DEMONSTRATION CIRCUIT 1160

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1160 is a full-featured LED driver with 2.3A switch current featuring the LT®3518. The board is optimized to drive a 330mA LED string with a total LED voltage between the input voltage and 40V in a boost topology. The high input voltage range, high efficiency low side internal 2.3A NPN power switch, low voltage floating current sense amplifier, soft-start, high side PMOS PWM gate driver, high PWM dimming ratio, overvoltage protection, shutdown control pin, analog LED current dimming control, and externally programmable switching frequency (with sync) make the LT3518 an extremely versatile and powerful LED driving IC.

The LT3518 has a 45V switch with 2.3A peak switch current limit rating. DC1160 has overvoltage protection at 40V if the LEDs are open or not properly attached to the terminals on the PCB. The shutdown function is activated by pulling the shutdown terminal to ground. In shutdown the boost configuration allows the input voltage to be seen on the output and if the attached LED array leaks current at the input voltage, the LEDs may not completely turn off. If the top gate is installed, it will provide shutdown output disconnect and the LEDs will turn off during shutdown. The CTRL terminal can be used to analog dim the LED current. In order to use the CTRL terminal, R6 (0Ω) pull-up short resistor must be removed and replaced with a resistor divider from VREF to GND or an external voltage on the CTRL terminal.

The high side PMOS PWM dimming MOSFET can be used to achieve 3000:1 PWM dimming ratio. The board is programmed for 1MHz oscillator frequency, but can be adjusted by changing R14. Higher frequency results in higher PWM dimming ratio.

The VIN pin can be tied directly to PVIN for simplicity or powered from an additional low voltage input such as 3.3V for higher efficiency operation and lower on-chip power dissipation.

A few simple modifications can be made to DC1160 in order to convert the board from a boost LED driver to a buck mode or buck-boost mode LED driver. Please consult the data sheet for schematic details and the factory for customization details.

The LT3518 data sheet gives a complete description of the part, operation and applications information. The data sheet must be read in conjunction with this Quick Start Guide for demonstration circuit 1160. The LT3518 is assembled in a small 16-lead plastic (4mm × 4mm) QFN UF package with a thermally enhanced ground pad. Proper board layout is essential for maximum thermal performance. See the data sheet section Layout Considerations.

Design files for this circuit board are available at
http://www.linear.com/demo

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DEMO MANUAL DC1160

QUICK START PROCEDURE

DC1160 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LT3518. Follow the procedure below:

Note: Make sure that the PVIN input voltage does not exceed 40V and that the VIN input voltage does not exceed 30V.

1. Connect a string of LEDs with forward voltage less than 40V, but greater than the PVIN input voltage, to the LED+ and GND terminals on the PCB as shown.

2. With power off, connect a 3.3V input power supply to the VIN and GND terminals on the PCB.

3. With power off, connect a 3V to 40V input power supply to PVIN and GND terminals on the PCB. PVIN should not exceed the attached LED string voltage.

4. Connect a 3.3V source to PWM and GND.

5. Turn PVIN power on.

6. Turn VIN power on and observe the regulated LED current, the circuit efficiency, etc. without looking directly at the LEDs.

7. For PWM dimming, tie a 100Hz, 3V to 5V PWM waveform to the PWM terminal and GND and observe the PWM dimming LED current and PWM gate waveforms.

8. For shutdown, tie the SHDN terminal to GND and observe the LED current dropping to zero and the VIN input current dropping to about 65mA with R4 installed (VIN/51k).

![Figure 1. DC1160A Efficiency 30V LED String, PVIN = VIN = 12V](image1)

**Figure 1.** DC1160A Efficiency 30V LED String, PVIN = VIN = 12V

![Figure 2. 3000:1 PWM Dimming at 100Hz, PVIN = 12V, VLED = 30V](image2)

**Figure 2.** 3000:1 PWM Dimming at 100Hz, PVIN = 12V, VLED = 30V
QUICK START PROCEDURE

Figure 3. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup
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Full-Featured LED Driver with 2.3A Switch Current

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FOR ASSEMBLY:
Install Hardware (E1-E12)
At These Locations (Top Side Only)

TURRETS: Min-Max 2501-2
PCB: TOP
PCB: BOTTOM
PCB LAYOUT AND FILM

Silkscreen Top

Component Side
PCB LAYOUT AND FILM

Soldermask Top

Pastemask Top
PCB LAYOUT AND FILM

Soldermask Bottom

Pastemask Bottom

Solder Side
NOTES : Unless Otherwise Specified

1. FAB PER IPC-A-600
2. MATERIAL: EPOXY FIBERGLASS, NEWM GRADE FR-4
   FINISHED THICKNESS TO BE 0.062" +/- 0.006"
   TOTAL OF 4 LAYERS WITH 2 OZ. COPPER ON THE OUTER
   LAYERS AND 1 OZ. COPPER ON THE INTERNAL LAYERS.
   FLAMMABILITY RATING: 94 V-0 MINIMUM .
3. FINISH: SMOBC USING LPI BOTH SIDES, COLOR GREEN.
   WHITE TIN IMMERSION (OMIKRON), (not required for prototype)
   FOR SILKSCREEN: USE WHITE NON-CONDUCTIVE INK.
4. DRILLING: DRILL HOLES PER SCHEDULE. ALL PLATED THROUGH HOLES
   WITH COPPER, 0.001" MIN. / 0.0015" MAX. COPPER PLATE
   ALL HOLE SIZES ARE SPECIFIED AFTER PLATING. HOLE
   LOCATION TOLERANCES ARE +/-0.003" IN RELATION TO CENTER
5. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES
6. SCORING FOR PANELIZED PCB: (not required for prototype)
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