

General Description
The MAX764／MAX765／MAX766 inverting switching regu－ lators are highly efficient over a wide range of load cur－ rents，delivering up to 1.5 W ．A unique，current－limited， pulse－frequency－modulated（PFM）control scheme com－ bines the benefits of traditional PFM converters with the benefits of pulse－width－modulated（PWM）converters． Like PWM converters，the MAX764／MAX765／MAX766 are highly efficient at heavy loads．Yet because they are PFM devices，they use less than $120 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ of supply current（vs． 2 mA to 10 mA for a PWM device）．
The input voltage range is 3 V to 16 V ．The output volt－ age is preset at -5 V （MAX764），-12 V （MAX765），or -15 V （MAX766）；it can also be adjusted from -1 V to -16 V using two external resistors（Dual Mode ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ ）．The maxi－ mum operating V IN－VOUT differential is 20 V ．
These devices use miniature external components；their high switching frequencies（up to 300 kHz ）allow for less than 5 mm diameter surface－mount magnetics．A stan－ dard $47 \mu \mathrm{H}$ inductor is ideal for most applications，so no magnetics design is necessary．
An internal power MOSFET makes the MAX764／MAX765／ MAX766 ideal for minimum component count，low－and medium－power applications．For increased output drive capability or higher output voltages，use the MAX774／MAX775／MAX776 or MAX1774，which drive an external power P－channel MOSFET for loads up to 5W．

Applications

## LCD－Bias Generators

Portable Instruments
LAN Adapters
Remote Data－Acquisition Systems
Battery－Powered Applications
Typical Operating Circuit


Features
－High Efficiency for a Wide Range of Load Currents
－250mA Output Current
－120رA Max Supply Current
－ $5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ Max Shutdown Current
－3V to 16V Input Voltage Range
－－5V（MAX764），－12V（MAX765），－15V（MAX766）， or Adjustable Output from－1V to－16V
－Current－Limited PFM Control Scheme
－300kHz Switching Frequency
－Internal，P－Channel Power MOSFET
Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP．RANGE | PIN－PACKAGE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MAX764CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX764CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX764C／D | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Dice ${ }^{*}$ |
| MAX764EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX764ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX764MJA | $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 CERDIP＊＊ |
| MAX765CPA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX765CSA | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
| MAX765C／D | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Dice ${ }^{*}$ |
| MAX765EPA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 8 Plastic DIP |
| MAX765ESA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 SO |
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＊＊Contact factory for availability and processing to MIL－STD－883．
Pin Configuration
TOP VIEW


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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS



| Operating Temperature Ranges |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| MAX76_C_A | +70 |
| MAX76_EA | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| MAX76 MJA | $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Maximum Junction Temperatures |  |
| MAX76_C A/E |  |
| MAX76_MJA . |  |
| Storage Temperature Range ......................... $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+160^{\circ}$ |  |
| Lead Temperature (soldering, 10sec) .........................+300 |  |

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$\left(\mathrm{V}_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{LOAD}}=0 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{REF}}=0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\text {MIN }}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $)$

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS |  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| V+ Input Voltage Range | V+ | MAX76_C/E |  | 3.0 |  | 16.0 | V |
|  |  | MAX76_M |  | 3.5 |  |  |  |
| Supply Current | Is | $\mathrm{V}+=16 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{SHDN}<0.4 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 90 | 120 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| Shutdown Current | ISHDN | $\mathrm{V}+=16 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{SHDN}>1.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 2 |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{V}+=10 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{SHDN}>1.6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 1 | 5 |  |
| FB Trip Point |  | $3 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}+\leq 16 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | -10 |  | 10 | mV |
| FB Input Current | IFB | MAX76_C |  |  |  | $\pm 50$ | nA |
|  |  | MAX76_E |  |  |  | $\pm 70$ |  |
|  |  | MAX76_M |  |  |  | $\pm 90$ |  |
| Output Current and Voltage (Note 1) | Iout | MAX764, -4.8V $\leq$ VOUT $\leq 5.2 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 150 | 260 |  | mA |
|  |  | MAX765C/E, $-11.52 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} \leq 12.48 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 68 | 120 |  |  |
|  |  | MAX765M, $-11.52 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} \leq 12.48 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 50 | 120 |  |  |
|  |  | MAX766, -14.40V $\leq$ Vout $\leq-15.60 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 35 | 105 |  |  |
| Reference Voltage | VREF | MAX76_C |  | 1.4700 | 1.5 | 1.5300 | V |
|  |  | MAX76_E |  | 1.4625 | 1.5 | 1.5375 |  |
|  |  | MAX76_M |  | 1.4550 | 1.5 | 1.5450 |  |
| REF Load Regulation |  | $0 \mu \mathrm{~A} \leq \mathrm{IREF} \leq 100 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | MAX76_C/E |  | 4 | 10 | mV |
|  |  |  | MAX76_M |  | 4 | 15 |  |
| REF Line Regulation |  | $3 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}+\leq 16 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 40 | 100 | $\mu \mathrm{V} / \mathrm{V}$ |
| Load Regulation (Note 2) |  | $0 \mathrm{~mA} \leq \mathrm{ILOAD} \leq 100 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  |  | 0.008 |  | \%/mA |
| Line Regulation (Note 2) |  | $4 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}+\leq 6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 0.12 |  | \%/V |
| Efficiency (Note 2) |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{~mA} \leq \mathrm{I} \mathrm{LOAD} \leq 100 \mathrm{~mA}, \\ & \mathrm{VIN}=5 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ | VOUT $=-5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 80 |  | \% |
|  |  |  | VOUT $=-15 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 82 |  |  |
| SHDN Leakage Current |  | $\mathrm{V}_{+}=16 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{SHDN}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ or $\mathrm{V}_{+}$ |  |  |  | $\pm 1$ | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| SHDN Input Voltage High | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{IH}}$ | $3 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}+\leq 16 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 1.6 |  |  | V |
| SHDN Input Voltage Low | VIL | $3 \mathrm{~V} \leq \mathrm{V}+\leq 16 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  |  | 0.4 | V |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

$\left(\mathrm{V}+=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {LOAD }}=0 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{C}_{\text {REF }}=0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MIN}}\right.$ to $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{MAX}}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are $\mathrm{at}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS |  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LX Leakage Current |  | $\mid L X I+(V+) \leq 20 V$ | MAX76_C |  |  | $\pm 5$ | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  |  | MAX76_E |  |  | $\pm 10$ |  |
|  |  |  | MAX76_M |  |  | $\pm 30$ |  |
| LX On-Resistance |  | \|VOUTI + $\mathrm{V}_{+}$) $\geq 10 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 1.4 | 2.5 | $\Omega$ |
| Peak Current at LX | IPEAK | IVOUTI + (V+) $\geq 10 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.5 | 0.75 |  | A |
| Maximum Switch On-Time | ton |  |  | 12 | 16 | 20 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |
| Minimum Switch Off-Time | toff |  |  | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.8 | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |

Note 1: See Maximum Output Current vs. Supply Voltage graph in the Typical Operating Characteristics. Guarantees are based on correlation to switch on-time, switch off-time, on-resistance, and peak current rating
Note 2: Circuit of Figure 2.

Typical Operating Characteristics
$\left(\mathrm{V}_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=-5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$, unless otherwise noted. $)$


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SWITCH ON/OFF-TIME RATIO vs. TEMPERATURE



MAXIMUM SWITCH ON-TIME vs. TEM PERATURE


START-UP SUPPLY VOLTAGE vs. OUTPUT CURRENT


NO-LOAD SUPPLY CURRENT vs. TEM PERATURE


LX LEAKAGE CURRENT vs. TEMPERATURE


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TIME TO ENTER/EXIT SHUTDOWN


CIRCUIT OF FIGURE $2, V_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{I}_{\text {LOAD }}=100 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=-5 \mathrm{~V}$ A: Vout, 2V/div
B: SHUTDOWN PULSE, 0 V TO $5 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{div}$

LINE-TRANSIENT RESPONSE


CIRCUIT OF FIGURE 2, VOUT $=-5 \mathrm{~V}$, $\operatorname{LLOAD}=100 \mathrm{~mA}$
A: VOUT, $50 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{div}$, AC-COUPLED
B: V+, 5 V TO 10V, $5 \mathrm{~V} /$ div


CIRCUIT OF FIGURE2, $\mathrm{V}_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}$, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}=-5 \mathrm{~V}$
A: Vout, $50 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{div}$, AC-COUPLED
B: ILOAD, 0 mA TO $100 \mathrm{~mA}, 100 \mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{div}$

DISCONTINUOUS CONDUCTION AT HALF AND FULL CURRENT LIMIT


CIRCUIT OF FIGURE $2, \mathrm{~V}_{+}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {OUT }}=-5 \mathrm{~V}, \operatorname{l}$ LOAD $=140 \mathrm{~mA}$ A: OUTPUT RIPPLE, $100 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{div}$
B: INDUCTOR CURRENT, $500 \mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{div}$
C: LX WAVEFORM, 10V/div

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Pin Description

| PIN | NAME | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | OUT | Sense Input for Fixed-Output Operation (VFB = VREF). OUT must be connected to VOUT. |
| 2 | FB | Feedback Input. Connect FB to REF to use the internal voltage divider for a preset output. For adjustableoutput operation, use an external voltage divider, as described in the section Setting the Output Voltage. |
| 3 | SHDN | Active-High Shutdown Input. With SHDN high, the part is in shutdown mode and the supply current is less than $5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. Connect to ground for normal operation. |
| 4 | REF | 1.5V Reference Output that can source $100 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ for external loads. Bypass to ground with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor. |
| 5 | GND | Ground |
| 6, 7 | V+ | Positive Power-Supply Input. Must be tied together. Place a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ input bypass capacitor as close to the $\mathrm{V}_{+}$and GND pins as possible. |
| 8 | LX | Drain of the Internal P-Channel Power MOSFET. LX has a peak current limit of 0.75A. |

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Figure 1. Block Diagram

## Detailed Description

## Operating Principle

The MAX764/MAX765/MAX766 are BiCMOS, inverting, switch-mode power supplies that provide fixed outputs of -5 V , -12 V , and -15 V , respectively; they can also be set to any desired output voltage using an external resistor divider. Their unique control scheme combines the advantages of pulse-frequency modulation (pulse skipping) and pulse-width modulation (continuous pulsing). The internal P-channel power MOSFET allows peak currents of 0.75 A , increasing the output current capability over previous pulse-frequency-modulation (PFM) devices. Figure 1 shows the MAX764/MAX765/ MAX766 block diagram.
The MAX764/MAX765/MAX766 offer three main improvements over prior solutions:

1) They can operate with miniature (less than 5 mm diameter) surface-mount inductors, because of their 300 kHz switching frequency.
2) The current-limited PFM control scheme allows efficiencies exceeding $80 \%$ over a wide range of load currents.
3) Maximum quiescent supply current is only $120 \mu \mathrm{~A}$.

Figures 2 and 3 show the standard application circuits for these devices. In these configurations, the IC is powered from the total differential voltage between the input ( $\mathrm{V}_{+}$) and output (VOUT). The principal benefit of this arrangement is that it applies the largest available signal to the gate of the internal P-channel power MOSFET. This increased gate drive lowers switch on-resistance and increases DC-DC converter efficiency.
Since the voltage on the LX pin swings from $\mathrm{V}_{+}$(when the switch is ON) to IVOUTl plus a diode drop (when the

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switch is OFF), the range of input and output voltages is limited to a 21 V absolute maximum differential voltage.
When output voltages more negative than -16 V are required, substitute the MAX764/MAX765/MAX766 with Maxim's MAX774/MAX775/MAX776 or MAX1774, which use an external switch.


Figure 2. Fixed Output Voltage Operation


Figure 3. Adjustable Output Voltage Operation

PFM Control Scheme
The MAX764/MAX765/MAX766 use a proprietary, cur-rent-limited PFM control scheme that blends the best features of PFM and PWM devices. It combines the ultra-low supply currents of traditional pulse-skipping PFM converters with the high full-load efficiencies of current-mode pulse-width modulation (PWM) converters. This control scheme allows the devices to achieve high efficiencies over a wide range of loads, while the current-sense function and high operating frequency allow the use of miniature external components.
As with traditional PFM converters, the internal power MOSFET is turned on when the voltage comparator senses that the output is out of regulation (Figure 1). However, unlike traditional PFM converters, switching is accomplished through the combination of a peak current limit and a pair of one-shots that set the maximum on-time $(16 \mu \mathrm{~s})$ and minimum off-time $(2.3 \mu \mathrm{~s})$ for the switch. Once off, the minimum off-time one-shot holds the switch off for $2.3 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. After this minimum time, the switch either 1) stays off if the output is in regulation, or 2) turns on again if the output is out of regulation.

The MAX764/MAX765/MAX766 limit the peak inductor current, which allows them to run in continuous-conduction mode and maintain high efficiency with heavy loads. (See the photo Continuous Conduction at Full Current Limit in the Typical Operating Characteristics.) This current-limiting feature is a key component of the control circuitry. Once turned on, the switch stays on until either 1) the maximum on-time one shot turns it off ( $16 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ later), or 2 ) the current limit is reached.
To increase light-load efficiency, the current limit is set to half the peak current limit for the first two pulses. If those pulses bring the output voltage into regulation, the voltage comparator holds the MOSFET off and the current limit remains at half the peak current limit. If the output voltage is still out of regulation after two pulses, the current limit is raised to its 0.75 A peak for the next pulse. (See the photo Discontinuous Conduction at Half and Full Current Limit in the Typical Operating Characteristics.)

## Shutdown Mode

When SHDN is high, the MAX764/MAX765/MAX766 enter a shutdown mode in which the supply current drops to less than $5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. In this mode, the internal biasing circuitry (including the reference) is turned off and OUT discharges to ground. SHDN is a TTL/CMOS-logic level input. Connect SHDN to GND for normal operation. With a current-limited supply, power-up the device while unloaded or in shutdown mode (hold SHDN high until $\mathrm{V}_{+}$ exceeds 3.0V) to save power and reduce power-up current surges. (See the Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage graph in the Typical Operating Characteristics.)

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## Modes of Operation

When delivering high output currents, the MAX764/ MAX765/MAX766 operate in continuous-conduction mode. In this mode, current always flows in the inductor, and the control circuit adjusts the duty-cycle of the switch on a cycle-by-cycle basis to maintain regulation without exceeding the switch-current capability. This provides excellent load-transient response and high efficiency.
In discontinuous-conduction mode, current through the inductor starts at zero, rises to a peak value, then ramps down to zero on each cycle. Although efficiency is still excellent, the output ripple may increase slightly.

## Design Procedure

## Setting the Output Voltage

The MAX764/MAX765/MAX766's output voltage can be adjusted from -1.0 V to -16 V using external resistors R1 and R2, configured as shown in Figure 3. For adjustable-output operation, select feedback resistor $R 1=150 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. R2 is given by:

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\mathrm{R} 2=(\mathrm{R} 1)\left|\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }}}{\mathrm{V}_{\text {REF }}}\right|
$$

where $V_{\text {REF }}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$.
For fixed-output operation, tie FB to REF.

## Inductor Selection

In both continuous- and discontinuous-conduction modes, practical inductor values range from $22 \mu \mathrm{H}$ to $68 \mu \mathrm{H}$. If the inductor value is too low, the current in the coil will ramp up to a high level before the current-limit comparator can turn off the switch, wasting power and reducing efficiency. The maximum inductor value is not critical. A $47 \mu \mathrm{H}$ inductor is ideal for most applications.
For highest efficiency, use a coil with low DC resistance, preferably under $100 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$. To minimize radiated noise, use a toroid, pot core, or shielded coil. Inductors with a ferrite core or equivalent are recommended. The inductor's incremental saturation-current rating should be greater than the 0.75A peak current limit. It is generally acceptable to bias the inductor into saturation by approximately $20 \%$ (the point where the inductance is $20 \%$ below the nominal value).
Table 1 lists inductor types and suppliers for various applications. The listed surface-mount inductors' efficiencies are nearly equivalent to those of the largersize through-hole inductors.

## Diode Selection

The MAX764/MAX765/MAX766's high switching frequency demands a high-speed rectifier. Use a Schottky diode with a 0.75 A average current rating, such as the 1 N5817 or 1N5818. High leakage currents may make Schottky diodes inadequate for high-temperature and light-load applications. In these cases you can use high-speed silicon diodes, such as the MUR105 or the EC11FS1. At heavy loads and high temperatures, the benefits of a Schottky diode's low forward voltage may outweigh the disadvantages of its high leakage current.

## Capacitor Selection

Output Filter Capacitor The primary criterion for selecting the output filter capacitor (C4) is low effective series resistance (ESR). The product of the inductor-current variation and the output filter capacitor's ESR determines the amplitude of the high-frequency ripple seen on the output voltage. A $68 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 20 \mathrm{~V}$ Sanyo OS-CON capacitor with ESR = $45 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ (SA series) typically provides 50 mV ripple when converting from 5 V to -5 V at 150 mA .
Output filter capacitor ESR also affects efficiency. To obtain optimum performance, use a $68 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ or larger, low-ESR capacitor with a voltage rating of at least 20 V . The smallest low-ESR surface-mount tantalum capacitors currently available are from the Sprague 595D series. Sanyo OS-CON series organic semiconductors and AVX TPS series tantalum capacitors also exhibit very low ESR. OS-CON capacitors are particularly useful at low temperatures. Table 1 lists some suppliers of low-ESR capacitors.
For best results when using capacitors other than those suggested in Table 1 (or their equivalents), increase the output filter capacitor's size or use capacitators in parallel to reduce ESR.

Input Bypass Capacitor
The input bypass capacitor, C1, reduces peak currents drawn from the voltage source and reduces the amount of noise at the voltage source caused by the switching action of the MAX764-MAX766. The input voltage source impedance determines the size of the capacitor required at the $V_{+}$input. As with the output filter capacitor, a low-ESR capacitor is highly recommended. For output currents up to 250 mA , a $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ to $120 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor with a voltage rating of at least 20V (C1) in parallel with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor (C2) is adequate in most applications. C2 must be placed as close as possible to the V+ and GND pins.

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Reference Capacitor
Bypass REF with a $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor (C3). The REF output can source up to $100 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ for external loads.

Layout Considerations
Proper PC board layout is essential to reduce noise generated by high current levels and fast switching waveforms. Minimize ground noise by connecting GND, the input bypass capacitor ground lead, and the
output filter capacitor ground lead to a single point (star ground configuration). Also minimize lead lengths to reduce stray capacitance, trace resistance, and radiated noise. In particular, keep the traces connected to FB and LX short. C2 must be placed as close as possible to the V+ and GND pins. If an external resistor divider is used (Figure 3), the trace from FB to the resistors must be extremely short.

Table 1. Component Suppliers

| PRODUCTION METHOD | INDUCTORS | CAPACITORS | DIODES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Surface Mount | Sumida CD75/105 series <br> Coiltronics CTX series <br> Coilcraft <br> DT/D03316 series | Matsuo <br> 267 series <br> Sprague <br> 595D/293D series <br> AVX <br> TPS series | Nihon <br> EC10QS02L (Schottky) <br> EC11FS1 (high-speed silicon) |
| Miniature Through-Hole | Sumida RCH895 series | Sanyo OS-CON series (very low ESR) | Motorola <br> 1N5817, 1N5818, (Schottky) MUR105 (high-speed silicon) |
| Low-Cost Through-Hole | Renco RL1284 series | Nichicon PL series |  |


| SUPPLIER | PHONE |  | FAX |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AVX | USA: | $(803) 448-9411$ | $(803) 448-1943$ |
| Coilcraft | USA: | $(708) 639-6400$ | $(708) 639-1469$ |
| Coiltronics | USA: | $(407) 241-7876$ | $(407) 241-9339$ |
| Matsuo | USA: | $(714) 969-2491$ | $(714) 960-6492$ |
|  | Japan: $81-6-337-6450$ | $81-6-337-6456$ |  |
| Motorola | USA: | $(800) 521-6274$ | $(602) 952-4190$ |
| Nichicon | USA: | $(708) 843-7500$ | $(708) 843-2798$ |
|  | Japan: $81-7-5231-8461$ | $81-7-5256-4158$ |  |
| Nihon | USA: | $(805) 867-2555$ | $(805) 867-2556$ |
|  | Japan: $81-3-3494-7411$ | $81-3-3494-7414$ |  |
| Renco | USA: | $(516) 586-5566$ | $(516) 586-5562$ |
| Sanyo OS-CON | USA: | $(619) 661-6835$ | $(619) 661-1055$ |
|  | Japan: $81-7-2070-1005$ | $81-7-2070-1174$ |  |
| Sumida | USA: | $(603) 224-1961$ | $(603) 224-1430$ |

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_Ordering Information (continued)

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TRANSISTOR COUNT: 443 SUBSTRATE CONNECTED TO V+
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