General Description

The XR79120 is a 20A synchronous step-down Power Module for point-of-load supplies. A wide 4.5V to 22V input voltage range allows for single supply operation from industry standard 5V, 12V, and 19.6V rails.

With a proprietary emulated current mode Constant On-Time (COT) control scheme, the XR79120 provides extremely fast line and load transient response using ceramic output capacitors. It requires no loop compensation, hence simplifying circuit implementation and reducing overall component count. The control loop also provides 0.12% load and 0.17% line regulation and maintains constant operating frequency. A selectable power saving mode allows the user to operate in discontinuous mode (DCM) at light current loads, thereby significantly increasing the converter efficiency. With a 93% peak efficiency and 84% for loads as low as 100mA, the XR79120 is suitable for applications where low power losses are important.

A host of protection features, including over-current, over-temperature, short-circuit and UVLO, help achieve safe operation under abnormal operating conditions.

The XR79120 is available in a RoHS compliant, green / halogen free space-saving 74-pin 12 x 14 x 4mm QFN package. With integrated controller, drivers, bootstrap diode and capacitor, MOSFETs, Inductor, CIN and COUT, this solution allows the smallest possible 20A POL design.

FEATURES

- Controller, drivers, bootstrap diode and capacitor, MOSFETs, Inductor, CIN and COUT integrated in one package
- 20A step down module
  - Wide 4.5V to 22V input voltage range
  - ≥0.6V adjustable output voltage
- Proprietary Constant On-Time control
  - No loop compensation required
  - Stable ceramic output capacitor operation
  - Programmable 200ns to 2µs on-time
  - Constant 400kHz to 600kHz frequency
- Selectable CCM or CCM / DCM
  - CCM / DCM for high efficiency at light-load
  - CCM for constant frequency at light-load
- Programmable hiccup current limit with thermal compensation
- Precision enable and Power Good flag
- Programmable soft-start
- 74-pin 12x14x4mm QFN package

APPLICATIONS

- Networking and communications
- Fast transient Point-of-Loads
- Industrial and medical equipment
- Embedded high power FPGA

Typical Application

Line Regulation
Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond the limits listed below may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

- $P_{VIN}$, $V_{IN}$: $-0.3V$ to $25V$
- $V_{CC}$: $-0.3V$ to $6.0V$
- $BST$: $-0.3V$ to $31V$(1)
- $BST-SW$: $-0.3V$ to $6V$
- $SW$, $ILIM$: $-1V$ to $25V$(1, 2)
- All other pins: $-0.3V$ to $VCC + 0.3V$
- Storage temperature: $-65°C$ to $+150°C$
- Junction temperature: $150°C$
- Power dissipation: Internally Limited
- Lead temperature (Soldering, 10 sec): $260°C$ MSL3
- ESD Rating (HBM - Human Body Model): $2kV$

Operating Conditions

- $PV_{IN}$: $3V$ to $22V$
- $V_{IN}$: $4.5V$ to $22V$
- $V_{CC}$: $4.5V$ to $5.5V$
- $SW$, $ILIM$: $-1V$ to $22V$(1)
- $PGOOD$, $V_{CC}$, $T_{ON}$, $SS$, $EN$, $FB$: $-0.3V$ to $5.5V$
- Switching frequency: $400kHz$ to $600kHz$(3)
- Junction temperature range: $-40°C$ to $+125°C$
- JEDEC51 package thermal resistance, $\theta_JA$: $14.5°C/W$
- Package power dissipation at $25°C$: $6.9W$

Note 1: No external voltage applied.
Note 2: The SW pin's minimum DC range is $-1V$, transient is $-5V$ for less than $50ns$.
Note 3: Recommended frequency for optimum performance

Electrical Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted: $T_J = 25°C$, $V_{IN} = 12V$, $BST = V_{CC}$, $SW = AGND = PGND = 0V$, $C_{VCC} = 4.7\mu F$. Limits applying over the full operating temperature range are denoted by a *•*

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<td>$VCC$ regulating</td>
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<td>VIN input supply current</td>
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<td>$I_{VCC}$</td>
<td>VCC quiescent current</td>
<td>Not switching, $V_{CC} = V_{IN} = 5V$, $V_FB = 0.7V$</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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<td>Shutdown current</td>
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Enable and Under-Voltage Lock-Out UVLO

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<td>$V_{EN,HYS}$</td>
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<td>$V_{IH,EN}$</td>
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<td>VCC UVLO start threshold, rising edge</td>
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<td>V&lt;sub&gt;IN&lt;/sub&gt; = 4.5V to 5.5V, VCC tied to VIN</td>
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<td>V&lt;sub&gt;IN&lt;/sub&gt; = 5V to 22V, VCC regulating</td>
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<td>DC line regulation</td>
<td>CCM, closed loop, V&lt;sub&gt;IN&lt;/sub&gt; = 4.5V - 22V, applies to any C&lt;sub&gt;OUT&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>±0.17</td>
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<td>DC load regulation</td>
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### Programmable Constant On-Time

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<td>T&lt;sub&gt;ON(MIN)&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>Minimum programmable on-time</td>
<td>R&lt;sub&gt;ON&lt;/sub&gt; = 6.98kΩ, V&lt;sub&gt;IN&lt;/sub&gt; = 22V</td>
<td>125</td>
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<td>T&lt;sub&gt;ON2&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>On-time 2</td>
<td>R&lt;sub&gt;ON&lt;/sub&gt; = 6.98kΩ, V&lt;sub&gt;IN&lt;/sub&gt; = 12V</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>ns</td>
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<td>T&lt;sub&gt;ON3&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>On-time 3</td>
<td>R&lt;sub&gt;ON&lt;/sub&gt; = 6.2kΩ, V&lt;sub&gt;IN&lt;/sub&gt; = 12V</td>
<td>375</td>
<td>445</td>
<td>515</td>
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|     | Minimum off-time |                                                                      |      |      |      |       |
|     |                 |                                                                      | 250  | 350  |      | ns    |

### Diode Emulation Mode

|     | Zero crossing threshold | DC value measured during test | -1   |      |      | mV    |

### Soft-start

|     | SS charge current |                                                                      | -14  | -10  | -6   | µA    |
|     | SS discharge current | Fault present |                                                                     | 1    |      |      | mA    |

### VCC Linear Regulator

|     | VCC output voltage | V<sub>IN</sub> = 6V to 22V, I<sub>LOAD</sub> = 0 to 30mA | *     | 4.8  | 5.0  | 5.2   | V     |
|     |                   | V<sub>IN</sub> = 5V, I<sub>LOAD</sub> = 0 to 20mA       | *     | 4.6  | 4.8  |      | V     |

### Power Good Output

|     | Power Good threshold | -10 | -7.5 | -5   | %     |
|     | Power Good hysteresis | 2   | 4    |      | %     |
|     | Power Good sink current | 1   |      |      | mA    |

### Protection: OCP, OTP, Short-Circuit

<p>|     | Hiccup timeout | 110 |      |      | ms    |
|     | ILIM pin source current | 45  | 50   | 55   | µA    |
|     | ILIM current temperature coefficient | 0.4 |      |      | %/°C  |
|     | OCP comparator offset | *   | -8   | 0    | +8   | mV    |</p>
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<td>Current limit blanking</td>
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<td>Thermal shutdown threshold(^1)</td>
<td>Rising temperature</td>
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<td>150</td>
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<td>Thermal hysteresis(^1)</td>
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<td>VSCTH feedback pin short-circuit threshold</td>
<td>Percent of V(_{\text{REF}}), short circuit is active after PGOOD is asserted</td>
<td>*</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>70</td>
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### Output Power Stage

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<td>(R_{\text{DS(ON)}}) High-side MOSFET (R_{\text{DS(ON)}})</td>
<td>(I_{\text{DS}} = 2\text{A})</td>
<td>8.2</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>mΩ</td>
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<td>(R_{\text{DS(ON)}}) Low-side MOSFET (R_{\text{DS(ON)}})</td>
<td></td>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>3.3</td>
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<td>mΩ</td>
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<td>(I_{\text{OUT}}) Maximum output current</td>
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<td>*</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(L) Output inductance</td>
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<td>0.45</td>
<td>0.56</td>
<td>0.67</td>
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<td>(C_{\text{IN}}) Input capacitance</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>(C_{\text{OUT}}) Output capacitance</td>
<td></td>
<td>2.2</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(C_{\text{BST}}) Bootstrap capacitance</td>
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Note 1: Guaranteed by design
Pin Configuration, Top View
## Pin Assignments

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<td>PGOOD</td>
<td>OD, O</td>
<td>Power-good output. This open-drain output is pulled low when $V_{OUT}$ is outside the regulation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>FB</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Feedback input to feedback comparator. Connect with a set of resistors to $V_{OUT}$ and AGND in order to program $V_{OUT}$.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3, 71, 72, AGND PAD</td>
<td>AGND</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Analog ground. Control circuitry of the IC is referenced to this pin. It should be connected to PVIN at a single point.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>VIN</td>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>Controller supply input. Provides power to internal LDO. Connect to PVIN.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>VCC</td>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>The output of the LDO. Bypass with a 4.7µF capacitor to AGND. For operation from a 5VIN rail, VCC should be tied to VIN.</td>
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<tr>
<td>6, 7, GL PAD</td>
<td>GL</td>
<td>O</td>
<td>Driver output for low-side N-channel synchronous MOSFET. It is internally connected to the gate of the MOSFET. Leave these pins floating.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>PGND</td>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>Controller low-side driver ground. Connect with a short trace to the closest PGND pins or PGND pad.</td>
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<tr>
<td>9-12, 27-32, SW PAD</td>
<td>SW</td>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>Switching node. It is internally connected. Use thermal vias and / or sufficient PCB land area in order to heatsink the low-side FET and the inductor.</td>
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<td>33-56, VOUT PADS</td>
<td>VOUT</td>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>Output of the power stage. Place the output filter capacitors as close as possible to these pins.</td>
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<td>59-66, PVIN PAD</td>
<td>PVIN</td>
<td>PWR</td>
<td>Power stage input voltage. Place the input filter capacitors as close as possible to these pins.</td>
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<td>67, 68, BST PAD</td>
<td>BST</td>
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<td>Controller high-side driver supply pin. It is internally connected to SW via a 0.1µF bootstrap capacitor. Leave these pins floating.</td>
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<td>ILIM</td>
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<td>Over-current protection programming. Connect with a short trace to the SW pins.</td>
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<td>70</td>
<td>EN/MODE</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Precision enable pin. Pulling this pin above 1.9V will turn the IC on and it will operate in Forced CCM. If the voltage is raised above 3.0V, then the IC will operate in DCM or CCM, depending on load.</td>
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<td>73</td>
<td>TON</td>
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<td>Constant on-time programming pin. Connect with a resistor to AGND.</td>
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<td>74</td>
<td>SS</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Soft-start pin. Connect an external capacitor between SS and AGND to program the soft-start rate based on the 10µA internal source current.</td>
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Type: A = Analog, I = Input, O = Output, I/O = Input/Output, PWR = Power, OD = Open-Drain
Functional Block Diagram
Typical Performance Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted: $V_{IN} = 12V$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$, $I_{OUT} = 20A$, $f = 500kHz$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$. The schematic is from the application information section.

**Figure 1: Load Regulation**

**Figure 2: Line regulation**

**Figure 3: $T_{ON}$ versus $R_{ON}$**

**Figure 4: $T_{ON}$ versus $V_{IN}$, $R_{ON}=6.98k$**

**Figure 5: Frequency versus $I_{OUT}$**

**Figure 6: Frequency versus $V_{IN}$**
Typical Performance Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted: \( V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 1.2V, I_{OUT} = 20A, f = 500kHz, T_A = 25^\circ C \). The schematic is from the application information section.

Figure 7: \( I_{OCP} \) versus \( R_{LIM} \)

Figure 8: \( V_{REF} \) versus temperature

Figure 9: \( I_{LIM} \) versus temperature

Figure 10: \( T_{\text{ON}} \) versus temperature, \( R_{\text{ON}}=16.2k\Omega \)

Figure 11: Inductance versus Current

Figure 12: \( V_{OUT} \) versus \( f \), \( V_{IN}=12V \)
Typical Performance Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted: \( V_{\text{IN}} = 12\text{V} \), \( V_{\text{OUT}} = 1.2\text{V} \), \( I_{\text{OUT}} = 20\text{A} \), \( f = 500\text{kHz} \), \( T_A = 25^\circ\text{C} \). The schematic is from the application information section.

Figure 13: Steady state, CCM, \( I_{\text{OUT}}=20\text{A} \)

Figure 14: Steady state, DCM, \( I_{\text{OUT}}=0\text{A} \)

Figure 15: Power up, Forced CCM

Figure 16: Power up, DCM/CCM

Figure 17: Load step, Forced CCM, \( 0\text{A}-10\text{A}-0\text{A} \)

Figure 18: Load step, DCM/CCM, \( 0\text{A}-10\text{A}-0\text{A} \)
Efficiency and Package Thermal Derating

Unless otherwise noted: $T_{\text{AMBIENT}} = 25^\circ\text{C}$, no air flow, $f = 500\text{kHz}$, the schematic is from the application information section.

**Figure 19:** Efficiency, $V_{\text{IN}}=5\text{V}$

**Figure 20:** Maximum $T_{\text{AMBIENT}}$ vs $I_{\text{OUT}}$, $V_{\text{IN}}=5\text{V}$

**Figure 21:** Efficiency, $V_{\text{IN}}=12\text{V}$

**Figure 22:** Maximum $T_{\text{AMBIENT}}$ vs $I_{\text{OUT}}$, $V_{\text{IN}}=12\text{V}$

**Figure 23:** Efficiency, $V_{\text{IN}}=19.6\text{V}$

**Figure 24:** Maximum $T_{\text{AMBIENT}}$ vs $I_{\text{OUT}}$, $V_{\text{IN}}=19.6\text{V}$
Functional Description

XR79120 is a synchronous step-down, proprietary emulated current-mode Constant On-Time (COT) module. The on-time, which is programmed via \( R_{\text{ON}} \), is inversely proportional to \( V_{\text{IN}} \) and maintains a nearly constant frequency. The emulated current-mode control is stable with ceramic output capacitors.

Each switching cycle begins with the GH signal turning on the high-side (switching) FET for a preprogrammed time. At the end of the on-time, the high-side FET is turned off and the low-side (synchronous) FET is turned on for a preset minimum time (250ns nominal). This parameter is termed Minimum Off-Time. After the Minimum Off-Time, the voltage at the feedback pin FB is compared to an internal voltage ramp at the feedback comparator. When \( V_{\text{FB}} \) drops below the ramp voltage, the high-side FET is turned on and the cycle repeats. This voltage ramp constitutes an emulated current ramp and makes possible the use of ceramic capacitors, in addition to other capacitor types, for output filtering.

Enable / Mode Input (EN/MODE)

The EN/MODE pin accepts a tri-level signal that is used to control turn on and turn off. It also selects between two modes of operation: ‘Forced CCM’ and ‘DCM / CCM’. If EN/MODE is pulled below 1.8V, the module shuts down. A voltage between 2.0V and 2.8V selects the Forced CCM Mode, which will run the module in continuous conduction at all times. A voltage higher than 3.1V selects the DCM / CCM mode, which will run the module in discontinuous conduction at light loads.

Selecting the Forced CCM Mode

In order to set the module to operate in Forced CCM, a voltage between 2.0V and 2.8V must be applied to EN/MODE. This can be achieved with an external control signal that meets the above voltage requirement. Where an external control is not available, the EN/MODE can be derived from \( V_{\text{IN}} \). If \( V_{\text{IN}} \) is well regulated, use a resistor divider and set the voltage to 2.5V. If \( V_{\text{IN}} \) varies over a wide range, the circuit shown in Figure 25 can be used to generate the required voltage. Note that at \( V_{\text{IN}} \) of 5V and 22V, the nominal Zener voltage is 3.8V and 4.7V, respectively. Therefore for \( V_{\text{IN}} \) in the range of 4.5V to 22V, the circuit shown in Figure 25 will generate the \( V_{\text{EN}} \) required for Forced CCM.

Selecting the DCM / CCM Mode

In order to set the module operation to DCM / CCM, a voltage between 3.1V and 5.5V must be applied to the EN/MODE pin. If an external control signal is available, it can be directly connected to EN/MODE. In applications
Programming the On-Time

The on-time $T_{ON}$ is programmed via resistor $R_{ON}$ according to the following equation:

$$R_{ON} = \frac{V_{IN} \times \left[ T_{ON} - (30 \times 10^{-9}) \right]}{3.1 \times 10^{-10}}$$

where $T_{ON}$ is calculated from:

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times f \times Eff}{V_{IN} \times f \times Eff}$$

Where:

$f$ is the desired switching frequency at nominal $I_{OUT}$

$Eff$ is the module efficiency corresponding to nominal $I_{OUT}$ shown in Figures 19, 21, and 23

Substituting for $T_{ON}$ in the first equation we get:

$$R_{ON} = \frac{\left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{f \times Eff} \right) - [(25 \times 10^{-9}) \times V_{IN}]}{2.85 \times 10^{-10}}$$

Over-Current Protection (OCP)

If load current exceeds the programmed over-current $I_{OCP}$ for four consecutive switching cycles, then the module enters the hiccup mode of operation. In hiccup mode, the MOSFET gates are turned off for 110ms (hiccup timeout). Following the hiccup timeout, a soft-start is attempted. If OCP persists, hiccup timeout will repeat. The module will remain in hiccup mode until load current is reduced below the programmed $I_{OCP}$. In order to program the over-current protection, use the following equation:

$$RLIM = \frac{(I_{OCP} \times RDS) + 8mV}{ILIM}$$

Where:

$RLIM$ is resistor value for programming $I_{OCP}$

$I_{OCP}$ is the over-current threshold to be programmed

$RDS$ is the MOSFET rated on resistance (3.3mΩ)

Over-Temperature (OTP)

OTP triggers at a nominal die temperature of 150°C. The gates of the switching FET and synchronous FET are turned off. When die temperature cools down to 135°C, soft-start is initiated and operation resumes.

Programming the Output Voltage

Use an external voltage divider as shown in the Application Circuit to program the output voltage $V_{OUT}$:

$$R1 = R2 \times (\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.6} - 1)$$

where $R1$ has a nominal value of 2kΩ.

Programming the Soft-start

Place a capacitor $CSS$ between the SS and AGND pins to program the soft-start. In order to program a soft-start time of TSS, calculate the required capacitance $CSS$ from the following equation:

$$CSS = TSS \times (\frac{10μA}{0.6V})$$

8mV is the OCP comparator maximum offset

$ILIM$ is the internal current that generates the necessary OCP comparator threshold (use 45μA).

Note that $ILIM$ has a positive temperature coefficient of 0.4%/°C (Figure 9). This is meant to roughly match and compensate for the positive temperature coefficient of the synchronous FET. A graph of typical $I_{OCP}$ versus $RLIM$ is shown in Figure 7.

Short-Circuit Protection (SCP)

If the output voltage drops below 60% of its programmed value, the module will enter hiccup mode. Hiccup will persist until the short-circuit is removed. The SCP circuit becomes active after PGOOD asserts high.
Feed-Forward Capacitor (CFF)
A feed-forward capacitor (C_{FF}) may be necessary depending on the Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) of C_{OUT}. If only ceramic output capacitors are used for C_{OUT}, then a C_{FF} is necessary. Calculate C_{FF} from:

\[ C_{FF} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times R1 \times 7 \times f_{LC}} \]

Where:
R1 is the resistor that C_{FF} is placed in parallel with
f_{LC} is the frequency of output filter double-pole
f_{LC} must be less than 13kHz when using ceramic C_{OUT}. If necessary, increase C_{OUT} in order to meet this constraint.

When using capacitors with higher ESR, such as the PANASONIC TPE series, a C_{FF} is not required provided following conditions are met:

1. The frequency of output filter LC double-pole f_{LC} should be less than 10kHz.
2. The frequency of ESR Zero f_{Zero,ESR} should be at least three times larger than f_{LC}.

Note that if f_{Zero,ESR} is less than 5f_{LC}, then it is recommended to set the f_{LC} at less than 2kHz. C_{FF} is still not required.

Maximum Allowable Voltage Ripple at FB Pin
Note that the steady-state voltage ripple at feedback pin FB (V_{FB,RIPPLE}) must not exceed 50mV in order for the module to function correctly. If V_{FB,RIPPLE} is larger than 50mV, the C_{OUT} should be increased as necessary in order to keep the V_{FB,RIPPLE} below 50mV.

Poor PCB layout can cause FET switching noise at the output and may couple to the FB pin via C_{FF}. Excessive noise at FB will cause poor load regulation. To solve this problem, place a resistor R_{FF} in series with C_{FF}. An R_{FF} value up to 2% of R1 is acceptable.

Maximum Recommended VOUT versus Frequency
V_{OUT} versus frequency curves corresponding to inductor current ripple \Delta I_L of 10A, 8A and 6A are plotted in Figure 12. These curves show the relationship between V_{OUT}, f and \Delta I_L for V_{IN} = 12V. As an example, for operating conditions of V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V and f = 500kHz, the current ripple is about 6.5A. Note that maximum recommended peak-to-peak \Delta I_L is 10A. Therefore the maximum permissible V_{OUT} versus f corresponds to the top curve in Figure 12. For example, with V_{IN} = 12V and f = 500kHz maximum, V_{OUT} is 2.5V.
Application Circuit

500kHz, 20A @ 1.8VOUT

12VIN

3x 22uF

4x 100uF

500kHz, 20A @ 1.8VOUT
Mechanical Dimensions

- All dimensions are in millimeters.
- Dimensions and tolerance per JEDEC MO-220.

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TERMINAL DETAILS
Recommended Land Pattern and Stencil

TYPICAL RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN

TYPICAL RECOMMENDED STENCIL

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1. Refer to www.maxlinear.com/XR79120 for most up-to-date Ordering Information.

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