

UCC28070A Extended Frequency Range (10kHz to 300kHz), Interleaving Continuous Conduction Mode PFC Controller

1 Features

- Interleaved average current-mode PWM control with inherent current matching
- Advanced current-synthesizer current sensing for superior efficiency
- Highly-linear multiplier output with internal quantized voltage feed-forward correction for near-unity PF
- Extended range programmable frequency (10kHz to 300kHz)
- Programmable maximum duty-cycle clamp
- Programmable frequency dithering rate and magnitude for enhanced EMI reduction
 - Magnitude: 3kHz to 30kHz
 - Rate: Up to 30kHz
- External clock synchronization capability
- Enhanced load and line transient response through slew-rate correction of voltage amplifier output current
- Programmable peak current limiting
- Bias-supply UVLO, overvoltage protection, open-loop detection, and PFC-enable monitoring
- External PFC-disable interface
- Open-circuit protection on VSENSE and VINAC pins
- Programmable soft-start

2 Applications

- Air Conditioners and white goods
- PFC applications with IGBT power switches
- High-efficiency server and desktop power supplies
- Large-screen TVs and displays
- Telecom rectifiers
- Industrial equipment

3 Description

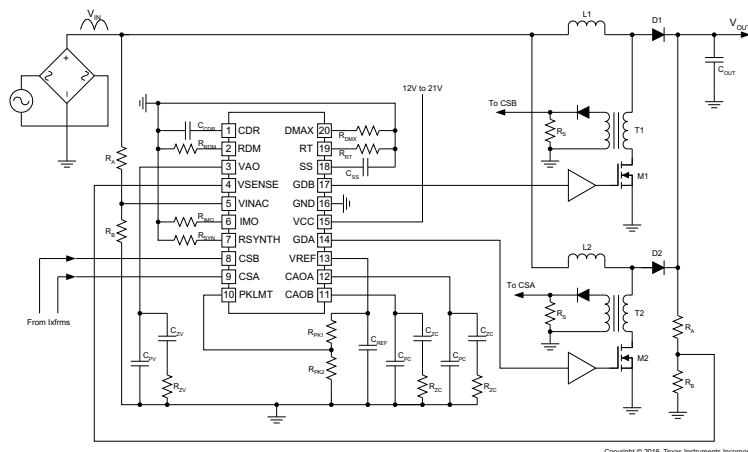
The UCC28070A device is an extended-frequency-range derivative of the UCC28070 device, capable of operating at low switching frequencies desired for IGBT power-switch based PFC converters in high-power applications.

The UCC28070A device is capable of operating at frequencies from 10kHz to 300kHz, thus extending the range of operation compared to the UCC28070 device whose minimum operating frequency was limited to 30kHz. All the other features and benefits of the UCC28070 device are also available in the UCC28070A device. The 180° out-of-phase interleaved operation generates substantial reduction in input and output ripple currents and conducted EMI filtering becomes easier and less expensive.

Like the UCC28070 device, the UCC28070A device also features multiple innovations including current synthesis and quantized voltage feedforward to promote performance enhancements in PF, efficiency, THD, and transient response. Features including frequency dithering, clock synchronization, and slew rate enhancement further expand the potential performance enhancements. All protection features in the UCC28070 device such as output overvoltage detection, programmable peak-current limit, undervoltage lockout, and open-loop protection are available in the UCC28070A device as well.

Device Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
UCC28070A	TSSOP (20)	6.50mm × 4.40mm



Simplified Application Diagram



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4 Pin Configuration and Functions

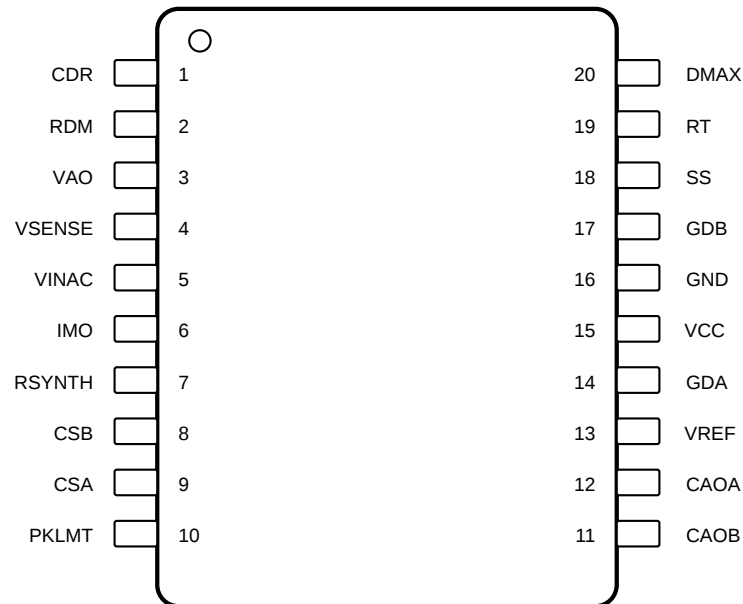


Figure 4-1. PW Packages 20-Pin TSSOP Top View

4.1 Pin Functions

PIN		I/O	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NAME		
1	CDR	I	Dither Rate Capacitor. Frequency-dithering timing pin. An external capacitor to GND programs the rate of oscillator dither. Connect the CDR pin to the VREF pin to disable dithering.
2	RDM (SYNC)	I	Dither Magnitude Resistor. Frequency-dithering magnitude and external synchronization pin. An external resistor to GND programs the magnitude of oscillator frequency dither. When frequency dithering is disabled ($CDR > 5\text{ V}$), the internal master clock synchronizes to positive edges presented on the RDM pin. Connect RDM to GND with a zero-ohm resistance when dithering is disabled and synchronization is not desired.
3	VAO	O	Voltage Amplifier Output. Output of transconductance voltage error amplifier. Internally connected to the multiplier input and the zero-power comparator. Connect the voltage regulation loop compensation components between this pin and GND.
4	VSENSE	I	Output Voltage Sense. Internally connected to the inverting input of the transconductance voltage error amplifier in addition to the positive terminal of the current synthesis difference amplifier. Also connected to the OVP, PFC enable, and slew-rate comparators. Connect to PFC output with a resistor-divider network.
5	VINAC	I	Scaled AC Line Input Voltage. Internally connected to the multiplier and negative terminal of the current synthesis difference amplifier. Connect a resistor-divider network between V_{IN} , VINAC, and GND identical to the PFC output divider network connected at VSENSE.
6	IMO	O	Multiplier Current Output. Connect a resistor between this pin and GND to set the multiplier gain.
7	RSYNTH	I	Current Synthesis Down-Slope Programming. Connect a resistor between this pin and GND to set the magnitude of the current synthesizer down-slope. Connecting RSYNTH to VREF disables current synthesis and connect CSA and CSB directly to their respective current amplifiers.
8	CSB	I	Phase B Current Sense Input. During the ON-time of GDB, CSB is internally connected to the inverting input of phase B current amplifier through the current synthesis stage.
9	CSA	I	Phase A Current Sense Input. During the ON-time of GDA, CSA is internally connected to the inverting input of phase A current amplifier through the current synthesis stage.
10	PKLMT	I	Peak Current Limit Programming. Connect a resistor-divider network between VREF and this pin to set the voltage threshold of the cycle-by-cycle peak current limiting comparators. Allows adjustment for desired ΔI_{LB} .
11	CAOB	O	Phase B Current Amplifier Output. Output of phase B transconductance current amplifier. Internally connected to the inverting input of phase B PWM comparator for trailing-edge modulation. Connect the current regulation loop compensation components between this pin and GND.
12	CAOA	O	Phase A Current Amplifier Output. Output of phase A transconductance current amplifier. Internally connected to the inverting input of phase A PWM comparator for trailing-edge modulation. Connect the current regulation loop compensation components between this pin and GND.
13	VREF	O	6-V Reference Voltage and Internal Bias Voltage. Connect a 0.1- μF ceramic bypass capacitor as close as possible to this pin and GND.
14	GDA	O	Phase A Gate Drive. This limited-current output is intended to connect to a separate gate-drive device suitable for driving the phase A switching component(s). The output voltage is typically clamped to 13.5 V.
15	VCC	I	Bias Voltage Input. Connect a 0.1- μF ceramic bypass capacitor as close as possible to this pin and GND.
16	GND	I/O	Device Ground Reference. Connect all compensation and programming resistor and capacitor networks to this pin. Connect this pin to the system through a separate trace for high-current noise isolation.
17	GDB	O	Phase B Gate Drive. This limited-current output is intended to connect to a separate gate-drive device suitable for driving the phase B switching component(s). The output voltage is typically clamped to 13.5 V.
18	SS	I	Soft-Start and External Fault Interface. Connect a capacitor to GND on this pin to set the soft-start slew rate based on an internally-fixed, 10- μA current source. The regulation reference voltage for VSENSE is clamped to V_{SS} until V_{SS} exceeds 3 V. Upon recovery from certain fault conditions, a 1-mA current source is present at the SS pin until the SS voltage equals the VSENSE voltage. Pulling the SS pin below 0.6 V immediately disables both GDA and GDB outputs.
19	RT	I	Timing Resistor. Oscillator frequency programming pin. A resistor to GND sets the running frequency of the internal oscillator.
20	DMAX	I	Maximum Duty-Cycle Resistor. Maximum PWM duty-cycle programming pin. A resistor to GND sets the PWM maximum duty-cycle based on the ratio of R_{DMX} / R_{RT} .

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage	VCC		22	V
Supply current, I _{VCC}			20	mA
Gate drive current – continuous	GDA, GDB		±0.25	A
Gate drive current – pulsed	GDA, GDB		±0.75	A
Voltage	GDA, GDB	–0.5	V _{CC} + 0.3	V
	D _{MAX} , R _{DM} , RT, C _{DR} , V _{INAC} , V _{SENSE} , SS, V _{AO} , I _{MO} , C _{SA} , C _{SB} , C _{AOA} , C _{AOB} , P _{KLMT} , V _{REF}	–0.5	7	
Current	RT, D _{MAX} , R _{DM} , R _{SYNTH}		–0.5	mA
	V _{REF} , V _{AO} , C _{AOA} , C _{AOB} , I _{MO}		10	
Lead temperature (10 seconds)			260	°C
Operating junction temperature, T _J		–40	125	°C
Storage temperature, T _{stg}		–65	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under [Section 5.3](#). Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) All voltages are with respect to GND.
- (3) All currents are positive into the terminal, negative out of the terminal.
- (4) In normal use, terminals GDA and GDB are connected to an external gate driver and are internally limited in output current.

5.2 ESD Ratings

		VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	2000
		Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽²⁾	500

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
	Input voltage (from a low-impedance source) to VCC	$V_{UVLO} + 1$	21	V
	Load current on VREF		2	mA
	Input voltage to VINAC	0	3	V
	Voltage on IMO	0	3.3	V
	Voltage on CSA, CSB, PKLMT	0	3.6	V
R _{SYN}	RSYNTH resistance	15	750	kΩ
R _{RDM}	RDM resistance	30	330	kΩ

5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		UCC28070A	UNIT
		PW (TSSOP)	
		20 PINS	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	99.9	°C/W
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	34.1	°C/W
R _{θJB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	50.8	°C/W
ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	1.9	°C/W
ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	50.3	°C/W

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

$T_J = T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 125°C , $V_{CC} = 12\text{V}$, $\text{GND} = 0\text{V}$, $R_{RT} = 75\text{k}\Omega$, $R_{DMX} = 68.1\text{k}\Omega$, $R_{RDM} = R_{SYN} = 100\text{k}\Omega$, $C_{CDR} = 2.2\text{nF}$, $C_{SS} = C_{VREF} = 0.1\mu\text{F}$, $C_{VCC} = 1\mu\text{F}$, $I_{VREF} = 0\text{mA}$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	
BIAS SUPPLY							
V _{CC(SHUNT)} V _{CC} shunt voltage ⁽¹⁾		I _{VCC} = 10mA	23	25	27	V	
I _{VCC}	Supply current	Disabled	V _{VSENSE} = 0V			mA	
		Enabled	V _{VSENSE} = 3V (switching)				
		UVLO	V _{CC} = 7V			200	μA
			V _{CC} = 9V			4	6
V _{UVLO}	UVLO turnon threshold		Measured at VCC (rising)			V	
	UVLO hysteresis		Measured at VCC (falling)				
VREF enable threshold			7.5	8	8.5	V	
LINEAR REGULATOR							
V _{VREF}	Reference voltage	No load	I _{VREF} = 0mA			V	
		Load rejection	Measured as the change in V _{VREF} (I _{VREF} = 0mA and –2mA)			mV	
		Line rejection	Measured as the change in V _{VREF} (V _{CC} = 11V and 20V, I _{VREF} = 0μA)				
PFC ENABLE							
V _{EN}	Enable threshold		Measured at VSENSE (rising)			V	
	Enable hysteresis		0.15				
EXTERNAL PFC DISABLE							
Disable threshold		Measured at SS (falling)	0.5	0.6		V	
Hysteresis		V _{VSENSE} > 0.85V	0.15			V	
OSCILLATOR							
Output phase shift		Measured between GDA and GDB	179	180	181	°	
V _{D_{MAX}} , V _{R_T} , V _{R_{DM}} Timing regulation voltages		Measured at DMAX, RT, and RDM	2.91	3	3.09	V	
f _{PWM}	PWM switching frequency	R _{RT} = 750kΩ, R _{DMX} = 681kΩ, V _{RDM} = 0V, V _{CDR} = 6V	9.75	10.25	10.75	kHz	
		R _{RT} = 75kΩ, R _{DMX} = 68.1kΩ, V _{RDM} = 0V, V _{CDR} = 6V	95	100	105		
		R _{RT} = 24.9kΩ, R _{DMX} = 22.6kΩ, V _{RDM} = 0V, V _{CDR} = 6V	270	290	330		
D _{MAX}	Duty-cycle clamp	R _{RT} = 75kΩ, R _{DMX} = 68.1kΩ, V _{RDM} = 0V, V _{CDR} = 6V	92%	95%	98%		
Minimum programmable OFF-time		R _{RT} = 24.9kΩ, R _{DMX} = 22.6kΩ, V _{RDM} = 0V, V _{CDR} = 6V	50	150	250	ns	
f _{DM}	Frequency dithering magnitude change in f _{PWM}	R _{RDM} = 316kΩ, R _{RT} = 75kΩ	2	3	4	kHz	
		R _{RDM} = 31.6kΩ, R _{RT} = 24.9kΩ	24	30	36		
f _{DR}	Frequency dithering rate of change in f _{PWM}	C _{CDR} = 2.2nF, R _{RDM} = 100kΩ	3			kHz	
		C _{CDR} = 0.3nF, R _{RDM} = 100kΩ	20				
I _{CDR}	Dither rate current	Measured at CDR (sink and source)	±10			μA	
Dither disable threshold		Measured at CDR (rising)	5			5.25	V

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PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
CLOCK SYNCHRONIZATION						
V_{CDR}	SYNC enable threshold	Measured at CDR (rising)		5	5.25	V
	SYNC propagation delay	$V_{CDR} = 6\text{V}$, measured from RDM (rising) to GDx (rising)		50	100	ns
	SYNC threshold (rising)	$V_{CDR} = 6\text{V}$, measured at RDM		1.2	1.5	V
	SYNC threshold (falling)	$V_{CDR} = 6\text{V}$, measured at RDM	0.4	0.7		V
	SYNC pulses	Positive pulse width	0.2			μs
	Maximum duty cycle ⁽²⁾			50%		
VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER						
	VSENSE voltage	In regulation, $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	2.97	3	3.03	V
	VSENSE voltage	In regulation	2.94	3	3.06	V
	VSENSE input bias current	In regulation		250	500	nA
	VAO high voltage	$V_{VSENSE} = 2.9\text{V}$	4.8	5	5.2	V
	VAO low voltage	$V_{VSENSE} = 3.1\text{V}$		0.05	0.5	V
g_{MV}	VAO transconductance	$V_{VSENSE} = 2.8\text{V}$ to 3.2V , $V_{VAO} = 3\text{V}$		70		μS
	VAO sink current, overdriven limit	$V_{VSENSE} = 3.5\text{V}$, $V_{VAO} = 3\text{V}$		30		μA
	VAO source current, overdriven	$V_{VSENSE} = 2.5\text{V}$, $V_{VAO} = 3\text{V}$, $SS = 3\text{V}$		-30		μA
	VAO source current, overdriven limit + I_{SRC}	$V_{VSENSE} = 2.5\text{V}$, $V_{VAO} = 3\text{V}$		-130		μA
	Slew-rate correction threshold	Measured as V_{VSENSE} (falling) / V_{VSENSE} (regulation)	92%	93%	95%	
	Slew-rate correction hysteresis	Measured at VSENSE (rising)		3	9	mV
I_{SRC}	Slew-rate correction current	Measured at VAO, in addition to VAO source current		-100		μA
	Slew-rate correction enable threshold	Measured at SS (rising)		4		V
	VAO discharge current	$V_{VSENSE} = 0.5\text{V}$, $V_{VAO} = 1\text{V}$		10		μA
SOFT START						
I_{SS}	SS source current	$V_{VSENSE} = 0.9\text{V}$, $V_{SS} = 1\text{V}$		-10		μA
	Adaptive source current	$V_{VSENSE} = 2\text{V}$, $V_{SS} = 1\text{V}$		-1.5	-2.5	mA
	Adaptive SS disable	Measured as $V_{VSENSE} - V_{SS}$	-30	0	30	mV
	SS sink current	$V_{VSENSE} = 0.5\text{V}$, $V_{SS} = 0.2\text{V}$	0.5	0.9		mA
OVERVOLTAGE						
V_{OVP}	OVP threshold	Measured as V_{VSENSE} (rising) / V_{VSENSE} (regulation)	104%	106%	108%	
	OVP hysteresis	Measured at VSENSE (falling)		100		mV
	OVP propagation delay	Measured between VSENSE (rising) and GDx (falling)		0.2	0.3	μs

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PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
ZERO-POWER						
V _{ZPWR}	Zero-power detect threshold	Measured at VAO (falling)	0.65	0.75		V
	Zero-power hysteresis			0.15		V
MULTIPLIER						
k _{MULT}	Gain constant	V _{VAO} ≥ 1.5V, T _A = 25°C	16	17	18	μA
		V _{VAO} = 1.2V, T _A = 25°C	14.5	17	19.5	
		V _{VAO} ≥ 1.5V	15	17	19	
		V _{VAO} = 1.2V	13	17	21	
I _{IMO}	Output current: zero	V _{VINAC} = 0.9V _{PK} , V _{VAO} = 0.8V	−0.2	0	0.2	μA
		V _{VINAC} = 0V, V _{VAO} = 5V	−0.2	0	0.2	
QUANTIZED VOLTAGE FEEDFORWARD						
V _{LVL1}	Level 1 threshold ⁽³⁾	Measured at VINAC (rising)	0.6	0.7	0.8	V
V _{LVL2}	Level 2 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		1.0		V
V _{LVL3}	Level 3 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		1.2		V
V _{LVL4}	Level 4 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		1.4		V
V _{LVL5}	Level 5 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		1.65		V
V _{LVL6}	Level 6 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		1.95		V
V _{LVL7}	Level 7 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		2.25		V
V _{LVL8}	Level 8 threshold	Measured at VINAC (rising)		2.6		V
CURRENT AMPLIFIERS						
	CAOx high voltage		5.75	6		V
	CAOx low voltage				0.1	V
g _{MC}	CAOx transconductance			100		μS
	CAOx sink current, overdriven			50		μA
	CAOx source current, overdriven			−50		μA
	Input common mode range		0		3.6	V
	Input offset voltage	V _{RSYNTH} = 6V, T _A = 25°C	−4	−8	−13	mV
		V _{RSYNTH} = 6V	0	−8	−20	
	Input offset voltage		0	−8	−20	mV
	Phase mismatch	Measured as phase A input offset minus phase B input offset	−12	0	12	mV
	CAOx pulldown current	V _{VSENSE} = 0.5V, V _{CAOx} = 0.2V	0.5	0.9		mA
CURRENT SYNTHESIZER						
V _{RSYNTH}	Regulation voltage	V _{VSENSE} = 3V, V _{VINAC} = 0V	2.91	3	3.09	V
		V _{VSENSE} = 3V, V _{VINAC} = 2.85V	0.1	0.15	0.2	
	Synthesizer disable threshold	Measured at RSYNTH (rising)		5	5.25	V
	VINAC input bias current			0.25	0.5	μA

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PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
PEAK CURRENT LIMIT					
Peak current limit threshold	$V_{PKLMT} = 3.3\text{V}$, measured at CSx (rising)	3.27	3.3	3.33	V
Peak current limit propagation delay	Measured between CSx (rising) and GDx (falling) edges		60	100	ns
PWM RAMP					
V_{RMP} PWM ramp amplitude		3.8	4	4.2	V
PWM ramp offset voltage	$T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $R_{RT} = 75\text{k}\Omega$	0.65	0.7		V
PWM ramp offset temperature coefficient			-2		mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$
GATE DRIVE					
GDA, GDB output voltage, high, clamped	$V_{CC} = 20\text{V}$, $C_{LOAD} = 1\text{nF}$	11.5	13	15	V
GDA, GDB output voltage, high	$C_{LOAD} = 1\text{nF}$	10	10.5		V
GDA, GDB output voltage, low	$C_{LOAD} = 1\text{nF}$		0.2	0.3	V
Rise time GDx	1V to 9V, $C_{LOAD} = 1\text{nF}$		18	30	ns
Fall time GDx	9V to 1V, $C_{LOAD} = 1\text{nF}$		12	25	ns
GDA, GDB output voltage, UVLO	$V_{CC} = 0\text{V}$, I_{GDA} , $I_{GDB} = 2.5\text{mA}$		0.7	2	V
THERMAL SHUTDOWN					
Thermal shutdown threshold			160		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Thermal shutdown recovery			140		$^{\circ}\text{C}$

- (1) Excessive VCC input voltage or current damages the device. The VCC clamp does not protect the device from an unregulated bias supply. If an unregulated supply is used, TI recommends a series-connected fixed positive-voltage regulator such as a UA78L15A. See [Section 5.1](#) for the limits on VCC voltage and current.
- (2) Due to the influence of the synchronization pulse-width on the programmability of the maximum PWM switching duty-cycle (D_{MAX}), TI recommends to minimize the duty-cycle of the synchronization signal.
- (3) The Level 1 threshold represents the *zero-crossing* detection threshold above which VINAC must rise to initiate a new input half-cycle, and below which VINAC must fall to terminate that half-cycle.

5.6 Typical Characteristics

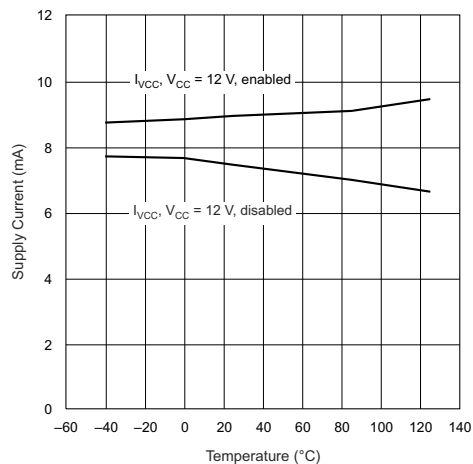


Figure 5-1. VCC Supply Current vs Junction Temperature

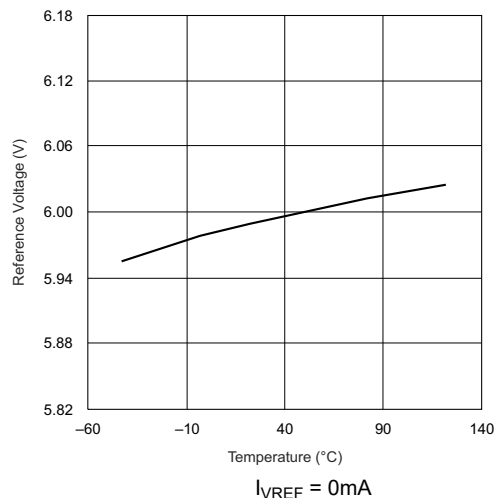


Figure 5-2. V_{REF} vs Junction Temperature

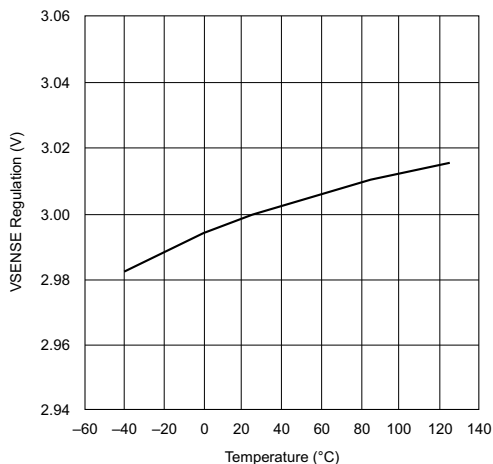


Figure 5-3. V_{SENSE} Regulation vs Junction Temperature

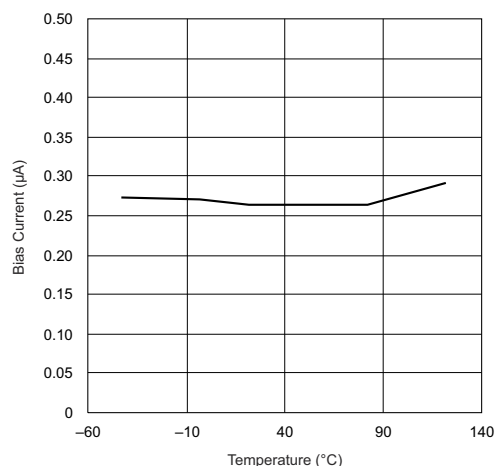


Figure 5-4. I_{SENSE} Bias Current vs Junction Temperature

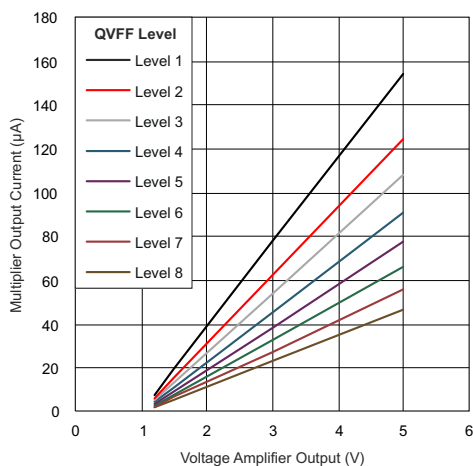


Figure 5-5. IMO, Multiplier Output Current vs V_{VAO}

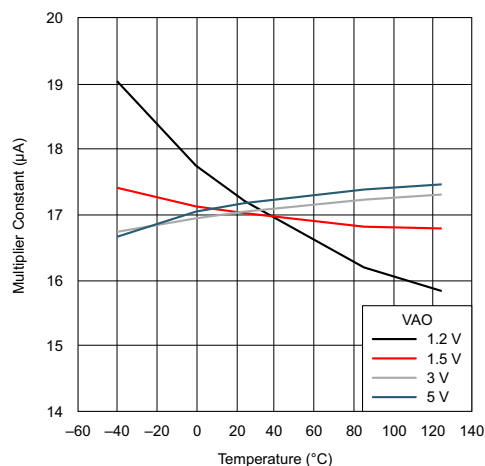


Figure 5-6. Multiplier Constant vs Junction Temperature

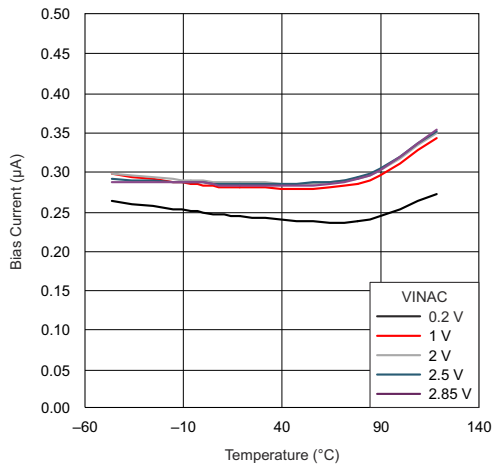


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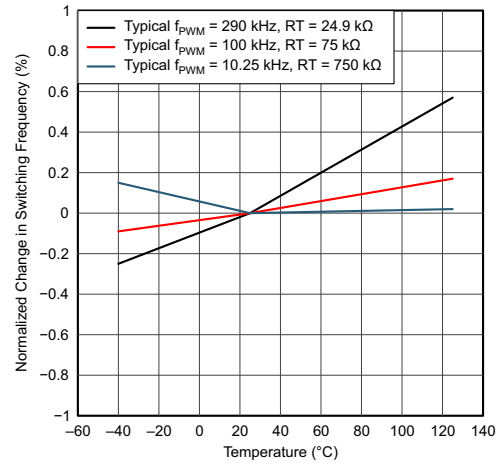


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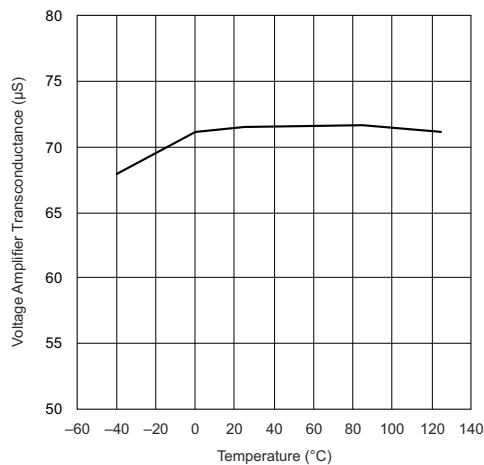


Figure 5-9. VAO, Voltage Amplifier Transconductance vs Junction Temperature

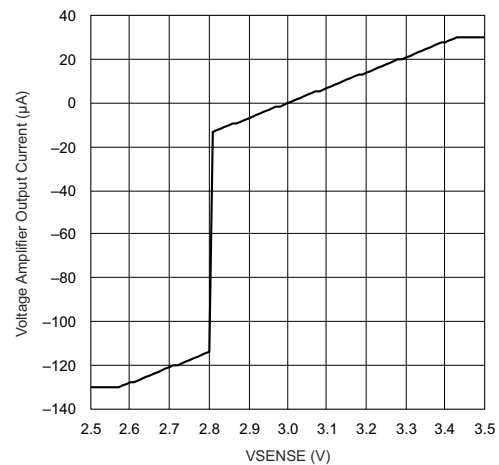


Figure 5-10. Voltage Amplifier Transfer Function vs V_{VSENSE}

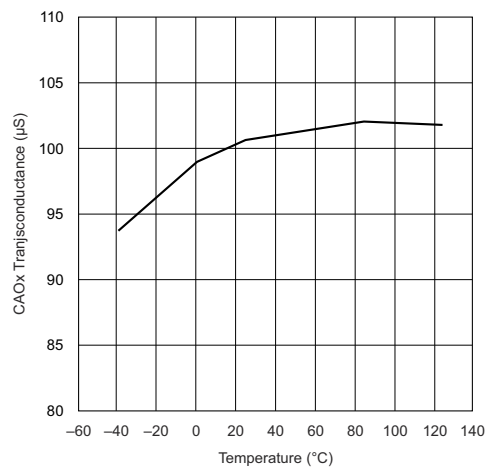


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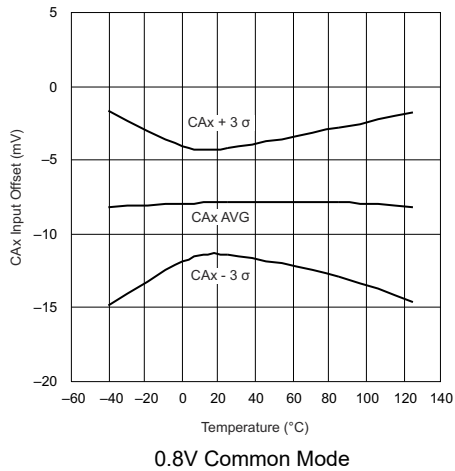


Figure 5-12. CAx Input Offset Voltage vs Junction Temperature

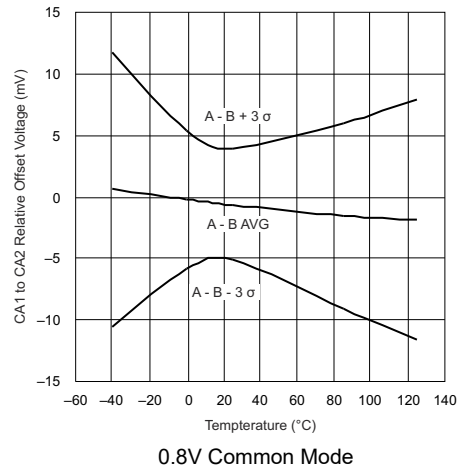


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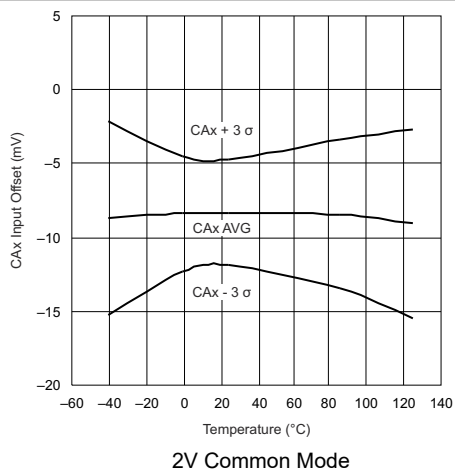


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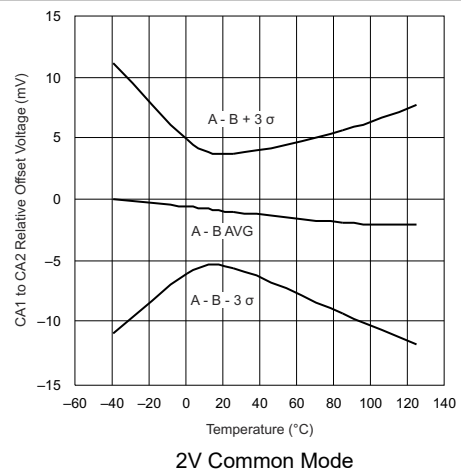


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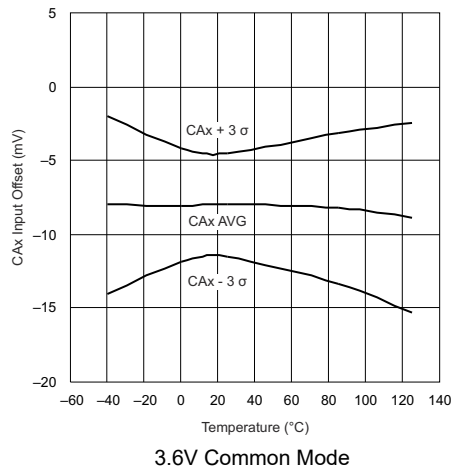


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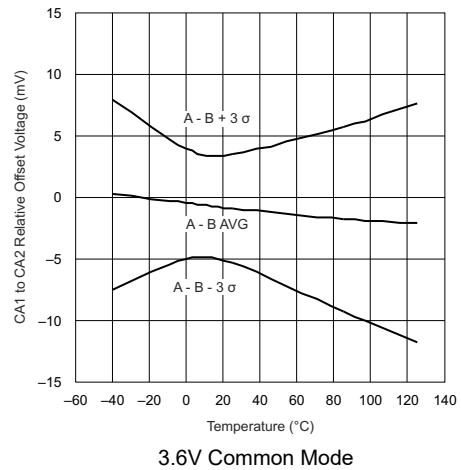


Figure 5-17. CA1 to CA2 Relative Offset vs Junction Temperature

6 Detailed Description

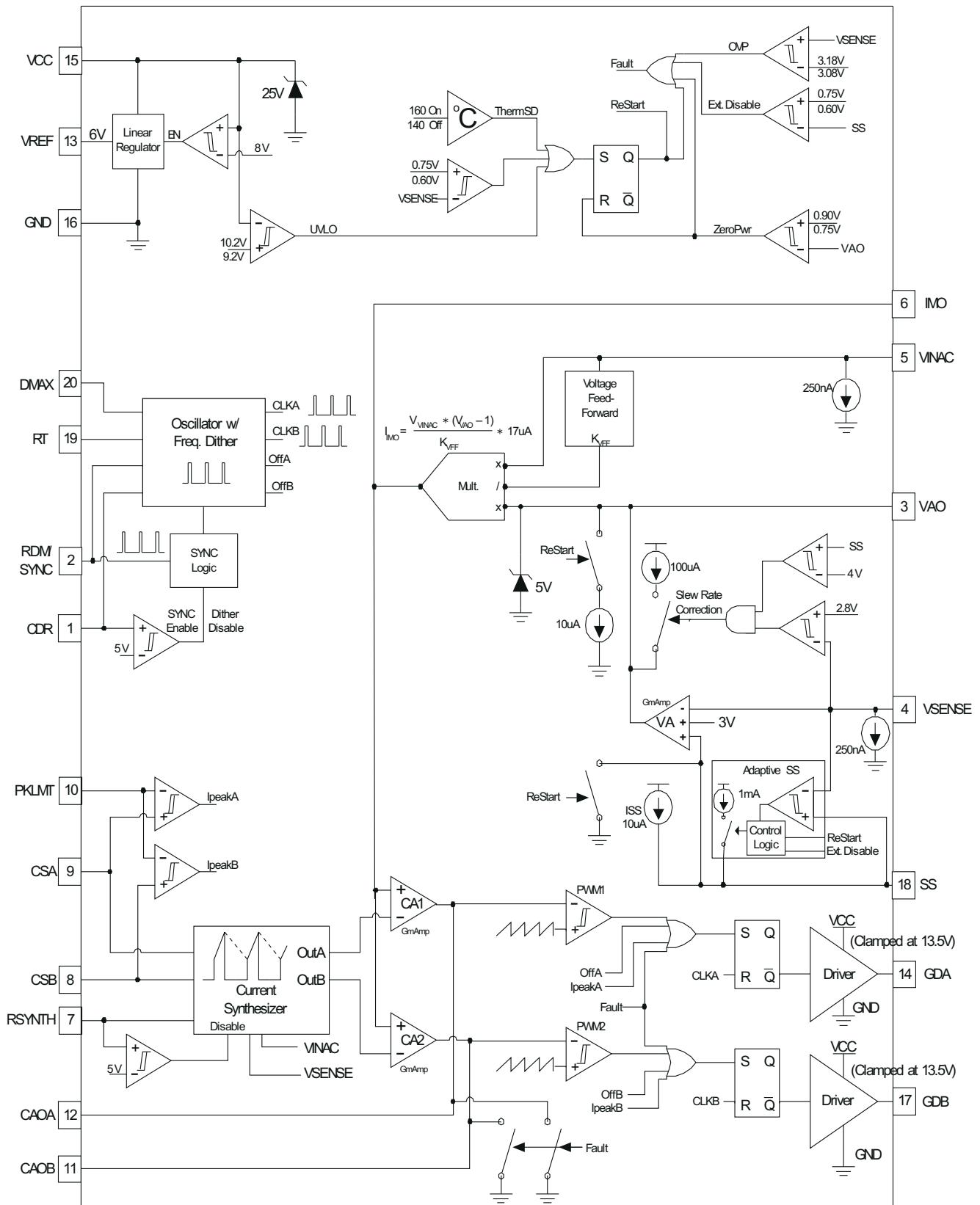
6.1 Overview

The UCC28070A power factor corrector IC controls two CCM (Continuous Conduction Mode) Boost PFC power stages operating 180° out of phase with each other. This interleaving action reduces the input and output ripple currents so that less EMI filtering is needed and allows operation at higher power levels than a non-interleaved solution.

The UCC28070A can operate over a wide range of frequencies, making it suitable for use with both MOSFET and IGBT power switches. Multiple UCC28070A controllers can be synchronized for use in higher-power applications where more than two interleaved power stages are needed.

This device is especially suited to high-performance, high-power, PFC applications where the use of Average Current Mode PWM control gives low THD.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram



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6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 Interleaving

One of the main benefits from the 180° interleaving of phases is significant reductions in the high-frequency ripple components of both the input current and the current into the output capacitor of the PFC preregulator. Compared to that of a single-phase PFC stage of equal power, the reduced ripple on the input current eases the burden of filtering conducted-EMI noise and helps reduce the EMI filter and C_{IN} sizes. Additionally, reduced high-frequency ripple current into the PFC output capacitor, C_{OUT} , helps to reduce its size and cost. Furthermore, with reduced ripple and average current in each phase, the boost inductor size can be smaller than in a single-phase design [3].

Ripple current reduction due to interleaving is often referred to as ripple cancellation, but strictly speaking, the peak-to-peak ripple is completely cancelled only at 50% duty-cycle in a 2-phase system. At duty-cycles other than 50%, ripple reduction occurs in the form of partial cancellation due to the superposition of the individual phase currents. Nevertheless, compared to the ripple currents of an equivalent single-phase PFC preregulator, those of a 2-phase interleaved design are extraordinarily smaller [3]. Independent of ripple cancellation, the frequency of the interleaved ripple, at both the input and output, is $2 \times f_{PWM}$.

At the PFC input, 180° interleaving reduces the peak-to-peak current-ripple amplitude to $\frac{1}{2}$ or less of the ripple amplitude of the equivalent single-phase current.

At the PFC output, 180° interleaving reduces the rms value of the PFC-generated ripple current in the output capacitor by a factor of slightly more than $\sqrt{2}$, for PWM duty-cycles $> 50\%$.

This can be seen in the following derivations, adapting the method by Erickson [4].

In a single-phase PFC preregulator, the total rms capacitor current contributed by the PFC stage at all duty-cycles can be shown to be approximated by:

$$i_{CRMS1\phi} = \left(\frac{I_O}{\eta} \right) \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{16 \times V_O}{3\pi \times V_M} \right) - \eta^2 \right)} \quad (1)$$

where

- I_O is the average PFC output load current
- V_O is the average PFC output voltage
- V_M is the peak of the input AC-line voltage
- η is the efficiency of the PFC stage at these conditions

In a dual-phase interleaved PFC preregulator, the total rms capacitor current contributed by the PFC stage for $D > 50\%$ can be shown to be approximated by:

$$i_{CRMS2\phi} = \left(\frac{I_O}{\eta} \right) \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{16 \times V_O}{6\pi \times V_M} \right) - \eta^2 \right)} \quad (2)$$

It can be seen that the quantity under the radical for $i_{CRMS2\phi}$ is slightly smaller than $\frac{1}{2}$ of that under the radical for $i_{CRMS1\phi}$. The rms currents shown contain both the low-frequency and the high-frequency components of the PFC output current. Interleaving reduces the high-frequency component, but not the low-frequency component.

6.3.2 Programming the PWM Frequency and Maximum Duty-Cycle Clamp

The PWM frequency and maximum duty-cycle clamps for both GDx outputs of the UCC28070A are set through the selection of the resistors connected to the RT and DMAX pins, respectively. The selection of the RT resistor (R_{RT}) directly sets the PWM frequency (f_{PWM}).

$$R_{RT} (k\Omega) = \frac{7500}{f_{PWM} (kHz)} \quad (3)$$

Once R_{RT} has been determined, the D_{MAX} resistor (R_{DMX}) may be derived.

$$R_{DMX} = R_{RT} \times (2 \times D_{MAX} - 1) \quad (4)$$

where

- D_{MAX} is the desired maximum PWM duty-cycle

6.3.3 Frequency Dithering (Magnitude and Rate)

Frequency dithering refers to modulating the switching frequency to achieve a reduction in conducted-EMI noise beyond the capability of the line filter alone. The UCC28070A implements a triangular modulation method which results in equal time spent at every point along the switching frequency range. This total range from minimum to maximum frequency is defined as the dither magnitude, and is centered around the nominal switching frequency f_{PWM} set with R_{RT} . For example, a dither magnitude of 20kHz on a nominal f_{PWM} of 100kHz results in a frequency range of 100kHz $\pm$ 10kHz. Furthermore, the programmed duty-cycle clamp set by R_{DMX} remains constant at the programmed value across the entire range of the frequency dithering.

The rate at which f_{PWM} traverses from one extreme to the other and back again is defined as the dither rate. For example, a dither rate of 1kHz would linearly modulate the nominal frequency from 110kHz to 90kHz to 110kHz once every millisecond. A good initial design target for dither magnitude is $\pm 10\%$ of f_{PWM} . Most boost components can tolerate such a spread in f_{PWM} . The designer can then iterate around there to find the best compromise between EMI reduction, component tolerances, and loop stability.

The desired dither magnitude is set by a resistor from the RDM pin to GND, of value calculated with [Equation 5](#):

$$R_{RDM} (k\Omega) = \frac{937.5}{f_{DM} (kHz)} \quad (5)$$

Once the value of R_{RDM} is determined, the desired dither rate may be set by a capacitor from the CDR pin to GND, of value calculated with [Equation 6](#):

$$C_{CDR} (pF) = 66.7 \times \left(\frac{R_{RDM} (k\Omega)}{f_{DR} (kHz)} \right) \quad (6)$$

Frequency dithering may be fully disabled by forcing the CDR pin $> 5V$ or by connecting it to VREF (6V) and connecting the RDM pin directly to GND. (If populated, the relatively high impedance of the RDM resistor may allow system switching noise to couple in and interfere with the controller timing functions if not bypassed with a low impedance path when dithering is disabled.)

If an external frequency source is used to synchronize f_{PWM} and frequency dithering is desired, the external frequency source must provide the dither magnitude and rate functions as the internal dither circuitry is disabled to prevent undesired performance during synchronization. (See [External Clock Synchronization](#) for more details.)

6.3.4 External Clock Synchronization

The UCC28070A has also been designed to be easily synchronized to almost any external frequency source. By disabling frequency dithering (pulling CDR > 5V), the SYNC circuitry is enabled permitting the internal oscillator to be synchronized with pulses presented on the RDM pin. To ensure that a precise 180° phase shift is maintained between the GDA and GDB outputs, the frequency (f_{SYNC}) of the pulses presented at the RDM pin must be at twice the desired f_{PWM} . For example, if a 100kHz switching frequency is desired, the f_{SYNC} must be 200kHz.

$$f_{\text{PWM}} = \frac{f_{\text{SYNC}}}{2} \quad (7)$$

To ensure the internal oscillator does not interfere with the SYNC function, R_{RT} must be sized to set the internal oscillator frequency about 10% below the minimum expected f_{SYNC} .

$$R_{\text{RT}} (\text{k}\Omega) = \frac{15000}{f_{\text{SYNC}} (\text{kHz})} \times 1.1 \quad (8)$$

It must be noted that the PWM modulator gain is reduced by a factor equivalent to the scaled R_{RT} due to a direct correlation between the PWM ramp current and R_{RT} . Adjustments to the current-loop gains must be made accordingly, using the k_{SYNC} factor as indicated in [Current Loop Compensation](#).

It must also be noted that the maximum duty-cycle clamp programmability is affected during external synchronization. The internal timing circuitry responsible for setting the maximum duty cycle is initiated on the falling edge of the synchronization pulse. Therefore, the selection of R_{DMX} becomes dependent on the synchronization pulse width (t_{SYNC}).

$$D_{\text{SYNC}} = t_{\text{SYNC}} \times f_{\text{SYNC}} \text{ (For use in } R_{\text{DMX}} \text{ equation immediately below.)} \quad (9)$$

$$R_{\text{DMX}} (\text{k}\Omega) = \left(\frac{15000}{f_{\text{SYNC}} (\text{kHz})} \right) \times (2 \times D_{\text{MAX}} - 1 - D_{\text{SYNC}}) \quad (10)$$

Consequently to minimize the impact of the t_{SYNC} it is clearly advantageous to use the smallest synchronization pulse width feasible.

Note

When external synchronization is used, a propagation delay of approximately 50ns to 100ns exists between internal timing circuits and the falling edge of the SYNC signal, which may result in reduced OFF-time at the highest of switching frequencies. Therefore, at high SYNC frequencies R_{DMX} value must be adjusted downward slightly by $(t_{\text{SYNC}} - 0.1\mu\text{s}) / t_{\text{SYNC}}$ to compensate. At lower SYNC frequencies, this delay becomes an insignificant fraction of the PWM period, and can be neglected.

Note

The oscillator in the UCC28070A device is not designed to accommodate wide variations in the external SYNC frequency. Do not allow the SYNC frequency variation to exceed $\pm 10\%$ of the nominal f_{SYNC} as used in [Equation 8](#). Excessive variation of f_{SYNC} can cause malfunction of the controller to occur. R_{RT} value must be calculated at the lowest f_{SYNC} .

6.3.5 Multi-phase Operation

External synchronization also facilitates using more than 2 phases for interleaving. Multiple UCC28070A devices can easily be paralleled to add an even number of additional phases for higher-power applications. With appropriate phase-shifting of the synchronization signals, even more input and output ripple current cancellation can be obtained. (An odd number of phases can be accommodated if desired, but the ripple cancellation would not be optimal.) For 4-, 6-, or any $2 \times n$ -phases (where n = the number of UCC28070A controllers), each controller must receive a SYNC signal which is $360/n$ degrees out of phase with each other. For a 4-phase application interleaving with two controllers, SYNC1 must be 180° out of phase with SYNC2 for optimal ripple cancellation. Similarly for a 6-phase system, SYNC1, SYNC2, and SYNC3 must be 120° out of phase with each other for optimal ripple cancellation.

In a multi-phase interleaved system, each current loop is independent and treated separately; however, there is only one common voltage loop. To maintain a single control loop, all VSENSE, VINAC, SS, IMO, and VAO signals are paralleled, respectively between the n controllers. Where current-source outputs are combined (SS, IMO, VAO), the calculated load impedances must be adjusted by $1/n$ to maintain the same performance as with a single controller.

Figure 6-1 illustrates the paralleling of two controllers for a 4-phase, 90-degree-interleaved PFC system.

6.3.6 VSENSE and VINAC Resistor Configuration

The primary purpose of the VSENSE input is to provide the voltage feedback from the output to the voltage control loop. Thus, a traditional resistor-divider network must be sized and connected between the output capacitor and the VSENSE pin to set the desired output voltage based on the 3V regulation voltage on VSENSE.

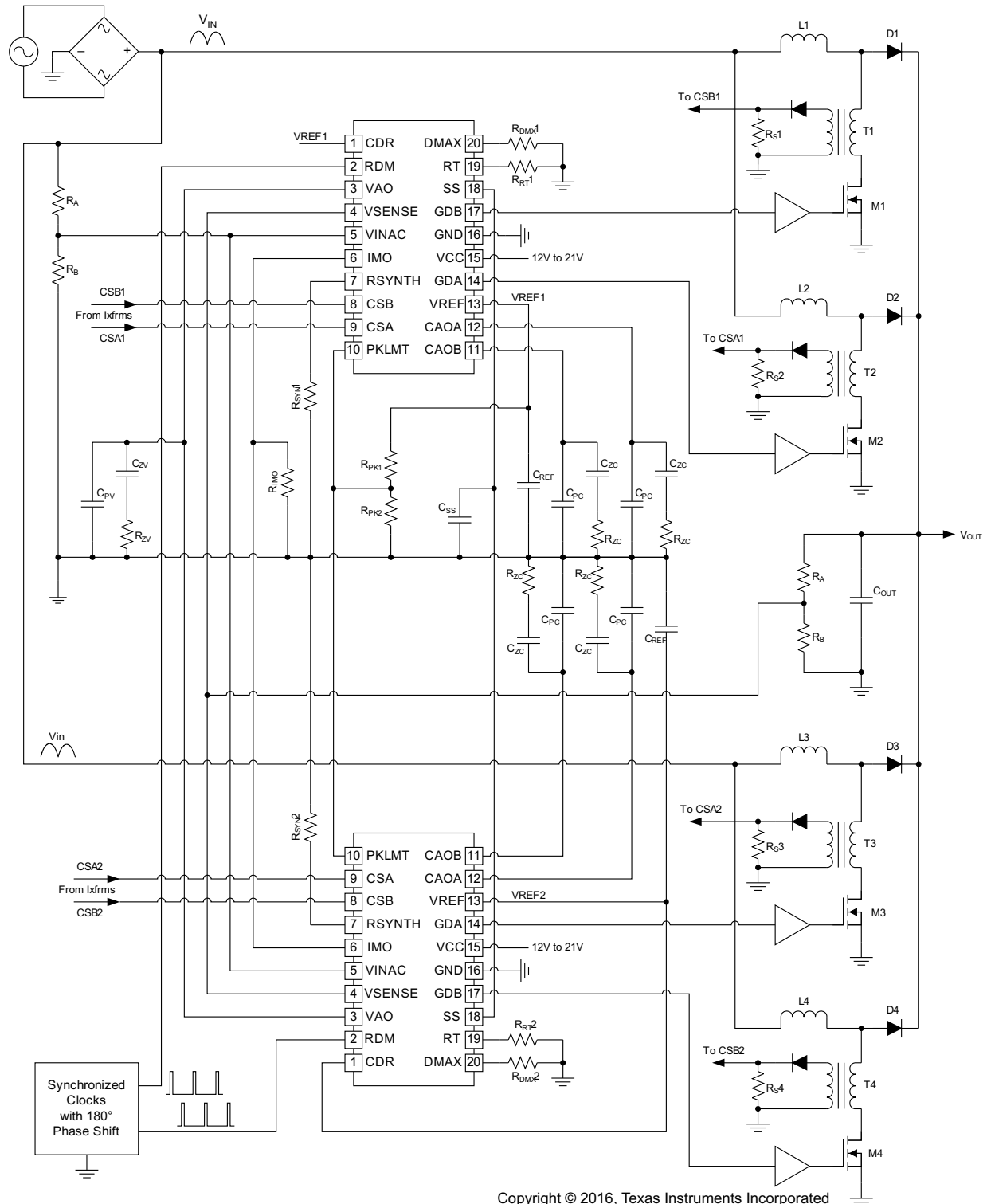
A unique aspect of the UCC28070A is the need to place the same resistor-divider network on the V_{IN} side of the inductor to the VINAC pin. This provides the scaled input voltage monitoring needed for the linear multiplier and current synthesizer circuitry. It is not required that the actual resistance of the VINAC network be identical to the VSENSE network, but it is necessary that the attenuation (k_R) of the two divider networks be equivalent for proper PFC operation.

$$k_R = \frac{R_B}{(R_A + R_B)} \quad (11)$$

In noisy environments, it may be beneficial for small filter capacitors to be applied to the VSENSE and VINAC inputs to avoid the destabilizing effects of excessive noise on these inputs. If applied, the RC time-constant must not exceed $100\mu s$ on the VSENSE input to avoid significant delay in the output transient response. The RC time-constant must also not exceed $100\mu s$ on the VINAC input to avoid degrading of the wave-shape zero-crossings. Usually, a time constant of $3 / f_{PWM}$ is adequate to filter out typical noise on VSENSE and VINAC. Some design and test iteration may be required to find the optimal amount of filtering required in a particular application.

6.3.7 VSENSE and VINAC Open-Circuit Protection

Both the VSENSE and VINAC pins have been designed with an internal 250nA current sink to ensure that in the event of an open circuit at either pin, the voltage is not left undefined, and the UCC28070A remains in a safe operating mode.



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Figure 6-1. Simplified Four-Phase Application Diagram Using Two UCC28070A Devices

6.3.8 Current Synthesizer

One of the most prominent innovations in the UCC28070A design is the current synthesizer circuitry that synchronously monitors the instantaneous inductor current through a combination of ON-time sampling and OFF-time down-slope emulation.

During the ON-time of the GDA and GDB outputs, the inductor current is recorded at the CSA and CSB pins, respectively, through the current transformer network in each output phase. Meanwhile, the continuous monitoring of the input and output voltages through the VINAC and VSENSE pins permits the UCC28070A to internally recreate the down-slope of the inductor current during the respective OFF-time of each output. Through the selection of the RSYNTH resistor (R_{SYN}), based on Equation 12, the internal response may be adjusted to accommodate the wide range of inductances expected across the wide array of applications.

During inrush surge events at power up and AC drop-out recovery, $V_{\text{VSENSE}} < V_{\text{VINAC}}$, the synthesized downslope becomes zero. In this case, the synthesized inductor current remains above the IMO reference and the current loop drives the duty cycle to zero. This avoids excessive stress on the MOSFETs during the surge event. Once V_{VINAC} falls below V_{VSENSE} , the duty cycle increases until steady-state operation resumes.

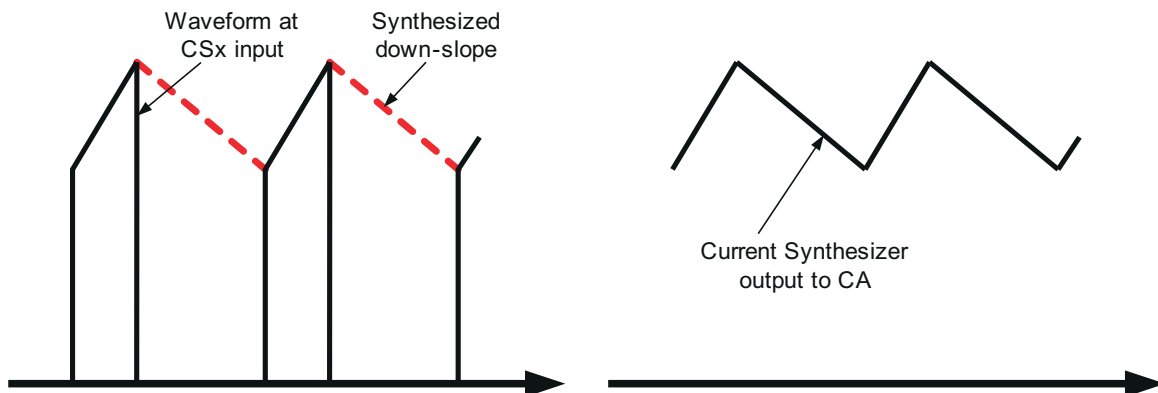


Figure 6-2. Downslope of the Inductor Current

$$R_{\text{SYN}} (\text{k}\Omega) = \frac{(10 \times N_{\text{CT}} \times L_{\text{B}} (\mu\text{H}) \times k_{\text{R}})}{R_{\text{S}} (\Omega)} \quad (12)$$

where:

- L_{B} = Nominal Zero-Bias Boost Inductance (μH)
- R_{S} = Sense Resistor (Ω)
- N_{CT} = Current-sense Transformer turns ratio
- $k_{\text{R}} = R_{\text{B}} / (R_{\text{A}} + R_{\text{B}})$ = the resistor-divider attenuation at the VSENSE and VINAC pins

6.3.9 Programmable Peak Current Limit

The UCC28070A has been designed with a programmable cycle-by-cycle peak current limit dedicated to disabling either the GDA or GDB output whenever the corresponding current-sense input (CSA or CSB, respectively) rises above the voltage established on the PKLMT pin. Once an output has been disabled through the detection of peak current limit, the output remains disabled until the next clock cycle initiates a new PWM period. The programming range of the PKLMT voltage extends to upwards of 4V to permit the full use of the 3V average current sense signal range; however, note that the linearity of the current amplifiers begins to compress above 3.6V.

A resistor-divider network from VREF to GND can easily program the peak current limit voltage on PKLMT, provided the total current out of VREF is less than 2mA to avoid drooping of the 6V VREF voltage. TI recommends a load of less than 0.5mA, but if the resistance on PKLMT is very high, TI recommends a small filter capacitor on PKLMT to avoid operational problems in high-noise environments.

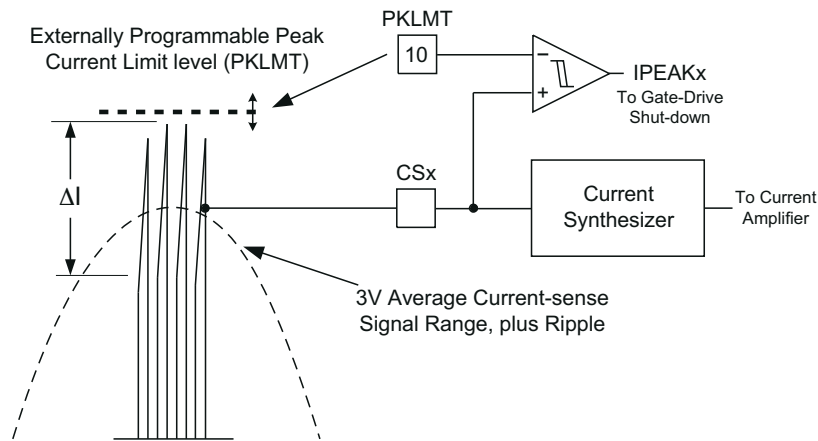


Figure 6-3. Externally Programmable Peak Current Limit

Peak Current Limit is a protection feature and has no built-in slope-compensation for duty-cycles greater than 0.5. During occurrences of peak limiting, sub-harmonic oscillation will occur with possible audible noise from such oscillation. If the PKLMT feature is re-purposed to implement a steady-state power-limit function, suitable slope compensation should be added by external means.

6.3.10 Linear Multiplier and Quantized Voltage Feed Forward

The UCC28070A multiplier generates a reference current which represents the desired wave shape and proportional amplitude of the AC input current. This current is converted to a reference voltage signal by the R_{IMO} resistor which is scaled in value to match the voltage of the current-sense signals. The instantaneous multiplier current is dependent upon the rectified, scaled input voltage V_{VINAC} and the voltage-error amplifier output V_{VAO} . V_{VINAC} conveys three pieces of information to the multiplier:

- The overall wave-shape of the input voltage (typically sinusoidal)
- The instantaneous input voltage magnitude at any point in the line cycle
- The rms level of the input voltage.

V_{VAO} represents the total output power of the PFC preregulator.

A major innovation in the UCC28070A multiplier architecture is the internal quantized V_{RMS} feed-forward (Q_{VFF}) circuitry, which eliminates the requirement for external filtering of the V_{INAC} signal and the subsequent slow response to transient line variations. A unique circuit algorithm detects the transition of the peak of V_{VINAC} through seven thresholds and generates an equivalent VFF level centered within the 8- Q_{VFF} ranges. The boundaries of the ranges expand with increasing V_{IN} to maintain an approximately equal-percentage delta between levels. These 8- Q_{VFF} levels are spaced to accommodate the full universal line range of $85V_{RMS}$ to $265V_{RMS}$.

A great benefit of the Q_{VFF} architecture is that the fixed k_{VFF} factors eliminate any contribution to distortion of the multiplier output, unlike an externally-filtered VINAC signal which unavoidably contains 2nd-harmonic distortion components. Furthermore, the Q_{VFF} algorithm allows for rapid response to both increasing and decreasing changes in input rms voltage so that disturbances transmitted to the PFC output are minimized. 5% hysteresis in the level thresholds help avoid chattering between Q_{VFF} levels for V_{VINAC} voltage peaks near a particular threshold or containing mild ringing or distortion. The Q_{VFF} architecture requires that the input voltage be largely sinusoidal, and relies on detecting zero-crossings to adjust Q_{VFF} downward on decreasing input voltage. Zero-crossings are defined as V_{VINAC} falling below 0.7V for at least 50μs, typically.

Table 6-1 shows the relationship between the various V_{VINAC} peak voltages and the corresponding k_{VFF} terms for the multiplier equation.

Table 6-1. V_{VINAC} Peak Voltages

LEVEL	V_{VINAC} PEAK VOLTAGE	k_{VFF} (V ²)	V_{IN} PEAK VOLTAGE ⁽¹⁾
8	$2.6V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)}$	3.857	>345V
7	$2.25V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)} < 2.6V$	2.922	300V to 345V
6	$1.95V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)} < 2.25V$	2.199	260V to 300V
5	$1.65V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)} < 1.95V$	1.604	220V to 260V
4	$1.4V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)} < 1.65V$	1.156	187V to 220V
3	$1.2V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)} < 1.4V$	0.839	160V to 187V
2	$1V \leq V_{VINAC(pk)} < 1.2V$	0.6	133V to 160V
1	$V_{VINAC(pk)} \leq 1V$	0.398	<133V

(1) The V_{IN} peak voltage boundary values listed above are calculated based on a 400V PFC output voltage and the use of a matched resistor-divider network ($k_R = 3V / 400V = 0.0075$) on VINAC and VSENSE (as required for current synthesis). When V_{OUT} is designed to be higher or lower than 400V, $k_R = 3V / V_{OUT}$, and the V_{IN} peak voltage boundary values for each Q_{VFF} level adjust to $V_{VINAC(pk)} / k_R$.

The multiplier output current I_{IMO} for any line and load condition can thus be determined using Equation 13:

$$I_{IMO} = \frac{17 \mu A \times (V_{VINAC}) \times (V_{VAO} - 1)}{k_{VFF}} \quad (13)$$

Because the k_{VFF} value represents the scaled $(V_{RMS})^2$ at the center of a level, V_{VAO} adjusts slightly upwards or downwards when $V_{VINAC(pk)}$ is either lower or higher than the center of the Q_{VFF} voltage range to compensate for the difference. This is automatically accomplished by the voltage loop control when V_{IN} varies, both within a level and after a transition between levels.

The output of the voltage-error amplifier (V_{VAO}) is clamped at 5V, which represents the maximum PFC output power. This value is used to calculate the maximum reference current at the IMO pin, and sets a limit for the maximum input power allowed (and, as a consequence, limits maximum output power).

Unlike a continuous V_{FF} situation, where maximum input power is a fixed power at any V_{RMS} input, the discrete Q_{VFF} levels permit a variation in maximum input power within limited boundaries as the input V_{RMS} varies within each level.

The lowest maximum power limit occurs at the V_{VINAC} voltage of 0.76V, while the highest maximum power limit occurs at the increasing threshold from level-1 to level-2. This pattern repeats at every level transition threshold, considering that decreasing thresholds are 95% of the increasing threshold values. Below $V_{VINAC} = 0.76V$, P_{IN} is always less than $P_{IN(max)}$, falling linearly to zero with decreasing input voltage.

For example, to design for the lowest maximum power allowable, determine the maximum steady-state (average) output power required of the PFC preregulator and add some additional percentage to account for line drop-out recovery power (to recharge C_{OUT} while full load power is drawn) such as 10% or 20% of $P_{OUT(max)}$. Then apply the expected efficiency factor to find the lowest maximum input power allowable:

$$P_{IN(max)} = \frac{1.1 \times P_{OUT(max)}}{\eta} \quad (14)$$

At the $P_{IN(max)}$ design threshold, $V_{VINAC} = 0.76V$, hence $Q_{VFF} = 0.398$ and input $V_{AC} = 73V_{RMS}$ (accounting for 2V bridge-rectifier drop) for a nominal 400V output system.

$$I_{IN(rms)} = \frac{P_{IN(max)}}{73 V_{RMS}} \quad (15)$$

$$I_{IN(pk)} = 1.414 \times I_{IN(rms)} \quad (16)$$

This $I_{IN(pk)}$ value represents the combined average current through the boost inductors at the peak of the line voltage. Each inductor current is detected and scaled by a current-sense transformer (CT). Assuming equal currents through each interleaved phase, the signal voltage at each current sense input pin (CSA and CSB) is developed across a sense resistor selected to generate approximately 3V based on $\frac{1}{2} I_{IN(pk)} \times R_S / N_{CT}$, where R_S is the current sense resistor and N_{CT} is the CT turns-ratio.

I_{IMO} is then calculated at that same lowest maximum-power point, as:

$$I_{IMO(max)} = 17 \mu A \times \frac{(0.76 V)(5 V - 1 V)}{0.398} = 130 \mu A \quad (17)$$

R_{IMO} is selected such that:

$$R_{IMO} \times I_{IMO(max)} = \frac{1}{2} \times I_{IN(pk)} \times \frac{R_S}{N_{CT}} \quad (18)$$

Therefore:

$$R_{IMO} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} \times I_{IN(pk)} \times R_S\right)}{\left(N_{CT} \times I_{IMO(max)}\right)} \quad (19)$$

At the increasing side of the level-1 to level-2 threshold, note that the IMO current would allow higher input currents at low-line:

$$I_{IMO(L1-L2)} = 17 \mu A \times \frac{(1 V)(5 V - 1 V)}{0.398} = 171 \mu A \quad (20)$$

However, this current may easily be limited by the programmable peak current limiting (PKLMT) feature of the UCC28070A if required by the power stage design.

The same procedure can be used to find the lowest and highest input power limits at each of the Q_{VFF} level transition thresholds. At higher line voltages, where the average current with inductor ripple is traditionally below the PKLMT threshold, the full variation of maximum input power is seen, but the input currents are inherently below the maximum acceptable current levels of the power stage.

The performance of the multiplier in the UCC28070A has been significantly enhanced when compared to previous generation PFC controllers, with high linearity and accuracy over most of the input ranges. The accuracy is at its worst as V_{VAO} approaches 1V because the error of the $(V_{VAO} - 1)$ subtraction increases and begins to distort the IMO reference current to a greater degree.

6.3.11 Enhanced Transient Response (VA Slew-Rate Correction)

Due to the low-voltage loop bandwidth required to maintain proper PFC and ignore the slight ripple at twice line frequency on the output, the response of ordinary controllers to input voltage and load transients are also slow. However, the Q_{VFF} function effectively handles the line transient response with the exception of any minor adjustments needed within a Q_{VFF} level. Load transients on the other hand can only be handled by the voltage loop; therefore, the UCC28070A has been designed to improve its transient response by pulling up on the output of the voltage amplifier (V_{VAO}) with an additional 100 μ A of current in the event the voltage on V_{SENSE} drops below 93% of regulation (2.79V). During a soft-start cycle, when V_{VSENSE} is ramping up from the 0.75V PFC Enable threshold, the 100 μ A correction current source is disabled to ensure the gradual and controlled ramping of output voltage and current during a soft start.

6.3.12 Voltage Biasing (V_{CC} and V_{VREF})

The UCC28070A operates within a V_{CC} bias supply range of 10V to 21V. An undervoltage lockout (UVLO) threshold prevents the PFC from activating until $V_{CC} > 10.2V$, and 1V of hysteresis assures reliable start-up from a possibly low-compliance bias source. An internal 25V Zener-like clamp on the V_{CC} pin is intended only to protect the device from brief energy-limited surges from the bias supply, and must not be used as a regulator with a current-limited source.

At minimum, a 0.1 μ F ceramic bypass capacitor must be applied from V_{CC} to GND close to the device pins to provide local filtering of the bias supply. Larger values may be required depending on I_{CC} peak current magnitudes and durations to minimize ripple voltage on V_{CC} .

To provide a smooth transition out of UVLO and to make the 6V voltage reference available as early as possible, the output from V_{REF} is enabled when V_{CC} exceeds 8V typically.

The V_{REF} circuitry is designed to provide the biasing of all internal control circuits and for limited use externally. At minimum, a 22nF ceramic bypass capacitor must be applied from V_{REF} to GND close to the device pins to ensure stability of the circuit. External load current on the V_{REF} pin must be limited to less than 2mA, or degraded regulation may result.

6.3.13 PFC Enable and Disable

The UCC28070A contains two independent circuits dedicated to disabling the GDx outputs based on the biasing conditions of the V_{SENSE} or SS pins. The first is a PFC Enable which monitors V_{VSENSE} and holds off soft start and the overall PFC function until the output has precharged to approximately 25%. Before V_{VSENSE} reaching 0.75V, almost all of the internal circuitry is disabled. Once V_{VSENSE} reaches 0.75V and $V_{VAO} < 0.75V$, the oscillator, multiplier, and current synthesizer are enabled and the SS circuitry begins to ramp up the voltage on the SS pin. The second circuit provides an external interface to emulate an internal fault condition to disable the GDx output without fully disabling the voltage loop and multiplier. By externally pulling the SS pin below 0.6V, the GDx outputs are immediately disabled and held low. Assuming no other fault conditions are present, normal PWM operation resumes when the external SS pulldown is released. The external pulldown must be sized large enough to override the internal 1.5mA adaptive SS pullup once the SS voltage falls below the disable threshold. TI recommends using a MOSFET with less than 100 Ω $R_{DS(on)}$ resistance to ensure the SS pin is held adequately below the disable threshold.

6.3.14 Adaptive Soft Start

To maintain a controlled power up, the UCC28070A has been designed with an adaptive soft-start function that overrides the internal reference voltage with a controlled voltage ramp during power up. On initial power up, once V_{VSENSE} exceeds the 0.75V enable threshold (V_{EN}), the internal pulldown on the SS pin is released, and the 1.5mA adaptive soft-start current source is activated. This 1.5mA pullup almost immediately pulls the SS pin to 0.75V (V_{VSENSE}) to bypass the initial 25% of dead time during a traditional 0V to $V_{REGULATION}$ SS ramp. Once the SS pin has reached the voltage on VSENSE, the 10 μ A soft-start current (I_{SS}) takes over. Thus, through the selection of the soft-start capacitor (C_{SS}), the effective soft-start time (t_{SS}) may be easily programmed based on Equation 21.

$$t_{SS} = C_{SS} \times \left(\frac{2.25 \text{ V}}{10 \mu\text{A}} \right) \quad (21)$$

Often, a system restart is desired following a brief shutdown. In such a case, VSENSE may still have substantial voltage if V_{OUT} has not fully discharged or if high line has peak charged C_{OUT} . To eliminate the delay caused by charging C_{SS} from 0V up to the precharged V_{VSENSE} with only the 10 μ A current source and minimize any further output voltage sag, the adaptive soft start uses a 1.5mA current source to rapidly charge C_{SS} to V_{VSENSE} , after which time the 10 μ A source controls the V_{SS} rise at the desired soft-start ramp rate. In such a case, t_{SS} is estimated as follows:

$$t_{SS} = C_{SS} \times \left(\frac{3 \text{ V} - V_{VSENSE0}}{10 \mu\text{A}} \right) \quad (22)$$

where

- $V_{VSENSE0}$ is the voltage at VSENSE at the moment a soft start or restart is initiated

Note

For soft start to be effective and avoid overshoot on V_{OUT} , the SS ramp must be slower than the voltage-loop control response. Choose $C_{SS} \geq C_{VZ}$ to ensure this.

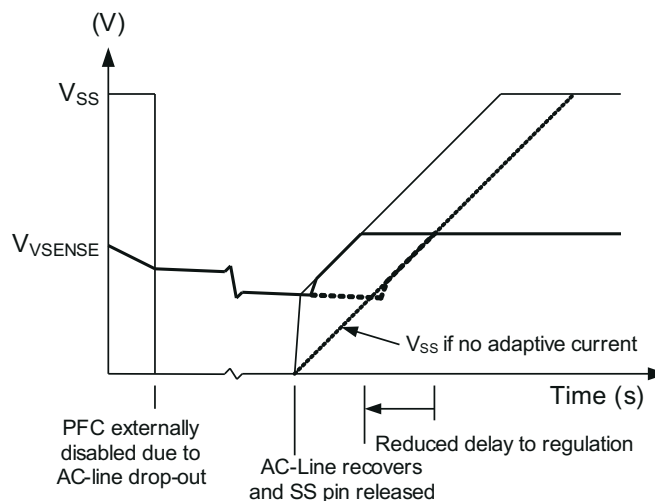


Figure 6-4. Soft-Start Ramp Rate

6.3.15 PFC Start-Up Hold Off

An additional feature designed into the UCC28070A is the *Start-Up Hold Off* logic that prevents the device from initiating a soft-start cycle until the VAO pin is below the zero-power threshold (0.75V). This feature ensures that the SS cycle initiates from zero-power and zero duty-cycle while preventing the potential for any significant inrush currents due to stored charge in the VAO compensation network.

6.3.16 Output Overvoltage Protection (OVP)

Because of the high voltage output and a limited design margin on the output capacitor, output overvoltage protection is essential for PFC circuits. The UCC28070A implements OVP through the continuous monitoring of V_{VSENSE} . In the event V_{VSENSE} rises above 106% of regulation (3.18V), the GDx outputs are immediately disabled to prevent the output voltage from reaching excessive levels. Meanwhile the CA0x outputs are pulled low to ensure a controlled recovery starting from 0% duty-cycle after an OVP fault is released. Once V_{VSENSE} has dropped below 3.08V, the PWM operation resumes normal operation.

6.3.17 Zero-Power Detection

To prevent undesired performance under no-load and near no-load conditions, the UCC28070A zero-power detection comparator is designed to disable both GDA and GDB outputs in the event V_{VAO} voltage falls below 0.75V. The 150mV of hysteresis ensures that the outputs remain disabled until V_{VAO} has nearly risen back into the linear range of the multiplier ($V_{VAO} \geq 0.9V$).

6.3.18 Thermal Shutdown

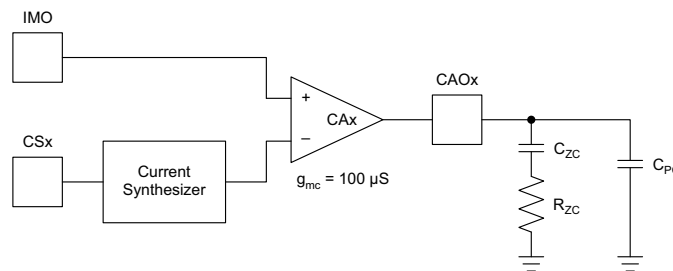
To protect the power supplies from silicon failures at excessive temperatures, the UCC28070A has an internal temperature-sensing comparator that shuts down nearly all of the internal circuitry, and disables the GDA and GDB outputs, if the die temperature rises above 160°C. Once the die temperature falls below 140°C, the device brings the outputs up through a typical soft start.

6.3.19 Current Loop Compensation

The UCC28070A incorporates two identical and independent transconductance-type current-error amplifiers (one for each phase) with which to control the shaping of the PFC input current waveform. The current-error amplifier (CA) forms the heart of the embedded current control loop of the boost PFC preregulator, and is compensated for loop stability using familiar principles [7, 8]. The output of the CA for phase-A is CAO_A, and that for phase-B is CAO_B. Because the design considerations are the same for both, they are collectively referred to as CAO_x, where x is A or B.

In a boost PFC preregulator, the current control loop comprises the boost power plant stage, the current sensing circuitry, the wave-shape reference, the PWM stage, and the CA with compensation components. The CA compares the average boost inductor current sensed with the wave-shape reference from the multiplier stage and generates an output current proportional to the difference.

This CA output current flows through the impedance of the compensation network generating an output voltage, V_{CAO}, which is then compared with a periodic voltage ramp to generate the PWM signal necessary to achieve PFC.



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Figure 6-5. Current Error Amplifier With Type II Compensation

For frequencies above boost LC resonance and below f_{PWM} , the small-signal model of the boost stage, which includes current sensing, can be simplified to:

$$\frac{V_{RS}}{V_{CA}} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times \frac{R_S}{N_{CT}}}{\Delta V_{RMP} \times k_{SYNC} \times s \times L_B} \quad (23)$$

where:

- L_B = mid-value boost inductance
- R_S = CT sense resistor
- N_{CT} = CT turns ratio
- V_{OUT} = average output voltage of the PFC converter
- $\Delta V_{RMP} = 4V_{pk-pk}$ amplitude of the PWM voltage ramp
- k_{SYNC} = ramp reduction factor due to external synchronization frequency: $k_{SYNC} = (15000 / R_{RT}(k\Omega)) / f_{SYNC}$, where $R_{RT}(k\Omega)$ is from Equation 8. When external synchronization is not used, $k_{SYNC} = 1$.
- s = Laplace complex variable

An R_{ZC} - C_{ZC} network is introduced on CAO_x to obtain high gain for the low-frequency content of the inductor current signal, but reduced flat gain above the zero frequency out to f_{PWM} to attenuate the high-frequency switching ripple content of the signal (thus averaging it).

The switching ripple voltage must be attenuated to less than 1/10 of the ΔV_{RMP} amplitude so as to be considered negligible ripple.

Thus, CAO_x gain at f_{PWM} is:

$$g_{mc} \times R_{zc} \leq \frac{\frac{\Delta V_{RMP} \times k_{SYNC}}{10}}{\Delta I_{LB} \times \frac{R_s}{N_{CT}}} \quad (24)$$

where:

- ΔI_{LB} is the maximum peak-to-peak ripple current in the boost inductor
- g_{mc} is the transconductance of the CA, 100 μ S

$$R_{ZC} \leq \frac{4V \times N_{CT} \times k_{SYNC}}{10 \times 100\mu S \times \Delta I_{LB} \times R_s} \quad (25)$$

The current-loop cross-over frequency is then found by equating the open loop gain to 1 and solving for f_{CXO} :

$$f_{CXO} = \frac{V_{OUT} \times \frac{R_s}{N_{CT}}}{\Delta V_{RMP} \times k_{SYNC} \times 2\pi \times L_B} \times g_{mc} \times R_{zc} \quad (26)$$

C_{ZC} is then determined by setting $f_{ZC} = f_{CXO} = 1 / (2\pi \times R_{ZC} \times C_{ZC})$ and solving for C_{ZC} . At $f_{ZC} = f_{CXO}$, a phase margin of 45° is obtained at f_{CXO} . Greater phase margin may be had by placing $f_{ZC} < f_{CXO}$.

An additional high-frequency pole is generally added at f_{PWM} to further attenuate ripple and noise at f_{PWM} and higher. This is done by adding a small-value capacitor, C_{PC} , across the $R_{ZC}C_{ZC}$ network.

$$C_{pc} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times f_{PWM} \times R_{zc}} \quad (27)$$

The procedure above is valid for fixed-value inductors.

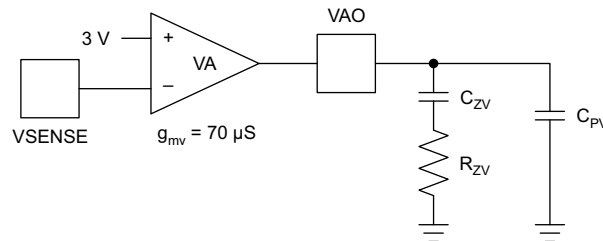
Note

If a "swinging-choke" boost inductor (inductance decreases gradually with increasing current) is used, f_{CXO} varies with inductance, so C_{ZC} must be determined at maximum inductance.

6.3.20 Voltage Loop Compensation

The outer voltage control loop of the dual-phase PFC controller functions the same as with a single-phase controller, and compensation techniques for loop stability are standard [7]. The bandwidth of the voltage-loop must be considerably lower than the twice-line ripple frequency (f_{2LF}) on the output capacitor to avoid distortion-causing correction to the output voltage. The output of the voltage-error amplifier (V_{VAO}) is an input to the multiplier to adjust the input current amplitude relative to the required output power. Variations on VAO within the bandwidth of the current loops influences the wave-shape of the input current. Because the low-frequency ripple on C_{OUT} is a function of input power only, its peak-to-peak amplitude is the same at high-line as at low-line. Any response of the voltage-loop to this ripple has a greater distorting effect on high-line current than on low-line current. Therefore, the allowable percentage of 3rd-harmonic distortion on the input current contributed by VAO must be determined using high-line conditions.

Because the voltage-error amplifier (VA) is a transconductance type of amplifier, the impedance on its input has no bearing on the amplifier gain, which is determined solely by the product of its transconductance (g_{mv}) with its output impedance (Z_{OV}). Thus, the V_{SENSE} input divider-network values are determined separately based on criteria discussed in [VSENSE and VINAC Open-Circuit Protection](#). Its output is the VAO pin.



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Figure 6-6. Voltage Error Amplifier With Type II Compensation

The twice-line ripple voltage component of V_{VSENSE} must be sufficiently attenuated and phase-shifted at VAO to achieve the desired level of 3rd-harmonic distortion of the input current wave-shape [4]. For every 1% of 3rd-harmonic input distortion allowable, the small-signal gain $G_{VEA} = V_{VAOpk} / V_{VSENSEpk} = g_{mv} \times Z_{OV}$ at the twice-line frequency must allow no more than 2% ripple over the full V_{VAO} voltage range. In the UCC28070A, V_{VAO} can range from 1V at zero load power to approximately 4.2V at full load power for a $\Delta V_{VAO} = 3.2V$, so 2% of 3.2V is 64mV peak ripple.

Note

Although the maximum V_{VAO} is clamped at 5V, at full load V_{VAO} may vary around an approximate center point of 4.2V to compensate for the effects of the quantized feed-forward voltage in the multiplier stage (see [Linear Multiplier and Quantized Voltage Feed Forward](#) for details). Therefore, 4.2V is the proper voltage to use to represent maximum output power when performing voltage-loop gain calculations.

The output capacitor maximum low-frequency, zero-to-peak, ripple voltage is closely approximated by:

$$V_{0pk} = \frac{P_{IN(avg)} \times X_{Cout}}{V_{OUT(avg)}} = \frac{P_{IN(avg)}}{V_{OUT(avg)} \times 2\pi \times f_{2LF} \times C_{OUT}} \quad (28)$$

where:

- $P_{IN(avg)}$ is the total maximum input power of the interleaved-PFC preregulator
- $V_{OUT(avg)}$ is the average output voltage
- C_{OUT} is the output capacitance

$$V_{SENSEpk} = V_{0pk} \times K_R \quad (29)$$

where

- k_R is the gain of the resistor-divider network on VSENSE

Thus, for k_{3rd} , the percentage of allowable 3rd-harmonic distortion on the input current attributable to the VAO ripple,

$$Z_{OV(f_{2LF})} = \frac{k_{3rd} \times 64 \text{ mV} \times V_{OUT(avg)} \times 2\pi \times f_{2LF} \times C_{OUT}}{g_{mv} \times k_R \times P_{IN(avg)}} \quad (30)$$

This impedance on VAO is set by a capacitor (C_{PV}), where $C_{PV} = 1 / (2\pi f_{2LF} \times Z_{OV(f_{2LF})})$; therefore:

$$C_{pv} = \frac{g_{mv} \times k_R \times P_{IN(avg)}}{k_{3rd} \times 64 \text{ mV} \times V_{OUT(avg)} \times (2\pi \times f_{2LF})^2 \times C_{OUT}} \quad (31)$$

The voltage-loop unity-gain cross-over frequency (f_{VXO}) may now be solved by setting the open-loop voltage transfer function gain equal to 1:

$$Tv(f_{VXO}) = G_{BST} \times G_{VEA} \times k_R = \left(\frac{P_{IN(avg)} \times X_{Cout}}{\Delta V_{VAO} \times V_{OUT(avg)}} \right) \times (g_{mv} \times X_{Cpv}) \times k_R = 1 \quad (32)$$

$$\text{so, } f_{VXO}^2 = \frac{g_{mv} \times k_R \times P_{IN(avg)}}{\Delta V_{VAO} \times V_{OUT(avg)} \times (2\pi)^2 \times C_{pv} \times C_{OUT}} \quad (33)$$

The zero-resistor (R_{ZV}) from the zero-placement network of the compensation may now be calculated. Together with C_{PV} , R_{ZV} sets a pole right at f_{VXO} to obtain 45° phase margin at the cross-over.

$$\text{Thus, } R_{zv} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times f_{VXO} \times C_{pv}} \quad (34)$$

Finally, a zero is placed at or below $f_{VXO} / 6$ with capacitor C_{ZV} to provide high gain at DC but with a breakpoint far enough below f_{VXO} so as not to significantly reduce the phase margin. Choosing $f_{VXO} / 10$ allows one to approximate the parallel combination value of C_{ZV} and C_{PV} as C_{ZV} , and solve for C_{ZV} simply as:

$$C_{zv} = \frac{10}{2\pi \times f_{VXO} \times R_{zv}} \approx 10 \times C_{pv} \quad (35)$$

By using a spreadsheet or math program, C_{ZV} , R_{ZV} , and C_{PV} may be manipulated to observe their effects on f_{VXO} and phase margin and the percentage contribution to 3rd-harmonic distortion. Also, phase margin may be checked as $P_{IN(avg)}$ level and system parameter tolerances vary.

Note

The percentage of 3rd-harmonic distortion calculated in this section represents the contribution from the f_{2LF} voltage ripple on C_{OUT} only. Other sources of distortion, such as the current-sense transformer, the current synthesizer stage, excessively-limited D_{MAX} , and so on, can contribute additional 3rd and higher-order harmonic distortion.

6.4 Device Functional Modes

The UCC28070A operates in Average Current Mode. This eliminates the peak-to-average current error inherent in the peak current mode control method and gives lower THD and harmonics on the current drawn from the line. It does not require slope compensation and has better noise immunity than the peak current control method.

7.2.1 Design Requirements

For this design example, use the parameters listed in [Table 7-1](#) as the input parameters.

Table 7-1. Design Parameters

DESIGN PARAMETER		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V _{AC}	Input voltage	85		265	V
V _{OUT}	Output voltage		390		V
f _{LINE}	Line frequency	47		63	Hz
f _{SW}	Switching frequency		200		kHz
P _{OUT}	Output power		300		W
η	Full load efficiency	90%			

7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

7.2.2.1 Output Current Calculation

The first step is to determine the maximum load current on the output.

$$I_o = \frac{P_o}{V_o} = \frac{300W}{385V} = 0.78A \quad (36)$$

7.2.2.2 Bridge Rectifier

The maximum RMS input-line current is given by [Equation 37](#):

$$I_{line_max} = \frac{P_o}{\eta V_{AC_min}} = \frac{300W}{98\%(85V)} = 3.6Arms \quad (37)$$

The peak input current is given by [Equation 38](#):

$$I_{in_pk} = \sqrt{2} \times I_{line_max} = \sqrt{2} \times 3.6A = 5.1A \quad (38)$$

The maximum average rectified line current is given by [Equation 39](#):

$$I_{in_avg_max} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \times I_{line_max} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \times 3.6A = 3.25A \quad (39)$$

A typical bridge rectifier has a forward voltage drop V_F of 0.95V at I_{in_pk} . The maximum power loss in the rectifier bridge can be conservatively estimated by [Equation 40](#):

$$P_{BR_max} = 2 \times V_F \times I_{in_avg_max} = 2 \times 0.95V \times 3.25A = 6.2W \quad (40)$$

The bridge rectifier must be rated to carry the full line current plus any anticipated line-surge peaks. The bridge rectifier also carries the full inrush current as the bulk capacitor C_{OUT} charges when the line is connected. The voltage rating of the bridge is recommended to maintain suitable margin to the maximum anticipated peak input voltage including AC-line swells.

7.2.2.3 PFC Inductor (L_1 and L_2)

The selection of the PFC inductor value is usually based on a number of different considerations. Cost, core size, EMI filter, and inductor ripple current are some of the factors that have an influence. In previous versions of this data sheet, the design method to choose the inductor targetted the peak to peak inductor ripple current (ΔI_L) at the minimum input voltage to have the same amplitude as the peak of AC-line current in each phase. The line current flows equally in the two phases so ΔI_L is half I_{in_pk} calculated in Equation 38. That method worked well for relatively low minimum input voltages, but was found to generate excessively low inductances for minimum inputs with peak voltages near $\frac{1}{2} V_{OUT}$.

A new method of calculating boost inductance is presented in this datasheet where low input-current distortion is the main design criterion. In recent years, low distortion at lighter loads and higher input voltages has become a major design requirement in many applications. In a CCM-Boost-PFC, the total harmonic distortion of the input current (THDi) increases greatly when the inductor current operates in DCM over a significant portion of the input AC-line cycle. To maintain low THDi at any given line and load point, it is necessary to maintain CCM in the boost inductors at that operating point. Since a PFC converter is intended to present an equivalent or emulated resistance R_e to the AC line, it can be shown [5] that inductor current operates in CCM over the entire line cycle when:

$$R_e < \frac{2 \times L_B}{T_{PWM}}, \text{ where } R_e = \frac{V_{rms}^2}{P_{IN}} \text{ and } T_{PWM} = \frac{1}{f_{PWM}} \quad (41)$$

By rearranging terms and substituting, the minimum boost inductance necessary to maintain CCM is calculated as:

$$L_1 = L_2 = L_B \geq \frac{V_{rms_CCM(max)}^2}{2 \times (P_{O_CCM(min)}/\eta) \times f_{PWM}} \quad (42)$$

where

- $V_{rms_CCM(max)}$ is the highest rms input voltage at which CCM operation is to be maintained
- $P_{O_CCM(min)}$ is the lowest output power level *per inductor* where CCM is to be maintained
- η is the expected conversion efficiency at $P_{O_CCM(min)}$ and $V_{rms_CCM(max)}$

Lower values of boost inductance than that calculated by Equation 42 can be used for PFC, but THDi will increase as the amount of DCM increases in the line cycle. To match the previous data sheet inductor selection, it can be seen that for CCM operation at 100Vrms input, 150W per phase, 95 % efficiency, and 200kHz PWM switching frequency, L_B must be $\geq 158.333\mu H$.

Select $L_1 = L_2 = 160\mu H$.

Given that inductance, ΔI_L at the peak of low-line can be calculated as follows:

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{(V_{OUT} - \sqrt{2} \times V_{AC_min})}{L_B} \times \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} \times V_{AC_min}}{V_{OUT}} \right) \times T_{PWM} = \frac{(385 V - 120 V)}{160 \mu H} \times \left(\frac{120 V}{385 V} \right) \times 5 \mu s = \sim 2.57 A \quad (43)$$

Then, the peak current in each boost inductor is approximately:

$$I_{L_pk} = \frac{I_{in_pk}}{2} + \frac{\Delta I_L}{2} = \frac{5.1 A}{2} + \frac{2.57 A}{2} = \sim 3.8 A \quad (44)$$

The basic inductor specifications for this application example are:

- Inductance: 160 μH
- Peak current: 4A

7.2.2.4 PFC MOSFETs (M_1 and M_2)

The main specifications for the PFC MOSFETs are:

- B_{VDS} , drain source breakdown voltage: $\geq 650V$
- $R_{DS(on)}$, ON-state drain source resistance: $520m\Omega$ at $25^\circ C$, estimate 1Ω at $125^\circ C$
- C_{OSS} , output capacitance: $32pF$ at $\sim 400V$
- t_r , device rise time: $12ns$
- t_f , device fall time: $16ns$

The losses in the device are calculated by Equation 45 and Equation 46. These calculations are approximations because the losses are dependent on parameters which are not well controlled. For example, the $R_{DS(on)}$ of a MOSFET may increase by a factor of 2 from $25^\circ C$ to $125^\circ C$. Therefore several iterations may be needed to choose an optimum device for an application different than the one discussed here.

Each phase carries half the load power so the conduction losses are estimated by:

$$P_{M_cond} = \left(\frac{0.5 \times P_o}{\sqrt{2} \times V_{IN(min)}} \times \sqrt{2 - \frac{16}{3\pi} \times \frac{\sqrt{2} \times V_{IN(min)}}{V_{OUT}}} \right)^2 \times R_{DS(on)} = \left(\frac{150W}{\sqrt{2} \times 85V} \times \sqrt{2 - \frac{16}{3\pi} \times \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 85V}{385V}} \right)^2 \times 1.0 = 2.25W \quad (45)$$

The switching losses in each MOSFET are estimated by:

$$P_{M_sw} = \frac{1}{2} \times f_{SW} \left(V_o \times \frac{I_{line_max}}{2} \times (t_r + t_f) + C_{oss} \times V_o^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \times 200kHz \left(385V \times \frac{3.6A}{2} \times (12ns + 16ns) + 32pF \times 385V^2 \right) = 2.4W \quad (46)$$

The total losses in each MOSFET are then:

$$P_M = P_{M_cond} + P_{M_sw} = 2.25W + 2.4W = 4.9W \quad (47)$$

7.2.2.5 PFC Diode

Reverse recovery losses can be significant in a CCM boost converter. A silicon-carbide diode is chosen here because it has no reverse recovery charge (Q_{RR}) and therefore zero reverse recovery losses.

$$P_D = V_f \times \frac{I_{OUT}}{2} = 1.5V \times \frac{0.78A}{2} = 580mW \quad (48)$$

7.2.2.6 PFC Output Capacitor

The value of the output capacitor is governed by the required hold-up time and the allowable ripple on the output.

The hold-up time depends on the load current and the minimum acceptable voltage at the output.

The value of the output capacitor must be large enough to provide the required hold-up time and keep the ripple voltage at twice line frequency within acceptable limits. Normally a capacitance value of about 0.6μF per Watt of output power is a reasonable compromise where hold-up time is not significant. At 300W this would indicate a capacitance of about 200μF.

The low frequency (at twice line frequency) rms voltage ripple on V_{OUT} is given by [Equation 49](#):

$$V_{o_ripple} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{I_o}{2\pi \times f_{line} \times C_o} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{0.78A}{2\pi \times 50Hz \times 200\mu F} = 4.4V_{rms} \quad (49)$$

The resulting low frequency current in the capacitor is:

$$I_{o_ripple} = 2\pi \times f_{lf} \times C_o \times V_{o_ripple} = 4\pi \times 100Hz \times 200\mu F \times 4.4V = 1.1Arms \quad (50)$$

7.2.2.7 Current-Loop Feedback Configuration

(Sizing of the Current-Transformer Turns-Ratio and Sense Resistor (R_S))

A current-sense transformer (CT) is typically used in high-power applications to sense inductor current and avoid the losses inherent in the use of a current-sensing resistor. For average current-mode control, the entire inductor current waveform is required; however low-frequency CTs are obviously impracticable. Normally, two high-frequency CTs are used, one in the switching leg to obtain the up-slope current and one in the diode leg to obtain the down-slope current. These two current signals are summed together to form the entire inductor current, but this is not necessary with the UCC28070A.

A major advantage of the UCC28070A design is the current-synthesis function, which internally recreates the inductor current down-slope during the switching period OFF-time. This eliminates the need for the diode-leg CT in each phase, significantly reducing space, cost and complexity. A single resistor programs the synthesizer down slope, as previously discussed in the [Current Synthesizer](#) section.

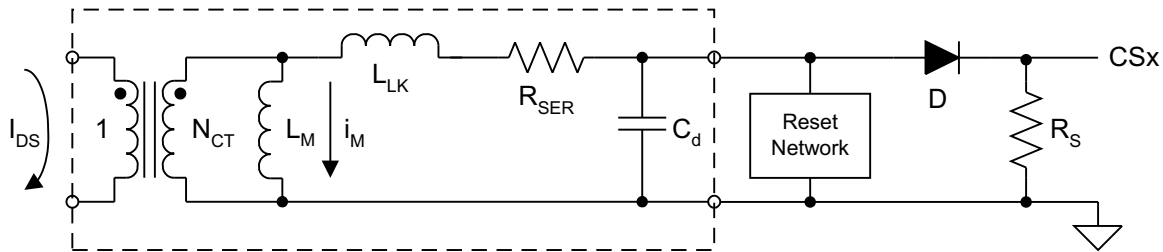
A number of trade-offs must be made in the selection of the CT. Various internal and external factors influence the size, cost, performance, and distortion contribution of the CT.

These factors include, but are not limited to:

- Turns-ratio (N_{CT})
- Magnetizing inductance (L_M)
- Leakage inductance (L_{LK})
- Volt-microsecond product ($V\mu s$)
- Distributed capacitance (C_d)
- Series resistance (R_{SER})
- External diode drop (V_D)
- External current sense resistor (R_S)
- External reset network

Traditionally, the turns-ratio and the current sense resistor are selected first. Some iterations may be needed to refine the selection once the other considerations are included.

In general, $50 \leq N_{CT} \leq 200$ is a reasonable range from which to choose. If N_{CT} is too low, there may be high power loss in R_S and insufficient L_M . If too high, there could be excessive L_{LK} and C_d . (A one-turn primary winding is assumed.)



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Figure 7-2. Current Sense Transformer Equivalent Circuit

A major contributor to distortion of the input current is the effect of magnetizing current on the CT output signal (i_{RS}). A higher turns-ratio results in a higher L_M for a given core size. L_M must be high enough that the magnetizing current (i_M) generated is a very small percentage of the total transformed current. This is an impossible criterion to maintain over the entire current range, because i_M unavoidably becomes a larger fraction of i_{RS} as the input current decreases toward zero. The effect of i_M is to *steal* some of the signal current away from R_S , reducing the CSx voltage and effectively understating the actual current being sensed. At low currents, this understatement can be significant and CA0x increases the current-loop duty-cycle in an attempt to correct the CSx input(s) to match the IMO reference voltage. This unwanted correction results in overstated current on the input wave shape in the regions where the CT understatement is significant, such as near the AC line zero crossings. It can affect the entire waveform to some degree under the high line, light-load conditions.

The sense resistor R_S is chosen, in conjunction with N_{CT} , to establish the sense voltage at CSx to be about 3V at the center of the reflected inductor ripple current under maximum load. The goal is to maximize the average signal within the common-mode input range V_{CMCAO} of the CA0x current-error amplifiers, while leaving room for the peaks of the ripple current within V_{CMCAO} . The design condition must be at the lowest maximum input power limit as determined in [Linear Multiplier and Quantized Voltage Feed Forward](#). If the inductor ripple current is so high as to cause V_{CSx} to exceed V_{CMCAO} , then R_S or N_{CT} or both must be adjusted to reduce peak V_{CSx} , which could reduce the average sense voltage center below 3V. There is nothing wrong with this situation; but be aware that the signal is more compressed between full-load and no-load, with potentially greater distortion at light loads.

The matter of volt-second balancing is important, especially with the widely varying duty-cycles in the PFC stage. Ideally, the CT is reset once each switching period; that is, the OFF-time $V_{\mu s}$ product equals the ON-time $V_{\mu s}$ product. ON-time $V_{\mu s}$ is the time-integral of the voltage across L_M generated by the series elements R_{SER} , L_{LK} , D , and R_S . Off-time $V_{\mu s}$ is the time-integral of the voltage across the reset network during the OFF-time. With passive reset, $V_{\mu s}(\text{off})$ is unlikely to exceed $V_{\mu s}(\text{on})$. Sustained unbalance in the on or off $V_{\mu s}$ products leads to core saturation and a total loss of the current-sense signal. Loss of V_{CSx} causes V_{CAOX} to quickly rise to its maximum, programming a maximum duty-cycle at any line condition. This, in turn causes the boost inductor current to increase without control, until the system fuse or some component failure interrupts the input current.

It is vital that the CT has plenty of $V_{\mu s}$ design-margin to accommodate various special situations where there may be several consecutive maximum duty-cycle periods at maximum input current, such as during peak current limiting.

Maximum $V_{\mu s}(\text{on})$ can be estimated by:

$$V_{\mu s(\text{on})_{\text{max}}} = (V_{RS} + V_D + V_{R_{SER}} + V_{L_{LK}}) \times t_{ON(\text{max})} \quad (51)$$

where

- all factors are maximized to account for worst-case transient conditions
- $t_{ON(max)}$ occurs during the lowest dither frequency, if frequency dithering is enabled

For design margin, a CT rating of approximately $5 \times V_{\mu s(on)max}$ or higher is suggested. The contribution of V_{RS} varies directly with the line current. However, V_D may have a significant voltage even at near-zero current, so substantial $V_{\mu s(on)}$ may accrue at the zero-crossings where the duty-cycle is maximum. V_{RSE} is the least contributor, and often can be neglected if $R_{SER} < R_S$. V_{LK} is developed by the di/dt of the sensed current, and is not observable externally. However, its impact is considerable, given the sub-microsecond rise-time of the current signal plus the slope of the inductor current. Fortunately, most of the built-up $V_{\mu s}$ across L_M during the ON-time is removed during the fall-time at the end of the duty-cycle, leaving a lower net $V_{\mu s(on)}$ to be reset during the OFF-time. Nevertheless, the CT must, at the very minimum, be capable of sustaining the full internal $V_{\mu s(on)max}$ built up until the moment of turn-off within a switching period.

To reset the CT, $V_{\mu s(off)}$ may be generated with a resistor or Zener diode, using the i_M as bias current.

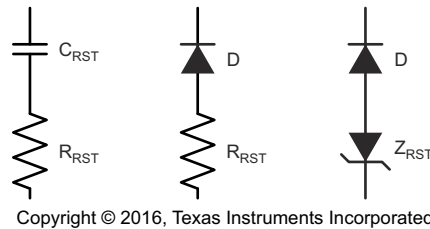


Figure 7-3. Possible Reset Networks

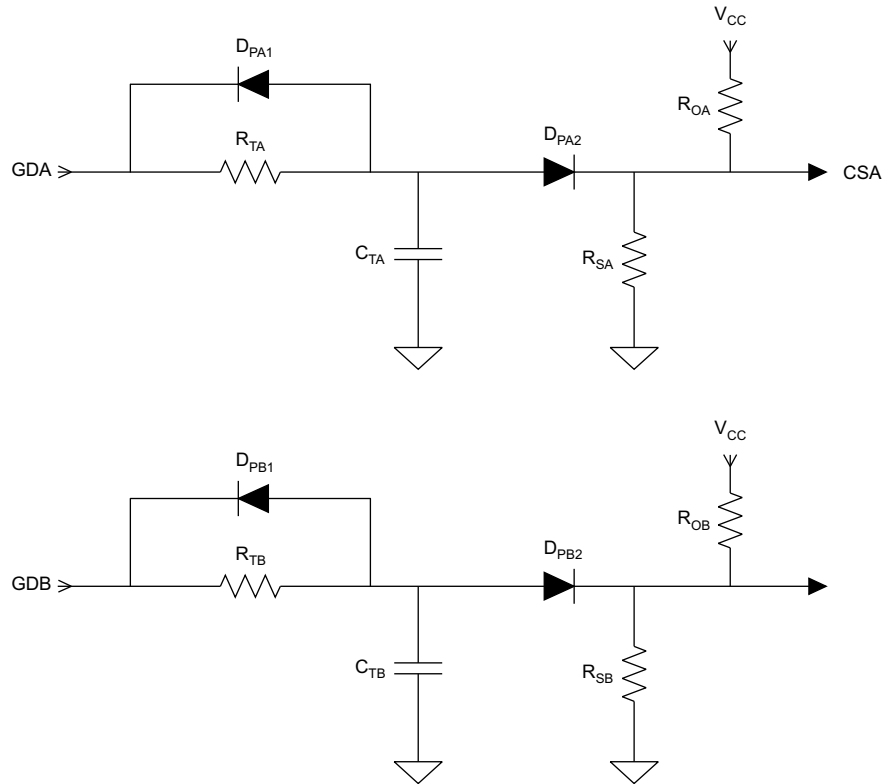
To accommodate various CT circuit designs and prevent the potentially destructive result due to CT saturation, the UCC28070A maximum duty-cycle must be programmed such that the resulting minimum OFF-time accomplishes the required worst-case reset. (See [Programming the PWM Frequency and Maximum Duty-Cycle Clamp](#) for more information on sizing R_{DMX} .) Be aware that excessive C_d in the CT can interfere with effective resetting, because the maximum reset voltage is not reached until after 1/4-period of the CT self-resonant frequency. A higher turns-ratio results in higher C_d [6], so a trade-off between N_{CT} and D_{MAX} must be made.

The selected turns-ratio also affects L_M and L_{LK} , which vary proportionally to the square of the turns. Higher L_M is good, while higher L_{LK} is not. If the voltage across L_M during the ON-time is assumed to be constant (which it is not, but close enough to simplify) then the magnetizing current is an increasing ramp.

This upward ramping current subtracts from i_{RS} , which affects V_{CSx} especially heavily at the zero-crossings and light loads, as stated earlier. With a reduced peak at V_{CSx} , the current synthesizer starts the down-slope at a lower voltage, further reducing the average signal to $CAOx$ and further increasing the distortion under these conditions. If low input current distortion at very light loads is required, special mitigation methods may need to be developed to accomplish that goal.

7.2.2.8 Current-Sense Offset and PWM Ramp for Improved Noise Immunity

To improve noise immunity at extremely light loads, TI recommends adding a PWM ramp with a DC offset to the current-sense signals. Electrical components R_{TA} , R_{TB} , R_{OA} , R_{OB} , C_{TA} , C_{TB} , D_{PA1} , D_{PA2} , D_{PB1} , D_{PB2} , C_{TA} , and C_{TB} form a PWM ramp that is activated and deactivated by the gate drive outputs of the UCC28070A. Resistor R_{OA} and R_{OB} add a DC offset to the CS resistors (R_{SA} and R_{SB}).



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Figure 7-4. PWM Ramp and Offset Circuit

When the inductor current becomes discontinuous the boost inductors ring with the parasitic capacitances in the boost stages. This inductor current rings through the CTs causing a false current-sense signal. Figure 7-5 shows what the current-sense signal looks like when the inductor current becomes discontinuous.

Note

The inductor current (I_{L1}) and $V_{R_{SA}}$ may vary from this graphical representation depending on how much inductor ringing is in the design when the current becomes discontinuous.

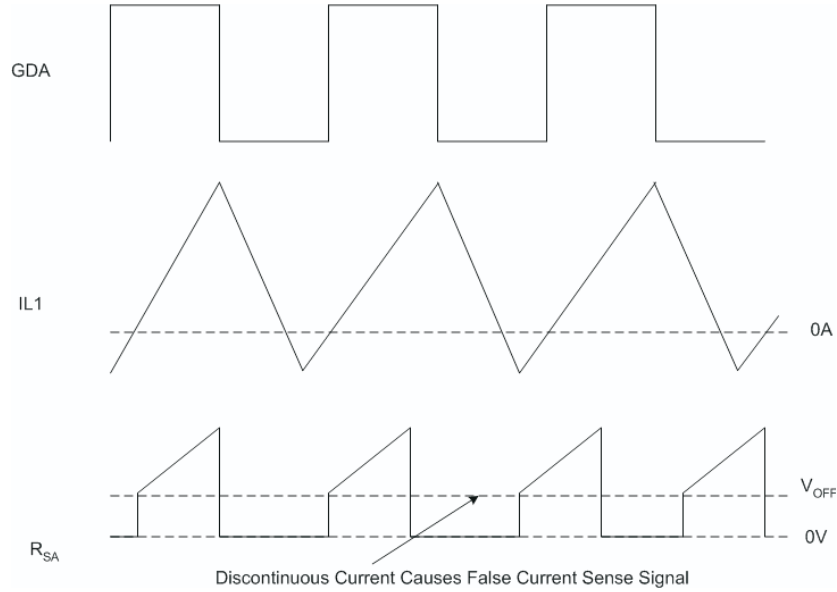


Figure 7-5. False Current-Sense Signal

To counter for the offset (V_{OFF}) just requires adjusting resistors R_{OA} and R_{OB} to ensure that when the unit goes discontinuous the current-sense resistor is not seeing a positive current when it must be zero. Setting the offset to 120mV is a good initial starting point and may need to be adjusted down or up based on evaluation of iTHD.

$$R_{SA} = R_{SB} \quad (52)$$

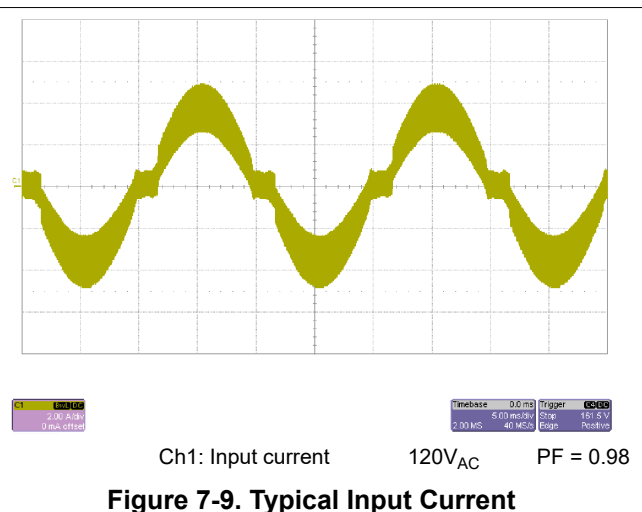
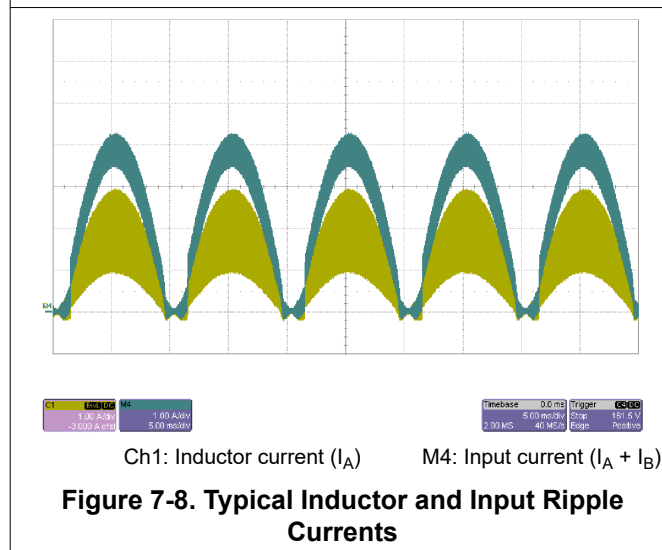
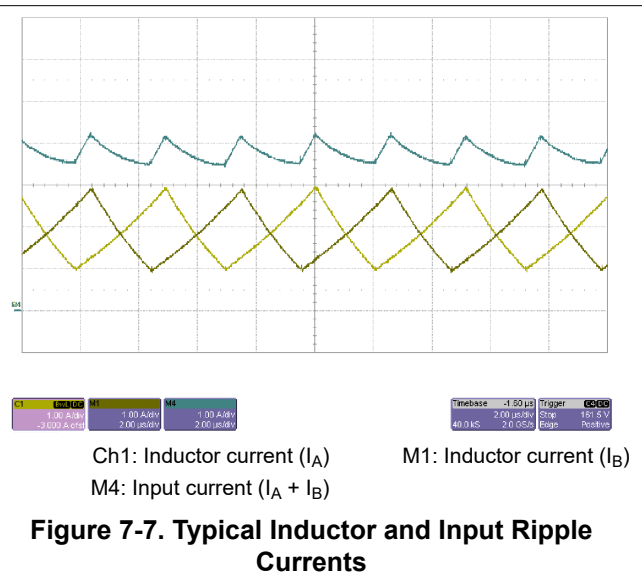
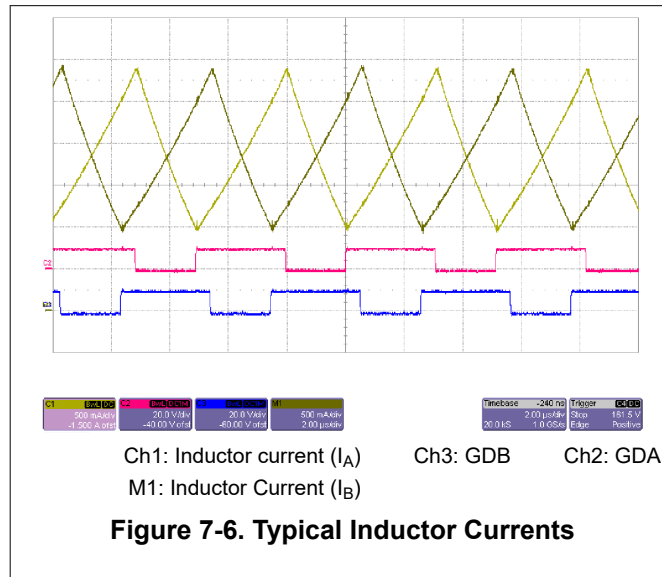
$$R_{OA} = R_{OB} = \frac{(V_{VCC} - V_{OFF}) \times R_{SA}}{V_{OFF}} \quad (53)$$

A small PWM ramp that is equal to 10% of the maximum current-sense signal (V_S) minus the offset can then be added by properly selecting R_{TA} , R_{TB} , C_{TA} and C_{TB} .

$$R_{TA} = R_{TB} = \frac{(V_{VCC} - (V_S \times 0.1 - V_{OFF}) + V_{DA2}) \times R_{SA}}{V_S \times 0.1 - V_{OFF}} \quad (54)$$

$$C_{TA} = C_{TB} = \frac{1}{R_{TA} \times f_S \times 3} \quad (55)$$

7.2.3 Application Curves



7.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The UCC28070A must be operated from a V_{CC} rail which is within the limits given in [Recommended Operating Conditions](#). To avoid the possibility that the device might stop switching, V_{CC} must not be allowed to fall into the UVLO range. Yet, to minimize power dissipation in the device, V_{CC} must not be unnecessarily high. Keeping V_{CC} at or near 12V is a good compromise between these competing constraints.

The gate drive outputs from the UCC28070A can deliver large current pulses into their loads. This indicates the need for a low ESR decoupling capacitor to be connected as directly as possible between the VCC and GND pins. TI recommends ceramic capacitors with a stable dielectric characteristic over temperature, such as X7R. Avoid capacitors which have a large drop in capacitance with applied DC voltage bias and use a part that has a low voltage co-efficient of capacitance. TI recommends a decoupling capacitance of 10 μ F, X7R, with at least a 25V rating. A capacitor of at least 0.1 μ F must be placed as close as possible between the VCC and GND pins.

7.4 Layout

7.4.1 Layout Guidelines

Interleaved-PFC techniques dramatically reduce input and output ripple current caused by the PFC boost inductor, which allows the circuit to use smaller and less expensive filters. To maximize the benefits of interleaving, the output filter capacitor must be located after the two phases allowing the current of each phase to be combined together before entering the boost capacitor. Similar to other power-management devices, when routing the PCB it is important to use *star grounding* techniques and to keep filter and high frequency bypass capacitors as close to device pins and ground as possible. To minimize the possibility of interference caused by magnetic coupling from the boost inductor, the device must be located at least 1 inch away from the boost inductor. TI recommends not to place the device underneath magnetic elements.

7.4.2 Layout Example

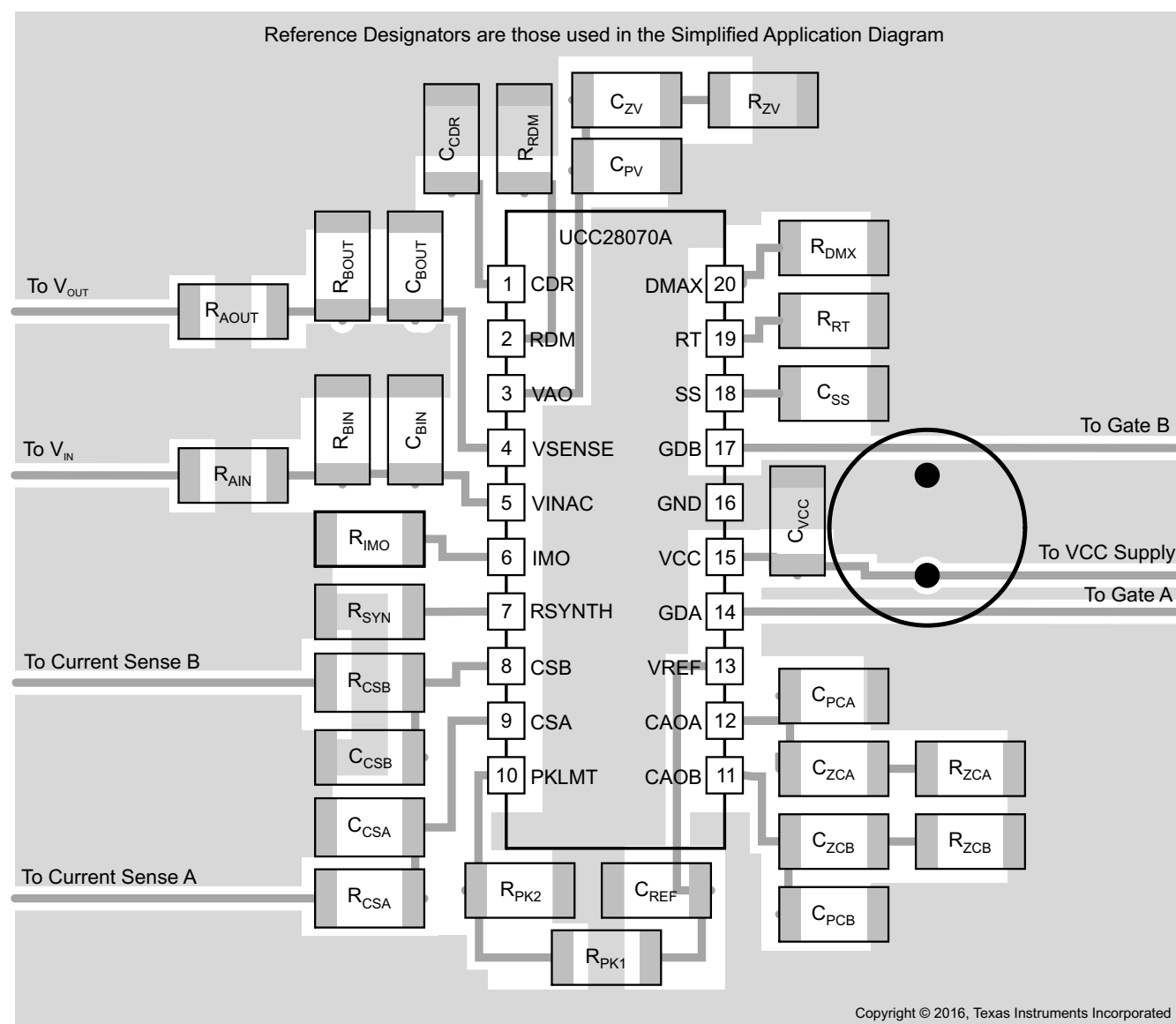


Figure 7-10. Layout Diagram

8 Device and Documentation Support

8.1 Documentation Support

8.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation to aid in system design see the following:

1. Texas Instruments, [UCC28070 Excel Applications Design Tool](#), calculation program
2. Texas Instruments, [UCC28070 300-W Interleaved PFC Pre-Regulator Design Review](#), application report, companion document to the Excel Design Tool
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6. Creel, Kirby *Measuring Transformer Distributed Capacitance*, White Paper, Datatronic Distribution, Inc. website: http://www.datatronics.com/pdf/distributed_capacitance_paper.pdf
7. L. H. Dixon, *Optimizing the Design of a High Power Factor Switching Preregulator*, Unitrode Power Supply Design Seminar Manual SEM700, 1990. [SLUP093](#)
8. L. H. Dixon, *High Power Factor Preregulator for Off-Line Power Supplies*, Unitrode Power Supply Design Seminar Manual SEM600, 1988. [SLUP087](#)

8.2 Community Resources

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UCC28070APW	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 20	70 TUBE	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	28070A
UCC28070APW.B	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 20	70 TUBE	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	28070A
UCC28070APWR	Active	Production	TSSOP (PW) 20	2000 LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	28070A
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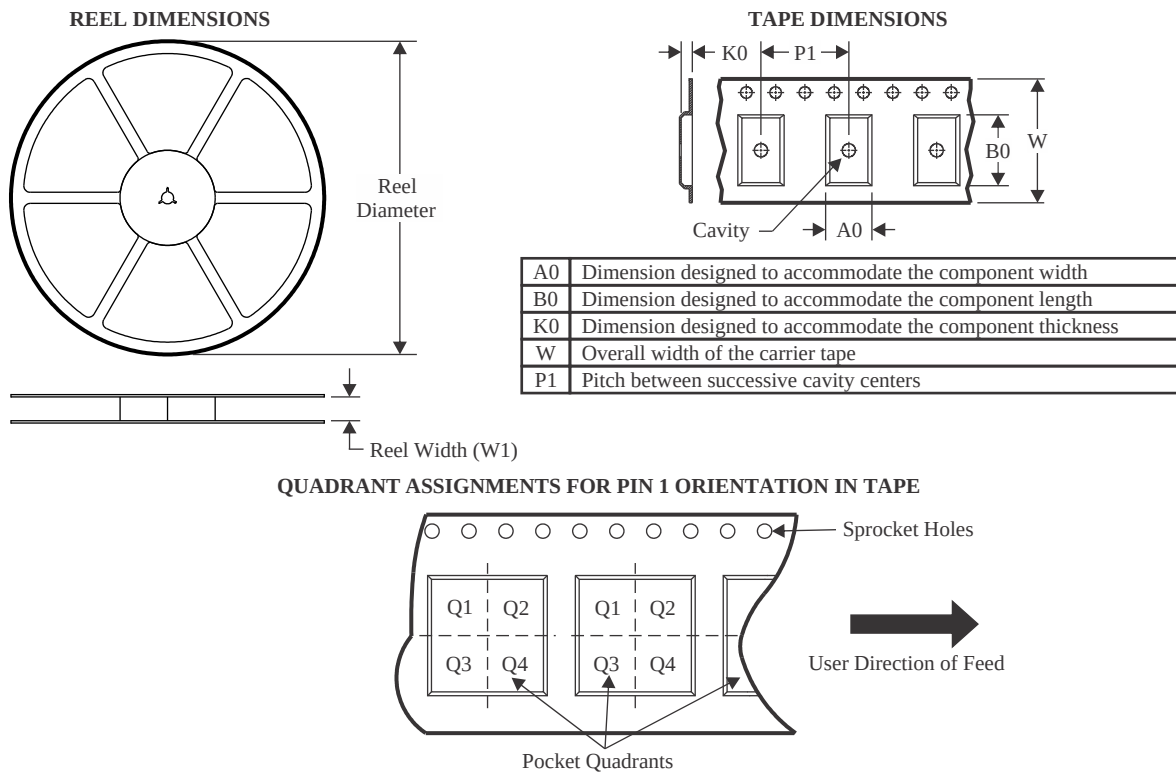
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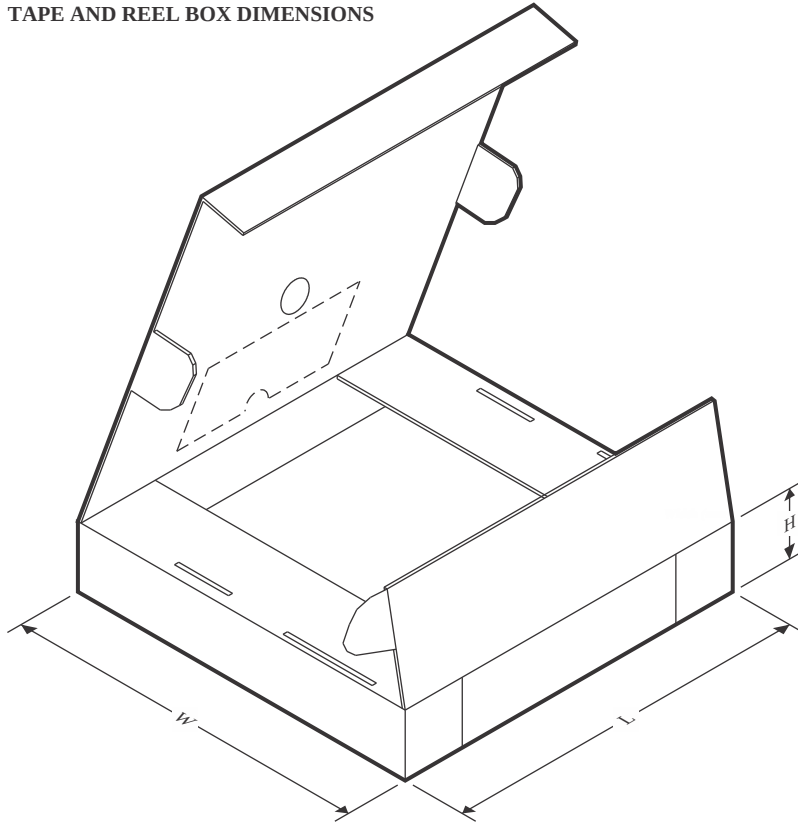
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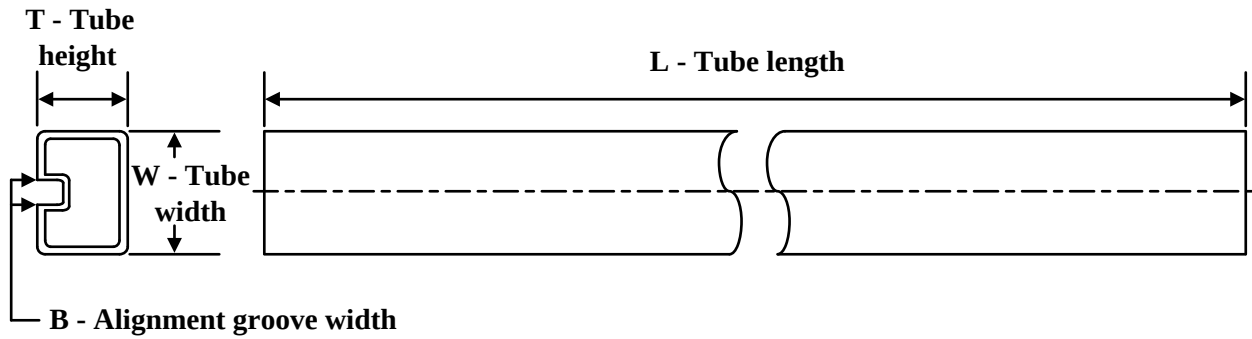
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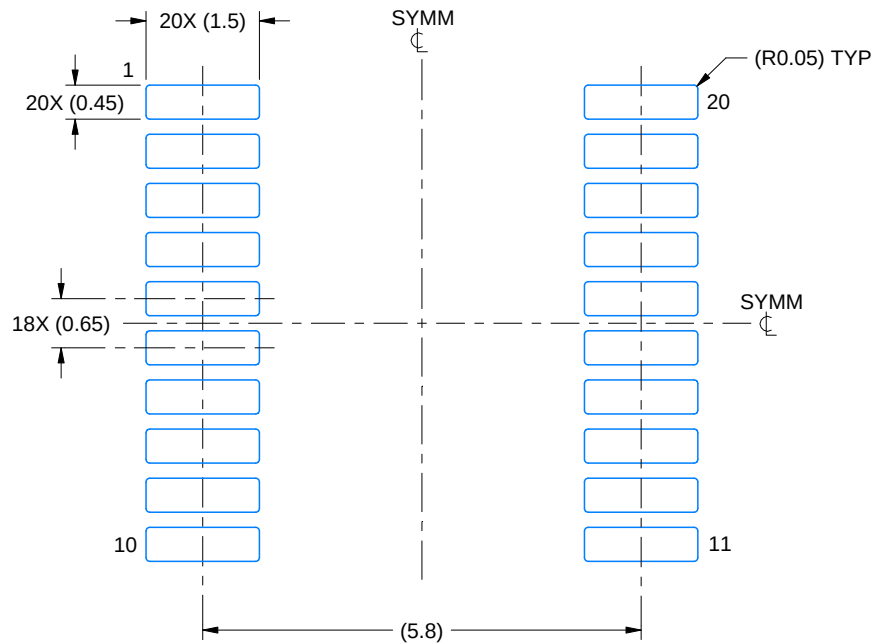
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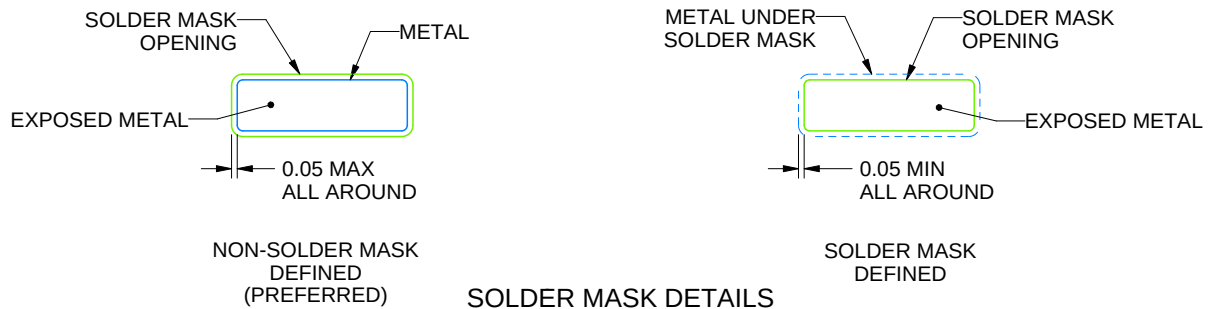
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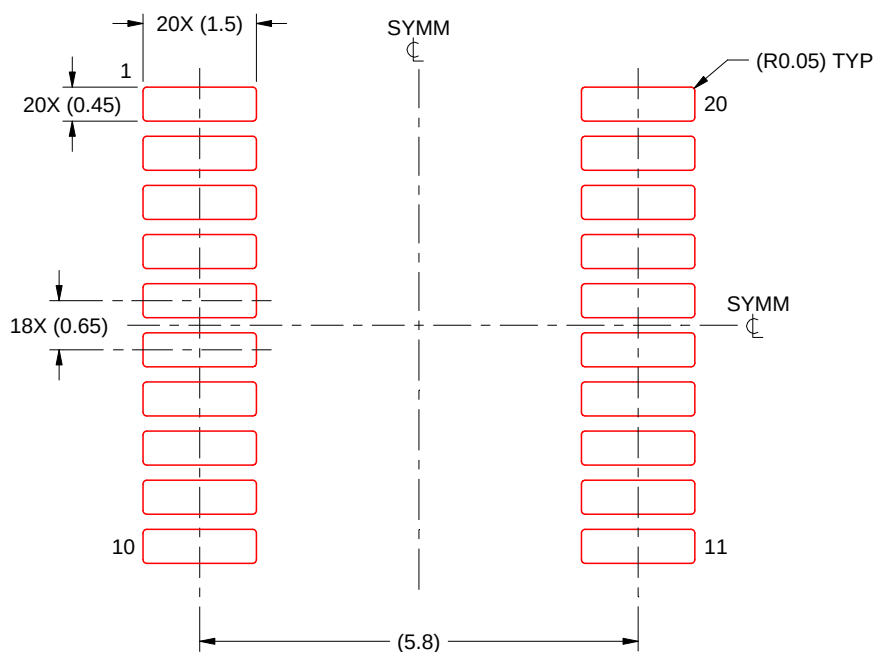
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