

### General Description

The AAT2845A is a highly integrated power solution for single-cell lithium-ion-based LCD display applications. It includes a four-channel LED backlight driver and two integrated 200mA LDOs as additional power supplies for display and camera-related chipsets.

The backlight driver is a low noise, constant frequency charge pump DC/DC converter that uses a tri-mode load switch (1X), fractional (1.5X), and doubling (2X) conversion to maximize efficiency. Each of the four channels is capable of driving up to 20mA per channel.

AnalogicTech's S<sup>2</sup>Cwire™ (Simple Serial Control™) serial digital input is used to enable, disable, and set current for each LED with 16 available settings down to 50µA. The low current mode supply current can be as low as 50µA to save power and maintain high efficiency.

Each LED output is equipped with built-in protection for short-circuit and auto-disable functions. Built-in soft-start circuitry prevents excessive inrush current during start-up. A low current shut-down feature disconnects the load from V<sub>IN</sub> and reduces quiescent current to less than 1µA.

The AAT2845A is available in a Pb-free, thermally-enhanced 20-pin 3x4mm TQFN package.

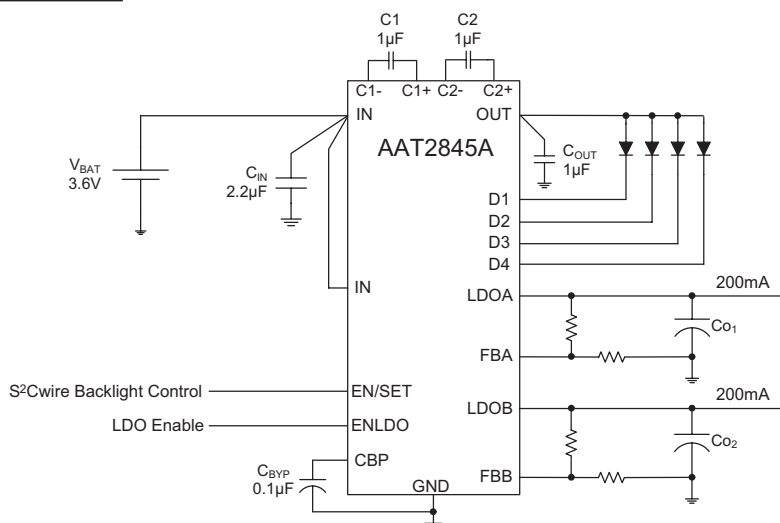
### Features

- Input Voltage Range: 2.7V to 5.5V
- Four-Channel LED Driver:
  - Tri-Mode Charge Pump
  - Up to 20mA/Channel
  - Easy Control with Single Wire Interface
  - 16 Current Levels
  - Four Low Current Settings Down to 50µA
  - Low I<sub>Q</sub> (50µA) for Low Current Mode
  - >90% Peak Efficiency
- Dual 200mA LDOs
- Automatic Soft-Start
- Over-Temperature Protection
- Available in 3x4mm TQFN34-20 Package
- -40°C to +85°C Temperature Range

### Applications

- Camera Function Power Supplies
- Camera Phone Displays
- LCD Modules
- White LED Backlighting

### Typical Application

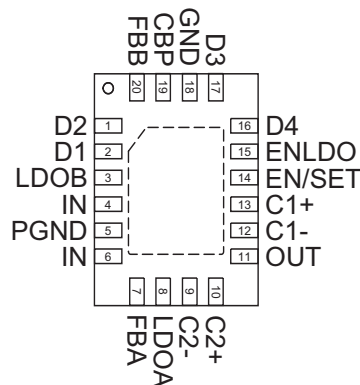


### Pin Descriptions

| Pin # | Symbol | Function  |
|-------|--------|---|
| 1     | D2     | Current sink input #2.  |
| 2     | D1     | Current sink input #1.  |
| 3     | LDOB   | Output of LDO B. Connect a 2.2 $\mu$ F or larger ceramic capacitor to ground.   |
| 4     | IN     | Input power supply for charge pump. Requires a 1 $\mu$ F or larger ceramic capacitor connected between this pin and ground. |
| 5     | PGND   | Power ground.   |
| 6     | IN     | Input power pin for both LDOs. Connect a 1 $\mu$ F or larger ceramic capacitor from this pin to PGND.                       |
| 7     | FBA    | Feedback pin of LDO A. Regulated at 1.2V.   |
| 8     | LDOA   | Output of LDO A. Connect a 2.2 $\mu$ F or larger ceramic capacitor to ground.   |
| 9     | C2-    | Flying capacitor 2 negative terminal.   |
| 10    | C2+    | Flying capacitor 2 positive terminal. Connect a 1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor between C2+ and C2-.                            |
| 11    | OUT    | Charge pump output to drive load circuit. Connect a 1 $\mu$ F or larger ceramic capacitor between this pin and PGND.        |
| 12    | C1-    | Flying capacitor 1 negative terminal.   |
| 13    | C1+    | Flying capacitor 1 positive terminal. Connect a 1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor between C1+ and C1-.                            |
| 14    | EN/SET | S <sup>2</sup> Cwire control pin for backlighting.  |
| 15    | ENLDO  | Enable pin for LDO A and B.   |
| 16    | D4     | Current sink input #4.  |
| 17    | D3     | Current sink input #3.  |
| 18    | GND    | Ground.   |
| 19    | CBP    | Bypass pin for the internal reference. Connect a 0.1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor from this pin to GND.                        |
| 20    | FBB    | Feedback pin of LDO B. Regulated at 1.2V.   |
| EP    |        | Exposed paddle (bottom); connect to PGND as closely as possible to the device.  |

### Pin Configuration

**TQFN34-20**  
(Top View)



### Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>1</sup>

$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.

| Symbol     | Description   | Value                   | Units            |
|------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|
|            | IN, OUT, D1,D2, D3, D4 Voltage to GND                   | -0.3 to 6.0             | V                |
|            | C1+, C1-, C2+, C2- Voltage to GND                       | -0.3 to $V_{OUT} + 0.3$ | V                |
|            | LDOA, LDOB, FBA, FBB, EN/SET, ENLDO, CBP Voltage to GND | -0.3 to $V_{IN} + 0.3$  | V                |
|            | PGND Voltage to GND                                     | -0.3 to +0.3            | V                |
| $T_J$      | Operating Temperature Range                             | -40 to 150              | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| $T_{LEAD}$ | Maximum Soldering Temperature (at leads, 10 sec)        | 300                     | $^\circ\text{C}$ |

### Thermal Information<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>

| Symbol        | Description               | Value | Units                     |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| $\theta_{JA}$ | Thermal Resistance        | 50    | $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$ |
| $P_D$         | Maximum Power Dissipation | 2     | W                         |

1. Stresses above those listed in Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Functional operation at conditions other than the operating conditions specified is not implied. Only one Absolute Maximum Rating should be applied at any one time.
2. Based on long-term current density limitation.
3. Derate 20mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$  above 40 $^\circ\text{C}$  ambient temperature.
4. Mounted on an FR4 circuit board.

### Electrical Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

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| Symbol                      | Description   | Conditions   | Min | Typ | Max | Units            |
|-----------------------------|---|--|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| <b>Power Supply</b>         |   |  |     |     |     |                  |
| $V_{IN}$                    | Supply Voltage  |  | 2.7 |     | 5.5 | V                |
| $I_{SHDN}$                  | Total Shutdown Current at $V_{IN}$ and $LDO_{IN}$           | $EN/SET = ENLDO = GND$   |     |     | 1.0 | $\mu\text{A}$    |
| <b>Charge Pump</b>          |   |  |     |     |     |                  |
| $I_{CC}$                    | Operating Current   | 1X Mode, $3.0 \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5$ ,<br>Active, No Load Current   |     |     | 1.0 | mA               |
|                             |   | 1.5X Mode, $3.0 \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5$ ,<br>Active, No Load Current |     |     | 3.0 |                  |
|                             |   | 2X Mode, $3.0 \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5$ ,<br>Active, No Load Current   |     |     | 5.0 |                  |
|                             |   | 50 $\mu\text{A}$ Setting, 1X Mode                                  |     | 50  |     | $\mu\text{A}$    |
| $I_{DX}$                    | Average Current Accuracy                                    | 20mA Setting, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$                             | 18  | 20  | 22  | mA               |
|                             |   | 1mA Setting, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$                              | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 |                  |
| $I_{(D-Match)}$             | Current Matching <sup>2</sup>                               | $V_{IN} - V_F = 1.5\text{V}$                                       |     | 0.5 | 1.0 | %                |
| $V_{TH}$                    | 1X to 1.5X or 1.5X to 2X Transition Threshold at Any DX Pin | 20mA Setting, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$                             |     | 150 |     | mV               |
| $T_{SS}$                    | Soft-Start Time   |  |     | 100 |     | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $F_{CLK}$                   | Clock Frequency   |  |     | 1   |     | MHz              |
| $T_{SD}$                    | Over-Temperature Shutdown Threshold                         |  |     | 140 |     | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| $T_{HYS}$                   | Over-Temperature Shutdown Hysteresis                        |  |     | 15  |     | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| <b>EN/SET Logic Control</b> |   |  |     |     |     |                  |
| $T_{EN/SET LO}$             | EN/SET Low Time   |  | 0.3 |     | 75  | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $T_{EN/SET HI MIN}$         | Minimum EN/SET High Time                                    |  |     | 50  |     | ns               |
| $T_{EN/SET HI MAX}$         | Maximum EN/SET High Time                                    |  |     |     | 75  | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $T_{OFF}$                   | EN/SET Off Timeout  |  |     |     | 500 | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $T_{LAT}$                   | EN/SET Latch Timeout  |  |     |     | 500 | $\mu\text{s}$    |
| $I_{EN/SET}$                | EN/SET Input Leakage  | $V_{EN/SET} = V_{IN} = 5\text{V}$                                  | -1  |     | 1   | $\mu\text{A}$    |

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- Current matching is defined as the deviation of any sink current from the average of all active channels.

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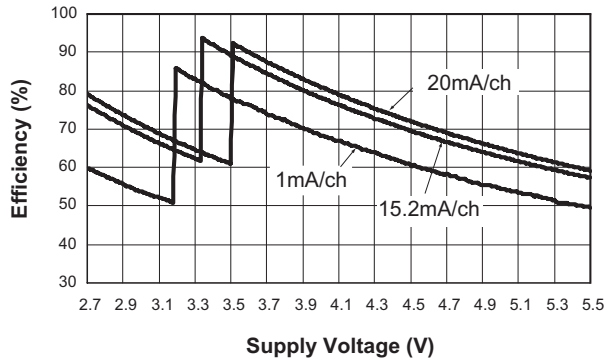
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|--|---|--|------|------|------|---------------|
| <b>LDOs</b>  |   |  |      |      |      |               |
| $I_{IN}$   | IN Operating Current                    | ENLDO = IN, EN/SET = AGND, No Load                       |      | 80   | 150  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| $V_{FB}$   | Feedback Voltage                        | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{mA to } 200\text{mA}$                  | 1.17 | 1.2  | 1.23 | V             |
| $V_{DO}$   | Dropout Voltage                         | $I_{OUT} = 150\text{mA}$                                 |      | 150  | 300  | mV            |
| $\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{V_{OUT}} \cdot \Delta V_{IN}$ | Line Regulation                         | $V_{IN} = (V_{OUT} + 1\text{V}) \text{ to } 5.0\text{V}$ |      | 0.09 |      | %/V           |
| PSRR   | Power Supply Rejection Ratio            | $I_{OUT} = 10\text{mA}$ , 1kHz                           |      | 50   |      | dB            |
| <b>LDO Logic Control</b>                             |   |  |      |      |      |               |
| $V_{IL}$   | EN/SET, ENLDO Pins Logic Low Threshold  |  |      |      | 0.4  | V             |
| $V_{IH}$   | EN/SET, ENLDO Pins Logic High Threshold |  | 1.4  |      |      | V             |

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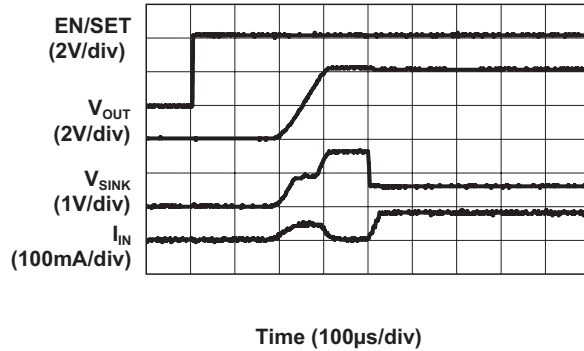
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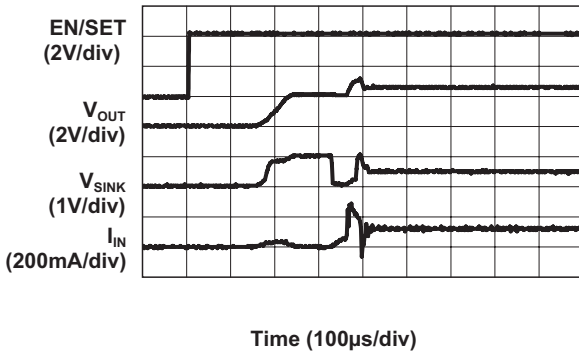
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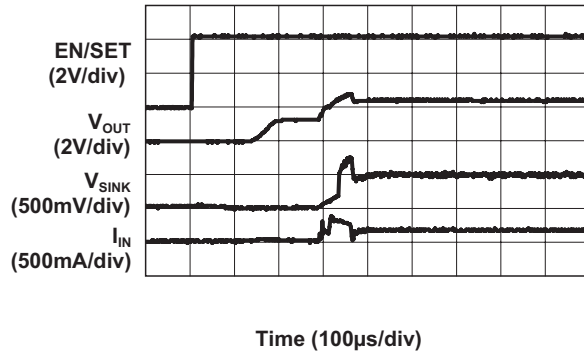
**Turn-On to 1X Mode**  
( $V_{IN} = 4.2V$ ; 20mA/ch Load)



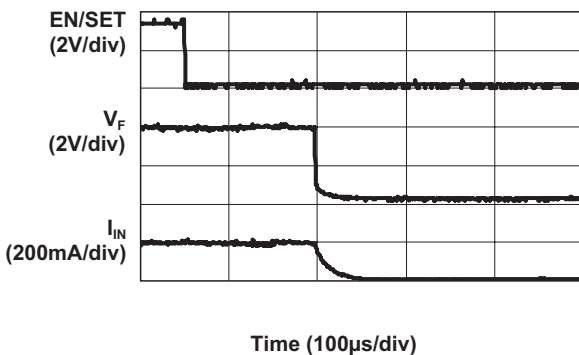
**Turn-On to 1.5X Mode**  
( $V_{IN} = 3.5V$ ; 20mA/ch Load)



**Turn-On to 2X Mode**  
( $V_{IN} = 2.8V$ ; 20mA/ch Load)



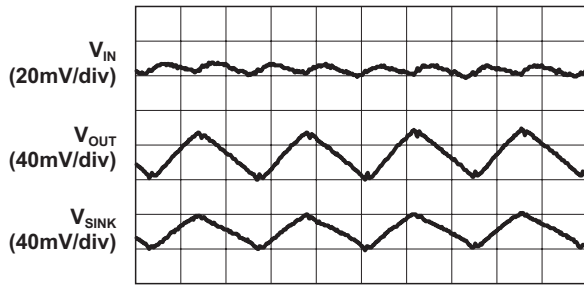
**Turn-Off from 1.5X Mode Backlight**



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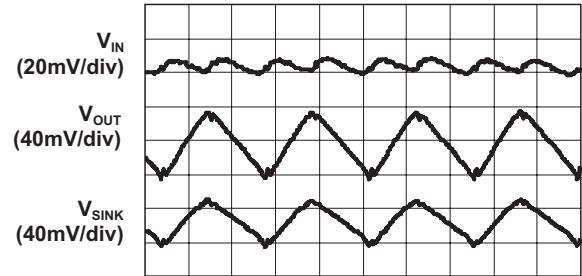
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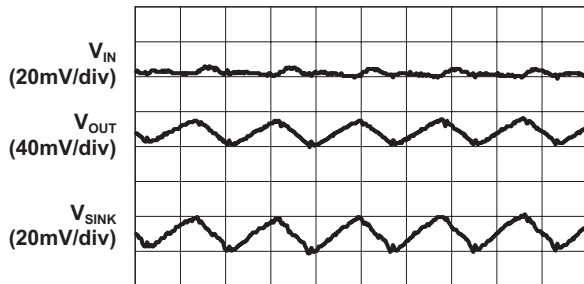
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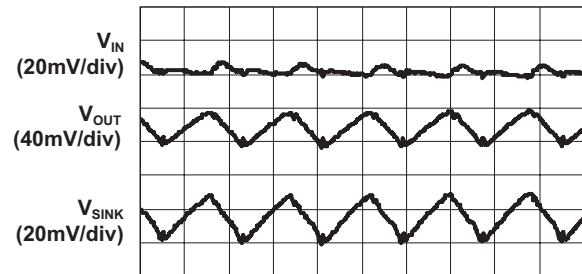
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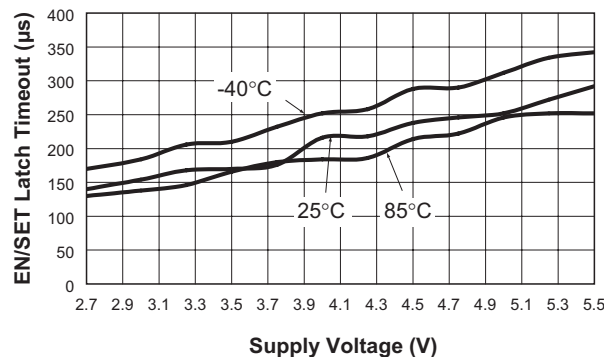
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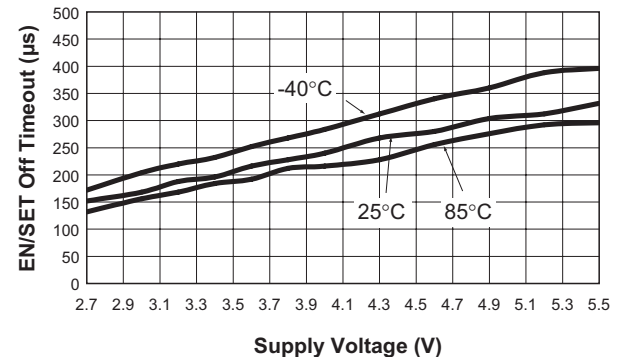


Time (500ns/div)

**EN/SET Latch Timeout vs. Supply Voltage**



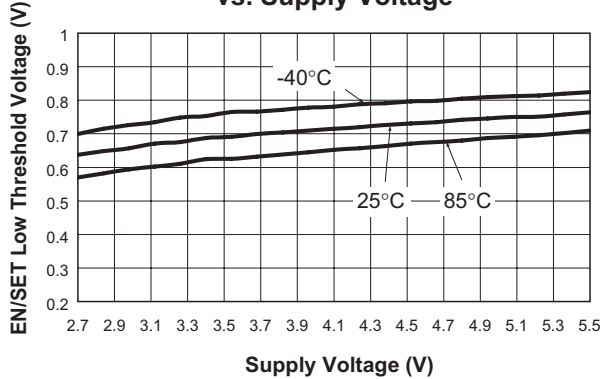
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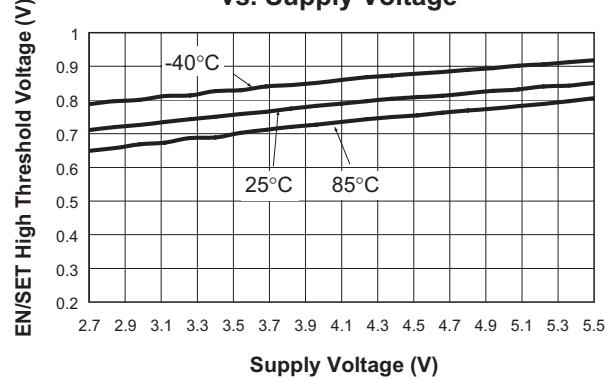
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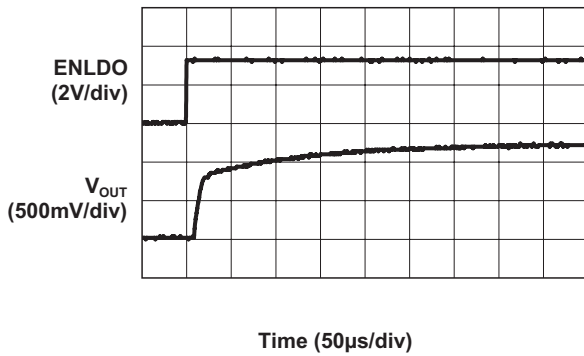
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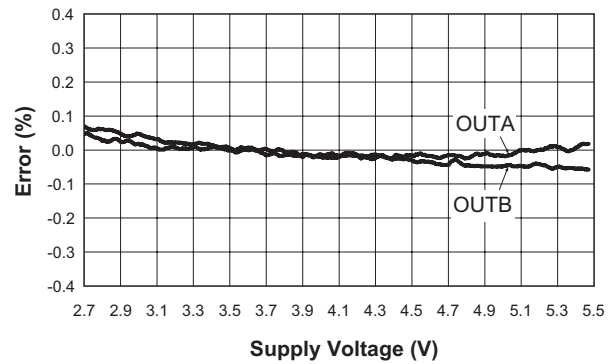
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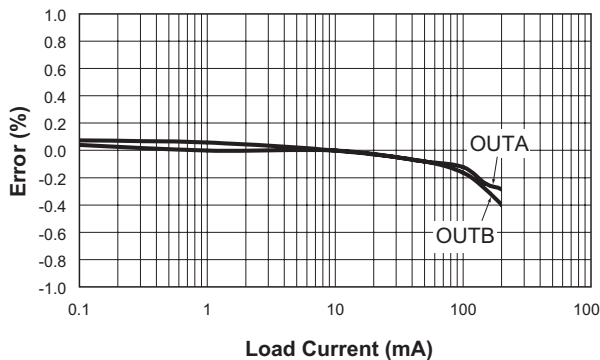
**LDOs A and B Turn-On Characteristic**



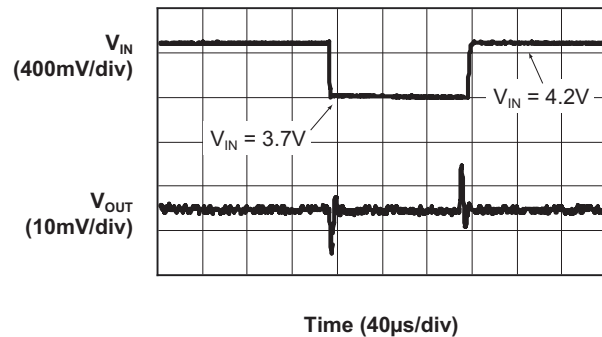
**LDOs A and B Line Regulation (10mA Load)**



**LDOs A and B Load Regulation (V<sub>OUT</sub> = 1.2V)**



**LDOs A and B Line Transient Response (V<sub>OUT</sub> = 2.5V; 10mA Load)**

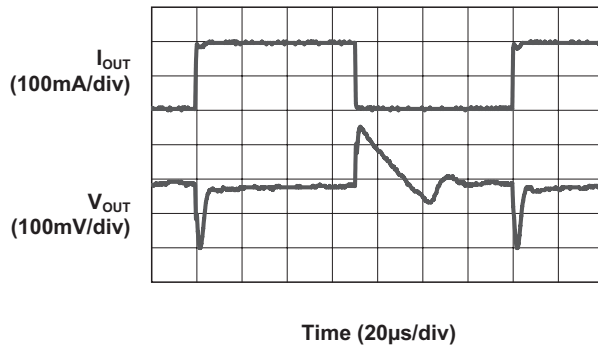




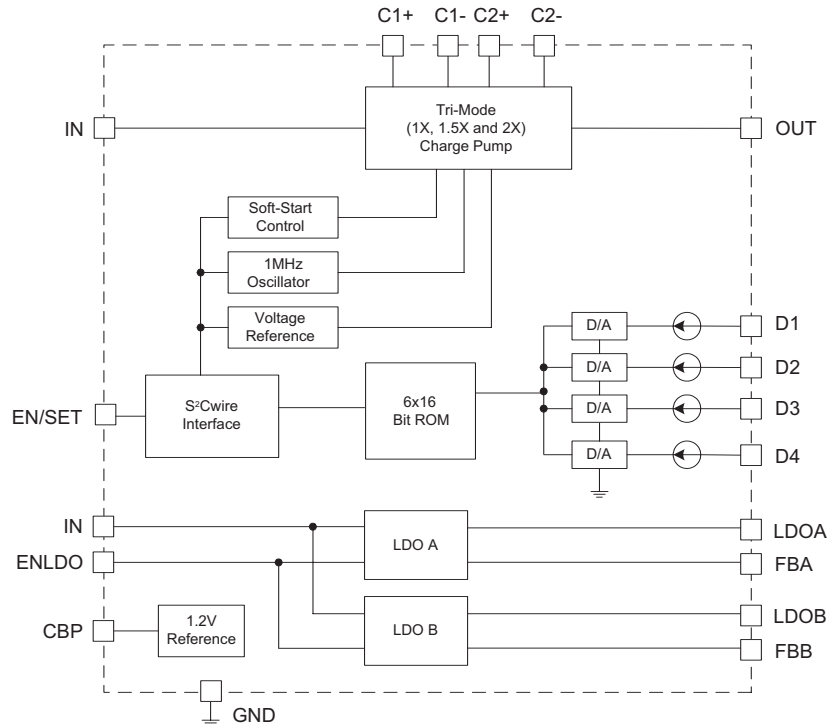
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**LDOs A and B Load Transient Response**  
( $V_{OUT} = 2.5\text{V}$ )



### Functional Block Diagram



### Functional Description

The AAT2845A is an integrated solution for LCD display applications with a built-in driver for white LED backlight and two LDO voltage regulators for logic power supplies.

The backlight driver is a tri-mode load switch (1X) and high-efficiency (1.5X or 2X) charge pump device. To maximize power conversion efficiency, an internal sensing circuit monitors the voltage required on each constant current sink input and sets the load switch and charge pump modes based on the input battery voltage and the current sink input voltage. As the battery discharges over time, the charge pump is enabled when any of the four current sink inputs nears dropout. The charge pump initially starts in 1.5X mode. If the charge pump output droops enough for any current source output to become close to dropout, the charge pump will automatically transition to 2X mode. The charge pump requires only four external components: two 1 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitors for the charge pump flying capacitors (C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>), one 1 $\mu$ F

ceramic input capacitor (C<sub>IN</sub>), and one 0.33 $\mu$ F to 1 $\mu$ F ceramic charge pump output capacitor (C<sub>OUT</sub>).

The four constant current sink inputs (D1 to D4) can drive four individual LEDs with a maximum current of 20mA each. The unused sink inputs must be connected to the OUT pin; otherwise the part will operate only in 2X charge pump mode. The S<sup>2</sup>Cwire serial interface enables the charge pump and sets the current sink magnitudes.

### Constant Current Output Level Settings

The constant current sink levels for D1 to D4 are set via the S<sup>2</sup>Cwire serial interface according to a logarithmic scale for the first 12 codes, and a separate low-current scale for the last four codes. Because the inputs D1 to D4 are true independent constant current sinks, the voltage observed on any single given input will be determined by the difference between V<sub>OUT</sub> and the actual forward voltage (V<sub>F</sub>) of the LED being driven.

Since the current level is programmable, no PWM (pulse width modulation) or additional control cir-

cuitry is needed to control LED brightness. This feature greatly reduces the burden on a microcontroller or system IC to manage LED or display brightness, allowing the user to "set it and forget it." With its high-speed serial interface (>1MHz data rate), the LED current drive can be changed successively to brighten or dim LEDs in smooth transitions (e.g., to fade out) or in abrupt steps, giving the user complete programmability and real-time control of LED brightness.

The last four codes of the current level scale engage a reduced quiescent current mode that enhances the low-current setting efficiency. This mode is especially useful for low-current applications where a continuous, low-current state is maintained for a substantial length of time.

### S<sup>2</sup>Cwire Serial Interface

The current sink magnitude is controlled by AnalogicTech's S<sup>2</sup>Cwire serial digital input. The interface records rising edges of the EN/SET pin and decodes them into 16 different states. The 16 current level settings available are indicated in Table 1.

| Data | Output (mA/Ch) | Data | Output (mA/Ch) |
|------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 1    | 20             | 9    | 6.8            |
| 2    | 18.4           | 10   | 5.2            |
| 3    | 16.8           | 11   | 3.5            |
| 4    | 15.2           | 12   | 2.0            |
| 5    | 13.5           | 13   | 1.0            |
| 6    | 11.9           | 14   | 0.5            |
| 7    | 10             | 15   | 0.10           |
| 8    | 8.4            | 16   | 0.05           |

**Table 1: Current Level Settings.**

The S<sup>2</sup>Cwire serial interface has flexible timing. Data can be clocked-in at speeds higher than 1MHz, or much slower, such as 15kHz. After data is applied, EN/SET is held high to latch the data. Once EN/SET has been held in the logic high state for time  $T_{LAT}$  (500 $\mu$ s), the programmed current

becomes active and the internal data register is reset to zero. For subsequent current level programming, the number of rising edges corresponding to the desired code must be applied on the EN/SET pin. When the EN/SET pin is held low for an amount of time longer than  $T_{OFF}$  (500 $\mu$ s), the AAT2845A enters shutdown mode and draws less than 1 $\mu$ A from the input. An internal data register is reset to zero during shutdown.

### Auto-Disable Feature

The charge pump in the AAT2845A is equipped with an auto-disable feature for each LED channel. After the IC is enabled and started up, a test current of 100 $\mu$ A (typical) is forced through each sink channel. The channel will be disabled if the voltage of that particular DX pin does not drop to a certain threshold. This feature is convenient for disabling an unused channel or during an LED fail-short event.

### Low Dropout Regulators

The AAT2845A includes two LDO linear regulators. The regulators run from the same 2.7V to 5.5V input voltage as the charge pump. The regulators use a single on/off control input, ENLDO. The LDO output voltages are set through a resistive voltage divider from the output (OUTA or OUTB) to the feedback input (FBA or FBB). The ratio of resistor values determines the LDO output voltage. The low 200mV dropout voltage at 200mA load current allows the regulator to maintain output voltage regulation.

Each LDO regulator can supply a continuous load current up to 200mA. Both LDOs include current limiting and thermal overload protection to prevent damage to the load or to the LDOs.

### Thermal Protection

The charge pump has a built-in thermal protection circuit that will shut down the charge pump and the LDOs if the die temperature rises above the thermal limit, as is the case during a short-circuit of the OUT pin.

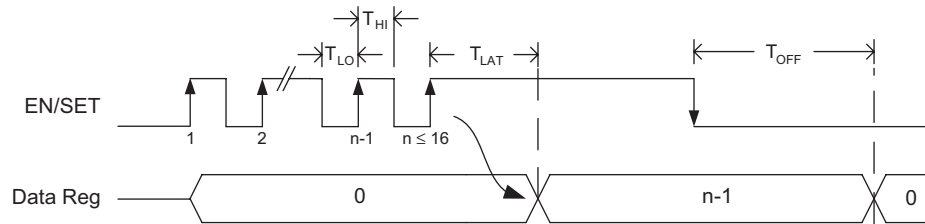


Figure 1: S<sup>2</sup>Cwire Serial Interface Timing.

## Applications Information

### LED Selection

The AAT2845A is specifically intended for driving white LEDs. However, the device design will allow the AAT2845A to drive most types of LEDs with forward voltage specifications ranging from 2.0V to 4.7V. LED applications may include mixed arrangements for display backlighting, color (RGB) LEDs, infrared (IR) diodes, and any other load needing a constant current source generated from a varying input voltage. Since the D1 to D4 constant current sinks are matched with negligible voltage dependence, the constant current channels will be matched regardless of the specific LED forward voltage ( $V_F$ ) levels.

The low dropout current sinks in the AAT2845A maximize performance and make it capable of driving LEDs with high forward voltages. Multiple channels can be combined to obtain a higher LED drive current without complication.

### Device Switching Noise Performance

The AAT2845A operates at a fixed frequency of approximately 1MHz to control noise and limit harmonics that can interfere with the RF operation of cellular telephone handsets or other communication devices. Back-injected noise appearing on the input pin of the charge pump is 20mV peak-to-peak, typically ten times less than inductor-based DC/DC boost converter white LED backlight solutions. The AAT2845A soft-start feature prevents noise transient effects associated with inrush currents during start-up of the charge pump circuit.

### Shutdown

Since the sink switches are the only power returns for all loads, there is no leakage current when all of the sink switches are disabled. To activate the shutdown mode, hold the EN/SET input low for longer than  $T_{OFF}$  (500 $\mu$ s). In this state, the AAT2845A typically draws less than 1 $\mu$ A from the input. Data and address registers are reset to 0 in shutdown.

### LDO Output Voltage Programming

The output voltages for LDOA and LDOB are programmed by an external resistor divider network. As shown below, the selection of R8 and R9 is a straightforward matter.

R9 is chosen by considering the tradeoff between the feedback network bias current and resistor value. Higher resistor values allow stray capacitance to become a larger factor in circuit performance, whereas lower resistor values increase bias current and decrease efficiency.

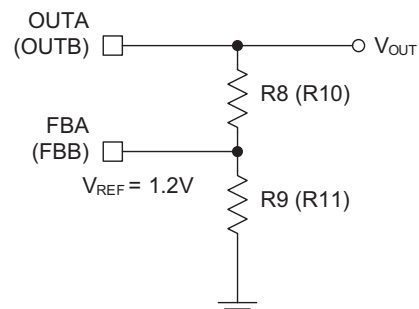


Figure 2: Selection of External Resistors.

To select appropriate resistor values, first choose R9 such that the feedback network bias current is reasonable. Then, according to the desired  $V_{OUT}$ , calculate R8 according to the equation below. An example calculation follows.

R9 is chosen to be 120K, resulting in a small feedback network bias current of  $1.2V/120K = 10\mu A$ . The desired output voltage is 1.8V. From this information, R8 is calculated from the equation below.

$$R8 = \frac{R9(V_{OUT} - 1.2V)}{1.2V}$$

The result is  $R8 = 60K$ . Since 60K is not a standard 1% value, 60.4K is selected. From this example calculation, for  $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$ , use  $R9 = 120K$  and  $R8 = 60.4K$ . A table of example output voltages and corresponding resistor values is provided below.

| Standard 1% Values (R9, R11 = 120K) |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| $V_{OUT}$ (V)                       | R8, R10 ( $\Omega$ ) |
| 2.8                                 | 160K                 |
| 2.5                                 | 130K                 |
| 2.0                                 | 79.6K                |
| 1.8                                 | 60.4K                |
| 1.5                                 | 30.1K                |

**Table 2: Example Output Voltages and Corresponding Resistor Values**

### Power Efficiency and Device Evaluation

The charge pump efficiency discussion in the following sections accounts only for efficiency of the charge pump section itself. Due to the unique circuit architecture and design of the AAT2845A, it is very difficult to measure efficiency in terms of a percent value comparing input power over output power.

Since the AAT2845A outputs are pure constant current sinks and typically drive individual loads, it is difficult to measure the output voltage for a given output (D1 to D4) to derive an overall output power measurement. For any given application, white LED forward voltage levels can differ, yet the output drive current will be maintained as a constant.

This makes quantifying output power a difficult task when taken in the context of comparing to other white LED driver circuit topologies. A better way to quantify total device efficiency is to observe the total input power to the device for a given LED current drive level. The best white LED driver for a given application should be based on trade-offs of size, external component count, reliability, operating range, and total energy usage...*not just % efficiency*.

The AAT2845A efficiency may be quantified under very specific conditions and is dependent upon the input voltage versus the output voltage seen across the loads applied to outputs D1 through D4 for a given constant current setting. Depending on the combination of  $V_{IN}$  and voltages sensed at the current sinks, the device will operate in load switch mode. When any one of the voltages sensed at the current sinks nears dropout, the device will operate in 1.5X or 2X charge pump mode. Each of these modes will yield different efficiency values. Refer to the following two sections for explanations for each operational mode.

### 1X Mode Efficiency

The AAT2845A 1X mode is operational at all times and functions alone to enhance device power conversion efficiency when  $V_{IN}$  is higher than the voltage across the load. When in 1X mode, voltage conversion efficiency is defined as output power divided by input power:

$$\eta = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{IN}}$$

The expression to define the ideal efficiency ( $\eta$ ) can be rewritten as:

$$\eta = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{IN}} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \cdot I_{OUT}} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}$$

-or-

$$\eta(\%) = 100 \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \right)$$

### 1.5X and 2X Charge Pump Mode Efficiency

The AAT2845A contains a fractional charge pump which will boost the input supply voltage in the event where  $V_{IN}$  is less than the voltage required to supply the output. The efficiency ( $\eta$ ) can be simply defined as a linear voltage regulator with an effective output voltage that is equal to one and one half or two times the input voltage. Efficiency ( $\eta$ ) for an ideal 1.5X charge pump can typically be expressed as the output power divided by the input power.

$$\eta = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{IN}}$$

In addition, with an ideal 1.5X charge pump, the output current may be expressed as 2/3 of the input current. The expression to define the ideal efficiency ( $\eta$ ) can be rewritten as:

$$\eta = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{IN}} = \frac{V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \cdot 1.5I_{OUT}} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{1.5V_{IN}}$$

-or-

$$\eta(\%) = 100 \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{1.5V_{IN}} \right)$$

For a charge pump with an output of 5V and a nominal input of 3.5V, the theoretical efficiency is 95%. Due to internal switching losses and IC quiescent current consumption, the actual efficiency can be measured at 93%. These figures are in close agreement for output load conditions from 1mA to 100mA. Efficiency will decrease substantially as load current drops below 1mA or when the level of  $V_{IN}$  approaches  $V_{OUT}$ .

The same calculations apply for 2X mode, where the output current then becomes 1/2 of the input current.

### Capacitor Selection

Careful selection of the four external capacitors  $C_{IN}$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_{OUT}$  is important because they will affect turn-on time, output ripple, and transient per-

formance. Optimum performance will be obtained when low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic capacitors are used; in general, low ESR may be defined as less than 100m $\Omega$ . A value of 1 $\mu$ F for all four capacitors is a good starting point when choosing capacitors. If the constant current sinks are only programmed for light current levels, then the capacitor size may be decreased.

### Capacitor Characteristics

Ceramic composition capacitors are highly recommended over all other types of capacitors for use with the AAT2845A. Ceramic capacitors offer many advantages over their tantalum and aluminum electrolytic counterparts. A ceramic capacitor typically has very low ESR, is lowest cost, has a smaller PCB footprint, and is non-polarized. Low ESR ceramic capacitors help maximize charge pump transient response. Since ceramic capacitors are non-polarized, they are not prone to incorrect connection damage.

### Equivalent Series Resistance

ESR is an important characteristic to consider when selecting a capacitor. ESR is a resistance internal to a capacitor that is caused by the leads, internal connections, size or area, material composition, and ambient temperature. Capacitor ESR is typically measured in milliohms for ceramic capacitors and can range to more than several ohms for tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitors.

### Ceramic Capacitor Materials

Ceramic capacitors less than 0.1 $\mu$ F are typically made from NPO or C0G materials. NPO and C0G materials generally have tight tolerance and are very stable over temperature. Larger capacitor values are usually composed of X7R, X5R, Z5U, or Y5V dielectric materials. Large ceramic capacitors (i.e., larger than 2.2 $\mu$ F) are often available in low-cost Y5V and Z5U dielectrics, but capacitors larger than 1 $\mu$ F are not typically required for AAT2845A applications.

Capacitor area is another contributor to ESR. Capacitors that are physically large will have a lower ESR when compared to an equivalent material smaller capacitor. These larger devices can improve circuit transient response when compared to an equal value capacitor in a smaller package size.









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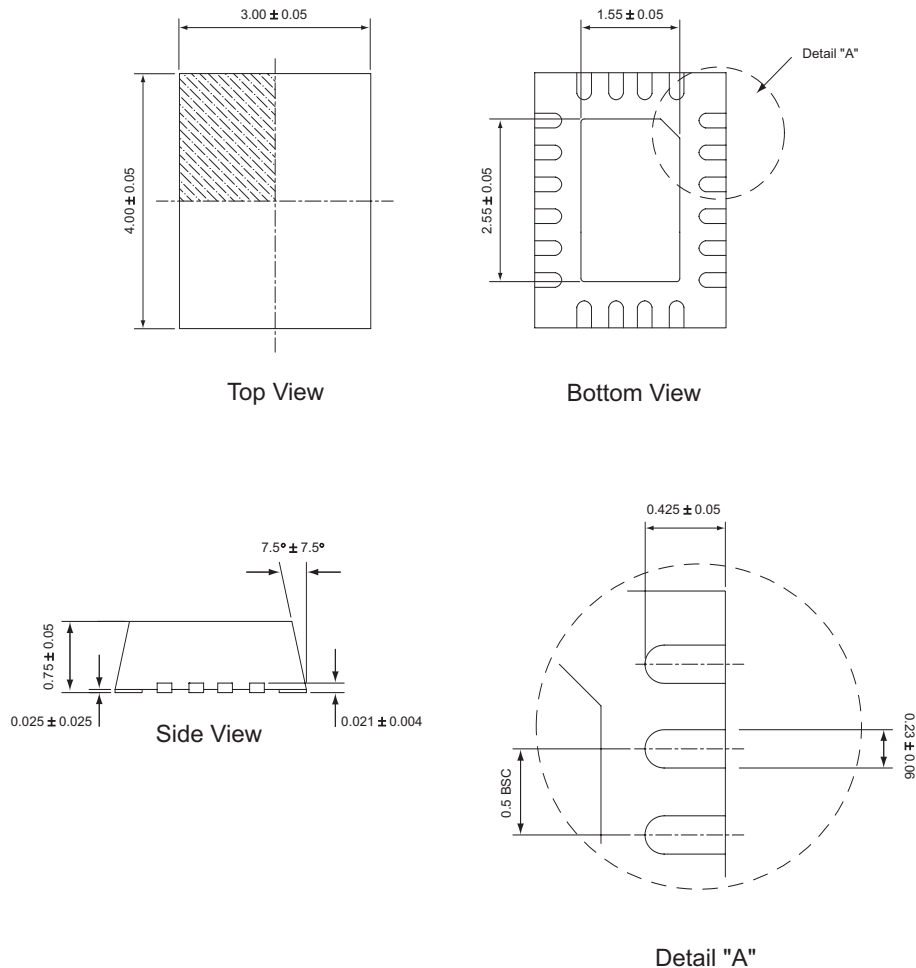
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