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## DESCRIPTION

The LX2172/73 are fixed-frequency, current-mode switching regulator integrated circuits. These ICs contain all necessary control circuitry plus a 1.25 A on-board transistor to design a complete DC:DC switching regulator with minimum external components.

All functions are integrated into a single IC, available in 8-pin DIP and SOIC or a 5pin TO-220 power package, making them extremely easy to design with and use. The LX2172/73 are optimized for
boost and flyback applications, but can also be used in forward and inverting converter configuations.
The LX2172 can be connected to an external clock for synchronization, and can enter micropower operation when the VC pin is pulled low. The LX2173 has an enable function, which permits extremely low micropower operation, consuming under $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ current when the ENABLE pin is brought low

## KEY FEATURES

- 1.25A, 65V Internal Power Switch
- 3V-25V Input Voltage Range
- Current-Mode Operation
- Improved Internal Cycle-ByCycle Current Limiting
- Thermal Shutdown
- Less Than $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Quiescent Current In Microprocessor Shutdown Mode
- External Frequency Synchronization Possible
- 100 kHz Operating Frequency

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APPLICATIONS
Boost Converter

- Laptop / Notebook Computers
- Portable Equipment
- Small Motor Applications
- Flyback Converters

| Part \# | Pin 4 Connection |
| :---: | :--- |
| LX2172 | SYNC Input |
| LX2173 | Low $\mu$ Power Mode <br> (Hi ENABLE) |



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Note 1: LX2172 Only: SYNC brought out to pin 4. ENABLE is tied to $V_{\mathrm{IN}^{*}}$ LX2173 Only: ENABLE brought out to pin 4. SYNC is open.

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ELECTRICALCCHRACTERISTICS
(Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply over the ranges $T_{A}=0$ to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for the $\mathrm{LX} 217 \mathrm{xC} . \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{C}}=5 \mathrm{~V}$. All devices must be functional over
junction temperature of $-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Typ. number represents $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ value.)

Error Amplifier Section

| Input Bias Current | $I_{B}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{REF}}$ |  | 350 | 750 | nA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Over Temperature |  |  | 1100 | nA |
| Open Loop Gain | $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{voL}}$ | - |  | 500 | 1000 | $\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{V}$ |
| Transconductance | $8_{\text {m }}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}_{i} \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }} \Delta \mathrm{I}= \pm 25 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | 3000 | 4400 | 6000 | $\mu \mathrm{MHO}$ |
|  |  | Over Temperature | 2400 |  | 7000 | $\mu \mathrm{MHO}$ |
| Output Sink Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {EA (SINK) }}$ | - | 120 | 200 |  | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Output Source Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {EA (SOURCE) }}$ | $\checkmark$ | 120 |  |  | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Output HI Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {comp-HI }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1 \mathrm{~V}$ | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.3 | V |
| Output LO Voltase | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {complo }}$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{FB}}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$ | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.52 | V |
| Slew Rate | S |  |  | 2 |  | V/usec |

C.S. Comparator Section


## PWM Section

| E.A. Output to PWM Drive Offset (VPWM) | Duty Cycle $=0$ | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.25 | V |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Minimum Duty Cycle | , |  | 36 | 40 | \% |
| Maximum Duty Cycle |  | 80 | 90 | 98 | \% |

## Output Drive Section


Input Supply Section


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| FLECTRICAL CHARACTERISTACS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | LX2172 / 2173 |  |  | Units |
|  |  |  | Min. | Typ. | Max. |  |
| SYNC Input Section (LX2172 only) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SYNC Pulse Width |  |  | 0.2 |  | 2 | $\mu \mathrm{sec}$ |
| SYNC Input HI |  | - | 2 |  | 6 | V |
| SYNC Input LO |  |  |  |  | 0.7 | V |
| SYNC Input Current HI |  | Input $=2 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 100 | 400 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| SYNC Input Current LO |  | Input $=0.4 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 1 | 5 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| ENABLE Section (LX2173 only) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enable Input Threshold |  |  | 0.4 | 1.2 | 2.4 | V |
| HI Input Current |  | Input $=2.4 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 200 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| LO Input Current |  | Input $=0.4 \mathrm{~V} \square$ |  |  | 100 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |

## FUNGTIONAL PIN DESCRIPTION

| Pin Name | Pin \# (8-pin Pkgs.) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Pin \# } \\ \text { (5-pin TO-220) } \end{gathered}$ | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GND | 1 | 3 | Signal ground. Keep separate from power grounds ( $\mathrm{E}_{1}$ and $\left.\mathrm{E}_{2}\right)$. |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{c}}$ | 2 | 1 | Output of transconductance error amplifier. An R-C compensation network is connected from this pin to the ground to stabilize the feedback loop. If this pin is pulled lower than 0.15 V , the IC goes into micropower mode. |
| FB | 3 | 2 | Error amplifier inverting input. A resistor divider from the output of the converter to this pin sets its nominal voltage. |
| SYNC | 4 |  | LX2172 only. This pin is used to synchronize the device directly with a logic level input pulse. External synchronization frequency must always be at a higher frequency than the minimum internal clock. When not used, should be left open. |
| EN A BLE | 4 |  | $\mathbf{L X 2 1 7 3}$ only. This pin is the input to the enable comparator. A voltage under 1.4 V will put the device in micropower mode. Pin must be connected to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ when not in use. |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | 5 | 5 | Input supply voltage ( 3.0 V to 25 V ). |
| $\mathrm{E}_{1}$ | 6 |  | Power return of first transistor $\left(\mathrm{Q}_{1}\right)$. This pin must be connected to ground. |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {sw }}$ | 7 |  | Collector of output transistors. Connect to external inductor or input voltage, depending on circuit topology. |
| $\mathrm{E}_{2}$ | 8 |  | Grounding this pin sets the current limit point to the maximum value. If pin is left open, the current linhit is set to half its maximum value. |

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## THEORY OF OPERATION


#### Abstract

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Referring to the block diagram, when $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IN}}$ is above the UVLO start threshold the 2.3 V UVLO comparator output switches to low state, allowing Q1 to turn on upon receiving a clock pulse from the internal 100 kHz oscillator. Once Q1 is on, current in the inductor ramps up. Inductor current is then sensed, and amplified by a current sense amplifier and compared to a threshold set by the output of the error amplifier minus the offset voltage ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OFs }}$ typically 0.9 V ). This allows the PWM comparator to reset the flip flop, causing Q1 to turn off. The oscillator then sets the flip flop, and the operation repeats itself.


## CURRENT LIMIT

Current limiting is performed by sensing the peak switch current and turning Q1 off until the next clock cycle. When the converter goes into current limit the error amplifier output goes to the rail and sets a maximum limit on the current.

## ERROR AMPLIFIER

The function of the error amplifier is to set a threshold voltage for inductor peak current and control the switch duty cycle so that the power supply output voltage is closely regulated. Regulation is accomplished by sensing the output voltage and comparing it to the internal 1.27 V bandgap reference. A compensation network is placed from the output of the amplifier to ground for closed loop stability purposes, as well as a high d.c. gain for tight regulation. The function of $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OFs }}$ is to keep $\mathrm{Q}_{1}$ off without requiring an error amplifier output to swing to ground level. It is required the $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OL}}$ of the error amplifier is always less than the offset at all times. The transfer function between the error amplifier output $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{C}}\right)$ and peak inductor current is therefore given by:

## OSCILLATOR

The oscillator is designed to operate at 100 kHz frequency. Its function is to turn the switch Q1 on at a fixed 10 $\mu$ s interval and to provide a slope compensation for the feedback loop. Slope compensation is required for fixed frequency continuous Current Mode regulators operating above $50 \%$ duty cycle in order to preyent loop instability. The SYNC input is a logic input that allows easy synchronization to an external clock. Synchronization is done such that the external clock terminates the cycle before the internal oscillator sets the PWM latch again.

## UNDER-VOLTAGE LOCKOUT

The 2.3 y internal regulator is monitored as the input supply ramps up, ensuring glitch-free operation.

## EXTRA PINS ON 8-PIN DEVICE

The 8-pin versions of the LX217x have the emitters of the power transistors brought out separately. Connecting these pins to ground reduces errors due to ground pin voltage drops. The $\mathrm{E}_{2}$ pin also allows the user to half the switch current limit if the pin is left open. Note that the switch resistance will increase when $\mathrm{E}_{2}$ is open, so efficiency will decrease and heat dissipation will increase, especially for currents over 300 mA .

## MICROPOWER SHUTDOWN

The LX2172/73 enter micropower shutdown mode when the $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{C}}$ pin is pulled below 0.15 V . Supply current required for biassing shutdown circuitry is less than $250 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. The LX2173 has an ENABLE pin which allows ultra-low micropower shutdown operation, consuming less than $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$.

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[^0]:    Note: Available in Tape \& Reel. Append the letters "TR" to the part number. (i.e. LX2172CDM-TR)

