

## 45 A VRPower® Integrated Power Stage

### DESCRIPTION

The SiC544 is an integrated power stage solution optimized for synchronous buck applications to offer high current, high efficiency, and high power density performance. Packaged in Vishay's 4.5 mm x 3.5 mm MLP package, SiC544 enables voltage regulator designs to deliver up to 45 A continuous current per phase.

The internal power MOSFETs utilize Vishay's state-of-the-art Gen IV TrenchFET® technology that delivers industry benchmark performance to significantly reduce switching and conduction losses.

The SiC544 incorporates an advanced MOSFET gate driver IC that features high current driving capability, adaptive dead-time control, an integrated bootstrap Schottky diode, and zero current detection to improve light load efficiency. The driver is also compatible with a wide range of PWM controllers, supports tri-state PWM, and 5 V PWM logic.

A user selectable diode emulation mode (ZCD\_EN#) is included to improve the light load performance. The device also supports PS4 mode to reduce power consumption when system operates in standby state.

### FEATURES

- Thermally enhanced PowerPAK® MLP4535-22L package
- Vishay's Gen IV MOSFET technology and a low-side MOSFET with integrated Schottky diode
- Delivers up to 45 A continuous current
- High efficiency performance
- High frequency operation up to 2 MHz
- Power on reset
- 5 V PWM logic with tri-state and hold-off
- Supports PS4 mode light load requirement for IMVP8 with low shutdown supply current (5 V, 3  $\mu$ A)
- Under voltage lockout
- Material categorization: for definitions of compliance please see [www.vishay.com/doc?99912](http://www.vishay.com/doc?99912)



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### APPLICATIONS

- Multi-phase VRDs for computing, graphics card and memory
- Intel IMVP-8 VRPower delivery
  - $V_{CORE}$ ,  $V_{GRAPHICS}$ ,  $V_{SYSTEM\ AGENT}$  Skylake, KabyLake platforms
  - $V_{CCGI}$  for Apollo Lake platforms
- Up to 24 V rail input DC/DC VR modules

### TYPICAL APPLICATION DIAGRAM

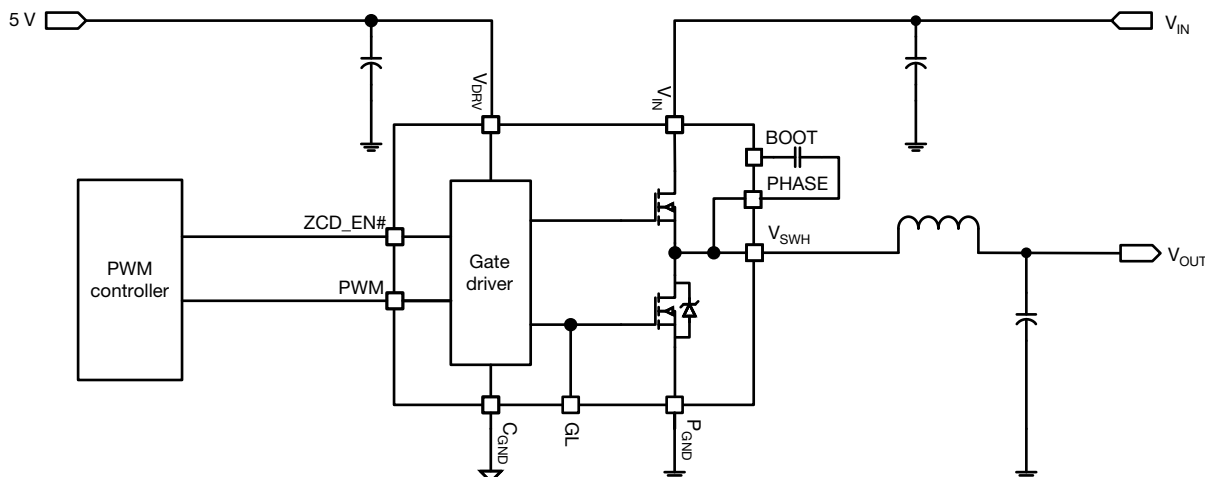
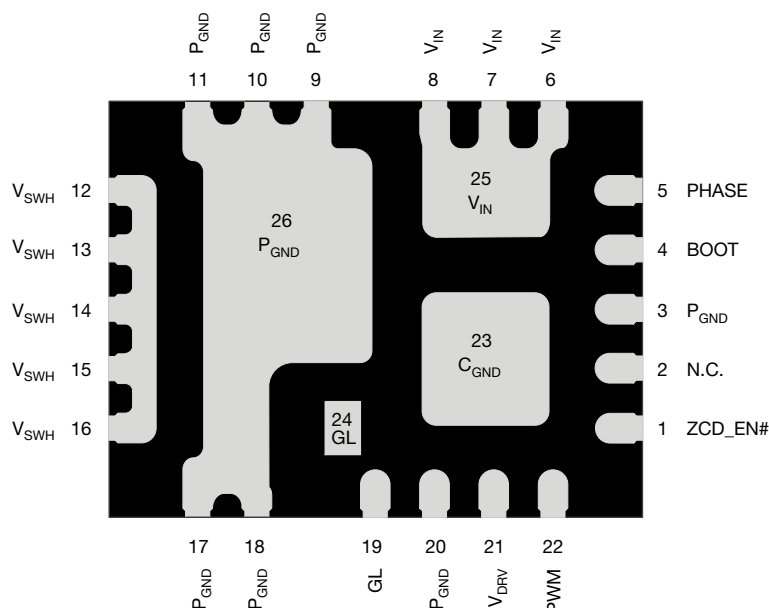


Fig. 1 - SiC544 Typical Application Diagram

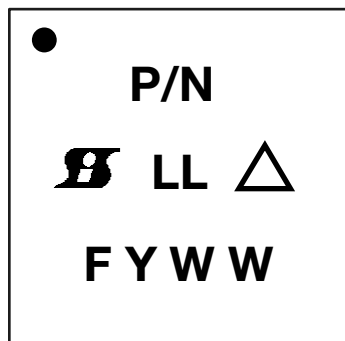
## PINOUT CONFIGURATION




**Fig. 2 - SiC544 Pin Configuration**

PIN DESCRIPTION		
PIN NUMBER	NAME	FUNCTION
1	ZCD_EN#	The ZCD_EN# pin enables or disables Diode Emulation. When ZCD_EN# is LOW, diode emulation is allowed. When ZCD_EN# is HIGH, continuous conduction mode is forced. ZCD_EN# can also be put in a high impedance mode by floating the pin. If both ZCD_EN# and PWM are floating, the device shuts down and consumes typically 3 $\mu$ A (9 $\mu$ A max.) current
2	N.C.	Not internally connected
23	C <sub>GND</sub>	Analog ground for the driver IC
4	BOOT	High-side driver bootstrap voltage
5	PHASE	Return path of high-side gate driver
6 to 8, 25	V <sub>IN</sub>	Power stage input voltage. Drain of high-side MOSFET
3, 9 to 11, 17, 18, 20, 26	P <sub>GND</sub>	Power ground
12 to 16	V <sub>SWH</sub>	Switch node of the power stage
19, 24	GL	Low-side gate signal
21	V <sub>DRV</sub>	Supply voltage for internal gate driver
22	PWM	PWM control input

ORDERING INFORMATION			
PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	MARKING CODE	
SiC544CD-T1-GE3	PowerPAK® MLP4535-22L	SiC544	5 V PWM optimized
SiC544DB		Reference board	

**PART MARKING INFORMATION**


- = pin 1 indicator
- P/N = part number code
-  = Siliconix logo
- △ = ESD symbol
- F = assembly factory code
- Y = year code
- WW = week code
- LL = lot code

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS			
ELECTRICAL PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LIMIT	UNIT
Input voltage	$V_{IN}$	-0.3 to +28	V
Drive supply voltage	$V_{DRV}$	-0.3 to +7	
Switch node (DC voltage)	$V_{SWH}$	-0.3 to +28	
Switch node (AC voltage) <sup>(1)</sup>		-8 to +35	
BOOT voltage (DC voltage)	$V_{BOOT}$	33	
BOOT voltage (AC voltage) <sup>(2)</sup>		40	
BOOT to PHASE (DC voltage)	$V_{BOOT- PHASE}$	-0.3 to +7	
BOOT to PHASE (AC voltage) <sup>(3)</sup>		-0.3 to +8	
All logic inputs and outputs (PWM and ZCD_EN#)		-0.3 to $V_{DRV} + 0.3$	
Max. operating junction temperature	$T_J$	150	°C
Ambient temperature	$T_A$	-40 to +125	
Storage temperature	$T_{stg}$	-65 to +150	
Electrostatic discharge protection	Human body model, JESD22-A114	2000	V
	Charged device model, JESD22-C101	1000	

**Note**

- 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
- <sup>(1)</sup> The specification values indicated “AC” is  $V_{SWH}$  to  $P_{GND}$ , -8 V (< 20 ns, 10  $\mu$ J), min. and 35 V (< 50 ns), max.
- <sup>(2)</sup> The specification value indicates “AC voltage” is  $V_{BOOT}$  to  $P_{GND}$ , 40 V (< 50 ns) max.
- <sup>(3)</sup> The specification value indicates “AC voltage” is  $V_{BOOT}$  to  $V_{PHASE}$ , 8 V (< 50 ns) max.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING RANGE				
ELECTRICAL PARAMETER	MINIMUM	TYPICAL	MAXIMUM	UNIT
Input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ )	4.5	-	24	V
Drive supply voltage ( $V_{DRV}$ )	4.5	5	5.5	
BOOT to PHASE ( $V_{BOOT-PHASE}$ , DC voltage)	4	4.5	5.5	
Thermal resistance from junction to PCB	-	5	-	°C/W
Thermal resistance from junction to case	-	2.5	-	

**ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS**(ZCD\_EN# = 5 V, V<sub>IN</sub> = 12 V, V<sub>DRV</sub> = 5 V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25 °C, unless otherwise stated)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITION	LIMITS			UNIT
			MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	
POWER SUPPLY						
Drive supply current	I <sub>VDRV</sub>	f <sub>S</sub> = 300 kHz, D = 0.1	-	10	15	mA
		f <sub>S</sub> = 1 MHz, D = 0.1	-	20	-	
PS4 mode supply current	I <sub>VDRV</sub>	V <sub>PWM</sub> = V <sub>ZCD_EN#</sub> = FLOAT, T <sub>A</sub> = -10 °C to +100 °C	-	3	9	μA
BOOTSTRAP SUPPLY						
Bootstrap diode forward voltage	V <sub>F</sub>	I <sub>F</sub> = 2 mA	-	-	0.65	V
PWM CONTROL INPUT						
Rising threshold	V <sub>TH_PWM_R</sub>	V <sub>PWM</sub> = FLOAT	3.6	3.9	4.2	V
Falling threshold	V <sub>TH_PWM_F</sub>		0.72	1	1.3	
Tri-state voltage	V <sub>TRI</sub>		-	2.5	-	
Tri-state rising threshold	V <sub>TRI_TH_R</sub>		1.1	1.35	1.6	
Tri-state falling threshold	V <sub>TRI_TH_F</sub>		3.4	3.7	4	
Tri-state rising threshold hysteresis	V <sub>HYS_TRI_R</sub>	V <sub>PWM</sub> = 5 V	-	325	-	mV
Tri-state falling threshold hysteresis	V <sub>HYS_TRI_F</sub>		-	250	-	
PWM input current	I <sub>PWM</sub>	V <sub>PWM</sub> = 5 V	-	-	350	μA
		V <sub>PWM</sub> = 0 V	-	-	-350	
ZCD_EN# CONTROL INPUT						
Rising threshold	V <sub>TH_ZCD_EN#_R</sub>	V <sub>ZCD_EN#</sub> = FLOAT	3.3	3.6	3.9	V
Falling threshold	V <sub>TH_ZCD_EN#_F</sub>		1.1	1.4	1.7	
Tri-state voltage	V <sub>TRI_ZCD_EN#</sub>		-	2.5	-	
Tri-state rising threshold	V <sub>TRI_ZCD_EN#_R</sub>		1.5	1.8	2.1	
Tri-state falling threshold	V <sub>TRI_ZCD_EN#_F</sub>		2.9	3.15	3.4	
Tri-state rising threshold hysteresis	V <sub>HYS_TRI_ZCD#_R</sub>	V <sub>ZCD_EN#</sub> = 5 V	-	375	-	mV
Tri-state falling threshold hysteresis	V <sub>HYS_TRI_ZCD#_F</sub>		-	450	-	
ZCD_EN# input current	I <sub>ZCD_EN#</sub>	V <sub>ZCD_EN#</sub> = 5 V	-	-	100	μA
		V <sub>ZCD_EN#</sub> = 0 V	-	-	-100	
PS4 exit latency	t <sub>PS4EXIT</sub>		-	-	5	μs
TIMING SPECIFICATIONS						
Tri-state to GH/GL rising propagation delay	t <sub>PD_TRI_R</sub>	No load, see Fig. 4	-	20	-	ns
Tri-state hold-off time	t <sub>TSHO</sub>		-	150	-	
GH - turn off propagation delay	t <sub>PD_OFF_GH</sub>		-	20	-	
GH - turn on propagation delay (dead time rising)	t <sub>PD_ON_GH</sub>		-	20	-	
GL - turn off propagation delay	t <sub>PD_OFF_GL</sub>		-	20	-	
GL - turn on propagation delay (dead time falling)	t <sub>PD_ON_GL</sub>		-	20	-	
PWM minimum on-time	T <sub>PWM_ON_MIN</sub>		30	-	-	
PROTECTION						
Under voltage lockout	V <sub>UVLO</sub>	V <sub>DRV</sub> rising, on threshold	-	3.4	3.9	V
		V <sub>DRV</sub> falling, off threshold	2.4	2.9	-	
Under voltage lockout hysteresis	V <sub>UVLO_HYST</sub>		-	500	-	mV

**Notes**

- (1) Typical limits are established by characterization and are not production tested  
 (2) Guaranteed by design



## DETAILED OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTION

### PWM Input with Tri-state Function

The PWM input receives the PWM control signal from the VR controller IC. The PWM input is designed to be compatible with standard controllers using two state logic (H and L) and advanced controllers that incorporate tri-state logic (H, L and tri-state) on the PWM output. For two state logic, the PWM input operates as follows. When PWM is driven above  $V_{PWM\_TH\_R}$  the low-side is turned off and the high-side is turned on. When PWM input is driven below  $V_{PWM\_TH\_F}$  the high-side is turned off and the low-side is turned on. For tri-state logic, the PWM input operates as previously stated for driving the MOSFETs when PWM is logic high and logic low. However, there is a third state that is entered as the PWM output of tri-state compatible controller enters its high impedance state during shut-down. The high impedance state of the controller's PWM output allows the SiC544 to pull the PWM input into the tri-state region (see definition of PWM logic and tri-state, Fig. 4). If the PWM input stays in this region for the tri-state hold-off period,  $t_{TSHO}$ , both high-side and low-side MOSFETs are turned off. The function allows the VR phase to be disabled without negative output voltage swing caused by inductor ringing and saves a Schottky diode clamp. The PWM and tri-state regions are separated by hysteresis to prevent false triggering. The SiC544 incorporates PWM voltage thresholds that are compatible with 5 V logic.

### Diode Emulation Mode and PS4 Mode (ZCD\_EN#)

The ZCD\_EN# pin enables or disables diode emulation mode. When ZCD\_EN# is driven below  $V_{TH\_ZCD\_EN\#\_F}$ , diode emulation is allowed. When ZCD\_EN# is driven above  $V_{TH\_ZCD\_EN\#\_R}$ , continuous conduction mode is forced. Diode emulation mode allows for higher converter efficiency under light load situations. With diode emulation active, the SiC544 will detect the zero current crossing of the output inductor and turn off the low-side MOSFET. This ensures that discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) is achieved. Diode emulation is asynchronous to the PWM signal, therefore, the SiC544 will respond to the ZCD\_EN# input immediately after it changes state.

The ZCD\_EN# pin can be floated resulting in a high impedance state. High impedance on the input of ZCD\_EN# combined with a tri-stated PWM output will shut down the SiC544, reducing current consumption to typically 5  $\mu$ A. This is an important feature in achieving the low standby current requirements required in the PS4 state in ultrabooks and notebooks.

### Voltage Input ( $V_{IN}$ )

This is the power input to the drain of the high-side power MOSFET. This pin is connected to the high power intermediate BUS rail.

### Switch Node ( $V_{SWH}$ and PHASE)

The switch node,  $V_{SWH}$ , is the circuit power stage output. This is the output applied to the power inductor and output filter to deliver the output for the buck converter. The PHASE pin is internally connected to the switch node,  $V_{SWH}$ . This pin is to be used exclusively as the return pin for the BOOT capacitor.

### Ground Connections ( $C_{GND}$ and $P_{GND}$ )

$P_{GND}$  (power ground) should be externally connected to  $C_{GND}$  (control signal ground). The layout of the printed circuit board should be such that the inductance separating  $C_{GND}$  and  $P_{GND}$  is minimized. Transient differences due to inductance effects between these two pins should not exceed 0.5 V.

### Drive Supply Voltage Input ( $V_{DRV}$ )

$V_{DRV}$  is the bias supply for the gate drivers and control IC. It is recommended to separate these pins through a resistor. This creates a low pass filtering effect to avoid coupling of high frequency gate drive noise into the IC.

### Bootstrap Circuit (BOOT)

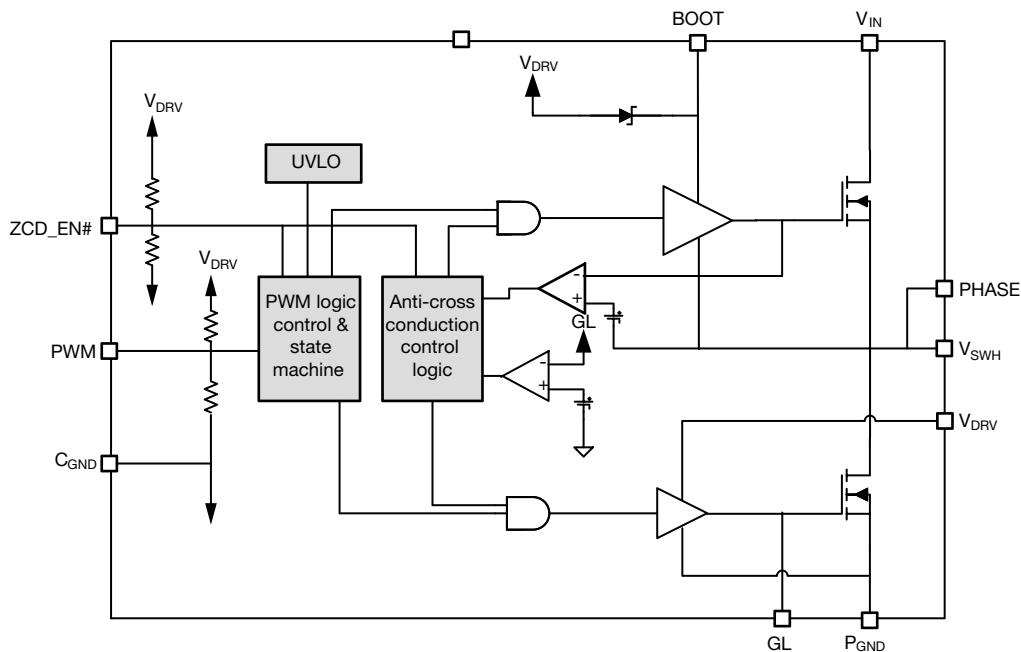
The internal bootstrap diode and an external bootstrap capacitor form a charge pump that supplies voltage to the BOOT pin. An integrated bootstrap diode is incorporated so that only an external capacitor is necessary to complete the bootstrap circuit. Connect a boot strap capacitor with one leg tied to BOOT pin and the other tied to PHASE pin.

### Shoot-Through Protection and Adaptive Dead Time

The SiC544 has an internal adaptive logic to avoid shoot through and optimize dead time. The shoot through protection ensures that both high-side and low-side MOSFETs are not turned on at the same time. The adaptive dead time control operates as follows. The high-side and low-side gate voltages are monitored to prevent the MOSFET turning on from tuning on until the other MOSFET's gate voltage is sufficiently low ( $< 1$  V). Built in delays also ensure that one power MOSFET is completely off, before the other can be turned on. This feature helps to adjust dead time as gate transitions change with respect to output current and temperature.

### Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO)

During the start up cycle, the UVLO disables the gate drive, holding high-side and low-side MOSFET gates low, until the supply voltage rail has reached a point at which the logic circuitry can be safely activated. The SiC544 also incorporates logic to clamp the gate drive signals to zero when the UVLO falling edge triggers the shutdown of the device.

**FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**

**Fig. 3 - SiC544 Functional Block Diagram**

DEVICE TRUTH TABLE			
ZCD_EN#	PWM	GH	GL
Hi-Z (PS4 mode)	X	L	L
L	L	L	H, I <sub>L</sub> > 0 A L, I <sub>L</sub> < 0 A
L	H	H	L
L	Hi-Z	L	L
H	L	L	H
H	H	H	L
H	Hi-Z	L	L

## PWM TIMING DIAGRAM

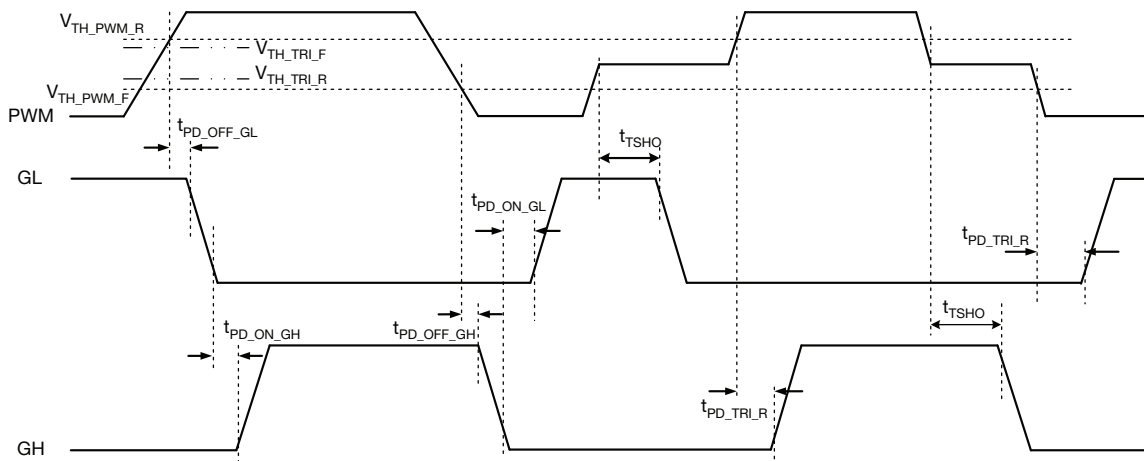


Fig. 4 - Definition of PWM Logic and Tri-State

## ZCD\_EN# - PS4 EXIT TIMING

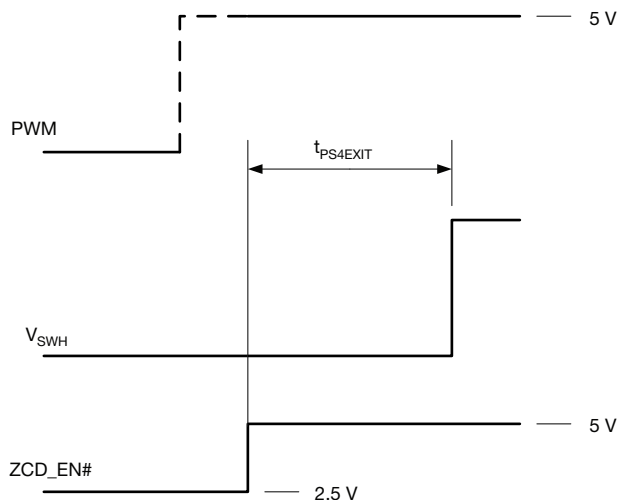
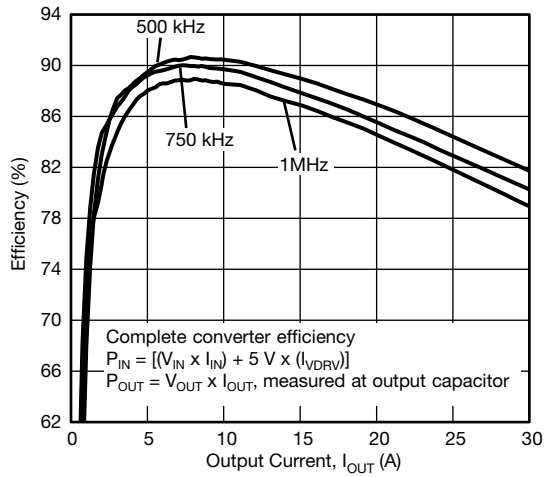


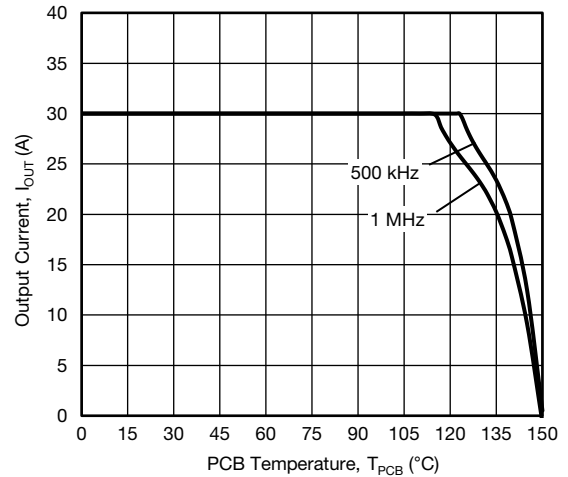
Fig. 5 - ZCD\_EN# - PS4 Exit Timing

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

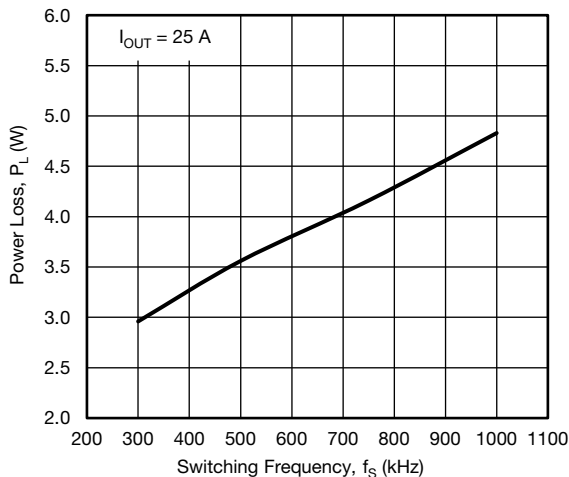
Test condition:  $V_{IN} = 13\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{DRV} = 5\text{ V}$ ,  $ZCD\_EN\# = 5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1\text{ V}$ ,  $L_{OUT} = 250\text{ nH}$ , (DCR = 0.32 mΩ),  $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$   
 (All power loss and normalized power loss curves show SiC544 losses only unless otherwise stated)



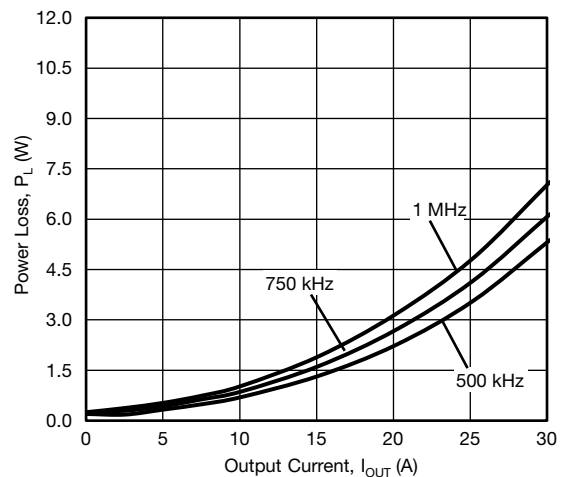
**Fig. 6 - Efficiency vs. Output Current ( $V_{IN} = 12.6\text{ V}$ )**



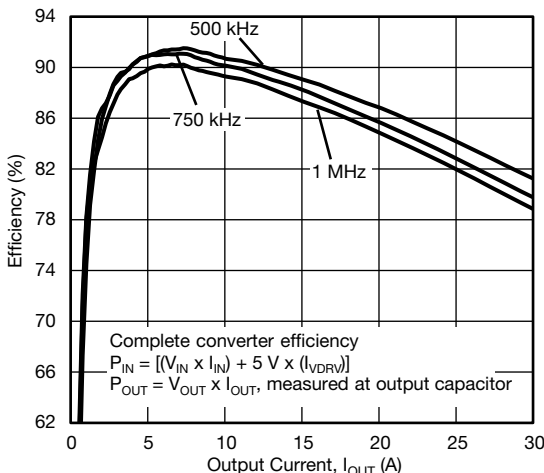
**Fig. 9 - Safe Operating Area ( $V_{IN} = 12.6\text{ V}$ )**



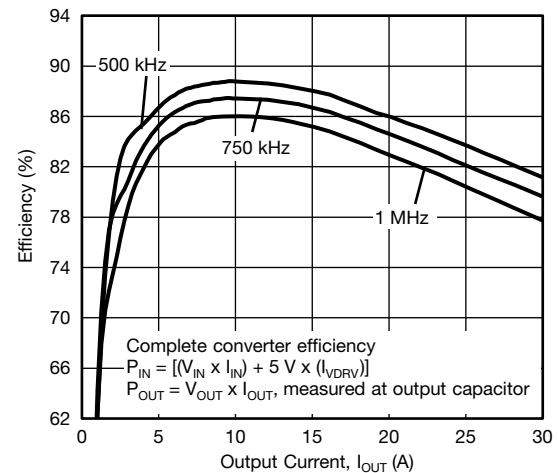
**Fig. 7 - Power Loss vs. Switching Frequency ( $V_{IN} = 12.6\text{ V}$ )**



**Fig. 10 - Power Loss vs. Output Current ( $V_{IN} = 12.6\text{ V}$ )**



**Fig. 8 - Efficiency vs. Output Current ( $V_{IN} = 9\text{ V}$ )**



**Fig. 11 - Efficiency vs. Output Current ( $V_{IN} = 19\text{ V}$ )**



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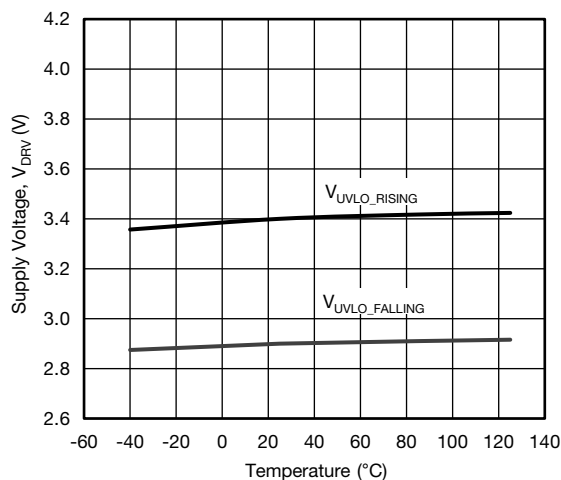


Fig. 12 - UVLO Threshold vs. Temperature

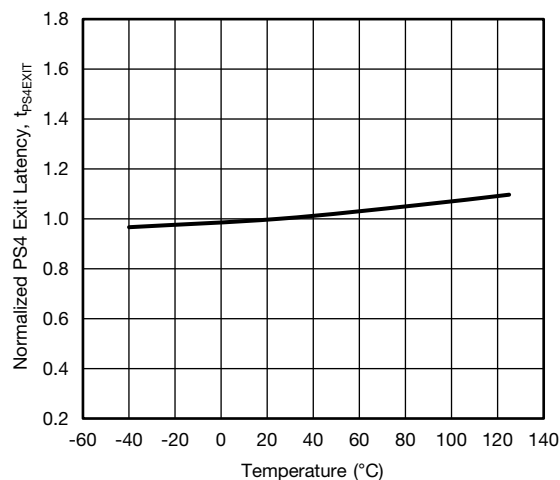


Fig. 15 - PS4 Exit Latency vs. Temperature

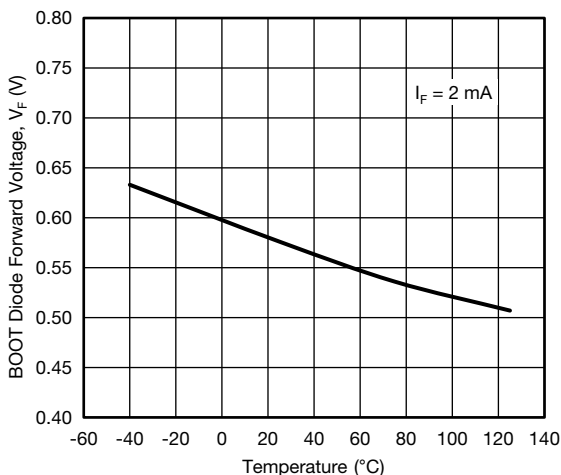


Fig. 13 - BOOT Diode Forward Voltage vs. Temperature

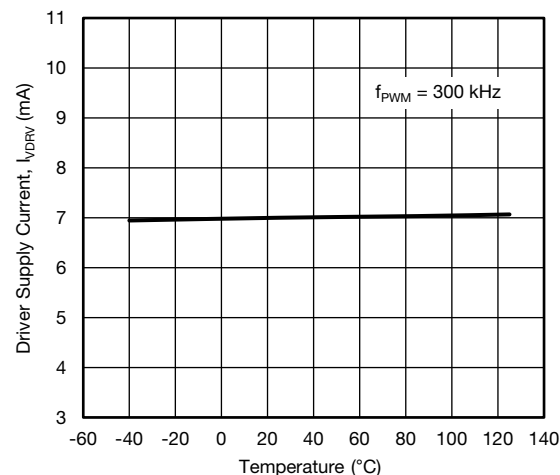


Fig. 16 - Driver Supply Current vs. Temperature

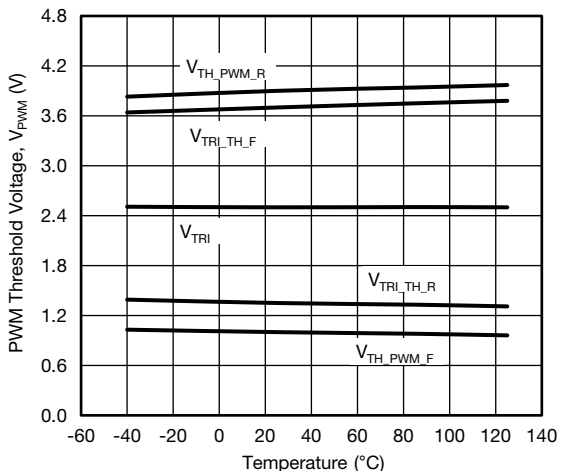


Fig. 14 - PWM Threshold vs. Temperature

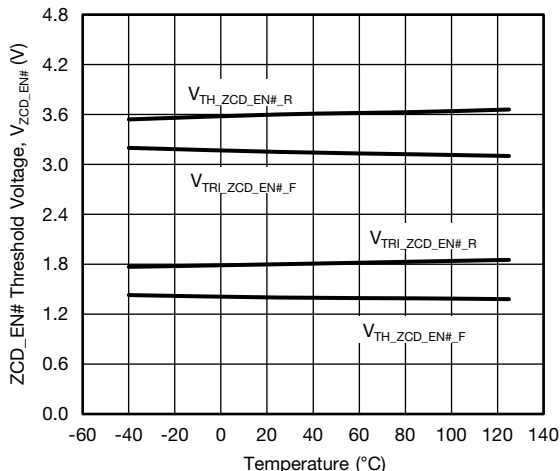
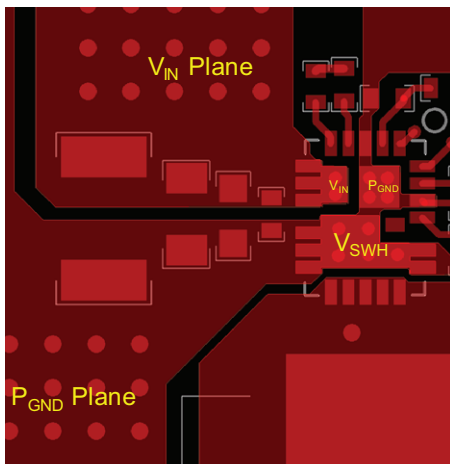


Fig. 17 - ZCD\_EN# Threshold vs. Temperature

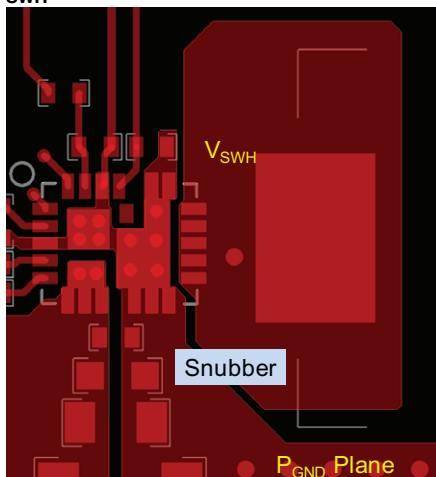
## PCB LAYOUT RECOMMENDATIONS

### Step 1: $V_{IN}$ / $P_{GND}$ Planes and Decoupling



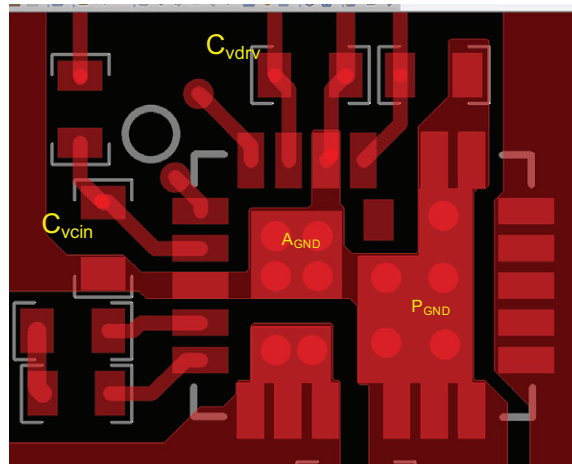
1. Layout  $V_{IN}$  and  $P_{GND}$  planes as shown above.
2. Ceramic capacitors should be placed directly between  $V_{IN}$  and  $P_{GND}$ , and close to the device for best decoupling effect.
3. Different values / packages of ceramic capacitors should be used to cover entire decoupling spectrum e.g. 1210, 0805, 0603, 0402.
4. Smaller capacitance values, placed closer to the device's  $V_{IN}$  pin(s), results in better high frequency noise absorbing.

### Step 2: $V_{SWH}$ Plane



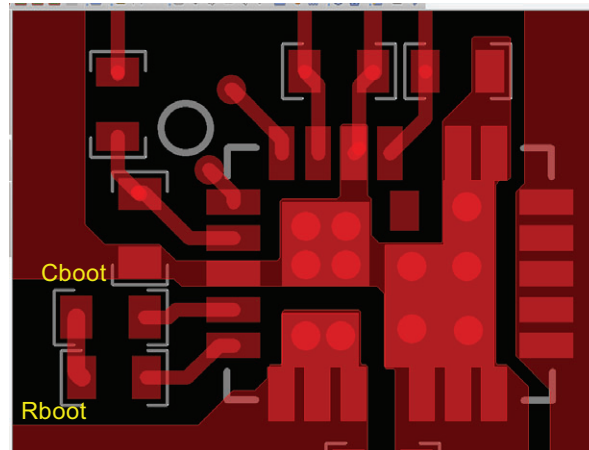
1. Connect output inductor to IC with large plane to lower resistance.
2.  $V_{SWH}$  plane also serves as a heat-sink for low-side MOSFET. Make the plane wide and short to achieve the best thermal path.
3. If a snubber network is required, place the components as shown above, the network can be placed at bottom.

### Step 3: $V_{DRV}$ Input Filter



1. The  $V_{DRV}$  input filter ceramic cap should be placed as close as possible to the IC. It is recommended to connect two capacitors separately.
2.  $V_{DRV}$  capacitor should be placed between pin 20 ( $P_{GND}$  of driver IC) and pin 21 ( $V_{DRV}$ ) to provide maximum instantaneous driver current for low side MOSFET during switching cycle.

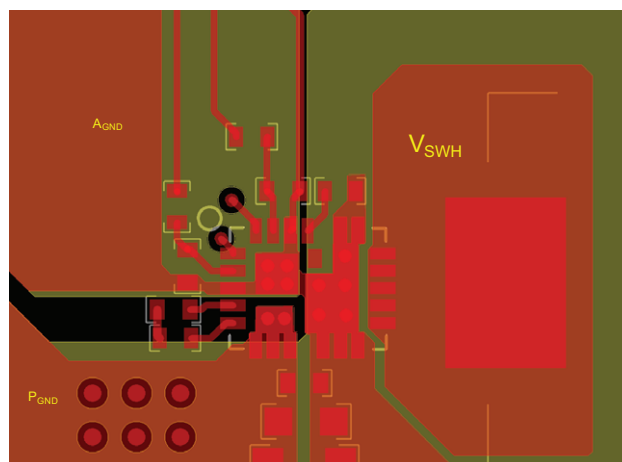
### Step 4: BOOT Resistor and Capacitor Placement



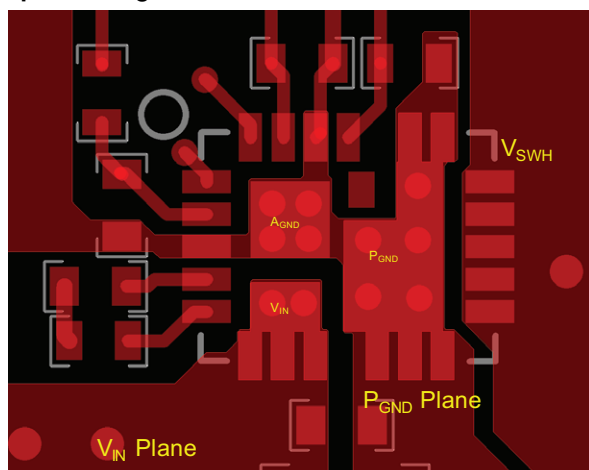
1. The components need to be placed as close as possible to IC, directly between PHASE (pin 5) and BOOT (pin 4).
2. To reduce parasitic inductance, chip size 0402 can be used.

**Step 5: Signal Routing**


1. Route the PWM and ZCD\_EN# signal traces out of the top left corner next to pin 1.
2. The PWM signal is an important signal, both signal and return traces should not cross any power nodes on any layer.
3. It is best to “shield” these traces from power switching nodes, e.g.  $V_{SWH}$ , with a GND island to improve signal integrity.
4. GL (pin 19) has been connected with GL pad (pin 24) internally.

**Step 7: Ground Connection**


1. It is recommended to make a single connection between  $A_{GND}$  and  $P_{GND}$  which can be made on the top layer.
2. It is recommended to make the entire first inner layer (below top layer) the ground plane and separate them into  $A_{GND}$  and  $P_{GND}$  planes.
3. These ground planes provide shielding between noise sources on top layer and signal traces on bottom layer.

**Step 6: Adding Thermal Relief Vias**


1. Thermal relief vias can be added on the  $V_{IN}$  and  $A_{GND}$  pads to utilize inner layers for high-current and thermal dissipation.
2. To achieve better thermal performance, additional vias can be placed on  $V_{IN}$  plane and  $P_{GND}$  plane.
3.  $V_{SWH}$  pad is a noise source, it is not recommended to place vias on this pad.
4. 8 mil vias for pads and 10 mils vias for planes are the optimal via sizes. Vias on pad may drain solder during assembly and cause assembly issues. Consult with the assembly house for guidelines.



PRODUCT SUMMARY	
Part number	SiC544
Description	45 A power stage, 4.5 V <sub>IN</sub> to 24 V <sub>IN</sub> , 5 V PWM with ZCD, PS4 mode
Input voltage min. (V)	4.5
Input voltage max. (V)	24
Continuous current rating max. (A)	45
Switch frequency max. (kHz)	2000
Enable (yes / no)	No
Monitoring features	-
Protection	UVLO
Light load mode	ZCD, PS4
Pulse-width modulation (V)	5
Package type	PowerPAK MLP4535-22L
Package size (W, L, H) (mm)	4.5 x 3.5 x 0.75
Status code	2
Product type	VRPower (DrMOS)
Applications	Computer, industrial, networking

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