

QUICK START GUIDE FOR DEMONSTRATION CIRCUIT 1025

800MA MONOLITHIC SYNCHRONOUS BUCK REGULATOR

LTC3560

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1025 is a step-down converter, using the LTC3560 monolithic synchronous buck regulator. The DC1025 has an input voltage range of 2.5V to 5.5V, and is capable of delivering up to 800 mA of output current. The output voltage of the DC1025 can be set as low as 0.6V, the reference voltage of the LTC3560. At low load currents, the DC1025 can operate in either noise sensitive applications, due to the capability of the LTC3560 to operate in pulse-skipping mode, or in high efficiency applications, because the LTC3560 can also operate in Burst-Mode. Of course, in continuous mode, or large load current applications, the DC1025 is a high efficiency

circuit - over 95% in some cases. The DC1025 consumes less than 30 μ A of quiescent current during sleep operation, and during shutdown, it consumes less than 1 μ A. Because of the high switching frequency of the LTC3560 - 2.25 MHz - the DC1025 uses low profile surface mount components. These features, plus the LTC3560 coming in a small 6-Lead ThinSot package, make the DC1025 an ideal circuit for use in battery-powered, hand-held applications.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

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Table 1. Performance Summary ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | VALUE |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Minimum Input Voltage | | 2.5V |
| Maximum Input Voltage | | 5.5V |
| Run/Shutdown | | GND = Shutdown |
| | | V_{IN} = Run |
| Output Voltage V_{OUT} | $V_{IN} = 2.5\text{V to } 5.5\text{V}$, $I_{OUT} = 0\text{A to } 800\text{ mA}$ | $1.2\text{V} \pm 4\%$ (1.152V – 1.248V) |
| | | $1.5\text{V} \pm 4\%$ (1.44V - 1.56V) |
| | | $1.8\text{V} \pm 4\%$ (1.728V – 1.872V) |
| Typical Output Ripple V_{OUT} | $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{V}$, $I_{OUT} = 800\text{ mA}$ (20 MHz BW) | $< 20\text{mV}_{P-P}$ |
| Operation Modes | Burst Mode - $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{V}$ | $< 100\text{ mA} \pm 20\text{ mA}$ |
| | Pulse-Skip - $V_{IN} = 3.3\text{V}$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{V}$ | $< 100\text{ mA} \pm 20\text{ mA}$ |
| Nominal Switching Frequency | | 2.25 MHz |

QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration Circuit 1025 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC3560. For proper measurement equipment configuration, set up the circuit according to the diagram in **Figure 1**. Before proceeding to test, insert shunts into the OFF position of header JP1, which connects the RUN pin to ground (GND), and thus, shuts down the circuit, the pulse-skip position of header JP2, and the 1.8V output voltage header – JP5.

When measuring the input or output voltage ripple, care must be taken to avoid a long ground lead on the oscilloscope probe. Measure the input or output voltage ripple by touching the probe tip directly across the Vin or Vout and GND terminals. See **Figure 2** for proper scope probe measurement technique.

With the DC1025 set up according to the proper measurement and equipment in **Figure 1**, apply 3.3V at Vin (Do not hot-plug Vin or increase Vin over the rated maximum supply voltage of 5.5V, or the part may be damaged.). Measure Vout; it should read 0V. If desired, one can measure the shutdown supply current at this point. The supply current will be approximately 1 uA, or less, in shutdown.

Turn on the circuit by inserting the shunt in header JP1 into the ON position. The output voltage should be regulating. Measure Vout - it should measure 1.8V +/- 2% (1.764V to 1.836V).

Vary the input voltage from 2.5V to 5.5V and adjust the load current from 0 to 800 mA. Vout should read between 1.2V +/- 4% (1.728V to 1.872V).

Measure the output ripple voltage at any output current level; it usually will measure less than 30 mVAC.

Observe the voltage waveform at the switch node. Verify the switching frequency is between 1.8 MHz and 2.7 MHz ($T = 0.555 \mu s$ and $0.37 \mu s$), and that the switch node waveform is rectangular in shape.

Insert the JP1 shunt into the OFF position and move the 1.8V Vout JP5 shunt into any of the two remaining output voltage option headers: 1.2V or 1.5V. Just as in the 1.8Vout test, the output voltage should read Vout +/- 2% tolerance under static line and load conditions, and +/- 1% tolerance under dynamic line and load conditions (+/- 2% total).

When finished, turn off the circuit by inserting the shunt in header JP1 into the OFF position (connecting the RUN pin to ground).

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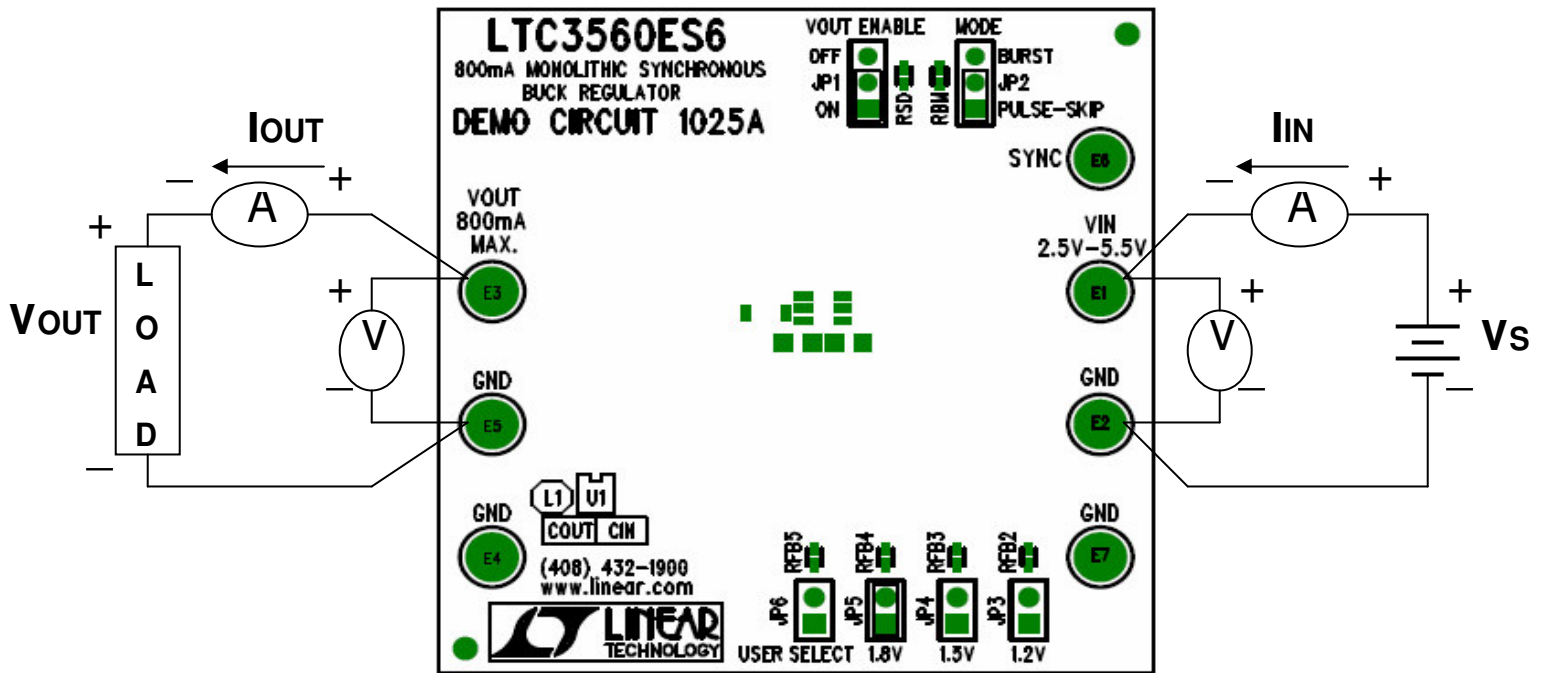


Figure 1. Proper Equipment Measurement Set-Up

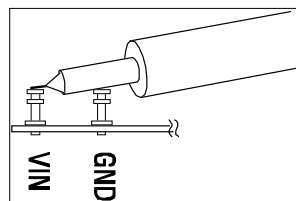


Figure 2. Measuring Input or Output Ripple

Normal Switching Frequency & Output Ripple Voltage Waveforms

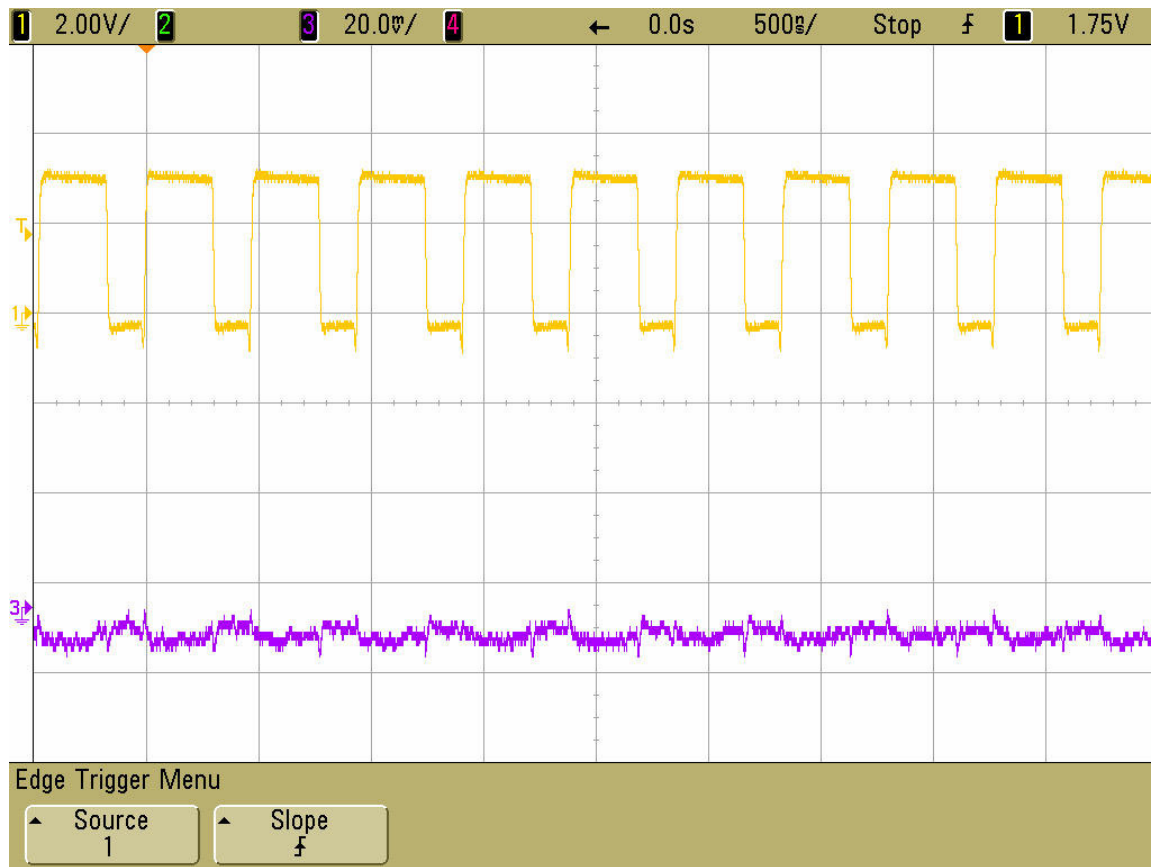


Figure 3. Switch Waveform & Output Ripple Voltage

$V_{IN} = 3.3V$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$, $I_{OUT} = 800mA$

Trace 1: Switch Voltage (2 V/div)

Trace 3: Output Ripple Voltage (20 mV/div AC)

Load Step Response Waveform

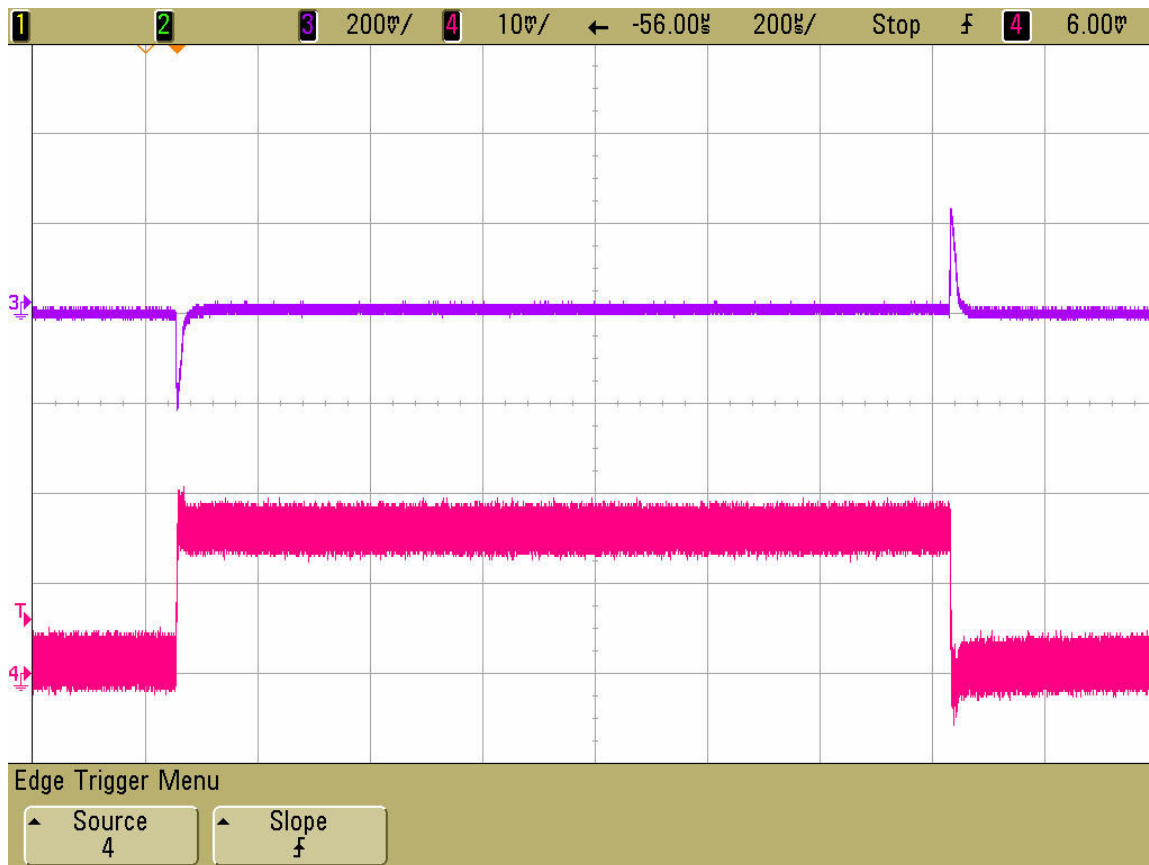


Figure 4. Load Step Response

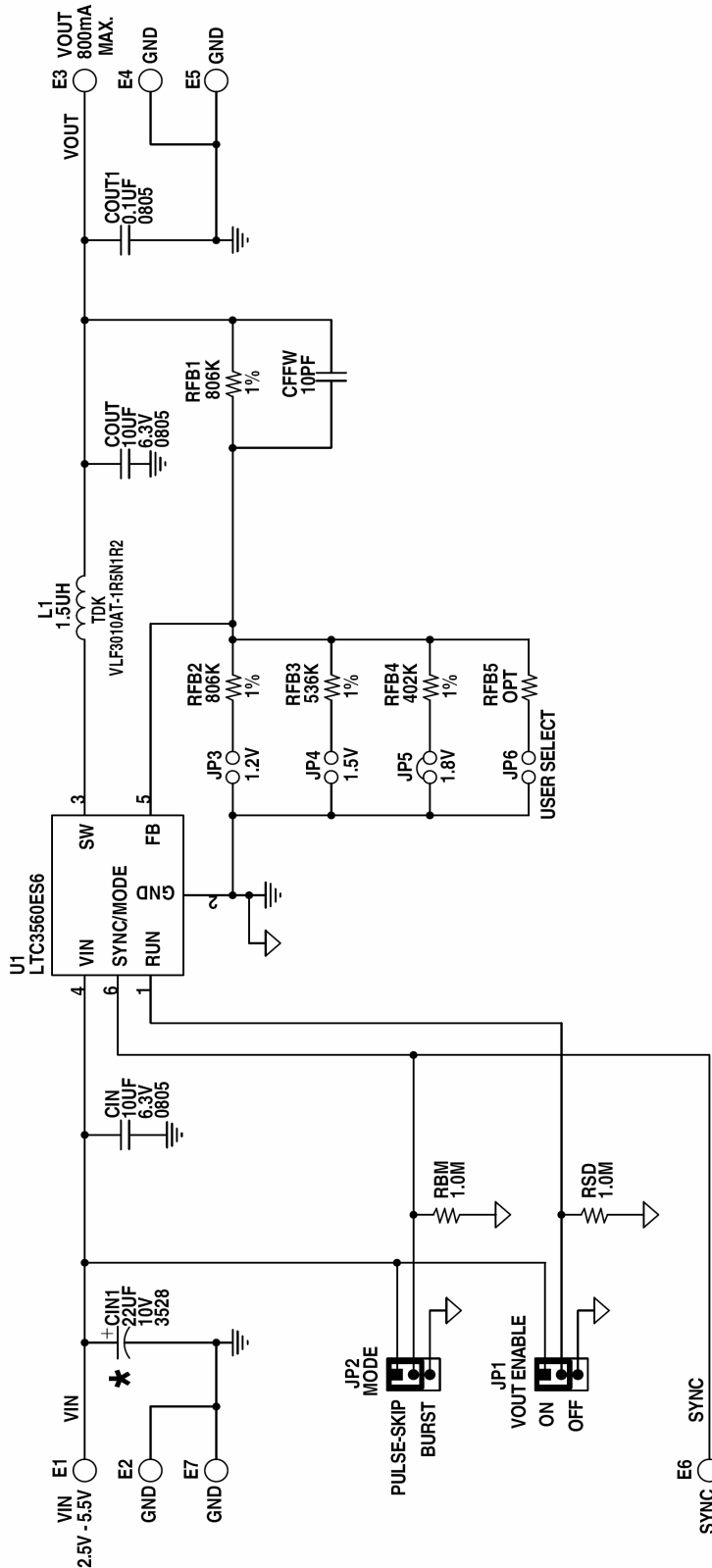
$V_{IN} = 3.3V$, $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$, 720mA Load Step (80mA \leftrightarrow 800mA)

Trace 3: Output Voltage (200mV/div AC)

Trace 4: Output Current (500 mA/div)

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NOTES: UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

1. ALL RESISTORS ARE IN OHMS, 0402.
ALL CAPACITORS ARE 0402.
2. INSTALL SHUNT ON JP1, JP2, & JP5 PINS 1 AND 2.
- * CIN1 IS AN OPTIONAL CAPACITOR. IT IS INSERTED ON THE DC1025A TO DAMPEN THE (POSSIBLE) RINGING VOLTAGE DUE TO THE LONG INPUT LEADS. ON A NORMAL, TYPICAL PCB, WITH SHORT TRACES, THE CAPACITOR IS NOT NEEDED.

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