

High Performance Dual Channel Current Mode Controllers

The MC34065–H,L series are high performance, fixed frequency, dual current mode controllers. They are specifically designed for off–line and dc–to–dc converter applications offering the designer a cost effective solution with minimal external components. These integrated circuits feature a unique oscillator for precise duty cycle limit and frequency control, a temperature compensated reference, two high gain error amplifiers, two current sensing comparators, Drive Output 2 Enable pin, and two high current totem pole outputs ideally suited for driving power MOSFETs.

Also included are protective features consisting of input and reference undervoltage lockouts each with hysteresis, cycle–by–cycle current limiting, and a latch for single pulse metering of each output. These devices are available in dual–in–line and surface mount packages.

The MC34065–H has UVLO thresholds of 14 V (on) and 10 V (off), ideally suited for off–line converters. The MC34065–L is tailored for lower voltage applications having UVLO thresholds of 8.4 V (on) and 7.8 V (off).

- Unique Oscillator for Precise Duty Cycle Limit and Frequency Control
- Current Mode Operation to 500 kHz
- Automatic Feed Forward Compensation
- Separate Latching PWMs for Cycle–By–Cycle Current Limiting
- Internally Trimmed Reference with Undervoltage Lockout
- Drive Output 2 Enable Pin
- **Two High Current Totem Pole Outputs**
- Input Undervoltage Lockout with Hysteresis
- Low Startup and Operating Current

HIGH PERFORMANCE DUAL CHANNEL CURRENT MODE CONTROLLERS

SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNICAL DATA

ORDERING INFORMATION

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MAXIMUM RATINGS

<code>ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS</code> (V $_{\rm CC}$ = 15 V [Note 2], R $_{\rm T}$ = 8.2 kΩ, C $_{\rm T}$ = 3.3 nF, for typical values T $_{\rm A}$ = 25°C, for min/max values T_A is the operating ambient temperature range that applies to [Note 3].)

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Figure 5. Error Amp Open Loop Gain and Phase versus Frequency

Figure 6. Current Sense Input Threshold versus Error Amp Output Voltage

200 mV/DIV

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 V_{CC} = 15 V $Ay = -1.0$ $T_A = 25$ °C

Figure 8. Reference Short Circuit Current versus Temperature

V_{CC} = 11 V to 15 V
T_A = 25°C ∆VO, OUTPUT VOLTAGE CHANGE (2.0 mV/DIV)

Figure 11. Output Saturation Voltage 0 v_{sat} , output saturation voltage (v)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{6}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ Vsat, Output Satura Saturation Summaria \Box Source Saturation VCC = 15 V 80 µs Pulsed Load V_{CC} (Load to Ground) 120 Hz Rate $T_A = 25$ ^oC –4.0 $T_A = -55^{\circ}C$ –6.0 4.0 $T_A = -55^{\circ}C$ 2.0 Gnd Sink Saturation

(Load to V_{CC}) $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$ 0 100 200 300 400 IO, OUTPUT LOAD CURRENT (mA)

Figure 12. Output Waveform

100 ns/DIV

MC34065–H, L MC33065–H, L OPERATING DESCRIPTION

The MC34065–H,L series are high performance, fixed frequency, dual channel current mode controllers specifically designed for Off–Line and dc–to–dc converter applications. These devices offer the designer a cost effective solution with minimal external components where independent regulation of two power converters is required. The Representative Block Diagram is shown in Figure 15. Each channel contains a high gain error amplifier, current sensing comparator, pulse width modulator latch, and totem pole output driver. The oscillator, reference regulator, and undervoltage lock–out circuits are common to both channels.

Oscillator

The unique oscillator configuration employed features precise frequency and duty cycle control. The frequency is programmed by the values selected for the timing components RT and CT. Capacitor CT is charged and discharged by an equal magnitude internal current source and sink, generating a symmetrical 50 percent duty cycle waveform at Pin 2. The oscillator peak and valley thresholds are 3.5 V and 1.6 V respectively. The source/sink current magnitude is controlled by resistor R_T . For proper operation over temperature it must be in the range of 4.0 kΩ to 16 kΩ as shown in Figure 1.

As C_T charges and discharges, an internal blanking pulse is generated that alternately drives the center inputs of the upper and lower NOR gates high. This, in conjunction with a precise amount of delay time introduced into each channel, produces well defined non–overlapping output duty cycles. Output 2 is enabled while C_T is charging, and Output 1 is enabled during the discharge. Figure 2 shows the Maximum Output Duty Cycle versus Oscillator Frequency. Note that even at 500 kHz, each output is capable of approximately 44% on–time, making this controller suitable for high frequency power conversion applications.

In many noise sensitive applications it may be desirable to frequency–lock the converter to an external system clock. This can be accomplished by applying a clock signal as shown in Figure 17. For reliable locking, the free–running oscillator frequency should be set about 10% less than the clock frequency. Referring to the timing diagram shown in Figure 16, the rising edge of the clock signal applied to the Sync input, terminates charging of C_T and Drive Output 2 conduction. By tailoring the clock waveform symmetry, accurate duty cycle clamping of either output can be achieved. A circuit method for this, and multi–unit synchronization, is shown in Figure 18.

Error Amplifier

Each channel contains a fully–compensated Error Amplifier with access to the inverting input and output. The amplifier features a typical dc voltage gain of 100 dB, and a unity gain bandwidth of 1.0 MHz with 71° of phase margin (Figure 5). The noninverting input is internally biased at 2.5 V and is not pinned out. The converter output voltage is typically divided down and monitored by the inverting input through a resistor divider. The maximum input bias current is –1.0 µA which will cause an output voltage error that is equal to the product of the input bias current and the equivalent input divider source resistance.

The Error Amp output (Pin 5, 12) is provided for external loop compensation. The output voltage is offset by two diode

drops (≈1.4 V) and divided by three before it connects to the inverting input of the Current Sense Comparator. This guarantees that no pulses appear at the Drive Output (Pin 7, 10) when the error amplifier output is at its lowest state (V \cap). This occurs when the power supply is operating and the load is removed, or at the beginning of a soft–start interval (Figures 20, 21).

The minimum allowable Error Amp feedback resistance is limited by the amplifier's source current (0.5 mA) and the output voltage (VOH) required to reach the comparator's 1.0 V clamp level with the inverting input at ground. This condition happens during initial system startup or when the sensed output is shorted:

$$
R_{f(min)} \approx \frac{3.0 (1.0 V) + 1.4 V}{0.5 mA} = 8800 \Omega
$$

Current Sense Comparator and PWM Latch

The MC34065 operates as a current mode controller, whereby output switch conduction is initiated by the oscillator and terminated when the peak inductor current reaches the threshold level established by the Error Amplifier output. Thus the error signal controls the peak inductor current on a cycle–by–cycle basis. The Current Sense Comparator–PWM Latch configuration used ensures that only a single pulse appears at the Drive Output during any given oscillator cycle. The inductor current is converted to a voltage by inserting a ground-referenced sense resistor R_S in series with the source of output switch Q1. This voltage is monitored by the Current Sense Input (Pin 6, 11) and compared to a level derived from the Error Amp output. The peak inductor current under normal operating conditions is controlled by the voltage at Pin 5, 12 where:

$$
I_{pk} = \frac{V(p_{in 5, 12}) - 1.4 V}{3 R_S}
$$

Abnormal operating conditions occur when the power supply output is overloaded or if output voltage sensing is lost. Under these conditions, the Current Sense Comparator threshold will be internally clamped to 1.0 V. Therefore the maximum peak switch current is:

$$
I_{\rm pk(max)} = \frac{1.0 \text{ V}}{\text{Rg}}
$$

When designing a high power switching regulator it may be desirable to reduce the internal clamp voltage in order to keep the power dissipation of Rs to a reasonable level. A simple method to adjust this voltage is shown in Figure 19. The two external diodes are used to compensate the internal diodes, yielding a constant clamp voltage over temperature. Erratic operation due to noise pickup can result if there is an excessive reduction of the $I_{\text{pk(max)}}$ clamp voltage.

A narrow spike on the leading edge of the current waveform can usually be observed and may cause the power supply to exhibit an instability when the output is lightly loaded. This spike is due to the power transformer interwinding capacitance and output rectifier recovery time. The addition of an RC filter on the Current Sense input with a time constant that approximates the spike duration will usually eliminate the instability, refer to Figure 24.

Undervoltage Lockout

Two Undervoltage Lockout comparators have been incorporated to guarantee that the IC is fully functional before the output stages are enabled. The positive power supply terminal (V_{C}) and the reference output (V_{ref}) are each monitored by separate comparators. Each has built–in hysteresis to prevent erratic output behavior as their respective thresholds are crossed. The V_{CC} comparator upper and lower thresholds are 14 V/10 V for –H suffix, and 8.4 V/7.6 V for -L suffix. The V_{ref} comparator upper and lower thresholds are 3.6 V/3.4 V respectively. The large hysteresis and low startup current of the –H suffix version makes it ideally suited in off–line converter applications where efficient bootstrap startup techniques are required (Figure 28). The –L suffix version is intended for lower voltage dc–to–dc converter applications. The minimum operating voltage for the –H suffix is 11 V and 8.2 V for the –L suffix.

Drive Outputs and Drive Ground

Each section contains a single totem–pole output stage that is specifically designed for direct drive of power MOSFETs. The Drive Outputs are capable of up to ±400 mA peak current with a typical rise and fall time of 50 ns with a 1.0 nF load. Additional internal circuitry has been added to keep the outputs in a sinking mode whenever an Undervoltage Lockout is active. This characteristic eliminates the need for an external pull–down resistor. The totem–pole output has been optimized to minimize cross–conduction current in high speed operation. The addition of two 10 Ω resistors, one in series with the source output transistor and one in series with the sink output transistor, reduces the cross–conduction current to minimal levels, as shown in Figure 13.

Although the Drive Outputs were optimized for MOSFETs, they can easily supply the negative base current required by bipolar NPN transistors for enhanced turn–off (Figure 25).

The outputs do not contain internal current limiting, therefore an external series resistor may be required to prevent the peak output current from exceeding the ±400 mA maximum rating. The sink saturation (VOL) is less than 0.75 V at 50 mA.

A separate Drive Ground pin is provided and, with proper implementation, will significantly reduce the level of switching transient noise imposed on the control circuitry. This becomes particularly useful when reducing the $I_{DK(max)}$ clamp level. Figure 23 shows the proper ground connections required for current sensing power MOSFET applications.

Drive Output 2 Enable Pin

This input is used to enable Drive Output 2. Drive Output 1 can be used to control circuitry that must run continuously such as volatile memory and the system clock, or a remote controlled receiver, while Drive Output 2 controls the high power circuitry that is occasionally turned off.

Reference

The 5.0 V bandgap reference is trimmed to $\pm 2.0\%$ tolerance at $T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. The reference has short circuit protection and is capable of providing in excess of 30 mA for powering any additional control system circuitry.

Design Considerations

Do not attempt to construct the converter on wire–wrap or plug–in prototype boards. High frequency circuit layout techniques are imperative to prevent pulse–width jitter. This is usually caused by excessive noise pick–up imposed on the Current Sense or Voltage Feedback inputs. Noise immunity can be improved by lowering circuit impedances at these points. The printed circuit layout should contain a ground plane with low current signal and high current switch and output grounds returning on separate paths back to the input filter capacitor. Ceramic bypass capacitors (0.1 μ F) connected directly to V_{CC} and V_{ref} may be required depending upon circuit layout. This provides a low impedance path for filtering the high frequency noise. All high current loops should be kept as short as possible using heavy copper runs to minimize radiated EMI. The Error Amp compensation circuitry and the converter output voltage–divider should be located close to the IC and as far as possible from the power switch and other noise generating components.

Figure 17. External Clock Synchronization

The external diode clamp is required if the negative Sync current is greater than –5.0 mA.

Figure 19. Adjustable Reduction of Clamp Level Figure 20. Soft–Start Circuit

Figure 21. Adjustable Reduction of Clamp Level with Soft–Start

Virtually lossless current sensing can be achieved with the implementation of a SENSEFET power switch. For proper operation during over current conditions, a reduction of the $I_{pk(max)}$ clamp level must be implemented. Refer to Figures 19 and 21.

Figure 22. MOSFET Parasitic Oscillations

Series gate resistor R_g may be needed to damp high frequency parasitic
oscillations caused by the MOSFET input capacitance and any series wiring inductance in the gate–source circuit. R_g will decrease the MOSFET
switching speed. Schottky diode D₁ is required if circuit ringing drives the
output pin below ground.

The addition of the RC filter will eliminate instability caused by the leading edge spike on the current waveform.

Figure 25. Bipolar Transistor Drive **Figure 26. Isolated MOSFET Drive**

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The totem–pole outputs can furnish negative base current for enhanced transistor turn–off, with the addition of capacitor C_1 .

The capacitor's equivalent series resistance must limit the Drive Output current to 400 mA. An additional series resistor may be required when using tantalum or other low ESR capacitors. The positive output can provide excellent line and load regulation by connecting the R_2/R_1 resistor divider as shown.

Figure 28. 125 Watt Off–Line Converter

- $T1 -$ 468 µH per section at 2.5 A, Coilcraft E3496A.
- $T2 -$ Primary: 156 Turns, #34 AWG Primary Feedback: 19 Turns, #34 AWG Secondary: 17 Turns, #28 AWG Core: TDK PC30 EE22–Z Bobbin: BE22–118CP Gap: ≈0.001″ for a primary inductance of 6.8 mH
- $T3 -$ L1, L3, L4 – Primary: 56 Turns, #23 AWG (2 strands) Bifiliar Wound Secondary: ±12 V, 4 Turns, #23 AWG (4 strands) Quadfiliar Wound Secondary 100 V: 32 Turns, #23 AWG (2 strands) Bifiliar Wound Core: TDK PC30 EER40 G0.76 Bobbin: BEER40–1112CP Gap: ≈0.030″ for a primary 25 µH at 1.0 A, Coilcraft Z7157. inductance of 212 µH
	- $L2 -$ 10 µH at 3.0 A, Coilcraft PCV–0–010–03.

Figure 29. PC Board Circuit Side and Component View

(CIRCUIT VIEW)

(COMPONENT VIEW)

*100 V and ±12 V Shutdown

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