

# QUAD CHANNEL, LINEAR LED DRIVER WITH FAULT REPORTING AND DYNAMIC HEADROOM CONTROL (DHC)

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#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The IS32LT3124 is a linear programmable current regulator consisting of 4 output channels capable of up to 150mA each. Individual external resistors set the maximum current level for each channel. The outputs can be combined to provide a higher current drive capability up to max 600mA.

The IS32LT3124 features Dynamic Headroom Control (DHC) with an optional external PMOS FET to minimize IC thermal stress when the supply voltage exceeds the LED string forward voltage. It includes two modes for different output power: Shunt Regulator mode and Series Regulator mode. It can operate with power supply modulation (PSM) for applications requiring dimming without use of the EN pin.

For added system reliability, the IS32LT3124 integrates fault detection circuitry for open/short circuit and over temperature conditions. The fault pins (FLTB) can all be tied together to disable the device and other IS32LT3124 devices on the same parallel circuit.

To handle all these different fault detection and reporting features, the IS32LT3124 has three different versions: A, B and C. All of them can support the above features. In IS32LT3124A/B, if any fault condition occurs, all output currents will be disabled. In IS32LT3124B/C, individual ISET pin for each LED channel is redefined as individual PWM dimming control, thus ISET open detection function is removed. The EN pin of IS32LT3124B/C is featured as the enable signal of the internal fault detection block. Pulling this signal low will disable all fault detection action (except thermal shutdown protection), including fault reporting. See Table 3 for complete fault listing.

The IS32LT3124 is targeted at the automotive market such as interior accent lighting and exterior tail lighting. It is offered in a thermally enhanced eTSSOP-16 package.

#### **FEATURES**

- 5.0V to 28V input supply voltage range
  - Withstand 42V load dump
- Four output channels can source up to 150mA each
  - Four current set resistors
  - ±4% output current accuracy
  - Low dropout voltage of 1V (Max.) at 100mA
  - Combined for higher current capability with same current accuracy
- PWM dimming and shutdown control input
  - 100Hz~300Hz power supply modulation (PSM)
  - 100Hz~1kHz individual dimming via resistors of ISETx pins (IS32LT3124B/C only)
- Dynamic Headroom Control (DHC) with an optional external PMOS FET to minimize IC thermal stress
  - Shunt regulator mode for heavy load
  - Series regulator mode for light load
- Additional external UVLO (Under Voltage Lockout Threshold) is programmable via EN pin (IS32LT3124A only)
- Fault protection and reporting
  - Externally enable/disable fault reporting (IS32LT3124B/C only)
  - Programmable fault reporting output delay time
  - Fault condition disables all output (IS32LT3124A/B only)
  - Parallel fault connection (one-fail-all-fail)
  - LED string open/short
  - Single LED short (conditional)
  - ISET pin short
  - ISET pin open (IS32LT3124A only)
  - Over temperature
- AEC-Q100 qualification in progress
- Operating temperature range (-40°C ~ +125°C)

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Automotive LED driver
- RGBW automotive ambient lighting
- Tail light
- Turn light
- Daytime running light



#### **TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT**

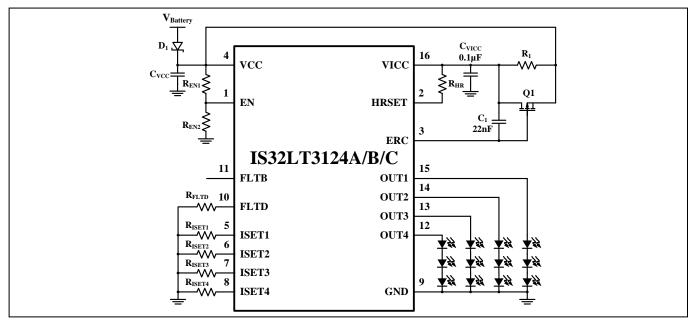


Figure 1 Typical Application Circuit

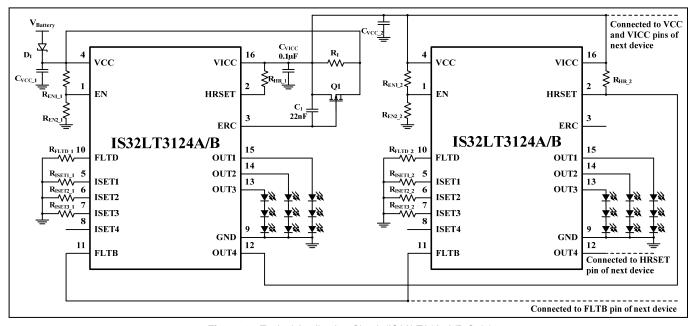


Figure 2 Typical Application Circuit (IS32LT3124A/B Only)
Several Devices in Parallel with FAULT Interlinkage with Optional External PMOS FET



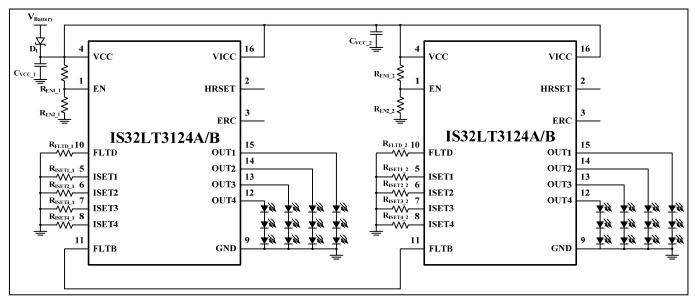


Figure 3 Typical Application Circuit (IS32LT3124A/B Only)
Several Devices in Parallel with FAULT Interlinkage without Optional External PMOS FET

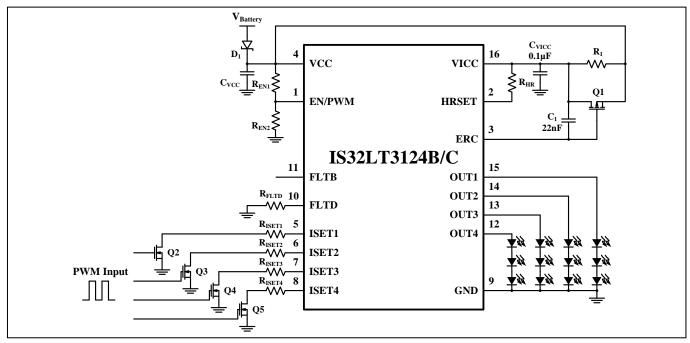


Figure 4 Typical Application Circuit With Individual PWM dimming (IS32LT3124B/C only)

When PWM Generator is Far Away from Device



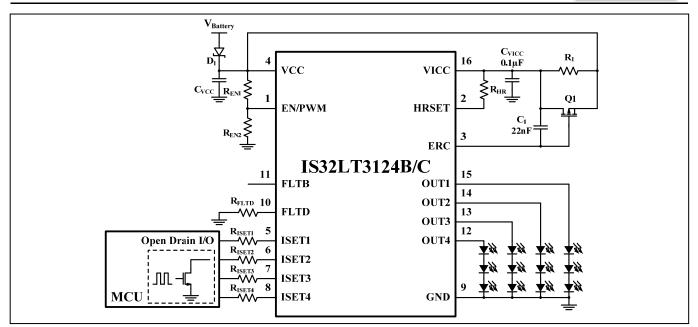


Figure 5 Typical Application Circuit With Individual PWM Dimming (IS32LT3124B/C only)
When PWM Generator is Close to Device

Note 1: The  $C_1$  and  $C_{\text{VICC}}$  are fixed value.

Note 2: For PSM dimming application, high  $C_{\text{VCC}}$  capacitor value will affect the dimming accuracy. To get better dimming performance, recommend  $0.1\mu\text{F}$  for it.



### **PIN CONFIGURATION**

Package	Pin Configuration (Top View)							
eTSSOP-16	EN							

#### **PIN DESCRIPTION**

No.	Pin	Description					
		IS32LT3124A	Device enable pin. Pull low to disable all the outputs.				
1	EN	IS32LT3124B/C	Internal fault flag report enable pin. Pull it low to disable fault reporting, the output currents and the response to a fault remain functional except FLTB is not pulled low.				
2	HRSET		MOS FET, connect a resistor to VICC pin to set the maximum for the current sources.				
3	ERC	Gate driver of exter	nal PMOS FET to achieve dynamic headroom control.				
4	VCC	Raw supply voltage	).				
		IS32LT3124A/B/C	Resistor on this pin to GND sets the maximum output current for channel OUT1~OUT4.				
5~8	ISET1~ISET4	The internal ISET open detection is removed. Therefore, PWM dimming and current adjust via the resistors of ISET pins is feasible. Float the ground terminal of the resistor to turn off the corresponding output and ground to turn on.					
9	GND	Ground pin.					
10	FLTD	Resistor on this pin	to GND sets the fault reporting output delay time.				
11	FLTB		Fault reporting output pin. Active low. Internally pulled up to 4.5V by a resistor. It is also an input pin. Pulling it low will disable all output currents (IS32LT3124A/B only).				
12~15	OUT4~OUT1	Output current sour	ce for Channel 4~Channel 1.				
16	VICC	Regulated LED stri	ng voltage from external PMOS FET.				
	Thermal Pad	Must be connected	to GND with sufficient copper plate for heat sink.				





**ORDERING INFORMATION** 

Automotive Range: -40°C to +125°C

Order Part No.	Package	QTY/Reel	
IS32LT3124A-ZLA3-TR IS32LT3124B-ZLA3-TR IS32LT3124C-ZLA3-TR	eTSSOP-16, Lead-free	2500	

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#### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

VCC, VICC, EN, ERC, HRSET	-0.3V ~ +42V (Note 1)
OUT1~ OUT4	$-0.3V \sim V_{VICC} + 0.3V$
ISET1~ISET4, FLTD, FLTB	-0.3V ~ +7.0V
Operating junction temperature, T <sub>A</sub> =T <sub>J</sub>	-40°C ~ +125°C
Maximum continuous junction temperature, T <sub>J(MAX)</sub>	+150°C
Storage temperature range, T <sub>STG</sub>	-65°C ~ +150°C
Package thermal resistance, junction to ambient (4 layer	47.1°C/W
standard test PCB based on JEDEC standard), $\theta_{JA}$	
Package thermal resistance, junction to thermal PAD (4	1.62°C/W
layer standard test PCB based on JEDEC standard), $\theta_{JP}$	1.02 0/7
ESD (HBM)	±2kV
ESD (CDM)	±750V

Note 1: The device can operate at 42V indefinitely subject only to thermal dissipation limit.

Note 2: Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other condition beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Valid are at  $V_{CC}$  = 12V,  $T_{L}$  = -40°C ~ +125°C, typical value at 25°C, unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	
Power Up	Parameter					•
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage range		5		28	V
I <sub>CC</sub>	VCC supply current	$R_{ISETx}$ =20k $\Omega$ , $V_{HR}$ =1 $V$	8	10	12	mA
$V_{\text{UVLO}}$	VCC supply threshold voltage (when device logic is enabled)		4.2	4.5	4.8	V
V <sub>UVLO_HY</sub>	VCC supply voltage hysteresis		0.2	0.25	0.3	V
I <sub>SD</sub>	Shutdown current in normal mode (IS32LT3124A only)	$V_{CC}$ = $V_{ICC}$ = 12V, $R_{FLTD}$ =20k $\Omega$ , EN= Low, $T_A$ = 25°C		1.1		mA
I <sub>SD_FLT</sub>	Shutdown current as FAULTB pin externally pulled low (IS32LT3124A/B only)	$V_{CC}$ = $V_{ICC}$ = 12V, EN= High, FLTB= Low, $R_{FLTD}$ =20k $\Omega$ , $T_A$ = 25°C	1.2	1.35	1.5	mA
t <sub>ON</sub>	Startup turn on time (IS32LT3124A only)	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 150mA, V <sub>CC</sub> = V <sub>ICC</sub> = 12V, V <sub>EN</sub> > 1.23V (Note 2)		20		μs
t <sub>SD</sub>	The low time of EN pin to shutdown the IC (IS32LT3124A only)		30	38	45	ms
t <sub>PC</sub>	Power cycle ON (minimum)	(Note 2)			0.1	ms
Channel Pa	arameter					
$V_{ISETx}$	The ISETx voltage			1		V
V <sub>ISET_SC</sub>	ISETx pin short circuit detection threshold	Voltage falling	150	200	250	mV
V <sub>ISET_SCHY</sub>	ISETx pin short circuit detection threshold hysteresis		50	100	150	mV
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output current per channel	$R_{ISETx}$ = 20k $\Omega$ , $V_{HR}$ = 1V	95	100	105	mA
I <sub>OUT_R</sub>	Output current per channel range		10		150	mA
I <sub>OUT_L</sub>	Output limit current		150	190	220	mA
$\Delta I_{S}/I_{S}$	Device current accuracy	R <sub>ISETx</sub> = 20kΩ	-5		5	%
$\Delta I_{S}/I_{S}$	Channel current matching	$R_{ISETx}$ = 20k $\Omega$	-3		3	%





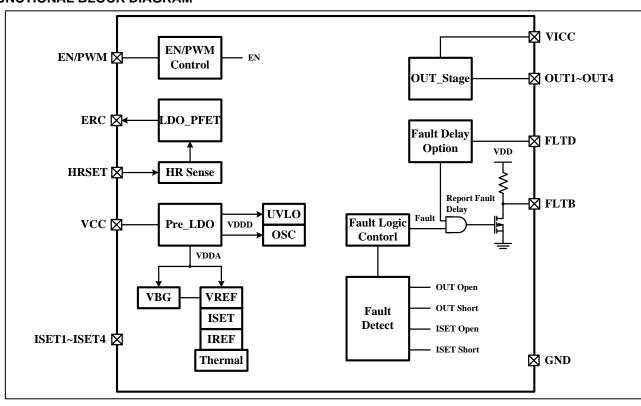
I <sub>LEAK</sub>	Leakage current per channel (IS32LT3124A only)	EN= Low, V <sub>OUT</sub> =			1	μΑ	
I <sub>LEAK</sub>	Leakage current per channel (IS32LT3124B/C only)	EN= Low, V <sub>OUT</sub> =			1	μA	
V <sub>HRSET_MAX</sub>	The max headroom limit	(Note 2)			2.5		V
$V_{HRSET}$	Recommended headroom voltage	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 100mA (No	te 1)	0.8	1	1.2	V
I <sub>ERC</sub>	ERC pin current capability	(Note 2)			40		μΑ
Fault Prote	ect Parameter						
$V_{FLTD}$	Fault delay pin voltage				1.23		V
t <sub>FLTD</sub>	Fault delay time	$R_{FLTD}$ = 20k $\Omega$		9	9.6	10.5	ms
	FLTB pull up resistor	(Note 2)			50		kΩ
$R_{FLT}$	FLTB pull down resistor	(Note 2)			0.35	0.6	kΩ
V <sub>FAULTB</sub>	FAULTB pin voltage	Sink current = 1n	nΑ		0.4	0.6	V
$V_{FAULTB\_H}$	FAULTB pin high enable threshold (IS32LT3124A/B only)	Voltage rising	2.5			٧	
$V_{FAULTB\_L}$	FAULTB pin low disable threshold (IS32LT3124A/B only)	Voltage falling			1	V	
t <sub>FD</sub>	Fault deglitch time	Fault must be present at least this long to trigger the fault detect		20	40	60	μs
	OUTx pin short to GND	Measured at	IS32LT3124A	1.15	1.22	1.30	
$V_{SCD}$	threshold	OUTx voltage falling	IS32LT3124B/C	4.5	4.8	5.0	V
.,	OUTx pin short to GND	Measured at	IS32LT3124A	150	250	350	.,
$V_{SCD\_HY}$	hysteresis	OUTx	IS32LT3124B/C	150	200	250	mV
V <sub>OD</sub>	OUTx pin open threshold	Measured at (V <sub>IC</sub>	<sub>C</sub> -V <sub>OUTx</sub> ) falling	150	220	300	mV
V <sub>OD_HY</sub>	OUTx pin open hysteresis	Measured at (V <sub>IC</sub>	Measured at (V <sub>ICC</sub> -V <sub>OUTx</sub> )		120	200	mV
T <sub>SD</sub>	Thermal shutdown threshold	(Note 2)			165		°C
$T_{HY}$	Over-temperature hysteresis	(Note 2)			25		°C
Logic Inpu	t EN						
V <sub>EN_TH</sub>	Input enable voltage threshold	V <sub>EN</sub> rising		1.17	1.23	1.29	V
V <sub>HY</sub>	Input hysteresis			40	70	mV	
f <sub>PWM</sub>	PWM frequency					1	kHz

Note 1: It is a recommended value to ensure a better line regulation of 100mA output current.

Note 2: Guarantee by design.

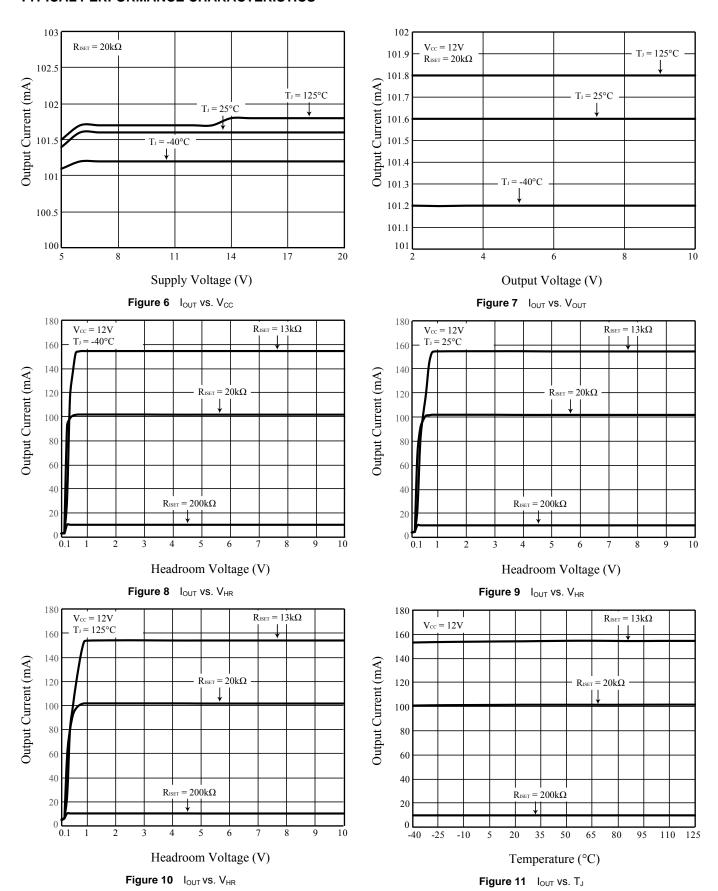


#### **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**





#### **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**





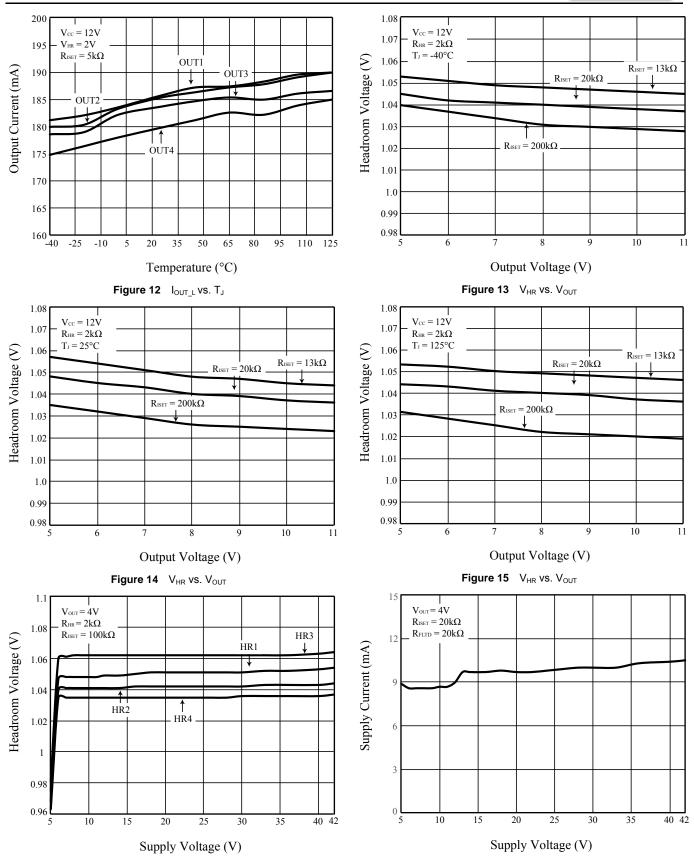
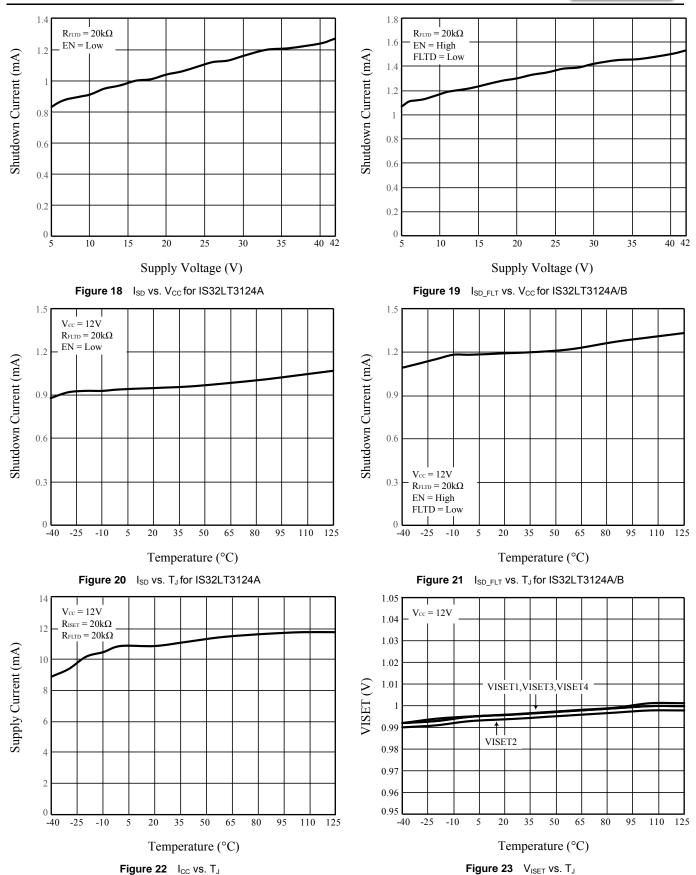


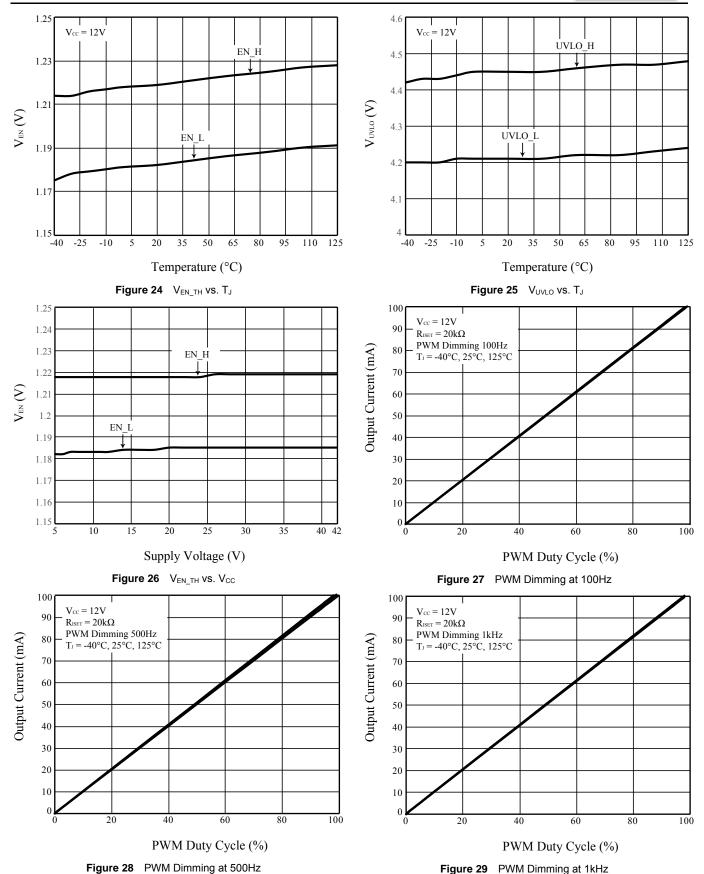
Figure 16  $V_{HR}$  vs.  $V_{CC}$ 

Figure 17  $I_{CC}$  vs.  $V_{CC}$ 

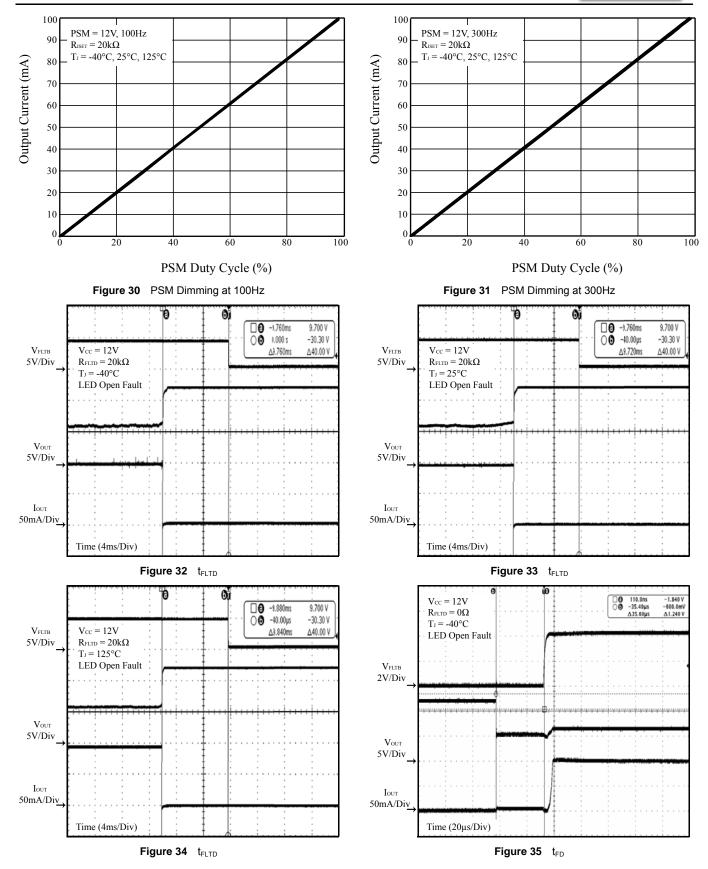




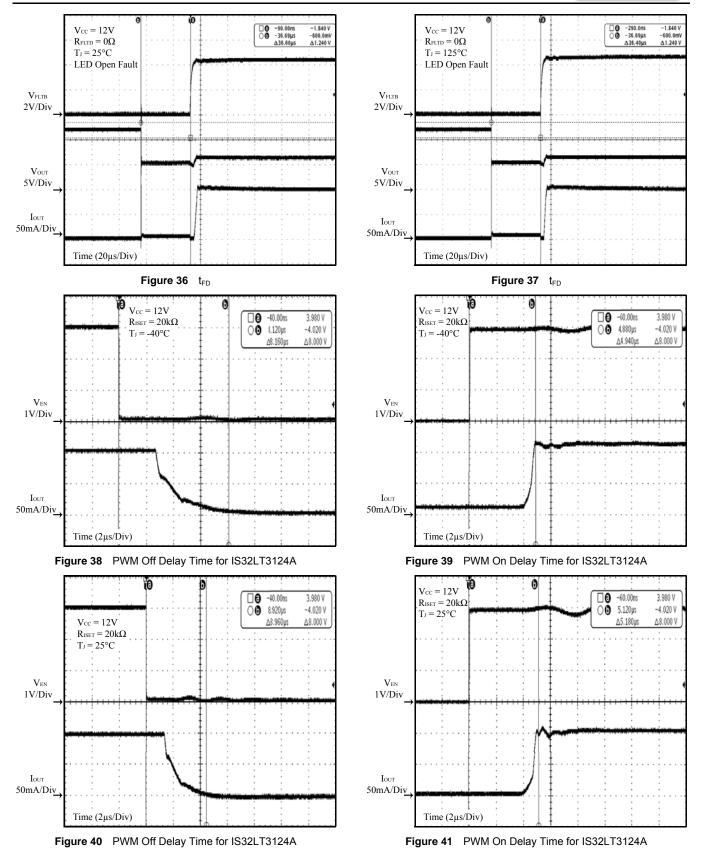




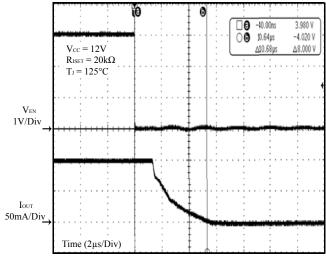












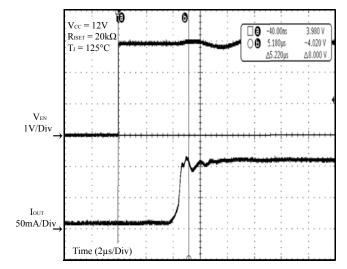
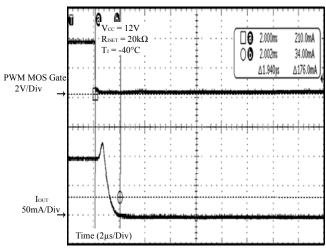


Figure 42 PWM Off Delay Time for IS32LT3124A

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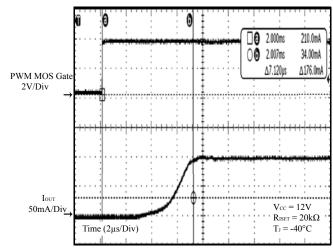
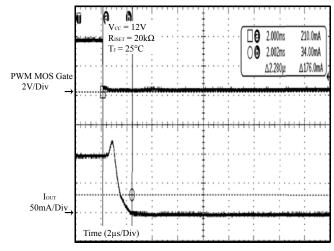


Figure 44 PWM Off Delay Time for IS32LT3124B/C

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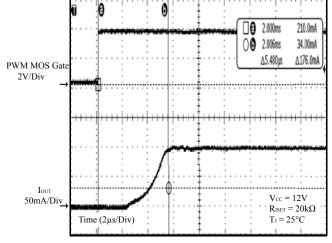
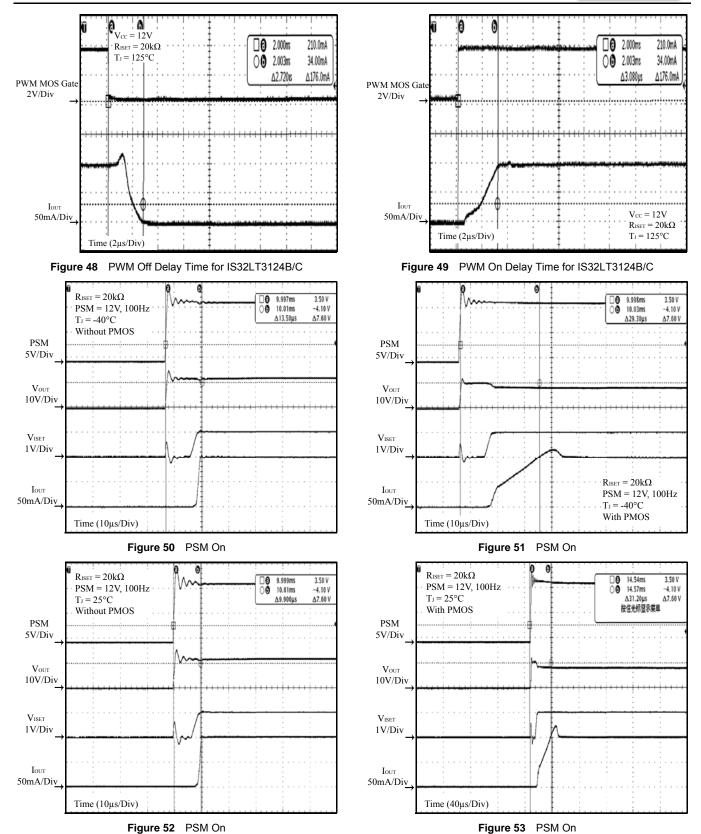


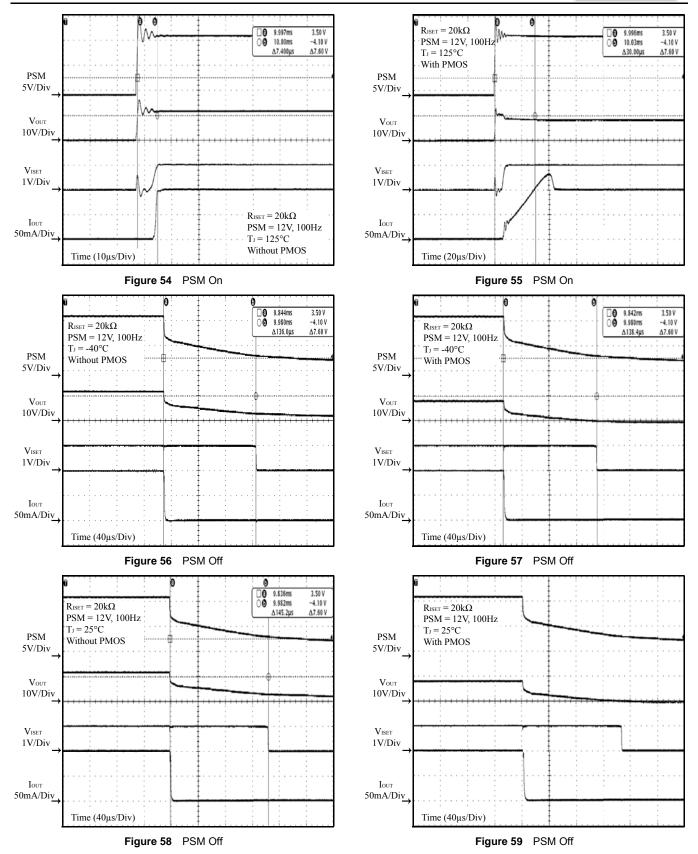
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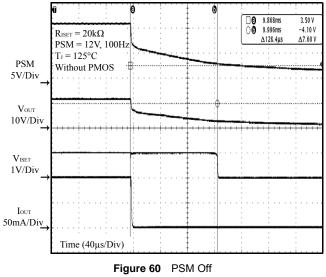


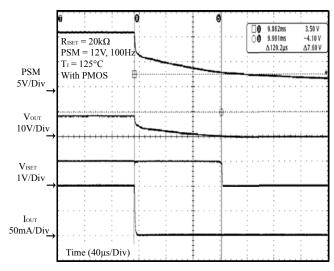


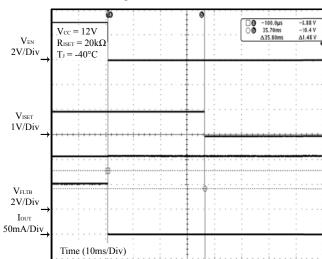


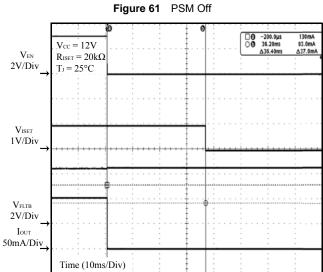












 $\textbf{Figure 62} \quad t_{\text{SD}} \text{ for IS32LT3124A}$ 

Figure 63  $t_{SD}$  for IS32LT3124A

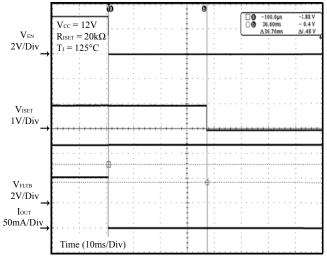


Figure 64 t<sub>SD</sub> for IS32LT3124A



#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The IS32LT3124 is a 4-channel linear constant current regulator capable of sourcing 150mA per channel. The device integrates one EN input control and four output currents with individual current set resistors; one for each of the four output current channels. The device can operate with a Power Supply Modulation (PSM) input at the VCC pin input. To minimize device thermal stress, an optional external shunt resistor and PMOS FET can be driven by the IS32LT3124 to share the power dissipation. FLTB pin can be used in a parallel combination to disable multiple IS32LT3124A/B devices once a fault condition is detected by any one of the devices (One-Fail-All-Fail).

#### **UNDER VOLTAGE LOCKOUT (UVLO)**

IS32LT3124 features an under voltage lockout (UVLO) function for the VCC pin. This is an internally fixed value and cannot be adjusted. The device is enabled when the VCC voltage rises to exceed  $V_{\text{UVLO}}$  (Typ. 4.25V), and disabled when the VCC voltage falls below ( $V_{\text{UVLO}}$  -  $V_{\text{UVLO\_HY}}$ ) (Typ. 4.0V). For the IS32LT3124A, the EN pin can be used to set additional UVLO via a resistor divider. Please refer to the EN PIN OPERATION section for more details.

#### **OUTPUT CURRENT SETTING**

The regulated LED current (up to 150mA) from each channel is individually set by its corresponding reference resistor (R<sub>ISETx</sub>). The programming resistors may be computed using the following Equation (1):

$$R_{\rm \scriptscriptstyle ISET} = \frac{V_{\rm \scriptscriptstyle ISET}}{I_{\rm \scriptscriptstyle OUT}} \times 2000 \tag{1}$$

 $(13k\Omega \le R_{ISET} \le 200k\Omega)$  and  $V_{ISET} = 1V$  (Typ.)

It is recommend that  $R_{\text{ISETx}}$  be a 1% accuracy resistor with good temperature characteristic to ensure stable output current.

The current outputs can be connected in parallel for a combined 600mA or can be left unconnected as required. Several channels combined in parallel will have the same current accuracy as the independent channel.

In case of some channels are unused, please follow Table 1 to configure the corresponding ISETx and OUTx pins.

Table 1 Unused Channel Configuration

Device	Unused ISETx pins	Unused OUTx pins
IS32LT3124A	Floating	Connect to VICC
IS32LT3124B/C	Floating	Connected to used OUT (refer to Figure 65)

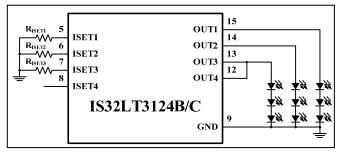


Figure 65 IS32LT3124B/C Unused Channel Configuration (OUT4 Unused)

#### **EN PIN OPERATION**

IS32LT3124A:

EN is the device enable pin. The EN voltage must be higher than  $V_{\text{EN\_TH}}$  to enable all outputs and lower than  $(V_{\text{EN TH}}-V_{\text{HY}})$  to disable them.

The EN pin of the IS32LT3124A can accept a PWM signal to implement simultaneous dimming of all LED strings. The average LED current for each channel can be computed using the following Equation (2).

$$I_{LED} = D_{PWM} \times \frac{V_{ISET}}{R_{ISET}} \times 2000$$
 (2)

 $D_{PWM}$  is PWM duty cycle and  $V_{ISET}$ =1V (Typ.).

So as to guarantee a reasonably good dimming effect, the recommended PWM frequency range is  $100\text{Hz} \sim 1\text{kHz}$ . Driving the EN pin with a PWM signal can effectively adjust the LED intensity. The PWM signal voltage levels must meet the EN pin input voltage levels,  $(V_{\text{EN\_TH}^-}V_{\text{HY}})$  and  $V_{\text{EN\_TH}}.$  Note: because of the  $40\mu s$  (typ.) fault deglitch time  $t_{\text{FD}}$ , the PWM on-time should be greater than  $40\mu s$  to avoid undetermined fault response.

The IC has an internal fixed VCC UVLO set at 4.25V. However, it may be desirable to externally set UVLO to track the number of LED's used in the string. For PSM dimming application, the higher UVLO will track the PSM off time to get more accurate PSM dimming. The EN pin can be used to set a VCC under voltage lockout threshold via a resistor divider.

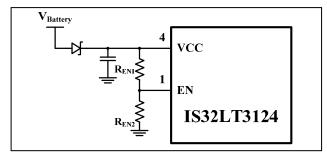


Figure 66 EN Pin Set External UVLO

The UVLO threshold voltage can be computed using the following equation (3):



$$V_{CC_{-UVLO}} = V_{EN_{-}TH} \times \frac{R_{EN1} + R_{EN2}}{R_{EN}}$$
 (3)

#### IS32LT3124B/C:

The EN pin is fault reporting enable pin, when pulled low to disable fault reporting, the output currents and the internal IC fault action operate normally but no fault output is generated. The EN voltage is higher than  $V_{\text{EN\_TH}}$  to enable fault reporting (FLTB low output) and lower than ( $V_{\text{EN\_TH}}$ - $V_{\text{HY}}$ ) to disable all fault reporting (FLTB low output).

In some applications, the IS32LT3124A/B/C with a resistor divider from VCC as Figure 66, helps prevent false LED open detection due to the LED string losing its headroom voltage, such as when VCC rises up from zero during power up or PSM dimming. The recommended  $V_{\text{CC}\ UVLO}$  setting level is:

$$V_{CC\_MIN} \ge V_{CC\_UVLO} \ge V_{OUT\_MAX} + V_{HRSET}$$
 (4)

Where,  $V_{\text{CC\_MIN}}$  is the minimum VCC voltage,  $V_{\text{OUT\_MAX}}$  is the maximum forward voltage of 4 LED strings and  $V_{\text{HRSET}}$  is the setting minimum headroom voltage (refer to Dynamic Headroom Control section).

# DYNAMIC HEADROOM CONTROL (DHC) AND THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS

The power dissipation of a linear constant current LED driver depends on the ratio of the output and input voltages. When the input and output voltages are determined, an increase in output current will increase power dissipation on the driver IC and it can be calculated by the following Equation:

$$P_{IC} = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} = V_{HR} \times I_{OUT}$$
 (5)

Where,  $V_{HR}$  is the headroom voltage, which is the voltage drop on the OUTx pin. Due to the limited driver IC power rating, a typical linear constant current LED driver cannot be used for high current applications. To solve this power dissipation issue, IS32LT3124 features a Dynamic Headroom Control (DHC) function which splits the power dissipation among the driver IC and external components to significantly minimize the driver IC thermal. This enables the IS32LT3124 to support up to 600mA total output current with acceptable heat, independent of the output to input voltage ratio.

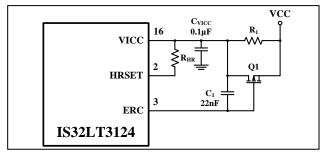


Figure 67 DHC Circuit

The DHC can be configured into two modes: Shunt Regulator mode and Series Regulator mode. The Series Regulator mode is recommended for the application of  $\leq 300$ mA total output current and the Shunt Regulator mode is good for >300mA application. The basic circuit of both modes are the same however R1 value decides the operating mode. To optimize the stability of the PMOS FET control loop, please use the fixed value for them:  $C_1=22$ nF and  $C_{VICC}=0.1$ µF.

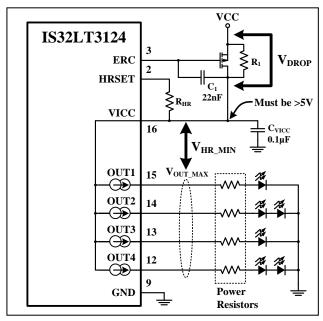


Figure 68 DHC Operating

#### **Series Regulator Mode:**

Choose  $1k\Omega$  value for  $R_1$  and the DHC circuit will operate in Series Regulator mode. The integrated circuit compares the minimum headroom voltage of all four output channels against the headroom setting  $V_{HRSET}$ , which is set by the resistor  $R_{HR}$  from the HRSET and VICC pins, and dynamically drives the external power PMOS FET to maintain this minimum headroom voltage always equal to  $V_{HRSET}$ . As Figure 69 shows, the minimum headroom voltage will appear on the channel with the maximum LED string forward voltage. Therefore, the output voltage of the Series Regulator,  $V_{VICC}$ , can be calculated by the Equation (6) and (7):

$$V_{VICC} = V_{OUT \quad MAX} + V_{HRSET} \tag{6}$$

$$V_{HRSET} = R_{HR} \times \left(\frac{1V}{2000}\right) \tag{7}$$

Where,  $V_{\text{OUT\_MAX}}$  is the maximum voltage of four OUTx pins.

According to equation (6), once the LED strings are determined and the input voltage is higher than  $V_{\text{VICC}}$ , the  $V_{\text{VICC}}$  is constant if  $R_{\text{HR}}$  is fixed. No matter how high the input voltage is, the headroom voltage of each channel is constant all the time, so the power



dissipation on IS32LT3124 is constant as well (ICC current is negligible and ignored in following calculation). However, it can be programmed by the  $V_{\text{HRSET}}$  setting; the higher  $V_{\text{HRSET}}$  the larger power dissipation on IS32LT3124. The remaining power dissipation is dropped on the external PMOS FET. Their power consumption can be calculated by:

$$P_{3124} = \sum_{r=1}^{4} (V_{VICC} - V_{OUTx}) \times I_{OUTx}$$
 (8

$$P_{PMOS} = (V_{CC} - V_{VICC}) \times I_{TOT}$$
 (9)

Where, I<sub>TOT</sub> is the total current of all output channels.

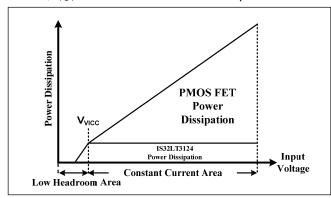


Figure 69 Power Dissipation Distribution in Series Regulator mode

#### **Shunt Regulator Mode:**

In the Series Regulator mode, the headroom voltage is constant however the external PMOS FET must support any excess voltage. When the total output current exceeds 300mA, the V×I power dissipation on the PMOS FET may be excessive. To prevent thermal run away, the Shunt Regulator mode could be considered. Choose a proper value (lower than 1K $\Omega$ ) for R<sub>1</sub>, DHC circuit will operate in Shunt Regulator mode which manages the power dissipation among the IS32LT3124, external PMOS FET, and the shunt resistor R<sub>1</sub>. R1 sharing the power dissipation will significantly minimize the power dissipation on the PMOS FET.

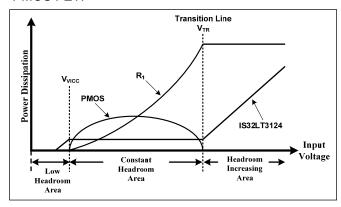


Figure 70 Power Dissipation Distribution in Shunt Regulator mode

As figure 70 shows, the power dissipation has different distribution in different areas. When the input voltage is

higher than  $V_{\text{VICC}}$ , the transition line ( $V_{\text{TR}}$ ) splits it into two areas: constant headroom area and headroom increasing area.

In the Constant Headroom Area, the DHC circuit regulates the minimum headroom voltage equal to  $V_{\text{HRSET}}$ , same as the Series Regulator mode. So the IS32LT3124 power dissipation is constant:

$$P_{3124} = \sum_{x=1}^{4} (V_{VICC} - V_{OUTx}) \times I_{OUTx}$$
 (10)

While the PMOS FET and R1 share the remaining power dissipation which will vary following the input voltage. Their power dissipation in the Constant Headroom Area can be calculated by:

$$P_{R1} = \frac{(V_{CC} - V_{VICC})^2}{R_1}$$
 (11)

$$P_{PMOS} = (I_{TOT} - \frac{V_{CC} - V_{VICC}}{R_{1}}) \times (V_{CC} - V_{VICC})$$
 (12)

The power dissipation of the PMOS FET peaks at the center point of ( $V_{\text{CC}}$ - $V_{\text{VICC}}$ ) and decreases to zero at  $V_{\text{TR}}$ . The transition point  $V_{\text{TR}}$  can be adjusted by the  $R_1$  value:

$$V_{TR} = V_{VICC} + R_1 \times I_{TOT} \tag{13}$$

Beyond the transition line  $V_{TR}$  is the Headroom Increasing Area. DHC is no longer effective since the PMOS FET is off. PMOS FET has no power dissipation anymore and the power dissipation is solely shared by IS32LT3124 and  $R_1$ . The power dissipation of R1 becomes constant while the power dissipation of the IS32LT3124 starts to increase following the input voltage. Their power dissipation in the Headroom Increasing Area can be calculated by:

$$P_{3124} \approx \sum_{x=1}^{4} (V_{CC} - I_{TOT} \times R_1 - V_{OUTx}) \times I_{OUTx}$$

$$P_{R1} = I_{TOT}^{2} \times R_1$$

$$P_{PMOS} = 0$$
(16)

In the Headroom Increasing Area, the system relies on the thermal shutdown protection feature of the IS32LT3124. Select a proper R1 value so the Constant Headroom Area covers the desired operating voltage range. For instance, the required operating voltage range is 9V~16V. The VICC should be set below 9V and set  $V_{TR}$  above 16V.

ISSI has a downloadable Excel spread sheet to calculate the power dissipation of these key components: IS32LT3124, PMOS FET and shunt resistor. In the Shunt Regulator mode, the shunt resistor R<sub>1</sub> sustains plenty of power dissipation at high input voltage. Please make sure the R<sub>1</sub> has sufficient



power rating to avoid thermal stress of the resistor. Several large package resistors in parallel should be used for  $R_1$ .

#### **EXTERNAL PMOS FET SELECT (OPTIONAL)**

The PMOS FET must be chosen with its drain voltage rating  $V_{\rm DS}$  greater than the Transient Voltage Suppressor (TVS) clamp voltage of the load dump protection. The IS32LT3124 integrates a 15V overvoltage protect circuit to clamp the voltage between VCC and ERC pins for PMOS FET gate protection purpose. So the gate to source maximum voltage rating  $V_{\rm GS}$  of the PMOS FET should be greater than 15V to avoid accidental damage. And its current rating should be greater than the total current of all channels. Moreover, the static drain to source on resistance ( $R_{\rm DSon}$ ) of the PMOS FET should be considered. It affects the minimum voltage drop across VCC to VICC:

$$V_{DROP\ MIN} \le V_{CC\ MIN} - V_{VICC}$$
 (17)

$$V_{_{DROP\_{MIN}}} = R_{_{DSon}} \times (I_{_{OUT1}} + I_{_{OUT2}} + I_{_{OUT3}} + I_{_{OUT4}})$$
 (18)

Where, V<sub>CC MIN</sub> is the minimum input voltage.

In addition, because the PMOS FET doesn't have an over temperature protection mechanism, the power rating of the PMOS FET should be carefully considered to sustain the maximum power dissipation on it. A PMOS FET with a big thermal PAD and low thermal resistance is preferred, such as a D-PAK or SOT-223 package. When several devices are connected in parallel to share one PMOS FET (as Figure 2), all the output currents of those devices without PMOS FET should be calculated together as the total current thru the PMOS FET.

The DHC function is not necessary for the IS32LT3124 in low current applications. Such as when the total output current is below 300mA. If not used, the external PMOS FET can be omitted and VICC should be tied to VCC pin, and leave HRSET and ERC pins floating (as Figure 3).

#### **HEADROOM SETTING**

As previously stated, the headroom voltage is set by the resistor  $R_{\text{HR}}$  from the HRSET and VICC pins:

$$V_{HRSET} = R_{HR} \times \left(\frac{1V}{2000}\right) \tag{19}$$

The IS32LT3124 internally limits the maximum V<sub>HRSET</sub> to 2.5V (typical) to ensure reasonable thermal on the IS32LT3124. A headroom voltage setting of 1.5V~2V is recommended for most application.

To maintain the normal operation of the internal detection circuit, the VICC voltage must be set above 5V, otherwise the DHC circuit will be abnormal and the  $V_{HR\ MIN}$  cannot be maintained at set value.

$$R_{HR} \times \left(\frac{1V}{2000}\right) + V_{OUT\_MAX} > 5V \quad (20)$$

Therefore in low LED string voltage application, e.g. one RED LED with around 2V forward voltage, some appropriate value power resistors in series with LED strings should be used to increase the maximum voltage of four OUTx pins. The power resistor value can be calculated by:

$$\frac{V_{VICC} - V_{OUT\_MAX}}{I_{OUT\_X}} > R_P > \frac{5V - V_{OUT\_MAX}}{I_{OUT\_X}}$$
 (21)

Where,  $V_{\text{OUT\_MAX}}$  is the maximum voltage of four OUTx pins without any power resistor and  $I_{\text{OUT\_X}}$  is the current of this channel.

#### DYNAMIC HEADROOM CONTROL (DHC) SHARING

To save the cost and PCB space in some application, several devices can be connected in parallel to share one PMOS FET (as Figure 2). This scheme is available for both the Series Regulator and the Shunt Regulator modes. The IC connected to system voltage (Supervisor) must connect one output channel (with its ISET pin left floating) to the HRSET pin of the next device (with ECR pin floating and same value  $R_{HR}$  as the supervisor). The supervisor IC's DHC circuit will manage the power dissipation of the devices without PMOS FET along with itself. In this way, the power dissipation on the PMOS FET and R<sub>1</sub> should be carefully considered to make sure its junction temperature won't exceed its maximum rating in extreme ambient temperature. This approach is suitable for applications with low per channel current.

#### POWER SUPPLY MODULATION (PSM) DIMMING

The IS32LT3124 can support Power Supply Modulation (PSM), which implements LED dimming by pulse width modulated on the power supply rail. The IS32LT3124 closed loop stability is not affected by PSM operation with or without an external PMOS FET. The HRSET and ERC controls can respond within the  $t_{\text{PC}}$  period when the supply VCC threshold voltage to properly drive and bias the PMOS FET in a linear fashion. To get better dimming linearity, the recommended PSM frequency should be in the range of 100Hz to 300Hz (200Hz Typ.) and the input capacitor,  $C_{\text{VCC}}$ , should be low value (0.1uF typical) to ensure rapid discharge during PSM low period.

#### **FAULT REPORTING OPERATION**

For robust system reliability, the IS32LT3124 integrates the detection circuitry to protect various fault conditions and report the fault by the FLTB pin which can be monitored by an external host. The FLTB pin is internally pulled up to 4.5V by a resistor  $R_{\text{FLT}}$  and so it can be left floating, or unconnected. The FLTB pin will go low when the device enables fault detection and detects a fault condition such as LED string open,



short to GND, thermal shutdown, or ISET pin open/short (refer to Table 3). For IS32LT3124B/C, the fault detection and actions are always active, however the FLTB reporting is not active until EN pin voltage rise above  $V_{\text{EN\_TH}}$ . For the IS32LT3124A, ISET open fault detection is disabled when the voltage of the OUTx pins are not floating or grounded, unused pins should be tied to VICC.

In PSM dimming application, with a fault condition, the fault reporting will be reset as VCC voltage goes low. So the external fault reporting monitor should checking cycle by cycle, and keep at least 100µs monitor blanking time after VCC rising up to prevent some spurious fault as shown in Figure 71.

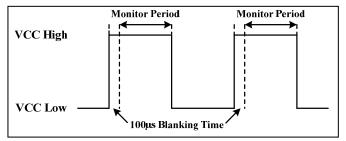


Figure 71 External Fault Reporting Monitor During PSM Dimming

#### **FAULT REPORTING DELAY TIME SETTING**

The IS32LT3124 supports programmable fault reporting delay time, as shown in Table 2. A fault reporting delay time is used to introduce a delay to the FLTB output signal when detecting a device fault condition. This delay is meant to avoid detecting and reporting a spurious fault.

Table 2 Fault Delays

FLTD Pin State	Report Fault Delay Time
GND	40µs
R <sub>FLTD</sub> = 5kΩ	4.65ms
R <sub>FLTD</sub> = 20kΩ	9.60ms
R <sub>FLTD</sub> = 250kΩ	85.5ms
Floating	340ms

The delay time can be computed using the following Equation (22):

$$t_{FITD}(ms) = 3.3 \times R_{FITD} \times 10^{-4} + 3$$
 (22)

Note: When FLTD pin is grounded, the fault delay time will be limited to a minimum value,  $40\mu s$ . Except for being grounded, the  $R_{FLTD}$  value must be  $\geq 5Kohm$  and should not be left floating.

#### FLTB PARALLEL INTERCONNECTION

FLTB is a fault reporting output pin and it also is an input pin (IS31FL3124A/B only). Externally pulling FLTB pin low will disable all the output channels. For LED lighting systems which require the complete lighting system be shutdown when a fault is detected,

the FLTB pin can be used in a parallel connection with multiple IS32LT3124A/B devices as shown in Figures 2 and 3. A detected fault output by any device will pull low the FLTB pins of the other parallel connected devices and simultaneously turn them off. This satisfies the "One-Fail-All-Fail" operating requirement.

#### LED STRING OPEN DETECTION

Detection of an open-load condition occurs when the measured voltage across any one of the four OUTx pins to VICC is lower than  $V_{\text{OD}}$ . When this condition is present for longer than the fault deglitch  $t_{\text{FD}}$ , then

#### IS32LT3124A:

It turns off all of the other channels and reserves 4mA in the faulty channel for recovery detection purpose. The FLTB pin goes low after fault delay time.

#### IS32LT3124B:

It turns off all of the other channels and reserves 4mA in the faulty channel for recovery detection purpose. If  $V_{EN}$ > $V_{EN\_TH}$ , the FLTB pin goes low after fault delay time.

#### IS32LT3124C:

It keeps all the other channels normal working and reserves 4mA in the faulty channel for recovery detection purpose. If  $V_{\text{EN}}$ > $V_{\text{EN}\_\text{TH}}$ , the FLTB pin goes low after fault delay time.

The device recovers after deglitch time  $t_{\text{FD}}$  as removal of the open condition and FLTB goes back high.

#### LED STRING SHORT-CIRCUIT DETECTION

The LED string short circuit is detected if the measured voltage across any of OUTx pin drops below OUTx pin short to GND threshold,  $V_{\text{SCD}}$ .

#### IS32LT3124A:

After the device being enabled ( $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_TH}$ ), when any of OUTx pin voltage drops below  $V_{SCD}$  (typical 1.22V) and is present for longer than the FLTB deglitch time  $t_{FD}$ , it will turn off all the other channels and reserve 4mA in faulty channel for recovery detection purpose. The FLTB pin goes low after fault delay time. The channel recovers after deglitch time  $t_{FD}$  upon removal of the short condition and FLTB goes back high. Since  $V_{SCD}$  of IS32LT3124A is lower than one LED forward voltage, it can only detect OUTx short condition, as Figure 72.

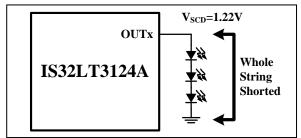


Figure 72 IS32LT3124A LED Short Detection



#### IS32LT3124B:

When any OUTx pin voltage drops below  $V_{SCD}$  (typical 4.88V) for longer than the FLTB deglitch time  $t_{FD}$ , it turns off all the other channels and reserves 4mA in the faulty channel for recovery detection purpose. If  $V_{EN}>V_{EN\_TH}$ , the FLTB pin goes low after fault delay time. The device recovers after deglitch time  $t_{FD}$  upon removal of the short condition and FLTB goes back high.

#### IS32LT3124C:

When any OUTx pin voltage drops below  $V_{SCD}$  (typical 4.88V) for longer than the FLTB deglitch time  $t_{FD}$ , all channels will continue sourcing current. If  $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_TH}$ , the FLTB pin goes low after fault delay time. The channel recovers after deglitch time  $t_{FD}$  upon removal of the short condition and FLTB goes back high. Note: An LED short will cause a larger headroom voltage on the faulty channel that may significantly increase the power dissipation on IS32LT3124C, especially in high output current applications.

Since  $V_{SCD}$  of IS32LT3124B/C is higher than one LED forward voltage, it's possible to detect both LED string short (as Figure 73-1) and single LED in multi-LEDs string short detection with appropriate setting (as Figure 73-(2)/(3)).

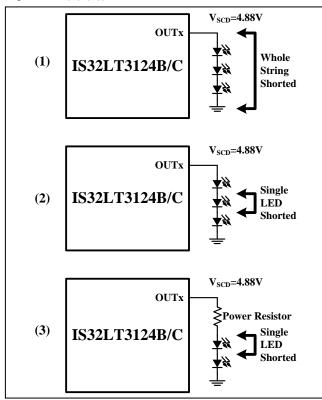


Figure 73 IS32LT3124B/C LED Short Detection

To achieve single LED short detection in two or more LEDs per string application, IS32LT3124B/C with higher  $V_{SCD}$  (typical 4.88V) should be used. Due to the requirement of  $V_{ICC} > 5V$ , the LED string voltage has to be higher than 5V. If not, a power resistor in series with

LED string should be used to increase the string voltage to ensure that a single LED short can reduce the LED string voltage below  $V_{\text{SCD}}$ . So the string voltage should be set within the range of:

$$(V_{SCD-MIN} + V_{f-MIN}) > V_{STRING} > 5V$$
 (23)

Where,  $V_{\text{SCD\_MIN}}$  is the minimum value of the OUTx short detect threshold,  $V_{\text{f\_MIN}}$  is the minimum forward voltage of the LED.

For example, assume the LED  $V_{\underline{f}_{MIN}}$  = 2V, two LEDs in series per string and 100mA per channel, the power resistor value could be:

From, 
$$R_{\text{\tiny MIN}} = \frac{5V - 2 \times V_{\text{\tiny f}}}{100mA} = 10\Omega$$

To, 
$$R_{\text{\tiny MAX}} = \frac{V_{\text{\tiny SCD}} + V_{\text{\tiny f}} - 2 \times V_{\text{\tiny f}}}{100 mA} = 28.8 \Omega$$

#### ISET OVER CURRENT OR SHORT DETECTION

The device is protected from an output overcurrent condition caused by ISETx pins. When a too low value resistor is connected to any ISET pin but pin voltage still is above  $V_{\rm ISET\_SC}$  (typical 0.2V), the corresponding channel current will be internally limited at 190mA (typical). If an excessive low value resistor is connected or accidental short circuit to pull ISETx pin voltage below 0.2V, the corresponding channel will be turned off with fault reporting after fault delay time  $t_{\rm FLTD}$  and IS32LT3124A/B will turn off the other channels as well, while IS32LT3124C will keep the other channels operating normally. The device recovers after deglitch time  $t_{\rm FD}$  upon removal of the fault condition and FLTB goes back high.

# ISET OPEN DETECTION AND INDIVIDUAL PWM DIMMING

#### IS32LT3124A:

If ISETx pin is open and  $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_TH}$ , all output channels will be turned off and FLTB will go low after fault delay time  $t_{FLTD}$  to report fault condition. The device recovers after deglitch time  $t_{FD}$  upon removal of the open condition and FLTB goes back high. Due to this protection, IS32LT3124A cannot support individual ISETx PWM dimming.

#### IS32LT3124B/C:

In these two devices, the ISETx pin open detection is removed, then ISETx pin is able to implement the individual PWM dimming to the corresponding output channel. When ISETx pin is floating, the corresponding OUTx is turned off. Ground it via a resistor (R<sub>ISETx</sub>) to enable the output source. Refer to Figure 4 and 5. When the PWM generator is far away from the device, use Figure 4 approach to prevent noise coupling due to the long trace. When the PWM generator is close to the device, use open drain structure I/O of the MCU to



directly control each ISETx pin. Since Push-pull I/Os will force current into ISETx pins, only open drain structure I/Os are acceptable.

With this individual PWM dimming, the LED current is inversely proportional to the source PWM duty cycle (due to the open drain inversion). That is, when the source PWM signal is 100% duty cycle, the output current is minimum, ideally zero, and when the PWM signal is 0% duty cycle, the output current is maximum. LED current is computed using the following Equation (24).

$$I_{LED} = (1 - D_{PWM}) \times \frac{V_{ISET}}{R_{ISET}} \times 2000$$
 (24)

Note: because of the 40 $\mu$ s (typ.) fault deglitch time  $t_{FD}$ , the PWM on-time should be greater than 40us to avoid undetermined fault response.

#### THERMAL SHUTDOWN

In the event that the die temperature exceeds 165°C, all four output channels will go to the 'OFF' state and the FLTB pin will go low if  $V_{EN} > V_{EN\_TH}$ . At this point, the IC should begin to cool off. Any attempt to enable one or all four of the channels before the IC has cooled to < 140°C will be ignored by the IC.

#### THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS

When operating the IS32LT3124 at high ambient temperatures, or when driving high load current, care must be taken to avoid exceeding the package power dissipation limits. The major power components are IC, PMOS FET and shunt resistor. Therefore their temperature should be carefully calculated and considered.

In the application with the DHC function, the power dissipation of these three components is described in the "DYNAMIC HEADROOM CONTROL (DHC) AND THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS" section.

In the application without the DHC function, the power dissipation on the IS32LT3124 can be computed by:

$$P_{_{3124}} \approx V_{_{CC}} \times I_{_{CC}} + \sum_{_{v=1}}^{4} (V_{_{CC}} - V_{_{OUTx}}) \times I_{_{OUTx}}$$
 (25)

The maximum power dissipation of the IS32LT3124 and PMOS FET can be calculated using the following Equation (26):

$$P_{D(MAX)} = \frac{T_{J(MAX)} - T_A}{\theta_{JA}}$$
 (26)

Where,  $T_{J(MAX)}$  is the maximum operating junction temperature which can be found from their datasheets,  $T_A$  is the ambient temperature, and  $\theta_{JA}$  is the junction to ambient thermal resistance.  $P_{3124}$  should not exceed  $P_{D(MAX).}$ 

For IS32LT3124, the recommended maximum operating junction temperature,  $T_{J(MAX)}$ , is 125°C and so maximum ambient temperature is determined by the junction to ambient thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ .

Therefore the maximum power rating at  $T_A = 25$ °C is:

$$P_{D(MAX)} = \frac{125^{\circ}C - 25^{\circ}C}{47.1^{\circ}C/W} \approx 2.12W$$

Figure 74, shows the power derating of the IS32LT3124 on a JEDEC boards (in accordance with JESD 51-5 and JESD 51-7) standing in still air.

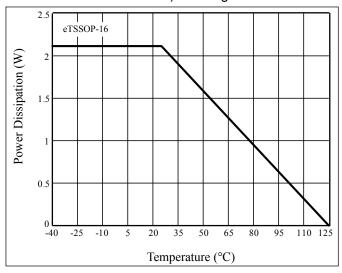


Figure 74 IS32LT3124 Dissipation Curve

The PMOS FET maximum power rating can be achieved by the same calculation method.

In the Shunt Regulator mode,  $R_1$  will share quite a lot power dissipation. Its package power rating should be sufficient to prevent heat run away.

When designing the Printed Circuit Board (PCB) layout, double-sided PCB with a large copper area on each side of the board directly under the IS32LT3124 (eTSSOP-16 package), PMOS FET and the shunt resistor must be used. Multiple thermal vias, as shown in Figure 75, will help to conduct heat from the exposed pad of the IS32LT3124, PMOS FET and shunt resistor to the copper on each side of the board. The thermal resistance can be further reduced by using a metal substrate or by adding a heat sink. To avoid heat buildup, these power components should be spread out on the PCB board with some distance.



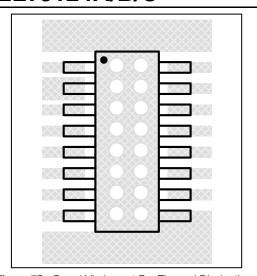


Figure 75 Board Via Layout For Thermal Dissipation



#### **Table 3 DIFFERENT FAULT ACTION OF 3 TYPES**

EN	Fault Type	Fault Condition	IS	S32LT3124A		IS	S32LT3124B		IS32LT3124C							
voltage			Faulty channel	Other channels	FLTB	Faulty channel	Other channels	FLTB	Faulty channel	Other channels	FLTB	Auto Recovery				
	ISETx open	ISETx pin current close to zero				Off	Enabled		Off	Enabled		ISETx pin current goes back high				
	ISETx short	ISETx pin voltage <v<sub>ISET_SC</v<sub>				Off	Off		Off	Enabled		ISETx pin voltage >(V <sub>ISET SC</sub> +V <sub>ISET SCHY</sub> )				
<v<sub>EN_TH</v<sub>	LED string open	(VICC-V <sub>OUTx</sub> ) <v<sub>OD</v<sub>	Device shutdown All channels are off		High	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection (note 1)	Off	High	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection (note 1)	Enabled	High	$(VICC-V_{OUTx})>(V_{OD}+V_{OD\_HY})$				
	OUTx shot to GND	V <sub>OUTx</sub> <v<sub>SCD</v<sub>				Reserve 4mA for recovery detection (Note 1)	Off		Enabled (Note 1)	Enabled		$V_{OUTx}$ > $(V_{SCD}+V_{SCD\_HY})$				
	Thermal shutdown	T <sub>J</sub> >T <sub>SD</sub>				All channel	s are off		All channels are			$T_J < (T_{SD} - T_{HY})$				
	ISETx open	ISETx pin current close to zero	Off	Off		Off	Enabled	High	Off	Enabled	High	ISETx pin current goes back high				
	ISETx short	ISETx pin voltage <v<sub>ISET_SC</v<sub>	Off	Off		Off	Off		Off	Enabled		ISETx pin voltage >(V <sub>ISET SC</sub> +V <sub>ISET SCHY</sub> )				
>V <sub>EN_TH</sub>	LED string open	(VICC-V <sub>OUTx</sub> ) <v<sub>OD</v<sub>	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection	Off	Pull low after delay	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection		Off	ry Off	very Off	Off	Off Pull low after delay	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection	Enabled	Pull low after delay	$(VICC-V_{OUTx})>(V_{OD}+V_{OD\_HY})$
	OUTx shot to GND	V <sub>OUTx</sub> <v<sub>SCD</v<sub>	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection	Off	for reco	Reserve 4mA for recovery detection	Off	time t <sub>FLTD</sub> .	Enabled (Note 1)	Enabled	time t <sub>FLTD</sub> .	V <sub>OUTx</sub> >(V <sub>SCD</sub> +V <sub>SCD_HY</sub> )				
	Thermal shutdown	T <sub>J</sub> >T <sub>SD</sub>	All channel	s are off		All channel	s are off		All channe	ls are off		$T_J < (T_{SD} - T_{HY})$				

Note 1: The fault channel keeps normal sourcing, but the LEDs is off due to the string is open or shorted.





### **CLASSIFICATION REFLOW PROFILES**

Profile Feature	Pb-Free Assembly
Preheat & Soak Temperature min (Tsmin) Temperature max (Tsmax) Time (Tsmin to Tsmax) (ts)	150°C 200°C 60-120 seconds
Average ramp-up rate (Tsmax to Tp)	3°C/second max.
Liquidous temperature (TL) Time at liquidous (tL)	217°C 60-150 seconds
Peak package body temperature (Tp)*	Max 260°C
Time (tp)** within 5°C of the specified classification temperature (Tc)	Max 30 seconds
Average ramp-down rate (Tp to Tsmax)	6°C/second max.
Time 25°C to peak temperature	8 minutes max.

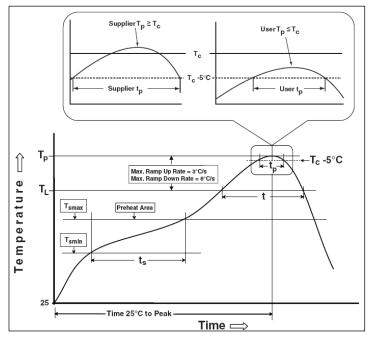
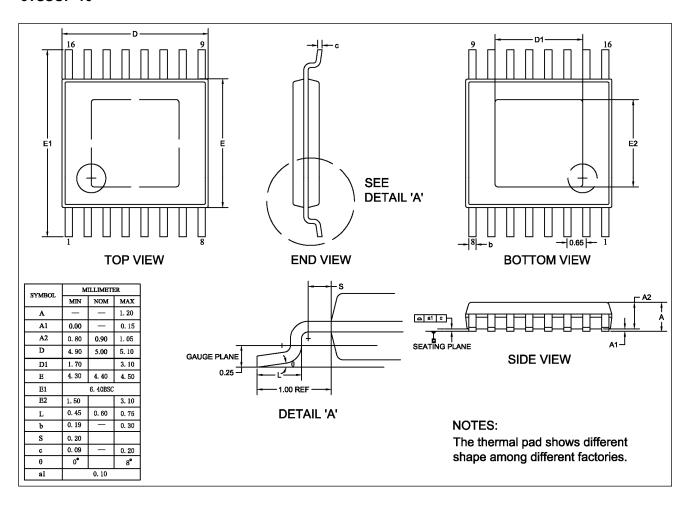


Figure 76 Classification Profile



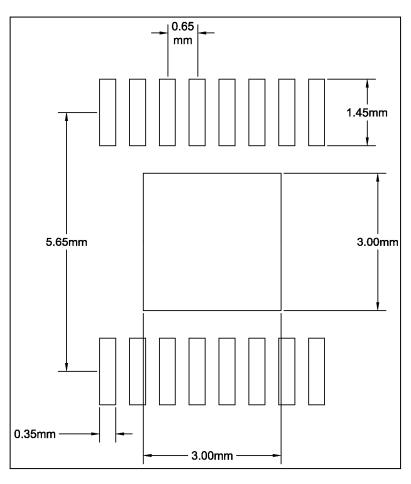
#### **PACKAGE INFORMATION**

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#### **RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN**



#### Note

- 1. Land pattern complies to IPC-7351.
- 2. All dimensions in MM.
- 3. This document (including dimensions, notes & specs) is a recommendation based on typical circuit board manufacturing parameters. Since land pattern design depends on many factors unknown (eg. user's board manufacturing specs), user must determine suitability for use.



#### **REVISION HISTORY**

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