

Micropower, Regulated 3.3V Charge Pump in a 5-Pin SOT-23 Package

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FEATURES

- **Ultralow Power:** $I_{CC} = 6\mu\text{A}$ Typ
- **Short-Circuit/Thermal Protected**
- **3.3V $\pm 4\%$ Regulated Output**
- V_{IN} Range: 2V to 4.4V
- **Output Current: 8mA ($V_{IN} \geq 2\text{V}$)**
15mA ($V_{IN} \geq 2.5\text{V}$)
- No Inductors
- **Ultrasmall Application Circuit (0.045in²)**
- 800kHz Switching Frequency
- Available in 5-Pin SOT-23

APPLICATIONS

- Cellular Telephones
- Battery-Operated Equipment
- Local Power Supplies
- Handheld Instruments
- PCMCIA Supplies

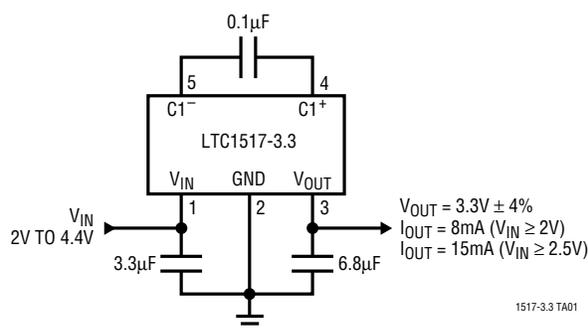
DESCRIPTION

The LTC[®]1517-3.3 is a micropower charge pump DC/DC converter that produces a regulated 3.3V output. The input voltage range is 2V to 4.4V. Extremely low operating current (typically 6 μA with no load) and low external parts count (one 0.1 μF flying capacitor and two small bypass capacitors at V_{IN} and V_{OUT}) make the part ideally suited for small, light load battery-powered applications. The total printed circuit board area of the application circuit shown below is only 0.045in².

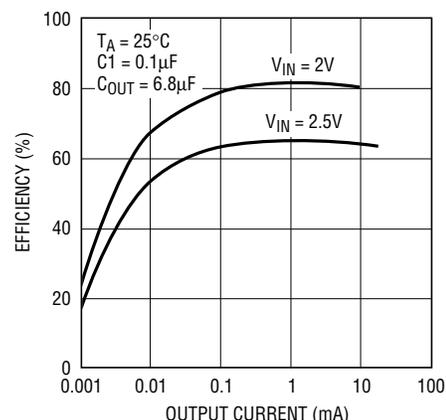
The part operates as a Burst Mode[™] switched-capacitor voltage doubler to produce a regulated output. The part has thermal shutdown capability and can survive a continuous short circuit from V_{OUT} to GND. The device is available in a 5-pin SOT-23 package.

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TYPICAL APPLICATION



Efficiency vs Output Current



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Note 1)

V_{IN} to GND	-0.3V to 6V
V_{OUT} to GND	-0.3V to 6V
V_{OUT} Short-Circuit Duration	Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range:	
Commercial (Note 2)	0°C to 70°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	300°C

PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

	ORDER PART NUMBER
	LTC1517CS5-3.3
	S5 PART MARKING
	LTEF

Consult factory for Industrial and Military grade parts.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_{IN} = 2V$ to $4.4V$, $C1 = 0.1\mu F$, $C_{IN} = 3.3\mu F$, $C_{OUT} = 6.8\mu F$, T_{MIN} to T_{MAX} , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
V_{IN}	Operating Input Voltage	●	2.0		4.4	V	
V_{OUT}	Output Voltage	$2V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.4V$, $I_{OUT} \leq 8mA$	●	3.17	3.3	3.43	V
		$2.5V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.4V$, $I_{OUT} \leq 15mA$	●	3.17	3.3	3.43	V
I_{CC}	Input Supply Current	$2V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.4V$, $I_{OUT} = 0$	●		6	15	μA
	V_{OUT} Ripple	$V_{IN} = 2.5V$, $I_{OUT} = 15mA$, $C_{OUT} = 6.8\mu F$			50		mVp-p
f_{OSC}	Oscillator Frequency			800		kHz	
t_{ON}	V_{OUT} Turn-On Time	$V_{IN} = 2.5V$		1		ms	

The ● denotes specifications that apply over the full operating temperature range.

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of the device may be impaired.

Note 2: Commercial grade parts are designed to operate over the temperature range of -40°C to 85°C but are neither tested nor guaranteed beyond 0°C to 70°C.

PIN FUNCTIONS

V_{IN} (Pin 1): Charge Pump Input Voltage. May be between 2V and 4.4V. V_{IN} should be bypassed with a $\geq 3.3\mu F$ low ESR capacitor as close as possible to the pin for best performance.

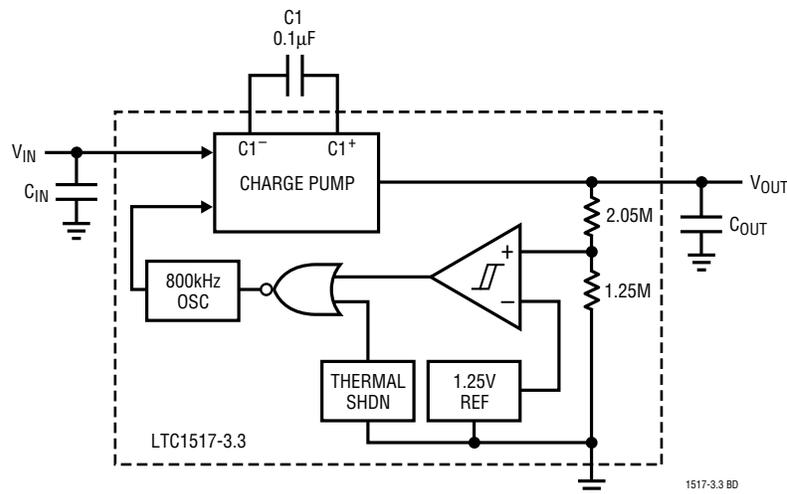
GND (Pin 2): Ground. Should be tied to a ground plane for best performance.

V_{OUT} (Pin 3): Regulated Output Voltage. V_{OUT} should be bypassed with a $\geq 3.3\mu F$ low ESR capacitor as close as possible to the pin for best performance.

$C1^+$ (Pin 4): Charge Pump Flying Capacitor Positive Terminal.

$C1^-$ (Pin 5): Charge Pump Flying Capacitor Negative Terminal.

SIMPLIFIED BLOCK DIAGRAM



APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Operation

The LTC1517-3.3 uses a switched-capacitor charge pump to boost V_{IN} to a $3.3V \pm 4\%$ regulated output. The part achieves regulation by sensing the output voltage through an internal resistor divider and enabling the charge pump when the divided output droops below the comparator's lower trip point (set by V_{REF}). When the charge pump is enabled, a 2-phase nonoverlapping clock controls the internal charge pump switches. Flying capacitor C1 is charged to V_{IN} on phase one of the clock. On phase two of the clock, C1 is stacked in series with V_{IN} and connected to V_{OUT} through an internal switch. This sequence of charging and discharging the flying capacitor occurs at a free running frequency of 800kHz (typ) and continues until the divided output voltage reaches the upper trip point of the comparator. Once the output is back in regulation, the charge pump is disabled. This method of bursting the charge pump on and off enables the LTC1517-3.3 to achieve high efficiency at extremely low output loads.

Capacitor Selection

For best performance, it is recommended that low ESR capacitors be used for both C_{IN} and C_{OUT} to reduce noise and ripple. The C_{IN} and C_{OUT} capacitors should be either

ceramic or tantalum and should be $3.3\mu F$ or greater. Ceramic capacitors will provide the smallest size for a given capacitance. If the input source impedance is very low ($< 0.5\Omega$), C_{IN} may not be needed. Ceramic capacitors are recommended for the flying capacitor C1 with values of $0.1\mu F$ or $0.22\mu F$. Smaller value flying capacitors may be used in low I_{OUT} applications.

Output Ripple

Normal LTC1517-3.3 operation produces voltage ripple on the V_{OUT} pin. Output voltage ripple is required for the parts to regulate. Low frequency ripple exists due to the hysteresis in the sense comparator and propagation delays in the charge pump enable/disable circuits. High frequency ripple is also present mainly from the ESR (equivalent series resistance) in the output capacitor. Typical output ripple with $V_{IN} = 2.5V$ under maximum load is 75mV peak-to-peak with a low ESR $3.3\mu F$ output capacitor (minimum recommended C_{OUT}). For applications requiring V_{IN} to exceed 3.3V or for applications requiring less than 75mV of peak-to-peak ripple, a $6.8\mu F$ to $10\mu F$ C_{OUT} capacitor is recommended. Slight further decreases in output ripple can be achieved by using C_{OUT} capacitors larger than $10\mu F$.

