

MAX14691–MAX14693

High-Accuracy, Adjustable Power Limiter

General Description

The MAX14691–MAX14693 adjustable overvoltage, undervoltage, and overcurrent protection devices guard systems against overcurrent faults in addition to positive overvoltage and reverse-voltage faults. When used with an optional external pMOSFET, the devices also protect downstream circuitry from voltage faults up to +58V, -60V (for -60V external pFET rating). The devices feature a low, 31mΩ, on-resistance integrated FET.

During startup, the devices are designed to charge large capacitances on the output in a continuous mode for applications where large reservoir capacitors are used on the inputs to downstream devices. Additionally, the devices feature a dual-stage, current-limit mode in which the current is continuously limited to 1x, 1.5x, and 2x the programmed limit, respectively, for a short time after startup. This enables faster charging of large loads during startup.

The MAX14691–MAX14693 also feature reverse-current and overtemperature protection. The devices are available in a 20-pin (5mm x 5mm) TQFN package and operate over the -40°C to 125°C temperature range.

Applications

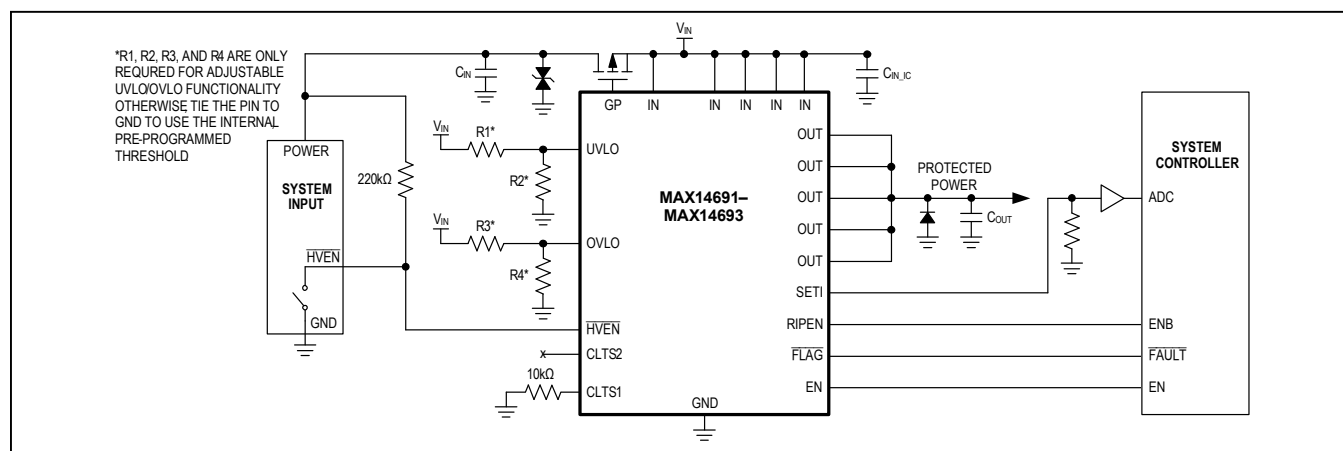
- Industrial Power Systems
- Control and Automation
- Motion System Drives
- Human Machine Interfaces
- High-Power Applications

Benefits and Features

- Robust, High-Power Protection Reduces System Downtime
 - Wide Operating Input Range: +5.5V to +58V
 - -60V Negative Input Tolerance (for -60V External pFET Rating)
 - Low 31mΩ (typ) R_{ON}
 - Reverse Current-Blocking Protection with External pFET
- Enables Fast Startup and Brownout Recovery
 - Thermal Foldback Current-Limit Protection
 - Dual-Stage Current Limiting
 - 1.0x Startup Current (MAX14691)
 - 1.5x Startup Current (MAX14692)
 - 2.0x Startup Current (MAX14693)
- Flexible Design Enables Reuse and Less Requalification
 - Adjustable OVLO and UVLO Thresholds
 - Programmable Forward Current Limit From 0.6A to 6A with ±15% Accuracy Over Full Temperature Range
 - Normal and High-Voltage Enable Inputs (EN and HVEN)
 - Protected External pFET Gate Drive
- Saves Board Space and Reduces External BOM Count
 - 20-Pin 5mm x 5mm TQFN Package
 - Integrated nFET

Ordering Information appears at end of data sheet.

Typical Application Circuit



Absolute Maximum Ratings

(All voltages referenced to GND.)

IN (Note 1).....	-0.3V to +58V	SETI.....	-0.3V to min ($V_{IN} + 0.3V$, 6V)
OUT	-0.3V to $V_{IN} + 0.3V$	Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$)	
HVEN (Note 1)	-0.3V to $V_{IN} + 0.3V$	TQFN (derate 34.5mW/°C above +70°C).....	2758mW
GP	max (-0.3V, $V_{IN} - 20V$) to $V_{IN} + 0.3V$	Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to +125°C
UVLO, OVLO.....	-0.3V to min ($V_{IN} + 0.3V$, 20V)	Junction Temperature.....	+150°C
FLAG, EN, RIPEN, CLTS1, CLTS2.....	-0.3V to +6V	Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Maximum Current into IN (DC) (Note 2)	6A	Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)	+300°C
		Soldering Temperature (reflow)	+260°C

Note 1: An external pFET or diode is required to achieve negative input protection.

Note 2: DC current-limited by R_{SETI} , as well as by thermal design.

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 conditions 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.

Package Thermal Characteristics (Note 3)

TQFN

Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θ_{JA}).....29°C/W

Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance (θ_{JC}).....2°C/W

Note 3: Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial.

Electrical Characteristics

($V_{IN} = 5.5V$ to 58V, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $V_{IN} = 12V$, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$) (Note 4)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
POWER SUPPLY						
IN Voltage Range	V_{IN}		5.5		58	V
Shutdown IN Current	I_{SHDN}	$V_{EN} = 0V$, $V_{HVEN} = 5V$, $V_{IN} < 24V$		4	7	μA
		$V_{EN} = 0V$, $V_{HVEN} = 5V$, $V_{IN} < 40V$		4	10	
Supply Current	I_{IN}	$V_{IN} = V_{OUT} = 24V$, $V_{HVEN} = 0V$		1.4	1.9	mA
Shutdown OUT Current	I_{OFF}	$V_{EN} = 0V$, $V_{HVEN} = 5V$		50	100	μA
UVLO, OVLO						
Internal UVLO Trip Level	V_{UVLO}	V_{IN} falling, UVLO trip point	11.5	12	12.5	V
		V_{IN} rising	11.9	12.4	13	
UVLO Hysteresis		% of typical UVLO		3		%
Internal OVLO Trip Level	V_{OVLO}	V_{IN} falling	32.2	34.1	35.8	V
		V_{IN} rising, OVLO trip point	34.7	36.2	37.6	
OVLO Hysteresis		% of typical OVLO		6		%
External UVLO Adjustment Range (Note 5)			5.5		24	V
External UVLO Select Voltage	V_{UVLO_SEL}		0.15	0.38	0.5	V
External UVLO Leakage Current	I_{UVLO_LEAK}		-250		+250	nA
External OVLO Adjustment Range (Note 5)			6		40	V
External OVLO Select Voltage	V_{OVLO_SEL}		0.15	0.38	0.5	V

Electrical Characteristics (continued)(V_{IN} = 5.5V to 58V, T_A = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V_{IN} = 12V, T_A = +25°C) (Note 4)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
External OVLO Leakage Current	I _{OVLO_LEAK}		-250		+250	nA
External UVLO/OVLO Set Voltage	V _{SET}		1.18	1.22	1.27	V
Undervoltage Trip Level on OUT	V _{UVLO_OUT}	V _{OUT} falling, UVLO trip point	11.5	12	12.5	V
		V _{OUT} rising	11.9	12.4	13	
GP						
Gate Clamp Voltage	V _{GP}		10	16.1	20	V
Gate Active Pullup				25	50	Ω
Gate Active Pulldown		V _{EN} = 5V	47	100		μA
Shutdown Gate Active Pullup		V _{EN} = 0V, V _{HVEN} = 5V		2.4		MΩ
INTERNAL FETs						
Internal FETs On-Resistance	R _{ON}	I _{LOAD} = 100mA, V _{IN} ≥ 10V, T _A = +25°C		31	42	mΩ
Current Limit Adjustment Range	I _{LIM}		0.6		6	A
Current Limit Accuracy	I _{LIM_ACC}	1A ≤ I _{LIM} ≤ 6A (T _A = +25°C)	-10		+10	%
		0.6A ≤ I _{LIM} ≤ 6A	-15		+15	
FLAG Assertion Drop Voltage Threshold	V _{FA}	Increase in (V _{IN} - V _{OUT}) drop until FLAG asserts, V _{IN} = 24V		490		mV
Reverse Current-Blocking Threshold	V _{RIB}	V _{IN} - V _{OUT}	0	-10	-16	mV
Reverse Current-Blocking Response Time	t _{RIB}	(V _{IN} - V _{OUT}) changes from 0.2V to -0.3V in 100nsec, t _{RIB} is the interval between V _{IN} = V _{OUT} and V _{IN} - GP = 0.5V without capacitive load on GP		1	1.5	μs
Reverse-Blocking Supply Current	I _{RBS}	V _{OUT} = 24V		2460	4060	μA
LOGIC INPUT (HVEN, CLTS1, CLTS2, EN, RIPEN)						
HVEN Threshold Voltage	V _{HVEN_TH}		1	2	3.1	V
HVEN Threshold Hysteresis				5		%
HVEN Input Leakage Current	I _{HVEN_LEAK}	V _{HVEN} = 58V		42	66	μA
EN, RIPEN, CLTS1, CLTS2 Input Logic-High	V _{IH}		1.4			V
EN, RIPEN, CLTS1, CLTS2 Input Logic-Low	V _{IL}				0.4	V
EN, RIPEN Input Leakage Current	I _{EN_LEAK} , I _{RIPEN_LEAK}	V _{EN} , V _{RIPEN} = 0V, 5V	-1		+1	μA
CLTS_ Leakage Current		CLTS_ = GND		25		μA
LOGIC OUTPUT (FLAG)						
Logic-Low Voltage		I _{SINK} = 1mA			0.4	V
Input Leakage Current		V _{IN} = 5.5V, FLAG deasserted			1	μA

Electrical Characteristics (continued)(V_{IN} = 5.5V to 58V, T_A = -40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at V_{IN} = 12V, T_A = +25°C) (Note 4)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SETI						
RSETI × I _{LIM}	V _{RI}	See <i>Setting the Current-Limit Threshold</i> section	1.5		V	
Current Mirror Output Ratio	C _{IRATIO}		25000			
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE (NOTE 6)						
Switch Turn-On Time	t _{ON}	V _{IN} = 24V, switch OFF to ON, R _{LOAD} = 240Ω, I _{LIM} = 1A, C _{OUT} = 4.7μF, V _{OUT} from 20% to 80% of V _{IN}	68		μs	
Fault Recovery NFET Turn-On Time	t _{ON_NFET}	V _{OUT} > V _{UVLO_OUT} , turn-on delay after fault timers expired	420	770	μs	
Reverse-Current Fault Recovery Time	t _{REV_REC}		2.18	2.4	2.64	ms
OVP Switch Response Time	t _{OVP_RES}		3		μs	
Overcurrent Switch Response time	t _{OCP_RES}	I _{LIM} = 4A	3		μs	
Startup Timeout	t _{STO}	Initial start current-limit foldback timeout (Figure 1)	1090	1200	1320	ms
Startup Initial Time	t _{STI}	Current is continuously limited to 1x/1.5x/2x in this interval (Figure 1)	21.8	24	26.4	ms
IN Debounce Time	t _{DEB}	Interval between V _{IN} > V _{UVLO} and V _{OUT} = 10% of V _{IN} (Figure 2)	1	1.5	2.1	ms
Blanking Time	t _{BLANK}	(Figures 3 and 4)	21.8	24	26.4	ms
Autoretry Time	t _{RETRY}	(Figure 3, Note 7)	554	720	792	ms
THERMAL PROTECTION						
Thermal Foldback	T _{J_FB}		150		°C	
Thermal Shutdown	T _{J_MAX}		165		°C	
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis			10		°C	

Note 4: All devices are 100% production-tested at T_A = +25°C. Specifications over the operating temperature range are guaranteed by design.**Note 5:** Not production-tested, user-adjustable. See the *Overvoltage Lockout (OVLO)* and *Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)* sections.**Note 6:** All timing is measured using 20% and 80% levels, unless otherwise specified.**Note 7:** The autoretry time-to-blanking time ratio is fixed and is equal to 30.

Timing Diagrams

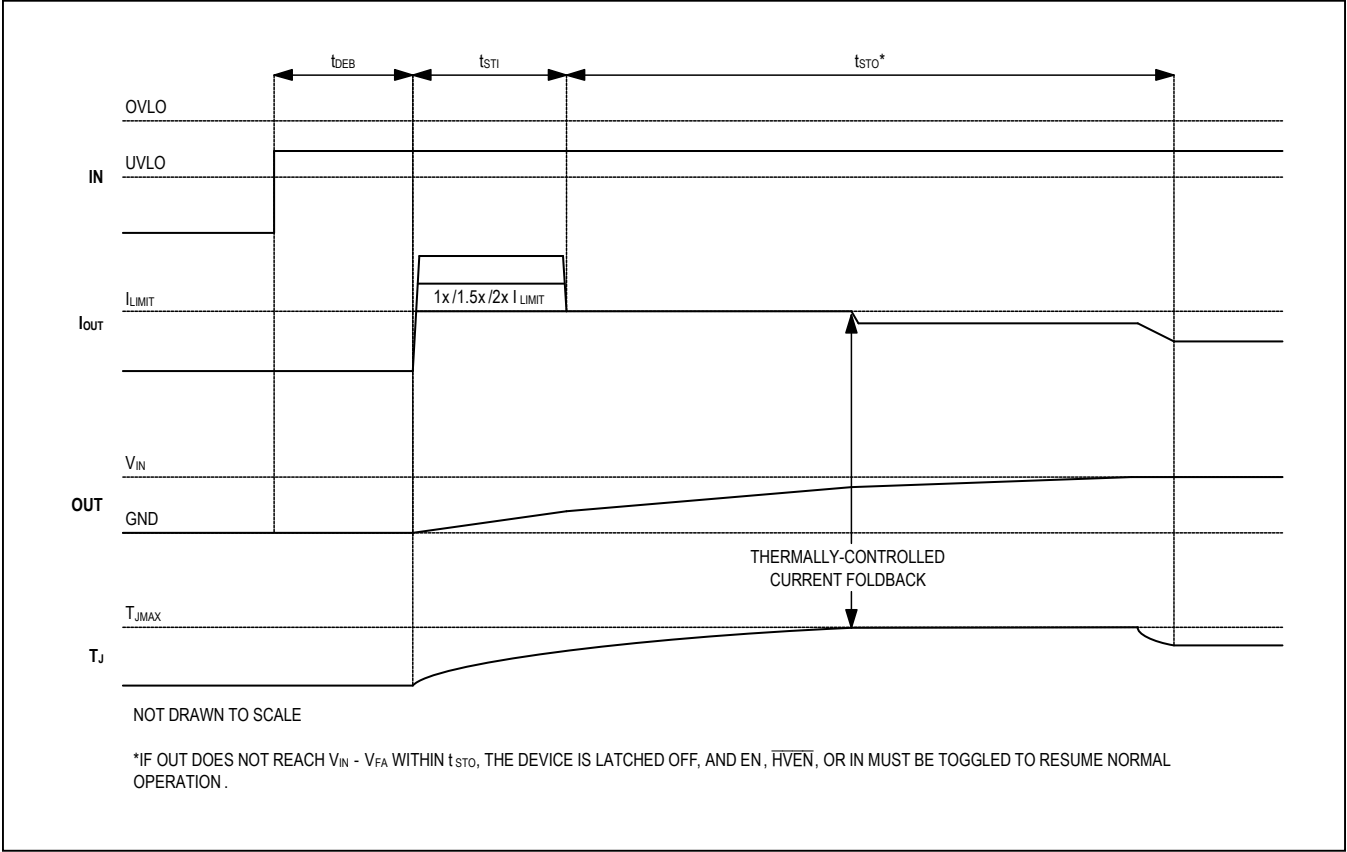


Figure 1. Startup Timing

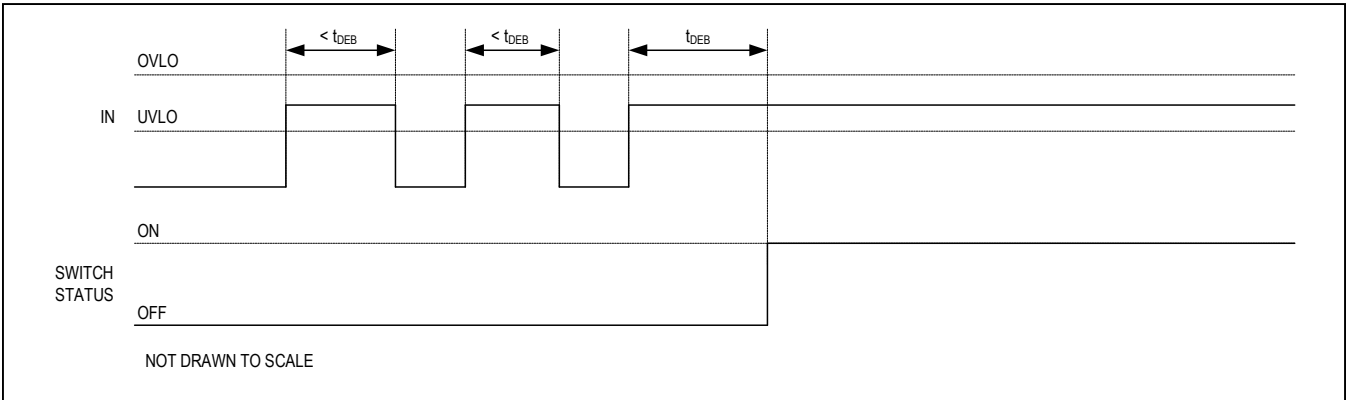
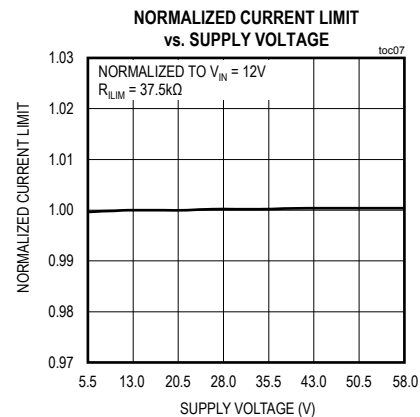
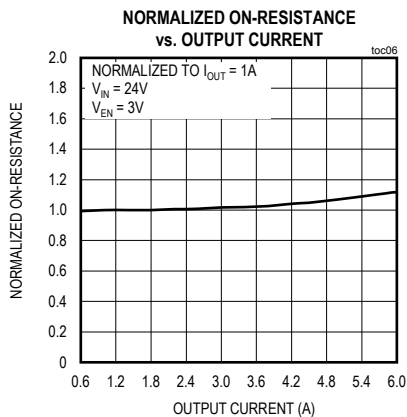
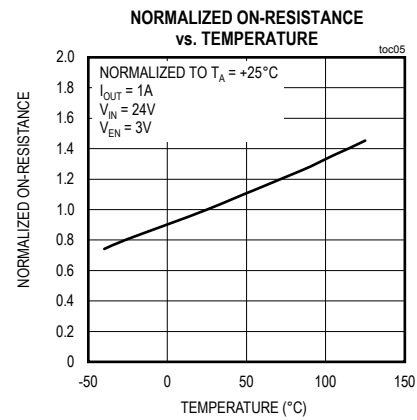
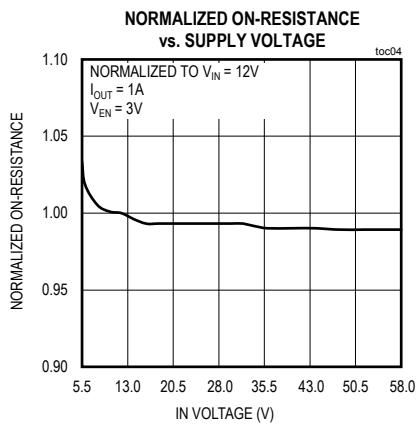
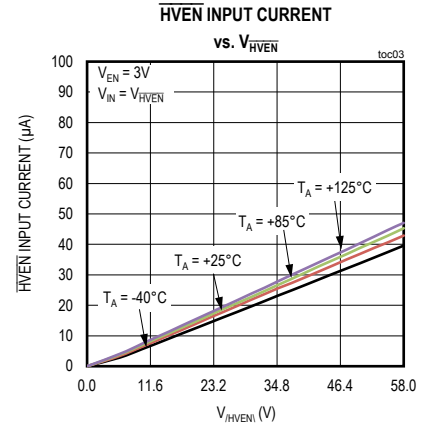
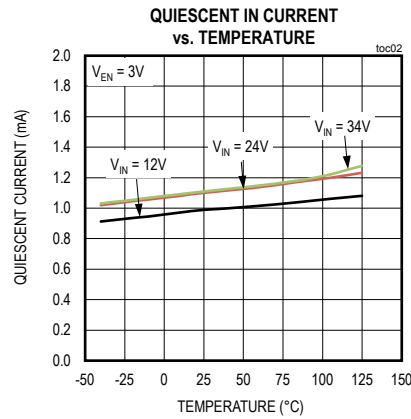
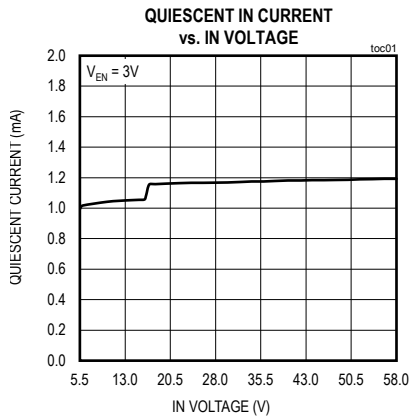


Figure 2. Debounce Timing

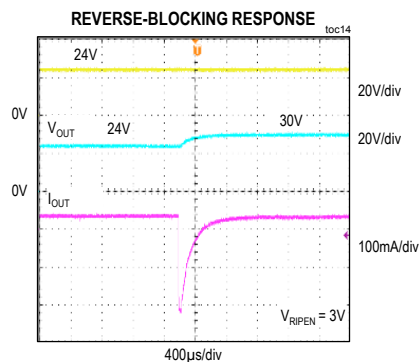
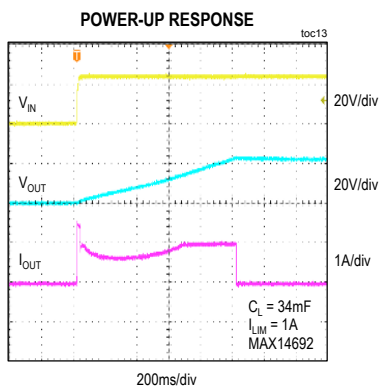
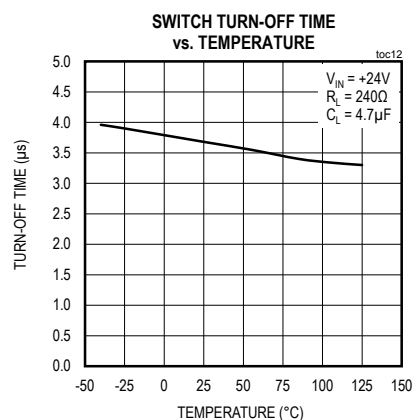
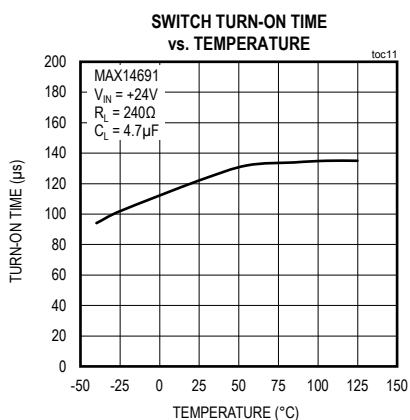
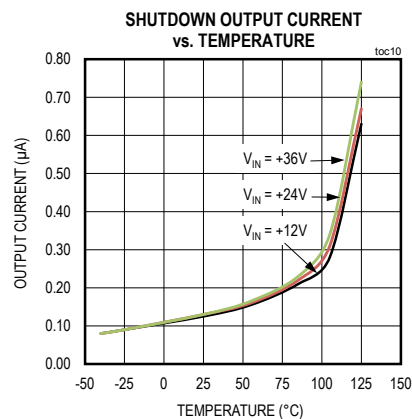
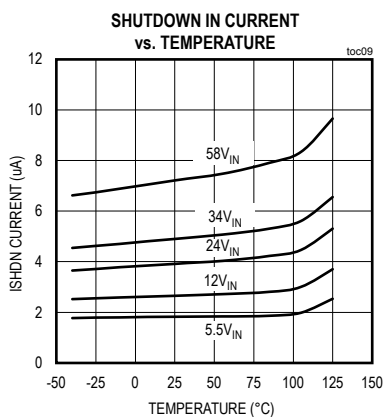
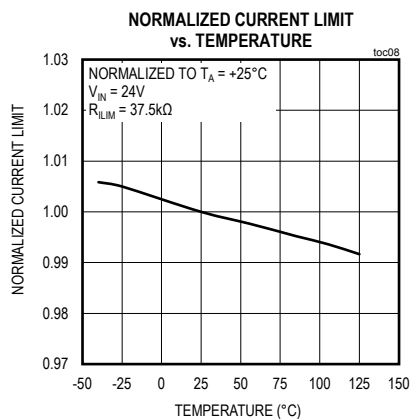
Typical Operating Characteristics

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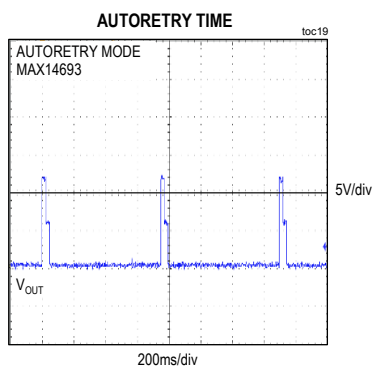
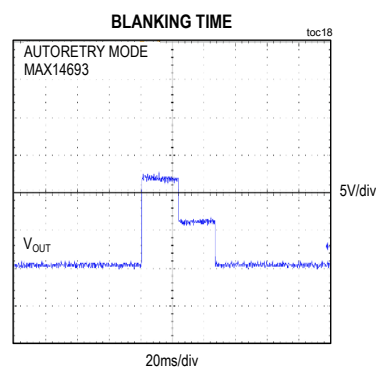
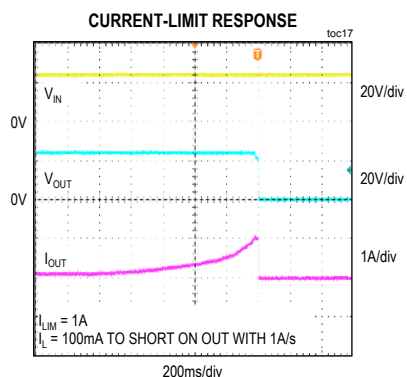
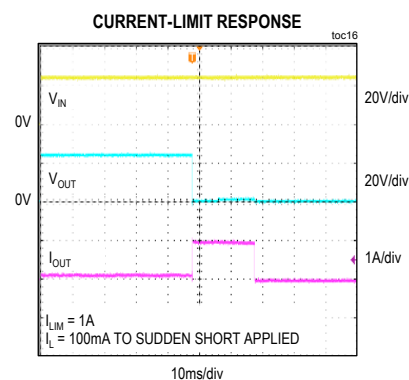
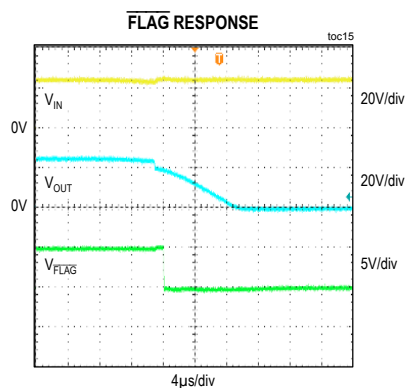
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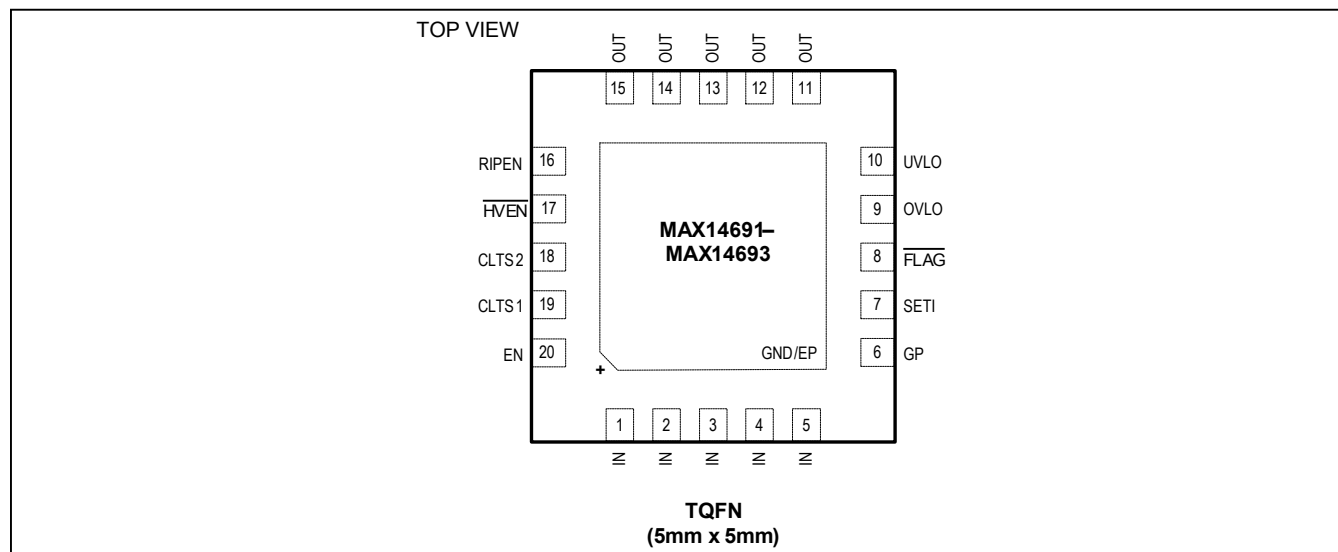


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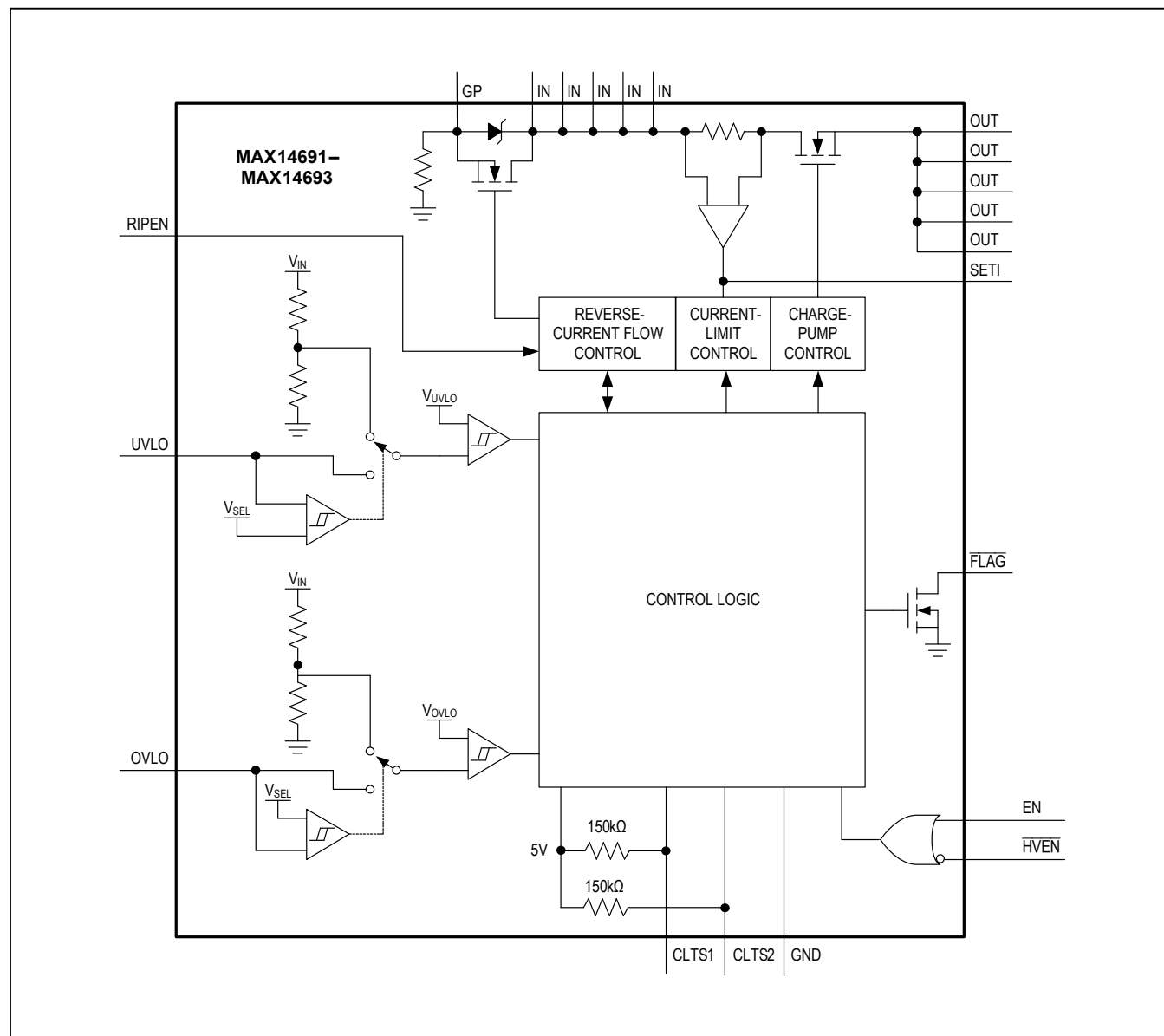
Pin Configurations



Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1–5	IN	Switch Input. Bypass IN to ground with a 1μF ceramic capacitor for ±15kV Human Body Model ESD protection on IN. In applications in which an external pFET is used, a 4.7μF capacitor should be placed at the drain of the pFET and a reduced capacitor of 10nF to 100nF should be placed at IN. The maximum slew rate allowed at IN is 30V/μs. IN serves as the under/overvoltage sensed input when preprogrammed UVLO/OVLO is used.
6	GP	Gate Driver Output for External pFET.
7	SETI	Overload Current-Limit Adjust. Connect a resistor from SETI to GND to program the overcurrent limit. SETI must be connected to a resistor. If SETI is connected to GND during startup, then the switch does not turn on. Do not connect more than 30pF to SETI.
8	FLAG	Open Drain Fault Indicator Output. FLAG asserts low when the $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ voltage exceeds V_{FA} , reverse current is detected, thermal shutdown mode is active, OVLO or UVLO threshold is reached, or SETI is connected to GND.
9	OVLO	Externally-Programmable Overvoltage-Lockout Threshold. Connect OVLO to GND to use the default internal OVLO threshold. Connect OVLO to an external resistor-divider to define a threshold externally and override the preset internal OVLO threshold.
10	UVLO	Externally Programmable Undervoltage-Lockout Threshold. Connect UVLO to GND to use the default internal UVLO threshold. Connect UVLO to an external resistor-divider to define a threshold externally and override the preset internal UVLO threshold.
11–15	OUT	Switch Output. Bypass OUT to GND with a 4.7μF ceramic capacitor placed as close as possible to the device.
16	RIPEN	Reverse-Current Protection Enable. Connect RIPEN to GND to disable the reverse-current flow protection. Connect RIPEN to logic-high to activate the reverse-current flow protection.
17	HVEN	58V Capable Active-Low Enable Input. See Table 1.
18	CLTS2	Current-Limit Type Select 2. See Table 2.
19	CLTS1	Current-Limit Type Select 1. See Table 2.
20	EN	Active-High Enable Input. See Table 1.
—	GND/EP	Ground/Exposed Pad. Connect to a large copper ground plane to maximize thermal performance.

Functional Diagram



Detailed Description

The MAX14691—MAX14693 adjustable overvoltage, undervoltage, and overcurrent protection devices guard systems against overcurrent faults in addition to positive overvoltage and reverse-voltage faults. When used with an optional external pMOSFET, the devices also protect downstream circuitry from voltage faults up to +58V, -60V (for -60V external pFET rating). The devices feature a low, 31mΩ, on-resistance integrated FET. During startup, the devices are designed to charge large capacitances on the output in a continuous mode for applications where large reservoir capacitors are used on the inputs to downstream devices. Additionally, the devices feature a dual-stage current-limit mode in which the current is continuously limited to 1x, 1.5x, and 2x the programmed limit, respectively, for a short time after startup. This enables faster charging of large loads during startup.

The devices feature the option to set the overvoltage-lockout (OVLO) and undervoltage-lockout (UVLO) thresholds manually using external voltage-dividers or to use the factory-preset internal thresholds by connecting the OVLO and/or UVLO pin(s) to GND. The permitted overvoltage setting range of the devices is 6V to 40V. Therefore, the pFET and internal nFET must be kept off in the 40V to 58V range by appropriate OVLO resistor-divider.

The adjustable overvoltage range of the devices is 6V to 40V, while the adjustable undervoltage range is 5.5V to 24V. The factory-preset internal threshold for the devices is 36V (typ), with the preset internal UVLO threshold being 12V (typ).

The devices' programmable current-limit threshold can be set for currents up to 6A in autoretry, latchoff, or continuous-fault-response mode. When the device is set to autoretry mode and the current exceeds the threshold for more than 24ms (typ), both FETs are turned off for 720ms (typ), then turned back on. If the fault is still present, the cycle repeats. In latchoff mode, if a fault is present for more than 24ms (typ), both FETs are turned off until enable is toggled or the power is cycled. In continuous mode, the current is limited continuously to the programmed current-limit value. In all modes, $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ asserts if $V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}}$ is greater than the $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ assertion drop voltage threshold (V_{FA}).

Startup Control

The devices feature a dual-stage startup sequence that continuously limits the current to 1x/1.5x/2x the set current limit during the startup initial time (t_{STI}), allowing large capacitors present on the output of the switch to be rapidly charged. The MAX14691 limits the current to 1x

the set limit during this period, while the MAX14692 and MAX14693 limit the current to 1.5x and 2x the set limit, respectively. If the temperature of any device rises to the thermal-foldback threshold ($T_{\text{J_FB}}$), the device enters power-limiting mode (Figure 1). In this mode, the device thermally regulates the current through the switch to protect itself while still delivering as much current as possible to the output regardless of the current-limit type selected. If the output is not charged within the startup timeout period (t_{STO}), the switch turns off and IN, EN, or $\overline{\text{HVEN}}$ must be toggled to resume normal operation. The devices have a 16ms (typ) time delay at the end of startup, during which the reverse threshold is set at -180mV (typ.) to prevent false reverse faults due to oscillation. After this delay, the reverse-current blocking threshold is reduced to -10mV (V_{RIB} , typ).

Overvoltage Lockout (OVLO)

The devices feature two methods for determining the OVLO threshold. By connecting the OVLO pin to GND, the preset internal OVLO threshold of 36V (typ) is selected. If the voltage at OVLO rises above the OVLO select threshold ($V_{\text{OVLO_SEL}}$), the device enters adjustable OVLO mode. Connect an external voltage-divider to the OVLO pin, as shown in the [Typical Application Circuit](#) to adjust the OVLO threshold. $R3 = 2.2\text{M}\Omega$ is a good starting value for minimum current consumption. Since V_{SET} is known, $R3$ has been chosen, and V_{OVLO} is the target OVLO value, $R4$ can then be calculated by the following equation:

$$R4 = \frac{R3 \times V_{\text{SET}}}{V_{\text{OVLO}} - V_{\text{SET}}}$$

Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The devices feature two methods for determining the UVLO threshold. By connecting the UVLO pin to GND, the preset, internal UVLO threshold of 12V (typ) is selected. If the voltage at UVLO rises above the UVLO select threshold ($V_{\text{UVLO_SEL}}$), the device enters adjustable UVLO mode. Connect an external voltage-divider to the UVLO pin, as shown in the [Typical Application Circuit](#) to adjust the UVLO threshold. $R1 = 2.2\text{M}\Omega$ is a good starting value for minimum current consumption. Since V_{SET} is known, $R1$ has been chosen, and V_{UVLO} is the target value, $R2$ can then be calculated by the following equation:

$$R2 = \frac{R1 \times V_{\text{SET}}}{V_{\text{UVLO}} - V_{\text{SET}}}$$

Table 1. Enable Inputs

$\overline{\text{HVEN}}$	EN	SWITCH STATUS
0	0	ON
0	1	ON
1	0	OFF
1	1	ON

Switch Control

There are two independent enable inputs on the devices: $\overline{\text{HVEN}}$ and EN. $\overline{\text{HVEN}}$ is a high-voltage-capable input, accepting signals up to 58V. EN is a low-voltage input, accepting a maximum voltage of 5V. In case of a fault condition, toggling $\overline{\text{HVEN}}$ or EN resets the fault. The enable inputs control the state of the switch based on the truth table (Table 1).

Input Debounce

The devices feature a built-in input debounce time (t_{DEB}). The debounce time is a delay between a POR event and the switch being turned on. If the input voltage rises above the UVLO threshold voltage or if, with a voltage greater than V_{UVLO} present on IN, the enable pins toggle to the on state, the switch turns on after t_{DEB} . In cases where the voltage at IN falls below V_{UVLO} before t_{DEB} has passed, the switch remains off (Figure 2). If the voltage at OUT is already above $V_{\text{UVLO_OUT}}$ when the device is turned on through either enable pin or coming out of OVLO, there is no debounce interval. This is due to the device already being out of the POR condition with OUT above $V_{\text{UVLO_OUT}}$.

Current-Limit Type Select

The devices feature three selectable current-limiting modes. During power-up, all devices default to continuous mode and follow the procedure defined in the [Startup Control](#) section. Once the part has been successfully powered on and t_{STO} has expired, the device senses the condition of CLTS1 and CLTS2. The condition of CLTS1 and CLTS2 sets the current-limit mode type according to Table 2. CLTS1,2 are internally pulled up to an internal 5V supply. Therefore, the device is in continuous current-limit mode when CLTS1 and 2 are open. To set CLTS_ state to low, connect a 10k Ω resistor or below to ground.

In addition to the selectable current-limiting modes, the device has a protection feature against a severe overload condition. If the output current exceeds 2 times the set current limit, the device will turn off the internal nFET and external pFET immediately and will attempt to restart to allow the overcurrent to last for t_{BLANK} time. The off duration depends on fault condition occurred after the FETs turn

Table 2. Current-Limit Type Select

CLTS2	CLTS1	CURRENT-LIMIT TYPE
0	0	LATCHOFF MODE
0	1	AUTORETRY MODE
1	0	CONTINUOUS MODE
1	1	CONTINUOUS MODE

off, with the shortest duration of 420 μs ($t_{\text{ON_FET}}$) if there is no fault. In latchoff mode, the device will latch off if the overcurrent fault last longer than t_{BLANK} .

Autoretry Mode (Figure 3)

In autoretry current-limit mode, when current through the device reaches the threshold, the t_{BLANK} timer begins counting. The $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ output asserts low when the voltage drop across the switch rises above V_{FA} . If the overcurrent condition is present for t_{BLANK} , the switch is turned off. The timer resets if the overcurrent condition disappears before t_{BLANK} has elapsed. A retry time delay (t_{RETRY}) starts immediately once t_{BLANK} has elapsed. During the retry time, the switch remains off and, once t_{RETRY} has elapsed, the switch is turned back on. If the fault still exists, the cycle is repeated and $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ remains low. If the fault has been removed, the switch stays on.

The autoretry feature reduces system power in case of overcurrent or short-circuit conditions. When the switch is on during t_{BLANK} time, the supply current is held at the current limit. When the switch is off during t_{RETRY} time, there is no current through the switch. Thus, the output current is much less than the programmed current limit. Calculate the average output current using the following equation:

$$I_{\text{LOAD}} = I_{\text{LIM}} \left[\frac{t_{\text{BLANK}} + t_{\text{STI}} \times K}{t_{\text{BLANK}} + t_{\text{RETRY}} + t_{\text{STI}}} \right]$$

where K is the multiplication factor of the initial current limit (1x, 1.5x or 2x). With a 24ms (typ) t_{BLANK} , 24ms t_{STI} , $K = 1$ and 720ms (typ) t_{RETRY} , the duty cycle is 3.1%, resulting in 97% power saving when compared to the switch being on the entire time.

Latchoff Mode (Figure 4)

In latchoff current-limit mode, when current through the device reaches the threshold, the t_{BLANK} timer begins counting. $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ asserts when the voltage drop across the switch rises above V_{FA} . The timer resets if the overcurrent condition disappears before t_{BLANK} has elapsed. The switch turns off if the overcurrent condition remains for the blanking time. The switch remains off until the control logic (EN or $\overline{\text{HVEN}}$) is toggled or the input voltage is cycled.

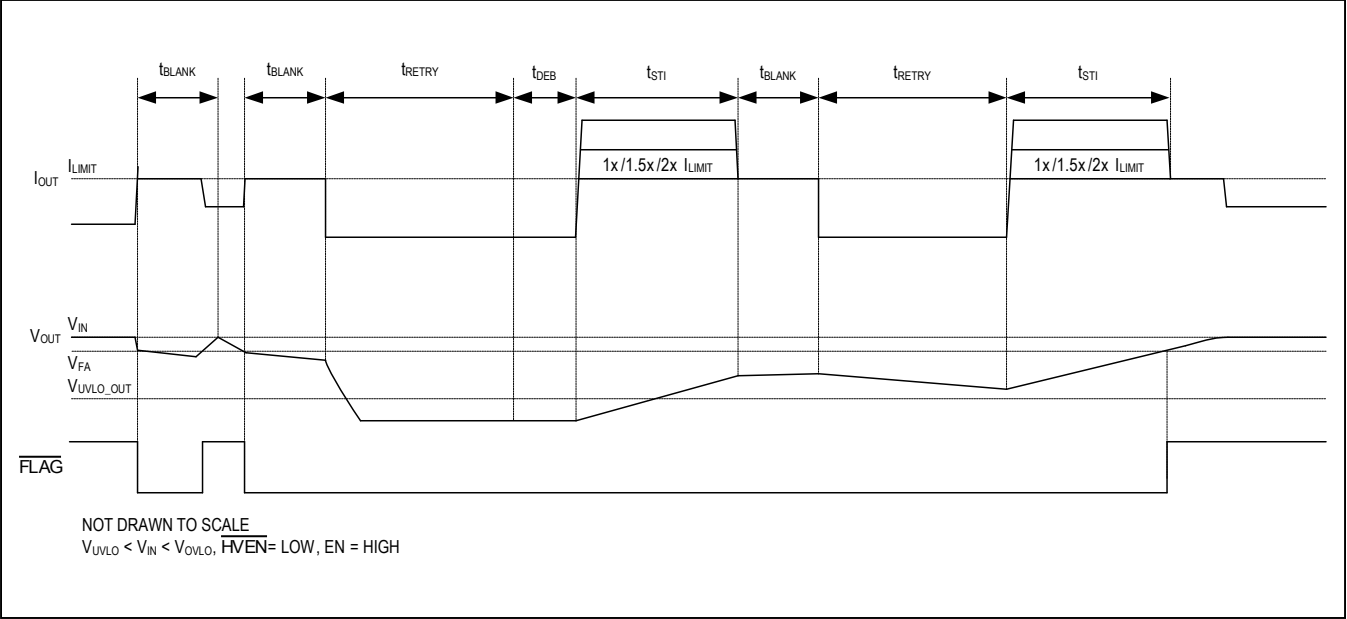


Figure 3. Autoretry Fault Diagram

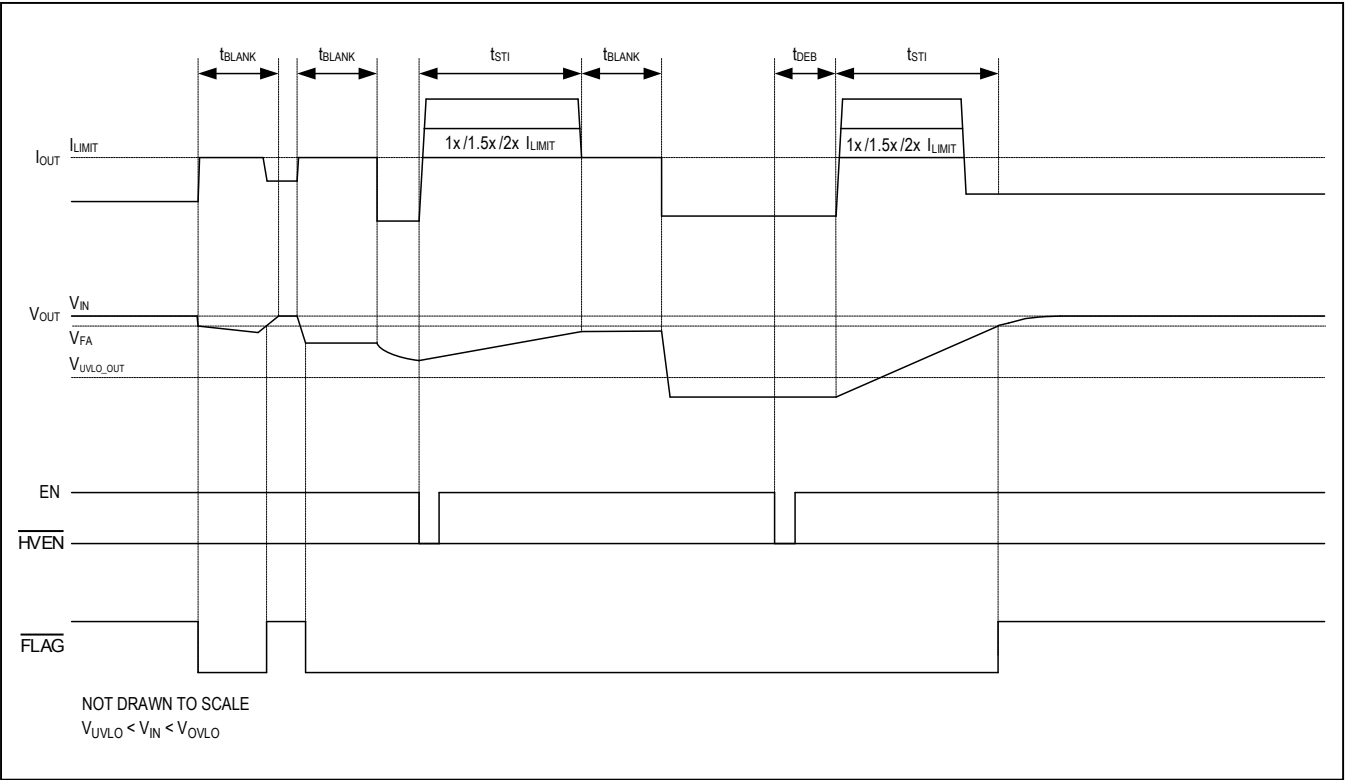


Figure 4. Latchoff Fault Diagram

Continuous Mode (Figure 5)

In continuous current-limit mode, when current through the device reaches the threshold, the device limits the current to the programmed limit. $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ asserts when the voltage drop across the switch rises above V_{FA} , and deasserts when it falls below V_{FA} .

Reverse-Current Blocking (Figure 6)

The devices feature a current-blocking functionality to be used with an external pFET. To enable the reverse-current blocking feature, pull RIPEN high. With RIPEN high, if a reverse-current condition is detected ($V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}} < V_{\text{RIB}}$), the internal nFET and the external pFET are turned off for 2.4ms ($t_{\text{REV_REC}}$). During and after this time, the device monitors the voltage difference between OUT and IN pins to determine whether the reverse current is still present. Once $t_{\text{REV_REC}}$ expired and the reverse-current condition has been removed, the nFET and pFET are turned back on after an additional time delay follows by the dual-stage startup control mechanism as defined in the [Startup Control](#) section.

The additional time delay will be 420 μs ($t_{\text{ON_NFET}}$) if voltage at OUT is more than or equal to $V_{\text{UVLO_OUT}}$ falling at the end of $t_{\text{REV_REC}}$ delay, otherwise the delay will be 1.5ms (t_{DEB}). After a reverse-current event, the device will attempt a restart regardless of the current-type select.

Fault Indicator ($\overline{\text{FLAG}}$) Output

$\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ is an open-drain fault-indicator output. It requires an external pullup resistor to a DC supply. $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ asserts when any of the following conditions occur:

- $V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}} > V_{\text{FA}}$
- Reverse-current protection is tripped
- Die temperature exceeds +165°C
- SET1 is connected to ground
- UVLO threshold has not been reached
- OVLO threshold is reached

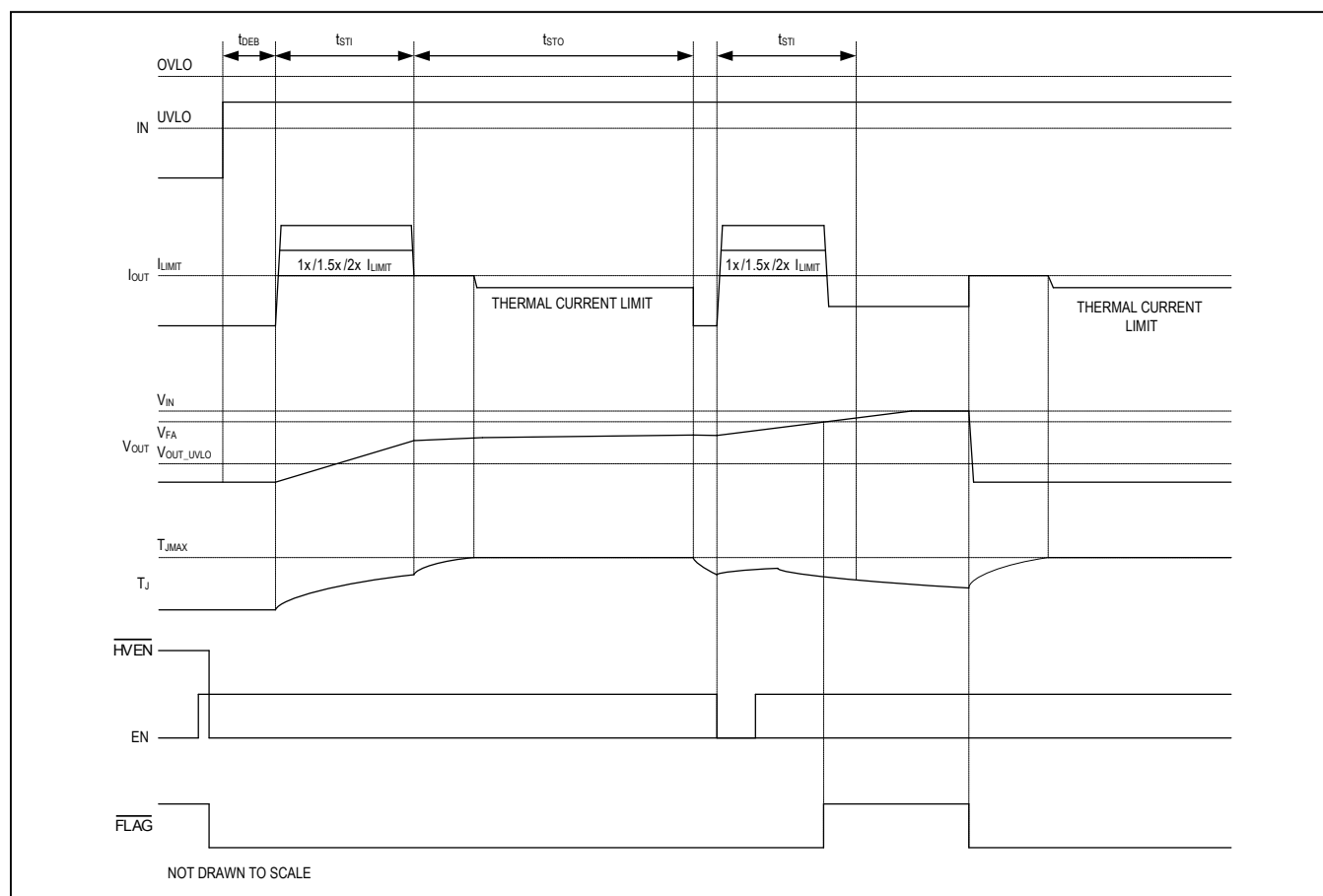


Figure 5. Continuous Fault Diagram

Thermal Shutdown Protection

Thermal-shutdown circuitry protects the devices from overheating. The switch turns off and $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ asserts when the junction temperature exceeds +165°C (typ). The devices exit thermal shutdown and resume normal operation once the junction temperature cools by 10°C (typ) when the device is in autoretry or continuous current-limiting mode. When in lathoff mode, the device remains latched off until the input voltage is cycled or one of the enable pins is toggled.

The thermal shutdown technology built into the devices behave in accordance with the selected current-limit mode. While the devices are in autoretry mode, the thermal limit uses the autoretry timing when coming out of a fault condition. When the devices detect an overtemperature fault, the switch turns off. Once the temperature of the junction falls below the falling thermal threshold, the device turns on after the time interval t_{RETRY} . In lathoff mode, the device latches off until the input is cycled or one of the enable pins is toggled. In continuous current-limiting mode, the device turns off while the temperature is over the limit, then turns back on after t_{DEB} when the temperature reaches the falling threshold. There is no retry time for thermal protection.

Applications Information

Setting the Current-Limit Threshold

Connect a resistor between SET1 and ground to program the current-limit threshold for the devices. Leaving SET1 unconnected sets the current-limit threshold to 0A and, since connecting SET1 to ground is a fault condition, this causes the switch to remain off and $\overline{\text{FLAG}}$ to assert. Use the following formula to calculate the current-limit threshold:

$$R_{\text{SET1}}(\text{k}\Omega) = \frac{V_{\text{RI}}(\Omega \times \text{A})}{I_{\text{LIM}}(\text{mA})} \times C_{\text{IRATIO}}$$

Do not use a R_{SET1} smaller than 6kΩ. [Table 3](#) shows current-limit thresholds for different resistor values at SET1.

A current mirror with a ratio of C_{IRATIO} is implemented with a current-sense auto-zero operational amplifier. The mirrored current of the IN-OUT FET is provided on the SET1 pin. Therefore, the voltage (V_{SET1}) read on the SET1 pin should be interpreted as the current through the IN-OUT FET, as shown below:

$$I_{\text{IN-OUT}} = I_{\text{SET1}} \times C_{\text{IRATIO}} = \frac{V_{\text{SET1}}(\text{V})}{R_{\text{SET1}}(\text{k}\Omega)} \times C_{\text{IRATIO}} = \frac{V_{\text{SET1}}(\text{V})}{V_{\text{RI}}(\text{V})} \times I_{\text{LIM}}$$

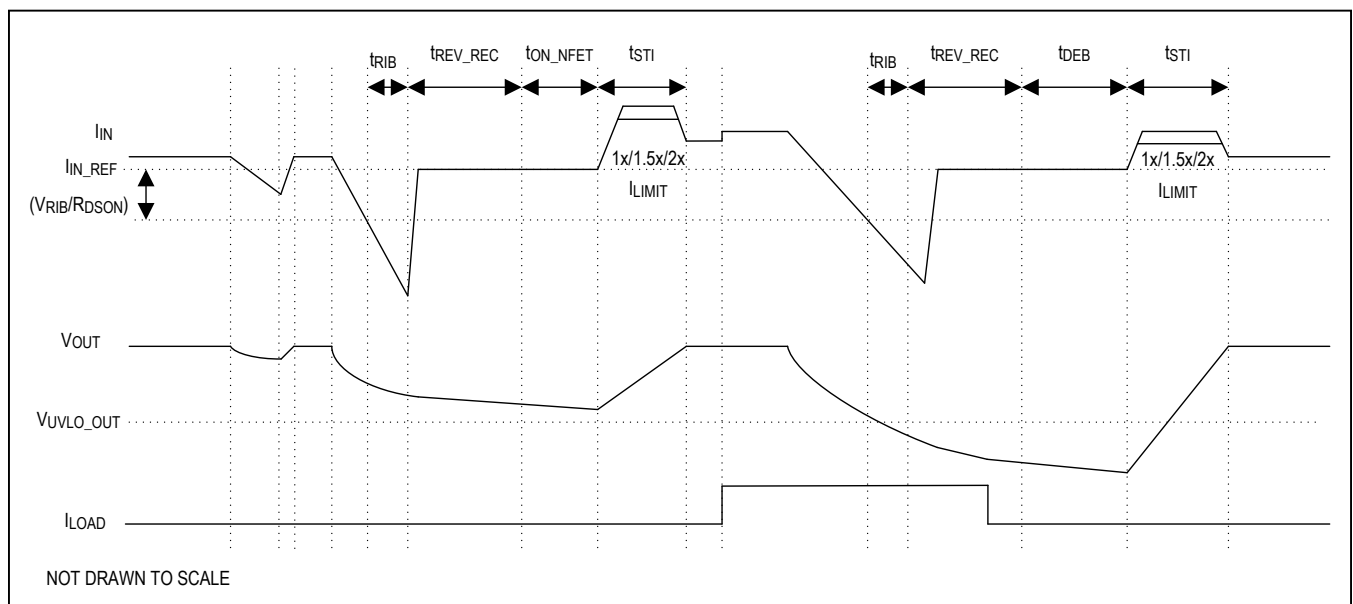


Figure 6. Reverse-Current Timing Diagram

IN Bypass Capacitor

In applications in which an external pFET is not used, connect a minimum of 1μF capacitor from IN to GND to limit the input voltage drop during momentary output short-circuit conditions. Larger capacitor values further reduce the voltage droop at the input caused by load transients. In applications in which an external pFET is used, a 4.7μF capacitor is placed at the drain of the pFET, and the capacitor at IN is reduced to 10nF (100nF max).

Hot Plug-In

In many power applications, an input filtering capacitor is required to lower the radiated emission and enhance the ESD capability, etc. In hot-plug applications, parasitic cable inductance, along with the input capacitor, causes overshoot and ringing when a powered cable is suddenly connected to the input terminal. This effect causes the protection device to see almost twice the applied voltage. An input voltage of 24V can easily exceed 40V due to ringing. The devices contain internal protection against hot-plug input transients on the IN pins, with slew rate up to 30V/μs. However, in the case where the harsh industrial EMC test is required, use a transient voltage suppressor (TVS) placed close to the input terminal that is capable of limiting the input surge to 58V.

OUT Capacitance

For stable operation over the full temperature range and over the entire programmable current-limit range, connect a 4.7μF ceramic capacitor from OUT to ground. Other circuits connected to the output of the device may introduce additional capacitance, but it should be noted that excessive output capacitance on

the devices can cause faults. If the capacitance is too high, the devices may not be able to charge the capacitor before the startup timeout. Calculate the maximum capacitive load (C_{MAX}) value that can be connected to OUT using the following formula:

$$C_{MAX}(mF) = I_{LIM}(A) \left[\frac{M \times t_{STI}(ms) + t_{STO}(ms)}{V_{IN_MAX}(V)} \right]$$

where M is the multiplier (1x/1.5x/2x) applied to the current limit during startup. For example, when using MAX14691, if $V_{IN_MAX} = 30V$, $t_{STO}(\min) = 1090ms$, $t_{STI}(\min) = 22ms$, and $I_{LIM} = 3A$, C_{MAX} results in the theoretical maximum of 111mF. In this case, any capacitance larger than 111mF will cause a fault condition because the capacitor cannot be charged to a sufficient voltage before t_{STO} has expired. In practical applications, the output capacitor size is limited by the thermal performance of the PCB. Poor thermal design can cause the thermal-foldback current-limiting function of the device to kick in too early, which may further limit the maximum capacitance that can be charged. Therefore, good thermal PCB design is imperative to charge large capacitor banks.

OUT Freewheeling Diode for Inductive Hard Short to Ground

In applications with a highly inductive load, a freewheeling diode is required between the OUT terminal and GND. This protects the device from inductive kickback that occurs during short-to-ground events.

PCB Layout Recommendations

To optimize the switch response to output short-circuit conditions, it is important to reduce the effect of undesirable parasitic inductance by keeping all traces as short as possible. Place input and output capacitors as close as possible to the device (no more than 5mm). IN and OUT must be connected with wide short traces to the power bus. During steady-state operation, the power dissipation is typically low and the package temperature change is usually minimal.

PCB layout designs need to meet two challenges: high-current input and output paths and important heat dissipation.

Heat Dissipation

Maxim recommends the use of 2oz copper on FR4 isolator in a four-layer configuration.

The layer stack needs to be top (routing), GND (plane), power (plane, connected to V_{OUT}), and bottom (routing), in this order, from top to bottom.

Table 3. Current-Limit Threshold vs. Resistor Values

R _{SETI} (kΩ)	CURRENT LIMIT (A)
62.5	0.6
37.5	1.0
25.0	1.5
18.75	2.0
15.0	2.5
12.5	3.0
10.7	3.5
9.375	4.0
8.3	4.5
7.5	5.0
6.82	5.5
6.25	6.0

