

ISL73041SEH

Radiation Hardened 12V Half-Bridge GaN FET Driver

The ISL73041SEH is a Radiation Hardened PWM input 12V Half Bridge GaN FET Driver designed to drive low $r_{DS(ON)}$ Gallium Nitride FETs for DC/DC switching regulators. An integrated programmable GaN FET gate drive voltage, high-side bootstrap switch, and strong gate drive current provide a compact and robust GaN FET half-bridge driver.

The ISL73041SEH can interface directly to the ISL73847SEH dual-phase PWM buck controller to create a high-efficiency point-of-load regulator to power many of the latest low voltage high current FPGA and DSP digital core rails.

Applications

- High current DC/DC Point-of-Load (POL) for FPGA and DSP supply rails
- 5V or 12V input to 1V output POL regulation
- GaN FET motor driver
- Combine with ISL73847SEH DC/DC PWM controller and Renesas GaN FETs for a complete DC/DC solution

Features

- Qualified to Renesas Rad Hard QML-V Equivalent Screening and QCI Flow (R34TB0001EU)
 - All screening and QCI is in accordance with MIL-PRF-38535L Class-V
- Up to 20V bootstrap voltage half-bridge driver
- Programmable 4.5V to 5.5V gate drive voltage
- Single tri-level PWM input control
- Separate source and sink driver outputs
- High-side peak drive: 2A Sourcing, 4A Sinking
- Low-side peak drive: 4A Sourcing, 8A Sinking
- · High and low side programmable dead time control
- · Highly matched fast propagation delay: 29ns
- Full military temperature operation T_A = -55°C to 125°C ambient range
- TID Rad Hard Assurance (RHA) testing
 - LDR (≤ 10mrad(Si)/s): 75krad(Si)
- SEE Characterization (see SEE report for details)
 - No DSEE with V_{DD} = 20V or PHS = 13.5V at LET 86MeV·cm²/mg
 - No DSEE with V_{DD} = 20V or PHS = 16.5V at LET 67MeV·cm²/mg
 - SEFI <10µm² at 86MeV·cm²/mg
 - No Half-Bridge Shoot-Through SET at LET 86MeV·cm²/mg

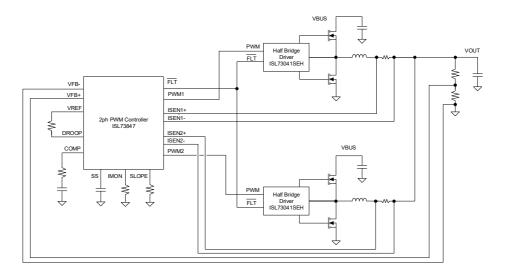


Figure 1. Typical Application Schematic: 2-Phase Controller + Bridge Driver + GaN FETs for 12V Input, 1.0V Output, 50A DC/DC Converter



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1. Overview

1.1 Block Diagram

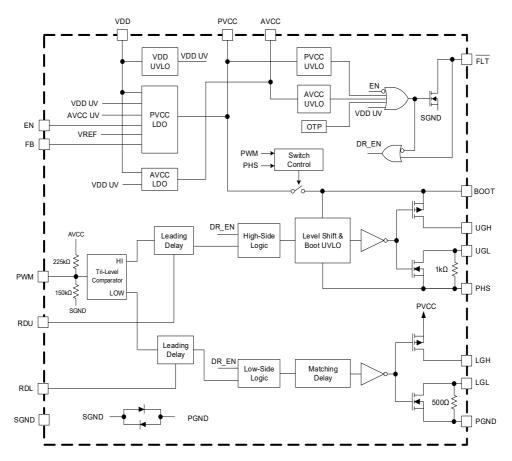


Figure 2. Circuit Block Diagram

2. Pin Information

2.1 Pin Assignments

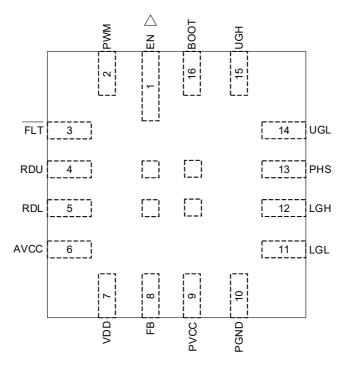


Figure 3. Pin Assignments - Top View

Note: The package lid is branded with a triangular mark that is placed near Pin #1. The Pin #1 bottom pad is approximately twice as long as Pin #2 through #16. The lid seal ring flashing is extended around the castellation of Pin #1 for a visual indicator.

2.2 Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Pin Name	ESD Circuit	Description
1	EN	2	Enable input pin. When EN is low, driver outputs are in a high-impedance state and do not respond to PWM inputs. The PVCC LDO is shut down, and the FLT pin is internally pulled low. When EN is high, the PVCC LDO is enabled, and the driver outputs respond to PWM inputs. EN pin is VDD voltage compliant.
2	PWM	1	Tri-Level PWM input pin. Logic high turns on the high-side gate driver. Logic low turns on the low-side gate driver. Mid-Level turns off both gate drivers. Internal pull-up and pull-down resistors bias pin to mid-level when not externally driven.
3	FLT	1	I/O pin. As an open-drain output, $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ is an active low indicator for when EN = 0, VDD UVLO, AVCC UVLO, PVCC UVLO, or in an over-temperature fault. As a high-impedance input, $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ disables the driver outputs when driven low. Place a pull-up resistor on the $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ pin to AVCC. Place a 10pF capacitor from $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ to GND for SET mitigation.
4	RDU	1	Dead time delay control for the high-side turn-on. A $1.3k\Omega$ - $10k\Omega$ resistor to SGND sets the rising edge delay of Upper Gate High (UGH) to the falling edge of Lower Gate Low (LGL) in the range of 6.5ns to 50ns.
5	RDL	1	Dead time delay control for low-side turn-on. A $1.3k\Omega$ - $10k\Omega$ resistor to SGND sets the rising edge delay of Lower Gate High (LGH) to the falling edge of Upper Gate Low (UGL) in the range of $6.5ns$ - $50ns$.



Pin Number	Pin Name	ESD Circuit	Description				
6	AVCC	1	The output of the internal 5V LDO regulator for chip bias. Input is VDD. A minimum of 1µF teramic decoupling capacitor is necessary on AVCC to SGND.				
7	VDD	2	Input supply to chip. Recommended bias range is 4.75V to 18V.				
8	FB	1	PVCC LDO error amplifier inverting input. A resistor divider network from FB to PVCC and SGND sets the PVCC LDO output voltage. If FB is connected to PVCC, PVCC output voltage is 4.5V.				
9	PVCC	1	Output of the LDO for the gate drive voltage. Recommended PVCC range is 4.5V to 5.5V. A minimum $1\mu F$ ceramic decoupling capacitor is necessary on PVCC to PGND.				
10	PGND	-	Low-side driver output reference pin. For typical applications, connect PGND to ground plane and SGND (PAD). Alternatively, connect PGND directly to the low-side transistor's source terminal.				
11	LGL	5	Low-side sink driver for gate turn-off. Connect this pin to LGH and the GaN FET gate.				
12	LGH	4	Low-side source driver for gate turn-on. Connect this pin to LGL and the GaN FET gate.				
13	PHS	3	High-side GaN FET source reference. Connect to the phase switching node of the half-bridge.				
14	UGL	7	High-side sink driver for gate turn-off. Connect this pin to UGH and the GaN FET gate.				
15	UGH	6	High-side source driver for gate turn-on. Connect this pin to UGL and the GaN FET gate.				
16	воот	3	High-side bootstrap bias pin. Connect a bootstrap capacitor from this pin to PHS. An internal bootstrap switch connects PVCC to BOOT when PWM = 0V and PHS voltage is within 250mV of PGND.				
PAD	SGND	-	Analog signal GND and package bottom thermal pad. The die substrate is electrically connected to PAD. Connect to the ground plane.				
LID	SGND	-	The package lid is internally connected to the four bottom pads, die substrate and SGND.				
	ackage Pin —— PGND ——	9.6V Clam _l	Package Pin 28.8V Clamp 9.6V Clamp PHS PGND Circuit 2 Circuit 3				
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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	Minimum	Maximum	Unit
PVCC to PGND; BOOT to PHS	-0.3	+6.5	V
VDD to SGND	-0.3	+20	V
SGND to PGND	-0.3	+0.3	V
PHS to PGND	-0.3V DC	+20	V
PHS to PGND ^[1]	-	+16.5	V
PHS to PGND ^[2]	-	+13.5	V
PHS to PGND (repetitive transient)	-5V (100ns)	-	V
BOOT to PGND	-0.3	+24	V
BOOT to PGND ^[1]	-	+21.5	V
BOOT to PGND ^[2]	-	+18.5	V
EN to SGND	-0.3	VDD+0.3	V
AVCC, FB, PWM, FLT, RDU, RDL to SGND	-0.3	+6.5	V
UGH, UGL	PHS-0.3	BOOT+0.3	V
LGH, LGL	GND-0.3	PVCC+0.3	V
Human Body Model (Tested per MIL-STD-883 TM3015.7)	-	5	kV
Charged Device Model (Tested per JS-002-2018)	-	1	kV
Latch-Up (Tested per JESD78E; Class 2, Level A)	-	±100	mA

^{1.} Tested in a heavy ion environment at LET = 67MeV•cm²/mg at 125°C.

3.2 Thermal Information

Parameter	Package	Symbol	Conditions	Typical Value	Unit
Thermal Resistance	16 Pad CLCC Package	θ _{JA} [1]	Junction to air.	37	°C/W
	101 ad OLOO1 adkage	θ _{JC} ^[2]	Junction to case.	6.5	°C/W

θ_{JA} is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high-effective thermal conductivity test board with direct attach features.
 See TB379

^{2.} For $\theta_{\text{JC}},$ the case temp location is the center of the package underside.

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Unit
Maximum Junction Temperature	-	+150	°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65	+150	°C



^{2.} Tested in a heavy ion environment at LET = 86MeV•cm²/mg at 125°C.

3.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Unit
Ambient Temperature	-55	+125	°C
VDD Voltage	+4.75	+13.2	V
PVCC	+4.5	+5.5	V
PHS	0	+13.2	V

3.4 Electrical Specifications

3.4.1 DC Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ. ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
VDD Power Supply			•	•		!	
Shutdown Supply Current	IDD _{SHDN}	EN = 0V	-55 to +125°C	-	850	1200	μA
Quiescent Supply Current	1 -	PWM = Float; RDU = RDL = 1.3kΩ	-55 to	-	9	-	mA
Quiescent Supply Current	I _{DDQ}	PWM = Float; RDU = RDL = 10kΩ	+125°C	-	-	6	ША
Unloaded Operating Current	I _{DDO1}	UG and LG unloaded; PWM = 500kHz at 50% 0V to 5V	-55 to +125°C	-	21	32	mA
Loaded Operating Current	I _{DDO2}	5nF load on UG; 10nF load on LG; PWM = 500kHz at 50% 0V to 5V	-55 to +125°C	-	55	70	mA
Bootstrap Supply							
BOOT Quiescent Current	I _{Q_Boot}	PWM = Float; BOOT-PHS = 4.5V	-55 to +125°C	-	580	650	μA
PVCC and AVCC LDOs							
			-55°C	1.188	1.2	1.212	
			+25°C	1.188	1.2	1.212	
PVCC Feedback Voltage	VFB	VFB Internal reference voltage	+125°C	1.188	1.2	1.212	V
			+25°C (Post Rad)	1.188	1.2	1.212	



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ. ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
			-55°C	4.39	4.5	4.6	
		PVCC = 4.5V = FB or with external	+25°C	4.4	4.5	4.6	
		resistors; I _{OUT} from 0mA to 150mA; VDD from 4.85V to 13.2V	+125°C	4.39	4.5	4.6	V
PVCC Gate Drive Voltage	PVCC	VDD IIOIII 4.65V to 15.2V	+25°C (Post Rad)	4.39	4.5	4.6	
1 voo date brive voltage	1 100		-55°C	5.39	5.5	5.6	
		PVCC = 5.5V with external FB	+25°C	5.4	5.5	5.6	
		resistors; I _{OUT} from 0mA to 150mA; VDD from 5.85V to 13.2V	+125°C	5.39	5.5	5.6	V
		VBB IIGIII 0.00V to 10.2V	+25°C (Post Rad)	5.39	5.5	5.6	
PVCC in Pass Mode	-	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC; I _{OUT} = 150mA	-55 to +125°C	4.34	4.44	-	V
PVCC Dropout Voltage	-	I _{OUT} = 150mA; VDD voltage where PVCC drops 2% below regulation; PVCC = 4.5V to 5.5V	-55 to +125°C	-	190	250	mV
PVCC Output Current Limit	I _{LIMITP}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC; Force PVCC = 4.2V	-55 to +125°C	190	250	350	mA
VDD to PVCC Power	PVCC _{PSRR}	VDD = 6V + 300mVpp AC 1kHz; PVCC = 5.5V; PVCC I _{OUT} = 150mA	-	-	70	-	- dB
Supply Rejection Ratio		VDD = 6V + 300mVpp AC 100kHz; PVCC = 5.5V; PVCC I _{OUT} = 150mA	-	-	30	-	ub
		VDD = 4.97V; I _{OUT} = 20mA	55 to	4.3	4.6	4.69	
Internal LDO voltage	AVCC	VDD = 5.25V to 13.2V; I _{OUT} = 0mA to 20mA	+125°C	4.7	5.0	5.4	V
Dropout Voltage	-	I _{OUT} = 20mA; VDD voltage where AVCC drops 2% below regulation	-55 to +125°C	-	-	250	mV
AVCC Output Current Limit	I _{LIMITA}	VDD = 4.75V; Force AVDD = 4.5V	-55 to +125°C	25	49	100	mA
VDD to AVCC Power	AV/CC	VDD = 6V + 300mVpp AC 1kHz; AVCC = 5V; AVCC I _{OUT} = 20mA	-	-	70	-	40
Supply Rejection Ratio	AVCC _{PSRR}	VDD = 6V + 300mVpp AC 100kHz; AVCC = 5V; AVCC I _{OUT} = 20mA	-	-	30	-	- dB
VDD Undervoltage Lockou	it (UVLO)	•					
VDD UVLO Rising Threshold	VR _{VDD}	-		4.46	4.6	4.74	V
VDD UVLO Falling Threshold	VF _{VDD}	-	-55 to +125°C	4.41	4.55	4.68	V
VDD UVLO Hysteresis	VH_{VDD}	VR _{VDD} - VF _{VDD}		25	50	90	mV



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ. ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
AVCC Undervoltage Locko	out (UVLO)		•			l .	ı
AVCC UVLO Rising Threshold	VR _{AVCC}	Test by recovering AVCC from constant current limit		4.46	4.6	4.74	٧
AVCC UVLO Falling Threshold	VF _{AVCC}	Test by putting AVCC into constant current limit	-55 to +125°C	4.28	4.41	4.52	٧
AVCC UVLO Hysteresis	VH _{AVCC}	VR _{AVCC} - VF _{AVCC}		150	183	300	mV
PVCC Undervoltage Lock	out (UVLO)			•			
PVCC UVLO Rising Threshold	VR _{PVCC}	PVCC = 5.5V with FB resistors ^[3]		5.21	5.34	5.45	V
PVCC UVLO Falling Threshold	VF _{PVCC}	PVCC = 5.5V with FB resistors ^[3]	-55 to +125°C	5.07	5.17	5.27	V
PVCC UVLO Hysteresis	VH _{PVCC}	VR _{PVCC} - VF _{PVCC}		100	150	300	mV
BOOT Undervoltage Lock	out (UVLO)			•			
BOOT UVLO Rising Threshold	VR _{BOOT}	-		3.8	4.0	4.2	V
BOOT UVLO Falling Threshold	VF _{BOOT}	-	-55 to +125°C	3.6	3.8	4.0	٧
BOOT UVLO Hysteresis	VH _{BOOT}	VR _{BOOT} - VF _{BOOT}		100	240	400	mV
PWM and EN Input Pins				•			
EN High Level Threshold	VIH _{EN}	PWM = 0V		-	1.8	2.0	V
EN Low Level Threshold	VIL _{EN}	PWM = 0V	-55 to +125°C	1.0	1.5	-	V
EN Input Hysteresis	VHYS _{EN}	VIH _{EN} - VIL _{EN}		100	325	400	mV
PWM High Threshold	V _{PWMH}	VDD = 4.75V to 13.2V		-	2.7	2.8	V
PWM Middle Level Range	V _{PWMM}	VDD = 4.75V to 13.2V		1.45	-	2.4	V
PWM Low Threshold	V _{PWML}	VDD = 4.75V to 13.2V		0.95	1.1	-	V
Mid-High Level Hysteresis	-	VDD = 4.75V to 13.2V		-	100	200	mV
Mid-Low Level Hysteresis	-	VDD = 4.75V to 13.2V	-55 to	-	200	350	mV
PWM High Input Current	I _{PWMH}	PWM = 5V	+125°C	10	33	50	μA
PWM Low Input Current	I _{PWML}	PWM = 0V		-50	-22	-10	μA
PWM Pin Pull-Up Resistor	R _{PWMU}	-		150	225	300	kΩ
PWM Pin Pull-Down Resistor	R _{PWML}	-	-	100	150	200	kΩ
PWM Pin Floating Voltage	V _{FLOAT}	-		1.90	2.0	2.135	V



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ. ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
Bootstrap FET Switch			l		l .	l .	
Low Current Voltage	V_{SWL}	100μA through switch		-	1	1.6	mV
High Current Voltage	V _{SWH}	100mA through switch		-	-	145	mV
BOOT Switch Resistance	R _{SW}	100mA through switch		-	-	1.45	Ω
Positive Window Detect Rising Threshold	-	PWM = 0V		160	250	400	mV
Positive Window Detect Falling Threshold	-	PWM = 0V	-55 to	140	220	380	mV
Negative Window Detect Rising Threshold	-	PWM = 0V	+125°C	-380	-210	-140	mV
Negative Window Detect Falling Threshold	-	PWM = 0V		-400	-240	-160	mV
Positive Window Detect Hysteresis	-	PWM = 0V		10	25	60	mV
Negative Window Detect Hysteresis	-	PWM = 0V		10	20	60	mV
FLT Open Drain with Intern	nal Detect						I
Input High Leakage Current	I _{LEAK}	FLT = AVCC; VDD = 13.2V EN = VDD; No fault condition		-1	-	1	μA
FLT Output Low Drive	V _{OL}	I _{SINK} = 10mA; EN = 0V		-	0.18	0.4	V
Fault Detect Input High Threshold	V _{IH}	VDD = 13.2V; EN = VDD	-55 to +125°C	2.0	2.4	2.8	V
Fault Detect Input Low Threshold	V _{IL}	VDD = 13.2V; EN = VDD		1.0	1.6	2.0	V
Upper Gate High Output (L	JGH)		l		l .	l .	
UGH Peak Source Current	IUGH _{SRC}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC; BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; PWM = 5V; 470nF load on UG-PHS	-	-	2	-	А
UGH Output High Voltage	VOH _{UGH}	I _{SOURCE} = 100mA; Voltage drop below BOOT	-55 to +125°C	-	90	130	mV
Lower Gate High Output (L	_GH)						I
LGH Peak Source Current	ILGH _{SRC}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC; BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; PWM = 0V; 1µF load on LG-PGND	-	-	4	-	А
LGH Output High Voltage	VOH _{LGH}	I _{SOURCE} = 100mA; Voltage drop below PVCC	-55 to +125°C	-	56	90	mV
Upper Gate Low Output (U	GL)	ı	1	1	ı	I	1
UGL Peak Sink Current	IUGL _{SNK}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC; BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; PWM = 0V; 470nF load on UG-PHS	-	-	4	-	А



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ. ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit			
UGL Output Low Voltage	VOL _{UGL}	I _{SINK} = 100mA; Voltage above PHS	-55 to	EE to		50	80	mV		
UGL Gate Discharge Resistor	RUGL	EN = 0	+125°C	800	1000	1400	Ω			
Lower Gate Low Output (L	Lower Gate Low Output (LGL)									
LGL Peak Sink Current	ILGL _{SNK}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC; BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; PWM = 5V; 1µF load on LG-PGND	-	-	8	-	Α			
LGL Output Low Voltage	VOL _{LGL}	I _{SINK} = 100mA; Voltage above GND	-55 to	-	27	50	mV			
LGL Gate Discharge Resistor	RLGL	EN = 0	+125°C	400	500	700	Ω			
Over-Temperature Protect	ion (OTP)									
Rising Thermal Shutdown	OTPR	-	-	-	160	-	°C			
Falling Thermal Recovery	OTPF	-	-	-	145	-	°C			
Driver Response Time to Thermal Shutdown	-	Design simulation	-	-	45	-	μs			

- 1. Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are 100% tested at -55°C, +25°C, +125°C and at +25°C post radiation.
- 2. Typical values are not guaranteed.
- 3. UVLO for PVCC is detected on the FB pin. PVCC UVLO thresholds are set at 96.5% rising and 94% falling, typical at +25°C, of the set PVCC voltage. PVCC UVLO thresholds production tested only at PVCC set to 5.5V.



3.4.2 AC Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit						
Dead Time Delay; RDU ar	nd RDL		'		I	l							
Dead Time Delay		VDD = 4.75V to 5.85V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V to 5.5V; RDU = RDL = 1.3kΩ to GND		-	6.5	-							
LG falling to UG rising	t _{DTLU}	VDD = 4.75V to 5.85V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V to 5.5V; RDU = RDL = 10kΩ to GND		40	50	55	- ns						
Dead Time Delay		VDD = 4.75V to 5.85V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V to 5.5V; RDU = RDL = 1.3kΩ to GND		-55 to	-55 to	-55 to	-55 to	-55 to	-55 to	-	6.5	-	no
UG falling to LG rising	t _{DTUL}	VDD = 4.75V to 5.85V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V to 5.5V; RDU = RDL = $10k\Omega$ to GND	+125°C	40	50	55	ns						
Dead Time Delay Match	+	VDD = 4.75V to 5.85V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V to 5.5V; RDU = RDL = 1.3kΩ to GND		0.2	-	ns							
t _{DTLU} - t _{DTUL}	t _{DTM}	VDD = 4.75V to 5.85V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V to 5.5V; RDU = RDL = $10k\Omega$ to GND		-3.5	-	3.5							
PWM Propagation Delay													
			-55°C	20	27	32							
UG Turn-Off	VDD 4.75V	+25°C	23	29	35								
Propagation Delay PWM Falling to UG	t _{PDUG}	VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V	+125°C	27	33	39	ns						
Falling			+25°C (Post Rad)	20	29	39							
			-55°C	20	27	32							
LG Turn-Off Propagation Delay PWM Rising to LG Falling		VDD = 4.75V;	+25°C	23	29	35							
	t _{PDLG}	PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V	+125°C	27	33	39	ns						
			+25°C (Post Rad)	20	29	39							
Propagation Delay Match t _{PDUG} - t _{PDLG}	t _{PDM}	VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V Over-Temperature and Radiation	-55 to +125°C	-2.5	0	2.5	ns						



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
PWM Enter Mid-Level to UG Low Delay Time	t _{PDUG1}	PWM [High to Mid] to UG Falling; RDU= RDL = $1.3k\Omega$		-	80	-	ns
PWM Exit Mid-Level to UG High Delay Time	t _{PDUG2}	PWM [Mid to High] to UG Rising; RDU = RDL = $1.3k\Omega$	-55 to	-	65	-	ns
PWM Enter Mid-Level to LG Low Delay Time	t _{PDLG1}	PWM [Low to Mid] to LG Falling; RDU= RDL = 1.3kΩ	+125°C	-	80	-	ns
PWM Exit Mid-Level to LG Rising Delay Time	t _{PDLG2}	PWM [Mid to Low] to LG Rising; RDU= RDL = $1.3k\Omega$		-	65	-	ns
UG and LG Transition Tir	nes			•	•	•	
		VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; UG C _{LOAD} = 5nF; 10% to 90%	-55 to +125°C	-	-	29	
		VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; UG C _{LOAD} = 470nF; 30% to 70%	-55°C	340	470	620	
UG Rise Time	tugr		+25°C	410	530	680	ns
			+125°C	480	660	740	
			+25°C (Post Rad)	340	540	740	
		VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; UG C _{LOAD} = 5nF; 90% to 10%	-55 to +125°C	-	-	26	
			-55°C	200	260	330	ns
UG Fall Time	t _{UGF}	VDD = 4.75V;	+25°C	220	280	360	
		PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V;	+125°C	260	330	420	
		UG C _{LOAD} = 470nF; 70% to 30%	+25°C (Post Rad)	200	290	420	
		VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; LG C _{LOAD} = 10nF; 10% to 90%	-55 to +125°C	-	-	36	
LG Rise Time			-55°C	440	550	640	
	t _{LGR}	VDD = 4.75V;	+25°C	470	620	800	ns
		PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V;	+125°C	600	770	950	
		LG C _{LOAD} = 940nF; 30% to 70%	+25°C (Post Rad)	440	630	950	



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
		VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V LG C _{LOAD} = 10nF; 90% to 10%	-55 to +125°C	-	-	30	
LG Fall Time			-55°C	160	240	340	, no
LG Fall Time	t _{LGF}	VDD = 4.75V;	+25°C	220	270	380	ns
		PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V LG C _{I OAD} = 940nF; 70% to 30%	+125°C	260	350	420	
		LG C _{LOAD} = 940111 , 70 % to 30 %	+25°C (Post Rad)	160	280	420	
Mode Transition Delay							
PVCC Start-Up Delay	-	VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = FB; C_{PVCC} = 1.0 μ F; EN High to PVCC crossing 0.5V	-	-	115	-	μs
PVCC Start-Up Time	-	VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = FB; C _{PVCC} = 1.0μF; PVCC rise time from 0.45V to 4.05V (10% to 90% of 4.5V)	-	-	15	-	μs
EN High to Driver Output Enabled Delay Time	t _{ENR}	VDD = PVCC = FB = BOOT-PHS = 4.75V		70	95	130	μs
EN Low to Driver Output Disabled Delay Time	t _{ENF}	EN Low to UG Off; PWM = 5V EN Low to LG Off; PWM = 0V		-	4	8	μs
FLT Low to LG Output Falling	t _{FLTF}	VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; EN = VDD; PWM = 0V; FLT exercised as an input pin High to Low	-55 to +125°C	-	200	300	ns
FLT High to LG Output Rising	t _{FLTR}	VDD = 4.75V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; EN = VDD; PWM = 0V; FLT exercised as an input pin Low to High		-	300	400	ns
PVCC Falling Below UVLO to FLT Falling Delay		FB = PVCC	-	-	0.6	-	μs
PVCC Falling Below UVLO to UG Falling Delay	t _{PVCCF}	FB = PVCC; PWM = 5V	-	-	0.8	-	μs
PVCC Falling Below UVLO to LG Falling Delay		FB = PVCC; PWM = 0V	-	-	0.5	-	μs



Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Temp.	Min ^[1]	Typ ^[2]	Max ^[1]	Unit
PVCC Rising Above UVLO to FLT Rising Delay		FB = PVCC	-	-	0.6	-	μs
PVCC Rising Above UVLO to UG Rising Delay	^t PVCCR	FB = PVCC; PWM = 5V	-	-	1.0	-	μs
PVCC Rising Above UVLO to LG Rising Delay		FB = PVCC; PWM = 0V	-	-	1.0	-	μs
BOOT Falling Below UVLO to UG Falling Delay	t _{BOOTF}	FB = PVCC; PWM = 5V BOOT-PHS falling 4.5V to 3.5V	-	-	1.5	-	μs
BOOT Rising Above UVLO to UG Rising Delay	t _{BOOTR}	FB = PVCC; PWM = 5V; BOOT-PHS rising 3.5V to 4.5V	-	-	1.8	-	μs

^{1.} Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are 100% tested at -55°C, +25°C, +125°C and at +25°C post radiation.

Table 1. Burn-In and Operating Life Test Delta Parameters

Damenton.	Symbol Conditions		Delta	Limits	I lait	
Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit	
VDD Shutdown Current	I _{DD_SHDN}	EN = 0V	-0.12	0.12	mA	
VDD Quiescent Current	I _{DDQ_1k}	RDU = RDL = 1kΩ	-1	1	A	
VDD Quiescent Current	I _{DDQ_10k}	RDU = RDL = 10kΩ	-0.5	0.5	- mA	
BOOT Quiescent Current	I _{BOOTQ}	EN = VDD; PWM = Float; BOOT-PHS = 4.5V	-50	50	μA	
PVCC Reference Voltage	V _{FB}	-	-6	6	mV	
DVCC Outmut Valtage	PVCC2	VDD = 4.85V; FB = PVCC	-25	25	mV	
PVCC Output Voltage	PVCC4	VDD = 13.2V; FB = PVCC	-25	25	mV	
PVCC Current Limit	PVCC_I _{LIMIT}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC	-16	16	mA	
PWM High-Level Threshold	V _{PWMH}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC	-0.28	0.28	V	
PWM Mid-Level Upper Threshold	V _{PWMMH}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC	-0.24	0.24	V	
PWM Mid-Level Lower Threshold	V _{PWMML}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC	-0.145	0.145	V	
PWM Low-Level Threshold	V _{PMWL}	VDD = 4.75V; FB = PVCC	-0.095	0.095	V	
UG Output High Level	V _{OH_UG}	Source 100mA; Drop below BOOT	-13	13	mV	
UG Output Low Level	V _{OL_UG}	Sink 100mA; Rise above PHS	-9	9	mV	
LG Output High Level	V _{OH_LG}	Source 100mA; Drop below PVCC	-8	8	mV	
LG Output Low Level	V _{OL_LG}	Sink 100mA; Rise above PGND	-5	5	mV	

^{2.} Typical values are not guaranteed.

3.5 Timing Diagrams

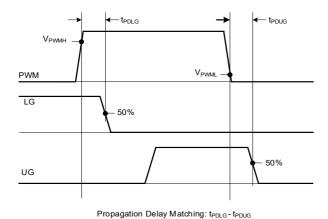
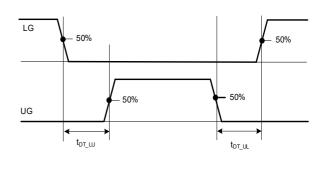


Figure 4. PWM Propagation Delay



Dead Time Set by Resistor Value on the RDU/RDL Pin Programmable Dead Time Matching: t_{DT_LU} - t_{DT_LU}

Figure 5. Programmable Dead Time

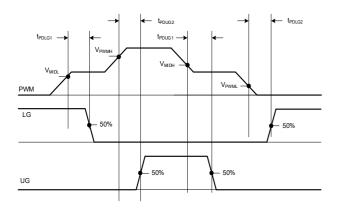


Figure 6. PWM Mid Level Propagation Delay

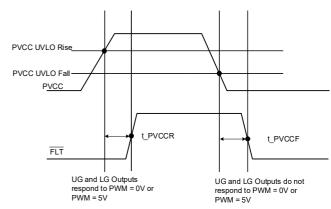


Figure 7. PVCC UVLO to FLT Propagation Delay

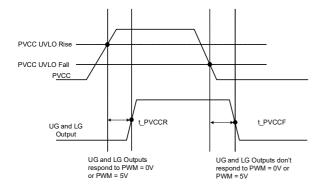


Figure 8. PVCC UVLO to UG & LG Propagation Delay

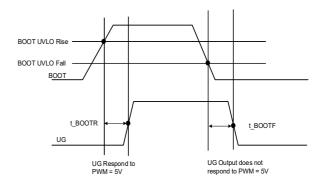
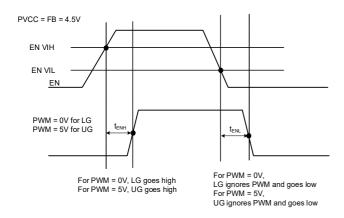


Figure 9. BOOT UVLO to UG Propagation Delay







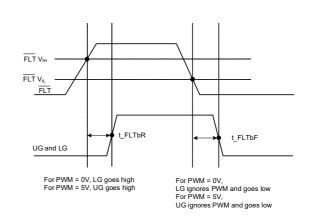


Figure 11. FTLb Propagation Delay (External Driven)

4. Typical Performance Curves

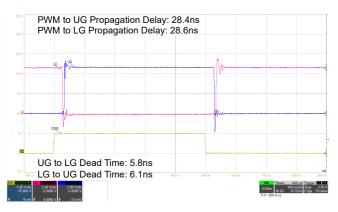


Figure 12. Prop Delay & Dead Time Delay with RDU = RDL = GND or $1.3k\Omega$



Figure 13. Prop Delay & Dead Time Delay with RDU = RDL = $10k\Omega$

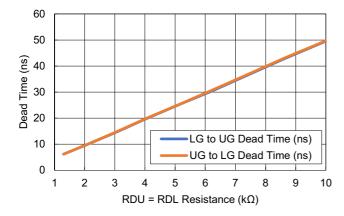


Figure 14. Programmable Dead Time Range 1.3k Ω to $10k\Omega$

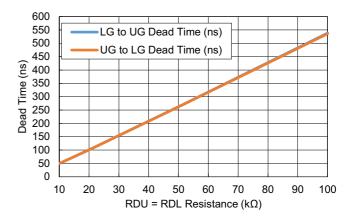
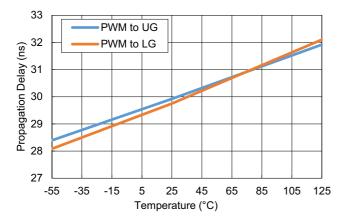


Figure 15. Programmable Dead Time Range $10k\Omega$ to $100k\Omega$

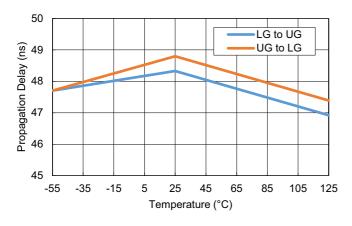




1.0 Propagation Delay Match (ns) 8.0 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 -0.2 -0.4 -0.6 -0.8 -1.0 -35 5 65 85 125 -55 -15 25 45 105 Temperature (°C)

Figure 16. Propagation Delay vs Temperature

Figure 17. Propagation Delay Matching vs Temperature



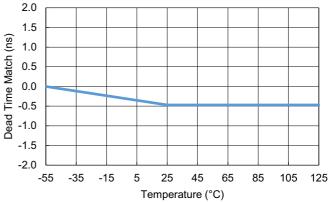
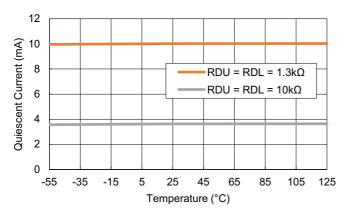


Figure 18. Dead Time Delay vs Temperature; RDU = RDL = $10k\Omega$

Figure 19. Dead Time Delay Matching vs Temperature; RDU = RDL = $10k\Omega$

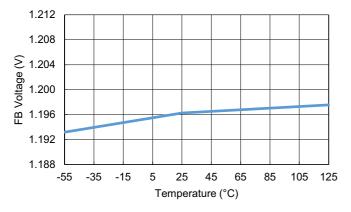


550 Quiescent Current (mA) 530 510 490 470 450 -35 -55 -15 5 25 45 65 85 105 125 Temperature (°C)

Figure 20. VDD Static Bias Current vs RDU/RDL vs Temperature; Enabled; PWM = Float

Figure 21. BOOT Static Bias Current vs Temperature; PWM = Float





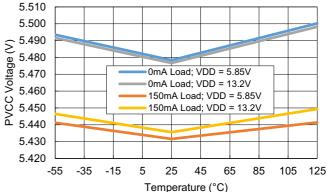


Figure 22. PVCC FB Voltage vs Temperature

Figure 23. PVCC vs Temperature; PVCC = 5.5V

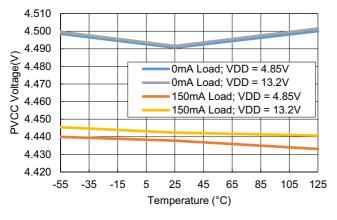


Figure 24. PVCC vs Temperature; PVCC = FB

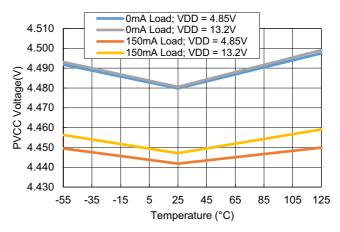


Figure 25. PVCC vs Temperature; PVCC = 4.5V

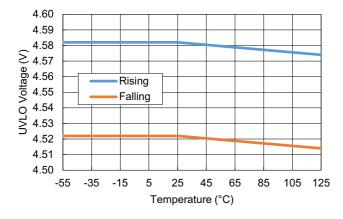


Figure 26. VDD UVLO vs Temperature

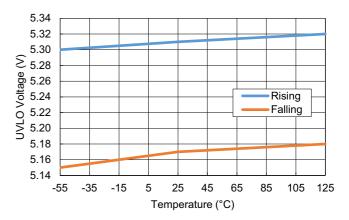
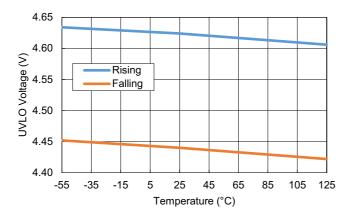


Figure 27. PVCC UVLO vs Temperature





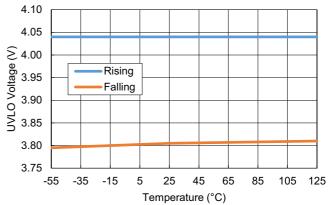
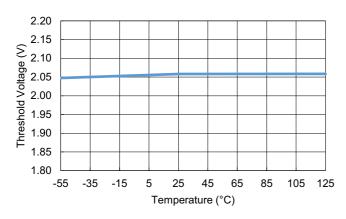


Figure 28. AVCC UVLO vs Temperature

Figure 29. BOOT UVLO vs Temperature



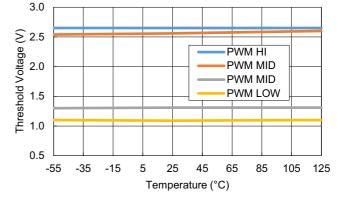
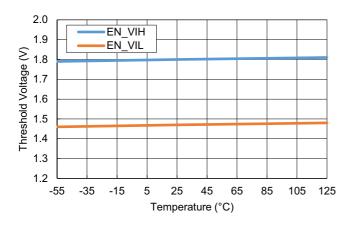


Figure 30. PWM Pin Float Voltage Vs Temperature

Figure 31. PWM Thresholds vs Temperature



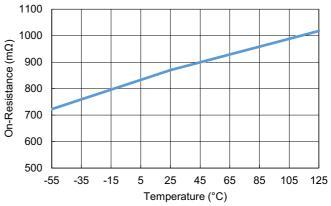
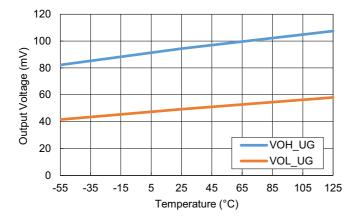


Figure 32. EN Threshold vs Temperature

Figure 33. BOOT Switch $r_{DS(ON)}$ vs Temperature

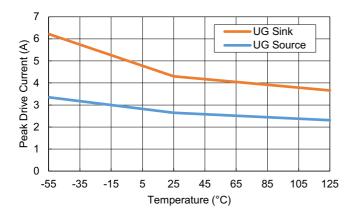




80 70 Output Voltage (mV) 60 50 40 30 20 VOH LG 10 VOL LG 0 -35 -55 -15 5 25 45 65 85 105 125 Temperature (°C)

Figure 34. High-Side Driver V_{OL} and V_{OH} vs Temperature; 100mA load

Figure 35. Low-Side Driver V_{OL} and V_{OH} vs Temperature; 100mA load



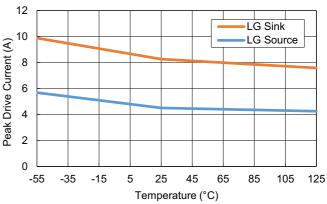
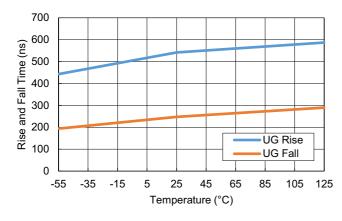


Figure 36. High-Side Driver Peak Source and Sink Current vs Temperature

Figure 37. Low-Side Driver Peak Source and Sink Current vs Temperature

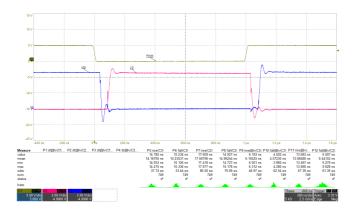


800 700 Rise and Fall Time (ns) 600 500 400 300 200 LG Rise 100 LG Fall 0 -35 25 45 65 85 105 -55 -15 5 125 Temperature (°C)

Figure 38. Rise and Fall Times with 470nF on UG and 1000nF on LG vs Temperature; 30% to 70%

Figure 39. Rise and Fall Times with 470nF on UG and 1000nF on LG vs Temperature; 30% to 70%

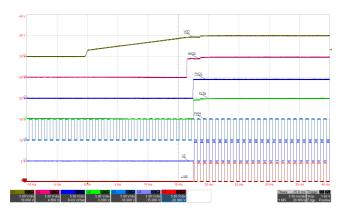




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Figure 40. UG and LG Transient Response; 5.1nF on UG and 10nF on LG vs

Figure 41. UG and LG Transient Response; 470nF on UG and 1000nF on LG



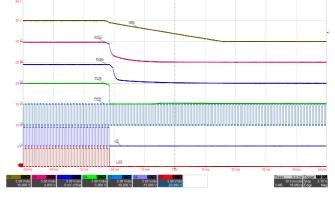
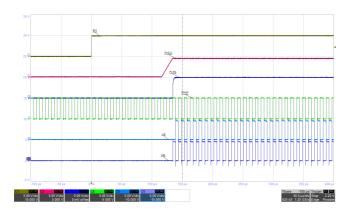


Figure 42. VDD Power-Up Sequence with EN = VDD

Figure 43. VDD Power-Down Sequence with EN = VDD



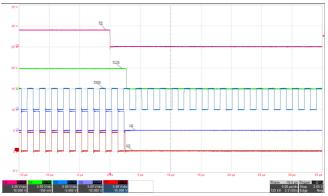


Figure 44. EN Rising Sequence

Figure 45. EN Falling Transient Response

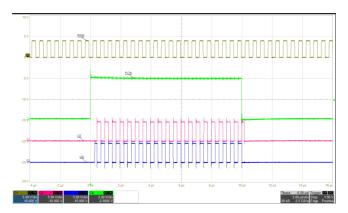


Figure 46. FLT Pin Response Time

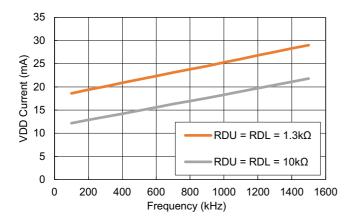


Figure 47. VDD Dynamic Operating Current vs f_{SW}; PVCC = BOOT = 4.5V; PHS = GND; No load on UG and LG

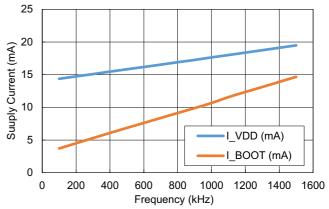


Figure 48. VDD and BOOT Dynamic Operating Current vs f_{SW}; VDD = PHS = 12V; PVCC = BOOT-PHS = 4.5V; No load on UG and LG; RDU = RDL= 0V

5. Functional Description

5.1 Half-Bridge Driver

The ISL73041SEH is a high-frequency 12V Half-bridge driver for enhancement mode N-type GaN FETs or logic level NMOS FETs. High peak drive current and fast propagation delay time with tight matching allow driving low $r_{DS(ON)}$ FETs in high-frequency DC/DC and motor control applications. With an integrated programmable gate drive voltage, high-side level shifter, and bootstrap switch, only a few external components are needed to drive N-type GaN or MOS FETs in a half-bridge configuration.

5.2 GaN/MOS FET Gate Drive Supply

A programmable gate drive supply from 4.5V to 5.5V allows users to optimize the gate voltage for different GaN FETs and logic-level MOSFETs. Renesas GaN FETs recommend a nominal 4.5V gate drive voltage. Other GaN FET vendors can tolerate up to 5.5V. The programmable function allows users to optimize gate drive voltage for low r_{DS(ON)} and GaN FET reliability.

5.3 PWM Input

The PWM pin features a tri-level input for controlling the driver outputs.

- PWM = Low for low-side FET on
- PWM = High for the high-side FET on
- When PWM is at mid-level, both drivers are off.

A PWM input half-bridge driver inherently prevents one type of bridge shoot-through by not allowing the input logic to command both the high-side and low-side drivers simultaneously. The tri-level input allows the half-bridge to be in a high-impedance state during soft-start or hiccup of a PWM controller or for phase dropping in multi-phase regulators. The ISL73041SEH GaN FET Driver is designed to interface with the ISL73847SEH 2-phase PWM Controller.

5.4 Dead Time Control

Because a PWM input driver controls both drivers in a complimentary on/off state, dead time control is needed to prevent shoot-through at the half-bridge FET gates. The ISL73041SEH integrates independent high-side and low-side dead time control on the RDU and RDL pins for delaying the rising edge gate turn-on from the falling edge of gate turn-off. The rising edge dead time delay is programmable from 6.5ns to 50ns with a single resistor on RDU and RDL to ground.

5.5 Driver Output Architecture

The ISL73041SEH half-bridge driver incorporates a 2-stage output for high peak drive currents while minimizing quiescent current. The driver turn-on circuit includes a P-channel transistor and a transient N-channel transistor. When the driver output is low, the N-channel has maximum drive capability to assist in the rise time of the turn-on. As the output reaches near the high level, the N-channel no longer provides drive strength and is only held on by the P-channel. Conversely, the driver turn-off circuit includes an N-channel transistor and a transient P-channel transistor. When the driver output is high, the P-channel has maximum drive capability to assist in the fall time of the turn-off. As the output reaches near the low level, the P-channel no longer provides drive strength and is only held on by the N-channel.



5.6 Integrated BOOT Switch

The ISL73041SEH integrates a boot switch connected between PVCC and BOOT to charge the bootstrap capacitor. A low r_{ON} switch minimizes voltage drop compared to a bootstrap diode while quickly recharging the bootstrap capacitor, which is critical for maintaining the proper V_{gs} gate drive voltage for the high-side GaN FET. The BOOT switch only turns on when the low-side driver is on, and the phase node voltage is between -250mV and +250mV. The ISL73041SEH internally detects the voltage on the PHS pin (connected to the phase node). The purpose of monitoring the PHS pin voltage and requiring the low-side driver to turn on the boot switch is to prevent over-charging the bootstrap capacitor. See Application Information for more information about boot overcharge protection.

6. Application Information

6.1 Power Supply Biasing

ISL73041SEH is biased from the VDD pin and integrates two internal LDOs powered from VDD. The VDD pin bias range is from 4.75V to 18V. A VDD UVLO prevents operation below VDD = 4.75V. Place a $2.2\mu F$ or larger ceramic decoupling capacitor near the VDD and SGND pins for input power supply decoupling.

6.2 AVCC LDO

The AVCC LDO is for internal chip biasing. AVCC is internally regulated to 5V nominal. AVCC LDO is enabled when VDD is above the UVLO voltage. The AVCC LDO has an internal overcurrent limiting function. When AVCC LDO crosses the overcurrent limit, the AVCC LDO operates in constant current limit regulation. The current capability on AVCC is 20mA, which includes the current internally consumed by the AVCC pin. When AVCC is below the AVCC UVLO threshold, the FLT pin is pulled low to indicate a driver fault condition. Renesas does not recommend using the AVCC LDO for other external biasing; the total current consumption can trigger the constant current limit.

It is necessary to place a 1.0µF or larger decoupling capacitor near the AVCC and SGND pins for stability.

6.3 PVCC LDO

The PVCC LDO is for the low-side gate drive voltage and the high-side bootstrap circuit. PVCC voltage is externally programmable with a resistor divider to the FB pin. The programmable range is from 4.5V to 5.5V. Optionally, FB can be connected directly to PVCC to set PVCC to 4.5V nominal. The PVCC LDO is enabled by EN pin. The PVCC LDO has an internal overcurrent limiting function. When PVCC LDO crosses the overcurrent limit, the PVCC LDO operates in constant current limit regulation. When PVCC is below the UVLO threshold, the FLT pin is pulled low to indicate a driver fault condition. The current capability on PVCC is 150mA, which includes the current internally consumed by the PVCC pin. Renesas does not recommend using the PVCC LDO for other external biasing; the total current consumption can trigger the constant current limit.

It is necessary to place a $1.0\mu\text{F}$ or larger decoupling capacitor near the PVCC and PGND pins for stability. Renesas recommends using a capacitance on PVCC that is 10x larger than the bootstrap capacitor across BOOT-PHS pins.

6.4 Setting PVCC (Gate Drive) Voltage

The voltage on the PVCC LDO to set the gate drive voltage is determined by two resistors connected between PVCC, FB, and SGND. Equation 1 sets the voltage where R_F is connected from PVCC to FB and R_G is connected between FB and SGND.

(EQ. 1) PVCC =
$$\left(\frac{R_F}{R_G} + 1\right) \times 1.2V$$

Optionally, short FB to PVCC to set PVCC = 4.5V.



6.5 PVCC and BOOT Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The ISL73041SEH integrates a PVCC UVLO and a BOOT UVLO to prevent undervoltage gate drive to the half-bridge GaN FETs. The PVCC UVLO rising and falling thresholds are relative to the set voltage of PVCC, while the BOOT UVLO is at a fixed threshold.

Under a PVCC UVLO condition, the high-side and low-side driver outputs do not respond to PWM input commands. Under a BOOT UVLO condition, only the high-side driver does not respond to PWM input commands.

6.6 Enable Control

The <u>EN</u> pin controls the start-up of the driver. When EN = 0, the PVCC LDO is disabled. With no PVCC voltage, the <u>FLT</u> pin pulls low to indicate a driver's not-ready condition, and the driver outputs are in a high-impedance state. When EN = 1, the PVCC LDO is enabled, and if no other fault conditions exist, it releases the <u>FLT</u> pin and enables the driver outputs. The delay time between EN logic high and the PVCC LDO start-up is typically 115µs.

The EN pin is VDD voltage compatible and can be tied to VDD for always-enabled applications.

6.7 PWM Operation

Because of the tri-level input thresholds, the PWM pin is designed only for 0V to 5V logic level operation with a high-impedance float or external drive to establish the mid-level. In the high-impedance float state, internal pull-up and pull-down resistors bias the PWM pin at 2V. When PWM is logic high, the high-side driver is on, and the low-side driver is off. When PWM is logic low, the low-side driver is on, and the high-side driver is off. When PWM is at mid-level, both drivers are off.

The PWM operating frequency range is limited on the low end by the boot capacitance on the BOOT to PHS pin to keep the boot circuit biased. As long as sufficient boot bias exists, there is no lower limit on the PWM frequency. The upper PWM frequency is limited by acceptable signal propagation and dead time delays. The typical minimum PWM pulse width for logic high and low to change the driver output state is 20ns.

6.8 Dead Time Control Resistor Setting

The RDU and RDL pins set the rising edge dead time delay for the low-side and high-side drivers. The RDU pin controls UGH rising edge delay respective to the LGL falling edge. The RDL pin controls LGH rising edge delay respective to the UGL falling edge. A resistor to ground on RDU and RDL is required to set the dead time delay. A 1.2V reference voltage on RDU and RDL forces a current through the external resistors. This current is used to program the dead time delay. The dead time delay programmable range is from 6.5ns to 50ns using a $1.3k\Omega$ to $10k\Omega$ resistor. From the Typical Performance Curves Figure 14 and Figure 15, dead times beyond 50ns can be achieved, but the accuracy and dead-time matching performance is not guaranteed per the Electrical Specifications.

Use Equation 2 to calculate the resistor value for a required dead time:

(EQ. 2) RDU or RDL(
$$k\Omega$$
) = [Dead Time(ns)]/5.0

Although not recommended due to no Electrical Performance testing with using resistance larger than $10k\Omega$, if using dead time larger than 50ns, use Equation 3 to determine resistor value.

(EQ. 3) RDU or RDL(
$$k\Omega$$
) = [Dead Time(ns) + 6.5]/5.4



6.9 Bootstrap Capacitor Design

The high-side bootstrap capacitor provides the bias to the floating high-side circuitry to drive the high-side FET. The bootstrap capacitor recharges to PVCC voltage when the boot switch turns on. Choose the bootstrap capacitor to satisfy two conditions.

- It should be large enough to provide for the high-side driver bias current, the high-side driver DC output current (primarily the 1kΩ resistor on UGL to PHS), the high-side FET gate leakage current, and the instantaneous current to turn on the high-side FET (provide the gate charge) during the high-side on switching period, without discharging the boot voltage significantly.
- It should be small enough such that at initial start-up, the boot-refresh time meets system requirements. The
 resistance of the boot switch and the bootstrap capacitance determines the initial boot refresh to charge the
 boot capacitor from 0V to PVCC.

A good starting point is to design for a 5% discharge of the boot voltage during steady-state operation of the high-side drive. To determine the bootstrap capacitor, use Equation 4.

(EQ. 4)
$$C_{BOOT} = \frac{Q_{TOT}}{V_{DROP}}$$

where Q_{TOT} is total charge require to operate the high-side driver during high-side on-time. Q_{TOT} includes the following:

- Gate charge for the high-side FET turn-on.
- · Charge for the high-side driver boot bias current.
- Charge for the high-side gate-source resistor when driver is sourcing BOOT voltage.
- Charge for the high-side FET gate leakage current.

 V_{DROP} is the amount of voltage drop across the boot capacitor. For PVCC = 4.5V: V_{DROP} = 4.5V × 0.05 = 225mV.

The following is a design example of a 12V to 1V DC/DC converter at 500kHz using ISL70023SEH 100V GaN FET as the high-side FET:

- Q_{GS1} = 25nC gate charge
- $I_{BOOT} = 600\mu\text{A}$; $t_{ON} = 1\text{V}/12\text{V} \times 2\mu\text{s} = 167\text{ns}$; $Q_{BOOT} = I_{BOOT} \times t_{ON} = 0.1\text{nC}$
- For 4.5V gate drive, $Q_{GS2} = 4.5V/1k\Omega \times 167ns = 0.75nC$
- ISL70023SEH specifies 9mA gate leakage. Q_{LEAK} = 9mA × 167ns = 1.5nC
- C_{BOOT} = Q_{TOT}/V_{DROP} = 27.4nC / 225mV = 122nF (Use 100nF or 150nF standard value)

This capacitor is the minimum recommended bootstrap capacitor value to meet ripple voltage. Also, it is important to size the capacitor appropriately. During system start-up, the bootstrap capacitor is at 0V. The PWM controller must issue a boot refresh for the high-side driver to clear BOOT UVLO and have sufficient boot bias. Otherwise, the first few high-side commands do not turn on the upper FET, potentially causing system faults. The bootstrap capacitor is charged through PVCC and the internal 1 Ω typical boot switch, forming an RC circuit. The boot refresh command from the PWM controller must drive PWM = 0V, and PHS must be within 250mV of PGND to turn on the boot switch and charge the capacitor. The boot refresh command needs to be of long enough duration for the RC circuit to charge above the BOOT UVLO threshold and maintain boot voltage in operation (for example, t = 3×RC would charge the capacitor to 95% of the final voltage). With a 1 Ω boot switch impedance and 150nF bootstrap capacitor, this would require a boot refresh time of 450ns.

The ISL73847SEH PWM controller includes a built-in boot refresh command before a soft start-up during initial power-up and recovery from a hiccup. The controller issues 32 pulses of PWM switching between 0V (logic low) and 2V (mid-level). The oscillator of the ISL73847SEH controller sets the boot refresh pulse frequency and has a typical 100ns refresh time (PWM = 0V) to charge the boot capacitor.



6.10 Bootstrap Voltage Overcharge Protection

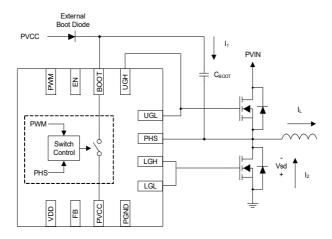
Traditional MOSFET applications drive the gate-source voltage anywhere from 10V-15V while retaining both 1) Low drain-source ON-resistance and 2) reliable operation. GaN FET operation has a much narrower range, usually around 4.5V to 6V, to maintain low ON-resistance and reliable operation.

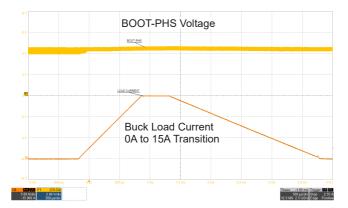
The ISL73041SEH provides an integrated PVCC LDO to provide bias to the low-side gate driver. The ISL73041SEH also features unique circuitry to prevent overcharging the boot voltage in the bootstrap configuration.

Unlike a MOSFET, there is no body-drain diode in a GaN FET. However, there is still a reverse conduction path from source to drain with zero gate bias. The source-drain voltage is a function of the reverse current and is provided in the GaN FET datasheet as the VSD parameter. During dead time, when both high and low-side GaN FETs are off, the positive current flowing through the inductor is commutated through the low-side FET source-drain channel. The reverse VSD voltage pulls the PHS node of the ISL73041SEH driver below ground. In traditional half-bridge drivers with a boot diode implementation, the boot diode is forward-biased, and the bootstrap capacitor is charged to PVCC + VSD. Depending on the magnitude, this can over-charge the bootstrap capacitor voltage, which provides the upper gate drive voltage.

Important: Operating the GaN FET with higher than recommended gate voltages is unreliable as this can damage the GaN FET. The recommended operating gate voltage for Renesas GaN FETs is 4.5V.

The ISL73041SEH implements bootstrap capacitor overcharge protection by replacing an external boot diode with an internal intelligent boot switch. The boot switch turns on only when PWM = 0V and the PHS voltage is within ±250mV of PGND. This avoids recharging the bootstrap capacitor during dead time, where the PHS voltage can be excessively negative such that it overcharges the bootstrap capacitor. Figure 49 and Figure 50 highlight the bootstrap overcharge protection by replacing the boot diode with a boot switch.







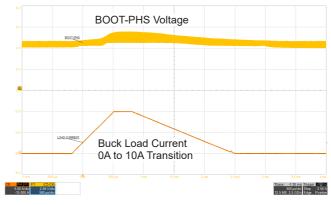


Figure 50. Schottky BOOT Diode Added



6.11 Gate Driver Outputs

The ISL73041SEH features independent source and sink driver outputs for the rise and fall time control. The upper gate driver is the Upper Gate High (UGH) and Upper Gate Low (UGL) pins. The lower gate driver is the Lower Gate High (LGH) and Lower Gate Low (LGL) pin. A series diode is needed on drivers without separate source and sink pins to achieve independent turn-on/off control. This issue can be problematic for GaN FETs as the diode's voltage drop from driver output to the FET gate impacts the FET ON-resistance. If no turn-on or turn-off time reduction is needed, Renesas recommends inserting a 0Ω resistor anyway. In practical layout, the Printed Circuit Board (PCB) trace length connecting the driver output to the FET gate has a parasitic inductance. Combined with the parasitic capacitance of the FET gate, this forms a resonant loop that can cause excessive ringing in the gate drive waveforms during turn-on and turn-off. The ringing overshoot may be large enough to damage a GaN FET gate in a poor layout. A small amount of resistance may be required to dampen the overshoot.

The UGx and LGx output high peak drive currents that turn on and off the FET quickly for high-frequency applications need to minimize switching losses. The high-side driver provides up to 2A source and 4A sink peak drive current. The low-side source and sink driver provides up to 4A source and 8A sink peak drive current.

There is a $1k\Omega$ passive pull-down resistor on UGL to PHS and a 500Ω passive pull-down resistor on LGL to PGND. These passive pull-down resistors prevent charge build-up on the FET gate-source capacitance when the ISL73041SEH driver is not biased. Otherwise, both half-bridge FETs can accumulate enough Vgs from leakage current or stray noise at the capacitive high impedance gate to turn on and cause shoot-through.

In normal operation, driver outputs respond to PWM input commands. Under disabled or fault conditions, the driver outputs do not respond to PWM input, and the driver outputs are in either an active off (the UGL and LGL sink drivers are on) or passive off ($1k\Omega$ pull down on UGL to PHS and 500Ω pull down on LGL to PGND) condition. Below is a list of ISL73041SEH states where the driver outputs do not respond to PWM input commands and their associated active or passive states.

Note: A passive off condition supersedes the active off condition.

- EN pin low (driver disabled): Passive Off
- VDD, AVCC or PVCC UVLO: Passive Off
- PWM = Mid level: Active Off
- FLT externally driven low: Active Off
- Over-Temperature Fault: Active Off
- BOOT UVLO: Passive off only at the high-side driver. The low-side driver is still active to PWM input commands.

6.12 FLT Pin Fault Indication

The ISL73041SEH includes several fault protections to prevent the operation of the half-bridge driver in a faulted condition. The $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ pin is an indicator of its fault status. The $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ pin is a dual-use open-drain output with external input control. Connect a pull-up resistor from the $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ pin to AVCC. The typical value is $10k\Omega$. $\overline{\text{FLT}}$ internally pulls low to indicate a fault condition when one of the following occurs:

- EN = 0 (driver disabled),
- VDD, AVCC or PVCC in UVLO, or
- ISL73041SEH is in an over-temperature fault condition.

Under these fault conditions, the driver outputs do not respond to PWM inputs.

You can also use the ISL73041SEH FLT pin for external control input in fault broadcasting applications where all driver FLT pins are connected. If one driver or a controller enters a fault condition that pulls its FLT pin low, all other ISL73041SEH drivers are disabled to prevent operation when the system detects a fault condition.



For SEE mitigation, Renesas recommends using a 10pF or larger capacitor on the FLT pin to SGND. This capacitor prevents false toggling of the FLT pin due to SEE transients.

6.13 FLT pin Usage with ISL73847SEH and other ISL73041SEH drivers

The ISL73041SEH FLT pin works with the ISL73847SEH PWM controller as a system-ready status to initiate soft-start (not in fault) or shutdown (fault encountered) in operation. The ISL73847SEH is a 2-phase controller, so both the FLT pin on the ISL73041SEH and the FLT pin on the ISL73847SEH are tied with a single pull-up resistor to either the AVCC on ISL73041SEH or VCC on ISL73847SEH.

6.14 FLT as Pseudo Enable Pin

The EN pin enables the bandgap before powering up the PVCC LDO and finally enabling the driver outputs. The propagation delay time from the EN rising edge to the driver output's enable is 95µs typical. Alternatively, for faster enable time in applications not using the ISL73847SEH PWM controller, an open-drain NMOS FET can be connected to the FLT pin to operate as a faster enable/disable pin. When the gate voltage is logic high, the FLT pin is low, and the driver is disabled. When the gate voltage is logic low, the pull-up resistor on the FLT pin pulls the FLT high. The FLT high or low to the driver output's response propagation delay is 100ns typical. When using the FLT pin as the driver enable pin, connect EN to VDD.

6.15 Over-Temperature Protection

The ISL73041SEH integrates an Over-Temperature Protection (OTP) circuit. When the junction temperature reaches 160°C typical, the OTP threshold is triggered. In an over-temperature fault condition, the driver stops responding to PWM inputs while the UGL and LGL sink outputs are active to disable the half-bridge. The FLT pin pulls low to indicate a fault. The PVCC LDO remains enabled during an over-temperature fault condition. When the junction temperature falls below 145°C typical, the OTP condition clears. The driver automatically resumes normal operation, and the FLT pin is released.

6.16 VDD Supply Current

The VDD supply current of ISL73041SEH divides between static bias current and dynamic operating current. The static bias current includes the current needed to bias the dead time delay circuit. The dynamic operating current consists of the operating frequency on PWM, the duty cycle, and the capacitive load of the GaN FET.

The static bias current is approximately:

(EQ. 5) I_VDD (static) =
$$4.5 \text{mA} + 3 \times \left(\frac{\text{VREF}}{\text{RDII}}\right) + 3 \times \left(\frac{\text{VREF}}{\text{RDI}}\right)$$

where VREF = 1.2V; RDU and RDL are the resistors (in $k\Omega$) used for the dead-time delay.

The dynamic operating current is approximately:

(EQ. 6)
$$I_VDD$$
 (dynamic) = $I_VDD(f_{SW}) + I_VDD$ (capacitor load) + I_VDD (duty cycle)

The dynamic I_VDD current vs f_{SW} is found in Figure 47.

The dynamic current from the capacitor load is I = C × V × F, where C is the equivalent capacitive load of the GaN FET gate-source capacitance, V is the operating PVCC voltage, and F is the switching frequency (f_{SW}). Determine C by Q_{GS} /V, where Q_{GS} is the total gate charge specified in the GaN FET datasheet. Remember to sum up the low and high sides of GaN FET Q_{GS} .



The dynamic current from the duty cycle is because of the 500Ω pull-down resistor on LGL and $1k\Omega$ resistor on UGL. During one switching cycle, the current through these resistors is Equation 7, where R₁ is $1k\Omega$, R2 is 500Ω , and D is the duty cycle of the gate drive waveform.

(EQ. 7) I_VDD (duty cycle) =
$$\frac{PVCC}{R_1} \times D + \frac{PVCC}{R_2} \times (1 - D)$$

6.17 Power Dissipation

The power dissipation calculation for the ISL73041SEH half-bridge driver is more complex compared to typical half-bridge drivers where most of the power is dissipated by the dynamic operating current of the driver and in the output driver stage switching the capacitive load of the FET gates. While the dynamic current and output drive dissipation are still significant portions, the ISL73041SEH total power dissipation must also include the two internal LDOs, the current to bias the RDU and RDL dead time circuits, and the internal $1k\Omega$ pull-down resistor on the upper gate driver and the 500Ω pull-down resistor on the lower gate driver as these attributes further increase the power dissipation. Therefore, VDD biasing voltage, PVCC LDO regulated voltage, programmed dead time, and even duty cycle operation become factors in the total power dissipation. Use the spreadsheet calculator tool on the product page to estimate the total power dissipation in the ISL73041SEH driver.

6.18 Dual Complimentary Low-Side GaN FET Driver

The ISL73041SEH can be configured as a dual complementary output low-side driver controlled by the PWM input. Such an application can be used in synchronous low-side drives of transformer-isolated topologies. Connect the PHS pin common to PGND to ground the upper driver. Connect the BOOT pin to the PVCC pin to bypass the boot switch. The upper driver UG is in phase with the PWM input, while the lower driver LG is logically inverted from PWM. The dead time from UG falling to LG rising and LG falling to UG rising is still enforced by the dead time resistors on RDU and RDL in this configuration. Either GaN FET may be omitted in this configuration to use the ISL73041SEH as a single inverting (LG only) or non-inverting (UG only) GaN FET Driver.



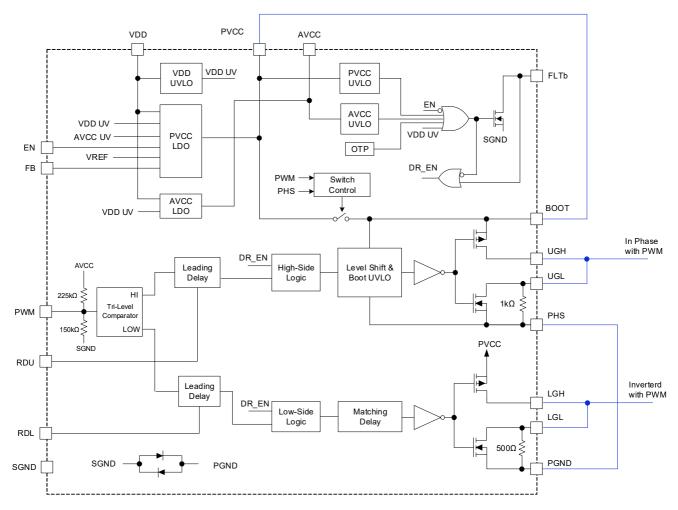


Figure 51. Connection for Dual Low-Side Driver

7. PCB Layout

7.1 Layout Guidelines

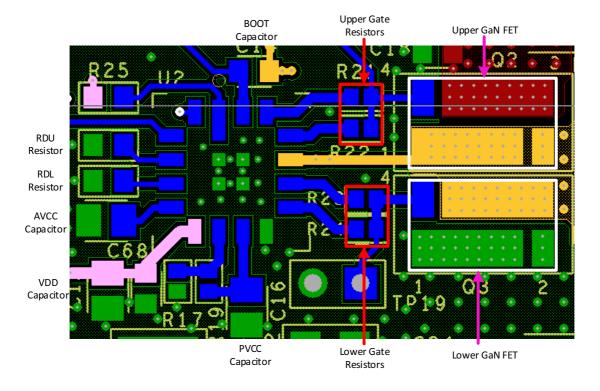
It is crucial to consider and follow the general printed circuit board layout guidelines to maximize the performance of the ISL73041SEH half-bridge driver and the power GaN FETs it is driving.

- Place low ESR X7R grade or better ceramic capacitors for high-frequency decoupling as close to the package pins as possible. These include the capacitors between VDD-SGND, AVCC-SGND, PVCC-PGND, and BOOT-PHS.
- Place the RDU and RDL dead-time control resistors close to their respective pins and connect them to SGND through the PCB GND plane.
- Connect the four bottom EPAD of the package to the top layer GND plane of the PCB. To further improve thermal performance, place at least four vias in the GND plane under the package EPAD to another internal GND plane to dissipate heat.
- Place the ISL73041SEH close to the half-bridge power GaN FET to minimize trace inductance and high current loop area between the driver output and the GaN FET gate.
- Connect the PGND pin and the low-side FET source commonly through the same PCB ground plane as the SGND PAD. Alternatively, connect the PGND pin to the low-side FET source-sense terminal if it is available.
 Arrange the components and route the trace to keep this PGND inductance low.



- Route the PHS pin to the switch node of the half-bridge power stage with a short and wide trace to minimize inductance and loop area.
- For the low-side drive, the PVCC capacitor, PVCC and PGND pins, low-side driver gate outputs, low-side FET gate, and GND plane form a current loop during FET turn on and turn off. For the high-side drive, the bootstrap capacitor, the BOOT and PHS pins, the high-side driver gate outputs, the high-side FET gate, and the switch node form a current loop during FET turn-on and turn-off. Keep these loops short and wide, and avoid overlapping with other sensitive signals.
- Size the phase node of the half-bridge (high-side FET source and low-side FET drain) area to handle the current and thermal dissipation from the FETs and switching load. The phase node copper area usually ends up being a significantly large shape. In addition, the phase node is where high voltage and high dv/dt switching occurs. In general, there are two layout practices for handling the phase node. One recommendation is to remove any conductors (including ground) that overlap the phase node on the adjacent layer of the PCB. The other recommendation is to repeat the phase node shape on every layer of the PCB. Both methods minimize the capacitive coupling of noise into the GND plane and prevent any sensitive analog signals from being routed underneath the phase node and causing unintentional common mode noise.

7.2 Layout Example





8. Die and Assembly Characteristics

Table 2. Die and Assembly Related Information

Die Information	
Dimensions	2794µm x 2794µm (110 mils x 110 mils) Thickness: 305µm ±25µm (12 mils ±1 mil)
Interface Materials	
Glassivation	Type: Silicon dioxide and silicon nitride Thickness: 18.5kA ±10% dioxide; 6kA ±10% nitride
Top Metalization	Type: Al 99.5%, Cu 0.5% Thickness: 2.85µm ±0.15µm
Backside Finish	Silicon
Process	0.25μm BiCMOS
Assembly Information	
Substrate and Package Lid Potential	Internal connection to the four EPAD (SGND)
Additional Information	•
Transistor Count	5737
Weight of Packaged Device	0.36g
Lid Characteristics	Finish: Gold Lid Potential: Connected to SGND pin



8.1 Metalization Mask Layout

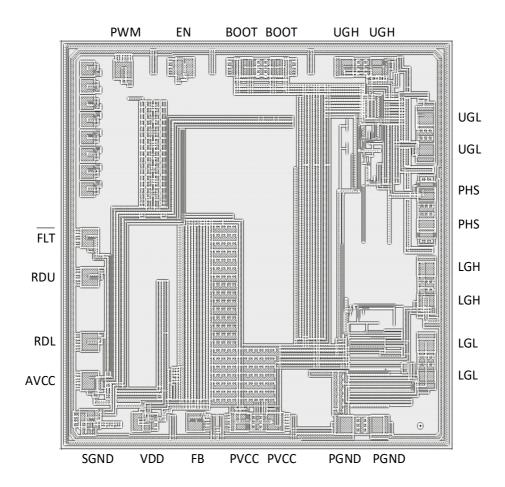


Table 3. Layout X-Y Coordinates (Centroid of Bond Pad)^[1]

Pad Name	Pad Number ^[2]	X Coordinate (μm)	Υ Coordinate (μm)	Pad X Dimension (µm)	Pad Y Dimension (µm)	Bond Wire Diameter (0.001")
EN	1	842.5	2529.14	110	110	1.25
PWM	2	413.46	2510.55	110	110	1.25
FLT	3	177.54	1384.83	110	110	1.25
RDU	4	177.54	1124.81	110	110	1.25
RDL	5	177.54	690.56	110	110	1.25
AVCC	6	177.54	430.56	110	110	1.25
VDD	7	539.75	154.86	110	110	1.25
FB	8	918.37	154.86	110	110	1.25
PVCC	9 (a)	1220.02	154.86	110	110	1.25
PVCC	9 (b)	1475.02	154.86	110	110	1.25
PGND	10 (a)	1954.00	134.50	110	110	1.25
PGND	10 (b)	2204.00	134.50	110	110	1.25
LGL	11 (a)	2529.14	438.13	110	110	1.25



Table 3. Layout X-Y Coordinates (Centroid of Bond Pad)^[1] (Cont.)

Pad Name	Pad Number ^[2]	X Coordinate (μm)	Υ Coordinate (μm)	Pad X Dimension (µm)	Pad Y Dimension (µm)	Bond Wire Diameter (0.001")
LGL	11 (b)	2529.14	688.13	110	110	1.25
LGH	12 (a)	2529.14	943.20	110	110	1.25
LGH	12 (b)	2529.14	1193.42	110	110	1.25
PHS	13 (a)	2529.14	1448.71	110	110	1.25
PHS	13 (b)	2529.14	1698.42	110	110	1.25
UGL	14 (a)	2523.5	1954.00	110	110	1.25
UGL	14 (b)	2523.5	2204.00	110	110	1.25
UGH	15 (a)	2204.00	2529.14	110	110	1.25
UGH	15 (b)	1954.00	2529.14	110	110	1.25
BOOT	16 (a)	1504.48	2529.14	110	110	1.25
BOOT	16 (b)	1254.48	2529.14	110	110	1.25
SGND	PAD	169.99	175.36	110	110	1.25

^{1.} Origin of coordinate is the bottom left hand corner of die.



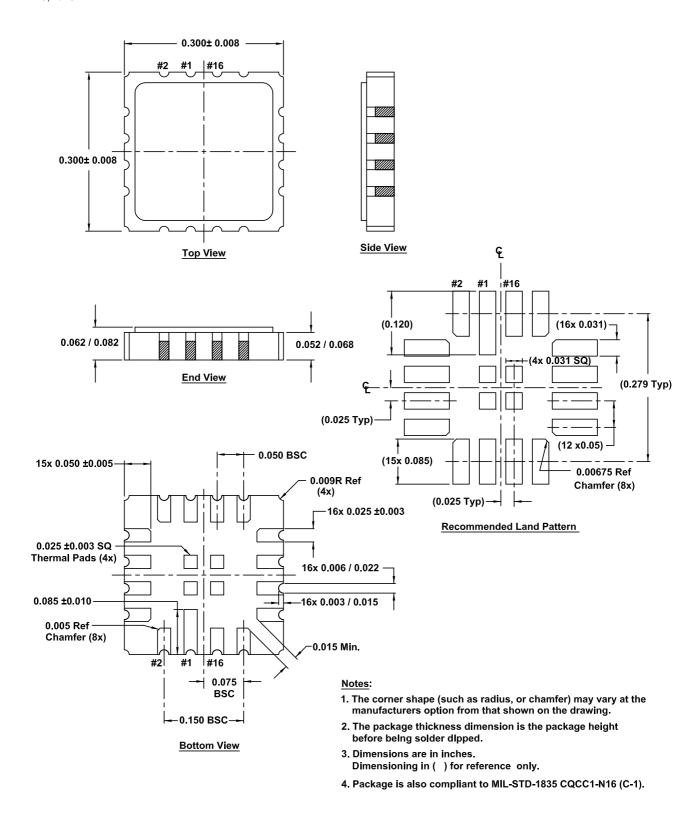
^{2.} Pads 9 through 16 have double bond pads denoted as (a) and (b). Pad number designation intentionally assigned to match package pin number.

9. Package Outline Drawing

For the most recent package outline drawing, see J16.A.

J16.A

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10. Ordering Information

Part Number ^[1]	Radiation Hardness (Total lonizing Dose)	Package Description (RoHS Compliant)	Package Drawing	Carrier Type	Temp Range	
ISL73041SEHML	LDR to 75krad(Si)	16 Pad CLCC Packaged Device (QML-V Level Screening)	J16.A	Tray		
ISL73041SEHMX ^[2]		Bare Die (QML-V Level Screening)	N/A	N/A	-55 to +125°C	
ISL73041SEHX/SAMPLE[2][3]		Die	N/A	N/A		
ISL73041SEHL/PROTO ^[3]	N/A	16 Pad CLCC Packaged Device	J16.A	Tray		
ISL73041SEHEV1Z ^[4]	ISL73041SEH Evaluation	ISL73041SEH Evaluation Board				
ISL73847SEHEV2Z ^[4]	ISL73847SEH + ISL73041SEH Evaluation Board					
ISL73847SEHDEMO2Z ^[4]	ISL73847SEH + ISL73041SEH Business Card Size Demonstration board with Package GaN FETs; V _{IN} = 12V; V _{OUT} = 1V; I _{OUT} = 50A; f _{SW} = 500kHz;					

- 1. These Pb-free Hermetic packaged products employ 100% Au plate e4 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations.
- Die product tested at T_A = + 25°C. The wafer probe test includes functional and parametric testing sufficient to make the die capable of
 meeting the electrical performance outlined in Electrical Specifications. The die is sourced from wafer lots that have been qualified for
 Group C and Group E per MIL-PRF-38535 (Refer to R34TB0001: Renesas Radiation Hardened QML-V Equivalent Screening and QCI
 Flow for more information).
- 3. The /PROTO and /SAMPLE are not rated or certified for Total Ionizing Dose (TID) or Single Event Effect (SEE) immunity. These parts are intended for engineering evaluation purposes only. The /PROTO parts meet the electrical limits and conditions across temperature specified in this datasheet. The /SAMPLE parts are capable of meeting the electrical limits and conditions specified in this datasheet. The /SAMPLE parts do not receive 100% screening across temperature to the electrical limits. These part types do not come with a Certificate of Conformance.
- 4. Evaluation board uses the /PROTO parts and /PROTO parts are not rated or certified for Total Ionizing Dose (TID) or Single Event Effect (SEE) immunity.

11. Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description
1.04	Jan 31, 2025	Updated the PGND and SGND pin descriptions. Added SGND to PGND parameter spec to Abs max section. Updated the Layout Guidelines section.
1.03	Jan 4, 2024	Updated Features bullets. Added Dual Complimentary Low-Side GaN FET Driver section.
1.02	Jun 22, 2023	Updated Figure 14. Updated Ordering Information table.



ISL73041SEH Datasheet

Rev.	Date	Description
1.01	May 30, 2023	Updated Pin Descriptions for pin 4 and 5. Added 86MeV results to Abs max section. For the Quiescent Supply Current spec, updated test conditions, removed the 0V specs, and changed the maximum spec for the 1.3kΩ from 13mA to 9mA and moved the max values to the typical column. For the Dead Time Delay LG Falling to UG Rising spec, updated test conditions, removed the min and max specs for the 1.3kΩ, and updated the typical from 5ns to 6.5ns. For the Dead Time Delay UG Falling to LG Rising spec, updated test conditions, removed the min and max specs for the 1.3kΩ, and updated the typical from 5ns to 6.5ns. For the Dead Time Delay Match spec, updated test conditions, removed min and max limits, and added typical of -0.2ns. Updated test conditions and removed the max limits for the PWM Enter Mid-Level to UG Low Delay Time, PWM Exit Mid-Level to UG High Delay Time, PWM Enter Mid-Level to LG Low Delay Time, and PWM Exit Mid-Level to LG Rising Delay Time specs. For the VDD Quiescent Current spec in Table 1, removed the 0V line. Updated Figures 12, 20, 47. Corrected title for Figures 12, 14, and 38. Removed Figures 18 - 21. Changed 5ns to 6.5ns in the Dead Time Control section. Updated the Dead Time Control Resistor Setting section. Added the Power Dissipation section. Updated the Die and Assembly Characteristics section.
1.00	Mar 23, 2023	Initial release



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