

# TPS92511 500-mA, 65-V Common Anode Constant Current Buck LED Driver Without External Current Sensing Resistor

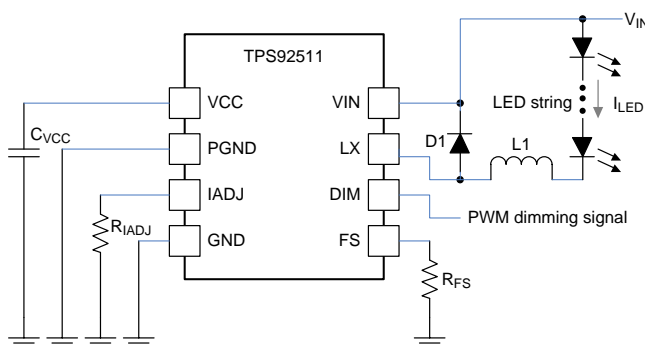
## 1 Features

- Wide Input Voltage Range: 4.5 V to 65 V
- Requires NO External Current Sensing Resistor
- Requires NO External Loop Compensation
- Ease of Use, Needs Minimum 5 Components
- 1000:1 Contrast Ratio Feasible
- Single Layer PCB Feasible
- Can Work as High Voltage Buck Regulators
- Can Work as Linear Current Shunt Regulators
- Integrated Low-side N-channel MOSFET
- LED Current Programmable up to 0.5 A
- Typically  $\pm 3.6\%$  LED Current Accuracy
- Switching Frequency Programmable From 50 kHz to 500 kHz
- Current Limit Protection
- VCC Under-voltage Lock-out
- Thermal Shutdown Protection
- Support Analog Dimming and Thermal Foldback
- Power Enhanced SOIC-8 Exposed Thermal Pad Package (HSOP-8)

## 2 Applications

- High Power LED Driver
- Architectural Lighting
- Office Troffer
- Automotive Lighting
- MR-16 LED Lamp

### Simplified Application



## 3 Description

The TPS92511 is an easy to use 65V constant current buck converter for driving a single LED string with current up to 0.5A and efficiency up to 95%. Only 5 external components are required for basic operation and single layer PCB layout is feasible because of the integration of a N-MOSFET, no external current sensing resistor, no external compensation and the proper terminal assignment. A high-value external resistor programs the LED current so that fine tuning of the LED current can be achieved. Another high-value external resistor programs a constant switching frequency from 50kHz to 500kHz. EMI design becomes easier as a result of constant switching frequency. The TPS92511 provides a wide input voltage range from 4.5V to 65V. By adding simple external circuits, the device can handle applications with even higher input voltages.

The TPS92511 employs a proprietary control scheme to regulate the LED current without the need of sensing the LED current directly. It applies a floating buck topology with a low-side N-channel power MOSFET, which does not need boot-strapping capacitor. For multiple channel systems, the floating buck topology together with the proprietary control scheme allows a common-anode connection of the LED strings without an external current sensing network. This significantly reduces the number of wiring and as well as overall manufacturing cost.

The TPS92511 has very fast PWM dimming response time. For example, if the switching frequency is 500 kHz, the minimum DIM pulse width is 6 $\mu$ s and the dimming frequency is 150Hz, a contrast ratio of more than 1000:1 can be achieved.

The TPS92511 is available in the Power Enhanced SOIC-8 exposed thermal pad package.

### Device Information

ORDER NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE
TPS92511DDA	HSOP (8)	4,89mm x 3,90mm



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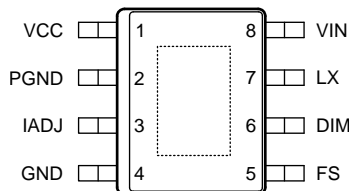
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## 4 Revision History

DATE	REVISION	NOTES
March 2014	*	Initial release.

## 5 Terminal Configuration and Functions

**DDA (SO THERMAL PAD) PACKAGE  
8 TERMINALS  
(TOP VIEW)**



**Terminal Functions**

TERMINAL		DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.	
DIM	6	PWM Dimming Control. Apply logic level PWM signal to this terminal dims the LED string. This terminal is internally pulled up.
FS	5	Switching Frequency Setting. An external resistor $R_{FS}$ connecting the FS terminal to ground programs the switching frequency from 50 kHz to 500 kHz.
GND	4	Analog Signal Ground.
IADJ	3	Average LED Current Setting. An external resistor $R_{IADJ}$ connecting the IADJ terminal to ground programs the average LED current.
LX	7	Integrated MOSFET Drain. Internally connected to the drain of the integrated MOSFET. Connect this terminal to the output inductor and anode of the Schottky diode.
PGND	2	Power Ground. Must be connected to the GND terminal for normal operation. The PGND and GND terminals are not internally shorted.
VCC	1	Internal Regulator Output. Typically regulated to 5.4 V. Connect a capacitor of larger than 1 $\mu$ F between the VCC and GND terminals.
VIN	8	Input Voltage. Supply terminal to the device. The input voltage range is from 4.5 V to 65 V.
Thermal pad		Thermal Connection Pad. Connect to a ground plane for heat dissipation.

## 6 Specifications

### 6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings <sup>(1)</sup>

Unless otherwise specified,  $T_J = T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
Terminal voltage range	VIN to GND	-0.3		65	V
	VIN to GND (Transient)	-0.3		67	V
	LX to PGND	-0.3		65	V
	LX to PGND (Transient)	-3(2ns)		67	V
	FS, IADJ to GND	-0.3		5	V
	DIM to GND	-0.3		6	V
	VCC to GND	-0.3		7	V
Temperature range	Operating junction temperature range, $T_J$	-40		Internally limited	$^\circ\text{C}$

(1) Absolute Maximum Ratings are limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings are conditions under which operation of the device is intended to be functional. For specified specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics.

### 6.2 Handling Ratings

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
$T_{\text{stg}}$	Storage temperature range	-65	150	$^\circ\text{C}$
$V_{\text{ESD}}^{(1)}$	Human Body Model (HBM) ESD stress voltage <sup>(2)</sup>		1.5	kV
	Charged Device Model (CDM) ESD stress voltage <sup>(3)</sup>		1.5	kV

- (1) Electrostatic discharge (ESD) to measure device sensitivity and immunity to damage caused by assembly line electrostatic discharges in to the device.
- (2) Level listed above is the passing level per ANSI, ESDA, and JEDEC JS-001. JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
- (3) Level listed above is the passing level per EIA-JEDEC JESD22-C101. JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

### 6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
$V_{\text{IN}}$	Supply voltage range	4.5		65	V
$T_A$	Operating free air temperature	-40		125	$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_J$	Operating junction temperature	-40		125	$^\circ\text{C}$

### 6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup>		TPS92511	UNIT
		DDA	
		8 PINS	
$\theta_{\text{JA}}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	59.9	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
$\theta_{\text{Jctop}}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	59.1	
$\theta_{\text{JB}}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	30.6	
$\psi_{\text{JT}}$	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	11.0	
$\psi_{\text{JB}}$	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	30.5	
$\theta_{\text{Jcbot}}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	4.2	

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).

## 6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified,  $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_J = T_A \leq 125^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 48\text{ V}$

PARAMETER		CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>SYSTEM</b>						
$I_{IN-DIM-HIGH}$	VIN Operating Current	$4.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 65\text{ V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 3\text{ k}\Omega$ , $V_{DIM} = \text{High}$		2.8	3.15	mA
$I_{IN-DIM-LOW}$	VIN Standby Current	$4.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 65\text{ V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 3\text{ k}\Omega$ , $V_{DIM} = \text{Low}$		2.3	2.7	mA
$I_{LX-OFF}$	LX Terminal Current	Main switch turned OFF, $V_{LX} = V_{IN} = 65\text{ V}$		0.1	1.0	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{LED}$	Average LED Current	$V_{FS} = 4.6\text{V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 3\text{ k}\Omega$ , $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	484	502	520	mA
		$V_{FS} = 4.6\text{V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 3\text{ k}\Omega$	477	502	528	mA
		$V_{FS} = 4.6\text{V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 6\text{ k}\Omega$ , $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	236	249	262	mA
		$V_{FS} = 4.6\text{V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 6\text{ k}\Omega$	233	249	268	mA
		$V_{FS} = 4.6\text{V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 10\text{ k}\Omega$ , $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	138	149	160	mA
		$V_{FS} = 4.6\text{V}$ , $R_{IADJ} = 10\text{ k}\Omega$	133	149	166	mA
$V_{IADJ}$	IADJ Terminal voltage		1.224	1.25	1.278	V
$V_{DIM-ON}$	DIM Terminal Upper Threshold	$V_{DIM}$ Increasing	0.85	1.0	1.25	V
$V_{DIM-OFF}$	DIM Terminal Lower Threshold	$V_{DIM}$ Decreasing	0.44			V
$V_{DIM-HYS}$	DIM Terminal Threshold Hysteresis			325		mV
$f_{SW}$	Switching frequency	$R_{FS} = 20\text{ k}\Omega$	450	500	550	kHz
$t_{on(min)}$	Minimum On-time			250	400	ns
<b>INTERNAL REGULATOR</b>						
$V_{CC}$	VCC Regulated Output Voltage	$C_{VCC} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , no load	4.7	5.4	6.0	V
		$C_{VCC} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $V_{IN} = 4.5\text{V}$ , 2 mA load	3.7	4.1		V
$V_{CC-UVLO-ON}$	VCC UVLO Upper Threshold	$V_{CC}$ rising	3.50	3.75	4.00	V
$V_{CC-UVLO-OFF}$	VCC UVLO Lower Threshold	$V_{CC}$ falling	3.05			V
$V_{CC-UVLO-HYS}$	VCC UVLO Hysteresis			275		mV
<b>INTEGRATED MOSFET</b>						
$R_{LX}$	Resistance Across LX and GND	Main Switch Turned ON, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		1.4	2.15	$\Omega$
<b>THERMAL SHUTDOWN</b>						
$T_{SD}$	Thermal shutdown temperature	$T_J$ Rising		165		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
$T_{SD-HYS}$	Thermal shutdown hysteresis	$T_J$ Falling		10		

### 6.6 Typical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified, all curves are taken at  $V_{IN} = 48V$  with configuration in the application circuit for driving 12 LEDs with  $I_{LED} = 0.5A$  and  $f_{SW} = 300\text{ kHz}$  as shown in this datasheet, and  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ .

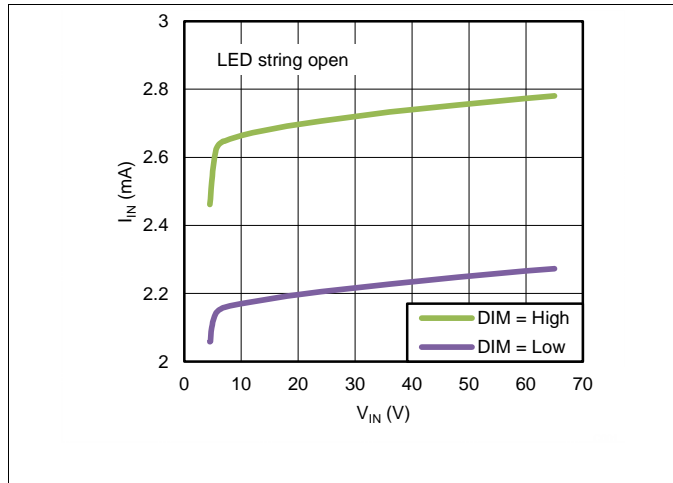


Figure 1.  $I_{IN}$  vs  $V_{IN}$

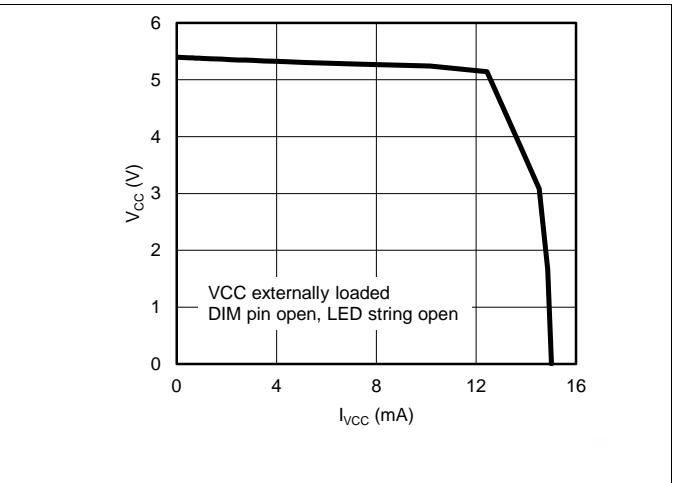


Figure 2.  $V_{CC}$  vs  $I_{VCC}$

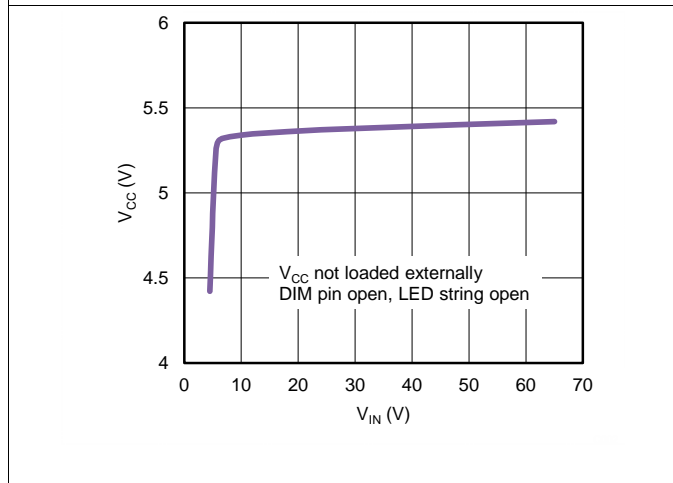


Figure 3.  $V_{CC}$  vs  $V_{IN}$

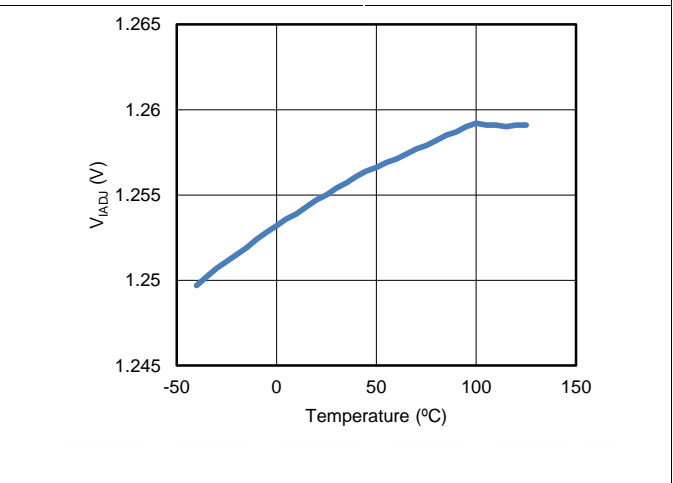


Figure 4.  $V_{IADJ}$  vs Temperature

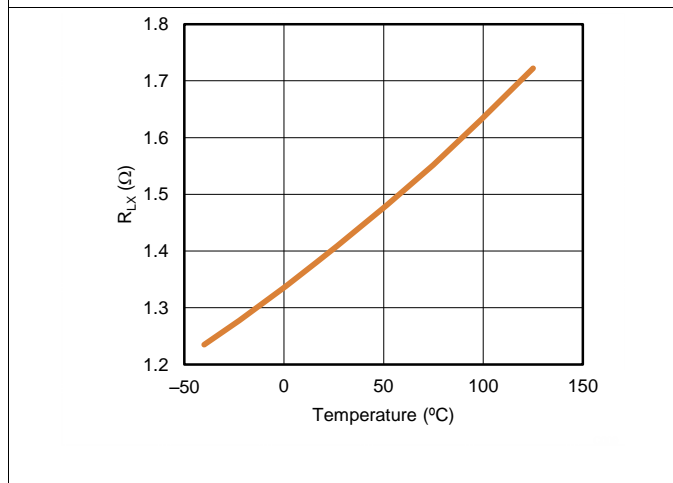


Figure 5.  $R_{LX}$  vs Temperature

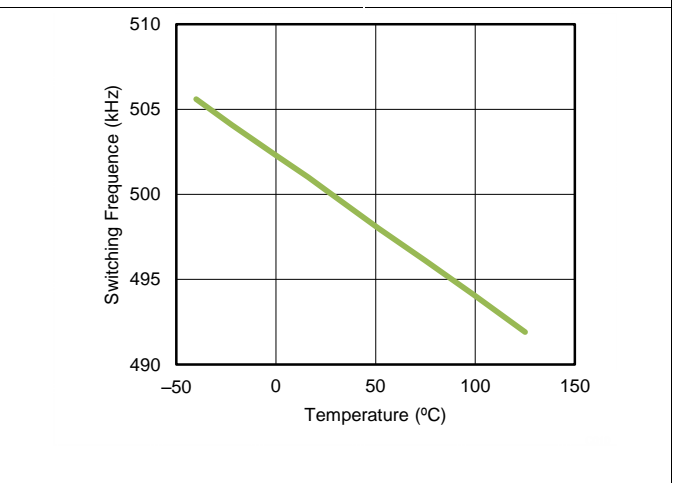


Figure 6.  $f_{SW}$  vs Temperature

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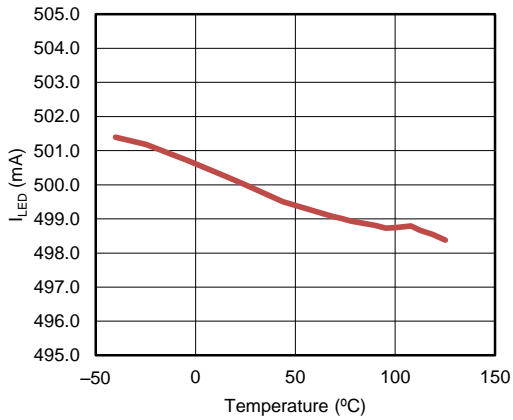


Figure 7.  $I_{LED}$  at 500 mA vs Temperature

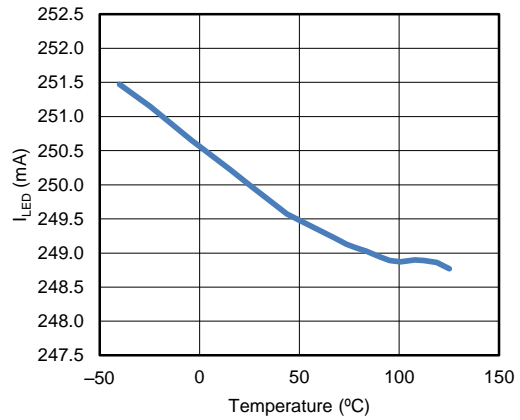


Figure 8.  $I_{LED}$  at 250 mA vs Temperature

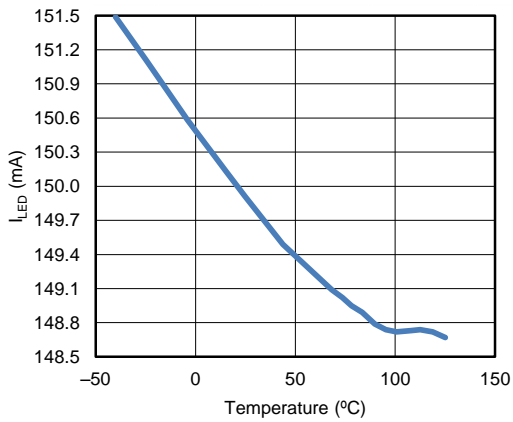


Figure 9.  $I_{LED}$  at 150 mA vs Temperature

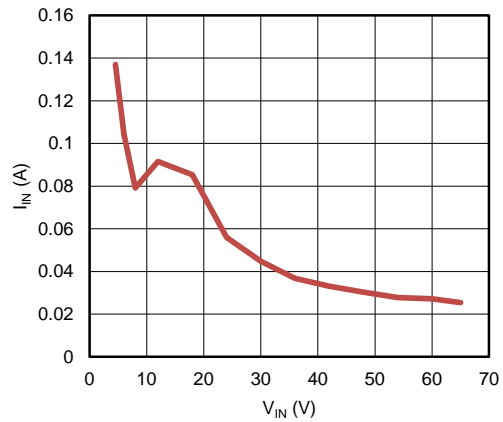


Figure 10.  $I_{IN}$  vs  $V_{IN}$  at LED Short

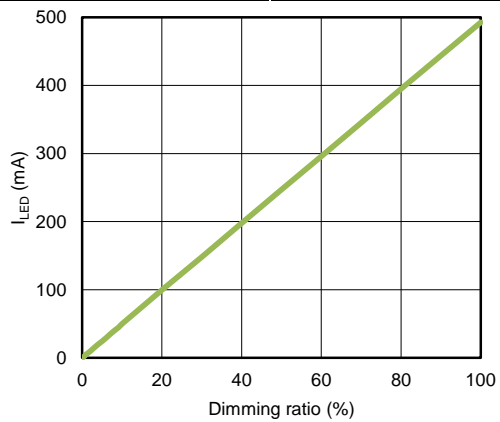


Figure 11. PWM Dimming Linearity (0-100%) ( $f_{SW} = 500\text{kHz}$ ,  $L1 = 68\ \mu\text{H}$ )

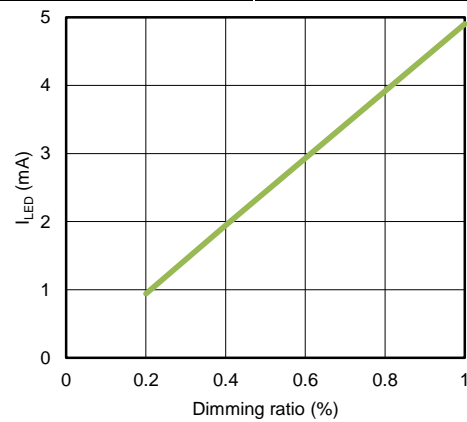


Figure 12. PWM Dimming Linearity (under 1%) ( $f_{SW} = 500\text{kHz}$ ,  $L1 = 68\ \mu\text{H}$ )

## 7 Detailed Description

### 7.1 Overview

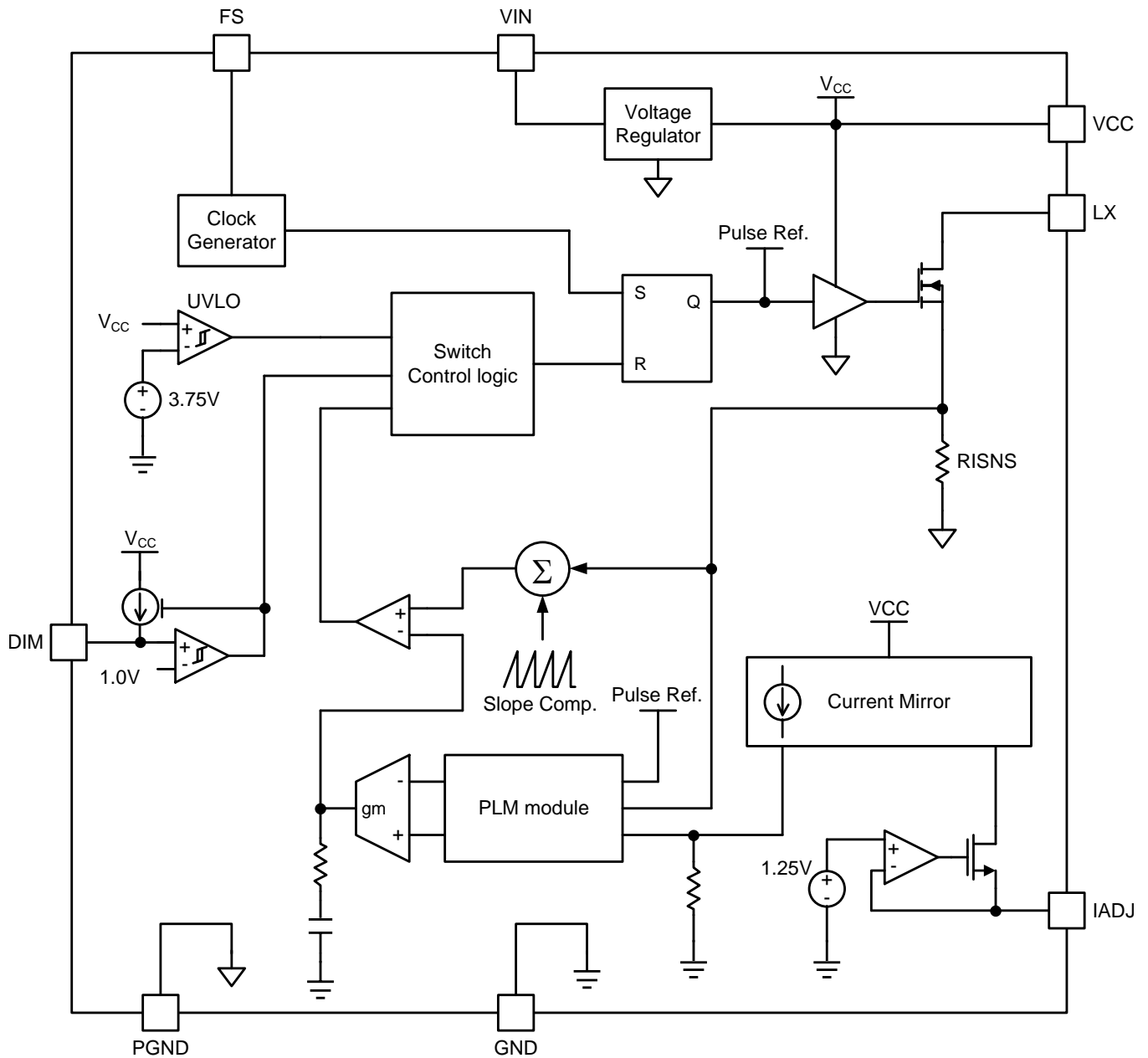
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The TPS92511 employs a proprietary Pulse-Level-Modulation (PLM) control scheme under continuous conduction mode (CCM) to regulate the LED current without the need of sensing the LED current directly. It applies a floating buck topology with a low-side N-channel power MOSFET, which does not need boot-strapping capacitor, so that driving LED string under drop-out conditions and very high input voltages are feasible. For multiple channel systems, the floating buck topology without external current sensing network together with the proprietary control scheme allows a common-anode connection of the LED strings without external current sensing network. This saves high-side current sensing wirings for separate driver boards and LED board systems and significantly reduces the number of wiring, which can lower overall manufacturing cost.

The TPS92511 has very fast PWM dimming response time. There is almost no delay between the DIM terminal voltage rising edge and the start of the LED current conduction, so it can dim down to nearly zero current. In order to maintain good dimming linearity, the minimum LED current pulse width is suggested to be three switching cycles. For example, if the switching frequency is 500 kHz, the minimum DIM pulse width is 6 $\mu$ s and the dimming frequency is 150Hz, a contrast ratio of more than 1000:1 can be achieved.



## 7.2 Functional Block Diagram



## 7.3 Feature Description

### 7.3.1 Pulse Level Modulation (PLM) Control

A proprietary Pulse-Level-Modulation (PLM) control method is used in the TPS92511. It can regulate the average LED current by sensing only the inductor current at the on-period (Figure 13). The integrated MOSFET and the sensing and control circuits in the TPS92511 implement the whole PLM control internally so the control does not suffer from tolerance and noise issues that may be coming from external components. As compared with the conventional method which regulates average LED current by sensing the current over the entire switching cycle, the power dissipation on the sensing circuit in PLM is much lower. For example, consider a duty cycle of 0.5, the power dissipation on current sensing in PLM can be reduced by half. PLM requires no external loop compensation circuit. Besides, the accuracy of the regulated LED current is high (typically  $\pm 3.5\%$  in the TPS92511).

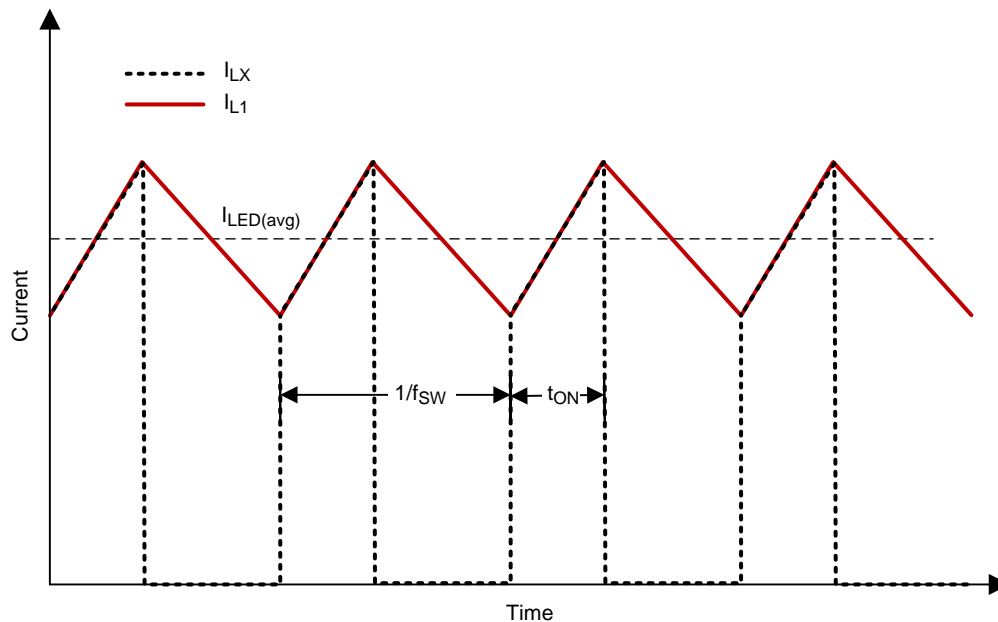


Figure 13. Waveforms of a Floating Buck LED Driver with PLM

### 7.3.2 Pulse Level Modulation (PLM) Operation Principles

The Pulse-Level-Modulation is a patented method to ensure an accurate average output current regulation without the need of direct output current sensing. Figure 13 shows the current waveforms of a typical buck converter under steady state, where,  $I_{L1}$  is the inductor current and  $I_{LX}$  is the current flowing into the LX pin. For a buck converter operating in steady state, the mid-point of the RAMP portion of  $I_{L1}$  equals to the average value of  $I_{L1}$  and hence the average LED current  $I_{LED(avg)}$ . In short, by regulating the mid-point with respect to a precise reference level, PLM achieves LED current regulation by sensing the main MOSFET current solely, instead of the entire cycle of  $I_{L1}$ .

### 7.3.3 PLM Control enable Common-Anode Low-Side Sensing (CALS) Technique to Save Wiring

For multi-channel systems with separated driver boards and LED array boards, the Pulse-Level-Modulation (PLM) control scheme enable Common-Anode Low-Side Current Sensing to save inter-board wirings. Figure 14 shows a conventional configuration with a Low-side switching and High-Side Current Sensing. For an  $n$  channel system with separated driver and an LED array boards,  $2n$  inter-board wirings are required. For example, an 128-channel system needs 256 inter-board wirings, which implies a high material and manufacturing cost. Figure 15 shows the PLM configuration with Low-side switching and Low-Side Current Sensing. A Common-Anode configuration is used for the LED array board. As shown in the figure, an  $n$  channel system with separated driver and LED array boards requires only  $n+1$  inter-board wirings. For an 128-channel system, only 129 inter-board wirings are required. The wiring cost is cut by half, and the cost of the end product can be reduced.

Feature Description (continued)

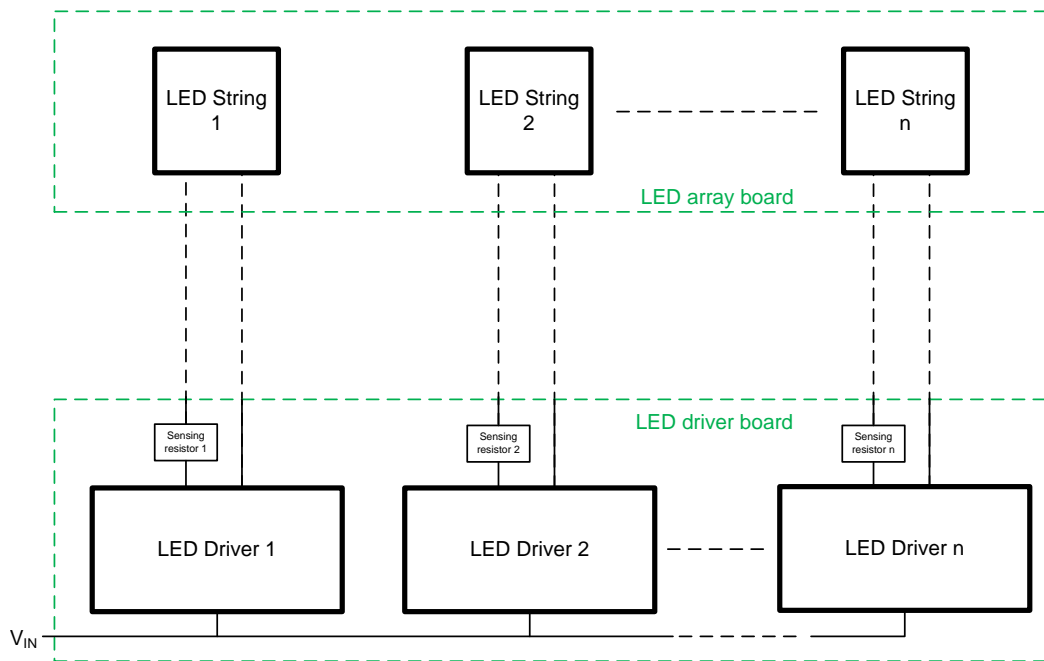


Figure 14. Conventional Configuration with Low-Side Switching and High-Side Current Sensing Requires 2xn Inter-Board Wirings

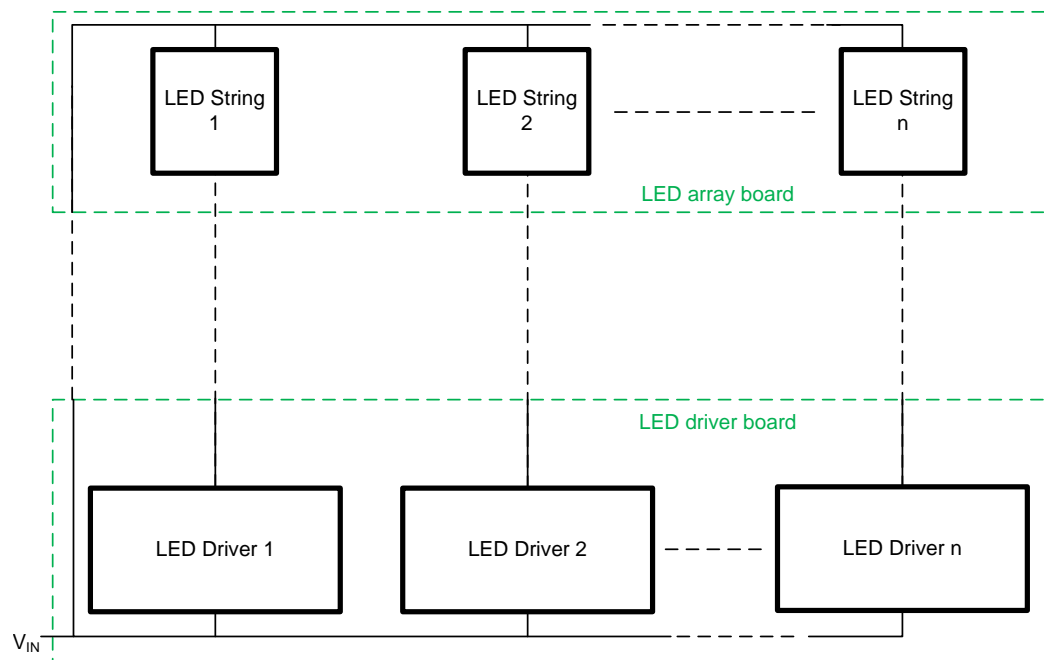


Figure 15. PLM Configuration with Common-Anode Low-Side Switching Requires n+1 Inter-Board Wirings

## Feature Description (continued)

### 7.3.4 Internal Regulator

The TPS92511 integrates an internal voltage regulator for powering internal circuitry. For stability, an external capacitor  $C_{VCC}$  of at least 1  $\mu\text{F}$  should be connected between the VCC and PGND terminals. The output of the internal regulator  $V_{CC}$  is 5.4V when  $V_{IN}$  is larger than 6V. If  $V_{IN}$  is lower than 6V,  $V_{CC}$  decreases. The TPS92511 will trigger the VCC under-voltage lock-out if  $V_{CC}$  falls below typically 3.5V.  $V_{CC}$  can be used to bias external circuits subject to a loading of maximum 2 mA, while it has a short circuit current limit at typically 16 mA.

### 7.3.5 Setting The Switching Frequency

The switching frequency  $f_{SW}$  of the TPS92511 is programmable in the range of 50 kHz to 500 kHz by a single resistor  $R_{FS}$  connecting the FS terminal and ground. The following equation shows the relationship between  $f_{SW}$  and  $R_{FS}$ :

$$f_{SW} = \frac{10 \times 10^6}{R_{FS}} \text{ kHz} \quad (1)$$

Figure 16 plots  $f_{SW}$  against  $R_{FS}$ . Table 1 shows values of  $R_{FS}$  for commonly used switching frequencies.

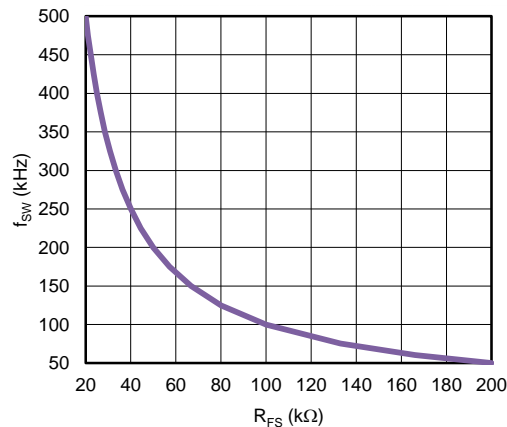


Figure 16. Switching Frequency vs  $R_{FS}$

Table 1. Commonly Used  $f_{SW}$  And  $R_{FS}$

$f_{SW}$ (kHz)	$R_{FS}$ (k $\Omega$ )
50	200
100	100
300	33.2
500	20

### 7.3.6 Setting The LED Current

The LED current  $I_{LED}$  of the TPS92511 is programmable by a single resistor  $R_{IADJ}$  connecting the IADJ terminal and ground. The IADJ terminal is internally biased to 1.25 V. Equation 2 shows the relationship between  $I_{LED}$  and  $R_{IADJ}$ :

$$I_{LED} = \frac{1500}{R_{IADJ}} \text{ A} \quad (2)$$

To ensure stability,  $R_{IADJ}$  must be less than 30 k $\Omega$ , implying a minimum  $I_{LED}$  of 50 mA can be programmed. The tolerance of  $I_{LED}$  of 150 mA is shown in the ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS. Larger tolerance should be expected for lower  $I_{LED}$ . Figure 17 plots  $I_{LED}$  against  $R_{IADJ}$ . Table 2 shows values of  $R_{IADJ}$  for commonly used  $I_{LED}$ .

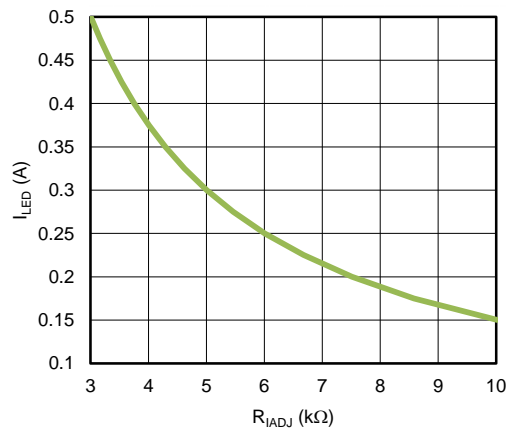


Figure 17. LED Current vs R<sub>IADJ</sub>

Table 2. Commonly Used I<sub>LED</sub> And R<sub>IADJ</sub>

I <sub>LED</sub> (mA)	R <sub>IADJ</sub> (kΩ)
150	10
350	4.32
500	3.01

### 7.3.7 Integrated MOSFET

The TPS92511 integrates a N-channel power MOSFET, the drain of which is connected to the LX terminal. When the integrated MOSFET is turned on, the resistance across the LX and GND terminals is typically 1.4Ω. The integrated MOSFET has a fixed current limit of 1.2A to protect the application circuit during critical operation conditions like short circuit of the LED string. Once the limit is hit, the integrated MOSFET turns off immediately for 34 μs to let the inductor discharge.

The minimum on-time of the integrated MOSFET is 400 ns. It may be hit at a high switching frequency and a high V<sub>IN</sub>/V<sub>LED</sub> ratio. Once hit, the I<sub>LED</sub> regulation may be affected. In the worst case, I<sub>LED</sub> may be boost up to a level higher than the programmed value, and the LED string and/or the inductor may be damaged as a result. Hence, it is recommended that the ratio between V<sub>IN</sub> and V<sub>LED</sub> should be designed under the following constraint:

$$\frac{V_{LED}}{V_{IN}} \geq 400ns \times f_{SW} \quad (3)$$

### 7.3.8 Inductor Selection

Operating in the continuous conduction mode (CCM) is required in the TPS92511 application circuit. In the CCM, considering the on-period, the peak-to-peak inductor current ripple (2ΔI<sub>L1</sub>) is shown in Equation 4.

$$2\Delta I_{L1} = \frac{t_{on}(V_{IN} - V_{LED})}{L_1} \quad (4)$$

Because

$$\frac{V_{LED}}{V_{IN}} = t_{on}f_{SW} \quad (5)$$

L<sub>1</sub> can be a function of V<sub>IN</sub>, V<sub>LED</sub>, f<sub>SW</sub> and ΔI<sub>L1</sub> as shown in Equation 6 .

$$L_1 = \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{LED})V_{LED}}{2\Delta I_{L1}V_{IN}f_{SW}} \quad (6)$$

The value of L<sub>1</sub> is selected by designers with the consideration of all above parameters. The minimum L<sub>1</sub> calculated by the following equation is a good starting point for designing L<sub>1</sub>:

$$L_1 > 1\mu\text{H}\Omega^{-1} \times \frac{R_{\text{FS}}R_{\text{IADJ}}}{10^6} \quad (7)$$

The following table shows some typical examples of using  $R_{\text{FS}}$  and  $R_{\text{IADJ}}$  to estimate the minimum  $L_1$ :

**Table 3. Estimation Of Minimum  $L_1$  Using  $R_{\text{FS}}$  And  $R_{\text{IADJ}}$**

$R_{\text{FS}}$ (k $\Omega$ )	$R_{\text{IADJ}}$ (k $\Omega$ )	Estimated Minimum $L_1$ ( $\mu\text{H}$ )	Recommended $L_1$ ( $\mu\text{H}$ )
100	10	1000	1000
33.2	3.01	100	100
20	4.32	86	100
20	3.01	60	68

To maintain the CCM,  $\Delta I_{L_1}$  must be smaller than the average LED current  $I_{\text{LED(avg)}}$ . Hence, the minimum inductance used is:

$$L_{1(\text{min})} = \frac{(V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{LED}})V_{\text{LED}}}{2I_{\text{LED(avg)}}V_{\text{IN}}f_{\text{SW}}} \quad (8)$$

In the absence of output capacitors, the TPS92511 can maintain a continuous  $I_{\text{LED}}$  throughout the entire switching cycle because in such case the inductor current is the same as  $I_{\text{LED}}$  (floating buck topology operating in the CCM). However, the LED peak current must not exceed the rated current of the LED. The peak LED current can be found by the following equation:

$$I_{\text{LED(peak)}} = I_{\text{LED(avg)}} + \frac{(V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{LED}})V_{\text{LED}}}{2L_1V_{\text{IN}}f_{\text{SW}}} \quad (9)$$

### 7.3.9 Integrated MOSFET Current Limit

The current limit of the integrated MOSFET is internally fixed at 1.2A to protect the LED string, the inductor and the integrated MOSFET from overdriven. Once triggered, the integrated MOSFET turns off immediately for 34  $\mu\text{s}$  to let the inductor to discharge. The triggering of the current limit cycles repetitively until all overdriven conditions disappear.

### 7.3.10 PWM Dimming Control

The TPS92511 implements PWM dimming by applying a PWM dimming signal to the DIM terminal. A low input applying to the DIM terminal disables the switching of the integrated MOSFET, and as a result discharges the inductor and then turns off the LED string. To turn on the LED string, the DIM terminal should be connected to high or left open (since it is internally pulled high by a current of typically 40  $\mu\text{A}$  and 90  $\mu\text{A}$  when the DIM terminal is low and high respectively). The PWM dimming frequency is recommended to be lower than  $0.1f_{\text{SW}}$  to ensure normal operation.

### 7.3.11 Analog Dimming

Analog dimming can be implemented by injecting a current to  $R_{\text{IADJ}}$  (Figure 18) and as a result reduces the current of the IADJ terminal,  $I_{\text{ADJ}}$ , which is controlled internally by the TPS92511 to bias the voltage on the IADJ terminal to be 1.25V. If the CCM can be maintained, the minimum  $I_{\text{ADJ}}$  can achieve 15  $\mu\text{A}$ , which refers to an  $I_{\text{LED}}$  of 18 mA. If  $I_{\text{ADJ}}$  is further decreased,  $I_{\text{LED}}$  may not follow due to the presence of the minimum on-time of the integrated MOSFET. If the CCM cannot be maintained,  $I_{\text{LED}}$  can still decrease monotonically with  $I_{\text{ADJ}}$ . However, if good line and load regulations are required, the CCM should be maintained by using a large inductance.

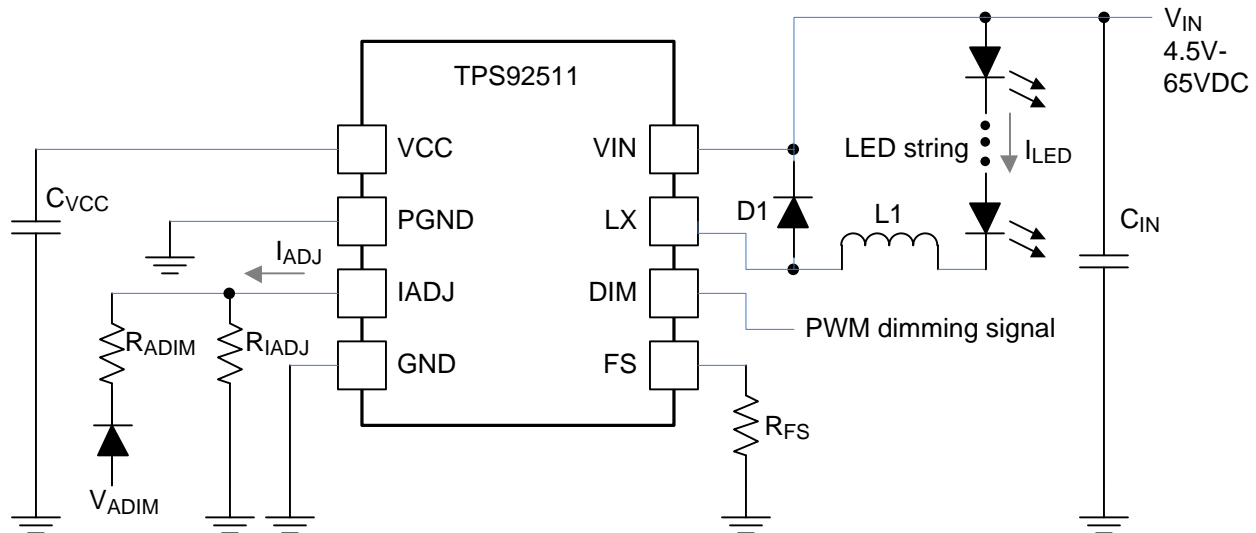


Figure 18. Circuit Configuration for Analog Dimming

### 7.3.12 High Voltage Buck Configuration

The TPS92511 can handle applications with an input voltage higher than 65V, which is the maximum V<sub>IN</sub> of the recommended operating condition of the TPS92511, by adding an external high voltage N-channel MOSFET to the application circuit as shown in Figure 19. PWM dimming can be implemented in this circuit without additional efforts, and analog dimming is also feasible by referencing to additional circuits shown in Figure 18.

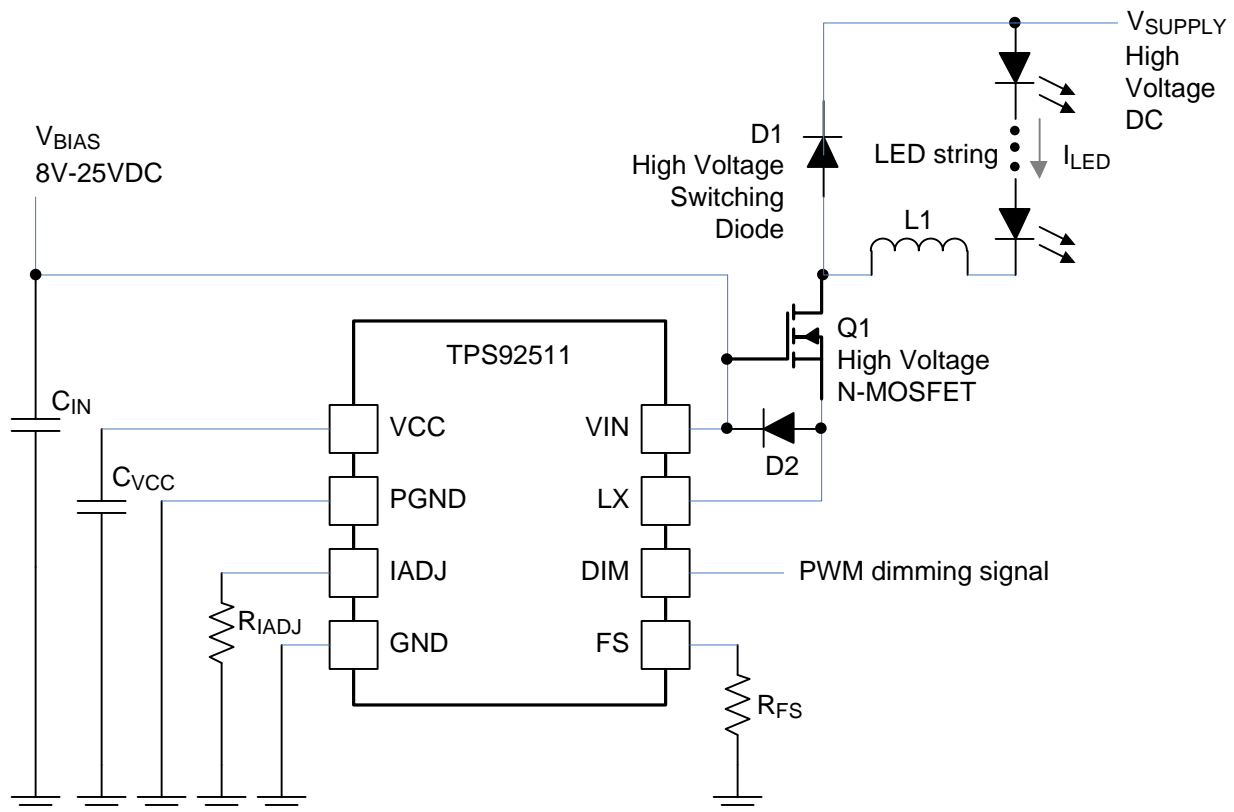


Figure 19. Circuit Configuration for Very High Voltage Buck

### 7.3.13 Thermal Foldback

Thermal foldback is useful to prevent over-temperature of LEDs during operation by sensing the temperature of LEDs and, if the sensed temperature is high, reducing  $I_{LED}$  to decrease the power and as well as the temperature of LEDs. Thanks to the feature of analog dimming, thermal foldback can be implemented by embedding a negative temperature coefficient (NTC) resistor,  $R_{NTC}$ , into a circuit as shown in Figure 20. When the sensed temperature increases,  $R_{NTC}$  decreases and thus the emitter current of  $Q_{T1}$  increases to reduce  $I_{LED}$  by means of analog dimming. The resistor  $R_{TF}$  can adjust the loop gain of the thermal foldback control loop, which should be high enough to avoid oscillation and maintain stability.

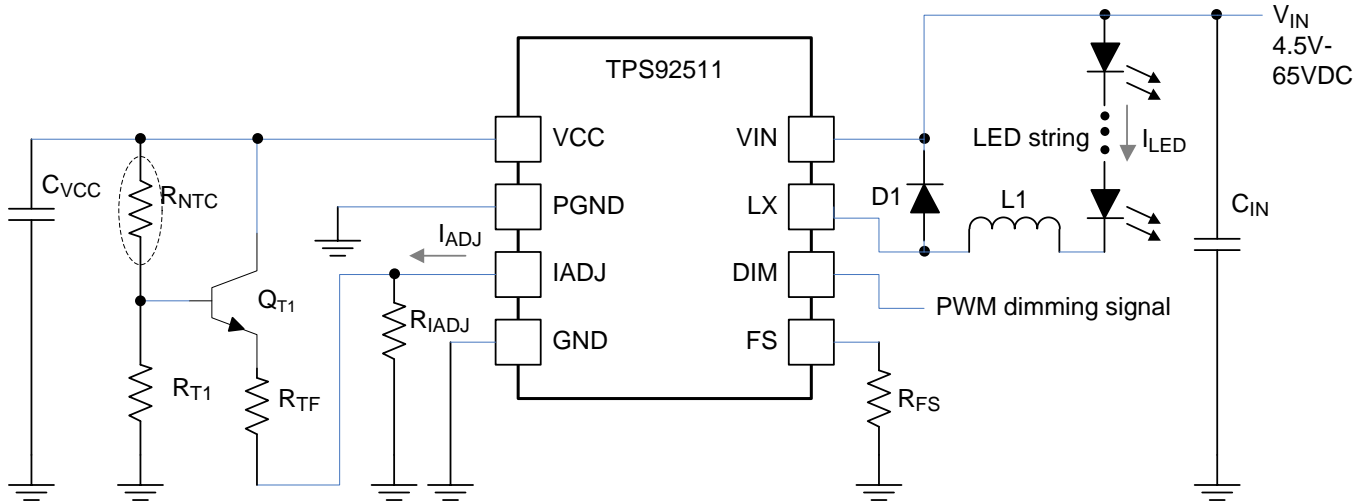


Figure 20. Circuit Configuration for Thermal Foldback

### 7.3.14 EMI Consideration

Conductive and radiative EMI can be major concerns for lighting applications. The TPS92511 application circuit can be designed for the EN 55022 class B standard by adding a few external components, as shown in Figure 21. The input filter which consists of an inductor  $L_2$  and two capacitors  $C_{IN2}$  and  $C_{IN3}$  takes care of the conductive EMI, while the output capacitor  $C_{LED}$  and the ferrite bead  $FB_1$  which inserts between the LX terminal and  $D_1$  take care of the radiative EMI.

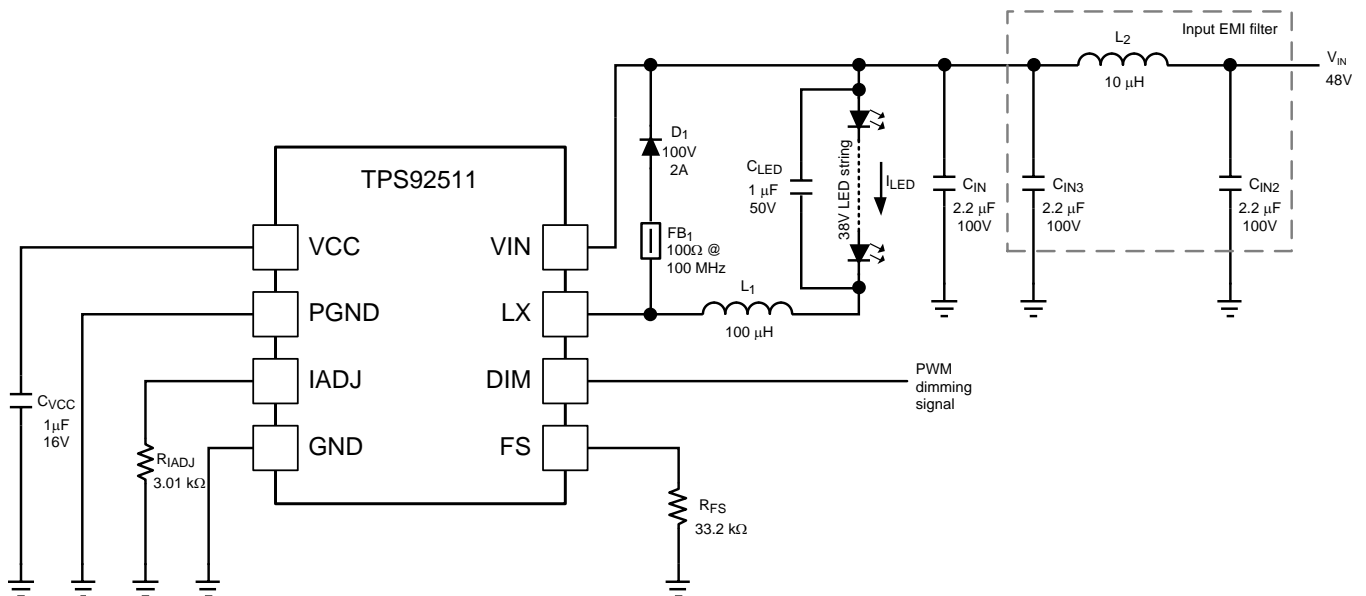


Figure 21. Circuit Configuration with EMI Design Consideration



## 7.4 Device Functional Modes

### 7.4.1 Operation with $V_{IN} < 4.5\text{ V}$ (minimum $V_{IN}$ )

For the typical application circuit, when the input voltage drops so that the VCC voltage regulator is under drop-out mode, and the VCC voltage drops below the “VCC UVLO Lower Threshold” (typically 3.48V), the switching of the main MOSFET is stopped, and the LED current will become zero. At the same time, the voltages of both the FS and IADJ pins will become zero.

When the input voltage increases from zero and the VCC voltage is increased to cross over the “VCC UVLO Upper Threshold” (typically 3.75V), the voltages on the FS and IADJ pins will rise to their regulation voltage (typically 1.25V), the switching of the main MOSFET is started upon the DIM pin voltage is HIGH, and the LED current will ramp up to its preset value set by  $R_{IADJ}$ .

### 7.4.2 Operation with DIM control

For the typical application circuit, when the VCC voltage is not under UVLO condition, the switching of the main MOSFET is enabled and the LED current is conducted if the DIM pin voltage is higher than the “DIM Pin Upper Threshold” (typically 1V).

Alternatively, the switching is disabled and the LED current is cut off if the voltage of the DIM pin is lower than the “DIM Pin Lower Threshold” (typically 0.675V).

### 7.4.3 Linear Mode

When the VCC voltage is not under UVLO condition and the voltage on the FS pin is forced to be higher than 4.2V but lower than 5V, the switching of the main MOSFET is disabled, and the TPS92511 is working in the Linear Mode. In the Linear Mode, if the voltage on the DIM pin is higher than the “DIM Pin Upper Threshold” (typically 1V), the TPS92511 will regulate the LX pin in-going current according to the preset value set by  $R_{IADJ}$ . Alternatively, if the voltage on the DIM pin is lower than the “DIM Pin Lower Threshold” (typically 0.675V), the LX pin will open and its in-going current will become zero.

Below is the simple configuration to have the TPS92511 working as a linear current shunt regulator.

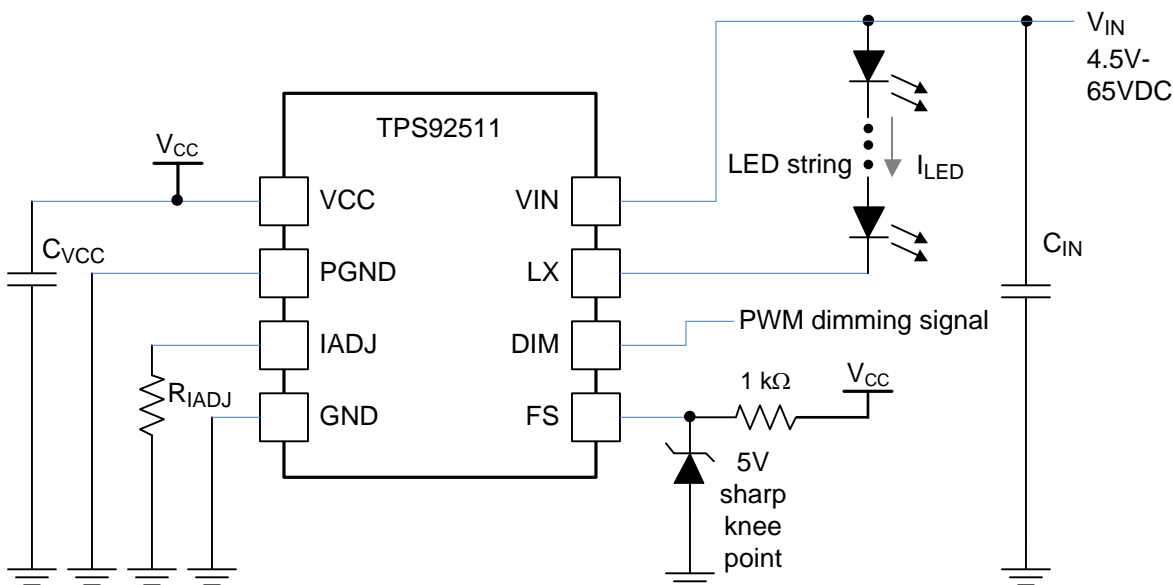


Figure 22. Circuit Configuration for Working as a Linear Current Shunt Regulator

## 8 Application and Implementation

### 8.1 Application Information

The TPS92511 is an LED driver which provides a regulated output current to drive a single string of LED with the forward voltage lower than the input voltage. The following procedures design a TPS92511 application circuit with an input voltage of 48V, driving an LED string of 38V at an LED current of 0.5A. The switching frequency is 300 kHz.

### 8.2 Typical Application

#### 8.2.1 TPS92511 LED driver for 12 LEDs at 0.5A

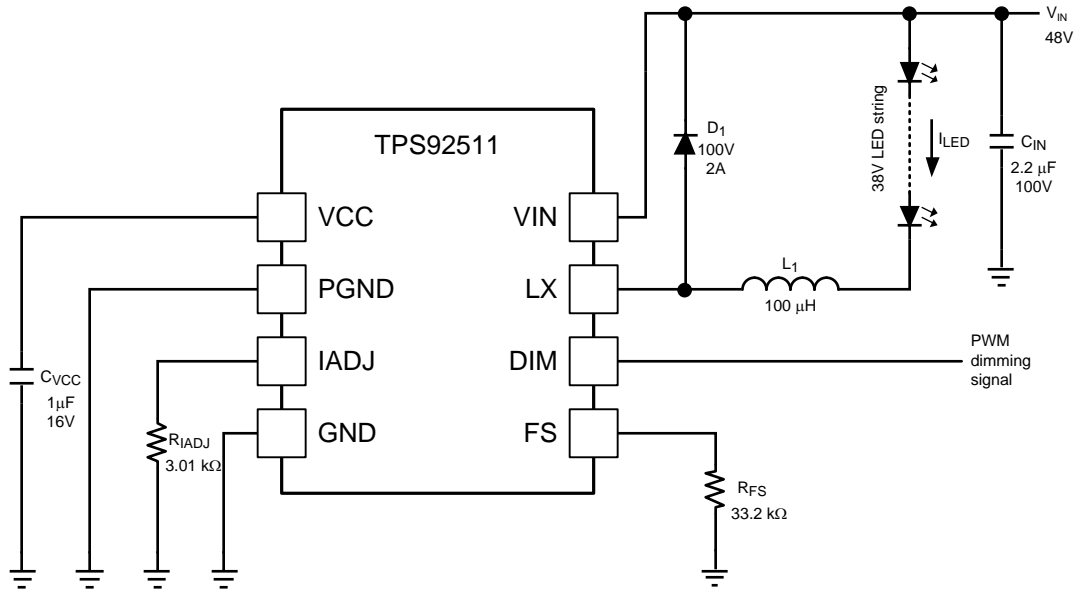


Figure 23. Application Circuit of TPS92511 ( $f_{sw} = 300 \text{ kHz}$  and  $I_{LED} = 0.5A$ )

## Typical Application (continued)

### 8.2.1.1 Design Requirements

**Table 4. Design Parameters**

DESIGN PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE
Input voltage range	43V to 53V
LED current	0.5A
LED string forward voltage	38V
Operating frequency	300 kHz

### 8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

**C<sub>IN</sub>** : The function of the input capacitor C<sub>IN</sub> is to reduce the input voltage ripple. Ceramic capacitors are recommended owing to the concern of product lifetime. A 100V 2.2 μF ceramic capacitor is selected in this circuit.

**C<sub>VCC</sub>** : The capacitor on the VCC terminal provides noise filtering and stabilizes the internal regulator. It also prevents false triggering of the VCC UVLO. C<sub>VCC</sub> is recommended to be a 1 μF good quality and low ESR ceramic capacitor.

**D<sub>1</sub>** : The diode D<sub>1</sub> should have a reverse voltage larger than V<sub>IN</sub> in the floating buck topology. In this circuit, a 100V diode is selected.

**R<sub>FS</sub> and R<sub>IADJ</sub>** : In this circuit, the switching frequency and LED current are designed to be 300 kHz and 0.5A. From [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#), R<sub>FS</sub> is 33.2 kΩ and R<sub>IADJ</sub> is 3.01 kΩ.

**L<sub>1</sub>** : The selection of inductor mainly affects the inductor current ripple. In this circuit, we design the peak to peak inductor current ripple to be 50% of I<sub>LED</sub>, i.e. 0.25A. From (6), L<sub>1</sub> is calculated to be 106 μH, and a 100 μH inductor is selected.

### 8.2.1.3 Application Curves

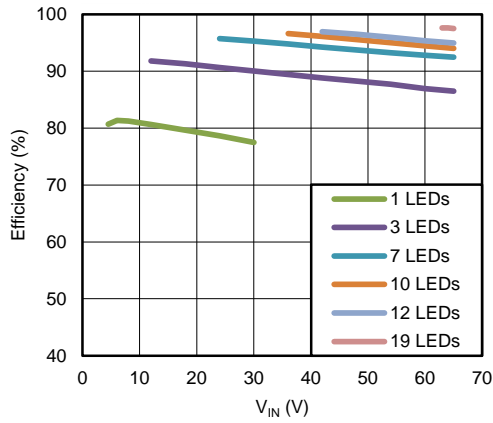


Figure 24. Efficiency vs  $V_{IN}$

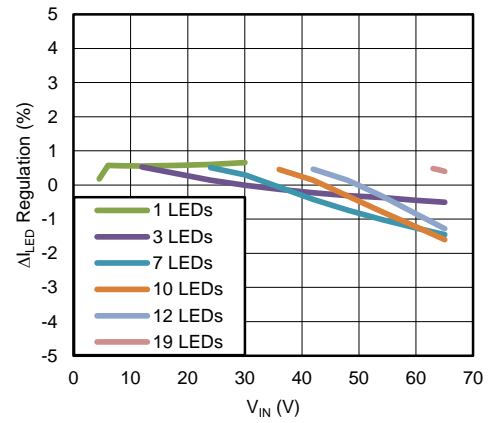


Figure 25. LED Current Regulation vs  $V_{IN}$

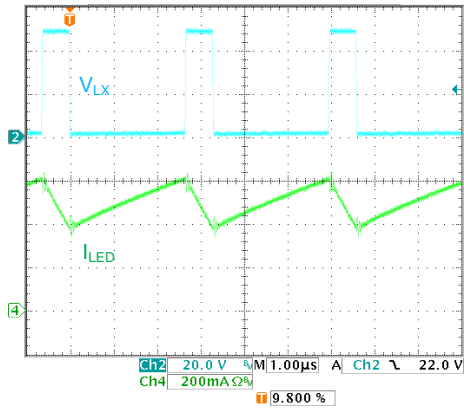


Figure 26. Steady State Operation

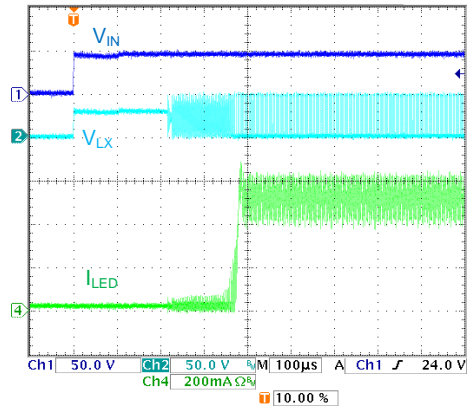


Figure 27. Power Up

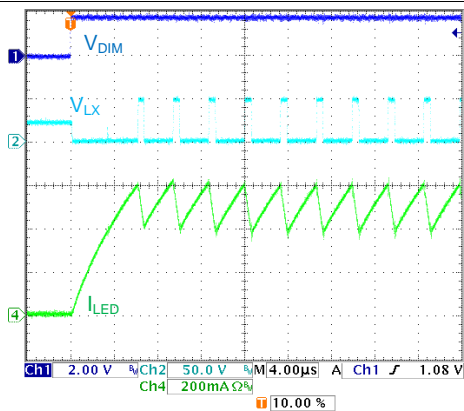


Figure 28. PWM Dimming ( $V_{DIM}$  Rising)

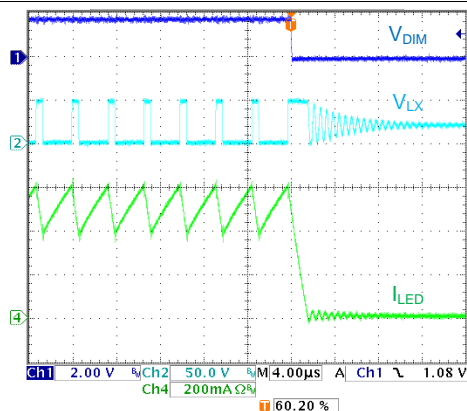


Figure 29. PWM Dimming ( $V_{DIM}$  Falling)

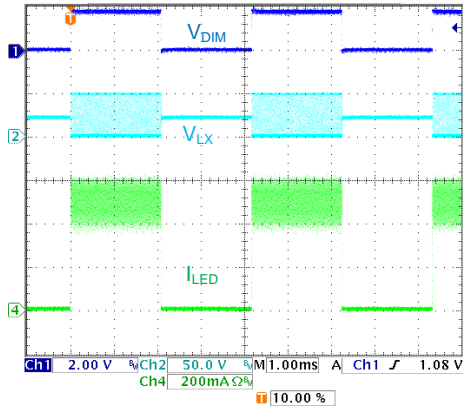


Figure 30. PWM Dimming ( $f_{DIM} = 1 \text{ kHz}$ , 50% Duty Cycle)

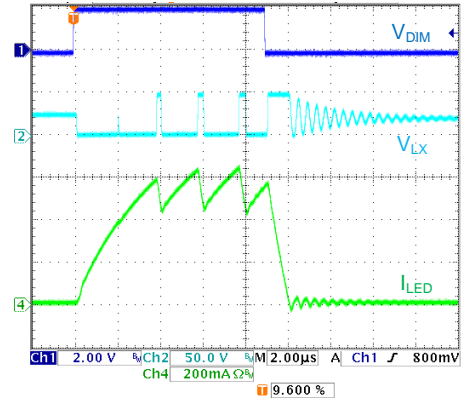


Figure 31. PWM Dimming (9  $\mu\text{s}$  dimming pulse) ( $f_{sw} = 500\text{kHz}$ ,  $L_1 = 68 \mu\text{H}$ )

## 9 Power Supply Recommendation

This device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 4.5 V and 65 V. The input supply should be well regulated. If the input supply is located more than a few inches from the TPS92511 application board, additional bulk capacitance may be required in addition to the input capacitor. A ceramic capacitor with a value of 2.2  $\mu\text{F}$  is a typical choice.

## 10 Layout

### 10.1 Layout Guidelines

- The PCB layout of the TPS92511 application circuit plays an important role in optimizing the performance.
- The external components should be placed as close to the TPS92511 as possible to minimize resistance and parasitic inductance of copper traces.
- For example,  $D_1$  and  $L_1$  should be near the LX terminal, and  $C_{VCC}$  should be near the VCC terminal, and the connecting copper traces are short and thick.
- The exposed pad of the TPS92511, which is internally connected to the die substrate, should be connect to a ground plane, and the plane should be extended as much as possible on the same copper layer around the TPS92511.
- Using numerous vias beneath the exposed pad to dissipate heat to another copper layer is also a good practice.

### 10.2 Layout Example

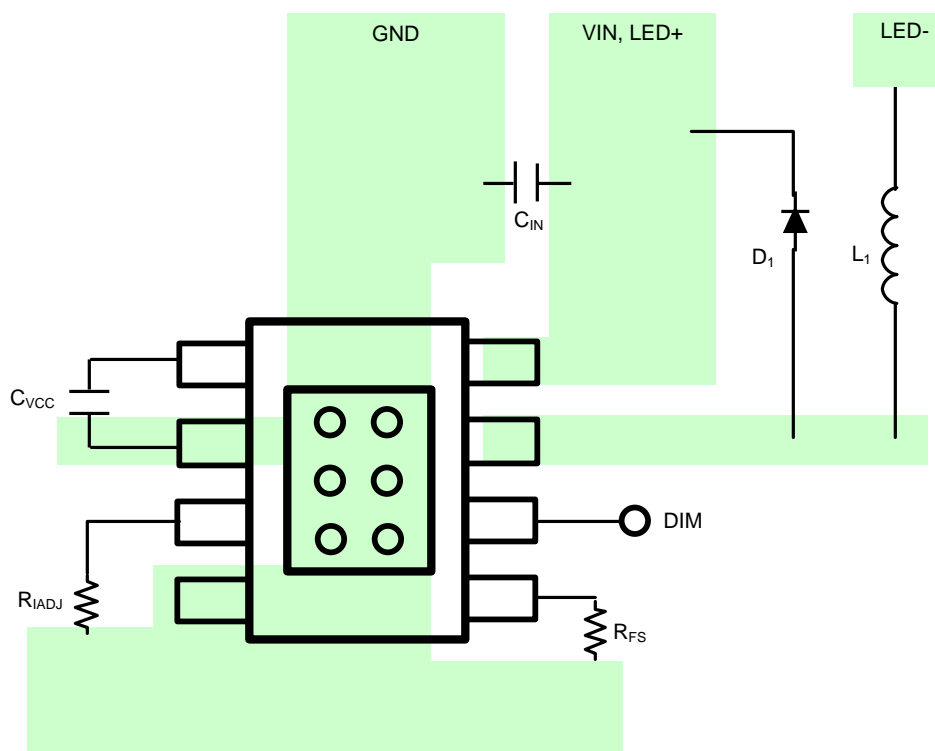


Figure 32. TPS92511 Board Layout

#### 10.2.1 Thermal Consideration

$\Psi_{JT}$  (shown in session 6.4 Thermal Information) is a relatively small value for package with exposed pad since most of the heat is dissipated through the exposed pad to the copper plate of the PCB (assuming optimized PCB layout), relatively little heat goes to the top of the device. The top of the device mold compound temperature is physically close to the device junction temperature.

For example, a 30W output TPS92511 end system at 95% power efficiency (can be estimated from the efficiency curves of Figure 13), power loss is 1.6W. Assuming all the heat is generated from the TPS92511 (which is true for high  $V_{LED}$ ), and assuming half of the heat generated is dissipated through the top of the device. Now  $\Psi_{JT}$  is 11 °C/W, the device junction temperature is estimated to be higher than the package's top-surface temperature by  $11 \times 1.6 \times 0.5 = 8.8$  (°C). If the package top-surface temperature is measured to be 90 °C (for example by an IR camera), the device junction temperature is around 99 °C, which is within the 125°C maximum junction temperature requirement with margin.

## 11 Device and Documentation Support

### 11.1 Trademarks

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### 11.2 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

### 11.3 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms and definitions.

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