

High Side Current Sense Amplifier with Reference and Comparator with POR Capability

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 2193A features the LT[®]6118, a high side current sense amplifier with a comparator and a 400mV reference.

The demo board circuit amplifies the voltage across an on-board current sense resistor, to provide a precision unipolar voltage output that is proportional to the sensed current. The board has one on-board latching comparator and an integrated 400mV reference that sets the threshold for the comparator. The demonstration board includes circuitry to guarantee that the comparator resets on power up. The

current sense gain and current fault limits are set by on board resistors. The gain is 2.5V/A and the comparator is set to trip at current threshold of 500mA.

The key performance specifications are listed in the table below.

Design files for this circuit board are available at <http://www.linear.com/demo/DC2193A>

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at T_A = 25°C

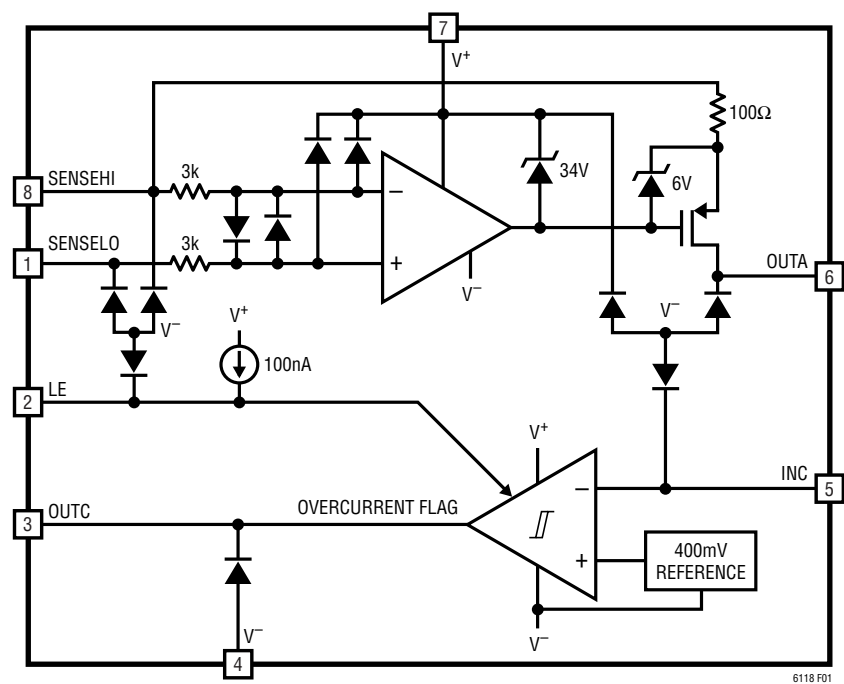
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V _{IN}	Input Supply Range		2.7		60	V
V _{IOUT}	Measured Output Signal	I _{LOAD} = 100mA		250		mV
I _{IOUT}	Measured Output Signal(Current Mode)	V _{IOUT} = 250mV		100		μA
I _{OUT}	Output Load Current Range	Thermal Limit of R _{SENSE}			4	A
I _Q	V _{IN} Quiescent Current	V _{IN} = 12V		800		μA
V _{THR}	Comparator Threshold	V _{IOUT} = 1.25V		500		mA

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The LT6118 operates by amplifying the voltage drop across a sense resistor that is in series with the load. The sense inputs of the amplifier differentially measure the sense resistor voltage drop to control an internal variable current source that allows translation of the input voltage level to a level referenced to the GND. The circuit gain is set by the ratio of the output resistor to the input resistor. The comparator thresholds are set by the LT6118 internal

reference and the current trip points are set by dividing the output resistance into a network of three resistors. The RC filter connected to the Latch Enable (LE) pin guarantee that the LE pin is held low long enough on startup to reset the comparator output on power on. The DC2193 is shipped with a 100mΩ sense resistor. The amplifier gain is 25V/V, providing an overall circuit gain of 2.5V/A. The overcurrent fault threshold is set to 500mA.

BLOCK DIAGRAM



QUICK START PROCEDURE

The DC2193A provides a simple way to evaluate the performance of the LT6118. Refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow these procedures:

1. With the power off, connect the power supply positive to IN and the common to GND. With default board settings the supply can range from 2.7V to 60V. If the supply does not have an accurate current readout, a DMM may be connected in series with the supply as shown in Figure 1.
2. Connect a DMM or oscilloscope to the I_{OUT} with the common connection connected to ground.
3. Connect a load to the demo boards OUT terminal (positive) and ground. The load may be a power resistor, active load instrument or a circuit of interest.
4. Turn on the power supply. The comparator will reset during power on and will start in the correct state based on the load current. With the load shown in Figure 1 the comparator output should be at 20V
5. Measure the output voltage and confirm that it corresponds to the load current. $V_{IOUT} = 2.5 \cdot I_{LOAD(A)}$ with the provided resistors.
6. If able, sweep load current from 0mA to 500mA to verify the operation of the comparator. OUTC will latch low when I_{LOAD} exceeds 500mA.

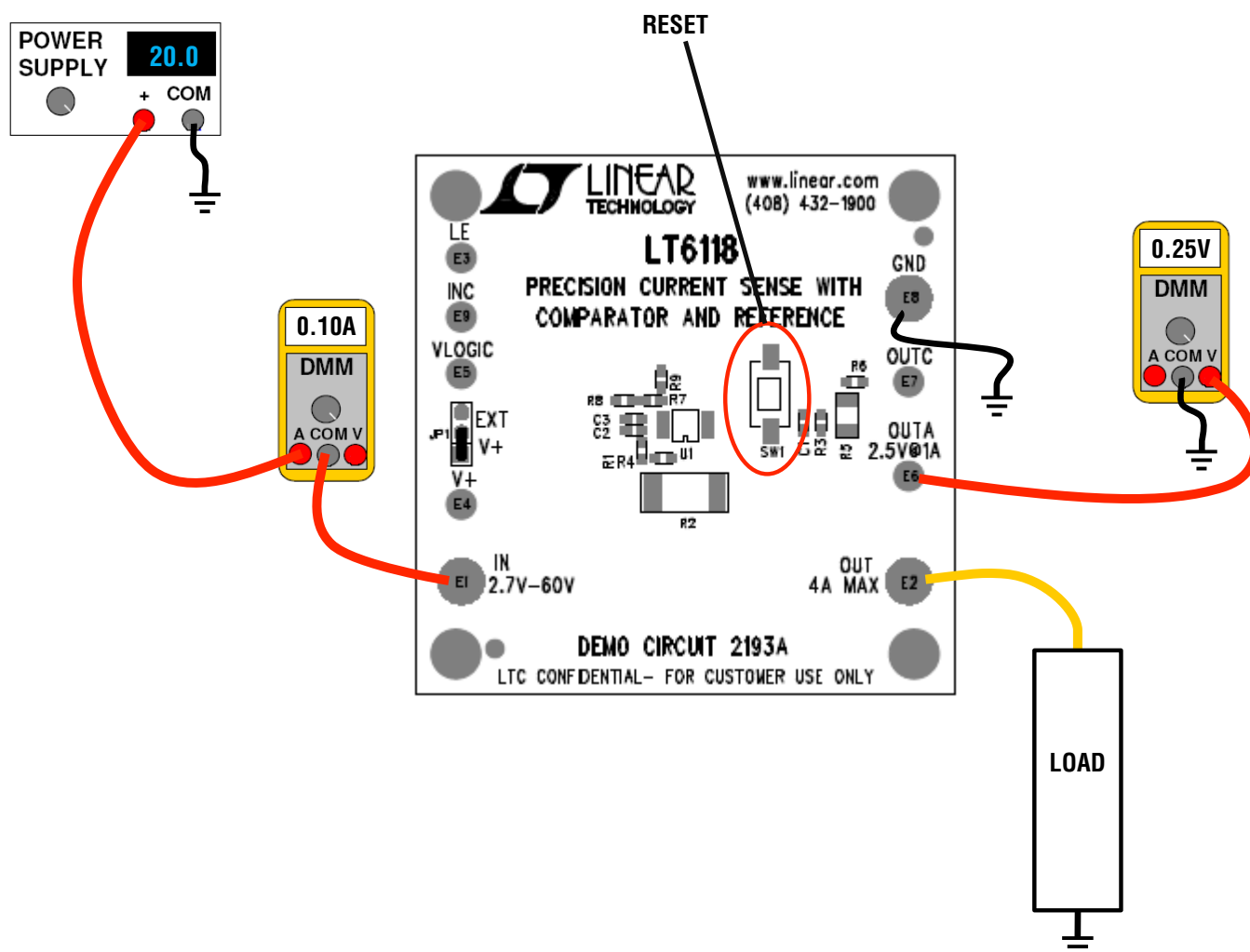


Figure 1

OPERATION

Current Sense Gain

The gain of the LT6118 current sense amplifier is set by the ratio of R_{OUT} and R_{IN} resistors. In the demo circuit this means that the gain is set by the ratio of $(R7 + R9) / R4$. The gain error is primarily controlled by the precision of the resistors used. The provided resistors are a 1% tolerance which will dominate the gain error. To reduce system gain error, the resistors can be replaced with 0.1% resistors.

Jumper Summary

JP1: The logic supply jumper has two settings:

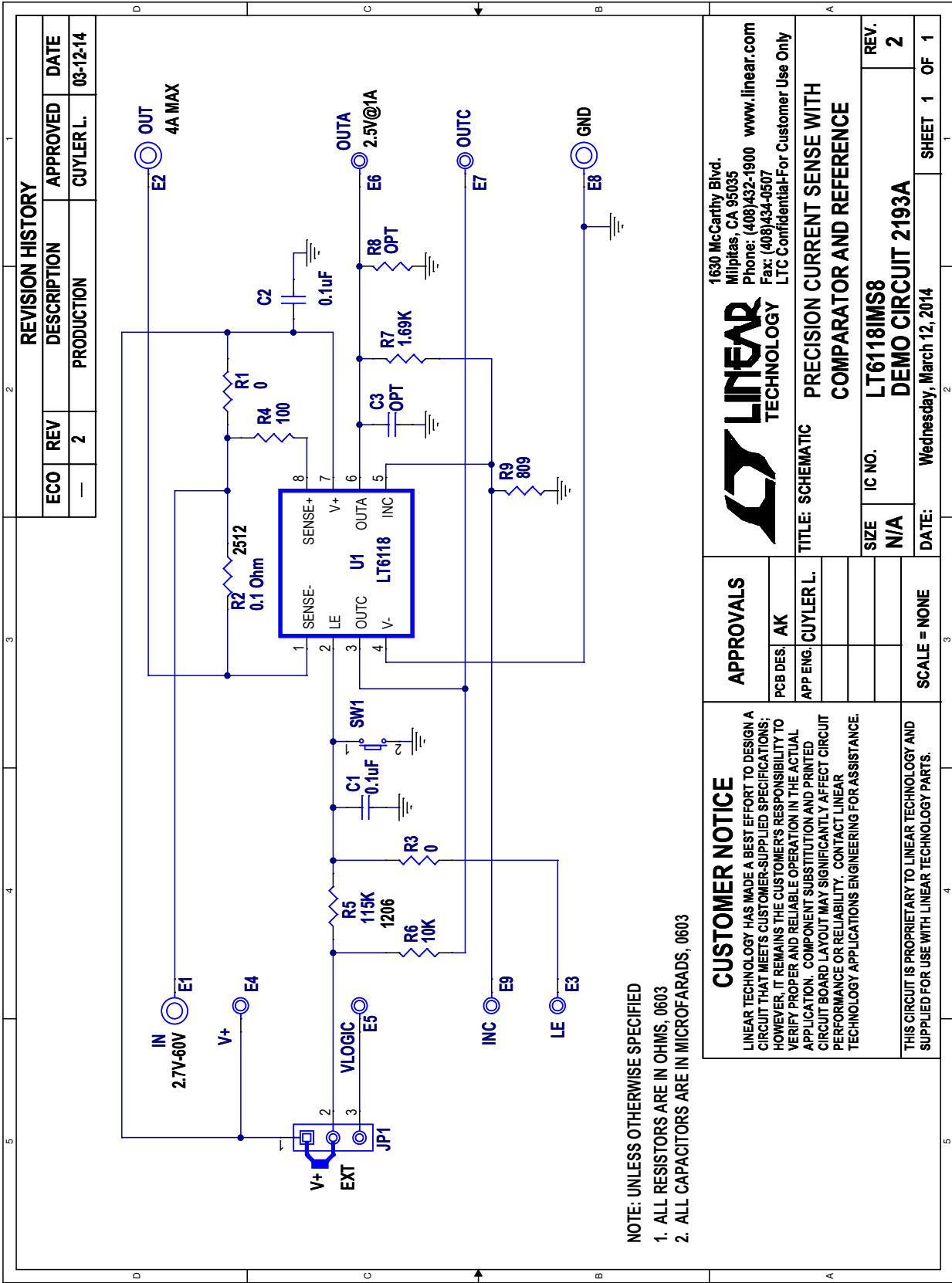
V⁺: The comparator output is tied to the V⁺ supply

EXT: The comparator output is tied to an external supply on the V_{LOGIC} turret.

Optional Settings

1. To power the LT6118 from a supply separate from the load, remove R1 and connect the power supply to V⁺ turret.
2. There are a number of optional components that (not installed) allow the DC2193 to be tailored to a specific application:
 - A) To free comparator input INC for other use, remove R7 and R9 and install R8. Connect LE turret as required.
 - B) To add filtering to the amplifier output, install C3.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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DEMO MANUAL DC2193A

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