

## Dual electronic fuse for 5 V and 12 V rails



### Features

- 5 V and 12 V channels into one chip
- 25 V absolute maximum input voltage
- Precise output over voltage clamp
- Fixed current limit: 3 A on 5 V, 4 A on 12 V
- Latched-off thermal protection
- Input undervoltage lockout
- Adjustable output voltage slew-rate for each channel
- Integrated 40 mΩ Power FETs
- SAS disable pin
- TSOT23-8L package

### Applications

- HDD and SSD drives
- Set-top boxes
- HDD and SSD array

### Description

The **STEF512GR** is an integrated dual electronic fuse, designed to protect circuitry on its output from overcurrent and overvoltage events, in those applications requiring hot swap operation and in-rush current control.

The device embeds two independent electronic fuses, one for the 5 V rails and one for the 12 V rails. Thanks to the very low ON-resistance of the integrated Power FETs, the voltage drop from the main supply to the load is very low during normal operations.

The start-up time can be adjusted by the user for each e-fuse, via two small soft-start capacitors, connected to the relevant pins.

In this manner, the inrush current at startup can be kept under control.

The maximum load current is precisely limited, by utilizing a sense FET topology, to factory-defined values.

The device also provides a precise overvoltage clamp for each channel, preventing the load from being damaged by power supply failures, and undervoltage lockout (UVLO), assuring that the input voltage is above the minimum operating threshold, before the power device is turned on.

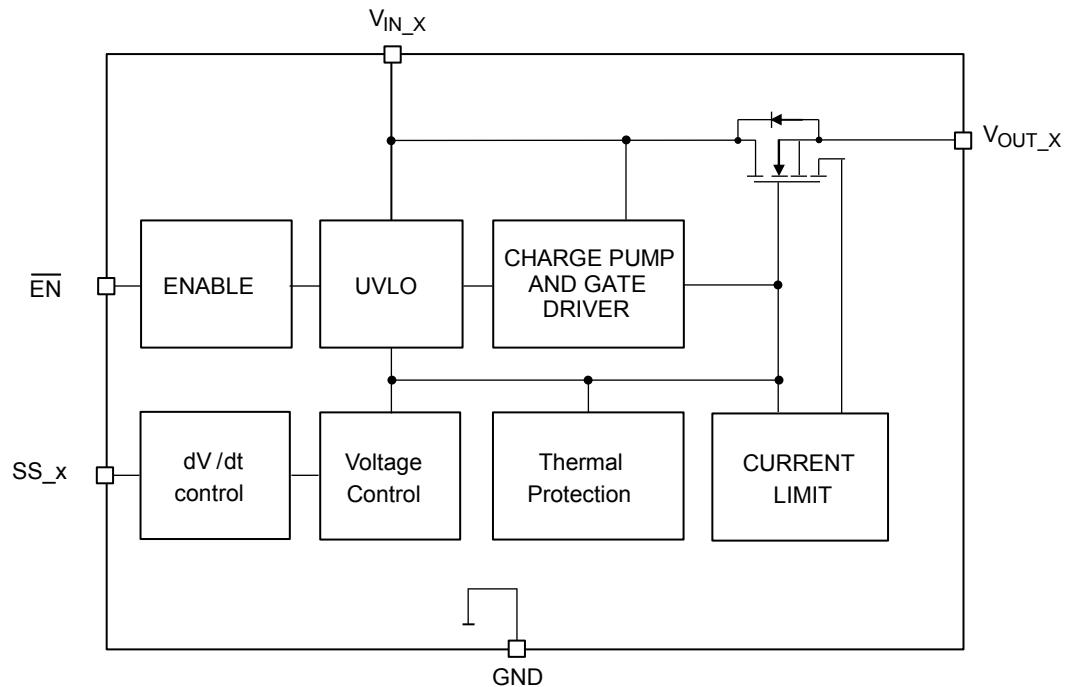
When an overload condition occurs, the **STEF512GR** limits the output current to the predefined safe value. If the anomalous overload condition persists, the device goes into thermal shutdown, the internal switch is opened and the load disconnected from the power supply.

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## 1 Diagram

Figure 1. Block diagram (one channel)



## 2 Pin configuration

Figure 2. Pin connection (top view)

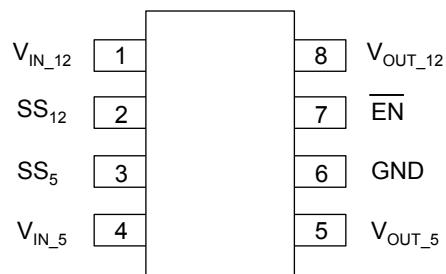
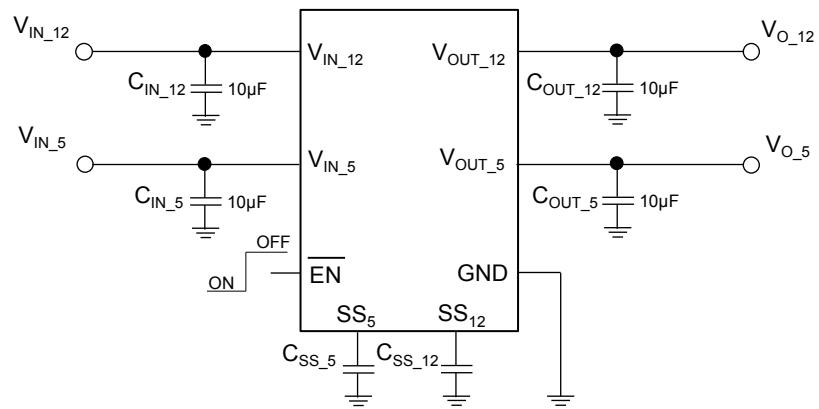


Table 1. Pin description

Pin n°	Symbol	Function
1	V <sub>IN_12</sub>	12 V rail supply voltage.
2	SS <sub>12</sub>	Soft-start adjustment pin for the 12 V rail. A capacitor must be connected between this pin and GND to program the output voltage slew-rate. Do not leave floating.
3	SS <sub>5</sub>	Soft-start adjustment pin for the 5 V rail. A capacitor must be connected between this pin and GND to program the output voltage slew-rate. Do not leave floating.
4	V <sub>IN_5</sub>	5 V rail supply voltage.
5	V <sub>OUT_5</sub>	5 V rail output voltage.
6	GND	Ground.
7	EN	SAS disable input: set this pin logic-low to turn on the device, high to turn off the device. This pin is internally pulled down via 1 MΩ resistor.
8	V <sub>OUT_12</sub>	12 V rail output voltage.

### 3 Typical application

Figure 3. Typical application circuit



## 4 Maximum ratings

**Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$V_{IN\_5}, V_{IN\_12}$	Input supply voltage	-0.3 to 25	V
$V_{OUT\_5}, V_{OUT\_12}$	Output voltage	-0.3 to $V_{IN} + 0.3$	V
$V_{EN}$	Enable pin voltage	-0.3 to 7	V
$SS_x$	Soft-start pin voltage	-0.3 to 7	V
ESD	Charge device model	$\pm 500$	V
	Human body model	$\pm 2000$	
$T_{J-OP}$	Operating junction temperature	-40 to 125	°C
$T_{J-MAX}$	Maximum junction temperature	150	°C
$T_{STG}$	Storage temperature	-55 to 150	°C

**Table 3. Thermal data**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$R_{thJA}$ <sup>(1)</sup>	Thermal resistance junction-ambient	100	°C/W
$R_{thJC}$	Thermal resistance junction-case	25.5	°C/W

1. Based on 4-layer JEDEC (2S2P) test board, constructed in accordance with the JESD 51-7 specification.

## 5 Electrical characteristics

$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN\_5} = 5 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{IN\_12} = 12 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{EN} = 0 \text{ V}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 10 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10 \mu\text{F}$ ; unless otherwise specified.

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
<b>5 V e-fuse</b>						
$V_{Clamp\_5}$	Output clamping voltage	$V_{IN\_5} = 8 \text{ V}$	5.5	5.7	5.9	V
$V_{UVLO\_5}$	Undervoltage lockout	Turn-on, voltage rising	4.25	4.35	4.45	V
$V_{Hyst\_5}$	UVLO hysteresis	Turn-off, voltage falling		1.78		V
$R_{DSon\_5}$	On-resistance	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (1)		36		$\text{m}\Omega$
		$T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$			50	
$I_{L\_5}$	Off-state leakage current	$V_{EN} = 5 \text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT\_5} = \text{GND}$		1	5	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_D5$	Maximum continuous current (2) (3)	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$		2.5		A
$I_{Short\_5}$	Short-circuit current limit		0.6	1	1.4	A
$I_{Lim\_5}$	Overload current limit		2.7	3	3.3	A
$dV/dt\_5$	Output voltage ramp time	From 10% to 90% of $V_{OUT}$ , $C_{dv/dt} = 100 \text{ nF}$	11	13	15	ms
<b>12 V e-fuse</b>						
$V_{Clamp\_12}$	Output clamping voltage	$V_{IN\_12} = 17 \text{ V}$	14.5	15	15.5	V
$V_{UVLO\_12}$	Undervoltage lockout	Turn-on, voltage rising	9.4	9.7	10	V
$V_{Hyst\_12}$	UVLO hysteresis (12 V rail)	Turn-off, voltage falling		2		V
$R_{DSon\_12}$	On-resistance (12 V rail)	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (1)		40		$\text{m}\Omega$
		$T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$			70	
$I_{L\_12}$	Off-state leakage current	$V_{EN} = 5 \text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT\_12} = \text{GND}$		1	5	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{D12}$	Continuous current (2) (3)	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$		3.5		A
$I_{Short\_12}$	Short-circuit current limit			1.8		A
$I_{Lim\_12}$	Overload current limit		3.6	4	4.5	A
$dV/dt\_12$	Output voltage ramp time	From 10% to 90% of $V_{OUT}$ , $C_{dv/dt} = 100 \text{ nF}$	10	12	14	ms
<b>Common features: SAS disable pin, quiescent current</b>						
$V_{IL}$	$\overline{EN}$ pin low-level input voltage	Output enabled			0.7	V
$V_{IH}$	$\overline{EN}$ pin high-level input voltage	Output disabled	2.1			V
$R_P$	$\overline{EN}$ pin internal pull-down resistor			1		$\text{M}\Omega$

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$I_q$	Quiescent current (excluding $\overline{EN}$ current)	Device operating		250	1000	$\mu A$
		Off-state, $V_{\overline{EN}} = 5 V$		40	80	$\mu A$
$I_{\overline{EN}}$	Sas disable pin current	$V_{\overline{EN}} = 5 V$			10	$\mu A$
<b>Thermal protection</b>						
$T_{SD}$	Shutdown temperature <small>(2)</small>			165		$^{\circ}C$
	Hysteresis			20		

1. *Pulsed test.*
2. *Guaranteed by design, but not tested in production.*
3. *The maximum continuous current is the current level above which the control loop starts increasing the ON-resistance of the pass element.*

**Table 5. Recommended operating conditions**

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$C_{IN}$	Input capacitance	1	47		$\mu F$
$C_{OUT}$	Output capacitance	10	47		

## 6 Device functional description

The STEF512GR embeds a 5 V and a 12 V electronic fuse (e-fuses). Each e-fuse is an intelligent load switch, which is able to limit the voltage or the current during fault events, such as: input overvoltage or output overload respectively. For this purpose, it contains 2 analogue control loops, the former limits the output voltage and the latter limits the input current.

The current limiting loop is also used during the start-up phase of the E-fuse to limit the inrush current into the output capacitor.

During the normal operation, the e-fuse behaves like a low-resistance Power FET, therefore the output voltage follows the input one. In case of overvoltage or overcurrent events, the e-fuse limits the  $V_{GS}$  of the internal FET, in order to clamp the output voltage or current respectively. During such events the die temperature rises due to the power dissipation and so, if the fault persists and the overtemperature threshold is overcome, the device goes into thermal shutdown, the internal FET is turned-off and the load disconnected from the power supply.

Once the e-fuse is in thermal shutdown, it does not restart automatically. The e-fuse can be restarted manually by toggling the  $\overline{EN}$  pin or performing a power-up cycle, (this becomes effective as soon as the die temperature drops by at least the overtemperature hysteresis).

Each e-fuse provides factory-trimmed undervoltage lockout feature and user-adjustable output voltage rise time.

### 6.1 Undervoltage lockout

The undervoltage lockout circuit prevents each e-fuse from turning on if the supply voltage is below the UVLO rising threshold. During this operation, if the input voltage falls below ( $V_{UVLO\_x} - V_{Hyst\_x}$ ), the output of the relevant channel is turned off.

If the supply voltage comes back into the operative range, the relevant channel restarts with a soft-start cycle.

### 6.2 Start-up sequence and voltage clamp

The typical start-up sequence of each e-fuse is as follows:

- The power supply is connected to the  $V_{IN\_x}$  pin and it is higher than the undervoltage lockout threshold
- The disable pin is asserted by the user to low logic level (or left floating), enabling the device
- Typically, 1.2 ms after the e-fuse starts ramping up the output voltage
- Each channel ramps up with a rate set by the relevant  $C_{SSx}$
- If the input voltage continues rising, above the overvoltage threshold ( $V_{Clamp\_x}$ ), as a consequence of a failure in the power supply, the e-fuse limits the output voltage to  $V_{Clamp\_x}$ . The e-fuse keeps operating in this state until it hits its overtemperature threshold and shuts down.

### 6.3 Current limit function

Each e-fuse provides 2 kinds of current limit protections:

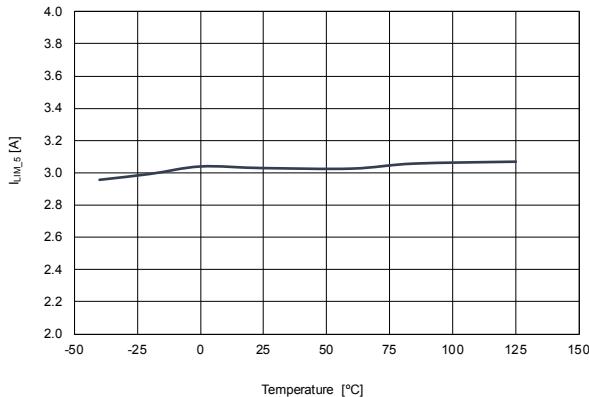
- Operative current limit: in case of overload, i.e. if the load current exceeds the  $I_{Dxx}$ , the device starts increasing the power MOS resistance. The overload current limit ( $I_{Lim\_x}$ ) is 3 A typ. for the 5 V fuse and 4 A (typ.) for the 12 V one.
- In case of strong overload or short-circuit, the short-circuit current limit is activated and the current is clamped to  $I_{Short\_x}$ : 1 A typ. on 5 V channel and 1.8 A typ. on 12 V channel.

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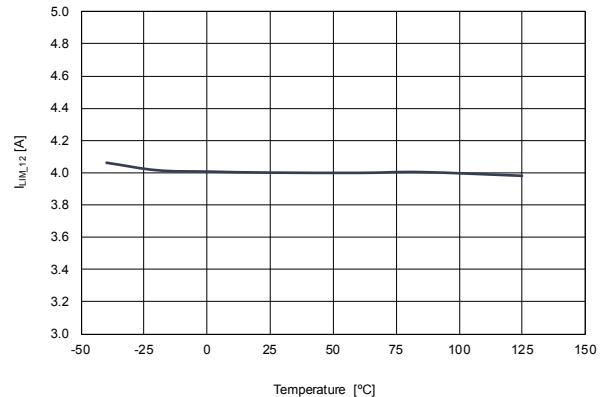
## Typical characteristics

The following plots are referred to the typical application circuit and, unless otherwise noted, at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .

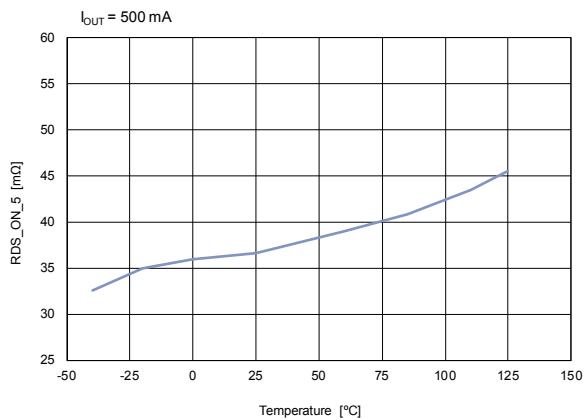
**Figure 4. 5 V channel  $I_{\text{lim}}$  vs. temperature**



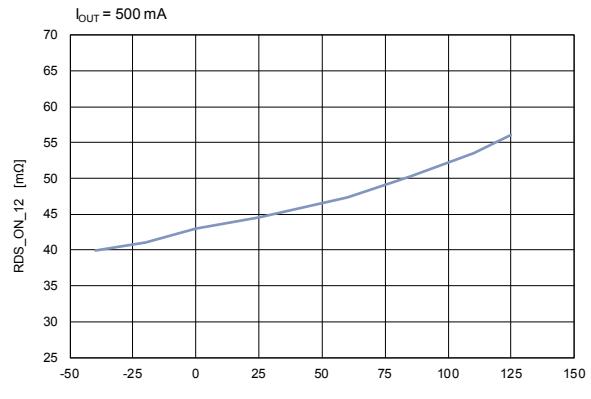
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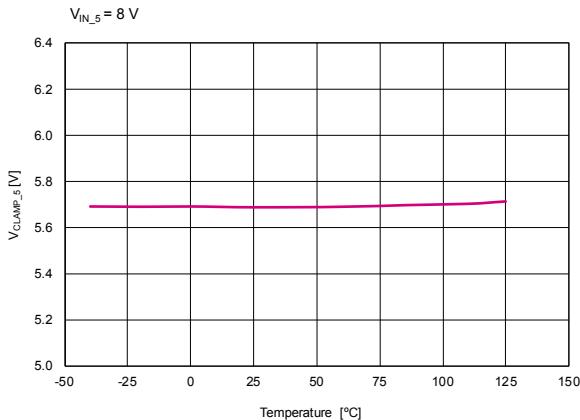
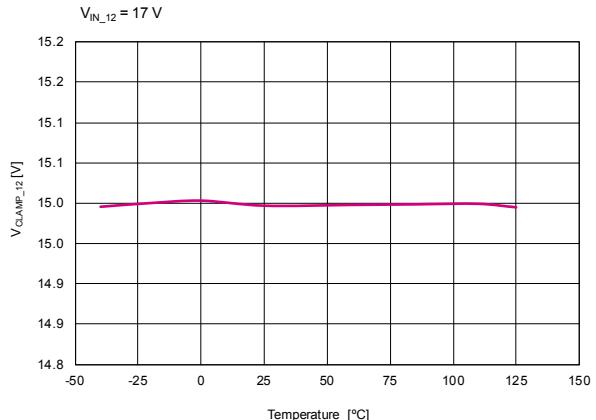
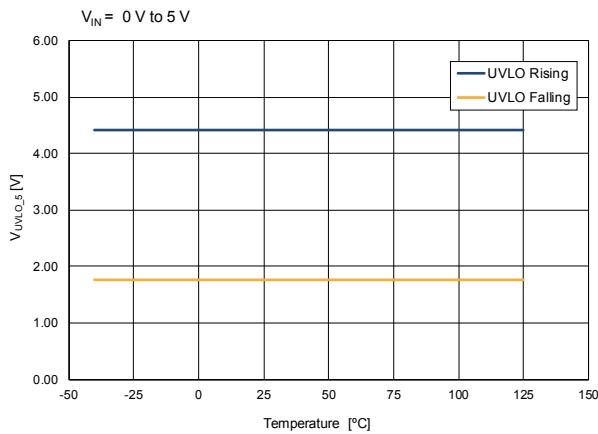
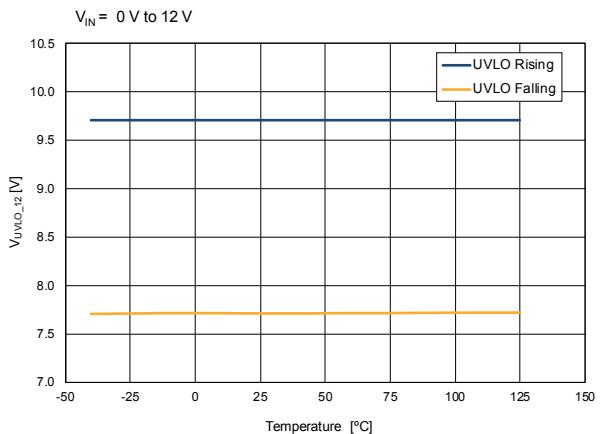
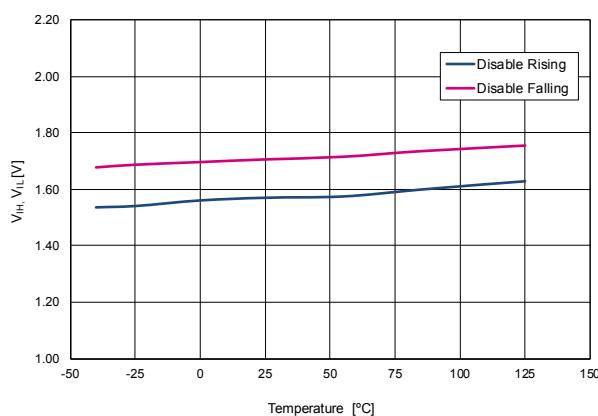
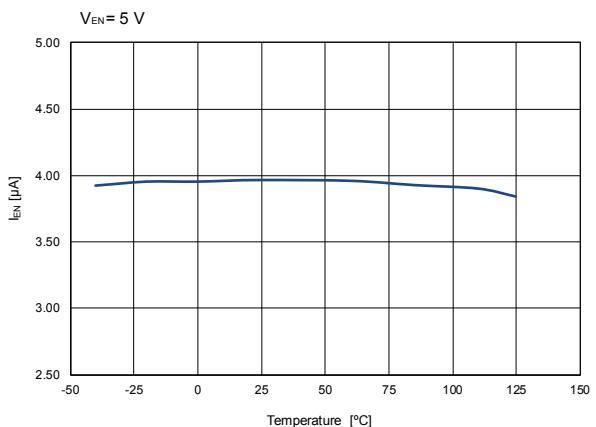


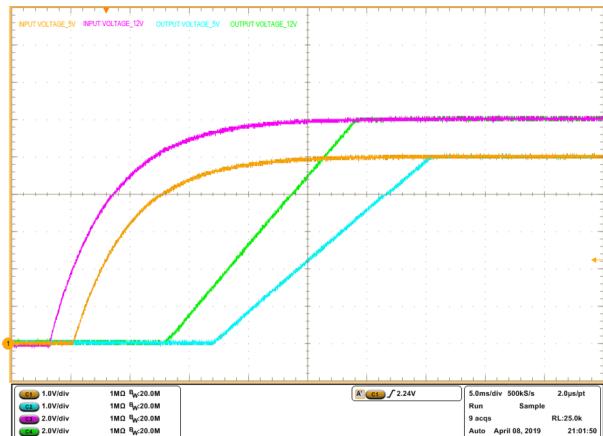
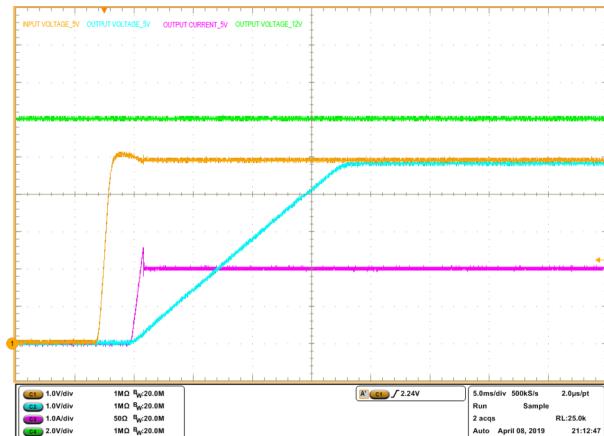
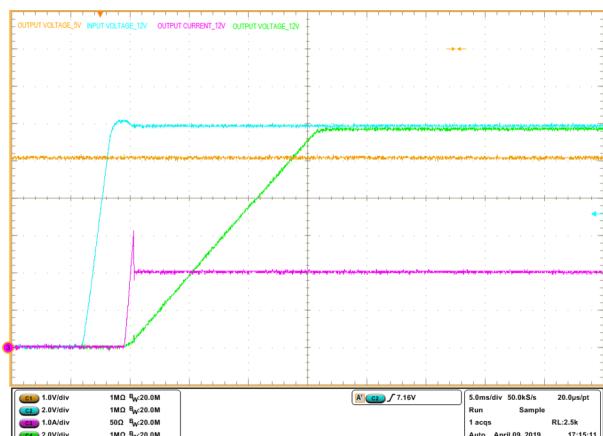
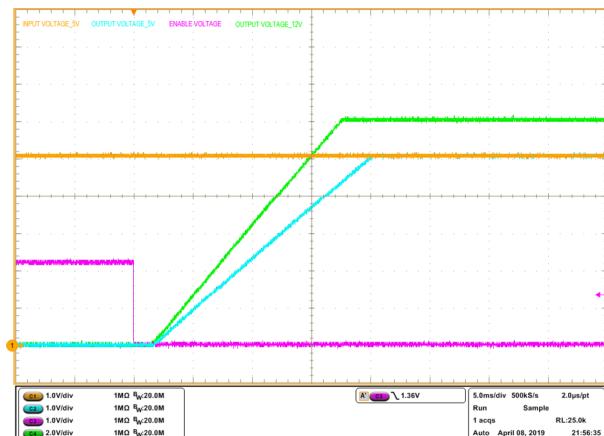
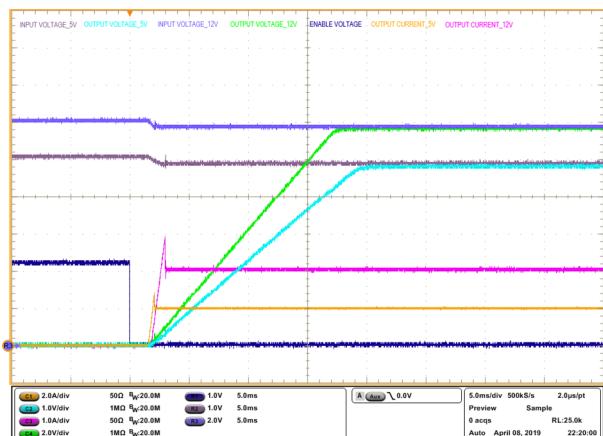
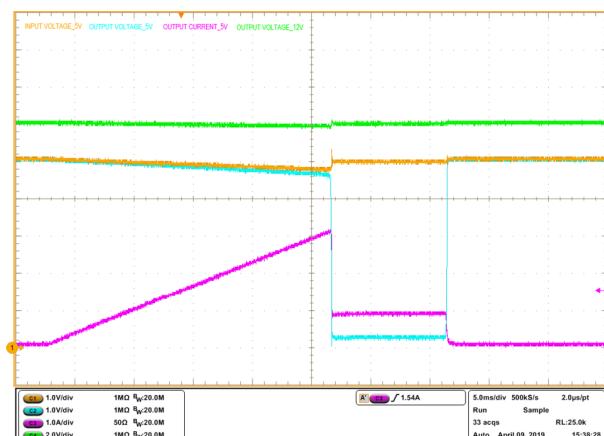
**Figure 6. 5 V ch.  $R_{\text{DS\_ON}}$  vs. temperature**



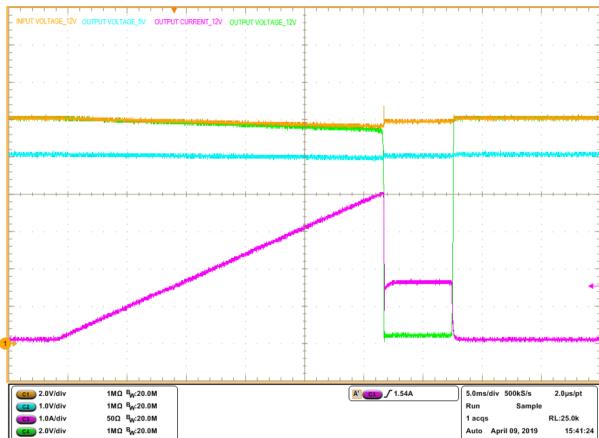
**Figure 7. 12 V ch.  $R_{\text{DS\_ON}}$  vs. temperature**



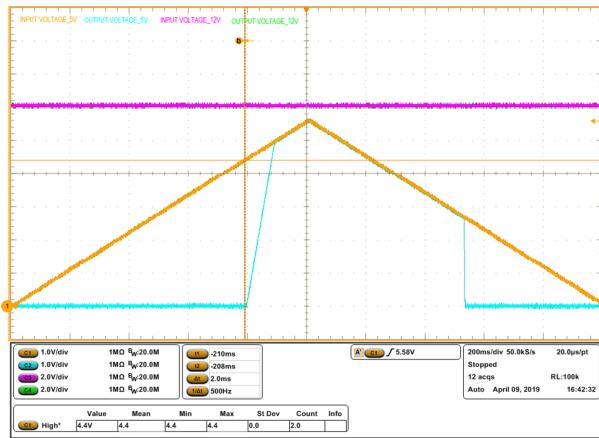
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**Figure 14. Startup with no load from V<sub>IN</sub>**

**Figure 15. V<sub>Out\_5</sub> startup with 2 A load**

**Figure 16. V<sub>Out\_12</sub> startup with 2 A load**

**Figure 17. Startup by EN, no load**

**Figure 18. Startup by En @ 2 A load**

**Figure 19. V<sub>Out\_5</sub> current limit and short**


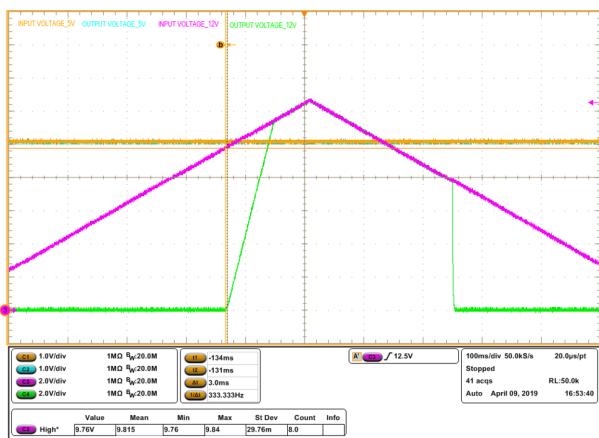
**Figure 20.**  $V_{out\_12}$  current limit and short



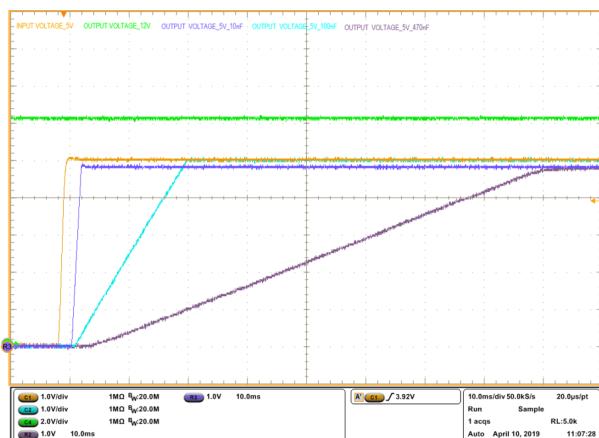
**Figure 21. V<sub>out\_5</sub> UVLO rising**



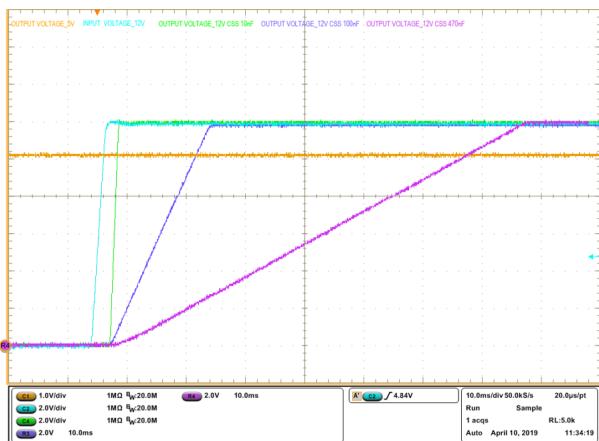
**Figure 22.  $V_{out}$  12 UVLO rising**



**Figure 23.**  $V_{out}$  5 startup vs.  $C_{ss}$



**Figure 24.**  $V_{Out\_12}$  startup vs.  $C_{ss}$



**Figure 25.  $V_{Out\_5}$  voltage clamp**

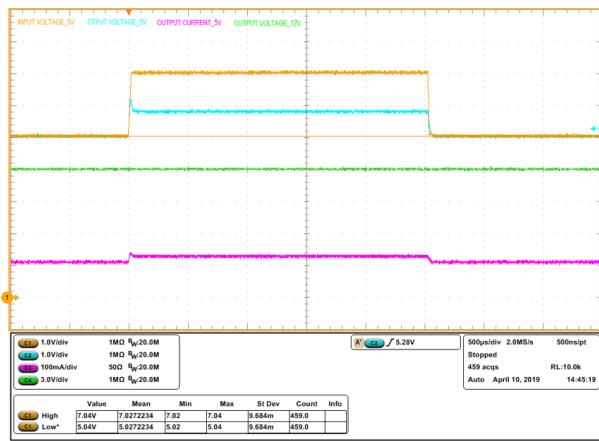
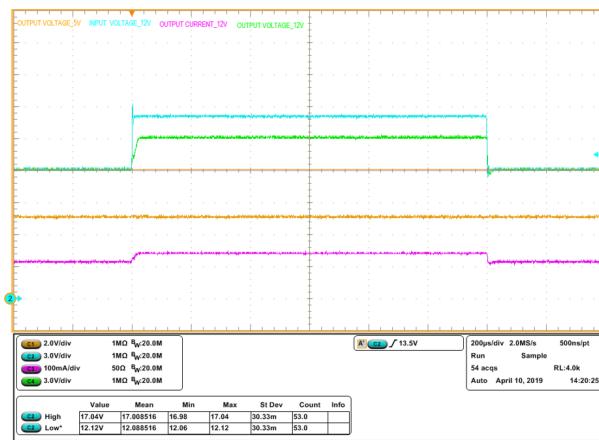


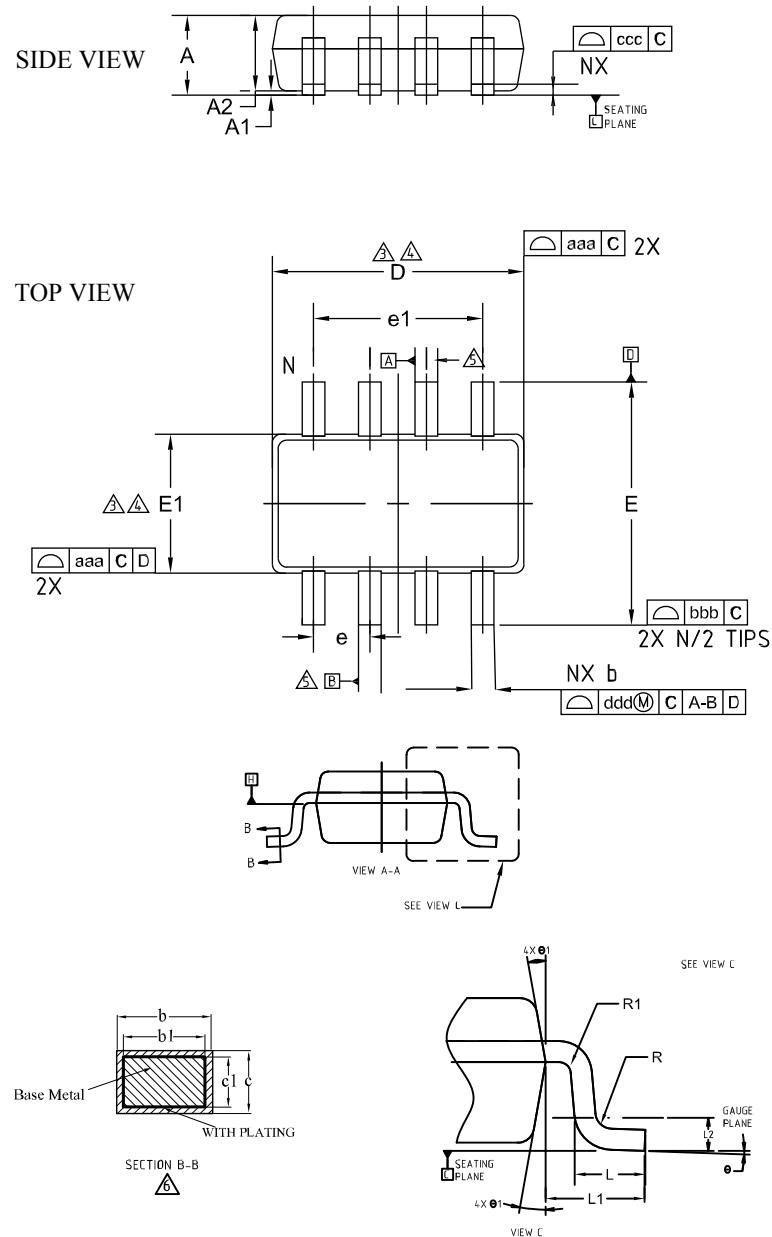
Figure 26. V<sub>Out\_12</sub> voltage clamp

## 8 Package information

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in different grades of ECOPACK packages, depending on their level of environmental compliance. ECOPACK specifications, grade definitions and product status are available at: [www.st.com](http://www.st.com). ECOPACK is an ST trademark.

### 8.1 TSOT23-8L package information

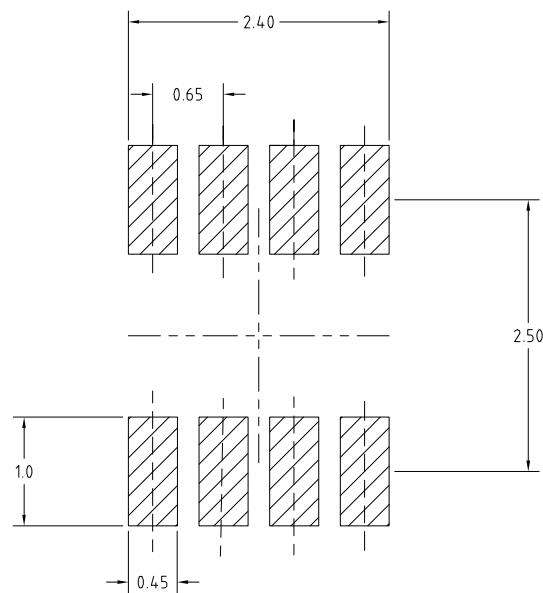
Figure 27. TSOT23-8L package outline



**Table 6.** TSOT23-8L mechanical data

Dim.	mm		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A			1
A1	0.01	0.05	0.1
A2	0.84	0.87	0.9
b	0.22	-	0.36
b1	0.22	0.26	0.3
c	0.12	0.15	0.2
c1	0.08	0.13	0.16
D	-	2.90 BSC	-
E	-	2.80 BSC	-
E1	-	1.60 BSC	-
e	-	0.65 BSC	-
e1	-	1.95 BSC	-
L	0.3	0.4	0.5
L1	-	0.60 BSC	-
L2	-	0.25 BSC	-
R	0.1	-	-
R1	0.1	-	0.25
Θ	0	4°	8°
Θ1	4°	10°	12°
Tolerance of form and position			
aaa		0.15	
bbb		0.25	
ccc		0.1	
ddd		0.13	
N		8	
ND		4	

Figure 28. TSOT23-8L recommended footprint



## 9 Ordering information

**Table 7. Order code**

Order code	Package	Current limit configuration	Marking
STEF512GR	TSOT23-8L	3 A on 5 V, 4 A on 12 V	H512

## Revision history

**Table 8. Document revision history**

Date	Revision	Changes
24-Feb-2020	1	Initial release.
02-Mar-2020	2	Updated title in Figure 16. $V_{Out\_12}$ startup with 2 A load.

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