



LC2331

600KHz, 16V, 2A Synchronous Step-Down Converter

DESCRIPTION

The LC2331 is a fully integrated, high-efficiency 2A synchronous rectified step-down converter. The LC2331 operates at high efficiency over a wide output current load range.

This device offers two operation modes, PWM control and PFM Mode switching control, which allows a high efficiency over the wider range of the load.

The LC2331 requires a minimum number of readily available standard external components and is available in a 6-pin SOT23 ROHS compliant package.

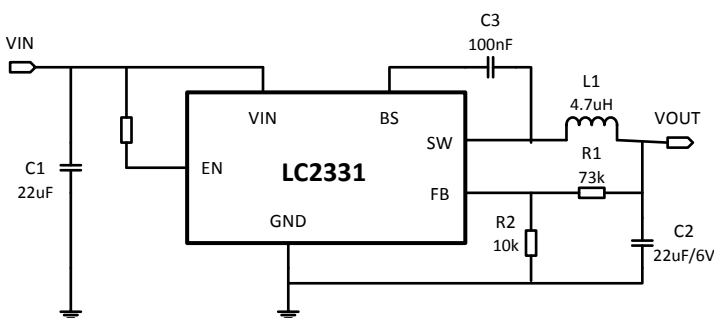
FEATURES

- High Efficiency: Up to 96%
- 600KHz Frequency Operation
- 2A Output Current
- No Schottky Diode Required
- 3.5V to 16V Input Voltage Range
- 0.6V Reference
- Slope Compensated Current Mode Control for Excellent Line and Load Transient Response
- Integrated internal compensation
- Stable with Low ESR Ceramic Output Capacitors
- Over Current Protection with Hiccup-Mode
- Thermal Shutdown
- Inrush Current Limit and Soft Start
- Available in SOT23-6
- -40°C to +85°C Temperature Range

APPLICATIONS

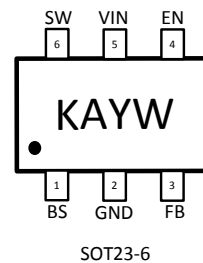
- Distributed Power Systems
- Digital Set Top Boxes
- Flat Panel Television and Monitors
- Wireless and DSL Modems
- Notebook Computer

TYPICAL APPLICATION



Note: C1 and C2 recommended using 22uF ceramic capacitors. If the electrolytic capacitor is used, it is recommended that the ceramic capacitor in parallel with a capacitance value of 2.2uF or more.

PIN OUT & MARKING



KA: Product Code
 YW: Date code (Year & Week)

ORDERING INFORMATION

PART No.	PACKAGE	Tape&Reel
LC2331CB6TR	SOT23-6	3000/Reel

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATING

Parameter	Value
Supply Voltage V_{IN}	-0.3V to 18V
Switch Node Voltage V_{SW}	-0.3V to ($V_{IN}+0.5V$)
Boost Voltage V_{BS}	$V_{SW}-0.3V$ to $V_{SW}+5V$
All Other Pins	-0.3V to 6V
Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10s)	300°C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

($V_{IN}=12V$, $V_{OUT}=5V$, $T_A=25^\circ C$, unless otherwise stated)

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input Voltage Range		3.5		16	V
UVLO Threshold			2		V
Supply Current in Operation	$V_{EN} = 2.0V$, $V_{FB} = 1.1V$		0.4	0.6	mA
Supply Current in Shutdown	$V_{EN} = 0V$ or $V_{EN} = GND$		5		uA
Regulated Feedback Voltage	$4.5V \leq V_{IN} \leq 16V$	0.588	0.6	0.612	V
High-side Switch On Resistance			90		m Ω
Low-side Switch On Resistance			70		m Ω
High-side Switch Leakage Current	$V_{EN} = 0V$, $V_{SW} = 0V$		0	10	uA
Upper Switch Current Limit	Minimum Duty Cycle		4.2		A
Oscillation Frequency			600		KHz
Maximum Duty Cycle	$V_{FB} = 0.6V$		92		%
Minimum On Time			60		ns
EN Rising Threshold		1.5			V
EN Falling Threshold				0.5	V
Thermal Shutdown			170		°C

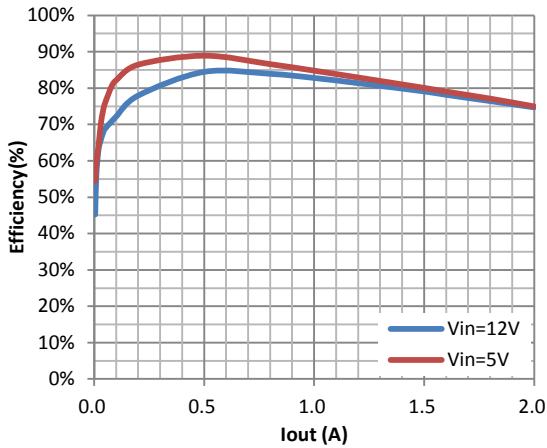
PIN DESCRIPTION

PIN #	NAME	DESCRIPTION
1	BS	Bootstrap. A capacitor connected between SW and BS pins is required to form a floating supply across the high-side switch driver.
2	GND	Ground
3	FB	Adjustable version feedback input. Connect FB to the center point of the external resistor divider.
4	EN	Drive this pin to a logic-high to enable the IC. Drive to a logic-low to disable the IC and enter micro-power shutdown mode.
5	VIN	Power supply Pin
6	SW	Switching Pin

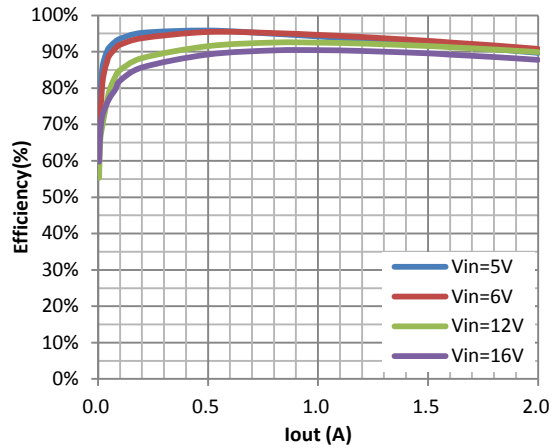
ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE

Tested under, $L=4.7\mu H$, $T_A=25^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified

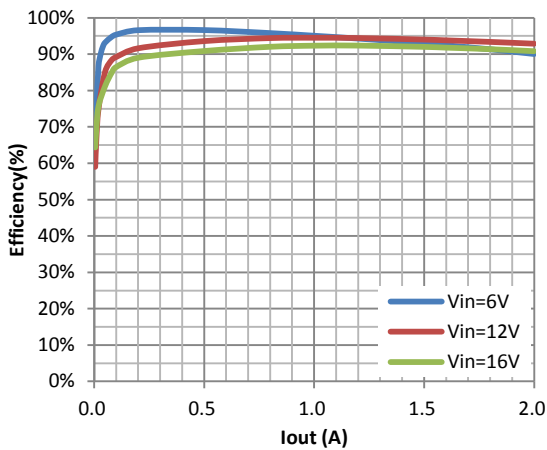
Efficiency vs. Iout
(Vout=1.2V)



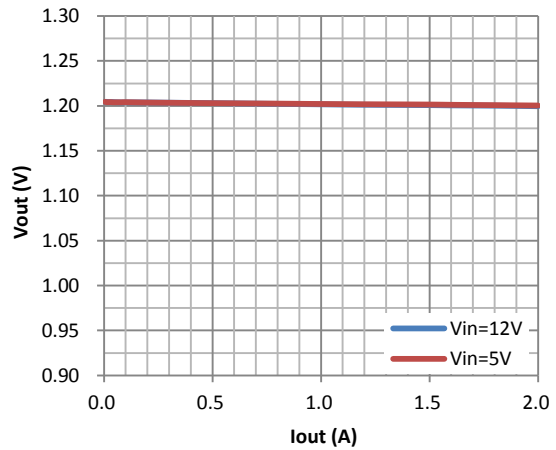
Efficiency vs. Iout
(Vout=3.3V)



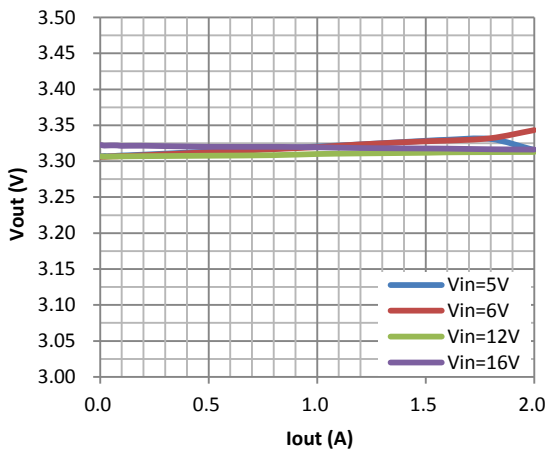
Efficiency vs. Iout
(Vout=5.0V)



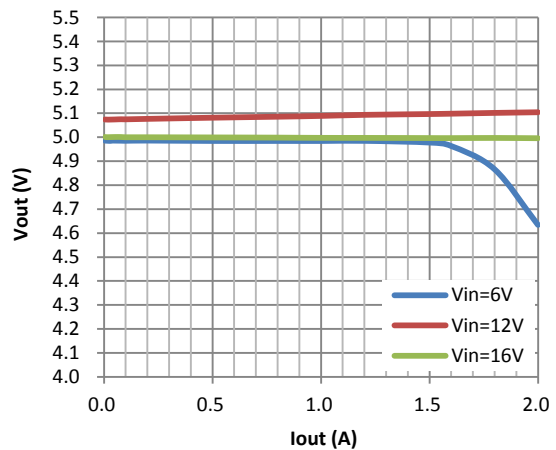
Vout vs. Iout
(Vout=1.2V)



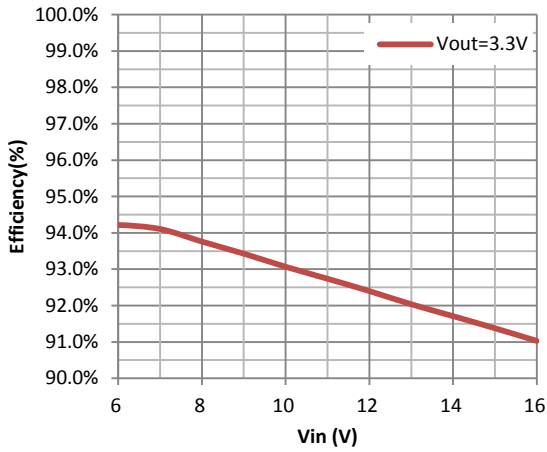
Vout vs. Iout
(Vout=3.3V)



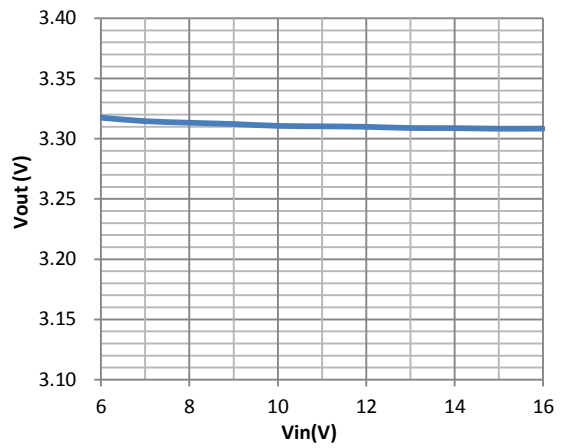
Vout vs. Iout
(Vout=5.0V)



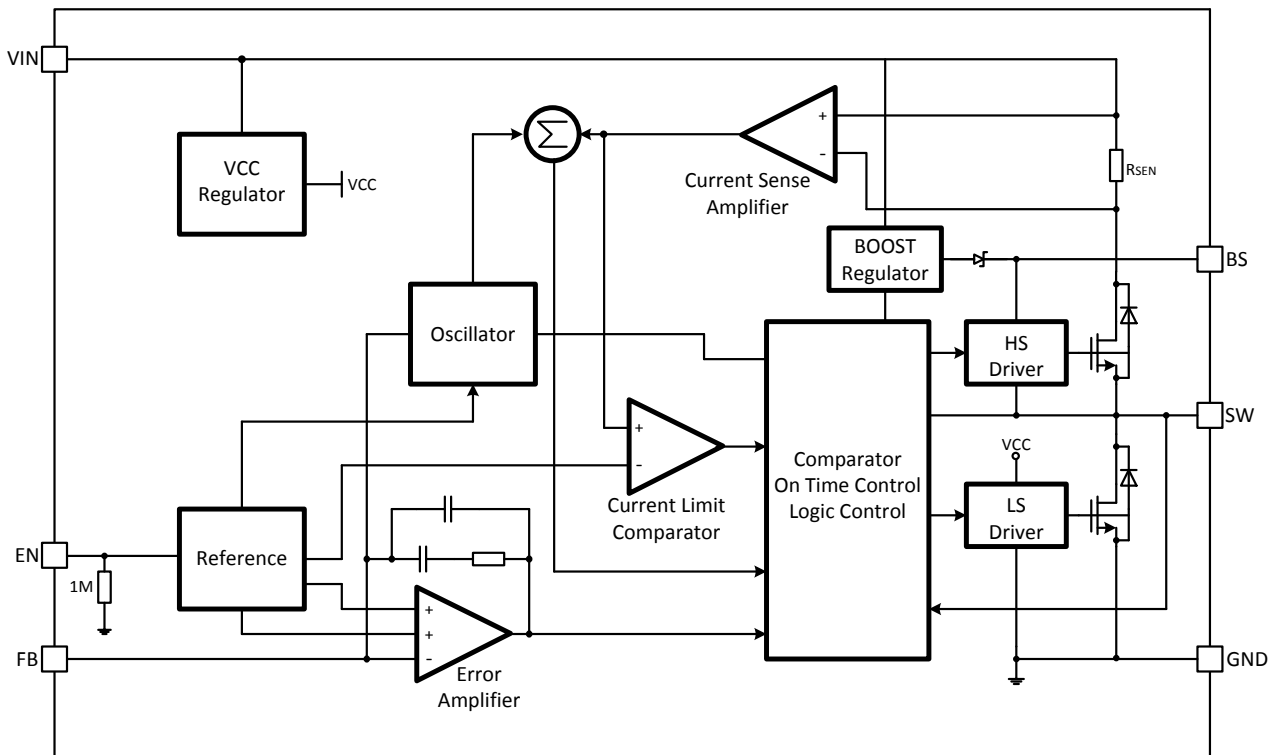
Efficiency vs. Vin
Iout=1A



Vout vs. Vin
Iout=1A



BLOCK DIAGRAM



DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Internal Regulator

The LC2331 is a current mode step down DC/DC converter that provides excellent transient response with no extra external compensation components. This device contains an internal, low resistance, high voltage power MOSFET, and operates at a high 600K operating frequency to ensure a compact, high efficiency design with excellent AC and DC performance.

Error Amplifier

The error amplifier compares the FB pin voltage with the internal FB reference (VFB) and outputs a current proportional to the difference between the two. This output current is then used to charge or discharge the internal compensation network to form the COMP voltage, which is used to control the power MOSFET current. The optimized internal compensation network minimizes the external component counts and simplifies the control loop design.

Internal Soft-Start

The soft-start is implemented to prevent the converter output voltage from overshooting during startup. When the chip starts, the internal circuitry generates a soft-start voltage (SS) ramping up from 0V to 0.6V. When it is lower than the internal reference (REF), SS overrides REF so the error amplifier uses SS as the reference. When SS is higher than REF, REF regains control. The SS time is internally fixed to 1ms.

Over-Current-Protection and Hiccup

The LC2331 has cycle-by-cycle over current limit when the inductor current peak value exceeds the set current limit threshold. Meanwhile, output voltage starts to drop until FB is below the Under-Voltage (UV) threshold, typically 30% below the reference. Once a UV is triggered, the LC2331 enters hiccup mode to periodically restart the part. This protection mode is especially useful when the output is dead-short to ground. The average short circuit current is greatly reduced to alleviate the thermal issue and to protect the regulator. The LC2331 exits the hiccup mode once the over current condition is removed.

Startup and Shutdown

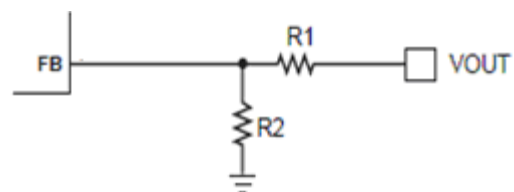
If both VIN and EN are higher than their appropriate thresholds, the chip starts. The reference block starts first, generating stable reference voltage and currents, and then the internal regulator is enabled. The regulator provides stable supply for the remaining circuitries. Three events can shut down the chip: EN low, VIN low and thermal shutdown. In the shutdown procedure, the signaling path is first blocked to avoid any fault triggering. The COMP voltage and the internal supply rail are then pulled down. The floating driver is not subject to this shutdown command.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Setting Output Voltages

The external resistor divider is used to set the output voltage (see Typical Application on page 1). The feedback resistor R1 also sets the feedback loop bandwidth with the internal compensation capacitor. Choose R1 to be around 100kΩ for optimal transient response. R2 is then given by:

$$R_2 = \frac{R_1}{V_{out}/V_{FB} - 1}$$



Selecting the Inductor

A 4.7μH to 22μH inductor with a DC current rating of at least 25% percent higher than the maximum load current is recommended for most applications. For highest efficiency, the inductor DC resistance should be less than 15mΩ. For most designs, the inductance value can be derived from the following equation.

$$L = \frac{V_{out} \times (V_{in} - V_{out})}{V_{in} \times \Delta I_L \times f_{osc}}$$

Where ΔIL is the inductor ripple current. Choose inductor ripple current to be approximately 30% if the maximum load current, 2A. The maximum inductor peak current is:

$$I_{L(MAX)} = I_{LOAD} + \frac{\Delta I_L}{2}$$

Under light load conditions below 100mA, larger inductance is recommended for improved efficiency.

Selecting the Output Capacitor

The output capacitor (C2) is required to maintain the DC output voltage. Ceramic, tantalum, or low ESR electrolytic capacitors are recommended. Low ESR capacitors are preferred to keep the output voltage ripple low. The output voltage ripple can be estimated by:

$$\Delta V_{out} = \frac{V_{out}}{f_S \times L} \times \left[1 - \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right] \times \left[R_{ESR} + \frac{1}{8 \times f_S \times C_2} \right]$$

Where L is the inductor value and RESR is the equivalent series resistance (ESR) value of the output capacitor. In the case of ceramic capacitors, the impedance at the switching frequency is dominated by the capacitance. The output voltage

ripple is mainly caused by the capacitance. For simplification, the output voltage ripple can be estimated by:

$$\Delta V_{out} = \frac{V_{out}}{8 \times f_S^2 \times L \times C_2} \times \left[1 - \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right]$$

In the case of tantalum or electrolytic capacitors, the ESR dominates the impedance at the switching frequency. For simplification, the output ripple can be approximated to:

$$\Delta V_{out} = \frac{V_{out}}{f_S \times L} \times \left[1 - \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right] \times R_{ESR}$$

The characteristics of the output capacitor also affect the stability of the regulation system. The LC2331 can be optimized for a wide range of capacitance and ESR values.

PACKAGE OUTLINE

Package	SOT23-6	Devices per reel	3000	Unit	mm
Package specification:					
<p>The drawing shows the SOT23-6 package with the following dimensions (in mm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top view: Total width 2.9±0.2, distance between pins 1.9±0.2, pin pitch (0.95), pin 1 width 0.4±0.1, pin 2 width 0.4±0.1. Side view: Total height 2.8±0.3, pin 1 height 1.6±0.2, pin 2 height 1.6±0.2, pin 3 height 1.6±0.2, pin 4 height 1.6±0.2, pin 5 height 1.6±0.2, pin 6 height 1.6±0.2. Bottom view: Pin 1 width 0.4±0.1, pin 2 width 0.4±0.1. 					