

8-Pin High-Performance Resonant Mode Controller

¹FEATURES

- •**Variable Switching Frequency Control**
- **temperature range: -20°C to 105°C)**
- •**Programmable Maximum Switching Frequency**
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- •**Easy ON/OFF Control**
- **Over-Current Protection**
- •**Over-Temperature Protection**
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- •**Operating Temperature Range: –40°C to 125°C**
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APPLICATIONS

- **to 1-kW Power Supplies**
- •**LCD, Plasma and DLP TVs**
- •**Adaptors, Computing and ATX Power Supplies**
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- •**Electronic Lighting Ballasts**

DESCRIPTION

 Programmable Minimum Switching Frequency The UCC25600 high performance resonant mode **With 4% Accuracy (3% accuracy at** controller is designed for dc-to-dc applications utilizing resonant topologies, especially the LLC half bridge resonant converter. This highly integrated controller implements frequency modulation control **Programmable Dead Time for Best Efficiency** and complete system functions in only an 8-pin **Programmable Soft-Start Time package.** Switching to the UCC25600 will greatly simplify the system design, layout and improve time to market, all at ^a price point lower than competitive 16-pin device offerings.

The internal oscillator supports the switching **Bias Voltage UVLO and OVP** frequencies from ³⁰ kHz to ³⁵⁰ kHz. This high **Integrated Gate Driver With 0.4-A Source and** accuracy oscillator realizes the minimum switching **0.8-A Sink Capability highlarge in the same of the frequency limiting with 4% tolerance, allowing the** designer to avoid "over design" of the power stage and, thus, further reducing overall system cost. The **SOIC 8-Pin Package programmable** dead time enables zero-voltage switching with minimum magnetizing current. This will maximize system efficiency across ^a variety of **100-W** applications. The programmable soft-start timer maximizes design flexibility demanded by the varied requirements of end equipments utilizing ^a half bridge topology. By incorporating 0.4-A source and 0.8-A **Home Audio Systems**
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> The UCC25600 delivers complete system protection functions including over current, UVLO, bias supply OVP and over temperature protection.

TYPICAL APPLICATION DIAGRAM

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ORDERING INFORMATION

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)(2)(3)(4)

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

(1) These are stress limits. Stress beyond these limits may cause permanent damage to the device. Functional operation of the device at these or any conditions beyond those indicated under RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rated conditions for extended periods of time may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltages are with respect to GND.

(3) All currents are positive into the terminal, negative out of the terminal.

(4) In normal use, terminals GD1 and GD2 are connected to an external gate driver and are internally limited in output current.

ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE (ESD) PROTECTION

DISSIPATION RATINGS

(1) Thermal resistance is ^a strong function of board construction and layout. Air flow will reduce thermal resistance. This number is only ^a general guide.

(2) Thermal resistance calculated with ^a low-K methodology.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

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

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over operating free-air temperature range, -40° C < T_A < 125°C, T_J = T_A, VCC = 12 V, GND = 0 V, R_{RT} = 4.7 k Ω , R_{DT} = 16.9 kΩ, C_{VCC} = 1 μ F, (unless otherwise noted)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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DEVICE INFORMATION

TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

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Block Diagram

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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

At V_{CC} = 12 V, R_{RT} = 4.7 kΩ, R_{DT} = 16.9 kΩ, V_{SS} = 5 V, V_{OC} = 0 V; all voltages are with respect to GND, T_J = T_A
= 25°C, unless otherwise noted.

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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

GATE DRIVE FALLING; VCC=15V

OC PROPAGATION DELAY

Figure 7. Figure 8.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Principal of Operation

The soft-switching capability, high efficiency and long holdup time make the LLC resonant converter attractive for many applications, such as digital TV, ac/dc adapters and computer power supplies. Figure 12 shows the schematic of the LLC resonant converter.

Figure 12. LLC Resonant Converter

The LLC resonant converter is based on the Series Resonant Converter (SRC). By utilizing the transformer magnetizing inductor, zero-voltage switching can be achieved over ^a wide range of input voltage and load. As ^a result of multiple resonances, zero-voltage switching can be maintained even when the switching frequency is higher or lower than resonant frequency. This simplifies the converter design to avoid the zero-current switching region, which can lead to system damage. The converter achieves the best efficiency when operated close to its resonant frequency at ^a nominal input voltage. As the switching frequency is lowered the voltage gain is significantly increased. This allows the converter to maintain regulation when the input voltage falls low. These features make the converter ideally suited to operate from the output of ^a high-voltage boost PFC pre-regulator, allowing it to hold up through brief periods of ac line-voltage dropout.

Due to the nature of resonant converter, all the voltages and currents on the resonant components are approximately sinusoidal. The gain characteristic of LLC resonant converter is analyzed based on the First Harmonic Approximation (FHA), which means all the voltages and currents are treated as sinusoidal shape with the frequency same as switching frequency.

According to the operation principle of the converter, the LLC resonant converter can be draw as the equivalent circuit as shown in Figure 13.

Figure 13. LLC Resonant Converter Equivalent Circuit

In this equivalent circuit, the V_{ge} and V_{oe} are the fundamental harmonics of the voltage generated by the half bridge and the voltage on the transformer primary side, respectively. These voltages can be calculated through Fourier analysis. The load resistor R_e is the equivalent resistor of the load, and it can be calculated as:

$$
R_e = \frac{8}{\pi^2} n^2 R \tag{1}
$$

Based on this equivalent circuit, the converter gain at different switching frequencies can be calculated as:

$$
\frac{V_o}{V_{DC} / 2} = \left| \frac{\frac{j\omega L_m R_e}{j\omega L_m + R_e}}{\frac{j\omega L_m R_e}{j\omega L_m + R_e} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_r} + j\omega L_r} \right|
$$

(2)

In this equation $V_{DC}/2$ is the equivalent input voltage due to the half bridge structure.

Table 1. Circuit Definition Calculations

Following the definitions in Table 1, the converter gain at different switching frequencies can be written as:

$$
M = \left| \frac{L_n f_n^2}{L_n f_n^2 + (f_n - 1)(f_n + 1 + j f_n L_n Q_e)} \right|
$$
\n(3)

Because of the FHA, this gain equation is an approximation. When the switching frequency moves away from the resonant frequency, the error becomes larger. However, this equation can be used as the design tool. The final results need to be verified by the time based simulation or hardware test.

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From [Equation](#page-10-0) 3, when switching frequency is equal to resonant frequency, $f_n = 1$ and converter voltage gain is equal to 1. Converter gain at different loads and inductor ratio conditions are shown in Figure 14 through Figure 17.

Based on its theory of operation the LLC resonant converter is controlled through Pulse Frequency Modulation (PFM). The output voltage is regulated by adjusting the switching frequency according to the input and output conditions. Optimal efficiency is achieved at the nominal input voltage by setting the switching frequency close to the resonant frequency. When the input voltage droops low the switching frequency is decreased to boost the gain and maintain regulation.

The UCC25600 resonant half-bridge controller uses variable switching frequency control to adjust the resonant tank impedance and regulate output voltage. This 8-pin package device integrates the critical functions for optimizing the system performance while greatly simplifying the design and layout.

Adjustable Dead Time

Resonant half-bridge converter relies on the resonant tank current at MOSFETs turn-off to achieve soft switching and reduce switching loss. Higher turn-off current provides more energy to discharge the junction capacitor, while it generates more turn-off loss. Smaller turn-off current reduces turn-off loss, but it requires longer time to discharge MOSFETs junction capacitors and achieve soft switching. By choosing an appropriate dead time, turn-off current is minimized while still maintaining zero-voltage switching, and best system performance is realized.

In UCC25600, dead time can be adjusted through ^a single resistor from DT pin to ground. With internal 2.25-V voltage reference, the current flow through the resistor sets the dead time.

$$
t_d = 20ns + R_{dt} \times 24ns / k\Omega
$$

(4)

To prevent shoot through when DT pin accidentally connects to ground, ^a minimum 120-ns dead time is inserted into the two gate driver outputs. Any dead-time setting less than 120-ns, will be limited to 120-ns.

Oscillator

With variable switching frequency control, UCC25600 relies on the internal oscillator to vary the switching frequency. The oscillator is controlled by the current flowing out of RT pin. Except during soft start, the relationship between the gate signal frequency and the current flowing out of RT pin can be represented as:

$$
f_s = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\frac{6ns \times 1A}{I_{RT}}} + 150ns \approx I_{RT} \times 83Hz / \mu A
$$

(5)

Since the switching frequency is proportional to the current, by limiting the maximum and minimum current flowing out of RT pin, the minimum and maximum switching frequency of the converter could be easily limited. As shown in Figure 18, putting a resistor from RT pin to ground limits the minimum current and putting a resistor in series with the opto-coupler limits the maximum current.

Figure 18. Maximum and Minimum Frequency Setting for UCC25600

The frequency limiting resistor can be calculated based on following equations.

$$
I_{fmax} = \frac{6ns}{2f_{max}} - 150ns
$$

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I_{fmin} = \frac{6ns}{2f_{min}} - 150ns
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$$
I_{fmax} = 2.5V\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)
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\n(7)
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I_{fmax} = 2.5V\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)
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\n(8)
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I_{fmin} = \frac{2.5V}{R_2}
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Soft Start

During start up and fault recovery conditions, soft start is always implemented to prevent excessive resonant tank current and ensure Zero-Voltage Switching (ZVS). During soft start, the switching frequency is increased. The soft-start time can be programmed by placing ^a capacitor from SS pin to ground.

The soft-start pin also serves as an ON/OFF control pin of the device. By actively pulling the SS pin below 1 V, the device is disabled. When the pull down is removed, SS pin voltage is increased because of internal charging current. Once SS pin becomes above 1.2 V, the device starts to generated gate-driver signal and enters soft-start mode. The time sequence of soft start is shown in Figure 19.

Figure 19. Soft-Start Sequence

To prevent ^a long delay between the ON command and apperance of ^a gate driver signal, the SS pin current is set as two different levels. When SS pin voltage is below 1.2 V, its output current is 175 µA. This high current could charge the soft-start pin capacitor to 1.2 V in ^a short period of time, and reduces the time delay. This time delay can be calculated using following equation:

$$
t_{SS_delay} = \frac{1.2V}{175\mu A} C_{SS}
$$
\n(10)

The switching frequency during soft start is determined by both the current flowing out of the RT pin and the voltage on SS pin. The switching frequency can be calculated based on the following equation:

$$
f_s = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\frac{6ns \times 1A}{I_{RT} + \left(1.81mA - \frac{V_{SS}}{2.2k\Omega}\right)}} + 150ns
$$
\n(11)

After SS pin voltage reaches 4 V, soft-start period is finished and switching frequency becomes the same as demanded by the RT pin current. The time used to charge SS pin from 1.2 V to 4 V is defined as soft-start time and can be calculated as:

$$
t_{SS} = \frac{2.8V}{5\mu A}C_{SS}
$$
\n⁽¹²⁾

To ensure reliable operation, the gate drivers restart with GD2 turning high. This prevents uncertainty during system start up.

Burst-Mode Operation

During light load condition, the resonant converter tends to increase its switching frequency and maintain the output voltage regulation. However, due to ringing caused by transformer parasitic capacitor and the rectification-diode-junction capacitors, the energy could be directly transferred to the load through these capacitors. When this power becomes more than the load requires, output voltage become higher than the regulation level. In this case, further increasing the switching frequency will not help the situation because energy transfer to the load is not through the power stage itself.

To prevent output over voltage during this condition, the UCC25600 includes the burst-mode operation function. When the control loop demands switching frequency higher than 350 kHz, the gate driver is disabled and the power stage stops switching. When the output voltage drops, the control loop begins to demand switching frequency less than 330 kHz, the gate driver recovers and the power stage begins to deliver power again. This allows output voltage to be regulated.

This burst mode can be easily disabled by limiting the maximum switching frequency to less than 350 kHz. In this way, the control loop will never demand a switching frequency higher than 350kHz and burst mode operation will not occur.

Over-Current Protection

To prevent power stage failure under excessive load current condition, the UCC25600 includes an over-current protection function. With ^a dedicated OC pin, the power stage is shut down when OC pin voltage is above 1 V. Once the OC pin voltage becomes lower than 0.6 V, the gate driver recovers with soft start. To enhance system safety, the UCC25600 latches up the whole system when OC pin becomes above 2 V. Bring VCC below UVLO level to reset the device.

The current can be indirectly sensed through the voltage across resonant capacitor by using the sensing network shown in Figure 20.

Figure 20. Current Sensing for LLC Resonant Converter

The general concept of this sensing method is that, ac voltage across the resonant capacitor is proportional to load current.

According to the FHA model, peak voltage of the ac component on the resonant capacitor can be calculated as:

$$
V_{Cr_{p}k} = \frac{4}{\pi} n V_o \left| \frac{j f_n L_n Q_e + 1}{f_n^2 L_n} \right|
$$

(13)

Therefore, the resonant capacitor voltage reaches its maximum value at the minimum switching frequency and maximum load. According to this equation, the current sensing network components can be calculated. Due to the nature of FHA, the final circuit parameters need to be verified through actual hardware test.

Calculated Current Sensing Network Components

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Gate Driver

Half-bridge resonant converter is controlled by the nearly 50% duty cycle variable frequency square wave voltage. This allows the half bridge to be easily driven by the gate-driver transformer. Compared with ^a half-bridge driver device, ^a gate-driver transformer provides ^a simple and reliable solution, which:

- •Eliminate the need for gate driver power supply
- Enable simplified layout
- Preventing shoot through due to the transformer coupling
- •No latch up

The UCC25600 integrates two-gate drivers with 0.4-A source and 0.8-A sink capability to directly drive the gate driver transformer.

For LLC resonant converter, it is critical for the gate-driver signal to be precisely symmetrical. Otherwise, the resonant tank operation will be asymmetrical. The load current distribution will be unbalanced for the output rectifiers, which in turn requires over design of the power stages and thermal management.

In UCC25600, the gate-driver outputs are precisely trimmed to have less than 50 ns mismatch. Although the gate-driver signal is quite symmetrical, it is still recommended to insert the dc blocking capacitor in the gate-driver transformer primary side to prevent transformer saturation during fast transients.

VCC

Connect ^a regulated bias supply to VCC pin. When VCC becomes above 10.5 V the device is enabled and after all fault conditions are cleared the gate driver starts with soft start. When VCC drops below 9.5 V, the device enters UVLO protection mode and both gate drivers are actively pulled low. When VCC rises above 20 V the device enters VCC over-voltage protection mode and the device is disabled with both gate drivers actively pulled low. VCC over-voltage protection will recover with soft start when VCC voltage returns below 18 V.

Over-Temperature Protection

UCC25600 continuously senses its junction temperature. When its junction temperature rises above 160°C the device will enter over-temperature protection mode with both gate drivers actively pulled low. When junction temperature drops below 140°C, gate driver restarts with soft start.

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PACKAGE MATERIALS INFORMATION

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 $D (R-PDSO-G8)$

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- Body width does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.017 (0,43) each side.
- E. Reference JEDEC MS-012 variation AA.

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