# Synchronous Buck MOSFET **Drivers**

The NCP81063 is a high-performance dual MOSFET gate driver in a small 3 mm x 3 mm package, optimized to drive the gates of both high-side and low-side power MOSFETs in a synchronous buck converter. A zero-current detection feature allows for a high-efficiency solution even at light load conditions. VCC UVLO ensures the MOSFETs are off when supply voltages are low. A bi-directional Enable pin provides a fault signal to the controller when a UVLO fault is detected.

### Features

- Space-efficient 3 mm x 3 mm DFN8 Thermally-enhanced Package
- VCC Range of 4.5 V to 13.2 V
- Integrated Bootstrap Diode
- 5 V 3-stage PWM input
- Zero Current Detect Function Provides Power Saving Operation During Light Load Conditions
- Bi-directional Enable Feature Pulls Enable Pin Low During a **UVLO** Fault
- Output Disable Control Turns Off Both MOSFETs
- VCC Undervoltage Lockout
- Adaptive Anti-cross Conduction Circuit Protects Against Cross-conduction During FET Turn-on and Turn-off
- Direct Interface to NCP6151 and Other Compatible PWM Controllers
- Thermally Enhanced Package
- These Devices are Pb-Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free and are RoHS Compliant

## **Typical Applications**

• Power Solutions for Notebook and Desktop Systems

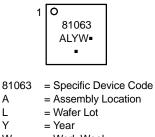


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Device	Package	Shipping <sup>†</sup>
NCP81063MNTXG	DFN8 (Pb–Free)	3000 / Tape & Reel

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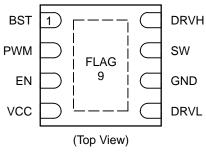
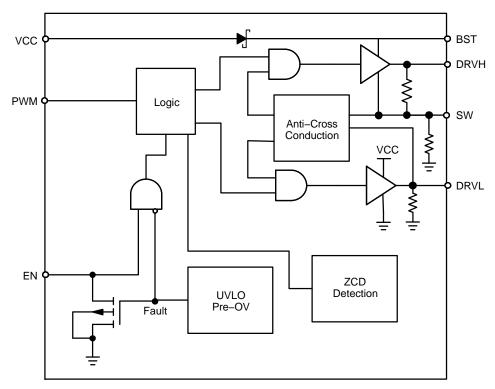


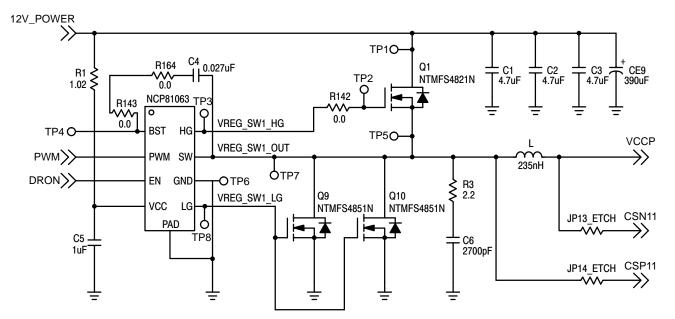
Figure 1. Pin Diagram





## Table 1. Pin Descriptions

Pin No.	Symbol	Description
1	BST	Floating bootstrap supply pin for high side gate driver. Connect the bootstrap capacitor between this pin and the SW pin.
2	PWM	$ \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Control input:} \\ \mbox{PWM} = \mbox{High} \rightarrow \mbox{DRVH is high, DRVL is low.} \\ \mbox{PWM} = \mbox{Mid} \rightarrow \mbox{Zero current detect enabled. Diode emulation mode.} \\ \mbox{PWM} = \mbox{Low} \rightarrow \mbox{DRVH is low, DRVL is high.} \end{array} $
3	EN	$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{3-state input:} \\ \mbox{EN} = \mbox{High} \rightarrow \mbox{Driver is enabled.} \\ \mbox{EN} = \mbox{Low} \rightarrow \mbox{Driver is disabled.} \end{array}$
4	VCC	Power supply input. Connect a bypass capacitor (0.1 $\mu$ F) from this pin to ground.
5	DRVL	Low side gate drive output. Connect to the gate of low side MOSFET.
6	GND	Bias and reference ground. All signals are referenced to this node (QFN Flag).
7	SW	Switch node. Connect this pin to the source of the high side MOSFET and drain of the low side MOSFET.
8	DRVH	High side gate drive output. Connect to the gate of high side MOSFET.
9	FLAG	Thermal flag. There is no electrical connection to the IC. Connect to ground plane.



**Figure 3. Application Circuit** 

Table 2. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS					
Pin Symbol	Pin Name	V <sub>MAX</sub>	V <sub>MIN</sub>		
VCC	Main Supply Voltage Input	15 V 16 V (< 50 ns)	–0.3 V		
BST	Bootstrap Supply Voltage	35 V wrt/ GND 40 V ≤ 50 ns wrt/ GND 15 V wrt/ SW	–0.3 V wrt/SW		
SW	Switching Node (Bootstrap Supply Return)	35 V 40 V ≤ 50 ns	_5 V _10 V (200 ns)		
DRVH	High Side Driver Output	BST+0.3 V SW + 15 V (< 80 ns)	–0.3 V wrt/SW –2 V (<200 ns) wrt/SW		
DRVL	Low Side Driver Output	VCC+0.3 V 15 V (< 80 ns)	–0.3 V DC −5 V (<200 ns)		
PWM	DRVH and DRVL Control Input	6.5 V	–0.3 V		

Enable Pin

Ground

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Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

6.5 V

0 V

–0.3 V

0 V

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
R <sub>θJA</sub>	Thermal Characteristic (Note 1)	74	°C/W
TJ	Operating Junction Temperature Range	-40 to 125	°C
T <sub>A</sub>	Operating Ambient Temperature Range	-10 to +125	°C
T <sub>STG</sub>	Maximum Storage Temperature Range	-55 to +150	°C
MSL	Moisture Sensitivity Level	1	

\* The maximum package power dissipation must be observed.

1. I in<sup>2</sup> Cu, 1 oz thickness.

ΕN

GND

# **Table 4. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** (Unless otherwise stated: $-10^{\circ}C < T_A < +125^{\circ}C$ ; 4.5 V < V<sub>CC</sub> < 13.2 V,</th>4.5 V < BST-SWN < 13.2 V, 4.5 V < BST < 30 V, 0 V < SWN < 21 V)</td>

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
SUPPLY VOLTAGE					
VCC Operation Voltage		4.5		13.2	V
UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT			1		
VCC Start Threshold		3.8	4.35	4.5	V
VCC UVLO Hysteresis		150	200	250	mV
SUPPLY CURRENT			1		
Normal Mode	Icc + Ibst, EN = 5 V, PWM = OSC, Fsw = 100 KHz, Cload = 3 nF for DRVH, 3 nF for DRVL		10		mA
Standby Current	Icc + Ibst, EN = GND		0.5	1.4	mA
Standby Current	I <sub>CC</sub> + I <sub>BST</sub> , EN = HIGH, PWM = LOW, No loading on DRVH & DRVL		2.0		mA
Standby Current	I <sub>CC</sub> + I <sub>BST</sub> , EN = HIGH, PWM = HIGH, No loading on DRVH & DRVL		2.0		mA
BOOTSTRAP DIODE					-
Forward Voltage	$V_{CC}$ = 12 V, forward bias current = 2 mA	0.1	0.4	0.6	V
PWM INPUT					
PWM Input High		3.4			V
PWM Mid-State		1.3		2.7	V
PWM Input Low				0.7	V
ZCD Blanking Timer			250		ns
HIGH SIDE DRIVER (VCC = 12 V)					
Output Impedance, Sourcing Current	VBST – VSW = 12 V		1.9	3.0	Ω
Output Impedance, Sinking Current	VBST – VSW = 12 V		1.0	1.7	Ω
DRVH Rise Time trdRVH	V <sub>VCC</sub> = 12 V, 3 nF load, VBST–VSW = 12 V		16	30	ns
DRVH Fall Time tfDRVH	V <sub>VCC</sub> = 12 V, 3 nF load, VBST–VSW = 12 V		11	25	ns
DRVH Turn–Off Propagation Delay tpdl <sub>DRVH</sub>	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 3 nF	8.0		30	ns
DRVH Turn–On Propagation Delay tpdh <sub>DRVH</sub>	$C_{LOAD} = 3 \text{ nF}$			30	ns
SW Pull Down Resistance	SW to PGND		37.5		kΩ
DRVH Pull Down Resistance	DRVH to SW, BST–SW = 0 V		37.55		kΩ
HIGH SIDE DRIVER (VCC = 5 V)					
Output Impedance, Sourcing Current	VBST – VSW = 5 V		2.5		Ω
Output Impedance, Sinking Current	VBST – VSW = 5 V		1.6		Ω
DRVH Rise Time tr <sub>DRVH</sub>	$V_{VCC}$ = 5 V, 3 nF load, VBST – VSW = 5 V		30		ns
DRVH Fall Time tf <sub>DRVH</sub>	$V_{VCC}$ = 5 V, 3 nF load, VBST – VSW = 5 V		27		ns
DRVH Turn–Off Propagation Delay tpdl <sub>DRVH</sub>	$C_{LOAD} = 3 \text{ nF}$		20		ns
DRVH Turn–On Propagation Delay tpdh <sub>DRVH</sub>	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 3 nF		27		ns
SW Pull Down Resistance	SW to PGND		37.5		kΩ
DRVH Pull Down Resistance	DRVH to SW, BST–SW = 0 V		37.5		kΩ
LOW SIDE DRIVER (VCC = 12 V)					
Output Impedance, Sourcing Current			2.0	3.0	Ω

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4.5 V < BST-SWN < 13.2 V, 4.5 V < BST < 30 V, 0 V < SWN < 21 V)	

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
LOW SIDE DRIVER (VCC = 12 V)			•		•
Output Impedance, Sinking Current			0.7	1.5	Ω
DRVL Rise Time tr <sub>DRVL</sub>	$C_{LOAD} = 3 \text{ nF}$		16	35	ns
DRVL Fall Time tf <sub>DRVL</sub>	$C_{LOAD} = 3 \text{ nF}$		11	20	ns
DRVL Turn–Off Propagation Delay tpdl <sub>DRVL</sub>	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 3 nF			35	ns
DRVL Turn–On Propagation Delay tpdh <sub>DRVL</sub>	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 3 nF	8.0		30	ns
DRVL Pull Down Resistance	DRVL to PGND, VCC = PGND		37.5		kΩ
LOW SIDE DRIVER (VCC = 5 V)	•			•	•
Output Impedance, Sourcing Current			2.5		Ω
Output Impedance, Sinking Current			1.0		Ω
DRVL Rise Time tr <sub>DRVL</sub>	$C_{LOAD} = 3 \text{ nF}$		30		ns
DRVL Fall Time tf <sub>DRVL</sub>	$C_{LOAD} = 3 \text{ nF}$		22		ns
DRVL Turn–Off Propagation Delay tpdl <sub>DRVL</sub>	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 3 nF		27		ns
DRVL Turn–On Propagation Delay tpdh <sub>DRVL</sub>	C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 3 nF		12		ns
DRVL Pull Down Resistance	DRVL to PGND, VCC = PGND		37.5		kΩ
EN INPUT	•			•	•
Input Voltage High		2.0			V
Input Voltage Low				1.0	V
Hysteresis			500		mV
Normal Mode Bias Current		–1		1	μΑ
Enable Pin Sink Current		4		30	mA
Propagation Delay Time			20	40	ns
SW Node					
SW Node Leakage Current				20	μΑ
Zero Cross Detection Threshold Voltage	SW to -20 mV, ramp slowly until BG goes off (Start in DCM mode) (Note 2)		-3		mV

#### **PWM INPUT** ZCD DRVL DRVH PWM High ZCD Reset Low High PWM Mid Positive current through the inductor Low High PWM Mid Zero current through the inductor Low Low PWM Low ZCD Reset High Low

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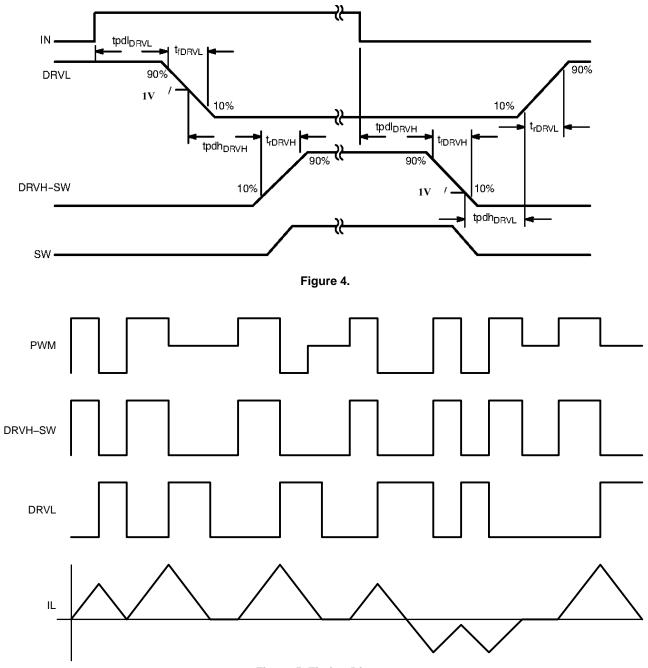


Figure 5. Timing Diagram

#### APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The NCP81063 gate driver is a single-phase MOSFET driver designed for driving N-channel MOSFETs in a synchronous buck converter topology.

#### Low-Side Driver

The low-side driver is designed to drive a ground-referenced low- $R_{DS(on)}$  N-channel MOSFET. The voltage supply for the low-side driver is internally connected to the VCC and GND pins.

#### **High-Side Driver**

The high–side driver is designed to drive a floating low– $R_{DS(on)}$  N–channel MOSFET. The gate voltage for the high–side driver is developed by a bootstrap circuit referenced to the SW pin.

The bootstrap circuit is comprised of the integrated diode and an external bootstrap capacitor. When the NCP81063 is starting up, the SW pin is held at ground, allowing the bootstrap capacitor to charge up to VCC through the bootstrap diode. When the PWM input is driven high, the high–side driver will turn on the high–side MOSFET using the stored charge of the bootstrap capacitor. As the high–side MOSFET turns on, the SW pin rises. When the high–side MOSFET is fully turned on, SW will settle to VIN and BST will settle to VIN + VCC (excluding parasitic ringing).

#### **Bootstrap Circuit**

The bootstrap circuit relies on an external charge storage capacitor ( $C_{BST}$ ) and an integrated diode to provide current to the high–side driver. A multi–layer ceramic capacitor (MLCC) with a value greater than 100 nF should be used for  $C_{BST}$ .

#### **Power Supply Decoupling**

The NCP81063 can source and sink relatively large currents to the gate pins of the MOSFETs. In order to maintain a constant and stable supply voltage, a low–ESR capacitor should be placed near the VCC and GND pins. A MLCC between 1  $\mu$ F and 4.7  $\mu$ F is typically used.

#### **Undervoltage Lockout**

DRVH and DRVL are low until VCC reaches the VCC UVLO threshold, typically 4.35 V. Once VCC reaches this threshold, the PWM signal will control DRVH and DRVL. There is a 200 mV hysteresis on VCC UVLO. There are pull-down resistors on DRVH, DRVL and SW to prevent the gates of the MOSFETs from accumulating enough charge to turn on when the driver is powered off.

#### **Bi-Directional EN Signal**

The Enable pin (EN) is used to disable the DRVH and DRVL outputs to prevent power transfer. When EN is above the  $EN_{HI}$  threshold, DRVH and DRVL change their states according to the PWM input. A UVLO fault turns on the internal MOSFET that pulls the EN pin towards ground. By connecting EN to the DRON pin of a controller, the

controller is alerted when the driver encounters a fault condition.

#### Three-State PWM Input

Switching PWM between logic-high and logic-low states will allow the driver to operate in continuous conduction mode as long as VCC is greater than the UVLO threshold and EN is high. The threshold limits are specified in the electrical characteristics table in this datasheet. Refer to Figure 21 for the gate timing diagrams and Table 1 for the EN/PWM logic table.

When PWM is set above PWM<sub>HI</sub>, DRVL will first turn off after a propagation delay of  $tpdl_{DRVL}$ . To ensure non–overlap between DRVL and DRVH, there is a delay of  $tpdh_{DRVH}$  from the time DRVL falls to 1 V, before DRVH is allowed to turn on.

When PWM falls below PWM<sub>LO</sub>, DRVH will first turn off after a propagation delay of  $tpdl_{DRVH}$ . To ensure non–overlap between DRVH and DRVL, there is a delay of  $tpdh_{DRVL}$  from the time DRVH – SW falls to 1 V, before DRVL is allowed to turn on.

When PWM enters the mid-state voltage range, PWM<sub>MID</sub>, DRVL goes high after the non-overlap delay, and stays high for the duration of the ZCD blanking timer and an 80 ns de-bounce timer. Once these timers expire, SW is monitored for zero current detection and pulls DRVL low once zero current is detected.

#### Thermal Considerations

As power in the NCP81063 increases, it might become necessary to provide some thermal relief. The maximum power dissipation supported by the device is dependent upon board design and layout. Mounting pad configuration on the PCB, the board material, and the ambient temperature affect the rate of junction temperature rise for the part. When the NCP81063 has good thermal conductivity through the PCB, the junction temperature will be relatively low with high power applications. The maximum dissipation the NCP81063 can handle is given by:

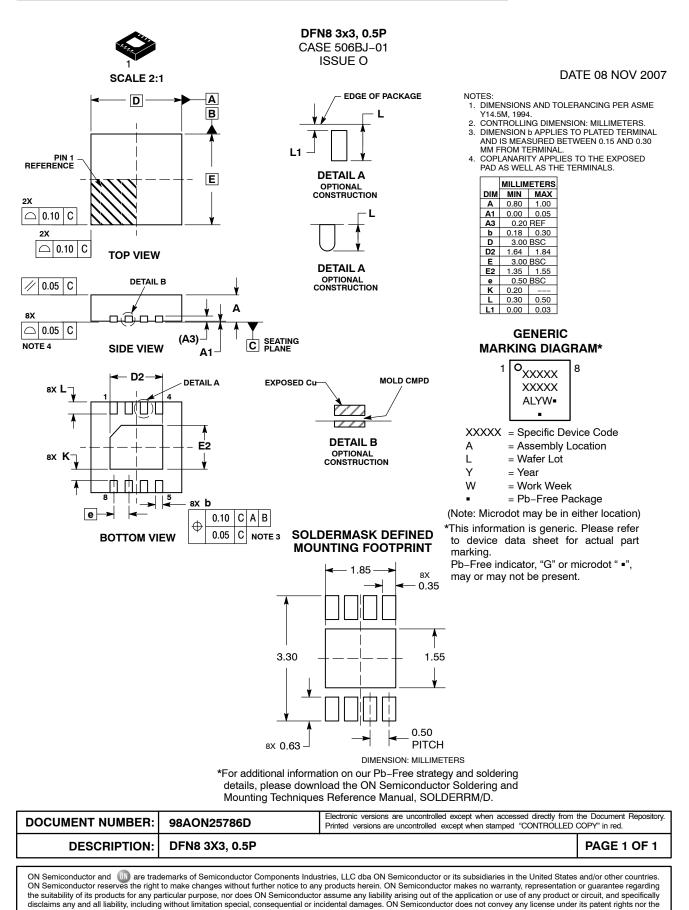
$$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{D}(\mathsf{MAX})} = \frac{\left[\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{J}(\mathsf{MAX})} - \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{A}}\right]}{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{\theta}\mathsf{J}\mathsf{A}}} \tag{eq. 1}$$

Since  $T_J$  is not recommended to exceed 150°C, the NCP81063, soldered on to a 645 mm<sup>2</sup> copper area, using 1 oz. copper and FR4, can dissipate up to 2.3 W when the ambient temperature ( $T_A$ ) is 25°C. The power dissipated by the NCP81063 can be calculated from the following equation:

$$P_{D} = VCC \times \left[ \left( n_{HS} \times Qg_{HS} + n_{LS} \times Qg_{LS} \right) \times f + I_{standby} \right]$$
(eq. 2)

Where  $n_{HS}$  and  $n_{LS}$  are the number of high-side and low-side FETs, respectively,  $Qg_{HS}$  and  $Qg_{LS}$  are the gate charges of the high-side and low-side FETs, respectively and *f* is the switching frequency of the converter.





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