

TLD5541-1

H-Bridge DC/DC Controller with SPI Interface Infineon® LITIX™ Power Flex

1 Overview

Features

- Single Inductor high power Buck-Boost controller
- Wide LED forward voltage Range (2 V up to 55 V)
- Wide VIN Range (IC 4.5 V to 40 V, Power 4.5 V to 55 V)
- Switching Frequency Range from 200 kHz to 700 kHz
- SPI for diagnostics and control
- Maximum Efficiency in every condition (up to 96%)
- Constant Current (LED) and Constant Voltage Regulation
- Drives Multiple Load with a single IC thanks to the Fast Output Discharge operation
- Limp Home Function (Fail Safe Mode)
- EMC optimized device: Features an auto Spread Spectrum
- LED and Input current sense with dedicated monitor Outputs
- Advanced protection features for device and load
- Enhanced Dimming features: Analog and PWM dimming
- LED current accuracy +/- 3%
- Available in a small thermally enhanced PG-VQFN-48-31 or PG-TQFP-48-9 package
- Automotive AEC Qualified

Figure 1 Application Drawing - TLD5541-1 as current regulator

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Description

The TLD5541-1 is a synchronous MOSFET H-Bridge DC/DC controller with built in protection features and SPI interface. This concept is beneficial for driving high power LEDs with maximum system efficiency and minimum number of external components. The TLD5541-1 offers both analog and digital (PWM) dimming.The switching frequency is adjustable in the range of 200 kHz to 700 kHz. It can be synchronized to an external clock source. A built in programable Spread Spectrum switching frequency modulation and the forced continuous current regulation mode improve the overall EMC behavior. Furthermore the current mode regulation scheme provides a stable regulation loop maintained by small external compensation components. The adjustable soft start feature limits the current peak as well as voltage overshoot at start-up. The TLD5541-1 is suitable for use in the harsh automotive environment.

Table 1 Product Summary

Protective Functions

- Over load protection of external MOSFETs
- Shorted load, open load, output overvoltage protection
- Input overvoltage and undervoltage protection
- Thermal shutdown of device with autorestart behavior
- Electrostatic discharge protection (ESD)

Diagnostic Functions

- Latched diagnostic information via SPI
- Open load detection in ON-state
- Device Overtemperature shutdown and Temperature Prewarning
- Smart monitoring and advanced functions provide I_{LED} and I_{IN} information

Limp Home Function

• Limp Home activation via LHI pin

Applications

- Especially designed for driving high power LEDs in automotive applications
- Automotive Exterior Lighting: full LED headlamp assemblies (Low Beam, High Beam, Matrix Beam, Pixel Light)
- General purpose current/voltage controlled DC/DC LED driver

Block Diagram

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Figure 2 Block Diagram - TLD5541-1

Pin Configuration

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3.1 Pin Assignment

Figure 3 Pin Configuration - TLD5541-1

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3.2 Pin Definitions and Functions

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27 \vert SO \vert O \vert **Serial data out;** Digital output, referenced to V_{DD} . 1) O: Output, I: Input,

PD: pull-down circuit integrated, PU: pull-up circuit integrated

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4.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 2 Absolute Maximum Ratings¹⁾

 T_J = -40°C to +150°C; all voltages with respect to AGND, (unless otherwise specified)

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Table 2 Absolute Maximum Ratings¹⁾ (cont'd) *T*J = -40°C to +150°C; all voltages with respect to AGND, (unless otherwise specified)

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Table 2 Absolute Maximum Ratings¹⁾ (cont'd)

 T_1 = -40°C to +150°C; all voltages with respect to AGND, (unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Values			Unit	Note or	Number
	Min.	Typ.	Max.		Test Condition	
	-0.3	-	3.6	V		$P_4.1.33$
	-0.3	-	5.5	٧		$P_4.1.34$
T_i	-40	$\overline{}$	150	$^{\circ}C$		$P_4.1.35$
T_{stg}	-55	-	150	$^{\circ}C$		$P_4.1.36$
$V_{\mathsf{ESD},\mathsf{HBM}}$	-2		2	kV	HBM ²	$P_4.1.37$
	-500	$\overline{}$	500	V	CDM ³	$P_4.1.38$
	-750	$\qquad \qquad -$	750	V	CDM ³	P_4.1.39
	V_{IINMON} V_{IOUTMON} $V_{\mathsf{ESD},\mathsf{CDM}}$ orner	V_{ESD,CDM_c}				

1) Not subject to production test, specified by design.

2) ESD susceptibility, HBM according to ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS001 (1.5 kΩ, 100 pF)

3) ESD susceptibility, Charged Device Model "CDM" ESDA STM5.3.1 or ANSI/ESD S.5.3.1

Note: Stresses above the ones listed here may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

> *Integrated protection functions are designed to prevent IC destruction under fault conditions described in the datasheet. Fault conditions are considered as "outside" normal operating range. Protection functions are not designed for continuous repetitive operation.*

4.2 Functional Range

Table 3 Functional Range

1) Not subject to production test, specified by design.

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Note: Within the functional range the IC operates as described in the circuit description. The electrical characteristics are specified within the conditions given in the related electrical characteristics table.

4.3 Thermal Resistance

Note: This thermal data was generated in accordance with JEDEC JESD51 standards. For more information, go to www.jedec.org.

Table 4

1) Not subject to production test, specified by design.

2) Specified $R_{th,C}$ value is simulated at natural convection on a cold plate setup (all pins and the exposed pad are fixed to ambient temperature). Ta = 25°C; The IC is dissipating 1 W.

3) Specified R_{thJA} value is according to JEDEC 2s2p (JESD 51-7) + (JESD 51-5) and JEDEC 1s0p (JESD 51-3) + heatsink area at natural convection on FR4 board; The device was simulated on a 76.2 x 114.3 x 1.5 mm board. The 2s2p board has 2 outer copper layers (2 x 70 µm Cu) and 2 inner copper layers (2 x 35 µm Cu). A thermal via (diameter = 0.3 mm and 25 µm plating) array was applied under the exposed pad and connected the first outer layer (top) to the first inner layer and second outer layer (bottom) of the JEDEC PCB. Ta = 25°C; The IC is dissipating 1 W.

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The TLD5541-1 is supplied by the following pins:

- VIN (main supply voltage)
- VDD (digital supply voltage)
- IVCC_EXT (supply for internal gate driver stages)

The VIN supply, in combination with the VDD supply, provides internal supply voltages for the analog and digital blocks. In situations where VIN voltage drops below VDD voltage, an increased current consumption may be observed at the VDD pin.

The SPI and IO interfaces are supplied by the VDD pin.

IVCC_EXT is the supply for the low side driver stages. This supply is used also to charge, through external Schottky diodes, the bootstrap capacitors which provide supply voltages to the high side driver stages. If no external voltage is available this pin must be shorted to IVCC, which is the output of an internal 5 V LDO.

The supply pins VIN, VDD and IVCC_EXT have undervoltage detections.

Undervoltage on VDD supply voltage prevents the activation of the gate driver stages and any SPI communication (the SPI registers are reset). Undervoltage on IVCC_EXT or IVCC voltages forces a deactivation of the driver stages, thus stopping the switching activity, but has no effect on the SPI register settings.

Moreover the double function pin EN/INUVLO can be used as an input undervoltage protection by placing a resistor divider from VIN to GND (refer to [Chapter 10.3](#page-45-0)).

If EN/INUVLO undervoltage is detected, it will turn-off the IVCC voltage regulator, stop switching, stop communications and reset all the registers.

[Figure 4](#page-11-0) shows a basic concept drawing of the supply domains and interactions among pins VIN, VDD and IVCC/IVCC_EXT.

Figure 4 Power Supply Concept Drawing

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Usage of EN/INUVLO pin in different applications

The pin EN/INUVLO is a double function pin and can be used to put the device into a low current consumption mode. An undervoltage threshold should be fixed by placing an external resistor divider (A) in order to avoid low voltage operating conditions. This pin can be driven by a µC-port as shown in (B).

Figure 5 Usage of EN/INUVLO pin in different applications

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5.1 Different Power States

TLD5541-1 has the following power states:

- SLEEP state
- IDLE state
- LIMP HOME state
- ACTIVE state

The transition between the power states is determined according to these variables after a filter time of max. 3 clock cycles:

- VIN level
- EN/INUVLO level
- IVCC level
- IVCC_EXT level
- VDD level
- LHI level
- DVCCTRL.IDLE bit state

The state diagram including the possible transitions is shown in [Figure 6](#page-14-0).

The Power-up condition is entered when the supply voltage V_{V1N} exceed its minimum supply voltage threshold $V_{VIN(ON)}$

SLEEP

When the device is powered it enters the SLEEP state, all outputs are OFF and the SPI registers are reset, independently from the supply voltages at the pins VIN , VDD, IVCC, and IVCC_EXT. The current consumption is low. Refer to parameters: $I_{\text{VDD}(SLEEP)}$, and $I_{\text{VIN}(SLEEP)}$.

The transition from SLEEP to ACTIVE state requires a specified time: t_{ACTIVE} .

IDLE

In IDLE state, the current consumption of the device can reach the limits given by parameter /_{vpp} [\(P_5.3.4\)](#page-15-0). The internal voltage regulator is working. Not all diagnosis functions are available (refer to [Chapter 10](#page-41-0) for additional informations). In this state there is no switching activity, independently from the supply voltages *V*_{IN}, *V*_{DD}, IVCC and IVCC_EXT. When *V*_{DD} is available, the SPI registers are working and SPI communication is possible.

Limp Home

The Limp Home state is beneficial to fulfill system safety requirements and provides the possibility to maintain a defined current/voltage level on the output via a backup control circuitry. The backup control circuitry turns on required loads during a malfunction of the μ C. For detailed info, refer to [Chapter 8](#page-35-0).

When Limp Home state is entered, SPI registers are reset to their default values and SPI communication is possible but only in read mode (SPI registers can be read but cannot be written). In order to regulate the output current/voltage, it is necessary that V_{IN} and IVCC_EXT are present and above their undervoltage threshold.

ACTIVE

In active state the device will start switching activity to provide power at the output only when PWMI = HIGH. To start the Highside gate drivers HSGD1,2 the voltage level $V_{BST1,2}$ - $V_{SWN1,2}$ needs to be above the threshold

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 $V_{BST1,2}$ - $V_{SWN1,2}$ _{UVth}. In ACTIVE state the device current consumption via V_{IN} and V_{DD} is dependent on the external MOSFET used and the switching frequency f_{sw} .

Figure 6 Simplified State Diagram

5.2 Different Possibilities to RESET the device

There are several reset triggers implemented in the device.

After any kind of reset, the Transmission Error Flag (TER) is set to HIGH.

Under Voltage Reset:

EN/INUVLO: When EN/INUVLO is below V_{EN/INUVLOth} [\(P_5.3.7\)](#page-15-1), the SPI interface is not working and all the registers are reset to their default values. In addition, the device enters SLEEP mode and the current consumption is minimized.

VDD: When V_{VDD} is below $V_{VDD(UV)}$ ([P_5.3.6](#page-15-2)), the SPI interface is not working and all the registers are reset to their default values.

Reset via SPI command:

There is a command (DVCCTRL.SWRST = HIGH) available to RESET all writeable registers to their default values. Note that the result coming from the Calibration routine, which is readable by the SPI when DVCCTRL.ENCAL = HIGH, is not reset by the SWRST.

Reset via Limp Home:

When Limp Home state is detected the registers are reset to the default values.

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5.3 Electrical Characteristics

Table 5 EC Power Supply

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_1 = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

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Table 5 EC Power Supply (cont'd)

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_{J} = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

 $\overline{1}$) Not subject to production test, specified by design.

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The TLD5541-1 includes all of the functions necessary to provide constant current to the output as usually required to drive LEDs. A voltage mode regulation can also be implemented (Refer to [Chapter 6.7](#page-28-0)).

It is designed to control 4 gate driver outputs in a H-Bridge topology by using only one inductor and 4 external MOSFETs. This topology is able to operate in high power BOOST, BUCK-BOOST and BUCK mode applications with maximum efficiency.

The transition between the different regulation modes is done automatically by the device itself, with respect to the application boundary conditions.

The transition phase between modes is seamless.

A SPI flag provides mode feedback to the µC (refer to SPI bits REGUSETMON, REGUMODFB).

6.1 Regulator Diagram Description

The TLD5541-1 includes two analog current control inputs (IIN1, IIN2) to limit the maximum Input current (Block A1 and A7 in [Figure 7\)](#page-18-0).

A second analog current control loop (A5, A6 with complessive gain = *IFBx_{gm}*) connected to the sensing pins FBL, FBH regulates the output current.

The regulator function is implemented by a pulse width modulated (PWM) current mode controller. The error in the output current loop is used to determine the appropriate duty cycle to get a constant output current.

An external compensation network ($R_{\text{COMP}}, C_{\text{COMP}}$) is used to adjust the control loop to various application boundary conditions.

The inductor current for the current mode loop is sensed by the R_{SWCS} resistor.

 R_{SWCS} is used also to limit the maximum external switches / inductor current.

If the Voltage across R_{SWCS} exceeds its overcurrent threshold (V_{SWCS} buck or V_{SWCS_boost} for buck or boost operation respectively) the device reduces the duty cycle in order to bring the switches current below the imposed limit.

The current mode controller has a built-in slope compensation as well to prevent sub-harmonic oscillations.

The control loop logic block (LOGIC) provides a PWM signal to four internal gate drivers. The gate drivers (HSGD1,2 and LSGD1,2) are used to drive external MOSFETs in an H-Bridge setup . Once the soft start expires a forced CCM regulation mode is performed.

The control loop block diagram displayed in [Figure 7](#page-18-0) shows a typical constant current application. The voltage across R_{FB} sets the output current. R_{IN} is used to fix the maximum input current.

The output current is fixed via the SPI parameter (LEDCURRADIM. ADIMVAL = 11110000_B = default at 100%) plus an offset trimming (LEDCURRCAL.CALIBVAL = 0000_B = default in the middle of the range). Refer to [Chapter 8.1](#page-35-1) for more details.

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Figure 7 Regulator Block Diagram - TLD5541-1

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6.2 Adjustable Soft Start Ramp

The soft start routine limits the current through the inductor and the external MOSFET switches during initialization to minimize potential overshoots at the output.

The soft start routine is applied:

- At first turn on (first PWM rise after EN = High)
- After Output Short to GND or Open Load detection
- After Input Overvoltage detection

The soft start rising edge gradually increases the current of the inductor (L_{OUT}) over t_{soFT} START by clamping the COMP voltage . The soft start ramp is defined by a capacitor placed at the SOFT_START pin.

Selection of the SOFT_START capacitor (C_{SOFT START}) can be done according to the approximate formula described in [Equation \(6.1\):](#page-19-0)

$$
t_{SOFT_START} = \frac{V_{ss_th_eff}}{I_{SOFT_START(PU)}} \cdot C_{SOFT_START} \tag{6.1}
$$

Note: Vss_th_eff is the soft start effectiveness threshold, that depends on load condition. Its value is about 0.7 V for the buck mode and 1.4 V for the boost mode

The SOFT START pin is also used to implement a fault mask and wait-before-retry time, on rising and falling edge respectively, see and chapter [Chapter 10.2](#page-42-0) for details.

If an open load or a short on the output is detected, a pull-down current source I_{SOFT} _{START} _{PD} [\(P_6.4.20](#page-30-0)) is activated. This current brings down the $V_{\text{SOFT_START}}$ until $V_{\text{SOFT_START_REST}}$ ([P_6.4.22](#page-30-1)) is reached, then the pull-up current source *I*_{SOFT_START_PU} [\(P_6.4.19](#page-29-0)) turns on again. If the fault condition hasn't been removed until V_{SOFT START LOFF} (P_{_}6.4.21) is reached, the pull-down current source turns back on again, initiating a new cycle. This will continue until the fault is removed.

If an input overvoltage is detected the soft start is kept low as long as the overvoltage remains.

At first PWMI rise after EN = High, the internal PWM is extended till one of the 2 following condition is reached:

- Until *V*_{SOFT} START exceeds *V*_{Soft} Start1,2 LOFF
- Until $V_{FBH-FBL}$ exceeds $V_{FBH-FBL}$ ol

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Figure 8 Soft Start timing diagram on a short to ground detected by the VFB pin

6.3 Switching Frequency setup

The switching frequency can be set from 200 kHz to 700 kHz by an external resistor connected from the FREQ pin to GND or by supplying a sync signal as specified in chapter [Chapter 11.2.](#page-50-0) Select the switching frequency with an external resistor according to the graph in [Figure 9](#page-20-0) or the following approximate formulas.

$$
f_{SW}[kHz] = 5375*(R_{FREO}[k\Omega])^{-0.8}
$$

 $R_{FREG}[k\Omega] = 46023*(f_{SW}[kHz])^{-1.25}$

(6.2)

(6.3)

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6.4 Operation of 4 switches H-Bridge architecture

Inductor L_{OUT} connects in an H-Bridge configuration with 4 external N channel MOSFETs (M1, M2, M3 & M4)

- Transistor M1 and M3 provides a path between V_{IN} and ground through L_{OUT} in one direction (Driven by top and bottom gate drivers HSGD1 and LSGD2)
- Transistor M2 and M4 provides a path between VOUT and ground through L_{OUT} in the other direction (Driven by top and bottom gate drivers HSGD2 and LSGD1)
- Nodes SWN1, SWN2, voltage across R_{SWCS} , input and load currents are also monitored by the TLD5541-1

Figure 11 4 switches H-Bridge architecture overview

6.4.1 Boost mode $(V_{IN} < V_{OUT})$

- M1 is always ON, M2 is always OFF
- Every cycle M3 turns ON first and inductor current is sensed (peak current control)
- M3 stays ON until the upper reference threshold is reached across R_{SWCS} (Energizing)

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- M3 turns OFF, M4 turns ON until the end of the cycle (Recirculation)
- Switches M3 and M4 alternate, behaving like a typical synchronous boost Regulator (see [Figure 12](#page-22-0))

Figure 12 4 switches H-Bridge architecture in BOOST mode

Simplified comparison of 4 switches H-Bridge architecture to traditional asynchronous Boost approach.

- M2 is always OFF in this mode (open)
- M1 is always ON in this mode (closed connection of inductor to V_{1N})
- M4 acts as a synchronous diode, with significantly lower conduction power losses (I² x R_{DSON} vs. 0.7 V x I)

Note: Diode is source of losses and lower system efficiency!

6.4.2 Buck mode $(V_{IN} > V_{OUT})$

- M4 is always ON, M3 is always OFF
- Every cycle M2 turns ON and inductor current is sensed (valley current control)
- M2 stays ON until the lower reference threshold is reached across R_{SWCS} (Recirculation)

Regulator Description

- M2 turns OFF, M1 turns ON until the end of the cycle (Energizing)
- Switches M1 and M2 alternate, behaving like a typical synchronous BUCK Regulator (see [Figure 14](#page-23-0))

Figure 14 4 switches H-Bridge architecture in BUCK mode

Simplified comparison of 4 switches architecture to traditional asynchronous Buck approach.

- M3 is always OFF in this mode (open).
- M4 is always ON in this mode (closed connection inductor to V_{OUT}).
- M2 acts as a synchronous diode, with significantly lower conduction losses (I² x R_{DSON} vs. 0.7 V x I)

6.4.3 Buck-Boost mode $(V_{IN} \sim V_{OUT})$

- When V_{IN} is close to V_{OUT} the controller is in Buck-Boost operation
- All switches are switching in buck-boost operation. The direct energy transfer from the Input to the output (M1+M4 = ON) is beneficial to reduce ripple current and improves the energy efficiency of the Buck-Boost control scheme
- The two buck boost waveforms and switching behaviors are displayed in [Figure 16](#page-24-0) below

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Figure 16 4 switches H-Bridge architecture in BUCK-BOOST mode

6.5 Fast Output Discharge Operation Mode - Multi Floating Switches Topology

Multiple light functions can be driven by a single DC/DC converter adopting a Multi Floating Switch (MFS) topology. In a MFS topology, each LED Function is connected in series and can be independently turned off via a bypass switch. Because of the series connections, all the functions are driven with the same current . Different brightness can be achieved with individual PWM duty cycles.

In order to drive different LED functions in this topology, a Buck Boost converter is probably needed. A single stage buck boost topology has high efficiency buts requires several µF of output capacitance (C_{OUT}). The extra voltage present on this capacitor, when shorting one function to turn it off, may create a current spike in the LEDs that have to remain on.

The TLD5541-1 has a dedicated state machine which controls a fast discharge of the output cap to a desired fraction of the initial output voltage. This Fast Output Discharge feature (F.D.), if carefully configured, limits the current spike during load jump events preventing LED damage.

An Example of the Multi Floating Switch topology architecture and operation are shown in [Figure 17](#page-24-1)

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The F.D. operation consists of discharging the capacitor C_{OUT} to the final load voltage [\(Figure 17](#page-24-1)-B) before the bypass switch closure. The external Microcontroller Software has to take care of the synchronization between the TLD5541-1 F.D. operation and the bypass Switches activation.

The discharged energy from C_{OUT} is recovered back to the Input capacitor C_{IN} which could cause a small overshoot on the C_{IN} itself. This feature allows high efficiency designs also when PWM operation with repetitive Load Jumps is needed.

The F.D. feature is needed when a negative *V*_{OUT} step is performed, so when one or more LED functions are switched off. If additional LED functions are turned on, increasing the output voltage, the F.D. does not have to be used. In MFS topologies, a short interruption of the current is observed during the Load Transitions (either positive or negative) in all the functions, until V_{OUT} is stable and the device control loop is able to provide the target output current.

We will refer to any Voltage-Current or Load configuration just before the Load Jump as "Initial" [\(Figure 17-](#page-24-1)A), while we will refer to any value after the system is in the new Load configuration as "Final" [\(Figure 17](#page-24-1)-C).

Set the Target C_{OUT} discharge voltage

The Target output voltage (V_{OUTFinal}) of an F.D. operation is communicated to the TLD5541-1 as a fraction of the *V*_{OUT} at the beginning of the Jump (*V*_{OUTInitial}), and not as an absolute Value.

In order to quickly discharge the output Capacitor to a desired Ratio of the initial voltage, two SPI commands have to be sent to the TLD5541-1 register MFSSETUP1.

- The first is to write in the MFSSETUP1.LEDCHAIN the Ratio Denominator
- The second is to write in the MFSSETUP1 register the Ratio Numerator and the Start Of Multi Floating Switch, respectively in the LEDCHAIN and SOMFS bitfields

After the second command, as soon as the Chip select is raised the F.D. begins. The final output voltage of the F.D. operation, after a MFS routine is correctly performed, will be approximately:

$$
V_{OUTFinal} = \frac{RatioNumerator}{RatioDenominator} \cdot V_{OUTInitial}
$$
\n(6.4)

The MFSSETUP1.LEDCHAIN registers sets both the LED Ratio during F.D and the short circuit threshold. For this reason both the correct *V*_{OUT} Ratio and correct short circuit protection voltage have to be set according to the LED Load. See [Table 10](#page-43-0) for reference.

To have the correct short circuit protection on a F.D. operation, the first LEDCHAIN value sent via SPI (Ratio Denominator), should also guarantee an adequate short circuit detection for the Initial Load. The second LEDCHAIN value (Ratio Numerator + SOMFS) should guarantee correct Short circuit detection for the Final Load. For more information about short circuit protection, see [Chapter 10.2.1](#page-42-1).

Example:

If the VFB voltage divider for the Short circuit detection is set like in [Table 10](#page-43-0).

In order to jump from 6LED (18 V) to 2LEDs (6 V), the Ratio is 1/3 of initial voltage.

So the 2 SPI commands that have to be sent are:

Spi command 1: set MFSSETUP1 to 0x06 (Ratio Denominator = 6, $V_{Short\ LED}$ = 16.8 V)

Spi command 2: set MFSSETUP1 to 0x22 (Ratio Numerator+SOMFS = 0x02+0x20, $V_{Short~IFD}$ = 4.6 V)

Preparation time t_{prep} :

The TLD5541-1 enables the user to set a delay between the beginning of the Load Jump and the moment in which the switching activity will restart to provide output current. This delay is needed to safely close the

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bypass switches (to short the LEDs) for the new Light configuration, after the Final V_{OUT} is reached and before the normal switching activity would again raise the output voltage. See [Figure 18.](#page-26-0)

The Preparation time has to be sufficient for the capacitors C_{OUT} and C_{COMP} to be discharged to the desired value. The C_{OUT} discharge time depends heavily on: I_{DISCH} , C_{OUT} size, V_{OUT} Initial, $V_{OUTFinal}$ and V_{IN} , so all those values have to be considered when setting the preparation time. In order to set a preparation time on the TLD5541-1, a SPI command has to be sent to the register MFSSETUP2.MFSDLY).

The **[Equation \(6.5\)](#page-26-1)** below describes the relationship between the switching frequency f_{SW} and the MFSSETUP2.MFSDLY register value.

$$
t_{\text{prep}} = \frac{1}{f_{\text{SW}}}\cdot \left[2 + (MFSDLY)_{\text{dec}}\right] \tag{6.5}
$$

For SPI command details refer to [Chapter 12.6.](#page-62-0)

Fast Discharge Phase

After programming the desired output voltage Ratio via SPI , the right Preparation Time and activating the state machine (MFSSETUP1.SOMFS = HIGH) the TLD5541-1 inverts the inductor current *I* L and keeps it at the switch current limit I_{SwLim} until the V_{OUT} reaches the desired target.

$$
I_{\text{SwLim}} = \frac{V_{\text{SWCS}}_{\text{boost}}}{R_{\text{SWCS}}} \tag{6.6}
$$

[Figure 18](#page-26-0) displays the relation of inductor current I_1 and the output voltage V_{OUT} during a fast output discharge operation mode.

Figure 18 Fast Output Discharge timing diagram

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If the discharge current limit *I_{SwLim}* needs to be reduced, the MFSSETUP1.ILIM_HALF_MFS bit can be used to cut it in half (only during the F.D. phase and not in normal operation), see SPI Chapter for further details [Chapter 12.6](#page-62-0).

Setting the EA_IOUT_MFS bit will reduce (only during the F.D. phase) the saturation current of the error amplifier A6 that discharges the Comp capacitor.

Once $V_{\rm OUT}$ reaches the desired target, the current recovery phase brings *I*_L from a negative value back to 0 A. When the current recovery phase has ended, an internal SPI flag (MFSSETUP1.EOMFS) is set to HIGH and the device stays in "Brake-Low condition" (both Lowside gatedrivers = ON) until the programmed preparation time (MFSSETUP2.MFSDLY) expires and the TLD5541-1 starts automatically switching again. [Figure 18](#page-26-0) displays one Fast Output Discharge cycle.

The effective C_{OUT} discharge current is smaller than the Inductor current and it depends on the application condition, see [Equation \(6.7\)](#page-27-0).

$$
I_{DISCH} = \frac{V_i}{V_o + V_i} \cdot I_{swLim} - \frac{V_o}{2Lf_{SW}} \cdot \left(\frac{V_i}{V_i + V_o}\right)^2
$$

(6.7)

Sequence of operations to perform a Fast Output Discharge

In order to perform a F.D operation, the user has to :

- Set via SPI an adequate Preparation Time
- Send via SPI to MESSETUP1. LEDCHAIN the Ratio Denominator.
- Send via SPI to MFSSETUP1. LEDCHAIN the Ration Numerator + SOMFS
- Wait until the preparation time is expired (so the Vout has reached the target value)
- Adjust the Floating switches to the new configuration

6.6 Flexible current sense

The flexible current sense implementation enables highside and lowside current sensing.

The [Figure 19](#page-27-1) displays the application examples for the highside and lowside current sense concept.

Figure 19 Highside and lowside current sensing - TLD5541-1

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6.7 Programming Output Voltage (Constant Voltage Regulation)

For a voltage regulator, the output voltage can be set by selecting the values R_{FB1} , R_{FB2} and R_{FB3} according to the following [Equation \(6.8\):](#page-28-1)

$$
V_{OUT} = \left(I_{FBH} + \frac{V_{FBH - FBL}}{R_{FB2}}\right) \cdot R_{FB1} + \left(\frac{V_{FBH - FBL}}{R_{FB2}} - I_{FBL}\right) \cdot R_{FB3} + V_{FBH - FBL}
$$
(6.8)

After the output voltage is fixed via the resistor divider, the value can be changed via the Analog Dimming bits ADIMVAL.

If Analog dimming is performed, due to the variations on the I_{FBL} (I_{FBL} HSS ([P_6.4.9](#page-29-1)) and I_{FBL} LSS [\(P_6.4.40](#page-29-2))) current on the entire voltage spanning, a non linearity on the output voltage may be observed. To minimize this effect RFBx resistors should be properly dimensioned.

Figure 20 Programming Output Voltage (Constant Voltage Regulation)

Regulator Description

6.8 Electrical Characteristics

Table 6 EC Regulator

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_1 = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND (unless otherwise specified)

Regulator Description

Table 6 EC Regulator (cont'd)

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_{J} = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND (unless otherwise specified)

Regulator Description

Table 6 EC Regulator (cont'd)

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_{J} = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND (unless otherwise specified)

1) Not subject to production test, specified by design

Digital Dimming Function

7 Digital Dimming Function

PWM dimming is adopted to vary LEDs brightness with greatly reduced chromaticity shift. PWM dimming achieves brightness reduction by varying the duty cycle of a constant current in the LED string.

7.1 Description

A PWM signal can be transmitted to the TLD5541-1 as described below.

PWM via direct interface

The PWMI pin can be fed with a pulse width modulated (PWM) signals, this enables when HIGH and disables when LOW the gate drivers of the main switches.

Figure 21 Digital Dimming Overview

Note: In Register REGUSETMON.REGUMODFB *the regulation mode can be read. During PWMI = LOW the SPI will always deliver the Regulation mode which was present at PWMI = HIGH as actual regulation mode, instead of "no Regulation".*

To avoid unwanted output overshoots due to not soft start assisted startups, PWM dimming in LOW state should not be used to suspend the output current for long time intervals. To stop in a safe manner DVCCTRL.IDLE=HIGH or EN/INUVLO=LOW can be used.

Digital Dimming Function

Figure 22 Timing Diagram LED Dimming and Start up behavior example (V_{VDD} and V_{VIN} stable in the functional range and not during startup)

Digital Dimming Function

7.2 Electrical Characteristics

Table 7 EC Digital Dimming

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_{J} = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

Analog Dimming

8 Analog Dimming

The analog dimming feature allows further control of the output current. This approach is used to:

- Reduce the default current in a narrow range to adjust to different binning classes of the used LEDs.
- Adjust the load current to enable the usage of one hardware for several LED types where different current levels are required.
- Reduce the current at high temperatures (protect LEDs from overtemperature).
- Reduce the current at low input voltages (for example, cranking-pulse breakdown of the supply or power derating).

8.1 Description

The analog dimming feature is adjusting the average load current level via the control of the feedback error Amplifier voltage $(V_{FBH-FBL})$.

The current adjustment is done via a 8BIT SPI parameter (LEDCURRADIM.ADIMVAL). Refer to [Figure 23](#page-35-2).

Figure 23 Analog Dimming Overview

Analog dimming adjustment during Limp Home state:

To enter in Limp Home state the LHI pin must be HIGH.

Note: If the PWMI and the EN/INUVLO are not set to HIGH, it is not possible to enable switching, even during Limp Home state.

In Limp Home state the analog dimming control is done via the SET pin. A Resistor divider between IVCC/IVCC_EXT, SET and GND is used to fix a default load current/voltage value (refer to [Figure 24](#page-36-0) below).

Analog Dimming

Figure 24 Limp Home state schematic overview

Using the SET pin to adjust the output current:

The SET pin is ignored if the device is not in Limp Home state.

For the calculation of the output current I_{OUT} the following **[Equation \(8.1\)](#page-36-0)** is used:

$$
I_{OUT} = \frac{V_{FBH} - V_{FBL}}{R_{FB}}
$$
\n
$$
(8.1)
$$

A decrease of the average output current can be achieved by controlling the voltage at the SET pin (V_{SFT}) between 0.2 V and 1.4 V. The mathematical relation is given in the **Equation (8.2)** below:

$$
I_{OUT} = \frac{V_{SET} - 200 \, mV}{R_{FB} \cdot 8} \tag{8.2}
$$

If V_{SET} is 200 mV (typ.) the LED current is only determined by the internal offset voltages of the comparators. To assure the switching activity is stopped and $I_{\text{OUT}} = 0$, V_{SET} has to be < 100 mV, see [Figure 25.](#page-37-0)

Analog Dimming

Figure 25 Analog Dimming Overview

8.2 LED current calibration procedure

The LED current calibration procedure improves the accuracy during analog dimming. In order to be most effective, this routine has to be performed in the application, when the TLD5541-1 temperature and the output voltage are the ones in which the driver has to be accurate. The output current must be 0 during the procedure run. The optimum should be to re-calibrate the output periodically every time the application has PWMI=LOW for a sufficent long time .

Current calibration procedure:

- Power the Load with a low analog dimming value (for example 10%)
- Set PWMI = LOW and disconnect the Load at the same time (to avoid Vout drifts from operating conditions and bring the output current to 0)
- Ouickly (to avoid Vout drifts) µC enables the calibration routine: $DVCCTRL$. ENCAL = HIGH
- Quickly (to avoid Vout drifts) μ C starts the calibration: LEDCURRCAL. SOCAL = HIGH
- Waiting time (needed to internally perform the calibration routine) \rightarrow aprox. 200 µs
- TLD5541-1 will set the FLAG: LEDCURRCAL.EOCAL = HIGH, when calibration routine has finished
- Reconnect the load
- The Output current is automatically adjusted to a low offset and more accurate analog dimming value

Once the Calibration routine is correctly performed, the output current accuracy with analog dimming = 10% (LEDCURRADIM.ADIMVAL = 24) is 10%.

The Calibration routine is not affecting the accuracy at 100% analog dimming.

The ENCAL Bits affect both device operation and CALIBVAL reading result:

- ENCAL = HIGH: the calibration result coming from the routine is used by internal circuitry and can be read back from CALIBVAL
- ENCAL = LOW: SPI value written in CALIBVAL is used by internal circuitry and can be read back; calibration routine start is inhibited

As a result, μC can use a stored result from a previously performed calibration to directly impose the desired value without waiting for a new routine to finish.

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Figure 26 LED current Accuracy Calibration Overview

8.3 Electrical Characteristics

Table 8 EC Analog Dimming

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_{J} = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

1) Specified by design: not subject to production test.

Linear Regulator

9 Linear Regulator

The TLD5541-1 features an integrated voltage regulator for the supply of the internal gate driver stages. Furthermore an external voltage regulator can be connected to the IVCC_EXT pin to achieve an alternative gate driver supply if required.

9.1 **IVCC Description**

When the IVCC pin is connected to the IVCC_EXT pin, the internal linear voltage regulator supplies the internal gate drivers with a typical voltage of 5 V and current up to I_{LM} ([P_9.2.2](#page-40-0)). An external output capacitor with low ESR is required on pin IVCC for stability and buffering transient load currents. During normal operation the external MOSFET switches will draw transient currents from the linear regulator and its output capacitor (**[Figure 27](#page-39-0)**, drawing A). Proper sizing of the output capacitor must be considered to supply sufficient peak current to the gate of the external MOSFET switches. A minimum capacitance value is given in parameter C_{NCC} [\(P_9.2.4\)](#page-40-1).

Alternative IVCC_EXT Supply Concept:

The IVCC_EXT pin can be used for an external voltage supply to alternatively supply the MOSFET Gate drivers. This concept is beneficial in the high input voltage range to avoid power losses in the IC [\(Figure 27,](#page-39-0) drawing B).

Integrated undervoltage protection for the external switching MOSFET:

An integrated undervoltage reset threshold circuit monitors the linear regulator output voltage. This undervoltage reset threshold circuit will turn OFF the gate drivers in case the IVCC or IVCC_EXT voltage falls below their undervoltage Reset switch OFF Thresholds $V_{\text{IVCC-RTH},d}$ ([P_9.2.9](#page-40-2)) and $V_{\text{IVCC-EXT-RTH},d}$ [\(P_9.2.5\)](#page-40-3).

In Limp Home state the Undervoltage Reset switch OFF threshold for the IVCC has no impact on the switching activity.

The Undervoltage Reset threshold for the IVCC and the IVCC_EXT pins help to protect the external switches from excessive power dissipation by ensuring the gate drive voltage is sufficient to enhance the gate of the external logic level N-channel MOSFETs.

Figure 27 Voltage Regulator Configurations

Linear Regulator

9.2 Electrical Characteristics

Table 9 EC Line Regulator

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_1 = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

1) Not subject to production test, specified by design

2) Minimum value given is needed for regulator stability; application might need higher capacitance than the minimum. Use capacitors with LOW ESR.

3) Selection of external switching MOSFET is crucial. V_{IVCC_EXT_RTH,d} and V_{IVCC_RTH,d} min. as worst case V_{GS} must be considered.

Protection and Diagnostic Functions

10 Protection and Diagnostic Functions

10.1 Description

The TLD5541-1 has integrated circuits to diagnose and protect against overvoltage, open load, short circuits of the load and overtemperature faults. Furthermore, the device provides a 2 Bit information of I_{LED} , I_{IN} by the SPI to the μ C.

In IDLE state, only the Over temperature Shut Down, Over Temperature Warning, IVCC or IVCC_EXT Undervoltage Monitor, *V*_{DD} or *V*_{EN/INUVLO} Undervoltage Monitor are reported according to specifications.

In [Figure 28](#page-41-0) a summary of the protection, diagnostic and monitor functions is displayed.

Figure 28 Protection, Diagnostic and Monitoring Overview - TLD5541-1

Note: A device Overtemperature event overrules all other fault events!

Protection and Diagnostic Functions

10.2 Output Overvoltage, Open Load, Short circuit protection

The VFB pin measures the voltage on the application output and in accordance with the populated resistor divider, short to ground, open load and output overvoltage thresholds are set. Refer to [Figure 30](#page-42-0) and [Figure 29](#page-42-1) for more details.

Figure 29 Definition of Protection Ranges

Figure 30 VFB Protection Pin - Overview

10.2.1 Short Circuit protection

The device detects a short circuit at the output if this condition is verified:

• The pin VFB falls below the threshold voltage $V_{VFB-S2G}$ for at least 8 clock cycles

Protection and Diagnostic Functions

During the rising edge of the Soft Start the short circuit detection via VFB is ignored until *V_{SOFT START LOFF}* (see [Figure 8\)](#page-20-0).

After a short circuit detection, the SPI flag (SHRTLED) in the STD diagnosis register is set to HIGH and the gate drivers stop delivering output current (Break-Low condition, both LS MOSFETs ON). The Device will auto restart with the soft start routine described in [Chapter 6.2](#page-19-0). The dedicated diagnosis flag (SHRTLED) will be cleared after the next reading cycle of the STD diagnosis.

A voltage divider between V_{OUT} , VFB pin and AGND is used to adjust the application short circuit thresholds following **Equation (10.1).**

$$
V_{short _led{_}led{_}led{_}} = V_{VFB _S 2 \, G} \cdot \frac{R_{VFBH} + R_{VFBL}}{R_{VFBL}}
$$
\n
$$
(10.1)
$$

The short circuit threshold voltage V_{VFB S2G} ([P_10.8.1\)](#page-49-0) is set by 4-Bits in the SPI register MFSSETUP1. LEDCHAIN as shown in [Table 10.](#page-43-1)

The configurable short circuit threshold is especially useful in 2 types of applications:

1) Multifloat switch applications:

Multifloat switch applications are applications with a series connection of LEDs and parallel transistors to switch ON and OFF single (or multiple) LEDs in a string. The built in feature "fast output discharge operation mode" enables such applications but the short circuit threshold has to be adjusted in accordance to the LED changes. This synchronization is needed to avoid wrong short circuit detection during load step variations.

For this reason the register MFSSETUP1. LEDCHAIN selects the short circuit threshold register but is also related to the "fast dynamic behavior feature". For more Info on the "fast output discharge operation mode" please refer to [Chapter 6.5.](#page-24-0)

2) Standard applications which require a large output voltage range:

The adjustable short circuit threshold $V_{VFB-S2G}$ enables applications with a large V_{OUT} operation range.

The MFSSETUP1.LEDCHAIN register allows configuration of the short circuit threshold in 16 Steps.

The step size depends on the sizing of the R_{VFBH} and R_{VFBH} resistors.

In order to have proper short circuit detection MFSSETUP1.LEDCHAIN should be calculated as shown in [Equation \(10.2\).](#page-43-2)

$$
LEDCHAIN = \frac{V_{short_led} \cdot K_{VFB} - 38mV}{75mV} + 1 \tag{10.2}
$$

Where $K_{VFB} = R_{VFBL}/(R_{VFBH} + R_{VFBL})$ and V_{short led is the desired short circuit threshold value at V_{OUT} .

The [Table 10](#page-43-1) below displays the relationship between the bitcode and the short circuit threshold voltage *V*_{VFB S2G} based on an example (resistor divider *R*_{VFBH} = 59 kΩ, *R*_{VFBL} = 1.5 kΩ).

The application overvoltage protection is instead not dependent by LEDCHAIN and, based on the [Equation \(10.3\)](#page-44-0) for this particular resistor divider is fixed to 59.3 V.

LEDCHAIN	Vout_ovlo	$_{\parallel}$ k = $R_{\rm VFBL}$ / ($R_{\rm VFBH}$ + R_{VFBL})	$V_{\text{open_load}}$	$V_{\text{short_led}}(V)$ (V_{FB_22G}/k)	$V_{VFB_S2G}(V)$	Default Condition
	59.3	0.025	54.4	$1.5\,$	0.038	
2	59.3	0.025	54.4	4.6	0.113	
3	59.3	0.025	54.4	7.6	0.188	
4	59.3	0.025	54.4	10.7	0.263	
5	59.3	0.025	54.4	13.7	0.338	

Table 10 Adjustable Short Circuit threshold overview

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LEDCHAIN	$V_{\textsf{OUT_OVLO}}$	$k = R_{VFBL} / (R_{VFBH})$ + R_{VFBL})	$V_{\mathsf{open_load}}$	$V_{\text{short_led}}(V)$ (V_{FB_2S2G}/k)	$V_{\text{VFB}_-S2G}(\text{V})$	Default Condition	
$\,6\,$	59.3	0.025	54.4	16.8	0.413		
$\overline{7}$	59.3	0.025	54.4	19.8	0.488		
8	59.3	0.025	54.4	22.8	0.563	default	
9	59.3	0.025	54.4	25.9	0.638		
10	59.3	0.025	54.4	28.9	0.713		
11	59.3	0.025	54.4	32.0	0.788		
12	59.3	0.025	54.4	35.0	0.863		
13	59.3	0.025	54.4	38.1	0.938		
14	59.3	0.025	54.4	41.1	1.013		
15	59.3	0.025	54.4	44.2	1.088		
$\mathbf 0$	59.3	0.025	54.4	47.2	1.163		

Table 10 Adjustable Short Circuit threshold overview

During Limp Home state the short circuit threshold $V_{VFB-S2G}$ is fixed at the default value ($V_{VFB-S2G}$ / $V_{VFB-OVTH}$), approx. 1/3 of the fixed overvoltage protection circuit in the application. There is no relationship between the analog dimming feature at VSET pin and the $V_{VFR, SOG}$ threshold. The customer must take care by adjusting the default voltage at SET pin to program the V_{OUT} be higher than the default short circuit threshold.

During start-up the TLD5541-1 ignores the detection of a short circuit or an open load until the soft-start capacitor reaches 1.75 V. To prevent false tripping after startup, a large enough soft-start capacitor must be used to allow the output to get up to approximately 50% of the final value.

Note: If the short circuit condition disappears, the device will re-start with the soft start routine as described in [Chapter 6.2](#page-19-0).

10.2.2 Overvoltage Protection

A voltage divider between V_{OUT} , VFB pin and AGND is used to adjust the overvoltage protection threshold (refer to [Figure 30\)](#page-42-0).

To fix the overvoltage protection threshold the following [Equation \(10.3\)](#page-44-0) is used:

$$
V_{OUT_OV_protected} = V_{VFB_OVTH} \cdot \frac{R_{VFBL}}{R_{VFBL}} \tag{10.3}
$$

If V_{VFB} gets higher than its overvoltage threshold V_{VFB} _{OVTH}, the SPI flag (OUTOV) in the STD diagnosis set to HIGH and the gate drivers stop switching for output regulation (Break-Low condition both LS MOSFETs ON). When V_{VFB_OVTH} - $V_{VFB_OVTH,HYS}$ threshold is reached the device will auto restart. The dedicated diagnosis flag (OUTOV) will be cleared after the next reading cycle of the STD diagnosis.

If the SWTMOD. OUTOVLAT bit is set to HIGH the overvoltage protection is changed into latched behavior and the µC has to set the DVCCTRL. CLRLAT bit to reset the OUTOV flag and restart the switching activities.

10.2.3 Open Load Protection

To reliably detect an open load event, two conditions need to be observed:

1) Voltage threshold: $V_{\text{VFB}} > V_{\text{VFB-OLrise}}$

2) Output current information: $V_{(FBH-FBL)}$ < V_{FBH_FBL_OL}

During the rising edge of the Soft Start the open load detection is ignored until *V_{SOFT START LOFF}.*

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After an open load detection, the SPI flag (OL) in the STD diagnosis register is set to HIGH and the gate drivers stop switching (Break-Low condition). The Device will auto restart with a soft start routine. The dedicated diagnosis flag (OL) will be cleared after the next reading cycle of the STD diagnosis.

After an Open Load error the TLD5541-1 is autorestarting the output control accordingly to the implemented Softstart routine. An Open Load error causes an increase of the output voltage as well. An Overvoltage condition could be reported in combination with an Open Load error (in general, multiple error detection may happen if more error detection thresholds are reached during the autorestart funcion, as possible consequence of reactive behavior at the output node during open load).

The COMP capacitor is discharged during an Open Load condition to prevent spikes if load reconnects. This measure could artificially generate Short Circuit detections after open loads events.

10.3 Input voltage monitoring, protection and power derating

Input overvoltage and undervoltage shutdown levels can both be defined through an external resistor divider, as shown in [Figure 31.](#page-46-0)

Both INOVLO and EN/INUVLO pin voltages are internally compared to their respective thresholds by means of hysteretic comparators.

Neglecting the hysteresis, the following equations hold:

$$
UV_{th} = \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2 + R_3}\right) \cdot EN / INUVLO_{th}
$$
\n(10.4)

$$
OV_{th} = \left(1 + \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_3}\right) \cdot INOVLO_{th}
$$
\n(10.5)

$$
P_{IN} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT}}{\eta} \tag{10.6}
$$

$$
V_{N_boundary} = \frac{\left(\frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT}}{I_N}\right)}{\eta} \tag{10.7}
$$

$$
I_{N} = \frac{V_{N1 - N2}}{R_{N}}
$$
 (10.8)

$$
I_{OUT} = \frac{V_{FBH-FBL}}{R_{FB}}
$$
\n(10.9)

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Figure 31 Input Voltage Protection

In case of overvoltage event at the input, the STD bit VINOVLO is set. The softstart capacitor will be discharged by an internal pull down switch.

After the overvoltage event disappeared the device will auto restart with the softstart function.

10.4 Input current Monitoring and Limiter

The two inputs (IIN1, IIN2) can be used to limit and monitor the Input current (Block A1 and A7 in [Figure 7](#page-18-0)). The control loop reduces the Comp voltage when the voltage accross the pins reaches Input Current Sense threshold $V_{\text{IN1-IN2}}$ to keep the input current below I_{IN} Max [Equation \(10.10\)](#page-46-2)

(10.10)

$$
I_{IN} \text{Max} = \frac{V_{IIN1 - IIN2}}{R_{IIN}}
$$

The input current, measured via IIN1 and IIN2 pins, can be monitored through an analog output pin and an SPI routine.

The IINMON pin provides a linear indication of the current flowing through the input. The following [Equation \(10.11\)](#page-46-1) is applicable:

$$
V_{\text{INMON}} = I_{\text{IN}} \cdot R_{\text{IN}} \cdot 20 \tag{10.11}
$$

Note: If the RIN value is choosen in a way that the current limitiation is much bigger than the nominal input current during the application the current measurement becomes inaccurate. Best results for an accurate current measurement via the V_{IINMON} pin is to set the current limit only slightly above the *specific application related nominal input current.*

Purpose of the input current monitoring routine is to verify if the system is in current limitation.

- The output of the Input Current Sense is compared to the internal precise reference voltage
- The comparator works like a 2 bit window ADC referred to the internal precise reference voltage
- To execute the current monitor routine the CURRMON.SOMON bit has to be set HIGH and the result is ready when CURRMON.EOMON is read HIGH.

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The result of the input monitor routine is reported on the CURRMON.INCURR bit.

10.5 Output current Monitoring

The output current can be monitored through an analog output pin and an SPI routine.

The IOUTMON pin provides a linear indication of the current flowing through the LEDs. The following [Equation \(10.12\)](#page-47-0) is applicable:

$$
V_{IOUTMON} = 200 \, mV + I_{OUT} \cdot R_{FB} \cdot 8 \tag{10.12}
$$

Purpose of the SPI current monitor routine is to verify if the system is in loop.

- The output of the Led Current Sense is compared to the output of the Analog Dimming DAC
- The comparator works like a 2 bit window ADC around 8 bit DAC output

To execute the current monitor routine the CURRMON.SOMON bit has to be set HIGH and the result is ready when CURRMON.EOMON is read HIGH.

When CURRMON.SOMON bit is set to HIGH both input and output current monitor routines are executed in parallel.

The result of the monitor routine is reported on the CURRMON.LEDCURR bit.

Figure 33 Output Current Monitoring General Overview

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10.6 Device Temperature Monitoring

A temperature sensor is integrated on the chip. The temperature monitoring circuit compares the measured temperature to the warning and shutdown thresholds. If the internal temperature sensor reaches the warning temperature, the temperature warning bit TW is set to HIGH. This bit is not latched (i.e. if the temperature falls below the warning threshold (with hysteresis), the TW bit is reset to LOW again).

If the internal temperature sensor reaches the shut-down temperature, the Gate Drivers plus the IVCC regulator are shut down as described in [Figure 34](#page-48-0) and the temperature shut-down bit: TSD is set to HIGH. The TSD bit is latched while the Gate Drivers plus the IVCC regulator have an auto restart behavior.

Note: The Device will start up with a soft start routine after a TSD condition disappear.

Figure 34 Device Overtemperature Protection Behavior

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10.7 Electrical Characteristics

Table 11 EC Protection and Diagnosis

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_1 = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

1) Specified by design; not subject to production test.

Note: Integrated protection functions are designed to prevent IC destruction under fault conditions described in the datasheet. Fault conditions are considered as "outside" normal operating range. Protection functions are not designed for continuous repetitive operation.

Infineon FLAT SPECTRUM Feature set

11 Infineon FLAT SPECTRUM Feature set

11.1 Description

The Infineon FLAT SPECTRUM feature set has the target to minimize external additional filter circuits. The goal is to provide several beneficial concepts to provide easy adjustments for EMC improvements after the layout is already done and the HW designed.

11.2 Synchronization Function

The TLD5541-1 features a SYNC input pin which can be used by a µC pin to define an oscillator switching frequency. The µC is responsible to synchronize with various devices by applying appropriate SYNC signals to the dedicated DC/DC devices in the system. Refer to **[Figure 35](#page-50-0)**

Note: The Synchronization function can not be used when the Spread Spectrum is active.

Figure 35 Synchronization Overview

Infineon FLAT SPECTRUM Feature set

11.3 Spread Spectrum

The Spread Spectrum modulation technique significantly improves the lower frequency range of the spectrum (f < 30 MHz).

By using the spread spectrum technique, it is possible to optimize the input filter only for the peak limits, and also pass the average limits (average emission limits are -20dB lower than the peak emission limits). By using spread spectrum, the need for low ESR input capacitors is relaxed because the input capacitor series resistor is important for the low frequency filter characteristic. This can be an economic benefit if there is a strong requirement for average limits.

The TLD5541-1 features a built in Spread Spectrum function which can be enabled (SWTMOD.ENSPREAD) and adjusted via the SPI interface. Dedicated SPI-Bits are used to adjust the modulation frequency f_{FM} , $(P_11.6.3)$ $(P_11.6.3)$ and $(P_11.6.4)$ $(P_11.6.4)$ (SWTMOD. FMSPREAD) and the deviation frequency f_{dev} , (P_{11.6.1}) and (P_{11.6.2}) (SWTMOD. FDEVSPREAD) accordingly to specific application needs. Refer to [Figure 36](#page-51-0) for more details.

The following adjustments can be programmed when SWTMOD.ENSPREAD = HIGH:

SWTMOD.FMSPREAD = LOW: 12 kHz SWTMOD.FMSPREAD = HIGH: 18 kHz $SWTMOD. FDEVSPREAD = HIGH: ±8% of f_{SW}$ SWTMOD. FDEVSPREAD = $LOW: \pm 16\%$ of f_{SW}

Note: The Spread Spectrum function can not be used when the synchronization pin is used.

Figure 36 Spread Spectrum Overview

Infineon FLAT SPECTRUM Feature set

11.4 EMC optimized schematic

[Figure 37](#page-52-0) below displays the Application circuit with additional external components for improved EMC behavior.

Figure 37 Application Drawing Including Additional Components for an Improved EMC Behavior

Note: The following information is given as a hint for the implementation of the device only and shall not be regarded as a description or warranty of a certain functionality, condition or quality of the device.

Infineon FLAT SPECTRUM Feature set

11.5 Electrical Characteristics

Table 12 EC Spread Spectrum

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_{J} = -40°C to +150°C, all voltages with respect to AGND; (unless otherwise specified)

1) Specified by design; not subject to production test.

12 Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)

The serial peripheral interface (SPI) is a full duplex synchronous serial slave interface, which uses four lines: SO, SI, SCLK and CSN. Data is transferred by the lines SI and SO at the rate given by SCLK. The falling edge of CSN indicates the beginning of an access. Data is sampled in on line SI at the falling edge of SCLK and shifted out on line SO at the rising edge of SCLK. Each access must be terminated by a rising edge of CSN. A modulo 8/16 counter ensures that data is taken only when a multiple of 8 bit has been transferred after the first 16 bits. Otherwise, a TER (i.e. Transmission Error) bit is asserted. In this way the interface provides daisy chain capability with 16 bit as well as with 8 bit SPI devices.

Figure 38 Serial Peripheral Interface

12.1 SPI Signal Description

CSN - Chip Select

The system microcontroller selects the TLD5541-1 by means of the CSN pin. Whenever the pin is in LOW state, data transfer can take place. When CSN is in HIGH state, any signals at the SCLK and SI pins are ignored and SO is forced into a high impedance state.

CSN HIGH to LOW Transition

- The requested information is transferred into the shift register.
- SO changes from high impedance state to HIGH or LOW state depending on the signal level at pin SI.
- If the device is in SLEEP mode, the SO pin remains in high impedance state and no SPI transmission will occur.
- TER Flag will set the Bit number 10 in the STD diagnosis Frame. This Bit is set to HIGH after an undervoltage contition, reset via SPI command, on Limp Home state entering or after an incorrect SPI transmission. TER Flag can be read also direcly on the SO line between the falling edge of the CSN and the first rising edge of the SCLK according to the [Figure 39](#page-55-0).

Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)

Figure 39 Combinatorial Logic for TER bit

CSN LOW to HIGH Transition

- Command decoding is only done, when after the falling edge of CSN exactly a multiple $(0,1, 2, 3, ...)$ of eight SCLK signals have been detected after the first 16 SCLK pulses. In case of faulty transmission, the transmission error bit (TER) is set and the command is ignored.
- Data from shift register is transferred into the addressed register.

SCLK - Serial Clock

This input pin clocks the internal shift register. The serial input (SI) transfers data into the shift register on the falling edge of SCLK while the serial output (SO) shifts diagnostic information out on the rising edge of the serial clock. It is essential that the SCLK pin is in LOW state whenever chip select CSN makes any transition, otherwise the command may be not accepted.

SI - Serial Input

Serial input data bits are shift-in at this pin, the most significant bit first. SI information is read on the falling edge of SCLK. The input data consists of two parts, control bits followed by data bits. Please refer to [Chapter 12.5](#page-60-0) for further information.

SO Serial Output

Data is shifted out serially at this pin, the most significant bit first. SO is in high impedance state until the CSN pin goes to LOW state. New data will appear at the SO pin following the rising edge of SCLK.

Please refer to **Chapter 12.5** for further information.

12.2 Daisy Chain Capability

The SPI of the TLD5541-1 provides daisy chain capability. In this configuration several devices are activated by the same CSN signal MCSN. The SI line of one device is connected with the SO line of another device (see **[Figure 40](#page-56-0)**), in order to build a chain. The end of the chain is connected to the output and input of the master device, MO and MI respectively. The master device provides the master clock MCLK which is connected to the SCLK line of each device in the chain.

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Figure 40 Daisy Chain Configuration

In the SPI block of each device, there is one shift register where each bit from the SI line is shifted in with each SCLK. The bit shifted out occurs at the SO pin. After sixteen SCLK cycles, the data transfer for one device is finished. In single chip configuration, the CSN line must turn HIGH to make the device acknowledge the transferred data. In daisy chain configuration, the data shifted out at device 1 has been shifted in to device 2. When using three devices in daisy chain, several multiples of 8 bits have to be shifted through the devices (depending on how many devices with 8 bit SPI and how many with 16 bit SPI). After that, the MCSN line must turn HIGH (see [Figure 41](#page-56-1)).

Figure 41 Data Transfer in Daisy Chain Configuration

12.3 Timing Diagrams

Figure 42 Timing Diagram SPI Access

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12.4 Electrical Characteristics

 V_{IN} = 8 V to 36 V, T_J = -40°C to +150°C, V_{DD} = 3 V to 5.5 V, all voltages with respect to ground; (unless otherwise specified)

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Table 13 EC Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) (cont'd)

1) Not subject to production test, specified by design

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12.5 SPI Protocol

The relationship between SI and SO content during SPI communication is shown in [Figure 43.](#page-60-1) The SI line represents the frame sent from the µC and the SO line is the answer provided by the TLD5541-1. The first SO response is the response from the previous command.

Figure 43 Relationship between SI and SO during SPI communication

The SPI protocol will provide the answer to a command frame only with the next transmission triggered by the µC. Although the biggest majority of commands and frames implemented in TLD5541-1 can be decoded without the knowledge of what happened before, it is advisable to consider what the μ C sent in the previous transmission to decode TLD5541-1 response frame completely.

More in detail, the sequence of commands to "read" and "write" the content of a register will look as follows:

Figure 44 Register content sent back to μ C

There are 3 special situations where the frame sent back to the µC doesn't depend on the previously received frame:

- in case an error in transmission happened during the previous frame (for instance, the clock pulses were not multiple of 8 with a minimum of 16 bits), shown in [Figure 45](#page-61-0)
- when TLD5541-1 logic supply comes out of an Undervoltage reset condition (V_{DD} < $V_{DD(UV)}$ as shown in [Figure 46](#page-61-1) or EN/INUVLO < $V_{EN/INUVLOth}$)
- in case of a read or write command for a "not used" or "reserved" register (in this case TLD5541-1 answers with Standard Diagnosis at the next SPI transmission)

Figure 45 TLD5541-1 response after an error in transmission

Figure 46 TLD5541-1 response after coming out of Power-On reset at V_{DD}

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12.6 SPI Registers Overview

Reading a register needs two SPI frames. In the first frame the read command is sent. In the second frame the output at SPI signal SO will contain the requested information. The MSB will be HIGH (while in case of standard diagnosis is LOW). A new command can be executed in the second frame.

12.6.1 Standard Diagnosis

The Standard Diagnosis reports several diagnostic informations and the status of the device and the utility routines.

The bits UVLORST, TER, VINOVLO, OUTOV, IVCCUVLO, OL and SHRTLED are latched and automatically cleared after a STD diagnosis reading (default condition if OUTOVLT is not set).

A CLRLAT command resets the diagnostic Latched Flags and Latched protections for the OUTOV, TSD bits, restarting the switching activity if this was halted due the previously mentioned faults.

The TSD bit is always latched and clearable only via explicit CLRLAT command. Note that the OUTOV has latched behavior only when SWTMOD.OUTOVLAT=1, see [Chapter 10.2.2](#page-44-1) for further details.

The STD bits which are real time status monitors or mirror of internal registers are not cleared after a STD diagnosis reading or via explicit CLRLAT command:

- The STATE bits and TW are real time status flags
- The bits EOMON, EOMFS and EOCAL are mirror of internal register
- The SWRST_BSTUV bit is the logic OR of:
	- latched SWRST flag after a DVCSTRL.SWRST command (clearable via STD Diagnosis reading)
	- real time monitor of gate driver undervolage (VBSTx-VSWNx_UVth)

MON

FS

In standard operating condition (active state, no Limp Home), if no special routines have been executed and no faults have been detected, the readout of the STD should be 1000 $_{H}$.

AL

LO

VLO

ED

BSTUV

RST

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12.6.2 Register structure

[Table 15](#page-65-0) describes in detail the available registers with their bit-fields function, size and position [Table 14](#page-65-1) shows register addresses and summarize bit-field position inside each register

A write to a non existing address is ignored, a read to a non existing register is ignored and the STD Diagnosis Frame is send out.

Table 15 Register description

Register name	Field		⊤Bits Type	Purpose
LEDCURRADIM	ADIMVAL	7:0	r/w	LED Current Configuration Register 00000000 _B , analog dimming @ 0% of LED current fixed via
				R_{FB} $11110000B$, (default) analog dimming @ 100% of LED current fixed via R_{FR}

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Figure 47 Application Drawing - TLD5541-1 as current regulator

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Table 16 BOM - TLD5541-1 as current regulator $(l_{\text{out}} = 1 \text{ A}, f_{\text{out}} = 300 \text{ kHz})$

Figure 48 Application Drawing - TLD5541-1 as adjustable voltage regulator

Note: Max Vout set to 20V by RFB1 and RFB2, input current limiter resistor R_{IN} can be moved at the output *to control the output current.*

Table 17 BOM - TLD5541-1 as voltage regulator

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13.1 Further Application Information

Typical Performance Characteristics of Device

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Figure 52 PG-VQFN-48-31 (with LTI)

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Figure 53 PG-TQFP-48-9

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