

# Practical comparisons of DC/DC control-modes to solve end equipment challenges

## Product Training

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# Training Summary

## Practical comparisons of DC/DC control-modes summary:

Certain end-equipment, like communications, server, industrial, and personal electronics have design challenges solved by the DC/DC converter's control-mode. This session will compare and contrast 3 different devices using 3 different control modes under the same design criteria to see how each control mode solves particular size, efficiency, external component, ripple and transient response design challenges.

## What you'll learn:

- Learn the basics of step-down DC/DC control modes as it pertains to design challenges for many different end equipment
- Understand how the control mode affects performance of the point of load power supply with an apples-to-apples comparison
- See 3 different devices with 3 different control modes respond to the same design criteria – to help show which one is the better device for specific design challenges.
- See how output filters are designed

URL link to [complimentary](#) training –  
Control Mode Theory Summary

**Training level:** Intermediate

### Course Details:

- Audience: Analog, Systems, Power

### Specific Parts Discussed:

- [TPS54824](#), [TPS54A20](#), [TPS56C215](#)

### TI Designs

- [PMP11438](#) - Three Different Buck Converter Circuits to Convert 12V to 1.2V at >6A Load
- [PMP15008](#) - Tiny, Low Profile 10 A Point-of-load Voltage Regulator Reference Design
- [PMP15018](#) - Power Reference Design With Dual VOUT of 1.2V@10A and 1V@10A

### Other Trainings

- [Fixed Freq Control vs COT Control](#)
- [Survey of Control Topologies](#)

# Agenda

- Market challenges
- Overview of control methods and parts used in comparison
- Bounding the 3 designs:  $V_{IN}$ ,  $I_{OUT}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$  and  $V_{OUT}$  tolerance during transient
- Inductor & capacitor selection
- Loop response and transient comparison
- Output ripple and jitter
- Efficiency comparison
- Thermal comparison
- Solution size
- Considering cost
- Summary



# Market Challenges

# Telecom / Datacom / Industrial power needs

- **Telecom/Datacom**

- Increasing PCB density requires **small solution size** with high power density
- **High efficiency** allows increased card density and higher product performance
- **Fixed frequency operation** helps to reduce unwanted noise in the system

- **Servers / SSD**

- Increasing PCB density requires **small solution size** with high power density
- **High efficiency** allows increased card density and higher product performance
- High **light load** efficiency is needed
- **Cost is key**

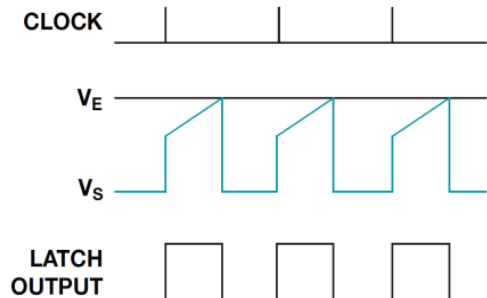
- **Industrial**

- Increasing PCB density requires **small solution size** with high power density
- **High efficiency** allows increased card density and higher product performance
- **Fixed frequency operation** helps to reduce unwanted noise in the Medical and Test & Measurement systems
- **Cost** is key in majority of Industrial applications outside Medical and Test & Measurement



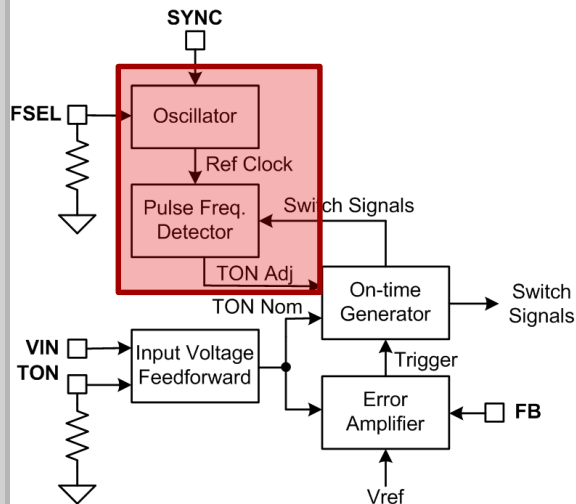
# Control, Converters and Topology

# Current Mode



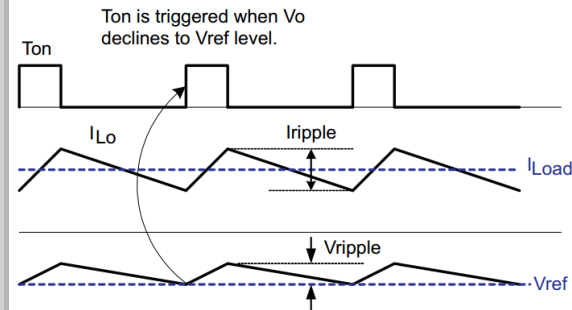
- Used in **TPS54824**
- On time **initiated by clock** signal
- Scaled inductor current compared to control voltage to **modulate pulse width**
- **Fixed frequency** under all conditions

# COT with SYNC



- Used in **TPS54A20**
- **Phase lock loop** (PLL) added to constant on-time (COT) controller
- PLL **slowly adjusts** on-time
- Fixed frequency in **steady state**
- **Non-linear, fast** transient response

# D-CAP3™



- Used in **TPS56C215**
- Advanced constant on-time (COT) control where a on-time **adapts with voltage** conditions
- A new high side on-pulse is **triggered** when falling feedback voltage equals the reference voltage
- Supports all **ceramic output caps** with internal ramp circuit
- Improved **voltage set-point accuracy**

# TPS54824

## Overview

- $V_{IN}$  4.5 – 17V
- $I_{OUT}$  8A
- $f_{SW}$ : 200kHz to 1.6MHz
- Control Mode: **Current Mode**

## Advantages

- Low jitter fixed frequency operation
- Control loop is tunable adding flexibility for filter components
- Small signal model can be modeled for CM based control

## Disadvantages

- Solution size
- Requires external compensation

## Applications

- **Communications and Industrial** applications where many signal chain devices are used.
- The switching frequency is **predictable** and programmable with **low jitter** which helps improve noise performance.

# TPS54A20

## Overview

- $V_{IN}$  8 – 14V
- $I_{OUT}$  10A
- $f_{SW}$ : 2 – 5MHz per phase
- Control Mode: **COT with Sync**

## Advantages

- Smallest solution size
- Fast transient response
- Low profile
- No external compensation required

## Disadvantages

- Limited  $V_{OUT}$  range: 0.5 – 2.0V
- Limited  $V_{IN}$  range: 8 – 14V
- Small signal model for COT based control can not be modeled

## Applications

- Ideal for non-portable applications needing **small size** with a **fast transient response**.
- **High frequency** enables a very small design, but where highest efficiency is not needed.

# TPS56C215

## Overview

- $V_{IN}$ : 4.5 – 17V
- $I_{OUT}$ : 12A
- $f_{SW}$ : 400kHz, 800kHz and 1.2MHz
- Control Mode: **D-CAP3™**

## Advantages

- No external compensation required
- Fast transient response
- Light load efficiency (Eco Mode™)

## Disadvantages

- Solution size
- Frequency Jitter
- Small signal model for COT based control can not be modeled

## Applications

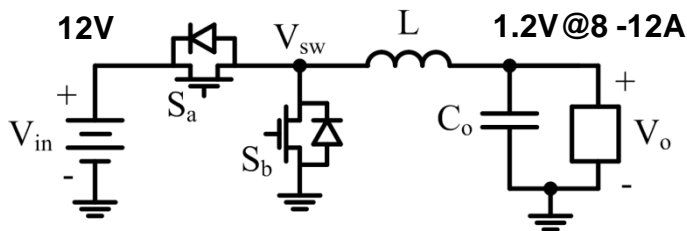
- Ideal for applications, like **enterprise**, where there are fewer noise-sensitive analog components
- Powering low voltage processors that need **high accuracy** and present **fast load transients**.





# Step Down Converter Topologies

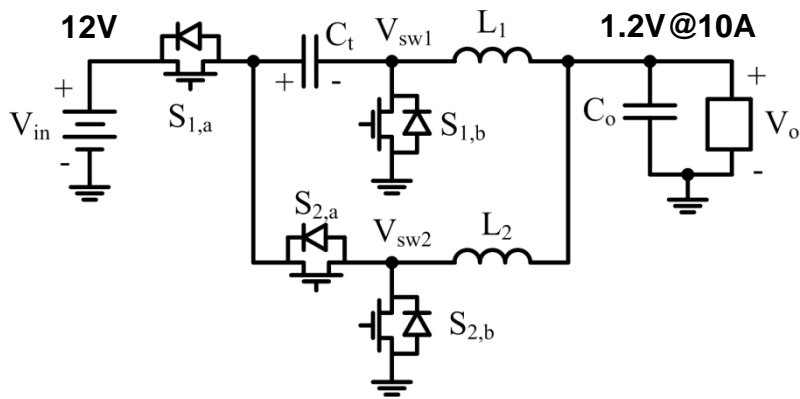
Buck Converter: **TPS54824, TPS56C215**



## Buck Converter

- **Two** MOSFET switches (single phase)
- One output inductor

Series Capacitor Buck Converter: **TPS54A20**



## Series Capacitor Buck Converter

- **Four** MOSFET switches (two phase)
- Two output inductors
- One series capacitor
- **Reduced switching loss** enables efficient high frequency operation

# Bounding the 3 designs

# Design Specifications

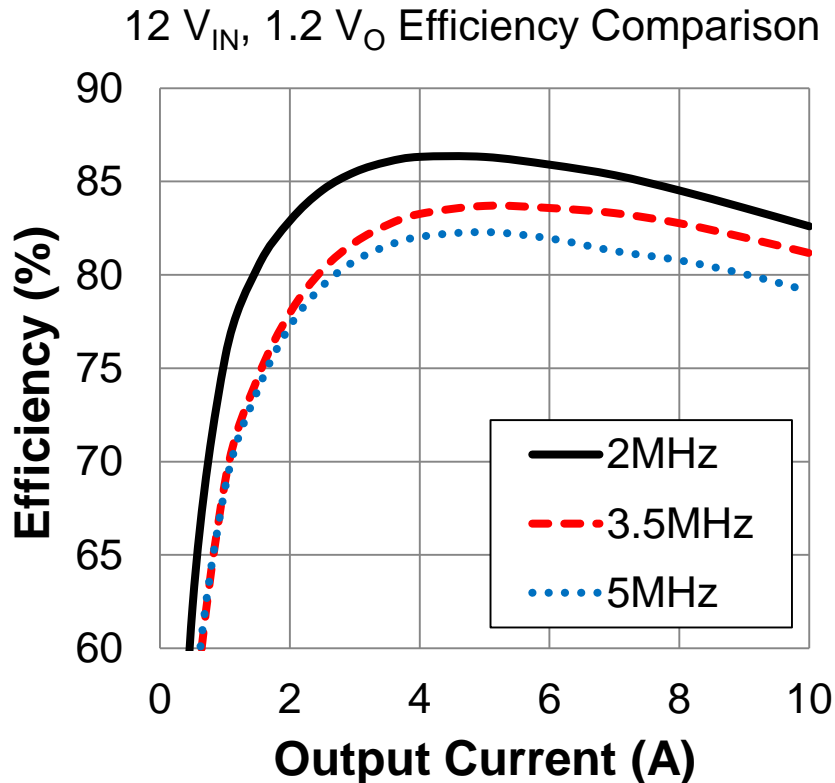
Parameter		Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{OUT}$	Output voltage	$\pm 5\%$ of typical	1.14	1.2	1.26	V
$I_{OUT}$	Output current		0		8	A
$V_{IN}$	Input voltage	$\pm 10\%$ of typical	10.8	12	13.2	V
$\Delta V_{OUT}$	Transient response	2 to 6A load step @ 1A/us			36	mV

## Other aspects to consider:

- Overall converter **size**
- Power (**heat**) dissipation
- Solution **cost**

# Inductor & Capacitor Selections

# Choosing the Switching Frequency



- Higher frequency operation **reduces overall solution size**
  - Lower inductance required
  - Fewer decoupling capacitors
- Tradeoff: **efficiency decreases** with increased switching frequency
- Minimum on-time consideration

# Minimum On-time Considerations

- For FCCM, min on-time at min load is the corner case to consider.
- Equation to estimate maximum fsw:

$$f_{SW} \leq \frac{1}{t_{ON,min}} \times \frac{V_O}{V_{I,max}}$$

Part Number	Typical Minimum on-time (ns)	Maximum f <sub>sw</sub> (kHz)
TPS54824	95	957
TPS54A20	14	12,987
TPS56C215	54	1,683

- Must consider part to part, temperature and load variation in min on-time.
- TPS54824 recommended max to use for calculation considering all conditions is 150 ns, max fsw for this application is **606 kHz**.

TPS54824 curve for temperature and load variation.

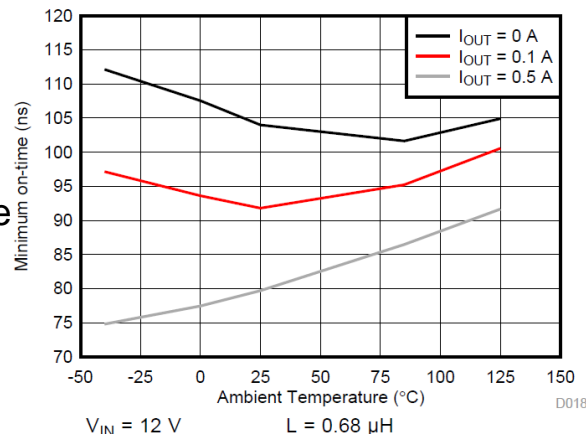


Figure 18. Minimum on-time vs Ambient Temperature

# Inductor Value Selection

- Inductance equation for traditional Buck Converter (TPS54824/TPS56C215)

$$L = \left( \frac{V_{IN,MAX} - V_O}{K \times I_O} \right) \left( \frac{V_O}{V_{IN,MAX} \times f_{SW}} \right)$$

- Inductance equation for Series Cap Buck Converter (TPS54A20)

$$L = \left( \frac{V_{IN,MAX} - 2V_O}{K \times I_O / 2} \right) \left( \frac{V_O}{V_{IN,MAX} \times f_{SW}} \right)$$

- $K = \Delta I_L / I_O$ , where  $I_O$  is full load current
- $K$  is usually between 0.1 and 0.4

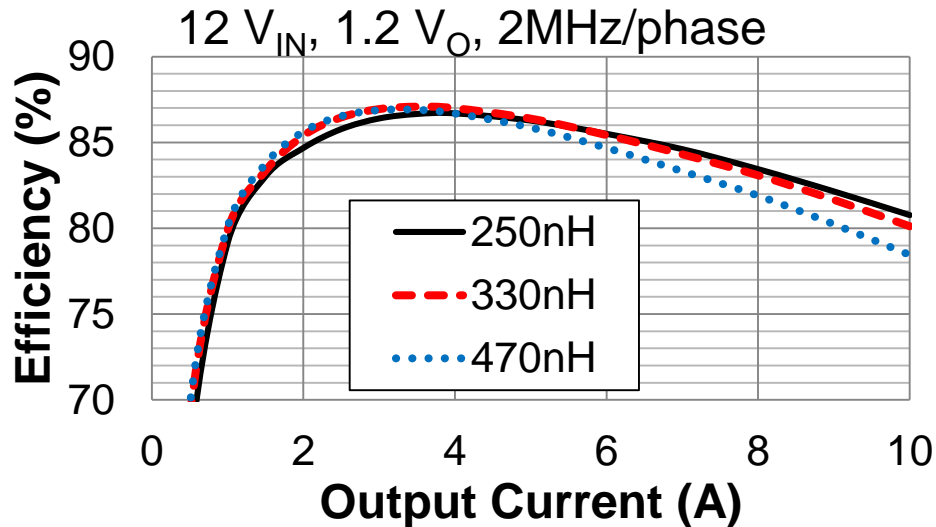
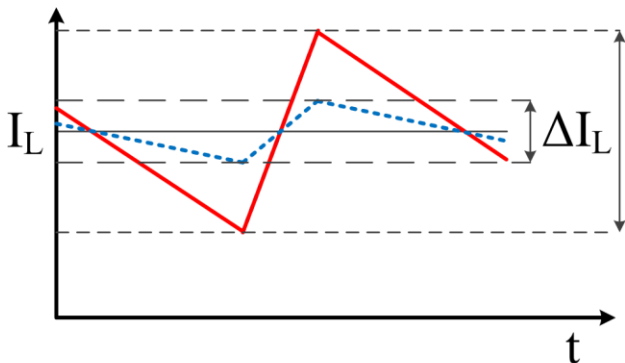
Part Number	$V_{IN,Max}$ (V)	$V_O$ (V)	$I_O$ (A)	$F_{SW}$ (MHz)	K	L ( $\mu$ H)	L Chosen ( $\mu$ H)
TPS54824	13.2	1.2	8	0.5	0.3	0.909	1.00
TPS54A20	13.2	1.2	10	2/phase	0.4	0.245	0.22 (x 2)
TPS56C215	13.2	1.2	8	1.2	0.3	0.379	0.47

# Inductance Impact on Efficiency

- Inductance equation for TPS54A20 (series cap buck)

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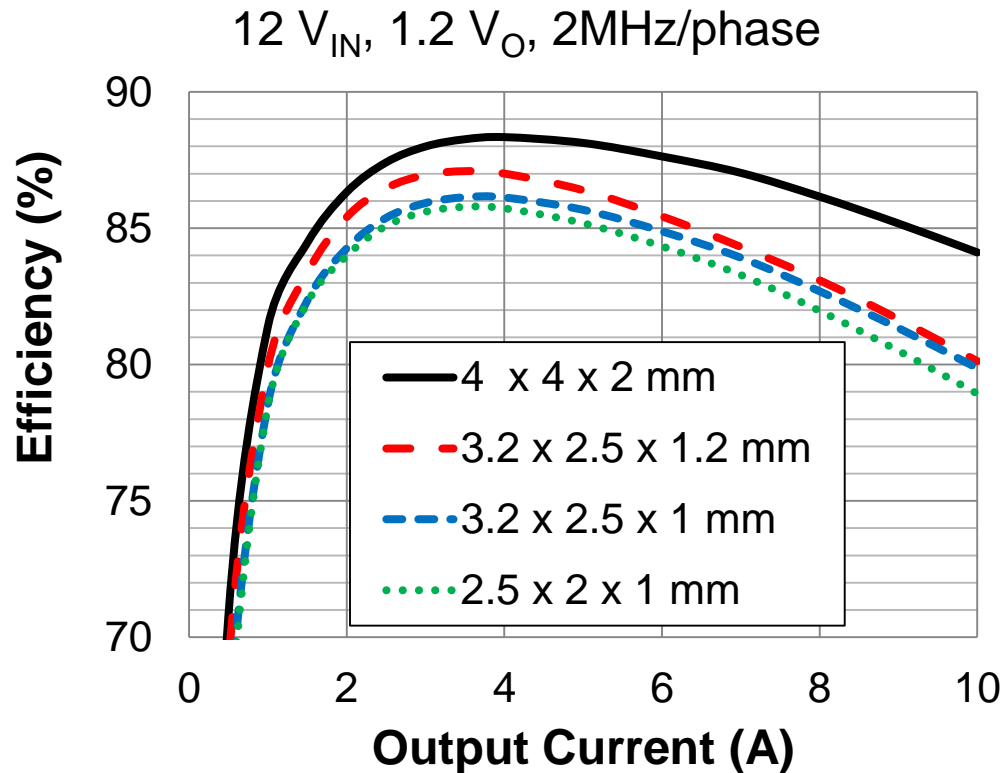


- Higher inductance tends to increase **peak efficiency**
- Lower inductance has higher **full load efficiency** and **better transient response**



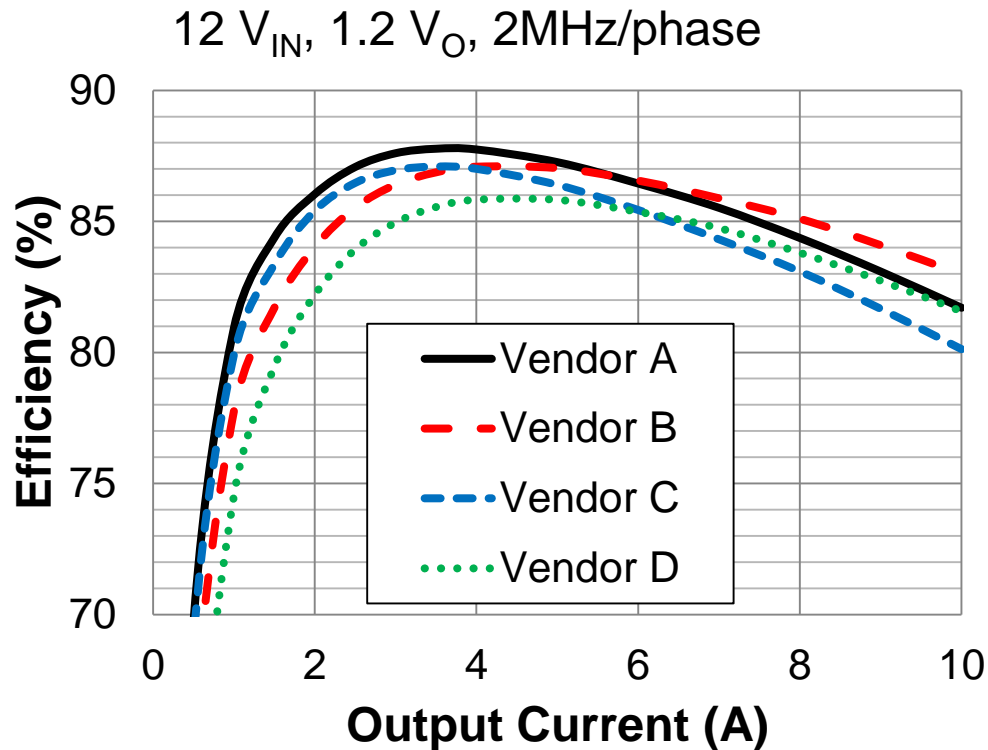
# Inductor Size – TPS54A20

- **Larger inductors tend to result in higher efficiency**
  - Thicker wire
  - Lower winding resistance
  - Benefit seen in mid to high load current range
- **Measured results for**
  - Same inductance
  - Same vendor
  - Same core material



# Inductor Vendor – TPS54A20

- **Finding the right inductor vendor matters**
  - Various core material, construction, etc.
  - Should not judge an inductor by DC resistance alone
- **Measured results for**
  - Same inductance
  - Same size
- If possible, **experimentally test inductors**



# Output Capacitor Selection – TPS54A20

- **Load step down:**

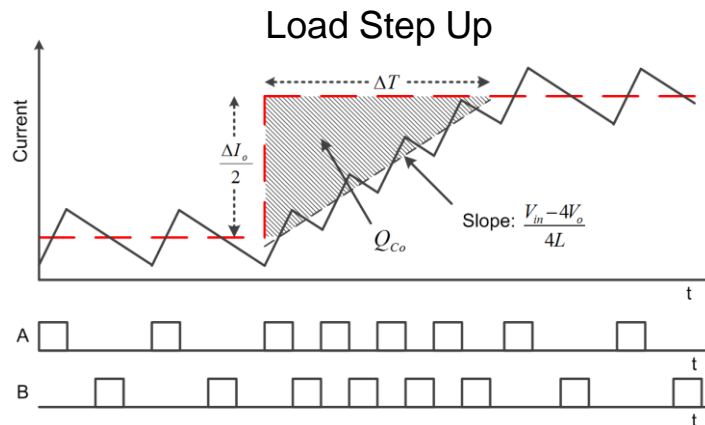
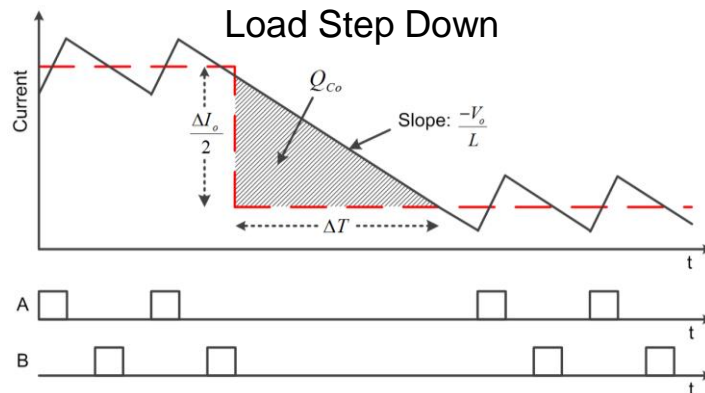
- Ex:  $\Delta I_{o,max} = 5A$ ,  $L = 330nH$ ,  
 $V_o = 1.2V$ ,  $\Delta V_{o,max} = 25mV$ ,  $V_{IN,min} = 10.8V$

$$C_o \geq \frac{(\Delta I_{o,max})^2 L}{4V_o \Delta V_{o,max}} = 66\mu F$$

- **Load step up:**

$$C_o \geq \frac{2L(\Delta I_{o,max})^2}{(V_{IN,min} - 4V_o)\Delta V_{o,max}} = 106\mu F$$

- Select largest value and take variation in to account → TPS54A20: 47  $\mu F$  + 100  $\mu F$



# Output Capacitor Selection – TPS56C215

- Ex:  $\Delta I_{o,max} = 4A$ ,  $\Delta V_{o,max} = 0.025V$ ,  $V_{IN,min} = 10.8V$ ,  $V_o = 1.2V$ ,  $L = 470nH$ ,  $f_{SW} = 1.2MHz$ ,  $t_{OFF,min} = 0.31\mu s$

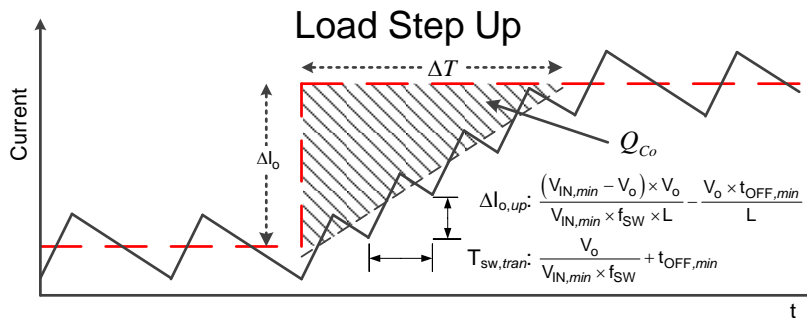
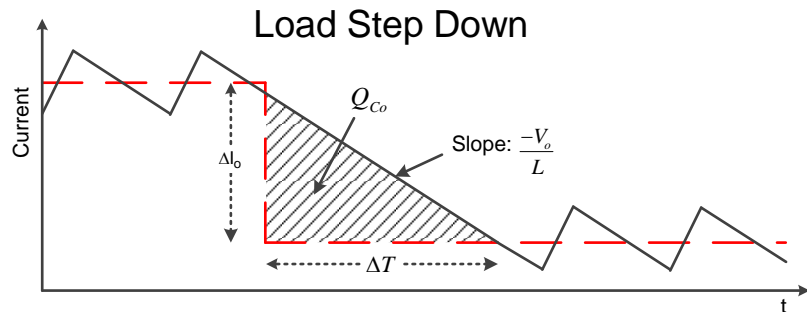
- **Load step down:**

$$C_o \geq \frac{(\Delta I_{o,max})^2 \times L}{2 \times V_o \times \Delta V_{o,max}} = 125 \mu F$$

- **Load step up:**

$$C_o \geq \frac{L \times (\Delta I_{o,max})^2 \times \left( \frac{V_o}{V_{IN,min} \times f_{SW}} + t_{OFF,min} \right)}{2 \times \Delta V_{o,max} \times V_o \times \left( \frac{V_{IN,min} - V_o}{V_{IN,min} \times f_{SW}} - t_{OFF,min} \right)} = 117 \mu F$$

- Select largest value and take DC Bias variation into account → TPS56C215:  $47 \mu F \times 4$  pcs



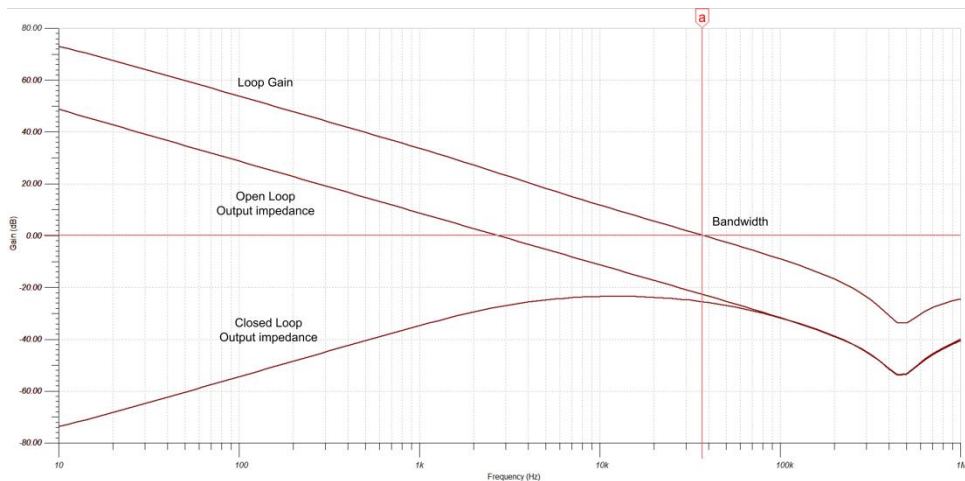
# Output Capacitor Selection – TPS54824

- Peak CMC typically has lower loop bandwidth than COT based converters
  - Higher closed loop output impedance
  - Slower transient response

- Reasonable estimation of loop bandwidth is **fsw/10**.
- Ex:  $\Delta I_{o,max} = 4 \text{ A}$ ,  $\Delta V_{o,max} = 36 \text{ mV}$ ,  
 $f_{CO} = f_{sw}/10 = 50 \text{ kHz}$

$$C_o \geq \frac{\Delta I_{o,max}}{2 \times \pi \times f_{CO} \times \Delta V_{o,max}} = 354 \mu\text{F}$$

- Required capacitance varies with **load step slew rate**. Lower slew rate requires less output capacitance.
- **PSPICE transient simulation** is a great tool to find more accurate capacitance before testing a real circuit.

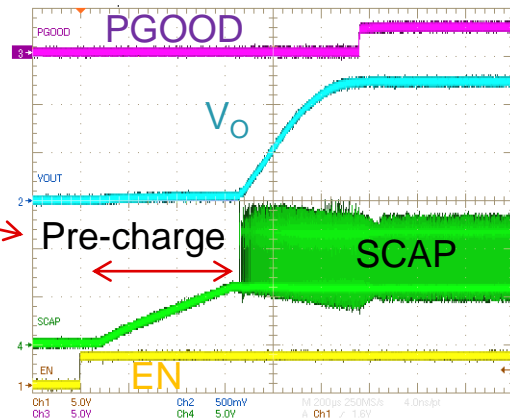
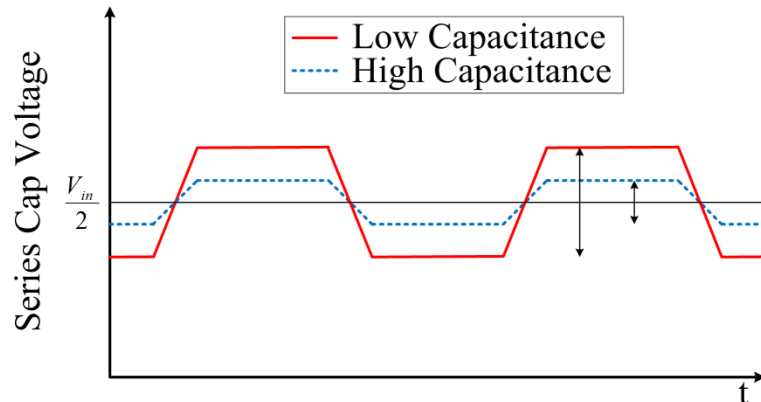


# Series Capacitor Selection – TPS54A20

- Select the cap value to keep **voltage ripple <8%** at full load, lowest  $V_{IN}$ 
  - Ex: 10 A load, 2 MHz, 10.8 V<sub>IN</sub>, 1.2 V<sub>O</sub>

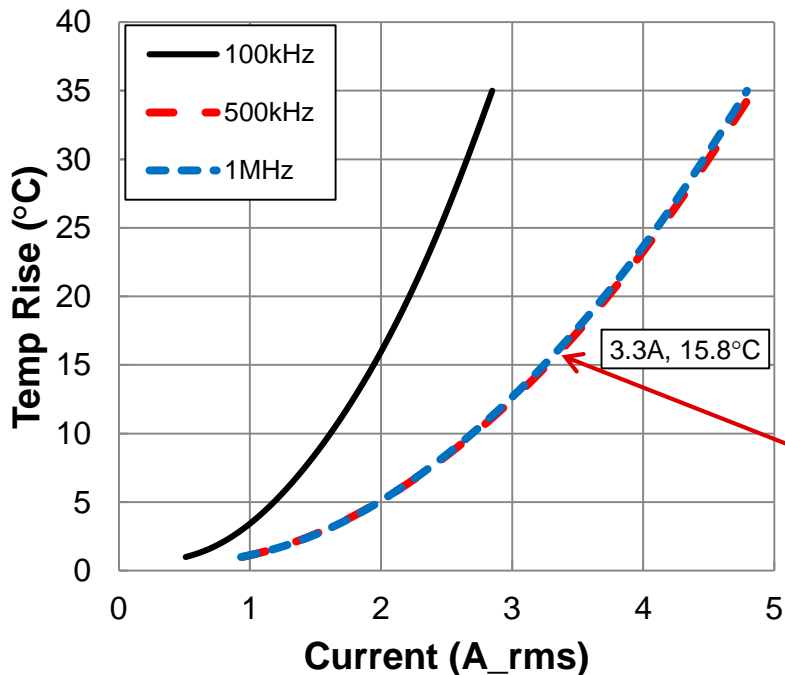
$$C = \frac{DT \left( \frac{i_{out}}{2} \right)}{0.08 \left( \frac{V_{in}}{2} \right)} = \frac{\left( \frac{2 \times 1.2V}{10.8V} \right) \frac{1}{2MHz} \left( \frac{10A}{2} \right)}{0.08 \left( \frac{10.8V}{2} \right)} = 1.29 \mu F$$

- Tradeoff: **Startup delay** to pre-charge the series cap
  - 10 mA pre-charge current into 1  $\mu F$  cap  
→ 625  $\mu s$  to pre-charge to 6 V ( $V_{IN,typ}/2$ )



# Series Capacitor Self Heating – TPS54A20

Capacitor temp rises with current



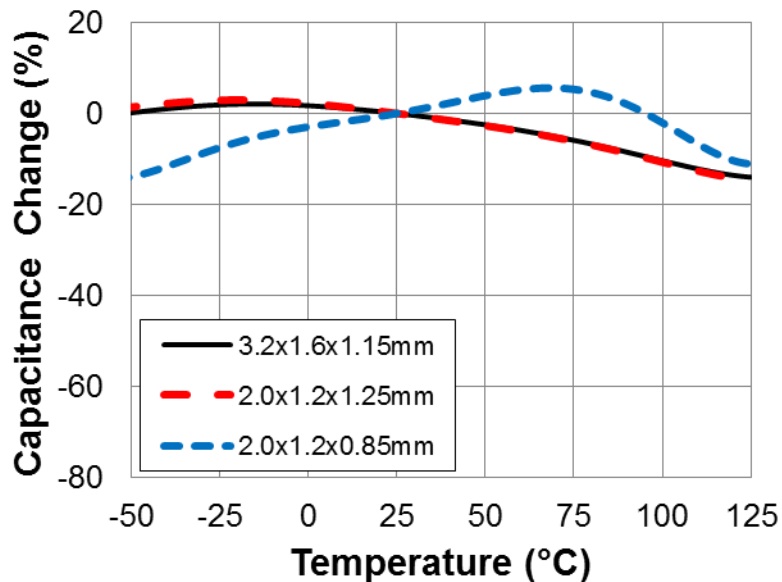
- **Ensure series cap temperature stays within limits**
  - Calculate RMS current
  - Check datasheet/online tools
- **Ex: 10.8V<sub>IN,MIN</sub>, 1.2V<sub>O</sub>, I<sub>L,RMS</sub> = 5.02A**

$$I_{SCAP,RMS} = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{2V_o}{V_{IN,MIN}} \right) I_{L,RMS}^2} = 3.34A$$

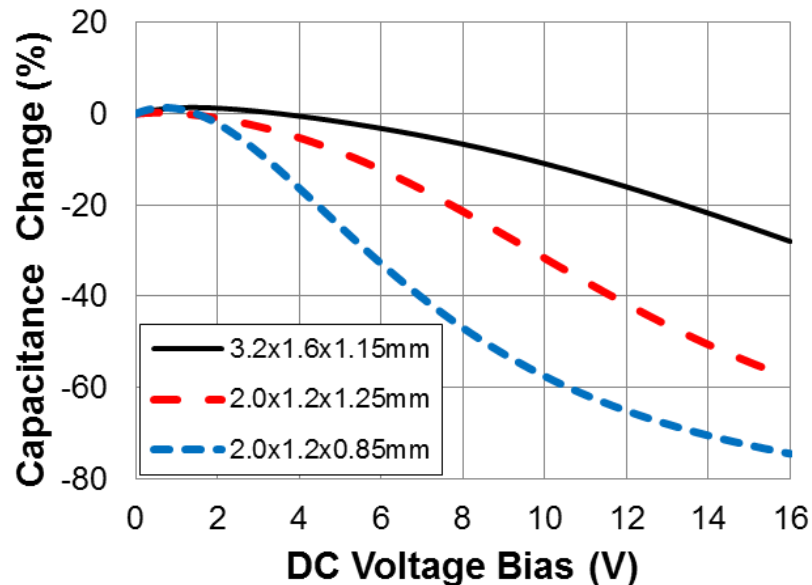
- 2.2μF cap, 1206 (3.2 x 1.6 x 1.15mm)
- Result: **15.8°C temp rise**
- **Same approach applies to input caps and output caps**

# DC Voltage and Temp Impact on Capacitance

- Capacitance varies with temperature



- Capacitance decreases with DC voltage

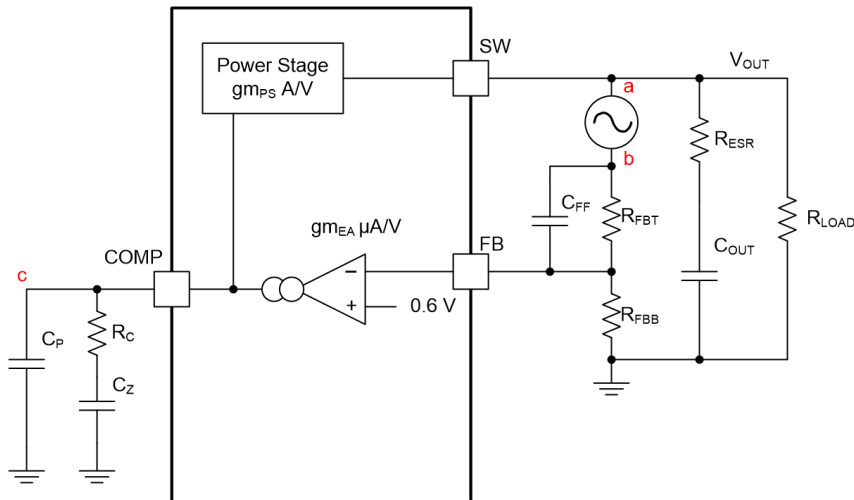


Select a capacitor taking capacitance variation into account.



# TPS54824 Compensation Calculations

- Simplified equations in datasheet ignoring slope compensation. Stable design but conservative loop bandwidth.
- Start by selecting target loop bandwidth. Use smallest of the two calculated values.



$$f_{CO} = \sqrt{f_{P,mod} \times f_{Z,mod}} = 42.6\text{kHz}$$

$$f_{CO} = \sqrt{f_{P,mod} \times \frac{f_{SW}}{2}} = 27.5\text{kHz}$$

- Calculate compensation using DC bias de-rated  $C_{OUT}$  of  $\sim 352 \mu\text{F}$ .

$$R_C = \frac{2 \times \pi \times f_{CO} \times C_{OUT}}{g_{mPS}} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF} \times g_{mEA}} = 6.98\text{k}\Omega$$

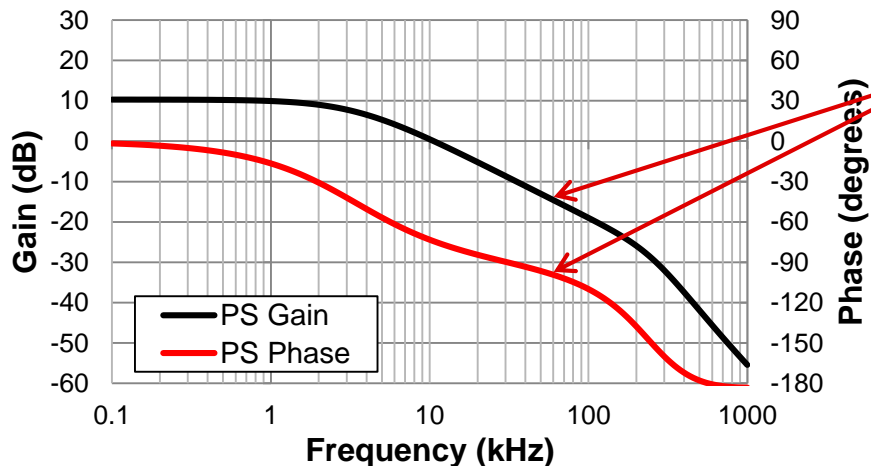
$$C_Z = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times \frac{f_{CO}}{10} \times R_C} = 8200\text{pF}$$

$$C_P = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times \frac{f_{SW}}{2} \times R_C} = 82\text{pF}$$

$$C_{FF} = \frac{1}{3 \times \pi \times f_{CO} \times R_{FBT}} = 680\text{pF}$$

# TPS54824 More Optimized Compensation

- TINA or PSPICE average model to simulate power stage gain and phase.
- Calculate new  $R_C$  based on power stage gain at new target  $f_{CO}$  of 60 kHz.

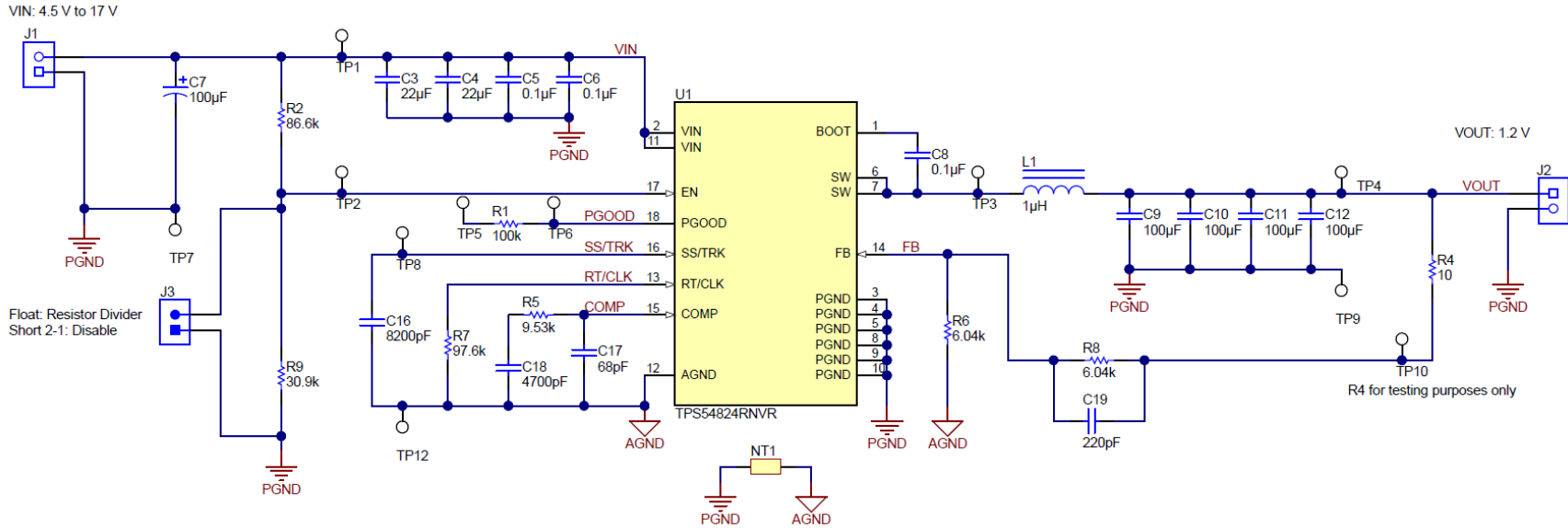


$f_{CO}$  selected where phase is -100 degrees  
Gain at 60 kHz  $f_{CO}$  is -14.6 dB

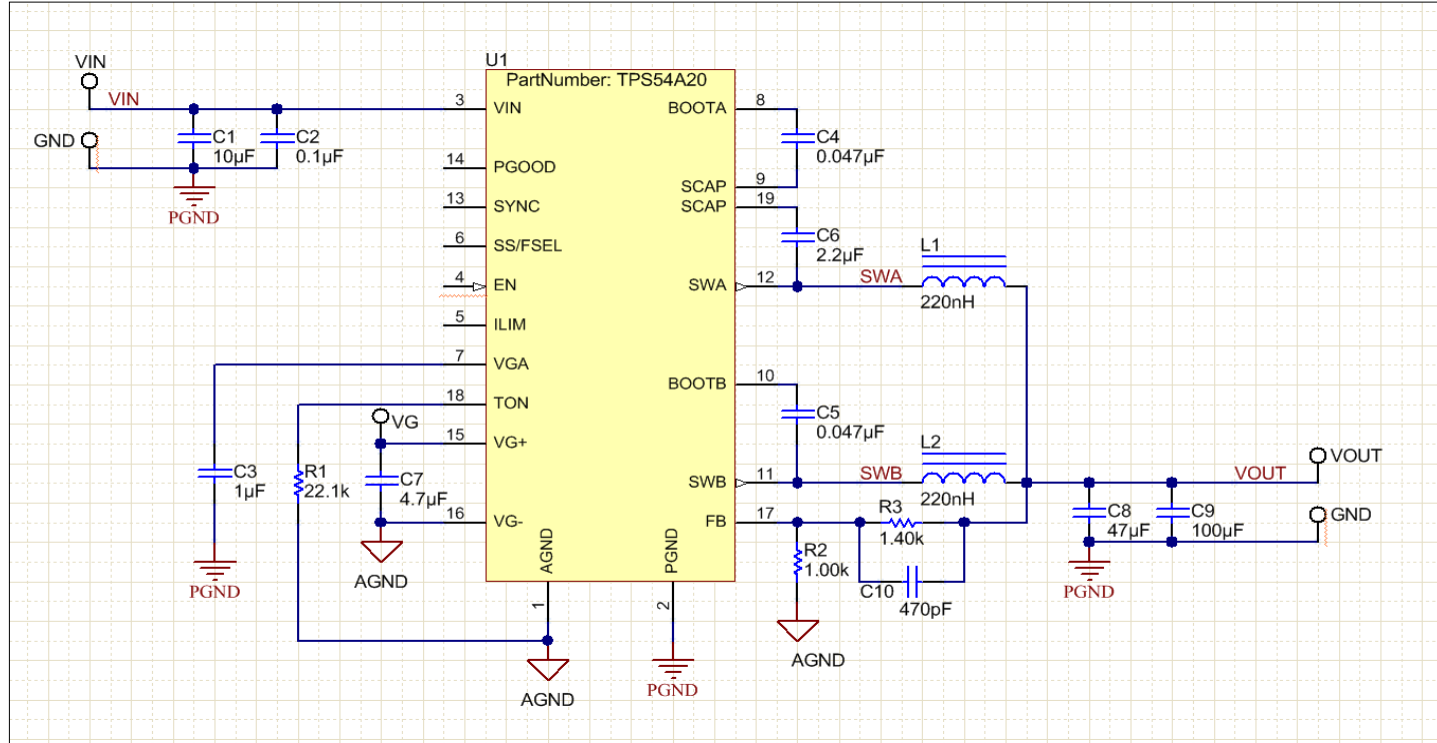
$$R_C = \frac{1}{\frac{A_{PS,f_{CO}}}{10} \cdot 20} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF} \times g_{mEA}} = 9.53k\Omega$$

- New compensation values are 9.53 k $\Omega$ ,  $C_c = 4.7$  nF,  $C_p = 68$  pF,  $C_{ff} = 220$  pF.

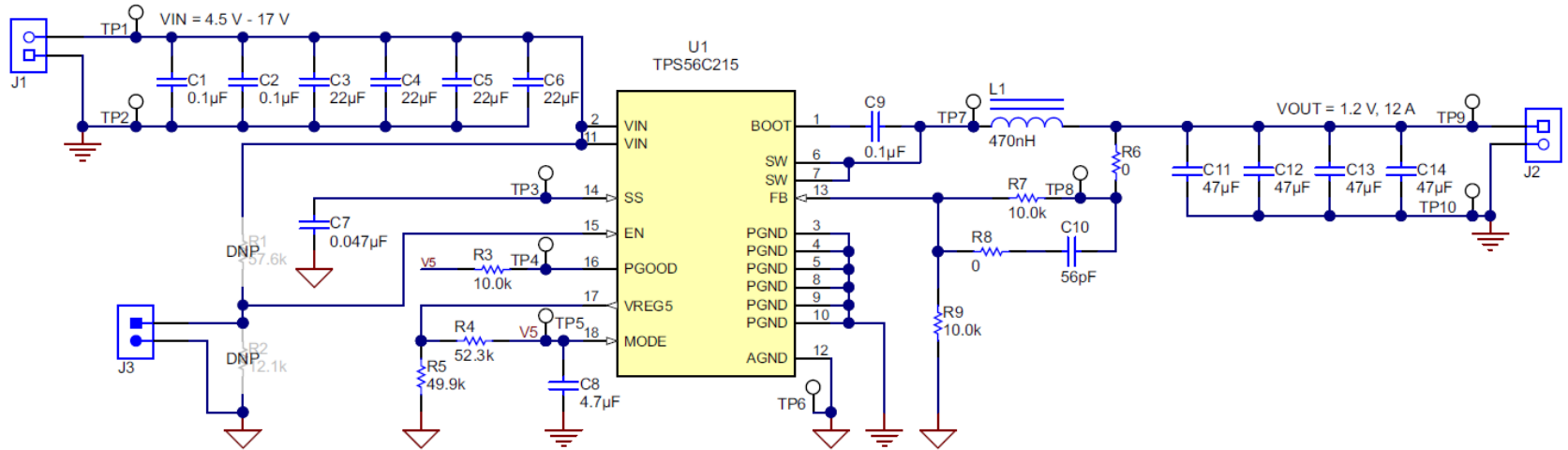
# TPS54824 Schematic



# TPS54A20 Schematic



# TPS56C215 Schematic



\*Could use 2 x 100uF output capacitors

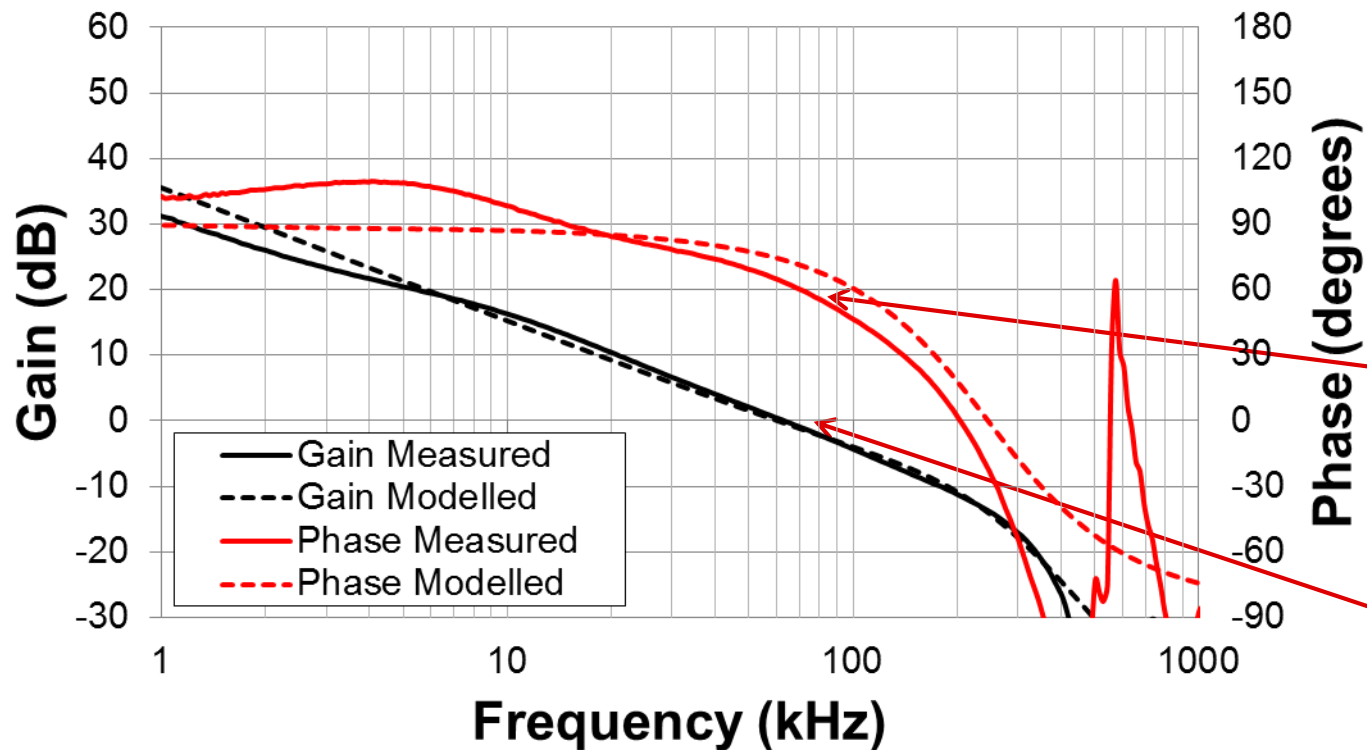
# Solution Comparisons

Part Number	Control	F <sub>sw</sub>	R <sub>DS(on)</sub>	Minimum ON Time	Inductor	C <sub>OUT</sub>
TPS54824	Peak CMC	500kHz	14.1-mΩ HS 6.1-mΩ LS	95ns	1μH, 11A, 10 mΩ	4 x 100μF 6.3V X5R 1210
TPS54A20	Sync COT	2MHz per phase	~14-mΩ HS* ~4-mΩ LS*	14ns	2 x 220 nH, 7.6 A, 9mΩ	47μF & 100 μF 4V X5R 0805
TPS56C215	DCAP3	1.2MHz	13.5-mΩ HS 4.5-mΩ LS	54ns	470 nH, 17.5 A, 4mΩ	4 x 47μF 6.3V X5R 0805

\*Estimated RDSON due to 2 phase configuration

# Loop Response and Transient Comparisons

# TPS54824 Measured Loop Response (CCM)



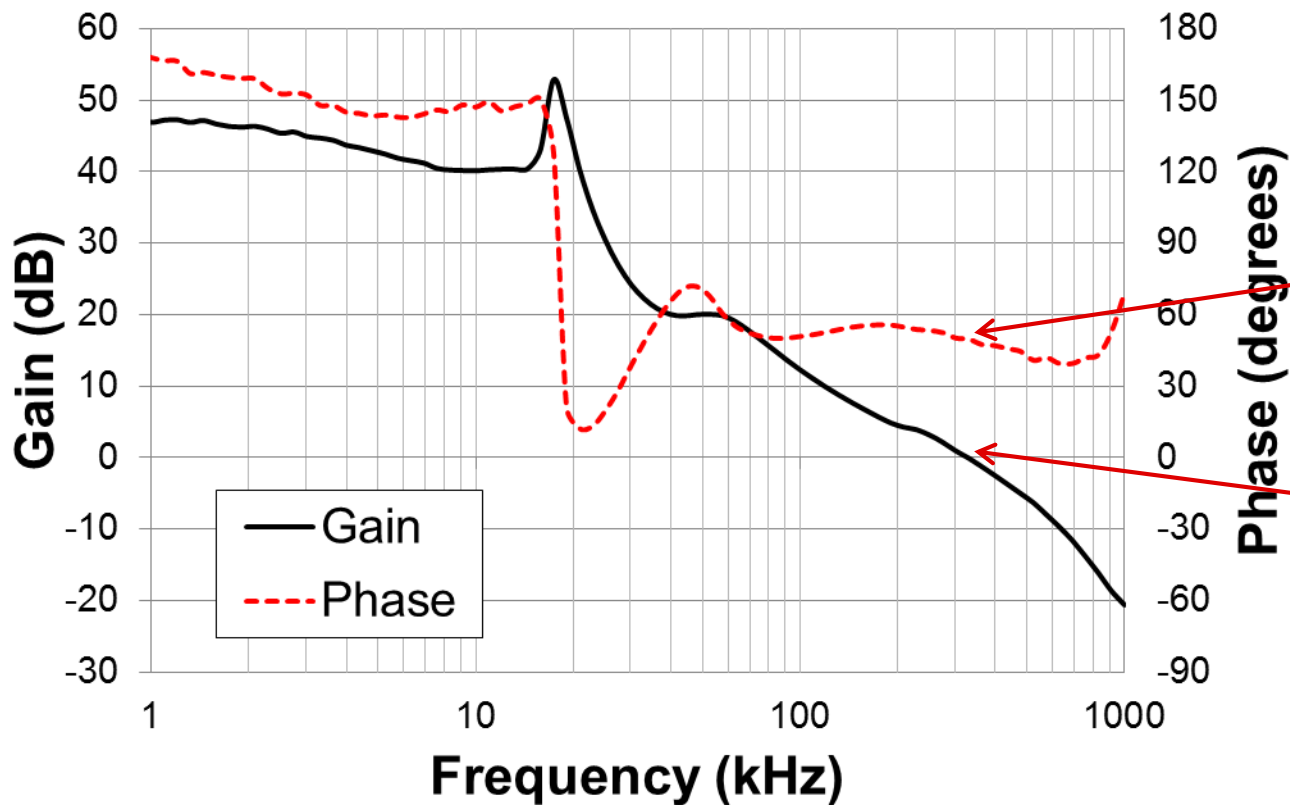
- Modelled gain matches closely
- Modelled phase shows better phase margin

Phase Margin:  
Over 60 deg.

Bandwidth:  
over 60kHz



# TPS54A20 Measured Loop Response (CCM)

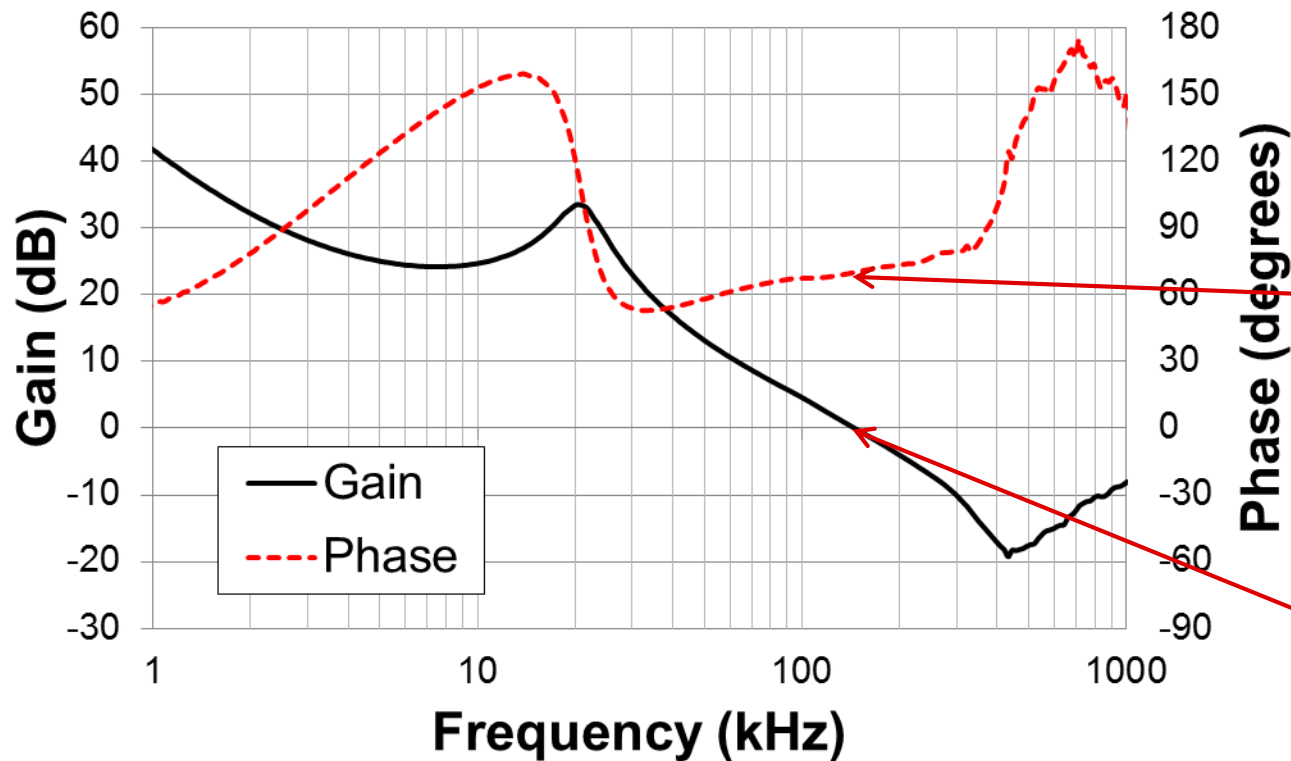


- No small signal model for COT based control

Phase Margin:  
Over 50 deg.

Bandwidth:  
over 300kHz

# TPS56C215 Measured Loop Response (CCM)



- No small signal model for COT based control

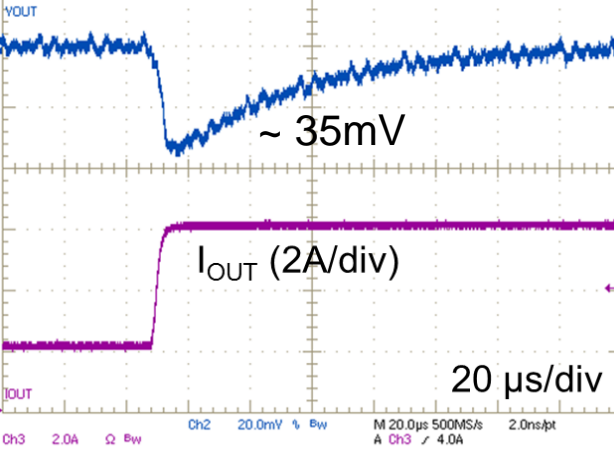
Phase Margin:  
Over 60 deg.

Bandwidth:  
150kHz

# Load Step Comparison (2 A to 6 A step at 1 A/ $\mu$ s)

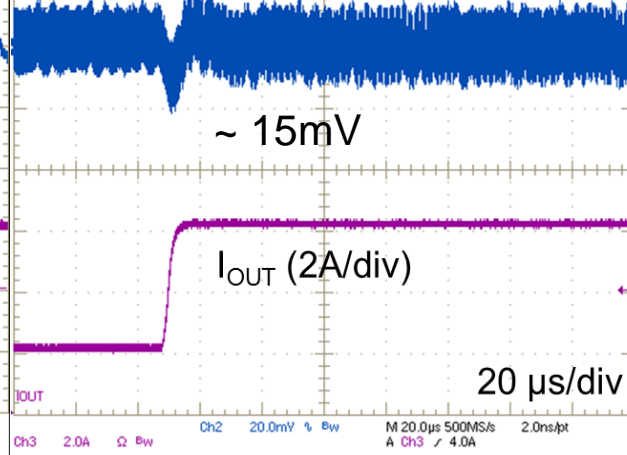
## TPS54824

$V_{OUT}$  (20mV/div, ac coupled)



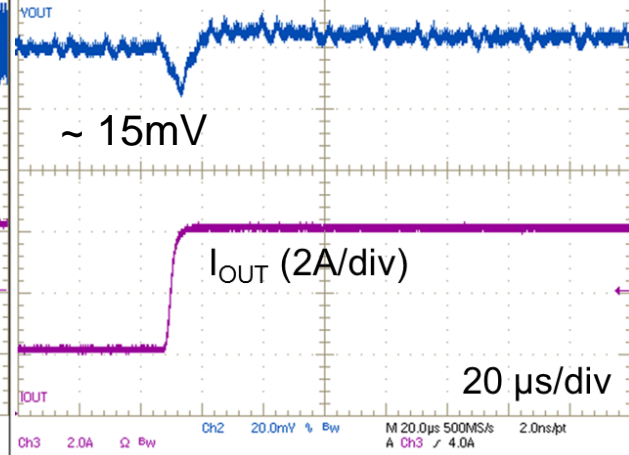
## TPS54A20

$V_{OUT}$  (20mV/div, ac coupled)



## TPS56C215

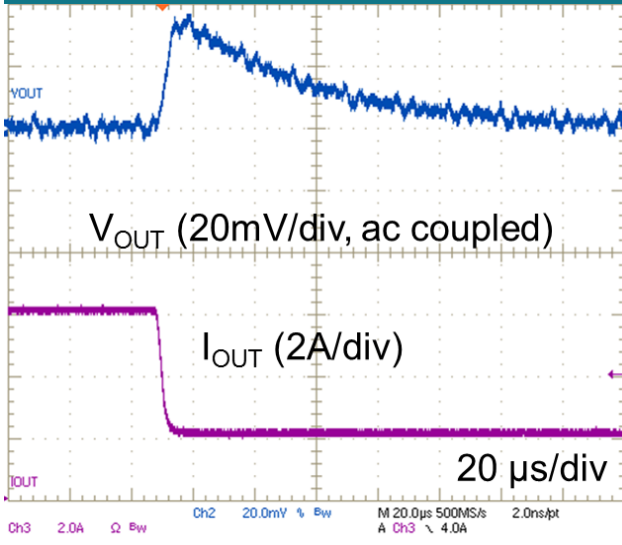
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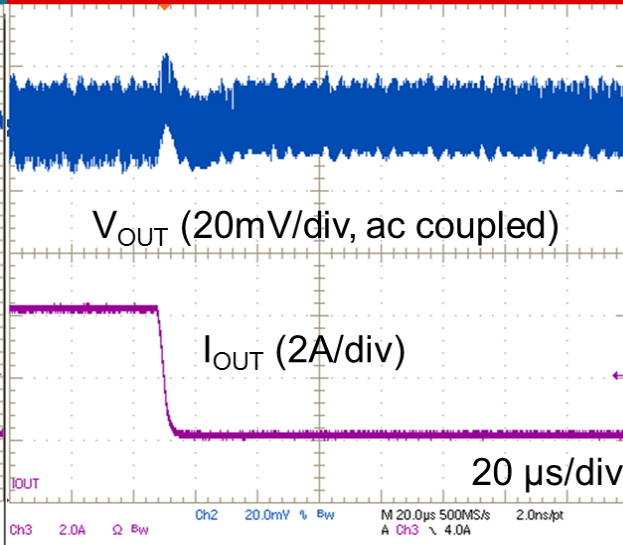
- TPS54824: **Largest undershoot** and settling time due to CM control
- TPS54A20 and TPS56C215: **Minimal undershoot** due to fast transient response of COT control

# Load Step Comparison (6 A to 2 A step at 1 A/ $\mu$ s)

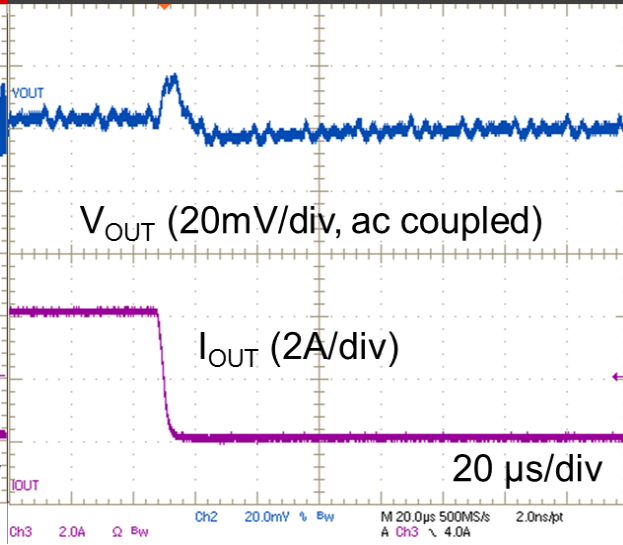
## TPS54824



## TPS54A20



## TPS56C215



- TPS54824: **Largest overshoot** and settling time due to CM control
- TPS54A20 and TPS56C215: **Minimal overshoot** due to fast transient response of COT control

# Output Ripple and Jitter

# $V_{OUT}$ Ripple – $I_{OUT} = 0$ A

## TPS54824

## TPS54A20

## TPS56C215

$V_{OUT}$  (10mV/div ac coupled)

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1us/div

400ns/div

400ns/div

- All three designs have <10mV output voltage ripple

# $V_{OUT}$ Ripple – $I_{OUT}$ Full Load

TPS54824

TPS54A20

TPS56C215

$V_{OUT}$  (10mV/div ac coupled)

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$V_{OUT}$  (10mV/div ac coupled)

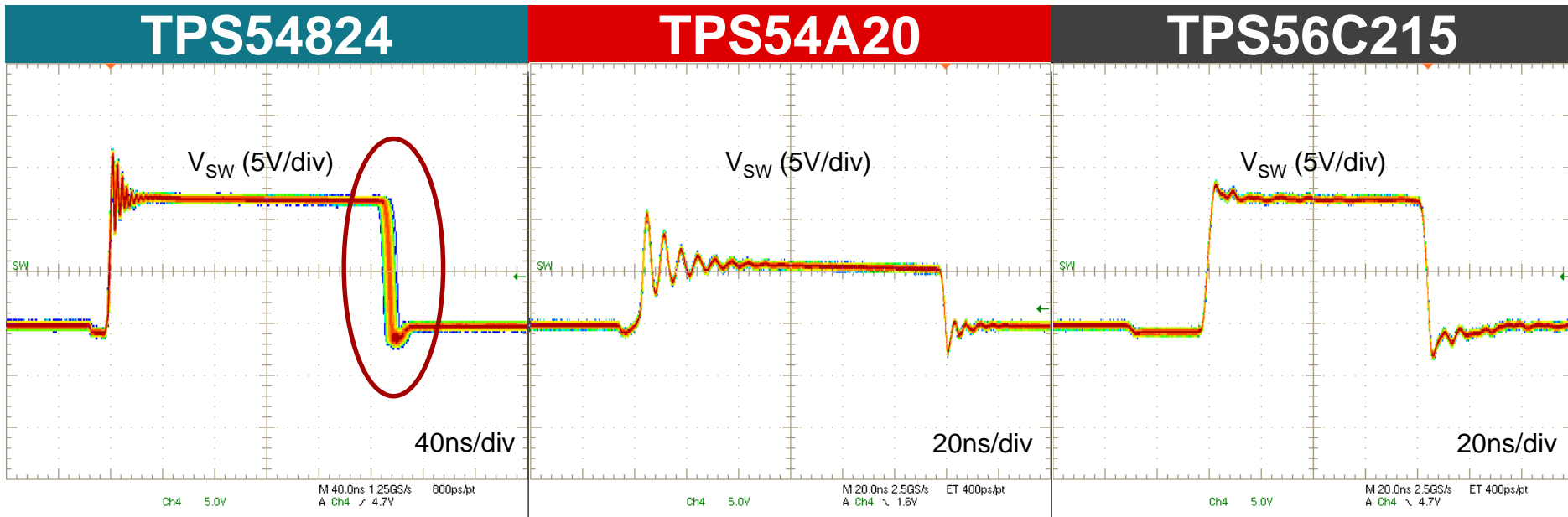
1us/div

400ns/div

1us/div

- All three designs have  $<10\text{mV}$  output voltage ripple
- Steady-state output ripple is slightly increased at full load

# On-Time Jitter Comparison

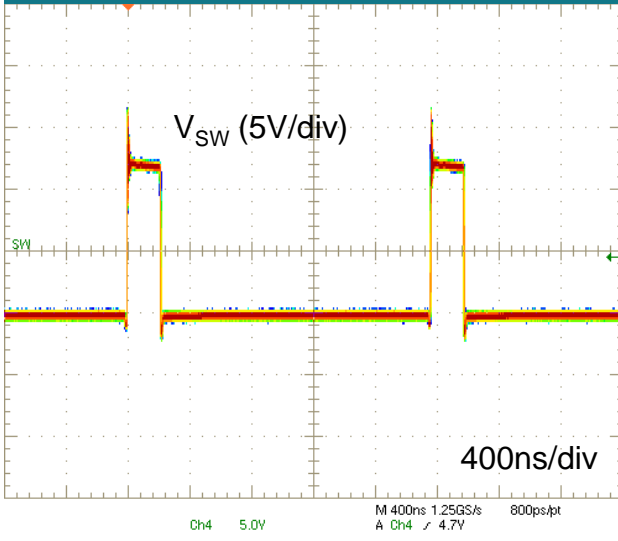


- TPS54824: **Small on-time jitter** due to on-time modulation
- TPS54A20 and TPS56C215: **No on-time jitter** due to constant on-time control
- TPS54A20: **Lower  $V_{SW}$**  due to series cap buck topology

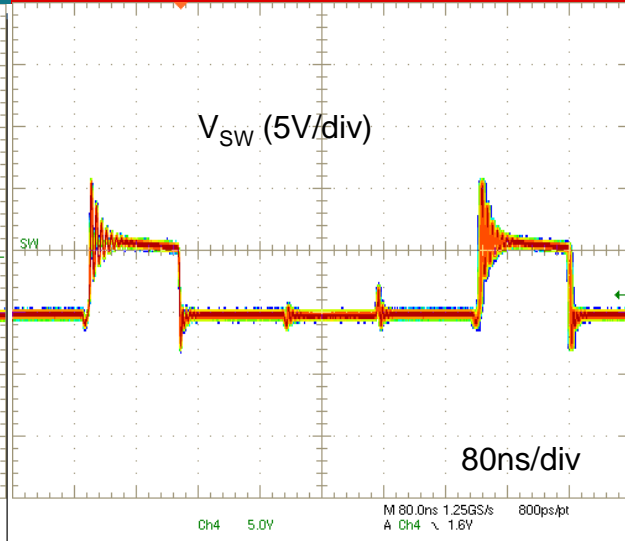


# Frequency Jitter Comparison

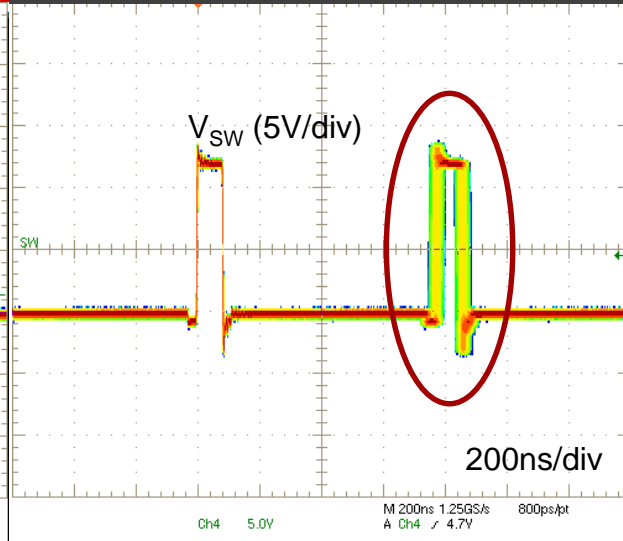
## TPS54824



## TPS54A20



## TPS56C215

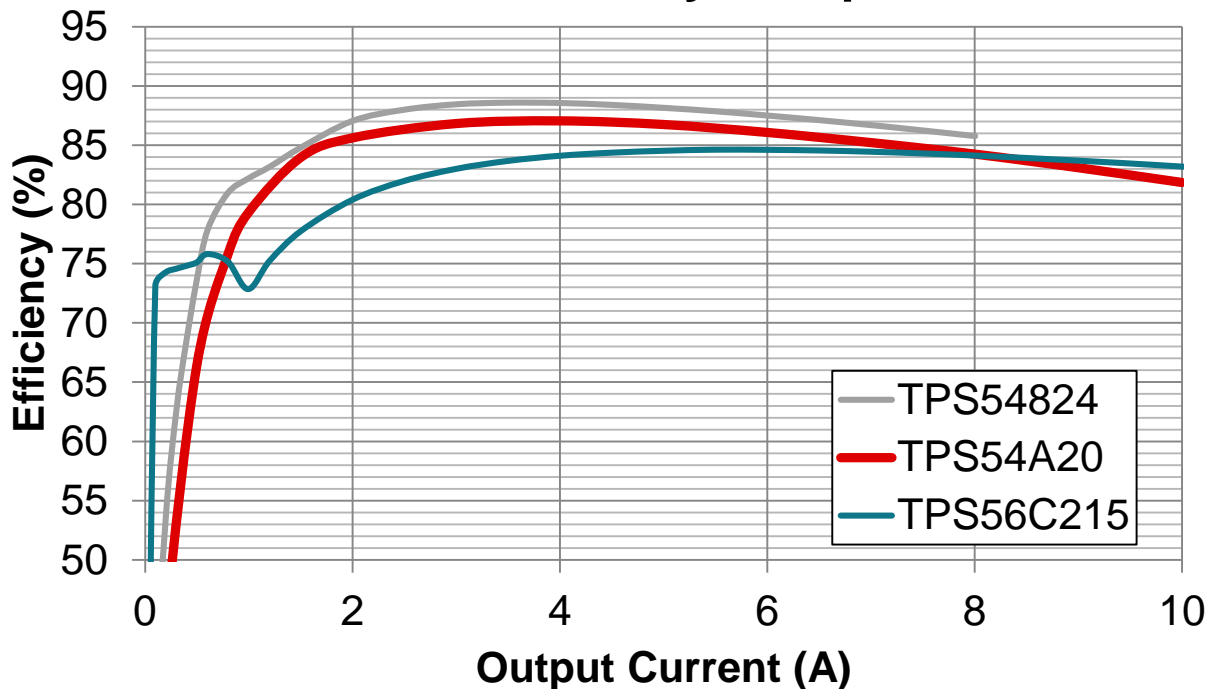


- TPS54824: **No frequency jitter** due to fixed frequency current mode control
- TPS54A20: **Very low frequency jitter** due to **synchronizable** COT control
- TPS56C215: **Frequency jitter** due to DCAP3 (COT control)
- PCB layout can affect Jitter

# Efficiency Comparison

# Measured Efficiency

## 12V to 1.2V Efficiency Comparison

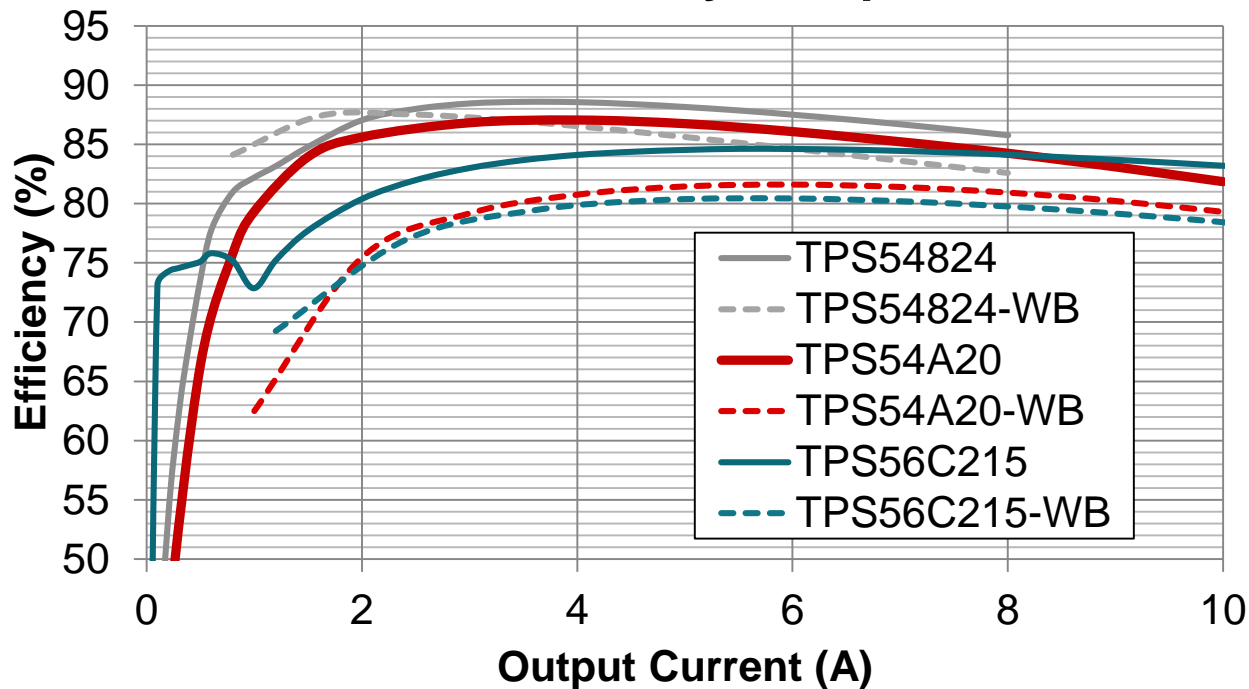


- **TPS54824** (500 kHz) is the **highest** efficiency solution
- **TPS56C215** (1.2MHz) has best **light load** efficiency due to **Eco Mode™**
- **TPS54A20** (2MHz/phase) very **close** to TPS54824 efficiency at **4X FSW**

Note:  
TPS54A20 & TPS56C215  
external 5V bias

# Measured Efficiency vs WEBENCH Simulation

## 12V to 1.2V Efficiency Comparison



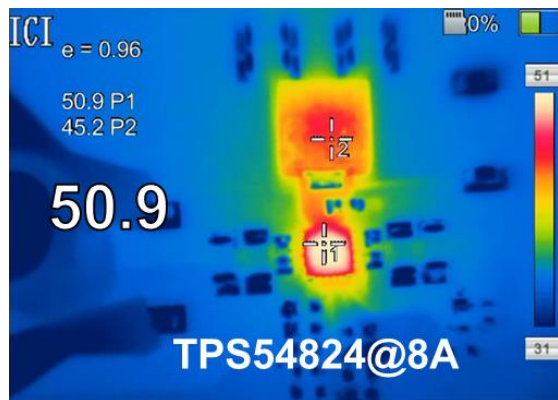
- WEBENCH efficiency estimates are **lower** than measured data.
- **External Bias** is not simulated in WEBENCH.
- **Inductor core loss** is not simulated in WEBENCH.

# Thermal Comparison

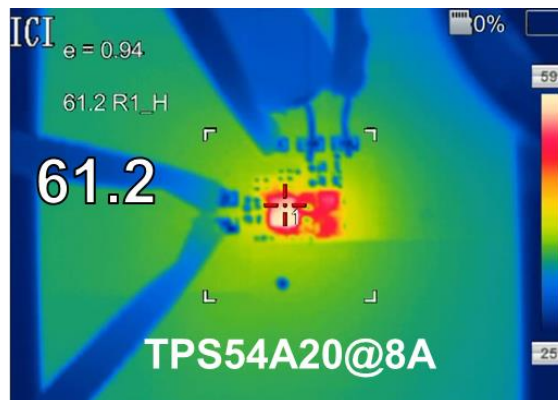
# Thermal Comparison

## Observations

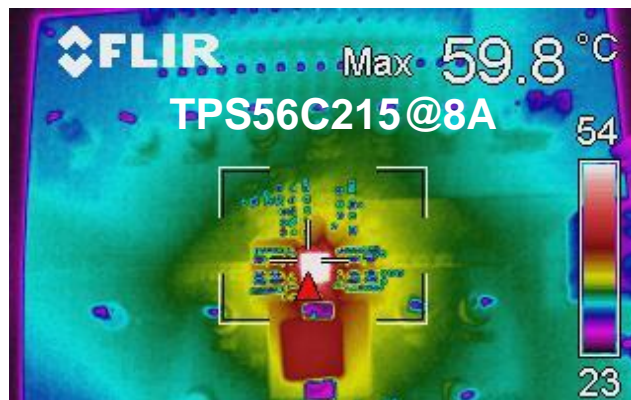
- In all 3 designs, the IC is the thermal hot spot
- TPS54A20's small inductors are not a thermal bottleneck
- All designs have less than 40°C temp rise



IC: 3.5x3.5mm,  $\theta_{JA} = 34^{\circ}\text{C/W}$



IC: 3.5x4mm,  $\theta_{JA} = 25^{\circ}\text{C/W}$



IC: 3.5x3.5mm,  $\theta_{JA} = 29.5^{\circ}\text{C/W}$

# Solution Size

# Solution Size Comparison

TPS54824 ~382 mm<sup>2</sup>



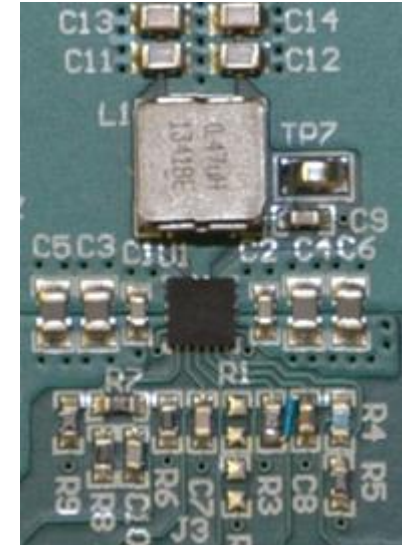
TPS54A20 ~136 mm<sup>2</sup>



13.1mm

10.3mm

TPS56C215 ~382 mm<sup>2</sup>



- TPS54824 – **Largest** solution size and **highest efficiency**.
- TPS54A20 – **Smallest** solution size and **lowest profile** with 1.25 mm height vs 3.0 mm.
- TPS56C215 – **Lowest cost solution**. Could reduce size by using a smaller inductor.



# Considering Cost

# TPS54824 BOM Analysis

IC  
Inductor  
Output Caps  
Input Caps

Part Number	Description	Footprint	QTY	1k Price	Total Cost
TPS54824RNVR	4.5-V to 17-V Input, 8-A Synchronous Step-Down DC/DC Converter	3.5x3.5mm	1	\$2.0000	\$2.0000
IHLP2525CZER1R0M01	Inductor, Shielded Molded, 1µH, 11A, 10 mOhm	6.95x2.8x6.6mm	1	\$1.0500	\$1.0500
GRM32ER60J107ME20L	CAP, CERM, 100 µF, 6.3 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 1210	1210	4	\$0.1800	\$0.7200
GRM32ER61E226KE15L	CAP, CERM, 22 µF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 1210	1210	2	\$0.1631	\$0.3262
GRM188R71E822KA01D	CAP, CERM, 8200 pF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0203	\$0.0203
GRM1885C1H270JA01D	CAP, CERM, 27 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0155	\$0.0155
GRM188R71E222KA01D	CAP, CERM, 2200 pF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0130	\$0.0130
885012006057	CAP, CERM, 100 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0365	\$0.0365
06033C104KAT2A	CAP, CERM, 0.1µF, 25V, +/-10%, X7R, 0603	0603	3	\$0.0053	\$0.0158
CRCW0603100KJNEA	RES, 100 k, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW060386K6FKEA	RES, 86.6 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW060310R0JNEA	RES, 10, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW06039K53FKEA	RES, 9.53 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW06036K04FKEA	RES, 6.04 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW060369K8FKEA	RES, 69.8 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW060312K1FKEA	RES, 12.1 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
CRCW060330K9FKEA	RES, 30.9 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0041	\$0.0041
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$4.23</b>

# TPS54A20 BOM Analysis

IC  
Inductors  
Output Caps  
Series Cap  
Input Caps

Part Number	Description	Footprint	QTY	1k Price	Total Cost
TPS54A20	8V to 14V, 10A, up to 10MHz Synchronous Step-Down Converter	3.5x4mm	1	\$3.25	\$3.25
HMLW32251B-R22MS-79	Inductor, Powdered Iron, 220 nH, 7.6 A, 0.009 ohm, SMD	3.2x2.5x1.2mm	2	\$0.2240	\$0.4480
GRM21BR60J476ME15L	47 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 20% 6.3V Ceramic Capacitor X5R 0805	0805	1	\$0.1278	\$0.1278
GRM21BR60G107ME15L	CAP, CERM, 100 $\mu$ F, 4 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 0805	805	1	\$0.4305	\$0.4305
GRM21BR71A225MA01L	CAP, CERM, 2.2 $\mu$ F, 10 V, +/- 20%, X7R, 0805	0805	1	\$0.0459	\$0.0459
C1608X5R1E106M080AC	CAP, CERM, 10 $\mu$ F, 25 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 0603	0603	1	\$0.3010	\$0.3010
GRM188R61E104KA01D	CAP, CERM, 0.1 $\mu$ F, 25 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0090	\$0.0090
GRM155R61E105KA12D	CAP, CERM, 1 $\mu$ F, 25 V, +/- 10%, X5R, 0402	0402	1	\$0.0177	\$0.0177
GRM155R71A473KA01D	CAP, CERM, 0.047 $\mu$ F, 10 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0402	0402	2	\$0.0061	\$0.0122
GRM155R61A475M	CAP, CERM, 4.7 $\mu$ F, 10 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 0402	0402	1	\$0.0948	\$0.0948
C1005C0G1H471J	CAP, CERM, 470 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0402	0402	1	\$0.0108	\$0.0108
CRCW040222K1FKED	RES, 22.1 k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0402	0402	1	\$0.0058	\$0.0058
CRCW04021K00FKED	RES, 1.00 k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0402	0402	1	\$0.0058	\$0.0058
CRCW04021K40FKED	RES, 1.40 k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0402	0402	1	\$0.0058	\$0.0058
CRCW040247K0FKED	RES, 47k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0402	402	1	\$0.0058	\$0.0058
CRCW040280K6FKED	RES, 80.6k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0402	402	1	\$0.0058	\$0.0058
CRCW040212K4FKED	RES, 12.4k, 1%, 0.063 W, 0403	402	1	\$0.0058	\$0.0058
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$4.78</b>

# TPS56C215 BOM Analysis

IC  
Inductor  
Output Caps  
Input Caps

Part Number	Description	Footprint	QTY	1k Price	Total Cost
TPS56C215RNNR	4.5V to 17V Input, 12A Synchronous Step-Down Converter,	RUW0015A	1	\$1.90	\$1.90
IHLP2525CZERR47M01	Inductor, Shielded Drum Core, Powdered Iron, 470 nH, 17.5 A, 0.004 ohm	IHLP-2525CZ	1	\$1.06	\$1.06
GRM21BR61E226ME44L	22µF ±20% 25V Ceramic Capacitor X5R 0805	0805	4	\$0.1162	\$0.46
GRM21BR60J476ME15L	47µF ±20% 6.3V Ceramic Capacitor X5R 0805	0805	4	\$0.1278	\$0.5111
GRM188R71E104KA01D	CAP, CERM, 0.1 µF, 25 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	0603	3	\$0.0049	\$0.0146
GRM188R71H473KA61D	CAP, CERM, 0.047 µF, 50 V, +/- 10%, X7R, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0147	\$0.0147
GRM188R61A475ME15	CAP, CERM, 4.7 µF, 10 V, +/- 20%, X5R, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0303	\$0.0303
GRM1885C1H560JA01D	CAP, CERM, 56 pF, 50 V, +/- 5%, C0G/NP0, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0155	\$0.0155
CRCW060310K0FKEA	RES, 10.0 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	3	\$0.0055	\$0.0166
CRCW060352K3FKEA	RES, 52.3 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0604	0603	1	\$0.0055	\$0.0055
CRCW060349K9FKEA	RES, 49.9 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0605	0603	1	\$0.0055	\$0.0055
MCR03EZPJ000	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	2	\$0.0024	\$0.0047
CRCW060357K6FKEA	RES, 57.6 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0055	\$0.0055
CRCW060312K1FKEA	RES, 12.1 k, 1%, 0.1 W, 0603	0603	1	\$0.0055	\$0.0055
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$4.05</b>

# BOM Analysis

Part Number	Inductors	Caps	Resistors	IC	Total
TPS54824	\$1.05	\$1.15	\$0.03	\$2.00	\$4.23
TPS54A20	\$0.45	\$1.05	\$0.03	\$3.25	\$4.78
TPS56C215	\$1.06	\$1.05	\$0.04	\$1.90	\$4.05

IC cost is not the only factor to consider!! (Note all pricing is 1K Resale)

- Make sure to evaluate the **total solution cost!!**
- **Capacitors & inductors** can greatly affect the solution cost
  - Capacitors cost will vary with package chosen
    - Caps selected for TPS54A20 were more expensive per piece due to smaller package size
  - Inductor cost will vary depending on size and construction

# Summary

## TPS54824

- Highest **efficiency**
- Lowest **temperature** rise
- No frequency **jitter**
- **3X solution size**

## TPS54A20

- Smallest solution **size**
- Lowest **profile** (height)
- Highest **bandwidth**

## TPS56C215

- Lowest **cost** solution
- Fast **transient** response
- High **light load efficiency**
- **3X solution size**

Part Number	Efficiency @2A/6A/8A	Solution Size (mm <sup>2</sup> )	BW (kHz)	Transient (mV)	Ripple @Full Load (mV)	On-Time Jitter	FREQ Jitter	IC Thermal @8A	Solution Cost
TPS54824	87/87.5/86	382	60	35	5	very little	no	50.9°C	\$4.23
TPS54A20	85.5/86/84.5	136	300	15	10	no	very little	61.2°C	\$4.78
TPS56C215	80.5/84.5/84	382	150	15	5	no	yes	59.8°C	\$4.05