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# **PWM Current-Mode Controller for Universal Off-Line Supplies Featuring Low Standby Power**

Housed in SOIC-8 or PDIP-8 package, the NCP1200A enhances the previous NCP1200 series by offering a reduced optocoupler current together with an increased drive capability. Due to its novel concept, the circuit allows the implementation of complete off-line AC-DC adapters, battery charger or a SMPS where standby power is a key parameter.

With an internal structure operating at a fixed 40 kHz, 60 kHz or 100 kHz, the controller supplies itself from the high-voltage rail, avoiding the need of an auxiliary winding. This feature naturally eases the designer task in battery charger applications. Finally, current-mode control provides an excellent audio-susceptibility and inherent pulse-by-pulse control.

When the current setpoint falls below a given value, e.g. the output power demand diminishes, the IC automatically enters the so-called skip cycle mode and provides excellent efficiency at light loads. Because this occurs at a user adjustable low peak current, no acoustic noise takes place.

The NCP1200A features an efficient protective circuitry which, in presence of an overcurrent condition, disables the output pulses while the device enters a safe burst mode, trying to restart. Once the default has gone, the device auto–recovers.

#### Features

- No Auxiliary Winding Operation
- Auto-Recovery Internal Output Short-Circuit Protection
- Extremely Low No-Load Standby Power
- Current-Mode Control with Skip-Cycle Capability
- Internal Temperature Shutdown
- Internal Leading Edge Blanking
- 250 mA Peak Current Capability
- Internally Fixed Frequency at 40 kHz, 60 kHz and 100 kHz
- Direct Optocoupler Connection
- SPICE Models Available for TRANsient and AC Analysis
- Pin to Pin Compatible with NCP1200
- Pb–Free Packages are Available

#### **Typical Applications**

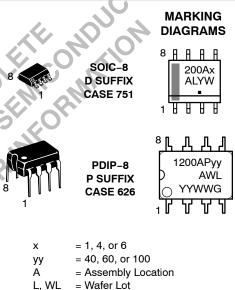
- AC-DC Adapters for Portable Devices
- Offline Battery Chargers
- Auxiliary Power Supplies (USB, Appliances, TVs, etc.)



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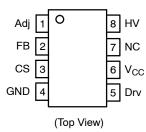
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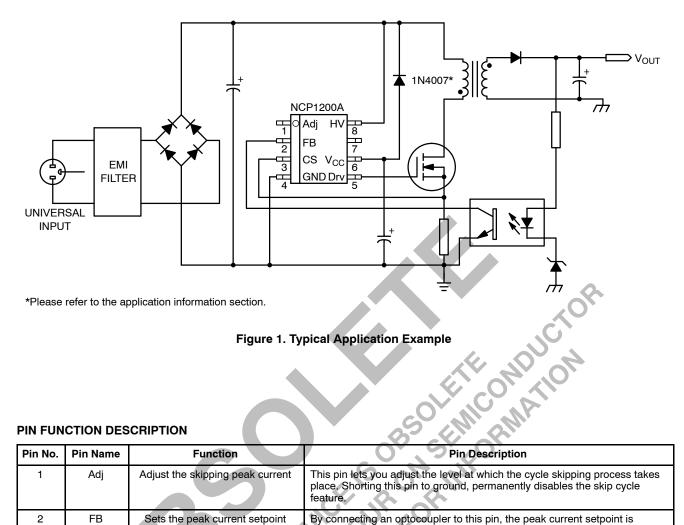
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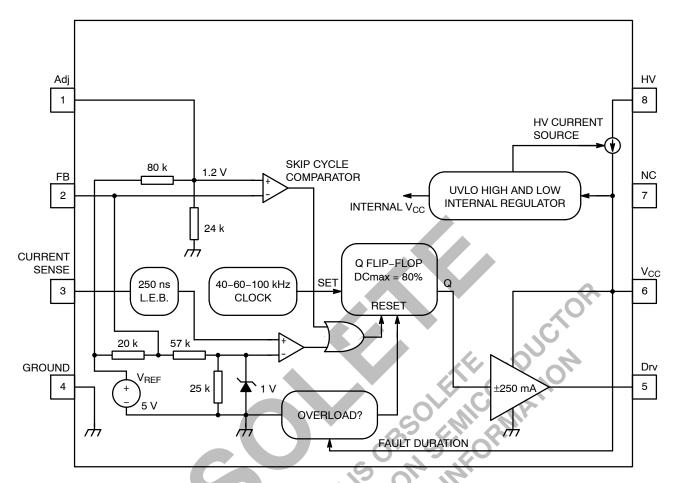
## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

See detailed ordering and shipping information in the package dimensions section on page 14 of this data sheet.



#### **PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Pin No.	Pin Name	Function	Pin Description
1	Adj	Adjust the skipping peak current	This pin lets you adjust the level at which the cycle skipping process takes place. Shorting this pin to ground, permanently disables the skip cycle feature.
2	FB	Sets the peak current setpoint	By connecting an optocoupler to this pin, the peak current setpoint is adjusted accordingly to the output power demand.
3	CS	Current sense input	This pin senses the primary current and routes it to the internal comparator via an L.E.B.
4	GND	The IC ground	
5	Drv	Driving pulses	The driver's output to an external MOSFET.
6	V <sub>CC</sub>	Supplies the IC	This pin is connected to an external bulk capacitor of typically 10 $\mu\text{F}.$
7	NC	-0.00	This unconnected pin ensures adequate creepage distance.
8	HV	Generates the $V_{CC}$ from the line	Connected to the high–voltage rail, this pin injects a constant current into the $V_{CC}$ bulk capacitor.



## MAXIMUM RATINGS

Figure 2. Internal Circuit Architecture						
MAXIMUM RATINGS Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit			
Power Supply Voltage	V <sub>CC</sub>	16	V			
Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Air, PDIP-8 Version Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Air, SOIC Version	R <sub>θJA</sub> R <sub>θJA</sub>	100 178	°C/W °C/W			
Maximum Junction Temperature	T <sub>J(max)</sub>	150	°C			
Temperature Shutdown	-	145	°C			
Storage Temperature Range	-	-60 to +150	°C			
ESD Capability, Human Body Model Model (All pins except $V_{CC}$ and HV)	-	2.0	kV			
ESD Capability, Machine Model	-	200	V			
Maximum Voltage on Pin 8 (HV), Pin 6 (V <sub>CC</sub> ) Grounded	-	450	V			
Maximum Voltage on Pin 8 (HV), Pin 6 (V_{CC}) Decoupled to Ground with 10 $\mu\text{F}$	-	500	V			
Minimum Operating Voltage on Pin 8 (HV)	-	40	V			

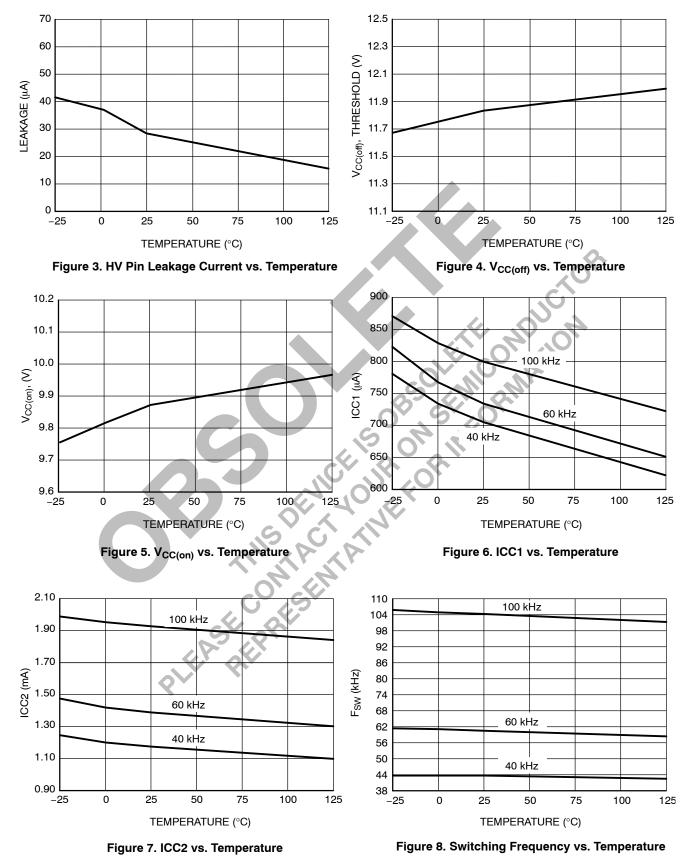
Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability.

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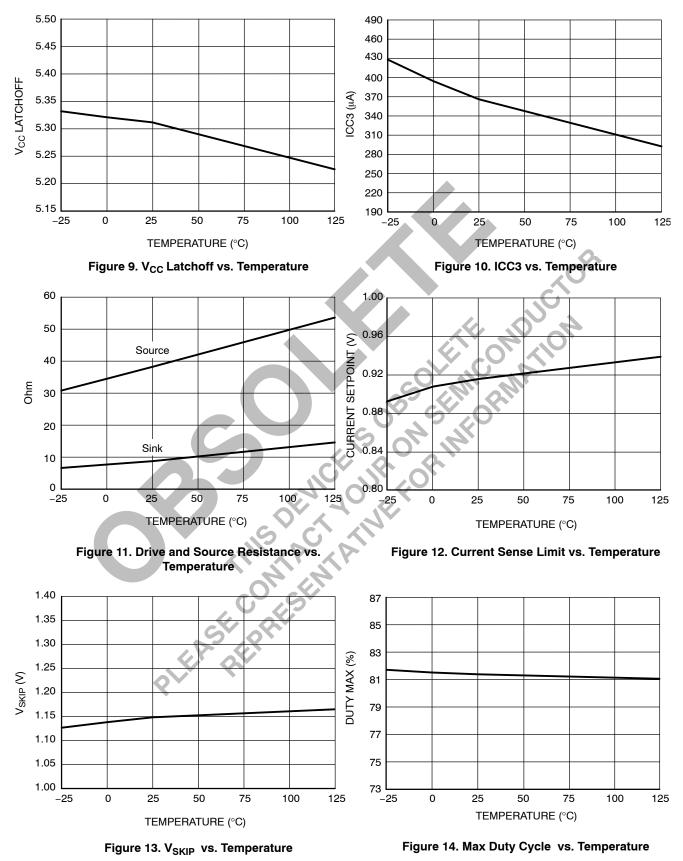
Characteristic	Symbol	Pin	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Dynamic Self-Supply (All frequency versions, otherwise noted)						
$V_{CC}$ Increasing Level at which the Current Source Turns–Off	V <sub>CC(off)</sub>	6	11.2	12.1	13.1	V
$V_{CC}$ Decreasing Level at which the Current Source Turns–On	V <sub>CC(on)</sub>	6	9.0	10	11	V
$V_{CC}$ Decreasing Level at which the Latchoff Phase Ends	V <sub>CC(latch)</sub>	6	-	5.4	-	V
Internal IC Consumption, No Output Load on Pin 5	ICC1	6	-	750	1000 (Note 1)	μA
Internal IC Consumption, 1.0 nF Output Load on Pin 5, $F_{SW}$ = 40 kHz	ICC2	6	-	1.2	1.4 (Note 2)	mA
Internal IC Consumption, 1.0 nF Output Load on Pin 5, $F_{SW}$ = 60 kHz	ICC2	6	-	1.4	1.6 (Note 2)	mA
Internal IC Consumption, 1.0 nF Output Load on Pin 5, $F_{SW}$ = 100 kHz	ICC2	6	-	1.9	2.2 (Note 2)	mA
Internal IC Consumption, Latchoff Phase	ICC3	6	-	350	С.	μA
Internal Startup Current Source ( $T_J > 0^{\circ}C$ , pin 8 biased at 50 V)						
High-Voltage Current Source, V <sub>CC</sub> = 10 V	IC1	8	4.0	7.0	-	mA
High-Voltage Current Source, V <sub>CC</sub> = 0	IC2	8	- \	13	2 -	mA
Drive Output			0		×.	
Output Voltage Rise-Time @ CL = 1.0 nF, 10-90% of Output Signal	Tr	5	<u>U-</u>	67	-	ns
Output Voltage Fall-Time @ CL = 1.0 nF, 10-90% of Output Signal	Tf	5		25	-	ns
Source Resistance	R <sub>OH</sub>	5	27	40	61	Ω
Sink Resistance	R <sub>OL</sub>	5	5.0	10	21	Ω
Current Comparator (Pin 5 unloaded unless otherwise noted)	0	~~~				-
Input Bias Current @ 1.0 V Input Level on Pin 3	I <sub>IB</sub>	3	-	0.02	-	μA
Maximum Internal Current Setpoint (Note 3)	I <sub>Limit</sub>	3	0.8	0.9	1.0	V
Default Internal Current Setpoint for Skip Cycle Operation	I <sub>Lskip</sub>	3	-	360	-	mV
Propagation Delay from Current Detection to Gate OFF State	T <sub>DEL</sub>	3	-	90	160	ns
Leading Edge Blanking Duration (Note 3)	T <sub>LEB</sub>	3	-	250	-	ns
Internal Oscillator (V <sub>CC</sub> = 11 V, pin 5 loaded by 1.0 k $\Omega$ )						
Oscillation Frequency, 40 kHz Version	fosc	-	37	43	48	kHz
Built-in Frequency Jittering, f <sub>sw</sub> = 40 kHz	f <sub>jitter</sub>	-	-	350	-	kHz
Oscillation Frequency, 60 kHz Version	fosc	-	53	61	68	kHz
Built-in Frequency Jittering, f <sub>sw</sub> = 60 kHz	f <sub>jitter</sub>	-	-	460	-	kHz
Oscillation Frequency, 100 kHz Version	f <sub>OSC</sub>	-	90	103	114	kHz
Built–in Frequency Jittering, f <sub>sw</sub> = 100 kHz	f <sub>jitter</sub>	-	-	620	-	kHz
Maximum Duty Cycle	Dmax	-	74	83	87	%
Feedback Section (V <sub>CC</sub> = 11 V, pin 5 unloaded)		•				
Internal Pullup Resistor	R <sub>up</sub>	2	-	20	-	kΩ
Pin 3 to Current Setpoint Division Ratio	I <sub>ratio</sub>	-	-	3.3	-	_
Skip Cycle Generation					<u> </u>	
Default Skip Mode Level	V <sub>skip</sub>	1	0.95	1.2	1.45	V
Pin 1 Internal Output Impedance	Z <sub>out</sub>	1	-	22	-	kΩ
. Max value at $T_1 = 0^{\circ}C$ .				1	1	

1. Max value at  $T_J = 0^{\circ}$ C. 2. Maximum value @  $T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C, please see characterization curves. 3. Pin 5 loaded by 1.0 nF.





# **TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS**



## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

#### Introduction

The NCP1200A implements a standard current mode architecture where the switch-off time is dictated by the peak current setpoint. This component represents the ideal candidate where low part-count is the key parameter, particularly in low-cost AC-DC adapters, auxiliary supplies, etc. Due to its high-performance High-Voltage technology, the NCP1200A incorporates all the necessary components normally needed in UC384X based supplies: timing components, feedback devices, low-pass filter and self-supply. This later point emphasizes the fact that ON Semiconductor's NCP1200A does NOT need an auxiliary winding to operate: the product is naturally supplied from the high-voltage rail and delivers a V<sub>CC</sub> to the IC. This system is called the Dynamic Self-Supply (DSS).

#### **Dynamic Self-Supply**

The DSS principle is based on the charge/discharge of the  $V_{CC}$  bulk capacitor from a low level up to a higher level. We can easily describe the current source operation with a bunch of simple logical equations:

POWER-ON: IF  $V_{CC}$  < VCC<sub>H</sub> THEN Current Source is ON, no output pulses

IF  $V_{CC}$  decreasing > VCC<sub>L</sub> THEN Current Source is OFF, output is pulsing

IF  $V_{CC}$  increasing <  $VCC_H$  THEN Current Source is ON, output is pulsing

Typical values are:  $VCC_H = 12 V$ ,  $VCC_L = 10 V$ 

To better understand the operational principle, Figure 15's sketch offers the necessary light:

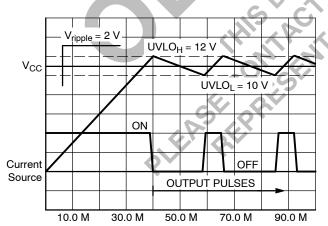


Figure 15. The charge/discharge cycle over a 10  $\mu F$  V\_{CC} capacitor

The DSS behavior actually depends on the internal IC consumption and the MOSFETs gate charge Qg. If we select a MOSFET like the MTP2N60E, Qg max equals 22 nC. With a maximum switching frequency of 68 kHz for the P60 version, the average power necessary to drive the MOSFET (excluding the driver efficiency and neglecting various voltage drops) is:

 $F_{SW} \cdot Qg \cdot V_{CC} \text{ with }$ 

 $F_{SW}$  = maximum switching frequency

Qg = MOSFETs gate charge

 $V_{CC} = V_{GS}$  level applied to the gate

To obtain the final IC current, simply divide this result by  $V_{CC}$ :  $I_{driver} = F_{SW} \cdot Qg = 1.5$  mA. The total standby power consumption at no-load will therefore heavily rely on the internal IC consumption plus the above driving current (altered by the driver's efficiency). Suppose that the IC is supplied from a 350 VDC line. The current flowing through pin 8 is a direct image of the NCP1200A consumption (neglecting the switching losses of the HV current source). If ICC2 equals 2.3 mA @ T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C, then the power dissipated (lost) by the IC is simply: 350 x 2.3 m = 805 mW. For design and reliability reasons, it would be interesting to reduce this source of wasted power which increases the die temperature. This can be achieved by using different methods:

1. Use a MOSFET with lower gate charge Qg

2. Connect pin through a diode (1N4007 typically) to one of the mains input. The average value on pin 8

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- becomes  $\frac{\pi}{\pi}$ . Our power contribution example drops to: 223 x 2.3 m = 512 mW. If a resistor is installed between the mains and the diode, you further force the dissipation to migrate from the package to the resistor. The resistor value should account for low-line startup.
- 3. Permanently force the  $V_{CC}$  level above  $VCC_H$  with an auxiliary winding. It will automatically disconnect the internal startup source and the IC will be fully self–supplied from this winding. Again, the total power drawn from the mains will significantly decrease. Make sure the auxiliary voltage never exceeds the 16 V limit.

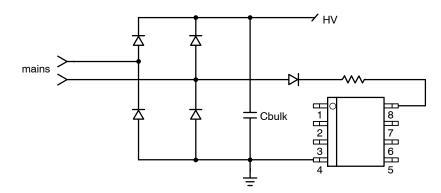


Figure 16. A simple diode naturally reduces the average voltage on pin 8

#### **Skipping Cycle Mode**

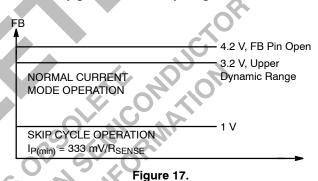
The NCP1200A automatically skips switching cycles when the output power demand drops below a given level. This is accomplished by monitoring the FB pin. In normal operation, pin 2 imposes a peak current accordingly to the load value. If the load demand decreases, the internal loop asks for less peak current. When this setpoint reaches a determined level, the IC prevents the current from decreasing further down and starts to blank the output pulses: the IC enters the so-called skip cycle mode, also named controlled burst operation. The power transfer now depends upon the width of the pulse bunches (Figure 18). Suppose we have the following component values:

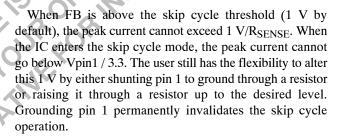
Lp, primary inductance = 1 mH  $F_{SW}$ , switching frequency = 61 kHz Ip skip = 200 mA (or 333 mV/R<sub>SENSE</sub>) The theoretical power transfer is therefore:

 $\frac{1}{2} \cdot Lp \cdot lp^2 \cdot F_{SW} = 1.2 W$ 

If this IC enters skip cycle mode with a bunch length of 20 ms over a recurrent period of 100 ms, then the total power transfer is:  $1.2 \cdot 0.2 = 240$  mW.

To better understand how this skip cycle mode takes place, a look at the operation mode versus the FB level immediately gives the necessary insight:





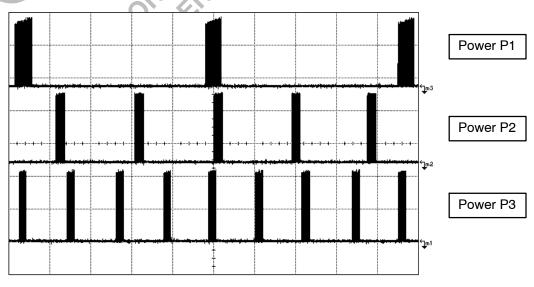


Figure 18. Output Pulses at Various Power Levels (X = 5.0  $\mu s/div)$  P1 < P2 < P3

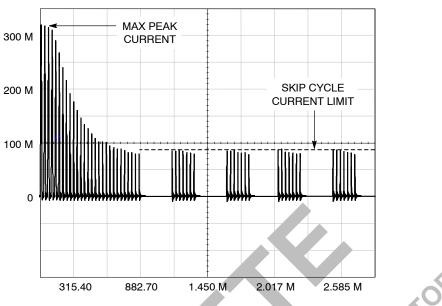


Figure 19. The Skip Cycle Takes Place at Low Peak Currents which Guaranties Noise-Free Operation

We recommend a pin 1 operation between 400 mV and 1.3 V that will fix the skip peak current level between 120 mV / RSENSE and 390 mV / RSENSE.

#### Non-Latching Shutdown

In some cases, it might be desirable to shut off the part temporarily and authorize its restart once the default has disappeared. This option can easily be accomplished through a single NPN bipolar transistor wired between FB and ground. By pulling FB below the Adj pin 1 level, the output pulses are disabled as long as FB is pulled below pin 1. As soon as FB is relaxed, the IC resumes its operation. Figure 20 depicts the application example:

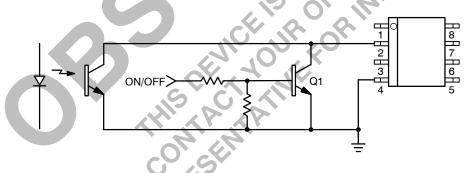


Figure 20. Another Way of Shutting Down the IC without a Definitive Latchoff State

#### **Power Dissipation**

The NCP1200A is directly supplied from the DC rail through the internal DSS circuitry. The average current flowing through the DSS is therefore the direct image of the NCP1200A current consumption. The total power dissipation can be evaluated using:  $(V_{HVDC} - 11 V) \cdot ICC2$ . If we operate the device on a 250 VAC rail, the maximum rectified voltage can go up to 350 VDC. However, as the characterization curves show, the current consumption drops at high junction temperature, which quickly occurs due to the DSS operation. At  $T_I = 50^{\circ}$ C, ICC2 = 1.7 mA for the 61 kHz version over a 1 nF capacitive load. As a result, the NCP1200A will dissipate 350 . 1.7 mA@T<sub>I</sub> =  $50^{\circ}$ C = 595 mW. The SOIC-8 package offers а junction-to-ambient thermal resistance R<sub>0JA</sub> of 178°C/W. Adding some copper area around the PCB footprint will help decreasing this number: 12 mm x 12 mm to drop  $R_{\theta JA}$ down to  $100^{\circ}$ C/W with 35  $\mu$  copper thickness (1 oz.) or 6.5 mm x 6.5 mm with 70 µ copper thickness (2 oz.). With this later number, we can compute the maximum power dissipation the package accepts at an ambient of 50°C:

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Pmax} = \frac{T_{Jmax} - T_{Amax}}{R_{\theta JA}} = 750 \mbox{ mW} \\ \mbox{our previous budget. For the DIP8 package, adding a min-pad area of 80 mm^2 of 35 <math display="inline">\mu$  copper (1 oz.),  $R_{\theta JA}$  drops from 100°C/W to about 75°C/W. \end{array}

In the above calculations, ICC2 is based on a 1 nF output capacitor. As seen before, ICC2 will depend on your MOSFET's Qg: ICC2  $\approx$  ICC1 + F<sub>SW</sub> x Qg. Final calculation shall thus accounts for the total gate-charge Qg your MOSFET will exhibit. The same methodology can be applied for the 100 kHz version but care must be taken to keep T<sub>J</sub> below the 125°C limit with the D100 (SOIC) version and activated DSS in high-line conditions.

If the power estimation is beyond the limit, other solutions are possible a) add a series diode with pin 8 (as suggested in the above lines) and connect it to the half rectified wave. As a result, it will drop the average input voltage and lower the dissipation to:  $\frac{350 \cdot 2}{\pi} \cdot 1.7 \text{ m} = 380 \text{ mW}$  b) put an auxiliary winding to disable the DSS and decrease the power consumption to V<sub>CC</sub> x ICC2. The auxiliary level should be thus that the rectified auxiliary voltage permanently stays above 10 V (to not re-activate the DSS) and is safely kept below the 16 V maximum rating.

#### **Overload Operation**

In applications where the output current is purposely not controlled (e.g. wall adapters delivering raw DC level), it is interesting to implement a true short-circuit protection. A short-circuit actually forces the output voltage to be at a low level, preventing a bias current to circulate in the optocoupler LED. As a result, the FB pin level is pulled up to 4.2 V, as internally imposed by the IC. The peak current setpoint goes to the maximum and the supply delivers a rather high power with all the associated effects. Please note that this can also happen in case of feedback loss, e.g. a broken optocoupler. To account for this situation, NCP1200A hosts a dedicated overload detection circuitry. Once activated, this circuitry imposes to deliver pulses in a burst manner with a low duty cycle. The system auto-recovers when the fault condition disappears.

During the startup phase, the peak current is pushed to the maximum until the output voltage reaches its target and the feedback loop takes over. This period of time depends on normal output load conditions and the maximum peak current allowed by the system. The time–out used by this IC works with the  $V_{CC}$  decoupling capacitor: as soon as the  $V_{CC}$  decreases from the UVLO<sub>H</sub> level (typically 12 V) the device internally watches for an overload current situation. If this condition is still present when the UVLO<sub>L</sub> level is reached, the controller stops the driving pulses, prevents the self–supply current source to restart and puts all the circuitry in standby, consuming as little as 350  $\mu$ A typical (ICC3 parameter). As a result, the  $V_{CC}$  level slowly discharges toward 0.

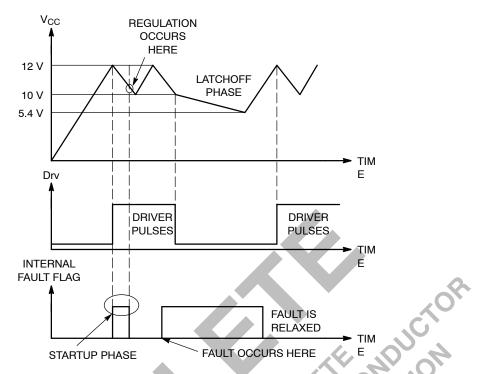


Figure 21. If the fault is relaxed during the  $V_{CC}$  natural fall down sequence, the IC automatically resumes. If the fault still persists when  $V_{CC}$  reached UVLO<sub>L</sub>, then the controller cuts everything off until recovery.

When this level crosses 5.4 V typical, the controller enters a new startup phase by turning the current source on:  $V_{CC}$ rises toward 12 V and again delivers output pulses at the UVLO<sub>H</sub> crossing point. If the fault condition has been removed before UVLO<sub>L</sub> approaches, then the IC continues its normal operation. Otherwise, a new fault cycle takes place. Figure 21 shows the evolution of the signals in presence of a fault.

#### Calculating the V<sub>CC</sub> Capacitor

As the above section describes, the fall down sequence depends upon the  $V_{CC}$  level: how long does it take for the  $V_{CC}$  line to go from 12 V to 10 V? The required time depends on the startup sequence of your system, i.e. when you first apply the power to the IC. The corresponding transient fault duration due to the output capacitor charging must be less than the time needed to discharge from 12 V to 10 V, otherwise the supply will not properly start. The test

consists in either simulating or measuring in the lab how much time the system takes to reach the regulation at full load. Let's suppose that this time corresponds to 6 ms. Therefore a V<sub>CC</sub> fall time of 10 ms could be well appropriated in order to not trigger the overload detection circuitry. If the corresponding IC consumption, including the MOSFET drive, establishes at 1.8 mA for instance, we can calculate the required capacitor using the following formula:  $\Delta t = \frac{\Delta V \cdot C}{i}, \text{ with } \Delta V = 2 \text{ V}. \text{ Then for a wanted } \Delta t \text{ of } 10 \text{ ms}, C \text{ equals } 9 \, \mu\text{F} \text{ or } 22 \, \mu\text{F} \text{ for a standard value.}$ When an overload condition occurs, the IC blocks its

internal circuitry and its consumption drops to 350  $\mu$ A typical. This happens at V<sub>CC</sub> = 10 V and it remains stuck until V<sub>CC</sub> reaches 5.4 V: we are in latchoff phase. Again, using the calculated 22  $\mu$ F and 350  $\mu$ A current consumption, this latchoff phase lasts: 296 ms.

# Protecting the Controller Against Negative Spikes and Turn-off Problems

As with any controller built upon a CMOS technology, it is the designer's duty to avoid the presence of negative spikes on sensitive pins. Negative signals have the bad habit to forward bias the controller substrate and induce erratic behaviors. Sometimes, the injection can be so strong that internal parasitic SCRs are triggered, engendering irremediable damages to the IC if they are a low impedance path is offered between  $V_{CC}$  and GND. If the current sense pin is often the seat of such spurious signals, the high–voltage pin can also be the source of problems in certain circumstances. During the turn–off sequence, e.g. when the user unplugs the power supply, the controller is still fed by its  $V_{CC}$  capacitor and keeps activating the MOSFET ON and OFF with a peak current limited by Rsense. Unfortunately, if the quality coefficient Q of the resonating network formed by Lp and Cbulk is low (e.g. the MOSFET Rdson + Rsense are small), conditions are met to make the circuit resonate and thus negatively bias the controller. Since we are talking about ms pulses, the amount of injected charge (Q = I x t) immediately latches the controller which brutally discharges its V<sub>CC</sub> capacitor. If this V<sub>CC</sub> capacitor is of sufficient value, its stored energy damages the controller. Figure 22 depicts a typical negative shot occurring on the HV pin where the brutal V<sub>CC</sub> discharge testifies for latchup.

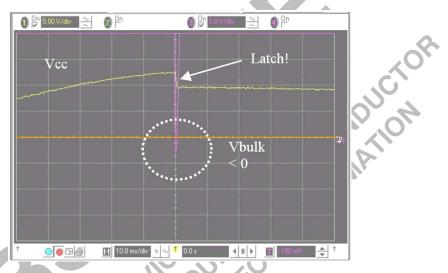


Figure 22. A negative spike takes place on the Bulk capacitor at the switch-off sequence

In low  $V_{CC}$  conditions, the NCP1200A gate drive signal show an abnormal behavior and can stay high a few tens of milliseconds. This problem can occur at turn-off but is usually harmless since the bulk capacitor has been discharged by the switching pulses. However, the problem can become worse if high  $V_T$  MOSFETs are implemented. Be sure that the selected MOSFET  $V_T$  is between 2.0 V (minimum) and 4.0 V (maximum). Figure 23 shows the typical operating waveforms.

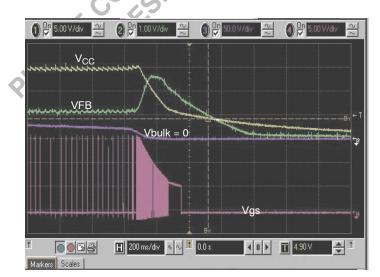
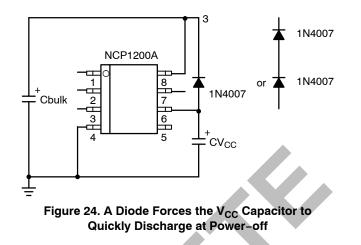


Figure 23. If quick  $V_{CC}$  depletion is lacking, the drive output can remain high.

A simple and inexpensive solution helps circumventing both problems, negative biasing, and gate high transient. It consists in a solution using one 1N4007 (or two in a series for safety) forcing the  $V_{CC}$  capacitor to deplete at the same rate as the bulk capacitor does. Figure 24 shows the solution.



When the bulk naturally depletes at power–off, the diode brings the  $V_{CC}$  down as soon as Vbulk drops below  $V_{CC}$ . This ensures a clean turn–off and the above problems go away.

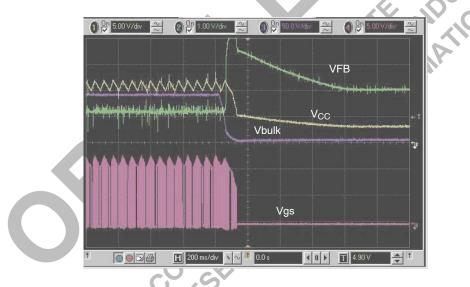


Figure 25. The Diode Addition Forces a Clean Turn-off Sequence both Negative Biasing and Gate High State Troubles

Once implemented, please make sure that your operating waveforms match those of Figure 25. That is to say, a bulk level depleting the  $V_{CC}$  capacitor at turn-off. To summarize:

1. Wire a diode between  $V_{CC}$  and the bulk capacitor as illustrated by Figure 24.

2. Select a MOSFET affected by a standard V<sub>T</sub>, minimum of 2 V, maximum of 4 V.

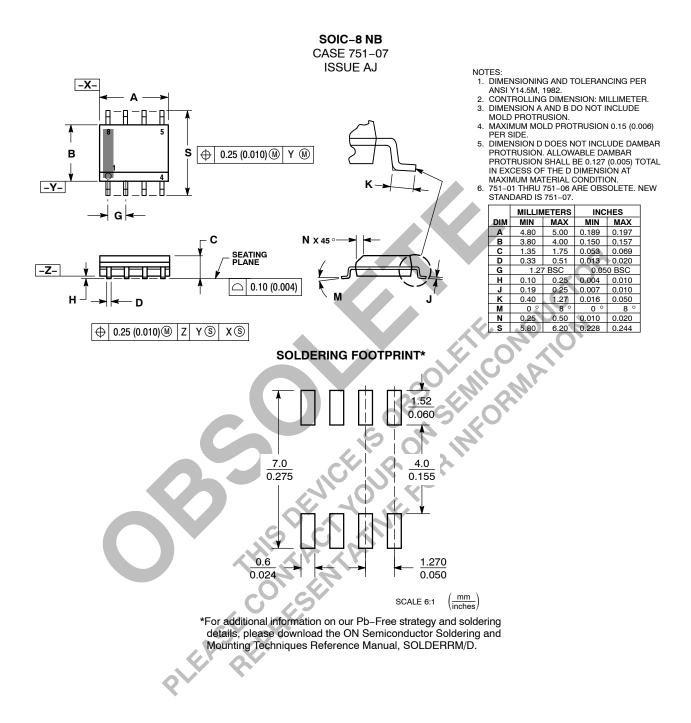
3. Check that final waveforms match Figure 25 signals

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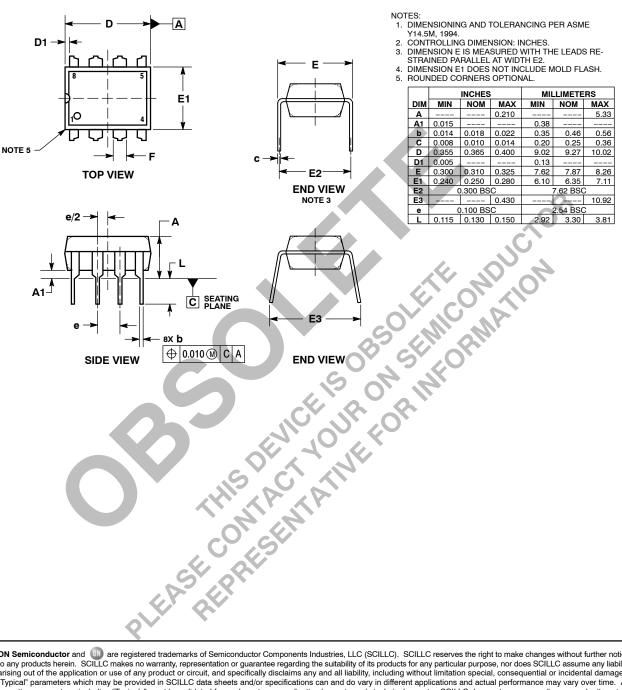
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