OUT1}$  of LTM8051 is configured to regulate at 1V, and the other 3 channels are turned off,  $V_{OUT1}$  may continuously deliver 3A from 24V $_{IN}$  if the ambient temperature is controlled to less than 60°C. This is quite a bit higher than the 1.2A continuous rating. See graphs in the Typical Performance Characteristics section. Similarly, if all 4 channels of the LTM8051 are delivering 8V $_{OUT}$  and the ambient temperature is 100°C, each channel will deliver at most 0.6A from 24V $_{IN}$ , which is less than the 1.2A continuous rating.

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### Power Derating

The  $12V_{IN}$ ,  $24V_{IN}$  and  $36V_{IN}$  power loss curves in the Typical Performance Characteristics section can be used in coordination with the load current derating curves for calculating an approximate  $\theta_{JA}$  thermal resistance for the LTM8051 with airflow conditions. The power loss curves are taken at room temperature, and are increased with a 1.35 to 1.4 multiplicative factor at 125°C. These factors come from the fact that the power loss of the regulator increases about 45% from 25°C to 150°C, thus a 45% spread over 125°C delta equates to  $\sim 0.35\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$  loss increase. A 125°C maximum junction minus 25°C room temperature equates to a 100°C increase. This 100°C increase multiplied by  $0.35\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$  equals a 35% power loss increase at the 125°C junction, thus the 1.35 multiplier.

The derating curves in the Typical Performance Characteristics section are plotted with four  $V_{OUTn}$  at the same operating condition starting at 6A of total load current and low ambient temperature. The derating curves with airflow are measured at output voltages of 1.5V, 3.3V and 5V. These are chosen to include the lower and higher output voltage ranges for correlating the thermal

resistance. Thermal models are derived from several temperature measurements in a controlled temperature chamber along with thermal FEA modeling.

The junction temperatures are monitored while ambient temperature is increased with and without airflow. The power loss increase with ambient temperature change is factored into the derating curves. The junctions are maintained at  $\sim 120^{\circ}\text{C}$  maximum while lowering output current or power while increasing ambient temperature. The decreased output current will decrease the internal module loss as ambient temperature is increased.

The derived thermal resistances in Table 3 to Table 5 for the various conditions can be multiplied by the calculated power loss as a function of ambient temperature to derive temperature rise above ambient, thus maximum junction temperature. Room temperature power loss can be derived from the power loss curves and adjusted with the above ambient temperature multiplicative factors. The printed circuit board is a 1.6mm thick 4-layer board with two-ounce copper (70 $\mu\text{m}$ ) for all the layers.

**Table 3. 1.5V Output**

DERATING CURVE	$V_{IN}$ (V)	POWER LOSS CURVE	AIRFLOW (LFM)	HEAT SINK	$\theta_{JA}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ )
Graph 37-39	12, 24, 36	Graph 04	0	None	16
Graph 37-39	12, 24, 36	Graph 04	200	None	13.5
Graph 37-39	12, 24, 36	Graph 04	400	None	12.5

**Table 4. 3.3V Output**

DERATING CURVE	$V_{IN}$ (V)	POWER LOSS CURVE	AIRFLOW (LFM)	HEAT SINK	$\theta_{JA}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ )
Graph 40-42	12, 24, 36	Graph 08	0	None	16
Graph 40-42	12, 24, 36	Graph 08	200	None	13.5
Graph 40-42	12, 24, 36	Graph 08	400	None	12.5

**Table 5. 5V Output**

DERATING CURVE	$V_{IN}$ (V)	POWER LOSS CURVE	AIRFLOW (LFM)	HEAT SINK	$\theta_{JA}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ )
Graph 43-45	12, 24, 36	Graph 10	0	None	16
Graph 43-45	12, 24, 36	Graph 10	200	None	13.5
Graph 43-45	12, 24, 36	Graph 10	400	None	12.5

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### Load Sharing

The four LTM8051 channels may be paralleled to produce higher currents. To do this on two or more LTM8051, tie the  $V_{INn}$ ,  $V_{OUTn}$ ,  $FBn$  and  $SHAREn$  pins of all the paralleled channels/modules together (see Figure 7). To ensure that paralleled channels start up together, the  $TRSSn$  pins may be tied together, as well. If it is inconvenient to tie the  $TRSSn$  pins together, make sure that the same value soft-start capacitors are used for each  $\mu$ Module regulator. When load sharing among  $n$  units and using a single  $R_{FB}$  resistor, the value of the resistor is:

$$R_{FB} = \frac{199.2}{n(V_{OUT} - 0.8)}, \text{ where } R_{FB} \text{ is in } k\Omega$$

Examples of load sharing applications are given in Figure 6 through Figure 8.

It is important to note that only  $V_{OUT1}$  can be tied to  $V_{OUT4}$  and  $V_{OUT2}$  can be tied to  $V_{OUT3}$  when only two channels are load sharing. Also, all 4 channels can be tied together for load sharing. Three channels cannot be tied together due to the internal  $SHAREn$  connections. These current sharing configurations can be extended across multiple LTM8051  $\mu$ Module ICs. See Configurable Output Array on the first page.

### Burst Mode Operation

To enhance efficiency at light loads, the LTM8051 automatically switches to Burst Mode operation which keeps the output capacitor charged to the proper voltage while minimizing the input quiescent current. During Burst Mode operation, the LTM8051 delivers single cycle bursts of current to the output capacitor followed by sleep periods where most of the internal circuitry is powered off and energy is delivered to the load by the output capacitor. During the sleep time,  $V_{INn}$  and  $BIASn$  quiescent currents

are greatly reduced, so, as the load current decreases towards a no load condition, the percentage of time that the LTM8051 operates in sleep mode increases and the average input current is greatly reduced, resulting in higher light load efficiency.

Burst Mode operation is enabled by tying SYNC to GND.

### Minimum Input Voltage

The LTM8051 is a step-down converter, so a minimum amount of headroom is required to keep the output in regulation. Keep the input above 3V to ensure proper operation. Voltage transients or ripple valleys that cause the input to fall below 3V may turn off the LTM8051.

$V_{IN1}$  must be above 3V for channel 1 and channel 4 to operate. If  $V_{IN1}$  is above 3V, channel 4 will operate as long as  $V_{IN4}$  is above 2V.

$V_{IN23}$  must be above 3V for channel 2 and channel 3 to operate.

### Output Voltage Tracking and Soft-Start

The LTM8051 allows the user to adjust its output voltage ramp rate by means of the  $TRSSn$  pin. An internal  $2\mu A$  pulls up the  $TRSSn$  pin to about 2.4V. Putting an external capacitor on  $TRSSn$  enables soft-starting the output to reduce current surges on the input supply. During the soft-start ramp, the output voltage will proportionally track the  $TRSSn$  pin voltage. For output tracking applications,  $TRSSn$  can be externally driven by another voltage source. From 0V to 0.8V, the  $TRSSn$  voltage will override the internal 0.8V reference input to the error amplifier, thus regulating the  $FBn$  pin voltage to that of the  $TRSSn$  pin. When  $TRSSn$  is above 0.8V, tracking is disabled and the feedback voltage will regulate to the internal reference voltage. The  $TRSSn$  pin may be left floating if the function is not needed.

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An active pull-down circuit is connected to the TRSS $n$  pin which will discharge the external soft-start capacitor in the case of fault conditions and restart the ramp when the faults are cleared. Fault conditions that clear the soft-start capacitor are the RUN $n$  pin transitioning low,  $V_{INn}$  voltage falling too low, or thermal shutdown.

### Pre-Biased Output

As discussed in the Output Voltage Tracking and Soft-Start section, the LTM8051 regulates the output to the FB $n$  voltage determined by the TRSS $n$  pin whenever TRSS $n$  is less than 0.8V. If the LTM8051 output is higher than the target output voltage, and SYNC $n$  is not held below 0.8V, the LTM8051 will attempt to regulate the output to the target voltage by returning a small amount of energy back to the input supply. If there is nothing loading the input supply, its voltage may rise. Take care that it does not rise so high that the input voltage exceeds the absolute maximum rating of the LTM8051. If SYNC is grounded, the LTM8051 will not return current to the input.

### Synchronization

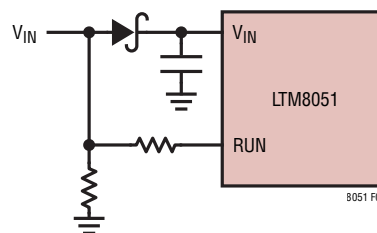
To select low ripple Burst Mode operation, tie the SYNC pin below about 0.8V (this can be ground or a logic low output). To synchronize the LTM8051 oscillator to an external frequency, connect a square wave (with about 20% to 80% duty cycle) to the SYNC $n$  pin. The square wave amplitude should have valleys that are below 0.8V and peaks above 1.5V.

The LTM8051 may be synchronized over a 300kHz to 3MHz range. The LTM8051 will not enter Burst Mode operation at light output loads while synchronized to an external clock. The  $R_T$  resistor should be chosen to set the switching frequency equal to or below the lowest synchronization input. For example, if the synchronization signal will be 500kHz and higher, the  $R_T$  should be selected for 500kHz or lower.

The LTM8051 features spread-spectrum operation to further reduce EMI/EMC emissions. To enable spread-spectrum operation, apply between 2.8V and 4.2V to the SYNC pin. In this mode, triangular frequency modulation is used to vary the switching frequency between the value programmed by  $R_T$  to about 20% higher than that value. The modulation frequency is about 7kHz. For example, when the LTM8051 is programmed to 2MHz, the frequency will vary from 2MHz to 2.4MHz at a 7kHz rate. When spread-spectrum operation is selected, Burst Mode operation is disabled, and the part may run in discontinuous mode.

### Shorted Input Protection

Care needs to be taken in systems where the output is held high when the input to the LTM8051 is absent. This may occur in battery charging applications or in battery backup systems where a battery or some other supply is diode OR'ed with the LTM8051's output. If the  $V_{INn}$  pin is allowed to float and the RUN $n$  pin is held high (either by a logic signal or because it is tied to  $V_{INn}$ ), then the LTM8051's internal circuitry pulls its quiescent current through its internal power switch. This is fine if your system can tolerate a few milliamps in this state. If you ground the RUN $n$  pin, the internal current drops to essentially zero. However, if the  $V_{INn}$  pin is grounded while the output is held high, parasitic diodes inside the LTM8051 can pull large currents from the output through the  $V_{INn}$  pin. Figure 2 shows a circuit that runs only when the input voltage is present and that protects against a shorted or reversed input.



**Figure 2. The Input Diode Prevents a Shorted Input from Discharging a Backup Battery Tied to the Output, It Also Protects the Circuit from a Reversed Input, The LTM8051 Runs Only When the Input Is Present**

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### PCB Layout

Most of the headaches associated with PCB layout have been alleviated or even eliminated by the high level of integration of the LTM8051. The LTM8051 is nevertheless a switching power supply, and care must be taken to minimize EMI and ensure proper operation. Even with the high level of integration, you may fail to achieve specified operation with a haphazard or poor layout. See Figure 3 for a suggested layout. Ensure that the grounding and heat sinking are acceptable.

A few rules to keep in mind are:

1. Place the  $R_{FB}$  and  $R_T$  resistors as close as possible to their respective pins.
2. Place the  $C_{IN}$  capacitor as close as possible to the  $V_{IN}$  and GND connection of the LTM8051.
3. Place the  $C_{OUT}$  capacitor as close as possible to the  $V_{OUT}$  and GND connection of the LTM8051.
4. Place the  $C_{IN}$  and  $C_{OUT}$  capacitors such that their ground current flow directly adjacent to or underneath the LTM8051.
5. Connect all of the GND connections to as large a copper pour or plane area as possible on the top layer. Avoid breaking the ground connection between the external components and the LTM8051.
6. Use vias to connect the GND copper area to the board's internal ground planes. Liberally distribute these GND vias to provide both a good ground connection and thermal path to the internal planes of the printed circuit board. Pay attention to the location and density of the thermal vias in Figure 3. The LTM8051 can benefit from the heat sinking afforded by vias that connect to internal GND planes at these locations, due to their proximity to internal power handling components. The optimum number of thermal vias depends upon the printed circuit board design. For example, a board might use very small via holes. It should employ more thermal vias than a board that uses larger holes.

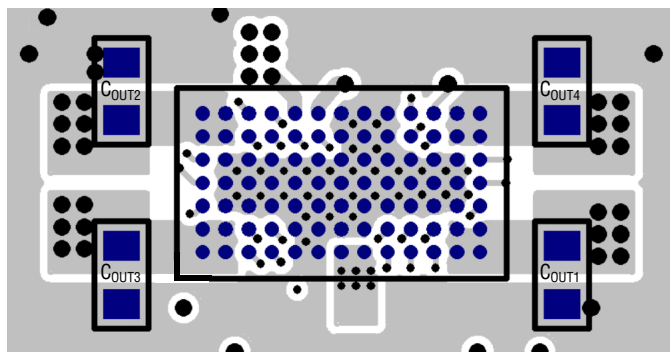


Figure 3. Layout Showing Suggested External Components, GND Plane and Vias

### Hot-Plugging Safely

The small size, robustness and low impedance of ceramic capacitors make them an attractive option for the input bypass capacitor of LTM8051. However, these capacitors can cause problems if the LTM8051 is plugged into a live supply (see [Application Note 88](#) for a complete discussion). The low loss ceramic capacitor combined with stray inductance in series with the power source forms an underdamped tank circuit, and the voltage at the  $V_{IN}$  pin of the LTM8051 can ring to more than twice the nominal input voltage, possibly exceeding the LTM8051's rating and damaging the part. If the input supply is poorly controlled or the LTM8051 is hot-plugged into an energized supply, the input network should be designed to prevent this overshoot. This can be accomplished by installing a small resistor in series to  $V_{IN}$ , but the most popular method of controlling input voltage overshoot is add an electrolytic bulk cap to the  $V_{IN}$  net. This capacitor's relatively high equivalent series resistance damps the circuit and eliminates the voltage overshoot. The extra capacitor improves low frequency ripple filtering and can slightly improve the efficiency of the circuit, though it is likely to be the largest component in the circuit.

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### Thermal Considerations

The LTM8051 output current may need to be derated if it is required to operate in a high ambient temperature. The amount of current derating is dependent upon the input voltage, output power and ambient temperature. The derating curves given in the Typical Performance Characteristics section can be used as a guide. These curves were generated by the LTM8051 mounted to a 74cm<sup>2</sup> 4-layer FR4 printed circuit board. Boards of other sizes and layer count can exhibit different thermal behavior, so it is incumbent upon the user to verify proper operation over the intended system's line, load and environmental operating conditions.

For increased accuracy and fidelity to the actual application, many designers use FEA (Finite Element Analysis) or CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) to predict thermal performance. To that end, the Pin Configuration typically gives three dominant thermal coefficients:

1.  $\theta_{JA}$  – Thermal resistance from junction to ambient.
2.  $\theta_{JCb\text{ot}}$  – Thermal resistance from junction to the bottom of the product case.
3.  $\theta_{JC\text{top}}$  – Thermal resistance from junction to top of the product case.

While the meaning of each of these coefficients may seem to be intuitive, JEDEC has defined each to avoid confusion and inconsistency. These definitions are given in JESD 51-12, and are quoted or paraphrased below:

1.  $\theta_{JA}$  is the natural convection junction-to-ambient air thermal resistance measured in a one cubic foot sealed enclosure. This environment is sometimes referred to as “still air” although natural convection causes the air to move. This value is determined with the part mounted to a JESD 51-9 defined test board, which does not reflect an actual application or viable operating condition.
2.  $\theta_{JCb\text{ot}}$  is the junction-to-board thermal resistance with all of the component power dissipation flowing through the bottom of the package. In the typical  $\mu$ Module regulator, the bulk of the heat flows out the bottom

of the package, but there is always heat flow out into the ambient environment. As a result, this thermal resistance value may be useful for comparing packages but the test conditions don't generally match the user's application.

3.  $\theta_{JC\text{top}}$  is determined with nearly all of the component power dissipation flowing through the top of the package. As the electrical connections of the typical  $\mu$ Module regulator are on the bottom of the package, it is rare for an application to operate such that most of the heat flows from the junction to the top of the part. As in the case of  $\theta_{JCb\text{ot}}$ , this value may be useful for comparing packages but the test conditions don't generally match the user's application.

Given these definitions, it should now be apparent that none of these thermal coefficients reflects an actual physical operating condition of a  $\mu$ Module regulator. Thus, none of them can be individually used to accurately predict the thermal performance of the product. Likewise, it would be inappropriate to attempt to use any one coefficient to correlate to the junction temperature vs load graphs given in the product's data sheet. The only appropriate way to use the coefficients is when running a detailed thermal analysis, such as FEA, which considers all of the thermal resistances simultaneously.

A graphical approximation of these dominant thermal resistances is given in Figure 4. Some thermal resistance elements, such as heat flow out the side of the package, are not defined by the JEDEC standard, and are not shown. The blue resistances are contained within the  $\mu$ Module regulator, and the green are outside.

The die temperature of the LTM8051 must be lower than the maximum rating, so care should be taken in the layout of the circuit to ensure good heat sinking of the LTM8051. The bulk of the heat flow out of the LTM8051 is through the bottom of the package and the pads into the printed circuit board. Consequently a poor printed circuit board design can cause excessive heating, resulting in impaired performance or reliability. Please refer to the PCB Layout section for printed circuit board design suggestions.

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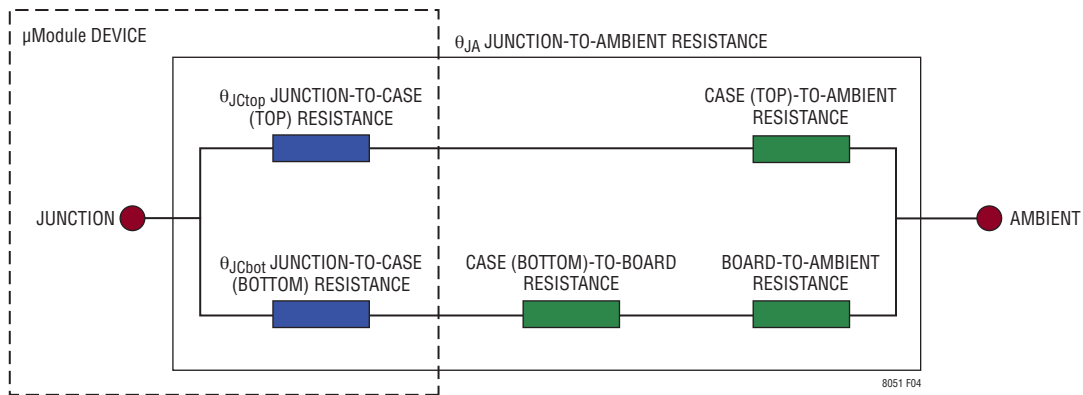


Figure 4. Graphical Representation of Thermal Coefficients, Including JESD51-12 Terms

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

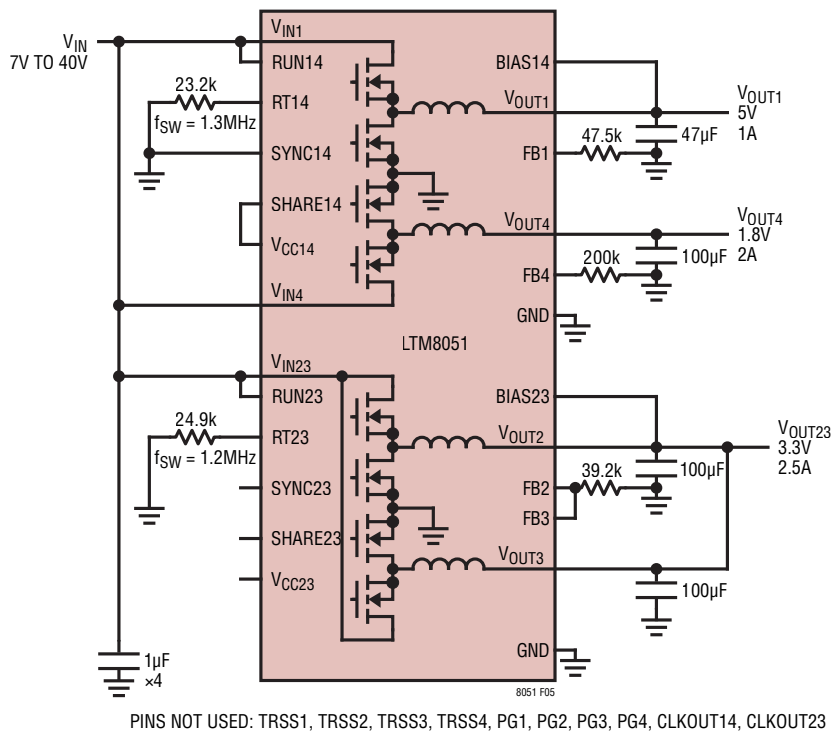
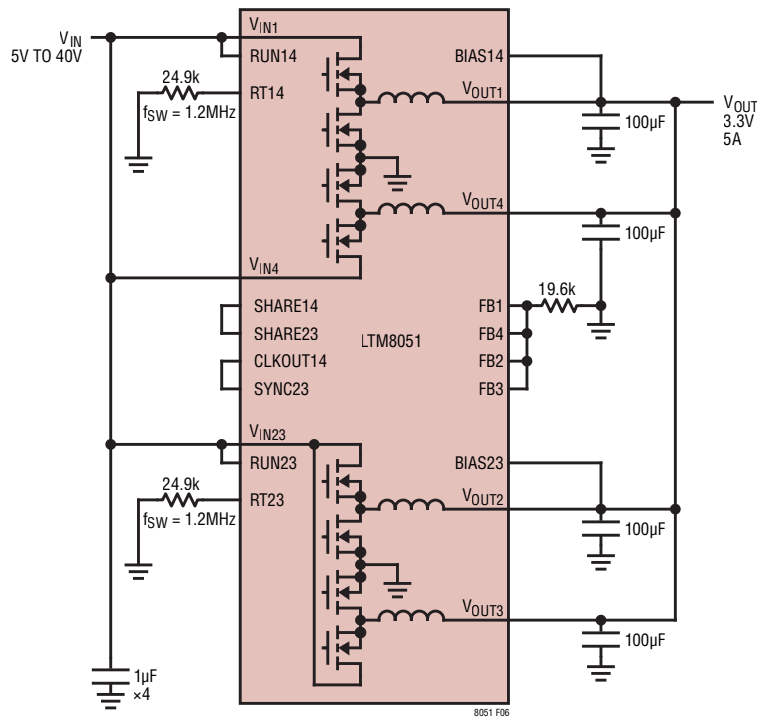


Figure 5. 7V to 40V Input to 5V at 1A, 1.8V at 2A, and Paralleled 3.3V at 2.5A

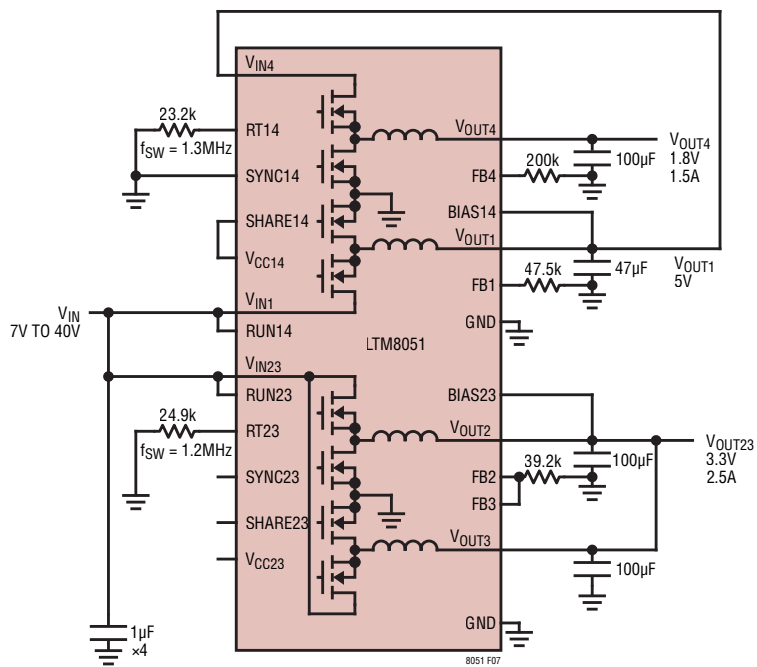


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PINS NOT USED: TRSS1, TRSS2, TRSS3, TRSS4, PG1, PG2, PG3, PG4, SYNC14, CLKOUT23, V<sub>CC14</sub>, V<sub>CC23</sub>

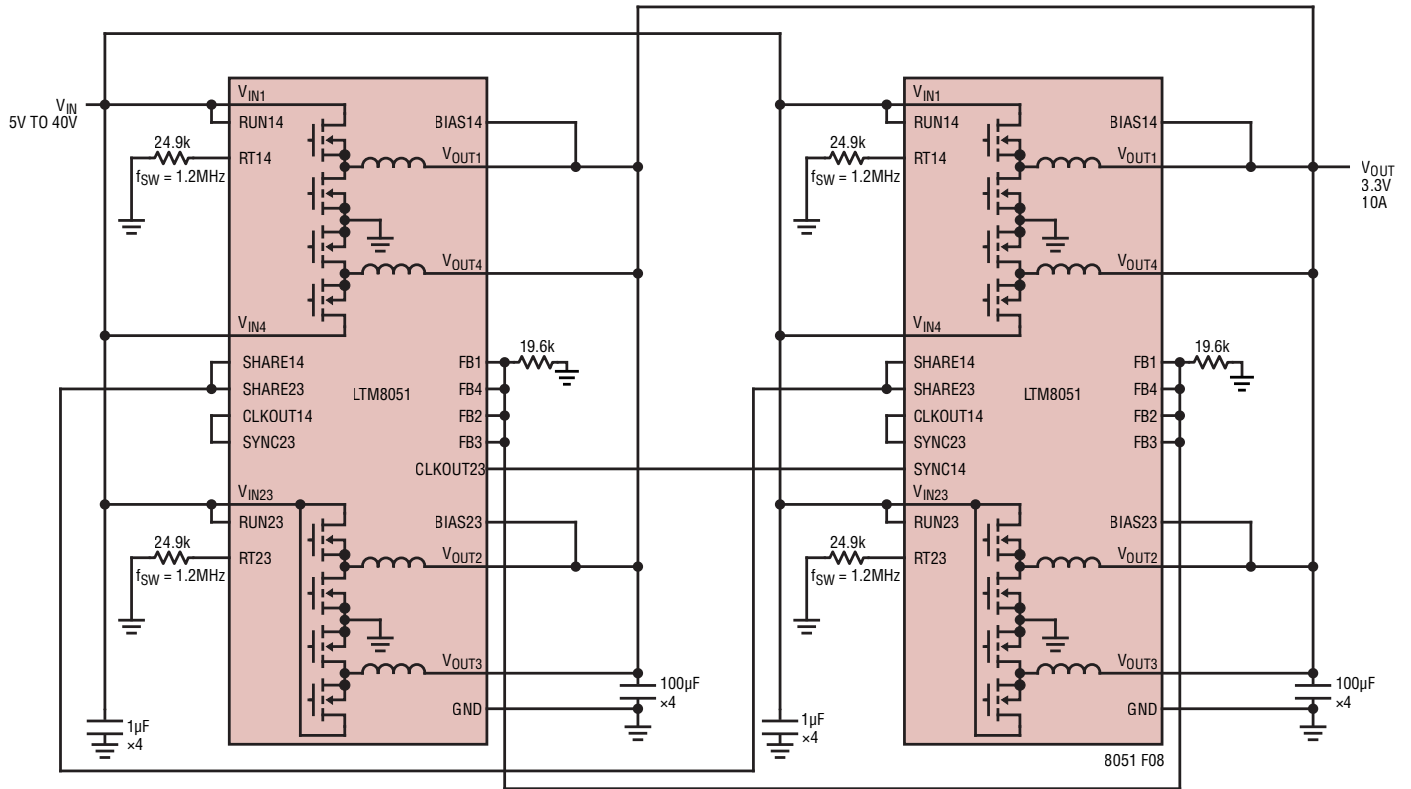
Figure 6. 5V to 40V Input to Paralleled 3.3V at 5A, Frequency Is Synchronized



PINS NOT USED: TRSS1, TRSS2, TRSS3, TRSS4, PG1, PG2, PG3, PG4, CLKOUT14, CLKOUT23

Figure 7. 7V to 40V Input to Cascaded 1.8V at 1.5A and Paralleled 3.3V at 2.5A

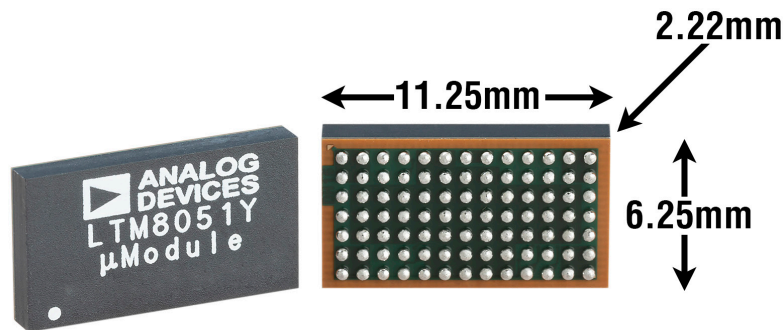
## TYPICAL APPLICATION



PINS NOT USED: TRSS1, TRSS2, TRSS3, TRSS4, PG1, PG2, PG3, PG4, V<sub>CC14</sub>, V<sub>CC23</sub>

Figure 8. Two LTM8051 Are Paralleled to Supply 3.3V, 10A

## PACKAGE PHOTO



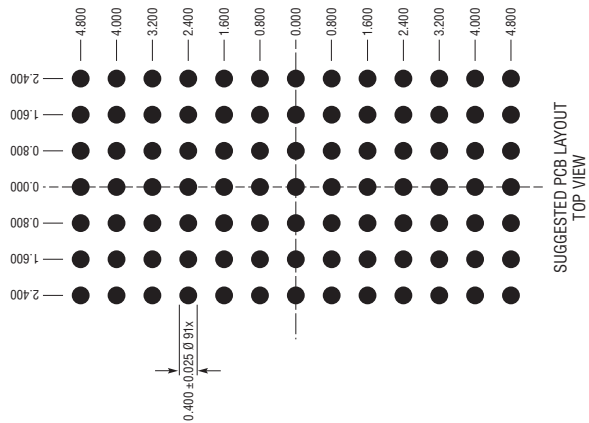
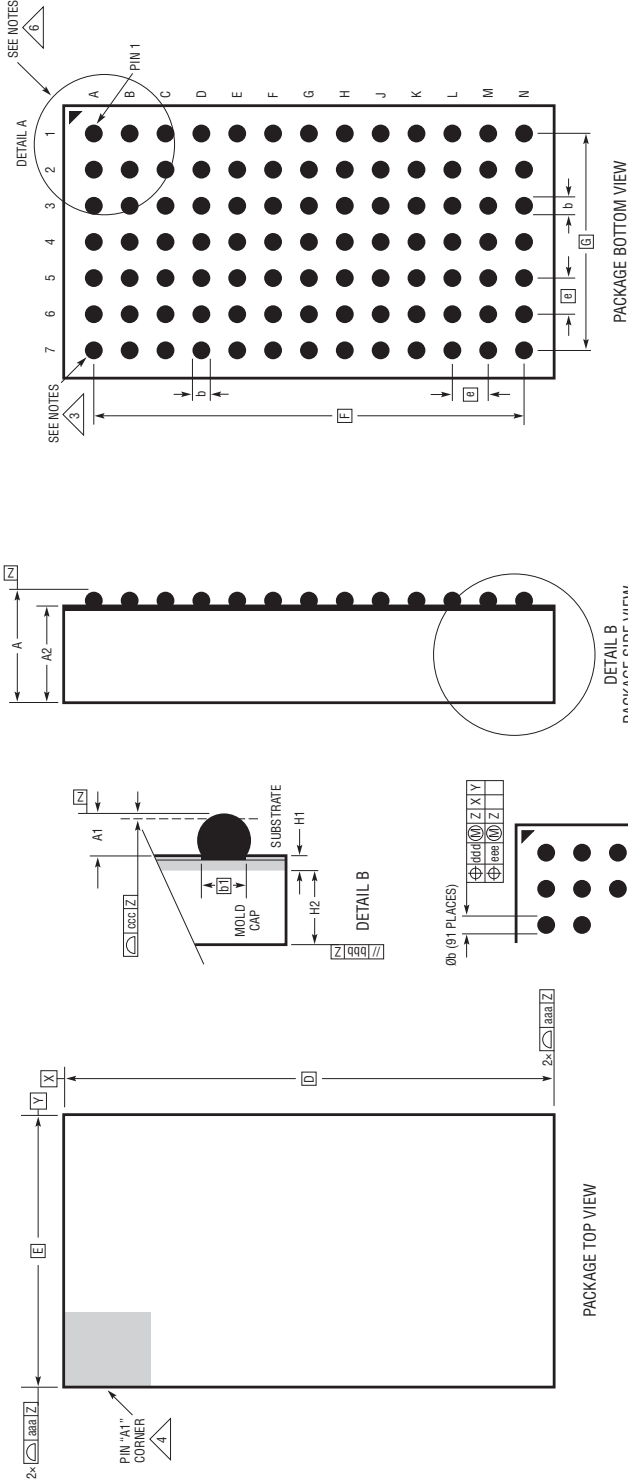
## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Table 6. LTM8051 Pinout (Sorted by Pin Number)

PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME
A1	V <sub>OUT3</sub>	B1	V <sub>OUT3</sub>	C1	TRSS3	D1	FB3	E1	GND	F1	GND	G1	V <sub>IN23</sub>
A2	V <sub>OUT3</sub>	B2	V <sub>OUT3</sub>	C2	TRSS2	D2	FB2	E2	GND	F2	GND	G2	GND
A3	SHARE23	B3	GND	C3	GND	D3	GND	E3	GND	F3	GND	G3	GND
A4	V <sub>CC23</sub>	B4	GND	C4	GND	D4	GND	E4	GND	F4	GND	G4	GND
A5	BIAS23	B5	GND	C5	GND	D5	GND	E5	GND	F5	GND	G5	GND
A6	V <sub>OUT2</sub>	B6	V <sub>OUT2</sub>	C6	CLKOUT23	D6	CLKOUT14	E6	SYNC23	F6	SYNC14	G6	GND
A7	V <sub>OUT2</sub>	B7	V <sub>OUT2</sub>	C7	RUN23	D7	RUN14	E7	V <sub>IN1</sub>	F7	V <sub>IN4</sub>	G7	GND
PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME	PIN	PIN NAME		
H1	V <sub>IN23</sub>	J1	RT23	K1	RT14	L1	FB4	M1	V <sub>OUT1</sub>	N1	V <sub>OUT1</sub>		
H2	GND	J2	TRSS1	K2	TRSS4	L2	FB1	M2	V <sub>OUT1</sub>	N2	V <sub>OUT1</sub>		
H3	GND	J3	GND	K3	GND	L3	GND	M3	GND	N3	BIAS14		
H4	GND	J4	GND	K4	GND	L4	GND	M4	GND	N4	V <sub>CC14</sub>		
H5	GND	J5	GND	K5	GND	L5	GND	M5	GND	N5	SHARE14		
H6	GND	J6	GND	K6	PG2	L6	PG1	M6	V <sub>OUT4</sub>	N6	V <sub>OUT4</sub>		
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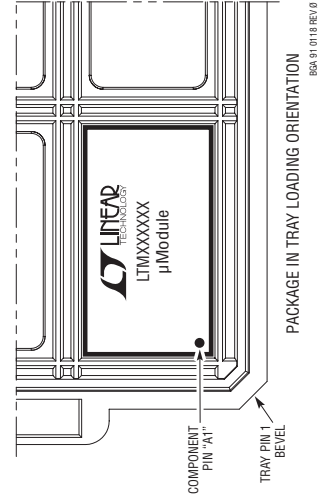
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

**BGA Package**  
**91-Lead (11.25mm × 6.25mm × 2.22mm)**  
 (Reference LTC DWG# 05-08-1608 Rev 0)



DIMENSIONS			
SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	2.03	2.22	2.41
A1	0.30	0.40	0.50
A2	1.73	1.82	1.91
b	0.45	0.50	0.55
b1	0.37	0.40	0.43
D	11.25		
E	6.25		
e	0.80		
F	9.60		
G	4.80		
H1	0.32		
H2	1.50		
aaa	0.15		
bbb	0.10		
ccc	0.20		
ddd	0.15		
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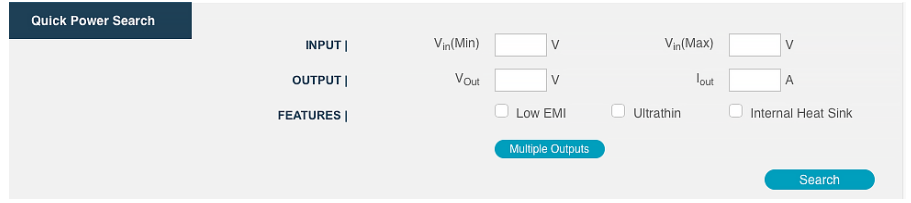
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  2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS
  3. BALL DESIGNATION PER JEP95
  4. DETAILS OF PIN #1 IDENTIFIER ARE OPTIONAL, BUT MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN THE ZONE INDICATED. THE PIN #1 IDENTIFIER MAY BE EITHER A MOLD OR MARKED FEATURE
  5. PRIMARY DATUM -Z- IS SEATING PLANE
  6. PACKAGE ROW AND COLUMN LABELING MAY VARY AMONG μModule PRODUCTS. REVIEW EACH PACKAGE LAYOUT CAREFULLY



## REVISION HISTORY

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAGE NUMBER
A	11/21	Changed $V_{IN1n}$ to $V_{INn}$ . Added $V_{INn} = 6V$ .	3
		Removed Output Noise Spectrum graphs and added Output Noise Spectral Density graph.	11
		Fixed type error Figure 2 to Figure 5 in Shorted Input Protection section.	20
B	2/24	Updated pin layout.	1
		Added pin instruction to SHARE14/SHARE23 (Pins N5/A3).	13
		Add additional note to Load Sharing section.	20
		Fixed major formatting issues (rearranged Pin Functions section alphanumerically, fixed grammatical errors, colored graph G55, fixed text size in pinout).	All

## DESIGN RESOURCES

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION
<a href="#">µModule Design and Manufacturing Resources</a>	<p>Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selector Guides</li> <li>• Demo Boards and Gerber Files</li> <li>• Free Simulation Tools</li> </ul> <p>Manufacturing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick Start Guide</li> <li>• PCB Design, Assembly and Manufacturing Guidelines</li> <li>• Package and Board Level Reliability</li> </ul>
<a href="#">µModule Regulator Products Search</a>	<p>1. Sort table of products by parameters and download the result as a spread sheet. 2. Search using the Quick Power Search parametric table.</p> 
<a href="#">Digital Power System Management</a>	Analog Devices' family of digital power supply management ICs are highly integrated solutions that offer essential functions, including power supply monitoring, supervision, margining and sequencing, and feature EEPROM for storing user configurations and fault logging.

## RELATED PARTS

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
<a href="#">LTM8074</a>	40V, 1.2A Silent Switcher µModule Regulator	$3.2V \leq V_{IN} \leq 40V$ , $0.8V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 12V$ , 4mm × 4mm × 1.82mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8063</a>	40V, 2A Step-Down Silent Switcher µModule Regulator	$3.2V \leq V_{IN} \leq 40V$ , $0.8V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 15V$ , 4mm × 6.25mm × 2.22mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8065</a>	40V, 2.5A Step-Down Silent Switcher µModule Regulator	$3.4V \leq V_{IN} \leq 40V$ , $0.97V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 18V$ , 6.25mm × 6.25mm × 2.32mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8053</a>	40V, 3.5A Step-Down µModule Regulator	$3.4V \leq V_{IN} \leq 40V$ , $0.97V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 15V$ , 6.25mm × 9mm × 3.32mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8003</a>	40V, 3.5A, H-Grade, 150°C Operation, FMAE-Compliant Pinout	$3.4V \leq V_{IN} \leq 40V$ , $0.97V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 15V$ , $I_{OUT} = 3.5A$ , 6.25mm × 9mm × 3.32mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8052</a>	36V, 5A CVCC Step-Down µModule Regulator	$6V \leq V_{IN} \leq 36V$ , $1.2V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 24V$ , Constant Voltage Constant Current, 11.25mm × 15mm × 2.82mm LGA, 11.25mm × 15mm × 3.42mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM4613</a>	36V, 8A Low EMI Step-Down µModule Regulator	$5V \leq V_{IN} \leq 36V$ , $3.3V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 15V$ , EN55022B Compliant, 15mm × 15mm × 4.32mm LGA, 15mm × 15mm × 4.92mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8073</a>	60V, 3A Step-Down µModule Regulator	$3.4V \leq V_{IN} \leq 60V$ , $0.85V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 15V$ , 6.25mm × 9mm × 3.32mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM8071</a>	60V, 5A Silent Switcher µModule Regulator	$3.6V \leq V_{IN} \leq 60V$ , $0.97V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 15V$ , 9mm × 11.25mm × 3.32mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM4622</a>	Dual 2.5A, 20V Step-Down µModule Regulator	$3.6V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20V$ , $0.6V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 5.5V$ , 6.25mm × 6.25mm × 1.82mm LGA, 6.25mm × 6.25mm × 2.42mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM4642</a>	Dual 4A, 20V Step-Down µModule Regulator	$4.5V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20V$ , $0.6V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 5.5V$ , 9mm × 11.25mm × 4.92mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM4643</a>	Quad 3A, 20V Step-Down µModule Regulator	$4V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20V$ , $0.6V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 3.3V$ , 9mm × 15mm × 1.82mm LGA, 9mm × 15mm × 2.42mm BGA
<a href="#">LTM4644</a>	Quad 4A, 14V Step-Down µModule Regulator	$4V \leq V_{IN} \leq 14V$ , $0.6V \leq V_{OUT} \leq 5.5V$ , 9mm × 15mm × 5.01mm BGA