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LMZ13608 8-A SIMPLE SWITCHER® Power Module With 36-V Maximum Input Voltage

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- Flexible Start-up Sequencing Using External Soft-
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Requirement Applications Start, Tracking and Precision Enable
- Such as Input UVLO and Output Short Circuit
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- **Electrical Specifications blue prebiased output.**
	- 40-W Maximum Total Output Power **Device Information[\(1\)](#page-0-0)[\(2\)](#page-0-1)**
	- Up to 8-A Output Current
	- Input Voltage Range 6 V to 36 V
	- Output Voltage Range 0.8 V to 6 V
	- $-$ Efficiency up to 92%
- Tested on Evaluation Board with EMI Configuration

Simplified Application Schematic Efficiency 3.3-V Output at 25°C

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- ¹ Integrated Shielded Inductor Point-of-load Conversions from 12-V and 24-V
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- Protection Against Inrush Currents and Faults

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3 Description

Single Exposed Pad and Standard Pinout for Easy

The LMZ13608 SIMPLE SWITCHER[®] power module

is an easy-to-use step-down DC-DC solution capable

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of driving up to 8-A load The of driving up to 8-A load. The LMZ13608 is available • Pin Compatible With LMZ22010/08, in an innovative package that enhances thermal LMZ12010/08, LMZ23610/08/06H, and performance and allows for hand or machine
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• Performance Benefits The LMZ13608 can accept an input voltage rail between 6 V and 36 V and can deliver an adjustable – High Efficiency Reduces System Heat and highly accurate output voltage as low as 0.8 v.
The LMZ13608 only requires two external resistors
And three external capacitors to complete the power Low Radiated Emissions (EMI) Tested to and three external capacitors to complete the power
EN55022 Class B Standard solution The TM713608 is a reliable and robust solution. The LMZ13608 is a reliable and robust – Only 7 External Components design with the following protection features: thermal shutdown, input undervoltage lockout, output – Low Output Voltage Ripple **overvoltage in the short of the system**
The overvoltage protection, short circuit protection, output
Current limit and the device allows start-up into a current limit, and the device allows start-up into a

- (1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at
- NOTE: EN 55022:2006, +A1:2007, FCC Part 15 Subpart B, (2) Peak reflow temperature equals 245°C. See [SNAA214](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNAA214) for 550211 for 5502:2006, +A1:2007, FCC Part 15 Subpart B, (2) Peak reflow temperature equals 245°C. See SNAA214 f

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6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

(3) For soldering specifications: see product folder at www.ti.com and literature number [SNOA549](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNOA549)

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6.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
(2) The human body model is a 100-pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5-k Ω resistor into each pin. Test met

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6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

6.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953.](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spra953)

(2) R_{eJA} measured on a 3.0-in x 3.5-in 4-layer board, with 2-oz. copper on outer layers and 1-oz. copper on inner layers, two hundred and ten thermal vias, and 2-W power dissipation. Refer to evaluation board application note layout diagrams.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Limits are for $T_J = 25^oC$ unless otherwise specified. Minimum and Maximum limits are specified through test, design or statistical correlation. Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm at $T_J = 25°C$, and are provided for reference purposes only. Unless otherwise stated the following conditions apply: $V_{IN} = 12$ V, $V_{OUT} = 3.3$ V

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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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(3) Refer to BOM in [Table](#page-18-0) 1.

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7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The architecture used is an internally compensated emulated peak current mode control, based on a monolithic synchronous SIMPLE SWITCHER core capable of supporting high load currents. The output voltage is maintained through feedback compared with an internal 0.8-V reference. For emulated peak current-mode, the valley current is sampled on the down-slope of the inductor current. This is used as the DC value of current to start the next cycle. The primary application for emulated peak current-mode is high input voltage to low output voltage operating at a narrow duty cycle. By sampling the inductor current at the end of the switching cycle and adding an external ramp, the minimum ON-time can be significantly reduced, without the need for blanking or filtering which is normally required for peak current-mode control.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Output Overvoltage Protection

If the voltage at FB is greater than a 0.86-V internal reference, the output of the error amplifier is pulled toward ground, causing V_{OUT} to fall.

7.3.2 Current Limit

The LMZ13608 is protected by both low-side (LS) and high-side (HS) current limit circuitry. The LS current limit detection is carried out during the off-time by monitoring the current through the LS synchronous MOSFET. Referring to the *[Functional](#page-13-2) Block Diagram*, when the top MOSFET is turned off, the inductor current flows through the load, the PGND pin and the internal synchronous MOSFET. If this current exceeds 13 A (typical) the current limit comparator disables the start of the next switching period. Switching cycles are prohibited until current drops below the limit.

NOTE DC current limit is dependent on duty cycle as illustrated in the graph in the *[Typical](#page-5-0) [Characteristics](#page-5-0)*.

The HS current limit monitors the current of top side MOSFET. Once HS current limit is detected (16 A typical) , the HS MOSFET is shutoff immediately, until the next cycle. Exceeding HS current limit causes V_{OUT} to fall. Typical behavior of exceeding LS current limit is that f_{SW} drops to 1/2 of the operating frequency.

Feature Description (continued)

7.3.3 Thermal Protection

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The junction temperature of the LMZ13608 must not be allowed to exceed its maximum ratings. Thermal protection is implemented by an internal Thermal Shutdown circuit which activates at 165°C (typical) causing the device to enter a low power standby state. In this state the main MOSFET remains off causing V_{OUT} to fall, and additionally the C_{SS} capacitor is discharged to ground. Thermal protection helps prevent catastrophic failures for accidental device overheating. When the junction temperature falls back below 150°C (typical hysteresis = 15°C) the SS pin is released, V_{OUT} rises smoothly, and normal operation resumes.

Applications requiring maximum output current especially those at high input voltage may require additional derating at elevated temperatures.

7.3.4 Prebiased Start-Up

The LMZ13608 will properly start up into a prebiased output. This start-up situation is common in multiple rail logic applications where current paths may exist between different power rails during the start-up sequence. [Figure](#page-14-1) 45 shows proper behavior in this mode. Trace one is Enable going high. Trace two is 1.8-V prebias rising to 3.3 V. Trace three is the SS voltage with a C_{SS} = 0.47 µF. Rise-time determined by C_{SS} .

Figure 45. Prebiased Start-Up

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Discontinuous Conduction and Continuous Conduction Modes

At light load the regulator will operate in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM). With load currents above the critical conduction point, it will operate in continuous conduction mode (CCM). When operating in DCM, inductor current is maintained to an average value equaling I_{OUT} . In DCM the low-side switch will turn off when the inductor current falls to zero, this causes the inductor current to resonate. Although it is in DCM, the current is allowed to go slightly negative to charge the bootstrap capacitor.

In CCM, current flows through the inductor through the entire switching cycle and never falls to zero during the OFF-time.

[Figure](#page-15-0) 46 is a comparison pair of waveforms showing both the CCM (upper) and DCM operating modes.

Device Functional Modes (continued)

 V_{IN} = 12 V, V_O = 3.3 V, I_O = 3 A / 0.3 A

Figure 46. CCM and DCM Operating Modes

8 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The LMZ13608 is a step-down DC-to-DC power module. It is typically used to convert a higher DC voltage to a lower DC voltage with a maximum output current of 8 A. The following design procedure can be used to select components for the LMZ13608. Alternately, the WEBENCH software may be used to generate complete designs.

When generating a design, the WEBENCH software uses iterative design procedure and accesses comprehensive databases of components. Please go to www.ti.com for more details.

8.2 Typical Application

Figure 47. Typical Application Schematic Diagram

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For this example the following application parameters exist:

- V_{IN} Range = Up to 36 V
- $V_{OUIT} = 0.8 V$ to 6 V
- $I_{OUT} = 8$ A

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 Design Steps

The LMZ13608 is fully supported by WEBENCH which offers: component selection, electrical and thermal simulations. Additionally, there are both evaluation and demonstration boards that may be used as a starting point for design. The following list of steps can be used to manually design the LMZ13608 application.

All references to values refer to [Figure](#page-16-4) 47.

- 1. Select minimum operating V_{IN} with enable divider resistors
- 2. Program V_{OUT} with FB resistor divider selection
- 3. Select C_{OUT}
- 4. Select C_{IN}
- 5. Determine module power dissipation
- 6. Layout PCB for required thermal performance

Typical Application (continued)

8.2.2.2 Enable Divider, RENT, RENB and RENH Selection

Internal to the module is a 2-MΩ pullup resistor connected from V_{IN} to Enable. For applications not requiring precision undervoltage lockout (UVLO), the Enable input may be left open circuit and the internal resistor will always enable the module. In such case, the internal UVLO occurs typically at 4.3 V (V_{IN} rising).

In applications with separate supervisory circuits Enable can be directly interfaced to a logic source. In the case of sequencing supplies, the divider is connected to a rail that becomes active earlier in the power-up cycle than the LMZ13608 output rail.

Enable provides a precise 1.274 V threshold to allow direct logic drive or connection to a voltage divider from a higher enable voltage such as V_{IN} . Additionally there is 13 µA (typical) of switched offset current allowing programmable hysteresis. See [Figure](#page-17-0) 48.

The function of the enable divider is to allow the designer to choose an input voltage below which the circuit will be disabled. This implements the feature of a programmable UVLO. The two resistors must be chosen based on the following ratio:

$$
R_{ENT} / R_{ENB} = (V_{IN\ UVLO} / 1.274 V) - 1
$$
 (1)

The LMZ13608 typical application shows 12.7 kΩ for R_{ENB} and 42.2 kΩ for R_{ENT} resulting in a rising UVLO of 5.51 V. This divider presents 4.62 V to the EN input when V_{IN} is raised to 20 V. This upper voltage must always be checked, making sure that it never exceeds the Abs Max 5.5-V limit for Enable. A 5.1-V Zener clamp can be applied in cases where the upper voltage would exceed the EN input's range of operation. The Zener clamp is not required if the target application prohibits the maximum Enable input voltage from being exceeded.

Additional enable voltage hysteresis can be added with the inclusion of R_{ENH} . It is possible to select values for R_{ENT} and R_{ENB} such that R_{ENH} is a value of zero allowing it to be omitted from the design.

Rising threshold can be calculated as follows:

$$
V_{EN}(rising) = 1.274 (1 + (RENT|| 2 meg)/RENB)
$$
 (2)

Whereas the falling threshold level can be calculated using:

 V_{EN} (falling) = V_{EN} (rising) – 13 µA (R_{ENT}|| 2 meg || R_{ENTB} + R_{ENH}) (3)

Figure 48. Enable Input Detail

8.2.2.3 Output Voltage Selection

Output voltage is determined by a divider of two resistors connected between V_{OUT} and AGND. The midpoint of the divider is connected to the FB input.

The regulated output voltage determined by the external divider resistors R_{FBT} and R_{FBB} is:

 $V_{\text{OUT}} = 0.795 \text{ V} \times (1 + R_{\text{FBT}} / R_{\text{FBB}})$ (4)

Rearranging terms; the ratio of the feedback resistors for a desired output voltage is:

Typical Application (continued)

 R_{FBT} / $R_{FBB} = (V_{OUT} / 0.795 V) - 1$ (5)

These resistors must generally be chosen from values in the range of 1.0 k Ω to 10.0 k Ω .

For V_{OUT} = 0.8 V the FB pin can be connected to the output directly and R_{FBB} can be set to 8.06 kΩ to provide minimum output load.

[Table](#page-18-0) 1 lists the values for R_{FBT} , and R_{FBB} .

8.2.2.4 Soft-Start Capacitor Selection

Programmable soft-start permits the regulator to slowly ramp to its steady-state operating point after being enabled, thereby reducing current inrush from the input supply and slowing the output voltage rise-time.

Upon turnon, after all UVLO conditions have been passed, an internal 1.6-ms circuit slowly ramps the SS input to implement internal soft start. If 1.6 ms is an adequate turnon time then the Css capacitor can be left unpopulated. Longer soft-start periods are achieved by adding an external capacitor to this input.

Soft-start duration is given by the formula:

 $t_{SS} = V_{REF} \times C_{SS} / Iss = 0.795 V \times C_{SS} / 50 \mu A$ (6)

This equation can be rearranged as follows:

$$
C_{SS} = t_{SS} \times 50 \mu A / 0.795 V \tag{7}
$$

Using a 0.22-μF capacitor results in 3.5-ms typical soft-start duration; and 0.47 μF results in 7.5 ms typical. 0.47 μF is a recommended initial value.

As the soft-start input exceeds 0.795 V the output of the power stage will be in regulation and the 50-μA current is deactivated. The following conditions will reset the soft-start capacitor by discharging the SS input to ground with an internal current sink.

- The Enable input being *pulled low*
- A thermal shutdown condition
- V_{IN} falling below 4.3 V (typical) and triggering the V_{CC} UVLO

8.2.2.5 Tracking Supply Divider Option

The tracking function allows the module to be connected as a slave supply to a primary voltage rail (often the 3.3-V system rail) where the slave module output voltage is lower than that of the master. Proper configuration allows the slave rail to power up coincident with the master rail such that the voltage difference between the rails during ramp-up is small (that is, < 0.15V typical). The values for the tracking resistive divider must be selected such that the effect of the internal 50-µA current source is minimized. In most cases the ratio of the tracking

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divider resistors is the same as the ratio of the output voltage setting divider. Proper operation in tracking mode dictates the soft-start time of the slave rail be shorter than the master rail; a condition that is easy to satisfy because the C_{SS} cap is replaced by R_{TKB} . The tracking function is only supported for the power up interval of the master supply; once the SS/TRK rises past 0.795 V the input is no longer enabled and the 50-µA internal current source is switched off.

Figure 49. Tracking Option Input Detail

8.2.2.6 COUT Selection

None of the required C_{OUT} output capacitance is contained within the module. A minimum value ranging from 330 μF for 6-V_{OUT} to 660 μF for 1.2-V_{OUT} applications is required based on the values of internal compensation in the error amplifier. These minimum values can be decreased if the effective capacitor ESR is higher than 15 m Ω .

A Low ESR (15 mΩ) tantalum, organic semiconductor or specialty polymer capacitor types in parallel with a 47 nF X7R ceramic capacitor for high-frequency noise reduction is recommended for obtaining lowest ripple. The output capacitor C_{OUT} may consist of several capacitors in parallel placed in close proximity to the module. The output voltage ripple of the module depends on the equivalent series resistance (ESR) of the capacitor bank, and can be calculated by multiplying the ripple current of the module by the effective impedance of your chosen output capacitors (for ripple current calculation, see [Equation](#page-20-0) 14). Electrolytic capacitors will have large ESR and lead to larger output ripple than ceramic or polymer types. For this reason a combination of ceramic and polymer capacitors is recommended for low output ripple performance.

The output capacitor assembly must also meet the worst case ripple current rating of Δi_L, as calculated in [Equation](#page-20-0) 14 below. Loop response verification is also valuable to confirm closed loop behavior.

For applications with dynamic load steps; the following equation provides a good first pass approximation of C_{OUT} for load transient requirements.

$$
C_{\text{OUT}} \ge \frac{I_{\text{step}}}{(\Delta V_{\text{OUT}} - I_{\text{STEP}} \times \text{ESR}) \times (\frac{f_{\text{SW}}}{V_{\text{OUT}}})}
$$

For 12 V_{IN}, 3.3 V_{OUT}, a transient voltage of 5% of V_{OUT} = 0.165 V (ΔV_{OUT}), a 7A load step (I_{STEP}), an output capacitor effective ESR of 3 m Ω , and a switching frequency of 350 kHz (f_{SW}):

$$
C_{\text{OUT}} \ge \frac{8A}{(0.165 \text{V} \cdot 8A \times 0.003) \times (\frac{350e3}{3.3 \text{V}})}
$$

≥ 535 μF

(9)

(8)

NOTE

The stability requirement for minimum output capacitance must always be met.

One recommended output capacitor combination is two 330-μF, 15-mΩ ESR tantalum polymer capacitors connected in parallel with a 47-µF 6.3-V X5R ceramic. This combination provides excellent performance that may exceed the requirements of certain applications. Additionally some small 47-nF ceramic capacitors can be used for high-frequency EMI suppression.

8.2.2.7 CIN Selection

The LMZ13608 module contains two internal ceramic input capacitors. Additional input capacitance is required external to the module to handle the input ripple current of the application. The input capacitor can be several capacitors in parallel. This input capacitance must be located in very close proximity to the module. Input capacitor selection is generally directed to satisfy the input ripple current requirements rather than by capacitance value. Input ripple current rating is dictated by the equation:

 $I_{CIN-RMS} = I_{OUT} \times \sqrt{D(1-D)}$

where

• $D \cong V_{\text{OUT}} / V_{\text{IN}}$ (10)

(11)

(12)

As a point of reference, the worst case ripple current will occur when the module is presented with full load current and when $V_{IN} = 2 \times V_{OUT}$.

Recommended minimum input capacitance is 30-µF X7R (or X5R) ceramic with a voltage rating at least 25% higher than the maximum applied input voltage for the application. TI also recommends to pay attnetion to the voltage and temperature derating of the capacitor selected.

NOTE

Ripple current rating of ceramic capacitors may be missing from the capacitor data sheet and you may have to contact the capacitor manufacturer for this parameter.

If the system design requires a certain minimum value of peak-to-peak input ripple voltage (ΔV_{IN}) to be maintained then the following equation may be used.

$$
C_{IN} \ge \frac{I_{OUT} \times D \times (1 - D)}{f_{SW} \times \Delta V_{IN}}
$$

If ΔV_{IN} is 200 mV or 1.66% of V_{IN} for a 12-V input to 3.3-V output application and f_{SW} = 350 kHz then:

$$
C_{\text{IN}} \ge \frac{8A \times \left(\frac{3.3V}{12V}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{3.3V}{12V}\right)}{350 \text{ kHz} \times 200 \text{ mV}} \ge 22.4 \text{ }\mu\text{F}
$$

Additional bulk capacitance with higher ESR may be required to damp any resonant effects of the input capacitance and parasitic inductance of the incoming supply lines. The LMZ13608 typical applications schematic and evaluation board include a 150-μF 50-V aluminum capacitor for this function. There are many situations where this capacitor is not necessary.

8.2.2.8 Discontinuous Conduction and Continuous Conduction Modes Selection

The approximate formula for determining the DCM/CCM boundary is as follows:

$$
I_{DCB} = \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times D}{2 \times L \times f_{SW}}
$$
(13)

The inductor internal to the module is 2.2 μH. This value was chosen as a good balance between low and high input voltage applications. The main parameter affected by the inductor is the amplitude of the inductor ripple current (Δi_L). Δi_L can be calculated with:

$$
\Delta i_{L} = \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times D}{L \times f_{SW}}
$$

where

- V_{IN} is the maximum input voltage
- f_{SW} is typically 359 kHz (14)

If the output current I_{OUT} is determined by assuming that $I_{\text{OUT}} = I_{L}$, the higher and lower peak of Δi_L can be determined.

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8.2.3 Application Curves

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The LMZ13608 device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 6 V and 36 V. This input supply must be well regulated and able to withstand maximum input current and maintain a stable voltage. The resistance of the input supply rail must be low enough that an input current transient does not cause a high enough drop at the LMZ13608 supply voltage that can cause a false UVLO fault triggering and system reset. If the input supply is more than a few inches from the LMZ13608, additional bulk capacitance may be required in addition to the ceramic bypass capacitors. The amount of bulk capacitance is not critical, but a 47-μF or 100-μF electrolytic capacitor is a typical choice.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

PCB layout is an important part of DC-DC converter design. Poor board layout can disrupt the performance of a DC-DC converter and surrounding circuitry by contributing to EMI, ground bounce and resistive voltage drop in the traces. These can send erroneous signals to the DC-DC converter resulting in poor regulation or instability. Good layout can be implemented by following a few simple design rules. A good layout example is shown in [Figure](#page-24-0) 56.

1. **Minimize area of switched current loops.**

From an EMI reduction standpoint, it is imperative to minimize the high di/dt paths during PCB layout as shown in [Figure](#page-23-1) 53. The high current loops that do not overlap have high di/dt content that will cause observable high frequency noise on the output pin if the input capacitor (C_{N}) is placed at a distance away from the LMZ13608. Therefore place C_{IN} as close as possible to the LMZ13608 VIN and PGND exposed pad. This will minimize the high di/dt area and reduce radiated EMI. Additionally, grounding for both the input and output capacitor must consist of a localized top side plane that connects to the PGND exposed pad (EP).

2. **Have a single point ground.**

The ground connections for the feedback, soft-start, and enable components must be routed to the AGND pin of the device. This prevents any switched or load currents from flowing in the analog ground traces. If not properly handled, poor grounding can result in degraded load regulation or erratic output voltage ripple behavior. Additionally provide a single point ground connection from pin 4 (AGND) to EP/PGND.

3. **Minimize trace length to the FB pin.**

Both feedback resistors, R_{FBT} and R_{FBB} must be located close to the FB pin. Because the FB node is high impedance, maintain the copper area as small as possible. The traces from R_{FBT} , R_{FBB} must be routed away from the body of the LMZ13608 to minimize possible noise pickup.

4. **Make input and output bus connections as wide as possible.**

This reduces any voltage drops on the input or output of the converter and maximizes efficiency. To optimize voltage accuracy at the load, ensure that a separate feedback voltage sense trace is made to the load. Doing so will correct for voltage drops and provide optimum output accuracy.

5. **Provide adequate device heat-sinking.**

Use an array of heat-sinking vias to connect the exposed pad to the ground plane on the bottom PCB layer. If the PCB has multiple copper layers, these thermal vias can also be connected to inner layer heatspreading ground planes. For best results use a 10 x 10 via array or larger with a minimum via diameter of 8 mil thermal vias spaced 46.8 mil (1.5 mm). Ensure enough copper area is used for heat-sinking to keep the junction temperature below 125°C.

10.2 Layout Examples

Figure 54. PCB Layout Guide

Layout Examples (continued)

Figure 55. Top View of Evaluation PCB

Figure 56. Bottom View of Evaluation PCB

10.3 Power Dissipation and Thermal Considerations

When calculating module dissipation use the maximum input voltage and the average output current for the application. Many common operating conditions are provided in the characteristic curves such that less common applications can be derived through interpolation. In all designs, the junction temperature must be kept below the rated maximum of 125°C.

For the design case of V_{IN} = 12 V, V_{OUT} = 3.3 V, I_{OUT} = 8 A, and $T_{A\text{-MAX}}$ = 50°C, the module must see a thermal resistance from case to ambient (θ_{CA}) of less than:

$$
\theta_{CA} < \frac{T_{J \text{-MAX}} - T_{A \text{-MAX}}}{P_{IC \text{-Loss}}} - \theta_{JC} \tag{15}
$$

Given the typical thermal resistance from junction to case $(\theta_{\rm JC})$ to be 1.0°C/W. Use the 85°C power dissipation curves in the *Typical [Characteristics](#page-5-0)* section to estimate the P_{IC-LOSS} for the application being designed. In this application it is 3.9 W.

$$
\theta_{CA} < \frac{125 \text{ C} - 50 \text{ C}}{3.9 \text{ W}} - 1.0 \frac{\text{ C}}{\text{W}} < 18.23 \frac{\text{ C}}{\text{W}}
$$
(16)

To reach θ_{CA} = 18.23, the PCB is required to dissipate heat effectively. With no airflow and no external heat-sink, a good estimate of the required board area covered by 2-oz. copper on both the top and bottom metal layers is:

Board Area_c m²
$$
\ge \frac{500}{\theta_{CA}} \cdot \frac{C \times cm^2}{W}
$$
 (17)

As a result, approximately 27.42 square cm of 2-oz. copper on top and bottom layers is the minimum required area for the example PCB design. This is 5.23×5.23 cm (2.06 \times 2.06 in) square. The PCB copper heat sink must be connected to the exposed pad. For best performance, use approximately 100, 8 mil thermal vias spaced 59 mil (1.5 mm) apart connect the top copper to the bottom copper.

Another way to estimate the temperature rise of a design is using θ_{JA} . An estimate of θ_{JA} for varying heat sinking copper areas and airflows can be found in the typical applications curves. If our design required the same operating conditions as before but had 225 LFPM of airflow. We locate the required $θ_{JA}$ of

$$
\theta_{JA} < \frac{T_{J-MAX} - T_{A-MAX}}{P_{IC_LOS}}
$$

\n
$$
\theta_{JA} < \frac{(125 - 50) \text{ C}}{3.9 \text{ W}} < 19.23 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{W}}
$$
\n(18)

On the θ_{JA} vs copper heatsinking curve, the copper area required for this application is now only 1 square inches. The airflow reduced the required heat sinking area by a factor of four.

To reduce the heat sinking copper area further, this package is compatible with D3-PAK surface mount heat sinks.

For an example of a high thermal performance PCB layout for SIMPLE SWITCHER power modules, refer to AN-2093 ([SNVA460](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA460)), AN-2084 [\(SNVA456](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA456)), AN-2125 [\(SNVA473](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA473)), AN-2020 ([SNVA419\)](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA419) and AN-2026 ([SNVA424](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA424)).

10.4 Power Module SMT Guidelines

The recommendations below are for a standard module surface mount assembly

- Land Pattern Follow the PCB land pattern with either soldermask defined or non-soldermask defined pads
- Stencil Aperture
	- For the exposed die attach pad (DAP), adjust the stencil for approximately 80% coverage of the PCB land pattern
	- For all other I/O pads use a 1:1 ratio between the aperture and the land pattern recommendation
- Solder Paste Use a standard SAC Alloy such as SAC 305, type 3 or higher
- Stencil Thickness 0.125 to 0.15 mm
- Reflow Refer to solder paste supplier recommendation and optimized per board size and density
- Refer to *Design Summary LMZ1xxx and LMZ2xxx Power Modules Family* [\(SNAA214](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNAA214)) for reflow information
- Maximum number of reflows allowed is one

Power Module SMT Guidelines (continued)

Figure 57. Sample Reflow Profile

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11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Device Support

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WEBENCH Tool, <http://www.ti.com/webench>

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11.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- AN-2027 *Inverting Application for the LMZ14203 SIMPLE SWITCHER Power Module*, [\(SNVA425](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA425))
- *Absolute Maximum Ratings for Soldering*, [\(SNOA549](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNOA549))
- AN-2024 *LMZ1420x / LMZ1200x Evaluation Board* [\(SNVA422](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA422))
- AN-2085 *LMZ23605/03, LMZ22005/03 Evaluation Board* [\(SNVA457](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVS457))
- AN-2054 *Evaluation Board for LM10000 - PowerWise AVS System Controller* [\(SNVA437\)](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA437)
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- AN-2093 *LMZ23610/8/6 and LMZ22010/8/6 Current Sharing Evaluation Board* ([SNVA460](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA460))
- AN-2026 *Effect of PCB Design on Thermal Performance of SIMPLE SWITCHER Power Modules* ([SNVA424\)](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVA424)
- *Design Summary LMZ1xxx and LMZ2xxx Power Modules Family* ([SNAA214](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNAA214))

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11.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution

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11.6 Glossary

[SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

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