

SGM41285 70V, 300mW Step-Up Converter and Current Monitor for APD Bias Applications

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

SGM41285 constant frequency pulse width modulating (PWM) step-up DC/DC converter features an internal switch and a high-side current monitor with high speed adjustable current limiting. This device is capable of generating output voltages up to 70V and providing current monitoring up to 4mA. The SGM41285 operates from 2.8V to 5.5V.

The constant frequency (850kHz) current mode PWM architecture provides low noise output voltage that is easy to filter. A high voltage internal power MOSFET allows this device to boost output voltages up to 70V. Internal soft-start circuitry limits the input current when the boost converter starts. The SGM41285 features a shutdown mode to save power.

The SGM41285 includes a current monitor with more than three decades of dynamic range and monitors current ranging from 500nA to 4mA with high accuracy. Resistor-adjustable current limiting protects the APD from optical power transients. A clamp diode protects the monitor's output from overvoltage conditions. Other protection features include cycle-by-cycle current limiting of the boost converter switch, under-voltage lockout (UVLO), and thermal shutdown if the die temperature reaches +160℃.

The SGM41285 is available in Green TQFN-3×3-16L package. It operates over an ambient temperature range of -40℃ to +85℃.

FEATURES

- **Input Voltage Range: 2.8V to 5.5V**
- Wide Output Voltage Range from (V_{IN} + 5V) to 70V
- **Internal 0.6Ω (TYP) 72V MOSFET**
- **Boost Converter Output Power: SGM41285A: 300mW SGM41285B: 200mW**
- **High-side Current Monitor Ratio: SGM41285A: 1:1 SGM41285B: 5:1**
- **Accurate ±5% (1:1 and 5:1) High-side Current Monitor**
- **Resistor-Adjustable Ultra-Fast APD Current Limit (1μs Response Time)**
- **Open-Drain Current-Limit Indicator Flag**
- **850kHz Fixed Switching Frequency**
- **Constant PWM Frequency Provides Easy Filtering in Low Noise Applications**
- **Internal Soft-Start Function**
- **Less than 1μA Shutdown Current**
- **-40**℃ **to +85**℃ **Operating Temperature Range**
- **Available in Green TQFN-3×3-16L Package**

APPLICATIONS

Avalanche Photodiode Biasing and Monitoring PIN Diode Bias Supply Low-Noise Varactor Diode Bias Supply FBON Modules GPON Modules

PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION

NOTE: XXXXX = Date Code and Vendor Code.

Green (RoHS & HSF): SG Micro Corp defines "Green" to mean Pb-Free (RoHS compatible) and free of halogen substances. If you have additional comments or questions, please contact your SGMICRO representative directly.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

IN, nSHDN, FB, nILIM, RLIM, CNTRL, CLAMP to SGND

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Input Voltage Range...2.8V to 5.5V Operating Ambient Temperature Range........-40℃ to +85℃ Operating Junction Temperature Range......-40℃ to +125℃

OVERSTRESS CAUTION

Stresses beyond those listed may cause permanent damage to the device. Functional operation of the device at these or any otherconditions beyond those indicated in the operational section of the specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect reliability.

ESD SENSITIVITY CAUTION

This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD if you don't pay attention to ESD protection. SGMICRO recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage. ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

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PIN CONFIGURATION

PIN DESCRIPTION

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

 $(V_{IN} = V_{nSHDN} = V_{CNTRL} = 3.3V$, $V_{BIAS} = 40V$, $V_{MOUT} = 0V$, $V_{PGND} = V_{SGND} = 0V$, $C_{IN} = 1\mu$ F, SW = APD = CLAMP = nILIM = unconnected, typical values are at T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

 V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 70V, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.

 $V_{\text{IN}} = 3.3V, V_{\text{OUT}} = 70V$ \Rightarrow 70V \Rightarrow 70V 2V/div VnSHDN V_{OUT} 8 V/div 500mA/div 500mA/div $|_{\mathsf{L}}$

Light-Load Switching Waveforms with RC Filter Heavy-Load Switching Waveforms with RC Filter

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TYPICAL APPLICATION

Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit

70V, 300mW Step-Up Converter and Current SGM41285 Monitor for APD Bias Applications

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The SGM41285 constant frequency, current-mode, PWM boost converters are intended for low voltage systems that require a locally generated high voltage. This device is capable of generating a low noise, high output voltage required for PIN and varactor diode biasing. The SGM41285 operates from 2.8V to 5.5V.

The SGM41285 operates in discontinuous mode in order to reduce the switching noise caused by reverse recovery charge of the rectifier diode and eliminates the need for external compensation components. Other continuous-mode boost converters generate large voltage spikes at the output when the SW switch turns on because there is a conduction path between the output, diode, and switch to ground during the time needed for the diode to turn off and reverse its bias voltage. The constant frequency (850kHz) PWM architecture generates an output voltage ripple that is easy to filter. A 72V lateral DMOS device used as the internal power switch is ideal for boost converters with output voltages up to 70V.

The SGM41285 includes a versatile current monitor intended for monitoring the APD, PIN, or varactor diode DC current in fiber and other applications. The SGM41285 features more than three decades of dynamic current ranging from 500nA to 4mA and provides an output current accurately proportional to the APD current at MOUT. The SGM41285 also features a shutdown logic input to disable the device and reduce its standby current to 1μA (MAX).

SGM41285 operates in PWM mode using a fixed frequency, current-mode operation. The current-mode frequency loop regulates the peak inductor current as a function of the output voltage error signal.

The current-mode PWM controller is intended for DCM operation. No internal slope compensation is added to the current signal.

Current Limit

The current limit of the current monitor is programmable from 1mA to 4.6mA (TYP). Connect RLIM to SGND to get a default current-limit threshold of 4.6mA or connect a resistor from RLIM to SGND to program the current-limit threshold below the default setting of 4.6mA. Calculate the value of the external resistor, R_{LM} , for a given current limit, I_{LM} , using the following equation:

$$
R_{LM} (k\Omega) = \left[\left(\frac{1.20V}{l_{LM} (mA)} \right) \times 10 - 2.67 k\Omega \right]
$$
 (1)

Clamping the Monitor Output Voltage (MOUT)

CLAMP provides a means for diode clamping the voltage at MOUT; thus, V_{MOLT} is limited to $(V_{CLAMP} +$ 0.9V). CLAMP can be connected to an external supply. Leave CLAMP unconnected if voltage clamping is not required.

Shutdown

The SGM41285 features an active-low shutdown input (nSHDN). Pull nSHDN low or leave it unconnected to enter shutdown. During shutdown, the supply current drops to 1μA (MAX). The output remains connected to the input through the inductor and output rectifier, holding the output voltage to one diode drop below IN when the SGM41285 is in shutdown. Connect nSHDN to IN for always-on operation.

Adjusting the Feedback Set-Point/Reference Voltage

Apply a voltage to the CNTRL input to set the feedback set-point reference voltage, V_{REF} (see the Functional Diagram). For V_{CNTRL} > 1.3V, the internal 1.20V (TYP) reference voltage is used as the feedback set point and for V_{CNTRL} < 1.2V, the CNTRL voltage is used as the reference voltage (V_{FB} set equal to V_{CNTRL}).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (continued)

Setting the Output Voltage

Set the SGM41285 output voltage by connecting a resistive divider from the output to FB to SGND [\(Figure](#page-13-0) [3\)](#page-13-0). Select R₁ (FB to SGND resistor) between 5kΩ and 10kΩ. Calculate R₂ (V_{OUT} to FB resistor) using the following equation:

$$
R_2 = R_1 \times \left[\left(\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{REF}}} \right) - 1 \right]
$$
 (2)

where V_{OUT} can range from (V_{IN} + 5V) to 70V. Apply a voltage to the CNTRL input to set the feedback set-point reference voltage, V_{REF} (see the Functional [Block Diagram\)](#page-11-0).

For V_{CNTRL} > 1.3V, the internal 1.20V (TYP) reference voltage is used as the feedback set point and for V_{CNTRL} $<$ 1.2V, V_{REF} = V_{CNTRL}. See the Adjusting the Feedback [Set-Point/Reference Voltage](#page-12-0) section for more information on adjusting the feedback reference voltage, V_{REF} .

Determining Peak Inductor Current

If the boost converter remains in the discontinuous mode of operation, then the approximate peak inductor current, I_{LPEAK} (in A), is represented by the formula below:

$$
I_{\text{LPEAK}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times t_s \times (V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN_MIN}}) \times I_{\text{OUT_MAX}}}{\eta \times L}}
$$
(3)

where t_s is the switching period in μ s, V_{OUT} is the output voltage in volts, V_{IN_MIN} is the minimum input voltage in volts, $I_{\text{OUT MAX}}$ is the maximum output current in amps, L is the inductor value in μH, and η is the efficiency of the boost converter.

Figure 3. Adjustable Output Voltage

Determining the Inductor Value

Three key inductor parameters must be specified for operation with the SGM41285: inductance value (L), inductor saturation current (I_{SAT}) , and DC resistance (DCR). In general, the inductor should have a saturation current rating greater than the maximum peak switch current-limit value ($I_{LIM,SW}$ = 1.1A). DCR should be low for reasonable efficiency.

Use the following formula to calculate the lower bound of the inductor value at different output voltages and output currents. This is the minimum inductance value for discontinuous mode operation for supplying full 300mW of output power:

$$
I_{MIN} \left[\mu H \right] = \frac{2 \times t_s \times I_{OUT} \times \left(V_{OUT} - V_{IN_MIN} \right)}{n \times I_{LM_SW}^2}
$$
 (4)

where V_{IN_MIN} , V_{OUT} (both in volts), and I_{OUT} (in amps) are typical values (so that efficiency is optimum for typical conditions), t_s (in μs) is the period, η is the efficiency, and I_{LIM-SW} is the peak switch current in amps (see the [Electrical Characteristics](#page-3-0) table).

Calculate the optimum value of L (L_{OPTIMUM}) to ensure the full output power without reaching the boundary between continuous-conduction mode (CCM) and discontinuous-conduction mode (DCM) using the following formula:

$$
L_{\text{OPTIMUM}}\left[\mu\text{H}\right] = \frac{L_{\text{MAX}}\left[\mu\text{H}\right]}{2.25} \tag{5}
$$

where:

$$
I_{MAX} \left[\mu H\right] = \frac{V_{IN_MIN}^2 \times \left(V_{OUT} - V_{IN_MAX}\right) \times t_s \times \eta}{2 \times I_{OUT} \times V_{OUT}^2}
$$
 (6)

For a design in which V_{IN} = 3.3V, V_{OUT} = 70V, I_{OUT} = 3mA, η = 45%, I_{LIM-SW} = 1.1A, and t_S = 1.17µs: L_{MAX} = 13μ H and $L_{MIN} = 0.9\mu$ H.

For a worse-case scenario in which V_{IN} = 2.8V, V_{OUT} = 70V, $I_{\text{OUT}} = 4 \text{ mA}$, $\eta = 43\%$, $I_{\text{LIM_SW}} = 1.1 \text{ A}$, and $t_{\text{S}} =$ 1.17 μs: $L_{MAX} = 7 \mu H$ and $L_{MIN} = 1.2 \mu H$.

The choice of 4.7μH is reasonable given the worst-case scenario above. In general, the higher the inductance, the lower the switching noise. Load regulation is also better with higher inductance.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (continued)

Diode Selection

The SGM41285's high switching frequency demands a high-speed rectifier. Schottky diodes are recommended for most applications because of their fast recovery time and low forward-voltage drop. Ensure that the diode's peak current rating is greater than the peak inductor current. Also, the diode breakdown voltage must be greater than V_{OUT} .

Output Filter Capacitor Selection

For most applications, use a small output capacitor of 0.1μF or greater. To achieve low output ripple, a capacitor with low ESR, low ESL, and high capacitance value should be selected. If tantalum or electrolytic capacitors are used to achieve high capacitance values, always add a smaller ceramic capacitor in parallel to bypass the high-frequency components of the diode current. The higher ESR and ESL of electrolytic capacitors increase the output ripple and peak-to-peak transient voltage. Assuming the contribution from the ESR and capacitor discharge equals 50% (proportions may vary), calculate the output capacitance and ESR required for a specified ripple using the following equations:

$$
C_{\text{OUT}} \left[\mu F \right] = \frac{I_{\text{OUT}}}{0.5 \times \Delta V_{\text{OUT}}} \left[t_{\text{s}} - \frac{I_{\text{PEAK}} \times L_{\text{OPTIMUM}}}{V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN_MIN}}} \right] \tag{7}
$$

ESR
$$
\left[m\Omega \right] = \frac{0.5 \times \Delta V_{\text{OUT}}}{I_{\text{OUT}}} \tag{8}
$$

For very-low-output-ripple applications, the output of the boost converter can be followed by an RC filter to further reduce the ripple. [Figure 4](#page-14-0) shows a 100Ω, 0.1μF (R_F, C_F) filter used to reduce the switching output ripple. The output voltage regulation resistive divider must remain connected to the diode/output capacitor node.

Use X7R ceramic capacitors for more stability over the full temperature range.

Figure 4. Typical Operating Circuit with RC Filter

Input Capacitor Selection

Bypass IN to PGND with a 1μF (MIN) ceramic capacitor. Depending on the supply source impedance, higher values may be needed. Make sure that the input capacitors are close enough to the IC to provide adequate decoupling at IN as well. If the layout cannot achieve this, add another 0.1μF ceramic capacitor between IN and PGND in the immediate vicinity of the IC. Bulk aluminum electrolytic capacitors may be needed to avoid chattering at low-input voltage. In case of aluminum electrolytic capacitors, calculate the capacitor value and ESR of the input capacitor using the following equations:

$$
C_{\text{IN}}\left[\mu F\right] = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}}{\eta \times V_{\text{IN_MIN}} \times 0.5 \times \Delta V_{\text{IN}}}\left[t_{\text{s}} - \frac{I_{\text{PEAK}} \times L_{\text{OPTIMUM}} \times V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{IN_MIN}}\left(V_{\text{OUT}} - V_{\text{IN_MIN}}\right)}\right] (9)
$$
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$$
\text{ESR}\left[m\Omega\right] = \frac{0.5 \times \Delta V_{\text{IN}} \times \eta \times V_{\text{IN_MIN}}}{V_{\text{OUT}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}}
$$
\n(10)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

When using the SGM41285 to monitor APD or PIN photodiode currents in fiber applications, several issues must be addressed. In applications where the photodiode must be fully depleted, keep track of voltages budgeted for each component with respect to the available supply voltage(s). The current monitors require as much as 1.9V between BIAS and APD, which must be considered part of the overall voltage budget.

Additional voltage margin can be created if a negative supply is used in place of a ground connection, as long as the overall voltage drop experienced by the SGM41285 is less than or equal to 70V. For this type of application, the SGM41285 is suggested so the output can be referenced to "true" ground and not the negative supply. The SGM41285's output current can be referenced as desired with either a resistor to ground or a transimpedance amplifier. Take care to ensure that output voltage excursions do not interfere with the required margin between BIAS and MOUT. In many fiber applications, MOUT is connected directly to an ADC that operates from a supply voltage that is less than the voltage at BIAS. Connecting the SGM41285's clamping diode output, CLAMP, to the ADC power supply helps avoid damage to the ADC. Without this protection, voltages can develop at MOUT that might destroy the ADC.

This protection is less critical when MOUT is connected directly to subsequent transimpedance amplifiers (linear or logarithmic) that have low-impedance, near-ground referenced inputs. If a transimpedance amp is used on the low side of the photodiode, its voltage drop must also be considered. Leakage from the clamping diode is most often insignificant over

nominal operating conditions, but grows with temperature.

To maintain low levels of wideband noise, lowpass filtering the output signal is suggested in applications where only DC measurements are required. Connect the filter capacitor at MOUT. Determining the required filtering components is straightforward, as the SGM41285 exhibits a very high output impedance of 5GΩ.

In some applications where pilot tones are used to identify specific fiber channels, higher bandwidths are desired at MOUT to detect these tones. Consider the minimum and maximum currents to be detected, then consult the frequency response and noise typical operating curves. If the minimum current is too small, insufficient bandwidth could result, while too high a current could result in excessive noise across the desired bandwidth.

Layout Considerations

Careful PCB layout is critical to achieve low switching losses and clean and stable operation. Protect sensitive analog grounds by using a star ground configuration. Connect SGND and PGND together close to the device at the return terminal of the output bypass capacitor. Do not connect them together anywhere else. Keep all PCB traces as short as possible to reduce stray capacitance, trace resistance, and radiated noise. Ensure that the feedback connection to FB is short and direct. Route high-speed switching nodes away from the sensitive analog areas. Use an internal PCB layer for SGND as an EMI shield to keep radiated noise away from the device, feedback dividers, and analog bypass capacitors.

PACKAGE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

TQFN-3×3-16L

RECOMMENDED LAND PATTERN (Unit: mm)

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

REEL DIMENSIONS

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CARTON BOX DIMENSIONS

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