# High Performance Active Clamp/Reset PWM Controller Featuring 500 V Startup

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Additional features found in the NCP1282 include line feed- forward, frequency synchronization up to 1.0 MHz, cycle-by-cycle current limit with leading edge blanking (LEB), independent under and overvoltage detectors, adjustable output overlap delay, programmable maximum duty cycle, internal startup circuit and soft-start.





†For information on tape and reel specifications, including part orientation and tape sizes, please refer to our Tape and Reel Packaging Specifications Brochure, BRD8011/D.

### **Features**

- Dual Control Outputs with Adjustable Overlap Delay
- > 2.0 A Output Drive Capability
- Soft-Stop Powers Down Converter in a Controlled Manner
- Cycle-by-Cycle Current Limit
- Cycle Skip Initiated if Continuous Current Limit Condition Exists
- Voltage Mode Operation with Input Voltage Feedforward
- Fixed Frequency Operation up to 1.0 MHz
- Bidirectional Frequency Synchronization
- Independent Line Undervoltage and Overvoltage Detectors
- Minimum Operating Voltage of 8.5 V Ensures Enough Voltage is Available for Driving High Voltage MOSFETs
- Accurate Programmable Maximum Duty Cycle Limit
- Programmable Maximum Volt-Second Product
- Programmable Soft-Start
- Internal 500 V Startup Circuit
- Precision 5.0 V Reference
- This is a Pb-Free Device

### **Typical Applications**

- High Power Consumer Electronics
- High Power AC-DC Converters
- High Power DC-DC Converters
- ATX Power Supplies



**Figure 1. Detailed Block Diagram**

## **PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**



### **MAXIMUM RATINGS** (Notes 1 and 2)



Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability.

1. This device series contains ESD protection and exceeds the following tests:

Pins 2-16: Human Body Model 2000 V per MIL–STD–883, Method 3015. Machine Model Method 160 V.

Pin 1 is the HV startup of the device and is rated to the max rating of the part, or 500 V.

2. This device contains Latchup protection and exceeds  $\pm$  100 mA per JEDEC Standard JESD78.





3. Guaranteed by design only.

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)** ( $V_{in}$  = 48 V,  $V_{AUX}$  = 12 V,  $V_{UVOV}$  = 2.3 V,  $V_{EA}$  = open,  $V_{CSKIP}$  = 0 V,  $\rm V_{CS}$  = 0 V,  $\rm V_{SS}$  = open, R<sub>T</sub> = 13.7 kΩ, C<sub>AUX</sub> = 10 μF, C<sub>T</sub> = 470 pF, C<sub>out1</sub> = C<sub>out2</sub> = 100 pF, C<sub>UVOV</sub> = 0.01 μF, C<sub>CSKIP</sub> = 6800 pF,

 ${\sf R}_\mathsf{D}$  = 25 kΩ,  ${\sf R}_{\mathsf{SYNC}}$  = 5.0 kΩ,  ${\sf C}_{\mathsf{REF}}$  = 0.1 μF,  ${\sf R}_{\mathsf{FF}}$  = 29.4 kΩ,  ${\sf C}_{\mathsf{FF}}$  = 470 pF. For typical values T $_{\mathsf{J}}$  = 25°C, for min/max values, T $_{\mathsf{J}}$  is – 40°C to 125°C, unless otherwise noted)



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The NCP1282 reduces component count and system size by incorporating high accuracy on critical specifications such as programmable maximum duty cycle, undervoltage detector and overcurrent threshold. A minimum operating voltage of 8.5 V ensures enough voltage is available for driving high voltage MOSFETs. Additional features found in the NCP1282 include line feedforward, bidirectional frequency synchronization up to 1.0 MHz, cycle-by-cycle current limit with leading edge blanking (LEB), independent under and overvoltage detectors, internal startup circuit and soft-start.

### SOFT-STOP AND SOFT-START

The NCP1282 incorporates a novel soft-stop and soft-start architecture that combines soft-start and soft-stop functions on a single pin.

Soft-stop reduces the duty cycle until it reaches 0% once a fault is detected. By slowly reducing the duty cycle during power down, the active clamp capacitor  $(C_{\text{clamp}})$  is discharged. This prevents oscillations between the power transformer and  $C_{\text{clamp}}$ , and ensures the converter turns off in a predictable state.

Soft-start slowly increases the duty cycle during power up allowing the controller to gradually reach steady state operation. Combined, both features reduce system stress and power surges.

The duty cycle is controlled by comparing the SS capacitor voltage  $(V_{SS})$  to the Feedforward (FF) Ramp. Soft-start or soft-stop is implemented by slowly charging or discharging the capacitor on the SS pin. OUT1 is disabled once the FF Ramp exceeds  $V_{SS}$ . The soft-start charge current is 20  $\mu$ A and the soft-stop discharge current is 100 µA, guaranteeing a faster turn OFF time.

The preset 1:5 charge:discharge ratio can be reduced by placing an external resistor between the  $V_{REF}$  and SS pins. The resistor should be sized such that the total charge current does not exceed  $100 \mu A$ . Otherwise, the converter will not be able to complete a soft-stop sequence.

The converter enters a soft-stop sequence if an undervoltage, overvoltage, cycle skip low VAUX  $(V_{AUX(off1)})$  or thermal shutdown condition is detected. Once the converter enters the soft-stop mode, it will stay in soft-stop mode until  $V_{SS}$  reaches 0.2 V even if the fault is removed prior to reaching 0.2 V.

Depending on the converter state, a soft-stop sequence is handled differently to ensure the fastest response time and prevent system malfunction. If a soft-stop sequence starts before  $V_{SS}$  exceeds the maximum voltage clamp of the FF Ramp (typ. 3.0 V) and the PWM Comparator ( $V_{FA}$ ) is not yet controlling the duty cycle, a controlled discharge of  $C_{SS}$  commences immediately, as shown in Figure 34. However, if  $V_{FA}$  is controlling the duty cycle,  $C_{SS}$  is discharged until soft-stop sets a duty cycle equal to the duty cycle set by  $V_{EA}$ . A controlled discharge commences afterwards, as shown in Figure 35. If  $V_{SS}$  exceeds the FF Ramp and the  $V_{EA}$  is not controlling the duty cycle,  $V_{SS}$  is forced to the peak voltage of the FF Ramp, before starting a controlled discharge of  $C_{SS}$ , as shown in Figure 36. The duty cycle set at the beginning of the soft-stop event never exceeds the duty cycle prior to the soft-stop event.



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If the voltage on the  $V_{AUX}$  pin reaches  $V_{AUX(off2)}$ , Css is immediately discharged and the outputs are disabled.  $V_{SS}$ should not be pulled up or down externally.

### **CURRENT LIMIT**

The NCP1282 has two overcurrent modes, cycle-by-cycle and cycle skip, providing the best protection during momentary and continuous overcurrent conditions.

### **Cycle--by--Cycle**

In cycle--by--cycle, the conduction period ends once the voltage on the CS pin reaches the current limit voltage threshold ( $V<sub>ILIM</sub>$ ). The NCP1282 has a  $V<sub>ILIM</sub>$  of 0.5 V.

### **Cycle Skip**

Traditionally, a voltage on the CS higher than VILIM has been used to trigger a cycle skip fault. Unfortunately, the fast response time of modern controllers makes it hard to reach a voltage on the CS pin higher than  $V_{\text{II,IM}}$ .

Instead of using a higher voltage threshold to detect a cycle skip fault, the NCP1282 uses a timer. It monitors the current limit comparator and if a continuous cycle--by--cycle current limit condition exists the converter is disabled. The time to disable the converter and the time the converter is disabled are programmed by the capacitor on the CSKIP pin,  $C_{CSKIP}$ 

The cycle skip detection circuit charges  $C_{CSKIP}$  with a continuous  $100 \mu A$  current once cycle-by-cycle current limit fault is detected. If the current limit fault persists, C<sub>CSKIP</sub> continues to charge until reaching the cycle skip upper threshold (V<sub>CSKIP(peak)</sub>) of 3.0 V. Once reached, the converter enters the soft–stop mode and  $C_{CSKP}$  is discharged with a constant  $10 \mu A$  current. A new soft-start sequence commences once C<sub>CSKIP</sub> reaches the lower cycle skip threshold ( $V_{CSKIP(value)}$ ) of 0.5 V. If the overcurrent condition is still present, the capacitor starts charging on the next current limit event. Otherwise,  $C_{CSKP}$  is discharged down to 0 V.

The cycle skip capacitor provides a means of remembering previous overcurrent conditions. If a continuous overcurrent condition is removed before reaching  $V_{CSKIP(peak)}$ , C<sub>CSKIP</sub> starts a controlled discharge. If the continuous overcurrent fault is once again detected before CCSKIP is completely discharged, CCSKIP charges from its existing voltage level, taking less time to reach V<sub>CSKIP(peak)</sub>. Figure 37 shows operating waveforms during a continuous overcurrent condition. For optimal operation, the cycle skip discharge time should be longer than the soft-stop period.



**Figure 37. Cycle Skip Waveforms**

In some instances it may be desired to latch (instead of auto re--start) the NCP1282 after a cycle skip event is detected. This can be easily achieved by adding an external latch. Figures 35 and 36 show an implementation of an integrated and a discrete latch, respectively. In general the circuits work by pulling CSKIP to  $V_{REF}$ , preventing it from reaching

V<sub>CSKIP(valley)</sub> once the CSKIP voltage reaches the turn on threshold of the latch. The external latch is cleared by bringing the UVOV voltage below  $V_{UV}$  and disabling  $V_{REF}$ .





The latch in Figure 38 consists of a TTL level tri-state output buffer from ON Semiconductor's MiniGate<sup>™</sup> family. The enable (OE) and output (OUTY) terminals are connected to CSKIP and the  $V_{CC}$  and INA pins are connected to  $V_{REF}$ . The output of the buffer is in a high impedance mode when OE is low. Once a continuous current limit condition is detected, the CSKIP timer is enabled and CSKIP begins charging. Once the voltage on CSKIP reaches the enable threshold of the buffer, the output of the buffer is pulled to  $V_{REF}$ , latching the CSKIP timer. The OE threshold of the buffer is typically 1.5 V.



#### **Figure 39. External Latch Implemented using Discrete N and P-Channel MOSFETs**

A latch implemented using discrete N and P-channel MOSFETs is shown in Figure 39. The latch is enabled once the CSKIP voltage reaches the threshold of M1. Once M1 turns on, it pulls low the gate of M2. CSKIP is then pulled to  $V_{REF}$  by M2. It is important to size  $R_{pull-up}$  correctly. If  $R_{pull-up}$  is too big, it will not keep M2 off while  $V_{REF}$ charges. This will cause the controller to latch during initial power--up. In this particular implementation the turn on threshold of M1 is 2 V and  $R_{pull-up}$  is sized to 24.9 k $\Omega$ .

### **Leading Edge Blanking**

The current sense signal is prone to leading edge spikes caused by the power switch transitions. The current signal

is usually filtered using an RC low–pass filter to avoid premature triggering of the current limit circuit. However, the low pass filter will inevitably change the shape of the current pulse and also add cost and complexity. The NCP1282 uses LEB circuitry that blocks out the first 70 ns (typ) of each current pulse. This removes the leading edge spikes without altering the current waveform. The blanking period is disabled during soft-start as the blanking period may be longer than the startup duty cycle. It is also disabled if the output of the Saturation Comparator is low, indicating that the output is not yet in regulation. This occurs during power up or during an output overload condition.

#### **Supply Voltage and Startup Circuit**

The NCP1282 internal startup regulator eliminates the need for external startup components. In addition, this regulator increases the efficiency of the supply as it uses no power when in the normal mode of operation, but instead uses power supplied by an auxiliary winding. The NCP1282 incorporates an optimized startup circuit that reduces the requirement of the supply capacitor, particularly important in size constrained applications.

The minimum supply voltage of the NCP1282 is optimized for driving high voltage MOSFETs. It is not uncommon for high voltage MOSFETs to have a gate plateau voltage of 6 V. In addition, high voltage applications may require a high side drive circuit with a voltage drop of up to two diodes. If the minimum supply voltage is too low, there may not be enough voltage for driving the external MOSFETs causing the system to malfunction. The NCP1282 eliminates this problem with a minimum supply voltage of 8.5 V.

The startup regulator consists of a constant current source that supplies current from the input line voltage  $(V_{in})$  to the supply capacitor on the  $V_{AUX}$  pin ( $C_{AUX}$ ). The startup current ( $I<sub>start</sub>$ ) is typically 10 mA.

Once  $C_{AUX}$  is charged to 11.0 V ( $V_{AUX(on)}$ ), the startup regulator is disabled and the outputs are enabled if there are no UV, OV, CSKIP or thermal shutdown faults. The startup regulator remains disabled until the lower voltage threshold ( $V_{AUX(off1)}$ ) of 9.5 V is reached. Once reached, the startup circuit is enabled and a soft-stop event is initiated. If the bias current requirement out of  $C_{AUX}$  is greater than the startup current, VAUX will discharge until reaching the lower voltage threshold ( $V_{AUX(off2)}$ ) of 8.5 V. Upon reaching  $V_{\text{AUX(off2)}}$ , the outputs are disabled. Once the outputs are disabled, the bias current of the IC is reduced, allowing  $V_{AUX}$  to charge back up. This mode of operation allows a dramatic reduction in the size of  $C_{AUX}$ as not all the power required for startup needs to be stored by  $C_{AUX}$ . This mode of operation is known as Dynamic Self Supply (DSS). Figure 40 shows the relationship between  $V_{AUX(on)}$ ,  $V_{AUX(off1)}$ ,  $V_{AUX(off2)}$  and UV. As shown in Figure 40, the outputs are not enabled until the UV fault is removed and  $V_{AUX}$  reaches  $V_{AUX(on)}$ .





The startup regulator is disabled by biasing  $V_{AUX}$  above VAUX(on). This feature allowsthe NCP1282 to operate from an independent 12 V supply. If operating from an independent supply, the  $V_{in}$  and  $V_{AUX}$  pins should be connected together. The independent supply should maintain  $V_{AUX}$  above  $V_{AUX(on)}$ . Otherwise, the Output Latch will not be SET and the outputs will remain OFF after a fault condition is removed.

The startup circuit sources current into the  $V_{AUX}$  pin. It is recommended to place a diode between  $C_{AUX}$  and the auxiliary supply as shown in Figure 41. This allows the NCP1282 to charge  $C_{AUX}$  while preventing the startup regulator from sourcing current into the auxiliary supply.



**Figure 41. Recommended VAUX Configuration** 

CAUX provides power to the controller while operating in the self-bias or DSS mode. During the converter powerup,  $C_{AUX}$  must be sized such that a  $V_{AUX}$  voltage greater than  $V_{AUX(off2)}$  is maintained while the auxiliary supply voltage is building up. Otherwise,  $V_{AUX}$  will collapse and the controller will turn OFF. Also, the VAUX discharge time (from 11.0 V to 9.5 V) must be greater that the soft-start charge period to assure the converter turns ON. The IC bias current, gate charge load on the outputs, and the 5.0 V reference load must be considered to correctly size CAUX. The current consumption due to external gate charge is calculated using Equation 1.

$$
IAUX(gate charge) = f \cdot QG
$$
 (eq. 1)

where,  $f$  is the operating frequency and  $Q<sub>G</sub>$  is the gate charge.

An internal supervisory circuit monitors VAUX and prevents excessive power dissipation if the  $V_{AUX}$  pin is accidentally shorted. While  $V_{AUX}$  is below 1.2 V, the startup circuit is disabled and a current source (Iinhibit) charges  $V_{AUX}$  with a minimum current of 50  $\mu$ A. Once  $V_{AUX}$  reaches 1.2 V the startup circuit is enabled. Therefore it is imperative that  $V_{AUX}$  is not loaded (driver, resistor divider, etc.) with more than 50  $\mu$ A while V<sub>AUX</sub> is below 1.2 V. Otherwise,  $V_{AUX}$  will not charge. If a load greater than  $50 \mu A$  is present, a resistor can be placed between the  $V_{in}$  and  $V_{AUX}$  pins to help charge  $V_{AUX}$  to 1.2 V.

The startup circuit is rated at a maximum voltage of 500 V. If the device operates in the DSS mode, power dissipation should be controlled to avoid exceeding the maximum power dissipation of the controller. If dissipation on the controller is excessive, a resistor can be placed in series with the  $V_{in}$  pin. This will reduce power dissipation on the controller and transfer it to the series resistor.

### **Line Under/Overvoltage Detector**

The same pin is used for both line undervoltage (UV) and overvoltage (OV) detection using a novel architecture (patent pending). This architecture allows both the UV and OV levels to be set independently. Both the UV and OV detectors have a 100 mV hysteresis.

The line voltage is sampled using a resistor divider as shown in Figure 42.



**Figure 42. Line UVOV Detectors**

A UV condition exists if the UVOV voltage is below  $V_{\text{UV}}$ , typically 2.0 V. The ratio of R1 and R2 determines the UV turn threshold. Once the UVOV voltage exceeds 2.5 V, an internal current source  $(I<sub>offset(UVOV)</sub>)$  sinks 50 µA into the UVOV pin. This will clamp the UVOV voltage at 2.5 V while the current across R1 is less than  $I_{offset(UVOV)}$ . If the input voltage continues to increase, the  $50 \mu A$  source will be overridden and the voltage at the UVOV pin will increase. An OV condition exists if the UVOV voltage exceeds  $V_{\text{OV}}$ , typically 3.0 V. Figure 43 shows the relationship between UVOV and Vin.



**Figure 43. UVOV Detectors Typical Waveforms**

While the internal current source is disabled, the UVOV voltage is solely determined by the ratio of R1 and R2. The input voltage at which the converter turns ON is given by Equation 1. Once the internal current source is enabled, the absolute value of R1 together with the ratio of R1 and R2 determine the turn OFF threshold as shown in Equation 2.

$$
V_{\text{in}(UV)} = V_{\text{UV}} \times \frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{R_2} \quad \text{(eq. 1)}
$$

$$
V_{\text{in(OV)}} = V_{\text{OV}} \frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{R_2} + (I_{\text{offset(UVOV)}} \times R1) \tag{eq. 2}
$$

The undervoltage threshold is trimmed during manufacturing to obtain  $\pm 3\%$  accuracy allowing a tighter power stage design.

Once the line voltage is within the operating range, and  $V_{AUX}$  reaches  $V_{AUX(0n)}$ , the outputs are enabled and a soft-start sequence commences. If a UV or OV fault is detected afterwards, the converter enters a soft-stop mode.

A small capacitor is required (>1000 pF) from the UVOV pin to GND to prevent oscillation of the UVOV pin and filter line transients.

#### **Line Feedforward**

The NCP1282 incorporates line feedforward (FF) to limit the maximum volt-second product. It is the line voltage times the ON time. This limit prevent saturation of the transformer in forward and flyback topologies. Another advantage of feedforward is a controller frequency gain independent of line voltage. A constant gain facilitates frequency compensation of the converter.

Feedforward is implemented by generating a ramp proportional to  $V_{in}$  and comparing it to the error signal. The error signal solely controls the duty cycle while the input voltage is fixed. If the line voltage changes, the FF Ramp slope changes and duty cycle is immediately adjusted instead of waiting for the change to propagate around the feedback loop and be reflected back on the error signal.

The FF Ramp is generated with an  $R-C(R_{FF}C_{FF})$  divider from the input line as shown in Figure 44. The divider is selected such that the FF Ramp reaches 3.0 V in the desired maximum ON time. The FF Ramp terminates by effectively grounding  $C_{FF}$  during the converter OFF time. This can be triggered by the FF Ramp reaching 3.0 V, or any other condition that limits the duty cycle.



**Figure 44. Feed Forward Ramp Generation**

The FF pin is effectively grounded during power or during standby mode to prevent the FF pin from charging up to  $V_{in}$ .

The minimum value of  $R<sub>FF</sub>$  is determined by the FF Ramp discharge current ( $I_{FF(D)}$ ). The current through  $R_{FF}$  $(I_{RFF})$  should be at least ten times smaller than  $I_{FF(D)}$  for a sharp FF Ramp transition. Equations 3 and 4 are used to determine  $R_{FF}$  and  $C_{FF}$ .

$$
\frac{V_{in}}{0.1 \times I_{FF}(D)} \leq R_{FF} \qquad \qquad \text{(eq. 3)}
$$

$$
C_{\text{FF}} = \frac{D}{\ln\left(\frac{V_{\text{in}}}{V_{\text{in}} - 3\,V}\right) \times f \times \text{R}_{\text{FF}}} \tag{eq. 4}
$$

where, *f* is the operating frequency. It is recommended to bias the FF circuit with enough current to provide good noise immunity.

#### **PWM Comparator**

In steady state operation, the PWM Comparator adjusts the duty cycle by comparing the error signal to the FF Ramp. The error signal is fed into the  $V_{EA}$  pin. The  $V_{EA}$  pin can be driven directly with an optocoupler without the need of an external pullup resistor as shown in Figure 45. In some instances, it may be required to have a pullup resistor smaller than the internal resistor (R4) to adjust the gain of the isolation stage. This is easily accomplished by connecting an external resistor  $(R<sub>EA</sub>)$  in parallel with R4.  $R_{EA}$  is connected between the  $V_{REF}$  and  $V_{EA}$  pins. The effective pullup resistance is the parallel combination of  $R4$  and  $R<sub>EA</sub>$ .



**Figure 45. Optocoupler Driving V<sub>EA</sub> Input** 

The drive of the  $V_{EA}$  pin is simplified by internally incorporating a series diode and resistor. The series diode provides a 0.7 V offset between the  $V_{EA}$  input and the PWM Comparator inverting input. It allows reaching zero duty cycle without the need of pulling the  $V_{EA}$  pin all the way to GND. The outputs are enabled if the  $V_{EA}$  voltage is approximately 0.5 V above the valley of the FF Ramp.

#### **Outputs**

The NCP1282 has two in-phase output drivers with an adjustable overlap delay  $(t_D)$ . The main output, OUT1, has a source resistance of 4.0  $\Omega$  (typ) and a sink resistance of 2.5  $\Omega$  (typ). The secondary output, OUT2, has a source and a sink resistance of  $12 \Omega$  (typ). OUT1 is rated at a maximum of 2.0 A and OUT2 is rated at a maximum of 1.0 A. If a higher drive capability is required, an external driver stage can be easily added as shown in Figure 46.



**Figure 46. Discrete Boost Drive Stage**

OUT1 drives the main MOSFET, and OUT2 drives a low side P-Channel active clamp MOSFET. A high side N--Channel active clamp MOSFET or a synchronous rectifier can also be driven by inverting OUT2. OUT2 is purposely sized smaller than OUT1 because the active clamp MOSFET only sees the magnetizing current. Therefore, a smaller active clamp MOSFET with less input capacitance can be used compared to the main switch.

Once  $V_{AUX}$  reaches  $V_{AUX(on)}$  (typically 11.0 V), the internal startup circuit is disabled and the outputs are enabled if no faults are present. Otherwise, the outputs remain disabled until the fault is removed and  $V_{AUX}$ reaches  $V_{AUX(on)}$ . The outputs are disabled after a soft-stop sequence if  $V_{AUX}$  is below  $V_{AUX(on)}$  or if  $V_{AUX}$  reaches 8.5 V.

The outputs are biased directly from VAUX and their high state voltage is approximately  $V_{AUX}$ . Therefore, the auxiliary supply voltage should not exceed the maximum gate voltage of the main or active clamp MOSFET.

The high current drive capability of the outputs will generate inductance--induced spikes if inductance is not reduced on the outputs. This can be done by reducing the connection length between the drivers and their loads and using wide connections.

### **Overlap Delay**

The overlap delay prevents simultaneous conduction of the main and active clamp MOSFETs. The secondary output, OUT2, precedes OUT1 during a low to high transition and trails OUT1 during a high to low transition. Figure 47 shows the relationship between OUT1 and OUT2.



**Figure 47. Output Timing Diagram**

The output overlap delay is adjusted by connecting a resistor,  $R_D$ , from the  $t_D$  pin to ground. The overlap delay is proportional to  $R_D$ . A minimum delay of 20 ns is obtained by grounding the  $t_D$  pin.

The leading delay is purposely made longer than the trailing delay. This allows the user to optimize the delay for the turn on transition of the main switch and ensure the active clamp switch always exhibits zero volt switching.

#### **Analog and Power Ground (PGND)**

The NCP1282 has an analog ground, GND, and a power ground, PGND, terminal. GND is used for analog connections such as  $V_{REF}$ ,  $R_TC_T$ , feedforward among others. PGND is used for high current connections such as the internal output drivers. It is recommended to have independent analog and power ground planes and connect them at a single point, preferably at the ground terminal of the system. This will prevent high current flowing on PGND from injecting noise in GND. The PGND connection should be as short and wide as possible to reduce inductance-induced spikes.

#### **Oscillator**

The oscillator frequency and maximum duty cycle are set by an  $R_{\text{T}}C_{\text{T}}$  divider from  $V_{\text{REF}}$  as shown in Figure 48. A 500  $\mu$ A current source (I<sub>RTCT</sub>) discharges the timing capacitor  $(C_T)$  upon reaching its peak threshold ( $V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)}$ ), typically 3.0 V. Once  $C_T$  reaches its valley voltage ( $V_{\text{RTCT(valley)}}$ ), typically 2.0 V, I<sub>RTCT</sub> turns OFF allowing  $C_T$  to charge back up through  $R_T$ . The resulting waveform on the RTCT pin has a sawtooth like shape.



**Figure 48. Oscillator Configuration**

OUT2 is set high once  $V_{\text{RTCT(valley)}}$  is reached, followed by OUT1 delayed by the overlap delay. Once  $V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)}$ is reached, OUT1 goes low, followed by OUT2 delayed by tD.

The duty cycle is the  $C_T$  charge time (t<sub>RTCT(C)</sub>) minus the overlap delay over the total charge and discharge  $(t_{RTCT(D)})$ times. The charge and discharge times are calculated using Equations 5 and 6. However, these equations are an approximation as they do not take into account the propagation delays of the internal comparator.

$$
t \text{RTCT}(C) = \text{RTC}_{T} \times \ln \left( \frac{\text{VRTCT(valley)} - \text{VREF}}{\text{VRTCT(peak)} - \text{VREF}} \right) \text{ (eq. 5)}
$$

$$
{}^t \text{RTCT}(D) = \text{RTCT} \times \ln \left( \frac{(\text{IRTCT} \times \text{RT}) + \text{VRTCT}(\text{peak}) - \text{VREF}}{(\text{IRTCT} \times \text{RT}) + \text{VRTCT}(\text{valley}) - \text{VREF}} \right) \tag{eq. 6}
$$

The duty cycle, DC, is given by Equation 7.

Substituting Equations 5, 6, and 7, and after a little algebraic manipulation and replacing values, it simplifies to:

$$
D = \frac{ln(\frac{V_{\text{RTCT}(valley)} - V_{\text{REF}}}{V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)} - V_{\text{REF}}}) - \frac{t_D}{RTCT}}{ln(\frac{V_{\text{RTCT}(valley)} - V_{\text{REF}}}{V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)} - V_{\text{REF}}} \times \frac{(l_{\text{RTCT} \times \text{RT}) + V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)} - V_{\text{REF}}}}{(l_{\text{RTCT} \times \text{RT}) + V_{\text{RTCT}(valley)} - V_{\text{REF}}})}
$$
(eq. 8)

It can be observed that D is set by  $R_T$ ,  $C_T$  and  $t_D$ . This equation has two variables and can be solved iteratively. In general, the time delay is a small portion of the ON time and can be ignored as a first approximation.  $R_T$  is then selected

 $D = \frac{ \text{t} \text{RTCT}(C) - \text{t} \text{D}}{\text{t} \text{RTCT}(C) + \text{t} \text{RTCT}(D)}$  (eq. 7)

to achieve a given duty cycle. Once the  $R_T$  is selected,  $C_T$ is chosen to obtain the desired operating frequency using Equation 9.

$$
f = \frac{1}{R\gamma C\gamma \times ln\left(\frac{V_{\text{RTCT}(valley)} - V_{\text{REF}}}{V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)} - V_{\text{REF}}} \times \frac{(l_{\text{RTCT}} \times R\gamma) + V_{\text{RTCT}(peak)} - V_{\text{REF}}}{(l_{\text{RTCT}} \times R\gamma) + V_{\text{RTCT}(valley)} - V_{\text{REF}}}\right)}
$$
(eq. 9)

Figures 23 through 26 show the frequency and duty cycle variation vs  $R_T$  for several  $C_T$  values.  $R_T$  should not be less than 6.0 k $\Omega$ . Otherwise, the R<sub>T</sub>C<sub>T</sub> charge current will exceed the pulldown current and the oscillator will be in an undefined state.

### **Synchronization**

A proprietary bidirectional frequency synchronization architecture allows multiple NCP1282 to synchronize in a master-slave configuration. It can synchronize to frequencies above or below the free running frequency.

The SYNC pin is in a high impedance mode during the charging of the RTCT Ramp. In this period the oscillator accepts an external SYNC pulse. If no pulse is detected upon reaching the peak of the RTCT Ramp, a 100 ns SYNC pulse is generated. The SYNC pulse is generated by internally pulling the SYNC pin to  $V_{REF}$ . The peak voltage of the SYNC pin is typically 4.3 V. Once the 100 ns timer expires, the pin goes back into a high impedance mode and an external resistor is required for pulldown as shown in Figure 49.



**Figure 49. SYNC Pulse**

The slew rate of the sync pin is determined by the pin capacitance and external pulldown resistor. The maximum source current of the SYNC pin is 1.0 mA. The resistor is sized to allow the SYNC pin to discharge before the start of the next cycle.

If an external pulse is received on the SYNC pin before the internal pulse is generated, the controller enters the slave mode of operation. Once operation in slave mode commences,  $C_T$  begins discharging and the  $R_T C_T$  Ramp upper threshold is increased to 4.0 V.

If a controller in slave mode does not receive a sync pulse before reaching the  $R_T C_T$  Ramp peak voltage (4.0 V), the upper threshold is reset back to 3.0 V and the converter reverts to operation in master mode. To guarantee the converter stays in slave mode, the minimum clock period of the master controller has to be less than the  $R_T C_T$  charge time from 2.0 V to 4.0 V.

Two NCP1282's are synchronized by connecting their SYNC pins together. The first device that generates a sync pulse during powerup becomes the master. A diode connected as shown in Figure 50 can be used to permanently set one controller as the master. The diode prevents the master from receiving the SYNC pulse of the slave controller.



**Figure 50. Master--Slave Configuration**

### **5.0 V Reference**

The NCP1282 has a precision 5.0 V reference output. It is a buffered version of the internal reference. The 5.0 V reference is biased directly from  $V_{AUX}$  and it can supply up to 5.0 mA. Load regulation is 50 mV and line regulation is 100 mV within the specified operating range.

It is required to bypass the reference with a capacitor. The capacitor is used for compensation of the internal regulator and high frequency noise filtering. The capacitor should be placed across the  $V_{REF}$  and GND pins. In most applications a  $0.1 \mu$ F will suffice. A bigger capacitor may be required to reduce the voltage ripple caused by the oscillator current. The recommended capacitor range is between  $0.047 \mu$ F and  $1.0 \mu$ F.

During powerup, the 5.0 V reference is enabled once  $V_{AUX}$  reaches  $V_{AUX(on)}$  and a UV fault is not present. Otherwise, the reference is enabled once the UV fault is removed and  $V_{AUX}$  reaches  $V_{AUX(on)}$ .

Once a UV fault is detected after the reference has been enabled, the reference is disabled after the soft-stop sequence is complete if the UV fault is still present. If the UV fault is removed before soft--stop is complete, the reference is not disabled.





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