
NR120E Series
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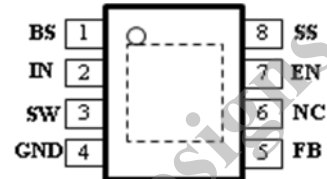
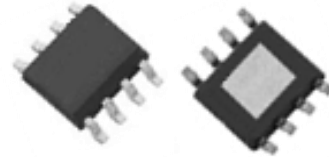
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General Descriptions

The NR120E series is buck regulator ICs integrates High-side power MOSFETs. With the current mode control, ultra low ESR capacitors such as ceramic capacitors can be used. The ICs have protection functions such as Over-Current Protection (OCP), Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO) and Thermal Shutdown (TSD). An adjustable Soft-Start by an external capacitor prevents the excessive inrush current at turn-on. The ICs integrate phase compensation circuit which reduces the number of external components and simplifies the design of customer application. The ON/OFF pin (EN Pin) turns the regulator on or off and helps to achieve low power consumption requirements. The NR120E series is available in an 8-pin SOIC package with an exposed thermal pad on the back side.

Package

- Exposed SOIC 8
- Thermally enhanced 8-Pin package



Features & Benefits

- Current mode PWM control
- Up to 94% efficiency
- Stable with low ESR ceramic output capacitors
- Built-in protection function
 - Over Current Protection (OCP)
 - Thermal Shutdown (TSD)
 - Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO)
- Built-in phase compensation
- Adjustable Soft-Start with an external capacitor
- Turn ON/OFF the regulator function

Electrical Characteristics

- 3A Continuous output current
- Operating input range $V_{IN} = 4.5V \sim 18V$
- Output adjustable $V_O = 0.8V \sim 14V$
- Fixed 350kHz frequency

Applications

- LCD TV / Blu-Ray / Set top box
- Green Electronic products
- Other power supply

Series Lineup

Product No.	f_{sw}	V_{IN}		V_O		I_O
NR121E	350kHz	4.5V to 18V	⁽¹⁾	0.8V to 14V	⁽²⁾	3A

⁽¹⁾The minimum input voltage shall be either of 4.5V or V_O+3V , whichever is higher.

⁽²⁾The I/O condition limited by the Minimum on-time ($T_{ON(MIN)}$) is in fig. 2.

1. Electrical Characteristics

1.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 1 Absolute maximum rating of NR120E series

Parameter	Symbol	Ratings	Units	Conditions
DC input voltage	V_{IN}	20	V	
Power dissipation	⁽³⁾ P_D	1.76	W	Glass-epoxy board mounting in a 30×30mm. (copper area in a 25×25mm) Max $T_J = 150^\circ\text{C}$
Junction temperature	⁽⁴⁾ T_J	-40 to 150	$^\circ\text{C}$	
Storage temperature	T_S	-40 to 150	$^\circ\text{C}$	
Thermal resistance (junction- Pin No. 4)	θ_{JP}	26	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	
Thermal resistance (junction-ambient air)	θ_{JA}	71	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	Glass-epoxy board mounting in a 30×30mm. (copper area in a 25×25mm)

⁽³⁾ Limited by thermal shutdown.

⁽⁴⁾ The temperature detection of thermal shutdown is about 160°C

1.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

Operating IC in recommended operating conditions is required for normal operating of circuit functions shown in Table 3 Electrical characteristics of NR120E series.

Table 2 Recommended operating conditions of NR120E series

Parameter	Symbol	Ratings		Units	Conditions
		MIN	MAX		
DC input voltage	⁽⁵⁾ V_{IN}	V_O+3	18	V	
DC output current	⁽⁶⁾ I_O	0	3.0	A	
Output voltage	V_O	0.8	14	V	
Ambient operating temperature	⁽⁷⁾ T_{OP}	-40	85	$^\circ\text{C}$	

⁽⁵⁾ The minimum value of input voltage is taken as the larger one of either 4.5V or $V_O + 3\text{V}$.

In the case of $V_{IN} = V_O + 1 \sim V_O + 3\text{V}$, it is set to $I_O = \text{Max. } 2\text{A}$

⁽⁶⁾ Recommended circuit refer to Typical Application Circuit (fig.5).

⁽⁷⁾ To be used within the allowable package power dissipation characteristics (fig. 6)

1.3 Electrical Characteristics

Electrical characteristics indicate specific limits, which are guaranteed when IC is operated under the measurement conditions shown in the circuit diagram (fig. 1)

Table 3 Electrical characteristics of NR120E series

(Ta=25°C)

Parameter		Symbol	Ratings			Units	Test conditions
			MIN	TYP	MAX		
Reference voltage		V_{REF}	0.784	0.800	0.816	V	$V_{IN} = 12V, I_O = 1.0A$
Output voltage temperature coefficient		$\Delta V_{REF} / \Delta T$		± 0.05		mV/°C	$V_{IN} = 12V, I_O = 1.0A$ -40°C to +85°C
Switching frequency	NR121E	f_{SW}	280	350	420	kHz	$V_{IN} = 12V, V_O = 3.3V,$ $I_O = 1A$
Line regulation		⁽⁸⁾ V_{Line}		50		mV	$V_{IN} = 6.3V \sim 18V,$ $V_O = 3.3V, I_O = 1A$
Load regulation		⁽⁸⁾ V_{Load}		50		mV	$V_{IN} = 12V, V_O = 3.3V,$ $I_O = 0.1A \sim 3.0A$
Over current protection threshold		I_S	3.1		6.0	A	$V_{IN} = 12V, V_O = 3.3V$
Supply Current		I_{IN}		6		mA	$V_{IN} = 12V$ $V_{EN} = 10k\Omega$ pull up to V_{IN}
Shutdown Supply Current		$I_{IN(off)}$	0		10	μA	$V_{IN} = 12V, I_O = 0A,$ $V_{EN} = 0V$
SS Pin	Source current at low level voltage	$I_{EN/SS}$	6	10	14	μA	$V_{SS} = 0V, V_{IN} = 12V$
	High level voltage	V_{SSH}		3.0		V	$V_{IN} = 12V$
EN Pin	Sink current	I_{EN}		50	100	μA	$V_{EN} = 10V$
	Threshold voltage	$V_{C/EH}$	0.7	1.4	2.1	V	$V_{IN} = 12V$
Max on-duty		⁽⁸⁾ D_{MAX}		90		%	
Minimum on-time		⁽⁸⁾ ⁽⁹⁾ $T_{ON(MIN)}$		150		nsec	
Thermal shutdown threshold temperature		⁽⁸⁾ TSD	151	165		°C	
Thermal shutdown restart hysteresis of temperature		⁽⁸⁾ TSD_hys		20		°C	

⁽⁸⁾ Guaranteed by design, not tested.

⁽⁹⁾ The I/O characteristic limited by the $T_{ON(MIN)}$ is in the fig.2.

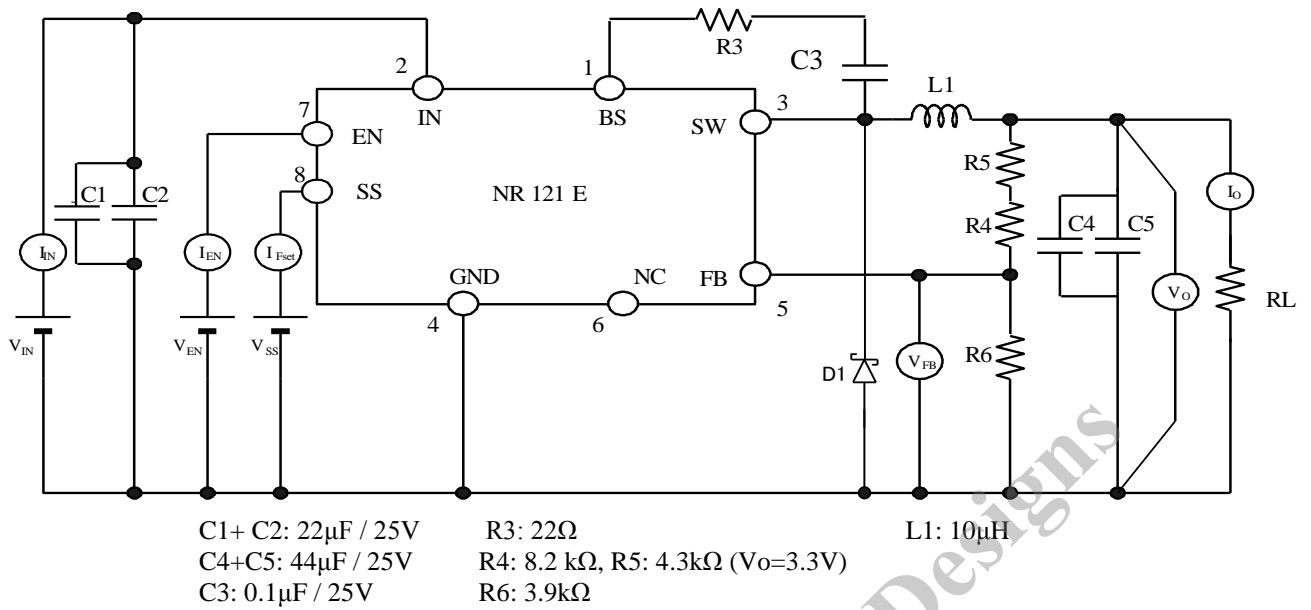


fig.1 Measurement circuit diagram

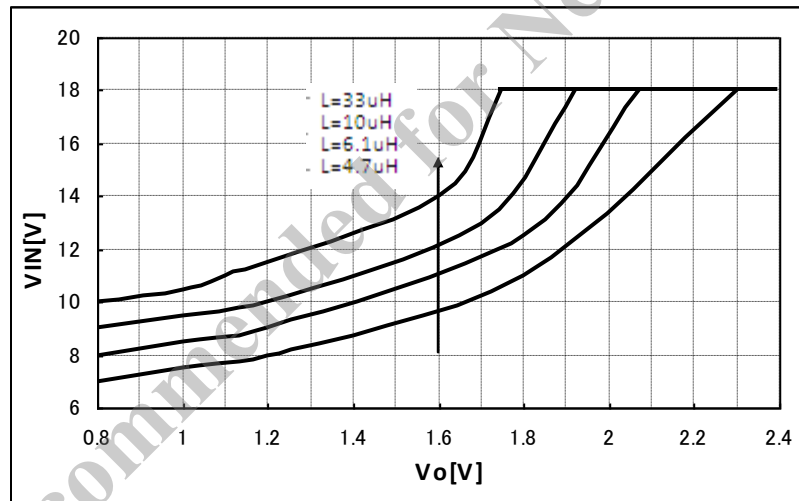


fig. 2 The I/O characteristic of NR120E series
 Be effective only if output current is less than 100mA.

2. Block Diagram & Pin Functions

2.1 Functional Block Diagram

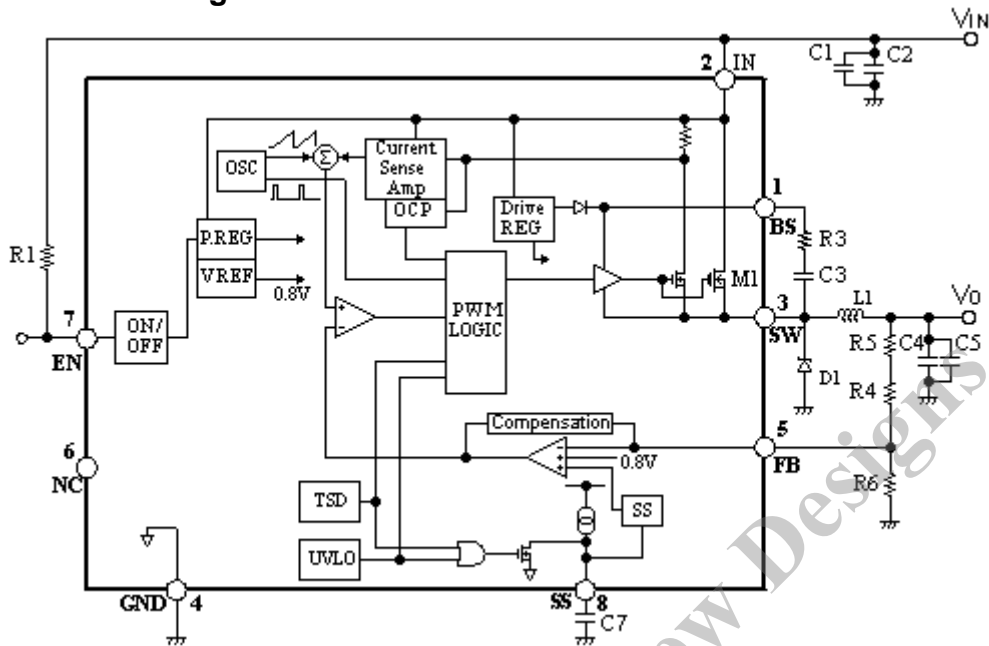


fig.3 Block diagram of NR120E series

2.2 Pin Assignments & Functions

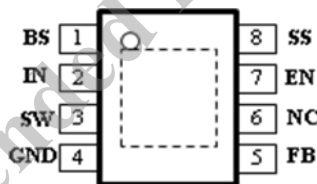


fig.4 Pin Assignments

Table2 Pin assignments & functions of NR120E series

Pin No.	Symbol	Description
1	BS	High-side Boost input. BS supplies the drive for High-side Nch-MOSFET switch. Connect a capacitor and a resistor between SW to BS.
2	IN	Power input. VIN supplies the power to the IC.as well as the regulator switches
3	SW	Power switching output. SW supplies power to the output. Connect the LC filter from SW to the output. Connect a Schottky Barrier Diode between SW and GND. Note that a capacitor is required from SW to BS to supply the power the High-side switch
4	GND	Ground Connect the exposed pad to Pin No.4
5	FB	Feedback input Pin to compare Reference Voltage. The feedback threshold is 0.8V. To set the output voltage, FB Pin is required to connect between resistive voltage divider R4,R5 and R6.
6	NC	No Connection.
7	EN	Enable input. Drive EN Pin high to turn on the regulator, low to turn it off.
8	SS	Soft-Start control input. To set the soft-start period, connect to a capacitor between GND.

3. Example Application Circuit

Each ground of all components is connected as close as possible to the Pin No.1 at one point.

To help heat dissipation, connect a large copper plane to exposed pad on the back side of the package. The copper plane is required for GND

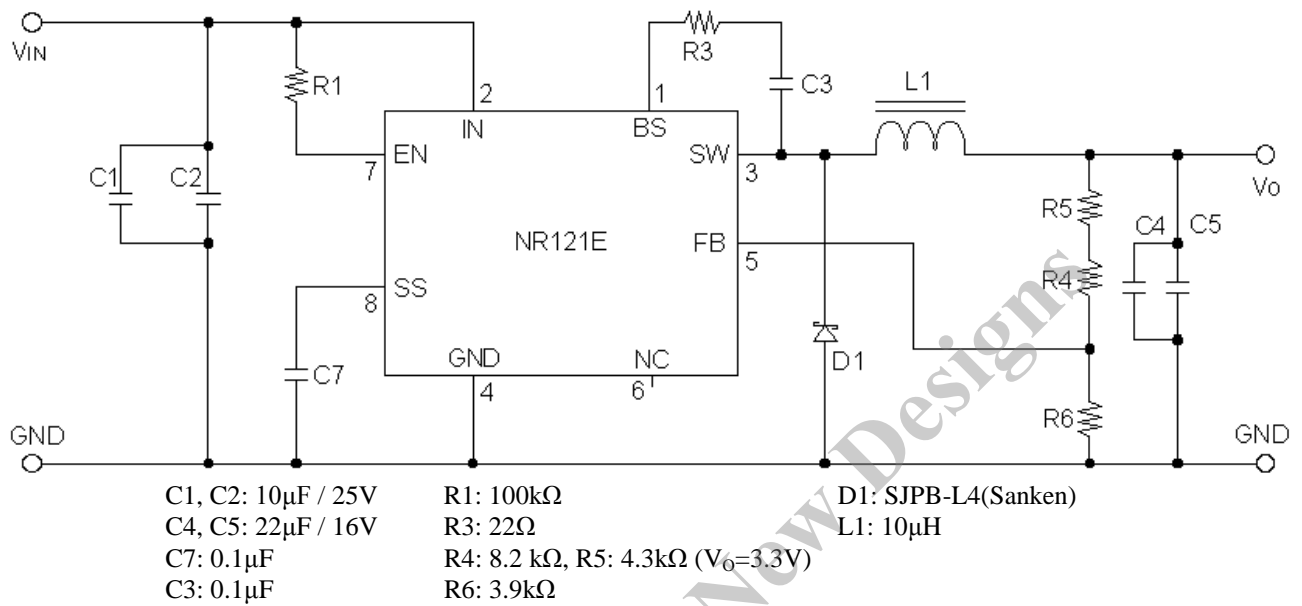


fig. 5 Typical Application Circuit of NR120E series

4. Allowable package power dissipation

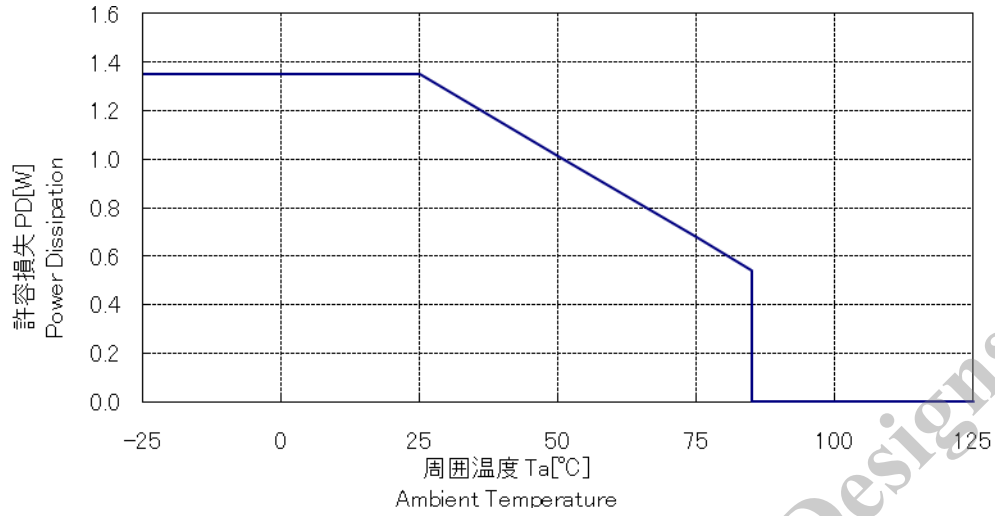


fig. 6 Allowable package power dissipation of NR120E series

NOTES:

- 1) Glass-epoxy board mounting in a 30×30mm
- 2) copper area : 25×25mm
- 3) The power dissipation is calculated at the junction temperature 125 °C
- 4) Losses can be calculated by the following equation.
As the efficiency is subject to the input voltage and output current, it shall be obtained from the efficiency curve and substituted in percent
- 5) Thermal design for D1 shall be made separately.

$$P_D = V_O \cdot I_O \left(\frac{100}{\eta x} - 1 \right) - V_F \cdot I_O \left(1 - \frac{V_O}{V_{IN}} \right)$$

V_O: Output voltage

V_{IN}: Input voltage

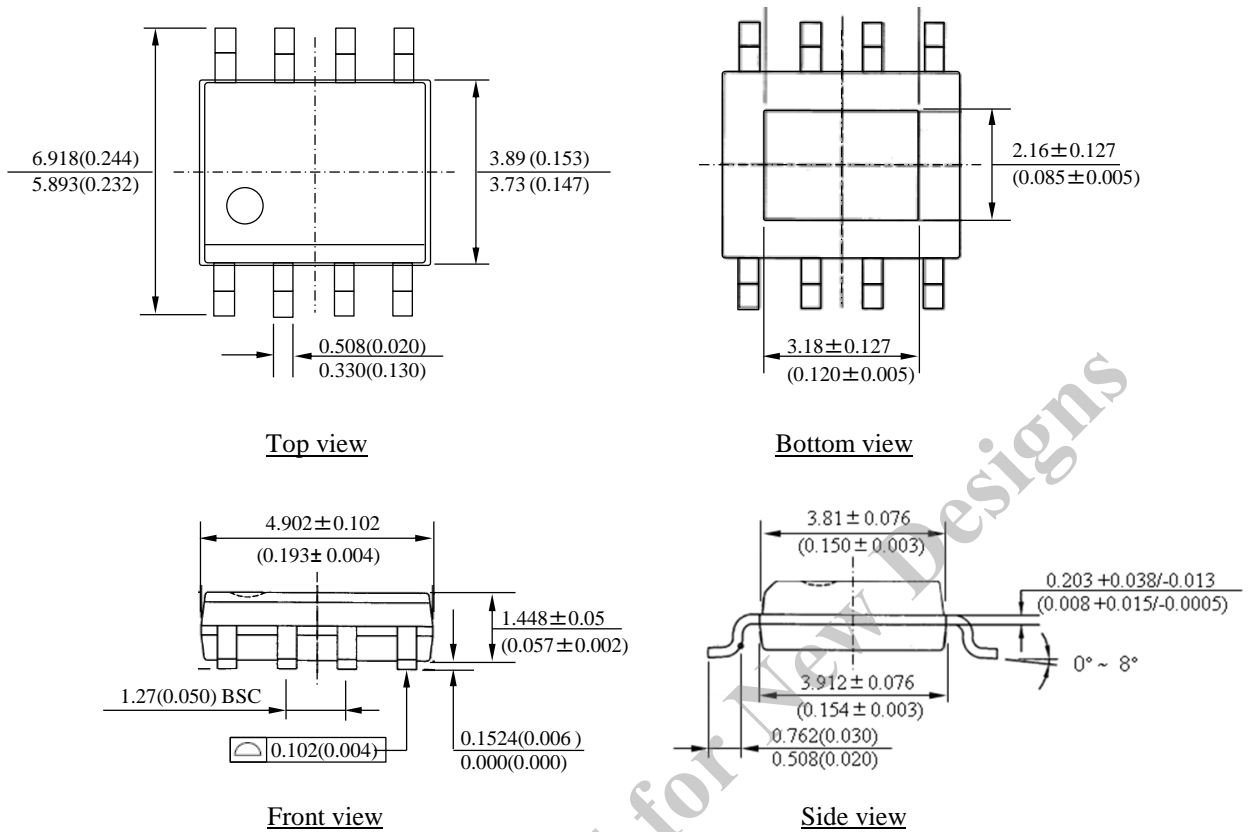
I_O: Output current

η x: Efficiency(%)

V_F: Diode forward voltage
SJPB-L4···0.55V(I_O=3A)

5. Package Outline

- Exposed SOIC8 package



Note:

- 1 Dimension is in millimeters, dimension in bracket is in inches.
2. Drawing is not to scale.

fig.7 Package outline

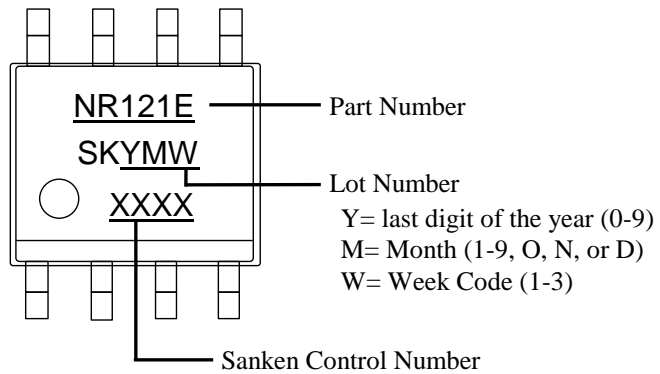


fig.8 Marking of NR120E series

6. Operational Descriptions

6.1 PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Output Control

The NR120E series consist of three blocks; two feedback loops (voltage control and current control) and one slope compensation. The PWM is controlled with the current mode control by calculating the voltage feedback control, and the current feedback control and the slope compensation signals. (fig. 9) For the voltage feedback control, the output voltage feed back to the PWM control. The error amplifier compares the output voltage divided by resistors with the reference voltage $V_{REF} = 0.8V$. For the current feedback control, the inductor current feed back to the PWM control. The inductor current divided by Sense-MOSFET is detected with the current sense amplifier. To prevent sub-harmonic oscillations, which is characteristic in current mode control, the slope of current control is compensated.

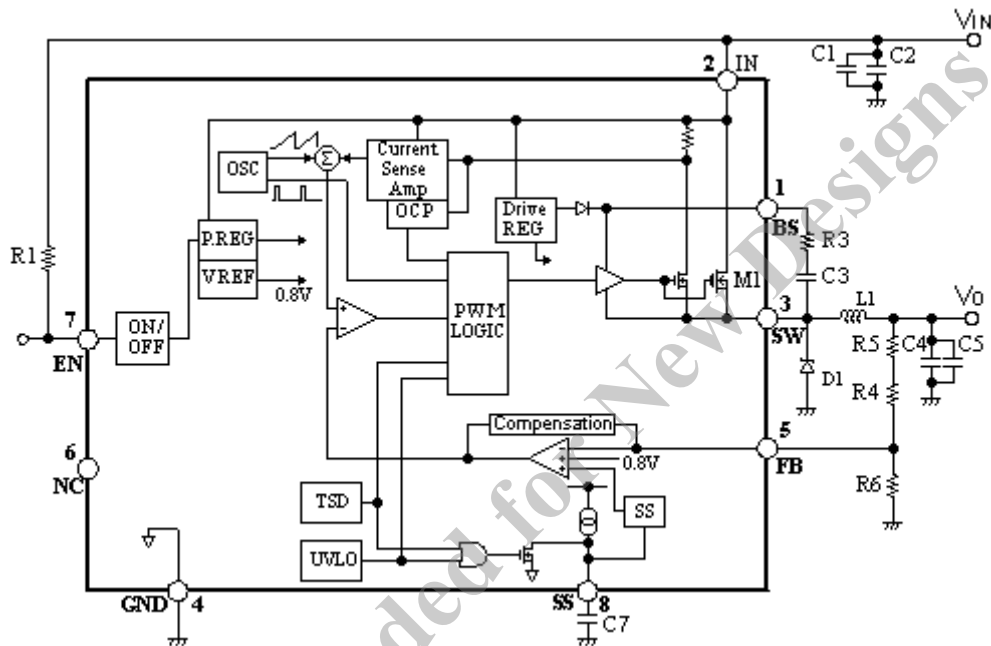


fig.9 Basic Structure of Chopper Type Regulator with PWM Control by Current Control

The NR120E series start the switching operation when UVLO is released, or EN or SS Pin voltage exceeds the threshold. Initially, it operates switching with minimum ON duty or maximum ON duty. The high-side switch (M1) is the switching MOSFET that supplies output power. At first, the boost capacitor C10 that drives M1 is charged by internal circuit. When M1 is ON, as the inductor current is increased by applying voltage to SW Pin and the inductor, the output of inductor current sense amplifier is also increased. Sum of the current sense amplifier output and slope compensation signal is compared with the error amplifier output. When the summed signal exceeds the error amplifier (Error Amp.) output voltage, the current comparator output becomes “High” and the RS flip-flop is reset. The regenerative current flows through D1, when the M1 turns OFF.

In NR120E series, the set signal is generated in each cycle and RS flip-flop is set. In the case that the summed signal does not exceed the error amplifier (Error Amp.) output voltage, RS flip-flop is reset without fail by the signal from OFF duty circuit.

6.2 Power Supply Stability

The phase characteristics of chopper type regulator are the synthesis of the internal phase characteristics of regulator IC, the combination of output capacitor C4 (C5) and load resistance R_{out} . The internal phase characteristics of regulator IC are generally determined by the delay time of control block and the phase characteristics of output error amplifier. The phase delay due to the delay time of control block is very small and not problem in actual use. As the built-in phase compensation for output error amplifier, in order to ensure stable operation, refer to “7.1.3 Output Capacitor C4 (C5)” and “7.1.4 Output Voltage Set-up (FB Pin)” for setting output capacitor and the output voltage.

6.3 Over Current Protection (OCP)

The NR120E series integrate the drooping type over-current protection circuit. The peak current of switching transistor is detected. When the peak current exceeds rated value, the over-current protection limits the current by forcibly shortening the ON time of transistor and decreasing the output voltage. It prevents the current increment at low output voltage by decreasing the switching frequency, if the output voltage drops lower. When the over-current state is released, the output voltage automatically returns.

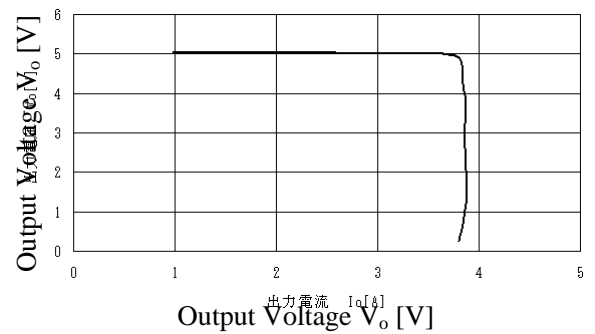


fig.10 OCP Characteristics of NR120E series

6.4 Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

The thermal shutdown circuit detects the IC junction temperature. When the junction temperature exceeds the rated value (around 160°C), it shuts-down the output transistor and turns the output OFF. If the junction temperature falls below the thermal shutdown rated value by around 20°C, the operation returns automatically.

* (Thermal Shutdown Characteristics) Notes

The circuit protects the IC against temporary heat generation. It does not guarantee the operation including reliabilities under the continuous heat generation conditions, such as short circuit for a long time.

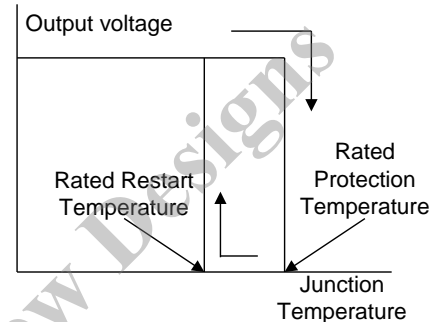


fig.11 TSD Characteristics of NR120E series

6.6 Soft-Start

By connecting a capacitor between Pin No.8 (SS) and Pin No.4 (GND), Soft-Start operates when the power is supplied to the IC. Output Voltage (Vo) is ramped up by the charge voltage level of C_{SS}.

Time of Soft-Start can be calculated from the time constant of charging C_{SS}.

A capacitor C_{SS} controls OFF period of PWM and then the rise time is determined. The rise time t_{ss} and the delay time t_{delay} are calculated in following equations.

In the case of operating IC without using Soft-Start function, Pin No.8 is required for open.

$$t_{SS} = C_{SS} \times (V_{SS2} - V_{SS1}) / (I_{SS} \times V_{SS1})$$

$$V_{SS1} (0.9V) < SS \text{ Pin voltage} < V_{SS2} (1.79V)$$

$$t_{\text{delay}} = C_{SS} \times V_{SS1} / I_{SS}$$

$$SS \text{ Pin voltage} < V_{SS1(th)} = V_{SS1} (0.9V)$$

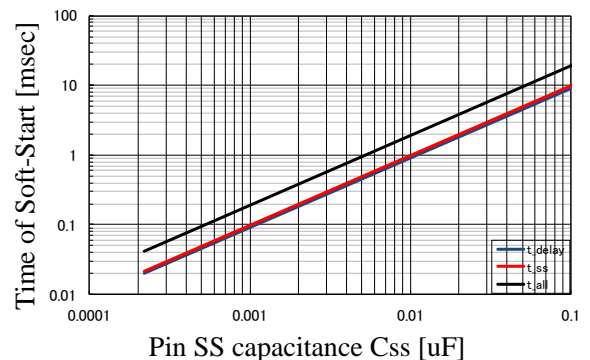


fig.12 SS Pin capacitance C_{SS} VS Soft-Start

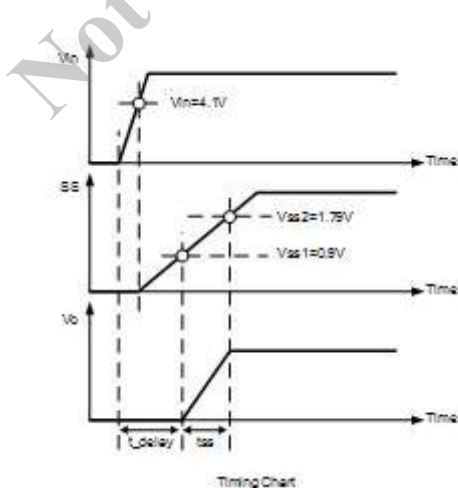
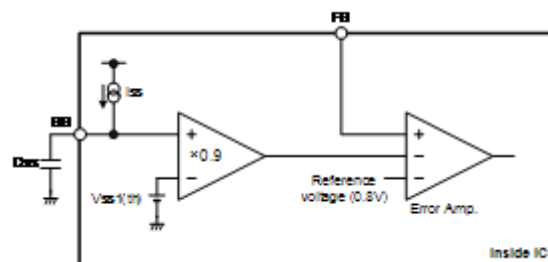


fig.13 Soft-Start operating description



In the case of without or too small C_{SS} , IC starts up at the time constant that output current limited by I_S charges output capacitor C_{OUT} .

Following equation shows the time constant of start up by the output capacitor C_{OUT} at no load.

$$t = (C_{OUT} \times V_O) / I_S$$

*At the start up with a load, load current is detracted from I_S .

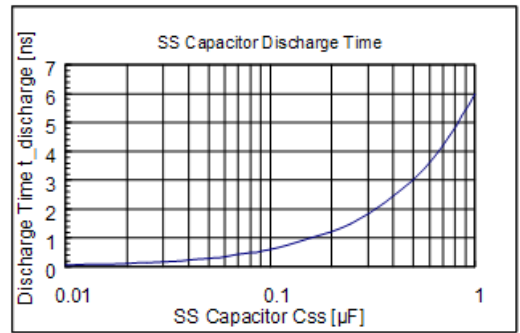


fig.14 Discharge time of SS capacitor

Pin SS Open Voltage: 3V

SS Discharge Capability: 500 μA

The left graph shows the SS Pin voltage changing time from 3V to 0V.

6.7 ON and OFF the Regulator (Enable)

EN Pin (Pin No.7) turns the regulator ON or OFF. When drive EN under 1.4V (V_{ENL}), output is turned OFF (fig.15). 1.4V (V_{ENL}) can be achieved by connecting a bipolar transistor in an open collector configuration.

Connect the pull-up resistor of 100k Ω between IN and EN as the figure 16 when you don't use the EN(Enable) function.

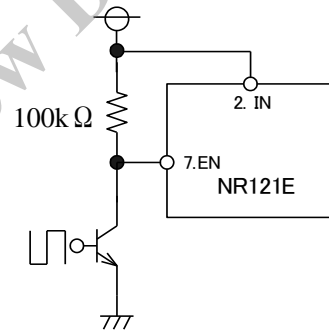


fig. 15 ON / OFF Control 1

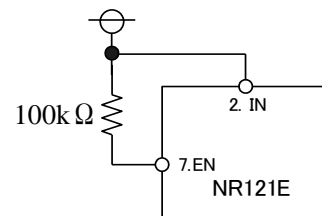


fig. 16 ON / OFF Control 2

7. Design Notes

7.1 External Components

All components are required for matching to the condition of use.

7.1.1 Choke Coil L1

The choke coil L1 is one of the most important components in the chopper type switching regulators. In order to maintain the stabilized regulator operation, the coil should be carefully selected so it must not enter saturation or over heat excessively at any conditions. The selection points of choke coil are as follows:

a) The coil type is only required for switching regulator.

It is recommended not to use a coil for noise filter since it causes high heat generation due to high power dissipation.

b) The sub-harmonic oscillations should be prevented.

Under the peak detection current control, the inductor current may fluctuate at a frequency that is an integer multiple of switching operation frequency. This phenomenon is known as sub-harmonic oscillation and this phenomenon theoretically occurs in the peak detection current control mode. In order to stabilize the operation, the inductor current compensation is made internally. The inductance corresponding to the output voltage should be selected.

From fig.18 shows the selection range of inductance L to prevent the sub-harmonic oscillations. As for the upper limit of inductance L, the value is for reference, because it may vary depending on input/output conditions and load current.

The ripple portion of choke coil current ΔI_L and the peak current I_{Lp} are calculated from the following equations:

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{(V_{IN} - V_O) \cdot V_O}{L \cdot V_{IN} \cdot f} \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$I_{Lp} = \frac{\Delta I_L}{2} + I_o \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

The ΔI_L and I_{Lp} increase when the inductance of the choke coil L becomes smaller.

If the inductance is too small, the regulator operation may be unstable because the choke coil current fluctuates largely. It is necessary to give attention to decreasing of the inductance due to the magnetic saturation such as in overload and load shortage.

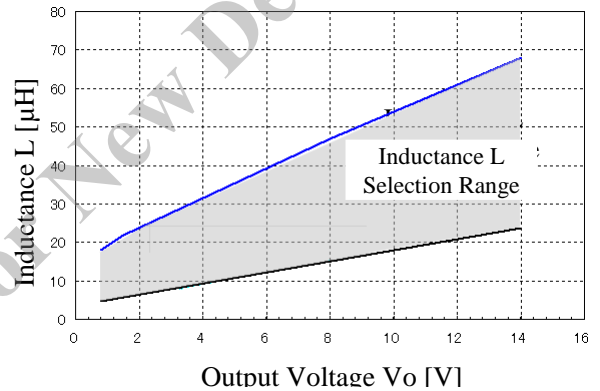


fig.18 Selection Range of Inductance L in NR121E

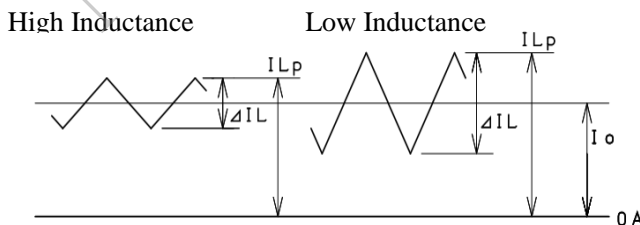


fig.19 Relationship between inductance and ripple current

c) The coil should be of proper rated current.

The rated current of the choke coil should be higher than the maximum load current used. If the load current exceeds the rated current of coil, the inductance decreases drastically and eventually enters into the saturation state. In this status, it is necessary to give attention because the high-frequency impedance decreases and the excess current runs.

d) The magnetic noise should be minimized.

The open magnetic circuit type core like a drum type may generate noise in peripheral circuit due to the magnetic flux passing outside of coil. Coils of closed magnetic circuit type core, such as toroidal type, EI type and EE type are preferable.

7.1.2 Input Capacitor C1 (C2)

The input capacitor operates as a bypass capacitor of input circuit. It supplies the short current pulses to the regulator during switching and compensates the input voltage drop. It should be connected close to the regulator IC. Even if the rectifying capacitor of AC rectifier circuit is in input circuit, the input capacitor cannot be used as a rectifying capacitor unless it is connected near IC.

The selection points of C1 (C2) are as follows:

- a) The capacitor should be of proper breakdown voltage rating
- b) The capacitor should have sufficient allowable ripple current rating

If the input capacitor C1 (C2) is used under the conditions of excessive breakdown voltage or allowable ripple current, or without derating, the regulator may become unstable and the capacitor's lifetime may be greatly reduced. The selection of the capacitor C1 (C2) is required for the sufficient margins to the ripple current. The effective value of ripple current I_{rms} that flows across the input capacitor is calculated from the equation (3):

$$I_{rms} \approx 1.2 \times \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \times I_o \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

In the case of $V_{IN} = 20V$, $I_o = 3A$, $V_o = 5V$,

$$I_{rms} \approx 1.2 \times \frac{5}{20} \times 3 = 0.9A$$

The capacitor is required for the allowable ripple current of 0.9A or higher.

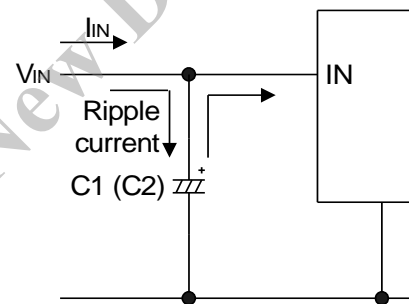


fig. 20 C1 (C2) Current path

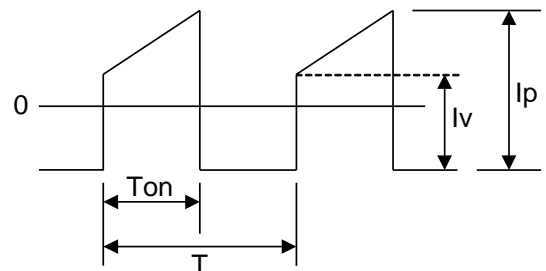


fig.21 C1 (C2) Current Waveform

7.1.3 Output Capacitor C4 (C5)

In the current control mode, the feedback loop which detects the inductor current is added to the voltage control mode. The stable operation is achieved by adding inductor current to the feedback loop without considering the effect of secondary delay factor of LC filter. It is possible to reduce the capacitance of LC filter that is needed to make compensations for the secondary delay, and the stable operation is achieved even by using the low ESR capacitor (ceramic capacitor).

The output capacitor C4 (C5) comprises the LC low-pass filter with choke coil L1 and works as the rectifying capacitor of switching output. The current equal to ripple portion ΔI_L of choke coil current charges and discharges the output capacitor. In the same way as the input capacitor, the breakdown voltage and the allowable ripple current should be met with sufficient margins.

The ripple current effective value of output capacitor is calculated from the equation (4):

$$I_{rms} = \frac{\Delta I_L}{2\sqrt{3}} \text{ ----- (4)}$$

When $\Delta I_L = 0.5A$,

$$I_{rms} = \frac{0.5}{2\sqrt{3}} \doteq 0.14A$$

Therefore a capacitor with the allowable ripple current of 0.14A or higher is needed.

The output ripple voltage of regulator V_{rip} is determined by the product of choke current ripple portion ΔI_L (= C4 (C5) discharge and charge current) and output capacitor C4 (C5) equivalent series resistance ESR.

$$V_{rip} = \Delta I_L \cdot C4_{ESR} \text{ ----- (5)}$$

It is necessary to select a capacitor with low equivalent series resistance ESR in order to lower the output ripple voltage. As for general electrolytic capacitors of same product series, the ESR shall be lower for products of higher capacitance with same breakdown voltage, or of higher breakdown voltage with same capacitance.

When $\Delta I_L = 0.5A$, $V_{rip} = 40mV$,

$$C4_{ESR} = 40 \div 0.5 = 80m\Omega$$

A capacitor with ESR of 80m Ω or lower should be selected. Since the ESR varies with temperature and increases at low temperature, it is required to check the ESR at the actual operating temperatures. It is recommended to contact capacitor manufacturers for the ESR value since it is peculiar to every capacitor series.

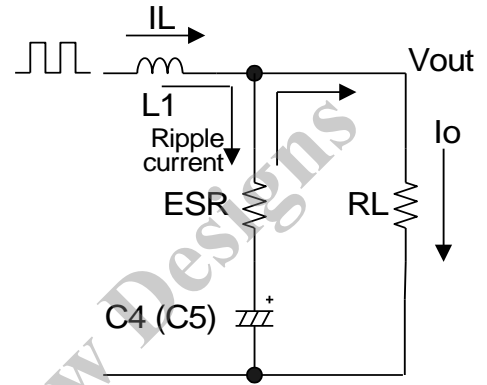


fig. 22 C4 (C5) Current path

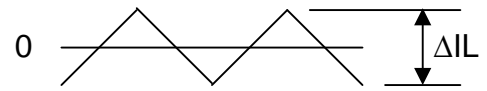


fig. 23 C4 (C5) Current Waveform

7.1.4 Output Voltage Set-up (FB Pin)

The FB Pin is the feedback detection Pin that controls the output voltage. It is recommended to connect close to the output capacitor C4 (C5). If they are not close, the abnormal oscillations may be caused by the poor regulation and the increased switching ripple.

The setting of output voltage is achieved by connecting between resistive voltage divider R4 (R5) and R6. Setting the I_{FB} to about 0.2mA is recommended.

(The target of I_{FB} lower limit is 0.2mA, and the upper limit is not defined. However, it is necessary to consider that the circuit current shall increase according to the I_{FB} value.)

R4 (R5), R6 and the output voltage are calculated from the following equations:

$$I_{FB} = V_{FB} / R6 \quad *V_{FB} = 0.8V \pm 2\%$$

$$R4 + R5 = (V_O - V_{FB}) / I_{FB}$$

$$R6 = V_{FB} / I_{FB}$$

$$V_O = (R4 + R5) \times (V_{FB} / R6) + V_{FB}$$

R6 is required to connect for the stable operation when set to $V_O = 0.8V$.

Regarding the relation of input / output voltages, it is recommended that setting of the ON width of the SW Pin is more than 200nsec

The PCB circuit traces of FB Pin, R4 (R5) and R6 are required for not parallel to the flywheel diode. The switching noise may affect the detection voltage and the abnormal oscillation may be caused. Especially, it is recommended to design the circuit trace short from FB Pin to R6.

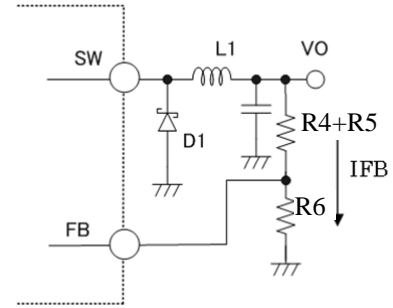


fig. 24 Detection and setting of output voltage

7.1.5 External Bootstrap Diode for Low Input

Although the NR120E series drives with input voltages lower than 6V, it is recommended to connect a diode between IN Pin and BS Pin in order to enhance the efficiency (fig.25). Alternatively an external voltage source can be connected through a diode to the BS Pin (fig.26).

NOTES:

- 1) The external voltage is required to be set from 5V to 6V.
- 2) In the case that the input voltage V_{IN} is higher than 6V, the Bootstrap Diode must not be connected.

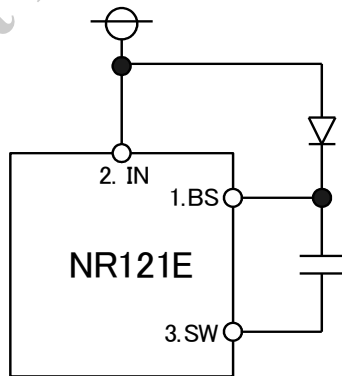


fig.25 Bootstrap Diode Connection 1

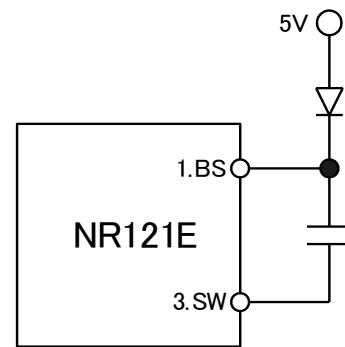


fig.26 Bootstrap Diode Connection 2

7.1.6 Flywheel Diode D1

A Schottky Barrier Diode as a flywheel diode is required for connection between SW Pin and GND.

The flywheel diode D1 is for releasing the energy stored in the choke coil at switching OFF. If a general rectifying diode or a fast recovery diode is used, the IC may fail to operate properly because of applying reverse voltage due to the recovery and ON voltage. Since the output voltage from the SW Pin (Pin No. 3) is almost equal to the input voltage, it is required to use the flywheel diode with the reverse breakdown voltage of equal or higher than the input voltage. It is recommended not to use ferrite beads for flywheel diode.

7.1.7 Output Voltage V_O and Output Capacitor C4 (C5)

From Table 6 shows the comparison of output voltage and output capacitor, for maintaining the IC stable operations, for reference.

ESR of Electrolytic Capacitor is required from 100m Ω to 200m Ω .

Regarding the inductance L, it is recommended to select it according to **7.1.1 Choke Coil L1**.

Table 6 NR121E ($f_{sw}=350kHz$) V_O and C4 (C5) Comparison

V_O (V)	C4 (C5) (μ F)	
	Ceramic Capacitor	Electrolytic Capacitor (ESR \approx 100m Ω)
1.2	33 to 100	47 to 330
1.8	22 to 100	47 to 470
3.3	10 to 68	20 to 180
5	4.7 to 47	4.7 to 100
9	3.3 to 22	2.2 to 47
12	3.3 to 22	2.2 to 33
14	2.2 to 22	2.2 to 33

7.2 Pattern Design

7.2.1 High Current Line

High current paths in the circuit are marked as bold lines in the circuit diagram below. These paths are required for wide and short trace as possible.

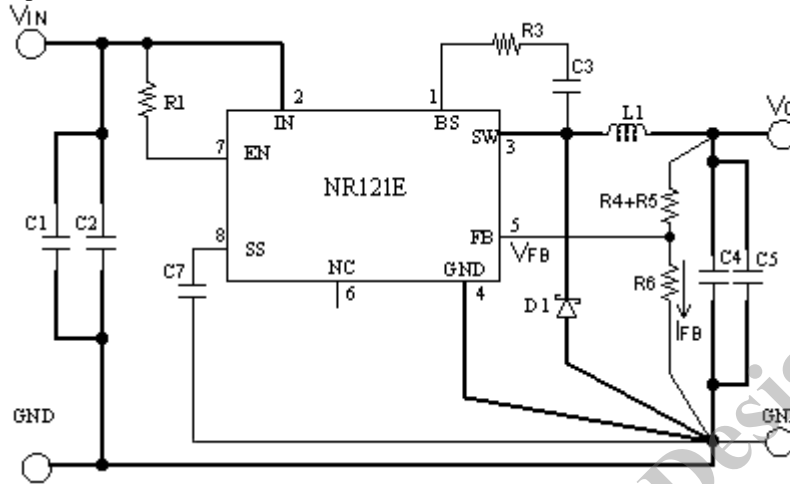


fig.27 Circuit Diagram

7.2.2 Input / Output Capacitors

The input capacitor C1 (C2) and the output capacitor C4 (C5) are required to connect to the IC as short as possible. If the rectifying capacitor for AC rectifier circuit is in the input side, it can be also used as an input capacitor. However, if it is not close to the IC, the input capacitor is required to be connected in addition to the rectifying capacitor. A similar care should be taken when designing pattern for other capacitors.

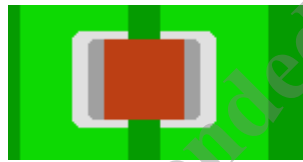


fig. 28 Recommended Pattern example

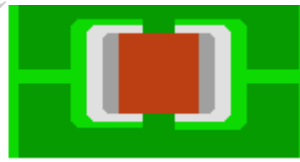
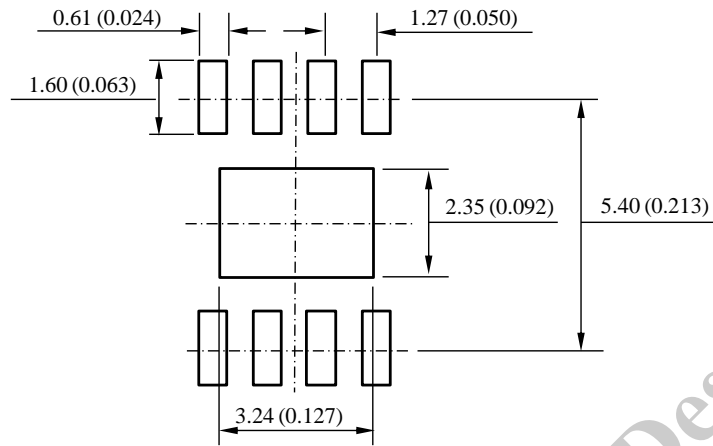


fig. 29 No good pattern example

NOTES:

Size of the PCB is about 60mm×60mm



NOTES:

- 1) Dimension is in millimeters, dimension in bracket is in inches.
- 2) Drawing is not to scale.

fig.33 Recommended land pattern

7.3 Applied Design

7.3.1 Spike Noise Reduction(1)

•The addition of the BS serial resistor

The “turn-on switching speed” of the internal Power-MOSFET can be slowed down by inserting R_{BS} (option) of the fig34. It is tendency that Spike noise becomes small by reducing the switching-speed. Set up 22-ohm as an upper limit when you use R_{BS} .

*Attention

- 1) When the resistance value of R_{BS} is enlarged by mistake too much, the internal power-MOSFET becomes an under-drive, it may be damaged worst.
- 2) The “defective starting-up” is caused when the resistance value of R_{BS} is too big.

*The BS serial resistor R_{BS} is R3 in the Demonstration Board.

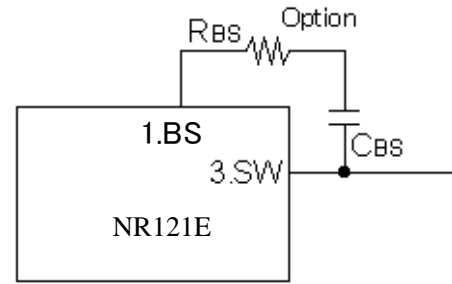


fig.34 The addition of the BS serial resistor

7.3.2 Spike Noise Reduction(2)

•The addition of the Snubber circuit

In order to reduce the spike noise, it is possible to compensate the output waveform and the recovery time of diode by connecting a capacitor and resistor parallel to the freewheel diode (snubber method). This method however may slightly reduce the efficiency.

* For observing the spike noise with an oscilloscope, the probe lead (GND) should be as short as possible and connected to the root of output capacitor. If the probe GND lead is too long, the lead may act like an antenna and the observed spike noise may be much higher and may not show the real values.

*The snubber circuit parts are C12 and R10.

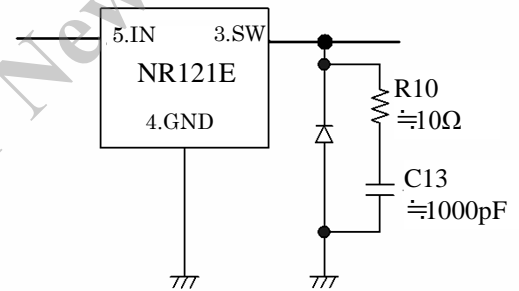


fig.35 The addition of the Snubber circuit

7.3.3 Attention about the insertion of the bead-core

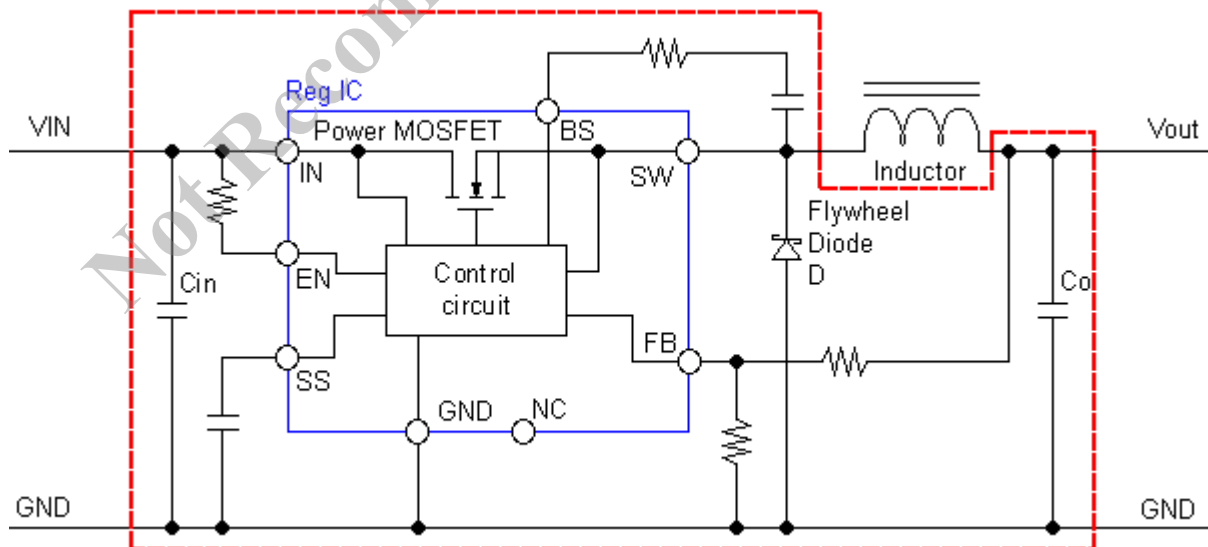


fig.36

In the area surrounded by the red dotted line within the fig36, don't insert the bead-core such as Ferrite-bead.

As for the pattern-design of printed-circuit-board, it is recommended that the parasitic-inductance of wiring-pattern is made small for the safety and the stability.

When bead-core was inserted, the inductance of the bead-core is added to parasitic-inductance of the wiring-pattern.

By this influence, the surge-voltage occurs often, or , GND of IC becomes unstable, and also, negative voltage occurs often.

Because of this, faulty operation occurs in the IC. The IC has the possibility of damage in the worst case.

About the Noise-reduction, fundamentally, Cope by "The addition of CR snubber circuit" and "The addition of BS serial resistor".

7.3.4 Reverse Bias Protection

A diode for reverse bias protection may be required between input and output in case the output voltage is expected to be higher than the input Pin voltage (a common case in battery charger applications).

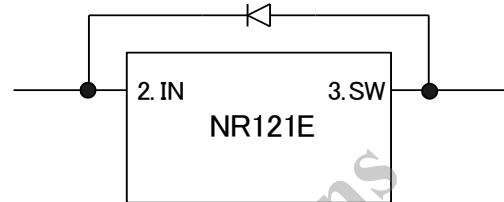


fig.37 Reverse bias protection diode

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