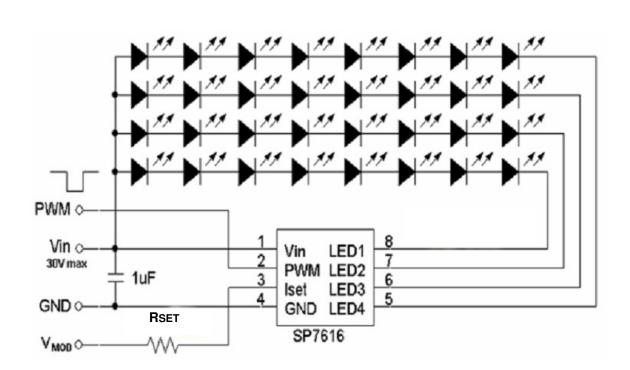


#### DESCRIPTION

**TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT** 

The SP7616 is a 30V 4-Channel linear low side LED driver. It is capable of powering up to four LED strings of nine LEDs @ 60mA per string for a total of 36 LEDs with 1.5% typical current matching between channels. The desired LED current can be adjusted with an external resistor, and the precision string-to-string current matching ensures consistent color temperature across the whole display. The device also features very low dropout voltage to maximize system efficiency and avoid difficult thermal design constraints. Dimming can be achieved by feeding a PWM signal to the PWM pin, or use an analog signal to control the I<sub>SET</sub> current, this allows brightness control without unwanted color shifts. Fast LED current turn-on/off time allows up to 5 kHz PWM dimming frequencies with as low as 10% duty cycle, completely eliminating flicker. The built-in thermal protection prevents damage to the device under fault conditions.



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#### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these ratings or any other above those indicated in the operation sections of the specifications below is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended period of time may affect reliability.

VIN		0.3V	to 32V
LED1, LED2, LED3, LED4		-0.3V	to 32V
I <sub>SET</sub> , PWM		-0.3V	to 6.0V
Storage Temperature	65	5 °C to	150 °C
Junction Temperature	4(	)°C to	+150°C*
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)			300°C

\* Internally protected

#### ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Unless otherwise specified: VIN = 4.5V - 30V,  $C_{IN} = 1\mu F$ ,  $-40^{\circ}C < T_A < 85^{\circ}C$ ,  $-40^{\circ}C < T_J < 125^{\circ}C$ . Bold values apply over the full operating temperature range.

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PARAMETER	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS	CONDITIONS
Operating Input Voltage Range	4.5		30	V	
Shutdown Supply Current		30	40	μA	Voltage at I <sub>SET</sub> is pulled to 3V; VIN 30V
Quiescent Supply Current		350	500	μA	No LED connected, VLED pins are tied to GND. $R_{SET}=1M\Omega$
Quiescent Supply Current		1	1.5	mA	$I_{LED} = 30 \text{mA}$
Quiescent Supply Current		1.5	3	mA	$I_{LED} = 60 \text{mA}$
LED Current Matching	-3	1.5	3	%	To reference channel (channel 2) $-40^{\circ}C < T_A < 85^{\circ}C$
LED Current Line Regulation		0.5	1	%/V	$\label{eq:VLED} \begin{split} V_{\text{LED}} &= 0.5 V \text{ to } 25 V \text{ , } V \text{IN} = 28 V \text{,} \\ R_{\text{SET}} &= 50 k \Omega^2 \end{split}$
Line Regulation		0.05	0.1	% / V	$V_{IN} = 4.5V$ to 25V, $V_{LED} = 0.5V^3$
Maximum LED Current per channel			60	mA	R <sub>SET</sub> = 15.38KΩ,
LED Leakage Current			2	μA	PWM pin LOW' VLED 1V; VIN 5V
Dropout Voltage		0.2	0.3	V	Note 4
Output/I <sub>SET</sub> Current Multiplication Ratio		950			+/- 4 Percent -40°C < $T_A$ < 85°C
Thermal Shutdown Die Temperature		150		°C	I <sub>LED</sub> = 0mA. LED current will self
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis		15		°C	recover when temperature drops below the trip point, minus thermal shut down hysteresis.
PWM Pin Logic LOW			0.8	V	Driver is disabled
PWM Pin Logic HIGH	2.4		5.5	V	Driver is active
PWM pin Hysteresis		400		mV	
I <sub>SET</sub> Voltage	0.985	1.00	1.015		
ISET Shutdown Threshold			3	V	If I <sub>SET</sub> is pulled above this threshold the device goes into full shutdown
ISET Shutdown Threshold Hysteresis		0.3		V	
PWM Dimming Frequency Range	0.1		5	kHz	Applied to PWM pin
PWM Dimming Duty Cycle Range	10		90	%	Applied to PWM pin
Turn-on time from Shutdown		100	300	μs	$V_{MOD}$ from 5V to 0.0V, RSET = 50k $\Omega$
Turn-off time into Shutdown			20	μs	$V_{MOD}$ from 0.0V to 5V, RSET = 50k $\Omega$

## Note

Reference channel  $I_{\mbox{\scriptsize LED}}$  Variations from specified by  $R_{\mbox{\scriptsize SET}}$  value 1.

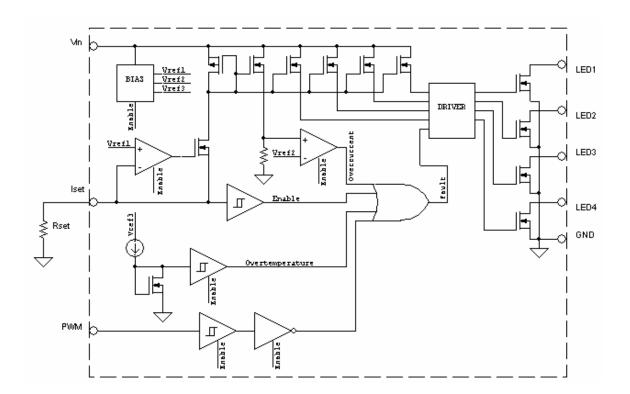
 $I_{LED}$  Variations from specified by  $R_{SET}$  value at  $V_{LED}$  changing from 0.5 to 25V 2.

 $I_{\text{LED}}$  Variations from specified by  $R_{\text{SET}}$  value at VIN changing from 4.5 to 25V 3.

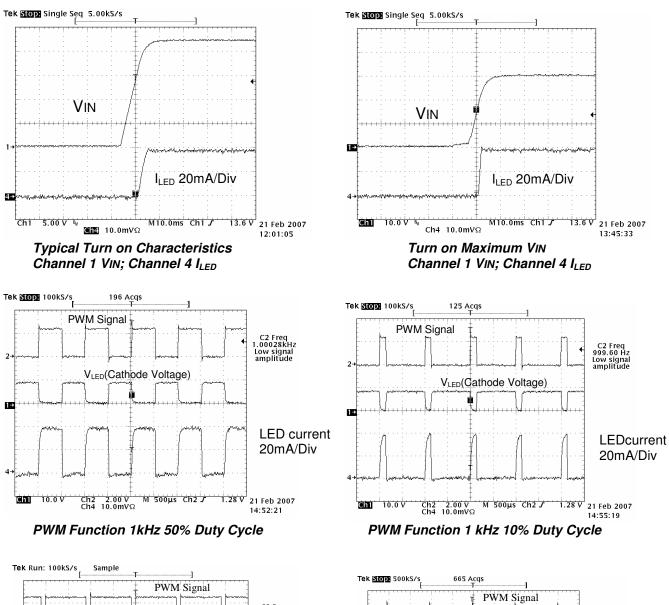
R<sub>SET</sub> = 31.6KΩ: Dropout voltage is measured as the V<sub>LED</sub> voltage where LED current drops 5% from nominal value 4.

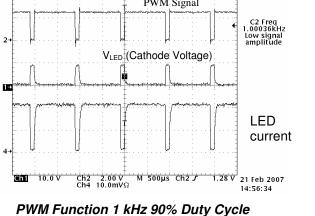
PIN NAME	DESCRIPTION	PIN #
VIN	Input voltage for the IC. Connect a 1uF decoupling capacitor between this pin and ground.	1
PWM	This pin must be held high to enable the output drivers. It can be used for PWM dimming up to 5 kHz.	2
Iset	Connect resistor $R_{SET}$ from this pin to ground to set output current. Pulling this pin above the shutdown threshold stated in the Electrical Specifications puts the IC into shutdown mode	3
GND	Ground return for LED currents and circuitry of the SP7616	4
LED1- LED4	Connect an LED between each pin and VIN. Current value is controlled by $R_{SET}$ . The current level through each pin is internally matched within 3%. Connect unused channel (s) to GND to save current consumption.	5 - 8

# BLOCK DIAGRAM











M 100µs Ch2 J

Ch2 2.00 V Ch4 10.0mVΩ

VLED (Cathode Voltage)

C2 Freq 5.0016kHz Low signal amplitude

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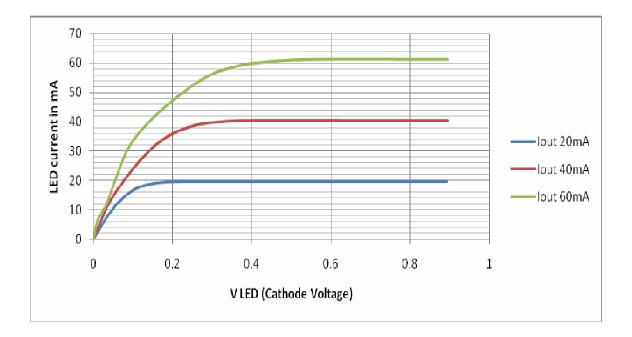
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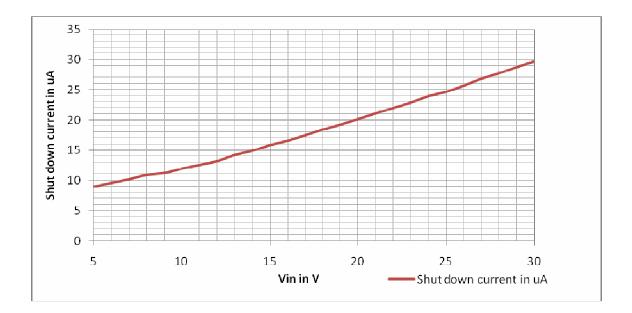
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LED Current vs. LED voltage (cathode voltage) VIN tied to Anode of LED chain



Shutdown current vs. input voltage Voltage on ISET pin = 3V

## Introduction

The SP7616 is a four-channel constant current source LED driver with programmable output current level. The design consists of a regulator reference voltage source, current amplifier, and output driver. The precision reference voltage ensures good performance over voltage and temperature. The four outputs are tightly coupled allowing for excellent LED current matching.

## Setting LED current

The LED current is set through the lset resistor. The SP7616 provides an internal reference voltage that is set to 1V at the lset Pin (Pin3).  $R_{\text{SET}}$  is then determined by using equation 1.

$$R_{SET} = V_{ISET} * I_{MULT} / I_{LED} (k\Omega),$$
(1)  
Where  
 $V_{ISET}$  is the internal reference (1V)  
 $I_{MULT}$  I<sub>SET</sub> Current Multiplication  
Ratio  
ILED is the desired Led current.

In example 1: For a 20mA LED current, the current set resistor should be

 $R_{SET}=1V*950/20mA (k\Omega),$ 

 $R_{SET}=47.5K\Omega$ 

### **PWM Dimming**

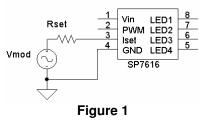
The LED dimming control is done through the PWM pin. The acceptable frequency range of this signal is 100Hz to 5kHz. The acceptable duty cycle range of the signal is 10% to 90% at 1KHZ. When the PWM pin is driven low, only the LED current sources are disabled while the rest of the chip is still enabled.

# Analog dimming control

Besides digital PWM control, the LED current can be controlled continuously (from high to low LED current) by raising the voltage at the bottom of  $R_{\text{SET}}$  from 0.0V to 1V maximum.  $R_{\text{SET}}$  value may be determined from equation 1. Equation 2 shows the effect of using a  $V_{\text{MOD}}$  in the circuit on the Led current

 $I_{LED} = (1V - V_{MOD})^* I_{MULT} / R_{SET} mA$  Where  $1V typical I_{SET} pin voltage$   $I_{MULT} I_{SET} Current Multiplication$  Ratio  $I_{LED} is the desired Led current.$   $V_{MOD} is the adjustment voltage$  (2)

 $V_{\text{MOD}}$  is an adjustment voltage applied to the bottom side of  $R_{\text{SET}},\,950$  is a typical current multiplication ratio  $I_{\text{MULT}},\,$  and  $I_{\text{LED}}$  is a required LED current in mA/channel. Figure 1 shows the location of the external  $V_{\text{MOD}}$  source.



If adjustment voltage  $V_{\text{MOD}}$  is not used,  $R_{\text{SET}}$  resistor should be connected to ground.

## Shutdown using $I_{\text{SET}}$ pin

In normal operation, the voltage at  $I_{SET}$  pin is around 1V. To ensure fast turn on at low duty cycle and high PWM frequency, only the output drivers are switching in PWM mode. However, the whole chip can be shutdown by pulling the voltage at  $I_{SET}$  up to 3V minimum.

# VCC pin Considerations

VIN of the SP7616 (Pin 1) needs to be connected to the anode of the LED for proper operation

# Unused Channels and LED 2 Channel (pin 7)

LED 2 channel should never be grounded or left unconnected it should always be used during operation.

Other unused channels can be tied to the ground to save on power consumption.

# Shorted LEDs

If all LEDs on a string are shorted, the LED cathode voltage will be VIN. It is still a working condition for this device but it significantly increases the dissipated power.

At 20mA LED current and VIN = 30V additional power dissipated in the package is equal to 600mW that will increase die temperature to  $59^{\circ}$ C/W x 0.6W =  $35.4^{\circ}$ C, where  $59^{\circ}$ C/W is 2x3 mm DFN package thermal resistance. Assuming that all other channels are working at V<sub>LED</sub> =1.5V the die temperature will be approximately  $41^{\circ}$ C above ambient temperature and that decreases operating temperature range. Also to protect the part if too many LEDs are shorted, and the  $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize LED}}$  voltage becomes to high, making the part dissipates too much power, the over temperature protection will shut the part off when the die temperature reaches 150°C. For further information refer to the overtemperature protection section.

#### **Over-temperature protection**

The SP7616 offers Over-temperature protection. When the die temperature rises above 150°C the output drivers are shut off. The output current will self recover when the temperature drops below the trip point with the preset hysteresis of 15°C. Thus a part that shut off at 150°C will not try to restart unless the die temperature is below 135°C

### **TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUITS**

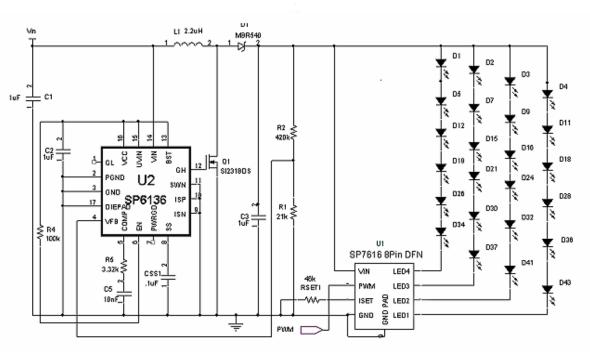


Figure 2 Typical Application: CCFL Replacement powered from 3 Li-ion batteries.

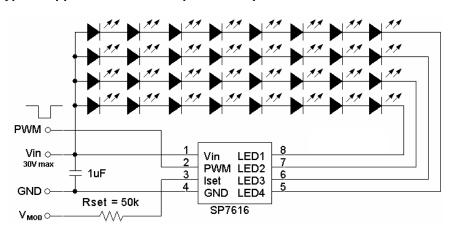
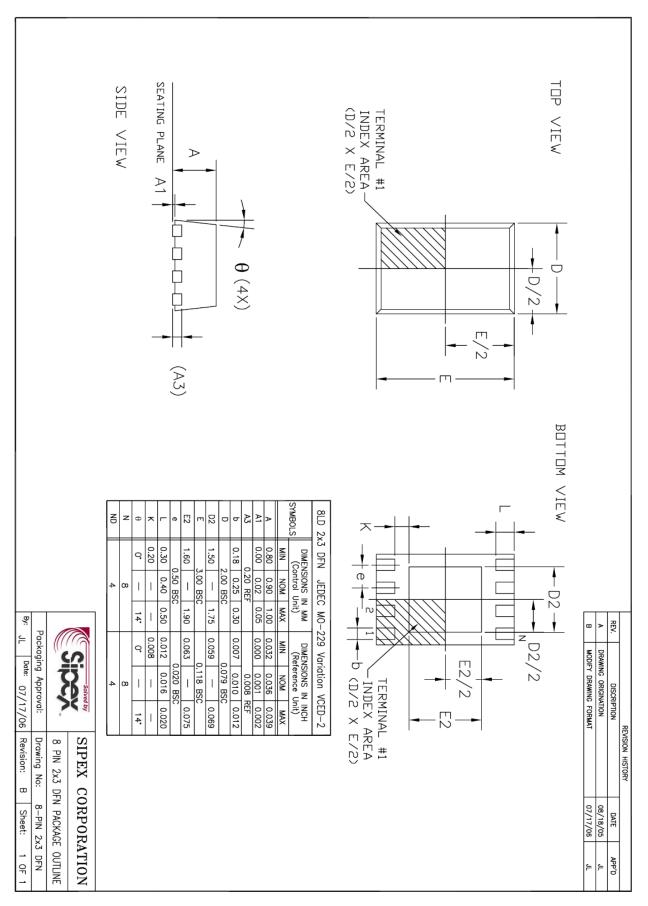


Figure 3

Using the SP7616 from a fixed source.



### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

Part Number	Temperature Range	Package Type	Pack Type/ Quantity	
SP7616ER-L/TR	-40℃ to +85℃	Lead Free 6 Pin TSOT	Tape & Reel / 2500	
SP7616ER-L	-40℃ to +85℃	Lead Free 6 Pin TSOT	Bulk	

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