

SC4911 Bias/Primary Side PWM Controller with Ultra Low Start-up Current

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Description

The SC4911 is a highly integrated bias/primary side PWM controller designed for off-line or isolated dc-dc converters in telecommunication and data communication applications. The high degree of integration minimizes the amount of discrete parts needed and leads to substantial cost and space saving converter designs.

The circuitry of the SC4911 includes line voltage UVLO featuring startup current less than 50μ A and programmable switching frequency. The device supply is derived from an auxiliary winding on the transformer. The auxiliary winding could also provide output feedback information if an optocoupler is not used.

Features

- Programmable switching frequency up to 500kHz
- Line UVLO Protection
- Undervoltage Lockout
- Low startup current (45μA)
- Cycle by cycle current limit
- 8 pin MSOP. Available in Lead-free, fully WEEE and RoHS compliant

Applications

- Telecom isolated converters
- ◆ Offline isolated power supplies
- Instrumentation power supplies
- Battery chargers



Typical Application Circuit

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Exceeding the specifications below may result in permanent damage to the device, or device malfunction. Operation outside of the parameters specified in the Electrical Characteristics section is not implied.

Parameter	Symbol	Maximum	Units
Supply Voltage	V _{cc}	18	V
Supply Current	I _{cc}	20	mA
Line UVLO Voltage		V _{cc}	V
FB, ILIM and COMP		-0.3 to 6	V
Output Current Source or Sink		250	mA
Storage Temperature Range	T _{STG}	-60 to +150	°C
Junction Temperature Range	Tj	-40 to +150	°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering) 10 Sec.	T _{LEAD}	260	°C
ESD Rating (Human Body Model)	ESD	2	kV

Electrical Characteristics

Unless specified: T_A = T_I = -40°C to +125°C, V_{CC} = 12V, R_T = 100K Ω , V_{FB} = 2.4V, LUVLO = 1.5V.

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
Power Supply						
Vcc Turn-On Voltage			6.0	7.0	V	
Operating Current	$f_s = 200 kHz$, No load		3.4	5.0	mA	
Startup Current	LUVLO = 0.6V		45	80	μA	
VCC Zener Shunt Voltage	I _{cc} = 10mA	15	16	17	V	
Line UVLO			•	<u>. </u>		
Lockout Threshold		1.22	1.25	1.28	V	
UVLO Hysteresis			70		mV	
Bias Current	V _{LUVLO} < 1.25V		100		nA	
Error Amplifier						
Feedback Input Voltage	V _{cc} = 12V	2.44	2.50	2.56	V	
Feedback Input Voltage Regulation	V_{cc} = 7V to 12V	2.425		2.575	V	
Input Bias Current			170		nA	
Amplifier Transconductance			1000		µmho	
Amplifier Souce Current			500		μA	
Amplifier Sink Current			600		μA	
Open Loop Voltage Gain			50		dB	

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Electrical Characteristics (Cont.)

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Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Oscillator		-	1	<u>I</u>	
Frequency Range	R _T = 200kΩ		100		
	R _τ = 43 kΩ		500		kHz
Frequency		170	200	230	kHz
Duty Cycle		·			
Maximum Duty Cycle		57	65	72	%
Minimum Duty Cycle	V _{FB} = 3V			0	%
Current Limit					
Current Limit Threshold		500	525	550	mV
Propagation Delay to Gate			70		nS
Output					
Output Voltage Low State	Sink 5mA		0.1	0.5	V
Output Voltage High State	Source 5mA	9.5	10.2		V
Rise Time	С _{оит} = 100рF		25		nS
Fall Time	С _{оит} = 100рF		10		nS

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Pin Configuration



Pin Descriptions

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Part Number	Package	Temp. Range (T _J)	
SC4911IMSTR	MSOP-8 ⁽¹⁾	-40°C to +125°C	
SC4911IMSTRT ⁽²⁾	IVISUF-0		

Notes:

(1) Only available in tape and reel packaging. A reel contains 2500 devices.

(2) Lead free product. This product is fully WEEE and RoHS compliant.

PIN Descriptions				
Pin #	Pin Name	Pin Function		
1	LUVLO	Line under voltage lockout.		
2	RT	For programming oscillator frequency.		
3	FB	Feedback.		
4	COMP	Feedback compensation.		
5	ILIM	Current limit sense.		
6	GND	Ground.		
7	OUT	Gate drive output. Low during UVLO or LUVLO.		
8	VCC	Supply voltage.		

Marking Information





Block Diagram





Applications Information

The SC4911 is a voltage mode controller designed mainly for the isolated or non-isolated flyback converters. As shown in the Block Diagram, it includes start-up circuit, bandgap, error amplifier, PWM comparator, logic and output stage. Line undervoltage has dual functions of line voltage lockout and shutdown. When LUVLO is pull down to ground, the SC4911 is disabled and the quiescent current is reduced to typical 30µA. When it is connected to a resistor voltage divider between input voltage and ground, it monitors the line voltage.

Oscillator

The switching frequency of the SC4911 is set by an external resistor connected between RT and GND. Figure 1 shows the relationship between the resistance of the external resistor and the switching frequency.





Line UVLO and VCC UVLO

The Line UVLO monitors the input line voltage and VCC UVLO monitors the supply voltage to the SC4911. If either input line or VCC is below the lockout threshold, the output is held low and the supply current to the chip is typically 30μ A.

A resistor divider from the input line to GND determines the desired undervoltage lockout level. To prevent noise coupling to affect proper UVLO operation, a small capacitor, one hundred to a few hundred pF, is recommended to be used from Line UVLO pin to GND.

Start-up

As shown in Typical Applications Circuit on the front page, when input voltage is applied, C1 is trickle charged through the start-up resistor R1 until the SC4911 Vcc reaches the turn-on voltage.

The bias current consumed by the device during this period is only typical 30μ A. Once Vcc exceeds the turn-on voltage, OUT starts driving the MOSFET, transferring energy to the secondary and the bias output. If the bias output voltage builds to and is above the Vcc turnoff voltage, the start-up is completed and normal operation begins.

The size of the start-up resistor not only affects power supply start-up time, but also power supply efficiency. The resistor dissipates continuous power in normal operation. Due to ultra low start-up current of the SC4911, large value resistor (several hundred Kohm to 1Mohm) could be used, particularly for off-line applications to improve efficiency considering reasonable start-up time.

Current Limit

The current sense resistor is selected by dividing the current sense threshold voltage 0.525V by the primary peak current at the desired current limit point, typically 120% of the primary peak current.

$$R_{\text{SENSE}} = \frac{0.525V}{1.2 \times I_{\text{PK}}}$$

Care must be taken to ensure proper selection of sense resistor and good layout to prevent erratic operation. The non-inductive resistor must be used as the sense resistor. Parasitic inductance in series with the sense resistor must be minimized. Additional RC filter may be necessary to eliminate the narrow spike time on the leading edge of the primary current. The RC time constant can be chosen to be equal to the time constant of the sense resistor and the parasitic inductance.

PCB Layout

Long power supply and ground traces should be avoided.

A 0.1μ F ceramic capacitor closely placed between Vcc and GND is recommended. The timing resistor used to program switching frequency should be located close to pin RT and pin GND in order to have a stable switching frequency. MOSFET should be located near the device and a resistor in the range of several ohms could be used in series with the gate drive to damp the ringing if the trace between the drive output and MOSFET is not short enough. Star ground connection is recommended to avoid ground loops. The Power path for input filter, MOSFET and transformer should be separated from signal path for timing resistor and feedback resistor, and both should be brought to a single ground point.



Typical Applications

48V TO 12V FLYBACK CONVERTER AS AUXILIARY SUPPLY

Figure 2 shows a simple bias supply using the SC4911. This 36 - 72V input flyback power supply employs primary side regulation from the transformer bias winding, which eliminates the need of opto coupler and secondary reference error amplifier. This is best for low cost applications requiring isolation and narrow load variation range on the secondary.

During the start-up, the input source trickle charges the capacitor C1 through start-up resistor R1. As long as voltage across C1 reaches the Vcc turn-on threshold, the SC4911 turns on abruptly and start driving the gate of MOSFET Q1. After the SC4911 starts up the primary bias winding supplies the primary circuitry.

The output of the T1 bias winding is rectified, filtered by C1 and is fed to the FB through feedback resistor R5 and R7. The output voltage on the secondary is proportional to the bias voltage by the turns ratio of the output to the bias winding. C7 and R9 are for frequency compensation. An additional small capacitor could be used from COMP to GND if it is needed. The LUVLO pin monitors the input voltage via resistor R2 and R4 to determine turn-on and turn-off of the converter. Capacitor C5 helps filter out the noise from the input line.



Figure 2. 48V to 12V Flyback Converter as Auxiliary Supply





Typical Applications (Cont.)

Isolated feedback 48V to 12V application

Figure 3 gives an example of isolated feedback and low power flyback application of the SC4911. T1 is a three winding transformer. The winding 1-2 is a bias winding which supplies the primary circuitry after the SC4911 starts up. During the startup, the input source trickle charges the capacitor C1 through the start-up resistor R1. As long as voltage across C1 reaches the Vcc turnon threshold, the SC4911 turns on abruptly and start driving the gate of MOSFET Q1. As Q1 starts switching, regenerative feedback from the bias winding will provide current via D1 to capacitor C1.

In this configuration, the input voltage is in the range of 36V to 72V for telecom applications, and the LUVLO pin monitors the input voltage via resistor R2 and R5 to determine turn-on and turn-off of the converter. Capacitor C5 helps filter out the noise from the input line.

Timing resistor R13 sets switching frequency. R3 and C6 are used to suppress the voltage spikes across the switch due to leakage inductance of T1. R11 is current sense resistor to set current limit of the convertor. R10 and C9 filter spikes caused by parasitic capacitance during the turning on of Q1. The U3 SC431 is shunt regulator integrating an accurate 2.5V bandgap reference, op amp and driver into a single device. It compares sensed output voltage divided by R7 and R9 to its internal reference and drives the amplified error signal to opto-coupler U1. C7 keeps ripple and noise from over driving the device. U1 delivers the isolated feedback signal to the SC4911. C8 and R12 are for compensation. An additional small capacitor could be used from COMP to GND if needed.



Figure 3. Isolated 48V to 12V Flyback Converter



Typical Applications (Cont.)

Non-Isolated feedback 48V to 12V application

Figure 4 is an example of low cost, non-isolated feedback, low power application of the SC4911. T1 is a two winding transformer. The output voltage is directly fed to the primary circuitry.

During the start-up, the input source trickle charges the capacitor C3 through start-up resistor R1. As long as the voltage across C3 reaches the Vcc turn-on threshold, the SC4911 turns on abruptly and starts driving the gate of MOSFET Q1. After the SC4911 starts up the secondary winding supplies the primary circuitry.

In this 36V to 72V telecom application, LUVLO monitors the input voltage via resistor R2 and R4 to determine turn-on and turn-off of the converter. Capacitor C4 helps filter out the noise from the input line. Voltage feedback is directly brought from the output to the input error amplifier of SC4911 through R5 and R7. C6 and R9 are for frequency compensation. An additional small capacitor could be used from COMP to GND if needed.



Figure 4. Non-isolated 48V to 12V Flyback Converter



Typical Applications (Cont.)

48V to 12V FLYBACK CONVERTER AS BATTERY CHARGER

Figure 5 is another example of non-isolated feedback, low power and compact application of the SC4911 as a battery charger. Battery charging rate is determined by current sense resistor R8. LUVLO is used to not only turn on or turn off the charger by battery charge controller, but also monitors the input line voltage via resistor R2 and R5 to determine turn-on and turnoff of the converter. During the start-up, the input source trickle charges the capacitor C3 through start-up resistor R1. As long as voltage across C3 reaches the Vcc turn-on threshold, the SC4911 turns on abruptly and starts driving the gate of MOSFET Q1. After the SC4911 starts up the secondary winding supplies the primary circuitry.

In this application, voltage feedback is directly brought from the output to the input error amplifier of SC4911 through R4 and R7. C5 and R9 are for frequency compensation.



Figure 5. 48V to 12V Flyback Converter as Battery Charger



Evaluation Board Schematic



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Evaluation Board Schematic- BOM

ltem	Quantity	Reference	Part/Description	Manufacturer #	Foot Print
1	3	C1, C2, C3	47uF	16TPB47M	SM/CT 7343
2	1	C4	10uF/100V	EEU-FC2A100	CYL/D.250/LS.100/.031
3	1	C5	10uF	GRM32ER61C106KC31L	SM/C 1210
4	1	C6	470pF		SM/C 0805
6	1	C7	150pF/100V		SM/C 0805
6	2	C8, C10	47nF		SM/C 0805
7	1	C9	1000pF		SM/C 0805
8	2	D1, D3	1N5819HW		SOD123
9	1	D2	B150-13		SM/SMA
10	1	Q1	Si2320DS	Si2320DS-T1	SOT-23
11	4	R1, R4, R8, R11	100K		SM/R 0805
12	1	R2	2.7 MEG		SM/R 0805
13	1	R3	68		SM/R 0805
14	1	R5	383K		SM/R 0805
15	1	R6	0		SM/R 0805
16	1	R7	51		SM/R 0805
17	1	R9	1		SM/R 0805
18	1	R10	4.99K		SM/R 0805
19	1	T1	31414R	MIDCOM	31414R
20	1	U1	SC4911IMSTR	Semtech Corp. 805-498-2111	MSOP-8

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Typical Characteristics



















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