

# ISL68301EVAL2Z

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### 1. Overview

The <u>ISL68301</u> is a PMBus compliant, single-phase digital DC/DC controller for use with SPS and DrMOS power stages. The ISL68301 implements the Renesas fully digital ChargeMode<sup>™</sup> control modulation scheme, allowing both ease of use and industry leading performance. ChargeMode control provides an inherently stable control loop that can respond to load transients in a single switching cycle, significantly decreasing output capacitor requirements.

A dedicated current share bus allows for paralleling up to eight devices in a current share configuration, allowing support for a wide range of load currents.

The ISL68301EVAL2Z evaluation board is a 2.7inx3.0in 6-layer FR4 board with 2oz. copper on all layers. This evaluation board comes with a placeholder for pin-strap resistors to adjust output voltage, switching frequency, fault response, current limit threshold and ASCR gain, and the device PMBus address. More configurations, such as soft-start and fault limits, can be easily programmed or changed using a PMBus compliant serial bus interface.

This evaluation board includes the ZLUSBEVAL3Z (USB to PMBus adapter), which connects the evaluation board to a PC to activate the PMBus communication interface. The PMBus command set is accessed by using the <u>PowerNavigator</u><sup>TM</sup> evaluation software from a PC running Microsoft Windows.

#### 1.1 Key Features

- $\bullet$  V  $_{\rm IN}$  range of 4.5V to 16V, V  $_{\rm OUT}$  adjustable from 2.5V to 5.5V
- Programmable V<sub>OUT</sub>, margining, UV/OV, I<sub>OUT</sub> limit, soft-start/stop, sequencing, and external synchronization
- Monitor:  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ ,  $I_{OUT}$ , temperature, duty cycle, switching frequency, and faults
- ChargeMode control tunable with PMBus
- On-board load step circuit
- Mechanical switch for enable and power-good LED indicator

#### 1.2 Specifications

This board is configured for the following operating conditions by default:

- $V_{IN} = 7V$  to 16V
- $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$
- $I_{MAX} = 20A$
- $f_{SW} = 500 \text{kHz}$
- Peak efficiency: >94% at 50% load
- On/off delay = 5ms, On/off ramp time = 5ms

#### 1.3 Ordering Information

| Part Number    | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| ISL68301EVAL2Z | ISL68301 board (EVB, ZLUSBEVAL3Z Adapter, USB Cable) |

#### 1.4 Related Literature

For a full list of related documents, visit our website

• ISL68301 product page



#### 1.5 Recommended Equipment

- DC power supply with minimum 15V/25A sourcing capacity
- Electronic load capable of sinking current up to 33A
- Digital Multimeters (DMMs)
- Oscilloscope with higher than 100MHz bandwidth

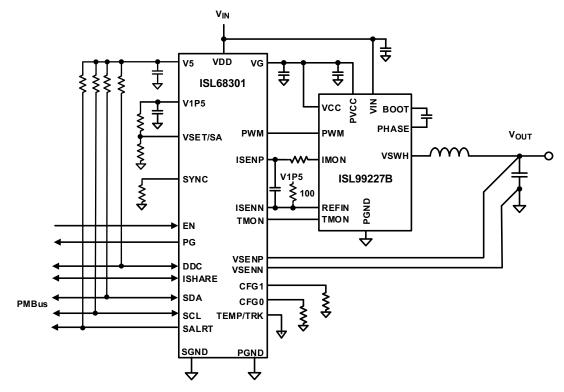


Figure 1. ISL68301EVAL2Z Block Diagram



### 2. Functional Description

The ISL68301EVAL2Z provides all circuitry required to evaluate the features of the ISL68301. A majority of the features of the ISL68301, such as compensation-free ChargeMode control, soft-start delay and ramp times, supply sequencing, and voltage margining are available on this evaluation board. For sequencing evaluation, the board can be connected to any Renesas digital module evaluation board that supports the Digital-DC<sup>TM</sup> (DDC) bus.

Figures 2 and 3 on page 6 show the ISL68301EVAL2Z evaluation board.

#### 2.1 Operating Range

By default, the ISL68301EVAL2Z is configured to operate at  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ,  $f_{SW} = 500$ kHz, and  $V_{IN}$  ranges from 7V to 16V. The board can also support a wider operating range to meet the requirements of specific applications. The  $V_{OUT}$  can be adjusted from 2.5V to 5.5V and the switching frequency can also be tuned.

If using external synchronization, connect the SYNC test point to the external clock. Note that the external clock signal should be valid before the ISL68301 is enabled.

#### 2.2 **PMBus Operation**

The ISL68301 uses the PMBus protocol. The PMBus functionality can be controlled using the ZLUSBEVAL3Z dongle from a PC running the PowerNavigator evaluation software.

Install PowerNavigator from the Renesas website.

For board operation, connect the included ZLUSBEVAL3Z dongle to the 6-pin male connector, J3, labeled "DONGLE". Connect the desired load and an appropriate power supply to the input and connect the included USB cable to the PC running PowerNavigator. Set the ENABLE switch, SW3, to "OFF" before turning on the power.

PowerNavigator allows modification of all ISL68301 PMBus parameters. The ISL68301 device on the board is configured by pin-strapping resistors, but the user can modify the operating parameters through the evaluation software or by loading a predefined set-up from a configuration file.

The ENABLE switch, SW3, can then be moved to "ON" and the ISL68301EVAL2Z board can be tested. Alternately, the PMBus ON\_OFF\_CONFIG and OPERATION commands can be used from PowerNavigator.



#### 2.3 Quick Start Guide

#### 2.3.1 Pin-Strap Option

The ISL68301EVAL2Z can be configured in Pin-Strap mode with standard 1% 0402 resistors. The PMBus interface is not required to evaluate ISL68301 in Pin-Strap mode. Output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ), switching frequency ( $f_{SW}$ ), fault response, current limit threshold, ASCR gain, and the device PMBus address can be adjusted by changing the pin-strape resistors at the VSET/SA, SYNC, CFG0, and CFG1 pins. By default, the evaluation board is programmed to regulate at  $V_{OUT}$  = 3.3V,  $f_{SW}$  = 500kHz, and PMBus address = 69h. Complete the following steps to evaluate the ISL68301EVAL2Z in Pin-Strap mode:

- (1) Set the ENABLE switch to "OFF".
- (2) Connect a load to the VOUT lug connectors.
- (3) Connect a power supply to the VIN connectors. Make sure the power supply is not enabled when making the connection.
- (4) Turn the power supply on.
- (5) Set the ENABLE switch to "ON".
- (6) To change V<sub>OUT</sub>, disconnect the board from the setup and populate with 1% standard 0402 resistors at R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>. Refer to the "Output Voltage and SMBus Address Selection" table in the <u>ISL68301</u> datasheet for recommended values. By default, VOUT\_MAX is set to 115% of V<sub>OUT</sub> by the pin-strap resistor.
- (7) To change the switching frequency, disconnect the board from the setup and populate with a 1% standard 0402 resistor at R<sub>35</sub>. Refer to the "Switching Frequency" table in the <u>ISL68301</u> datasheet for recommended values.
- (8) To change fault response, current limit threshold, or ASCR gain, disconnect the board from the setup and populate with 1% standard 0402 resistors at R<sub>38</sub>, and R<sub>1</sub>. Refer to the "Configuration Setting" table in the <u>ISL68301</u> datasheet for the recommended values.

#### 2.3.2 PMBus Option

The ISL68301EVAL2Z can be evaluated for all features using the provided ZLUSBEVAL3Z dongle and PowerNavigator. Complete the following steps to evaluate the ISL68301 with the PMBus option.

- (1) Install PowerNavigator.
- (2) Set the ENABLE switch to "OFF".
- (3) Connect the load to the VOUT lug connectors.
- (4) Connect the power supply to the VIN connectors. Make sure the power supply is not enabled when making the connection.
- (5) Turn the power supply on.
- (6) Connect the ZLUSBEVAL3Z dongle (USB to PMBus adapter) to the ISL68301EVAL2Z board using the 6-pin male connector, J3, labeled "DONGLE".
- (7) Connect the supplied USB cable from the computer through the USB to the ZLUSBEVAL3Z dongle.
- (8) Launch PowerNavigator.
- (9) Set the ENABLE switch to "ON".
- (10) Monitor and configure the ISL68301EVAL2Z board using the PMBus commands in the evaluation software.

PowerNavigator tutorial videos are available on the Renesas website.

To sequence using the Digital-DC Bus (DDC), or to evaluate multiple Renesas digital power products using a single ZLUSBEVAL3Z dongle, the ISL68301EVAL2Z can be daisy chained with other digital power evaluation boards. The PMBus address can be changed by placing 1% standard 0402 resistors at  $R_3$  and  $R_5$ . Refer to the "Output Voltage and SMBus Address Selection" table in the <u>ISL68301</u> datasheet for recommended values.



### 3. PCB Layout Guidelines

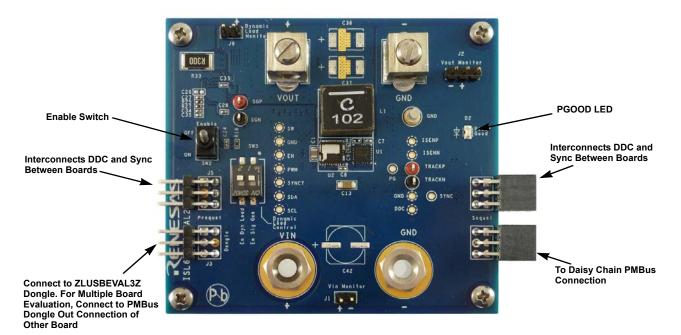


Figure 2. ISL68301EVAL2Z Evaluation Board (Top Side)

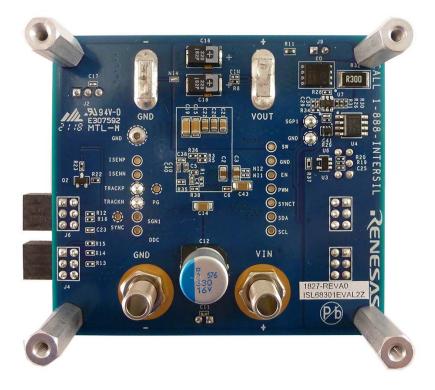


Figure 3. ISL68301EVAL2Z Evaluation Board (Bottom Side)



#### 3.1 ISL68301EVAL2Z Board Schematic

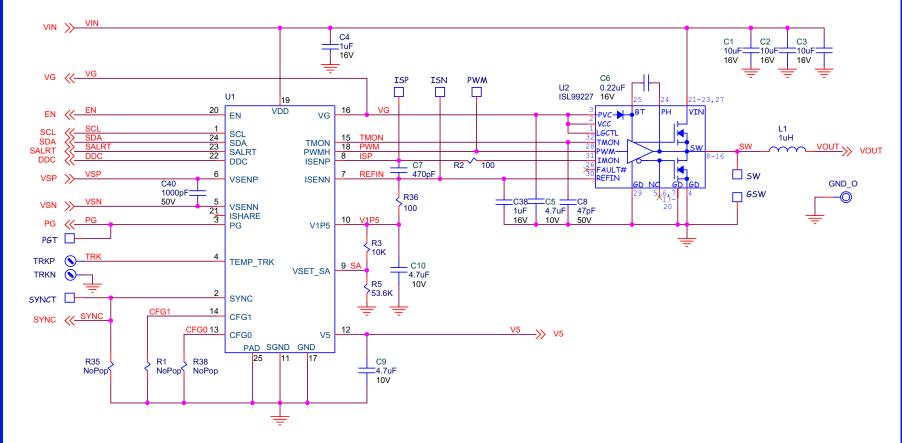
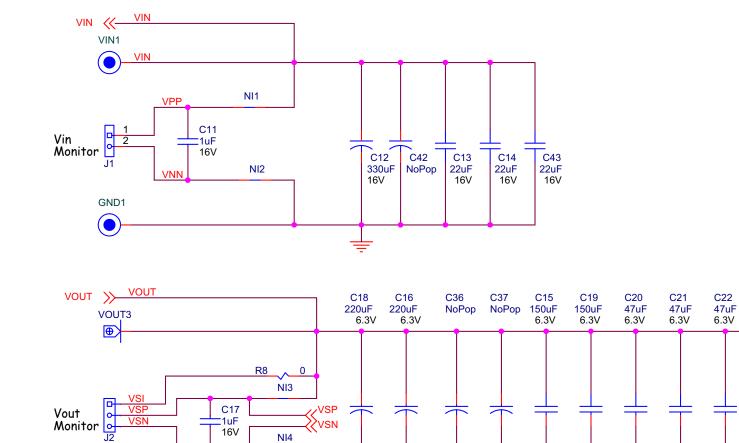


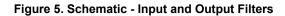
Figure 4. Schematic

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GND3

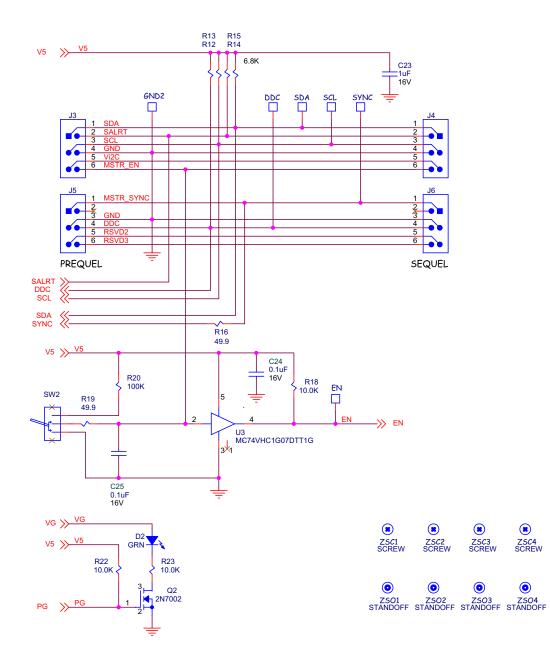




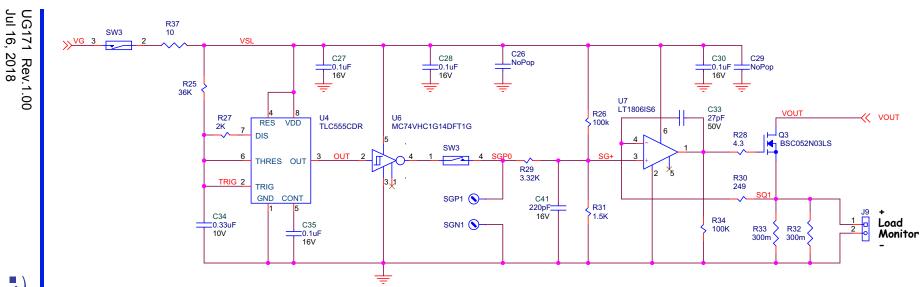
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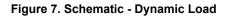
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#### 3.2 Bill of Materials

| Qty | Reference<br>Designator         | Description   | Manufacturer           | Manufacturer Part   |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| 3   | C1, C2, C3                      | CAP, SMD, 0805, 10µF, 16V, 10%, X6S, ROHS                       | TDK                    | C2012X6S1C106K085AC |
| 2   | C15, C19                        | CAP, SMD, 1206, 150µF, 6.3V, 20%, X5R, ROHS                     | Murata                 | GRM31CR60J157ME11L  |
| 1   | C40                             | CAP, SMD, 0402, 1000pF, 50V, 5%, C0G, ROHS                      | Venkel                 | C0402C0G500-102JNE  |
| 6   | C24, C25, C27,<br>C28, C30, C35 | CAP, SMD, 0402, 0.1µF, 16V, 10%, X7R, ROHS                      | Venkel                 | C0402X7R160-104KNE  |
| 5   | C4, C11, C17,<br>C23, C38       | CAP, SMD, 0402, 1.0µF, 16V, 10%, X5R, ROHS                      | TDK                    | C1005X5R1C105K050BC |
| 1   | C41                             | CAP, SMD, 0402, 220pF, 50V, 5%, C0G, ROHS                       | Panasonic              | ECU-E1H221JCQ       |
| 1   | C6                              | CAP, SMD, 0402, 0.22µF, 10V, 10%, X5R, ROHS                     | Venkel                 | C0402X5R100-224KNE  |
| 1   | C33                             | CAP, SMD, 0402, 27pF, 50V, 5%, NP0, ROHS                        | Murata                 | GRM36COG270J050AQ   |
| 1   | C34                             | CAP, SMD, 0402, 0.33µF, 6.3V, 10%, X5R, ROHS                    | Murata                 | GRM155R60J334KE01J  |
| 1   | C8                              | CAP, SMD, 0402, 47pF, 50V, 5%, NP0, ROHS                        | Murata                 | GRM36COG470J050AQ   |
| 1   | C7                              | CAP, SMD, 0402, 470pF, 50V, 5%, NP0, ROHS                       | AVX                    | 04025A471JAT2A      |
| 3   | C5, C9, C10                     | CAP, SMD, 0402, 4.7µF, 10V, 10%, X5R, ROHS                      | TDK                    | C1005X5R1A475K050BC |
| 3   | C20, C21, C22                   | CAP, SMD, 0805, 47µF, 6.3V, 20%, X5R, ROHS                      | Kemet                  | C0805C476M9PACTU    |
| 3   | C13, C14, C43                   | CAP, SMD, 1206, 22µF, 25V, 10%, X5R, ROHS                       | Murata                 | GRM31CR61E226KE15L  |
| 1   | C12                             | CAP, SMD, 10x12, 330μF, 16V, 20%, 14mΩ, ALUM.ELEC., ROHS        | Nippon Chemi-Con       | APXA160ARA331MJC0G  |
| 2   | C16, C18                        | CAP, SMD, D, 220µF, 6.3V, 20%, POLY.AL.EL., ROHS                | Panasonic              | 6TPF220M5L          |
| 1   | L1                              | COIL-PWR INDUCTOR, SMD, 1µH, ROHS                               | Coilcraft              | XAL1010-102MEB      |
| 1   | D2                              | LED, SMD, 0805, GREEN/CLEAR, 2.2V, 20mA, 574nm, 45mcd, ROHS     | Lumex                  | SML-LX0805SUGC-TR   |
| 1   | U1                              | IC-DIGITAL DC/DC CONTROLLER, 24P, QFN, ROHS                     | Renesas                | ISL68301IRAZ        |
| 1   | U2                              | IC-5V PWM SPS MODULE, 32P, QFN 5X5, ROHS                        | Renesas                | ISL99227BFRZ-T      |
| 1   | U7                              | IC-OP AMP, R/R, SMD, 6P, TSOT23, 325MHz, 85mA, ROHS             | Linear Technology      | LT1806IS6#TRMPBF    |
| 1   | U3                              | IC-NON-INVERTING BUFFER, SMD, 5P, TSOT23-5, ROHS                | On Semiconductor       | MC74VHC1G07DTT1G    |
| 1   | U6                              | IC-INVERTER, SCHMITT TRIGGER, SMD, 5P, SC-70-5, ROHS            | On Semiconductor       | MC74VHC1G14DFT1G    |
| 1   | U4                              | IC-TIMER/OSCILLATOR, 2.1MHz, SMD, 8P, SOIC, ROHS                | Texas Instruments      | TLC555CDR           |
| 1   | Q2                              | TRANSISTOR, N-CHANNEL, 3LD, SOT-23, 60V, 115mA, ROHS            | Diodes, Inc.           | 2N7002-7-F          |
| 1   | Q3                              | TRANSIST-MOS, N-CHANNEL, 30V, 57A, SMD, 8P,<br>PG-TDSON-8, ROHS | Infineon<br>Technology | BSC052N03LS         |
| 2   | R32, R33                        | RES-AEC-Q200, CURR.SENSE, SMD, 2512, 0.3Ω, 2W, 1%, TF, ROHS     | Bourns                 | CRM2512-FX-R300ELF  |
| 1   | R28                             | RES, SMD, 0402, 4.3Ω, 1/16W, 5%, TF, ROHS                       | Vishay/Dale            | CRCW04024R30FKED    |
| 1   | R8                              | RES, SMD, 0402, 0Ω, 1/16W, 5%, TF, ROHS                         | Venkel                 | CR0402-16W-00T      |
| 2   | R2, R36                         | RES, SMD, 0402, 100Ω, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                       | Venkel                 | CR0402-16W-1000FT   |
| 2   | R18, R22                        | RES, SMD, 0402, 10k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                        | Panasonic              | ERJ-2RKF1002X       |
| 4   | R20, R23, R26,<br>R34           | RES, SMD, 0402, 100k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                       | Panasonic              | ERJ2RKF1003         |
| 1   | R31                             | RES, SMD, 0402, 1.5kΩ, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                      | Panasonic              | ERJ-2RKF1501X       |



| Qty | Reference<br>Designator    | Description   | Manufacturer                    | Manufacturer Part  |
|-----|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1   | R1                         | RES, SMD, 0402, 15.4k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                    | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF1542X      |
| 1   | R27                        | RES, SMD, 0402, 2k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                       | Panasonici                      | ERJ-2RKF2001       |
| 1   | R30                        | RES, SMD, 0402, 249Ω, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                     | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF2490       |
| 1   | R29                        | RES, SMD, 0402, 3.32k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                    | Yageo                           | RC0402FR-073K32L   |
| 1   | R25                        | RES, SMD, 0402, 36k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                      | Yageo                           | RC0402FR-0736KL    |
| 1   | R5                         | RES, SMD, 0402, 53.6k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                    | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF5362X      |
| 2   | R16, R19                   | RES, SMD, 0402, 49.9Ω, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                    | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF49R9X      |
| 4   | R12, R13, R14,<br>R15      | RES, SMD, 0402, 6.8k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                     | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF6801X      |
| 1   | R3                         | RES, SMD, 0402, 10k, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                      | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF1002       |
| 1   | R37                        | RES, SMD, 0603, 10Ω, 1/10W, 1%, TF, ROHS                      | KOA                             | RK73H1JT10R0F      |
| 1   | R11                        | RES, SMD, 0603, 332Ω, 1/10W, 1%, TF, ROHS                     | Panasonic                       | ERJ-3EKF3320V      |
| 2   | R16, R19                   | RES, SMD, 0402, 49.9Ω, 1/16W, 1%, TF, ROHS                    | Panasonic                       | ERJ-2RKF49R9X      |
| 1   | SW2                        | SWITCH-TOGGLE, SPDT, TH, 5P, 28V, 0.4VA, ON-ON, ROHS          | NKK                             | G12AP              |
| 1   | SW3                        | SWITCH-SLIDE, SMD, 7.06mm, 2POS, SPST, 25mA, 24V, ROHS        | C&K Components                  | SDA02H1SBD         |
| 2   | GND3, VOUT3                | HARDWARE, 65A PCB WIRE LUG, TH/SMD, 8.5x3.5,<br>6-14AWG, ROHS | International<br>Hydraulics Inc | B6A-PCB-SS         |
| 2   | VIN1, GND1                 | CONN-JACK, BANANA-SS-SDRLESS, VERTICAL,<br>0.53Length, ROHS   | Johnson<br>Components           | 108-0740-001       |
| 1   | GND_O                      | CONN-DBL TURRET, TH, 0.218x0.078 PCB MNT,<br>TIN/BRASS, ROHS  | Keystone                        | 1502-1             |
| 2   | TRKP, SGP                  | CONN-MINI TEST PT, VERTICAL, RED, ROHS                        | Keystone                        | 5000               |
| 2   | TRKN, SGN                  | CONN-MINI TEST PT, VERTICAL, BLK, ROHS                        | Keystone                        | 5001               |
| 2   | J1, J9                     | CONN-HEADER, 1x2, RETENTIVE, 2.54mm, 0.230x0.120, ROHS        | BERG/FCI                        | 69190-202HLF       |
| 1   | J2                         | CONN-HEADER, 1x3, BRKAWY 1x36,2.54mm, TAIL<br>LENGTH.145"     | 3M                              | 929647-09-36-I-1X3 |
| 2   | J4, J6                     | CONN-SOCKET STRIP, TH, 2x3, 2.54mm, TIN, R/A, ROHS            | Samtec                          | SSQ-103-02-T-D-RA  |
| 2   | J3, J5                     | CONN-HEADER, 2x3, BRKAWY, 2.54mm, TIN, R/A, ROHS              | Samtec                          | TSW-103-08-T-D-RA  |
| 4   | ZSC1, ZSC2,<br>ZSC3, ZSC4  | SCREW, 4-40x1/4in, PHILLIPS, PANHEAD, STAINLESS, ROHS         | Building Fasteners              | PMSSS 440 0025 PH  |
| 4   | ZSO1, ZSO2,<br>ZSO3, ZSO4  | STANDOFF, 4-40x3/4in, F/F, HEX, ALUMINUM, 0.25 OD, ROHS       | Keystone                        | 2204               |
| 0   | C26, C29, C36,<br>C37, C42 | DO NOT POPULATE   |                                 |                    |
| 0   | R1, R35, R38               | DO NOT POPULATE   |                                 |                    |

#### 3.3 ISL68301EVAL2Z Board Layout

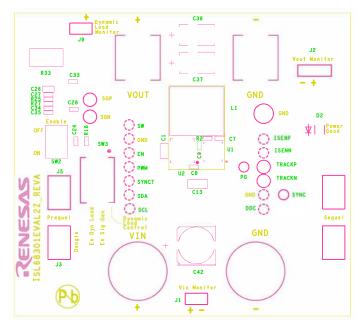


Figure 8. PCB - Top Silk Screen

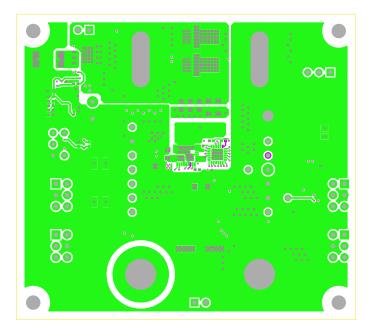


Figure 9. PCB - Top Layer



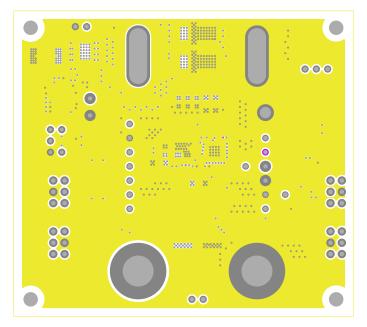


Figure 10. PCB - Inner Layer - Layer 2 (Top View)

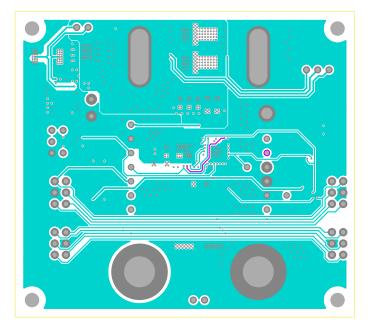


Figure 11. PCB - Inner Layer - Layer 3 (Top View)



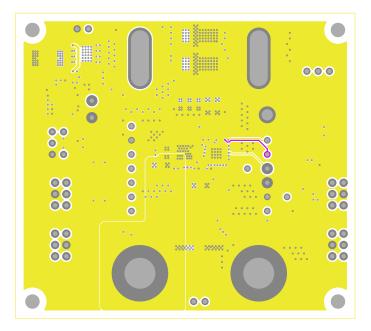


Figure 12. PCB - Inner Layer - Layer 4 (Top View)

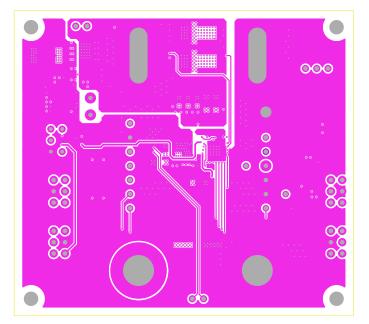


Figure 13. PCB - Inner Layer - Layer 5 (Top View)



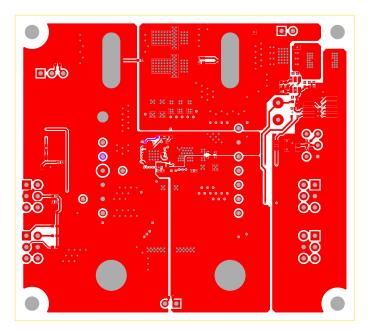


Figure 14. PCB - Bottom Layer (Top View)

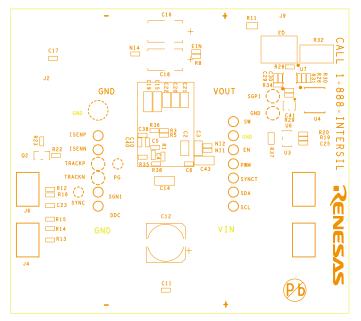
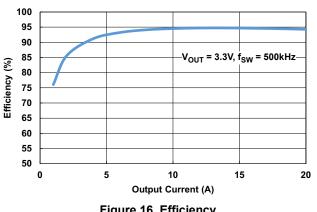
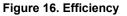


Figure 15. PCB - Bottom Silk Screen

#### **Typical Performance Curves** 4.

Unless noted:  $V_{IN}$  = 12V,  $T_A$  = +25°C





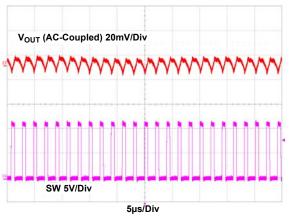


Figure 17. Output Ripple at Full Load

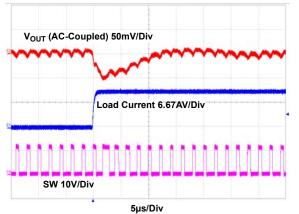


Figure 18. Load Transient Waveforms

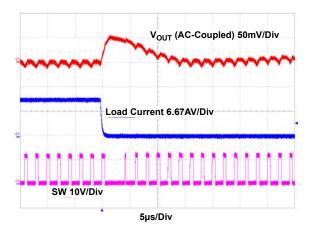


Figure 19. Load Transient Waveforms



### 5. Configuration File

Sample configuration file for the ISL68301. Copy and paste (from STORE\_CONTROL to ### End User Store) to a text editor and save it as Confile\_file\_name.txt. The # symbol is used for a comment line.

# ISL68301-0 0x69

| STORE_CONTROL        | 0x21        |            |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| STORE_CONTROL        | 0x11        |            |
| STORE_CONTROL        | 0x12        |            |
| #Start of User Set   | tings       |            |
| ON_OFF_CONFIG        | 0x17        |            |
| VOUT_COMMAND         | 0x699A      | # 3.3 V    |
| VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH     | 0x6EE1      | # 3.465 V  |
| VOUT_MARGIN_LOW      | 0x6452      | # 3.135 V  |
| POWER_MODE           | 0x00        |            |
| VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT  | 0x7428      | # 3.63 V   |
| VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT   | 0x720D      | # 3.564 V  |
| VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT   | 0x59C3      | # 2.805 V  |
| VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT  | 0x547B      | # 2.64 V   |
| IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT  | 0xE280      | # 40 A     |
| IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT   | 0xE230      | # 35 A     |
| IOUT_UC_FAULT_LIMIT  | 0xE580      | # -40 A    |
| POWER_GOOD_ON        | 0x5F0B      | # 2.97 V   |
| ISENSE_CONFIG        | 0x6103      |            |
| ASCR_ADVANCED        | 0x20FF      |            |
| INDUCTOR             | 0xBA00 #1 µ | ιH         |
| ASCR_CONFIG          | 0x3B5903E8  |            |
| IOUT_AVG_OC_FAULT_LI | IMIT 0xDB0  | C0 # 30 A  |
| IOUT_AVG_UC_FAULT_LI | IMIT 0xDC4  | 40 # -30 A |
| #End of User Set     | tings       |            |
| #Store Setup - Do N  | ot Modify   |            |
| STORE_CONTROL        | 0x13        |            |
| ### End User Store   |             |            |



### 6. Revision History

| Rev. | Date         | Description  |
|------|--------------|--|
| 1.00 | Jul 16, 2018 | Updated board pictures.<br>Updated Figures 4 and 5.<br>Updated the sample configuration file on page 18. |
| 0.00 | Jul 3, 2018  | Initial release  |



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