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Description

The SC2612 is a voltage mode switcher designed for low cost, "point of use" voltage conversion. SC2612 is available with fixed switching frequencies of 600kHz (SC2612A) and 200kHz (SC2612C).

The SC2612 has soft start and enable functions and is short circuit protected. The output of the switcher may be set anywhere between 0.8V and 75% of V_{in} . Short circuit protection is disabled during start-up to allow the output capacitors time to fully charge.

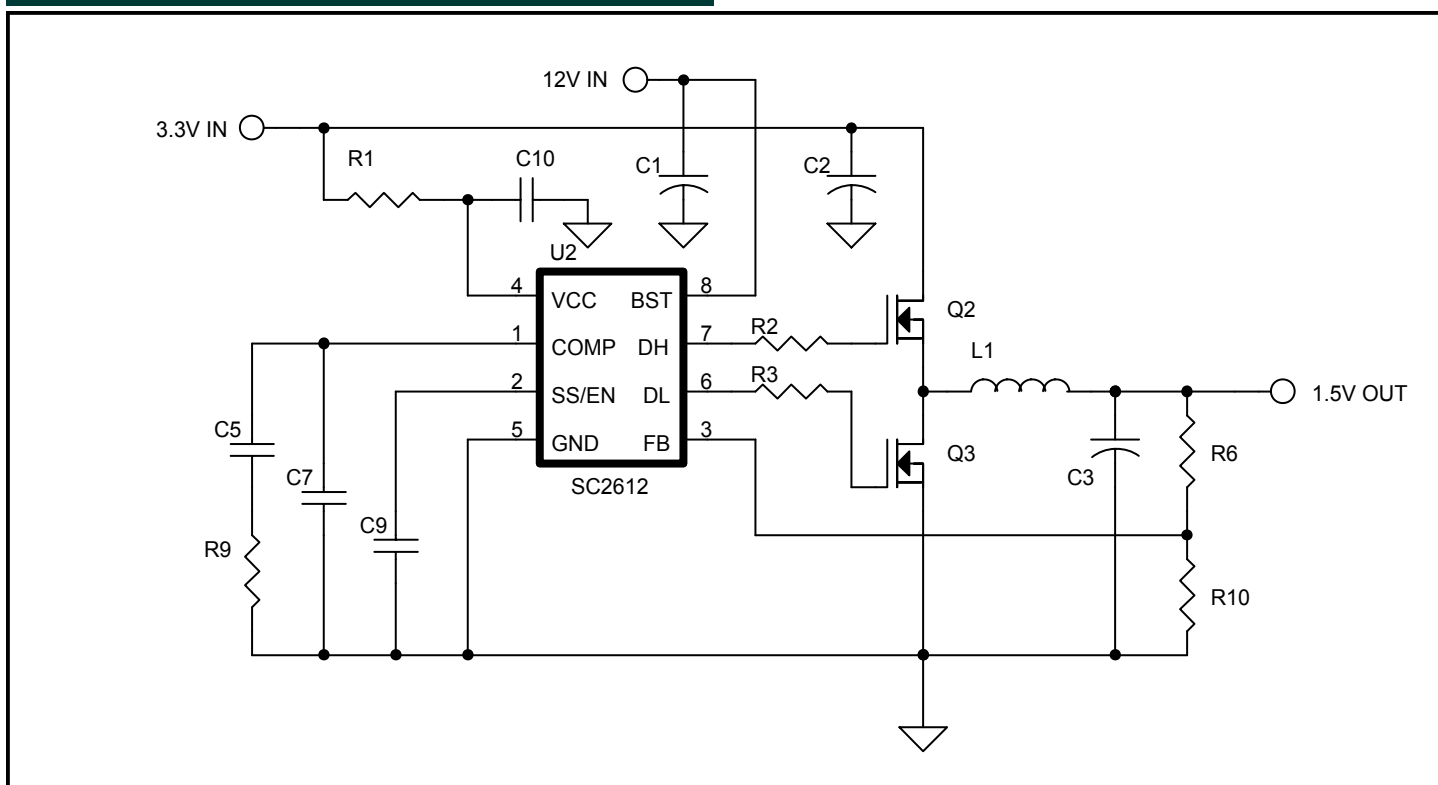
Features

- ◆ Operating frequency of 600kHz or 200kHz
- ◆ Input supply of 3V to 8V
- ◆ 0.5A Drive current for up to 10A output
- ◆ Output voltages down to 0.8V
- ◆ Overcurrent protection and soft start
- ◆ MSOP-8 package

Applications

- ◆ Graphics IC Power supplies
- ◆ Embedded, low cost, high efficiency converters

Typical Application Circuit



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Exceeding the specifications below may result in permanent damage to the device, or device malfunction. Operation outside of the parameters specified in the Electrical Characteristics section is not implied.

Parameter	Symbol	Maximum	Units
Input Supply Voltage	V _{CC}	15	V
Boost Pin Voltage	V _{BST}	20	V
DL to GND ⁽²⁾ , DH to GND ⁽²⁾	V _{DLO} , V _{DHI}	-1 to +20	V
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	T _A	0 to 70	°C
Operating Junction Temperature	T _J	125	°C
Storage Temperature	T _{STG}	-65 to 150	°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering) 10s	T _{LEAD}	300	°C
Thermal Resistance Junction to Ambient ⁽³⁾	θ _{JA}	113	°C/W
Thermal Resistance Junction to Case	θ _{JC}	42	°C/W
ESD Rating (Human Body Model)	ESD	2	kV

Electrical Characteristics

Unless specified: V_{CC} = 3V to 12V; V_{FB} = V_O; BST = V_{CC}+5V; T_A = 0 to 70°C

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
VCC Supply Voltage	V _{CC}		3.0		15	V
VCC Quiescent Current	I _{QVCC}	V _{CC} = 5.0V, V _{BST} = 12.0V, SS/EN = 0V		5	10	mA
BST Supply Voltage	V _{BST}		11		20	V
BST Quiescent Current	I _{QBST}	V _{CC} = 5.0V, V _{BST} = 12.0V, SS/EN = 0V			5	mA
VCC Under Voltage Lockout	UV _{VCC}		2.3	2.6	2.9	V
BST Under Voltage Lockout	UV _{BST}		7.0	8.0	9.0	V
Output Voltage	V _{OS}	I _O = 0; V _{FB} = V _{OS} , T _A = 25°C	792	800	808	mV
Overcurrent trip voltage	V _{ITS}		0.4		0.7	V
Load Regulation		I _O = 0.2A to 4A		1		%
Line Regulation				±0.5		%
Oscillator Frequency	f _{OSC}	SC2612A	480	600	720	kHz
		SC2612C	160	200	240	
Oscillator Max Duty Cycle	δ _{MAX}	SC2612A, SC2612C	80			%
SS/EN Shutdown Voltage	V _{SS}		0.3		0.8	V
SS/EN Charge current	I _{SS}	V _{SS} = 0.8V		25		μA
Peak DH Sink/Source Current		BST - DH = 4.5V, DH - GND = 3.3V DH - GND = 1.5V	0.5 50			A mA
Peak DL Sink/Source Current		BST - DL = 4.5V, DL - GND = 3.3V DL - GND = 1.5V	0.5 50			A mA

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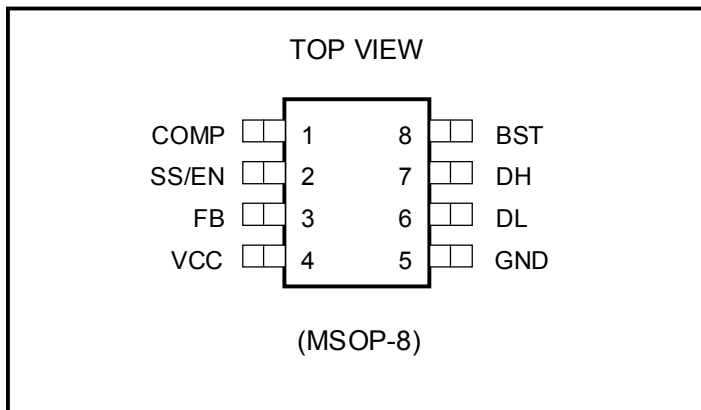
Electrical Characteristics

Unless specified: $V_{CC} = 3V$ to $12V$; $V_{FB} = V_O$; $BST = V_{CC}+5V$; $T_A = 0$ to $70^\circ C$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Error Amplifier Transconductance	g_m			0.8		mS
Error Amplifier Gain	A_{EA}	$R_{COMP} = \text{open}$		45		dB
Error Amplifier Source/Sink Current				± 60		μA
Modulator Gain	A_M	$V_{CC} = 5V$		19		dB
Dead Time				50		ns

Notes:

- (1) See Gate Resistor selection recommendations
- (2) 1 square inch of FR4, double sided, 1oz. minimum copper weight.

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Pin Configuration

Ordering Information

Part Numbers ⁽¹⁾	Frequency	Package
SC2612AMSTR	600kHz	MSOP-8
SC2612AMSTRT ⁽²⁾	600kHz	
SC2612CMSTR	200kHz	
SC2612CMSTRT ⁽²⁾	200kHz	

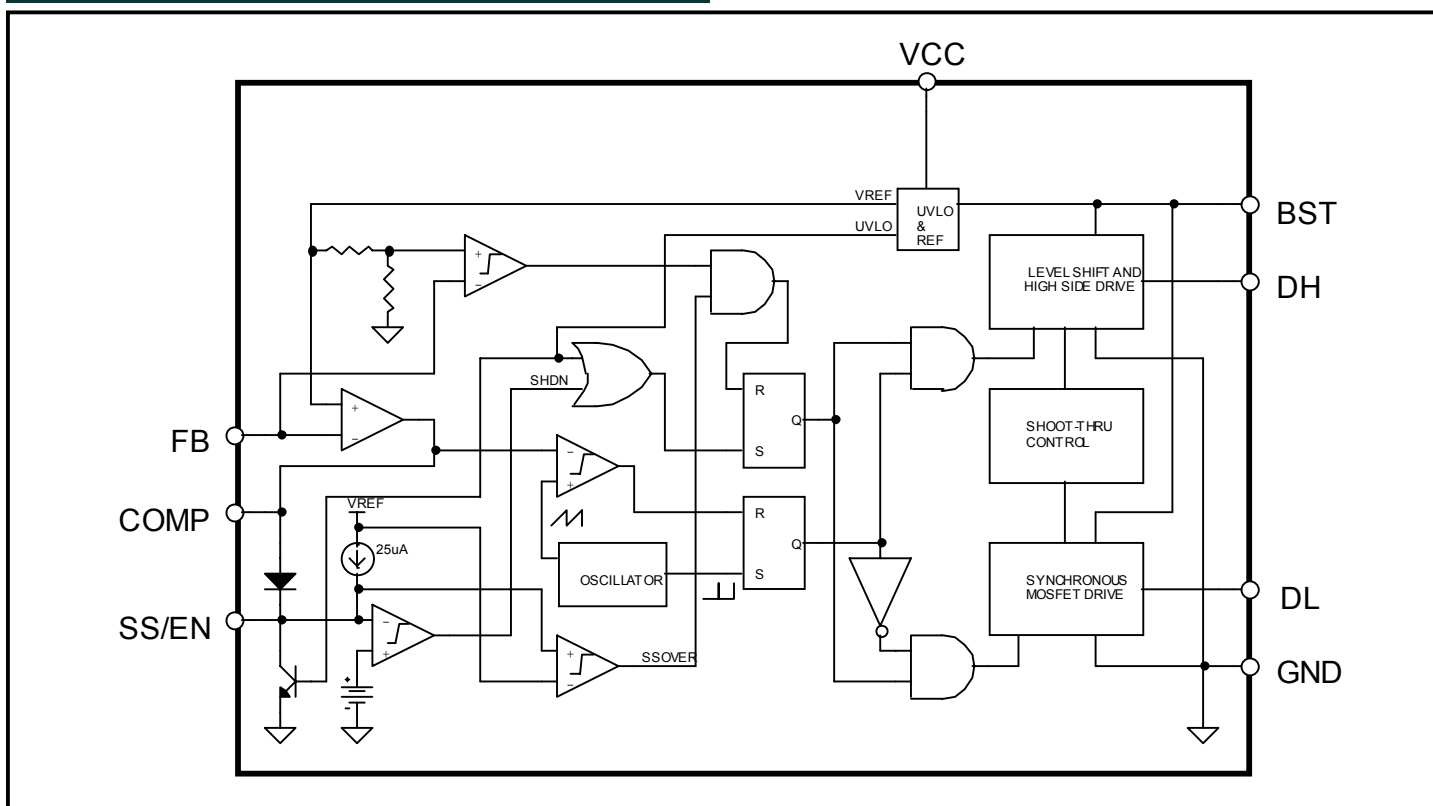
Note:

(1) Only available in tape and reel packaging. A reel contains 2500 devices.

(2) Lead free products.

Pin Descriptions

Pin #	Pin Name	Pin Function
1	COMP	Output of the Switcher section voltage error amplifier.
2	SS/EN	Soft start and enable pin, controls the switcher output voltage ramp rate.
3	FB	Switcher section feedback input.
4	VCC	Chip Supply Input Voltage.
5	GND	Analog and Power Ground, connect directly to ground plane, see layout guidelines.
6	DL	Switcher Low side FET drive output.
7	DH	Switcher High side FET drive output.
8	BST	Supply voltage for FET drives.

Block Diagram


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Theory of Operation

The SC2612 is a step down DC/DC controller designed for minimum cost and size without sacrificing accuracy and protection. Overcurrent protection is implemented by a simple undervoltage detection scheme and is disabled until soft start has been completed to eliminate false trips due to output capacitor charging. The SS/EN pin is held low, as are the DH and DL pins, until the undervoltage lockout points are exceeded. Once the VCC and BST pins both rise above their undervoltage lockout points, the SS capacitor begins to charge, controlling the duty cycle of the switcher, and therefore slowly ramping up the switcher output voltage. Once the SS capacitor is charged, the current limit circuitry is enabled. If a short circuit is applied, the output will be pulled down below its trip point and shut down. The device may be restarted by either cycling power, or momentarily pulling SS/EN low.

Component Selection

OUTPUT INDUCTOR - A good starting point for output filter component selection is to choose an inductor value that will give an inductor ripple current of approximately 20% of max. output current.

Inductor ripple current is given by:-

$$I_{L\text{RIPPLE}} = \frac{V_O \cdot \left(1 - \frac{V_O}{V_{IN}}\right)}{L \cdot f_{OSC}}$$

So choose inductor value from:-

$$L = \frac{5 \cdot V_O \cdot \left(1 - \frac{V_O}{V_{IN}}\right)}{I_O \cdot f_{OSC}}$$

OUTPUT CAPACITOR(S) - The output capacitors should be selected to meet output ripple and transient response criteria. Output ripple voltage is caused by the inductor ripple current flowing in the output capacitor's ESR (There is also a component due to the inductor ripple current charging and discharging the output capacitor itself, but this component is usually small and can often be ignored). Given a maximum output voltage ripple requirement, ESR is given by:-

$$R_{ESR} < \frac{V_O \cdot V_{RIPPLE} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{V_O}{V_{IN}}\right)}{L \cdot f_{OSC}}$$

Output voltage transient excursions are a function of load current transient levels, input and output voltages and inductor and capacitor values.

Capacitance and R_{ESR} values to meet a required transient condition can be calculated from:-

$$R_{ESR} < \frac{V_T}{I_T}$$

$$C > \frac{L \cdot I_T^2}{2 \cdot V_T \cdot V_A}$$

where

$V_A = V_{IN} - V_O$ for negative transients (load application)

and

$V_A = V_O$ for positive transients (load release)

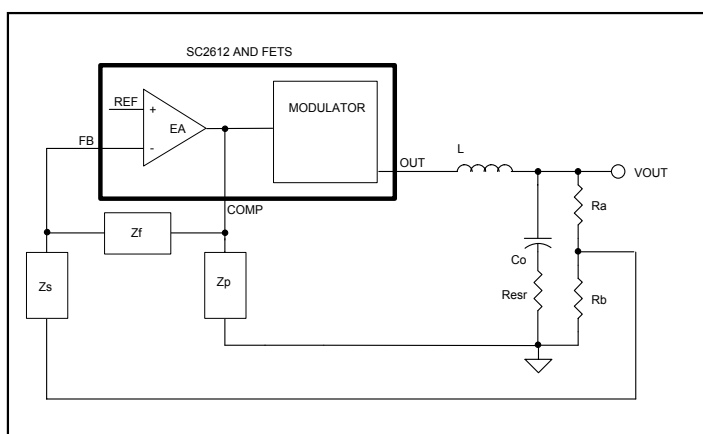
values for positive and negative transients must be calculated separately and the worst case value chosen. For Capacitor values, the calculated value should be doubled to allow for duty cycle limitation and voltage drop issues.

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COMPENSATION COMPONENTS - Once the filter components have been determined, the compensation components can be calculated. The goal of compensation is to modify the frequency response characteristics of the error amplifier to ensure that the closed loop feedback system has the highest gain and bandwidth possible while maintaining stability.

A simplified stability criteria states that the open loop gain of the converter should fall through 0dB at 20dB/decade at a frequency no higher than 20-25% of the switching frequency.

This objective is most simply met by generating asymptotic bode plots of the small signal response of the various sections of the converter.



It is convenient to split the converter into two sections, the Error amp and compensation components being one section and the Modulator, output filter and divider being the other.

First calculate the DC Filter+Modulator+Divider gain

The DC filter gain is always 0dB, the Modulator gain is 19dB at 5V in and is proportional to Vin, so modulator gain at any input voltage is.

$$G_{MOD} = 19 + 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{V_{IN}}{5}\right)$$

the divider gain is given by

$$G_{DIV} = 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{R_8}{R_5 + R_8}\right)$$

So the total Filter+Modulator+Divider DC Gain is

$$G_{FMD} = 19 + 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{V_{IN}}{5}\right) + 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{R_B}{R_A + R_B}\right)$$

Calculate the filter double pole frequency ($F_p(lc)$)

$$F_p(lc) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC_o}}$$

and calculate ESR Zero frequency ($F_z(esr)$)

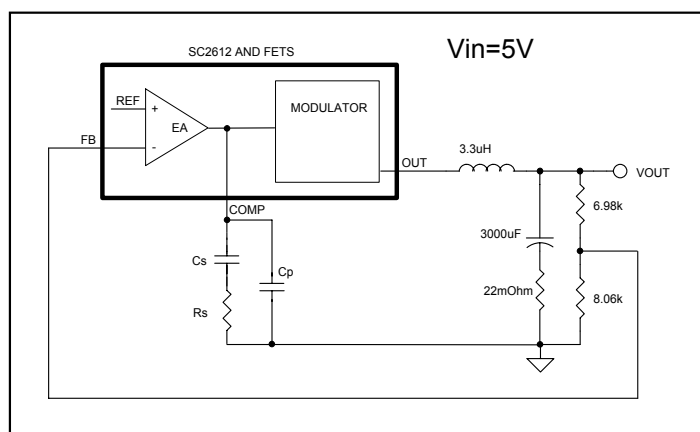
$$F_z(esr) = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot C_o \cdot R_{esr}}$$

Choose an open loop crossover frequency (F_{co}) no higher than 20% of the switching frequency (F_s).

The proximity of $F_z(esr)$ to the crossover frequency F_{co} determines the type of compensation required, if $F_z(esr) > F_{co}/4$, use type 3 compensation, otherwise use type 2. Type 1 compensation is not appropriate and is not discussed here.

Type 2 Example

As an example of type 2 compensation, we will use the Evaluation board schematic.



The total Filter+Modulator+Divider DC Gain is

$$G_{FMD} = 19 + 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{5}{5}\right) + 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{8.06}{6.98 + 8.06}\right) = 13.6\text{dB}$$

This is drawn as the line A-B in Fig2

$$F_p(lc) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC_o}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{3.3 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 3000 \cdot 10^{-6}}} \approx 1.6\text{kHz}$$

This is point B in Fig2.

$$F_z(esr) = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 3000 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 22 \cdot 10^{-3}} = 2.4\text{kHz}$$

This is point C in Fig2., the line joining B-C slopes at -40dB/decade, the line joining C-D slopes at -20dB/decade.

For 600kHz switching frequency, crossover is designed for 100kHz.

Since $F_z(esr) \ll F_{co}/4$ Type 2 compensation is appropriate.

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Having plotted the line ABCD, and confirmed the type of compensation necessary, compensation component values can be determined.

At F_{co} , the line ABCD shows a gain of -27.5dB and a slope of -20dB/decade. In order for the total open loop gain to be 0dB with a -20dB/decade slope at this frequency, the compensated error amp gain at F_{co} must be +27.5dB with a 0dB slope. This is the line FG on the plot below.

Since open loop DC gain should be as high as possible to minimize errors, a zero is placed at F and to minimize high frequency gain and switching interference a pole is placed at G.

The zero at F should be no higher than $F_{co}/4$ and the pole at G no lower than $4 \cdot F_{co}$. The equations to set the gain and the pole and zero locations are:

$$R_s = \frac{10^{\frac{A}{20}}}{g_m} \quad \text{where } A = \text{gain at } F_{co} \text{ (in dB)}$$

$$C_s = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot F_{z1} \cdot R_s}$$

$$C_p = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot F_{p1} \cdot R_s}$$

For this example, this results in the following values.

$$R_s = \frac{10^{\frac{27.5}{20}}}{0.8} = 29.6k\Omega \approx 30k\Omega$$

$$C_s \approx \frac{1}{6 \cdot 25 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 30 \cdot 10^3} = 0.22nF$$

$$C_p \approx \frac{1}{6 \cdot 400 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 30 \cdot 10^3} = 14pF \text{ (unnecessary due to EA rolloff)}$$

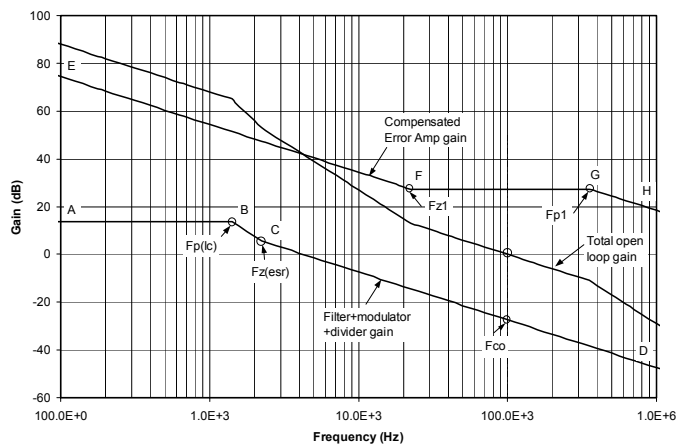


Fig2: Type 2 Error Amplifier Compensation

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Layout Guidelines

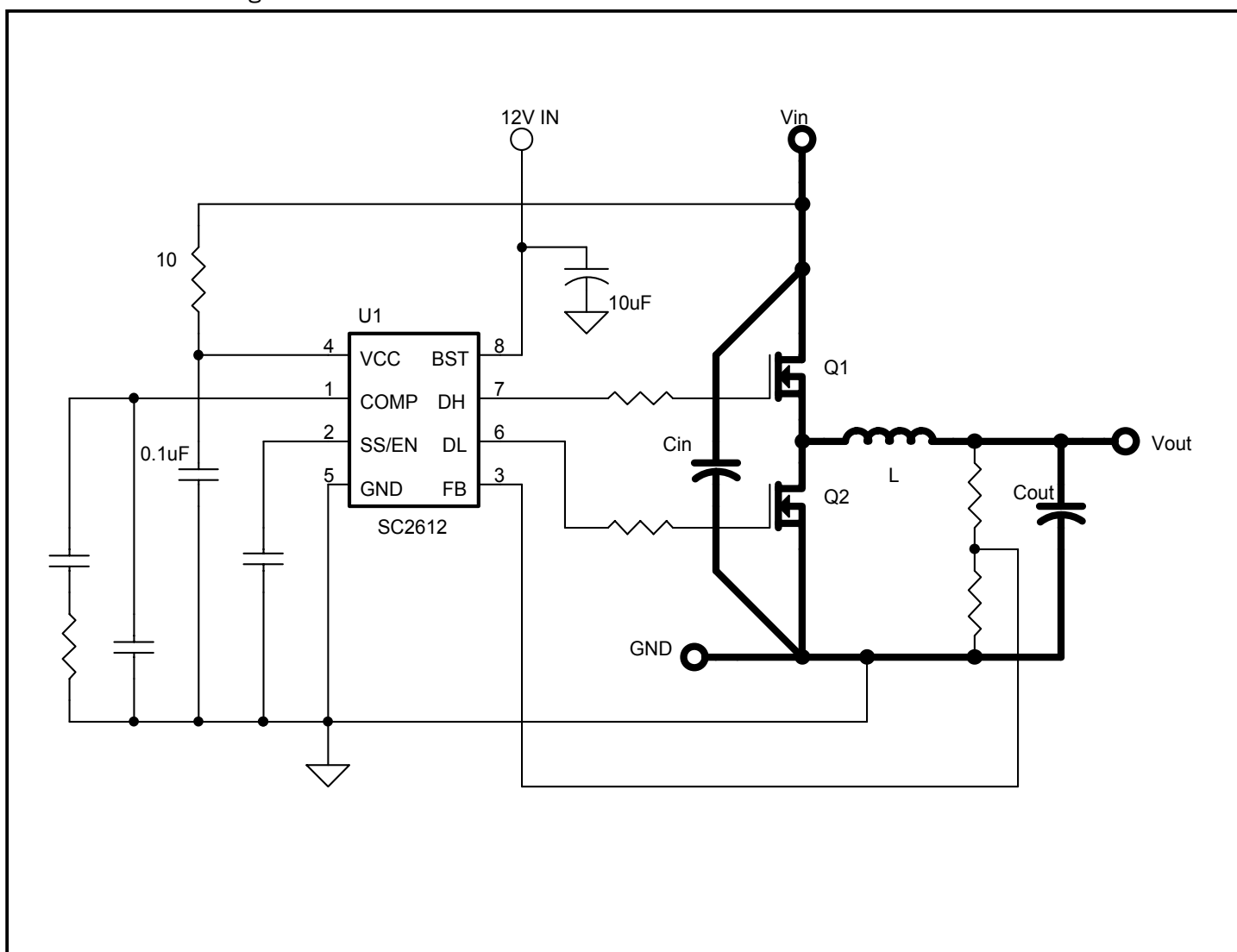
Careful attention to layout requirements are necessary for successful implementation of the SC2612 PWM controller. High currents switching at high frequency are present in the application and their effect on ground plane voltage differentials must be understood and minimized.

1). The high power parts of the circuit should be laid out first. A ground plane should be used, the number and position of ground plane interruptions should be such as to not unnecessarily compromise ground plane integrity. Isolated or semi-isolated areas of the ground plane may be deliberately introduced to constrain ground currents to particular areas, for example the input capacitor and bottom FET ground.

2). The loop formed by the Input Capacitor(s) (C_{in}), the Top FET (Q1) and the Bottom FET (Q2) must be kept as small as possible. This loop contains all the high current, fast transition switching. Connections should be as wide

and as short as possible to minimize loop inductance. Minimizing this loop area will a) reduce EMI, b) lower ground injection currents, resulting in electrically "cleaner" grounds for the rest of the system and c) minimize source ringing, resulting in more reliable gate switching signals.

3). The connection between the junction of Q1, Q2 and the output inductor should be a wide trace or copper region. It should be as short as practical. Since this connection has fast voltage transitions, keeping this connection short will minimize EMI. The connection between the output inductor and the output capacitors should be a wide trace or copper area, there are no fast voltage or current transitions in this connection and length is not so important, however adding unnecessary impedance will reduce efficiency.



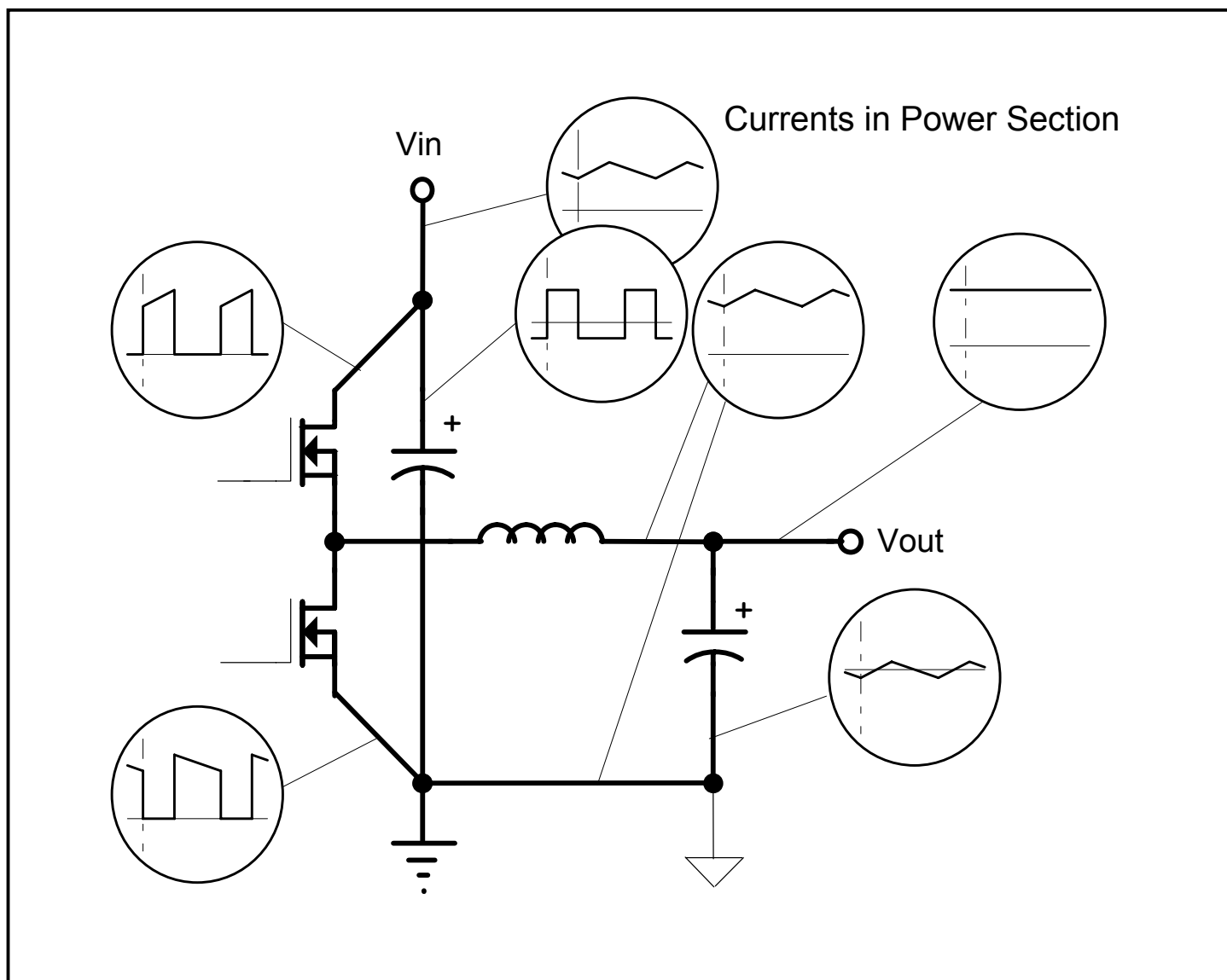
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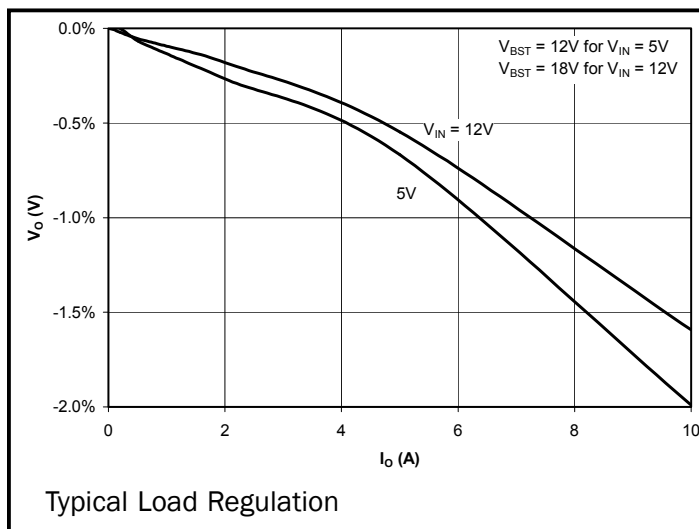
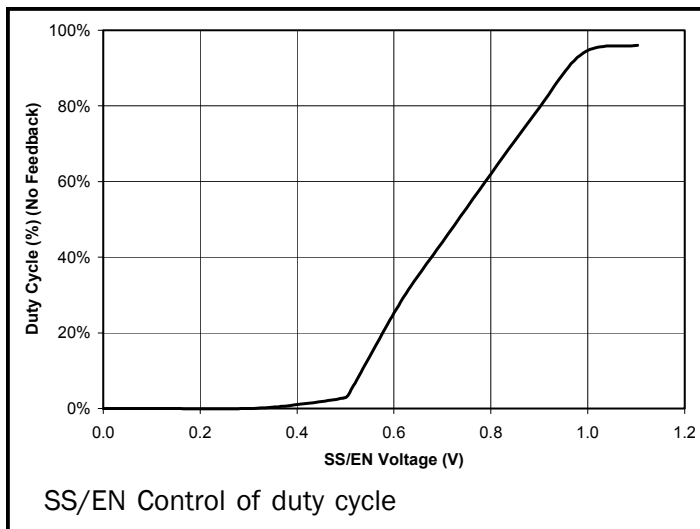
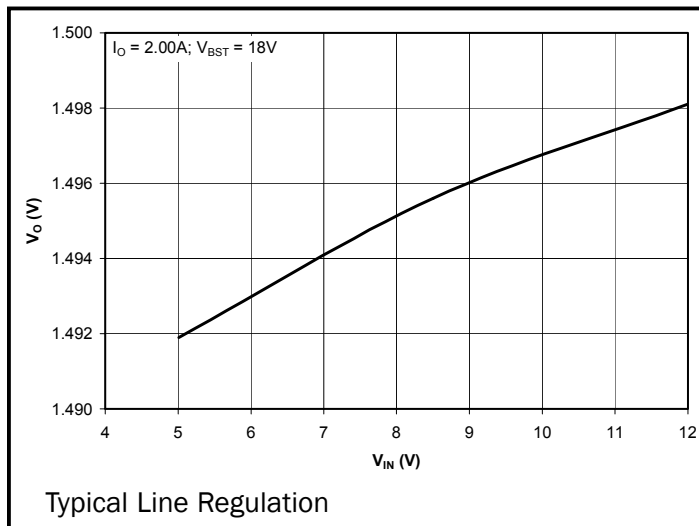
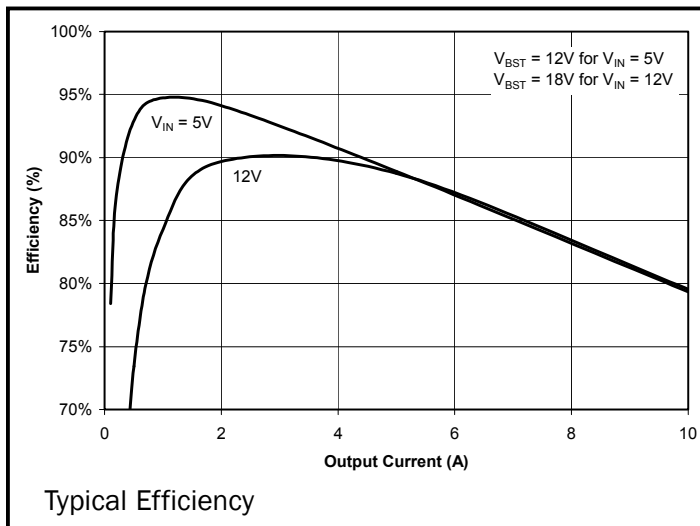
4) The Output Capacitor(s) (C_{out}) should be located as close to the load as possible, fast transient load currents are supplied by C_{out} only, and connections between C_{out} and the load must be short, wide copper areas to minimize inductance and resistance.

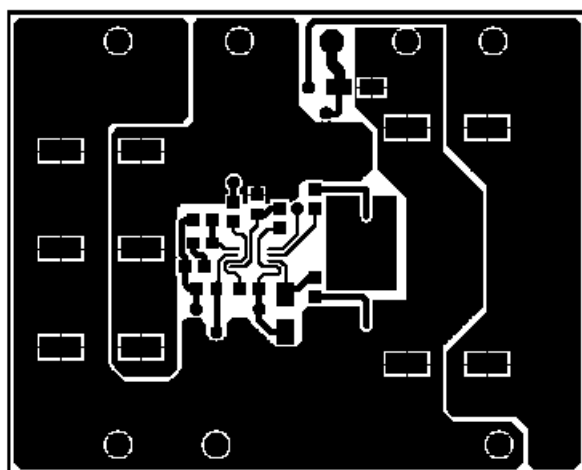
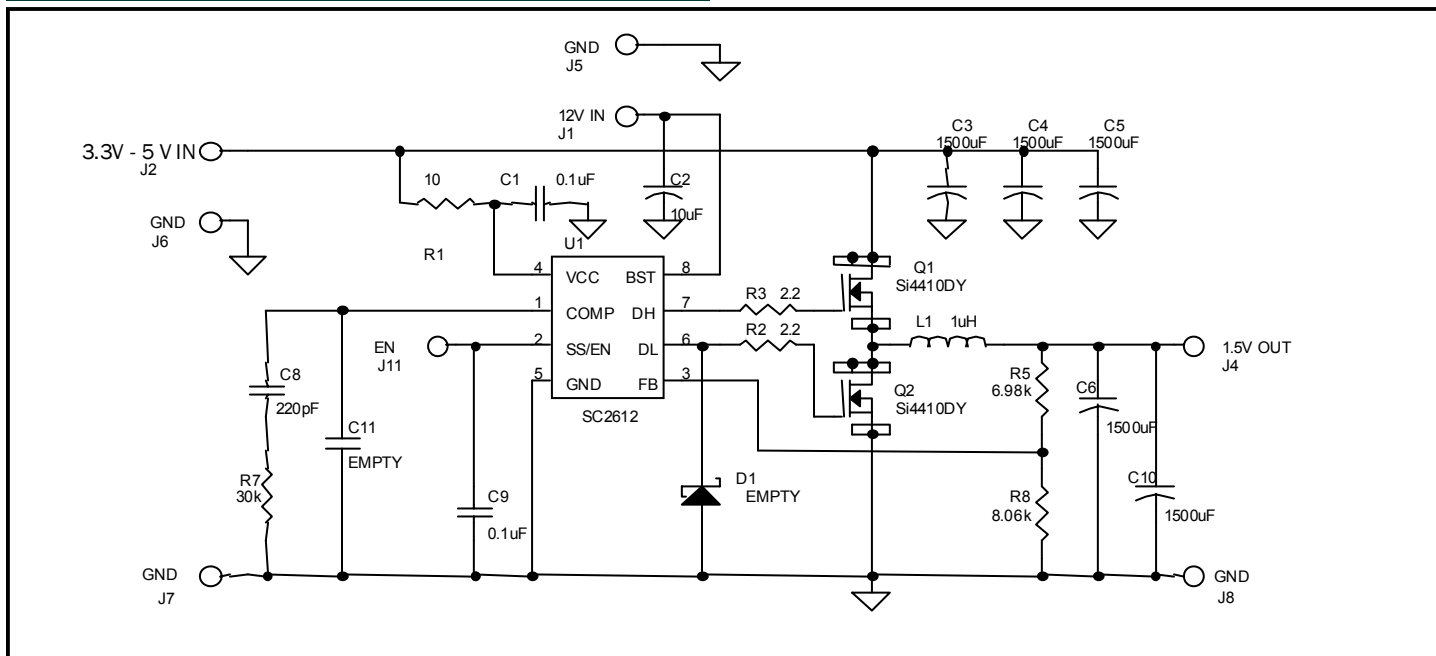
5) The SC2612 is best placed over a quiet ground plane area, avoid pulse currents in the C_{in} , Q1, Q2 loop flowing in this area. PGNDH and PGNDL should be returned to the ground plane close to the package. The AGND pin should be connected to the ground side of (one of) the output capacitor(s). If this is not possible, the AGND pin may be connected to the ground path between the Output Capacitor(s) and the C_{in} , Q1, Q2 loop. Under no circumstances should AGND be returned to a ground in-

side the C_{in} , Q1, Q2 loop.

6) V_{cc} for the SC2612 should be supplied from the 5V supply through a 10Ω resistor, the V_{cc} pin should be decoupled directly to AGND by a $0.1\mu F$ ceramic capacitor, trace lengths should be as short as possible.

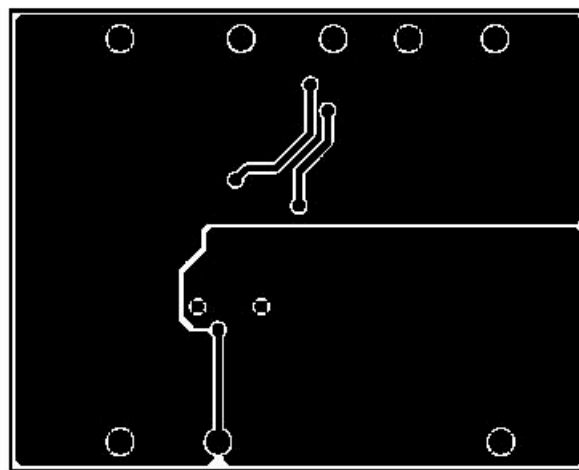


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Evaluation Board Schematic & Layout


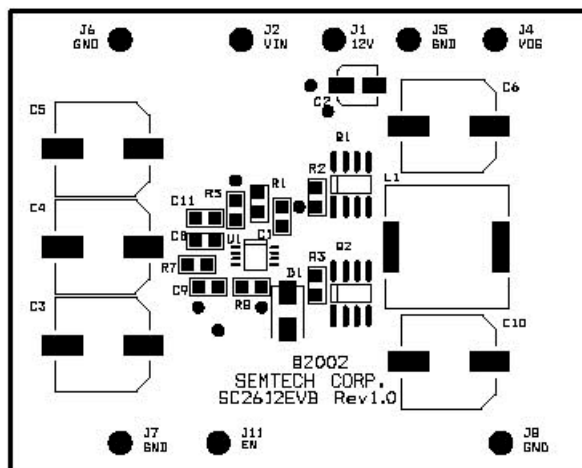
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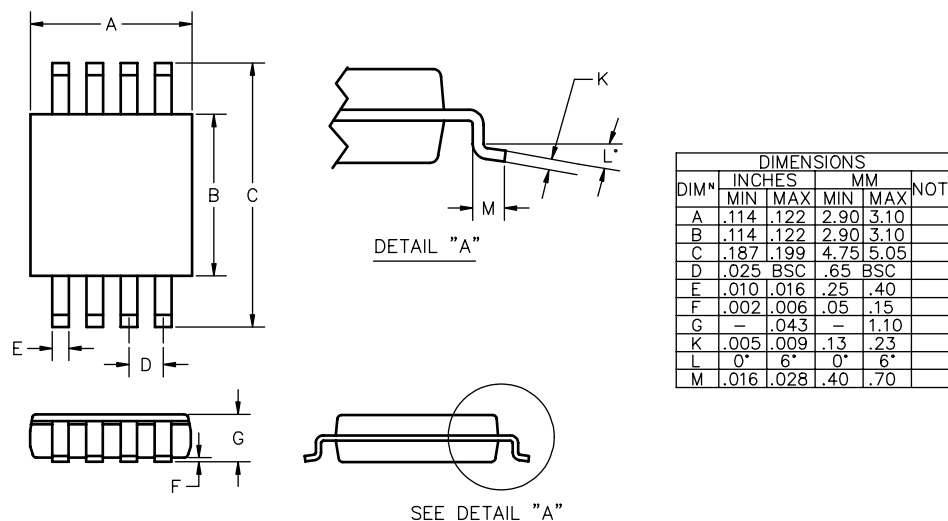
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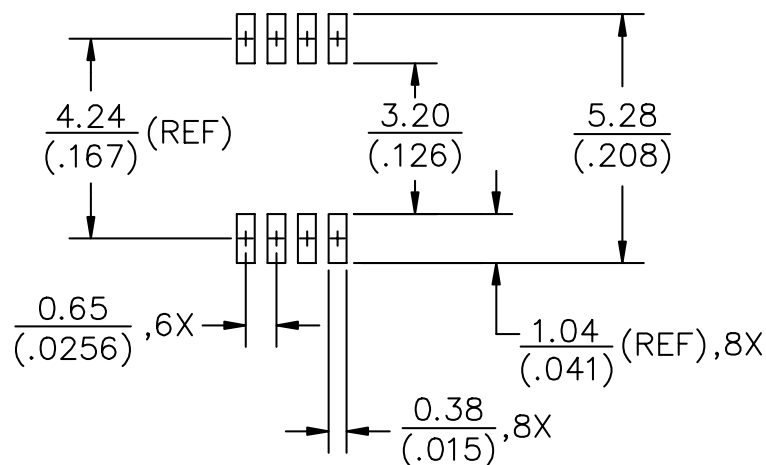
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 TOP SILKSCREEN
TOP ASSEMBLY

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Outline Drawing - MSOP-8


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① CONTROLLING DIMENSIONS: MILLIMETERS.

Land Pattern - MSOP-8


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