1.25A High Efficiency Switching Regulator

FEATURES

- Available in MiniDIP, TO-220, and TO-3 Packages
- Wide Input Voltage Range 3V-60V
- Low Quiescent Current—6mA
- Internal 1.25A Switch
- Very Few External Parts Required
- Self-Protected Against Overloads
- Operates in Nearly All Switching Topologies
- Shutdown Mode Draws Only 50μA Supply Current
- Flyback-Regulated Mode has Fully Floating Outputs
- Can be Externally Synchronized

APPLICATIONS

- Logic Supply 5V @ 2.5A
- 5V Logic to ±15V Op Amp Supply
- Offline Converter up to 50W
- Battery Upconverter
- Power Inverter (+ to −) or (− to +)
- Fully Floating Multiple Outputs
- Driver for High Current Supplies

USER NOTE:

This data sheet is only intended to provide specifications, graphs, and a general functional description of the LT1072. Application circuits are included to show the capability of the LT1072. A complete design manual (AN-19) should be obtained to assist in developing new designs. This manual contains a comprehensive discussion of both the LT1070 and the external components used with it, as well as complete formulas for calculating the values of these components. The manual can also be used for the LT1072 by factoring in the lower switch current rating.

DESCRIPTION

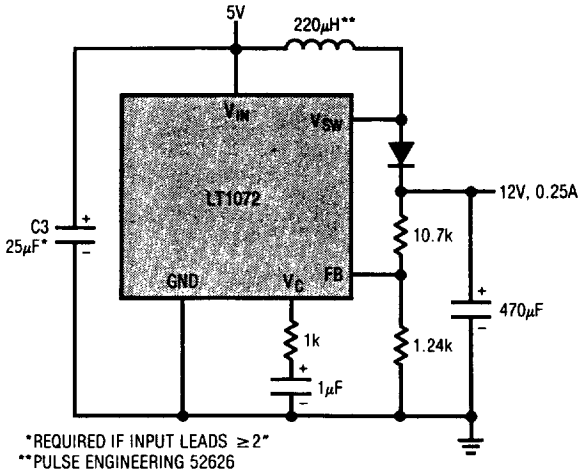
The LT1072 is a monolithic high power switching regulator. It can be operated in all standard switching configurations including buck, boost, flyback, forward, inverting and "Cuk". A high current, high efficiency switch is included on the die along with all oscillator, control, and protection circuitry. Integration of all functions allows the LT1072 to be built in a standard 5-pin TO-3 or TO-220 power package as well as the 8-pin miniDIP. This makes it extremely easy to use and provides "bust proof" operation similar to that obtained with 3-pin linear regulators.

The LT1072 operates with supply voltages from 3V to 60V, and draws only 6mA quiescent current. It can deliver load power up to 20 watts with no external power devices. By utilizing current-mode switching techniques, it provides excellent AC and DC load and line regulation.

The LT1072 has many unique features not found even on the vastly more difficult to use low power control chips presently available. It uses adaptive anti-sat switch drive to allow very wide ranging load currents with no loss in efficiency. An externally activated shutdown mode reduces total supply current to 50μA typical for standby operation. Totally isolated and regulated outputs can be generated by using the optional "flyback regulation mode" built into the LT1072, without the need for optocouplers or extra transformer windings.

TYPICAL APPLICATION

Boost Converter (5V to 12V)



*REQUIRED IF INPUT LEADS ≥2"
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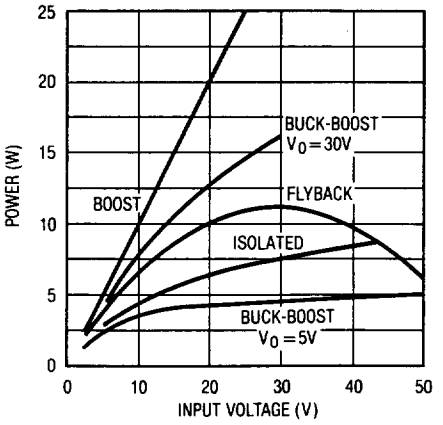
Maximum Output Power*



*ROUGH GUIDE ONLY. BUCK MODE $P_{OUT} = 1A \times V_{OUT}$.
MINIDIP OUTPUT POWER MAY BE LIMITED BY PACKAGE TEMPERATURE RISE AT HIGH INPUT VOLTAGES OR HIGH DUTY CYCLES.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage
- LT1072HV (See Note 1) 60V
- LT1072 (See Note 1) 40V

Switch Output Voltage
- LT1072HV 75V
- LT1072 ..... 65V
- LT1072S8 ..... 60V

Feedback Pin Voltage (Transient, 1ms) ..... ±15V

Operating Junction Temperature Range
- LT1072HVM, LT1072M ..... −55°C to +150°C
- LT1072HVC, LT1072C (Oper.)* ..... 0°C to +100°C
- LT1072HVC, LT1072C (Sh. Ckt.)* ..... 0°C to +125°C

Storage Temperature Range ..... −65°C to +150°C

Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) ..... 300°C

*Includes LT1072S8

Note 1: Minimum switch "on" time for the LT1072 in current limit is ≈0.7µsec. This limits the maximum input voltage during short circuit conditions, *in the buck and inverting modes only*, to ≈40V. Normal (unshorted) conditions are not affected. If the LT1072 is being operated in the buck or inverting mode at high input voltages and short circuit conditions are expected, a resistor must be placed in series with the inductor, as follows:

The value of the resistor is given by: $R = \frac{(t)(f)(V_{IN}) - V_f}{I_{(LIMIT)}} - R_L$

t = Minimum "on" time of LT1072 in current limit, ≈0.7µs

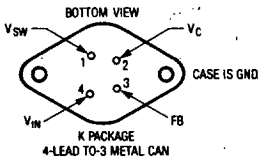
f = Operating frequency (40kHz)

V_f = Forward voltage of external catch diode at $I_{(LIMIT)}$

$I_{(LIMIT)}$ = Current limit of LT1072 (2A)

R_L = Internal series resistance of inductor

PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION



LT1072MK, LT1072HVMK: T_{JMAX} = 150°C, θ_{JC} = 8°C/W, θ_{JA} = 35°C/W
LT1072CK, LT1072HVCK: T_{JMAX} = 100°C*, θ_{JC} = 8°C/W, θ_{JA} = 35°C/W

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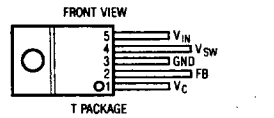

T_{JMAX} = 100°C/W, θ_{JC} = 8°C/W, θ_{JA} = 50°C/W

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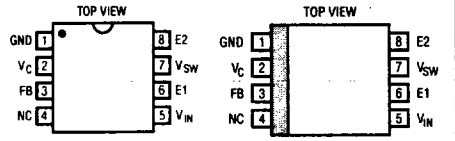

T_{JMAX} = 150°C, θ_{JA} = 100°C/W (J)
T_{JMAX} = 100°C*, θ_{JA} = 130°C/W (N)
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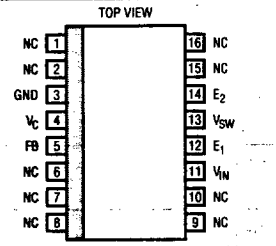
ORDER PART NUMBER: LT1072MJ8, LT1072CJ8, LT1072CN8, LT1072CS8



T_{JMAX} = 100°C*, θ_{JA} = 150°C/W

ORDER PART NUMBER: LT1072CS

All Thermal Information is based on continuous operation.
*T_{JMAX} = 125°C for intermittent fault conditions.
Consult factory for Industrial grade parts.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, V_{IN} = 15V, V_C = 0.5V, V_{FB} = V_{REF}, output pin open.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V_{REF}	Reference Voltage	Measured at Feedback Pin		1.224	1.244	1.264	V
		V_C = 0.8V	●	1.214	1.244	1.274	V
I_B	Feedback Input Current	V_{FB} = V_{REF}			350	750	nA
			●			1100	nA
gm	Error Amplifier Transconductance	ΔI_C = ±25µA		3000	4400	6000	µmho
			●	2400		7000	µmho
	Error Amplifier Source or Sink Current	V_C = 1.5V		150	200	350	µA
			●	120		400	µA
	Error Amplifier Clamp Voltage	Hi Clamp, V_{FB} = 1V		1.8		2.3	V
		Lo Clamp, V_{FB} = 1.5V		0.25	0.38	0.52	V
	Reference Voltage Line Regulation	3V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}	●			0.03	%/V
		V_C = 0.8V					%/V
A_V	Error Amplifier Voltage Gain	0.9V ≤ V_C ≤ 1.4V		500	800		V/V
	Minimum Input Voltage		●		2.6	3.0	V
I_Q	Supply Current	3V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}, V_C = 0.6V			6	9	mA
	Control Pin Threshold	Duty Cycle = 0		0.8	0.9	1.08	V
			●	0.6		1.25	V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, V_{IN} = 15V, V_C = 0.5V, V_{FB} = V_{REF}, output pin open.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS			MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
	Normal/Flyback Threshold on Feedback Pin				0.4	0.45	0.54	V
V_{FB}	Flyback Reference Voltage	I_{FB} = 50µA			15	16.3	17.6	V
				●	14		18	V
	Change in Flyback Reference Voltage	0.05 ≤ I_{FB} ≤ 1mA			4.5	6.8	8.5	V
	Flyback Reference Voltage Line Regulation	I_{FB} = 50µA 3V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX} (Note 3)				0.01	0.03	%/V %/V
	Flyback Amplifier Transconductance (gm)	ΔI_C = ±10µA			150	300	500	µmho
	Flyback Amplifier Source and Sink Current	V_C = 0.6V Source I_{FB} = 50µA Sink		● ●	15 25	32 40	70 70	µA µA
BV	Output Switch Breakdown Voltage	3V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX} I_{SW} = 1.5mA	LT1072 LT1072HV LT1072S8	● ● ●	65 75 60	90 90 80		V V V
V_{SAT}	Output Switch ON Resistance (Note 1)	I_{SW} = 1A		●		0.6	1	Ω
	Control Voltage to Switch Current Transconductance					2		A/V
I_{LIM}	Switch Current Limit	Duty Cycle ≤ 50% Duty Cycle ≤ 50% Duty Cycle = 80% (Note 2)	T_J ≥ 25°C T_J < 25°C	● ● ●	1.25 1.25 1		3 3.5 2.5	A A A
$\frac{\Delta I_{IN}}{\Delta I_{SW}}$	Supply Current Increase During Switch ON Time					25	35	mA/A
f	Switching Frequency				35	40	45	kHz
				●	33		47	kHz
DC (max)	Maximum Switch Duty Cycle				90	92	97	%
	Flyback Sense Delay Time					1.5		µs
	Shutdown Mode Supply Current	3V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX} V_C = 0.05V				100	250	µA
	Shutdown Mode Threshold Voltage	3V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}			100	150	250	mV
				●	50		300	mV

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range.

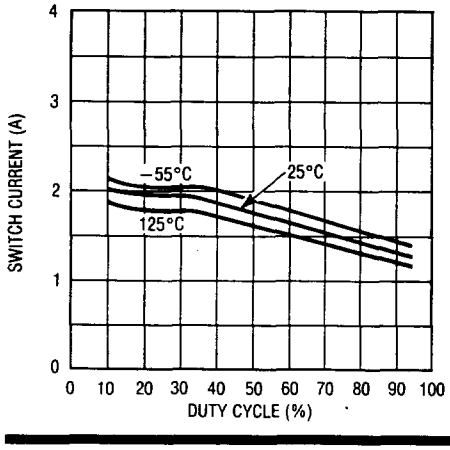
Note 1: Measured with V_C in hi clamp, V_{FB} = 0.8V.

Note 2: For duty cycles (DC) between 50% and 80%, minimum guaranteed switch current is given by I_{LIM} = 0.833 (2 – DC).

Note 3: V_{MAX} = 55V for HV grade to avoid switch breakdown.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Switch Current Limit vs Duty Cycle



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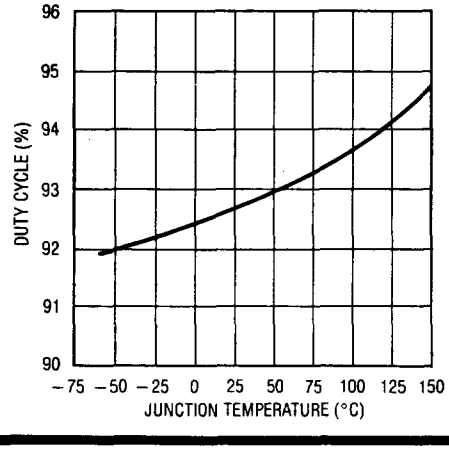
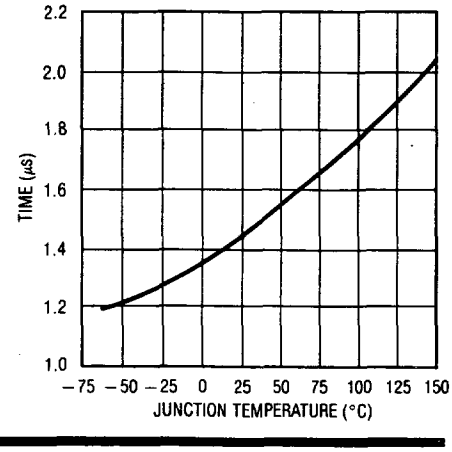


Flyback Blanking Time



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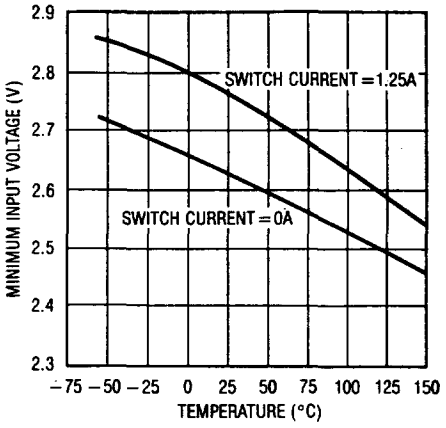
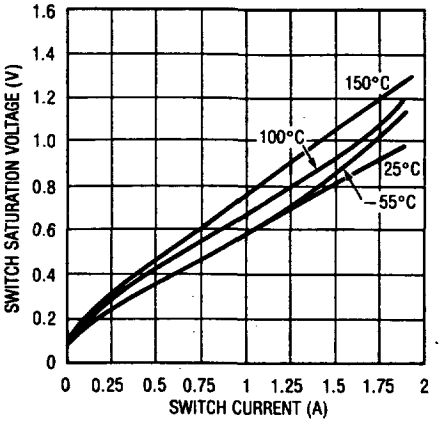
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

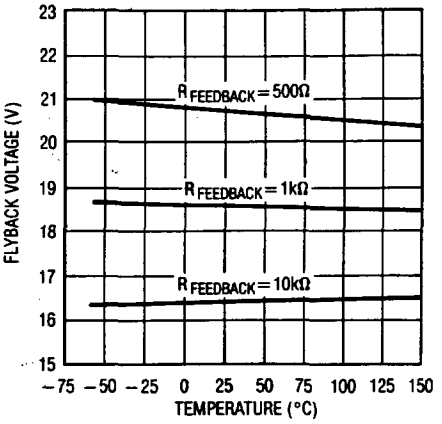
Minimum Input Voltage



Switch Saturation Voltage



Isolated Mode Flyback Reference Voltage



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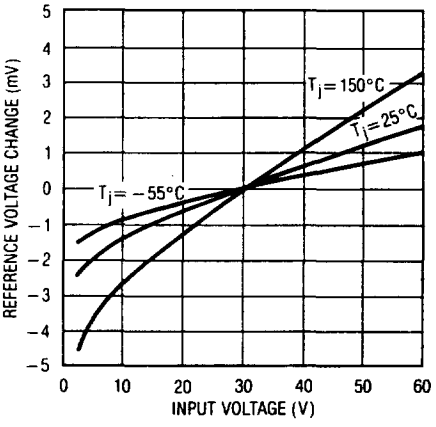
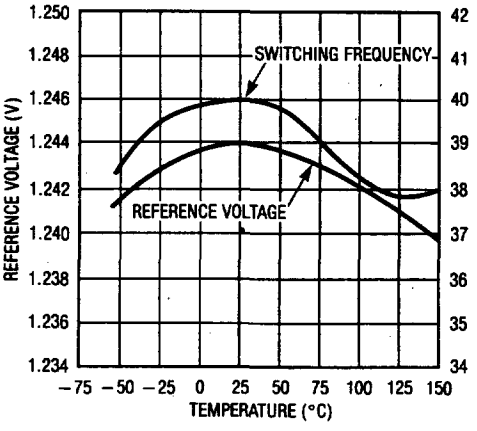
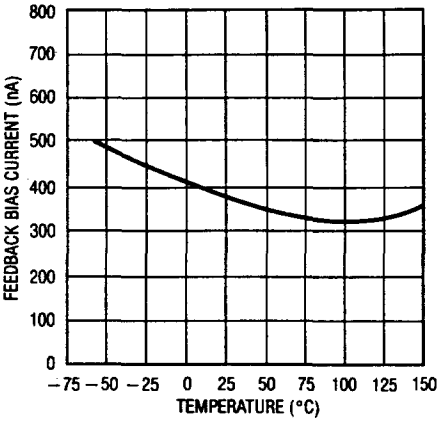


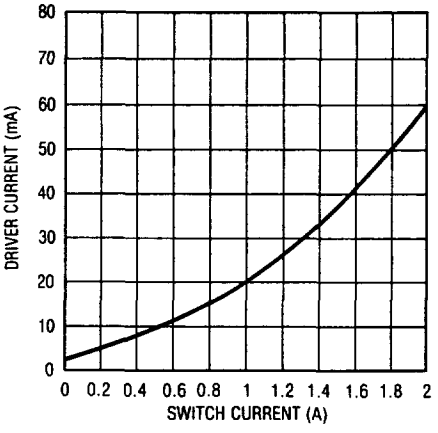
Reference Voltage and Switching Frequency vs Temperature



Feedback Bias Current vs Temperature

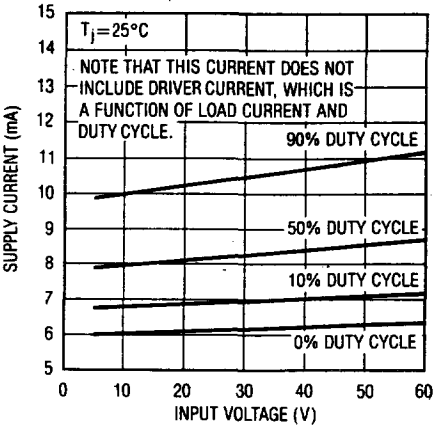


Driver Current* vs Switch Current



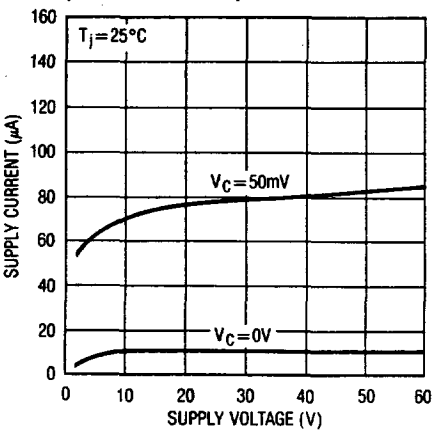
*AVERAGE LT1072 POWER SUPPLY CURRENT IS FOUND BY MULTIPLYING DRIVER CURRENT BY DUTY CYCLE, THEN ADDING QUIESCENT CURRENT.

Supply Current vs Input Voltage*



*UNDER VERY LOW OUTPUT CURRENT CONDITIONS, DUTY CYCLE FOR MOST CIRCUITS WILL APPROACH 10% OR LESS.

Supply Current vs Supply Voltage (Shutdown Mode)



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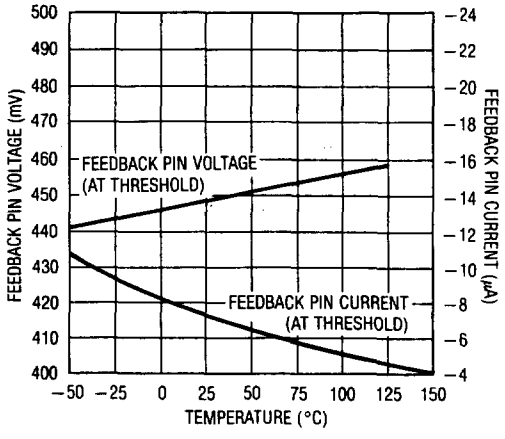
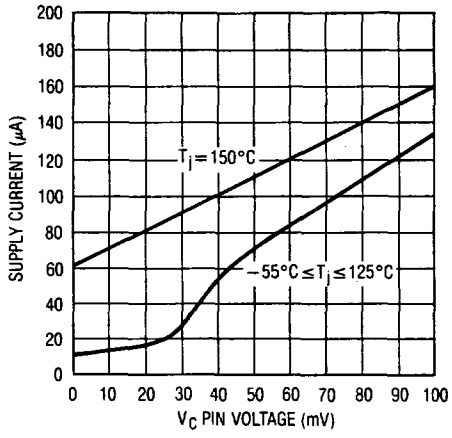
Normal/Flyback Mode Threshold on Feedback Pin



Shutdown Mode Supply Current



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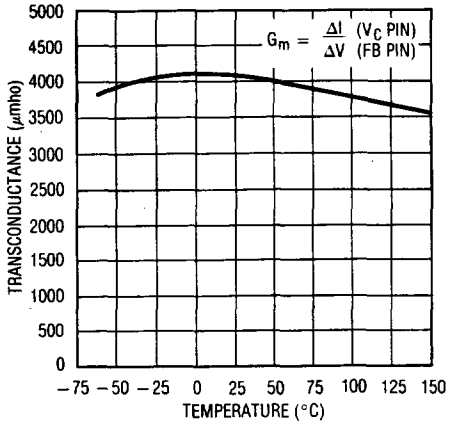

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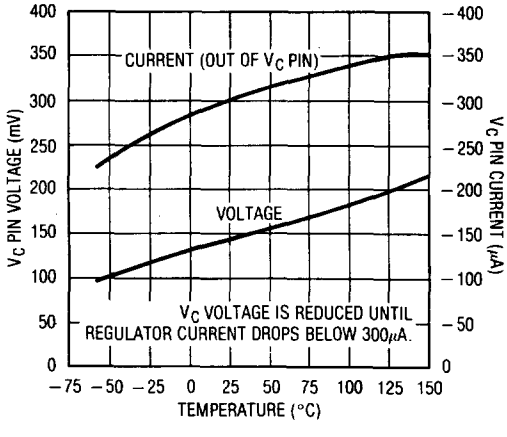
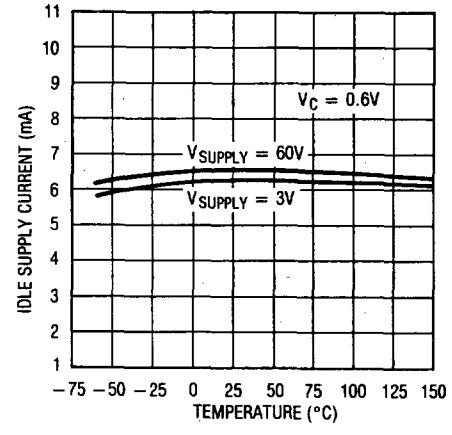
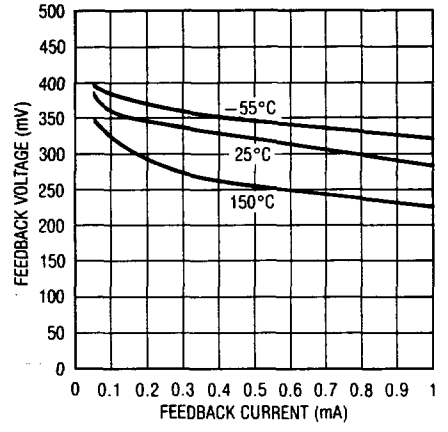


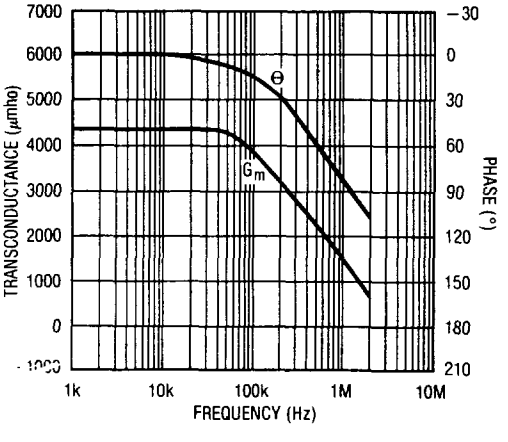
Idle Supply Current vs Temperature



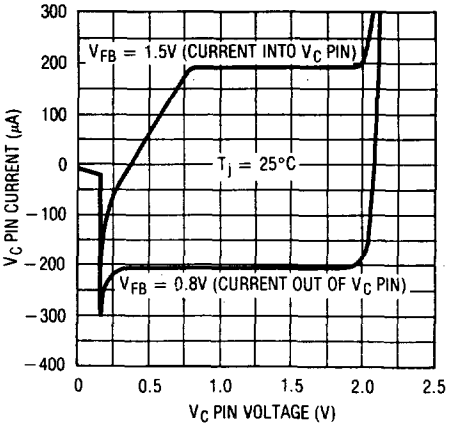
Feedback Pin Clamp Voltage



Transconductance of Error Amplifier



V_C Pin Characteristics



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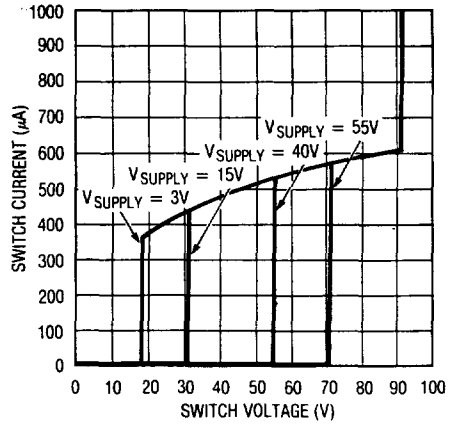

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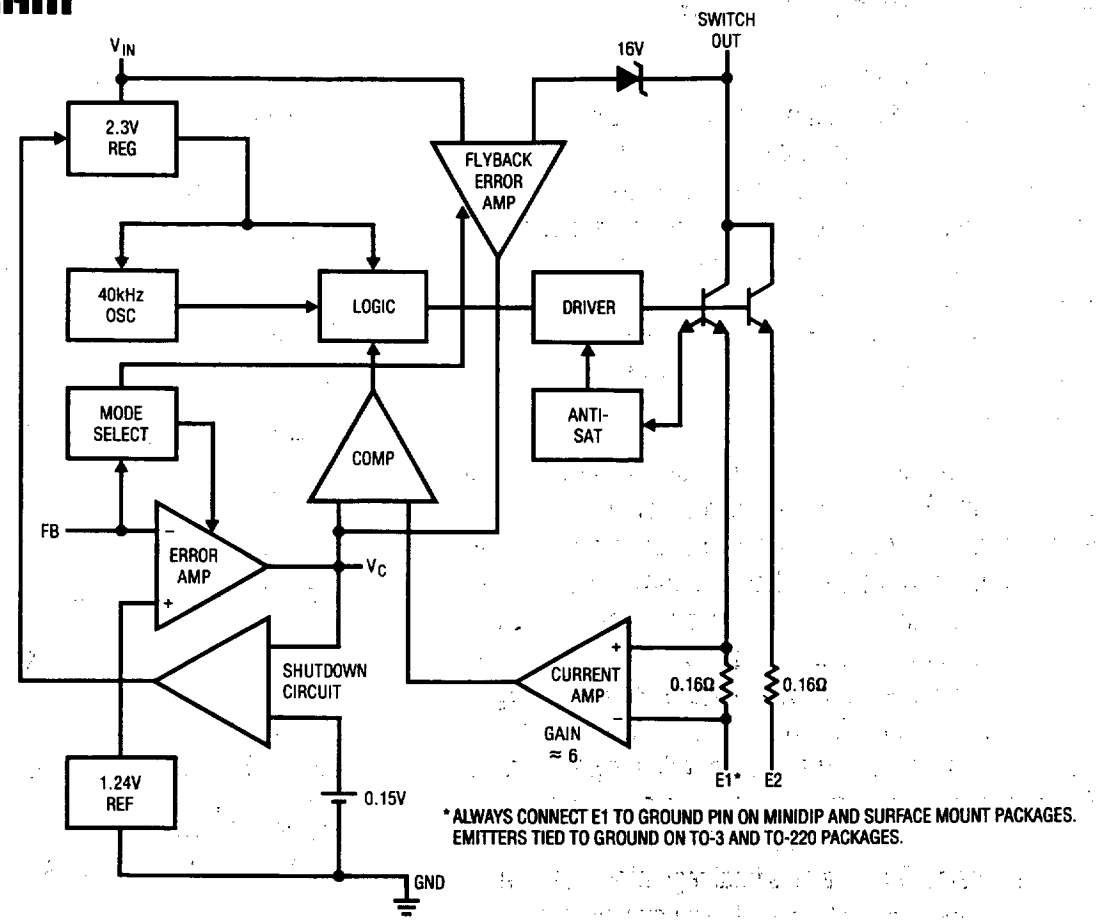
BLOCK DIAGRAM



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The LT1072 is a current mode switcher. This means that switch duty cycle is directly controlled by switch current rather than by output voltage. Referring to the block diagram, the switch is turned "on" at the start of each oscillator cycle. It is turned "off" when switch current reaches a predetermined level. Control of output voltage is obtained by using the output of a voltage sensing error amplifier to set current trip level. This technique has several advantages. First, it has immediate response to input voltage variations, unlike ordinary switchers which have notoriously poor line transient response. Second, it reduces the 90° phase shift at midfrequencies in the energy storage inductor. This greatly simplifies closed loop frequency compensation under widely varying input voltage or output load conditions. Finally, it allows simple pulse-by-pulse current limiting to provide maximum switch protection under output overload or short conditions. A low-dropout internal regulator provides a 2.3V supply for all internal circuitry on the LT1072. This low-dropout design allows input voltage to vary from 3V to 60V with virtually no change in device performance. A 40kHz oscillator is the basic clock for all internal timing. It turns "on" the output switch via the logic and driver circuitry. Special adaptive antisat circuitry detects onset of saturation in the power switch and adjusts driver current instantaneously to limit switch saturation. This minimizes driver dissipation and provides very rapid turn-off of the switch.

A 1.2V bandgap reference biases the positive input of the error amplifier. The negative input is brought out for output voltage sensing. This feedback pin has a second function; when pulled low with an external resistor, it programs the LT1072 to disconnect the main error amplifier output and connects the output of the flyback amplifier to the comparator input. The LT1072 will then regulate the value of the flyback pulse with respect to the supply voltage. This flyback pulse is

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directly proportional to output voltage in the traditional transformer coupled flyback topology regulator. By regulating the amplitude of the flyback pulse, the output voltage can be regulated with no direct connection between input and output. The output is fully floating up to the breakdown voltage of the transformer windings. Multiple floating outputs are easily obtained with additional windings. A special delay network inside the LT1072 ignores the leakage inductance spike at the leading edge of the flyback pulse to improve output regulation.

The error signal developed at the comparator input is brought out externally. This pin (V_C) has four different functions. It is used for frequency compensation, current limit adjustment, soft starting, and total regulator shutdown. During normal regulator operation this pin sits at a voltage between 0.9V (low output current) and 2.0V (high output current). The error amplifiers are current output (gm) types, so this voltage can be externally clamped for adjusting current limit. Likewise, a capacitor coupled external clamp will provide soft start. Switch duty cycle goes to zero if the V_C pin is pulled to ground through a diode, placing the LT1072 in an idle mode. Pulling the V_C pin below 0.15V causes total regulator shutdown, with only 50μA supply current for shutdown circuitry biasing. See AN-19 for full application details.

Extra Pins on the MiniDIP and Surface Mount Packages

The 8 and 16-pin versions of the LT1072 have the emitters of the power transistor brought out separately from the ground pin. This eliminates errors due to ground pin voltage drops and allows the user to reduce switch current limit 2:1 by leaving the second emitter (E2) disconnected. The first emitter (E1) should always be connected to the ground pin. Note that switch "on" resistance doubles when E2 is left open, so efficiency will suffer somewhat when switch currents exceed 100mA. Also, note that chip dissipation will actually *increase* with E2 open during normal load operation, even though dissipation in current limit mode will *decrease*. See "Thermal Considerations."

Thermal Considerations When Using Small Packages

The low supply current and high switch efficiency of the LT1072 allow it to be used without a heat sink in most applications when the TO-220 or TO-3 package is selected. These packages are rated at 50°C/W and 35°C/W respectively. The small packages, however, are rated at greater than 100°C/W. Care should be taken with these packages to ensure that the worse case input voltage and load current conditions do not cause excessive die temperatures. The following formulas can be used as a rough guide to calculate LT1072 power dissipation. For more details, the reader is referred to Application Note 19 (AN19), "Efficiency Calculations" section.

Average supply current (including driver current) is:

$$I_{IN} \approx 6mA + I_{SW}(0.004 + DC/40)$$

I_{SW} = switch current
DC = switch duty cycle

Switch power dissipation is given by:

$$P_{SW} = (I_{SW})^2 \bullet R_{SW} \bullet DC$$

R_{SW} = LT1072 switch "on" resistance (1Ω maximum)

Total power dissipation is the sum of supply current times input voltage plus switch power:

$$P_{TOT} = (I_{IN})(V_{IN}) + P_{SW}$$

In a typical example, using a boost convertor to generate +12V@0.12A from a +5V input, duty cycle is approximately 60%, and switch current is about 0.65A, yielding:

$$I_{IN} = 6mA + 0.65(0.004 + DC/40) = 18mA$$

$$P_{SW} = (0.65)^2 \bullet 1\Omega \bullet (0.6) = 0.25W$$

$$P_{TOT} = (5V)(0.018A) + 0.25 = 0.34W$$

Temperature rise in a plastic miniDIP would be 130°C/W times 0.34W, or approximately 44°C. The maximum ambient temperature would be limited to 100°C (commercial temperature limit) minus 44°C, or 56°C.

In most applications, full load current is used to calculate die temperature. However, if overload conditions must also be accounted for, four approaches are possible. First, if loss of regulated output is acceptable under overload conditions, the internal *thermal limit* of the LT1072 will protect the die in most applications by shutting off switch

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current. *Thermal limit is not a tested parameter*, however, and should be considered only for non-critical applications with temporary overloads. A second approach is to use the larger TO-220 (T) or TO-3 (K) package which, even without a heat sink, may limit die temperatures to safe levels under overload conditions. In critical situations, heat sinking of these packages is required; especially if overload conditions must be tolerated for extended periods of time.

The third approach for lower current applications is to leave the second switch emitter open. This increases switch "on" resistance by 2:1, but reduces switch current limit by 2:1 also, resulting in a net 2:1 reduction in I^2R switch dissipation under current limit conditions.

The fourth approach is to clamp the V_C pin to a voltage less than its internal clamp level of 2V. The LT1072 switch current limit is zero at approximately 1V on the V_C pin and 2A at 2V on the V_C pin. Peak switch current can be externally clamped between these two levels with a diode. See AN-19 for details.

LT1072 Synchronizing

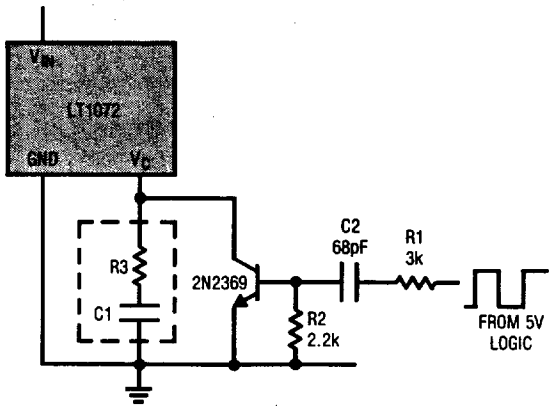
The LT1072 can be externally synchronized in the frequency range of 48kHz to 70kHz. This is accomplished as shown in the accompanying figures. Synchronizing occurs when the V_C pin is pulled to ground with an external transistor. To avoid disturbing the DC characteristics of the internal error amplifier, the width of the synchronizing pulse should be under 1μs. C2 sets the pulse width at ≈0.35μs. The effect of a synchronizing pulse on the LT1072 amplifier offset can be calculated from:

$$\Delta V_{OS} = \frac{\left(\frac{KT}{q}\right)(t_S)(f_S)\left(I_C + \frac{V_C}{R3}\right)}{I_C}$$

$\frac{KT}{q}$ = 26mV@25°C
t_S = pulse width
f_S = pulse frequency
I_C = LT1072 V_C source current (≈200μA)
V_C = LT1072 operating V_C voltage (1V-2V)
R3 = resistor used to set mid-frequency "zero" in LT1072 frequency compensation network.

With t_S = 0.35μs, f_S = 50kHz, V_C = 1.5V, and R3 = 2KΩ, offset voltage shift is ≈2.2mV. This is not particularly bothersome, but note that high offsets could result if R3 were reduced to a much lower value. Also, the synchronizing transistor must sink higher currents with low values of R3, so larger drives may have to be used. The transistor must be capable of pulling the V_C pin to within 200mV of ground to ensure synchronizing.

Synchronizing with Bipolar Transistor



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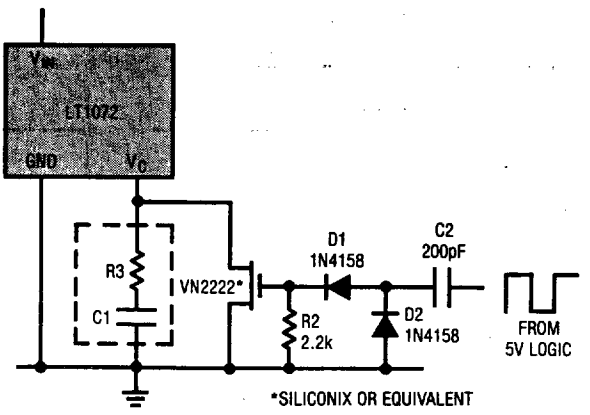

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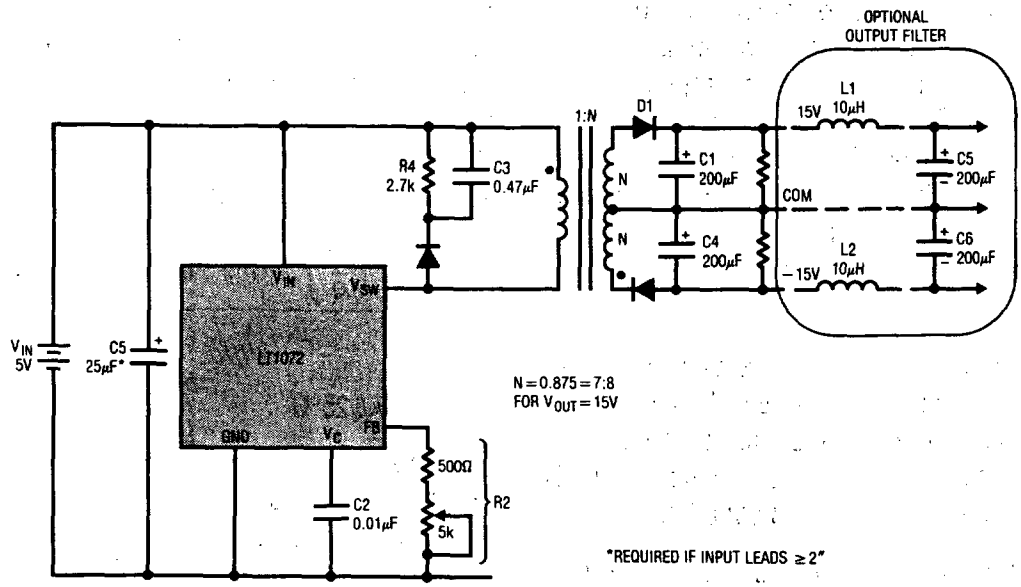

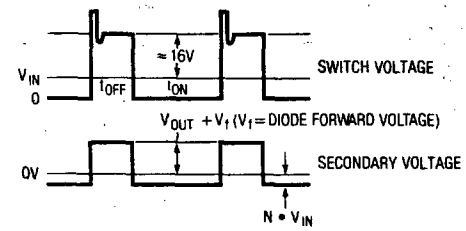

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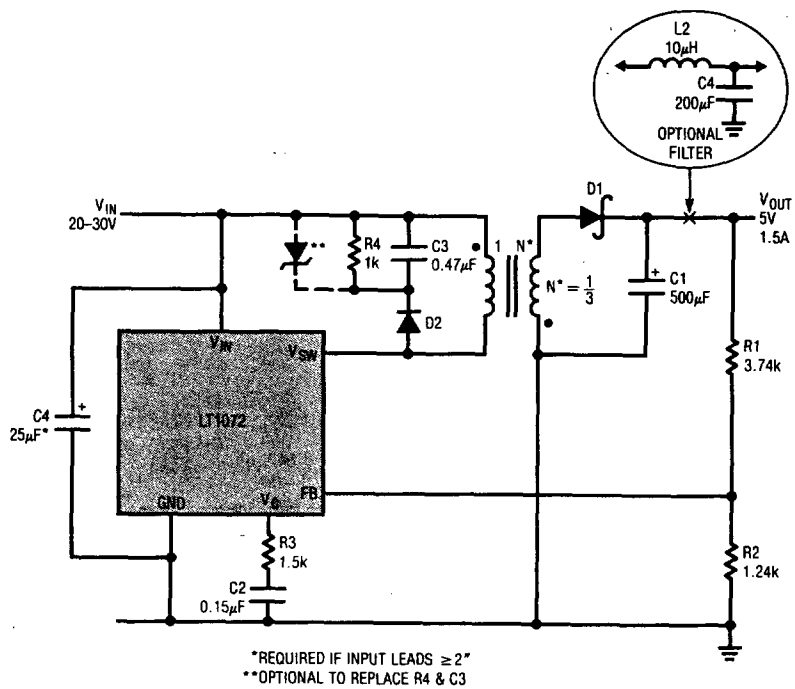

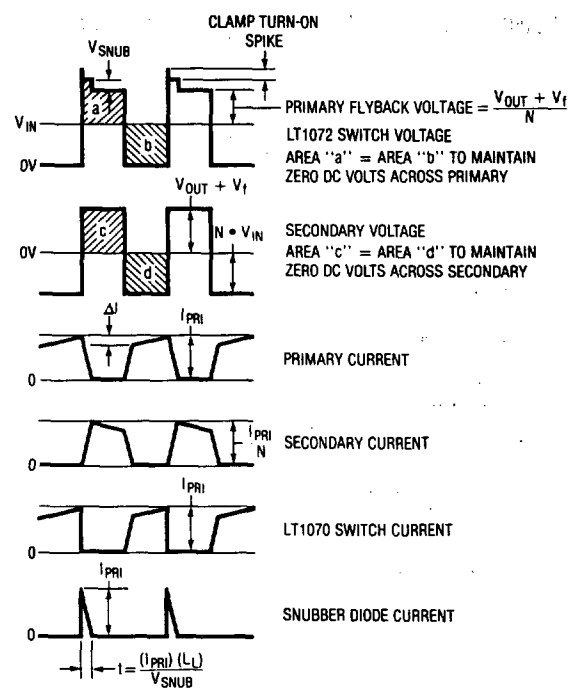

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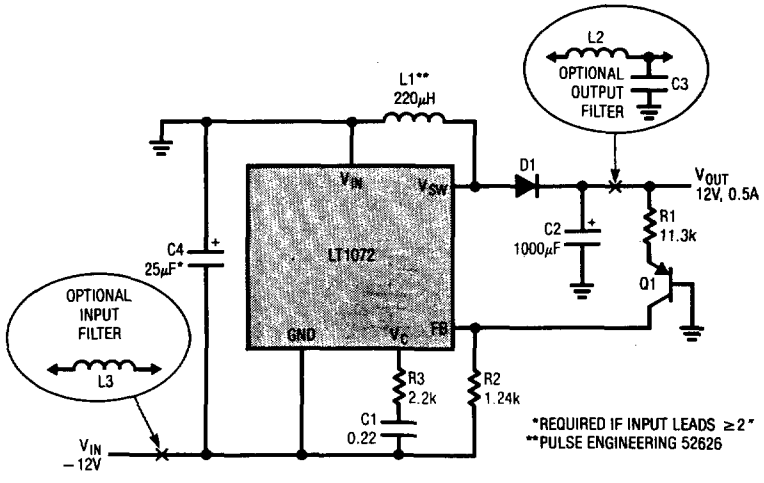
Negative to Positive Buck-Boost Converter



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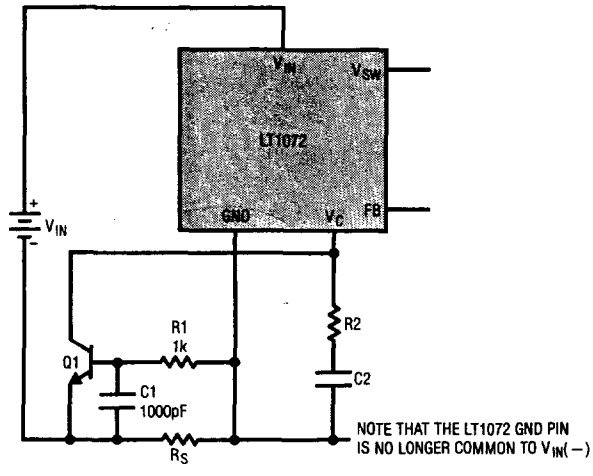

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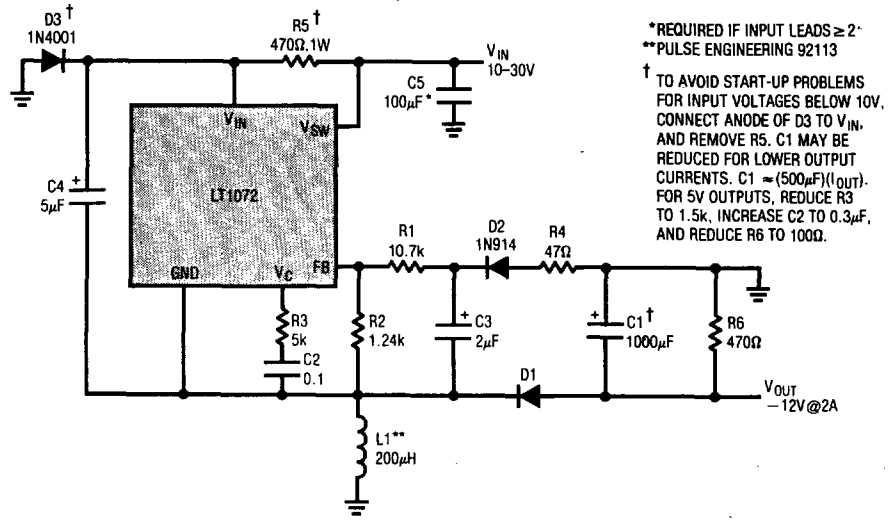

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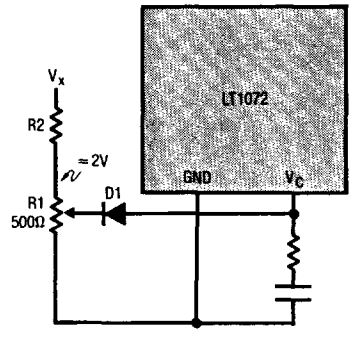

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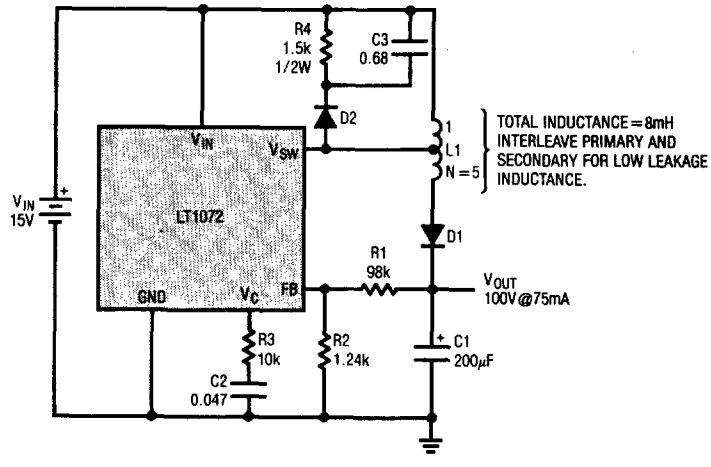
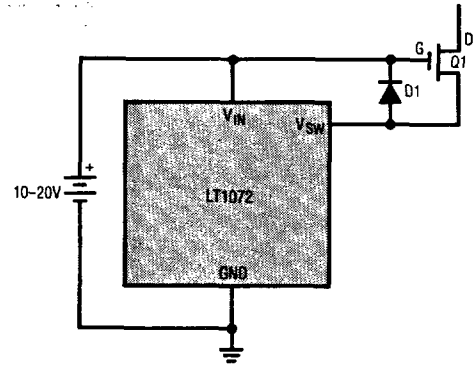


Driving High Voltage FET (for Offline Applications, See AN-25)



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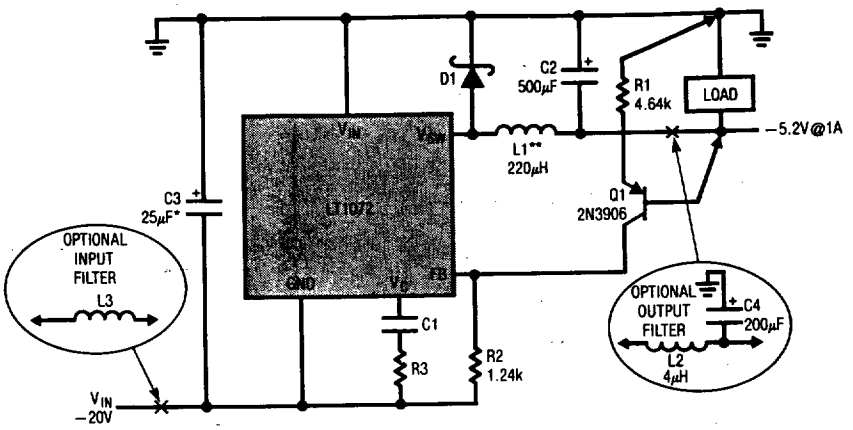

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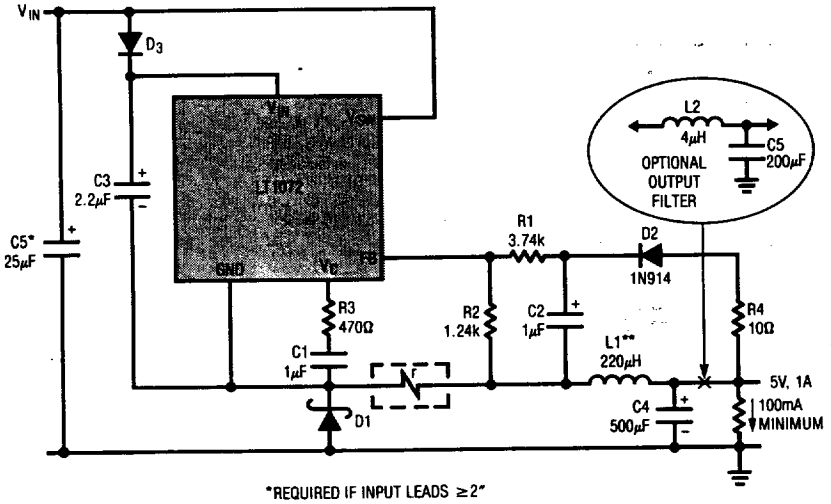

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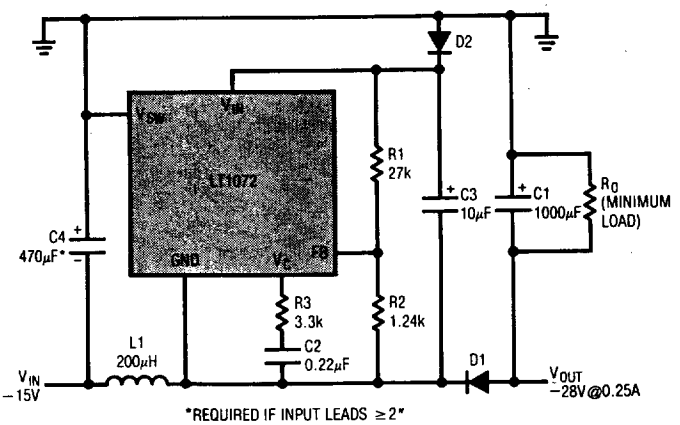

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