

1-Cell, 3-Pin, Step-Up DC/DC Converter

FEATURES

- A Guaranteed Start-Up from less than 0.9 V.
- High Efficiency.
- Low Quiescent Current.
- Less Number of External Components needed.
- Low Ripple and Low Noise.
- Fixed Output Voltage: 2.7V, 3.0V, 3.3V, and 5V.
- Space Saving Packages: SOT-89 and TO-92.

APPLICATIONS

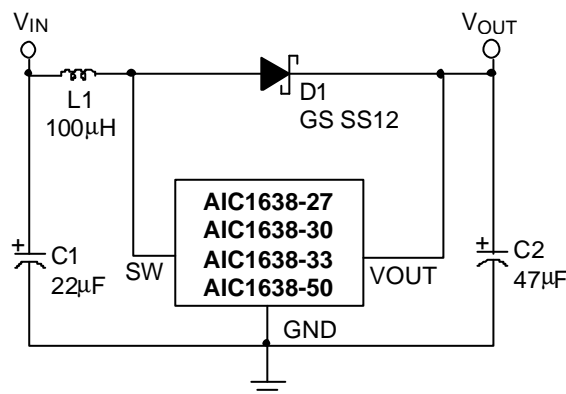
- Pagers.
- Cameras.
- Wireless Microphones.
- Pocket Organizers.
- Battery Backup Suppliers.
- Portable Instruments.

DESCRIPTION

The AIC1638 is a high efficiency step-up DC/DC converter for applications using 1 to 4 NiMH battery cells. Only three external components are required to deliver a fixed output voltage of 2.7V, 3.0V, 3.3V, or 5V. The AIC1638 starts up from less than 0.9V input with 1mA load. Pulse Frequency Modulation scheme brings optimized performance for applications with light output loading and low input voltages. The output ripple and noise are lower compared with the circuits operating in PSM mode.

The PFM control circuit operating in 100KHz (max.) switching rate results in smaller passive components. The space saving SOT-89 and TO-92 packages make the AIC1638 an ideal choice of DC/DC converter for space conscious applications, like pagers, electronic cameras, and wireless microphones.

TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT



One Cell Step-Up DC/DC Converter

ORDERING INFORMATION

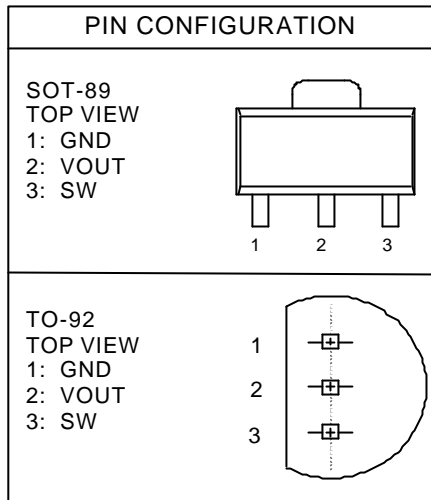
AIC1638-XXCXXX

PACKING TYPE
TR: TAPE & REEL
BG: BAG

PACKAGE TYPE
X: SOT-89
Z: TO-92

OUTPUT VOLTAGE
27: 2.7V
30: 3.0V
33: 3.3V
50: 5.0V

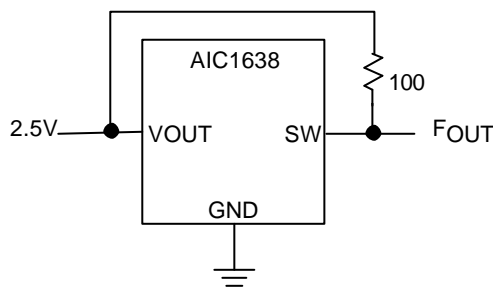
Example: AIC1638-27CXTR
→ 2.7V Version, in SOT-89 Package
& Tape & Reel Packing Type



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Supply Voltage (VOUT pin)..... | 12V |
| SW pin Voltage | 12V |
| SW pin Switch Current | 0.6A |
| Operating Temperature Range | -40°C to 85°C |
| Storage Temperature Range | -65°C to 150 °C |
| Lead Temperature (Soldering 10 Sec.) | 260°C |

TEST CIRCUIT



Oscillator Test Circuit

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_A=25^\circ\text{C}$, $I_{OUT}=10\text{mA}$, Unless otherwise specified)

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | SYMBOL | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | UNIT |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Output Voltage | AIC1638-27 $V_{IN}=1.8\text{V}$ | V_{OUT} | 2.633 | 2.700 | 2.767 | V |
| | AIC1638-30 $V_{IN}=1.8\text{V}$ | | 2.925 | 3.000 | 3.075 | |
| | AIC1638-33 $V_{IN}=2.0\text{V}$ | | 3.218 | 3.300 | 3.382 | |
| | AIC1638-50 $V_{IN}=3.0\text{V}$ | | 4.875 | 5.000 | 5.125 | |
| Input Voltage | Normal Operation | V_{IN} | | | 8 | V |
| Start-Up Voltage | $I_{OUT}=1\text{mA}$, $V_{IN}:0\rightarrow 2\text{V}$ | V_{START} | | 0.8 | 0.9 | V |
| Min. Hold-on Voltage | $I_{OUT}=1\text{mA}$, $V_{IN}:2\rightarrow 0\text{V}$ | V_{HOLD} | | | 0.7 | V |
| No-Load Input Current | $I_{OUT}=0\text{mA}$ | I_{IN} | | 15 | | μA |
| Supply Current | AIC1638-27 | I_{DD1} | | 42 | | μA |
| | AIC1638-30 | | | 50 | | |
| | AIC1638-33 | | | 60 | | |
| | AIC1638-50 | | | 90 | | |
| | EXT at no load, $V_{IN}=V_{OUT} \times 0.95$ Measurement of the IC input current (VOUT pin) | | | | | |
| Supply Current | AIC1638-27 | I_{DD2} | | 7 | | μA |
| | AIC1638-30 | | | 7 | | |
| | AIC1638-33 | | | 7 | | |
| | AIC1638-50 | | | 7 | | |
| | $V_{IN}=V_{OUT} + 0.5\text{V}$ Measurement of the IC input current (VOUT pin) | | | | | |
| SW Leakage Current | $V_{SW}=10\text{V}$, $V_{IN}=V_{OUT} + 0.5\text{V}$ | | | | 0.5 | μA |
| SW Switch-On Resistance | AIC1638-27 | R_{ON} | | 1.3 | | Ω |
| | AIC1638-30 | | | 1.2 | | |
| | AIC1638-33 | | | 1.1 | | |
| | AIC1638-50 | | | 1 | | |
| | $V_{IN}=V_{OUT} \times 0.95$, $V_{SW}=0.4\text{V}$ | | | | | |
| Oscillator Duty Cycle | $V_{IN}=V_{OUT} \times 0.95$ Measurement of the SW pin waveform | DUTY | 65 | 75 | 85 | % |
| Max. Oscillator Freq. | $V_{IN}=V_{OUT} \times 0.95$ Measurement of the SW pin waveform | F_{OSC} | 80 | 105 | 130 | KHz |
| Efficiency | | η | | 85 | | % |

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (Refer to Typical Application)

Capacitor (C2) : 47 μ F (Tantalum Type)

Diode (D1) : 1N5819 Schottky Type

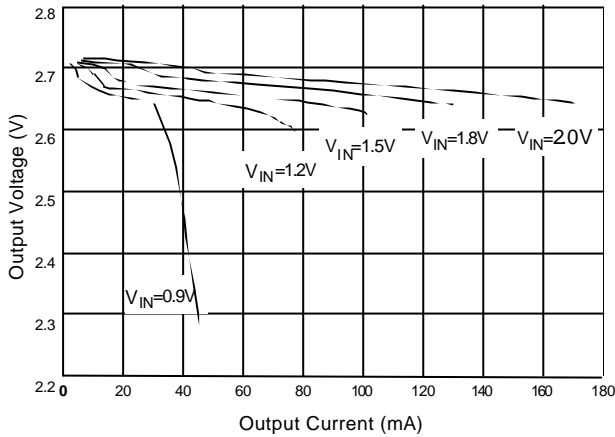


Fig. 1 AIC1638-27 Load Regulation (L=100 μ H CD54)

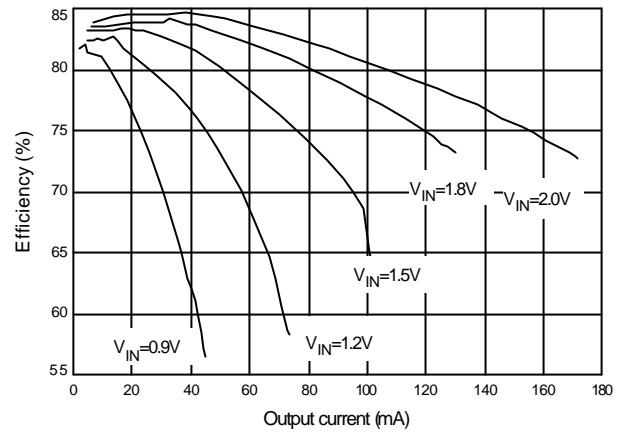


Fig. 2 AIC1638-27 Efficiency (L=100 μ H CD54)

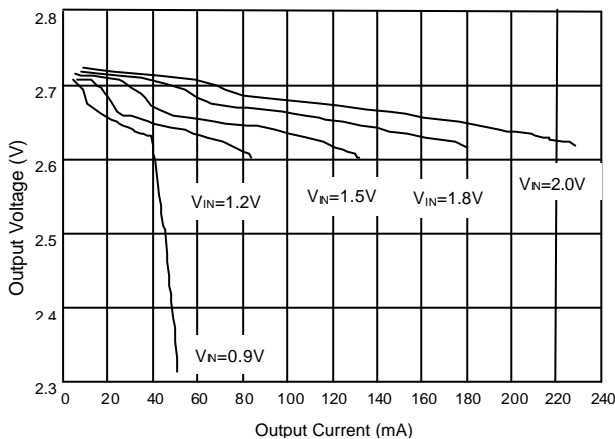


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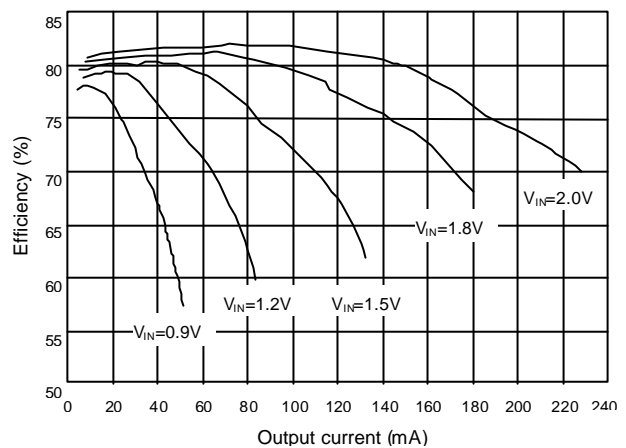


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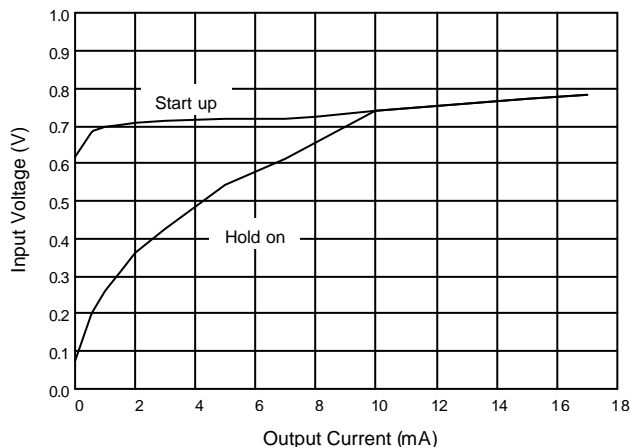


Fig. 5 AIC1638-27 Start-Up & Hold-ON Voltage (L=47 μ H CD54)

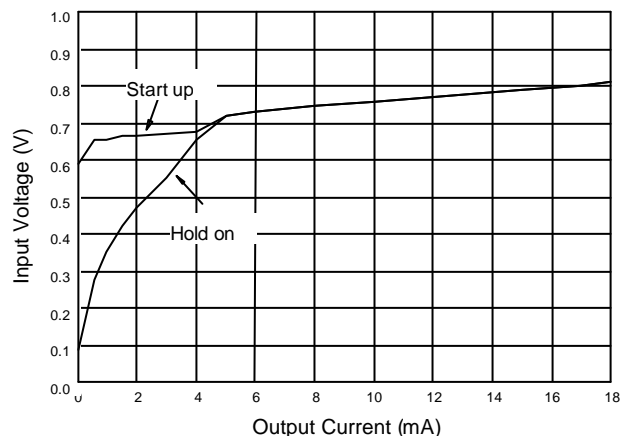


Fig. 6 AIC1638-27 Start-Up & Hold-ON Voltage (L=100 μ H CD54)

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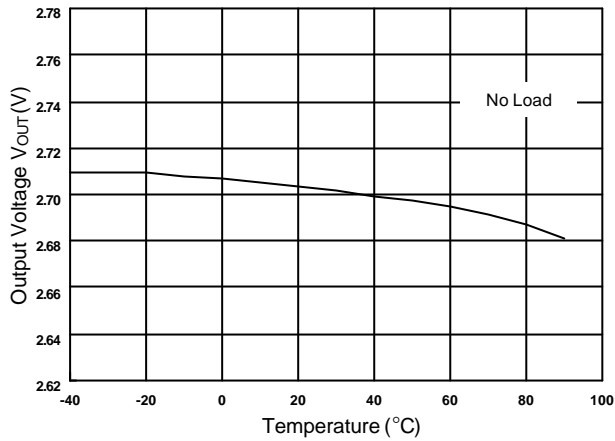


Fig. 7 AIC1638-27 Output Voltage vs. Temperature

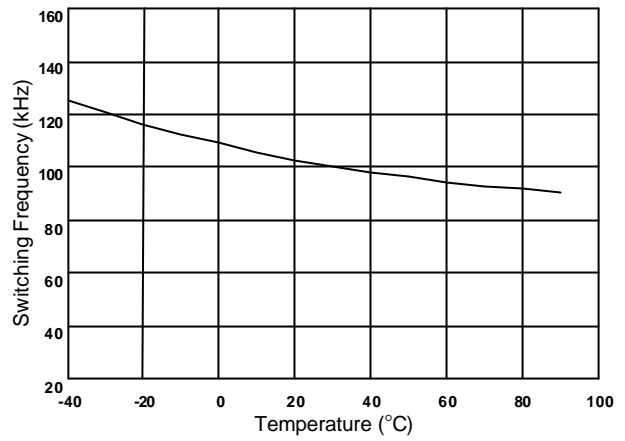


Fig. 8 AIC1638-27 Switching Frequency vs. Temperature

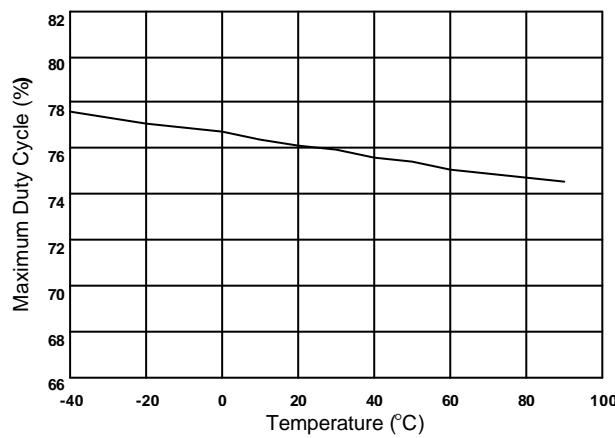


Fig. 9 AIC1638-27 Maximum Duty Cycle vs. Temperature

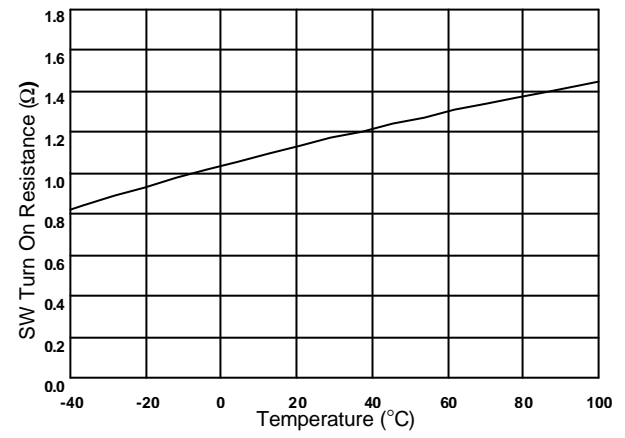


Fig. 10 AIC1638-27 SW Turn On Resistance vs. Temperature

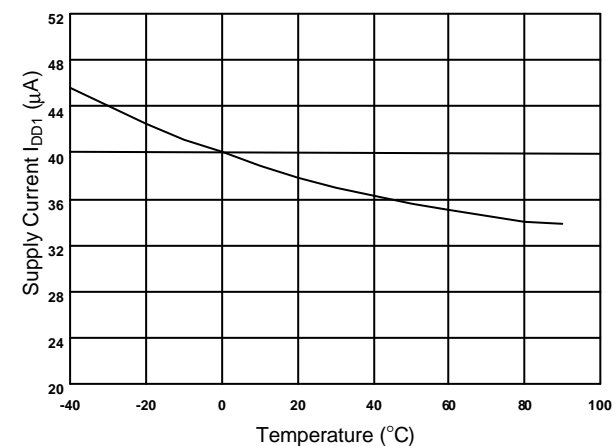


Fig. 11 AIC1638-27 Supply Current vs. Temperature

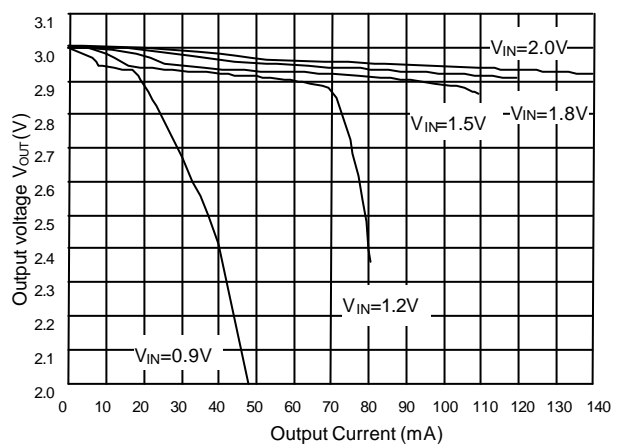


Fig. 12 AIC1638-30 Load Regulation (L=100μH, CD54)

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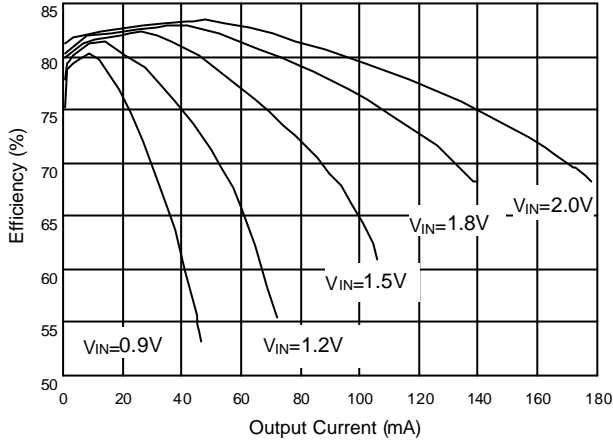


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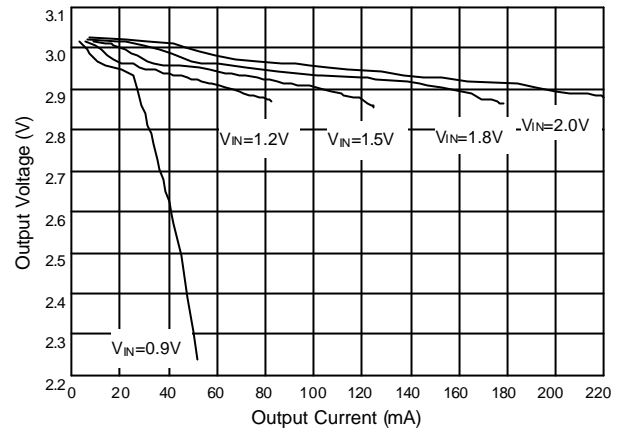


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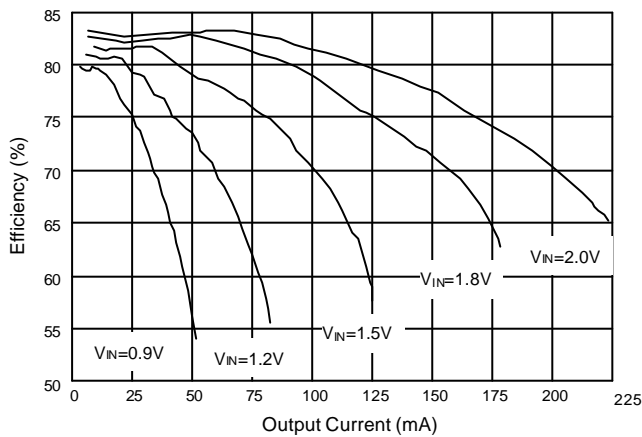


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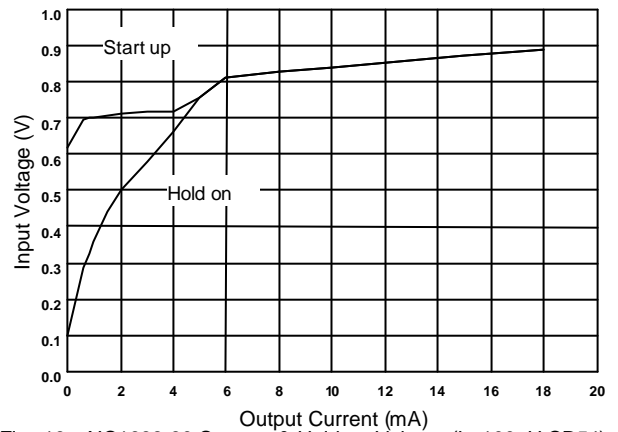


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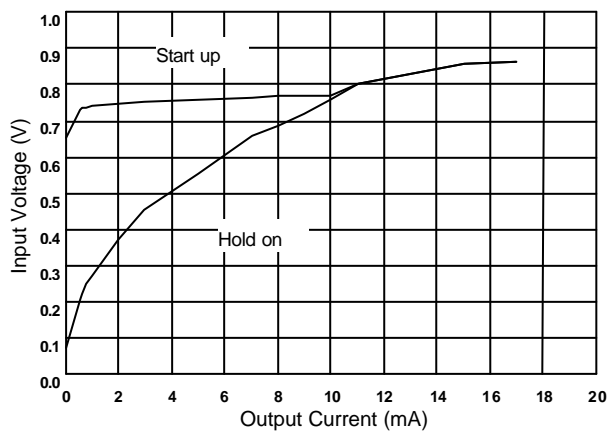


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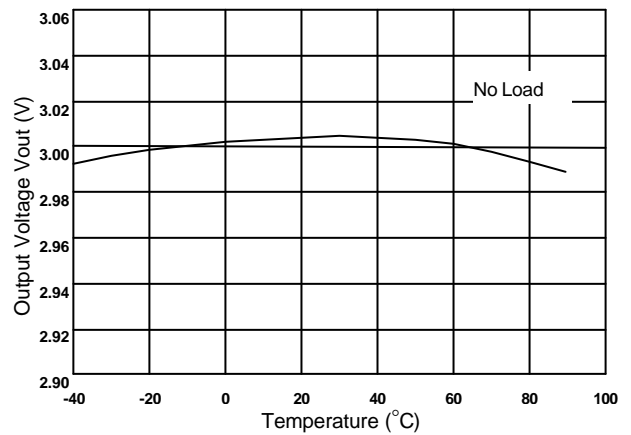


Fig. 18 AIC1638-30 Output Voltage vs. Temperature

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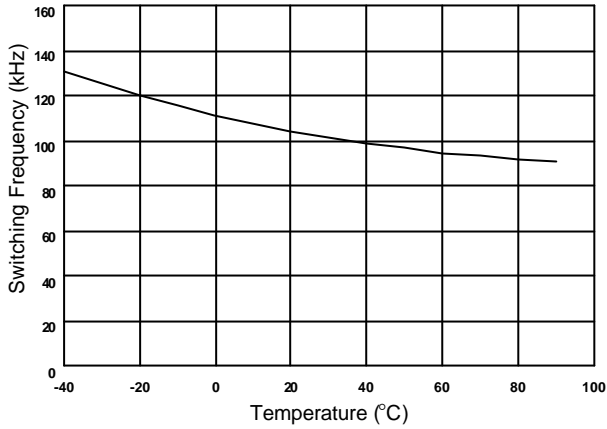


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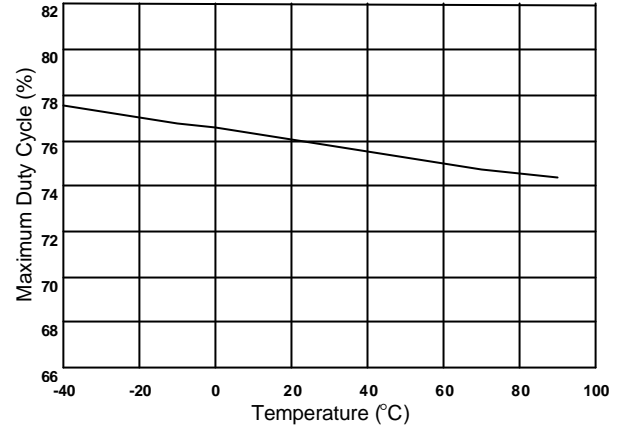


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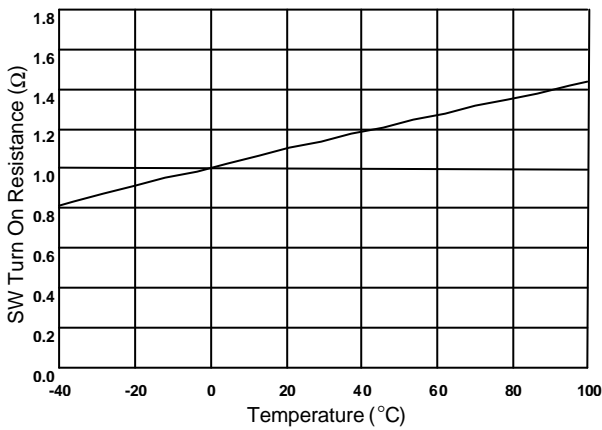


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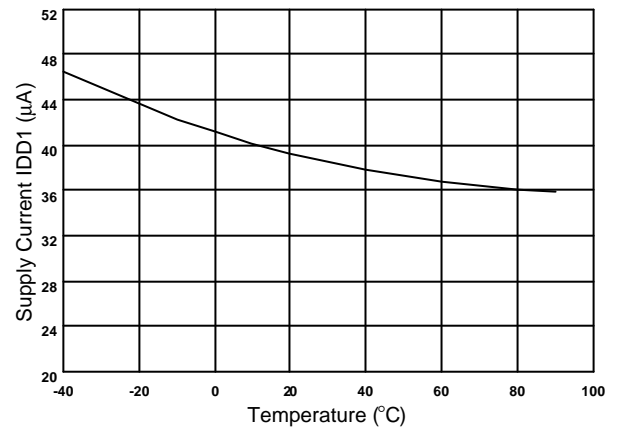


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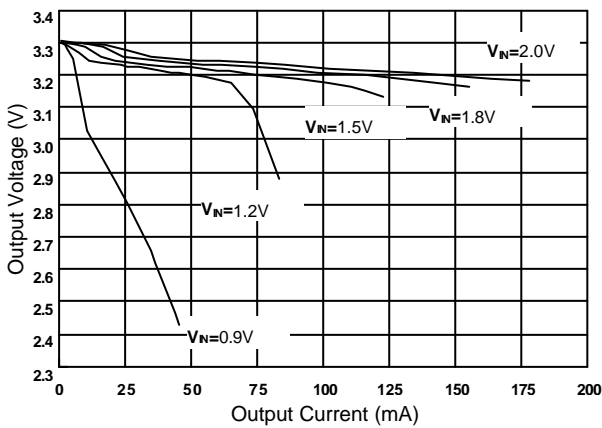


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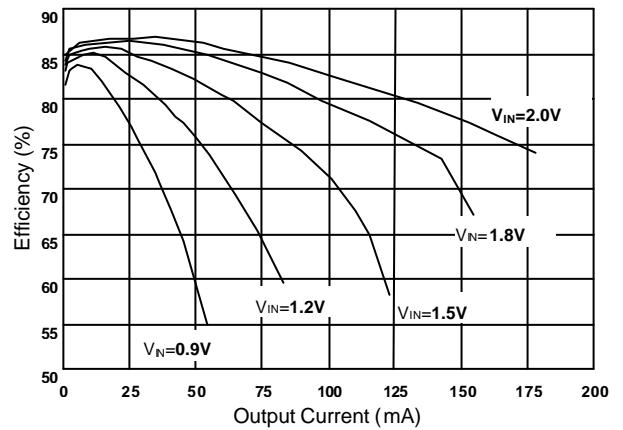


Fig. 24 AIC1638-33 Efficiency (L=100μH, CD54)

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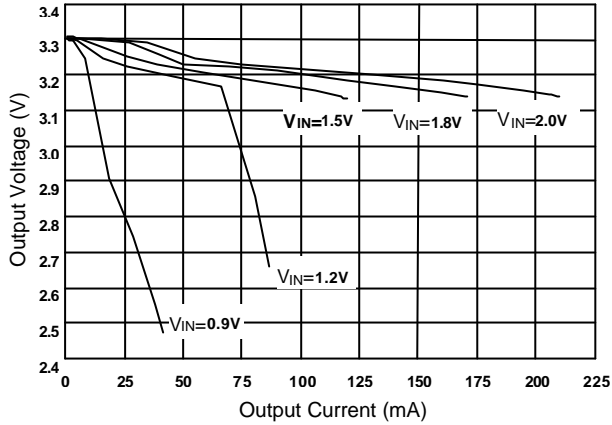


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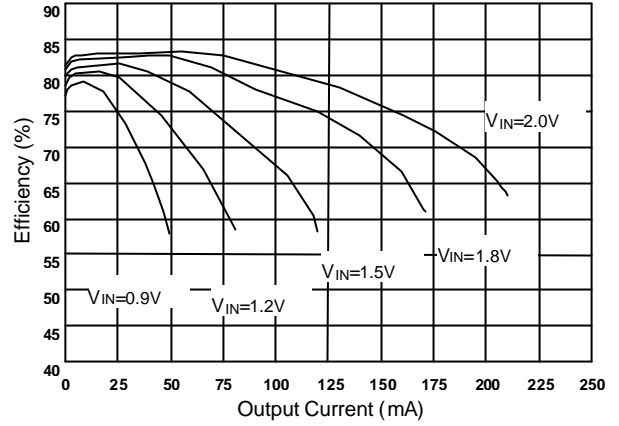


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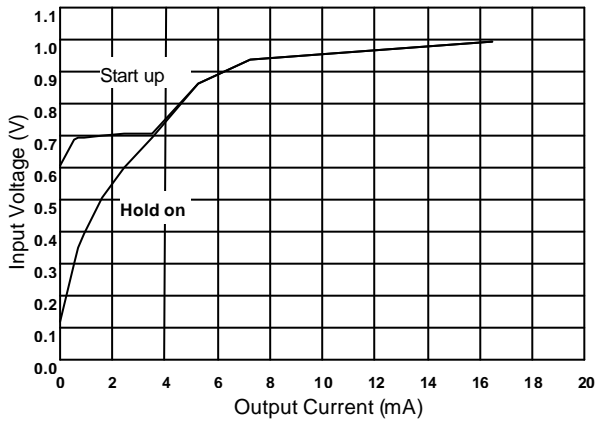


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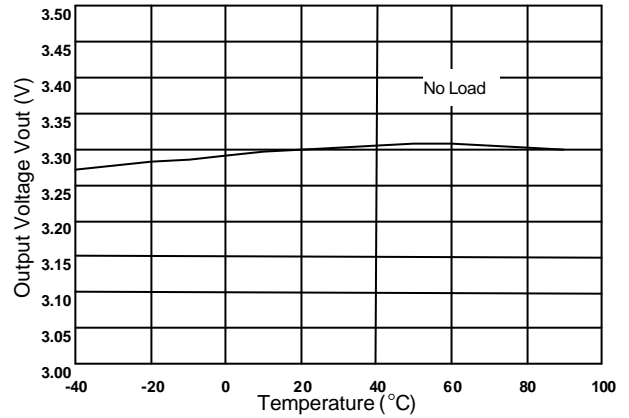


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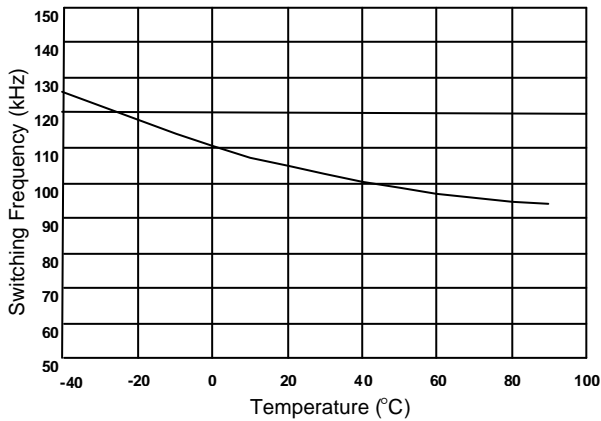


Fig. 29 AIC1638-33 Switching Frequency vs. Temperature

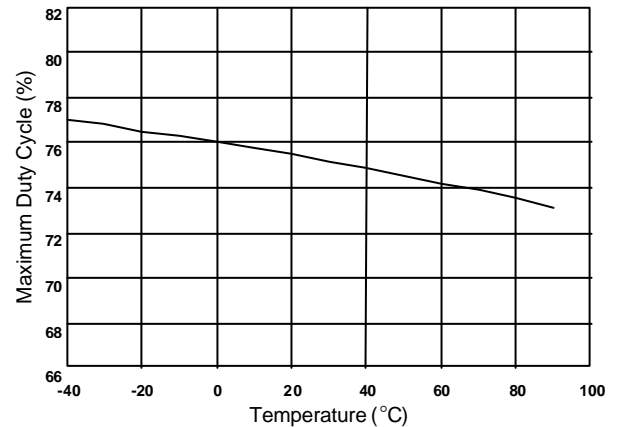


Fig. 30 AIC1638-33 Maximum Duty Cycle vs. Temperature

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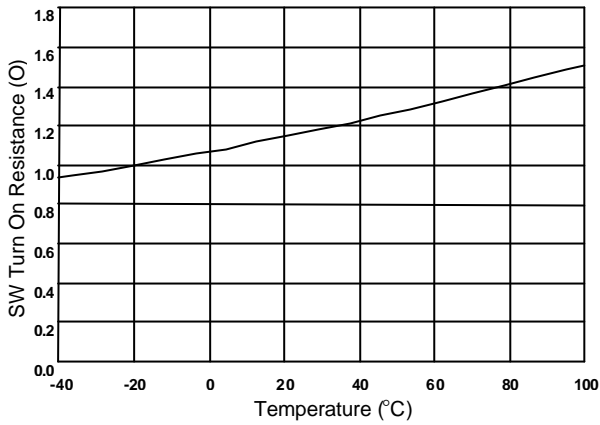


Fig. 31 AIC1638-33 SW Turn On Resistance vs. Temperature

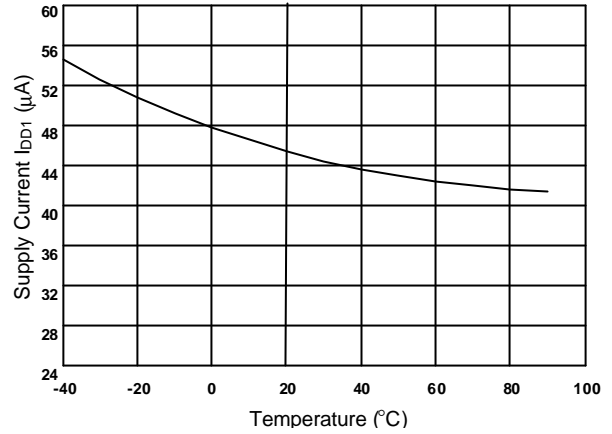


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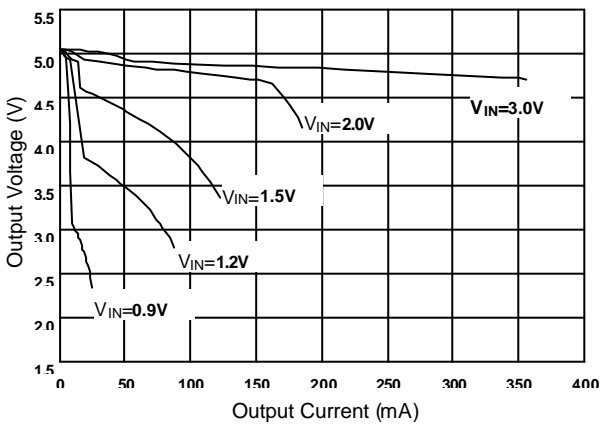


Fig. 33 AIC1638-50 Load Regulation (L=100μH CD54)

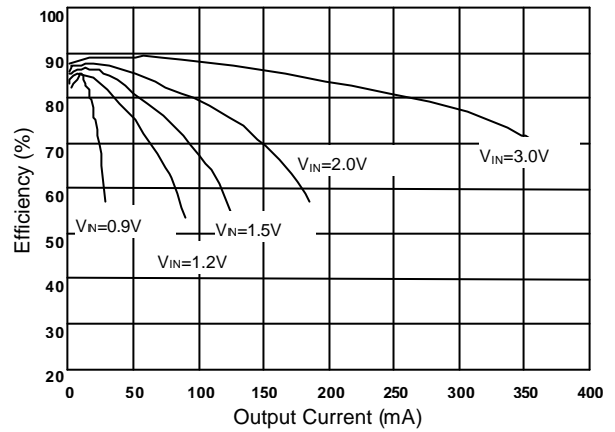


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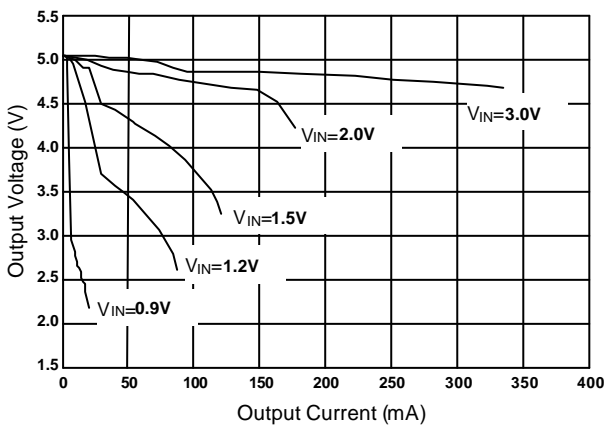


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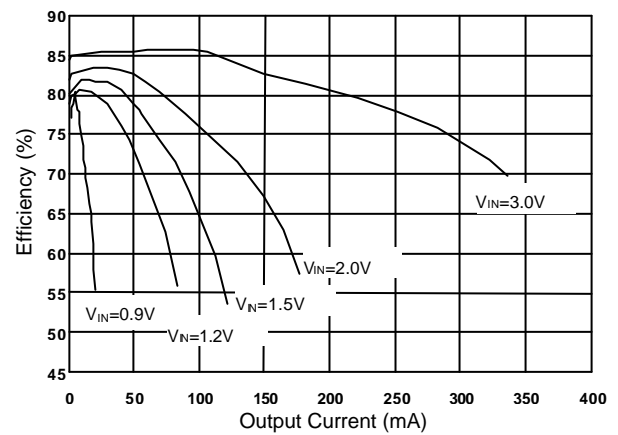


Fig. 36 AIC1638-50 Efficiency (L=47μH CD54)

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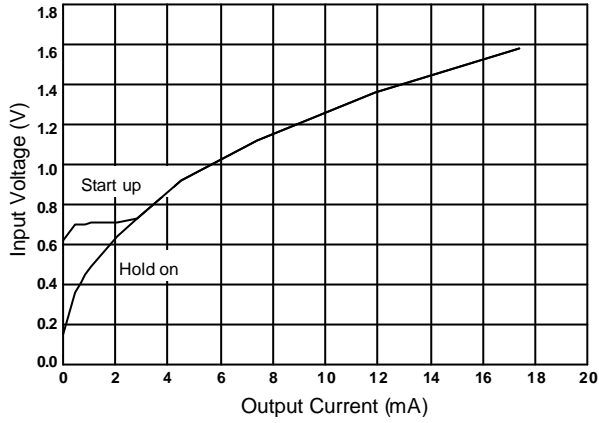


Fig. 37 AIC1638-50 Start-up & Hold-on Voltage (L=100 μ H CD50)

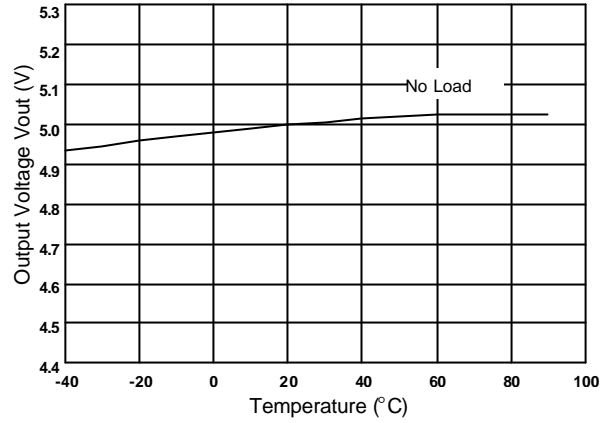


Fig. 38 AIC1638-50 Output Voltage vs. Temperature

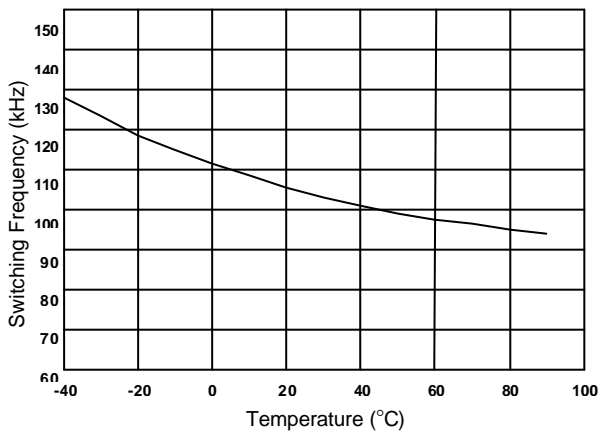


Fig. 39 AIC1638-50 Switching Frequency vs. Temperature

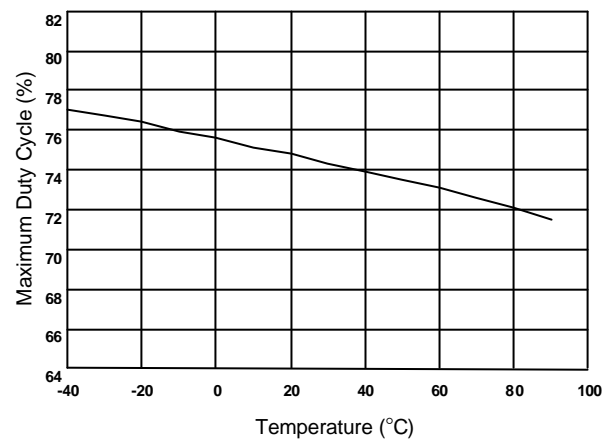


Fig. 40 AIC1638-50 Maximum Duty Cycle vs. Temperature

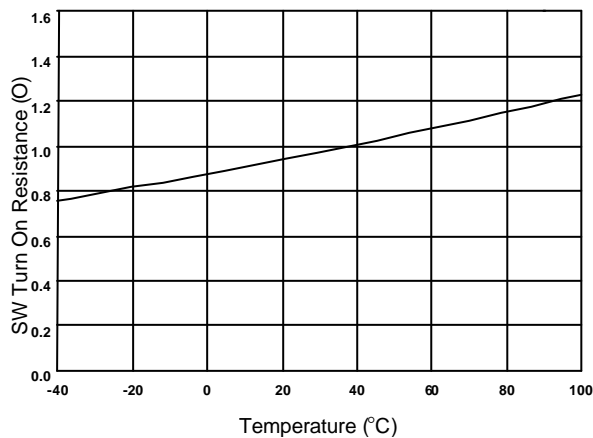


Fig. 41 AIC1638-50 SW Turn On Resistance vs. Temperature

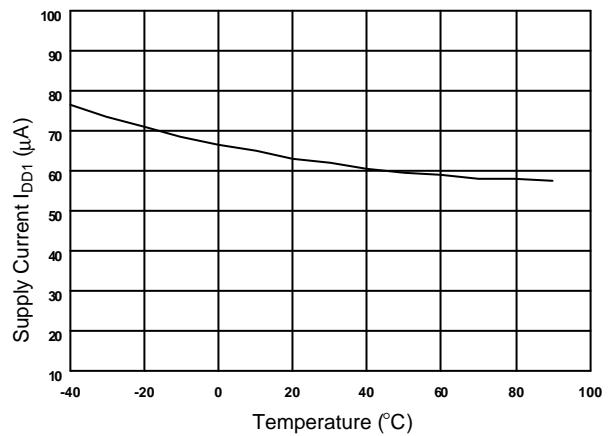


Fig. 42 AIC1638-50 Supply Current vs. Temperature

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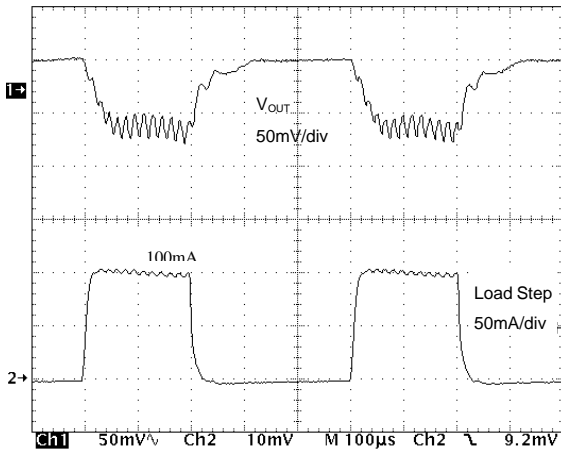


Fig. 43 Load Transient Response
($L_1=100\mu\text{H}$, $C_2=47\mu\text{F}$, $V_{IN}=2\text{V}$)

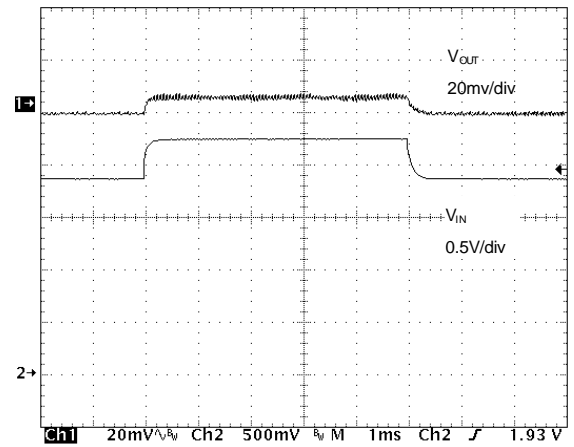
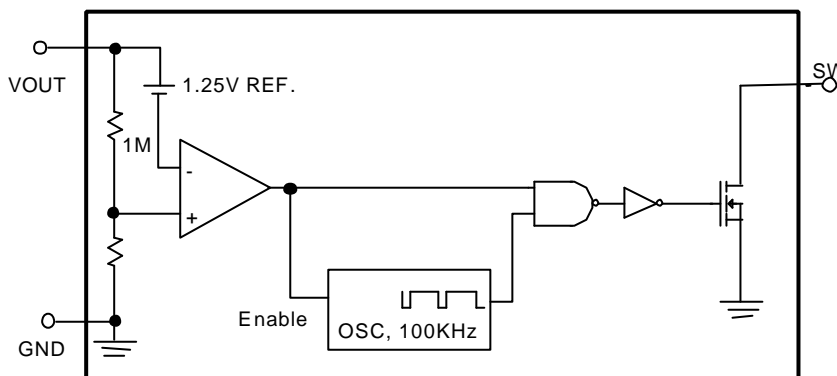


Fig. 44 Line Transient Response
($L_1=100\mu\text{H}$, $C_2=47\mu\text{F}$)

BLOCK DIAGRAM



PIN DESCRIPTIONS

PIN1 : GND - Ground. Must be low impedance; solder directly to ground plane.

PIN2 : VOUT - IC supply pin. Connect VOUT to the converter output.

PIN3 : SW – Internal drain of N-MOSFET switch.

APPLICATION INFORMATIONS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

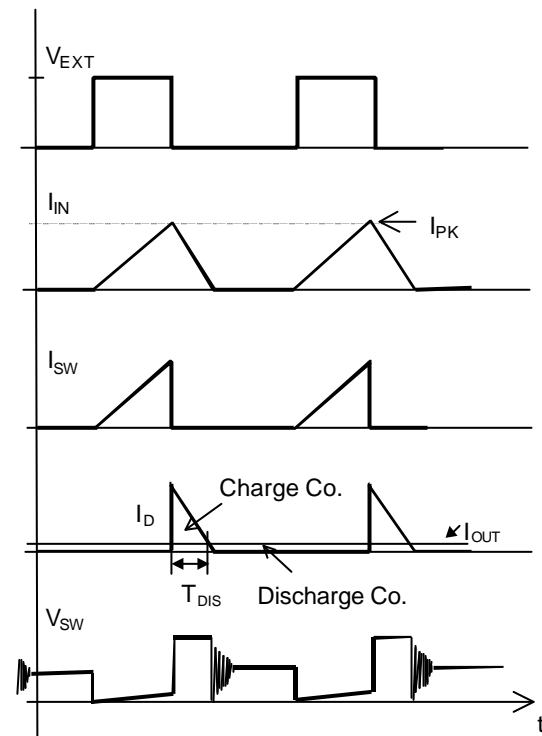
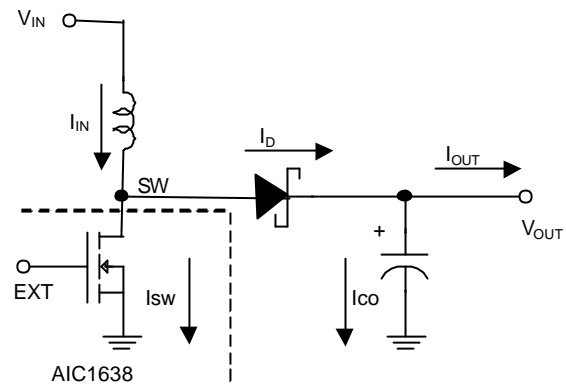
AIC1638 PFM (pulse frequency modulation) converter ICs combine a switch mode converter, N-channel power MOSFET, precision voltage reference, and voltage detector in a single monolithic device. They offer both extreme low quiescent current, high efficiency, and very low gate threshold voltage to ensure start-up with low battery voltage (0.8V typ.). Designed to maximize battery life in portable products, and minimize switching losses by only switching as needed service the load.

PFM converters transfer a discrete amount of energy per cycle and regulate the output voltage by modulating switching frequency with the constant turn-on time. Switching frequency depends on load, input voltage, and inductor value, and it can range up to 100KHz. The SW on-resistance is typically 1 to 1.5 Ω to minimize switch losses.

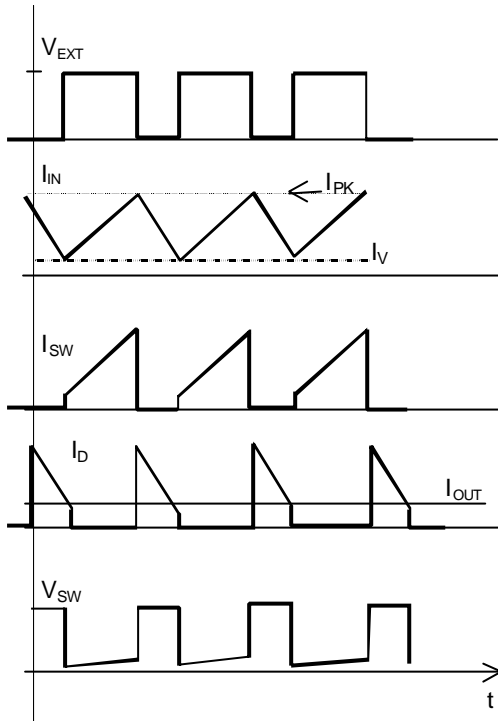
When the output voltage drops, the error comparator enables 100KHz oscillator that turns on the MOSFET around 7.5 μ s and 2.5 μ s off time. Turning on the MOSFET allows inductor current to ramp up, storing energy in a magnetic field. When MOSFET turns off that force inductor current through diode to the output capacitor and load. As the stored energy is depleted, the current ramp down until the diode turns off. At this point, inductor may ring due to residual energy and stray capacitance. The output capacitor stores charge when current flowing through the diode is high, and release it when current is low, thereby maintaining a steady voltage across the load.

As the load increases, the output capacitor discharges faster and the error comparator initiates cycles sooner, increasing the switching frequency. The maximum duty cycle ensure adequate time for energy transfer to output during the second half

each cycle. Depending on circuit, PFM converter can operate in either discontinuous mode or continuous conduction mode. Continuous conduction mode means that the inductor current does not ramp to zero during each cycle.



Discontinuous Conduction Mode



Continuous Conduction Mode

At the boundary between continuous and discontinuous mode, output current (I_{OB}) is determined by

$$I_{OB} = \left(\frac{V_{IN}}{V_{OUT} + V_D} \right) \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{IN}}{L} T_{ON}(1-x)$$

where V_D is the diode drop,

$$x = (R_{ON} + R_S) T_{ON} / L$$

R_{ON} = Switch turn on resistance, R_S = Inductor DC resistance

T_{ON} = Switch ON time

In the discontinuous mode, the switching frequency (F_{sw}) is

$$F_{sw} = \frac{2(L)(V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{IN})(I_{OUT})}{V_{IN}^2 \times T_{ON}^2} (1+x)$$

In the continuous mode, the switching frequency is

$$f_{sw} = \frac{1}{T_{ON}} \frac{(V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{IN})}{(V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{SW})} \times \left[1 + \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{V_{IN} - V_{SW}}{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{SW}} \right) \right]$$

$$\cong \frac{1}{T_{ON}} \left(\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{IN}}{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{SW}} \right)$$

where V_{sw} = switch drop and proportion to output current.

INDUCTOR SELECTION

To operate as an efficient energy transfer element, the inductor must fulfill three requirements. First, the inductance must be low enough for the inductor to store adequate energy under the worst case condition of minimum input voltage and switch ON time. Second, the inductance must also be high enough so maximum current rating of AIC1638 and inductor are not exceeded at the other worst case condition of maximum input voltage and ON time. Lastly, the inductor must have sufficiently low DC resistance so excessive power is not lost as heat in the windings. But unfortunately this is inversely related to physical size.

Minimum and Maximum input voltage, output voltage and output current must be established before and inductor can be selected.

In discontinuous mode operation, at the end of the switch ON time, peak current and energy in the inductor build according to

$$I_{PK} = \left(\frac{V_{in}}{R_{on} + R_s} \right) \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{R_{on} + R_s}{L} T_{on} \right) \right)$$

$$\cong \left(\frac{V_{IN}}{L} \right) (T_{ON}) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

$$\cong \frac{V_{IN}}{L} T_{ON} \quad (\text{Simple losses equation}),$$

where $x = (R_{ON} + R_S) T_{ON} / L$

$$EL = \frac{1}{2}L \times I_{pk}^2$$

Power required from the inductor per cycle must be equal or greater than

$$PL/F_{sw} = (V_{out} + V_D - V_{in})(I_{out})\left(\frac{1}{F_{sw}}\right)$$

in order for the converter to regulate the output.

When loading is over I_{OB} , PFM converter operates in continuous mode. Inductor peak current can be derived from

$$I_{PK} = \left(\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{SW}}{V_{IN} - V_{SW}} - \frac{x}{2} \right) I_{OUT} + \left(\frac{V_{IN} - V_{SW}}{2L} \right) T_{ON} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

Valley current (I_v) is

$$I_v = \left(\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{SW}}{V_{IN} - V_{SW}} - \frac{x}{2} \right) I_{OUT} - \left(\frac{V_{IN} - V_{SW}}{2L} \right) \times T_{ON} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)$$

Table 1 Indicates resistance and height for each coil.

| Power Inductor Type | | Inductance (mH) | Resistance (W) | Rated Current (A) | Height (mm) |
|---|--------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Coilcraft SMT Type (www.coilcraft.com) | DS1608 | 22 | 0.10 | 0.7 | 2.9 |
| | | 47 | 0.18 | 0.5 | |
| | | 100 | 0.38 | 0.3 | |
| | DO3316 | 22 | 0.08 | 2.7 | 5.2 |
| 47 | | 0.14 | 1.8 | | |
| Sumida SMT Type CD54 | | 47 | 0.25 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| | | 100 | 0.50 | 0.5 | |
| Hold SMT Type PM54 | | 47 | 0.25 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| | | 100 | 0.50 | 0.5 | |
| Hold SMT Type PM75 | | 33 | 0.11 | 1.2 | 5.0 |

CAPACITOR SELECTION

A poor choice for a output capacitor can result in poor efficiency and high output ripple. Ordinary aluminum electrolyzers, while inexpensive may have unacceptably poor ESR and ESL. There are low ESR aluminum capacitors for switch mode DC-DC converters which work much better than general propose unit. Tantalum capacitors provide still better performance at more expensive. OS-CON capacitors have extremely low ESR in a small size. If capacitance is reduced, output ripple will increase.

Most of the input supply is supplied by the input bypass capacitor, the capacitor voltage rating

should be at least 1.25 times greater than a maximum input voltage.

DIODE SELECTION

Speed, forward drop, and leakage current are the three main considerations in selecting a rectifier diode. Best performance is obtained with Schottky rectifier diode, such as 1N5819. Motorola makes MBR0530 in surface mount. For lower output power a 1N4148 can be used although efficiency and start-up voltage will suffer substantially.

COMPONENT POWER DISSIPATION

Operating in discontinuous mode, power loss in the winding resistance of inductor can be approximate equal to

$$PD_L = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{T_{ON}}{L} \right) (R_s) \left(\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D}{V_{OUT}} \right) (P_{OUT})$$

where $P_{OUT} = V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}$; R_s = Inductor DC R;

V_D = Diode drop.

The power dissipated in a switch loss is

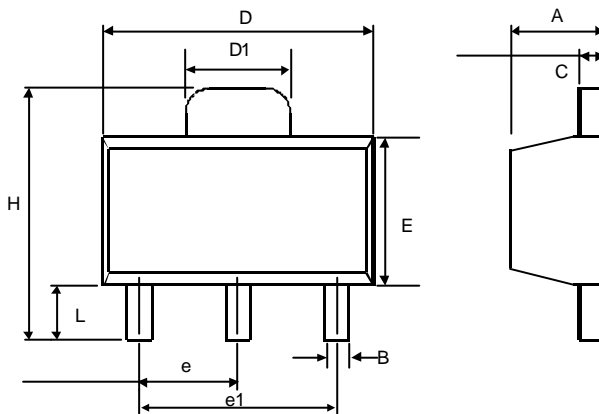
$$PD_{sw} = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{T_{ON}}{L} \right) (R_{ON}) \left(\frac{V_{OUT} + V_D - V_{IN}}{V_{OUT}} \right) (P_{OUT})$$

The power dissipated in rectifier diode is

$$PD_D = \left(\frac{V_D}{V_{OUT}} \right) (P_{OUT})$$

PHYSICAL DIMENSION

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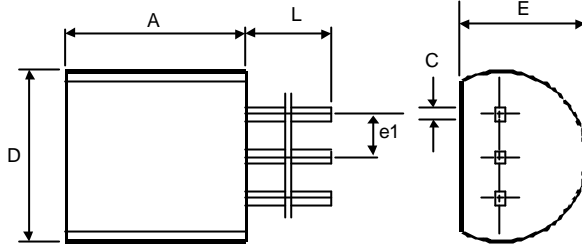


| SYMBOL | MIN | MAX |
|--------|-------------|------|
| A | 1.40 | 1.60 |
| B | 0.36 | 0.48 |
| C | 0.35 | 0.44 |
| D | 4.40 | 4.60 |
| D1 | 1.62 | 1.83 |
| E | 2.29 | 2.60 |
| e | 1.50 (TYP.) | |
| e1 | 3.00 (TYP.) | |
| H | 3.94 | 4.25 |
| L | 0.89 | 1.20 |

SOT-89 MARKING

| Part No. | Marking |
|------------|---------|
| AIC1638-27 | AN27 |
| AIC1638-30 | AN30 |
| AIC1638-33 | AN33 |
| AIC1638-50 | AN50 |

● TO-92 (unit: mm)



| SYMBOL | MIN | MAX |
|--------|-------------|------|
| A | 4.32 | 5.33 |
| C | 0.38 (TYP.) | |
| D | 4.40 | 5.20 |
| E | 3.17 | 4.20 |
| e1 | 1.27 (TYP.) | |
| L | 12.7 | - |