



# EVQ4323M-G-00A

## 36V, 3A, Low- $I_Q$ , Synchronous Step-Down Converter in a QFN-12L Package Evaluation Board, AEC-Q100 Qualified

### DESCRIPTION

The EVQ4323M-G-00A evaluation board is designed to demonstrate the capabilities of the MPQ4323M, a configurable-frequency (350kHz to 2.5MHz), synchronous, step-down switching regulator with integrated, internal high-side MOSFETs (HS-FETs) and low-side MOSFETs (LS-FETs).

The MPQ4323M provides 3A of highly efficient output current ( $I_{OUT}$ ) with peak current control mode. The wide 3.3V to 36V input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) range and 42V load dump tolerance accommodates a variety of step-down applications in automotive input environments. A 1 $\mu$ A quiescent current ( $I_Q$ ) in shutdown mode allows the device to be used in battery-powered applications.

High power conversion efficiency across a wide load range is achieved by scaling down the

switching frequency ( $f_{sw}$ ) under light-load conditions to reduce the switching and gate driver losses.

An open-drain power good (PG) signal indicates whether the output is within 94.5% to 105.5% of its nominal voltage.

Frequency foldback helps prevent inductor current ( $I_L$ ) runaway during start-up. Thermal shutdown provides reliable, fault-tolerant operation. A high duty cycle and low-dropout (LDO) mode are provided for automotive cold-crank conditions.

The EVQ4323M-G-00A is fully assembled and tested. The MPQ4323M is available in a QFN-12L (3.5mmx3.5mm) package with wettable flanks. It is available in AEC-Q100 Grade 1.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.

| Parameters                           | Conditions                                                                | Value                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) range     |                                                                           | 3.3V to 36V           |
| Output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ )         | $V_{IN} = 6\text{V to } 36\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{A to } 3\text{A}$ | $V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}$ |
| Maximum output current ( $I_{OUT}$ ) | $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V to } 36\text{V}$                                     | 3A                    |
| Typical efficiency                   | $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{A}$     | 92.7%                 |
| Peak efficiency                      | $V_{IN} = 8\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 1\text{A}$      | 95.6%                 |
| Switching frequency ( $f_{sw}$ )     |                                                                           | 2.2MHz                |

## EVQ4323M-G-00A EVALUATION BOARD



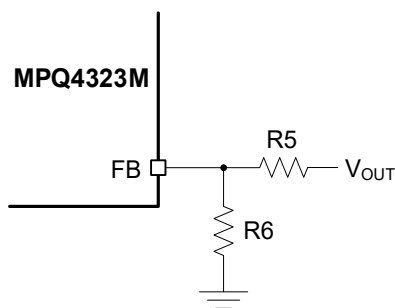
LxWxH (8.3cmx8.3cmx1cm)

| Board Number   | MPS IC Number     |
|----------------|-------------------|
| EVQ4323M-G-00A | MPQ4323MGQCE-AEC1 |

## QUICK START GUIDE

The EVQ4323M-G-00A evaluation board is easy to set up and use to evaluate the MPQ4323M's performance. For proper measurement equipment set-up, refer to Figure 2 on page 4 and follow the steps below:

1. Preset the power supply between 6V and 36V, then turn off the power supply.
2. Set the load current between 0A and 3A. Electronic loads represent a negative impedance to the regulator, and setting a current too high may trigger hiccup mode.
3. If longer cables are used between the source and the evaluation board (>0.5m total), place a damping capacitor at the input terminals, especially when  $V_{IN} \geq 24V$ .
4. Connect the power supply terminals to:
  - a. Positive (+): VEMI
  - b. Negative (-): GND
5. Connect the load terminals to:
  - a. Positive (+): VOUT
  - b. Negative (-): GND
6. After making the connections, turn on the power supply.
7. To use the enable function, apply a digital input to the EN pin. Drive EN above 1.02V to turn the regulator on; drive EN below 0.85V to turn the regulator off. If the enable function is not used, EN can be connected directly to VIN.
8. Connect a resistor between the FREQ and GND pins to set the internal switching frequency ( $f_{SW}$ ).
9. The external resistor divider sets the output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1: Feedback Divider Network with Adjustable Output**

R5 is selected to be 100kΩ. R6 can then be calculated using Equation (1):

$$R6 = \frac{R5}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.8V} - 1} \quad (1)$$

Refer to the Application Information section in the MPQ4323M datasheet to calculate the inductance and output capacitance for different  $V_{OUT}$  values.

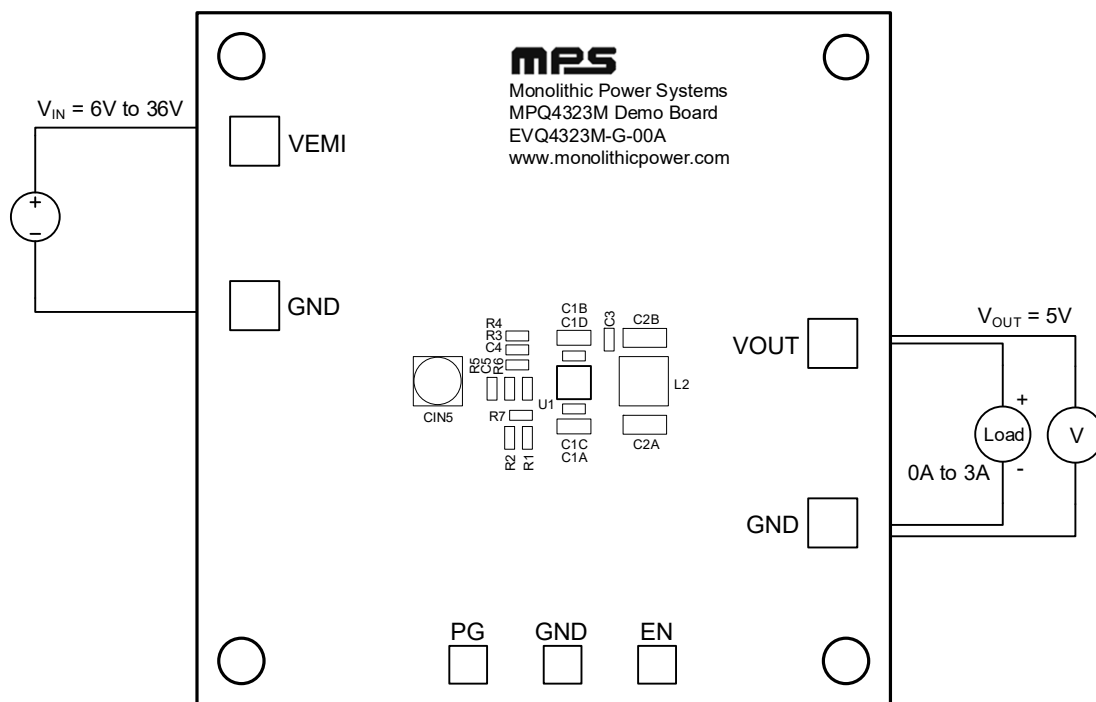


Figure 2: Measurement Equipment Set-Up

## EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC

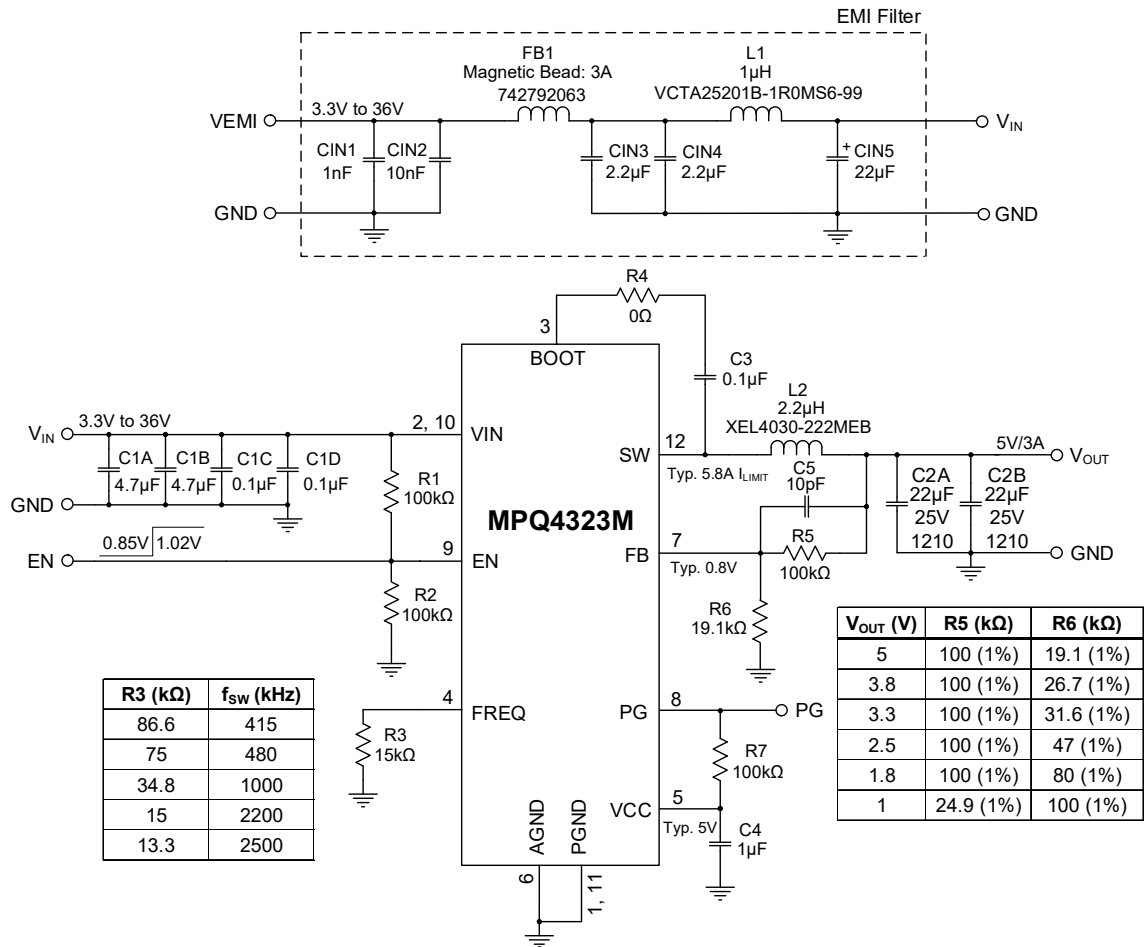
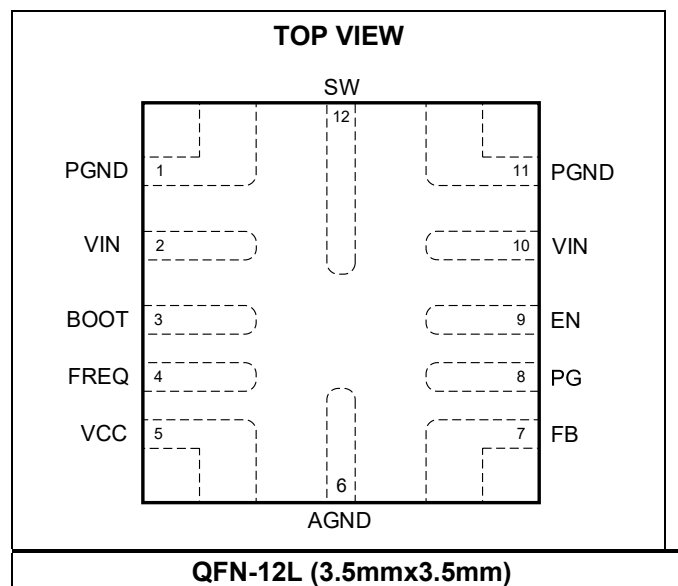


Figure 3: Evaluation Board Schematic

## PACKAGE REFERENCE



## EVQ4323M-G-00A BILL OF MATERIALS

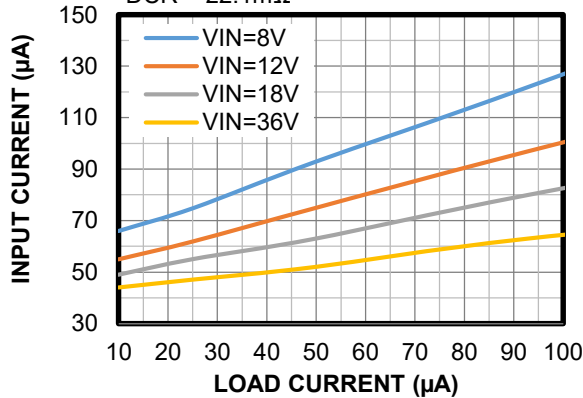
| Qty | Ref            | Value    | Description                                                 | Package               | Manufacturer | Manufacturer PN      |
|-----|----------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1   | CIN1           | 1nF      | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R                                 | 0603                  | Murata       | GRM216R71H102KA01    |
| 1   | CIN2           | 10nF     | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R                                 | 0603                  | Murata       | GRM188R71H103KA01D   |
| 2   | CIN3, CIN4     | 2.2μF    | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R                                 | 0805                  | TDK          | CGA4J3X7R1H225KT000N |
| 1   | CIN5           | 22μF     | Aluminum polymer capacitor, 50V                             | SMD                   | Panasonic    | EEHZC1H220P          |
| 2   | C1A, C1B       | 4.7μF    | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7S                                 | 1206                  | Murata       | GRM31CR71H475KA12L   |
| 3   | C1C, C1D, C3   | 100nF    | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R                                 | 0603                  | Murata       | GRM188R71H104KA93D   |
| 2   | C2A, C2B       | 22μF     | Ceramic capacitor, 25V, X7R                                 | 1210                  | Murata       | GRM32ER71E226KE15L   |
| 1   | C5             | 10pF     | Ceramic capacitor, 50V, NP0                                 | 0603                  | Wurth        | 885012006051         |
| 1   | C4             | 1μF      | Ceramic capacitor, 25V, X7R                                 | 0603                  | Murata       | GCM188R71E105KA64D   |
| 1   | FB1            | 3A       | Magnetic bead                                               | 0805                  | Wurth        | 742792063            |
| 1   | L1             | 1uH      | Inductor, 35mΩ, 3.8A                                        | SMD                   | Cyntec       | VCTA25201B-1R0MS6-99 |
| 1   | L2             | 2.2μH    | Inductor, 22.1mΩ, 5.8A                                      | SMD                   | Coilcraft    | XEL4030-222MEB       |
| 4   | R1, R5, R7, R2 | 100kΩ    | Film resistor, 1%                                           | 0603                  | Yageo        | RC0603FR-07100KL     |
| 1   | R6             | 19.1kΩ   | Film resistor, 1%                                           | 0603                  | Yageo        | RC0603FR-0719K1L     |
| 1   | R3             | 15kΩ     | Film resistor, 1%                                           | 0603                  | Yageo        | RC0603FR-0715KL      |
| 1   | R4             | 0Ω       | Film resistor, 5%                                           | 0603                  | Yageo        | RC0603JR-070RL       |
| 1   | U1             | MPQ4323M | 3A, low-I <sub>Q</sub> , sync step-down converter, AEC-Q100 | QFN-12L (3.5mmx3.5mm) | MPS          | MPQ4323MGQCE-AEC1    |

## EVB TEST RESULTS

Performance curves and waveforms are tested on the evaluation board.  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

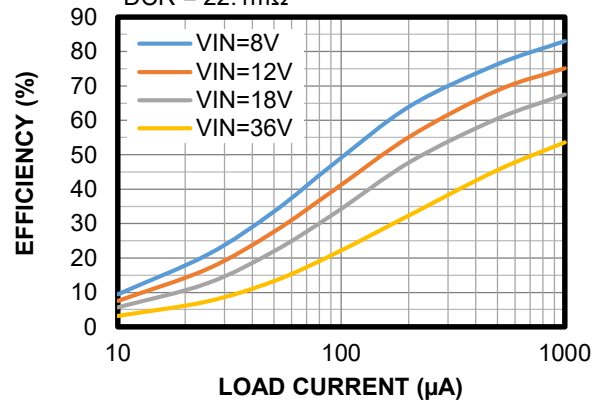
**Input Current vs. Load Current**

$R_{FB1} = 100k\Omega$ ,  $R_{FB2} = 19.1k\Omega$ ,  
DCR = 22.1m $\Omega$



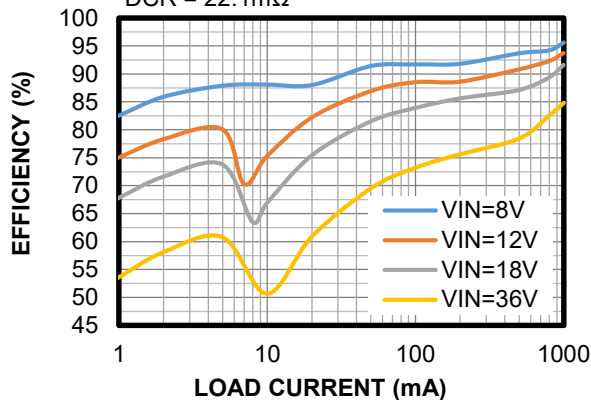
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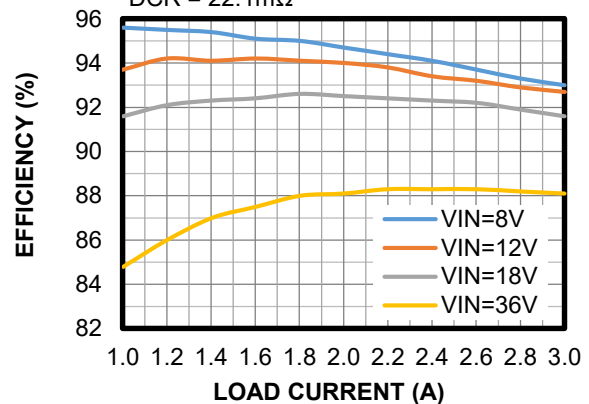
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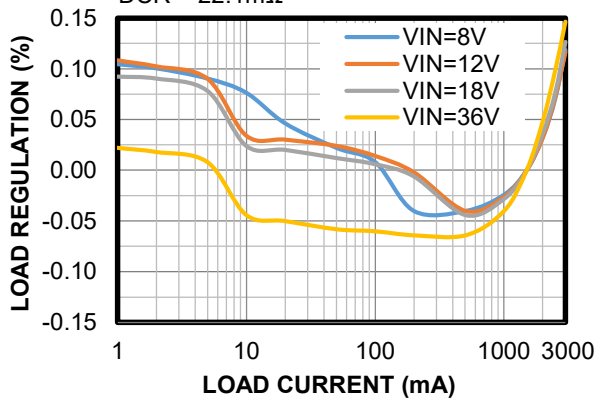
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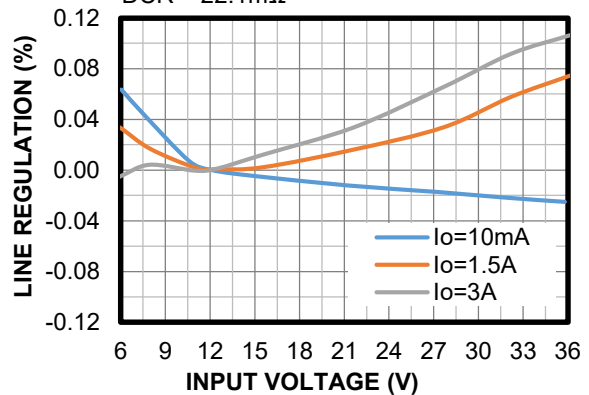
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DCR = 22.1m $\Omega$



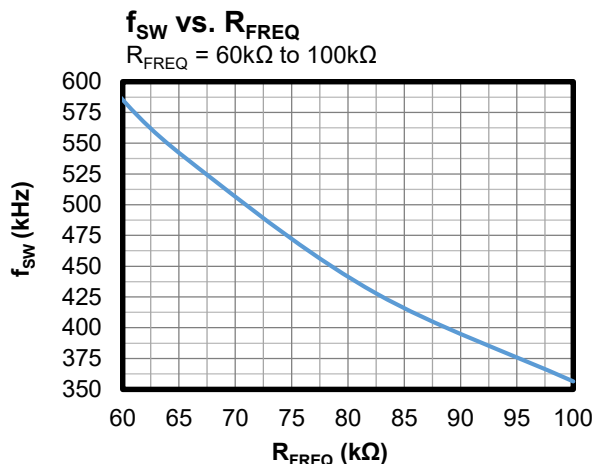
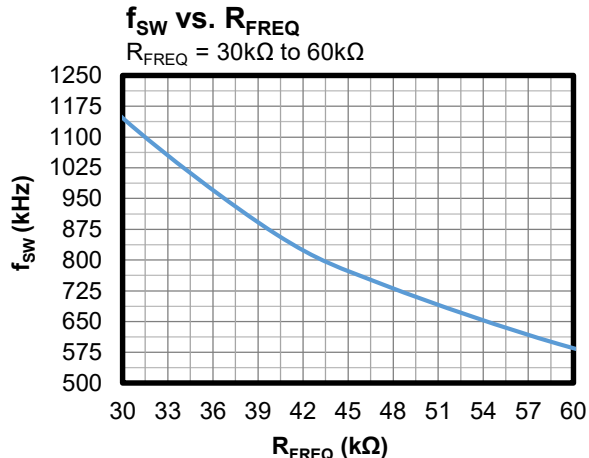
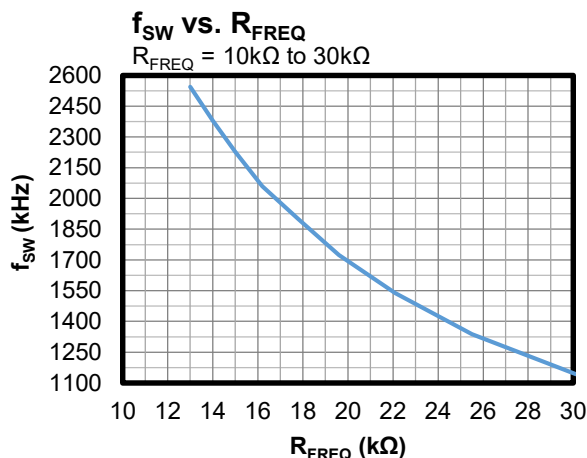
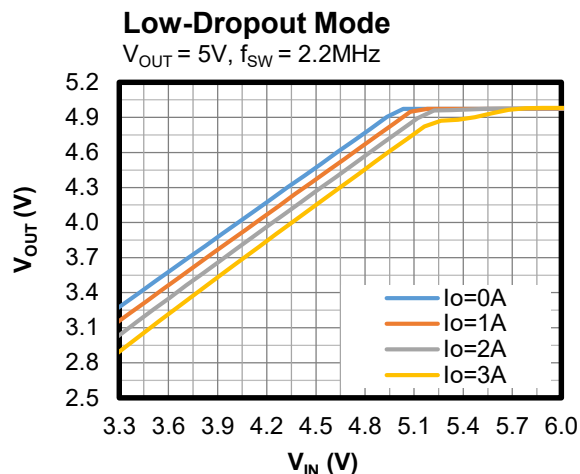
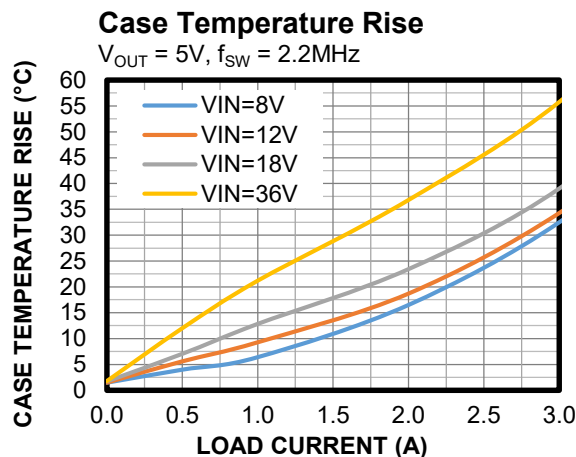
**Line Regulation**

DCR = 22.1m $\Omega$



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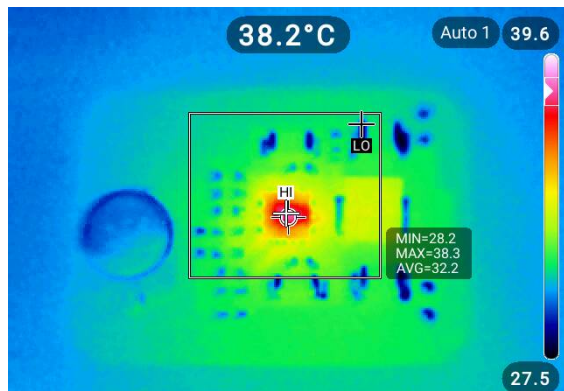


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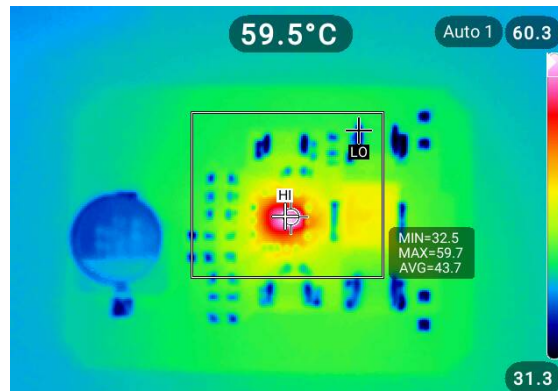
### Thermal Performance

$I_{OUT} = 1.5A$ , no forced airflow,  $T_{CASE} = 38.2^{\circ}C$



### Thermal Performance

$I_{OUT} = 3A$ , no forced airflow,  $T_{CASE} = 59.5^{\circ}C$

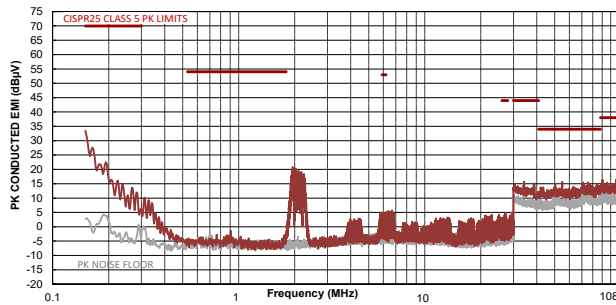


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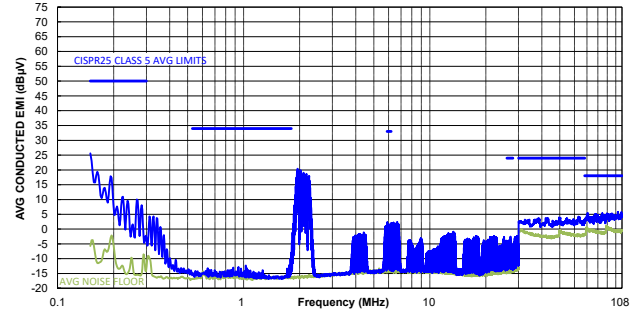
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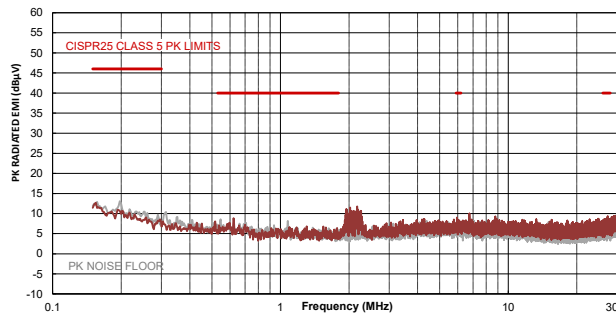
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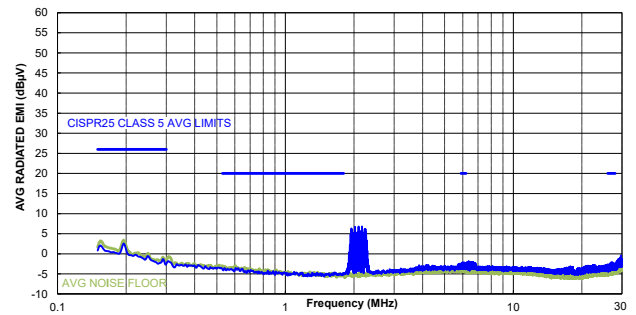
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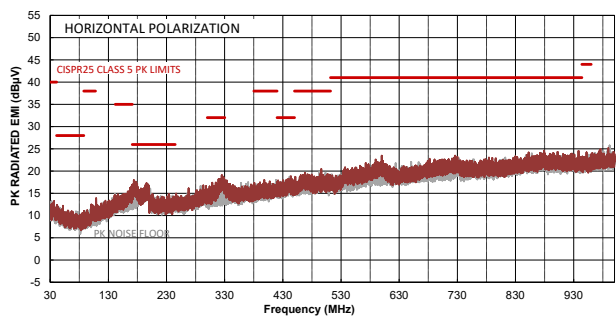
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150kHz to 30MHz



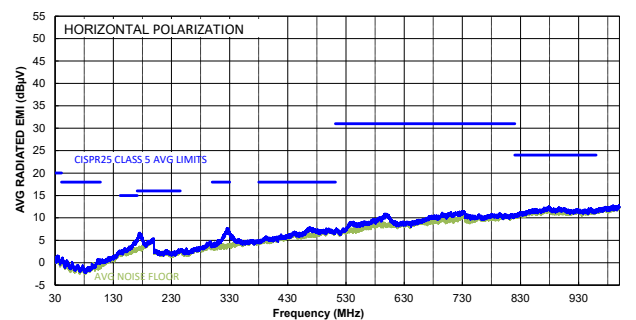
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Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz



### CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

Horizontal, 30MHz to 1GHz

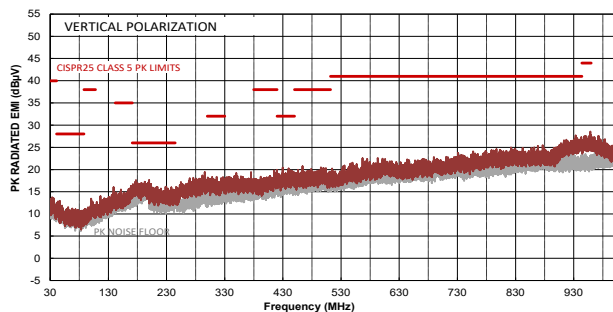


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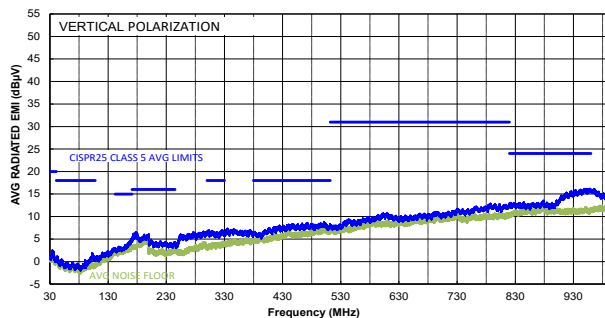
### CISPR25 Class 5 Peak Radiated Emissions

Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



### CISPR25 Class 5 Average Radiated Emissions

Vertical, 30MHz to 1GHz



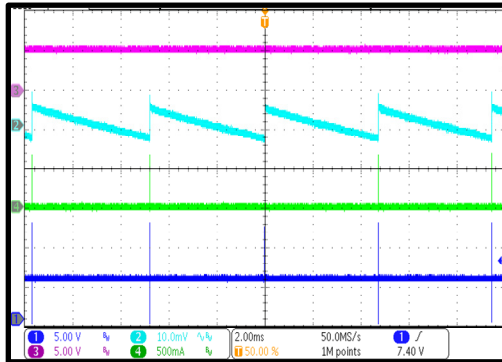
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### Steady State

$I_{OUT} = 0A$

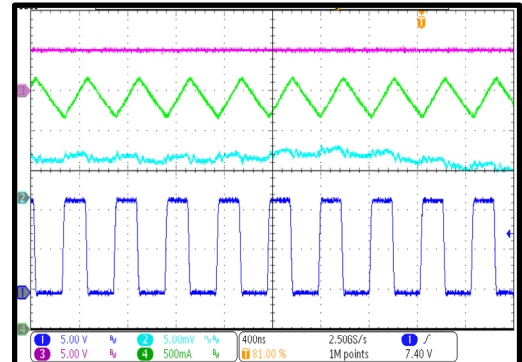
CH3: PG  
CH2:  $V_{OUT}/AC$   
CH4: IL  
CH1:  $V_{SW}$



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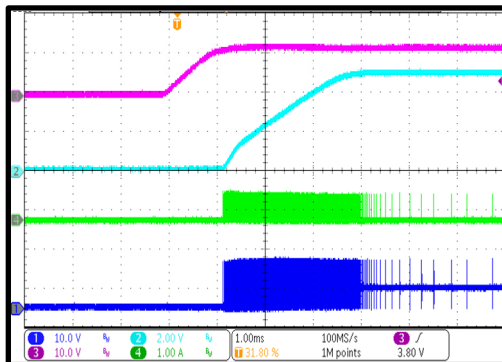
CH3: PG  
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CH4: IL



### Start-Up through VIN

$I_{OUT} = 0A$

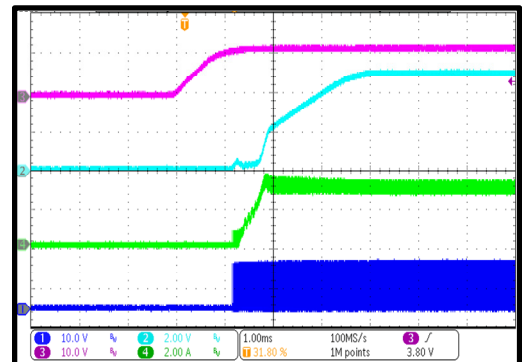
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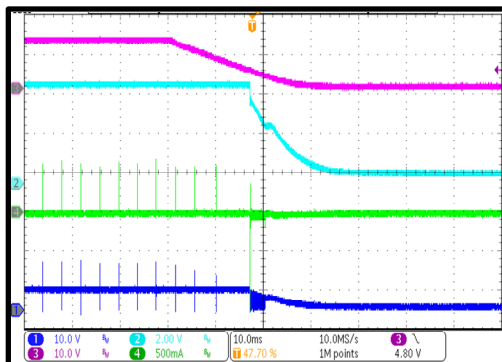
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### Shutdown through VIN

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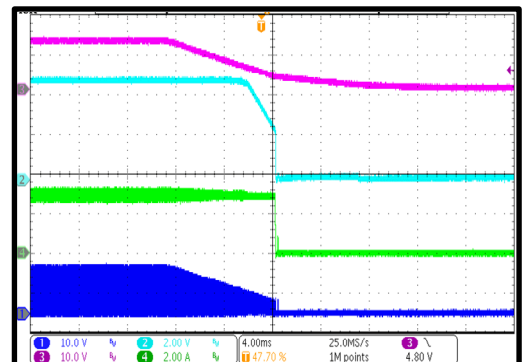
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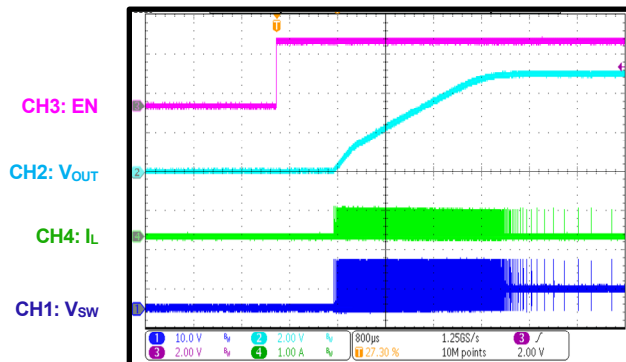
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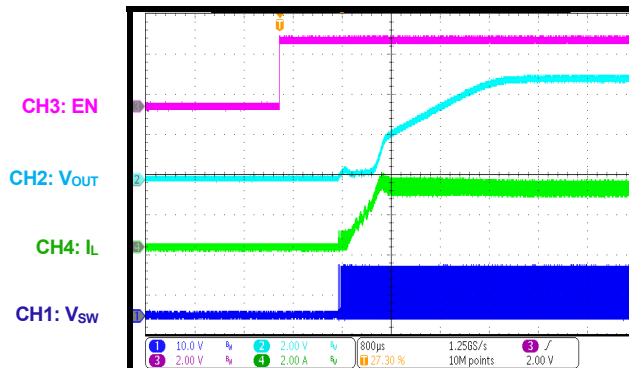
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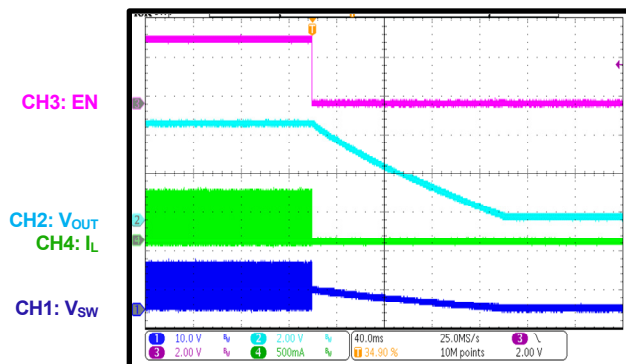
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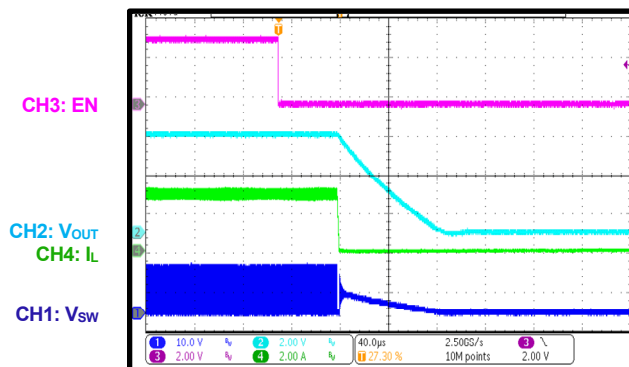
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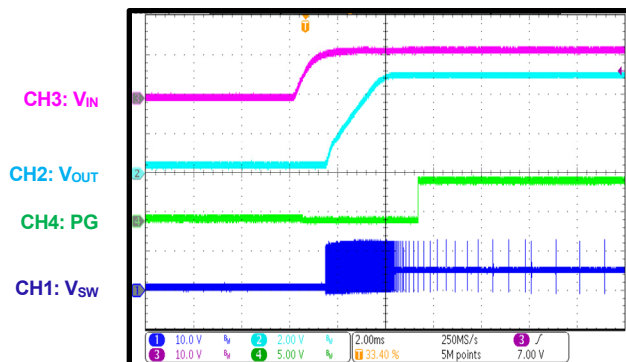
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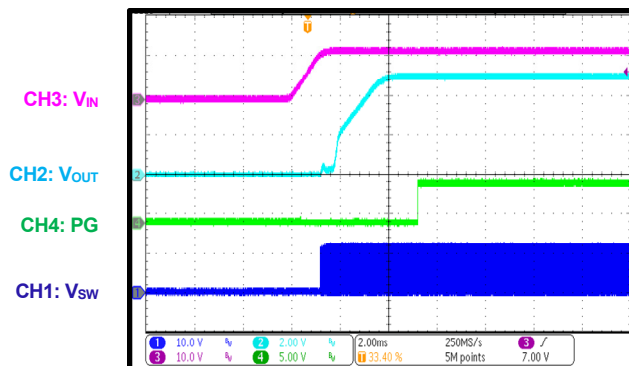
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### PG in Start-Up through VIN

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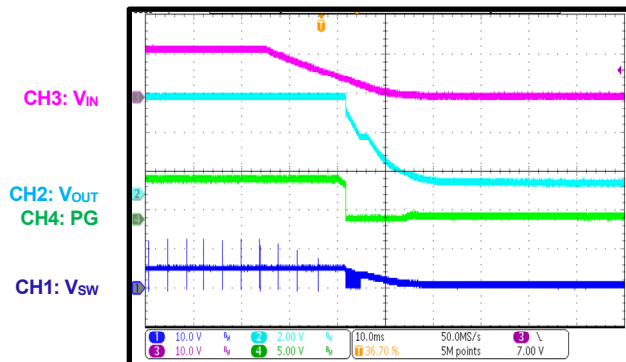
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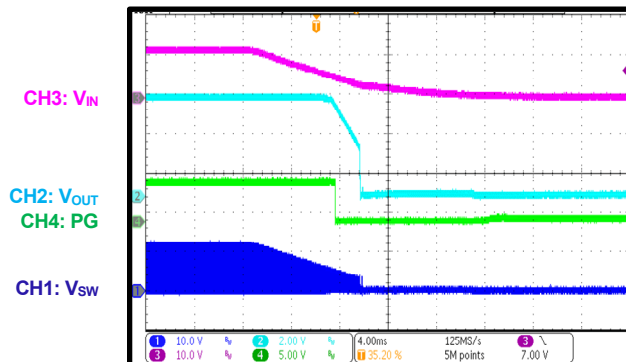
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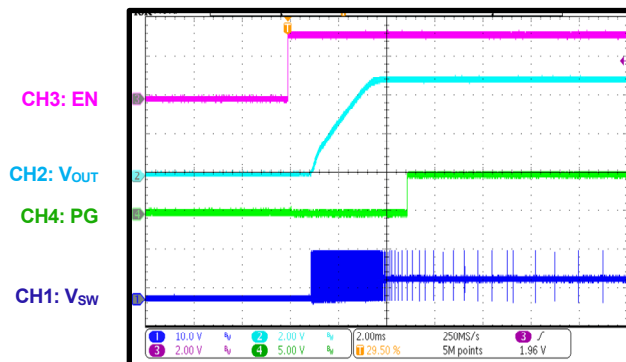
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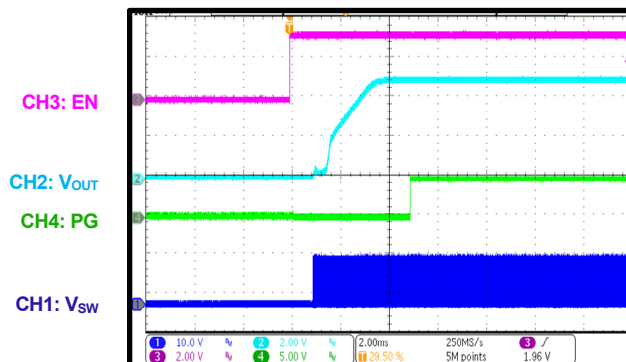
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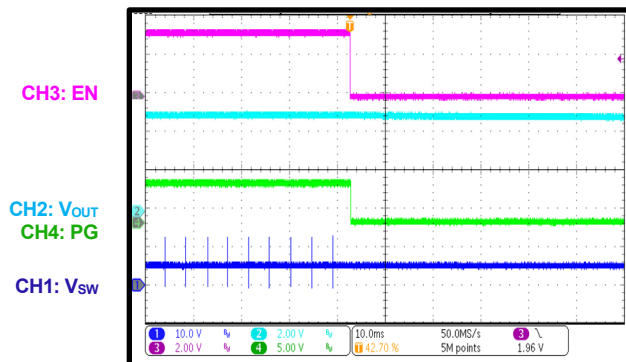
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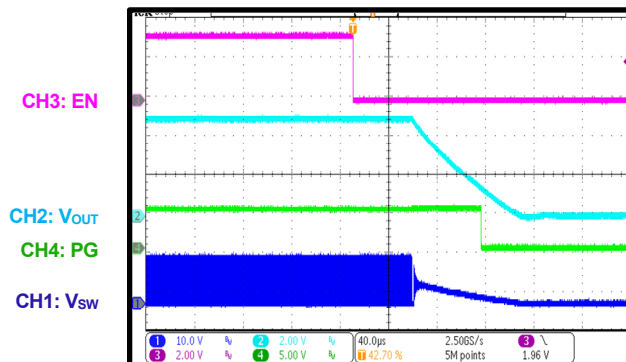
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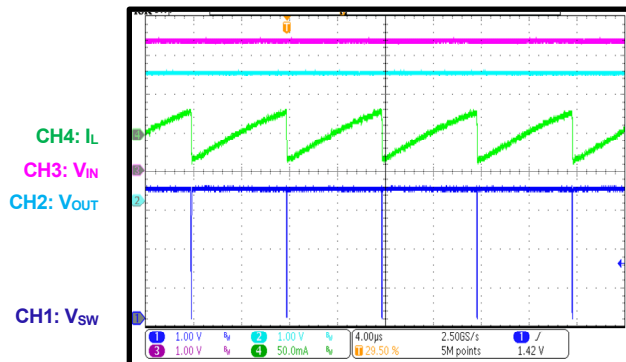
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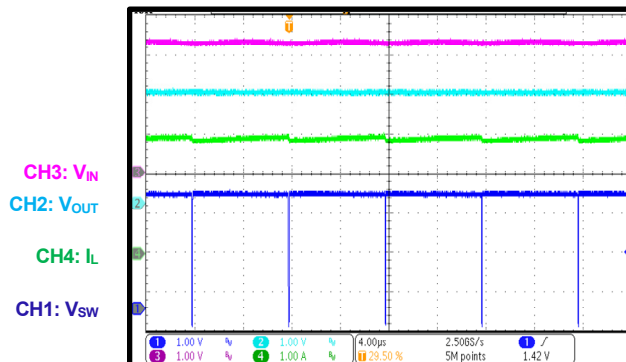
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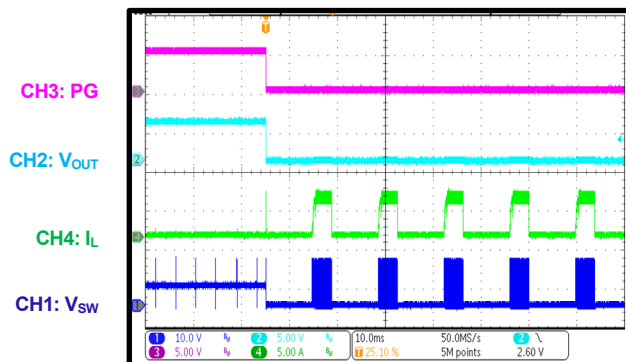
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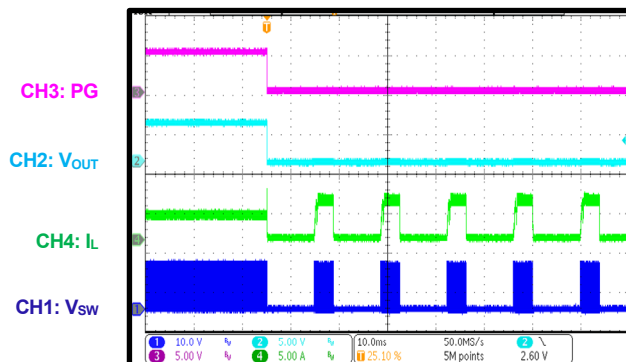
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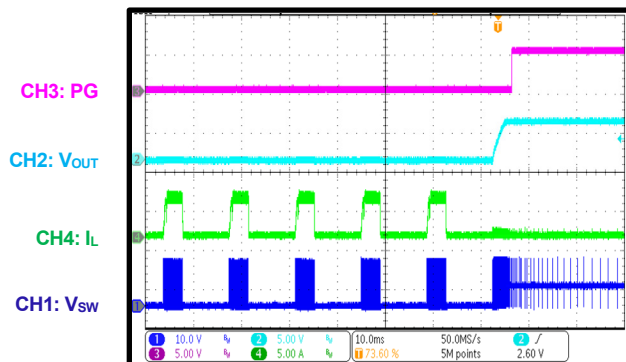
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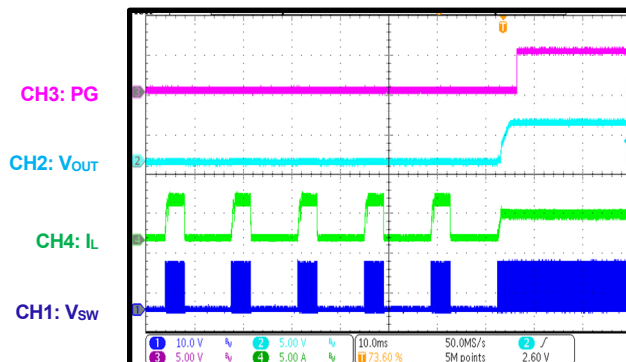
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### SCP Recovery

 $I_{OUT} = 0A$ 


### SCP Recovery

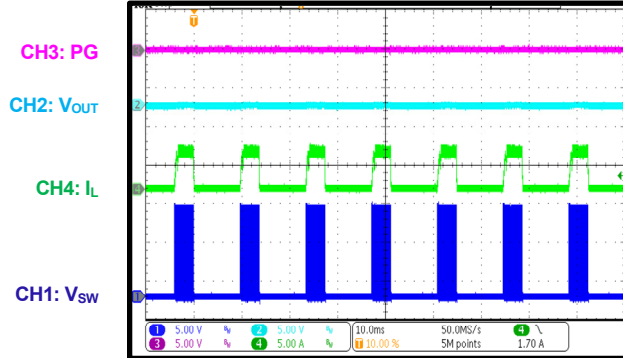
 $I_{OUT} = 3A$ 


## EVB TEST RESULTS *(continued)*

Performance curves and waveforms are tested on the evaluation board.  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

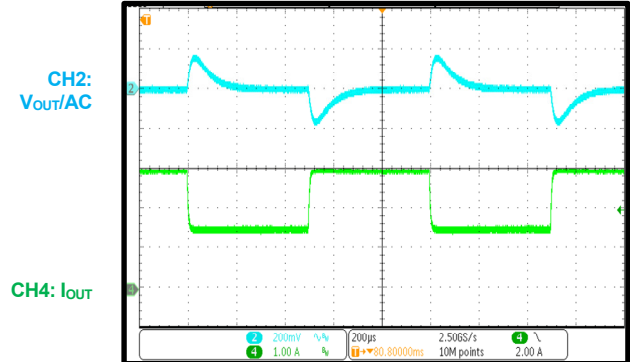
### SCP Steady State

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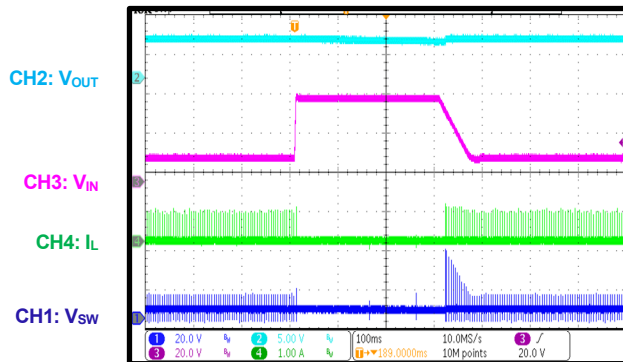
### Load Transient

$I_{OUT} = 1.5A$  to  $3A$ ,  $1.6A/\mu s$



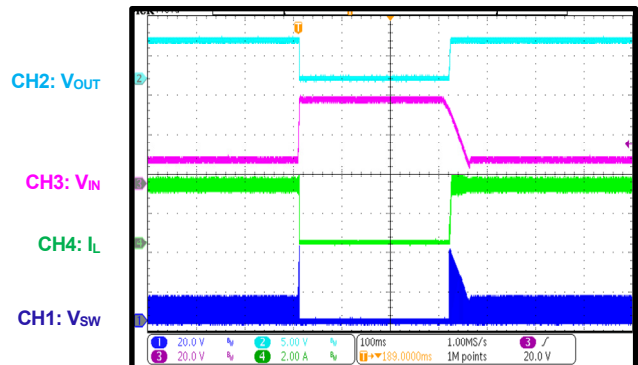
### Load Dump

$V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $42V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 0A$



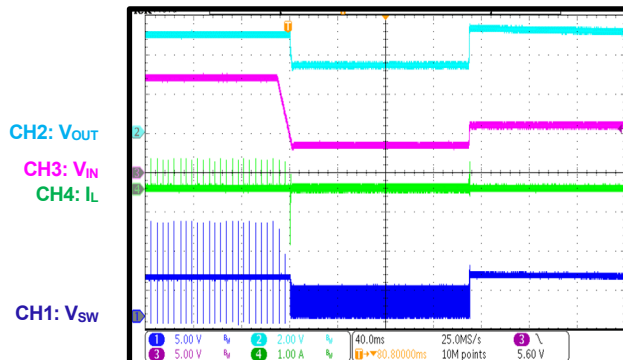
### Load Dump

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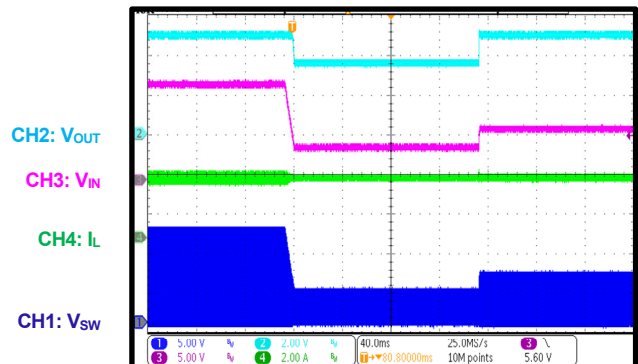
### Cold Crank

$V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $3.3V$  to  $6V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 0A$



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$V_{IN} = 12V$  to  $3.3V$  to  $6V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 3A$

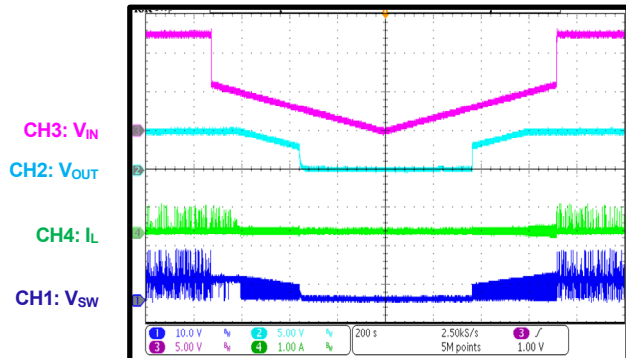


## EVB TEST RESULTS *(continued)*

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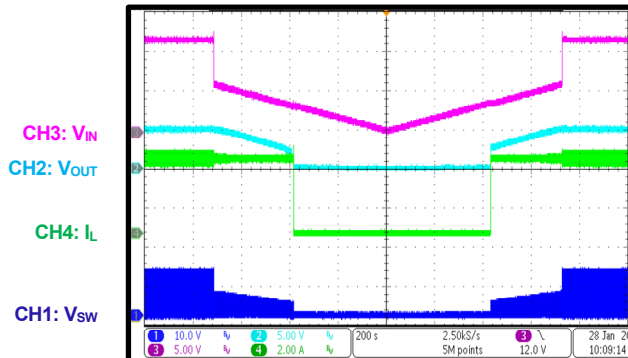
### $V_{IN}$ Ramping Down and Up

$V_{IN} = 6V$  to  $0V$ ,  $0.5V/min$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 0A$



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## PCB LAYOUT

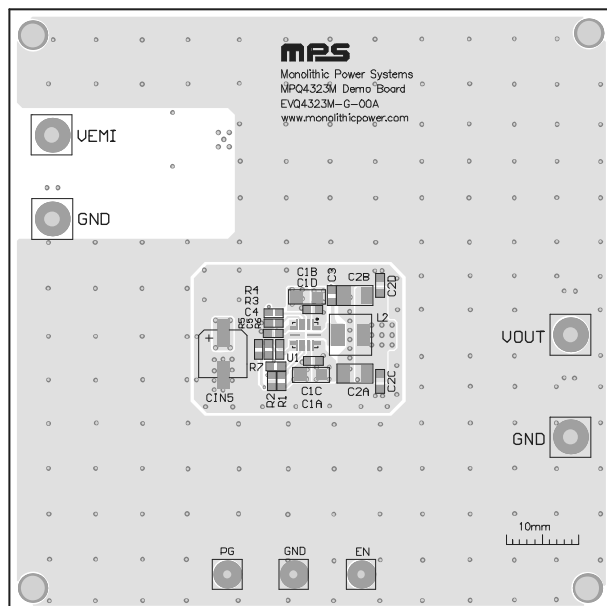


Figure 4: Top Silk and Top Layer

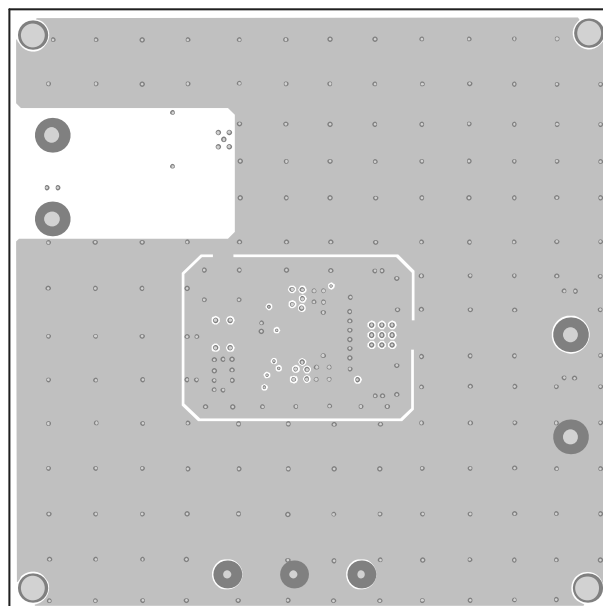


Figure 5: Mid-Layer 1

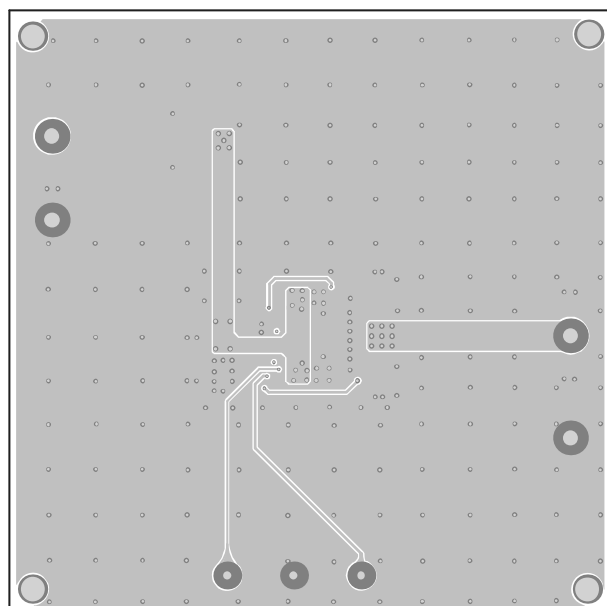


Figure 6: Mid-Layer 2

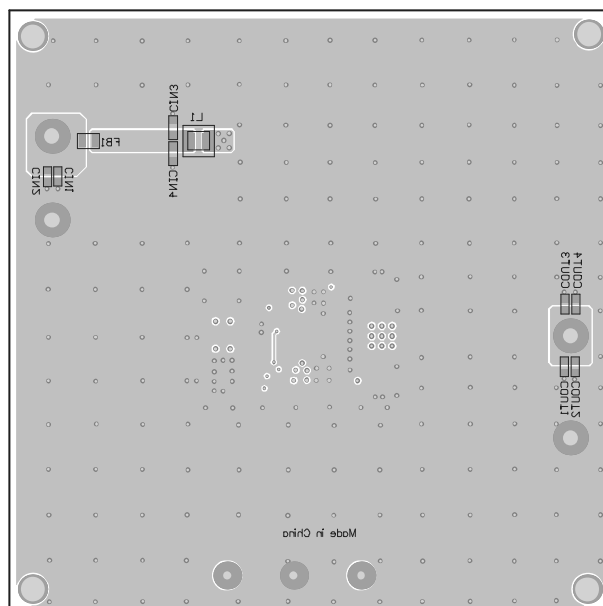


Figure 7: Bottom Layer and Bottom Silk



## REVISION HISTORY

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