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## ISL73847M

Radiation Tolerant Single/Dual-Phase Current Mode PWM Controller

The [ISL73847M](https://www.renesas.com/isl73847m) is a synchronous buck controller that can operate as a single or dual-phase controller. It works with the ISL71441M (half-bridge GaN FET driver) to generate point-of-load voltage rails for commercial space applications.

It accepts an input voltage range of 4.5V to 19V with a programmable PWM output switching frequency between 250kHz and 1.5MHz with a single resistor. The output can regulate a voltage upwards of 600mV and is limited on the top end by the minimum off time and selected switching frequency.

The wide input voltage range makes it a suitable power supply option for a high-current FPGA core and other general-purpose power solutions. The ISL73847M uses current mode modulation, which simplifies loop compensation and provides excellent power supply rejection. Additionally, the output is remotely sensed to compensate for any voltage drop in the load conditions. Together, results in a robust power supply solution that requires minimal components while achieving high current density.

The ISL73847M also features a tri-level output that provides excellent protection against faults by driving a mid scale voltage to signal the power stage to enter a Hi-Z condition.

The ISL73847M operates across the military temperature range from -55°C to +125°C and is available in a 24 Ld WSOIC plastic package.

## **Applications**

- FPGA Core Power Supply
- General Purpose Power Supply



#### **Features**

- Qualified to Renesas Rad Tolerant Screening and QCI Flow [\(R34TB0004EU](https://www.renesas.com/us/en/document/tcb/r34tb0004-renesas-radiation-tolerant-plastic-screening-and-qci-flow))
- Wide operating voltage range:
	- Input: 4.5V to 19V
	- Output: 0.6V to  $V_{PWR\ STAGE} \times ((T_{SW} - 120ns)/T_{SW})$
- Programmable PWM output switching frequency
	- 250kHz to 1.5MHz
- Optional Droop regulation
- Current mode control provides
	- Excellent power supply rejection
	- Simplified control scheme
- Output differential remote sensing
- Programmable soft-start
- Enable control
- Power-good Indicator
- TID radiation lot acceptance testing (LDR: ≤0.01rad(Si)/s)
	- ISL73847M30BZ: 30krad(Si)
	- ISL73847M50BZ: 50krad(Si)
- SEE characterization
	- No DSEE with  $V_{DD}$  = 25V and 43MeV•cm<sup>2</sup>/mg
	- SEFI <3 $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> at 43MeV $\cdot$ cm<sup>2</sup>/mg
	- SET <2% on V<sub>OUT</sub> at 43MeV•cm<sup>2</sup>/mg



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*Caution:* Do not operate at or near the maximum ratings listed for extended periods of time. Exposure to such conditions can adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.



<span id="page-7-3"></span>1. Tested under a heavy ion environment.

2. No SEFI seen ≤10V at LET 43MeV•cm2/mg.

3. Maximum current through anti-parallel diodes should be ≤10mA.

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<span id="page-8-3"></span>1. Outgassing results meet NASA requirements of total mass loss <1% and collected volatile condensible material <0.1%.

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1.  $\theta_{JA}$  is measured in free air with the component mounted on a high-effective thermal conductivity test board. See [TB379](https://www.renesas.com/www/doc/tech-brief/tb379.pdf).

2. For  $\theta_{\text{JC}}$ , the case temperature location is the center of the package top surface.

# <span id="page-8-2"></span>**3.5 Electrical Specifications**

V<sub>DD</sub> = 4.5V & 19V, C<sub>VCC</sub> = 1µF and T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C; unless otherwise specified. **Boldface limits apply across the operating temperature range, -55°C to +125°C by characterization with production testing at +25°C; over a total ionizing dose of 30krad(Si) at +25°C with exposure at a low dose rate of <10mrad(Si)/s (ISL73847M30BZ only); or over a total ionizing dose of 50krad(Si) at +25°C with exposure at a low dose rate of <10mrad(Si)/s (ISL73847M50BZ only).**



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1. Typical values are at 25°C and are not guaranteed.

<span id="page-13-0"></span>2. This test is conducted in a closed loop circuit as shown in [Figure 7](#page-14-1) and includes the error amplifier offset.

<span id="page-13-1"></span>3. This specification is included within the Set Point Voltage specification.

4. Limits established by characterization and/or design analysis and are not production tested.





# <span id="page-14-1"></span><span id="page-14-0"></span>**4. Typical Performance Curves**

Unless otherwise noted,  $V_{OUT}$  = 1V; L<sub>OUT</sub> = 220nH per phase, C<sub>OUT</sub> = 2.64mF per phase, C<sub>DROOP</sub> = 56nF, C<sub>VREF</sub> = 100nF,  $R_{DROOP}$  = 0Ω,  $R_{FS}$  = 94.2kΩ,  $C_{SS}$  = 22nF,  $C_{COMP}$  = 8.2nF,  $R_{COMP}$  = 4.22kΩ,  $C_{POLE}$  = 330pF,  $C_{VCC}$  = 1µF,  $R_{SLP}$  = 34.8kΩ,  $C_{SLP}$  = 100pF, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C



**Figure 8. Load Regulation for Various Temperatures**   $(V_{IN} = 5V)$ 







**Figure 9. Load Regulation for Various Temperatures**   $(V_{IN} = 12V)$ 















**Figure 15. Phase 1 Current Share vs Temperature**   $(V_{IN} = 5V)$ 







**Figure 16. Phase 2 Current Share vs Temperature**   $(V_{IN} = 5V)$ 















**Figure 18. Phase 2 Current Share vs Temperature**   $(V_{IN} = 12V)$ 



**Figure 20. Conversion Efficiency for Various V<sub>IN</sub>** (f<sub>SW</sub> = 250kHz, Tested on the ISL73847MDEMO1Z), L<sub>OUT</sub> = 450nH per phase, C<sub>OUT</sub> = 5.28mF per phase, **CCOMP = 15nF, CDROOP = 100nF, RFS = 205kΩ**



Figure 22. PWMx Frequency vs Temperature (V<sub>IN</sub> = 5V,  $I_{\text{LOAD}}$  = 50A)











100µs/Div

V<sub>OUT</sub> 20mV/Div

 $-\Delta V_{\text{OUT}} = 98.2 \text{mV}$ 

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**Figure 26. Load Transient Response**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 12V, R_{DROOP} = 604Ω)$ 



**Figure 28. Start-Up with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 4.62V, I_{LOAD} = 50A$ 

# **Figure 23. Load Transient Response**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 5V)$ ILOAD 50A/Div



**Figure 29. Start-Up with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 12V, I_{LOAD} = 0A$ 









**Figure 33. Shutdown with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 5V, I_{LOAD} = 0A)$ 

EN 5V/Div V<sub>OUT</sub> 200mV/Div IL1 10A/Div IL2 10A/Div PWM1 5V/Div<br>PWM2 5V/Div T FLT 5V/Div SS 1V/Div 1ms/Div

**Figure 32. Start-Up with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 13.2V, I_{LOAD} = 50A$ 



**Figure 34. Shutdown with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 5V, I_{LOAD} = 50A)$ 



5µs/Div

**Figure 35. Shutdown with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 12V, I_{LOAD} = 0A$ 



**Figure 36. Shutdown with EN**  $(P_{VIN} = V_{DD} = 12V, I_{LOAD} = 50A$ 





**Figure 37. Pre-Biased Start-Up** 

 $(V_{DD} = 4.62V, P_{VIN} = 12V, I_{LOAD} = 0A, Vpre-bias = 900mV$ 



Figure 39. Overcurrent Protection (P<sub>VIN</sub> = 12V, V<sub>DD</sub> = 5V) Figure 40. Overcurrent Protection (P<sub>VIN</sub> = V<sub>DD</sub> = 12V)



**Figure 38. Pre-Biased Start-Up (PVIN =VDD = 12V, ILOAD = 0A, Vpre-bias = 900mV**







Figure 41. Start-Up with a Short (P<sub>VIN</sub> = V<sub>DD</sub> = 5V) **Figure 42. Start-Up with a Short (P<sub>VIN</sub> = V<sub>DD</sub> = 12V)** 



**Figure 43. SYNC (V<sub>DD</sub> = 5V, P<sub>VIN</sub> = 12V, RSYNC-O = 100kΩ to VCC, FSYNC-I = 1.15MHz)**







**Figure 44. SYNC (V<sub>DD</sub> = 5V, P<sub>VIN</sub> = 12V, RSYNC-O = 100kΩ to GND, FSYNC-I= 1.15MHz)**



Figure 46. SYNC (V<sub>DD</sub> = 12V, P<sub>VIN</sub> = 12V, RSYNC-O = **100kΩ to GND, FSYNC-I= 1.15MHz)**

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>**5. Operational Description**

## <span id="page-21-1"></span>**5.1 Dual Phase Operation**

The ISL73847M can operate in single-phase or dual-phase mode. The part is configured to work in dual-phase mode by default. To operate in single-phase mode, short the PWM output to VCC. Either PWM1 or PWM2 can be chosen for single-phase operation if the other is shorted to VCC. The flexibility of using either output in single-phase can help during layout, as it may be easier to route the current-sense feedback signals to one channel or the other.

#### <span id="page-21-2"></span>**5.2 Oscillator and Clock Synchronization**

The switching frequency of the controller is determined by a resistor to ground on the FS pin  $(R_{FS})$ . The ISL73847M can operate with an oscillator frequency of 500kHz to 3MHz. If the FS pin is shorted to ground, the ISL73847M reads this as a fault and stops switching.

#### **5.2.1 External Synchronization (SYNC-I)**

The ISL73847M has a SYNC-I pin that allows synchronizing it to an external clock. It is necessary to set the internal oscillator to 15% less than the required frequency of the external oscillator to use this functionality, ensuring that if the SYNC-I frequency stops at any point, the internal oscillator takes over and continues operating. The allowable frequency range for the external clock is 588kHz to 3MHz. The SYNC-I frequency should be twice the required PWM output switching frequency.

*Note:* The maximum SYNC-I frequency should not exceed the maximum oscillator frequency (3MHz).

#### **5.2.2 Clock Output (SYNC-O)**

The ISL73847M has a SYNC-O pin that can output either the oscillator frequency or the PWM output switching frequency. Place a 100kΩ resistor on the SYNC-O pin to ground to output the oscillator frequency. Place a 100kΩ resistor on the SYNC-O pin to VCC to output the PWM output switching frequency. The choice to use one or the other depends on what is receiving the clock pulse. If the clock output is being used to synchronize another ISL73847M, it expects a frequency twice the PWM switching frequency (load the pin with 100kΩ to ground). Other PWM regulators such as the ISL7000x family of parts, switch at the same frequency as the incoming frequency (tie with 100kΩ to VCC). When SYNC-O is unloaded, it is in phase with PWM2. During a fault condition, the SYNC-O is asserted low.

#### <span id="page-21-3"></span>**5.3 Remote Sensing**

The ISL73847M can provide differential remote sensing. This sensing allows for the power stage to reside close to the point of load and has the controller further away to reduce the possibility of noise injection because of switching noise from the power stage. In this configuration, the remote sensing also allows the ISL73847M to compensate for any loss along the copper planes carrying large currents.

## <span id="page-21-4"></span>**5.4 Droop Regulation**

Droop regulation can minimize transient voltages on the regulated output during large load steps. It lowers the output voltage as the load current increases, effectively increasing the DC output impedance for the power supply.

Droop regulation is tuned by adding a resistor between VREF and DROOP. The ISL73847M sinks a current on DROOP that is proportional to the sum of the differential voltage across both current sense inputs. This current through the resistor between VREF and DROOP changes the reference voltage presented to the error amplifier, thereby changing the DC regulation point. The larger the resistor, the greater the variation in regulated voltage with respect to the load current.

#### <span id="page-22-0"></span>**5.5 Peak Current Mode Control**

The ISL73847M regulates peak current mode by presenting the current-sense signal directly to the PWM comparator. The current-sense amplifier has a minimum bandwidth of 10MHz, allowing it to keep up with the ripple current through the inductor. The PWM pulse is terminated when the current crosses the error amplifier output.

The ISL73847M has two identical peak mode control comparators, one for each set of PWM and ISEN pins. The matching between these two comparators is important to consider when setting the overcurrent thresholds of the part. The current sharing accuracy of the two phases is specified as the millivolts of offset between the phase's actual current and what that current would ideally be. For example, if a 50A load is pulled from a 2-phase system, ideally an average current of 25A per phase is achieved. With a 2mΩ sense resistor, that corresponds to 50mV on each pair of ISEN pins. A 4mV current sharing limit (I<sub>PHSHARE</sub>) means that one phase might be as high as 54mV, which corresponds to 27A of load current. The other phase must be 23A (or 46mV) to supply the 50A load.

#### <span id="page-22-1"></span>**5.6 Tri-State PWM Control**

The ISL73847M features a tri-level PWM output with low-level, high-level, and mid-level voltage. The high-level output turns on the high-side FET, while a low-level output turns on the low-side FET, and the mid-level output turns off both the high-side and low-side FETs. This state is helpful during fault conditions where you want to protect any downstream devices and the power stage. Connect a 100kΩ resistor on PWM1 and PWM2 to GND.

The ISL73847M works with drivers that accept a tri-level input, like the ISL71441M.

#### <span id="page-22-2"></span>**5.7 Boot Refresh**

When the ISL73847M first powers up before soft-start, it issues a boot refresh command that consists of 32 mid-to-low transitions on the PWM output, allowing sufficient time for the boot capacitor to charge up. The switching frequency determines the frequency of the boot refresh pulses and the pulse is equal to the minimum on-time ( $t_{MINON}$ ). An appropriate boot capacitor value can be determined using the frequency and pulse widths.

Whenever the ISL73847M is tri-stated, it starts an analog timer that lasts 60µs ±60% (tolerance because of process and part-to-part variation). Four additional boot refresh pulses are transmitted if the timer completes before the next high-level signal to ensure the boot voltage is replenished. This would be the case in a pre-biased startup, where there could be significant time between the boot refresh pulses and the first high-side signal.

## <span id="page-22-3"></span>**5.8 Current Sense Amplifiers and Current Monitoring (IMON)**

The ISL73847M uses 10MHz (minimum) transconductance amplifiers for each phase to continuously achieve peak current control by sensing the inductor current. Current sensing can be accomplished using a shunt resistor on the output side of the inductor or through inductor DCR sensing. Shunt sensing provides high precision accuracy at the cost of power dissipation, while DCR current sensing has little power dissipation because of indirectly senses the inductor current. Its drawbacks include reduced accuracy across the operating temperature range and the inability to sense when an inductor is saturating; therefore, Renesas recommends using soft saturation inductors.

The ISL73847M has an IMON pin that monitors the current through the power supply for telemetry purposes. Connect a resistor from the IMON pin to GND. In this configuration, the IMON pin reflects the average of the inductor ripple current. An additional capacitor in parallel with the resistor can improve averaging. The size of the capacitor needed to average the current depends on the ripple seen on the IMON pin.

## <span id="page-22-4"></span>**5.9 Adjustable Slope Compensation**

The ISL73847M is a peak current mode controller prone to subharmonic oscillations when the duty cycle exceeds 50%. Adding a compensating ramp equal to the downslope of the inductor current can dampen any subharmonic oscillation within one switching cycle. Renesas recommends using adequate slope compensation if the nominal duty is under but close to 50%, as the duty cycle could cross 50% as the load increases. The slope compensation depends on the SLOPE pin and the FS pin.

If slope compensation is insufficient, the converter can experience subharmonic oscillation that could result in noise emissions at half the switching frequency. However, too much slope compensation can deteriorate the phase margin; therefore, slope compensation must be carefully considered.

## <span id="page-23-0"></span>**5.10 Pulse Skipping**

The ISL73847M can skip pulses if the feedback indicates excessive minimum pulse width. One scenario where this can arise would be during a load release when operating close to the minimum on-time. Pulse skipping reduces the overshoot during the unloading in a transient step.

## <span id="page-23-1"></span>**5.11 VDD and VCC Range**

The ISL73847M has an internal LDO that provides the bias for all internal circuitry. The input of the LDO is VDD, which accepts a range of 4.5V up to 19V. VCC is the output of the LDO, which regulates 5V. When VDD is operating in the range of 4.5V to 5.0V, VCC tracks VDD minus the dropout.

## <span id="page-23-2"></span>**5.12 Enable**

The ISL73847M features a 2-stage enable. When enable is at 1V (gross threshold), the internal circuitry is biased (such as reference voltage, oscillator, and logic) but switching is disabled. When the voltage of EN crosses the fine threshold, switching is enabled, and the IC attempts a boot refresh and soft-start. Because of filtering for Single Event Effects (SEE), the EN logic state (high or low) must persist for at least 80µs for the part to recognize it and respond. The enable pin has a pull-down that disables the part if the pin is not actively driven.

## <span id="page-23-3"></span>**5.13 Initialization and Startup**

When the ISL73847M first powers up, it goes through several states before boot refresh and soft-start. After VDD has crossed the rising UVLO threshold, the oscillator waits for 128 clock cycles at 500kHz before allowing the digital core to enter its configuration state. The configuration state lasts 886 clock cycles at 500 kHz. When the digital core completes its configuration, it signals the oscillator to switch to the frequency set by the FS pin or SYNC-I. After an additional 128 clock cycles at the new frequency, boot refresh pulses commence, followed by soft-start. [Figure 47](#page-23-4) and [Figure 48](#page-24-2) illustrate the start-up sequence.



<span id="page-23-4"></span>Figure 47. Start-Up Timing Diagram (R<sub>SYNC-O</sub> = OPEN)



**Figure 48. Start-Up Timing Diagram (R<sub>SYNC-O</sub> = 100kΩ)** 

<span id="page-24-2"></span>During states A and C in [Figure 47](#page-23-4) and [Figure 48](#page-24-2), the oscillator blanks the clock signal to the digital core. Therefore, the oscillator has time to stabilize its frequency before entering the configuration state (B) or run state (D).

*IMPORTANT:* During states A and C, the digital core does not receive a clock; therefore, it cannot detect a rising edge on EN. Instead, the EN signal must persist long enough so the digital core can read it during states B and D. The ISL73847M reacts to a falling edge on EN regardless of the controller's state.

## <span id="page-24-0"></span>**5.14 Hiccup**

Any time the ISL73847M encounters a fault, it enters hiccup mode. During hiccup mode, the controller waits for one soft-start cycle before attempting to start switching again. If the fault has not cleared after the dummy softstart cycle has completed, the ISL73847M waits until it clears and starts the PWM output switching. This would be the case if the fault that tripped was the driver pulling FLT low because of an over-temperature fault.

If an output short occurs, the part would hiccup, go through a dummy soft-start cycle, and attempt to start up indefinitely until the output short is removed. In this case, as soon as the part starts switching, it would trip the gross overcurrent threshold and go back to hiccup. When the output short is removed, normal operation resumes after the configuration sequence, which is 886 clock cycles at 500kHz.

## <span id="page-24-1"></span>**5.15 Fault Handling**

#### **5.15.1 Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit**

The current flowing through the inductor is monitored through the current-sense inputs using a sense resistor or DCR sensing. When the input reaches the current limit threshold ( $V<sub>PCI</sub>$ ), the PWM pulse is terminated to limit the peak current. A single cycle-by-cycle current limit event does not trigger a hiccup, but if there are four current limit events in an eight-clock cycle window, the ISL73847M enters a hiccup.

#### **5.15.2 Inductor Peak Overcurrent Protection**

If the output current increases after triggering the cycle-by-cycle current limit, the ISL73847M has a second overcurrent protection ( $V_{\text{POC}}$  and  $V_{\text{NOC}}$ ). If triggered, it drives the PWM outputs to mid-level (tri-state the power stage) and enters a hiccup. If the initial fault persists or another fault occurs during the next soft-start, the cycle repeats indefinitely and stays in hiccup. The overcurrent protection protects against both positive and negative overcurrent conditions.

#### **5.15.3 Overvoltage and Undervoltage Fault**

The ISL73847M has overvoltage and undervoltage protection, which triggers when V<sub>(FB, OV)</sub> or V<sub>(FB, UV)</sub> is exceeded. If the  $V_{(FB. OV)}$  or  $V_{(FB. UV)}$  levels are reached, the part enters a hiccup.

#### **5.15.4 FLT Pin**

The FLT pin (FLT stands for Fault) is a bi-directional communication pin between the ISL73847M controller and the ISL71441M driver. On the ISL73847M, the FLT pin is low and is an I/O when the part is not ready (during startup) or encounters a fault. The ISL71441M uses this pin to communicate if it is not ready to accept input or encounters a fault on its end. In either case, if the FLT pin is pulled low by the ISL71441M, the ISL73847M sets its PWM outputs to mid-level and enters a hiccup. PWM at mid-level tells the ISL71441M to turn off both of its FET outputs. The FLT pin is an input while switching (during and after startup).

*Note:* The [FLT Mid Threshold Voltage](#page-9-0) in the Electrical Characteristic table is the same as the FLT Falling Threshold.

#### **5.15.5 Oscillator and Sync Input Fault**

If the FS pin is inadvertently shorted to ground, this causes a fault in the controller, and switching would be inhibited.

The ISL73847M can synchronize to an external frequency. If the external clock is not present or if the internal clock frequency is not less than 15% of the required external clock frequency, the part reverts to the internal oscillator and continues operation. When the external sync input returns or if the internal clock frequency is less than 15% of the required external clock frequency, the ISL73847M immediately switches back to the external clock, as shown in [Figure 49.](#page-25-0)



**Figure 49. Switching between Internal Oscillator and External Oscillator on SYNC-I (External clock frequency changed from 1MHz to 1.15MHz)**

<span id="page-25-0"></span>While switching between the internal and external oscillators, there may be a glitch observed on the regulated output. The size of this glitch depends on the frequency difference between the internal and external clock, output capacitance, and output loading.

The internal oscillator must be configured to operate 15% slower than the minimum external frequency applied to the SYNC-I pin to ensure that this fail safe works accordingly,. Setting the internal oscillator to a frequency that is too close to the external sync frequency can result in the clock output alternating between the internal and external clock, resulting in a beat frequency.

If the SYNC-I function is unnecessary, leave the pin floating as it has an internal pull-down. If whatever is driving the SYNC-I pin gets stuck in either a logic high or low, and as long as there are no transitions, the ISL73847M reverts to the internal oscillator.

# <span id="page-26-0"></span>**6. Applications Information**

## <span id="page-26-1"></span>**6.1 PWM Output Switching Frequency Selection**

The PWM output switching frequency is half the frequency of the internal oscillator. This is done to obtain a precise 180° phase shift between phases. The switching frequency is determined based on the requirements of the regulator size, power dissipation, and conversion ratio, where minimum controllable on/off times should be considered. Increasing the switching frequency reduces the solution size but, at the same time, increases switching losses. A balance must be reached between these parameters to decide the optimal switching frequency.

When the switching frequency is determined, the FS resistor (frequency setting resistor) can be determined by using [Equation 1.](#page-26-3) Renesas recommends using precision resistors to set the oscillator frequency as variations in the resistor increase the oscillator frequency spread.



**Figure 50. R<sub>FS</sub> vs Frequency** 

<span id="page-26-4"></span>The oscillator frequency is determined by a resistor to ground on the FS pin where R<sub>FS</sub> is in kiloohms (kΩ) for a desired switching frequency  $f_{SW}$  in kilohertz (kHz).

<span id="page-26-3"></span>(EQ. 1) 
$$
R_{FS}[kΩ] = \frac{56497}{f_{SW}[kHz]} - 20.96
$$

*IMPORTANT*: [Equation 1](#page-26-3) approximates the real data presented in [Figure 50](#page-26-4). The data used for [Figure 50](#page-26-4) is typical, and there is some variation because of temperature and variation. This variation is shown in the electrical specifications table by providing four fixed resistors and the frequency and tolerance achieved with those resistors.

## <span id="page-26-2"></span>**6.2 Output Voltage Setting**

Use [Equation 2](#page-26-5) to calculate the required regulated output voltage. For greater voltage accuracy, Renesas recommends using 0.1% feedback resistors.

<span id="page-26-5"></span>**(EQ. 2)**  $V_{\bigodot}$ UT =  $V_{\bigodot}$ EF  $\times$  1  $R_{2}$ =  $V_{REF} \times \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)$ 

- $\cdot$  V<sub>OUT</sub> is the required regulated output voltage.
- $V_{RFF}$  is the internal reference voltage on the VFB+ pin, which is 0.6V (typical).
- $\cdot$  R<sub>1</sub> is the bottom resistor in the feedback divider.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>2</sub> is the top resistor in the feedback divider.

#### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**6.3 Resistor Current Sensing and Monitoring Setting**

The ISL73847M can sense current through a shunt resistor or DCR sensing. Use [Equation 3](#page-27-1) to determine the required shunt resistance or minimum DCR of the inductor. Depending on what PV<sub>IN</sub>, V<sub>OUT</sub>, and I<sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> are, DCR sensing might not be practical. For example, in a high current and low output voltage application, getting an inductor that meets both the minimum DCR requirement and the saturation current capability might not be possible. In this case, shunt sensing is the only option.

<span id="page-27-1"></span>(EQ. 3) 
$$
R_{SEN} = \frac{V_{SEN} \times n}{I_{OUT(MAX)}}
$$

- $\cdot$  R<sub>SEN</sub> is the sense resistor or DCR of the inductor.
- n is the number of phases (for the ISL73847M this is either 1 or 2).
- $\blacksquare$   $I_{\text{OUT}(MAX)}$  is the max DC output current for all phases.
- V<sub>SEN</sub> is the target current-sense amplifier input voltage during steady-state operation, which is 50mV (typical).

It is necessary to add RC filters for the sense resistor and DCR sensing. In the case of the sense resistor, it is to compensate for the parasitic inductance. Use [Equation 4](#page-27-2) to calculate the RC filter if the resistance and parasitic inductance of the sense resistor are known. For DCR sensing, the RC filter has to be properly selected such that the voltage across the cap is proportional to the current through the inductor.



**Figure 51. RSEN Parasitic Inductance Compensation RC Circuit** 

<span id="page-27-2"></span>(EQ. 4) 
$$
\frac{L_{PAR}}{R_{SEN}} = R_{FIL} \times C_{FIL}
$$

- $\cdot$  R<sub>FII</sub> is the resistance of the resistor in the RC filter.
- $\cdot$  C<sub>FIL</sub> is the capacitance of the capacitor in the RC filter.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>SFN</sub> is the sense resistor from [Equation 3](#page-27-1).
- $\cdot$  L<sub>PAR</sub> is the parasitic inductance of R<sub>SEN</sub>.

The ISL73847M continuously monitors the inductor current of each phase. The IMON pin outputs a current proportional to the summation of current from both phases.

(EQ. 5) 
$$
I_{MON} = \sum_{n=1}^{2} R_{SEN} \times I_{Ln} \times g_{m(CSA, IMON)}
$$

- $\blacksquare$  I<sub>MON</sub> is the current out of the IMON pin.
- $R_{\text{SEN}}$  is the sense resistor calculated from [Equation 3.](#page-27-1)
- $I_{Ln}$  is the inductor current for a given phase, where n is the phase number.
- $g_{m(CSA, IMON)}$  is the transconductance from the input of the current sense amp to the IMON pin, which is 0.39µA/mV (typical).

## <span id="page-28-0"></span>**6.4 DCR Current Sensing**

The DCR method of current sensing in a buck converter uses the DC resistance of the inductor winding as the current sense element. This method eliminates the need for a sense resistor and improves efficiency. The inductor DCR does vary based on the temperature coefficient of the selected winding material, such as Cu. However, these variations are not quite as wide as using a MOSFET for  $r_{DS(ON)}$  sensing. This method is often used in low-output voltage converters, as any voltage drop on a sense resistor negates the low-output voltage. Keep in mind that DCR sensing is not recommended for current-sharing applications.

If the DCR =  $R_{\text{SEN}}$ , place an RC filter across the inductor. as shown in [Figure 52](#page-28-3).



**Figure 52. DCR Current Sensing when DCR = RSEN** 

<span id="page-28-3"></span>Calculate the component values using [Equation 6:](#page-28-2)

<span id="page-28-2"></span>(EQ. 6) 
$$
\frac{L}{DCR} = R_{FIL} \times C_{FIL}
$$

- L is the output inductor value.
- DCR is the DC resistance of inductor winding.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>FIL</sub> is the resistor value selected for DCR sensing and filtering.
- $\cdot$  C<sub>FIL</sub> is the capacitor value selected for DCR sensing and filtering.

If DCR <  $R_{\rm SFN}$ , a resistor can be added to get the required  $R_{\rm SFN}$ , as shown in [Figure 53](#page-28-4).



Figure 53. DCR Current Sensing when DCR < R<sub>SEN</sub>

<span id="page-28-4"></span>Calculate the component values using [Equation 7.](#page-28-1) For example, if  $R_{SEN}$  is 2m $\Omega$  and the chosen inductor has a DCR of 1mΩ, a 25mV current sense signal is produced instead of a 50mV signal. To fix this, add R = 1mΩ in series with the inductor to get a  $R_{\text{SEN}}$  = 2m $\Omega$ .

<span id="page-28-1"></span>(EQ. 7) 
$$
\frac{L}{DCR + R} = R_{FIL} \times C_{FIL}
$$

- L is the output inductor value.
- DCR is the DC resistance of inductor winding.
- R is the added resistor in series with the inductor.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>FII</sub> is the resistor value selected for DCR sensing and filtering.

 $C_{\text{FIL}}$  is the capacitor value selected for DCR sensing and filtering.

If DCR >  $R_{\rm SEN}$ , a voltage divider must be added to the current sense filter to obtain the required  $R_{\rm SEN}$ , as shown in [Figure 54](#page-29-3).



**Figure 54. DCR Current Sensing when DCR > RSEN** 

<span id="page-29-3"></span>Calculate the component values using [Equation 8.](#page-29-1) For example, if  $R_{\text{SFN}}$  is 2mΩ and the chosen inductor has a DCR of 3mΩ, a 75mV current sense signal is produced instead of a 50mV signal. To fix this, use an R<sub>FIL1</sub> = 1kΩ and  $R_{F1L2}$  = 2k $\Omega$  divider to reduce the 75mV current sense signal to 50mV.

<span id="page-29-1"></span>
$$
\textbf{(EQ. 8)} \qquad \frac{\mathsf{L}}{\mathsf{DCR}} = \frac{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{FIL1}} \times \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{FIL2}}}{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{FIL1}} + \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{FIL2}}} \times \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{FIL}}
$$

- L is the output inductor value.
- DCR is the DC resistance of inductor winding.
- **•** R<sub>FIL1</sub> and R<sub>FIL2</sub> are the resistor values selected for DCR sensing and filtering.
- $\cdot$  C<sub>FIL</sub> is the capacitor value selected for DCR sensing and filtering.

#### <span id="page-29-0"></span>**6.5 Inductor Selection**

To select the proper inductance value, determine the input voltage, output voltage, switching frequency, and inductor ripple current. Renesas recommends ensuring the inductor ripple current is 30%.

(EQ. 9) 
$$
I_{OUT} = n \times I_{PHASE}
$$

- n is the number of phases (for the ISL73847M this is either 1 or 2).
- $\blacksquare$  I<sub>PHASE</sub> is the phase current.

Designing with less ripple current reduces the output voltage ripple but comes at the expense of slower transient response. Therefore, the amount of acceptable ripple would need to be decided on a per-application basis.

Use [Equation 10](#page-29-2) to calculate a good first-pass estimate for the inductor size.

<span id="page-29-2"></span>
$$
\textbf{(EQ. 10)} \quad L_{REC} = \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times D \times n}{k \times f_{SW} \times I_{OUT}}
$$

- $\blacksquare$  L<sub>RFC</sub> is the recommended inductance.
- $\cdot$  V<sub>IN</sub> is the input voltage to the power supply.
- $\cdot$  V<sub>OUT</sub> is the output voltage of the power supply.
- **•** D is the duty cycle; for a buck converter, it is  $(V_{\text{OUT}}/V_{\text{IN}})$ .
- $\bullet$  k is the inductor ripple to DC current ratio ( $k = 0.3$  is recommended).
- n is the number of phases (for the ISL73847M this is either 1 or 2).
- $\cdot$  f<sub>SW</sub> is the switching frequency of the power supply.
- $\blacksquare$  I<sub>OUT</sub> is the output current of the regulator.

#### <span id="page-30-0"></span>**6.6 Slope Compensation**

Use [Equation 11](#page-30-5) to calculate the slope compensation resistor:

<span id="page-30-5"></span>
$$
R_{\text{SLOPE}} = \frac{R_{\text{SEN}} \times R_{\text{FS}} \times V_{\text{OUT}}}{k \times L_{\text{SEL}}}
$$

 $25k\Omega \leq R_{SI~OPE} \leq 100k\Omega$ 

- $\cdot$  R<sub>SLOPE</sub> is the slope compensation resistor.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>SFN</sub> is the value of the current sensing resistor.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>FS</sub> is the value of the resistor that sets the switching frequency.
- $\cdot$  V<sub>OUT</sub> is the output voltage of the power supply.
- k is a constant, 25kV/s.
- $\cdot$  L<sub>SEL</sub> is the user-selected output inductance.

The R<sub>SLOPE</sub> value must stay within 25kΩ to 100kΩ for proper operation of the internal circuitry. If R<sub>SLOPE</sub> is less than 25kΩ, L<sub>SEL</sub> must be decreased; If R<sub>SLOPE</sub> is greater than 100kΩ, L<sub>SEL</sub> must be increased.

## <span id="page-30-1"></span>**6.7 Error Amplifier Compensation and Output Capacitance**

To calculate the output capacitor and compensation values, the transient response ∆V<sub>OUT</sub> and transient current step ∆I<sub>OUT</sub> must be known. With these two known values, use [Equation 12](#page-30-2) to calculate the equivalent load-line output impedance  $R_{\text{L}}$ .

<span id="page-30-2"></span>
$$
(\text{EQ. 12)} \quad R_{LL} = \frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta I_{OUT}}
$$

As an example, if a regulator needs to meet a 5% transient specification for V<sub>OUT</sub> = 1V and ∆I<sub>OUT</sub> = 50A, ∆V<sub>OUT</sub> is 50mV (1V×5%), which would make  $R_{11} = 50$ mV/50A = 1m $\Omega$ .

The error amplifier is a transconductance amplifier that makes it much easier to compensate by placing a series resistor and capacitor on the output of the amplifier (COMP pin). Use [Equation 13](#page-30-4) to determine the compensation resistor  $(R_{COMP})$ .

<span id="page-30-4"></span>
$$
\textbf{(EQ. 13)} \quad \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{COMP}} = \frac{\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{OUT}} \times \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{SEN}} \times \mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{CSA}}}{\mathsf{n} \times \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}} \times \mathsf{g}_{\mathsf{m}( \mathsf{EA})} \times \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{LL}}}
$$

- $\cdot$  R<sub>COMP</sub> is the COMP pin resistor.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>SEN</sub> is the sense resistor or minimum DCR of the inductor.
- $\cdot$  A<sub>CSA</sub> is the gain of the current sense amplifier, which is 8mV/mV (typical).
- n is the number of phases (for the ISL73847M this is either 1 or 2).
- $\blacktriangleright$  V<sub>REF</sub> is the internal reference voltage on the VFB+ pin, which is 0.6V (typical).
- **•**  $g_{m(EA)}$  is the transconductance of the error amplifier, which is 3.57mA/V or 3.57mS (typical).
- $\cdot$  R<sub>LL</sub> is the equivalent load-line output impedance calculated with [Equation 12.](#page-30-2)

The output capacitance determines the unity gain frequency  $f_T$ . Renesas recommends setting the unity gain frequency a decade below the switching frequency ( $f_T = f_{SW}/10$ ). After selecting real output capacitors, rearrange [Equation 14](#page-30-3) to solve for  $f<sub>T</sub>$  and recalculate the actual unity gain frequency ( $f<sub>T</sub>$ ).

<span id="page-30-3"></span>**(EQ. 14)** C<sub>OUT(MIN)</sub>  $n \times R_{\sf COMP} \times g_{\sf m(EA)} \times {\sf V_{REF}}$  $=\frac{COMP}{2\pi \times f_T \times A_{CSA} \times R_{SEN} \times V_{OUT}}$ 

- C<sub>OUT(MIN)</sub> is the minimum output capacitance needed for the required unity gain frequency of the regulator.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>COMP</sub> is the COMP pin resistor calculated in [Equation 13.](#page-30-4)
- $V_{REF}$  is the internal reference voltage on the VFB+ pin, which is 0.6V (typical).
- $\cdot$  V<sub>OUT</sub> is the output voltage of the power supply.
- $f_T$  is the unity gain frequency of the regulator, typically  $f_T = f_{SW}/10$ .
- $\cdot$  R<sub>SEN</sub> is the sense resistor or minimum DCR of the inductor.
- $\blacksquare$  A<sub>CSA</sub> is the gain of the current sense amplifier, which is 8mV/mV (typical).

Equations for  $R_{\text{COMP}}$  and  $C_{\text{OUT(MIN)}}$  are derived for an ideal case where the output capacitance has no parasitic ESR and ESL. The actual equivalent output capacitance has some parasitic ESR and ESL that impact the transient response. Use [Equation 15](#page-31-1) to approximate the total transient response.

<span id="page-31-1"></span> $(\textsf{EQ. 15}) \quad \Delta \rm{V}_{\rm OUT(TOTAL)} = \Delta \rm{V}_{\rm OUT} + \Delta \rm{V}_{\rm ESR} + \Delta \rm{V}_{\rm ESL}$ 

- $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}$  is the value in [Equation 12](#page-30-2) used for calculating R<sub>LL</sub>.
- $\Delta V_{FSR}$  is the output voltage deviation due to the equivalent parasitic ESR, calculated in [Equation 16.](#page-31-2)

<span id="page-31-2"></span>**(EQ. 16)**  $\Delta V_{ESR} = \Delta I_{OUT} \times ESR$ 

■ ∆V<sub>FSI</sub> is the output voltage deviation due to the equivalent parasitic ESL, calculated in [Equation 17](#page-31-3), where di/dt is the slew rate of the transient step.

<span id="page-31-3"></span>**(EQ. 17)** 
$$
\Delta V_{ESL} = ESL \times \text{di/dt}
$$

*Note*: [Equation 15](#page-31-1) is a rough estimate because these three components that affect the transient response never have maximum values simultaneously. Therefore, it should be clear that the ideal  $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}$  calculated in [Equation 12](#page-30-2) must be reduced to account for parasitic ESR and ESL in the output capacitors. For example, for a design goal of 5% total transient response, if both ∆V<sub>ESR</sub> and ∆V<sub>ESL</sub> are causing 1% V<sub>OUT</sub> disturbance each, the real  $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}$  used in [Equation 12](#page-30-2) should be 3% (5%-2%).

C<sub>COMP</sub> sets the zero frequency of the error amplifier. To maximize the phase margin of the regulator, Renesas recommends setting the zero formed by  $R_{\text{COMP}}$  and  $C_{\text{COMP}}$  a decade smaller than the actual unity gain frequency of the regulator calculated with actual output capacitance ( $f_7 = f_T/10$ ). Use [Equation 18](#page-31-4) to calculate the C<sub>COMP</sub> value.

<span id="page-31-4"></span>**(EQ. 18)**  $C_{COMP} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times f_{-\times}}$  $=\frac{1}{2\pi\times f_Z \times R_{COMP}}$ 

- $\cdot$  C<sub>COMP</sub> is the compensation capacitance.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>COMP</sub> is the COMP pin resistor calculated in [Equation 13.](#page-30-4)
- $\cdot$  f<sub>Z</sub> is the zero frequency set by R<sub>COMP</sub> and C<sub>COMP</sub>, based on the actual f<sub>T</sub> calculated from the actual output capacitance.

#### <span id="page-31-0"></span>**6.8 Pole Capacitor**

A pole capacitor must be added in parallel with  $R_{\text{COMP}}$  and  $C_{\text{COMP}}$  to cancel out the zero created by the equivalent ESR and C<sub>OUT</sub>. To calculate C<sub>POLE</sub> use [Equation 19](#page-31-5).

<span id="page-31-5"></span>
$$
\textbf{(EQ. 19)} \quad \text{C}_{\text{POLE}} = \frac{\text{C}_{\text{OUT}} \times \text{ESR}}{\text{R}_{\text{COMP}}}
$$

#### <span id="page-32-0"></span>**6.9 Droop Regulation Setting**

Droop regulation changes the DC regulation set point inversely to the output load current, improving the transient response. Place a resistor between the DROOP and VREF pins to use droop regulation. If droop regulation is unnecessary, short the DROOP and VREF pins together. [Figure 55](#page-32-3) shows the transient response with droop resistor = 0Ω, and [Figure 56](#page-32-4) shows the transient response with droop resistor = 604Ω. With droop regulation, the transient response is reduced by 40%, which could allow a reduction in output capacitance if there is margin in  $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}}$ .



<span id="page-32-3"></span>**Figure 55. Transient Response without Droop Regulation**

<span id="page-32-4"></span>

As the output loading increases, the current into the DROOP pin increases and generates a voltage across the resistor between the DROOP and VREF pins. This lowers the reference voltage presented to the error amplifier, effectively lowering the regulation point. The extent of the droop variation can be tuned by carefully selecting the droop resistor.

When using droop regulation, it is important to set the light load regulation point at the highest acceptable voltage using [Equation 2.](#page-26-5) Then, calculate the percent deviation of the regulated voltage needed to achieve the lowest acceptable voltage at the maximum DC loading. When the percentage deviation (DRP<sub>percent</sub>) is determined, use [Equation 20](#page-32-2) to calculate the resistance between VREF and DROOP.

<span id="page-32-2"></span>
$$
\textbf{(EQ. 20)} \quad \mathsf{R}_{\text{DROOP}} = \frac{\text{DRP}_{\text{percent}} \times \mathsf{V}_{\text{REF}}}{\mathsf{I}_{\text{DROOP} \times \mathsf{n}}}
$$

- $\cdot$  R<sub>DROOP</sub> is the resistance between the VREF and DROOP pins.
- DRP<sub>percent</sub> is the required droop of VOUT at full load. For example, DRPpercent = 0.05 for 5% VOUT droop.
- $\blacktriangleright$   $V_{\text{RFF}}$  is the internal voltage reference, which is 0.6V (typical).
- $\bullet$  I<sub>DROOP</sub> is the current into the DROOP pin (also known as the ERROR\_DRP in the EC Table), which is 19.9µA (typical).
- n is the number of phases (for the ISL73847M this is either 1 or 2).

Because I<sub>DROOP</sub> follows the inductor current, average the signal to get the DC load current. Use [Equation 21](#page-32-1) to calculate the value of the capacitance:

<span id="page-32-1"></span>**(EQ. 21)**  $C_{DROOP} = \frac{R_{COMP} \times C_{COMP}}{R_{DROOR}}$  $=$  $\frac{COMP - COMP}{R_{DROOP}}$ 

- $\cdot$  C<sub>DROOP</sub> is the droop capacitance.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>DROOP</sub> is the resistance between the VREF and DROOP pins.
- $\cdot$  R<sub>COMP</sub> is the resistor in the series RC on the COMP pin from [Equation 13.](#page-30-4)
- C<sub>COMP</sub> is the capacitor in the series RC on the COMP pin.

#### <span id="page-33-0"></span>**6.10 Soft-Start Capacitor Selection**

The ISL73847M has an adjustable soft-start to help control the inrush current during startup. A capacitor to ground on the SS pin controls the startup dynamics of the power supply. Use [Equation 22](#page-33-2) to calculate the capacitance given the required soft-start time.

<span id="page-33-2"></span>**(Eq. 22)** 
$$
C_{SS} = \frac{t_{SS} \times I_{SS}}{V_{REF}}
$$

- $\cdot$  C<sub>SS</sub> is the soft-start capacitance.
- $\cdot$  t<sub>SS</sub> is the required soft-start time.
- $V_{RFF}$  is the reference voltage, which is 0.6V (typical).
- $\blacksquare$  I<sub>SS</sub> is the current sourced out of the SS pin, which is 10 $\upmu$ A (typical).

The output should be in regulation when the soft-start capacitor reaches the band gap voltage of 0.6V. However, the ISL73847M waits until soft-start reaches 0.9V before allowing PGOOD to reflect the output state.

## <span id="page-33-1"></span>**6.11 Layout**

#### **6.11.1 Layout Guidelines**

The following are recommendations for the best performance on the ISL73847M:

- Place the VDD bulk and high-frequency capacitor as close as possible to the VDD pin.
- Place the feedback resistors as close as possible to the VFB+ and VFB- pins to minimize parasitic capacitance.
- **Ensure that all feedback traces are routed away from noisy switching nodes.**
- Place the RSENSE RC filter as close to the ISENX+ and ISENX- pins as possible.
- $\blacksquare$  Place C<sub>COMP</sub>, R<sub>COMP</sub>, and C<sub>POLE</sub> as close as possible to the COMP pin.
- SS, DROOP, and VREF capacitors should be referenced to VFB-.
- Ensure to have a good ground plane.
- Place bulk and high-frequency PVIN capacitors close to the ISL70020SEH FETS drain (Not drawn).
- Minimize the current loop area between the PVIN bulk capacitors and GND and phase node connections
- Connect the feedback traces to the load for point-of-load (POL) regulation.
- **Ensure that the traces carrying high load currents are wide enough.**

#### **6.11.2 Layout Example**



# <span id="page-35-0"></span>**7. Die and Assembly Characteristics**

#### **Table 1. Die and Assembly Related Information**



## <span id="page-36-0"></span>**7.1 Metallization Mask Layout**







# <span id="page-38-0"></span>**8. Radiation Tolerance**

The ISL73847M is a radiation tolerant device for commercial space applications, Low Earth Orbit (LEO) applications, high altitude avionics, launch vehicles, and other harsh environments. This device's response to Total Ionizing Dose (TID) radiation effects and Single Event Effects (SEE) has been measured, characterized, and reported in the proceeding sections. However, TID performance is not guaranteed through radiation acceptance testing, nor is the characterized SEE performance guaranteed.

## <span id="page-38-1"></span>**8.1 Total Ionizing Dose (TID) Testing**

#### **8.1.1 Introduction**

Total dose testing of the ISL73847M proceeded in accordance with the guidelines of MIL-STD-883 Test Method 1019. The experimental matrix consisted of 12 samples irradiated under bias and 12 samples irradiated with all pins grounded (unbiased). Three control units were used. The bias configuration is shown in [Figure 58.](#page-38-2)



**Figure 58. Bias Configuration**

<span id="page-38-2"></span>Samples of the ISL73847M were drawn from wafer lots V6C683/4/5 and were packaged in the production 24 Ld WSOIC, Package Outline Drawing (POD) M24.3. The samples were screened to datasheet limits at room temperature only before irradiation.

Total dose irradiations were performed using a Hopewell Designs N40 panoramic vault-type low dose rate gamma ray irradiator in the Renesas Palm Bay, Florida facility. The dose rate was 0.0087rad(Si)/s (8.7mrad(Si)/s). PbAl spectrum hardening filters were used to shield the test board and devices under test against low-energy secondary gamma radiation.

Downpoints for the testing were 0krad(Si), 10krad(Si), 30krad(Si), 40krad(Si), and 50krad(Si).

All electrical testing was performed outside the irradiator using production Automated Test Equipment (ATE) with data logging of all parameters at each downpoint. All downpoint electrical testing was performed at room temperature.

#### **8.1.2 Results**

The plots in [Figure 59](#page-41-0) through [Figure 68](#page-42-0) show data for key parameters at all downpoints. The plots show the average as a function of total dose for each of the irradiation conditions; the average was used because of the relatively large sample sizes. The plots also include error bars at each down-point, representing the minimum and maximum measured values of the samples, although in some plots the error bars might not be visible due to their values compared to the scale of the graph. All parts showed excellent stability over irradiation. [Table 3](#page-39-0) shows the average of other key parameters with respect to total dose in tabular form.

<span id="page-39-0"></span>

#### **Table 3. Key Parameters**



#### **Table 3. Key Parameters (Cont.)**

#### **8.1.3 Typical Radiation Performance**



<span id="page-41-0"></span>**Figure 59. Operating Supply Current vs TID Figure 60. Shutdown Current vs TID** 







**Figure 63. Set Point Voltage vs TID** Figure 64. Transconductance vs TID

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0.588



<span id="page-42-0"></span>



#### **8.1.4 Conclusion**

As shown in [Table 3](#page-39-0) and the selected graphs ([Figure 59](#page-41-0) through [Figure 68\)](#page-42-0), all parameters showed excellent stability over irradiation with little to no observed bias sensitivity.

## <span id="page-43-0"></span>**8.2 Single-Event Effects Testing**

#### **8.2.1 Introduction**

The intense heavy ion environment encountered in space applications can cause a variety of Single Event Effects (SEE). SEE can lead to system-level performance issues, including disruption, degradation, and destruction. For predictable and reliable space system operation, individual electronic components should be characterized to determine their SEE response. The ISL73847M exhibits no DSEE, SET or SEFI at 43MeV•cm<sup>2</sup>/mg.

#### **8.2.2 SEE Test Setups**

SEE testing was completed at the Texas A&M University (TAMU) Radiation Effects Facility of the Cyclotron Institute in College Station, Texas. This facility has a K500 superconducting cyclotron that can supply various ion species and flux. The testing referred to in this report was performed in April 2022 using the K500 cyclotron.

The ISL73847M DUT (Device Under Test) irradiation setup is shown in [Figure 69.](#page-43-1) The ISL73847M was configured for 2-phase operation at two PWM frequencies, each using a different board assembly. The board assembly configured for the switching frequency of 500kHz and  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  = 1.0V used a L<sub>OUTx</sub> of 1.0µH and C<sub>OUT</sub> of 880µF (4x KEMET T530D227M010ATE006-T with maximum ESR of 6mΩ each) The compensation component values were  $R_{\text{COMP}}$  = 4.22k, C<sub>COMP</sub> = 10n, C<sub>POLE</sub> = 330pF, R<sub>SLOPE</sub> = 37.4k, and R<sub>DROOP</sub> = 604 $\Omega$ . The board assembly configured for the switching frequency of 1000kHz and  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  = 1.0V used a L<sub>OUTx</sub> of 560nH. The rest of the components remained the same as for the 500kHz case.



<span id="page-43-1"></span>**Figure 69. DUT SEE Irradiation Setup**

#### **8.2.3 Single Event Burnout and Latch-Up (SEB/L) Results**

The ISL73847M showed no appreciable change in post output voltage, and supply currents (less than  $\pm 1\%$ ).

The ISL73847M proved to be free of DSEE, including SEL at a VDD voltage of 25.0V and a case temperature of 125°C. The device was also free of DSEE, including SEL, at a VCC voltage of 6.7V. Additionally, the device proved free of SEFIs at an ISENSE voltage of 10V. The 2-phase buck output of 1.0V was loaded to a total of 5A.

#### **8.2.4 SET Results**

One SET event with a deviation greater than ±20mV was observed, which showed a missing pulse on PWM output. The SET testing was performed on two devices at an  $f_{SW}$  of 500kHz and another two at an  $f_{SW}$  of 1000kHz. No captures, however, were seen at 500kHz during the SET testing at 25°C with a ±20mV window trigger on  $V_{\text{OUT}}$ .

[Figure 70](#page-44-0) shows the missing pulse on PWM2 captured during test run 413. The signals monitored during the test were:

- PWM1 and PWM2 The drive signals.
- $\cdot$  VREF The voltage reference (0.6V).
- SYNC-O ‒ The output of the internal oscillator clock.
- COMP ‒ The output of the error amplifier.
- DROOP The reference voltage to the error amplifier, which is modulated in proportion to the current sensed by the controller.



Figure 70. f<sub>SW</sub> = 1MHz, trigger V<sub>OUT</sub> ±20mV

#### <span id="page-44-0"></span>**8.2.5 Conclusion**

As shown in [Figure 70](#page-44-0), one SET event with a deviation greater than ±20mV was observed, which showed a missing pulse on PWM output.

## <span id="page-45-0"></span>**9. Package Outline Drawing**

For the most recent package outline drawing, see [M24.3.](https://www.renesas.com/package-image/pdf/outdrawing/m24.3.pdf)

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# <span id="page-46-0"></span>**10. Ordering Information**



1. These Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets; molding compounds/die attach materials and NiPdAu-Ag plate - e4 termination finish, which is RoHS compliant and compatible with both SnPb and Pb-free soldering operations. Pb-free products are MSL classified at Pb-free peak reflow temperatures that meet or exceed the Pb-free requirements of IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020.

2. For Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL), see the [ISL73847M](https://www.renesas.com/ISL73847M) device page. For more information about MSL, see [TB363.](https://www.renesas.com/www/doc/tech-brief/tb363.pdf)

3. For the Pb-Free Reflow Profile, see [TB493.](https://www.renesas.com/www/doc/tech-brief/tb493.pdf)

# <span id="page-46-1"></span>**11. Revision History**



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