

iW3701

High Performance Digital Integrated PFC and Buck Controller for LED Driver Applications

The **iW3701** is a high performance combination AC/DC controller specifically designed for high performance dimmable solid-state lighting LED driver applications. The device integrates both power factor correction (PFC) and LED current and voltage regulation stages in a single SOIC-14 package to enable a high integration level and overall system optimization. With full digital control inside, the iW3701 delivers best-in-class PF, total harmonic distortion (THD), current and voltage regulation, dimming resolution and dimming range. With Renesas' patented **PrimAccurate™** technology, the iW3701 eliminates the complicated regulation and dimming circuit on the secondary side.

The iW3701's unique dual-mode, dual dimming pin interface significantly simplifies the application design. The end-user can field-program the maximum LED current through one dimming pin by analog voltage level, an adjustable resistor or PWM duty cycle. The second dimming port can be used for 3-in-1 dimming: analog level, PWM duty cycle or resistor dimming. Internally, the iW3701 processes the dimming inputs and regulates the output current percentage = DIM1 % x DIM2%.

A dedicated light-off mode in the iW3701 turns off the LED while keeping itself powered when the dimming signal input is less than the light off threshold. This is achieved by regulating the output voltage at a low constant voltage (CV) target which is lower than the LED load light-on threshold. In light-off mode, the iW3701 continually monitors the dimming inputs. If the dimming signal input becomes higher than the light-on threshold, the iW3701 immediately wakes up and resumes LED current regulation.

The PFC stage in the iW3701 has very fast dynamic load response on top of the good PF/THD/harmonic performance. This enables the use of a lower voltage rated, lower capacitance value, high-voltage DC bus electrolytic capacitor, which greatly helps the power density and BOM cost.

Features

- Input AC voltage range: 85 ~ 305V
- Support up to 250W
- CV/CC mode with seamless transition
- Optional Constant Power (CP) limit
- Dimming range: 0.0625% ~ 100%
- Highest dimming resolution: 0.0625%
- CC line and load regulation < ±3%
- CV line and load regulation < ±3%
- Over temperature current de-rating with NTC and/or internal sensor
- 3-in-1 dimming on both dimming ports
- Auto dimming signal types detection
- PF > 0.9, THD < 20% at 277V/50Hz, 50% load
- Meets IEC61000-3-2 harmonic requirement
- "Follower" DC bus level of PFC for good efficiency
- Supports 450V_{DC} bus capacitor up to 280V_{AC} input with up to 2.5W/μF energy density
- Rich protection features:
 - Output over voltage (OVP)
 - Output short circuit (OSP)
 - Over current protection (OCP)
 - V_{VIN} over/under voltage
 - V_{BUS} over/under voltage
 - PFC over load protection
 - Over temperature protection (OTP)

Applications

- Two-stage AC/DC dimmable LED lighting drivers
- Two-Stage AC/DC dimmable LED fixture

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1. Overview

1.1 Block Diagram

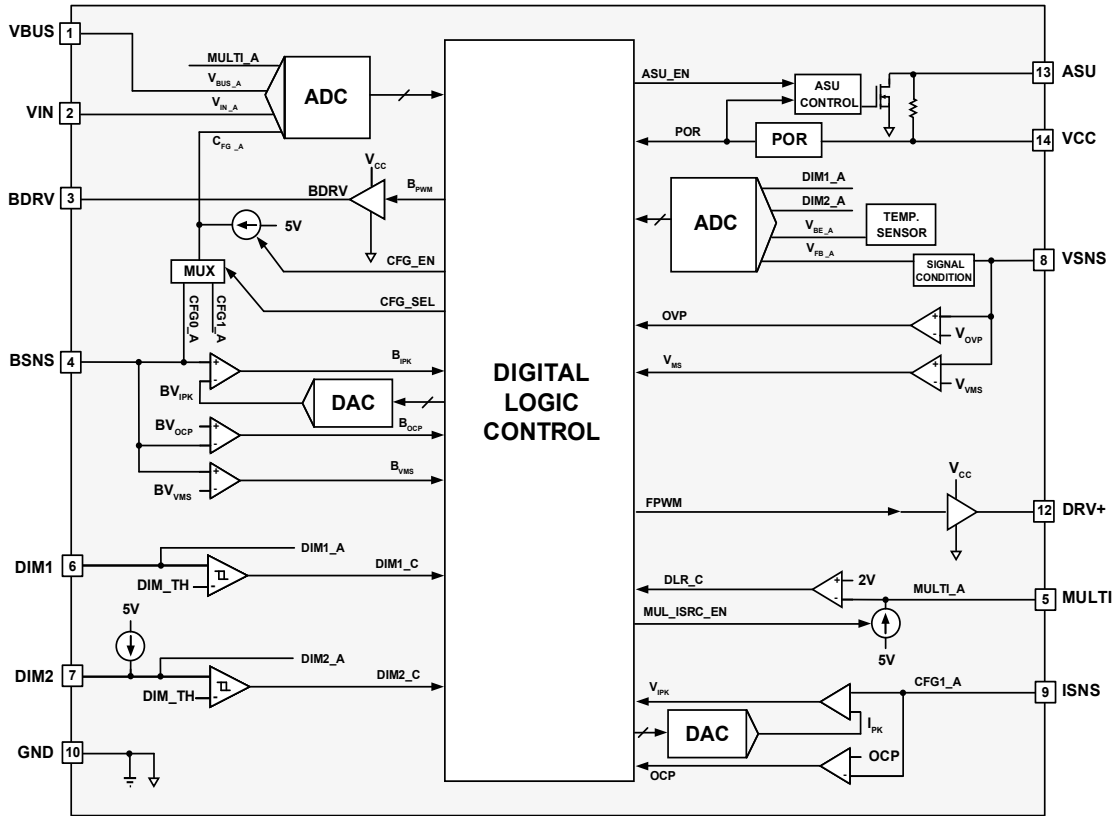


Figure 1. iW3701 Functional Block Diagram

1.2 Typical Application

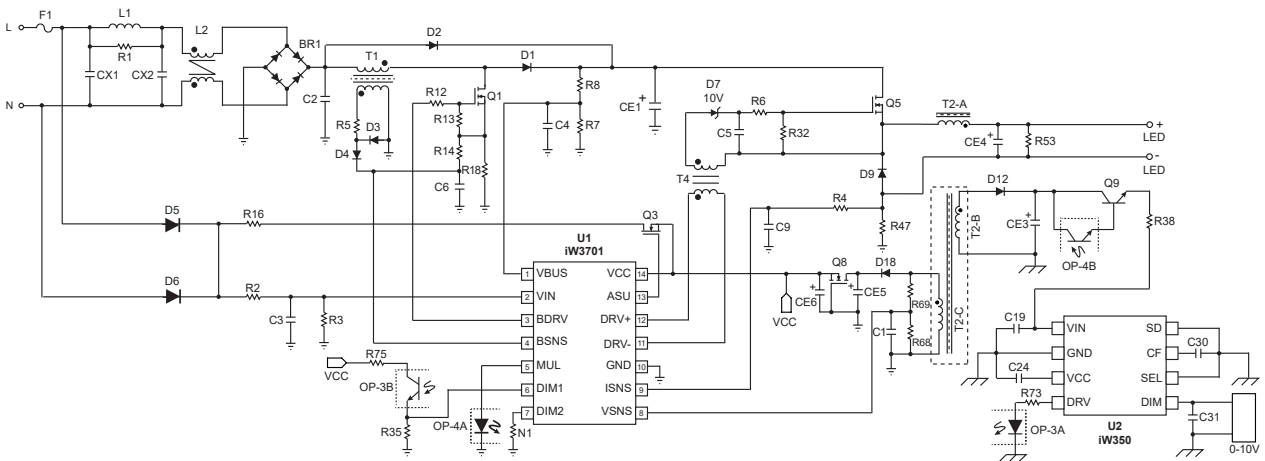


Figure 2. Typical Application for 2-Stage 0-10V Dimmable Driver with iW350

2. Pin Information

2.1 Pin Assignments

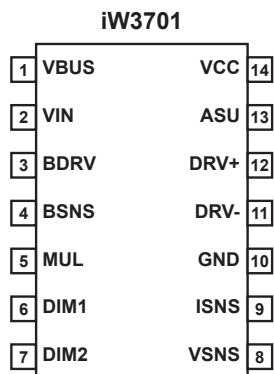


Figure 3. Top View

2.2 Pin Description

| Pin Number | Pin Name | Type | Description |
|------------|----------|------------|--|
| 1 | VBUS | Analog in | PFC output DC bus sensing |
| 2 | VIN | Analog in | AC line voltage sensing |
| 3 | BDRV | Analog out | PFC boost power MOSFET driver |
| 4 | BSNS | Analog in | PFC boost current and inductor sensing |
| 5 | MUL | Analog I/O | Multi-function pin depending on configuration |
| 6 | DIM1 | Analog in | Dimming 1 input pin |
| 7 | DIM2 | Analog in | Dimming 2 input pin |
| 8 | VSNS | Analog in | Buck output voltage and transformer sensing |
| 9 | ISNS | Analog in | Buck current sensing |
| 10 | GND | Ground | Ground reference |
| 11 | DRV- | Analog out | Buck signal transformer high-side MOSFET driver negative |
| 12 | DRV+ | Analog out | Buck signal transformer high-side MOSFET driver positive |
| 13 | ASU | Analog out | Active startup control |
| 14 | VCC | Power | IC power |

3. Specifications

3.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

| Parameter | Symbol | Minimum | Maximum | Unit |
|---|------------|---------|---------|------|
| Continuous DC Supply Current at VCC pin | I_{VCC} | | 20 | mA |
| VCC pin | V_{VCC} | -0.3 | 20 | V |
| VBUS pin | V_{VBUS} | -0.3 | 5.5 | V |
| VIN pin | V_{VIN} | -0.3 | 5.5 | V |
| BDRV pin | V_{BDRV} | -0.3 | 20 | V |
| BSNS pin | V_{BSNS} | -0.3 | 5.5 | V |
| MUL pin | V_{MUL} | -0.3 | 5.5 | V |
| DIM1, DIM2 pin | V_{DIM} | -0.3 | 5.2 | V |
| VSNS pin | V_{VSNS} | -0.8 | 5.5 | V |
| ISNS pin | V_{ISNS} | -0.3 | 5.5 | V |
| DRV- pin | V_{DRV} | -0.3 | 20 | V |
| DRV+ pin | V_{DRV} | -0.3 | 20 | V |
| ASU pin | V_{ASU} | -0.3 | 20 | V |

3.2 ESD Ratings

| ESD Model/Test | Rating | Unit |
|---------------------------|--------|------|
| JEDEC JS-001-2017 (HBM) | ±2,000 | V |
| Latch-up test per JESD78E | ±100 | mA |

3.3 Thermal Specifications

| Thermal Resistance (Typical) | θ_{JA} (°C/W) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 14-Led SOIC Package | 45 |

3.4 Recommended Operating Conditions

| Parameter | Symbol | Minimum | Maximum | Unit |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|------|
| Maximum junction temperature | T_{JMAX} | | 150 | °C |
| Operating junction temperature | T_{JOPT} | -40 | 150 | °C |
| Storage temperature | T_{STO} | -65 | 150 | °C |

3.5 Electrical Specifications

$V_{VCC} = 18V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|------|----------|
| VBUS pin | | | | | | |
| VBUS startup voltage low limit (Note 1) | $V_{VBUS_ST(MIN)}$ | | | 0.708 | | V |
| VBUS startup voltage high limit (Note 1) | $V_{VBUS_ST(MAX)}$ | | | 0.762 | | V |
| VBUS OVP voltage (Note 1) | V_{VBUS_OVP} | | | 3.042 | | V |
| VBUS UVP voltage (Note 1) | V_{VBUS_UVP} | | | 0.531 | | V |
| VIN Pin | | | | | | |
| VIN brown out voltage (Note 1) | V_{VIN_BROUT} | Peak of AC | | 0.708 | | V |
| VIN turn off voltage (Note 1) | V_{VIN_OFF} | Continuous for 10ms | | 0.27 | | V |
| VIN startup voltage low limit (Note 1) | $V_{VIN_ST(MIN)}$ | Peak of AC | | 0.762 | | V |
| VIN startup voltage high limit (Note 1) | $V_{VIN_ST(MAX)}$ | Peak of AC | | 2.958 | | V |
| VIN OVP voltage (Note 1) | V_{VIN_OVP} | Peak of AC | | 2.718 | | V |
| VIN OVP recovery voltage (Note 1) | $V_{VIN_OVP_REC}$ | Peak of AC | | 2.688 | | V |
| BDRV pin | | | | | | |
| Driver high level (Note 1) | $V_{BDRV(HIGH)}$ | | | $V_{VCC}-0.2$ | | V |
| Driver low level (Note 1) | $V_{BDRV(LOW)}$ | | | 0.2 | | V |
| Driver source impedance | B_{DRV_ISRC} | CL = 470pF | | 30 | 45 | Ω |
| Driver sink impedance | B_{DRV_ISINK} | CL = 470pF | | 8 | 16 | Ω |
| BSNS pin | | | | | | |
| Boost I_{PK} regulation high limit (Note 1) | $B_{VIPK(MAX)}$ | | | 1.022 | | V |
| Boost I_{PK} regulation low limit (Note 1) | $B_{VIPK(MIN)}$ | | | 0.02 | | V |
| Boost OCP threshold | B_{OCP} | $T_A = 25^\circ C$, pos edge | 1.74 | 1.8 | 1.84 | V |
| Configuration 0 current | I_{CFG_0} | | 459 | 500 | 534 | μA |
| MUL pin | | | | | | |
| MUL current source drive current | I_{MUL} | | 183 | 200 | 214 | μA |
| MUL DLR comparator threshold | V_{DLR_C} | $T_A = 25^\circ C$, neg edge | 1.94 | 2 | 2.06 | V |
| NTC minimum startup voltage (Note 1) | $NTC_ST(MIN)$ | | | 0.344 | | V |
| NTC de-rating start voltage (Note 1) | $NTC_DERATING(ST)$ | | | 0.625 | | V |
| NTC thermal shutdown voltage (Note 1) | NTC_OTP | | | 0.296 | | V |
| DIM1, DIM2 pin | | | | | | |
| Analog DIM 0% threshold (Note 1) | $V_{DIM_ANA(MIN)}$ | | | 0.337 | | V |
| Analog DIM 100% threshold (Note 1) | $V_{DIM_ANA(MAX)}$ | | | 2.73 | | V |
| PWM DIM high level threshold | $V_{DIM_L_TO_H}$ | | 2.44 | 2.5 | 2.56 | V |
| PWM DIM low level threshold | $V_{DIM_H_TO_L}$ | | 1.45 | 1.5 | 1.55 | V |
| Light off DIM % threshold (Note 1) | L_OFF_TH | | | 0.0625 | | % |
| Light on DIM % threshold (Note 1) | L_ON_TH | | | 0.3125 | | % |
| DIM2 current source | I_{DIM2} | | 92 | 100 | 107 | μA |

3.3 Electrical Specifications (Continued)

$V_{VCC} = 18V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified.

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|------|------------|
| VSNS pin | | | | | | |
| VSNS CV regulation target (Note 1) | V_{SNS_CV} | | | 2.688 | | V |
| VSNS light-off regulation target (Note 1) | V_{SNS_LO} | | | 0.44 | | V |
| VSNS short threshold (Note 1) | V_{OSP} | | | 0.282 | | V |
| V_{OVP} threshold | V_{OVP} | | 3.11 | 3.2 | 3.25 | V |
| ISNS pin | | | | | | |
| ISNS regulation high limit (Note 1) | $V_{ISNS(MAX)}$ | | | 1.022 | | V |
| ISNS regulation low limit (Note 1) | $V_{ISNS(MIN)}$ | | | 0.08 | | V |
| OCP threshold | $V_{ISNS(OCP)}$ | $T_A = 25^\circ C$, pos edge | 1.73 | 1.8 | 1.84 | V |
| DRV- pin | | | | | | |
| Driver high level (Note 1) | $V_{DRV(HIGH)}$ | | | $V_{VCC}-0.2$ | | V |
| Driver low level (Note 1) | $V_{DRV(LOW)}$ | | | 0.2 | | V |
| Driver source impedance | DRV_ISRC | CL = 470pF | | 15 | 33 | Ω |
| Driver sink impedance | DRV_ISINK | CL = 470pF | | 8 | 16 | Ω |
| DRV+ pin | | | | | | |
| Driver high level (Note 1) | $V_{DRV(HIGH)}$ | | | $V_{VCC}-0.2$ | | V |
| Driver low level (Note 1) | $V_{DRV(LOW)}$ | | | 0.2 | | V |
| Driver source impedance | DRV_ISRC | CL = 470pF | | 30 | 47 | Ω |
| Driver sink impedance | DRV_ISINK | CL = 470pF | | 8 | 15 | Ω |
| VCC pin | | | | | | |
| Startup voltage | $V_{VCC(ST)}$ | | 15.9 | 17 | 18.1 | V |
| Under voltage lock out | $V_{VCC(UVLO)}$ | | 7.9 | 8.8 | 9.7 | V |
| VCC high voltage threshold | $V_{VCC(HIGH)}$ | | 15.9 | 16.5 | 17 | V |
| VCC low voltage threshold | $V_{VCC(LOW)}$ | | 8.9 | 9.3 | 9.5 | V |
| Leakage current before POR | $I_{VCC(LK)}$ | $V_{VCC} = 15V$, before POR | | 30 | 59 | μA |
| Quiescent current after POR | I_{VCCQ} | Without driver switching | | 2.5 | 4.3 | mA |
| Temperature Sensor | | | | | | |
| Over temperature threshold (Note 1) | T_{OTP} | | | 150 | | $^\circ C$ |
| Max startup Temperature (Note 1) | $T_{ST(MAX)}$ | | | 120 | | $^\circ C$ |

1. These parameters are not 100% tested. They are guaranteed by design.

4. Typical Performance Graphs

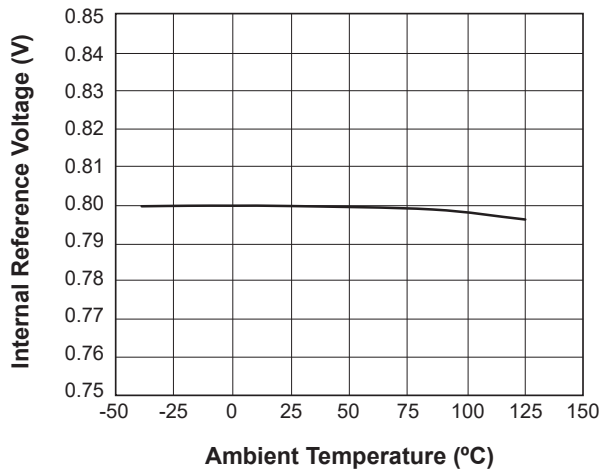


Figure 4. Internal Reference Voltage vs. Ambient Temperature

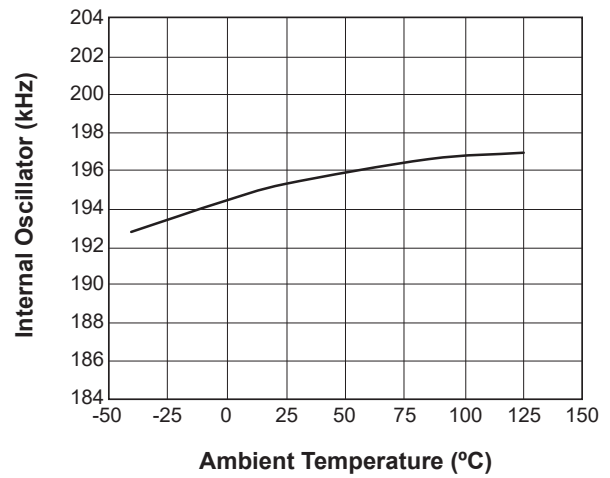


Figure 5. Internal Clock Frequency vs. Ambient Temperature

5. Application Information

The PFC boost stage of the iW3701 operates in critical discontinuous conduction mode (CDCM) at heavy load and discontinuous mode (DCM) at medium to light load. The buck stage of the iW3701 also operates in CDCM at high dimming or heavy load and DCM at low dimming or medium to light load. The boost stage and buck stage operate independently except both stop at same time during fault conditions.

The iW3701 monitors the DIM1 and DIM2 signals and delivers the output current (I_{OUT}) percentage accordingly in real time. If the duty received is lower than L_{OFF_TH} the iW3701 will go into light-off mode and keeps the output voltage (V_{OUT}) below the LED forward voltage while sustaining V_{VCC} by the auxiliary winding of the buck.

5.1 Pin Detail

Pin 1 – VBUS

VBUS pin is the feedback sensing pin of the PFC boost output for V_{VBUS} voltage regulation. With standard scaling ratio, V_{VBUS} is regulated at $1.23 \times AC$ RMS voltage plus 75V. The maximum V_{VBUS} voltage is 420V while the minimum V_{VBUS} voltage is configurable based on BSNS. The VBUS pin is recommended to connect with a resistor divider of standard scaling ratio of 151.

Pin 2 – VIN

VIN pin is the sensing pin of the AC line voltage. VIN is used for both PFC function and AC voltage qualification. The VIN pin should be connected to the line voltage before the bridge rectifier to see the true AC voltage. It is also recommended to connect to the input voltage with a resistor divider of standard scaling ratio of 151.

Pin 3 – BDRV

BDRV pin is the power MOSFET gate drive pin of the boost PFC stage. The BDRV pin connects to the power MOSFET gate with either of the commonly used fast turn-off circuits, whether a diode or PNP transistor.

Pin 4 – BSNS

BSNS pin has three functions. The first function is the peak current regulation of the boost PFC MOSFET. During PFC MOSFET turn on, the BSNS voltage linearly ramps up until the target peak current is reached. The iW3701 then turns off the PFC MOSFET. The second function is sensing the PFC inductor reset and subsequent resonant “valley” used for CDCM and DCM for quasi-resonant switching. The third function is the configuration of the boost PFC lowest V_{VBUS} voltage with R14 in Figure 2.

Table 5.1 BSNS Configuration

| CFG Setting | Recommend Resistance | Lowest V_{VBUS} voltage |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 0.75k Ω | 250V |
| 2 | 1.5k Ω | 300V |
| 3 | 2.5k Ω | 350V |
| 4 | 3.6k Ω | 400V |

Pin 5 – MUL

MUL is the multi-function pin. Depending on the I_{SNS} configuration (see ISNS pin for details), it performs different functions.

- NTC de-rating function: connect a 100k Ω NTC thermistor for over temperature de-rating. (See section 5.8 for details)
- iW350 control function: connect to the LED side of an optocoupler to control the power supply of the iW350 interface chip (see Figure 2). If the iW3701 is at no load (LED open) condition, the power supply of the iW350 is cut off to reduce power loss and minimize the cross-regulation and prevent V_{OUT} losing regulation, as the iW350 is powered by another auxiliary winding of the buck inductor.

Pin 6, 7 – DIM1 and DIM2

DIM1 and DIM2 pins are used to set the output current percentage of the iW3701. The current output % = DIM1% \times DIM2%. For example, if received PWM duty signal is 50% on both DIM pins, the output current % is 50% \times 50% = 25%.

Both DIM1 and DIM2 can accept the PWM duty signal or analog voltage level signal. For the PWM duty signal, it is required to be either 3.3V or 5V logic level with the frequency within 150Hz to 4kHz for optimized performance. For analog level signal, $0 - V_{DIM_ANA(MIN)}$ maps to 0% output; $V_{DIM_ANA(MAX)}$ or above maps to 100% output; $V_{DIM_ANA(MIN)}$ to $V_{DIM_ANA(MAX)}$ maps linearly from 0-100% dimming %.

DIM2 pin internally has an accurate 100 μ A current source for resistor current-set or dimming application. DIM2 voltage is equal to 100 μ A multiplied by the external resistance.

The iW3701 has comprehensive logic to automatically determine whether it is PWM duty signal type or analog level signal type at startup if the PWM duty signal is within the spec mentioned above.

Pin 8 – VSNS

VSNS pin is used for indirect V_{OUT} sensing by the auxiliary winding, as well as buck inductor reset and subsequent resonant “valley” sensing. With Renesas’ patented **PrimAccurate** technology, the iW3701 is able to sense V_{OUT} accurately across input and load condition. The transformer reset and valley information is used for CDCM and DCM quasi-resonant operation.

Pin 9 – ISNS

ISNS pin has two functions. The first is for buck MOSFET current sensing. When the buck MOSFET is on, the voltage on ISNS pin ramps up linearly. When the target peak current is reached, the iW3701 will turn off the buck MOSFET. The second function is for configuration of the MUL pin function with R4 in Figure 2.

Table 5.2 ISNS Configuration

| CFG Setting | Recommend Resistance | MUL Function |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 0.75k Ω | NTC I_{OUT} De-rating |
| 2 | 1.5k Ω | iW350 Control |
| 3 | 2.5k Ω | Not Used |
| 4 | 3.6k Ω | Not Used |

Pin 10 – Ground

Ground reference.

Pin 11, 12 – DRV-, DRV+

DRV+ and DRV- pins are the bi-directional high-side MOSFET driver via a signal transformer.

At turn on, DRV+ sources current and DRV- sinks current. This transmits a positive current pulse via the signal transformer (T4 in Figure 2) and forward conduction of the zener diode (D7 in Figure 2) to the high side. This energy is stored in the high-side capacitor (C5 in Figure 2) to turn on and sustain the power MOSFET.

At turn off, DRV- sources current and DRV+ sinks current. This transmits a negative current pulse via signal transformer (T4 in Figure 2) and break down of zener diode (D7 in Figure 2) to the high side. This discharges the energy in the high-side capacitor (C5 in Figure 2) to turn off the power MOSFET.

The rest of the high-side driver besides the signal transformer, zener diode and high-side capacitor are similar to that of the low side power MOSFET driver with commonly used fast turn-off circuits, whether a diode or a PNP transistor.

Pin 13 – ASU

ASU is the active startup pin for fast power-on when AC is connected. ASU pin should connect to the gate of a high voltage depletion MOSFET (DFET) to achieve the fast startup function. The source of the DFET connects to the VCC pin via a resistor or a diode. The drain of the DFET should connect to AC voltage via startup resistors.

Pin 14 – VCC

VCC pin is the power source of the iW3701. For most of the LED driver applications which require supporting a wide V_{OUT} range, which causes a wide auxiliary winding voltage range, an external LDO is required to keep V_{VCC} voltage below 16V. To make sure V_{VCC} does not drop below UVLO during startup process, a 47 μ F or bigger V_{VCC} capacitor is required. A 0.1 μ F ceramic de-coupling cap is also required to be placed close to VCC pin.

5.2 Operational Cycle and States

Before POR, the ASU pin is connected to VCC pin internally. As a result, the external high voltage depletion mode FET (DFET) (Q3 in Figure 2) is in “on” state with its gate and source at equal voltage. When AC is applied, the V_{VCC} is charged by the DFET via the AC line voltage. When V_{VCC} reaches POR voltage, the iW3701 enables and pulls the ASU pin to ground. As a result the DFET V_{GS} = -V_{VCC} and is turned off and V_{VCC} stops being charged from AC line by DFET.

After POR, the iW3701 enters the qualification state. The qualification state checks:

1. Whether the peak of AC voltage is within V_{VIN_ST(MAX)} and V_{VIN_ST(MIN)}
2. Whether the V_{VBUS} voltage is within V_{VBUS_ST(MAX)} and V_{VBUS_ST(MIN)}
3. Whether the Internal temperature sensor is below T_{ST(MAX)}
4. Whether the NTC voltage is above T_{NTC_ST(MIN)} if NTC function is selected

For the V_{VIN} check, the iW3701 needs to wait 12ms to ensure the peak of AC voltage appears for detection. If the qualification passes, the iW3701 enters startup state. If the qualification fails, the iW3701 waits until V_{VCC} drops to UVLO and reaches another POR for a new qualification cycle.

During startup state, the buck stage uses a fixed frequency, fixed peak current (I_{PK}) switching scheme to raise the output voltage until VSNS pin can reliably detect V_{OUT} and valley. There are five sub-states within the startup state, each sub-state increases I_{PK} and/or increases the switching frequency to delivery more energy. At any moment if VSNS > V_{OSP} for a few PWM switching cycles, the iW3701 exits startup state and enters CC or light-off state depending on DIM1 and DIM2 condition.

In the CC state, the iW3701 outputs well-regulated output current percentage (I_{OUT}%) based on the signal received at DIM1 and DIM2 pins across supported AC input range and V_{OUT} range. However, if at any time the output voltage equals or exceeds the CV voltage reference due to load condition, the iW3701 transitions to CV state to keep output voltage regulated. In CV state, the actual I_{OUT}% is lower than the command from DIM1 and DIM2 pins. If the output voltage drops below the CV reference with I_{OUT}% dictated by DIM1 and DIM2, the iW3701 goes back to CC state and regulates the I_{OUT}% based on DIM1 and DIM2 again. PFC is always on in CC and CV state.

If at any time, the DIM1 or/and DIM2 pin detects a light-off dimming command input, the iW3701 enters light-off mode. In the light-off mode, the iW3701 regulates V_{OUT} at V_{SNS_LO} to keep the IC powered while keeping V_{OUT} < LED forward voltage to avoid lighting up. If at any time, DIM1 and DIM2 detects a duty greater than L_{ON_TH}, the iW3701 enters CC state again. PFC is remained on in light off state to ensure buck stage is working correctly.

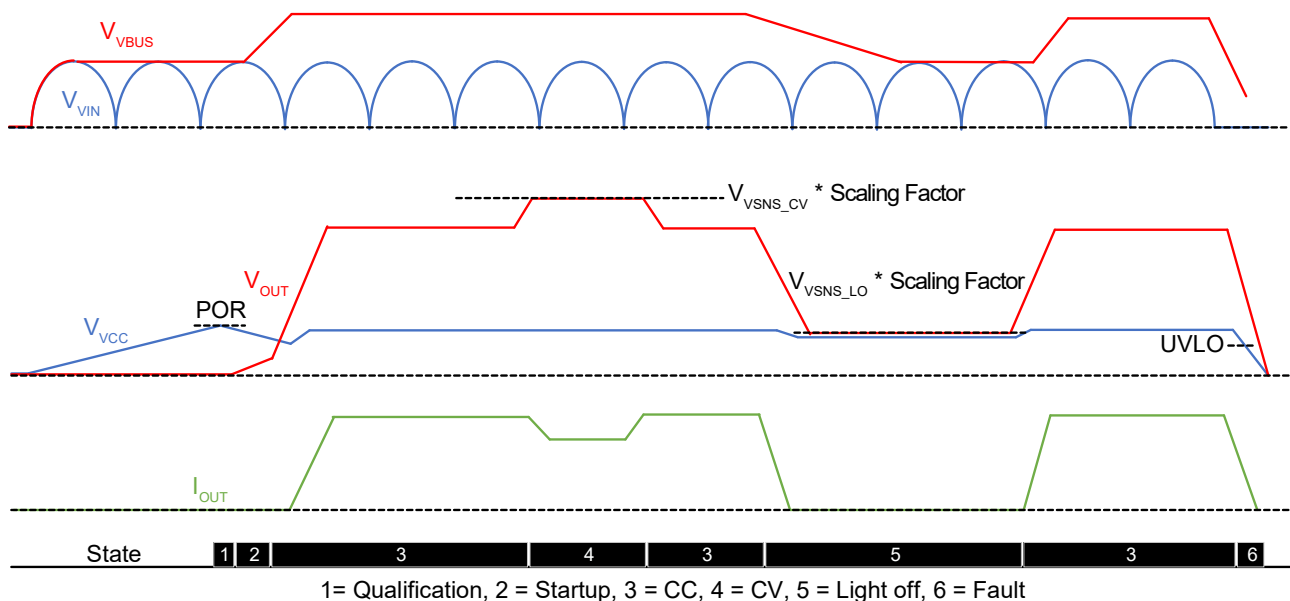


Figure 6. Operation Cycle of the iW3701

When the AC input, output, external component value or thermal condition does not meet the operating criteria, the iW3701 enters the fault state. Once in fault state, the iW3701 resets itself. Depending on the fault type, the iW3701 restarts and enter qualification state again immediately if the fault is not critical such as V_{VIN} brown out. If the fault is critical such as OVP, OSP, the iW3701 enters wait state, enabling Smart Hiccup mode, which extends the time interval between startup attempts. When the wait state expires, the iW3701 enters qualification state for a new startup attempt. Detailed information can be found in section 5.7.

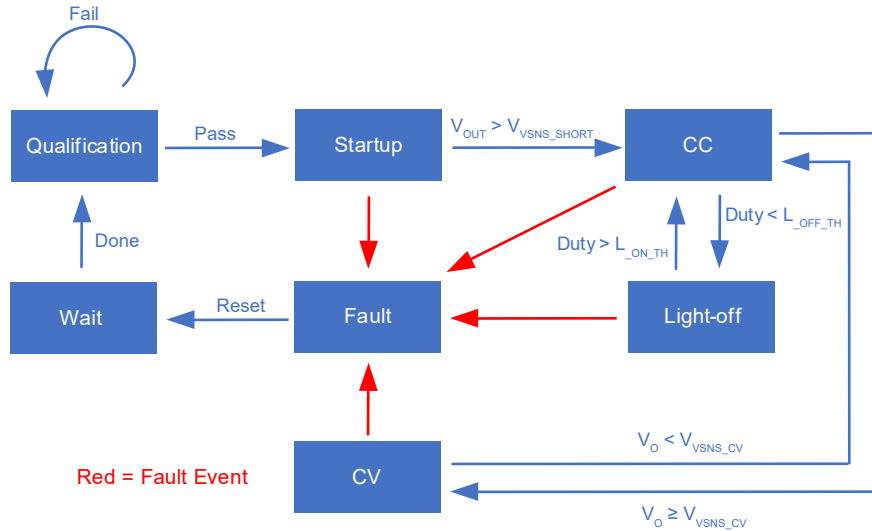


Figure 7. Main States of iW3701 Operation

5.3 Dimming Signal Processing

The iW3701 can accept both PWM signal and analog voltage level signal as command to control the I_{OUT} %. At startup, the iW3701 detects which signal type it is and responds accordingly. By default, the iW3701 assumes the dimming signal input is an analog level until it sees consistent PWM style switching.

The specification and mapping of accepted analog level signal and PWM duty signal are described in detail in section 5.1, in the DIM pins detailed information. The $I_{OUT} \% = DIM1\% \times DIM2\%$ then rounded to the closest 0.0625% step.

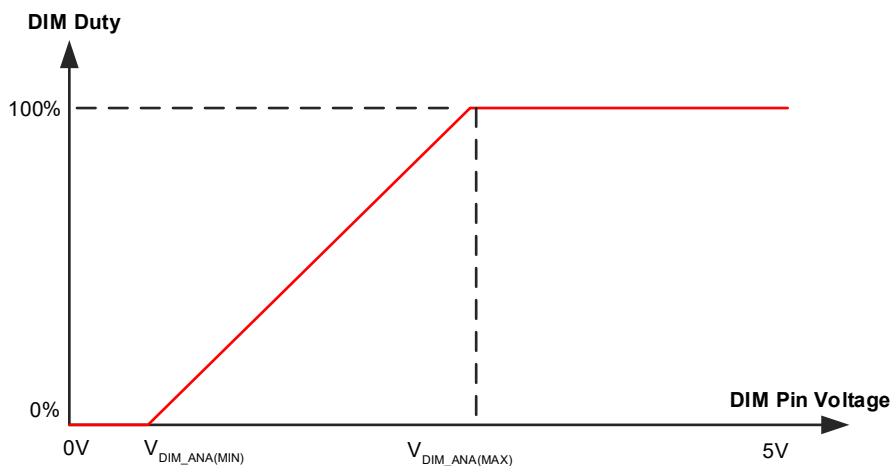


Figure 8. Analog Level Signal vs. DIM% Mapping

For the special case of 100% duty or 0% duty of PWM signal, both are essentially an “analog voltage level”. Therefore, PWM = 1 voltage level must $> 3.3V \times 95\% = 3.13V$ and PWM = 0 voltage level must $< 3.3V \times 5\% = 165mV$. This definition is compatible with analog voltage level signal’s 100% and 0% respectively.

A hysteresis of signal detection is built-in for noise immunity so that the $I_{OUT}\%$ does not change due to the noise on DIM1 and DIM2 pin. DIM1 pin has a hysteresis of $\pm 0.1\%$ duty for PWM dimming signal and $\pm 0.5\%$ level ($\pm 12\text{mV}$) for analog dimming signal; DIM2 pin has a hysteresis of $\pm 0.05\%$ duty for PWM dimming signal and $\pm 0.5\%$ level ($\pm 12\text{mV}$) for analog dimming signal.

5.4 LED Current Regulation

The iW3701 regulates the output current indirectly from primary side using Renesas' patented **PrimAccurate** technology. For the buck converter working in DCM or CDCM, the equation for I_{OUT} is:

$$I_{OUT} = 0.5 \times \frac{V_{IPK}}{R_S} \times \frac{(T_{ON} + T_R)}{T_P} \times \eta \quad (5.1)$$

In which R_S is the current sense resistor value, V_{IPK} is the voltage drop on R_S proportional to primary-side peak current which can be detected on the ISNS pin. T_R is the buck inductor reset time, T_{ON} is the buck MOSFET turn on time, T_P is the period of the PWM switching frequency and η is the buck efficiency.

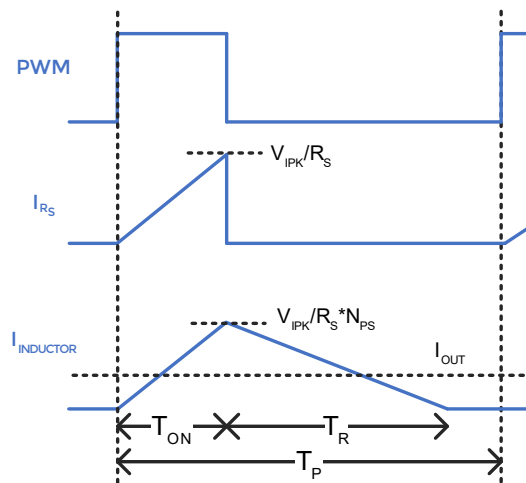


Figure 9. Output Current (I_{OUT}) Estimation

Equation 5.1 can be re-arranged to solve for V_{IPK} and its relationship to I_{OUT} regulation if other variables are known, which is implemented in the iW3701

$$V_{IPK} = 2 \times I_{OUT} \times R_S \times \frac{T_P}{(T_{ON} + T_R)} \times \eta \quad (5.2)$$

In which R_S and η are fixed to a specific application design. T_P is internally pre-defined in the iW3701 based on $I_{OUT}\%$ to optimize for efficiency at different loading. To accommodate wide $V_{V_{BUS}}$ and wide V_{OUT} ranges which result in wide operating range, the iW3701 does not regulate the absolute T_P . Instead, it regulates the relative $T_P = k * (T_{ON} + T_R)$. Figure 10 shows the targeted k curve of T_P vs. $I_{OUT}\%$. For EMI and efficiency purpose, the actual T_P ends at the next "valley" of the resonance after the T_P target is achieved, also known as quasi-resonant switching when $I_{OUT}\% > 15\%$.

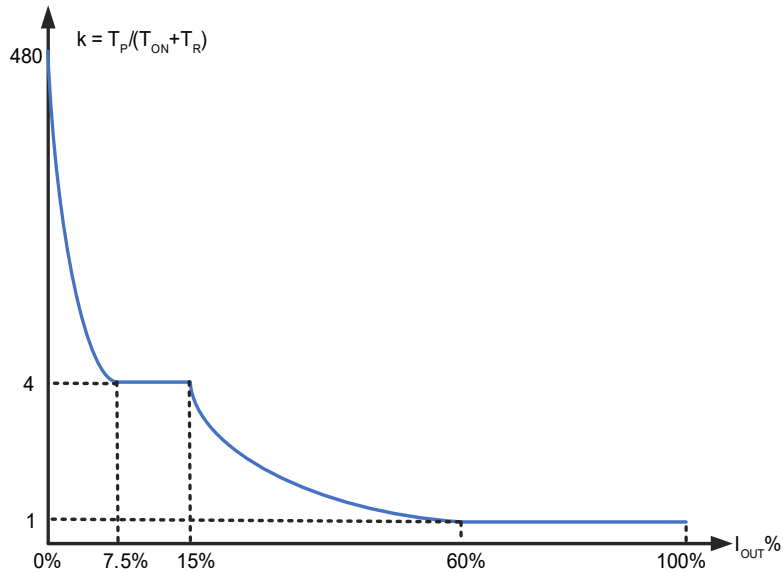


Figure 10. Targeted k Curve of T_P vs. $I_{OUT}\%$

It is worth noting that in the equation 5.2, efficiency and R_S can be normalized out when converting V_{IPK} vs. absolute I_{OUT} into V_{IPK} vs. $I_{OUT}\%$. However, T_{ON} , T_R and T_P are related to real-time V_{VBUS} , V_{OUT} as well as L_M/R_S ratio of the application. As a result, the V_{IPK} vs. $I_{OUT}\%$ curve is adaptive to V_{VBUS} , V_{OUT} and L_M/R_S .

5.5 Constant Voltage Regulation and Constant Power Limit

In case of LED-open or too many LEDs connected to the output, the iW3701 enters CV mode and regulates the output voltage proportional to V_{SNS_CV} . This avoids the over-voltage under LED-open or too many LED conditions. The $I_{OUT}\%$ in CV mode is determined by the common proportional-integration (PI) feedback loop. The feedback loop gets V_{OUT} information from the VSNS pin, internally named as V_{FB} . V_{VSNS} is sampled at a fixed time before the V_{VSNS} signal falling edge to minimize the impact from the secondary-side current variation. The V_{FB} is held until next sampling time.

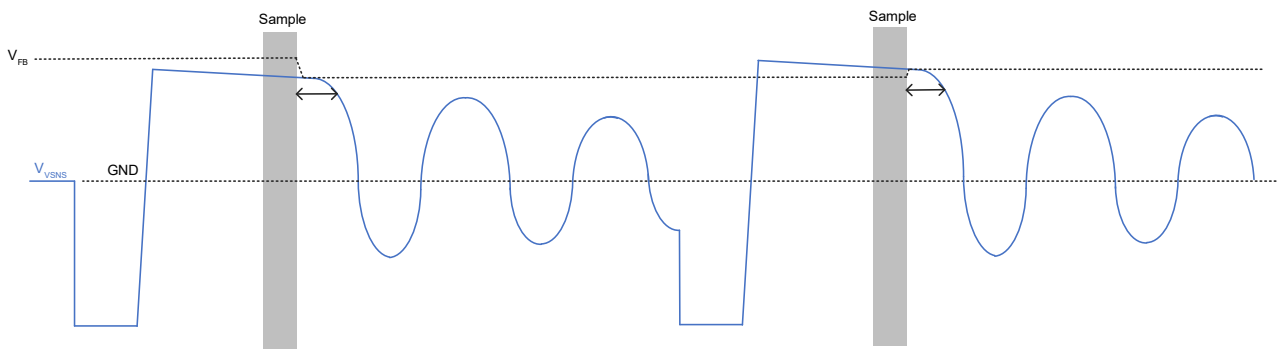


Figure 11. V_{OUT} Sensing from the Primary Side

The V_{FB} signal is compared with V_{VSNS_CV} , generating an error signal and determines $I_{OUT}\%$ to keep $V_{FB} = V_{VSNS_CV}$. In case the feedback loop gives $I_{OUT}\%$ higher than dimming duty from DIM1 and DIM2 pin, the iW3701 goes back to CC mode and $I_{OUT}\%$ is determined by dimming duty again.

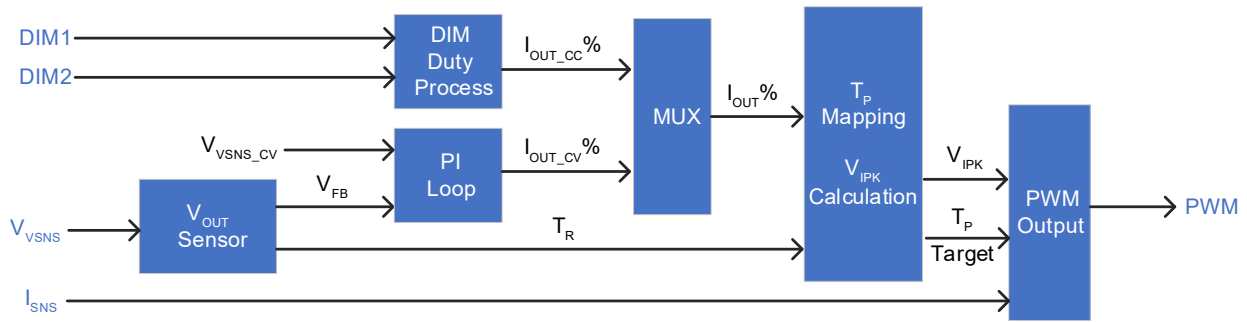


Figure 12. Output Control Flow

Based on the V_{OUT} and I_{OUT} regulation profile of the iW3701, it can tell that the maximum power output point is when V_{OUT} is equal to CV reference, which is proportional to V_{VSNS_CV} and with $I_{OUT} = 100\%$. In some applications, it is desired to keep the output power constant and not keep increasing when V_{OUT} is higher than a defined % of CV reference. In the iW3701-3X, a constant power (CP) limit is imposed to achieve such target. The CP entry point is a percentage of CV reference, which is determined by the last digit of the part number. For example, iW3701-30 enters the CP point at 90% of CV reference.

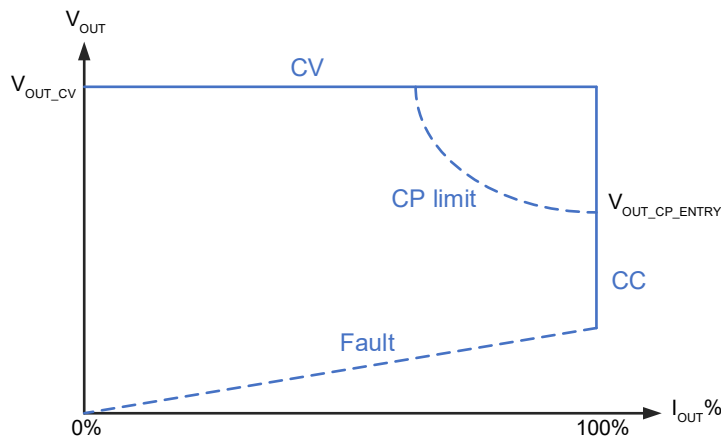


Figure 13. V_{OUT} , I_{OUT} Regulation Profile and CP Limit

5.6 Boost PFC Stage

The boost stage of the iW3701 serves as the integrated PFC function to help iW3701 applications to meet PF, THD and individual harmonic requirements. The output of the boost is the input of the buck. A bus capacitor (CE1 in Figure 2) is used for energy buffering. The boost stage is relatively independent from the buck stage with its own feedback loop and operation modes.

The boost PFC is on when the iW3701 is in startup, CC, CV and light-off mode. The boost PFC is off when the iW3701 is in qualification and fault.

To achieve overall optimized efficiency of both stages, the V_{VBUS} regulation target (V_{VBUS_REF}) is a function of the AC voltage with min and max clamping. Figure 16 shows the relationship between V_{VBUS} and V_{VIN} (see section 5.1 for details).

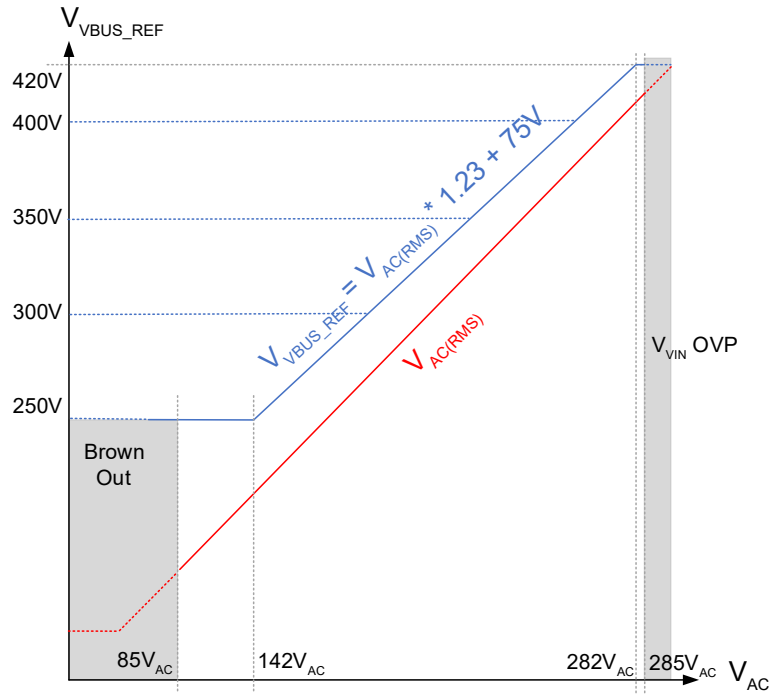


Figure 14. V_{VBUS_REF} vs. V_{AC} (RMS)

5.6.1 PFC Sensing

There are three sensing pins related to the boost operation: VIN, VBUS and BSNS. The VIN pin is used for shaping the AC current and achieving the PFC function. The VBUS pin is used to sense the bus voltage for closed loop control. The BSNS pin is used to sense both PFC MOSFET peak current (I_{PK}) as well as PFC inductor reset and resonance valley after reset to achieve CDCM and DCM with quasi-resonant switching.

During PFC MOS on time, the auxiliary winding of the PFC inductor is reverse biased. As a result, the auxiliary winding signal is blocked by the diode (D1 in Figure 15). At the same time, I_{PK} linearly ramps up and the BSNS pin can detect the voltage drop on R_{S_BOOST} , which is proportional to I_{PK} via CFG resistor (R1 in Figure 15) for peak current control.

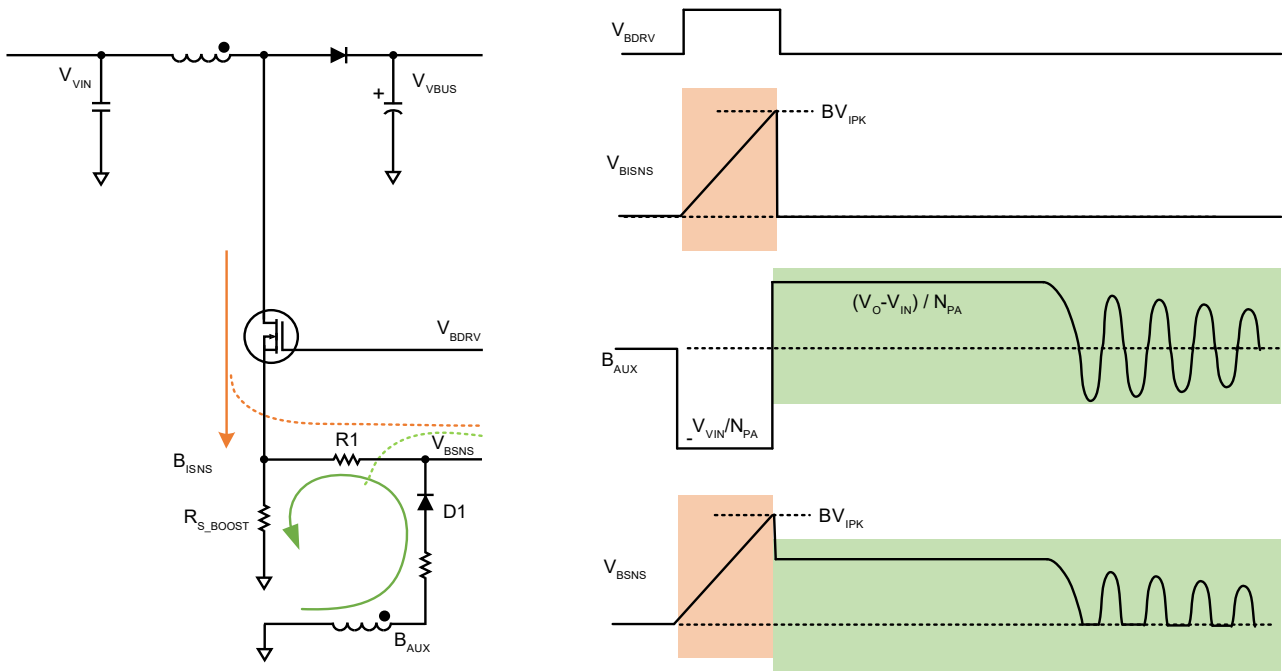


Figure 15. Time Multiplex Sensing of BSNS pin

During PFC MOS off time, the voltage-drop on R_{S_BOOST} is 0 as the MOSFET is off. The auxiliary winding of the PFC inductor is forward biased. As a result, the voltage on BSNS pin is approximately the scaled version of boost auxiliary winding which carries the boost inductor reset and resonance valley information.

Based on the detected B_{SNS} signal, valley mode switching can be achieved to optimize the efficiency and EMI for Boost PFC stage.

Boost PFC stage will enter the burst mode for the lightest load and no-load conditions. In this mode the boost PFC is turned on and off based on power balancing to keep V_{VBUS} voltage regulated.

Step 1: When the PFC feedback loop gives a power % that is lower than 1.5%, the PFC is turned off.

Step 2: After PFC is off, the V_{VBUS} voltage will drop due to loading from buck.

Step 3: When V_{VBUS} drops below V_{VBUS_REF} , the feedback loop will ramp up the power %.

Step 4: When power % is higher than 1.6%, the PFC starts operating in APFM again and boost up V_{VBUS} .

Step 5: As V_{VBUS} rises above V_{VBUS_REF} , the feedback loop will reduce power % and goes back to step 1.

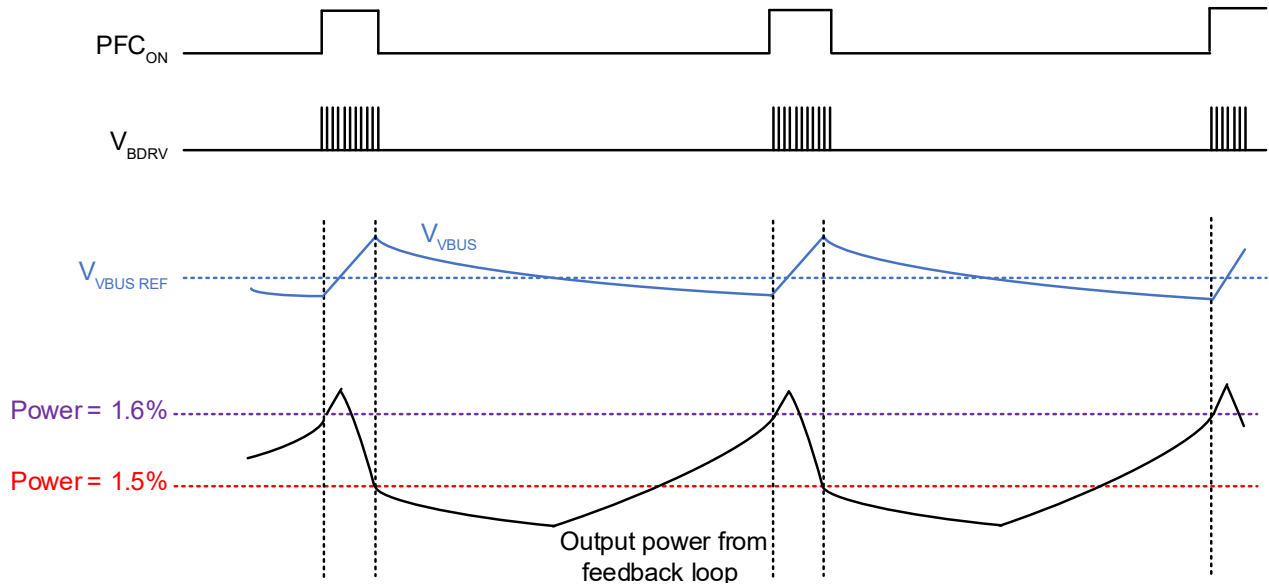


Figure 16. Burst Mode of PFC

5.6.2 PFC Peak Current Regulation

To achieve good PF, the AC current must be proportional to the AC voltage sinusoidal shape waveform. In a DCM or CDCM boost converter, the input AC current equation is:

$$I_{AC} = 0.5 \times \frac{V_{IPK}}{R_{S_BOOST}} \times \frac{(T_{ON} + T_R)}{T_P} \quad (5.3)$$

To make it proportional to AC line voltage, I_{AC} should be proportional to V_{VIN}

$$I_{AC} = k \times V_{VIN} = 0.5 \times \frac{V_{IPK}}{R_{S_BOOST}} \times \frac{(T_{ON} + T_R)}{T_P} \quad (5.4)$$

In which k is a constant for a given AC RMS voltage and given output power % operating point. Combine all fixed values into k and makes it another constant k_1 :

$$V_{IPK} = \frac{T_P}{(T_{ON} + T_R)} \times kI \times V_{VIN} \quad (5.5)$$

In equation 5.5, T_P is determined by the iW3701 as described in 5.6.4, V_{VIN} , T_{ON} and T_R can be measured by VIN pin, BDRV and BSNS pins. As a result, V_{IPK} of the boost at a given AC RMS voltage and given output power % can be derived.

5.6.3 PFC Dynamic Load Handling

The feedback loop for any PFC controller is inherently slow due to PFC function. It is normally designed to have bandwidth from 1Hz ~ 10Hz for stable operation. Therefore, non-linear handling is necessary to help the V_{VBUS} regulation during fast dynamic load transient.

In the case of light load to heavy load step, V_{VBUS} will dip. When the iW3701 detects the V_{VBUS} voltage is lower than $V_{DLR_HI_ENTER}$, the boost immediately increases the output to 100% of the power to stop the V_{VBUS} from dropping. As a result, the V_{VBUS} rises and once it reaches $V_{DLR_HI_EXIT}$, the boost is back to output the power % based on feedback loop again. During 100% power period, feedback loop continues to function as normal while its command is not being used.

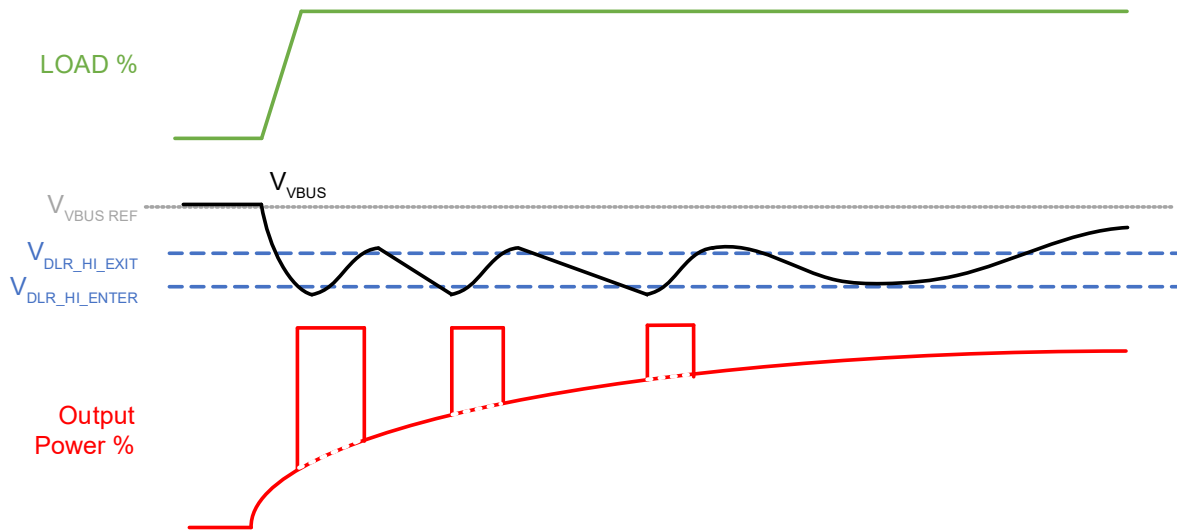


Figure 17. DLR Handling Light Load to Heavy Load

In the case of heavy load to light load jump, V_{VBUS} will overshoot. When the iW3701 detects the V_{VBUS} voltage higher than $V_{DLR_LOW_ENTER}$, the boost immediately reduces the output to 0% of the power to stop the V_{VBUS} from rising. As a result, the V_{VBUS} drops and once it reaches $V_{DLR_LOW_EXIT}$, the boost will be back to output the power % based on feedback loop again. During 0% power period, feedback loop continues functions as normal while its output is not being used.

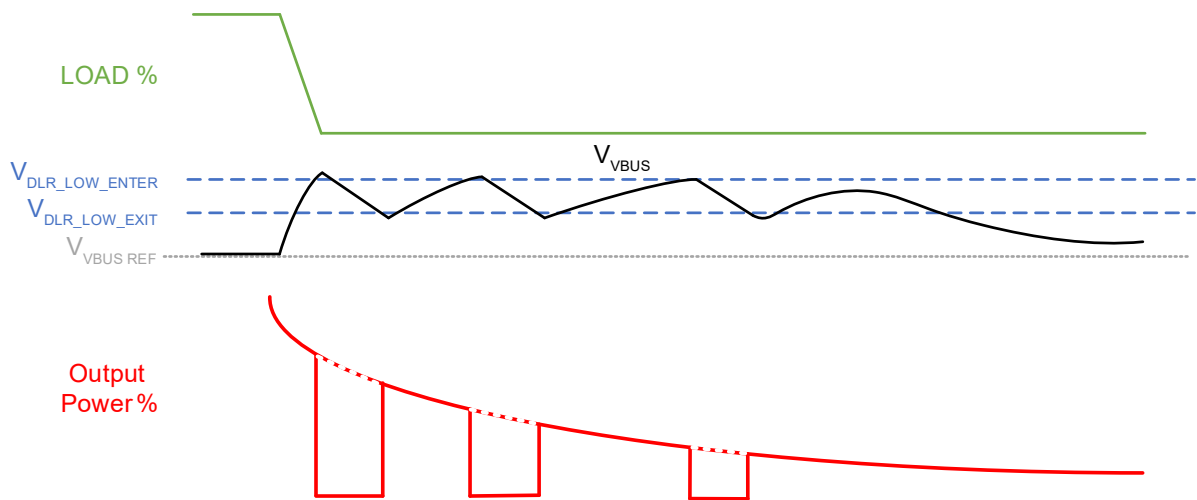


Figure 18. DLR Handling Heavy Load to Light Load

5.6.4 PFC DC Input EMI Dithering

In the case of DC input, V_{VIN} is flat. As a result, the peak current (I_{PK}) of the boost and switching period (T_P) are constants in steady state. This may cause a high tone at the harmonics frequency of switching frequency on EMI spectrum which is undesired. To spread out the tone, a dithering of boost B_{VIPK} is enabled when DC input is detected.

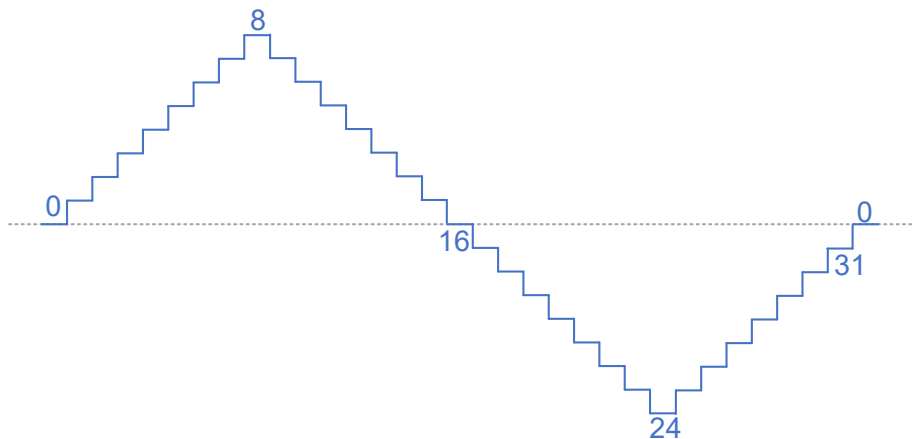


Figure 19. V_{IPK} of Boost Dithering Under DC Input

The dithering is implemented in a cycle of 32 boost switching cycles. From switching cycle 1 to 8, the B_{VIPK} of boost increases 1/64 of its value each cycle. From switching cycle 9 to 24, the B_{VIPK} of the boost decreases 1/64 of its value each cycle. From switching cycle 24 to 32, the B_{VIPK} of the boost increases 1/64 of its value each cycle again to complete one dithering cycle. The average output power keeps unchanged comparing to no dithering.

5.7 Application Design Guidance

5.7.1 Buck ISNS Pin Parameters

The current sense resistor R_S (R47 in Figure 2) of the buck stage can be calculated by:

$$R_S = \frac{400mV}{I_{OUT}} \times buck_ \eta \quad (5.6)$$

Buck_η is the efficiency of the buck stage. The RC filter of ISNS pin (R4 and C9 of Figure 2) should be adjusted so that I_{OUT} at highest V_{AC} input is about same as the lowest V_{AC} input. R4 value is already determined by configuration so C9 should be adjusted accordingly.

5.7.2 Buck VSNS Pin Parameters

The VSNS pin resistor divider can be calculated by:

$$V_{VSNS_CV} = \frac{V_{OUT_CV}}{N_{PA}} \times \frac{R_{VSNS_BOT}}{(R_{VSNS_BOT} + R_{VSNS_UPPER})} \quad (5.7)$$

In which V_{OUT_CV} is the target CV regulation point. N_{PA} is the turns ratio between the primary winding and auxiliary winding. R_{VSNS_BOT} is the bottom resistor of VSNS pin (R68 in Figure 2) and R_{VSNS_UPPER} is the upper resistor of VSNS pin (R69 in Figure 2).

It is recommended to set R68 between 1.5kΩ to 2kΩ and calculate R69 accordingly. It is also recommended to parallel a 10pF cap with R69 (C1 in Figure 2) for very high frequency noise filtering.

5.7.3 Buck Inductor Design

The buck inductor design should start with turns ratios. For the buck inductor the primary-to-secondary is the same winding thus there is no turns ratio on that. The second step is N_{PA}. It is recommended to set N_{PA} * 50V = V_{OUT_CV} if the application is designed for CC focused applications. Or N_{PA} * 15V = V_{OUT_CV} if the application is designed for CV focused applications.

Next up is to determine L_M of the transformer. For the iW3701, it is recommended to set L_M/R_S ≥ 1200u and ≤ 1800u. The higher L_M/R_S results in lower switching frequency and lower switching loss. However, it also results in a higher number of turns in the transformer thus higher DCR of the windings and higher conduction loss.

To calculate the actual number of turns, it is needed to pick a specific transformer core that fits the application power level. The bigger core that sacrifices physical size will have higher A_E (effective cross section area) and results in a smaller number of turns and better efficiency. The number of primary turns can be determined by:

$$Turns = I_{PK} \times \frac{L_M}{(B_{MAX} \times A_E)} \quad (5.8)$$

In which I_{PK} = V_{ISNS(MAX)} / R_S, B_{MAX} is the max flux density of the core according to core material type.

5.7.4 Boost BSNS Pin Parameters

The current sense resistor R_{S_BOOST} (R18 in Figure 2) for boost stage can be calculated by:

$$R_{S_BOOST} = \frac{27}{(V_{OUT_CV} \times I_{OUT} \times 120\%)} \quad (5.9)$$

Or for iW3701-3X with CP limit on the buck:

$$R_{S_BOOST} = \frac{27}{(V_{OUT_CP_ENTRY} \times I_{OUT} \times 120\%)} \quad (5.10)$$

In which 120% is the margin factor so that full power of boost stage is 1.2 times of full power of buck stage to make sure the boost can deliver enough energy to power the buck at any condition. Next up the CFG resistor (R14 in Figure 2) is determined by configuration. The C_{BSNS} filter cap (C6 in Figure 2) should be set so that R14 * C6 is around 50ns. For the auxiliary winding pull-up resistor (R5 in Figure 2), it should be set by

$$110mV \leq \frac{14}{N_{PA_BOOST}} \times \frac{R14}{(R5 + R14)} \quad (5.11)$$

In which N_{PA_BOOST} is the primary-to-auxiliary turns ratio of the boost inductor.

5.7.5 Boost Inductor Design

The boost inductor turns ratio is recommended to set between 9 to 11 for all applications. The L_{M_BOOST} of the boost inductor in the iW3701 is recommended to set so that $L_{M_BOOST} / R_{S_BOOST} \geq 1000\mu$ and $\leq 2000\mu$. The higher $L_{M_BOOST} / R_{S_BOOST}$ results in lower switching frequency and lower switching loss. However, it also results in higher number of turns thus higher DCR in the windings and higher conduction loss.

To calculate the actual number of turns, it is needed to pick a specific inductor core that fits the application power level. The bigger core that sacrifice physical size will have higher A_{E_BOOST} (effectively cross section area) and results in lower number of turns and better efficiency. The number of primary turns can be determined by:

$$Turns_{BOOST} = I_{PK_BOOST} \times \frac{L_{M_BOOST}}{(B_{MAX} \times A_{E_BOOST})} \quad (5.12)$$

In which $I_{PK} = B_{VIPK(MAX)} / R_{S_BOOST}$, B_{MAX} is the max flux density of the core according to core material type.

5.7.6 iW350 Enable Control

The iW350 enable control is activated by configuration on ISNS pin. The internal 200 μ A current source can drive the optocoupler LED side directly without the need for a current limit resistor as shown in Figure 2.

On the output side, a 60V NPN bipolar with beta > 20 should be used with the optocoupler output to build a Darlington connection in order to amplify the gain. This is because the current-transfer-ratio (CTR) of the opto is normally around 1 and not enough to power the iW350 when the iW3701 is driving the optocoupler with 200 μ A.

5.7.7 Application Layout Consideration

For application layout design, it is important to separate both boost and buck power loops with IC sensing loop. As a combo controller, the ground return point of the sensing resistors of boost stage (R_{S_BOOST}) and that of the buck stage (R_S) must be at the same point, which should be the ground node of the V_{VBUS} bulk capacitor (CE1 in Figure 2). Figure 20 below illustrates the recommended layout concept.

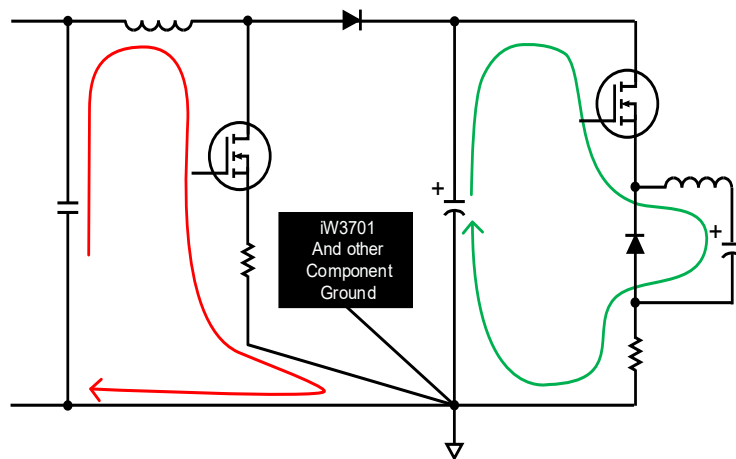


Figure 20. Layout Consideration of the iW3701

5.8 Protections, Limits and De-Rating

A comprehensive list of fault protections is built-in to the iW3701 to protect the system from damage during different kinds of abnormal conditions. Besides the protection, de-rating and limit functions are also included in the iW3701 for safe operation.

5.8.1 Output Over Voltage Protection (OVP)

If at any time the V_{VSNS} platform voltage exceeds the V_{OVP} for 8 consecutive switching cycles, OVP triggers.

Once triggered, the iW3701 stops both boost and buck stages switching. An extended startup delay of 1 to 2 seconds is imposed for OVP. During the wait period, C_{VCC} is charged by the active startup circuit to $V_{VCC(HIGH)}$. The ASU circuit is disabled at this threshold and C_{VCC} discharges to $V_{VCC(LOW)}$ due to the internal IC current consumption on the VCC pin. This process repeats for several cycles before the wait time expires and next startup attempt.

5.8.2 Output Short Protection (OSP)

If at any time the V_{VSNS} platform voltage is not above V_{OSP} for 500 μ s consecutively, or the iW3701 is stuck in the startup state for more than 180 switching cycles, the OSP triggers.

Once triggered, the iW3701 stops both boost and buck stages switching. An extended startup delay of 1 to 2 seconds is imposed for OSP. During the wait period, C_{VCC} is charged by the active startup circuit to $V_{VCC(HIGH)}$. The ASU circuit is disabled at this threshold and C_{VCC} discharges to $V_{VCC(LOW)}$ due to the internal IC current consumption on the VCC pin. This process repeats for several cycles before the wait time expires and next startup attempt.

5.8.3 V_{BUS} Over Voltage Protection (V_{VBUS} OVP)

If at any time the V_{VBUS} voltage is above V_{VBUS_OVP} for 150 μ s consecutively, V_{VBUS} OVP triggers.

Once triggered, the iW3701 will stop both boost and buck stages switching. An extended startup delay of 1 to 2 seconds is imposed for V_{VBUS} OVP. During the wait period, C_{VCC} is charged by the active startup circuit to $V_{VCC(HIGH)}$. The ASU circuit is disabled at this threshold and C_{VCC} discharges to $V_{VCC(LOW)}$ due to the internal IC current consumption on the VCC pin. This process repeats for several cycles before the wait time expires and next startup attempt.

5.8.4 V_{BUS} Under Voltage Protection (V_{VBUS} UVP)

If at any time the V_{VBUS} voltage is below V_{VBUS_UVP} for 150 μ s consecutively, V_{VBUS} UVP triggers.

Once triggered, the iW3701 stops both boost and buck stages switching. The extended startup delay is not imposed for V_{VBUS} UVP. The iW3701 does qualification as new startup attempt every ASU charging cycle after V_{VCC} is charged to V_{VCC_HI} .

5.8.5 AC Brown Out Protection (V_{VIN} UVP)

If at any time the V_{VIN} peak voltage is below V_{VIN_BROUT} for consecutive 3 AC half cycles, or the V_{VIN} voltage is below V_{VIN_OFF} for 10ms consecutively, V_{VIN} UVP will trigger.

Once triggered, the iW3701 will stop both boost and buck stages switching. The extended startup delay is not imposed for V_{VIN} UVP. The iW3701 does qualification as new startup attempt every ASU charging cycle after V_{VCC} is charged to V_{VCC_HI} .

5.8.6 AC Over Voltage Protection (V_{VIN} OVP)

If at any time the V_{VIN} peak voltage is above V_{VIN_OVP} for consecutive 8 AC half cycles, V_{VIN} OVP triggers.

Once triggered, the iW3701 stops only the boost and the buck keeps operating as normal. As a result, the power factor will be low during V_{VIN} OVP. When V_{VIN} peak voltage is below $V_{VIN_OVP_REC}$ for 3 consecutive AC half cycles, the V_{VIN} OVP is removed, and the boost converter operates again.

5.8.7 PFC Over Load Protection (PFC OLP)

When boost stage is on, if the V_{VBUS} voltage cannot reach V_{VBUS_REF} within 2 seconds, PFC OLP triggers.

Once triggered, the iW3701 stops both boost and buck stages switching. An extended startup delay of 1 to 2 seconds is imposed for PFC OLP. During the wait period, C_{VCC} is charged by the active startup circuit to $V_{VCC(HIGH)}$. The ASU circuit is disabled at this threshold and C_{VCC} discharges to $V_{VCC(LOW)}$ due to the internal IC current consumption on the VCC pin. This process repeats for several cycles before the wait time expires and next startup attempt.

5.8.8 Over Temperature Protection (OTP)

If at any time the internal temperature sensor reaches T_{OTP} , or MUL pin voltage is below V_{NTC_OTP} if NTC function is selected by configuration, OTP will trigger.

Once triggered, the iW3701 will stop both boost and buck stages switching. An extended startup delay of 1 to 2 seconds is imposed for OTP. During the wait period, C_{VCC} is charged by the active startup circuit to $V_{VCC(HIGH)}$. The ASU circuit is disabled at this threshold and C_{VCC} discharges to $V_{VCC(LOW)}$ due to the internal IC current consumption on the VCC pin. This process repeats for several cycles before the wait time expires and next startup attempt.

5.8.9 Over Temperature De-rating

The over temperature de-rating is designed in the iW3701 to reduce the output power mildly when mild over temperature condition occurs. In this way, the system can be protected during mild over temperature condition without interruption of light output. Figure 21 shows the $I_{OUT\%}$ vs the internal temperature sensor temperature.

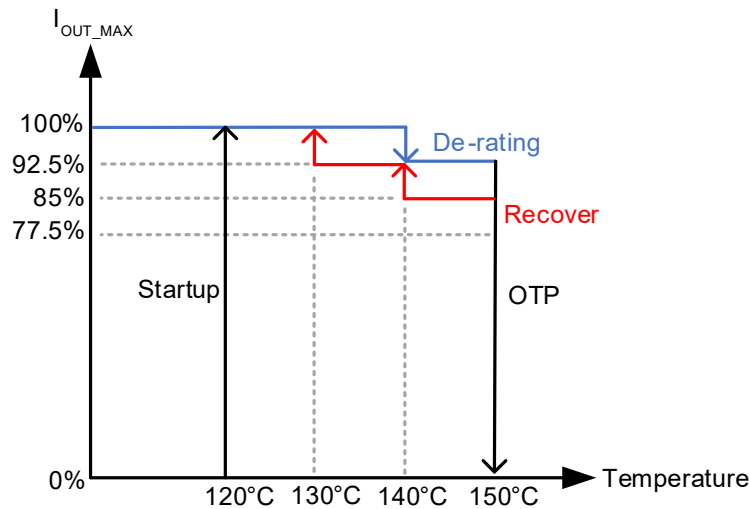


Figure 21. Internal Temperature Sensor Based I_{OUT} De-rating Profile

If the NTC function is selected by configuration, the NTC voltage is sensed by the MUL pin and achieves NTC de-rating function. 5.6.4 shows the $I_{OUT\%}$ vs. NTC voltage

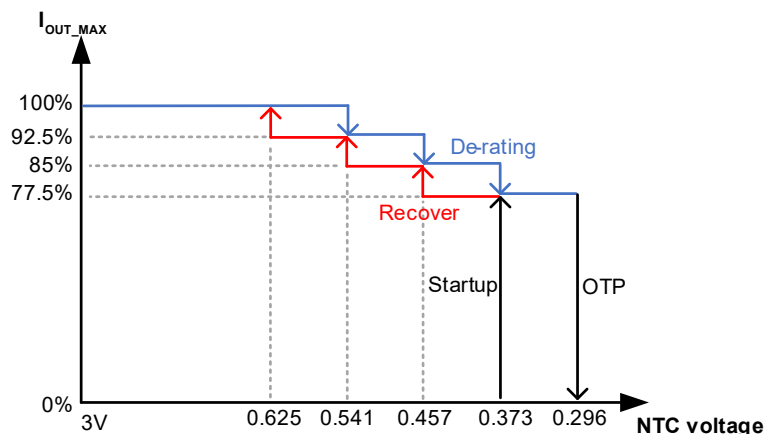


Figure 22. NTC Based I_{OUT} De-rating Profile

Internal temperature sensor de-rating and NTC de-rating can work concurrently. The iW3701 outputs the lower $I_{OUT\%}$ from two de-ratings.

5.8.10 Cycle-by-cycle Peak Current Limit (PCL)

The iW3701 limits the peak current in both boost and buck stage. When the DRV pin is high, if the ISNS pin reaches OCP, the DRV pin immediately turns off the buck MOSFET. When the BDRV pin is high, if the BSNS pin reaches the BOCP, the BDRV pin immediately turns off the boost MOSFET.

6. Package Outline Drawings

The package outline drawings are located at the end of this document and are accessible from the Renesas website. The package information is the most current data available and is subject to change without revision of this document.

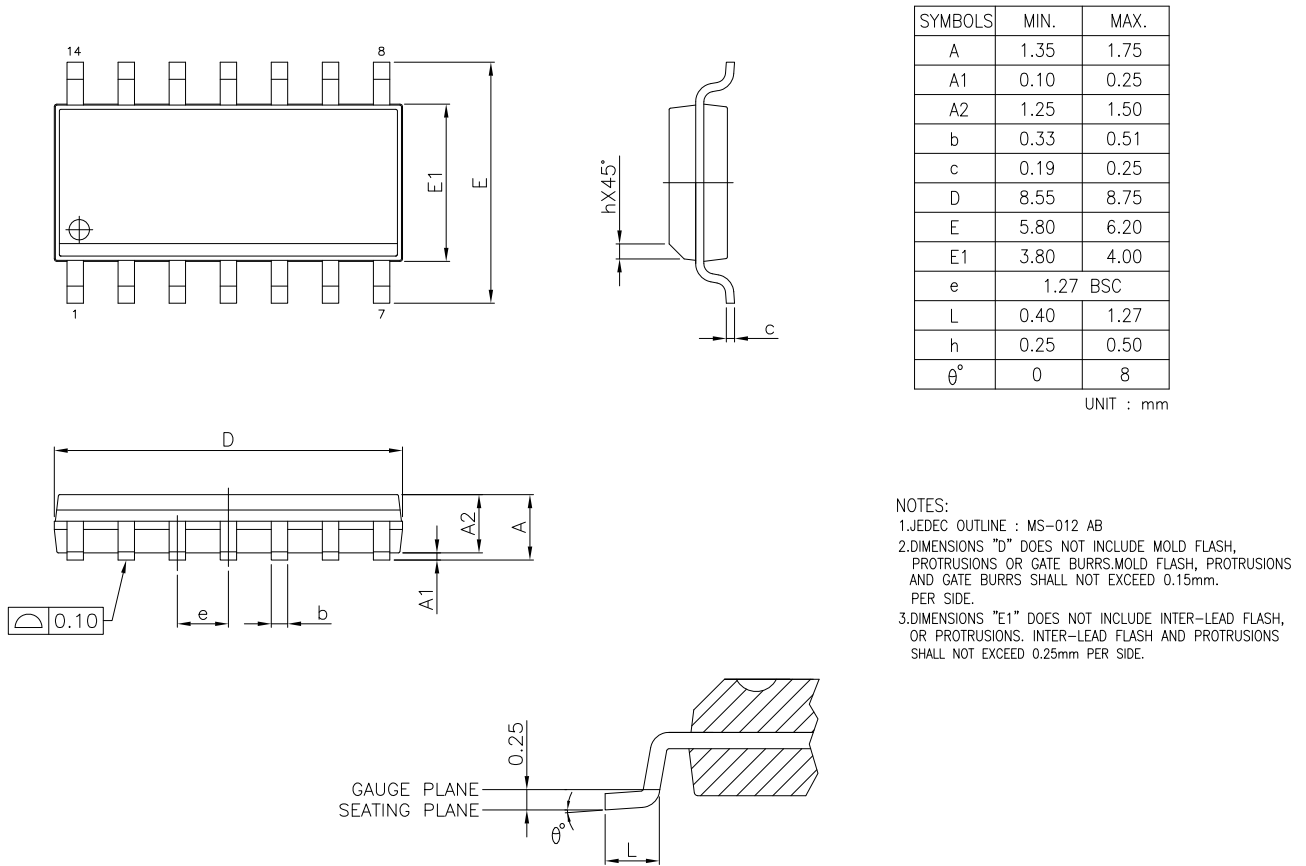


Figure 23. 14-Lead SOIC Package

7. Ordering Information

| Part Number | Description | Package | Description |
|-------------|---|---------|--------------------------|
| iW3701-00 | CC focused, DIM ports enabled | SOIC-14 | Tape & Reel ¹ |
| iW3701-30 | CC focused, DIM ports enabled, with $V_{OUT_CP_ENTRY} = 90\%$ | SOIC-14 | Tape & Reel ¹ |

1. Tape & Reel packing quantity is 2,500/reel. Minimum packing quantity is 2,500.

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