

1.8V Minimum Input, 5.5V Maximum Output, High-Efficiency 2A Valley-Current Synchronous Boost Converter

General Description

The SY20492 is a high-efficiency, synchronous Boost converter designed for single-cell lithium (Li-ion or Li-polymer) or two-cell to three-cell nickel (alkaline Ni-Cd or Ni-MH) battery-powered applications. It can operate down to 1.8V input voltage. It uses NMOS for the main switch and PMOS for the synchronous switch.

The SY20492 disconnects the output from the input during shutdown mode. When the input voltage exceeds the regulated output voltage, the SY20492 will enter bypass mode automatically. The low operating current along with a 0.1 μ A shutdown current (typ.) makes this device suitable for battery applications where extended battery life is important.

The SY20492 is available in a compact SOT23-6 package.

Features

- 1.8V Minimum Input Voltage
- Adjustable Output Voltage from 1.8V to 5.5V
- Minimum 2A Valley Current Limit
- 5 μ A Typical Quiescent Current
- Load Disconnect During Shutdown
- Low $R_{DS(ON)}$ at 3.3V Output: 100m Ω Main, 170m Ω Synchronous
- Output Overvoltage Protection (OVP)
- Auto-Bypass Mode when $V_{IN} \geq V_{OUT}$
- RoHS-Compliant and Halogen-Free
- Compact Package: SOT23-6

Applications

- Single-Cell Lithium Or Dual-Cell Nickel Battery-Powered Devices (MP3 players, PDAs, etc.)

Typical Application

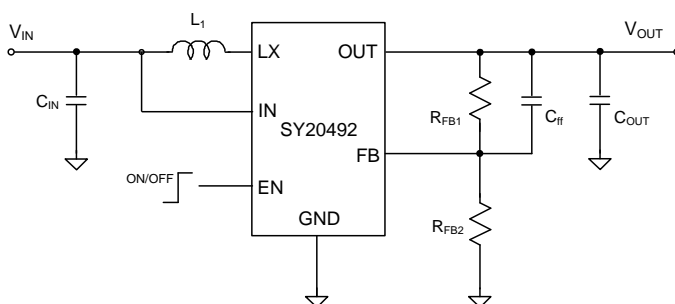


Figure 1. Schematic Diagram

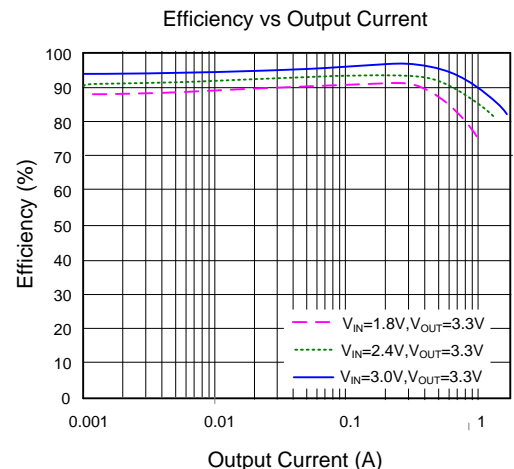


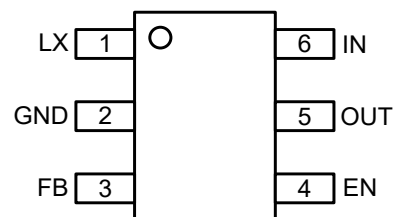
Figure 2. Efficiency vs. Load Current

Ordering Information

Ordering Part Number	Package Type	Top Mark
SY20492ABC	SOT23-6 RoHS-Compliant and Halogen-Free	Uyxyz

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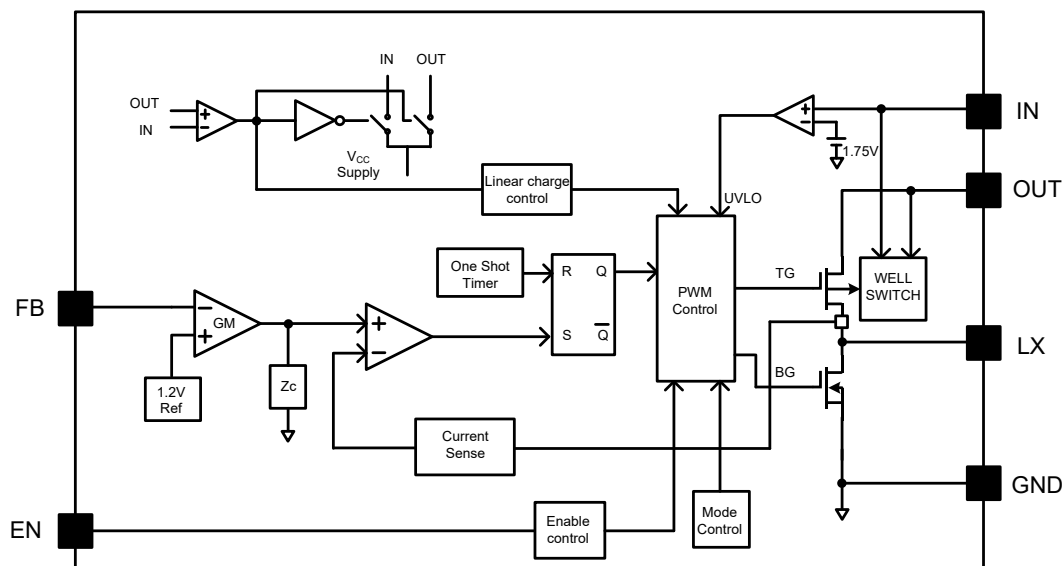
Pinout (top view)



Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Name	Pin Description
1	LX	Inductor node. Connect an inductor between the IN pin and the LX pin.
2	GND	Ground pin.
3	FB	Feedback pin. Connect a resistor R_{FB1} between OUT and FB, and a resistor R_{FB2} between FB and GND to program the output voltage. $V_{OUT} = 1.2V \times (R_{FB1} / R_{FB2} + 1)$.
4	EN	Enable pin. Pull low to disable the device, high to enable. Do not leave this pin floating.
5	OUT	Output pin. Decouple this pin to the GND pin with a minimum of 22μF ceramic capacitor.
6	IN	Input pin.

Functional Block Diagram



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter (Note 1)	Min	Max	Unit
FB, IN, OUT, EN	-0.3	6	V
LX	-0.3 ^{(*)1}	6 ^{(*)2}	
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10s)		260	°C
Junction Temperature, Operating	-40	150	
Storage Temperature	-65	150	

(*)1 LX voltage tested down to -3V < 20ns

(*)2 LX voltage tested up to +7V < 20ns

Thermal Information

Parameter (Note 2)	Typ	Unit
θ_{JA} Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance	100	°C/W
θ_{JC} Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance	30	
P_D Power Dissipation $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$	1	W

Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter (Note 3)	Min	Max	Unit
IN	1.8	5.5	V
OUT	1.8	5.5	
EN	0	$V_{OUT} + 0.3$	
LX, FB	0	5.5	
Junction Temperature, Operating	-40	125	°C
Ambient Temperature	-40	85	

Electrical Characteristics

($V_{IN} = 2.4V$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$, $I_{OUT} = 500mA$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input Voltage Range	V_{IN}		1.8		5.5	V
Input UVLO Threshold	V_{UVLO}			1.65	1.75	V
Input UVLO Hysteresis	V_{HYS}			0.1		V
Quiescent Current	V_{IN}	$V_{FB} = 1.3V$, $V_{EN} = V_{IN} = 2V$, $V_{OUT} = 3.4V$		1		μA
	V_{OUT}			5		μA
Shutdown Current	I_{SHDN}	$V_{EN} = 0V$, $V_{IN} = 2.4V$		0.1	1	μA
Linear Charge Current	I_{CHARGE}	$V_{OUT} < 0.5V_{IN}$		1		A
Feedback Reference Voltage	V_{REF}		1.182	1.2	1.218	V
Low-Side Main FET R_{ON}	$R_{DS(ON)1}$			100		m Ω
Synchronous FET R_{ON}	$R_{DS(ON)2}$			170		m Ω
EN Input Voltage High	$V_{EN,H}$		1.2			V
EN Input Voltage Low	$V_{EN,L}$				0.4	V
EN Leakage Current	$I_{EN,LK}$	$V_{EN} = 3.3V$	-1		1	μA
Min On-Time	$t_{ON,MIN}$			60		ns
Min Off-Time	$t_{OFF,MIN}$			140		ns
Soft-Start Time	t_{SS}			1		ms
Switching Frequency	f_{SW}	$V_{OUT} = 3.3V$, CCM		1		MHz
Valley Current Limit	$I_{LMT,VAL}$		2			A
Output Overvoltage Threshold	V_{OVP}			5.8		V
Output Overvoltage Hysteresis	$V_{OVP,HYS}$			0.3		V
Thermal Shutdown Temperature	T_{SD}			150		$^{\circ}C$
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis	T_{HYS}			20		$^{\circ}C$

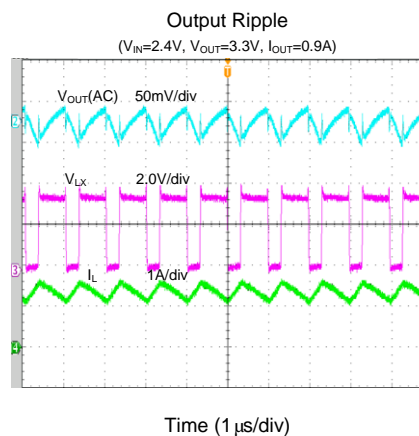
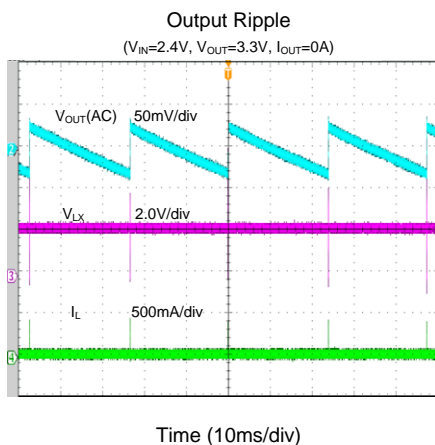
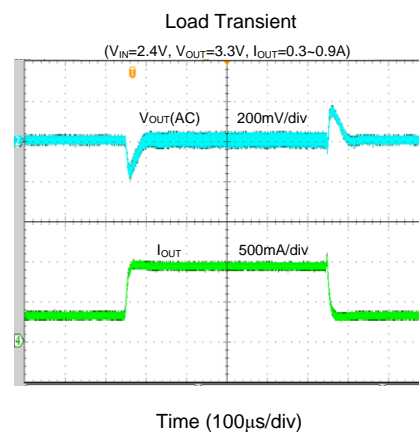
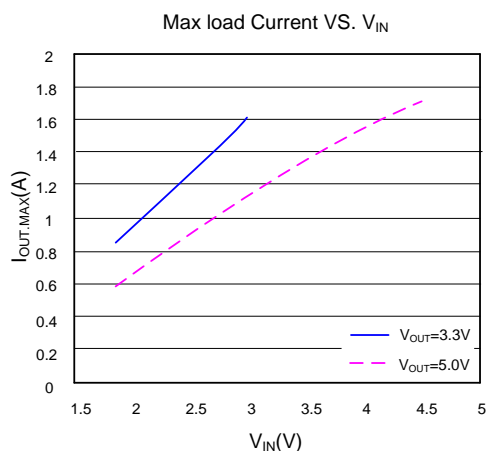
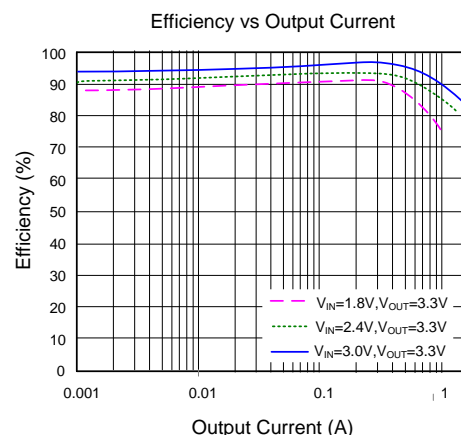
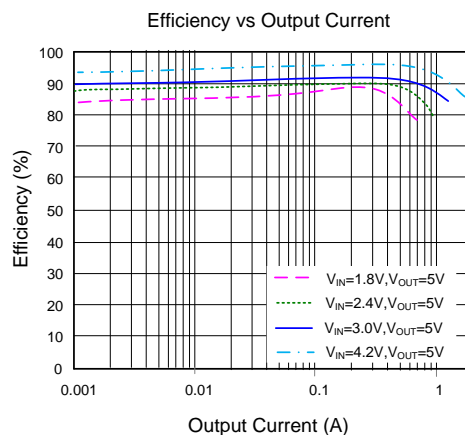
Note 1: Stresses beyond “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are for stress ratings. Functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute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

Note 2: Package thermal resistance is measured in the natural convection at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ on a two-layer Silergy Evaluation Board.

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

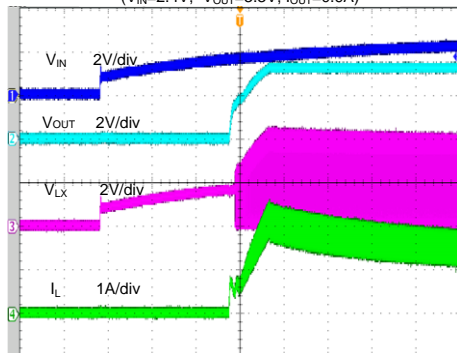
Typical Performance Characteristics

($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = 2.4\text{V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$, $L = 1\mu\text{H}$, $C_{OUT} = 22\mu\text{F}$, unless otherwise specified.)



Startup from V_{IN}

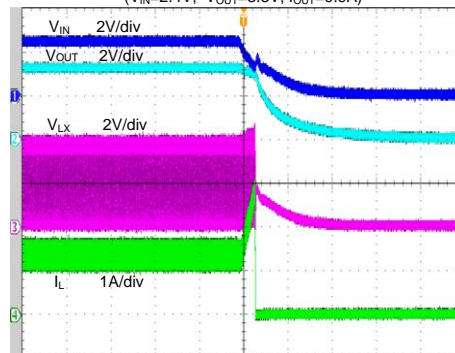
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Time (800µs/div)

Shutdown from V_{IN}

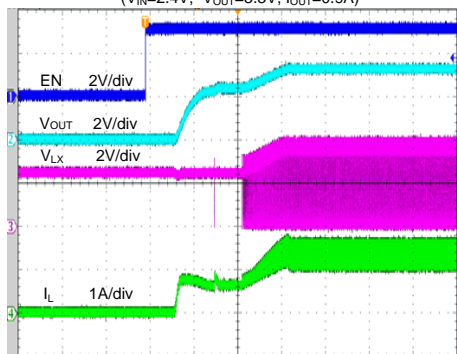
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Time (100µs/div)

Startup from Enable

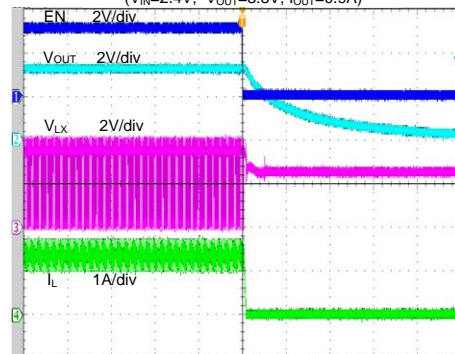
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Time (200µs/div)

Shutdown from Enable

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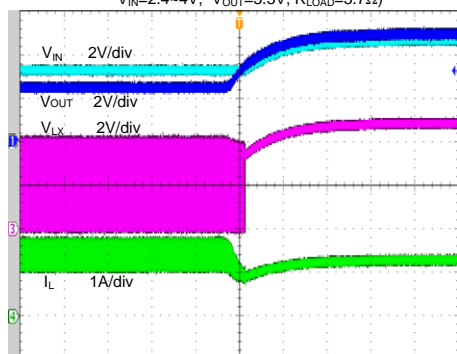


Time (40µs/div)

Seamless Transition:

(Boost Mode → Bypass Mode)

($V_{IN}=2.4\sim 4V$, $V_{OUT}=3.3V$, $R_{LOAD}=3.7\Omega$)

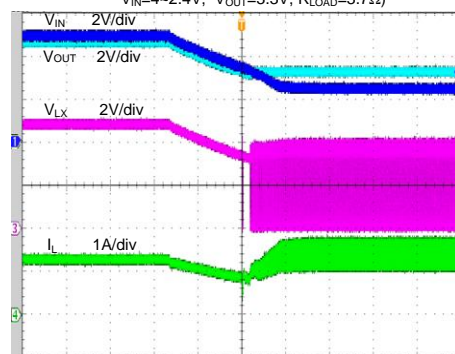


Time (4ms/div)

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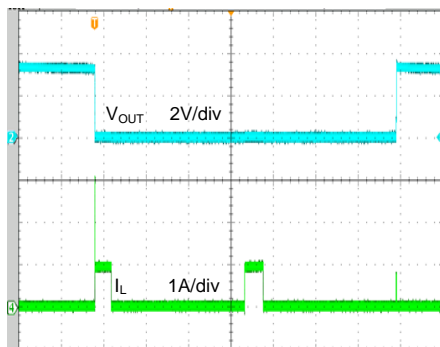
(Bypass Mode → Boost Mode)

($V_{IN}=4\sim 2.4V$, $V_{OUT}=3.3V$, $R_{LOAD}=3.7\Omega$)



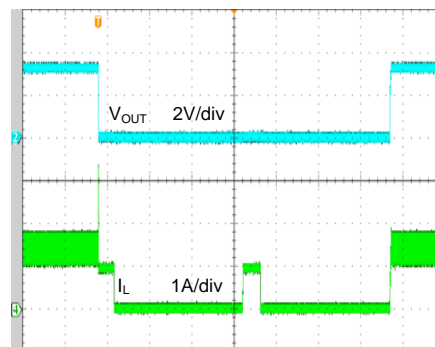
Time (200µs/div)

Short Circuit Protection
($V_{IN}=2.4V$, $V_{OUT}=3.3V$, $I_{LOAD}=0A$ ~Short)



Time (20ms/div)

Short Circuit Protection
($V_{IN}=2.4V$, $V_{OUT}=3.3V$, $I_{LOAD}=0.9A$ ~Short)



Time (20ms/div)

Application Information

Operation

The SY20492 operates using constant-on-time valley-current control. The one-shot circuit or on-time generator, which determines how long to turn on the high-side power switch, is fundamental to any constant-on-time (COT) architecture. Each on-time (t_{ON}) is a fixed period internally calculated to operate the step-down regulator at the desired switching frequency over the input and output voltage range, where $t_{ON} = t_{SW} \times (V_O - V_{IN})/V_O$.

The low-side FET is turned on at the start of every switching cycle, and inductor current ramps up. After turning on for the period t_{ON} , the low-side FET closes and the high-side FET opens. During this period, inductor current decays until it is lower than the valley-current threshold V_{COMP} . An internal signal then sets and the low-side FET starts turning on in a new switching cycle. See Figure 3 for details.

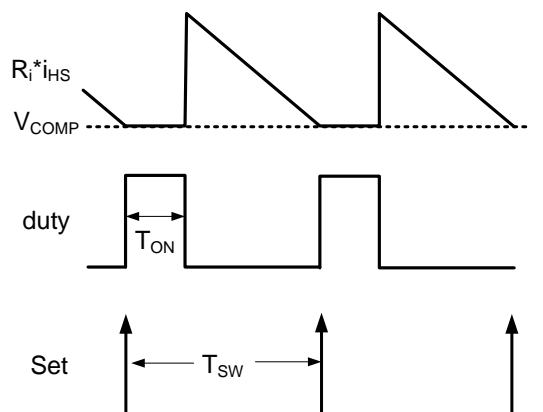


Figure 3. Constant-On-Time Valley-Current Control

The following paragraphs describe the selection process for the input capacitor C_{IN} , the output capacitor C_{OUT} , the inductor L , and the feedback resistor-divider (R_1 and R_2).

Feedback Resistor-Divider R_1 and R_2 :

Choose R_1 and R_2 in the feedback resistor-divider to configure the output voltage. A value between 100kΩ and 1MΩ is recommended for both resistors to minimize power consumption under light loads. If $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ and R_1 is chosen to be 510kΩ, then R_2 can be calculated as 300kΩ using the following formula:

$$R_2 = \frac{1.2V}{V_{OUT} - 1.2V} R_1$$

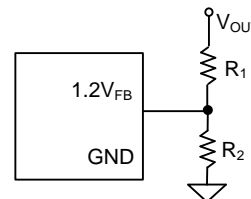


Figure 4. Feedback Resistor-Divider

Input Capacitor C_{IN}

Input filter capacitors reduce the ripple voltage on the input, filter the switched current drawn from the input supply, and reduce potential EMI. When selecting an input capacitor, be sure to select a voltage rating at least 20% greater than the maximum voltage of the input supply and a temperature rating higher than the system requirements. X5R or X7R series ceramic capacitors are most often selected due to their small size, low cost, surge-current capability, and high RMS current ratings over a wide temperature and voltage range. However, systems that are powered by a wall adapter or other long and therefore inductive cabling may be susceptible to significant inductive ringing at the input to the device. In these cases, consider adding some bulk capacitance like electrolytic, tantalum, or polymer type capacitors. Using a combination of bulk capacitors (to reduce overshoot or ringing) in parallel with ceramic capacitors (to meet the RMS current requirements) is helpful in these cases.

Consider the RMS current rating of the input capacitor, paralleling additional capacitors if required to meet the calculated RMS ripple current.

The ripple current through input capacitor is calculated as:

$$I_{CIN-RMS} = \frac{V_{IN} \times (V_{OUT} - V_{IN})}{2\sqrt{3} \times L \times f_{SW} \times V_{OUT}}$$

For the best performance, select a typical X5R or better grade ceramic capacitor. The component should be placed as close as possible to the IN and GND pins, while also minimizing the loop area formed by C_{IN} and the IN/GND pins. In this case, a 22μF low-ESR ceramic capacitor is recommended to improve transient behavior of the regulator and EMI behavior of the total power-supply circuit.

Output Capacitor C_{OUT}

Select the output capacitor C_{OUT} to handle the output ripple requirements. Both steady-state ripple and transient requirements must be taken into consideration when selecting C_{OUT}. For the best performance, use a X5R or better grade ceramic capacitor with a 6.3V rating and at least 22μF capacitance.

For applications where the design must meet stringent ripple requirements, the following considerations must be followed:

The output-voltage ripple at the switching frequency is caused by the inductor-current ripple (ΔI_L) on the output capacitor's ESR (ESR ripple), as well as the stored charge (capacitive ripple). When calculating total ripple, both should be considered.

$$V_{\text{RIPPLE, ESR1}} = I_{\text{LPEAK}} \times \text{ESR}$$

$$V_{\text{RIPPLE, ESR2}} = I_{\text{LVALLEY}} \times \text{ESR}$$

$$V_{\text{RIPPLE, CAP}} = \frac{I_{\text{OUT}} \times (1-D)}{C_{\text{OUT}} \times f_{\text{SW}}}$$

The capacitive ripple might be higher because the effective capacitance for ceramic capacitors decreases with the voltage across the terminals. The voltage derating is usually included as a chart in the capacitor datasheet, and the ripple can be recalculated after taking the target output voltage into account.

Li-Ion Battery Hot Plug Consideration

In the mass production stage, the Li-Ion battery will always hot plug between the IN and GND pins. The hot plug may lead to large voltage spikes, or even to IC EOS failure. To avoid this potential risk, place one 22μF ceramic capacitor in series with a 0.1Ω resistor to absorb the input voltage spike. With this solution, the voltage spike can be reduced from 6.12V to 5.2V. See Figure 5 and Figure 6 for more details.

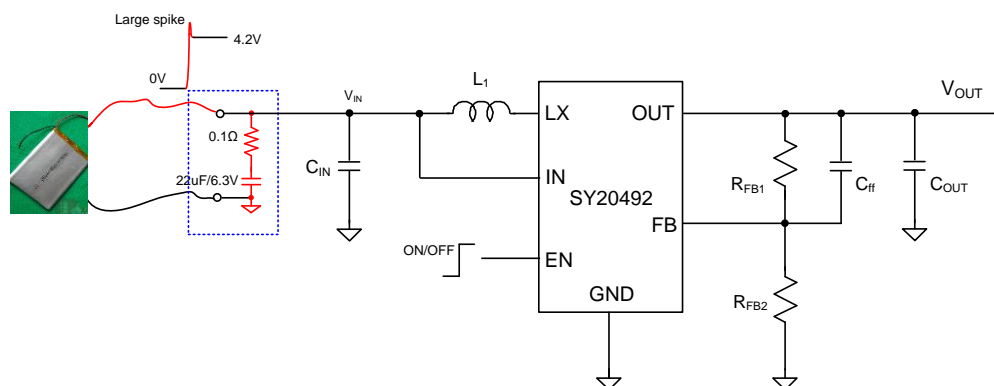


Figure 5. Voltage Spike Suppression

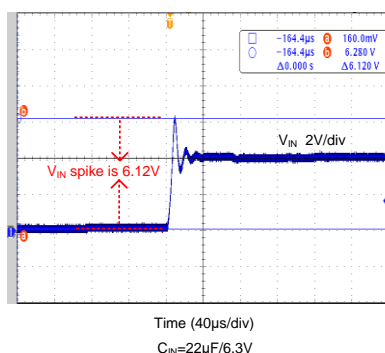


Figure 6. Voltage Spike without Suppression

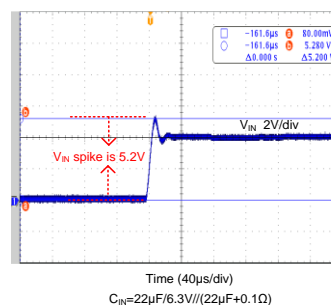


Figure 7. Voltage Spike with Suppression

Boost Inductor L

Consider the following when choosing this inductor:

- Choose the inductance to provide a ripple current that is approximately 40% of the maximum output current. The recommended inductance is calculated as:

$$L = \left(\frac{V_{IN}}{V_{OUT}} \right)^2 \frac{(V_{OUT} - V_{IN})}{f_{SW} \times I_{OUT_MAX} \times 40\%}$$

where f_{SW} is the switching frequency and I_{OUT_MAX} is the maximum load current.

The SY20492 has high tolerance for ripple-current amplitude variation. As a result, the final choice of inductance can vary slightly from the calculated value with no significant performance impact.

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

$$I_{SAT_MIN} > \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \times \eta} \right) \times I_{OUT_MAX} + \frac{V_{IN}(V_{OUT} - V_{IN})}{2 \times f_{SW} \times L \times V_{OUT}}$$

- The DCR of the inductor and the core loss at the switching frequency must be low enough to achieve the desired efficiency requirement. Choose an inductor with DCR greater than 50mΩ to achieve a good overall efficiency.

Enable Operation

Driving the EN pin high (>1.2V) enables normal operation. Driving the EN pin low (<0.4V) will shut down the device. During shutdown mode, the SY20492 shutdown current drops to less than 1μA.

Overvoltage Protection

The SY20492 provides output overvoltage protection. If the output voltage exceeds V_{OVP} (typ. 5.8V), the device stops switching, and the main switch is turned off. When the output voltage returns to the normal operating range (typ. 5.5V), the device resumes operation.

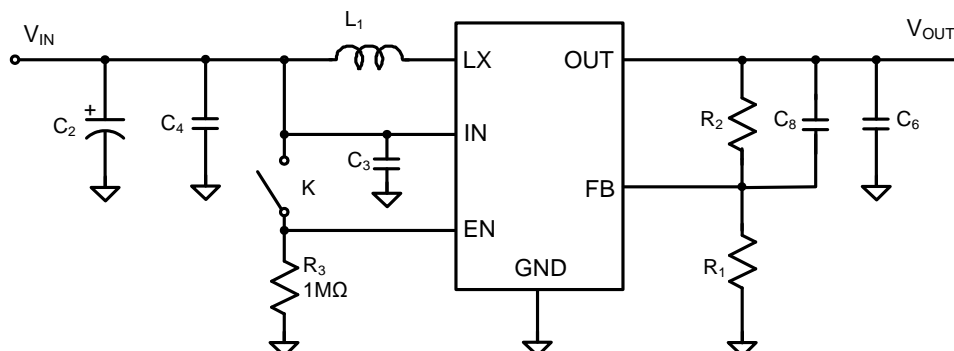
Overcurrent Protection

The SY20492 provides cycle-by-cycle overcurrent protection and turns off the main power MOSFET once the inductor current reaches the overcurrent-limit threshold. During overcurrent protection, the output voltage drops as a function of the load. As soon as the overload condition is removed, the converter resumes operation.

Thermal Protection

The SY20492 includes overtemperature protection circuitry to prevent overheating due to excessive power dissipation. This will shut down the device when the junction temperature exceeds 150°C. When the junction temperature cools down by approximately 20°C, the device will resume normal operation after a complete soft-start cycle. For continuous operation, provide adequate cooling so that the junction temperature does not exceed the thermal protection threshold.

Typical Application Schematic



Design Specifications

Input Voltage (V)	Output Voltage (V)	Output Current Limit (A)
1.8-3.3	3.3	0.5

BOM List

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number	Manufacturer
C2	100μF/25V, Electrolytic Capacitor		
C3, C4	10μF/6.3V,0603	C1608X5R0J106M	TDK
C6	22μF/6.3V,0805	C2012X5R0J226M	TDK
C8	22pF/50V,0603	C1608C0G1H220J	TDK
L1	1μH/8.6A	VLP6045LT-1R0N	TDK
R1	300kΩ		
R2	510kΩ		
R3	1MΩ		

Recommended Components for Typical Applications

V _{OUT} (V)	R2(kΩ)	R1(kΩ)	L(μH)	C _{OUT}
5	300	951	1	22μF/10V/X5R,1206
3.3	300	510	1	22μF/6.3V/X5R,1206

Recommended PCB Layout

Follow these PCB layout guidelines for optimal performance and thermal dissipation:

- Place the following components as close as possible to the IC: C_{IN} , L, R1, and R2.
- To achieve the best thermal and noise performance, maximize the PCB copper area connecting to the GND pin. If board space allows, using a large copper pour connected to GND ground plane is recommended.
- C_{IN} must be close to the IN and GND pins. Minimize the loop area formed by C_{IN} and GND.
- Minimize the PCB copper area associated with the LX pin to reduce EMI emissions.
- To avoid crosstalk, R1, R2, and the trace connecting to the FB pin must not be adjacent to the LX net on the PCB layout.
- If the system chip controlling the EN pin has a high-impedance state during low-power modes and the IN pin is connected directly to a power source such as a Li-Ion battery, add a 1M Ω pulldown resistor between the EN and GND pins to prevent potential noise from falsely triggering the regulator during shutdown mode.

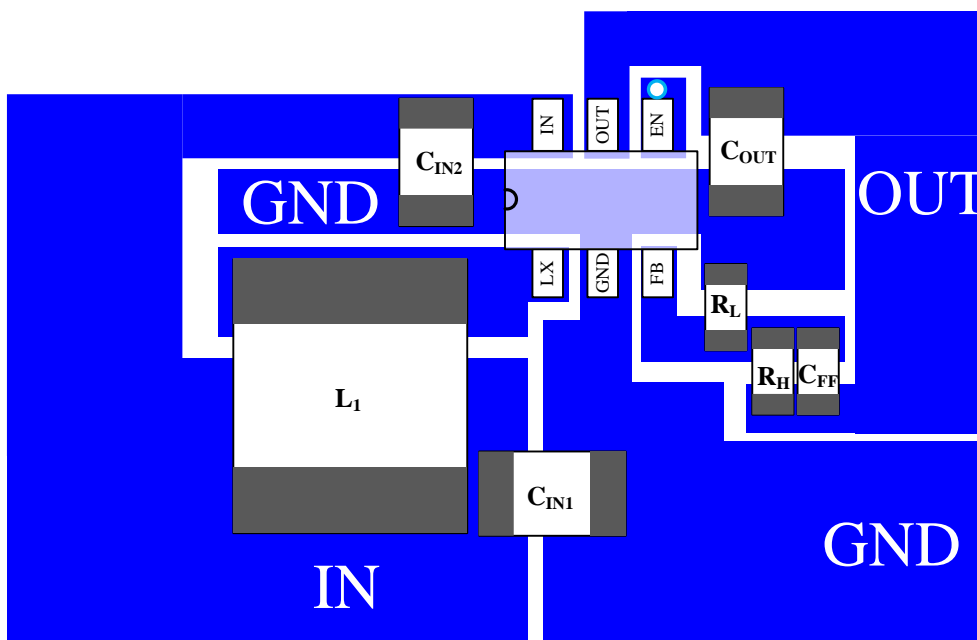
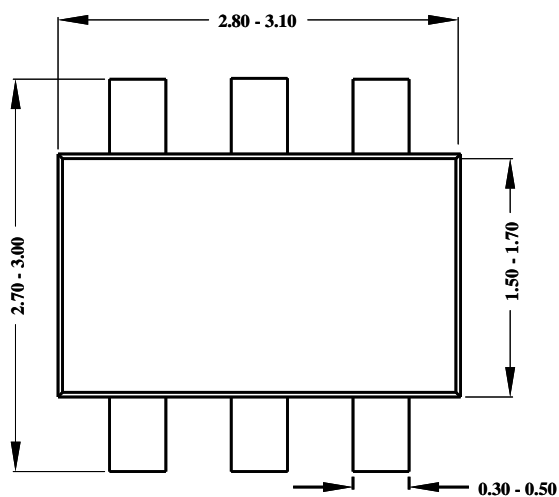
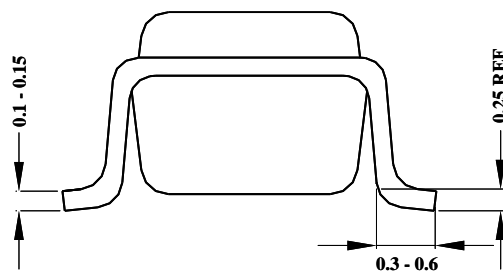


Figure 8. Suggested PCB Layout

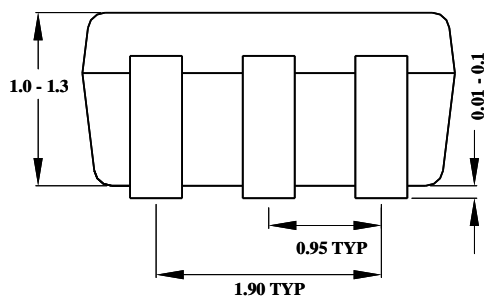
SOT23-6 Package Outline Drawing



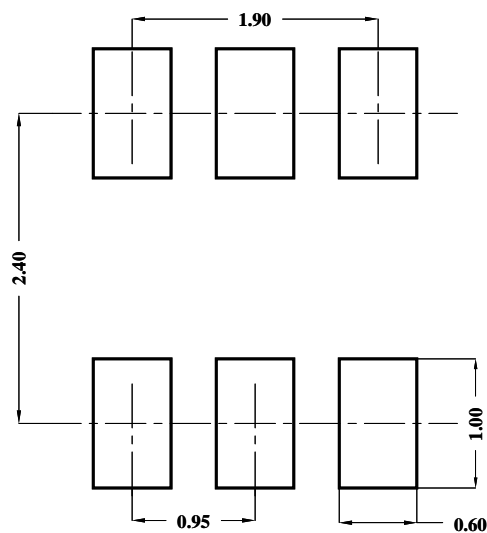
Top view



Side view A



Side view B

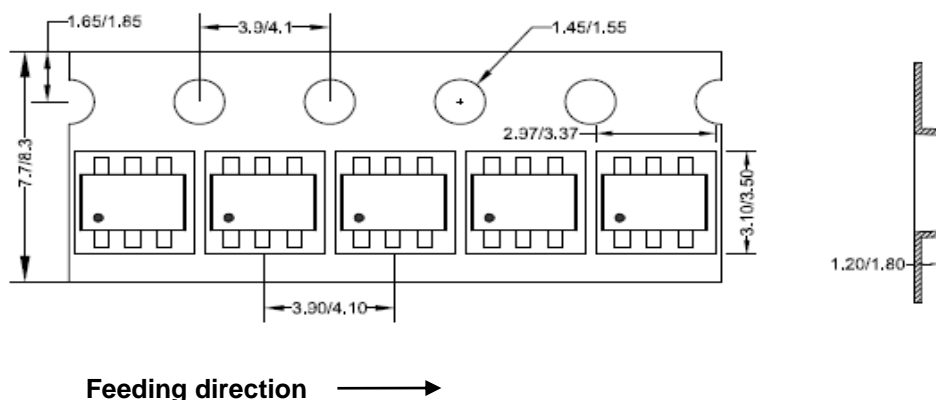


Recommended pad layout (reference only)

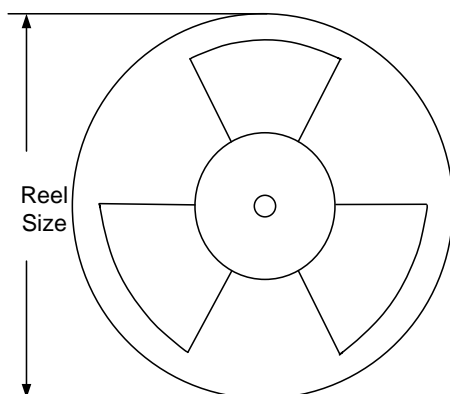
Note: All dimensions are in millimeters and exclude mold flash and metal burr.

Taping and Reel Specification

SOT23-6 taping orientation



Carrier tape and reel specification for packages



Package type	Tape width (mm)	Pocket pitch(mm)	Reel size (Inch)	Trailer length(mm)	Leader length (mm)	Qty per reel (pcs)
SOT23-6	8	4	7"	280	160	3000

Others: NA

Revision History

The revision history provided is for informational purposes only and is believed to be accurate, however, not warranted. Please make sure that you have the latest revision.

Date	Revision	Change
Sep.21 2023	Revision 1.0	Language improvements for clarity.
Aug.28, 2020	Revision 0.9A	Update the Block Diagram
Jul.11, 2018	Revision 0.9	Initial Release

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