

Advanced Synchronous Rectified Buck MOSFET Drivers with Protection Features

The ISL6594A and ISL6594B are high frequency MOSFET drivers specifically designed to drive upper and lower power N-Channel MOSFETs in a synchronous rectified buck converter topology. These drivers combined with the ISL6592 Digital Multi-Phase Buck PWM controller and N-Channel MOSFETs form a complete core-voltage regulator solution for advanced microprocessors.

The ISL6594A drives the upper gate to 12V, while the lower gate can be independently driven over a range from 5V to 12V. The ISL6594B drives both upper and lower gates over a range of 5V to 12V. This drive-voltage provides the flexibility necessary to optimize applications involving trade-offs between gate charge and conduction losses.

An adaptive zero shoot-through protection is integrated to prevent both the upper and lower MOSFETs from conducting simultaneously and to minimize the dead time. These products add an overvoltage protection feature operational before VCC exceeds its turn-on threshold, at which the PHASE node is connected to the gate of the low side MOSFET (LGATE). The output voltage of the converter is then limited by the threshold of the low side MOSFET, which provides some protection to the microprocessor if the upper MOSFET(s) is shorted during initial start-up.

These drivers also feature a three-state PWM input which, working together with Intersil's multi-phase PWM controllers, prevents a negative transient on the output voltage when the output is shut down. This feature eliminates the Schottky diode that is used in some systems for protecting the load from reversed output voltage events.

Features

- Dual MOSFET Drives for Synchronous Rectified Bridge
- Adjustable Gate Voltage (5V to 12V) for Optimal Efficiency
- 36V Internal Bootstrap Schottky Diode
- Bootstrap Capacitor Overcharging Prevention
- Supports High Switching Frequency (up to 2MHz)
 - 3A Sinking Current Capability
 - Fast Rise/Fall Times and Low Propagation Delays
- Three-State PWM Input for Output Stage Shutdown
- Three-State PWM Input Hysteresis for Applications with Power Sequencing Requirement
- Pre-POR Overvoltage Protection
- VCC Undervoltage Protection
- Expandable Bottom Copper Pad for Enhanced Heat Sinking
- Dual Flat No-Lead (DFN) Package
 - Near Chip-Scale Package Footprint; Improves PCB Efficiency and Thinner in Profile
- Pb-Free Available (RoHS Compliant)

Applications

- Core Regulators for Intel® and AMD® Microprocessors
- High Current DC/DC Converters
- High Frequency and High Efficiency VRM and VRD

Related Literature

- Technical Brief TB363 "Guidelines for Handling and Processing Moisture Sensitive Surface Mount Devices (SMDs)"
- Technical Brief TB417 for Power Train Design, Layout Guidelines, and Feedback Compensation Design

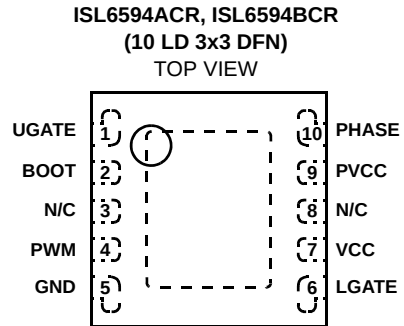
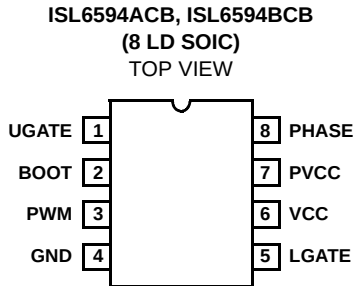
Ordering Information

PART NUMBER	PART MARKING	TEMP. RANGE (°C)	PACKAGE	PKG. DWG. #
ISL6594ACB*	ISL65 94ACB	0 to +85	8 Ld SOIC	M8.15
ISL6594ACBZ* (Note)	6594 ACBZ	0 to +85	8 Ld SOIC (Pb-free)	M8.15
ISL6594ACR*	94AC	0 to +85	10 Ld 3x3 DFN	L10.3x3
ISL6594ACRZ* (Note)	94AZ	0 to +85	10 Ld 3x3 DFN (Pb-free)	L10.3x3
ISL6594BCB*	ISL65 94BCB	0 to +85	8 Ld SOIC	M8.15
ISL6594BCBZ* (Note)	6594 BCBZ	0 to +85	8 Ld SOIC (Pb-free)	M8.15
ISL6594BCR*	94BC	0 to +85	10 Ld 3x3 DFN	L10.3x3
ISL6594BCRZ* (Note)	94BZ	0 to +85	10 Ld 3x3 DFN (Pb-free)	L10.3x3

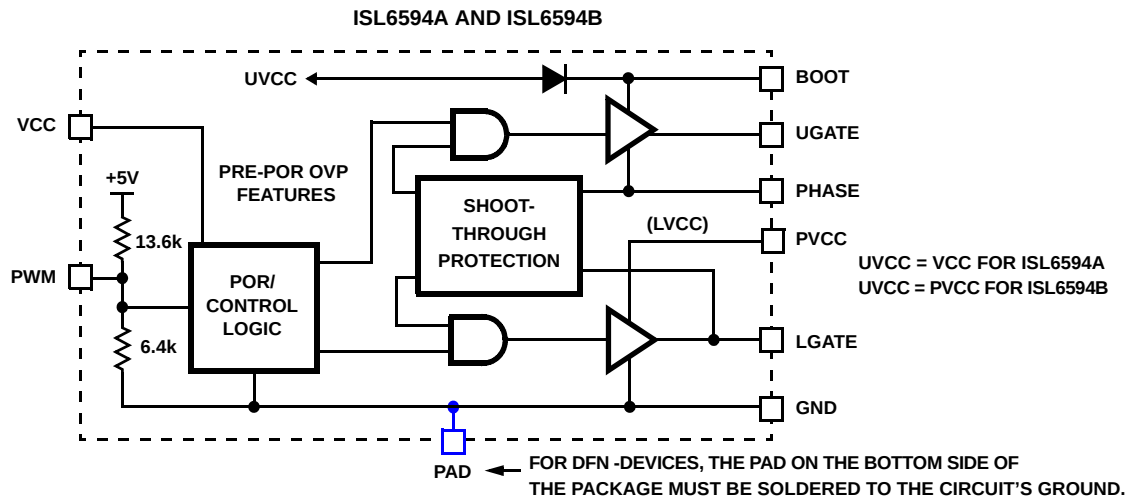
*Please refer to TB347 for details on reel specifications.

NOTE: These Intersil Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets; molding compounds/die attach materials and 100% matte tin plate PLUS ANNEAL - e3 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations. Intersil Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J STD-020.

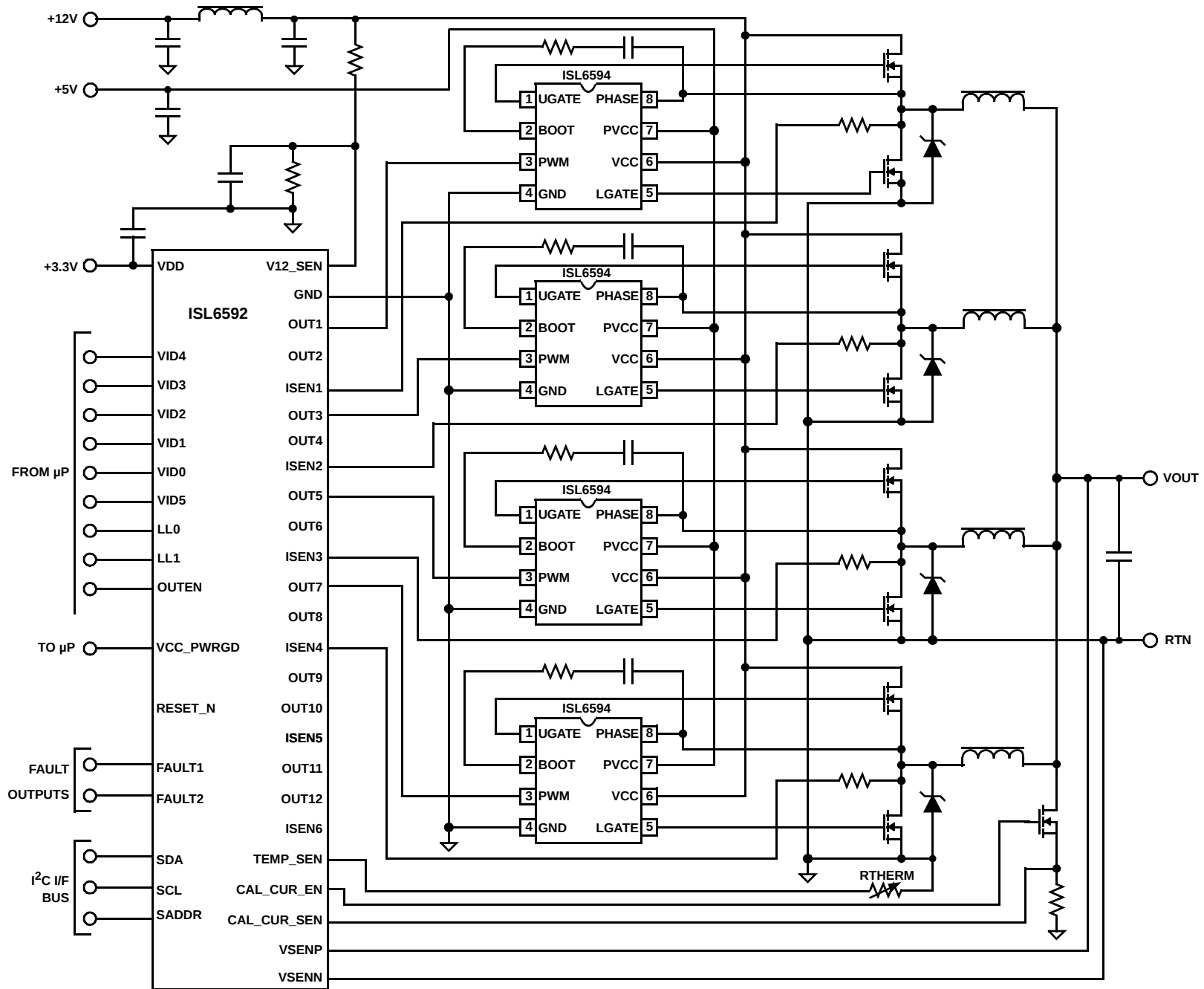
Pinouts



Block Diagram



Typical Application - 4-Channel Converter Using ISL6592 and ISL6594A Gate Drivers



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply Voltage (VCC)	15V
Supply Voltage (PVCC)	VCC + 0.3V
BOOT Voltage (V _{BOOT})	36V
Input Voltage (V _{PWM})	GND - 0.3V to 7V
UGATE	V _{PHASE} - 0.3V _{DC} to V _{BOOT} + 0.3V
	V _{PHASE} - 3.5V (<100ns Pulse Width, 2μJ) to V _{BOOT} + 0.3V
LGATE	GND - 0.3V _{DC} to V _{PVCC} + 0.3V
	GND - 5V (<100ns Pulse Width, 2μJ) to V _{PVCC} + 0.3V
PHASE	GND - 0.3V _{DC} to 15V _{DC} (V _{PVCC} = 12V)
	GND - 8V (<400ns, 20μJ) to 30V (<200ns, V _{BOOT} - GND < 36V)
ESD Rating	
Human Body Model	Class I JEDEC STD

Thermal Information

Thermal Resistance	θ_{JA} (°C/W)	θ_{JC} (°C/W)
SOIC Package (Note 1)	100	N/A
DFN Package (Notes 2, 3)	48	7
Maximum Junction Temperature (Plastic Package)	+150°C	
Maximum Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C	
Pb-free reflow profile	see link below	
	http://www.intersil.com/pbfree/Pb-FreeReflow.asp	

Recommended Operating Conditions

Ambient Temperature Range	0°C to +85°C
Maximum Operating Junction Temperature	+125°C
Supply Voltage, VCC	12V ±10%
Supply Voltage Range, PVCC	5V to 12V ±10%

CAUTION: Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions may adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

NOTES:

1. θ_{JA} is measured with the component mounted on a high effective thermal conductivity test board in free air.
2. θ_{JA} is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high effective thermal conductivity test board with "direct attach" features. See Tech Brief TB379.
3. For θ_{JC} , the "case temp" location is the center of the exposed metal pad on the package underside.

Electrical Specifications Recommended Operating Conditions, Unless Otherwise Noted.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
VCC SUPPLY CURRENT						
Bias Supply Current	I _{VCC}	ISL6594A, f _{PWM} = 300kHz, V _{VCC} = 12V	-	8	-	mA
		ISL6594B, f _{PWM} = 300kHz, V _{VCC} = 12V	-	4.5	-	mA
	I _{VCC}	ISL6594A, f _{PWM} = 1MHz, V _{VCC} = 12V	-	10.5	-	mA
		ISL6594B, f _{PWM} = 1MHz, V _{VCC} = 12V	-	5	-	mA
Gate Drive Bias Current	I _{PVCC}	ISL6594A, f _{PWM} = 300kHz, V _{PVCC} = 12V	-	4	-	mA
		ISL6594B, f _{PWM} = 300kHz, V _{PVCC} = 12V	-	7.5	-	mA
	I _{PVCC} (Note 4)	ISL6594A, f _{PWM} = 1MHz, V _{PVCC} = 12V	-	5	-	mA
		ISL6594B, f _{PWM} = 1MHz, V _{PVCC} = 12V	-	8.5	-	mA
POWER-ON RESET AND ENABLE						
VCC Rising Threshold			9.35	9.8	10.0	V
VCC Falling Threshold			7.35	7.6	8.0	V
PWM INPUT (See Timing Diagram on page 6)						
Input Current	I _{PWM}	V _{PWM} = 3.3V	-	505	-	μA
		V _{PWM} = 0V	-	-460	-	μA
PWM Rising Threshold (Note 4)		V _{CC} = 12V	-	1.70	-	V
PWM Falling Threshold (Note 4)		V _{CC} = 12V	-	1.30	-	V
Typical Three-State Shutdown Window		V _{CC} = 12V	1.23	-	1.82	V
Three-State Lower Gate Falling Threshold		V _{CC} = 12V	-	1.18	-	V
Three-State Lower Gate Rising Threshold		V _{CC} = 12V	-	0.76	-	V
Three-State Upper Gate Rising Threshold		V _{CC} = 12V	-	2.36	-	V
Three-State Upper Gate Falling Threshold		V _{CC} = 12V	-	1.96	-	V
Shutdown Hold-off Time	t _{TSSHD}		-	245	-	ns
UGATE Rise Time	t _{RU}	V _{PVCC} = 12V, 3nF Load, 10% to 90%	-	26	-	ns

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Electrical Specifications Recommended Operating Conditions, Unless Otherwise Noted. (Continued)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
LGATE Rise Time	t_{RL}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load, 10% to 90%	-	18	-	ns
UGATE Fall Time (Note 4)	t_{FU}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load, 90% to 10%	-	18	-	ns
LGATE Fall Time (Note 4)	t_{FL}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load, 90% to 10%	-	12	-	ns
UGATE Turn-On Propagation Delay (Note 4)	t_{PDHU}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load, Adaptive	-	10	-	ns
LGATE Turn-On Propagation Delay (Note 4)	t_{PDHL}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load, Adaptive	-	10	-	ns
UGATE Turn-Off Propagation Delay (Note 4)	t_{PDLU}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	10	-	ns
LGATE Turn-Off Propagation Delay (Note 4)	t_{PDLL}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	10	-	ns
LG/UG Three-State Propagation Delay (Note 4)	t_{PDTs}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	10	-	ns

OUTPUT

Upper Drive Source Current (Note 4)	I_{U_SOURCE}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	1.25	-	A
Upper Drive Source Impedance	R_{U_SOURCE}	150mA Source Current	1.4	2.0	3.0	Ω
Upper Drive Sink Current (Note 4)	I_{U_SINK}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	2	-	A
Upper Drive Sink Impedance	R_{U_SINK}	150mA Sink Current	0.9	1.65	3.0	Ω
Lower Drive Source Current (Note 4)	I_{L_SOURCE}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	2	-	A
Lower Drive Source Impedance	R_{L_SOURCE}	150mA Source Current	0.85	1.3	2.2	Ω
Lower Drive Sink Current (Note 4)	I_{L_SINK}	$V_{PVCC} = 12V$, 3nF Load	-	3	-	A
Lower Drive Sink Impedance	R_{L_SINK}	150mA Sink Current	0.60	0.94	1.35	Ω

NOTE:

- Limits should be considered typical and are not production tested.

Functional Pin Description

PACKAGE PIN #		PIN SYMBOL	FUNCTION
SOIC	DFN		
1	1	UGATE	Upper gate drive output. Connect to gate of high-side power N-Channel MOSFET.
2	2	BOOT	Floating bootstrap supply pin for the upper gate drive. Connect the bootstrap capacitor between this pin and the PHASE pin. The bootstrap capacitor provides the charge to turn on the upper MOSFET. See "Internal Bootstrap Device" on page 7 for guidance in choosing the capacitor value.
-	3, 8	N/C	No Connection.
3	4	PWM	The PWM signal is the control input for the driver. The PWM signal can enter three distinct states during operation, see "Three-State PWM Input" on page 6 for further details. Connect this pin to the PWM output of the controller.
4	5	GND	Bias and reference ground. All signals are referenced to this node. It is also the power ground return of the driver.
5	6	LGATE	Lower gate drive output. Connect to gate of the low-side power N-Channel MOSFET.
6	7	VCC	Connect this pin to a +12V bias supply. Place a high quality low ESR ceramic capacitor from this pin to GND.
7	9	PVCC	This pin supplies power to both upper and lower gate drives in ISL6594B; only the lower gate drive in ISL6594A. Its operating range is +5V to 12V. Place a high quality low ESR ceramic capacitor from this pin to GND.
8	10	PHASE	Connect this pin to the SOURCE of the upper MOSFET and the DRAIN of the lower MOSFET. This pin provides a return path for the upper gate drive.
9	11	PAD	Connect this pad to the power ground plane (GND) via thermally enhanced connection.

In addition, more than 400mV hysteresis also incorporates into the three-state shutdown window to eliminate PWM input oscillations due to the capacitive load seen by the PWM input through the body diode of the controller's PWM output when the power-up and/or power-down sequence of bias supplies of the driver and PWM controller are required.

Power-On Reset (POR) Function

During initial start-up, the VCC voltage rise is monitored. Once the rising VCC voltage exceeds 9.8V (typically), operation of the driver is enabled and the PWM input signal takes control of the gate drives. If VCC drops below the falling threshold of 7.6V (typically), operation of the driver is disabled.

Pre-POR Overvoltage Protection

For the ISL6594A, prior to VCC exceeding its POR level, the upper gate is held low. For the ISL6594B, the upper gate driver is powered from PVCC and will be held low when a voltage of 2.75V or higher is present on PVCC as VCC surpasses its POR threshold. For both devices, the lower gate is controlled by the overvoltage protection circuits during initial start-up. The PHASE is connected to the gate of the low side MOSFET (LGATE), which provides some protection to the microprocessor if the upper MOSFET(s) is shorted during initial start-up. For complete protection, the low side MOSFET should have a gate threshold well below the maximum voltage rating of the load/microprocessor.

When VCC drops below its POR level, both gates pull low and the Pre-POR overvoltage protection circuits are not activated until VCC resets.

Internal Bootstrap Device

Both drivers feature an internal bootstrap Schottky diode. Simply adding an external capacitor across the BOOT and PHASE pins completes the bootstrap circuit. The bootstrap function is also designed to prevent the bootstrap capacitor from overcharging due to the large negative swing at the trailing-edge of the PHASE node. This reduces voltage stress on the boot to phase pins.

The bootstrap capacitor must have a maximum voltage rating above UVCC + 5V and its capacitance value can be chosen from Equation 1:

$$C_{BOOT_CAP} \geq \frac{Q_{GATE}}{\Delta V_{BOOT_CAP}} \quad (EQ. 1)$$

$$Q_{GATE} = \frac{Q_{G1} \cdot UVCC}{V_{GS1}} \cdot N_{Q1}$$

where Q_{G1} is the amount of gate charge per upper MOSFET at V_{GS1} gate-source voltage and N_{Q1} is the number of control MOSFETs. The ΔV_{BOOT_CAP} term is defined as the allowable droop in the rail of the upper gate drive.

As an example, suppose two IRLR7821 FETs are chosen as the upper MOSFETs. The gate charge, Q_G , from the data sheet is 10nC at 4.5V (V_{GS}) gate-source voltage. Then the Q_{GATE} is calculated to be 53nC for UVCC (i.e. PVCC in ISL6594B, VCC in ISL6594A) = 12V. We will assume a 200mV droop in drive voltage over the PWM cycle. We find that a bootstrap capacitance of at least 0.267μF is required.

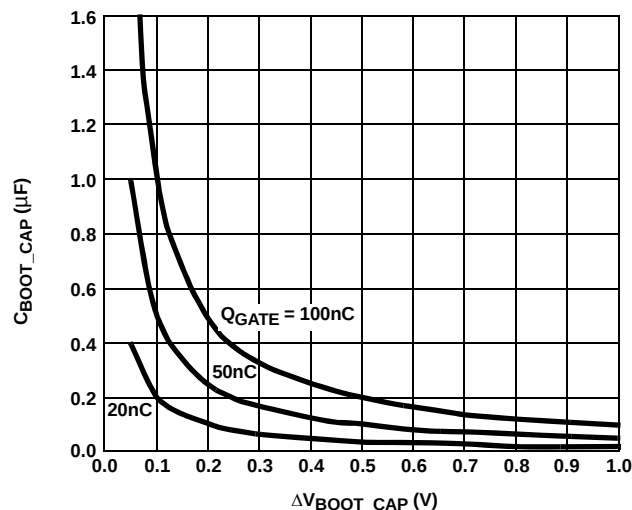


FIGURE 2. BOOTSTRAP CAPACITANCE vs BOOT RIPPLE VOLTAGE

Gate Drive Voltage Versatility

The ISL6594A and ISL6594B provide the user flexibility in choosing the gate drive voltage for efficiency optimization. The ISL6594A upper gate drive is fixed to VCC [+12V], but the lower drive rail can range from 12V down to 5V depending on what voltage is applied to PVCC. The ISL6594B ties the upper and lower drive rails together. Simply applying a voltage from 5V up to 12V on PVCC sets both gate drive rail voltages simultaneously.

Power Dissipation

Package power dissipation is mainly a function of the switching frequency (f_{SW}), the output drive impedance, the external gate resistance, and the selected MOSFET's internal gate resistance and total gate charge. Calculating the power dissipation in the driver for a desired application is critical to ensure safe operation. Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation level will push the IC beyond the maximum recommended operating junction temperature of +125°C. The maximum allowable IC power dissipation for the SO8 package is approximately 800mW at room temperature, while the power dissipation capacity in the DFN package with an exposed heat escape pad is more than 1.5W. The DFN package is more suitable for high frequency applications. See "Layout Considerations" on page 8 for thermal transfer improvement suggestions. When designing the driver into an application, it is recommended that the following calculation is used to ensure safe operation at the

desired frequency for the selected MOSFETs. The total gate drive power losses due to the gate charge of MOSFETs and the driver's internal circuitry and their corresponding average driver current can be estimated with Equations 2 and 3, respectively:

$$P_{Qg_TOT} = P_{Qg_Q1} + P_{Qg_Q2} + I_Q \cdot V_{CC} \quad (EQ. 2)$$

$$P_{Qg_Q1} = \frac{Q_{G1} \cdot UV_{CC}^2}{V_{GS1}} \cdot f_{SW} \cdot N_{Q1}$$

$$P_{Qg_Q2} = \frac{Q_{G2} \cdot LV_{CC}^2}{V_{GS2}} \cdot f_{SW} \cdot N_{Q2}$$

$$I_{DR} = \left(\frac{Q_{G1} \cdot UV_{CC} \cdot N_{Q1}}{V_{GS1}} + \frac{Q_{G2} \cdot LV_{CC} \cdot N_{Q2}}{V_{GS2}} \right) \cdot f_{SW} + I_Q \quad (EQ. 3)$$

where the gate charge (Q_{G1} and Q_{G2}) is defined at a particular gate to source voltage (V_{GS1} and V_{GS2}) in the corresponding MOSFET datasheet; I_Q is the driver's total quiescent current with no load at both drive outputs; N_{Q1} and N_{Q2} are number of upper and lower MOSFETs, respectively; UV_{CC} and LV_{CC} are the drive voltages for both upper and lower FETs, respectively. The $I_Q \cdot V_{CC}$ product is the quiescent power of the driver without capacitive load and is typically 116mW at 300kHz.

The total gate drive power losses are dissipated among the resistive components along the transition path. The drive resistance dissipates a portion of the total gate drive power losses, the rest will be dissipated by the external gate resistors (R_{G1} and R_{G2}) and the internal gate resistors (R_{GI1} and R_{GI2}) of MOSFETs. Figures 3 and 4 show the typical upper and lower gate drives turn-on transition path. The power dissipation on the driver can be roughly estimated as shown in Equation 4:

$$P_{DR} = P_{DR_UP} + P_{DR_LOW} + I_Q \cdot V_{CC} \quad (EQ. 4)$$

$$P_{DR_UP} = \left(\frac{R_{HI1}}{R_{HI1} + R_{EXT1}} + \frac{R_{LO1}}{R_{LO1} + R_{EXT1}} \right) \cdot \frac{P_{Qg_Q1}}{2}$$

$$P_{DR_LOW} = \left(\frac{R_{HI2}}{R_{HI2} + R_{EXT2}} + \frac{R_{LO2}}{R_{LO2} + R_{EXT2}} \right) \cdot \frac{P_{Qg_Q2}}{2}$$

$$R_{EXT1} = R_{G1} + \frac{R_{GI1}}{N_{Q1}} \quad R_{EXT2} = R_{G2} + \frac{R_{GI2}}{N_{Q2}}$$

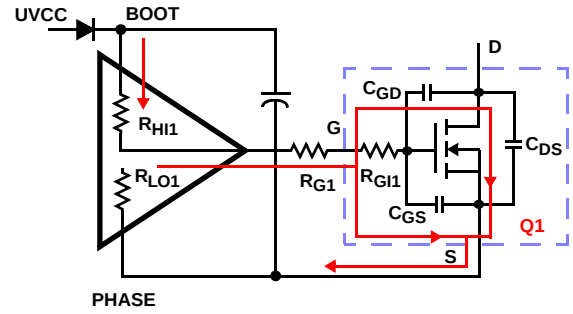


FIGURE 3. TYPICAL UPPER-GATE DRIVE TURN-ON PATH

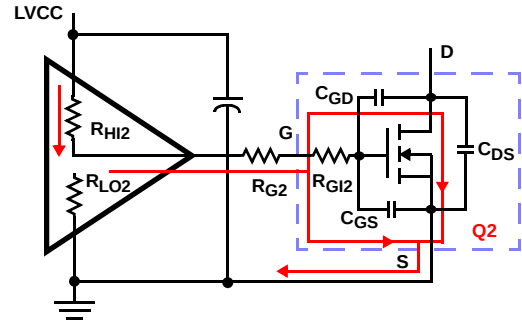


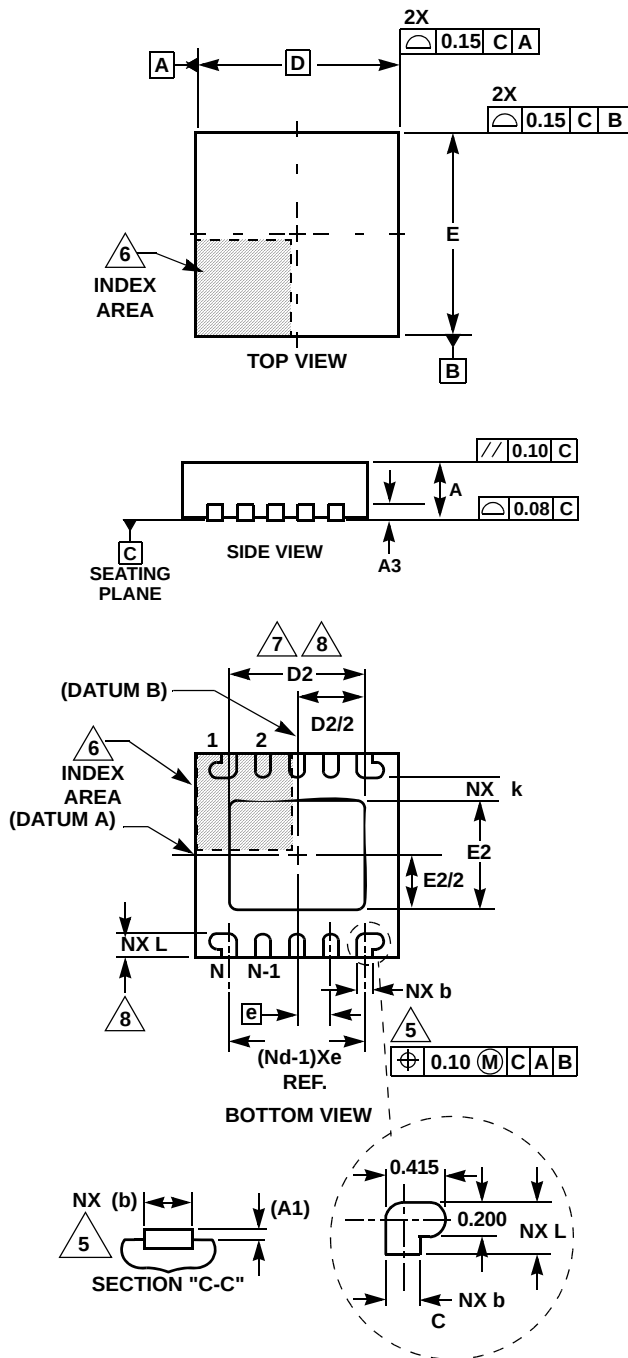
FIGURE 4. TYPICAL LOWER-GATE DRIVE TURN-ON PATH

Layout Considerations

For heat spreading, place copper underneath the IC whether it has an exposed pad or not. The copper area can be extended beyond the bottom area of the IC and/or connected to buried copper plane(s) with thermal vias. This combination of vias for vertical heat escape, extended copper plane, and buried planes for heat spreading allows the IC to achieve its full thermal potential.

Place each channel power component as close to each other as possible to reduce PCB copper losses and PCB parasitics: shortest distance between DRAINS of upper FETs and SOURCES of lower FETs; shortest distance between DRAINS of lower FETs and the power ground. Thus, smaller amplitudes of positive and negative ringing are on the switching edges of the PHASE node. However, some space in between the power components is required for good airflow. The traces from the drivers to the FETs should be kept short and wide to reduce the inductance of the traces and to promote clean drive signals.

Dual Flat No-Lead Plastic Package (DFN)



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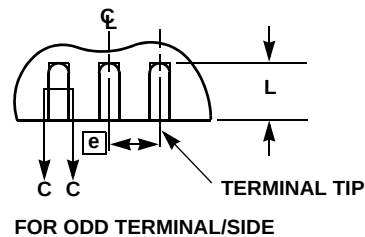
10 LEAD DUAL FLAT NO-LEAD PLASTIC PACKAGE

SYMBOL	MILLIMETERS			NOTES
	MIN	NOMINAL	MAX	
A	0.80	0.90	1.00	-
A1	-	-	0.05	-
A3	0.20 REF			-
b	0.18	0.23	0.28	5,8
D	3.00 BSC			-
D2	1.95	2.00	2.05	7,8
E	3.00 BSC			-
E2	1.55	1.60	1.65	7,8
e	0.50 BSC			-
k	0.25	-	-	-
L	0.30	0.35	0.40	8
N	10			2
Nd	5			3

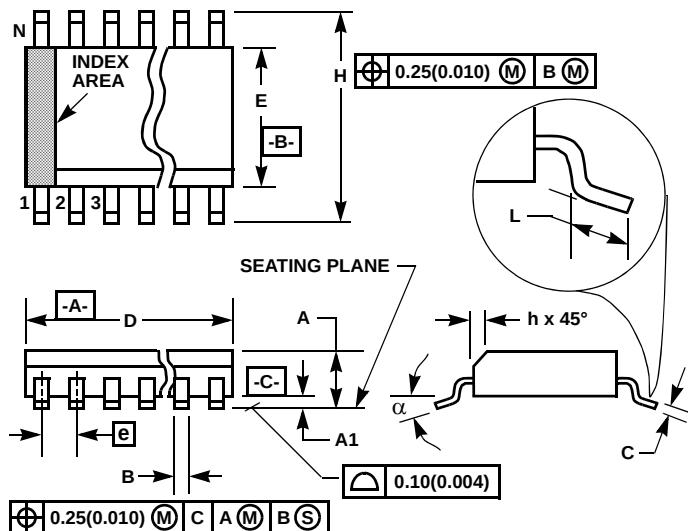
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NOTES:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to ASME Y14.5-1994.
2. N is the number of terminals.
3. Nd refers to the number of terminals on D.
4. All dimensions are in millimeters. Angles are in degrees.
5. Dimension b applies to the metallized terminal and is measured between 0.15mm and 0.30mm from the terminal tip.
6. The configuration of the pin #1 identifier is optional, but must be located within the zone indicated. The pin #1 identifier may be either a mold or mark feature.
7. Dimensions D2 and E2 are for the exposed pads which provide improved electrical and thermal performance.
8. Nominal dimensions are provided to assist with PCB Land Pattern Design efforts, see Intersil Technical Brief TB389.



Small Outline Plastic Packages (SOIC)



NOTES:

1. Symbols are defined in the "MO Series Symbol List" in Section 2.2 of Publication Number 95.
2. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M-1982.
3. Dimension "D" does not include mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusion and gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15mm (0.006 inch) per side.
4. Dimension "E" does not include interlead flash or protrusions. Interlead flash and protrusions shall not exceed 0.25mm (0.010 inch) per side.
5. The chamfer on the body is optional. If it is not present, a visual index feature must be located within the crosshatched area.
6. "L" is the length of terminal for soldering to a substrate.
7. "N" is the number of terminal positions.
8. Terminal numbers are shown for reference only.
9. The lead width "B", as measured 0.36mm (0.014 inch) or greater above the seating plane, shall not exceed a maximum value of 0.61mm (0.024 inch).
10. Controlling dimension: MILLIMETER. Converted inch dimensions are not necessarily exact.

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8 LEAD NARROW BODY SMALL OUTLINE PLASTIC PACKAGE

SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
A	0.0532	0.0688	1.35	1.75	-
A1	0.0040	0.0098	0.10	0.25	-
B	0.013	0.020	0.33	0.51	9
C	0.0075	0.0098	0.19	0.25	-
D	0.1890	0.1968	4.80	5.00	3
E	0.1497	0.1574	3.80	4.00	4
e	0.050 BSC		1.27 BSC		-
H	0.2284	0.2440	5.80	6.20	-
h	0.0099	0.0196	0.25	0.50	5
L	0.016	0.050	0.40	1.27	6
N	8		8		7
α	0°	8°	0°	8°	-

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