

# QUICK START GUIDE FOR DC989B-A

## TINY NO $R_{SENSE}$ BOOST CONVERTER

LTC3872

## DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 989B-A is a single-output boost converter, it features tiny, boost controller LTC3872. The input voltage is from 3.0V to 4.5V without output de-rating. The supply has one output: 5V/2A<sub>MAX</sub>. Minimum input voltage is 2.75V. When input voltage is lower than 3V, output current should be de-rated. The design employs the LTC3872, the small footprint NO  $R_{SENSE}$  boost regulator. The switching frequency is fixed at 550 kHz. With current mode control and OPTI-LOOP compensation, DC989B-A can be optimized to provide fast transient response. NO  $R_{SENSE}$  technique reduces both: size of the converter and power dissipation. However, care should be taken

to MOSFET selection, it's not only switching element, but also its  $R_{DS(ON)}$  represents the current sensing element for the control loop, see LTC3872 datasheet for details. LTC3872 allows design small size and high efficiency step-up DC/DC solutions.

**Design files for this circuit board are available.  
Call the LTC factory.**

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**Table 1. Performance Summary ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )**

PARAMETER	CONDITION	VALUE
Minimum Input Voltage	If the input voltage must be lower than 3V, degrade output load current.	2.75V
Maximum Input Voltage		4.5V
Output Voltage $V_{OUT}$		5V +/- 2%
Maximum Continuous output Current	$V_{IN} = 3\text{V}$ to 4.5V	2A
Typical Operating Frequency	Fixed	550kHz
Typical Output Ripple ( $V_{OUT}$ )	20MHz BW, 2A load, $V_{IN} = 3\text{V}$ , frequency = 550kHz	30mV <sub>p-p</sub>
Efficiency	$V_{IN}=3\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT}=5\text{V}$ $I_{OUT}=2\text{A}$	90%

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 989B-A is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC3872. Please refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

1. Place RUN in ON position for normal operation.

Connect the desired loads between 5V output terminal and the GND terminal on the board.

**NOTE:** The maximum load is 2A.

2. Connect the input power supply to the VIN and GND terminals on the right, center of the board.

**NOTE:** Do not increase  $V_{IN}$  over 5V.

3. Vary the input voltage from 3.0V to 4.5V and adjust the load current from 0 to 2A. Measure the output voltages.  $V_{OUT}$  should read between 5.0V  $\pm 0.1\text{V}$  within specified maximum load current.
4. Measure the output ripple voltage at maximum output current level and minimum in-

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put voltage; it usually will measure less than 30mV.

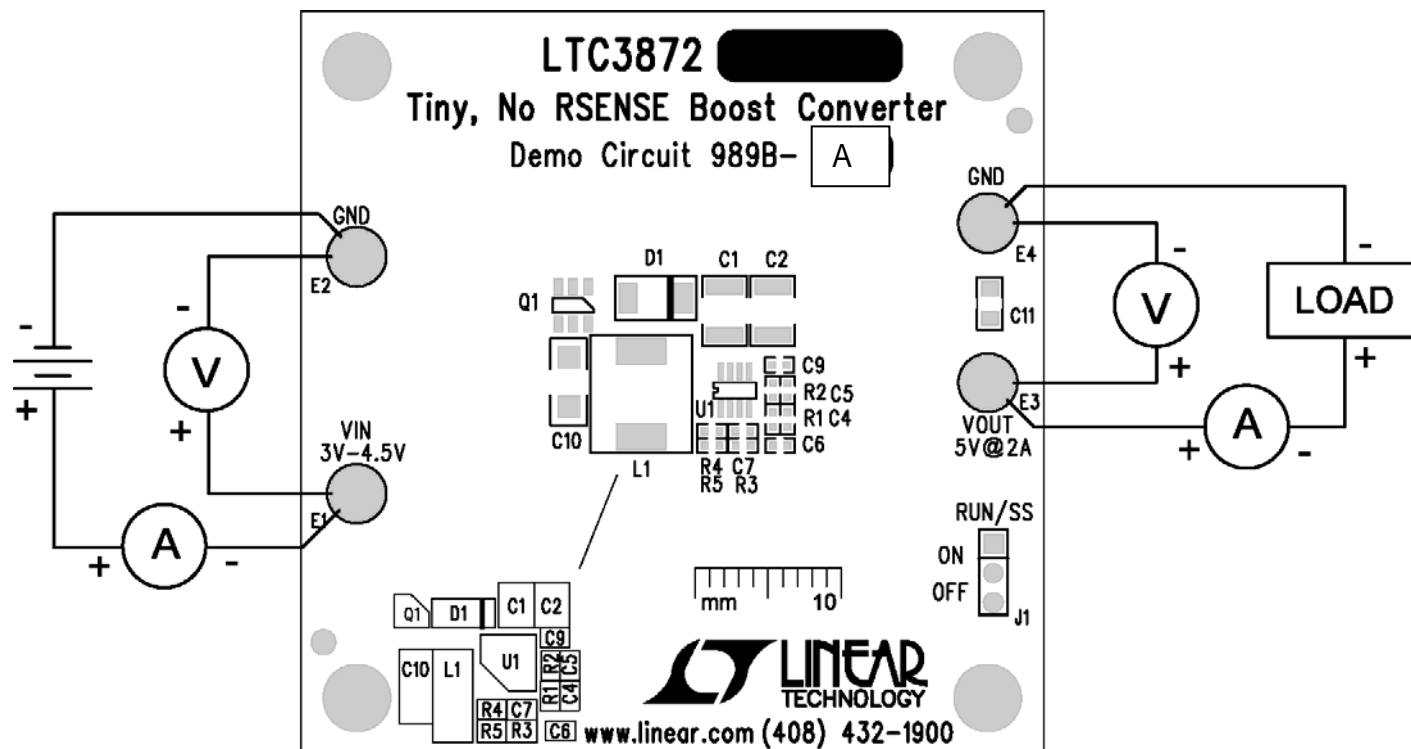


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

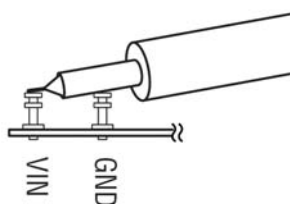


Figure 2. Scope Probe Placements for Measuring Input or Output Ripple.

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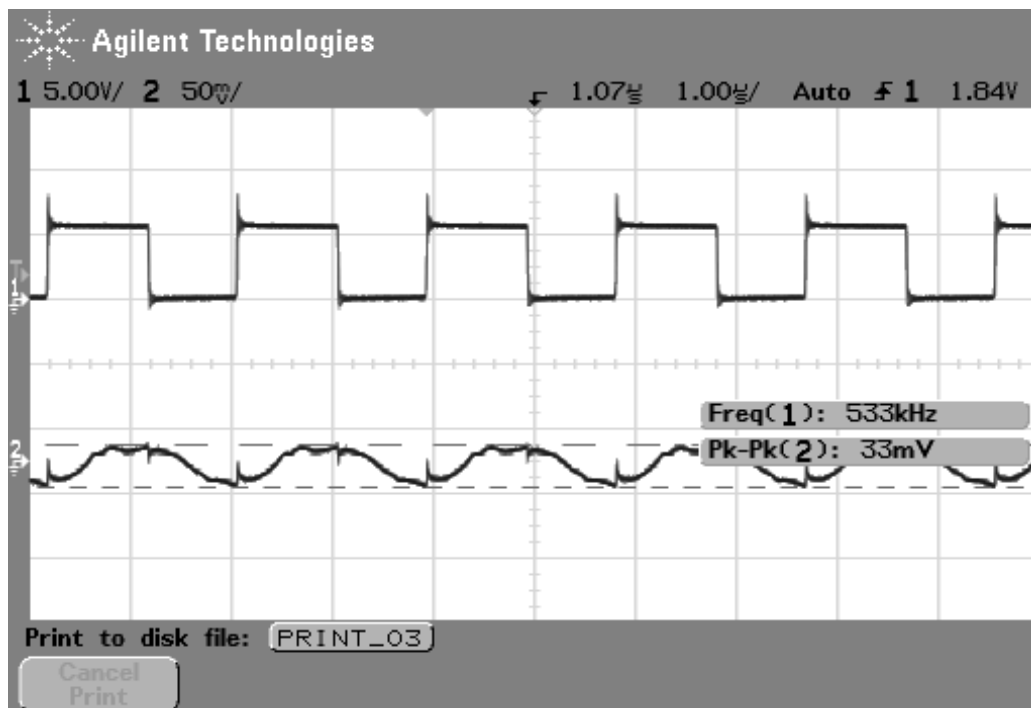


Figure 3. Typical Switch Node and Output Ripple Waveform

$V_{IN}=3.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT}=5V$ ,  $I_{OUT}=2A$

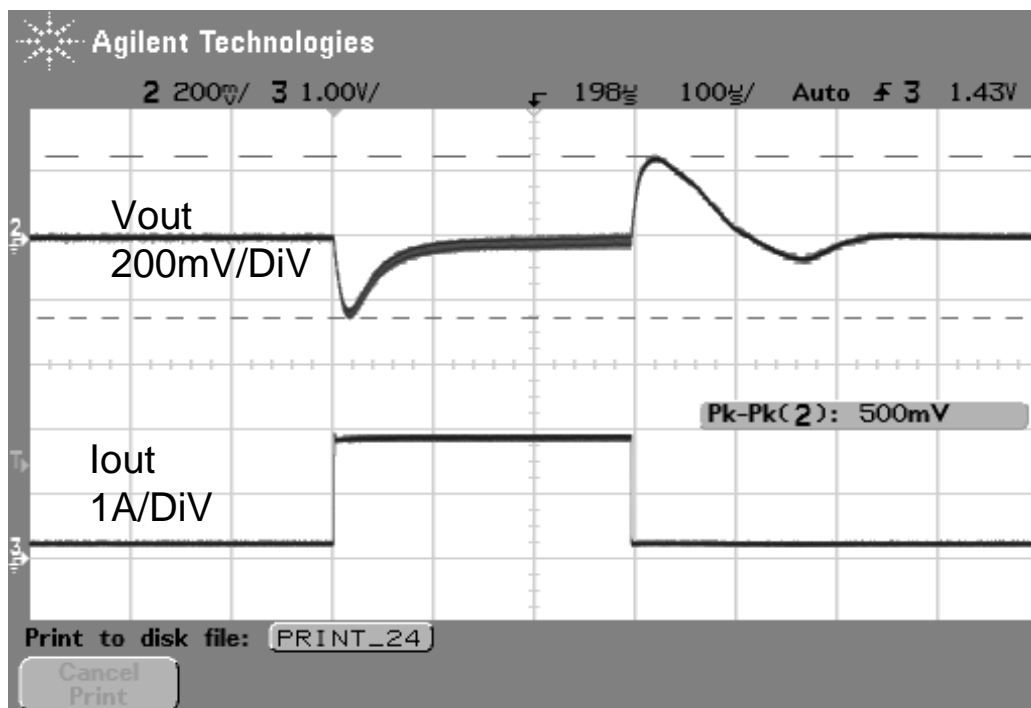
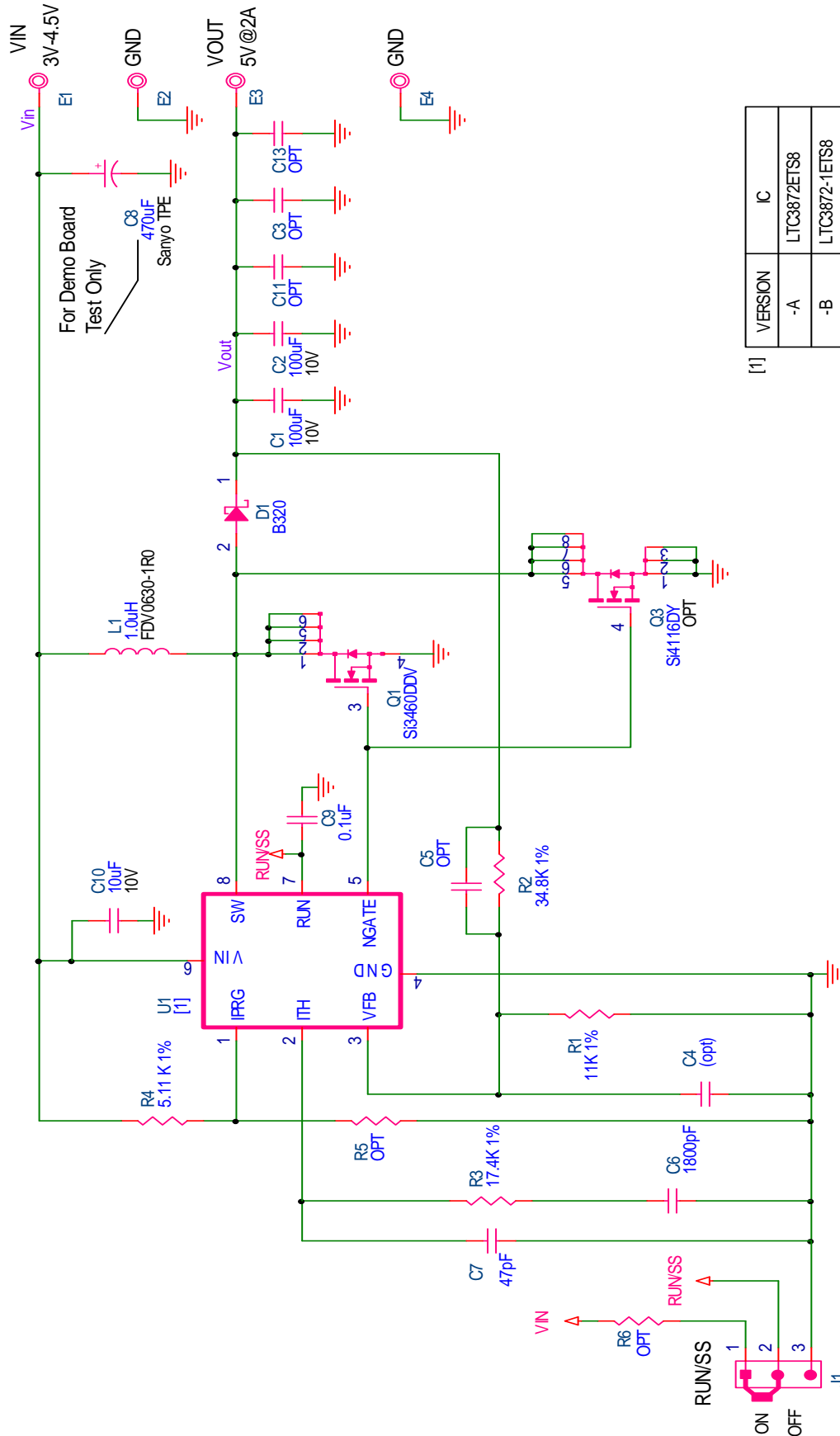


Figure 4. Load Step Response

$V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$  & 1.6A Load Step

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Item	Qty	Ref-Des	Part Description	Manufacturer's Part Number
<b>REQUIRED CIRCUIT COMPONENTS:</b>				
1	2	C1,C2	CAP 1210 100uF 20% 10V X5R	TAIYO YUDEN LMK325ABJ107MM-T
2	1	C6	CAP 0402 1800pF 5% 50V X7R	AVX 04025C182JAT
3	1	C7	CAP 0402 47pF 5% 25V NPO	AVX 0603YC104KAT
4	1	C8	CAP 7343 470uF 20% 6.3V POSCAP	SANYO 6TPE470M
5	1	C9	CAP 0402 0.1uF 10% 16V X5R	TDK C1005X5R1C104K
6	1	C10	CAP1206 10uF 10% 10V X5R	TAIYO YUDEN LMK316BJ106KD-T
7	1	D1	DIODE, B320A-13	DIODES INC. B320A-13
8	1	L1	IND 1.0uH	TOYO FDV0630-1R0M-P3
9	1	Q1	XSTR MOSFET N-CHANNEL 20V	VISHAY SI3460DDV
10	1	R1	RES 0402 11k OHMS 1% 1/16W	VISHAY CRCW040211K0FKED
11	1	R2	RES 0402 34.8k OHMS 1% 1/16W	VISHAY CRCW040234K8FKED
12	1	R3	RES 0402 17.4k OHMS 1% 1/10W	VISHAY CRCW040217K4FKED
13	1	R4	RES 0402 5.11k OHMS 1% 1/16W	VISHAY CRCW04025K11FKED
14	1	U1	IC, CURRENT MODE BOOST DC/DC CONTROLLER	LINEAR TECH. LTC3872ETS8#TRPBF
<b>ADDITIONAL DEMO BOARD CIRCUIT COMPONENTS:</b>				
1		C3,C4,C5,C11,C13		OPT
2		Q3		VISHAY SI4116DY OPTION
3		R5,R6		OPT
<b>HARDWARE</b>				
1	4	E1,E2,E3,E4	TURRET	MILL MAX 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
2	1	J1	HEADER 3PIN 2mm	SULLINS NRPN031PAEN-RC
3	1	JP1	SHUNT	SAMTEC 2SN-BK-C

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