

ADVANCE INFORMATION

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High-Speed, Step-Down Controllers with Synchronous Rectification for CPU Power

General Description

The MAX1638/MAX1639 are ultra-high-performance, step-down DC-DC controllers for CPU power in high-end computer systems. Designed for demanding applications in which output voltage precision and good transient response are critical for proper operation, they deliver over 35A from 1.1V to 3.5V with $\pm 1\%$ total accuracy from a +5V $\pm 10\%$ supply. Excellent dynamic response corrects output transients caused by the latest dynamically clocked CPUs. These controllers achieve over 90% efficiency by using synchronous rectification. Flying-capacitor bootstrap circuitry drives inexpensive, external N-channel MOSFETs.

The switching frequency is pin selectable for 300kHz, 600kHz, or 1MHz. High switching frequencies allow the use of a small, surface-mount inductor and decrease output filter capacitor requirements, reducing board area and system cost.

The MAX1638 is available in a 24-pin SSOP and offers additional features such as a digitally programmable output; adjustable transient response; selectable 0.5%, 1%, or 2% AC load regulation; and gate drive for an instant current-boost MOSFET. The MAX1639 is resistor adjustable and comes in a 16-pin narrow SO package. Other features in both controllers include internal digital soft-start, a power-good output, and a 3.5V $\pm 1\%$ reference output.

Applications

Pentium Pro™, Pentium II™, PowerPC™, Alpha™, and K6™ Systems
Desktop Computers
LAN Servers
Industrial Computers
GTL Bus Termination

Features

- ◆ Better than $\pm 1\%$ Output Accuracy Over Line and Load
- ◆ Intel VRM-Specification Compatible
- ◆ 90% Efficiency
- ◆ Excellent Transient Response
- ◆ Over 35A Output Current
- ◆ Digitally Programmable Output from 1.3V to 3.5V (MAX1638)
- ◆ Resistor-Adjustable Output down to 1.1V (MAX1639)
- ◆ Remote Sensing
- ◆ Adjustable AC-Loop Gain (MAX1638)
- ◆ GlitchCatcher™ Circuit for Fast Load-Transient Response (MAX1638)
- ◆ Power-Good (PWROK) Output
- ◆ Current-Mode Control
- ◆ Digital Soft-Start
- ◆ 2A Gate-Drive Outputs
- ◆ Current-Limited Output
- ◆ Switching Frequency to 1MHz

Ordering Information

PART	TEMP. RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE
MAX1638EAG	-40°C to +85°C	24 SSOP
MAX1638EEG	-40°C to +85°C	24 QSOP
MAX1639ESE	-40°C to +85°C	16 Narrow SO

MAX1638/MAX1639

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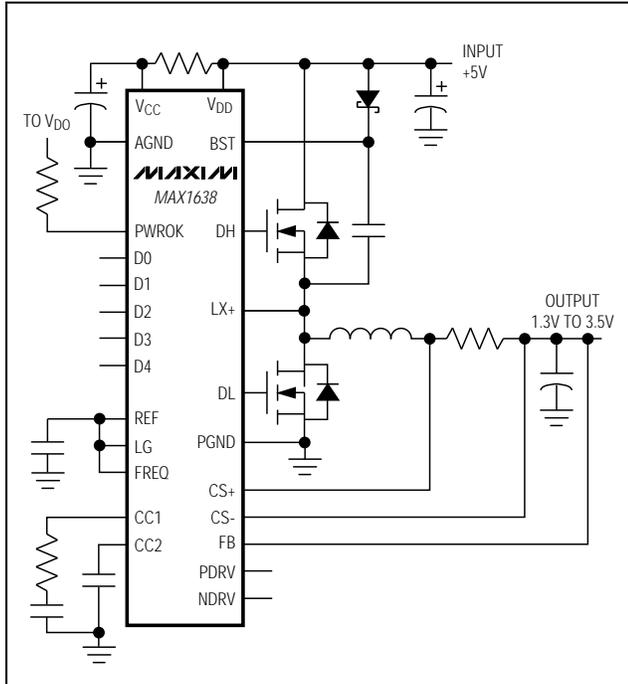


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Typical Operating Circuit



Pin Configuration

