

High Efficiency 3MHz, 4A Synchronous Step Down Regulator

General Description

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Ordering Information

SY8856 □(□)□□
 □ Temperature Code
 □ Package Code
 □ Optional Spec Code

Ordering Number	Package type	Note
SY8856DFC	DFN2×2-8	--

Features

- Low $R_{DS(ON)}$ for Internal Switches (Top/Bottom): 35/15 mΩ
- 2.7-5.5V Input Voltage Range
- 3MHz Switching Frequency Minimizes the External Components
- Internal Soft-start Limits the Inrush Current
- Up to 92% Efficiency
- 4A Continuous Output Current Capability
- Shutdown Mode Draws <0.1μA Supply Current
- 100% Dropout Operation
- Power Good Indicator
- OCP/UVLO/OTP Protections
- RoHS Compliant and Halogen Free
- Compact Package: DFN2×2-8

Applications

- High definition Set Top Box
- LCD TV
- Notebook PC

Typical Applications

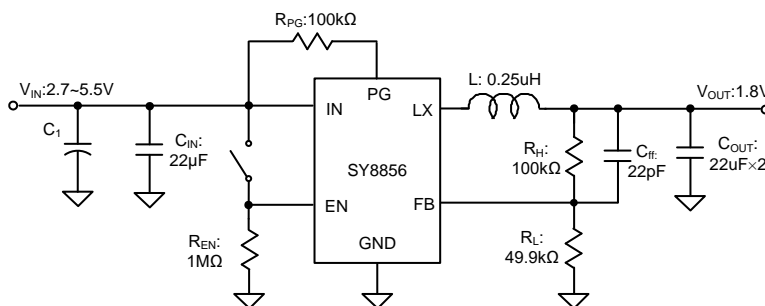


Figure 1. Schematic Diagram

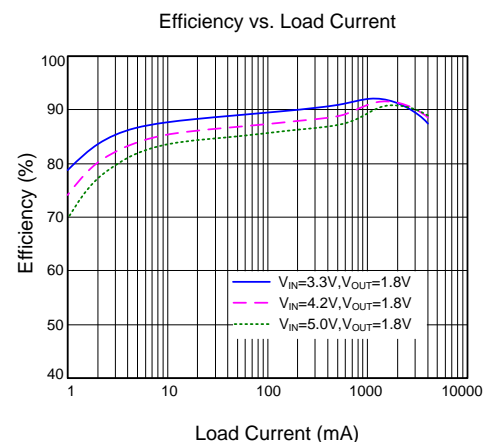
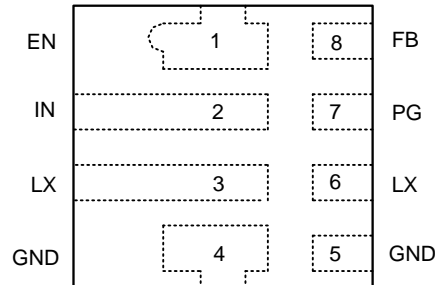


Figure 2. Efficiency vs. Load Current

Pinout (top view)



(DFN2×2-8)

Top Mark: Gcxyz (device code: Gc, *x*=year code, *y*=week code, *z*=lot number code)

Pin Name	Pin Number	Description
EN	1	Enable control. Pulled high to turn on. Do not leave it floating.
IN	2	Power input pin.
LX	3,6	Inductor pin. Connect this pin to the switching node of the inductor.
GND	4,5	Ground pin.
PG	7	Power good indicator, open drain. When the output voltage exceeds 90% of regulation point, it becomes high, low otherwise.
FB	8	Output feedback pin. Connect this pin to the center point of the output resistor divider(as shown in Figure1) to program the output voltage: $V_{OUT}=0.6 \times (1 + R_H/R_L)$

Block Diagram

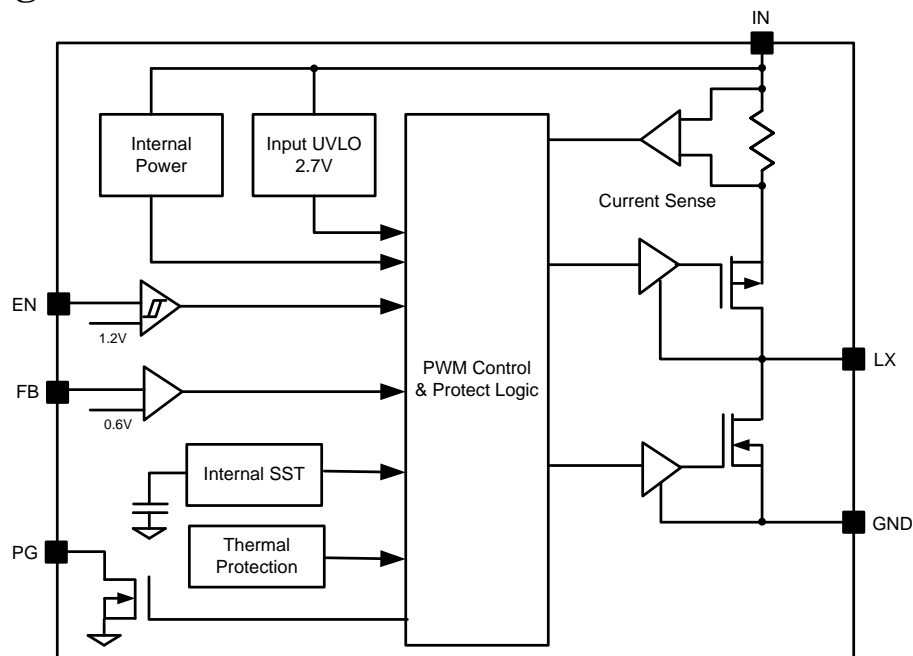


Figure3. Block Diagram



Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

IN, LX	6V
All other pins	$V_{IN} + 0.5V$
Power Dissipation, P_D @ $T_A = 25^\circ C$, DFN2x2	2W
Package Thermal Resistance (Note 2)	
θ_{JA}	62.5°C/W
θ_{JC}	10°C/W
Junction Temperature Range	-40°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)	260°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C

Recommended Operating Conditions (Note 3)

Supply Input Voltage	2.7V to 5.5V
Output Voltage	0.6V to 5V
Junction Temperature Range	-40°C to 125°C
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°C to 85°C

Electrical Characteristics

($V_{IN} = 5V$, $V_{OUT} = 2.5V$, $L = 0.25\mu H$, $C_{OUT} = 22\mu F \times 2$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, $I_{OUT} = 1A$ unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input Voltage Range	V_{IN}		2.7		5.5	V
Quiescent Current	I_Q	$I_{OUT}=0$, $EN=1$, $FB=105\% \times V_{REF}$		60		μA
Shutdown Current	I_{SHDN}	$EN=0$		0.1	1	μA
Feedback Reference Voltage	V_{REF}		0.591	0.6	0.609	V
NFET $R_{DS(ON)}$	$R_{DS(ON)N}$			15		$m\Omega$
PFET $R_{DS(ON)}$	$R_{DS(ON)P}$			35		$m\Omega$
Input Peak Current Limit	I_{LIM}		5			A
Internal Soft-start Time	t_{SS}			0.8		ms
PGOOD Under-voltage Threshold	$V_{FB,LV}$			0.54		V
Short Circuit Protection Threshold	V_{SCP}			0.25		V
Min ON Time				60		ns
Max Duty Cycle			100			%
EN Rising Threshold	V_{ENH}		1.2			V
EN Falling Threshold	V_{ENL}				0.4	V
Input UVLO Threshold	V_{UVLO}				2.7	V
UVLO Hysteresis	V_{HYS}			0.3		V
Oscillator Frequency	f_{OSC}			3		MHz
Thermal Shutdown Temperature	T_{SD}			150		$^\circ C$
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis	T_{HYS}			15		$^\circ C$
LX Node Discharge Resistor	R_{DSH}			50		Ω

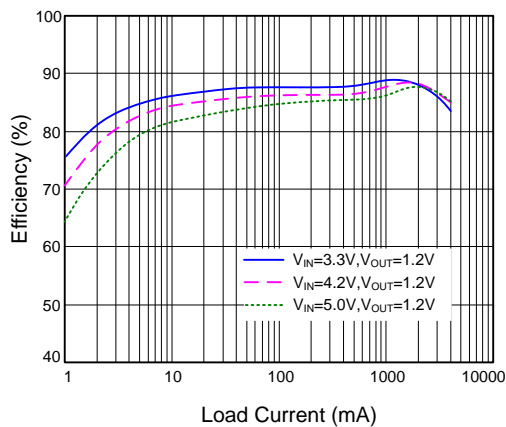
Note 1: Stresses beyond the “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Note 2: θ_{JA} is measured in the natural convection at $T_A = 25^\circ C$ on 20Z four-layer Silergy evaluation board of JEDEC 51-3 thermal measurement standard. Paddle of DFN2 \times 2-8 package is the case position for θ_{JC} measurement.

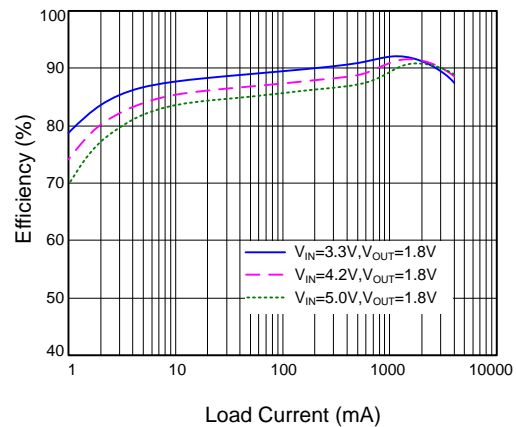
Note 3: The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating conditions.

Typical Performance Characteristics

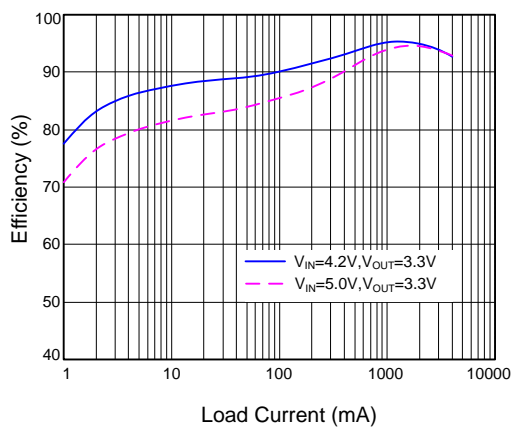
Efficiency vs. Load Current



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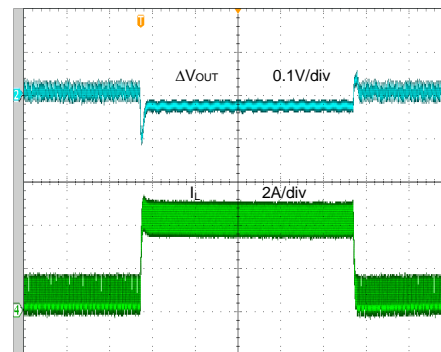


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Load Transient

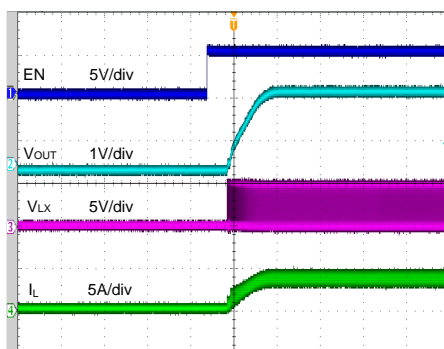
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Time (100 μ s/div)

Startup from Enable

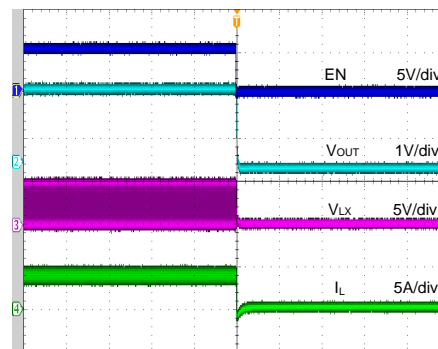
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Time (800 μ s/div)

Shutdown from Enable

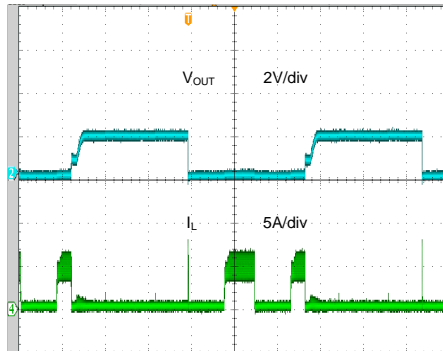
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Time (800 μ s/div)

Short Circuit Protection

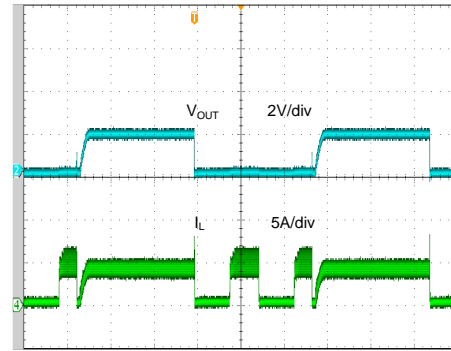
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Time (4ms/div)

Short Circuit Protection

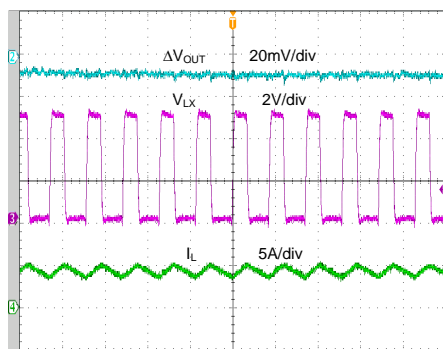
($V_{IN}=5V$, $V_{OUT}=1.8V$, 4A to Short)



Time (4ms/div)

Output Ripple

($V_{IN}=5V$, $V_{OUT}=1.8V$, $I_{OUT}=4A$)



Time (400ns/div)

Operation

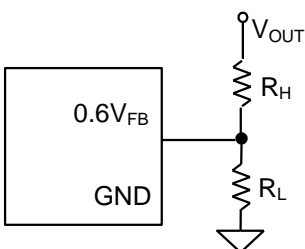
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Applications Information

Because of the high integration in the SY8856, the application circuit based on this regulator is rather simple. Only the input capacitor C_{IN} , the output capacitor C_{OUT} , the output inductor L and the feedback resistors (R_H and R_L) need to be selected for the targeted applications specifications.

Feedback Resistor Dividers R_H and R_L :

Choose R_H and R_L to program the proper output voltage. To minimize the power consumption under light loads, it is desirable to choose large resistance values for both R_H and R_L . A value of between 10kΩ and 1MΩ is highly recommended for both resistors. If V_{OUT} is 1.8V, $R_H=50kΩ$ is chosen, then R_L can be calculated to be 25kΩ:

$$R_L = \frac{0.6V}{V_{OUT} - 0.6V} R_H$$


Input Capacitor C_{IN} :

This ripple current through the input capacitor is calculated as:

$$I_{CIN_RMS} = I_{OUT} \times \sqrt{D(1-D)}$$

This formula has a maximum at $V_{IN}=2V_{OUT}$ condition, where $I_{CIN_RMS}=I_{OUT}/2$. This simple worst-case condition is commonly used for DC/DC design.

With the maximum load current at 4A, a typical X5R or better grade ceramic capacitor with 6.3V rating and at least 22μF capacitance can handle this ripple current well. To minimize the potential noise problem, this

ceramic capacitor should be placed really close to the IN and the GND pins. Care should be taken to minimize the loop area formed by C_{IN} , and the IN/GND pins.

Output Capacitor C_{OUT} :

The output capacitor is selected to handle the output ripple noise requirements. Both steady state ripple and transient requirements must be taken into consideration when selecting this capacitor. For the best performance, it is recommended to use an X5R or better grade ceramic capacitor with 6.3V rating and greater than two 22μF capacitors.

Output Inductor L :

There are several considerations in choosing this inductor.

- 1) Choose the inductance to provide the desired ripple current. It is suggested to choose the ripple current to be about 40% of the maximum output current. The inductance is calculated as:

$$L = \frac{V_{OUT}(1 - V_{OUT}/V_{IN,MAX})}{f_{SW} \times I_{OUT,MAX} \times 40\%}$$

Where f_{sw} is the switching frequency and $I_{OUT,MAX}$ is the maximum load current.

The SY8856 is quite tolerant of different ripple current amplitude. Consequently, the final choice of inductance can be slightly off the calculation value without significantly impacting the performance

- 2) The saturation current rating of the inductor must be selected to be greater than the peak inductor current under full load conditions.

$$I_{SAT, MIN} > I_{OUT, MAX} + \frac{V_{OUT}(1 - V_{OUT}/V_{IN,MAX})}{2 \times f_{SW} \times L}$$

- 3) The DCR of the inductor and the core loss at the switching frequency must be low enough to achieve the desired efficiency requirement. It is desirable to choose an inductor with $DCR < 15mΩ$ to achieve a good overall efficiency.

Enable Operation

Pulling the EN pin low (<0.4V) will shut down the device. During the shutdown mode, the SY8856 shutdown current drops to lower than 0.1μA. Driving the EN pin high (>1.2V) will turn on the IC again.

PG (Power Good):

The power good is an open-drain output. Connect an above 100k Ω pull-up resistor to IN to obtain an output voltage. The power good will output high immediately after the output voltage is within 90% of the normal output voltage.

Load Transient Considerations:

The SY8856 integrates the compensation components to achieve good stability and fast transient responses. In some applications, adding a 22pF~220pF ceramic capacitor in parallel with R_H may further speed up the load transient responses and is thus recommended for applications with large load transient step requirements.

Layout Design:

The layout design of the SY8856 is relatively simple. For the best efficiency and minimum noise problems, the following components should be placed close to the IC: C_{IN} , L, R_H and R_L .

- (1) Multi-layer board is suggested for SY8856 4A output current application. It is desirable to maximize the PCB copper area connecting to the GND pin to achieve the best thermal and noise performance. Reasonable vias are suggested to be placed around the GND pins to enhance the soldering quality and thermal performance.
- (2) C_{IN} must be close to the pins IN and GND. The loop area formed by C_{IN} and the GND must be minimized.
- (3) The PCB copper area associated with the LX pin must be minimized to avoid the potential noise problem.
- (4) The components R_H , R_L and the trace connecting to the FB pin must not be adjacent to the LX net on the PCB layout to avoid the noise problem.

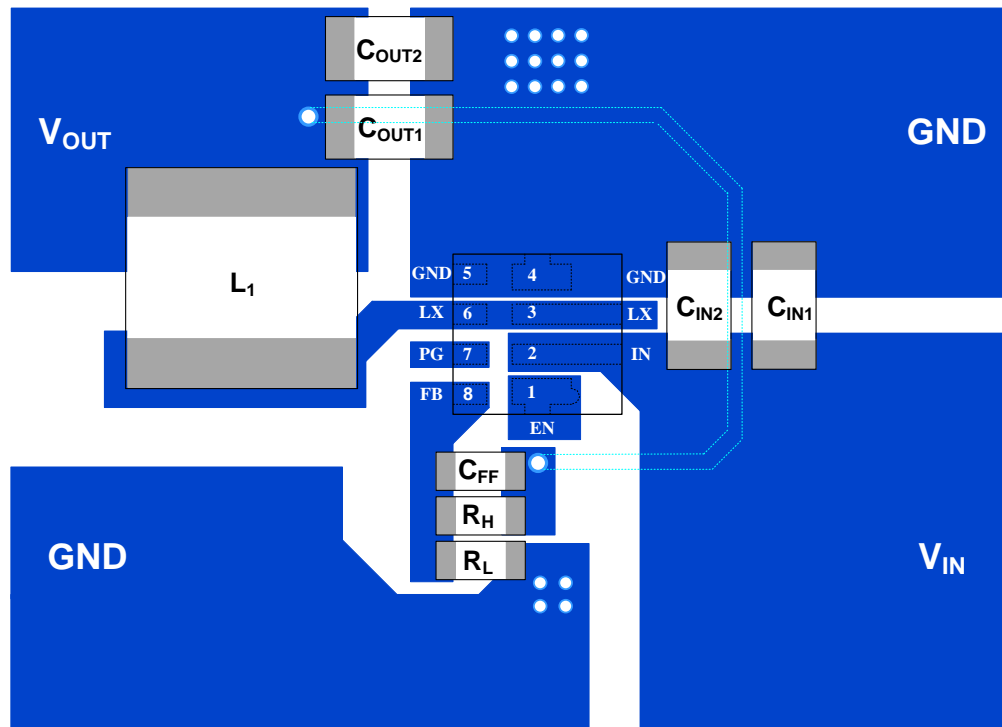
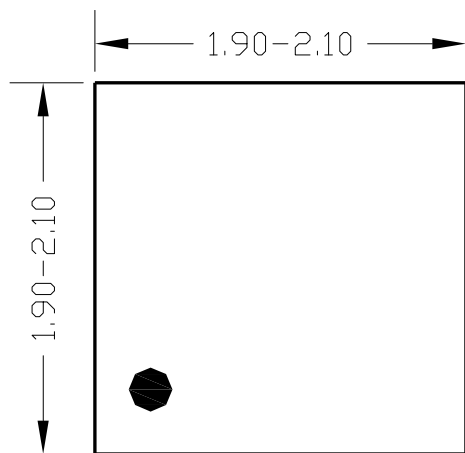
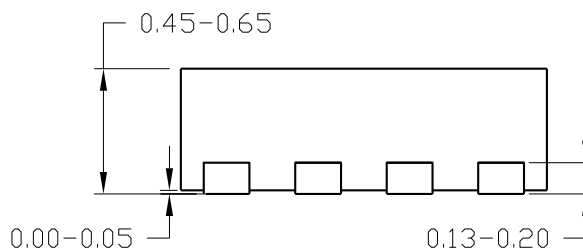
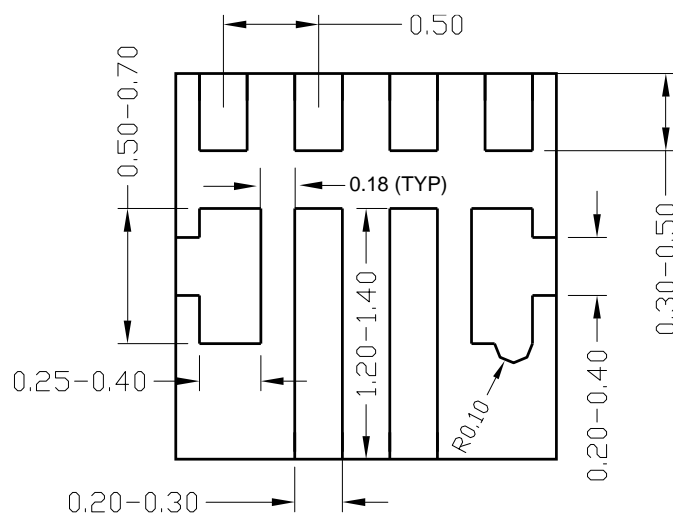
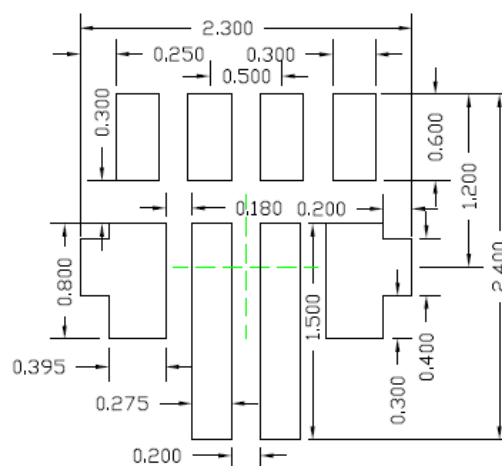


Figure4. PCB Layout Suggestion

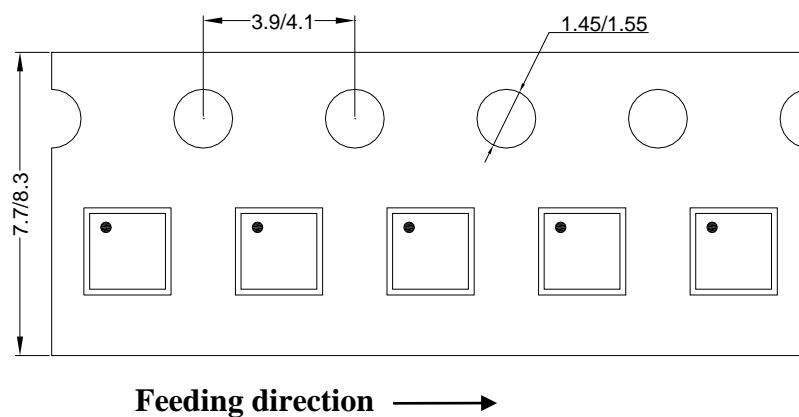
DFN2×2-8 Package Outline


Top View

Side View

Bottom View

Recommended PCB

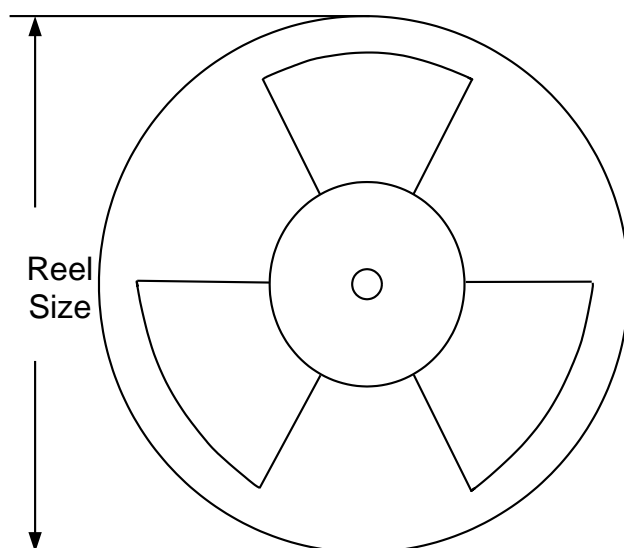
Notes: All dimension in millimeter
All dimension do not include mold flash & metal burr

Taping & Reel Specification

1. DFN2×2



2. Carrier Tape & Reel specification for packages



Package types	Tape width (mm)	Pocket pitch(mm)	Reel size (Inch)	Trailer length(mm)	Leader length (mm)	Qty per reel
DFN2×2	8	4	7"	400	160	3000

3. Others: NA

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