EVAL-LT8374-AZ

60V, 1.2A Synchronous Step-Down LED Driver

General Description

Evaluation board EVAL-LT8374-AZ is a synchronous step-down LED driver featuring the LT®8374. It drives up to 36V of LEDs at 1.2A when the EMIVIN terminal is between 42V and 57V. EVAL-LT8374-AZ runs at 330kHz switching frequency and features options for spread-spectrum frequency modulation (SSFM) or external synchronization.

The LT8374 has an input voltage range of 6.5V to 60V. It features 60V synchronous internal power switches for high efficiency and small solution size. The switching frequency of LT8374 is fixed at 330kHz, and the device can be synchronized with an external clock source or configured with internal SSFM for low EMI. With SSFM enabled, the LT8374 modulates its switching frequency between 330kHz and 410kHz to reduce switching emissions. EVAL-LT8374-AZ includes a SYNC/SSFM jumper to configure the LT8374 for either external synchronization, SSFM, or set to normal operation.

The LT8374 can be analog dimmed by applying a DC voltage between 1.25V and 250mV to the CTRL pin. An internal 20µA current source allows for a single resistor connected between the CTRL pin and GND to provide this voltage. Alternatively, the LT8374 can be analog dimmed by applying a 15kHz to 200kHz PWM signal with a duty cycle between 12.5% to 62.5% to the CTRL pin. For higher-resolution LED brightness control, a 100Hz to 200Hz PWM signal can be applied to the CTRL pin.

Small ceramic input and output capacitors are used to save space and cost. This evaluation board is designed with high frequency capacitors placed close to the IC's VIN pins to form a compact switching hotloop for best EMI performance. Ferrite bead filters placed at the input and output help further reduce switching emissions. For best efficiency, the EMI filters at the input and output can be removed. Please follow the recommended layout and the four-layer PCB thickness of EVAL-LT8374-AZ for optimal performance.

The LT8374 features overvoltage protection (OVP) which uses the IC's constant voltage regulation loop to regulate the output to approximately 40V in the case of an OPENLED event. A single resistor connecting VOUT to FB provides this regulation setpoint. Both LED current and output overvoltage protection (OVP) can all be adjusted with simple modifications to EVAL-LT8374-AZ.

The LT8374 also features optional internal compensation options for reduced component-count designs. To utilize the internal compensation options, the external compensation components must be removed, and the VC pin must be left floating. With external compensation components removed, the CAP pin can either be left floating or connected to GND to select between the two internal compensation options. EVAL-LT8374-AZ is configured with an optimized external compensation network by default and includes a jumper for selecting between the two internal and external compensation configurations.

The LT8374 data sheet gives a complete description of the device, its operation, and applications information. The data sheet must be read in conjunction with this demo manual for the evaluation board EVAL-LT8374-AZ. The LT8374 is assembled in a 16-lead plastic QFN package with a thermally enhanced exposed ground pad. The proper board layout is essential for maximum performance. Refer to the "Designing the Printed Circuit Board" section in the data sheet.

Design files for this circuit board are available.

Performance Summary

Specifications are at T_A = 25°C

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
EMIVIN Input Voltage Range	Operating	42		57	V
Switching Frequency (f_{SW})	JP1 = NO SSFM/SYNC		330		kHz
	JP1 = SSFM ON	330		410	kHz
LED Current (I_{LED})	R1 = 0.082Ω, 42V < EMIVIN < 57V, V_{LED} ≤ 36V		1.2		A
OPENLED Voltage (V_{OVP})	R9 = 732k		40		V
Typical Efficiency	EMIVIN = 50V, V_{LED} = 36V, I_{LED} = 1.2A		96		%

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Quick Start Procedure

Demonstration circuit EVAL-LT8374-AZ is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LT8374. See *Figure 1* for proper measurement equipment setup and use the following procedure:

1. With power off, connect an input power supply between the EMIVIN and GND turrets. Connect a string of LEDs that will run with forward voltage less than or equal to 36V at 1.2A between the LED+ and LED- turrets on the PCB as shown in *Figure 1*.
2. Set the JP2 jumper to EXT COMP to enable the external compensation components populated on EVAL-LT8374-AZ. To use internal compensation settings, external components must be removed.
3. Set the JP1 to NO SSFM/SYNC to run at 330kHz fixed switching frequency or to SSFM ON for 330kHz to 410kHz modulated switching frequency spec for reduction in EMI performance.
4. Turn the input power supply and slowly increase the voltage to 48V.

   Note: Ensure that the input voltage applied to EVAL-LT8374-AZ is always within the range specified in the performance summary table.
5. Observe the LED string running at the programmed LED current of 1.2A.
6. LED brightness can be adjusted by applying a voltage at the CTRL turret.

ANALOG DIMMING (Method 1): Applying a DC voltage between 0.25V and 1.25V to the CTRL pin will adjust the DC level of the LED current. Refer to the 'LED Current (Analog CTRL)' in the Typical Performance Characteristics section of the LT8374 data sheet for the relationship of $V_{(ISP-ISN)}$ to V_{CTRL}. An internal 20µA current source allows for a single resistor from the CTRL pin to GND to set V_{CTRL}. Up to 20:1 Analog Dimming advised.

ANALOG DIMMING (Method 2): Applying an external PWM signal between 15kHz to 200kHz with a variable duty cycle from 12.5% to 62.5% to the CTRL pin will adjust the DC level of the LED current. Refer to the 'LED Current (Digital CTRL)' in the Typical Performance Characteristics of the LT8374 data sheet for the relationship of $V_{(ISP-ISN)}$ to the CTRL duty cycle. Up to 20:1 Analog Dimming advised.

PWM DIMMING: Applying an external PWM signal under 10kHz with a variable duty cycle to the CTRL pin to allow the LED brightness to be controlled by delivering pulses of current to the LEDs. Lower PWM dimming frequencies allow for higher achievable dimming ratios while maintaining output regulation. EVAL-LT8374-AZ can achieve up to 500:1 dimming ratios with a 100Hz PWM dimming signal.

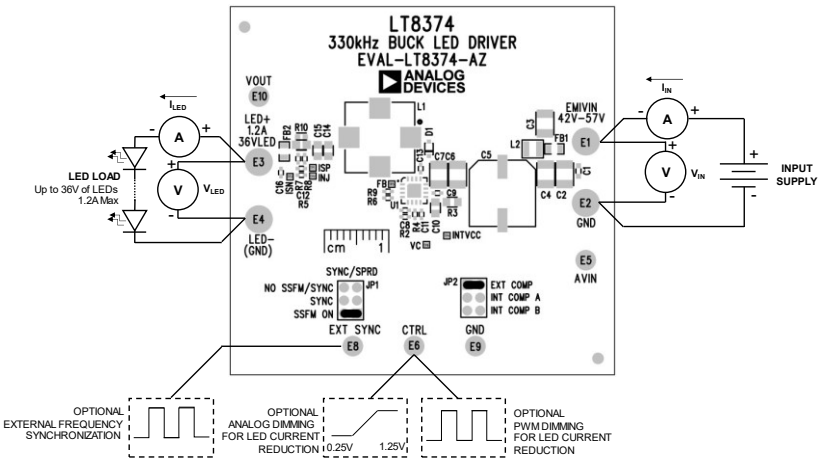


Figure 1. EVAL-LT8374-AZ Board Connections

Table 1. SYNC/SPRD Jumper (JP1) Setting

SHUNT POSITION	SYNC/SPRD PIN CONNECTION	SWITCHING FREQUENCY
1-2*	$INTV_{CC}$	SSFM ON
3-4	External Connection	EXTERNAL SYNC
5-6	GND	No SYNC / SSFM OFF

**Default position*

Table 2. Compensation Jumper (JP2) Setting

SHUNT POSITION	CAP PIN CONNECTION	COMPENSATION SELECTION
1-2*	$INTV_{CC}$	External Compensation Network
3-4	Floating	Internal Compensation (28k + 1nF)
5-6	GND	Internal Compensation (19k + 220pF)

**Default position*

Typical Performance

(V_{IN} = 48V, V_{LED} = 36V, I_{LED} = 1.2A, SSFM = ON, T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

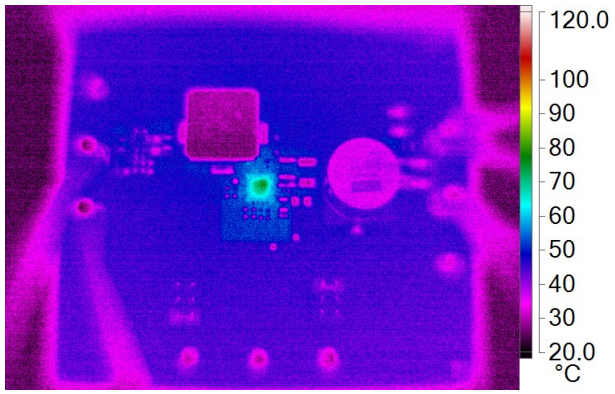


Figure 2. Evaluation Board Thermal Image

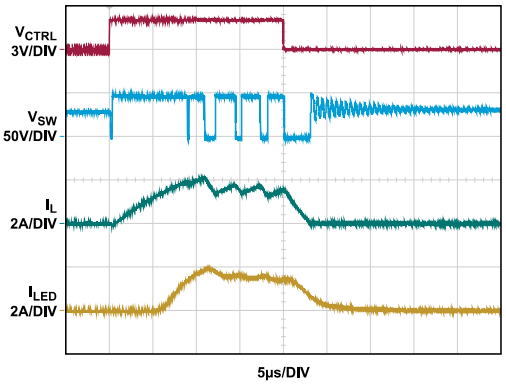


Figure 3. External PWM Dimming

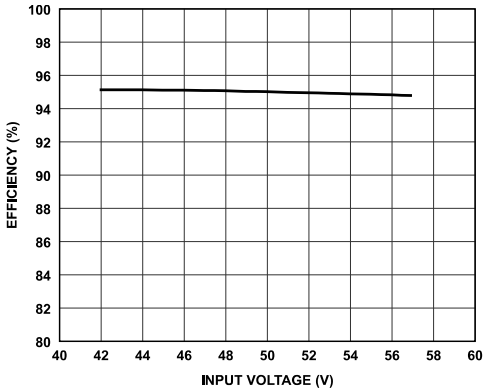


Figure 4. Efficiency vs. Input Voltage

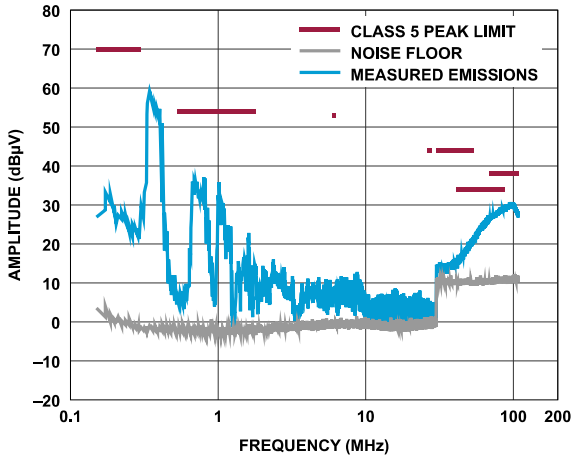


Figure 5. Peak Conducted Emissions (Voltage Method)

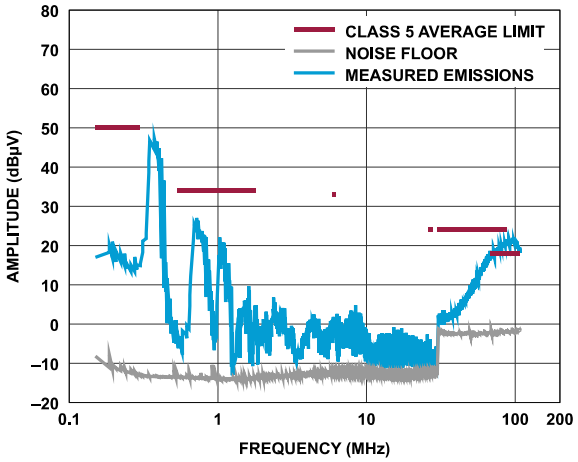


Figure 6. Average Conducted Emissions (Voltage Method)

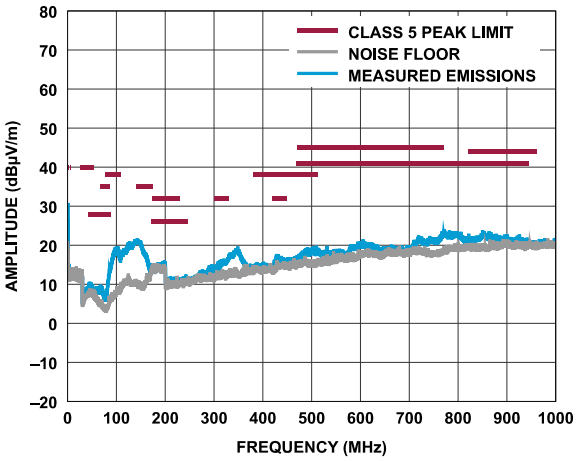


Figure 7. Peak Radiated Emissions (ALSE Method)

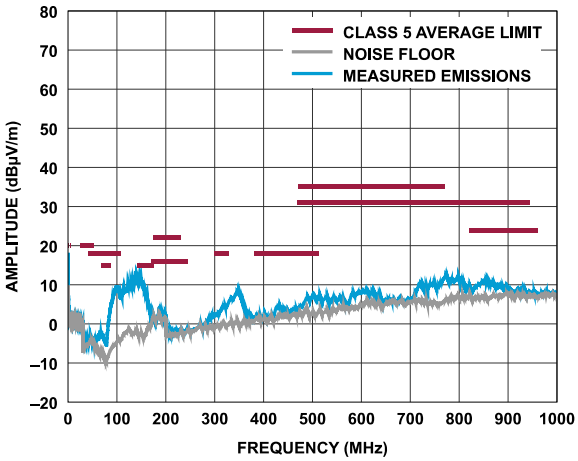
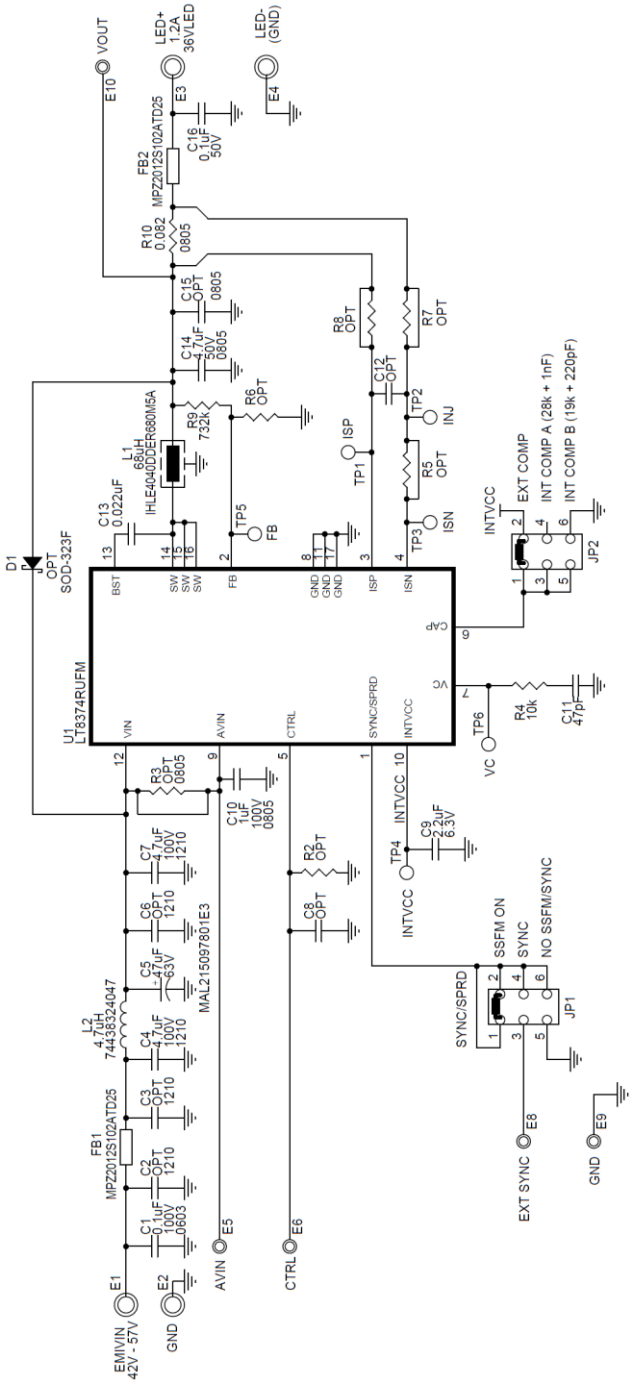


Figure 8. Average Radiated Emissions (ALSE Method)

Bill of Materials

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER PART #
REQUIRED CIRCUIT COMPONENTS				
1	1	C7	CAP., 4.7µF, X7S,100V, 10%,1210	MURATA, GCM32DC72A475KE02L
2	1	C9	CAP., 2.2µF, X5R, 6.3V, 20%, 0402	TAIYO YUDEN, JMK105BJ225MVHF
3	1	C10	CAP., 1µF, X7S, 100V, 10%, 0805	MURATA, GCM21BC72A105KE36L
4	1	C11	CAP., 47pF, C0G/NP0, 50V, 5%, 0402	MURATA, GCM1555C1H470JA16D
5	1	C13	CAP., 0.022µF, X7R, 25V, 10%, 0402	MURATA, GCM155R71E223KA55D
6	1	C14	CAP., 4.7µF, X5R, 50V, 10%, 0805, AEC-Q200	TDK, CGA4J3X5R1H475K125AB
7	1	L1	IND., 68µH, PWR, SHIELDED, 20%, 2.4A, 252mΩ	VISHAY, IHLE4040DDER680M5A
8	1	R4	RES., 10kΩ, 1%, 1/16W, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040210K0FKED
9	1	R9	RES., 732kΩ, 1%, 1/16W, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW0402732KFKED
10	1	R10	RES., 0.082Ω, 1%, 1/2W, 0805, SHORT SIDE TERM	SUSUMU, KRL1220E-M-R082-F-T5
11	1	U1	IC, LED DRIVER CTRLR, QFN-16	ANALOG DEVICES, INC., LT8374RUFM#WPBF
OPTIONAL EMI FILTER COMPONENTS				
12	1	C1	CAP., 0.1µF, X7S, 100V, 10%, 0603	TDK, CGA3E3X7S2A104K080AB
13	1	C4	CAP., 4.7µF, X7S, 100V, 10%, 1210	MURATA, GCM32DC72A475KE02L
14	1	C5	CAP., 47µF, ALUM ELECT, 63V, 20%, SMD, RADIAL, 1010	VISHAY, MAL215097801E3
15	1	C16	CAP., 0.1µF, X7R, 50V, 10%, 0402	MURATA, GCM155R71H104KE02D
16	2	FB1, FB2	IND., 1kΩ@100MHz, FERRITE BEAD, 25%, 1.5A, 150mΩ, 0805	TDK, MPZ2012S102ATD25
17	1	L2	IND., 4.7µH, PWR, SHIELDED, 20%, 1A,345mΩ	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 74438324047
OPTIONAL ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS				
18	3	C2, C3, C6	CAP., OPTION, 1210	
19	2	C8, C12	CAP., OPTION, 0402	
20	1	C15	CAP., OPTION, 0805	
21	1	D1	DIODE, OPTION, SOD-323F	
22	5	R2, R5, R6, R7, R8	RES., OPTION, 0402	
23	1	R3	RES., OPTION, 0805	
HARDWARE–FOR EVALUATION BOARD ONLY				
24	4	E1, E2, E3, E4	TEST POINT, TURRET, 0.094" MTG. HOLE, PCB 0.062" THK	MILL-MAX, 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
25	5	E5, E6, E8, E9, E10	TEST POINT, TURRET, 0.064" MTG. HOLE, PCB 0.062" THK	MILL-MAX, 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
26	2	JP1, JP2	CONN., HDR, MALE, 2x3, 2mm, VERT, ST, THT	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 62000621121
27	2	XJP1, XJP2	CONN., SHUNT, FEMALE, 2-POS, 2mm	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 60800213421

Schematic Diagram



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