

# LT3942 36V, 2A Synchronous Buck-Boost Converter and LED Driver

## DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 2404A is a 36V synchronous buck-boost LED driver featuring the [LT®3942](#). It drives a single string of LEDs up to 14V at 1A when  $V_{IN}$  is between 9V and 36V and will run down to  $3V_{IN}$  with reduced  $I_{LED}$ . DC2404A runs at 2MHz switching frequency with spread spectrum frequency modulation (SSFM) disabled. When enabled, SSFM spreads the switching frequency of the LT3942 from  $f_{SW}$  to  $f_{SW} + 25\%$  for reduced EMI performance.

The LT3942 has an operating input voltage range of 3V to 36V. It has internal, synchronous 40V switches for high efficiency and small size. It has an adjustable switching frequency between 300kHz and 2MHz. The LT3942 can be synchronized to an external source, programmed with SSFM enabled for low EMI, or set to normal operation.

The LT3942's integrated PWM TG high-side PWM MOSFET driver assists with short-circuit protection of the output, as well as PWM dimming of the connected LEDs. The LED string can be PWM dimmed with an external PWM signal or can be dimmed using the internally generated PWM signal. DC2404A has jumpers that can be set to switch between internally and externally generated PWM signals. The external PWM setting defaults to 100% on with no PWM signal applied. The LT3942 can also be analog dimmed by placing a controllable DC voltage on the CTRL pin.

When running PWM dimming with SSFM enabled, the SSFM aligns itself with the PWM signal for flicker free operation. This applies to both internal and external PWM dimming.

Small ceramic input and output capacitors are used to save space and cost. The board is designed with tiny, high frequency capacitors placed near the  $PV_{IN}$  and  $PV_{OUT}$  pins for a reduction in radiated EMI. The open LED overvoltage protection uses the IC's constant voltage regulation loop to regulate the output to approximately 17V peak if the LED string is opened. The output current can be monitored through the ISMON output pin.

Undervoltage lockout can be adjusted on DC2404A with a few simple resistor choices.

There is a small ferrite bead EMI filter on the input and output of DC2404A. These filters, combined with proper board layout and SSFM, are effective in reducing EMI. Please follow the recommended layout and four-layer PCB thickness of DC2404A for low EMI applications.

The LT3942 can operate as a constant current LED driver as well as a constant voltage regulator. Small changes to the circuit allow for constant output voltage regulation.

The LT3942 data sheet gives a complete description of the part, operation, and applications information. The data sheet must be read in conjunction with this demo manual for demonstration circuit 2404A. The LT3942EUFD is assembled in a 28-lead plastic QFN (UFD) package with a thermally enhanced exposed ground pad. Proper board layout is essential for maximum thermal performance. See the data sheet section Layout Considerations.

**[Design files for this circuit board are available.](#)**

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## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

PARAMETER	CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Input Voltage $PV_{IN}$ Range	Operating	3		36	V
Switching Frequency ( $f_{SW}$ )	$R4 = 14.3k$ , $JP2 = NO$ SSFM/SYNC		2		MHz
Spread Spectrum (SSFM) Range	$JP2 = SSFM$ ON	$f_{SW}$		$f_{SW} \cdot 1.25$	
$I_{LED}$	$R1 = 0.1\Omega$ , $9.0V < PV_{IN} < 36V$ , $V_{LED} = 13V$		1		A
Open LED Voltage $V_{OUT}$ (OVP)	$R2 = 1M$ , $R3 = 64.9k$		17		V
Typical Efficiency	$PV_{IN} = 13V$ , $V_{LED} = 13V$ , $I_{LED} = 1A$ , FB1 and FB2 Shorted		90		%
Internally Generated PWM Dimming Frequency	$JP1 = ON$ , $JP3 = INT$ , $R6 = 332k$ , $R4 = 14.3k$		122		Hz
Peak Switch Current Limit		2.2	2.5	2.8	A
$PV_{IN}$ Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) Falling	$R7 = 402k$ , $R12 = 324k$		3		V
$PV_{IN}$ Enable Turn-On (EN) Rising	$R7 = 402k$ , $R12 = 324k$		4		V
$PV_{IN}$ Overvoltage Lockout (OVLO) Rising	$R11 = 1M$ , $R10 = 34.8k$		36		V

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 2404A is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LT3942. Follow the procedure below:

1. With power off, connect a string of LEDs that will run with forward voltage less than or equal to 14V (at 1A) to the LED+ and LED- turrets on the PCB as shown in Figure 1.
2. Connect the EN/UVLO turret to GND.
3. Set JP3 to EXT/ON and JP1 to OFF for 100% always on LED operation. Set JP2 to NO SSFM/SYNC to run without SSFM.
4. With power off, connect the input power supply to the  $PV_{IN}$  and GND turrets. Make sure that the DC input voltage will not exceed 40V.
5. Turn the input power supply on and make sure the voltage is between 9V and 36V for proper operation at max LED current.
6. Release the EN/UVLO-to-GND connection.
7. Observe the LED string running at the programmed LED current.
8. To change the brightness with analog dimming, simply attach a voltage source to the CTRL turret and set the voltage between 0V and 1.5V. See data sheet for details.
9. To change the brightness with external PWM dimming, set JP3 to EXT/ON and JP1 to OFF. Attach a 3V rectangular waveform with varying duty cycle to the PWM terminal.
10. To change the brightness with internally generated PWM dimming, set JP3 to INT and JP1 to ON. Adjust the setting of the VR1 variable resistor with a small flathead screwdriver to toggle between 0% and 100% PWM dimming duty cycle in 1/128 steps.
11. To enable spread spectrum frequency modulation, set JP2 to SSFM ON.

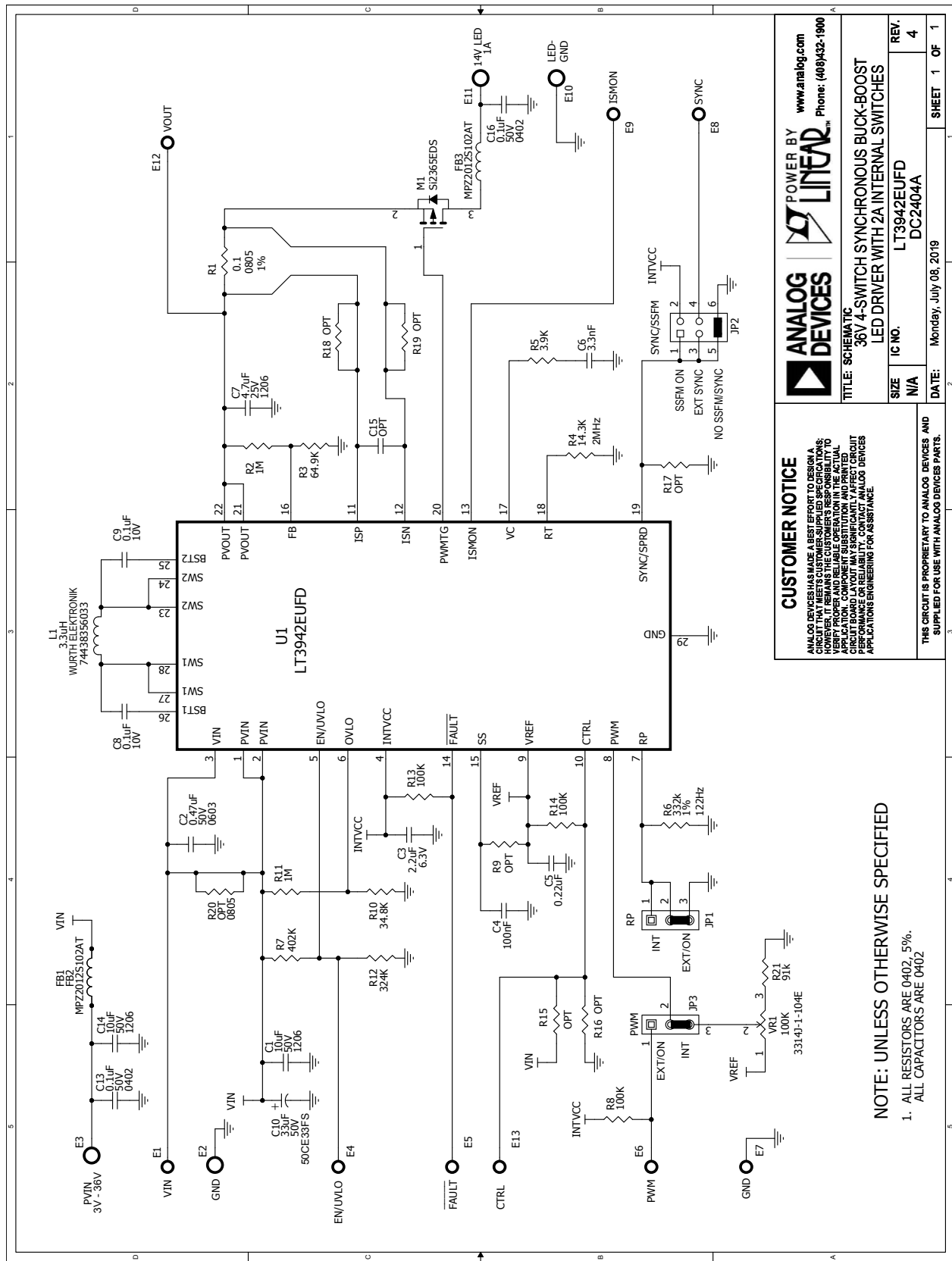


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## PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
<b>Required Circuit Components</b>				
1	1	C1	CAP, CER., 10µF, X5R, 50V, 10%, 1206	TAIYO YUDEN, UMK316BBJ106KL-T
2	1	C2	CAP, CER., 0.47µF, X7R, 50V, 10%, 0603	TDK, C1608X7R1H474K080AC
3	1	C3	CAP, CER., 2.2µF, X5R, 10V, 10%, 0402	MURATA, GRM155R61A225KE95D
4	1	C4	CAP, CER., 0.1µF, X7R, 16V, 10%, 0402	MURATA, GCM155R71C104KA55D
5	1	C5	CAP, CER., 0.22µF, X5R, 10V, 10%, 0402	TDK, CGA2B3X5R1A224M050BB
6	1	C6	CAP, CER., 3.3nF, C0G, 50V, 5%, 0402	MURATA, GRM1555C1H332JE01
7	1	C7	CAP, CER., 4.7µF, X7R 25V, 10%, 1206	MURATA, GRM31CR71E475KA88L
8	2	C8, C9	CAP, CER., 0.1µF, X7R, 10V, 10%, 0402	MURATA, GRM155R71A104KA01D
9	1	L1	IND., 3.3µH, 4020	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 74438356033
10	1	M1	P-MOSFET, 20V, 5.9A, SOT23	VISHAY, Si2365EDS-T1-GE3
11	1	R1	RES, SENSE, 0.1Ω, 1/2W, 1%, 0805	SUSUMU, KRL1220E-M-R100-F-T5
12	2	R2, R11	RES, CHIP, 1M, 1/16W, 5%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW04021M00JNED
13	1	R3	RES, CHIP, 64.9k, 1/16W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040264K9FKED
14	1	R4	RES, CHIP, 14.3k, 1/16W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040214K3FKED
15	1	R5	RES, CHIP, 3.9k, 1/10W, 5%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW04023K90JNED
16	1	R7	RES, CHIP, 402k, 1/10W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW0402402KFKED
17	1	R10	RES, CHIP, 34.8k, 1/10W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040234K8FKED
18	1	R12	RES, CHIP, 324k, 1/16W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW0402324KFKED
19	1	U1	I.C., LT3942, 28QFN-4X5	ANALOG DEVICES INC., LT3942EUFDPBFB
<b>Additional Demo Board Circuit Components</b>				
20	1	C10	CAP, ALUM., 33µF, 50V, 20%, 6.3X7.7mm	SUNCON, 50CE33FS
21	1	C13	CAP, CER., 0.1µF, X5R, 50V, 10%, 0402	TAIYO YUDEN, UMK105BJ104KV-F
22	1	C14	CAP, CER., 10µF, X5R, 50V, 10%, 1206	TAIYO YUDEN, UMK316BBJ106KL-T
23	0	C15 (OPT)	CAP, OPTION, 0402	
24	1	C16	CAP, CER., 0.1µF, X7R, 25V, 10%, 0402	AVX, 04023C104KAT2A
25	3	FB1, FB2, FB3	FERRITE, BEAD, 1k, 0805	TDK, MPZ2012S102ATD25
26	1	R6	RES, CHIP, 332k, 1/16W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW0402332KFKED
27	3	R8, R13, R14	RES, CHIP, 100k, 1/16W, 5%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW0402100KJNED
28	0	R9, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19 (OPT)	RES., OPTION, 0402	
29	0	R20 (OPT)	RES., OPTION, 0805	
30	1	R21	RES, CHIP, 91k, 1/16W, 1%, 0402	VISHAY, CRCW040291K0FKED
31	1	VR1	TRIMMER., 100k, 0.25W, SMD	BOURNS, 3314J-1-104E
<b>Hardware: For Demo Board Only</b>				
32	9	E1, E4-E9, E12, E13	TESTPOINT, TURRET, 0.061" MTH HOLE	MILL-MAX, 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
33	4	E2, E3, E10, E11	TESTPOINT, TURRET, 0.094" MTH HOLE	MILL-MAX, 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
34	2	JP1, JP3	CONN., HEADER, 1X3, 2mm	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 62000311121
35	1	JP2	CONN., HEADER, 2X3, 2mm	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 62000621121
36	3	XJP1, XJP2, XJP3	SHUNT, 0.079" CENTER	WURTH ELEKTRONIK, 60800213421

## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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## ESD Caution

**ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device.** Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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