

# REFERENCE DESIGN

IRDCiP1201-A

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## IRDCiP1201-A, 300kHz, Dual 15A, 3.14V<sub>IN</sub> to 5.5V<sub>IN</sub> Dual Output Synchronous Buck Converter using iP1201

### Overview

The iP1201 is fully optimized solution for medium current synchronous buck applications requiring up to 15A or 30A. In this document, Fig. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are provided to enable engineers to easily evaluate the iP1201 in an independent and parallel configuration that is capable of providing up to 15A per phase with double-sided heat sinking. Fig. 6, 7 and 8 and the complete bill of materials in Table 1 are provided as a reference design to enable engineers to very quickly and easily design a dual phase converter. In order to optimize this design to your specific requirements, refer to the iP1201 data sheet for guidelines on external component selection and user adjustable limits and specifications. Custom designs may require layout modifications.

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### Demoboard Quick Start Guide

#### Initial Settings:

- The output1 is set to 1.5V and output2 is set to 2.5V for independent configuration.
- The output1 is set to 1.5V with R8, R10, R11 and R12 removed for parallel configuration.
- Output can be adjusted from 0.8V to 3.3V as follow:
  1.  $V_{OUT1}$ :  $R9=R13=R7 [(V_{OUT1} / Vref) - 1]$ . Set  $R7=R14=1k, Vref=0.8V$
  2.  $V_{OUT2}$ :  $R10=R11=R8 [(V_{OUT2} / Vref) - 1]$ . Set  $R8=R12=1k, Vref=0.8V$ .
- The switching frequency is set to  $R3=30.9k$  for 300kHz
- The input voltage range can be increased to allow operation between 3.14V<sub>IN</sub> and 5.5V<sub>IN</sub>.
- For paralleled single output operation see Fig. 6 for configuration table in reference design schematic.

#### Procedure for Connecting and Powering Up Demoboard:

1. Connected JP2 for  $V_{IN} < 3.5V$ .
2. Disconnected JP2 for  $V_{IN} > 3.5V$ .
3. Make sure JP3 is connected
4. Apply input voltage (3.14V-5.5V) across  $V_{IN}$  and PGND
5. Apply load across VOUT1 pad and PGND pad and VOUT2 pad and PGND pad for independent configuration.
6. Apply load across VOUT1 pad and PGND pad and short R23 for parallel configuration.
7. Adjust load accordingly.

#### IRDCiP1201-A Recommended Operating Conditions

(refer to the iP1201 datasheet for maximum operating conditions)

Input voltage: 3.14 - 5.5V

Output voltage: Can be set between 0.8V – 3.3V, up to 90% max duty cycle.

Output current: Up to 15A (see recommended operating area Fig. 1, 2 and 3). The maximum current should be limited to 11.5A if the PCB is the only heat sink.

Switching Freq: 200kHz to 400kHz selectable.

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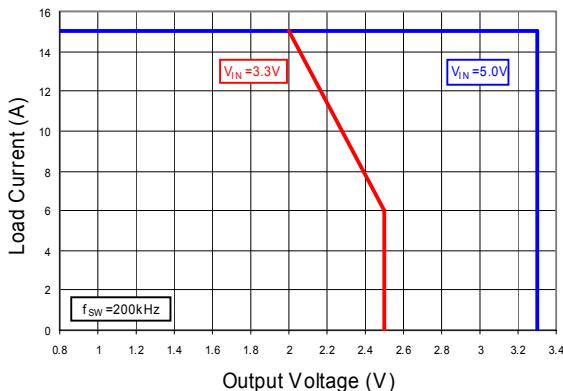


Fig. 1: Recommended Operating Area  
200kHz

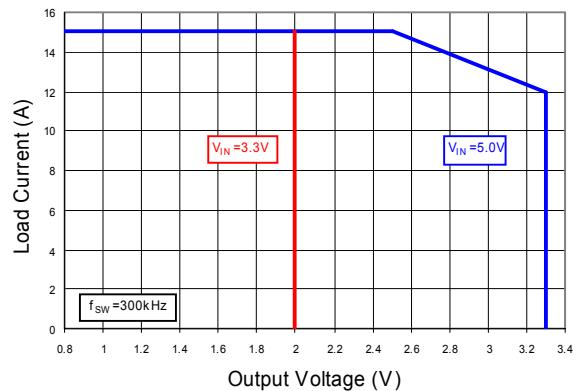


Fig. 2: Recommended Operating Area  
300kHz

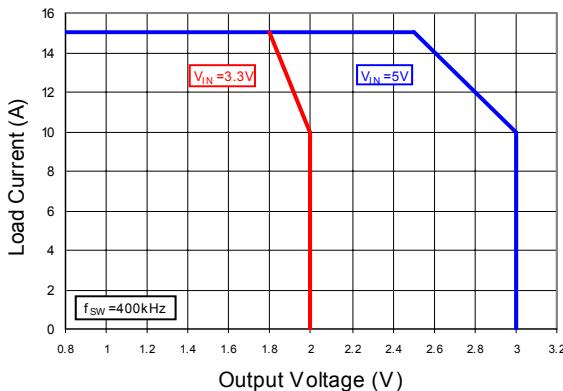


Fig. 3: Recommended Operating Area  
400kHz

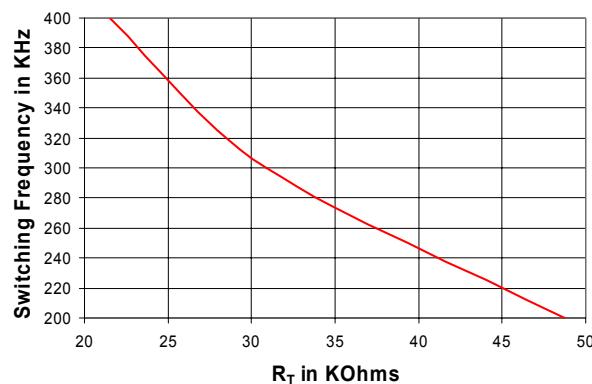
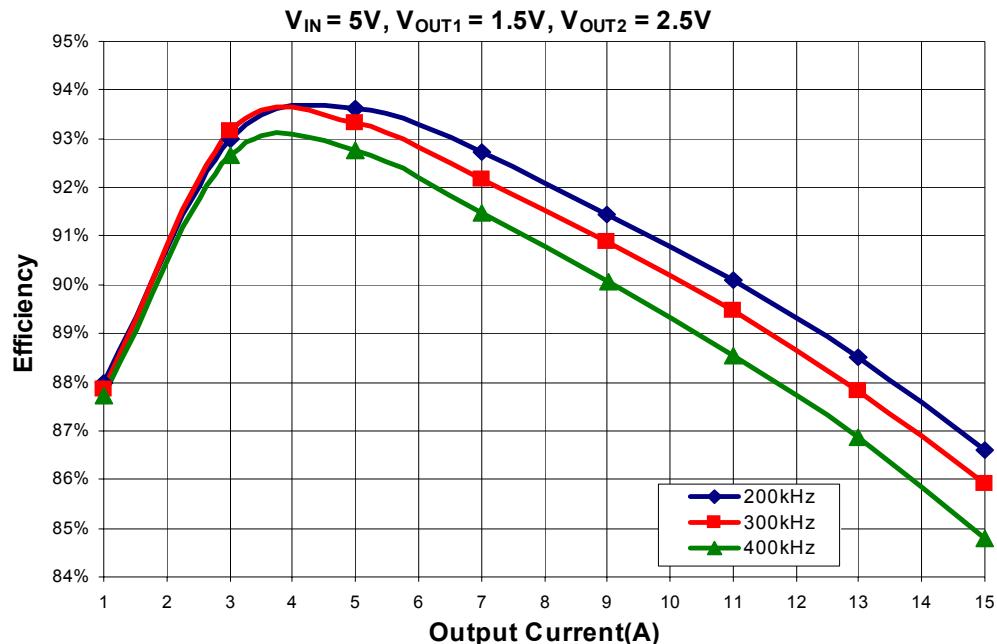


Fig. 4 : Per Channel Switching Frequency vs  $R_T$



**Fig. 5 - Typical Efficiency vs. Current**

For output current greater than 11A per channel, PCB and device case temperature will need to remain within the SOA of the iP1201. See iP1201 datasheet and AN-1047.

Refer to the following application notes for detailed guidelines and suggestions when implementing iPOWIR Technology products:

**AN-1028: Recommended Design, Integration and Rework Guidelines for International Rectifier's iPOWIR Technology BGA Packages**

This paper discusses the assembly considerations that need to be taken when mounting iPOWIR BGA's on printed circuit boards. This includes soldering, pick and place, reflow, inspection, cleaning and reworking recommendations.

**AN-1029: Optimizing a PCB Layout for an iPOWIR Technology Design**

This paper describes how to optimize the PCB layout design for both thermal and electrical performance. This includes placement, routing, and via interconnect suggestions.

**AN-1030: Applying iPOWIR Products in Your Thermal Environment**

This paper explains how to use the Power Loss and SOA curves in the data sheet to validate if the operating conditions and thermal environment are within the Safe Operating Area of the iPOWIR product.

**AN-1047: Graphical solution to two branch heatsinking Safe Operating Area**

This paper is a supplement to AN-1030 and explains how to use the double side Power Loss and SOA curves in the data sheet to validate if the operating conditions and thermal environment are within the Safe Operating Area of the iPOWIR product.

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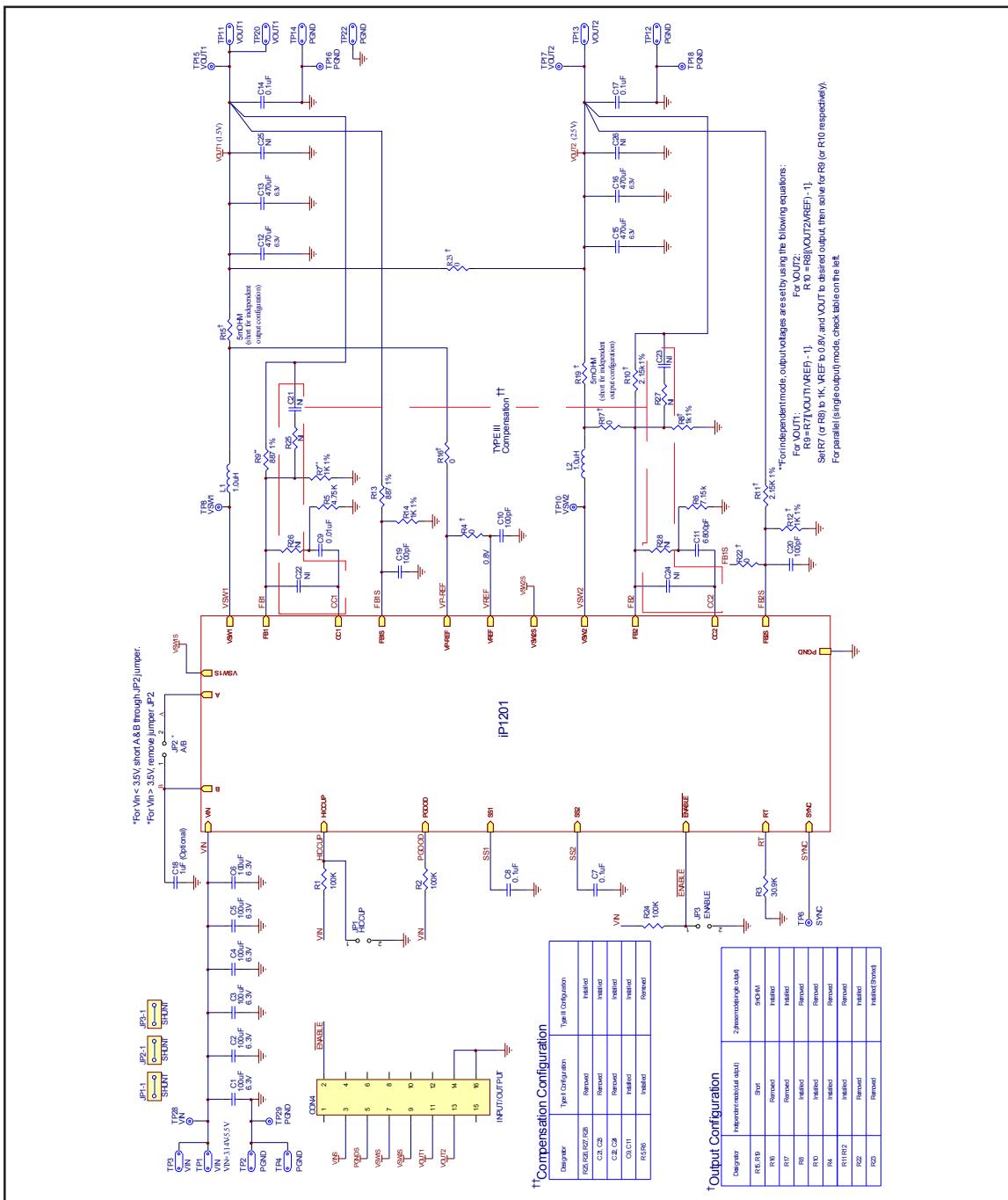


Fig. 6 - Reference Design Schematic

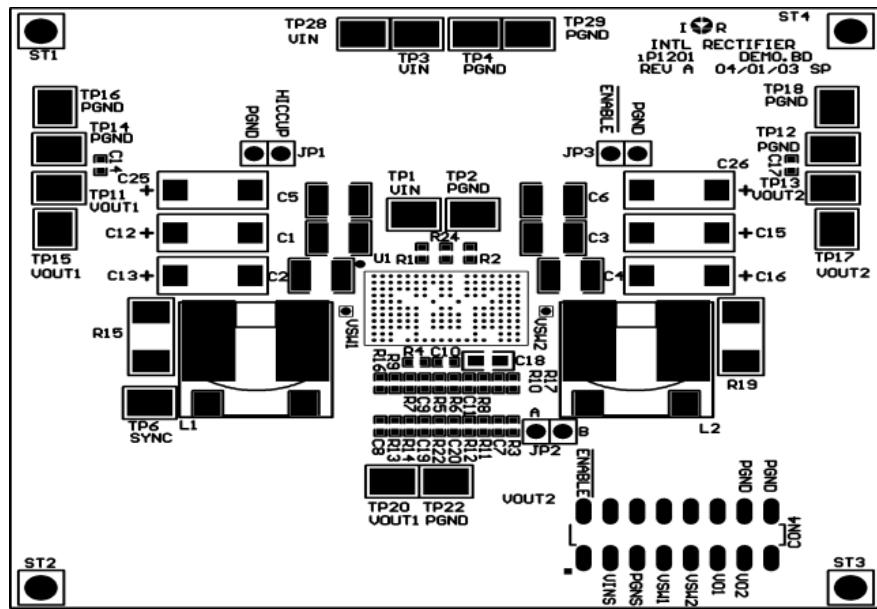


Fig. 7 - Component Placement (Top View) SideLayer

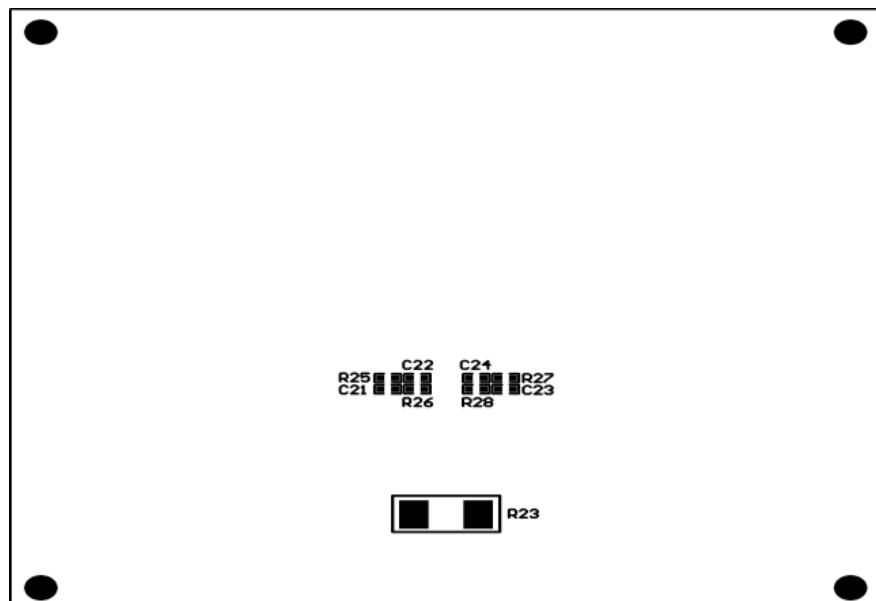


Fig. 8 - Component Placement (Bottom View)

