

TI Designs: TIDA-01524

Automotive High-Efficiency Power Front End and Multi-Phase Processor Supply Reference Design



Description

This processor supply reference design is an automotive power solution for use in high-performance, single-core-voltage application processors in advanced driver assistance systems (ADASs). This design can support core supply currents up to 10 A at 0.9 V. The design can also operate with a wide input voltage range, withstand reverse battery conditions, and support start-stop and cold-crank down to a 3.5-V input with an undisturbed output. The sub-AM band switching frequency of the power front end improves efficiency and reduces board temperatures when compared to a power front end with faster switching frequency. The multiphase configuration and integration of supplies enables lower electromagnetic interference (EMI) and higher efficiency. This reference design also provides results for conducted emissions tests for CISPR 25 Class 5.

Resources

TIDA-01524	Design Folder
LP87561-Q1	Product Folder
LMS3655-Q1	Product Folder
LM26420-Q1	Product Folder
LM74700-Q1	Product Folder
LM2775	Product Folder
TIDA-00530	Product Folder
TIDA-00699	Product Folder
PMP7233	Product Folder
AutoCrankSim-EVM	Tool Folder

Features

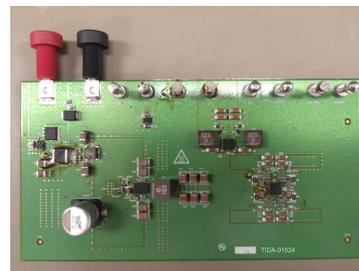
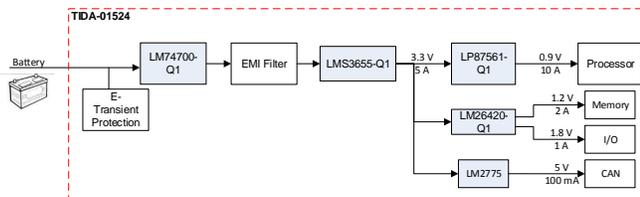
- 5-A Integrated, 400-kHz Synchronous Wide Input Voltage Buck DC/DC Converter with Spread Spectrum
- Supplying 10 A at 0.9 V to Core-voltage Rail of Application Processor
- Smart Diode Reverse Battery Protection for Minimum Voltage Drop
- Operating Range 3.5 V to 36 V, Supports Start-Stop and Cold Crank
- Interleaved Four-Phase Core-Voltage Supply Minimizes Ripple, EMI, and Inductor Size
- Conducted Emissions Tested Against CISPR 25 Class 5
- Small Switched Cap Boost for 5-V CAN Supply Reduces Solution Size and BOM Cost

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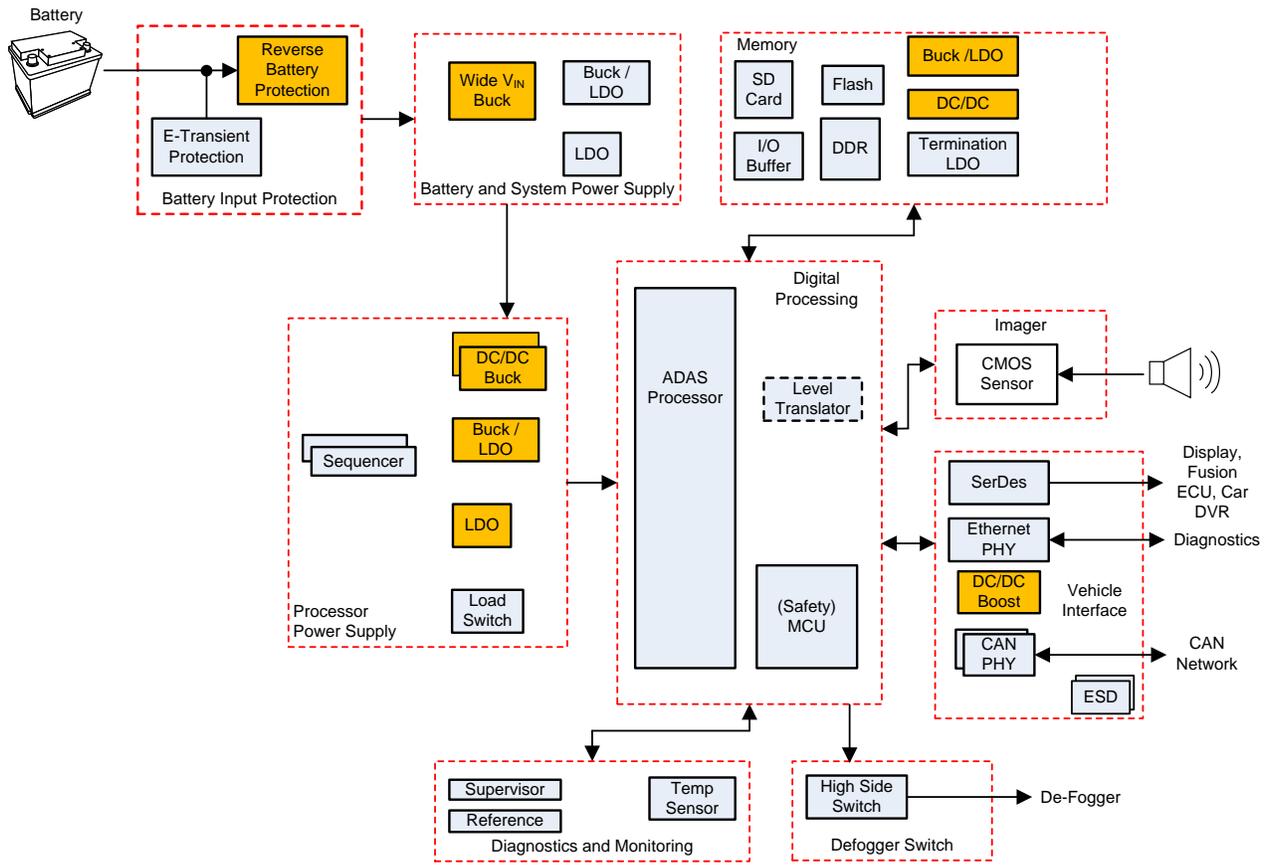
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1 System Description

Camera-based ADAS systems process and analyze video feeds from local or distributed cameras and either output video or use machine-vision algorithms to perceive the environment in and around the car. Such functions are made possible by application processors, which typically have specific power requirements. Application processors are used in automotive camera systems such as front camera, mirror replacement, driver monitoring, surround view systems, and to some extent, sensor fusion systems. This design focuses on applications up to 15 W and application processors with single-core voltage domains. This design has been created with the following features in mind:

- System efficiency of at least 75% with nominal input voltage
- Provide 10 A at 0.9 V to a single-core voltage rail for video application processors
- Minimize electromagnetic interference (EMI) and solution size with a multiphase configuration for the single-core-voltage rail supply
- Limit conducted emissions below CISPR 25 Class 5 conducted emissions limits
- Withstand reverse battery condition
- Operate through start-stop and cold-crank down to 3.5 V
- Optimize the individual blocks for the smallest possible solution size
- Provide power for CAN PHY and external DDRx memory

Figure 1 shows an example of a front camera system.



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Figure 1. Example of Front Camera Block Diagram

These camera systems vary in the location of cameras and the number of cameras and processors. The red blocks are all components located on the TIDA-01524 board and which cover the power requirements for an application processor. Functionality, such as voltage supervision and sequencing, are partially integrated into the integrated circuits (ICs). [Figure 2](#) shows each subsystem and block on the actual TIDA-01524 board.

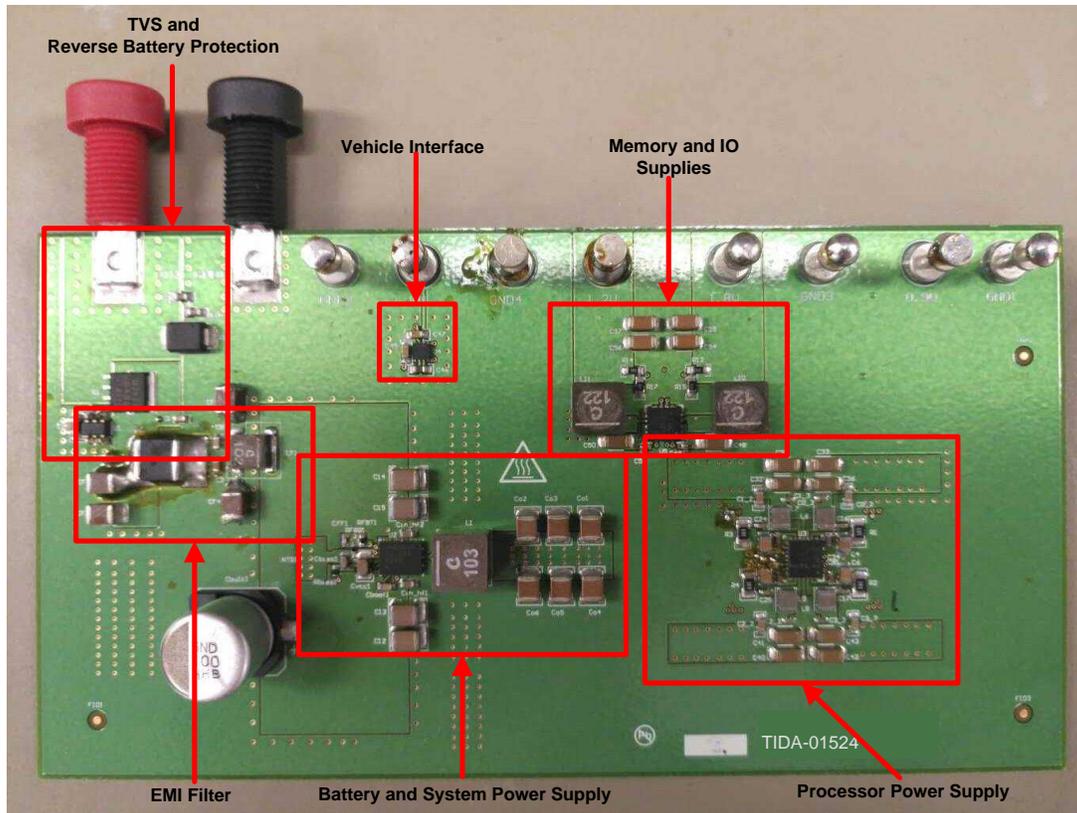


Figure 2. TIDA-01524 Subsystems Highlight

1.1 Key System Specifications

Table 1. Key System Specifications

PARAMETER	COMMENTS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT		
SYSTEM INPUT							
V_{IN}	Input voltage	Battery voltage range (DC)		3.5	13.5	36.0	V
V_{CORE}	Core-voltage supply output voltage	—	0.9	—	—	V	
I_{CORE}	Core-voltage supply output current	—	—	10.0	—	A	
$V_{I/O}$	I/O supply voltage	—	1.8	—	—	V	
$I_{I/O}$	I/O supply output current	—	—	1.0	—	A	
V_{MEMORY}	Memory supply voltage	—	1.2	—	—	V	
I_{MEMORY}	Memory supply output current	—	—	2.0	—	A	
V_{CAN}	CAN supply voltage	—	5.0	—	—	V	
I_{CAN}	CAN supply output current	—	—	0.1	—	A	

2 System Overview

2.1 Block Diagram

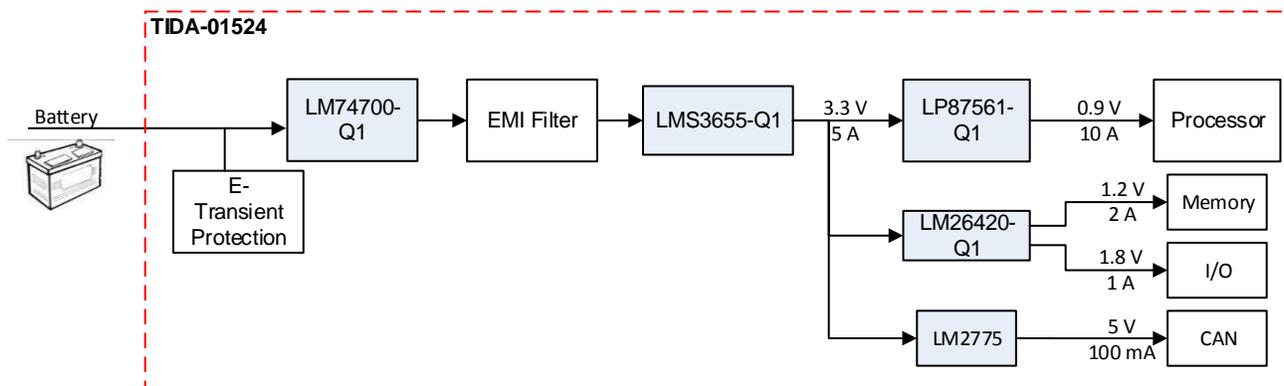


Figure 3. Power Solution for Single-Core-Voltage Application Processors

2.2 Highlighted Products

This reference design uses the following TI products:

- LMS3655-Q1: 5.5-A, 400-kHz synchronous buck converter with a wide input voltage range from 3.5 V to 36 V and spread spectrum (42-V transients), enabling the device to work directly from an automotive battery
- LP87561-Q1: Four-phase, 16-A buck converter with I²C compatible serial interface designed to meet power management requirements for the latest automotive processor applications
- LM26420-Q1: Highly-efficient, dual, 2-A synchronous buck converter with independent power good and precision enable for each output
- LM2775: Highly-compact, switched-capacitor 5-V boost converter
- LM74700-Q1: The "Always On Smart Diode Controller" is a high-side N-channel field-effect transistor (N-FET) controller with ultra-low forward voltage drop intended for reverse-battery protection

The following subsections detail each device and explain their selection for this application.

2.2.1 LMS3655-Q1

The LMS3655-Q1 is the main system supply in this reference design. The wide input voltage range, high integration, and excellent efficiency make this device a top choice for the wide-input-voltage power front end. The device switches at 400 kHz, below the AM band (530 kHz to 1.8 MHz). There should be minimal interference in the AM band for all automotive applications. While the external passive components may be larger than for a device with a switching frequency above the AM band, the total efficiency and thermal performance is improved. The LMS3655-Q1 also uses spread spectrum to reduce peaks of the higher harmonics of the switching frequency in the FM band.

The LMS3655-Q1 is designed with a flip-chip or HotRod™ integrated circuit package. This packaging technology drastically reduces the parasitic inductance of pins. As a result, the switch-node waveform shows much less overshoot and ringing. In addition, the layout of the device allows for partial cancellation of current-generated magnetic fields, which reduces the radiated noise generated by the switching action.

Though not used in this reference design, this switcher supports external clock synchronization to avoid beat frequencies between multiple converters or to allow a master to dither the clock signal. This feature can be very useful for optimizing systems for EMI performance.

2.2.2 LP87561-Q1

The LP87561-Q1 contains four step-down DC-DC converter cores that switch at 2 MHz and are configured to a four-phase, single-output configuration to power a single-core voltage rail of an automotive video applications processor with 10 A at 0.9 V. The designer can control and configure the device over the I²C interface. The maximum output current of the device is actually 16 A (4 A per phase); however, the designer must consider thermal limitations.

For application processor power delivery, a multiphase synchronous buck converter offers several advantages over a single power stage converter. The load current in a multiphase converter is shared evenly among interleaved phases, which eases the inductance and saturation current requirements for each output inductor. Less inductance allows for higher dynamic current, which improves transient response and recovery times. An added benefit is that the heat generated is greatly reduced for each channel due to the fact that current is shared between phases.

Although not used in this reference design, the device does have internal sequencing, which can eliminate the requirement for external sequencer ICs, further reducing the solution footprint. This device also supports remote differential voltage sensing, programmable start-up and shutdown delays, using an external clock input for switching, spread-spectrum, and phase interleaving.

2.2.3 LM26420-Q1

The LM26420-Q1 is a dual, 2-A integrated buck regulator providing 2 A at 1.2 V to memory and 1 A at 1.8 V to the I/O voltage in this design. The switching frequency of this device is 2.2 MHz, which is above the AM band. Each output has independent power good and precision enable signals. This design does not have a sequencing requirement, so these signals remain unused.

The 2-A, 1.2-V supply is intended for 1GB of DDR3 memory, which is sufficient for the targeted low-end processing applications and the 1-A, 1.8-V supply provides sufficient headroom for the I/O.

2.2.4 LM2775

The LM2775 is a fixed, 5-V switched capacitor boost converter for CAN PHY. Compared to an inductor-based solution, the switched capacitor approach reduces the total solution size. The device switches above the AM band at 2.0 MHz. Because 5 V at 200 mA is required for a single CAN PHY, this device is optimized for single CAN PHY applications. The package is a very small 2x2-mm WSON. The only required external components are the I/O capacitors and switched capacitor.

The LM2775 has output disable control. When the device is in shutdown, setting the OUTDIS pin high or low pulls the output voltage to GND or leaves the output in a high impedance state.

2.2.5 LM74700-Q1

The LM74700-Q1 is used for low-loss reverse polarity protection. Using a charge pump, this device controls an external N-FET in series with the battery supply input to act as an ideal diode, with a very-low voltage drop and power loss as opposed to a discrete diode solution. This controller is "Always On" to avoid periodic voltage drops at the input. After detecting a reverse-battery condition, the device quickly turns off the field-effect transistor (FET) that isolates and protects the downstream circuitry.

The voltage drop across the FET is negligibly small, which allows for more input voltage headroom for the wide input voltage buck converter, permitting it to operate at even lower battery input voltages. For example, a cold-crank condition occurs when the battery tries to energize the starter of the engine and the battery voltage drops as low as 3.5 V. With a diode solution, the voltage at the input of the buck converter will be 3.5 V minus the typical diode drop of 0.7 V or 2.8 V. This input voltage is too low for the converter to regulate the 3.3-V system voltage. With the smart diode solution, input voltage at the buck will be close to 3.5 V during this condition and will continue to regulate.

2.3 System Design Theory

2.3.1 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB) and Form Factor

This design does not have any specific requirements for the board geometry. The main objective is to have as small of a solution size as possible for each supply. Figure 4 shows a three-dimensional (3-D) rendering of the PCB, followed by a labeled photograph of the actual board in Figure 5.

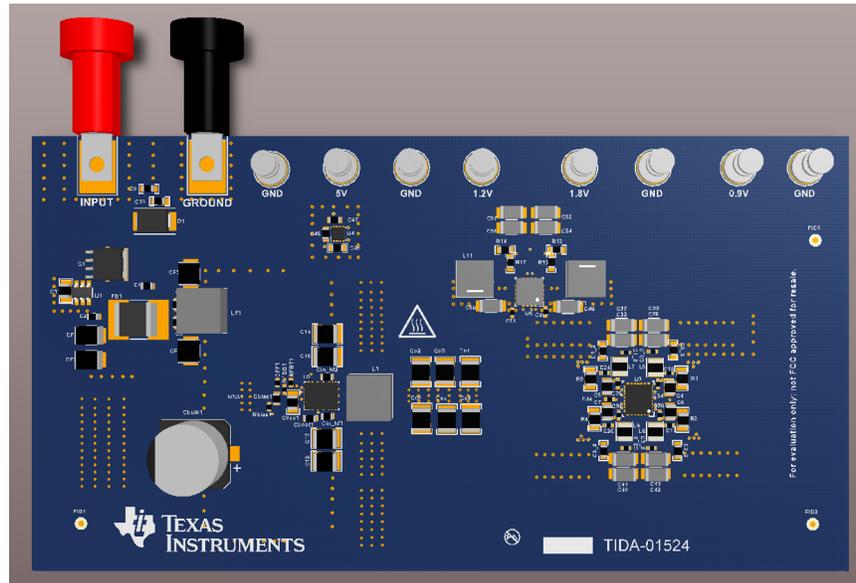


Figure 4. TIDA-01524 PCB Render

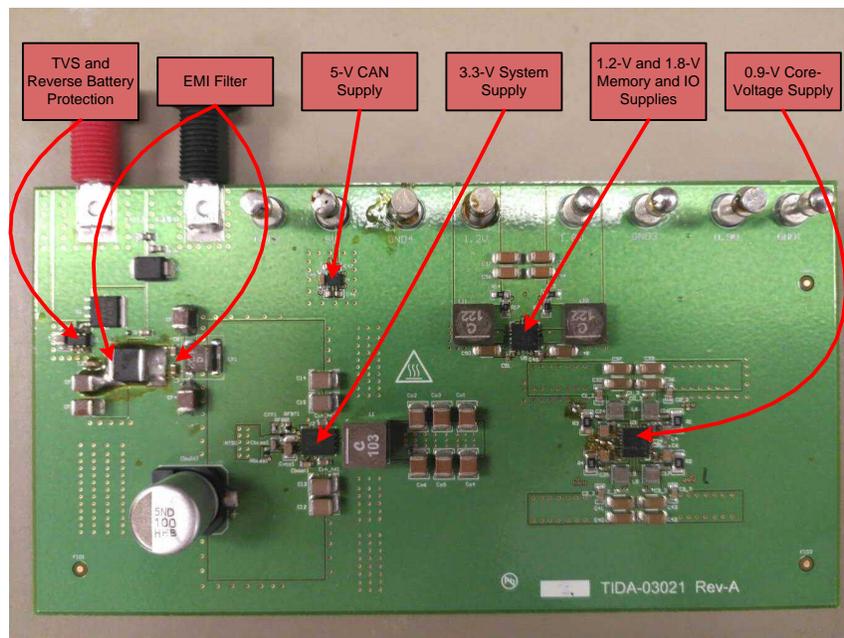


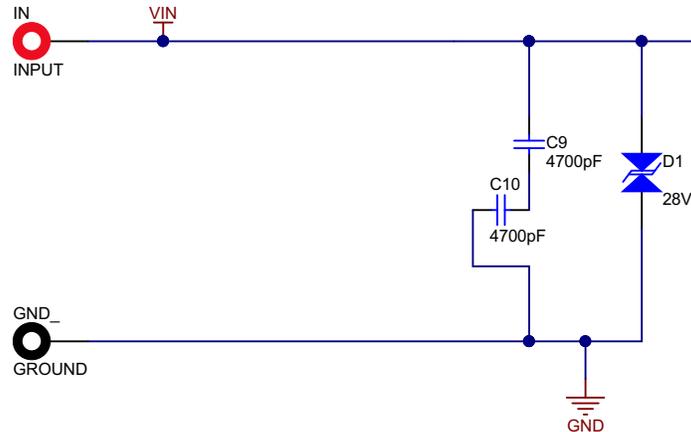
Figure 5. TIDA-01524 Labeled Supplies and Components

2.3.2 Input Protection and Wide- V_{IN} DC-DC

2.3.2.1 TVS Diodes

Transient voltage suppression (TVS) diodes are required on the supply input of the system to protect against both positive and negative going transients. The transients of concern are detailed in ISO 7637-2:2004, pulses 1 and 2a. Many systems in a car can simply shut down during these transients until the condition passes; alternatively, many ADAS applications require continuous operation. For this reason, the transients must be shunted instead of using an overvoltage shutdown scheme.

Figure 6 shows a schematic of the input transient protection.



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Figure 6. Input Transient Protection

The diode breakdown voltages have been chosen such that transients are clamped at voltages that protect the MOSFET and the rest of the system. The positive clamping device must clamp above a double-battery (jump-start) and clamped load dump voltages, but lower than the maximum operating voltage of the downstream devices. In this case, the requirement is to clamp around 28 V but have a maximum clamping voltage below 40 V. Ideally, the best choice is to specify 36 V as the approximate maximum clamping voltage.

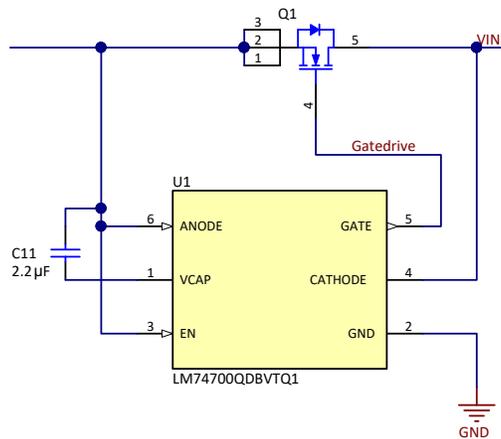
The reverse clamping device must clamp all negative voltages greater than the battery voltage so that it does not short out during a reverse-battery condition.

Due to the energy of the pulses, SMD-sized TVS diodes with 600-W instantaneous peak power ratings are the required minimum specification. This design uses a 600-W, 28-V bidirectional TVS diode.

2.3.2.2 Reverse Battery Protection

Reverse battery protection is a requirement in nearly every electronic subsystem of a vehicle, both by original equipment manufacturer (OEM) standards as well as ISO 16750-2, an international standard that pertains to supply quality.

Figure 7 shows a schematic of the reverse battery input protection.



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Figure 7. Reverse Battery Input Protection

Rather than use the traditional diode rectifier solution for reverse battery protection, this implementation uses an N-channel MOSFET driven by the LM74700-Q1 device. The power dissipation of a discrete diode solution is significantly higher due to the typical 600-mV to 700-mV forward drop. A very-low forward voltage drop can be achieved using low $R_{DS(ON)}$ external N-channel MOSFETs. This low forward voltage drop from the supply to the system yields much higher efficiency, less heat, and a lower input voltage operating range while protecting the system from a reverse polarity condition.

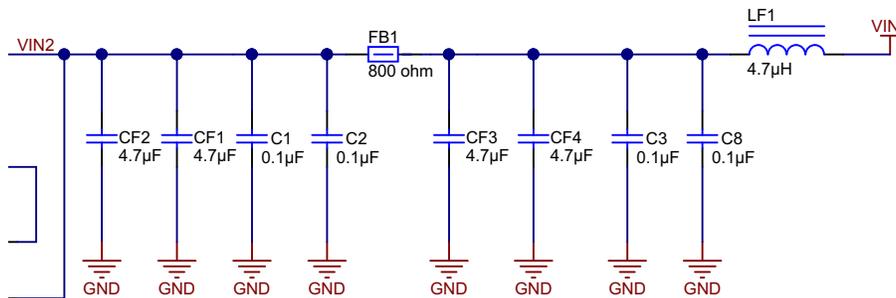
The FET must have a rating which is at least as high as the clamped input voltage. This reference design uses a 40-V N-FET with a 2-V gate-source threshold voltage.

2.3.2.3 Input Capacitors Exposed to Battery Inputs

The final consideration for the front-end protection is the input capacitors. This design uses two, 100-V rated capacitors in series between the battery line and ground, which effectively makes a 200-V rated capacitor of half the nominal capacitance value, to suppress voltage transients detected at the input to protect downstream devices.

2.3.2.4 Input EMI Filter

The schematic in Figure 8 shows the EMI filter at the system supply input, after the reverse battery protection.



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Figure 8. Input EMI Filter Schematic

The inductor LF1 attenuates high-frequency noise coupling back onto the input. Decoupling capacitors C3 and C8 filter out the high-frequency noise that the inductor LF1 cannot attenuate.

The ferrite bead FB1 has a higher resonant frequency than inductor LF1, around 100 MHz. FB1 attenuates unfiltered noise around this 100-MHz band that has been conducted upstream from the LF1-C8 node to VIN2, and increases the impedance for higher-frequency currents that can come from the larger upstream loop, from VIN2 to downstream components after VIN1. Similar to capacitors C3 and C8 after LF1, the decoupling capacitors C1 and C2 provide a low impedance path for high-frequency currents to ground.

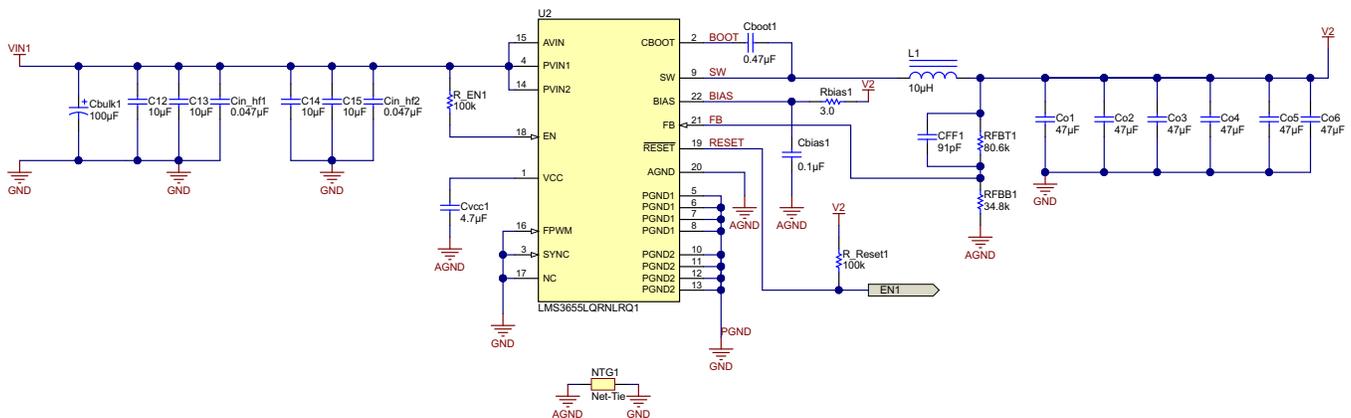
When selecting and adding decoupling capacitors, it may seem attractive to simply add more capacitors. No matter how much decoupling is used, designers must take careful consideration to avoid parallel resonances resulting from the unseen parasitics of the passives. Parallel resonances can cause EMI problems that may be difficult to pinpoint and address.

While it is critical to select the right components for the EMI filter, strategically laying out these components is equally critical for an effective EMI filter.

2.3.2.5 Wide Input Voltage Buck Converter

The LMS3655-Q1 is an AECQ100-qualified, wide-input voltage buck regulator used as a front-end supply to provide a 3.3-V system voltage. With a nominal input voltage range of 3.5 V to 36 V and transients up to 42 V, the device can continue operation through most battery conditions such as start-stop, cold-crank, and load dump.

Figure 9 shows a schematic of the wide input voltage buck.



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Figure 9. Wide Input Voltage Buck

The LMS3655-Q1 delivers 5 A at a 400-kHz switching frequency in the above configuration. This setup configures the device for automatic light load mode, which means that the device moves between pulse-frequency modulation (PFM) and pulse-width modulation (PWM) mode as the load current changes. This device has spread spectrum enabled. As the switching frequency operation is below the AM band, automatic shift into PFM mode is acceptable because the switching frequency is still below the AM band and not inside the band.

2.3.3 Power Supply Design Considerations

For this power supply, choose inductors such that:

- The ripple current is between 20% to 40% of the load current I_{LOAD} with the given switching frequency, input voltage, and output voltage. This reference design uses 40%.
- The temperature ratings are appropriate for automotive applications, typically -40°C to 125°C for ADAS applications.
- Saturation current is chosen per Equation 1 for peak current, plus additional margin.

$$I_{SAT} \left(I_{LOAD} + 0.5 \times I_{RIPPLE} \right) \times 1.2 \tag{1}$$

An important recommendation for ADAS applications is selecting ceramic capacitors that use X7R dielectric material, which ensures minimum capacitance variation over the full temperature range. The voltage rating of the capacitors must be greater than the maximum voltage and twice the typical voltage across its terminals to avoid DC bias effects. The amount of output capacitance used depends on output ripple and transient response requirements, for which there are many equations and tools available online to help estimate. The supplies in this solution have been designed for a $\pm 2.5\%$ total transient response. Low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic capacitors have been used exclusively for the purpose of reducing ripple. For internally-compensated supplies, see the device-specific data sheets, as they may have limitations on acceptable LC output filter values.

ICs must always be qualified per AECQ100. TI parts that are qualified typically have part numbers ending in "-Q1".

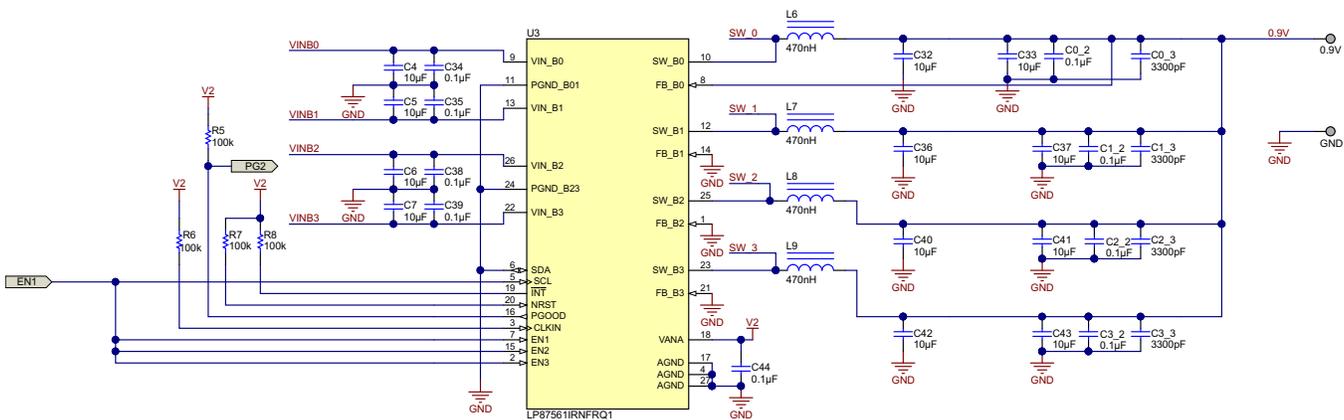
For improved accuracy, all feedback resistor dividers must use components with 1% tolerance.

2.3.3.1 LP87561-Q1 Core-Voltage Supply

The LP87561-Q1 is a four-phase single output device. Rather than using external resistor dividers to set core configurations, operating modes, slew rates, and status signal delays, the device is configurable through an I²C interface. In this design, the I²C lines are unused and the device runs in the default state. The default values of key device parameters are defined as follows:

- $V_{OUT} = 0.9\text{ V}$
- Forced PWM mode
- Automatic phase adding and shedding
- Switch current limit = 5 A
- Output voltage slew rate = 10 mV/ μs
- Start-up delay = 0 ms
- Shutdown delay = 0 ms

Figure 10 shows the schematic for the device.



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Figure 10. Core-Voltage Supply Schematic

For more detail on the design procedure and component selection, see [LP87561F-Q1 Four-Phase 16-A Buck Converter With Integrated Switches](#) (SNVSAS3). The following subsections describe the input EMI filters and snubber circuits for each phase.

2.3.3.1.1 LP87561-Q1 Input EMI Filter

Figure 11 shows the schematic for the EMI filter for each phase input.

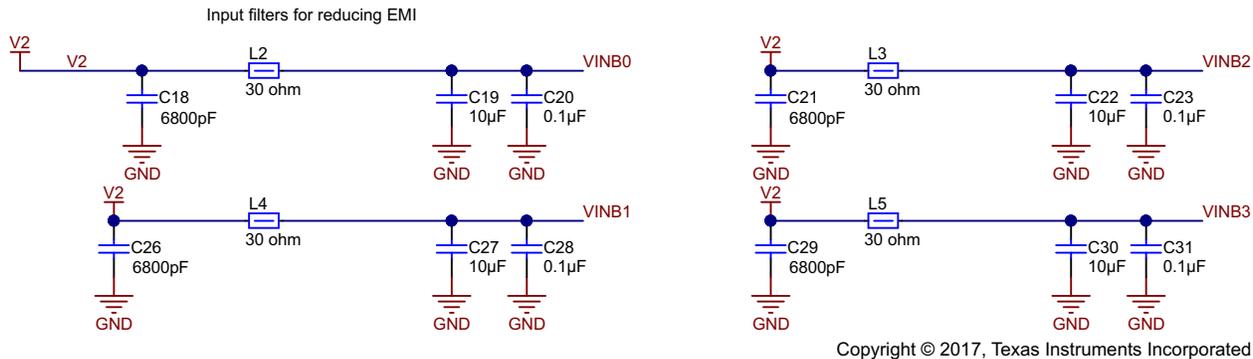


Figure 11. Input EMI Filter for Each Phase

These input EMI filters are pi filters. Similar to the system input EMI filter that addresses, the ferrite bead acts as both an AC current-loop choke from a larger upstream loop and an attenuator of high-frequency noise conducted back into the system. A 30-Ω ferrite bead is selected for low DC resistance (DCR) and because 30 Ω at 100 MHz is a good starting point for optimization. This impedance is not required to be very high, but just high enough for high-frequency currents to flow through lower impedance paths through the decoupling capacitors, forming a tighter loop with the supply input and output. The 6800-µF capacitor provides a low-impedance path to ground for the very-high-frequency noise conducted back into the system that has not been suppressed by the ferrite bead.

The selected component values are based on commonly-used and suggested values and are simply intended to serve as a good starting point. Component value optimization is empirical. The layout of these components is just as important as the component values. A bad layout can make a thoroughly designed filter schematic useless or even introduce problems into the circuit.

2.3.3.1.2 LP87561-Q1 Snubber Circuits

Switch node ringing can cause problems for a device or system. Here, the main concern is that the switch node does not create EMI problems. This addressed by using a snubber circuit. Figure 12 shows the schematic of the snubber circuit for each phase output.

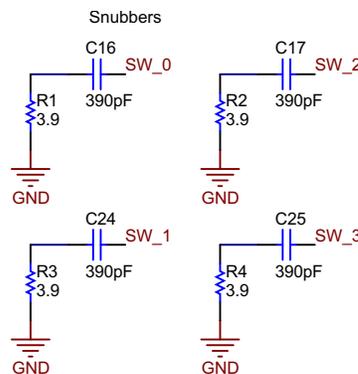


Figure 12. Output Snubber Circuit for Each Phase

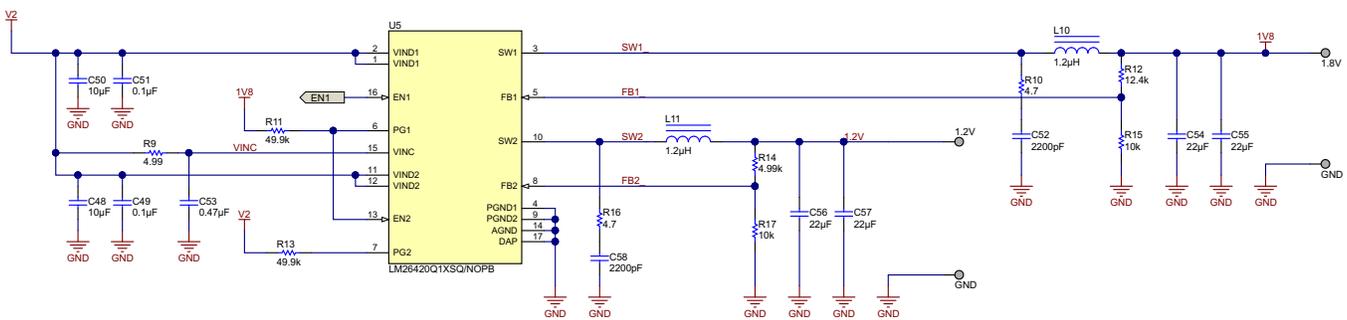
The snubber circuit reduces switch node ringing at an efficiency cost by filtering out the higher frequencies (> 100 MHz) due to the high dv/dt at the switch node.

Just as for the device input EMI filter, component values have been selected based on commonly-used and suggested values and are simply intended to serve as a good starting point. Component value optimization is empirical. The layout of these components is just as important as the component values. A bad layout can make a thoroughly-designed filter schematic useless or even introduce problems into the circuit.

2.3.3.2 LM26420-Q1 Memory and I/O Supply

The switching frequency of the LM26420-Q1 is preset to 2.2 MHz, which reduces the size of output inductors and maintains a small total solution size. The current mode architecture of the IC simplifies the regulator compensation, reducing design time and requiring fewer external components than voltage mode regulators. The device output voltage regulation uses current-mode control, which provides fast transient response. The device is internally compensated, which further reduces the total solution size.

Figure 13 shows the memory and I/O supply schematic.



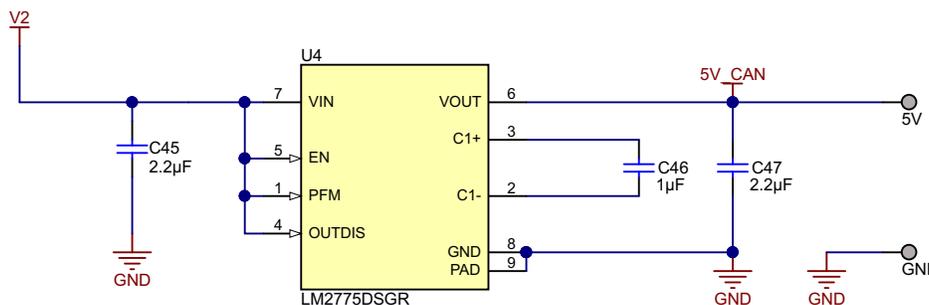
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Figure 13. Memory and I/O Supply Schematic

For more detail on the design procedure and component selection, see [LM26420/LM26420-Q0/Q1 Dual 2-A Automotive-Qualified, High-Efficiency Synchronous DC-DC Converter](#) (SNVS579).

2.3.3.3 LM2775 5-V CAN Supply

The LM2775 device provides the 5-V output voltage required for a CAN bus (see Figure 14).



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Figure 14. 5-V CAN Supply Schematic

For more details on the device, see [LM2775 Switched Capacitor 5-V Boost Converter](#) (SNVSA57).

3 Getting Started Hardware

3.1 Hardware

To get started with the TIDA-01524 board, simply connect the leads to the banana jack on the top-left corner of the board. The screw terminals are labeled IN and GND to indicate the correct polarity of the supply (see [Figure 15](#)).

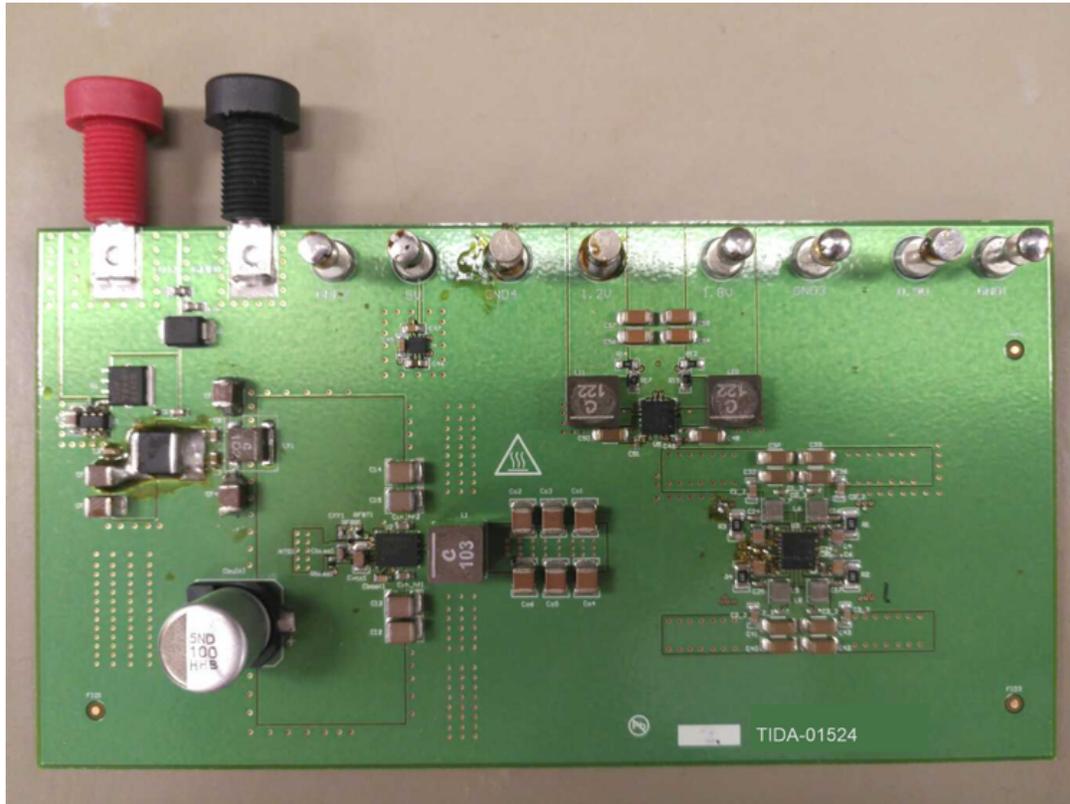


Figure 15. Board Input Terminals

Connect a power supply that is capable of at least 13.5 V and 2 A to the leads to supply the power.

4 Testing and Results

The following information shows how to set up for the various tests performed on this design.

To perform pulse testing, this design used the AutoCrankSim-EVM: Simulator for Automotive Cranking Pulses Evaluation Module Board. This board is available for purchase at: [AUTOCRANKSIM_EVM: Simulator for Automotive Cranking Pulses Evaluation Module Board](#). If the designer wishes to build the board or simply view the design files, use the power design files from: [PMP7233 Cranking Simulator Reference Design for Automotive Applications](#).

4.1 Test Data

The following subsections show the test data from characterizing the switching power supplies in the system.

4.1.1 Load Regulation and Efficiency

This section presents and discusses the core-voltage supply load regulation and two-stage efficiency test results. [Figure 16](#) shows the output voltage variation of the 0.9-V core-voltage supply with varying load current, from no load to full load.

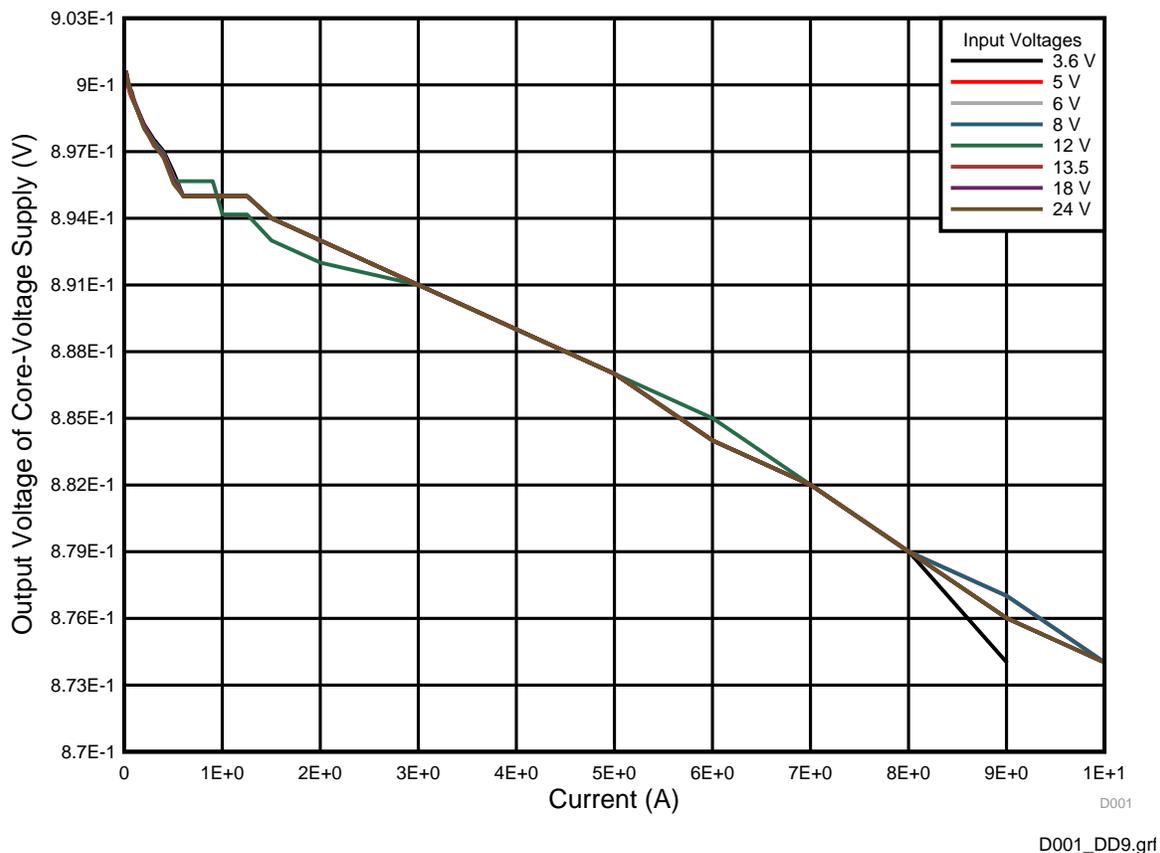
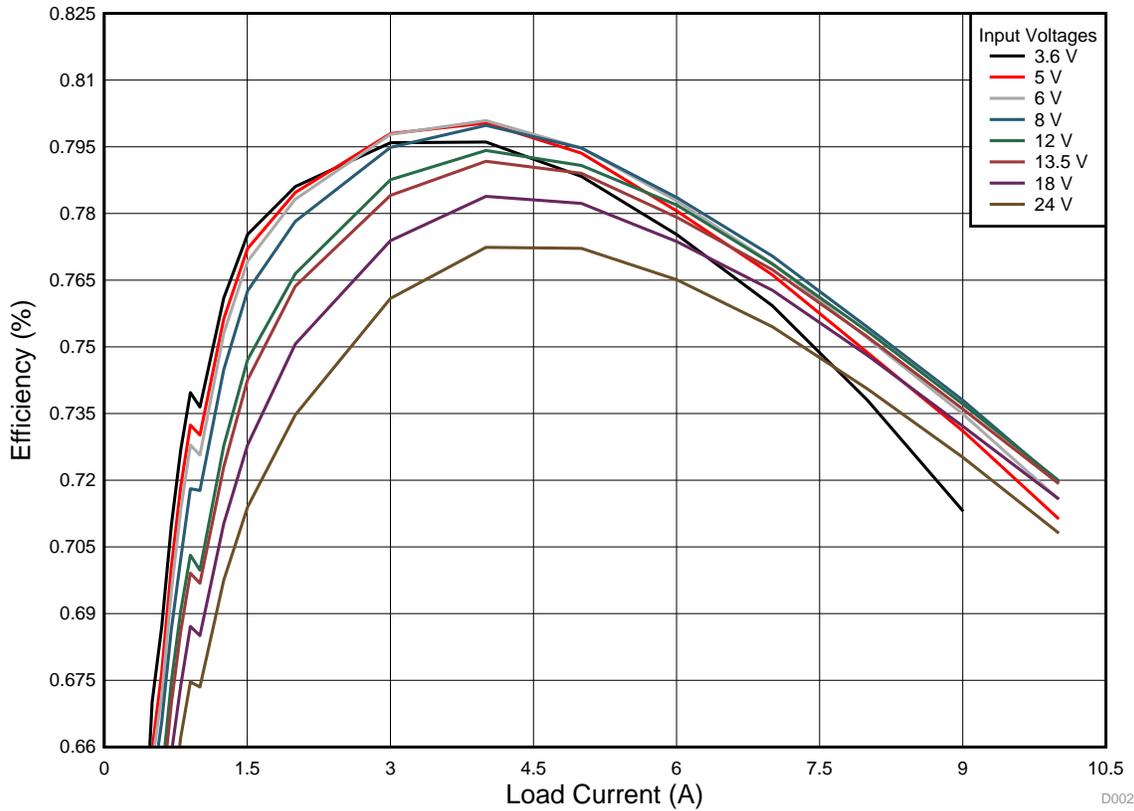


Figure 16. Load Regulation of Core-Voltage Supply

A close examination of the previous [Figure 16](#) shows that the maximum measured deviation from the nominal output of the 0.9-V supply is 2.889%. This value comes from estimating the measured output voltage to be 0.874 V at the full load and nominal input voltage.

The following Figure 17 shows the efficiency of the two-stage conversion (3.3 V to 0.9 V) used in this design. The two-stage approach consists of the LMS3655-Q1 main 3.3-V system supply feeding the LP87561-Q1 core-voltage supply for the application processor. The core-voltage load current was varied from no load to full load for certain input voltages from 3.5 V to 24 V. This graph plots the data linearly for both x- and y-axes.



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Figure 17. Two-Stage Efficiency

At the nominal input and full load, the two-stage efficiency is roughly 72%. The following Figure 18 shows the total system efficiency with varying input voltage and the maximum specified loads for each supply.

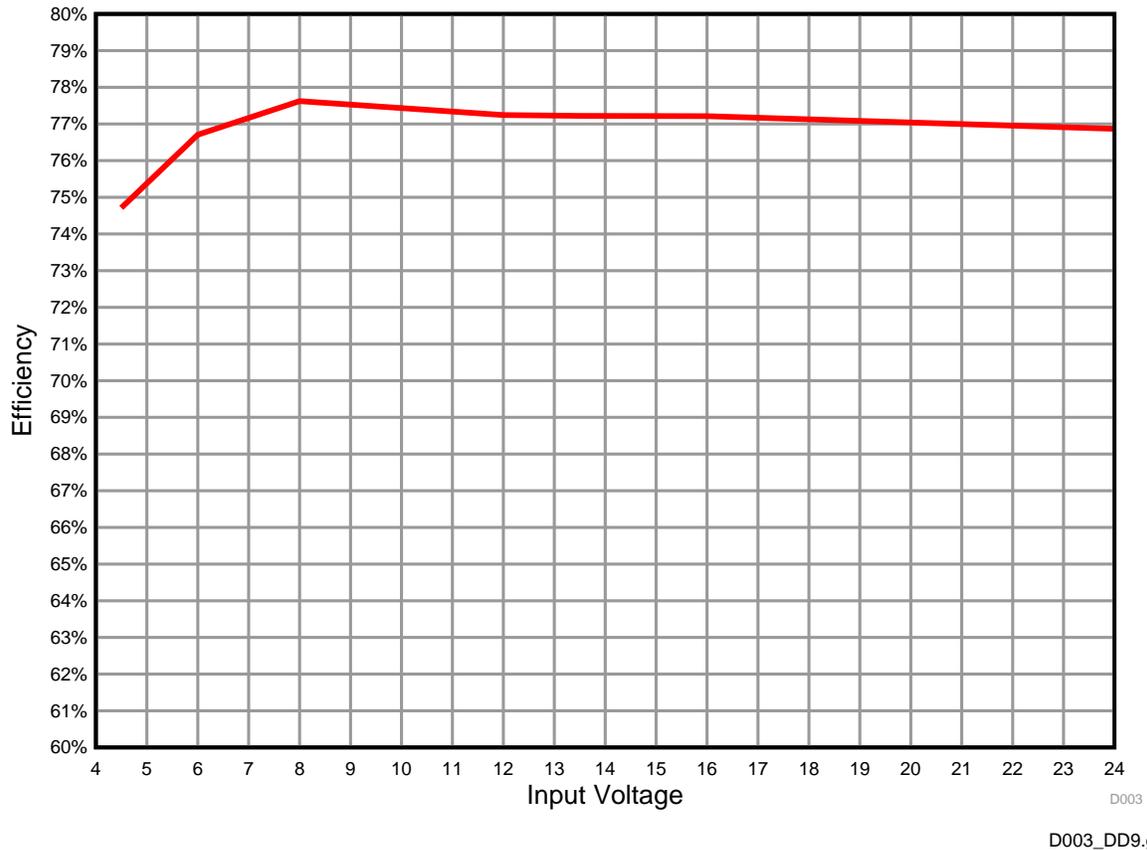


Figure 18. Total System Efficiency for Varying Input Voltage

As expected, the measured peak efficiency appears to be around 8 V, with the efficiency decreasing only 0.5% as the input voltage increases from 8 V up to 24 V. At the nominal input voltage, the system efficiency is 77.22%. The following provides the system efficiency data used to generate the previous graph. The units for voltage, current, and power are V, A, and W, respectively.

Table 2. System Efficiency Data

V _{IN} (V)	I _{IN} (A)	V _{OUT1} (V)	I _{OUT1} (A)	V _{OUT2} (V)	I _{OUT2} (A)	V _{OUT3} (V)	I _{OUT3} (A)	V _{OUT4} (V)	I _{OUT4} (A)	P _{IN} (W)	P _{OUT} (W)	EFFICIENCY (%)
4.5	4.527	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	20.3715	15.22	74.71
6	3.307	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	19.842	15.22	76.71
8	2.451	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	19.608	15.22	77.62
12	1.642	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	19.704	15.22	77.24
13.5	1.46	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	19.71	15.22	77.22
16	1.232	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	19.712	15.22	77.21
24	0.825	0.873	10	1.198	2	1.798	2	4.98	0.100	19.8	15.22	76.87

4.1.2 Switch Node Waveforms and Output Voltage Ripple

The following Figure 19, Figure 20, and Figure 21 show the switch node and output voltage ripple at the full load of each DC-DC converter. The first set of scope shots shows the switch node for the main 3.3-V system supply, LMS3655-Q1, with a 4.5-V, 13.5-V, and 20-V input voltage. Channel 1 (yellow) shows the switch node waveform and channel 2 (pink) shows the output voltage ripple. The output voltage ripple measurements were AC coupled.

The scope shots show that the switching frequency of the supply sits around 416 kHz for all tested input conditions.

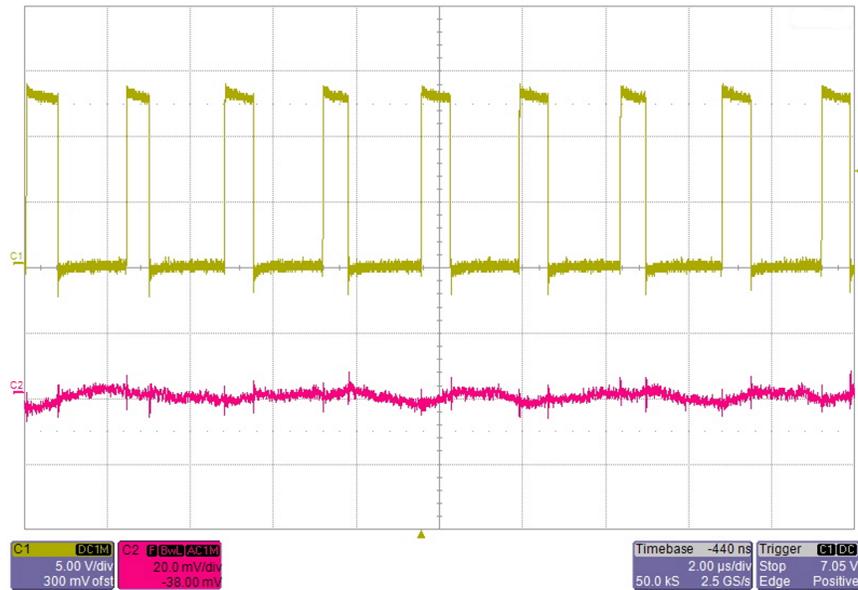


Figure 19. LMS3655-Q1 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 13.5-V Input at Full Load

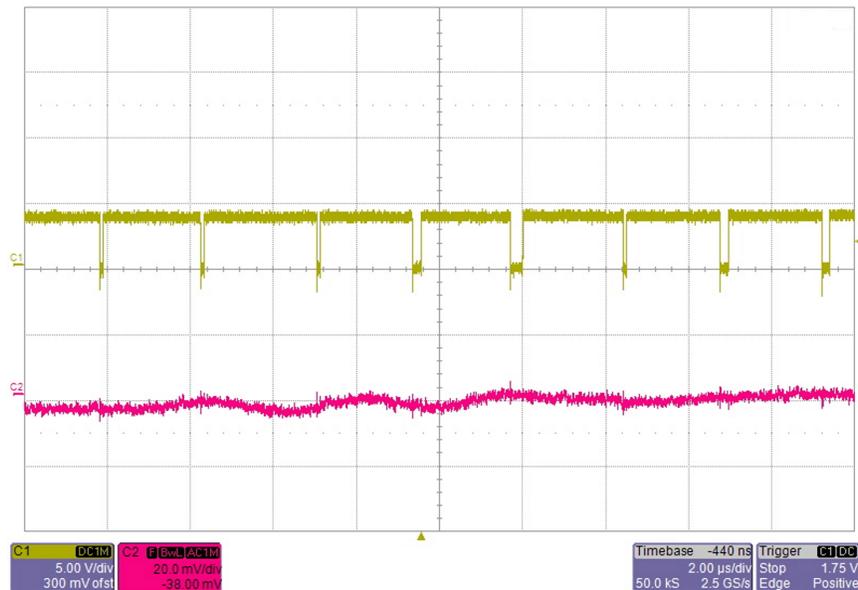


Figure 20. LMS3655-Q1 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 4.5-V Input at Full Load

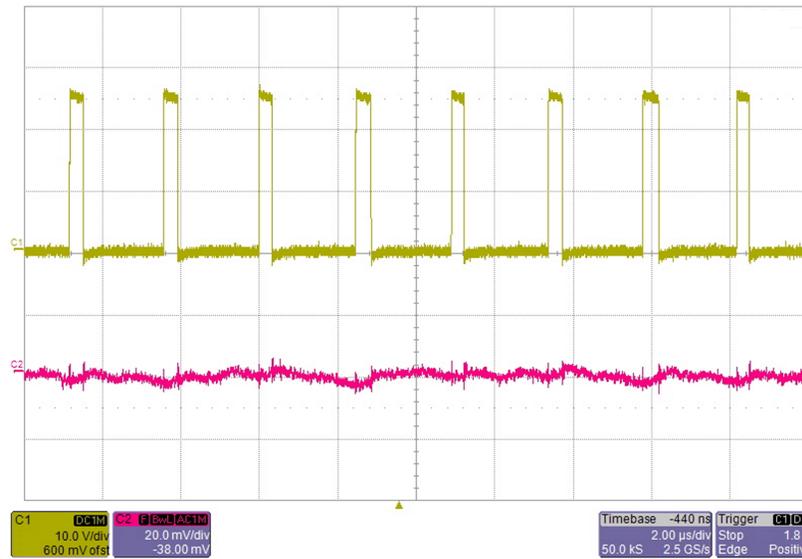


Figure 21. LMS3655-Q1 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 20-V Input at Full Load

Figure 22 and Figure 23 show the switch node and output voltage ripple for the memory and I/O supply, LM26420-Q1. The first scope shot shows the 1.2-V output, followed by the 1.8-V output.

The screen shots show the switching frequency to be around 2.29 MHz for both switcher outputs.

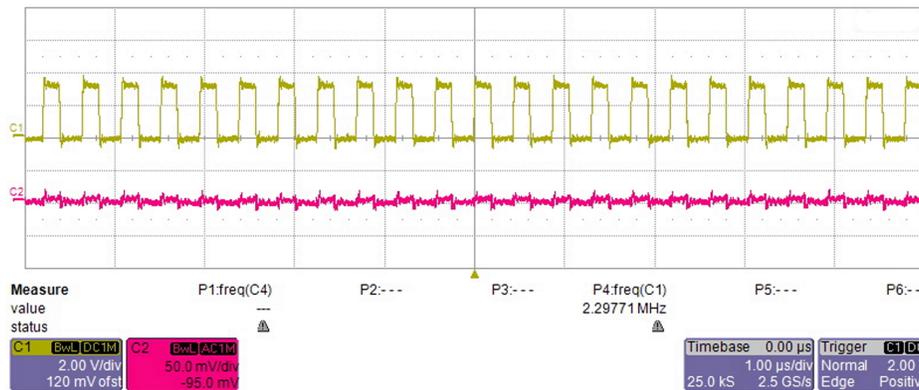


Figure 22. LM26420-Q1 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 1.2-V Output at Full Load

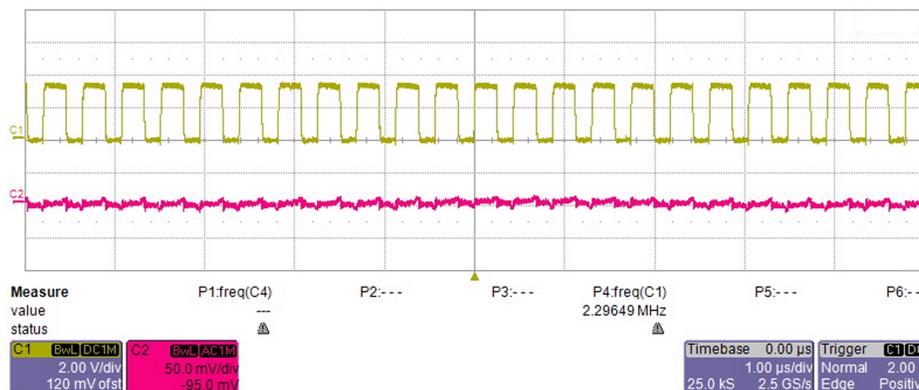


Figure 23. LM26420-Q1 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 1.8-V Output at Full Load

Figure 24 shows the 5-V CAN supply switch node and output voltage ripple. The switching frequency for the CAN supply is 2 MHz.

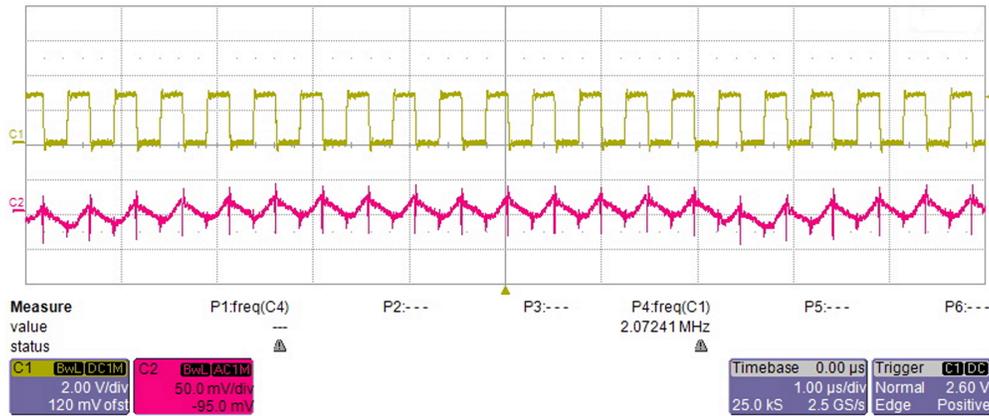


Figure 24. LM2775 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 5-V Output and Full Load

Figure 25 shows the switch node and output voltage ripple for the 0.9-V core-voltage supply. The switching frequency for the core-voltage supply is 1.9 MHz and the output voltage ripple is less than 5 mV.

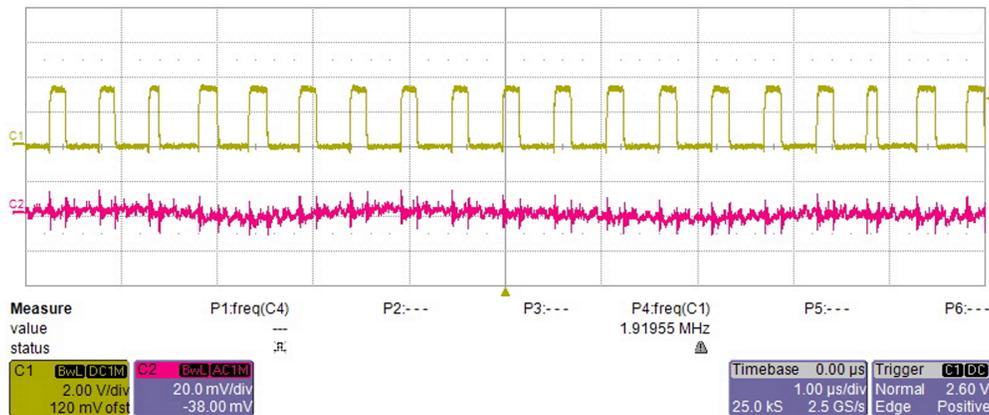


Figure 25. LP87561-Q1 Switch Node and Output Voltage Ripple, 0.9-V Output and Full Load

4.1.3 Load Transients

Figure 26 through Figure 29 shows the transient responses to 50-100% load steps for memory, I/O supplies, CAN supplies, and a 50-100% load step for the core-voltage supply. Channel 2 (pink) measures current and channel 3 (blue) takes an AC-coupled measurement of the output voltage ripple.

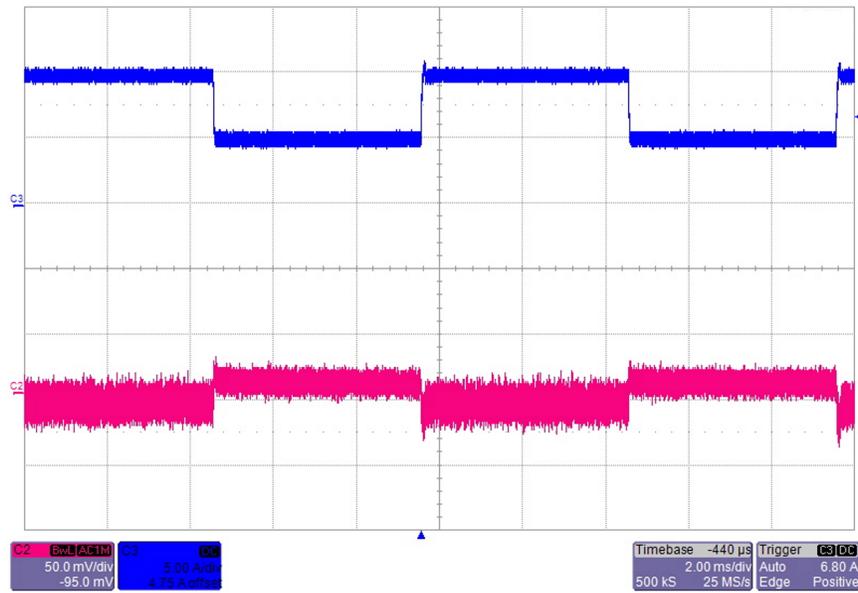


Figure 26. LP87561-Q1 50-100% Load Transient

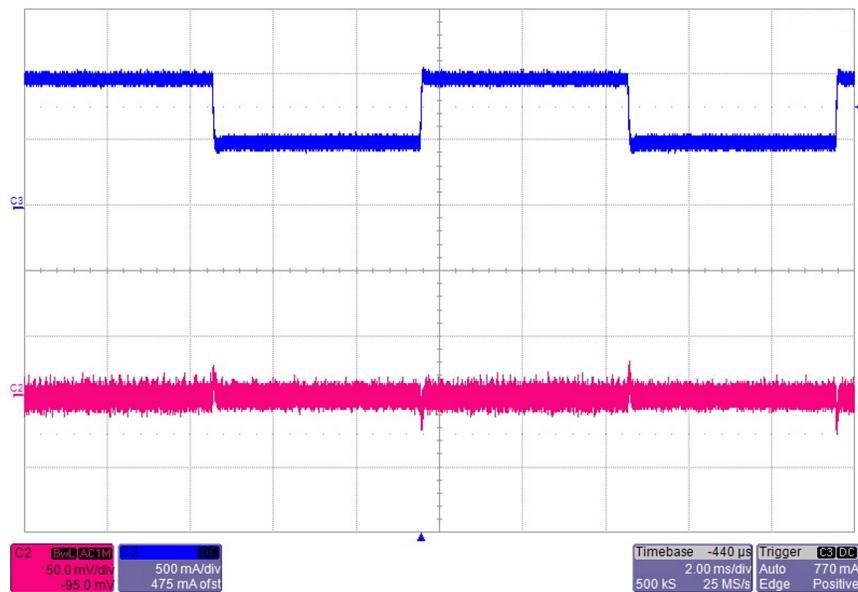


Figure 27. LM26420-Q1 50-100% Load Transient, 1.8 V

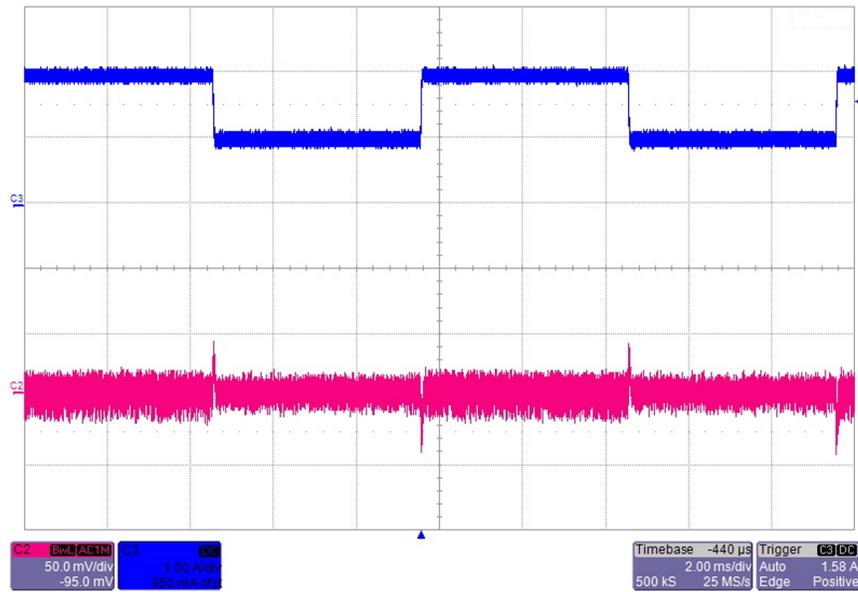


Figure 28. LM26420-Q1 50-100% Load Transient, 1.2 V

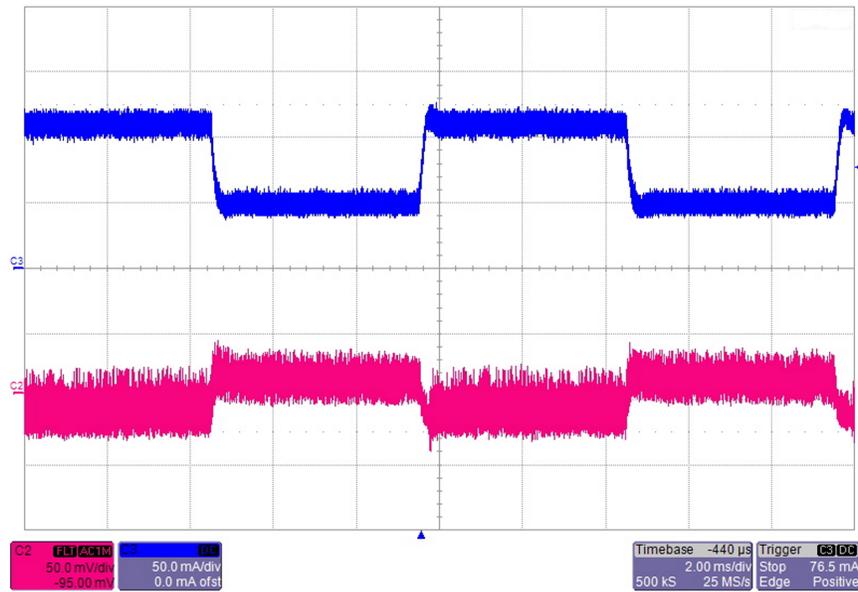


Figure 29. LM2775 50-100% Load Transient

4.1.4 Thermal Images

Figure 30 through Figure 33 shows the temperature rise of each supply on the board under full load conditions and with a 13.5-V input voltage after 10 minutes.

NOTE: Board temperatures can exceed 55°C during operation.

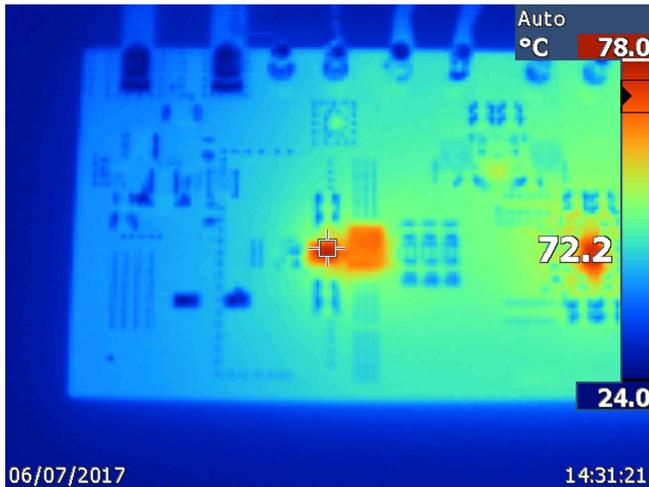


Figure 30. Thermal of LMS3655-Q1 at 5-A Load

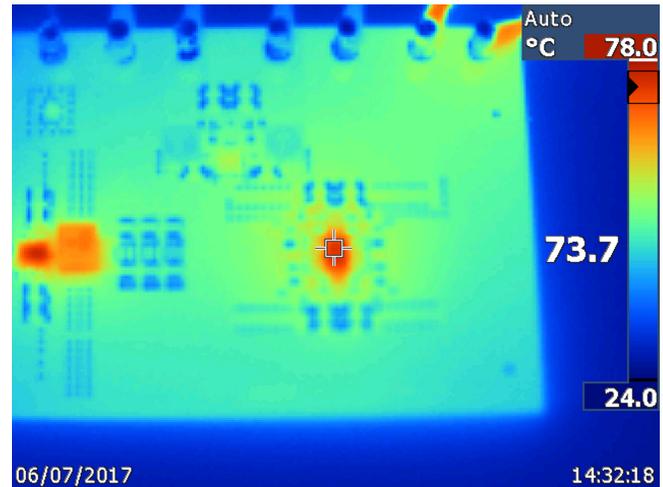


Figure 31. Thermal of LP87561-Q1 at 10-A Load



Figure 32. Thermal of LM26420-Q1 at 1 A for 1.8-V Rail and 2 A for 1.2-V Rail

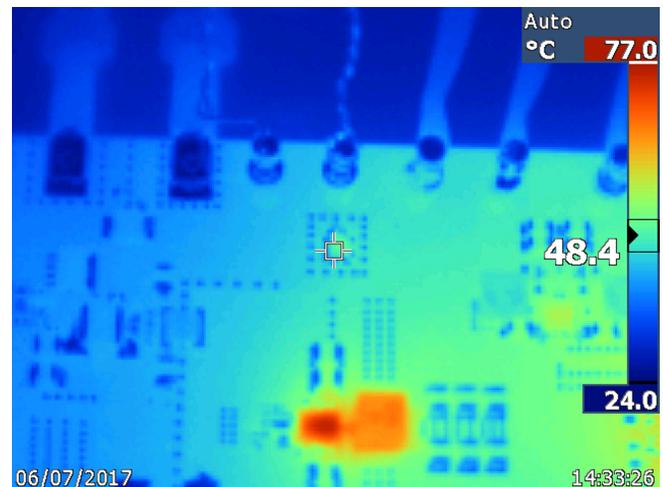


Figure 33. Thermal of LM2775 at 100-mA Load

4.1.5 Electrical Transient Testing

The following transients were tested:

- Reverse battery
- Cold crank
- Warm crank
- Start-stop
- Start-up and shutdown

The following subsections show the waveforms of each rail during each condition.

4.1.5.1 Reverse Battery

The following Figure 34 shows that the input is disconnected during the reverse battery input voltage condition. Channel 4 is the input voltage and channel 1 is the input voltage after the LM74700-Q1 device.

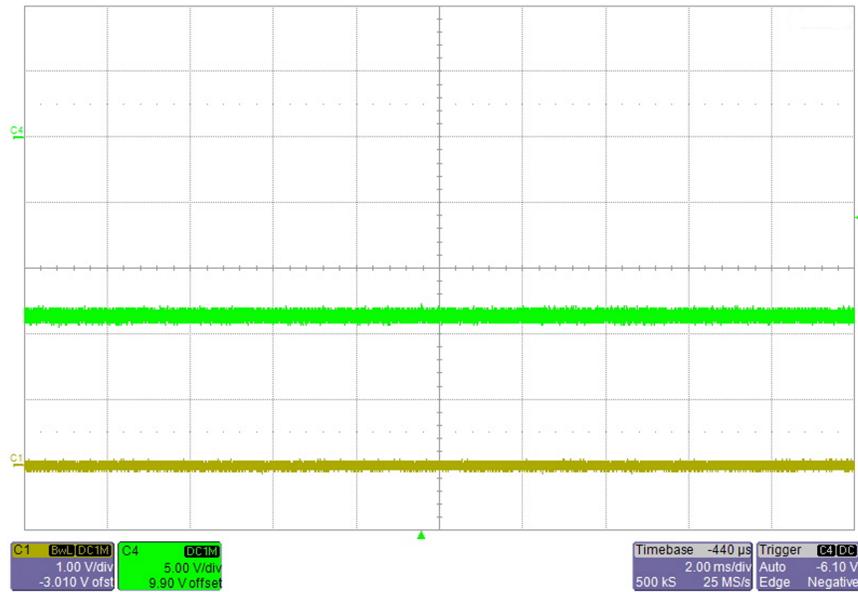


Figure 34. Continuous Reverse Voltage at Input

This behavior is expected from the LM74700-Q1 smart diode, where, upon a reverse voltage condition, the smart diode disconnects the system from the input. Figure 35 shows the transition to reverse input voltage.

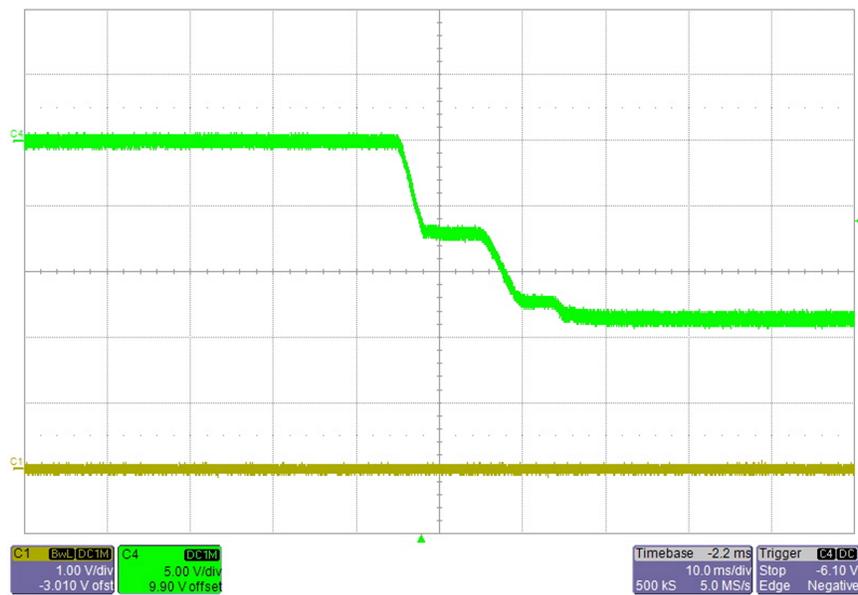


Figure 35. Transition to Reverse Voltage at Input

The input voltage after the smart diode remains undisturbed as the voltage at the input becomes increasingly negative.

4.1.5.2 Cold Crank

Testing this design for a severe cold-crank condition was a key objective. This test was accomplished without using a pre-boost.

For the cold-crank test, the input voltage was allowed to fall to 3.5 V from the nominal 13.5 V. Figure 36 shows the cold-crank waveform.

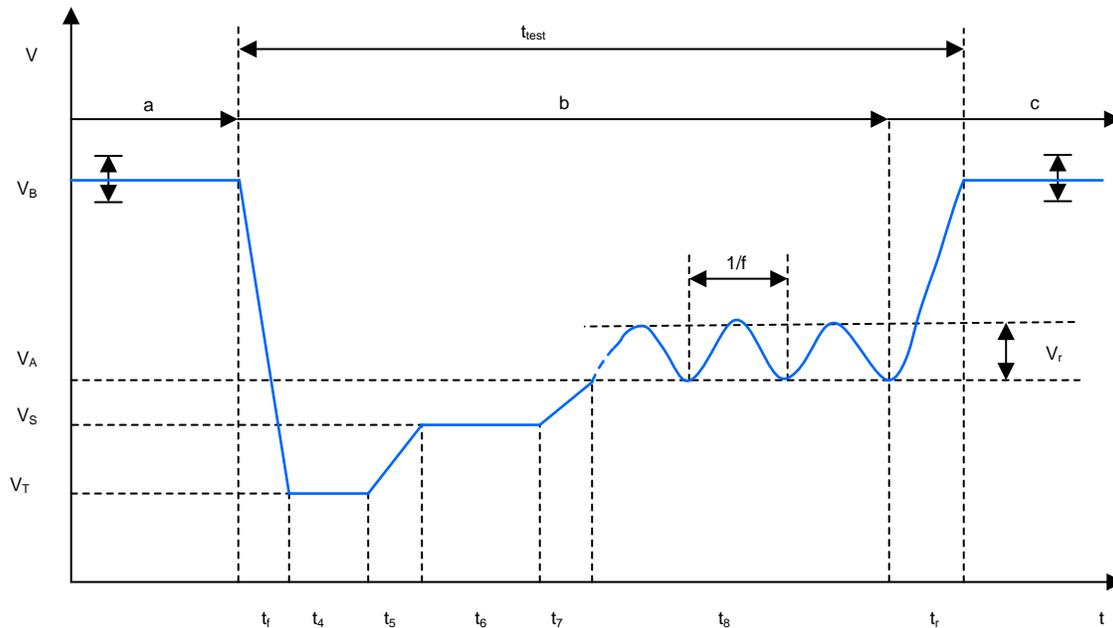


Figure 36. Cold-Crank Waveform and Parameters

Table 3 list the cold-crank test pulse parameters.

Table 3. Cold-Crank Test Pulse Parameters

PARAMETER	"NORMAL" TEST PULSE	"SEVERE" TEST PULSE
V_B	11.0 V	11.0 V
V_T	4.5 (0%, -4%)	3.2 V (0%, -4%)
V_S	4.5 (0%, -4%)	5.0 V (0%, -4%)
V_A	6.5 V (0%, -4%)	6.0 V (0%, -4%)
V_R	2 V	2 V
t_f	≤ 1 ms	≤ 1 ms
t_4	0 ms	19 ms
t_5	0 ms	≤ 1 ms
t_6	19 ms	329 ms
t_7	50 ms	50 ms
t_8	10 s	10 s
t_r	100 ms	100 ms
f	2 Hz	2 Hz

Only the severe test pulse was tested. The cold-crank condition lasts roughly 3.5 s, after which it repeats. In Figure 37, channel 1 (yellow) shows the cold-crank input voltage waveform, channel 2 (pink) shows the 3.3-V output, and channel 3 (blue) shows the 0.9-V core-voltage supply output.

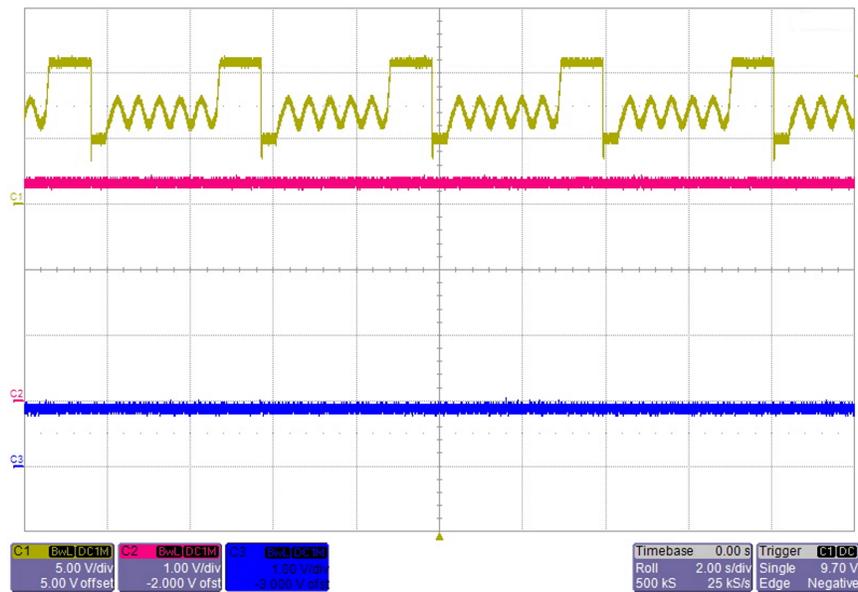


Figure 37. Cold Crank LP87561–Q1: 0.9 V at 10-A Output

Note that, in the previous Figure 37, the output voltages are undisturbed by the cold-crank condition. Figure 38 shows the initial drop from 13.5 V to 3.5 V in a shorter timescale.

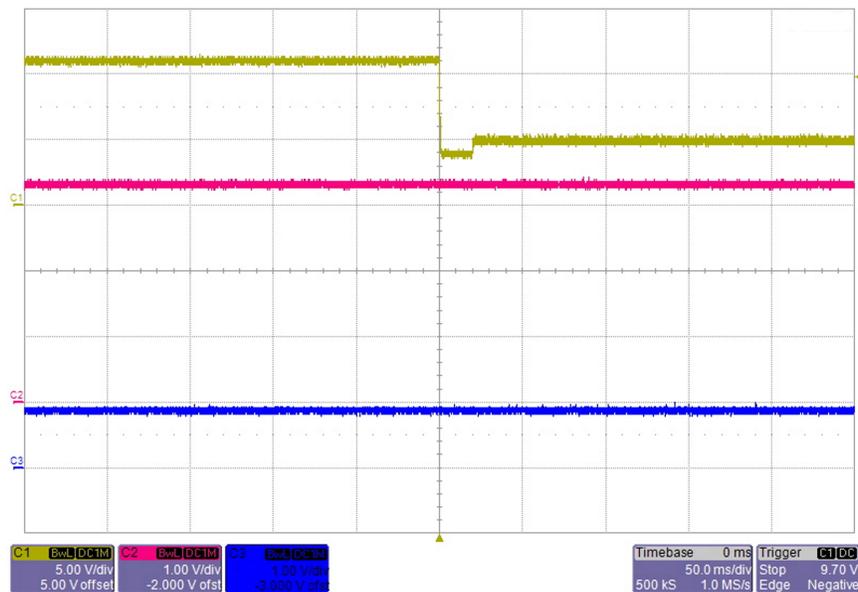


Figure 38. Cold Crank Down to 3.5 V, LP87561–Q1: 0.9 V at 10-A Output

The initial drop on a shorter timescale still shows no disturbance to the output of the supplies.

4.1.5.3 Warm Crank

This subsection provides test data for the main system supply and core-voltage rails during warm-crank conditions. In Figure 39 and Figure 40, channel 1 (yellow) measures the warm-crank input voltage waveform, channel 2 (pink) measures the 3.3-V main system supply, and channel 3 (blue) measures the 0.9-V core-voltage supply.

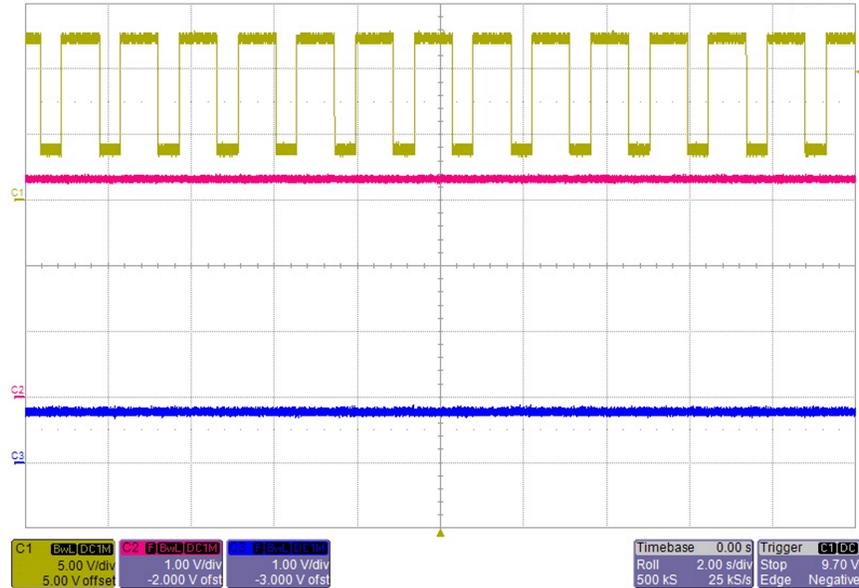


Figure 39. Warm Crank LP87561-Q1: 0.9 V at 10-A Output

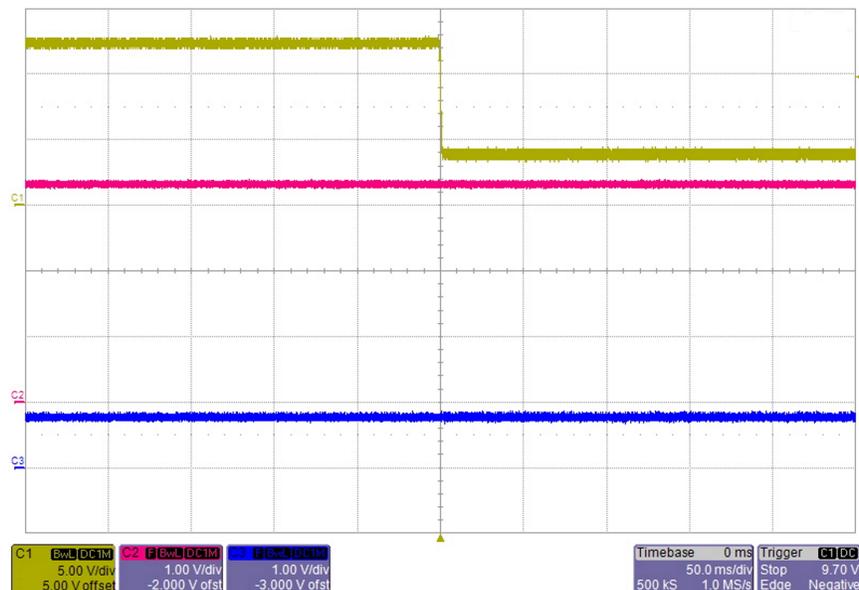


Figure 40. Warm Crank 50-ms Timescale

Both figures show the output of the supplies to be undisturbed during the warm-crank condition.

4.1.5.4 Start-Stop

This subsection provides test data for the main system supply and core-voltage rails during start-stop conditions. In [Figure 41](#) and [Figure 42](#), channel 1 (yellow) measures the start-stop input voltage waveform, channel 2 (pink) measures the 3.3-V main system supply, and channel 3 (blue) measures the 0.9-V core-voltage supply.

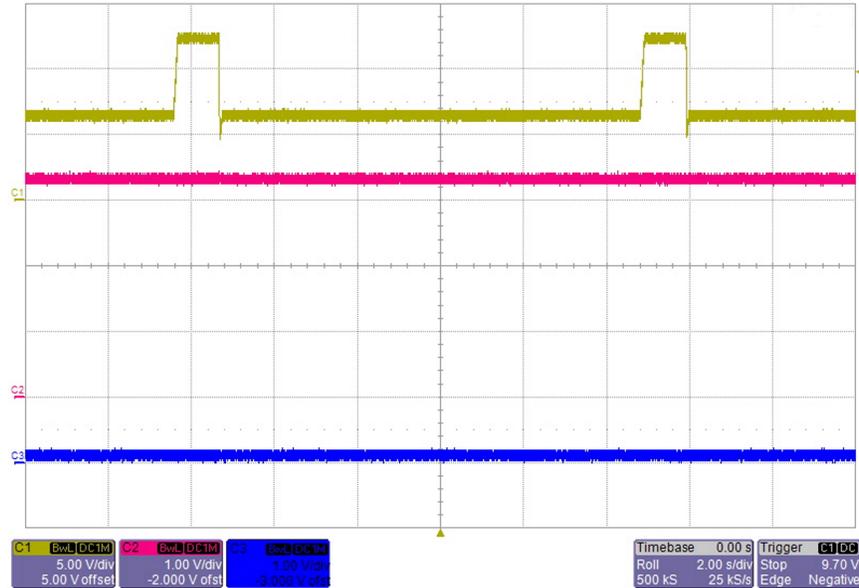


Figure 41. Start-Stop 5-s Timescale, 0.9 V at 10-A Output

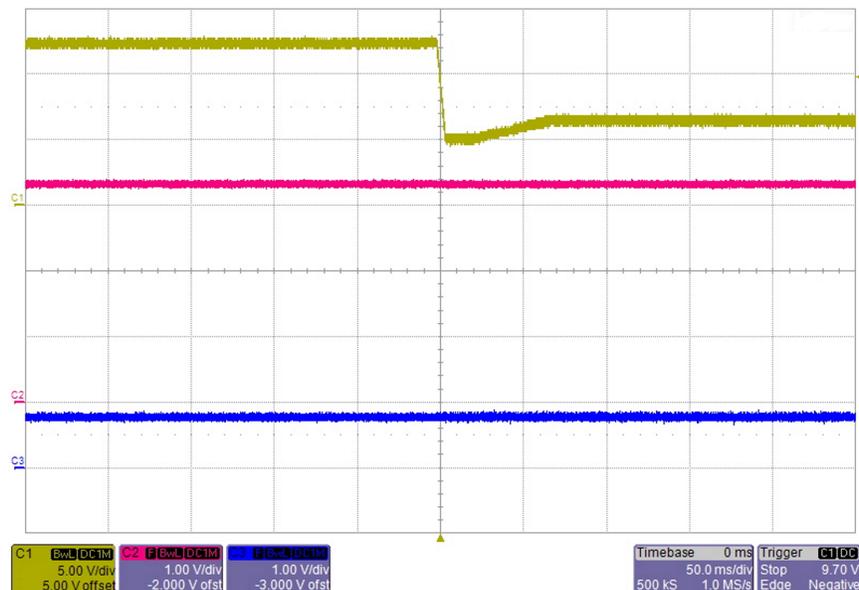


Figure 42. Start-Stop 50-ms Timescale, 0.9 V at 10-A Output

Both figures show the output of the supplies to be undisturbed during the start-stop condition.

4.1.5.5 Start-Up and Shutdown

This subsection provides test data for the core-voltage, CAN, and I/O supplies during system start-up and shutdown. Measurements were taken at full and no loads for each supply. In the following [Figure 43](#) through [Figure 46](#), channel 1 (yellow) measures the input voltage waveform, channel 2 (pink) measures the 0.9-V core-voltage supply, channel 3 (blue) measures the 1.8-V I/O supply, and channel 4 (green) measures the 5-V CAN supply.

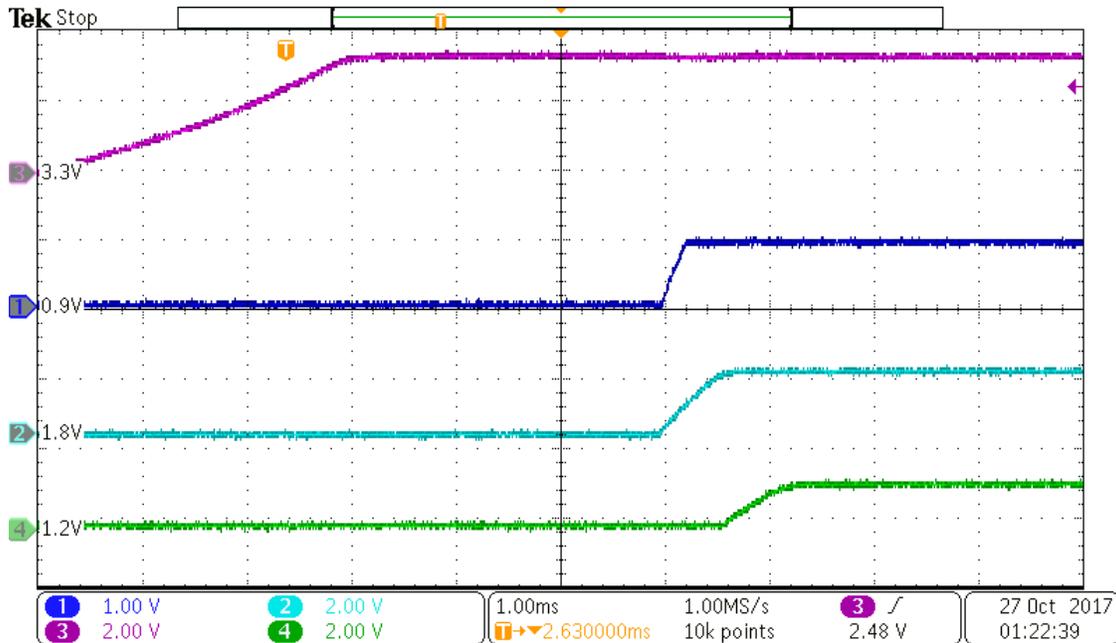


Figure 43. No Load Start-Up

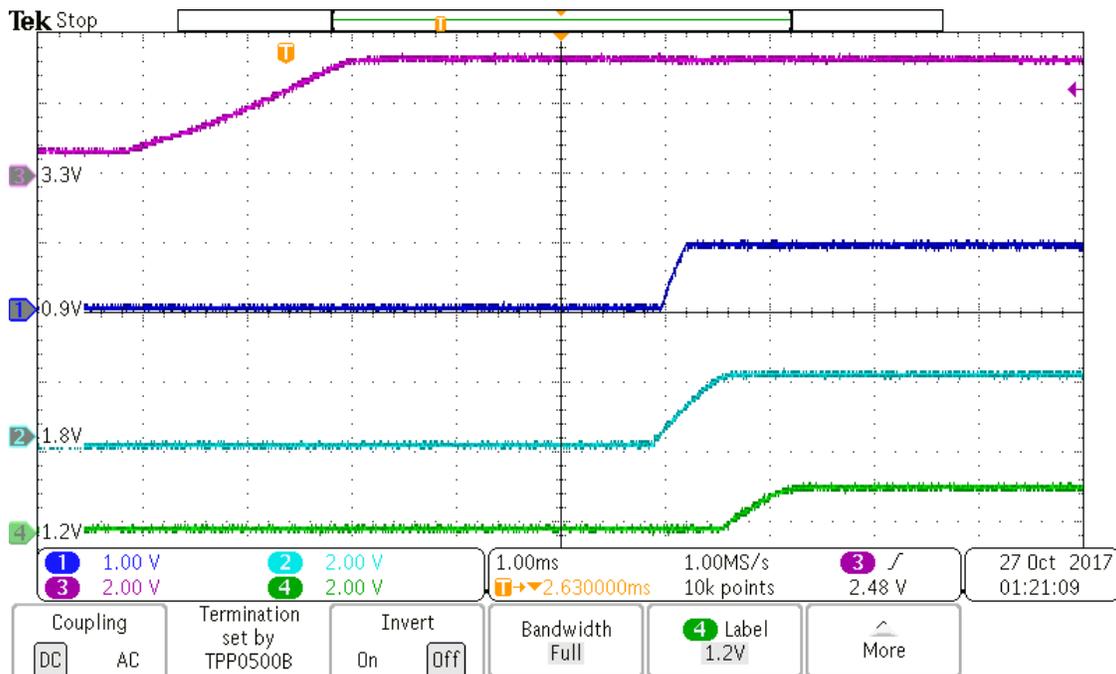


Figure 44. Full Load Start-Up

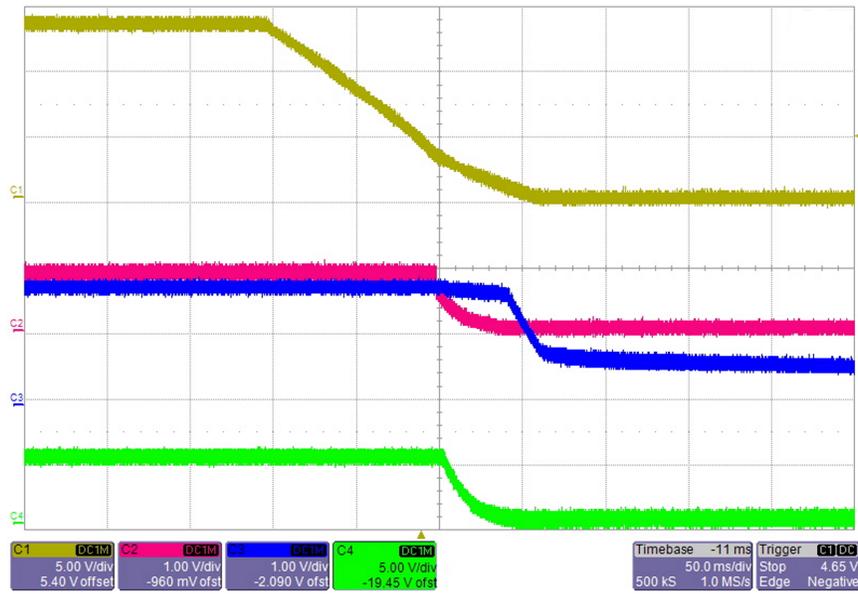


Figure 45. No Load Shutdown

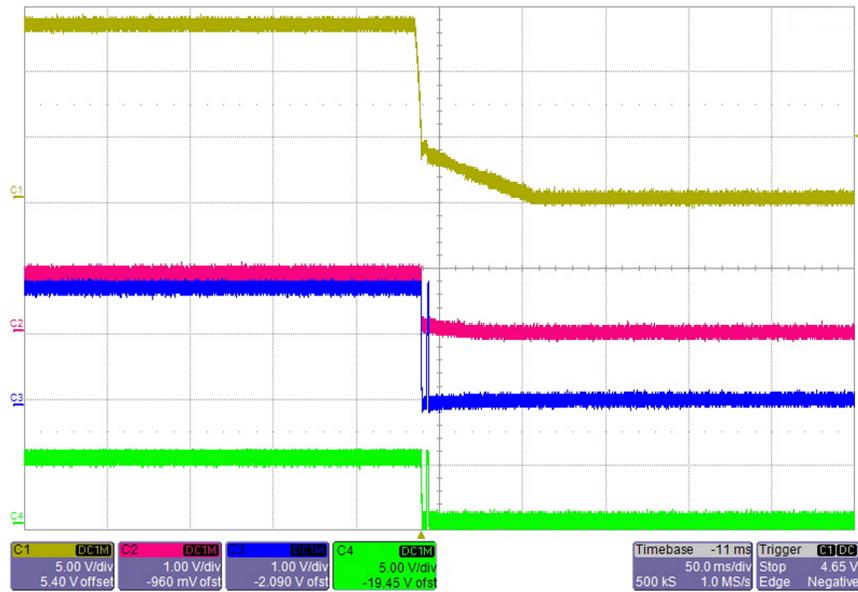


Figure 46. Full Load Shutdown

4.1.6 Conducted Emissions

The conducted emissions of the TIDA-01524 have been tested against CISPR 25 Class 5 limit lines. The examined frequency band spans from 150 kHz to 108 MHz covering the AM-FM radio bands, very-high-frequency (VHF) band, and TV band specified in CISPR 25.

Figure 47 and Figure 48 show the test results. Figure 47 shows the test results using peak detector and average detector measurements, respectively, up to 30 MHz. Figure 48 shows the test results using average detector and peak detector measurements from 30 MHz to 108 MHz. The limit lines (shown in red) are the Class 5 limits for conducted disturbances specified in the CISPR 25. The yellow trace (peak detector measurement) and blue trace (average detector measurement) are the measured results.

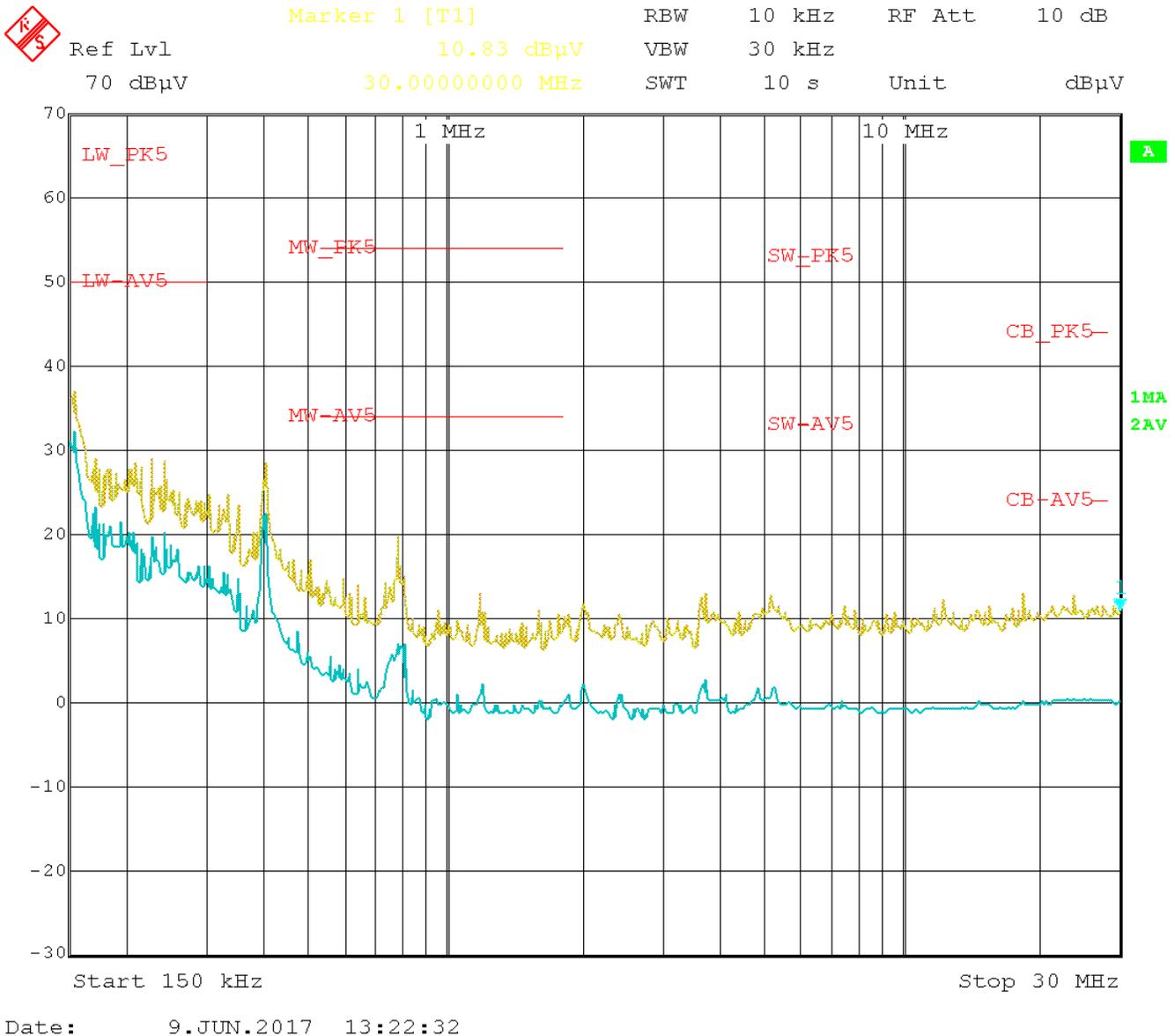
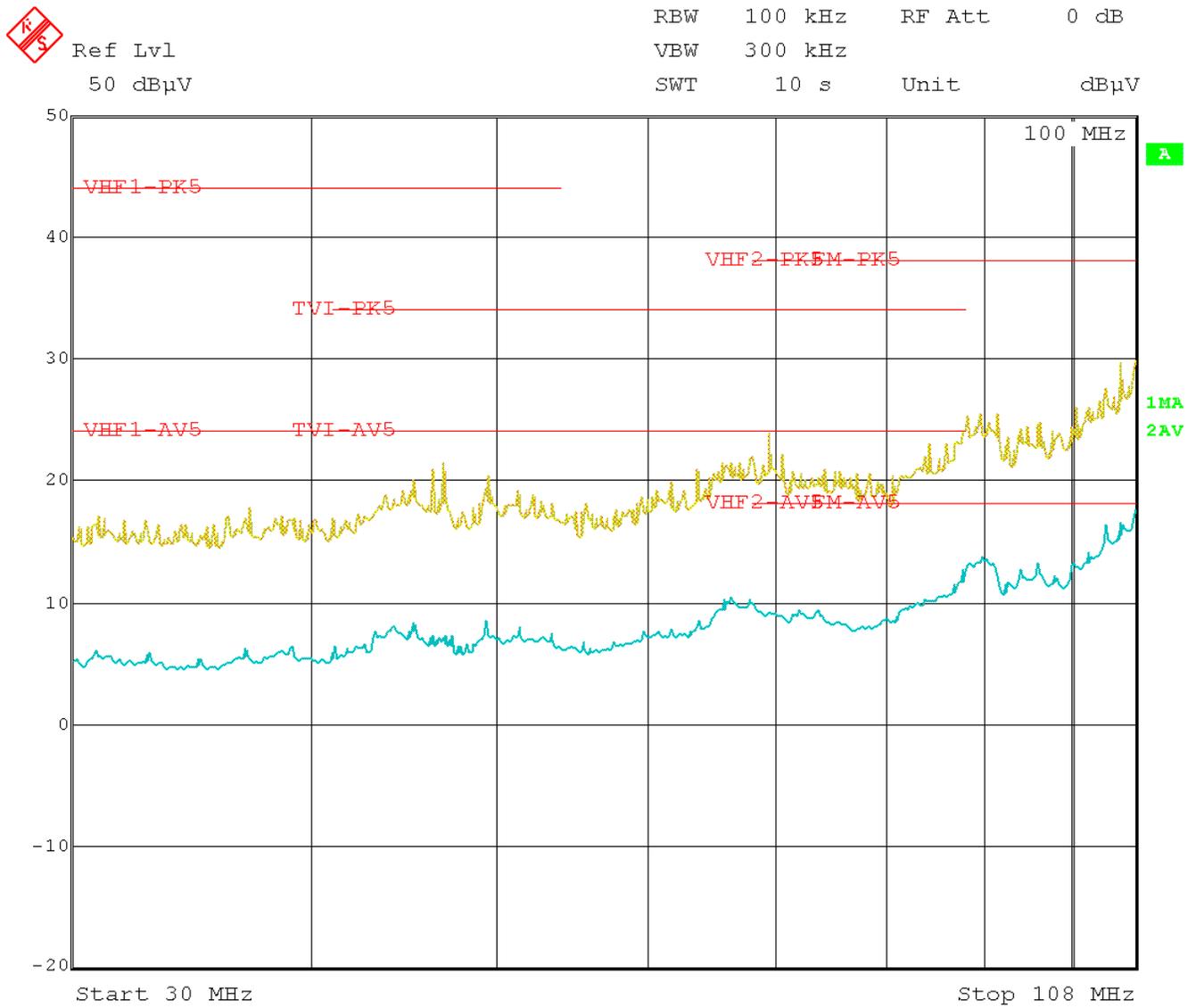


Figure 47. 150-kHz to 30-MHz Conducted Emissions—Peak and Average Detection



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Figure 48. 30-MHz to 108-MHz Conducted Emissions—Peak and Average Detection

5 Design Files

To download the design files for this TI Design including the schematic, bill of materials, layer plots, Gerber files, and Altium files, see the design files at [TIDA-01524](#).

5.1 PCB Layout Recommendations

5.1.1 Input Protection Circuitry

Place input protection circuitry as close to the battery terminal inputs as possible, rather than close to the downstream circuit it is protecting, to reduce the inductance of the path. This placement allows the TVS diodes to react as quick as possible to any transients. Close placement provides a tight loop for the return path back to the battery terminals while the TVS diodes shunt a transient event. In the event of a reverse polarity event, the FET Q1 quickly shuts off, possibly causing inductive kicks due to the interrupted current flow. The severity of this kick is a function of the inductance and, therefore, the length and width of the power path.

5.1.2 Input EMI Filter Considerations

The goal of the EMI filter is to minimize emissions, especially conducted emissions. The key to minimizing emissions is providing low impedance paths to quickly ground high-frequency noise, which is typically accomplished by containing high-frequency current loops. [Figure 49](#) shows the current flow through the EMI filter. The DC is outlined in red and the high-frequency AC paths are outlined in green.

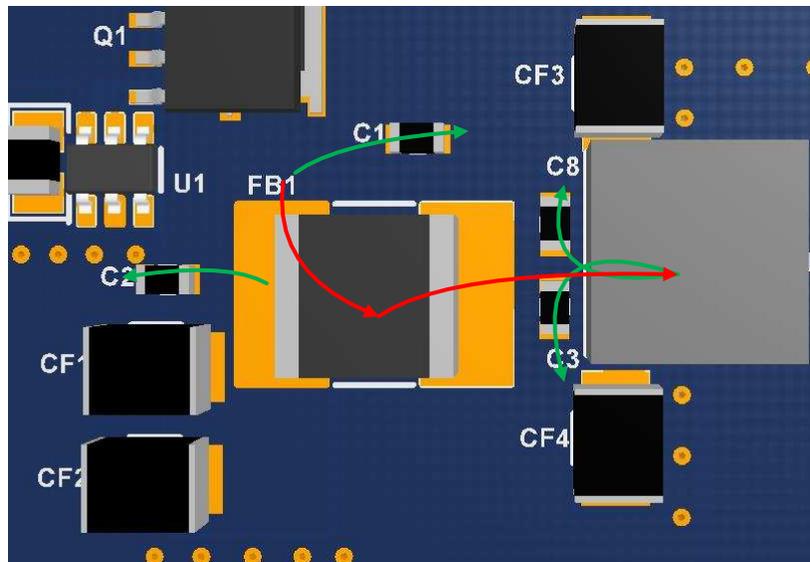


Figure 49. Input EMI Filter

Conducted emissions are mainly due to high-frequency noise that input capacitors cannot bypass. This noise is conducted onto the input leads of the supply, which drives the convention that the higher-frequency AC flows away from the 3.3-V supply back toward the system supply.

[Figure 49](#) shows the smaller 0.1- μF capacitors C3 and C8 close to the 4.7- μH inductor LF1 to filter out the high-frequency noise not attenuated by the inductor. Capacitors C3 and C8 are placed across from each other instead of next to each other to minimize the possibility for inductive coupling during operation due to their close proximity.

Inductors behave capacitively above their resonant frequency; therefore, any frequencies above this are not attenuated. The amount of noise that is conducted back onto the supply line directly depends on how much has been filtered out; therefore, the shortest path to ground for high-frequency noise is required.

5.1.3 Noise-Sensitive Traces and Components

The feedback (FB) and compensation (COMP) nodes of power supplies are especially high impedance and thus susceptible to picking up noise. These nodes are critical to operate the control loop of the device; therefore, poor placement and routing of these components or traces can affect the performance of the device and system by introducing unwanted parasitic inductances and capacitances.

The switch node of DC-DC converters are typically very noisy. The switch node can radiate a significant amount of energy and can couple noise into sensitive lines. Traces for the switch node must be wide enough for the maximum current but small enough to minimize radiation. Signals like output voltage FB traces for power supplies are high-impedance lines. These signals are quite sensitive to disturbances, especially to noise from switch nodes and high-bandwidth I²C lines. Placing sensitive traces apart from noisy traces, ideally on the opposite sides of the board or separate layers (with ground planes between them), mitigates such negative effects. The FB loop itself, from output voltage to FB pin and analog ground, must be small enough to minimize parasitics and noise susceptibility. Place all analog and control loop components such that their trace lengths back to the IC are minimized.

Figure 50 shows the component placement of the main 3.3-V supply on the TIDA-01524 PCB. High frequency filter capacitors are placed closest to the input of U2 to minimize the loop area of high di/dt currents. As discussed in Figure 50, the LMS3655-Q1 comes in the HotRod package which reduces pin inductance and magnetic field from currents. This reduction in magnetic field comes from having the input pins on opposite sides of the device. Note in the following figure Figure 50 Cin_hf1 and Cin_hf2 both as close to the device as possible and are on opposing sides, and that the feedback network is on the top left of the image, away from the switch node and high di/dt current loops.

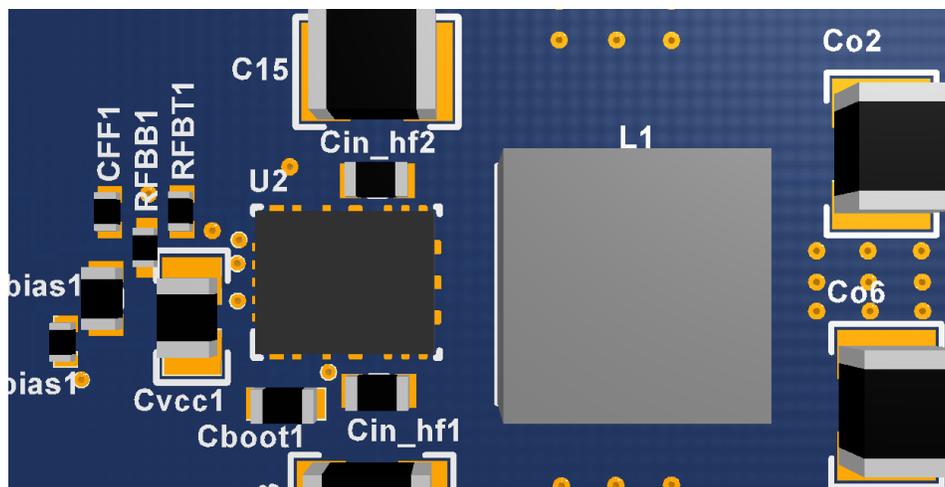


Figure 50. 3.3-V Supply Component Placement

The 3.3-V output connects to a power plane on middle layer 3 through the vias shown near Co6. This 3.3-V power plane connects to the rest of the system supplies, and extends close to the feedback network, where the output voltage is sensed.

Similar layout considerations have been made for the 0.9-V core-voltage supply. Figure 51 shows the FB trace of the core-voltage supply output routed on layer 3, which is several millimeters away from the switch node.

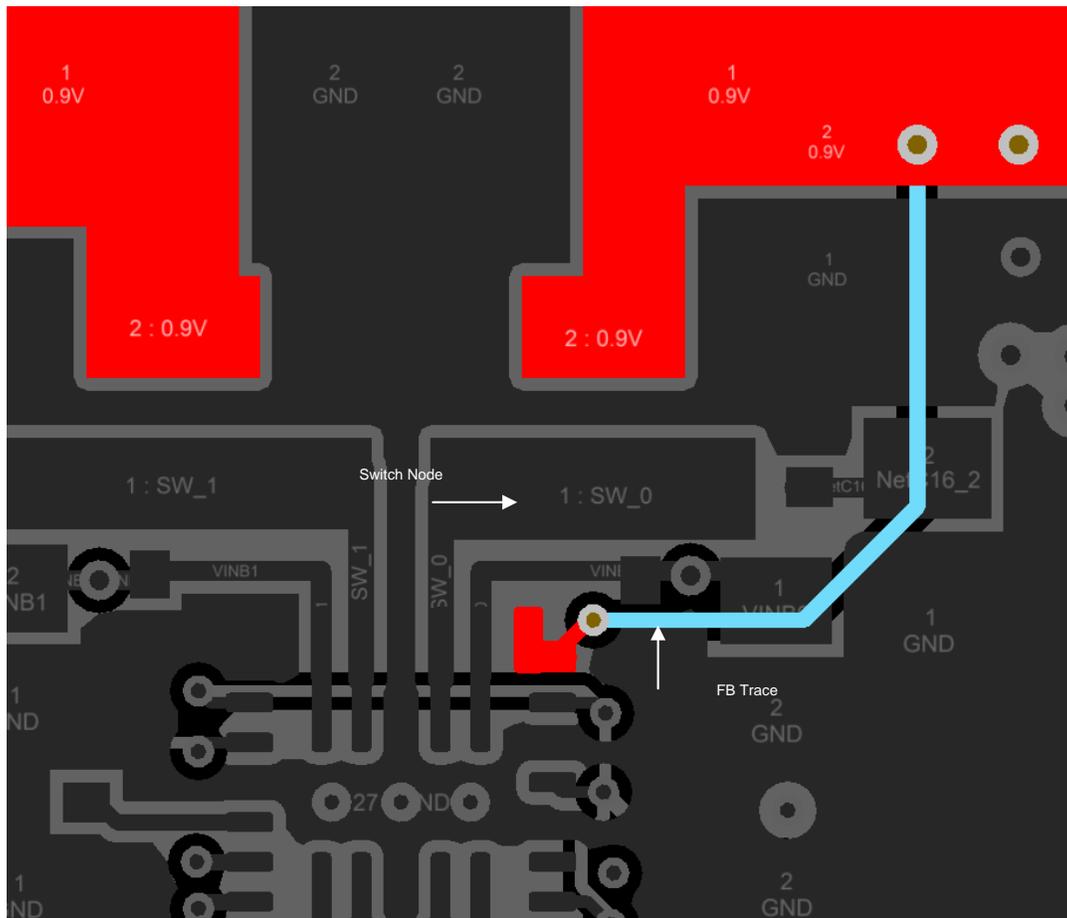


Figure 51. Routing Feedback Traces Around Switch Nodes

5.1.4 EMI Mitigation for Core-Voltage Supply

This subsection covers the layout for the filtering circuitry for the 0.9-V core-voltage supply. Because this supply provides the most current, more considerations have been made to mitigate EMI, which includes both the snubber circuits and input EMI filters for each phase. For more theory on EMI reduction for DC-DC converters, see [AN-2155 Layout Tips for EMI Reduction in DC / DC Converters](#) (SNVA638). The following [Figure 52](#) and [Figure 53](#) show the external component placement for the 0.9-V core-voltage supply.

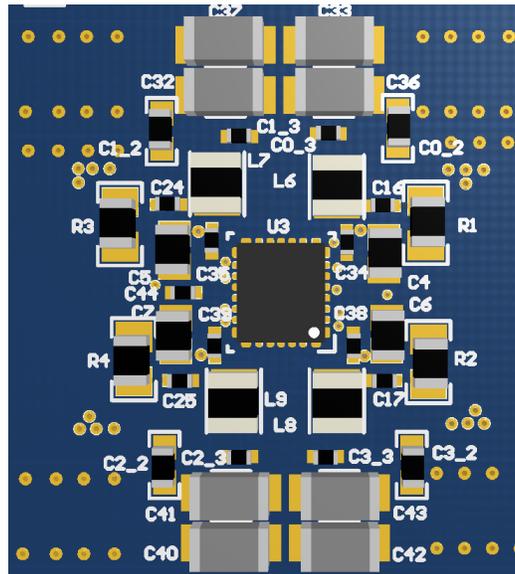


Figure 52. Core-Voltage Supply Component Placement—Top View

Note that, on the top layer, the 0.9-V output voltage plane encircles the entire solution and each buck has its own quadrant with high-frequency filter circuitry in close proximity with the IC.

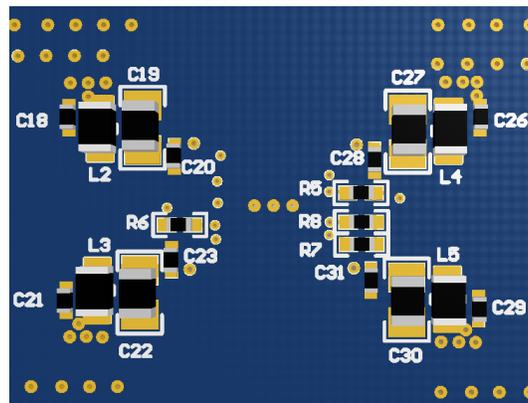


Figure 53. Core-Voltage Supply Passives Placement—Bottom View

The same rule for high-frequency filtering has been followed on the bottom layer. The main goal is to ensure that high-frequency current loops are as small as possible. High-frequency decoupling caps are located on both sides of the board by the device input to minimize the current loop area by providing a low impedance path for high-frequency input currents. For example, observe in [Figure 53](#) that buck 0 uses C20 (top-center left) and C34 (top-center right of [Figure 52](#)) for high-frequency decoupling.

The layout screen shot shown in [Figure 54](#) focuses on the components for buck 0 and the arrows to show current flow. The dashed arrows represent switching current. The green dashed arrow shows the switching current flow through the snubber circuit (C16 to R1) to ground.

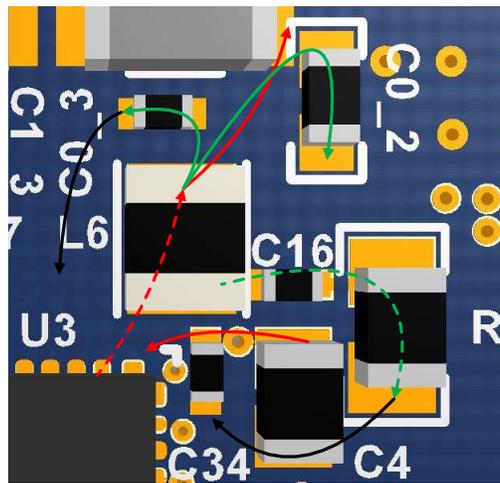
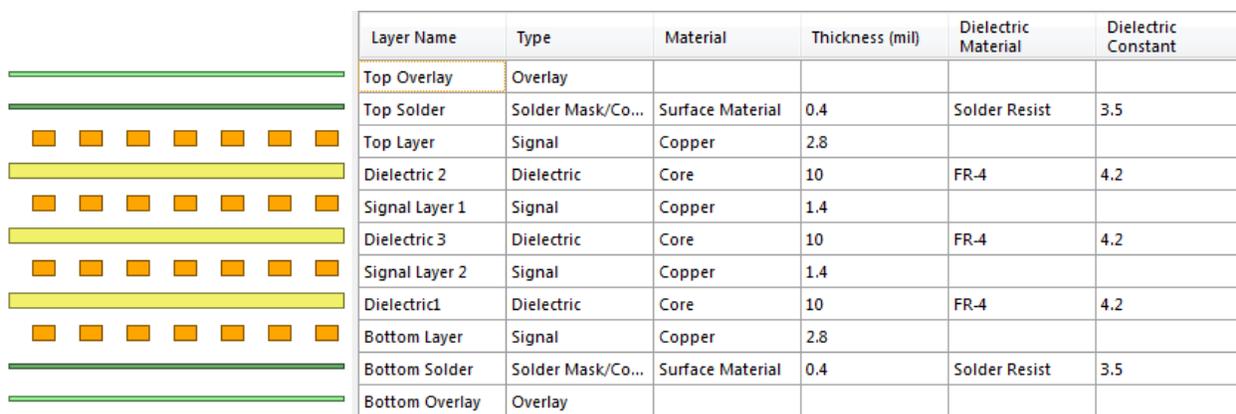


Figure 54. AC and DC Flow Through Snubber Circuit and Output Filter

Note that the snubber circuit is closest to the input of buck 0 instead of the output. This placement is intended to minimize the current loop of the high-frequency currents that flow from the input capacitors, to the switch node, and back to the input capacitors. For example, if the snubber is placed above inductor L6 near C0_3, the high-frequency current loop is much larger to return to input capacitors C34 and C4. This larger current loop can interfere with other nearby circuits and current loops and introduce other EMI problems.

5.1.5 PCB Layering Recommendations

If using a six-layer board, make layers 2 and 5 ground planes to shield the internal signal layers from outside noise sources as well as the switch nodes found on the top layer. If using a four-layer board (as in this reference design), layer 2 must be a ground plane. [Figure 45](#) details the stack-up used in this reference design.



Layer Name	Type	Material	Thickness (mil)	Dielectric Material	Dielectric Constant
Top Overlay	Overlay				
Top Solder	Solder Mask/Co...	Surface Material	0.4	Solder Resist	3.5
Top Layer	Signal	Copper	2.8		
Dielectric 2	Dielectric	Core	10	FR-4	4.2
Signal Layer 1	Signal	Copper	1.4		
Dielectric 3	Dielectric	Core	10	FR-4	4.2
Signal Layer 2	Signal	Copper	1.4		
Dielectric1	Dielectric	Core	10	FR-4	4.2
Bottom Layer	Signal	Copper	2.8		
Bottom Solder	Solder Mask/Co...	Surface Material	0.4	Solder Resist	3.5
Bottom Overlay	Overlay				

Figure 55. Layer Stack-Up With GND Planes Separating Signal Layers

Keep power traces and pours on the same layer as much as routing requirements allow. This grouping minimizes the inductance of the path and reduces noise coupling between planes. Unfortunately, due to the high number of rails in this reference design and the routing requirements required to get signals to the EVM connectors, sticking to this rule is not totally possible.

6 Related Documentation

1. Texas Instruments, [5.5-A, 36-V, Synchronous, 400-kHz Step-Down Converter](#)
2. Texas Instruments, [Four-Phase 16-A Buck Converter With Integrated Switches](#)
3. Texas Instruments, [Dual 2-A Automotive-Qualified, High-Efficiency Synchronous DC-DC Converter](#)
4. Texas Instruments, [Switched Capacitor 5-V Boost Converter](#)
5. Texas Instruments, [Low Iq Always ON Smart Diode Controller](#)
6. Texas Instruments, [Layout Tips for EMI Reduction in DC/DC Converters](#)

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