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RAA271041

Cold Crank Boost and Buck Controller with Drivers for ASIL-D Automotive Applications

Description

The [RAA271041](https://www.renesas.com/raa271041) is a controller for a dual regulator system capable of supporting ASIL-D automotive systems which must operate during battery dropout conditions. The Channel 2 boost regulator maintains the voltage rail which supplies the downstream Channel 1 buck regulator, allowing the buck output to maintain regulation during a battery dropout event such as cold cranking.

For Cold Crank applications, the Channel 2 Boost has an adjustable output and is active when the V_{BAT} input voltage falls below a user-programmable threshold. The boost channel can also be configured as an independent boost with separate Enable (WAKE2) control.

The boost output from Channel 2 supplies the input for Channel 1 buck. The buck output can be configured either as 3.3V, 5V, or as an adjustable voltage from 0.8V to 12V using a resistor divider.

The RAA271041 requires a typical input voltage of 5.5V at the VIN pin for start-up. The Channel 2 Boost has an input range from 2.1V to 42V while the Channel 1 Buck has an input range from 3.5V to 42V.

The RAA271041 buck channel can operate in Energy Conservation Mode (ECM) to reduce quiescent current draw to 8µA typical when no external load is applied. The buck switching frequency is factory programmable to 440kHz or 2.2MHz. The boost switching frequency is also factory programmable to 440kHz, or 2.2MHz if the buck channel is also set to 2.2MHz. Optional spread spectrum operation is available to reduce EMI and noise levels.

Features

- **ASIL-D Functional Safety**
- 40V boost and buck integrated driver controller
- FET drivers support source/sink current of 2A/3A
- **•** Low I_O with ECM mode of 8 μ A typical (buck Channel 1 only)
- Separate or Combined Wake (Enable) inputs for each channel
- Minimized FET ON and OFF times (25ns and 45ns)
- High-efficiency buck exceeding 80% at 10mA
- Buck frequency options 440kHz or 2.2MHz
- Boost frequency options 440kHz or 2.2MHz (2.2MHz Boost requires 2.2MHz Buck frequency)
- VBATS sense for Boost Enable during Cold Crank
- Optional pseudo-random spread spectrum clocking
- **External synchronization using SYNC pin**
- Dual Over-temperature protection monitors
- Extensive protection mechanisms for OV/UV/OC/OT
- 6x6mm 36Ld SC-QFN package
- **[AEC-Q100](https://www.renesas.com/aec-q100) grade 1 qualified**
- Functional Safety Features
	- Built-in Self Test (LBIST and ABIST) at power up
	- Recurring Checks: Internal References, PWM clock, System Clock, PGND/AGND connection, Dual Over-Temperature monitor, VCC supply, Logic Pin Stuck Low.
	- Independent References and feedback sense paths for Buck and Boost OV/UV detection
	- Independent Fault Indicators for Buck and Boost
	- Fail-Safe Output, logic high indicates a trusted device state and all safety monitors are active.

Applications

- Automotive battery supplied applications
- In cabin systems
- ADAS: Advanced Driver Assist Systems
- Start-stop protected systems (such as head unit, cluster, e-Mirror)

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3.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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.

1. In case of a high-side FET short, FB1 can tolerate 42V. Long term exposure to voltage exceeding 14V can adversely impact product reliability and result in failures not covered by warranty.

3.2 Recommended Operating Condition

1. The device can handle load dump voltage up to maximum voltage and should not exceed the Absolute Maximum Ratings. 42V continuous input voltage is possible but not recommended.

2. Higher input voltage can result in higher thermal dissipation within the device. For such applications improved thermal performance might be required. Consult section 3.3 for Thermal Information.

3.3 Thermal Information

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

2. For θ_{IC} , the case temperature location is the center of the exposed metal pad on the package underside.

3.4 Electrical Specifications

 $\rm{V_{IN}}$ = 12V, T_A = +25°C. Boldface limits apply across the operating junction temperature range, -40°C to +125°C and input voltage range **(4.5V to 42V) unless specified otherwise.**

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1. Parameters with MIN and/or MAX limits are 100% tested at +50°C, unless otherwise specified. Temperature limits established by characterization and are not production tested.

2. Typical values are for $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C and $V_{IN} = 12V$.

3. Quiescent current measurements are taken when the output is not switching. (Condition VIN = 12V, VOUT1 = 5V, EXTSUP = VOUT1).

4. MIN and MAX based on Design Spec or Simulations. Not tested on ATE.

4. Typical Perfomance Curves

Unless otherwise noted, operating conditions are: T_A = +25°C, V_{IN} = 6V, VOUT1 = 5V, VOUT2 = 10V in cold crank operation.

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HD Timebase 0 us Tripper USB USB
12 Bits 100 us/div Normal 7.05 V
2.5 MS 2.5 GS/s Edge Neg

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5. Functional Description

The RAA271041 contains controllers to support two DC/DC channels, Buck and Boost, which are configurable in various modes and operate across a V_{IN} range of 2.1V to 40V. Buck Channel 1 can be configured as a fixed 3.3V, fixed 5.0V, or as an adjustable output voltage from 0.8V to 12.0V.

Boost Channel 2 is an adjustable output with an output voltage range from 5V to 40V. The RAA271041 can be configured such that the Boost output operates as an input for the Buck, often referred to as Cold Crank configuration (CC mode). Alternatively, the RAA271041 can be configured such that the Buck and Boost channels operate independently (IBB mode).

5.1 Synchronous Buck and Boost

To improve efficiency, the RAA271041 employs both a synchronous buck and synchronous boost architecture. In the synchronous buck, the LS1 output drives the synchronous low-side MOSFET, which replaces the freewheeling diode and improves efficiency. The HS1 signal provides the buck controller PWM information and is complementary to the LS1 signal. HS1 is powered from a boot supply voltage, which is generated using an external diode from VCC to BOOT1 to charge an external capacitor between BOOT1 and LX1 when LS1 is high and $I X1$ is low.

In the synchronous boost, the operation of the high-side MOSFET(s) and low-side MOSFET(s) are interchanged. The HS2 output drives the synchronous high-side MOSFET, which acts as the blocking/freewheeling diode to improve efficiency. The LS2 signal is complementary to the HS2 signal and provides boost controller PWM information to the low-side MOSFET(s). The HS2 signal is powered from a boot supply voltage (from BOOT2 to LX2), which is generated using an external diode from VCC to BOOT2 to charge an external capacitor between BOOT2 and LX2 when LS2 is high and LX2 is low.

When the Cold Crank configuration is used, the boost channel powers up only when the VBAT voltage drops below a user-programmable threshold, while under normal conditions the boost is not switching.

5.2 Start-Up Operation in Cold Crank Configuration (CC Mode)

For the Cold Crank configuration, the VBAT supply is the input to the Boost channel. Under normal operation, the Boost channel is off, and the Boost output is powered from VBAT using the body diode of the boost high-side MOSFET. If VBAT falls below a user-programmable threshold, the Boost channel turns on and regulates the Boost output to a programmed voltage. In the Cold Crank configuration, the VIN pin of the RAA271041 is connected to the boost output. This arrangement allows the device to be powered from the boost output during Cold Crank events in which the VBAT supply might fall too low to provide sufficient operating voltage. The RAA271041 does not start until the VIN pin exceeds the undervoltage lockout rising threshold of 5.5V typical.

In cold crank applications, Buck Channel 1 is typically enabled first using WAKE1, which might be connected to VBAT or driven by an external signal. This configuration allows the internal LDO regulator to supply V_{CC} bias, enabling the device to begin switching and proceed through the soft-start sequence. The boost controller does not need to switch for the buck controller to power up.

In the typical cold crank application, the WAKE1 and WAKE2 pins are internally joined (OR'd) using factory programming. Boost Channel 2 is typically off when V_{BAT} is at the nominal level of 12V. As V_{BAT} decreases, such as during Cold Cranking, the VBATS pin voltage also decreases. When the VBATS pin falls below 1.0V, the Boost output quickly powers up and maintains the Boost output voltage, which feeds the downstream Buck channel. This allows the Buck output to continue operating, until VBAT drops to the boost turn-off falling threshold of 2.1V (typical). If V_{BAT} rises such that the VBATS pin exceeds the rising edge threshold of 1.07V (typical), the boost channel turns off and the boost output is supplied from VBAT using the body diode of the boost high-side MOSFET.

The FLT2b pin is in an open-drain state when both the boost channel is on, and the boost output voltage is within the programmed range. The FLT2b pin is in a logic low state when the boost channel is off. The boost channel can be off due to either not enabled by a WAKE input or because the VBATS pin is above 1V.

5.3 Start-Up Operation with Individual Buck and Boost (IBB Mode)

For Individual Buck and Boost (IBB) operation, the VIN pin of the device is typically connected to VBAT. The RAA271041 remains off until the VIN pin voltage exceeds the undervoltage lockout rising threshold (5.5V typical). After this condition is met, startup is initiated when either WAKE1 or WAKE2 is set to logic high. This activates the internal VCC regulator which supplies bias power for the device and gate drivers.

Buck Channel 1 operation is controlled by the WAKE1 input. After WAKE1 transitions to logic high, the Buck output goes through a soft-start interval to increase the output voltage to the programmed level. After the buck output reaches regulation, the FLT1b pin remains at logic low for 800µs and then transitions to an open-drain state.

For use in individual boost configuration, the Channel 2 Boost operation is typically controlled by the WAKE2 input only and ignores the VBATS pin. Before the boost is enabled, the output $V_{\rm BOOST}$ is charged to a voltage one diode drop below V_{IN} through the body diode of the high-side MOSFET. After being enabled, the boost channel goes through an initial soft-start interval and ramps the boost output voltage to the programmed level. After the boost output reaches regulation, the FLT2b pin remains at logic low for 800µs and then transitions to an open-drain state.

5.4 WAKE1 and WAKE2 Operation

The WAKE1 pin can withstand up to 42V and can connect to VBAT through a resistor for initial start-up.

The WAKE2 pin is a low voltage (5V) pin and should not be connected to VIN or VBAT. WAKE2 can be enabled using a pull-up resistor to VCC after WAKE1 is high, or connected to an external signal, which does not exceed 5V. For simultaneous start-up of Buck and Boost, the enable pins (WAKE1 and WAKE2) can be resistively pulled to respective logic levels when V_{IN} is applied.

If the WAKE pins are OR'd with either WAKE pin high, the IC continues operation until the VCC voltage decreases below the VCC UVLO falling threshold (4.2V typical), or when VBAT falls below 2.1V (typical).

5.5 VCC Regulator and EXTSUP

The VCC regulator (internal LDO) derives power from the VIN pin and provides VCC 5V bias during startup, which can also be used in continuous operation. In this state, VCC provides bias power for both the IC supply and gate drivers, which can produce high power dissipation in the VCC regulator. To minimize IC dissipation and increase system efficiency, in some applications the EXTSUP pin can supply 5V from an external voltage source. The IC monitors the EXTSUP voltage; if the EXTSUP voltage exceeds 4.5V, the IC connects the EXTSUP pin to the VCC pin and turns off the VCC regulator. This reduces IC power loss and system power loss. If the EXTSUP feature is not used, ground the EXTSUP pin and the VCC regulator powers the IC.

In some applications with VOUT1 set to 5V, VOUT1 can be connected to the EXTSUP pin so that after startup, VOUT1 can supply VCC bias power and eliminate the LDO dissipation in normal operation.

There might be applications where EXTSUP is not used. When the RAA271041 is used in an ASIL system, consult the Safety Application Note (SAN) for application information. During restarts, the internal EXTSUP switch is turned OFF, and this power handover between LDO to EXTSUP pin takes place during each power up. If Channel 1 is not set to 5V, the EXTSUP input can accept 5V from an independent source, such as a small 3.3V to 5V boost converter. If the external bias is applied before VIN is applied, power the enable circuit from the external bias source (and not VIN).

5.6 Oscillator

The buck switching frequency is factory-programmable with options for 440kHz and 2.2MHz. The boost switching frequency is also factory-programmable for either 440kHz or 2.2MHz, however, the boost frequency cannot exceed the Channel 1 buck frequency. External synchronization can be implemented by connecting an external signal source of 440kHz or 2.2MHz (±10%) to the SYNC pin.

5.7 Phase Shift and Spread Spectrum

The Buck Channel 1 and Boost Channel 2 switching are 180° out of phase, which helps lower overall noise by reducing peak currents during switching. The 180° phase shift is between the buck high-side MOSFET on-time and the boost low-side MOSFET on-time.

The Spread Spectrum is derived from an internal triangular 3kHz wave oscillator with a modulation depth of 6% or 12% in a pseudo-random manner. Spread spectrum is configured by factory OTP, which selects spread spectrum ON/OFF and modulation depth, with 5-bit resolution to create 32 discrete frequencies.

5.8 FLTb Signals

The Fault Indicators FLT1b and FLT2b are provided for fault monitoring on the respective buck and boost channels. The pins provide an open-drain output to indicate that the soft-start cycle has completed, and the output voltage is within regulation. An external pull-up resistor is required for each pin, pulled up to VCC or to an external DC supply (5.5V maximum). These pins are pulled low during startup or when the respective output is off.

5.9 EXT_EN Signal

The EXT_EN output is an open-drain indicator that can enable external devices or circuits. The EXT_EN pin can be factory-programmed to monitor Channel 1 only, or Channel 2 only, or both channels. A high (open) state indicates that the selected channel(s) is enabled and is not shut down. During power-up, the EXT_EN pin is low until soft-start is completed and the selected channel(s) are operating in regulation.

5.10 Fail-Safe Output (FSOb)

The RAA271041 provides a Fail-Safe Output (FSOb). The FSOb indicator is an active-high/active-low output that is in the high state when the device is in a trusted state. A number of faults can cause the FSOb to go active-low, indicating that the device has detected a fault.

Note: When the FSOb output is in the active-high state (normal operation), the FSOb pin is connected internally to the VCC supply, typically 5V. Logic devices which connect to FSOb should be able to tolerate 5V signals.

5.11 Fault Protection Overview

The RAA271041 provides multiple fault detection features, including:

- Warning Undervoltage and Overvoltage detection for channels 1 and 2.
- Severe Undervoltage/Overvoltage detection and shutdown for channels 1 and 2.
- Separate internal voltage references for UV/OV detection versus output regulation for channels 1 and 2.
- Separate feedback paths for UV/OV detection versus output regulation for channels 1 and 2.
- FLT1b and FLT2b outputs for indicating faults on channels 1 and 2, respectively.
- Separate internal regulator to provide bias power for functional safety references, circuits, and logic.
- Monitor that compares the output regulation reference to the separate UV/OV reference.
- Redundant logic state machines with separate input skewing to prevent spurious noise corruption.
- Built-In Self Test (BIST) at startup and at ECM exit:
	- UV/OV comparators test
	- Fault Indication stuck-high test (FLT1b, FLT2b, EXT_EN)
	- VCC LDO over-temperature monitor
	- FuSa internal LDO supply over-temperature monitor
	- PGND/SGND connection monitor
	- System and PWM clock monitors
	- VCC UV/OV monitors
	- State machine comparison monitor
	- CRC check on internal registers after initialization

- In addition to BIST at startup, the device provides continual functional safety checking for the following:
	- CRC check of internal registers
	- State machine comparison

When the device is placed in ECM (Energy Conservation Mode, ultra-low power mode), all non-essential circuits are powered off and alternate ultra-low power circuits are activated. During this time, the device is less accurate at detecting faults and as such is not in a trusted state, and the Fail-Safe Output (FSOb) is logic low. When the device exits ECM by setting the SYNC input to logic high, the device immediately begins BIST and rechecks protective functions. After the device has successfully completed BIST, protective functions are re-enabled, the controller exits ECM operation, and the FSOb output transitions to logic high.

5.12 Pin Fault Detection

The device can detect a stuck-high condition on each of the four logic indicators: FSOb, FLT1b, FLT2b, and EXT_EN. A stuck-high fault is a condition in which the device expects a logic low level on the signal pin but detects a logic high level, indicating a fault related to the pin or the external pull-up circuitry.

When a stuck-high pin fault is detected, there is a 500 us delay on fault response. If the pin fault persists longer than 500µs, the device immediately shuts off both Channel 1 Buck and Channel 2 Boost. The outputs then either enter a hiccup/restart cycle or latch off, depending on factory programming.

5.13 Output Voltage Selection

The Channel 1 buck stage operates with an input voltage range of 3.75V to 42V and is offered in fixed output voltage options of 5.0V, 3.3V, or adjustable. In adjustable mode, the Buck output can be set in the range V_{OUT1} = 0.8V to 12V using an external resistive voltage divider from VOUT1 to SGND, with the midpoint connected to FB1.

Note: An identical resistive divider must be used with the midpoint connected to FB1S (OV/UV sense input), to provide robust OV/UV detection if the feedback path to FB1 is interrupted.

Use [Equation 1](#page-21-5) to derive the R_{UPPER1} and R_{LOWER1} resistor values, where R_{UPPER1} is the resistor between VOUT1 and FB1, and R_{LOWFR1} is the resistor between FB1 and GND.

(EQ. 1) $V_{\text{OUT1}} = 0.8V \times (1 + (R_{\text{UPPER1}})/(R_{\text{LOWER1}}))$

The V_{OUT} accuracy is ±1% in normal mode and is ±3% in the Energy Conservation Mode (ECM), which is a low power mode. Error amplifier compensation is achieved by connecting a Type 2 RsCs + Cp network to COMP1.

5.14 Bootstrap for High-side NMOS Drive

To provide high-side gate voltage, the RAA271041 employs a bootstrap circuit using an external boot capacitor (C_{ROT1}) and external diode. The capacitor charges from the VCC supply when the buck low-side MOSFET is on.

5.14.1 Boot Refresh for Buck Channel in ECM

If the Buck channel is in Pulse Skip mode or in ECM mode, the long time between LX1 pulses can result in the BOOT1 voltage falling. The BOOT1 to LX1 voltage is constantly monitored and if it falls lower than 3.4V (typical), the device inserts a 180ns (or optional 360ns) pulse to the Buck low-side gate, which recharges the BOOT1 capacitor.

5.14.2 Current Limit and Overcurrent Protection

For Buck Channel 1, an external current sense resistor and internal current sense amplifier provide overcurrent protection. The current sense resistor is in series with the inductor, with a resistance value selected to provide 50mV at full load. Inductor DCR current sensing can also be used. If the load increases such that the voltage across the current sense resistor rises to 80mV (OC1 threshold), the PWM controller terminates the high-side pulse, on a cycle-by-cycle basis. If the load continues to increase and the current sense resistor signal reaches

100mV (OC2 threshold), the OC2 protection limit is reached; switching operation ceases and the output is shut down and either enters a hiccup/restart cycle or latches off.

5.14.3 Undervoltage and Overvoltage (UV and OV) Protection

The RAA271041 channels 1 and 2 have factory-programmable options for the following:

- Warning overvoltage at $+6\%$, $+8\%$, and $+12\%$,
- Warning undervoltage options of -5%, -8%, and -12%.
- Severe overvoltage at +12% and +15%
- Severe undervoltage at -12% and -15%.
- Channel 1 and Channel 2 provide separate selections for Warning UV, Warning OV, Severe UV, and Severe OV.

A Warning UV or OV detection causes the corresponding FLT1b or FLT2b indicator to pull low. However, the output continues switching. If the output voltage returns to normal, the FLT1b or FLT2b pin also returns to its high (open drain) state.

A Severe UV or OV detection causes the output to shut down, and the corresponding FLT1b or FLT2b pin also drives low (if not already low due to Warning UV or OV).

Note: All UV and OV conditions are detected at the FB1S and FB2S pins, not the FB1 or FB2 pins, which are used to regulate the outputs. The separate paths for OV/UV detection versus feedback regulation protect against single-point failures in the output feedback path.

5.14.4 Boost Input Overvoltage (VBAT OV)

The RAA271041 detects overvoltage at the VBAT input. When the VBAT voltage reaches 44V, the device detects an input OV condition and immediately shuts down both channels. *Note*: The input OV condition is sensed at the VIN pin for Cold Crank options (see [Current Limit and Overcurrent Protection](#page-21-4)). For Individual Buck/Boost applications, [\(Current Limit and Overcurrent Protection](#page-21-4)) the input OV condition is sensed at the VBATS pin.

5.15 Boost Channel 2

5.15.1 Boost Operating Range

The synchronous boost stage operates across a V_{BAT} input voltage range of 2.1V to 42V and has an adjustable V_{BOOST} output voltage range of 5V to 40V. The V_{BOOST} output voltage is set using two resistor dividers: one divider connects to the FB2 pin, and a second identical divider connects to the FB2S pin. For most applications, the purpose of the boost channel is to maintain an input supply for the Buck channel during low-battery events such as cold cranking, allowing the Buck channel to continue normal operation.

5.15.2 Boost Operation Options

The boost channel is factory-programmed to operate in one of four options:

• Option 0 (Cold Crank 0) – This option is for applications where the boost channel runs directly from the battery input, and the buck channel runs directly from the boost output. The boost output powers the buck input but does not power any other external loads.

Under normal VBAT conditions, the boost channel is off and the VBAT voltage passes directly to the boost output through the body diode of the boost high-side MOSFET. When the VBAT input decreases to a userprogrammable threshold, set by the VBATS pin threshold of 1.0V, the boost channel quickly powers up and brings the boost output up to the programmed voltage. The boost channel remains on until the VBATS pin voltage rises above the VBATS rising threshold of 1.03V, at which point the boost channel turns off.

Note: The boost output voltage might be below the programmed voltage setting, caused by VBAT being below normal levels but not low enough to reach the VBATS falling threshold. In this condition, the boost channel is still off, and the boost output decreases as the VBAT input decreases.

In this operation option, the boost output undervoltage and overvoltage fault detections are disabled. Undervoltage detection is disabled because the boost output might be lower than normal while the VBAT input

is below the user-programmed boost output voltage yet is not low enough to turn on the boost channel using the VBATS pin. Overvoltage detection is also disabled because the VBAT input might be much higher than normal during a Load Dump event, which can force the $V_{\rm BOOST}$ output voltage far above the user-programmed boost output voltage.

- Option 1 (Cold Crank 1) This option is like Cold Crank 0, however in this case, the boost output feeds both the buck channel input and an external load. The overall operation is the same as Cold Crank 0.
- Option 2 (Individual Buck/Boost 0) ‒ This option allows for separate operation of the Boost and Buck channels. In this mode, the Boost channel operates as controlled by the WAKE2 pin (or using OR'd WAKE pins) and ignores the VBATS pin. This mode is intended for applications in which the Boost channel must also tolerate Load Dump (high VBAT) events. During a Load Dump event it is possible for the Boost output voltage to exceed the normal regulation voltage, therefore the OV fault detection is disabled. However, the UV fault detection and response is enabled and is active whenever the Boost is on (using WAKE input).
- Option 3 (Individual Buck/Boost 1) ‒ This option allows for the separate operation of the Boost and Buck channels when powered from regulated power input. In this mode, the Boost channel operates as controlled by the WAKE2 pin (or using OR'd WAKE pins) and ignores the VBATS pin. This mode is intended for applications in which the Boost channel does not need to tolerate Load Dump (high VBAT) events, and therefore the Boost channel has enabled fault detection and response for Warning UV/OV and for Severe UV/OV conditions.

The system architecture assumptions for each Boost operating option are listed in [Table 1.](#page-23-0)

Table 1. System Architecture Assumptions

The device response for each of the operating options is shown in [Table 2.](#page-24-2)

Option Number	Option Name	Cold Crank Tolerant	Load Dump Tolerant	Boost Enable	Boost Output OV Faults	Boost Output UV Faults	Boost Input OV Fault (VBAT OV)
0	Cold Crank 0 CC ₀	Yes	Yes	Wake = $High$ and $VBATS \leq 1V$	No response	No response	Response enabled sensed at VIN pin
	Cold Crank 1 CC 1	Yes	Yes	Wake = $High$ and $VBATS \leq 1V$	No response	No response	Response enabled sensed at VIN pin
2	Individual Buck/Boost 0 IBB 0	Yes	Yes	Wake = $High$ VBATS ignored	No response	Response enabled when boost is active	Response enabled sensed at VBATS pin
3	Individual Buck/Boost 1 IBB 1	Yes	No	Wake = $High$ VBATS ignored	Response enabled when boost is active	Response enabled when boost is active	Response enabled sensed at VBATS pin

Table 2. Device Response versus Boost Operating Option

5.15.3 Boost Output Voltage Programming

To program the Boost output voltage, connect a resistor divider from V_{BOOST} to the TERM pin, with the midpoint connected to the FB2 pin. Use [Equation 2](#page-24-3) to calculate the required resistor values, where R_1 is the resistor between VOUT2 and FB2, and R_2 is the resistor between FB2 and TERM.

(EQ. 2)
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V_{OUT} = 0.8V \times \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)
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Note: Place an identical resistor divider from V_{BOOST} to the TERM pin, with the midpoint connected to the FB2s pin.

When designing the PCB, include a GND guard band around the feedback resistor networks to reduce noise and improve accuracy and stability. Place resistors R_1 and R_2 close to the FB pin.

5.15.4 Current Limit and Overcurrent Protection (OC1 and OC2)

For the Boost channel, an external current sense resistor provides overcurrent protection. The current sense resistor is in series with the V_{BAT} input, with a resistance value that produces a 50mV signal between ISEN2P and ISEN2N when the full load current is applied to the output in CCM. Inductor DCR current sensing can also be used. If the load increases such that the voltage across the current sense resistor reaches 80mV, the PWM circuit begins limiting current on a cycle-by-cycle basis (OC1). If the load continues to increase and the current sense resistor signal reaches 100mV, the OC2 protection limit is reached and the output shuts down, and then enters a hiccup/restart cycle or latches off, based on factory programming.

Note: If the boost output falls below VBAT, current is free to flow from VBAT to the boost output through the high-side MOSFET body diode, even if the MOSFETs are not switching.

Also, the current sensing is done at the boost input. The input current of a boost channel is inversely proportional to the input voltage. When selecting the sense resistor value, the lowest expected operating input voltage (V_{BAT}) gives the highest expected input current and use this value to select the resistor value.

The RAA271041 boost Channel 2 also has reverse (negative) current limiting at -40mV typical.

5.15.5 Boost Turn-On Threshold in Cold Crank (VBATS Threshold)

For Cold Crank applications, the Boost channel is typically not switching until the VBAT input decreases (such as during a Cold Crank event), at which point the Boost channel turns on to provide a regulated input to the downstream Buck channel. The RAA271041 provides a VBATS pin (Pin 34) which allows the user to program the VBAT voltage at which the Boost channel turns on. To program the VBAT voltage which enables the Boost channel, connect a voltage divider from VBAT to the TERM pin (Pin 33), with the midpoint connected to VBATS (pin 34). When the VBATS pin falls below 1.0V, the boost turns on and brings the $V_{\rm BOOST}$ output voltage to the programmed voltage, allowing the Buck channel to continue operation.

To prevent the VBATS input from triggering on switching noise, Renesas recommends placing a 220pF capacitor connected from VBATS to GND.

5.15.6 Over-Temperature Shutdown

The RAA271041 has an over-temperature shutdown threshold of 160°C with 15°C hysteresis. When crossing the threshold, the device shuts down for 100ms and then attempts to restart the device. The device resumes operation when the over-temperature fault is cleared.

5.16 SYNC Pin

The SYNC pin allows users to select Channel to operate in Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) switching, Diode Emulation Mode (DEM) switching, or Energy Conservation Mode (ECM) switching. ECM is available only for Buck Channel 1 and provides extremely low power consumption at light loads. Entry and exit into ECM mode is enabled by the SYNC pin (Pin 36).

With the SYNC pin set to logic high, Buck and Boost operation is always CCM, regardless of load on either output.

When the SYNC pin is driven to logic low, the Buck regulator, depending on load, operates in one of three modes:

- For loads where the voltage across the Buck RSNS resistor is 10mV or greater, the device continues to operate in FCCM. In FCCM operation, both high-side and low-side MOSFETs are switched on and off on every switching cycle.
- For loads where the voltage across the Buck RSNS resistor is between 2mV and 10mV at the moment when SYNC is set to GND, the device operates in DEM. DEM uses variable frequency to reduce switching losses and improve light-load efficiency, but unlike ECM operation protective functions are still active.
- For loads where the voltage across the Buck RSNS resistor is 2mV or less, the device enters ECM operation. *Note*: When the device enters ECM, the controller can remain in ECM operation even if the load increases and Buck RSNS voltage increases to 10mV. To enter ECM operation, the voltage on the VIN pin (Pin 29) must be in the range from 6V to 18.5V and the SYNC pin must be logic low. *Note*: In ECM operation, the device operates in an extremely low power state, which does not provide full FuSa support.

The RAA271041 can be configured to allow the Buck Controller to enter ECM to reduce power consumption. ECM allows the buck channel to provide a 5V output (with no load) while the device draws typically 8µA from the VCC supply. During ECM operation, the RAA271041 buck channel delivers power pulses to the output filter and loads at a frequency much lower than the normal switching frequency. Each power pulse supplies sufficient energy to supply small load currents with no requirement for a high-frequency multi-pulse burst operation. In the time interval between consecutive ECM power pulses, the RAA271041 drastically reduces its current consumption to minimize average standby current drawn from the input supply.

To enter ECM operation, the voltage on VIN (Pin 26) must be in a range from 6V to 18.5V and the SYNC pin must be logic low. If SYNC is directly connected to VCC, the circuit always operates in CCM. SYNC can be held low to command ECM operation when the load is small, and then SYNC can be driven high before a larger load is supplied, to force mode change to CCM and support the higher load. Alternatively, beginning with SYNC low at light load, SYNC can be driven by an external clock for synchronized operation, which forces ECM exit and CCM operation.

Note: During ECM operation, the device disables many FuSa functions to achieve an extremely low power state. Therefore, the Fail-Safe Output (FSOb) is driven low during ECM operation. When the device exits ECM operation, the Functional Safety BIST is performed. After all BIST functions are verified, the FSOb is driven high.

Also, the Boost controller must be off when Controller 1 is in ECM operation. If the boost controller is active using WAKE2, the buck controller does not enter EVM operation. If the buck controller is in ECM operation, the boost channel remains off until the Buck controlled exits ECM from either a large load increase or the SYNC pin driven high to force ECM exit.

Note: This also means that if Buck is operating in ECM, the boost channel does not automatically turn on even if the VBATS voltage falls below 1V. This is because in ECM, most fault detection functions including the VBATS detection are disabled, to reduce operating current to an ultra-low state.

Note: There is no ECM operation available for the Boost Channel 2.

5.16.1 Overview of ECM Setup and Operation

If Channel 1 (buck) is configured to allow ECM at light loads, the channel enters ECM operation if the following conditions are present:

- SYNC pin is set to logic low.
- VIN is between 6V to 18.5V.
- Buck load causes the voltage across the Buck RSEN resistor to be less than 2mV.
- Boost Channel 2 is off. For Cold Crank applications, the boost is typically off when the input voltage is at normal levels (VBATS pin is above 1V).

During ECM operation, the buck channel uses a voltage comparator in conjunction with an accurate current sense resistor and amplifier to detect load current. In between switching pulses, most of the device is off or in a very low-power state, resulting in extremely low operating current, and the load is supplied by the output capacitors. The output falls until the comparator detects the lower voltage threshold, at which point the IC energizes enough circuitry to generate a power pulse, which replenishes the output capacitors. Each ECM power pulse is terminated by one of two methods:

- Inductor current reaching the ECM peak current threshold.
- Output voltage reaching the overvoltage threshold.

Individual ECM power pulses are generated by the following procedure. First, the high-side MOSFET is turned ON (HS1 signal drives high) to apply V_{BOOST} (for Cold Crank) or V_{IN} (for IBB operation) to the output inductor. The inductor current ramps up from zero at a rate determined by the inductance and voltage from LX1 to VOUT1.

The current sense amplifier monitors the voltage level across the current sense resistor until the voltage reaches 13mV. When the 13mV threshold is attained, the high-side MOSFET is turned off and the low-side MOSFET is turned on. This forces the inductor current to ramp down to approximately 0A at which time an internal zero current comparator turns the low-side MOSFET off. After the low-side MOSFET is turned off, the IC returns to ultra-low quiescent current consumption.

Alternatively, if the output rises to approximately 3% of V_{OUT} before the peak current is detected, the high-side pulse is terminated followed by the low-side MOSFET turning on.

Figure 23. Energy Conservation Mode (ECM) Operational Waveforms

5.16.2 ECM Entry and Exit

The current sense resistor and amplifier set thresholds that allow ECM entry and control power pulse generation. To understand ECM power pulse operation, the current sense resistor (in series with the power inductor) is selected to produce a 50mV signal between ISEN1P and ISEN1N when the full load current is applied to the output. If ECM is allowed (SYNC = GND) and the load reduces to a level at which the signal across the current sense resistor is 2mV (typical), the circuit enters ECM. The circuit remains in ECM as the load is further reduced to minimal or no load.

If the load increases, the circuit remains in ECM operation, but it cannot support load currents in which the RSNS signal exceeds approximately 6.5mV.

6. Application Information

Several factors should be considered when selecting components for buck and boost regulators. This section discusses some examples of how to decide the parameters of the external components based on the typical application schematic shown in [Figure 2.](#page-4-2) In the actual application, the parameters might need to be adjusted and also a few more additional components might need to be added for the application-specific noise, physical sizes, thermal, testing, and other requirements.

6.1 Buck Channel Components

6.1.1 Buck Inductor Selection

While the buck channel is operating in a stable Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM), the output voltage and on-time of the high-side transistor is determined by [Equation 3](#page-28-3), where T is the switching cycle (1/f_{SW}) and $D = t_{OM}/T$ is the on-duty of the high-side transistor.

(EQ. 3)
$$
V_{OUT} = V_{IN} \times \frac{t_{ON}}{T} = V_{IN}D
$$

Under this CCM condition, the inductor ripple current can be defined as [Equation 4](#page-28-4):

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 4)} \qquad I_{L,p-p} \, = \, t_{ON} \times \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{L} \, = \, t_{OFF} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{L}
$$

From the previous equations, use [Equation 5](#page-28-5) to determine the inductor value.

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 5)} \qquad L = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{f_{SW}} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}
$$

In general, when the inductor value is determined, the ripple current varies by the input voltage. At the maximum input voltage, the on-duty becomes the minimum and the ripple current becomes the maximum. Therefore, use [Equation 6](#page-28-6) to estimate the minimum inductor value.

(Eq. 6)
$$
L_{min} = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{OUT}}{f_{SW} \times \Delta l_{L, max}} \times \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN, max}}
$$

In a Buck regulator, this ripple current is normally selected to be between 20% and 50% of the maximum DC output current. A typical starting point is to set the ripple current to 30% of the maximum DC output current. Larger inductor values reduce the ripple current and ripple voltage. However, larger inductor values can slow the response time of the channel to load transients. Also, the larger inductance reduces the RSNS current ramp signal and can result in noise sensitivity.

Under stable operation, the peak current flow in the inductor is the sum of output current and 1/2 of ripple current.

(EQ. 7)
$$
I_{L,pk} = \frac{I_{L,p-p}}{2} + I_{OUT}
$$

This peak current at maximum load condition must be lower than the saturation current rating of the inductor with enough margin. In the actual design, the largest peak current can be observed at the startup or heavy load transient. Therefore, the size of the inductor should be determined with the consideration of these conditions. Also, to avoid exceeding the saturation rating of the inductor, Renesas recommends setting the OCP trip point between the maximum peak current and the saturation current rating of the inductor.

Note: The OC1 signal is fixed at 80mV (1.6x of full load) and the OC2 hiccup threshold is fixed at 100mV (2x of full load); therefore, the inductor should have a saturation value exceeding 2x full load current.

ECM operation is based on a fixed peak signal of 13mV, which is well below the OC1 level, therefore, there are no special considerations for inductor selection for ECM.

6.1.2 Buck Output Capacitor

To filter the inductor current ripples and to have sufficient transient response, output capacitors are required. The current mode control loop allows the usage of low ESR ceramic capacitors for smallest size, and/or electrolytic and polymer capacitors that offer larger capacitance values but with higher ESR and increased physical size. While the ceramic capacitor offers excellent overall performance and reliability, the actual capacitance can be

reduced considerably when operated with significant DC bias voltage. Carefully review the capacitor manufacturer's information when selecting output capacitors.

The following are equations for the required capacitance value to meet the required ripple voltage level. Additional capacitance can lower the ripple voltage and to improve transient response.

For the ceramic capacitor (low ESR):

(EQ. 8)
$$
V_{OUT,rip} = \frac{\Delta I_L}{8 \times f_{SW} \times C_{OUT}}
$$

where ΔI_L is the inductor's peak-to-peak ripple current, f_{SW} is the switching frequency and C_{OUT} is the output capacitor.

Required minimum output capacitance based on ripple current is:

(EQ. 9)
$$
C_{OUT,min} = \frac{\Delta I_L}{8 \times f_{SW} \times V_{OUT,rip}}
$$

If using electrolytic capacitors, the ESR is the dominant portion of the ripple voltage.

(EQ. 10)
$$
V_{OUT,rip,ESR} = \Delta I_L \times ESR
$$

Therefore, to reduce the ripple voltage, select the electrolytic capacitor based on maximum ESR, use multiple capacitors in parallel to reduce the ESR, or increase inductor value to reduce the ripple current.

The output capacitor value selected for CCM might require adjustment for ECM operation depending on the magnitude of ripple voltage allowed on VOUT. In standard ECM operation when there is no external loading, the output capacitor must absorb the complete pulse of energy from the output inductor peak current of 120% of full load current. Both the capacitance value and ESR should be considered for ECM operation. The capacitance should be large enough to absorb the energy with acceptable voltage rise and the ESR must be small enough to control the potentially large step in voltage equal to Ipk, ECM × ESR.

In addition to output voltage ripple requirements, select the buck output capacitor value in conjunction with the inductor to meet output deviation requirements during normal CCM operation, ECM, and load transients.

[Equation 11](#page-29-1) calculates the value of C_{OUT} required during load reduction and the output voltage overshoots the nominal level.

(EQ. 11)
$$
C_{OUT_MIN_STEP_DOWN} = \frac{L(I_{STEP} + \frac{I_{RIPPLE}}{2})^2}{2V_{OUT} \Delta V}
$$

When the load is increased, the output undershoots the nominal value and the value of C_{OUT} required is calculated using [Equation 12](#page-29-2).

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 12)} \quad \text{C}_{OUT_MIN_STEP_UP} = \frac{L \left(I_{STEP} + \frac{I_{RIPPLE}}{2}\right)^2}{2(V_{IN} - V_{OUT})\Delta V}
$$

6.1.3 Buck Input Capacitor

The Buck input power rail can incorporate a combination of electrolytic and ceramic capacitors to provide a stable input voltage while supplying pulse currents at the buck switching frequency. The voltage rating of the capacitors should exceed the maximum input voltage, a 20% margin is typically a good starting point.

The minimum value of the Buck input capacitors can be estimated by limiting the drop in VIN (ΔV_{1N} below) to approximately 1% when delivering the full load current during the on-time of the high-side MOSFET:

(EQ. 13)
$$
C_{IN, MIN} = \frac{I_{LOAD, MAX} \times D \times (1 - D)}{f_{SW} \times \Delta V IN}
$$

The specific capacitor(s) used should be selected with an RMS current capability exceeding the value estimated by the relation shown in [Equation 14.](#page-30-2)

(EQ. 14) $I_{\text{CIN,RMS}} \cong I_{\text{LOAD,MAX}} \times \sqrt{\text{D} \times (1-\text{D})}$

6.1.4 Buck MOSFET Selection

The external MOSFETs that are driven by the RAA271041 controller need to be carefully selected to optimize the design of the synchronous buck regulator. The input voltage is typically the automotive range for battery supply, so the MOSFETs are normally rated at 40V BVdss. As the high-side and low-side gate drivers are a 5V output, the MOSFET VGS needs to be specified in this range. The MOSFET should have a low total gate charge (Qgd) and low specified ON-resistance ($r_{DS(ON)}$) at VGS = 4.5V or 5V. Renesas recommends ensuring the minimum VGS threshold is higher than 1.2V, but not exceeding 2.5V to ensure the MOSFETs can be switched off reliably throughout the complete V_{CC} range.

6.1.5 Control Loop Compensation Components for the Buck Channel

Several components selected for the power, filtering, and current sense circuits play a role in the determination of the compensating components.

- \cdot R_{SENSE} = 50mV/I_{OUT} = 5mΩ (with I_{OUT} = 10A)
- **•** Ramp slope = 38.1mV per volt of V_{IN}
- \blacksquare Ramp valley = 1V
- **•** Current sense amplifier transconductance = $G_{m,CSA}$ = 91.25 μ S
- **•** Current feedback resistor value = R_{IFB} = 60kΩ
- **•** Reference voltage $V_{RFF} = 0.8V$
- \cdot G_{mea} = 1.7mS

Use [Equation 15](#page-30-4) to calculate the current loop pole frequency

(EQ. 15)
$$
f_{cp} = \frac{R_{sns}}{2\pi \times L_{OUT}}
$$

Use [Equation 16](#page-30-5) to determine PWM $_{\text{gain}}$

(EQ. 16)
$$
PWM_{gain} = \frac{1}{ramp slope} = \frac{1}{38.1mV} = 26.2
$$

Use [Equation 17](#page-30-6) to calculate current loop unity gain frequency

(EQ. 17) $f_{tc} = \text{PWM}_{gain} \times g_{csa} \times R_{ifb} \times f_{cp}$

Use [Equation 18](#page-30-3) to calculate the command voltage (+1V for ramp valley voltage) for the specific conditions.

(EQ. 18)
$$
V_{cmd} = R_{sns} \times I_{max} \times g_{csa} \times R_{ifb}
$$

Use [Equation 19](#page-30-7) to determine the equivalent transconductance of the modulator ($I_{\text{OUT}}/V_{\text{cmd}}$).

$$
(EQ. 19) \quad GM = \frac{1}{R_{\text{sns}} \times g_{\text{csa}} \times R_{\text{ifb}}}
$$

Use [Equation 20](#page-31-6) to calculate the unity gain frequency of the modulator.

$$
(\text{EQ. 20}) \quad f_{\text{tm}} = \frac{\text{GM}}{2\pi \times \text{C}_{\text{OUT}}}
$$

Constrain the voltage loop f_t to be less than current loop $\mathsf{f}_\mathsf{tc}.$

(EQ. 21)
$$
\frac{f_t}{f_{tc}} = 0.5
$$

Use [Equation 22](#page-31-7) to calculate the compensation resistor R_{COMP} .

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 22)} \quad \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{COMP}} = \frac{\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{tc}} \times \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{OUT}} \times 0.5}{\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{tm}} \times \mathsf{g}_{\mathsf{m},\,\mathsf{ea}} \times \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}}}
$$

Use [Equation 23](#page-31-8) to calculate compensation capacitor C_{COMP} .

$$
(EQ. 23) \quad C_{COMP} = \frac{15}{2\pi \times R_{COMP} \times f_{tc}}
$$

6.2 Boost Channel Components

6.2.1 Bootstrap Resistor Circuit

In an application board, it is common to have ringing noise when the LX and BOOT nodes swing with high dv/dt. This is a result of parasitic inductance and capacitance in the LX node and Boot capacitor routing on the printed circuit board and in the MOSFET structure. The generated noise can disrupt portions of the control circuit analog sense lines and might require some suppression. A simple method to reduce the noise involves placing a resistor of small value (typically from 1Ω to 10Ω) between the BOOT pin and the junction of the boot diode and boot capacitor. This slows down the high-side MOSFET turn-on to reduce the dv/dt of the LX rising edge.

6.2.2 Boost Inductor Selection

While the boost channel is operating in stable Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM), the output voltage and the low-side transistor on-time is determined by [Equation 24](#page-31-3), where T is the switching cycle (1/f_{SW}) and D = t_{ON}/T is the high-side on-duty of the transistor.

(Eq. 24)
$$
V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{IN}}{1 - \frac{t_{ON}}{T}} = \frac{V_{IN}}{1 - D}
$$

Under this CCM condition, the inductor ripple current can be defined using [Equation 25](#page-31-4).

(EQ. 25)
$$
I_{L,p-p} = D \times T \times \frac{V_{1N}}{L}
$$

The previous equations can be rearranged to determine the inductor value using [Equation 26.](#page-31-5)

(EQ. 26)
$$
L = \left(1 - \frac{V_{IN}}{V_{OUT}}\right) \times \left(\frac{V_{IN}}{I_{L,p-p} \times f_{SW}}\right)
$$

In all the previous equations, the Boost minimum input voltage must be considered. *Note*: If a boost regulator is maintaining a fixed output voltage and a fixed load current, the Boost output power is constant. The boost input power must also remain relatively constant. Due to this constraint, as the input voltage falls, the boost input current must rise to maintain constant power. Therefore, the boost input current is maximum at the lowest input

voltage and the maximum boost load. This relationship can significantly affect the selection of both the inductor and the power MOSFETs.

Therefore, as the boost input voltage falls, the inductor and MOSFET current-handling capacity must increase proportionally. Renesas recommends setting the minimum input voltage as high as possible in accordance with the input voltage requirements to minimize the size and cost of the inductor and MOSFETs.

In a Boost regulator, the inductor ripple current is normally selected to be between 20% and 50% of the maximum DC output current. A typical starting point is to set the ripple current to 30% of the maximum DC output current. Larger inductor values reduce the ripple current and ripple voltage. However, larger inductor values can slow the response time of the channel to load transients. Also, the larger inductance reduces the RSNS current ramp signal and can result in noise sensitivity.

Under stable operation, the peak current flow in the inductor is the sum of maximum input current (full load and minimum V_{IN}) and 1/2 of ripple current.

(EQ. 27)
$$
I_{L,pk} = \frac{I_{L,p-p}}{2} + I_{1N}
$$

This peak current at maximum load condition must be lower than the saturation current rating of the inductor with enough margin. In the actual design, the largest peak current can be observed at the startup, heavy load transient, and minimum input voltage. Therefore, the inductor's size must be determined with the consideration of these conditions. Also, to avoid exceeding the saturation rating of the inductor, Renesas recommends setting the OCP trip point between the maximum peak current and the inductor's saturation current rating.

Note: The OC1 signal is fixed at 80mV (160% of full load) and the OC2 hiccup threshold is fixed at 100mV; therefore, the inductor should have a saturation value exceeding 2x full load current.

6.2.3 Boost Output Capacitor

Output capacitors are required to filter the inductor current ripple and to provide energy storage to support transient load conditions, and a combination of electrolytic and ceramic capacitors is normally used. The ceramic capacitors filter the high-frequency spikes of the main switching devices and absorb the highest frequency components of the trapezoidal output current flowing through the output rectifier of a boost channel. In layout, place these output ceramic capacitors as close as possible to the main switching devices to maintain the smallest switching loop. To maintain capacitance over the biased voltage and temperature range, Renesas recommends using high-quality capacitors such as X7R or X5R. The electrolytic capacitors handle the load transient and output ripples.

Use [Equation 28](#page-32-2) to estimate the minimum output capacitor.

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 28)} \quad \text{C}_{\text{OUT, min}} = \frac{100 \times I_{\text{OUT}} \times T_{\text{ON}}}{V_{\text{OUT}}}
$$

The boost output ripple at the switching frequency is mainly determined by the trapezoidal rectifier current and output capacitance value. For the boost channel, the maximum output voltage ripple can be estimated using [Equation 29,](#page-32-3) where $I_{\text{OUT max}}$ is the load current at output, C is the total capacitance at output, and D_{MIN} is the minimum duty cycle at $V_{IN,max}$ and $V_{OUT,min}$.

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 29)} \quad \text{V}_{OUT,rip} = \frac{\text{I}_{OUT,max} \times (1 - \text{D}_{MIN})}{8 \text{C} \times 2 \times \text{f}_{SW}}
$$

6.2.4 Control Loop Compensation Components for the Boost Channel

- \cdot R_{SENSE} = 3mΩ
- **•** Ramp amplitude = $V_{ramp} = 0.8V$
- **•** Current sense amplifier transconductance = $G_{\text{m},\text{CSA}}$ = 91.25 μ S
- Current feedback resistor value = R_{IFB} = 144kΩ

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- **Selected C_{OUT}** = result calculated in [Equation 28](#page-32-2)
- Reference voltage $V_{REF} = 0.8V$
- \cdot G_{mea} = 1.7mS

Use [Equation 30](#page-33-1) to calculate the current loop pole frequency.

(EQ. 30) f p $R_{\rm s}$ $=\frac{5}{2\pi L}$

Use [Equation 31](#page-33-2) to calculate modulator gain.

(EQ. 31) Am $\rm v_{\rm OUT}$ $=\frac{UU}{V_{RAMP}}$

Use [Equation 32](#page-33-3) to determine the unity gain frequency of the current loop.

(EQ. 32)
$$
f_{tc} = A_m \times g_{m\text{csa}} \times R_{ifb} \times f_p
$$

Use [Equation 33](#page-33-4) to calculate the command signal that provides I_{OUT} .

(EQ. 33) $V_{cmd} = I_{IN} \times R_s \times g_{m_csa} \times R_{ifb}$

Use [Equation 34](#page-33-5) to determine the transconductance of the closed-loop current gain block.

$$
(EQ. 34) \quad GM = \frac{I_{OUT}}{V_{cmd}}
$$

Incorporating selected output capacitance, use [Equation 35](#page-33-6) to calculate the unity gain frequency of the closed current loop.

$$
(\text{EQ. 35)} \quad f_{\text{cc}} = \frac{\text{GM}}{2\pi \text{C}_{\text{OUT}}}
$$

Use [Equation 36](#page-33-7) to calculate the right half-plane zero frequency.

(Eq. 36)
$$
f_{rhpz} = \frac{V_{IN}^2}{2\pi LP_{OUT}}
$$

Select a unity gain frequency less half of the right half-plane zero frequency.

(EQ. 37) f_t ≤ 0.5f_{rhpz}

Use [Equation 38](#page-33-8) to calculate the compensation resistor.

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 38)} \quad \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{COMP}} = \frac{\mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{tc}} \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{OUT}}}{\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{REF}} \times \mathsf{g}_{\mathsf{m_csa}} \times \mathsf{f}_{\mathsf{cc}}}
$$

Use [Equation 39](#page-33-9) to calculate the unity gain frequency of the voltage loop.

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 39)} \quad \mathbf{f}_t = \frac{\mathbf{g}_{\mathsf{m_ea}} \mathbf{R}_{\mathsf{COMP}}}{\mathbf{V}_{\mathsf{OUT}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathsf{cc}}}
$$

The compensation capacitor can be calculated using [Equation 40](#page-33-0).

$$
\textbf{(EQ. 40)} \quad \text{C}_{\text{COMP}} = \frac{5}{2\pi R_{\text{COMP}}f_t}
$$

6.3 Recommended PCB Layout

TO BE UPDATED: Correct PCB layout is critical for proper operation of the RAA271041. Each channel requires specific attention to minimize the power loop area for highly efficient, stable operation. It is also important to consider routing the shared common areas between the two channels. Route the primary paths in a single layer copper if possible to reduce parasitic inductance in the power current paths.

The following layout instructions see [Figure 24](#page-34-1) and [Figure 25](#page-35-0) as noted.

- In [Figure 24,](#page-34-1) connect the common connection between input capacitors, output capacitors, and the low-side FET for each channel through the central ground (gray) area.
- When the high-side MOSFET is switched ON and OFF the power current alternates flowing through the input capacitor and high-side MOSFET, or the low-side MOSFET. Minimize the loop area between CIN, high-side MOSFET, and low-side MOSFET to reduce interference from the high di/dt intervals as the current alternates between the MOSFETs.
- The first inner layer below the top copper layer with power components should be a ground layer that is as complete as possible, as indicated in [Figure 25](#page-35-0) using the light green fill. This provides a tightly coupled ground return path for the power circuitry. This layer is also used in conjunction with many vias to create a low-impedance connection from the common power GND region to the RAA271041 controller, and the thermal pad is connected to this plane using multiple vias.
- Connect the signal ground (Pin 14) to the thermal pad ground directly under the IC. For best noise immunity, signal pins such as COMP, RT, and configuration resistors can be connected in a small SGND pour that connects to Pin 14, which connects to PGND in a single point connection under the IC.
- Each channel has ISNS connections that should be routed as shown in [Figure 25](#page-35-0). The ISNS traces are routed on the second inner layer, which is shielded from power switching currents by the ground area on the inner layer 1. Begin the ISNS traces as a kelvin connection through a via in the center of the sense resistor in each channel.
- Minimize the trace lengths on the feedback loop and route around switching power circuits to minimize noise pick-up.
- Place the capacitors on VIN and VCC close to respective pins and ground connection.

Figure 24. PCB Layout Illustrating Power Component Placement

Figure 25. PCB Layout Illustrating Current Sense Routing

7. Package Outline Drawing

For the most recent package outline drawing, see [L36.6x6D.](https://www.renesas.com/en/document/psc/l366x6d-36-lead-step-cut-quad-flat-no-lead-plastic-package-scqfn)

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8. Ordering Information

1. These Pb-free plastic packaged products employ special Pb-free material sets, molding compounds/die attach materials, and 100% matte tin plate plus anneal (e3 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 [RAA271041](https://www.renesas.com/raa271041) 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/us/en/document/oth/tb493-snpb-and-pb-free-reflow-soldering-temperature-profiles)

4. See [TB347](https://www.renesas.com/www/doc/tech-brief/tb347.pdf) for details about reel specifications.

Table 3. Key Differences Between Family of Parts

9. Revision History

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