



# EP53A8LQI/EP53A8HQI

## 1000mA Synchronous Buck Regulator with Integrated Inductor

RoHS Compliant; Halogen Free

### Description

The EP53A8LQI and EP53A8HQI are a 1000mA PowerSOC. The device integrates MOSFET switches, control, compensation, and the Inductor in an advanced 3mm x 3mm QFN Package.

Integrated inductor ensures the complete power solution is fully characterized with the inductor carefully matched to the silicon and compensation network. It enables a tiny solution footprint, low output ripple, low part-count, and high reliability, while maintaining high efficiency. The complete solution can be implemented in as little as 21mm<sup>2</sup>.

The EP53A8xQI uses a 3-pin VID to easily select the output voltage setting. Output voltage settings are available in 2 optimized ranges providing coverage for typical V<sub>OUT</sub> settings.

The VID pins can be changed on the fly for fast dynamic voltage scaling. EP53A8LQI further has the option to use an external voltage divider.

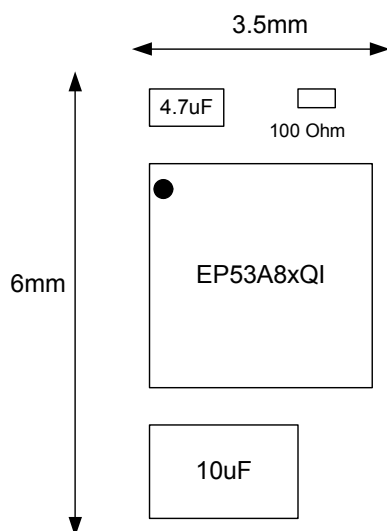


Figure 1: Total Solution Footprint.

### Features

- Integrated Inductor Technology
- 3mm x 3mm x 1.1mm QFN package
- Total Solution Footprint ~ 21mm<sup>2</sup>
- Low V<sub>OUT</sub> ripple for RF compatibility
- High efficiency, up to 94%
- 1000mA continuous output current
- Less than 1μA standby current
- 5 MHz switching frequency
- 3 pin VID for glitch free voltage scaling
- V<sub>OUT</sub> Range 0.6V to V<sub>IN</sub> – 0.5V
- Short circuit and over current protection
- UVLO and thermal protection
- IC level reliability in a PowerSOC solution

### Application

- Portable wireless and RF applications
- Wireless broad band data cards
- Solid state storage applications
- Noise and space sensitive applications

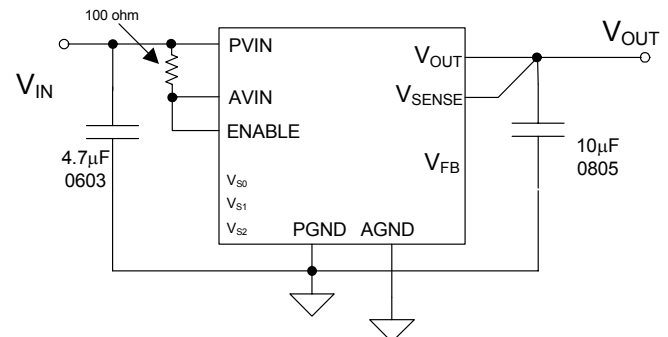


Figure 2: Typical Application Circuit.

## Ordering Information

| Part Number | Comment                    | Package        |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| EP53A8LQI   | LOW VID Range              | 16-pin QFN T&R |
| EP53A8HQI   | HIGH VID Range             | 16-pin QFN T&R |
| EP53A8LQI-E | EP53A8LQI Evaluation Board |                |
| EP53A8HQI-E | EP53A8HQI Evaluation Board |                |

## Pin Assignments (Top View)

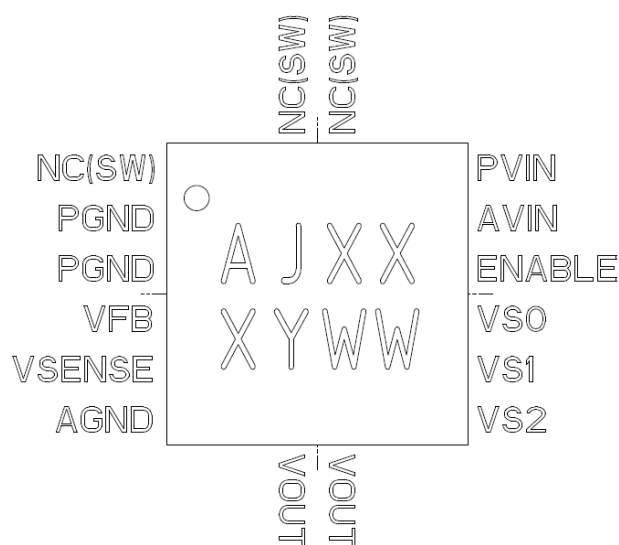


Figure 3: EP53A8LQI Pin Out Diagram (Top View)

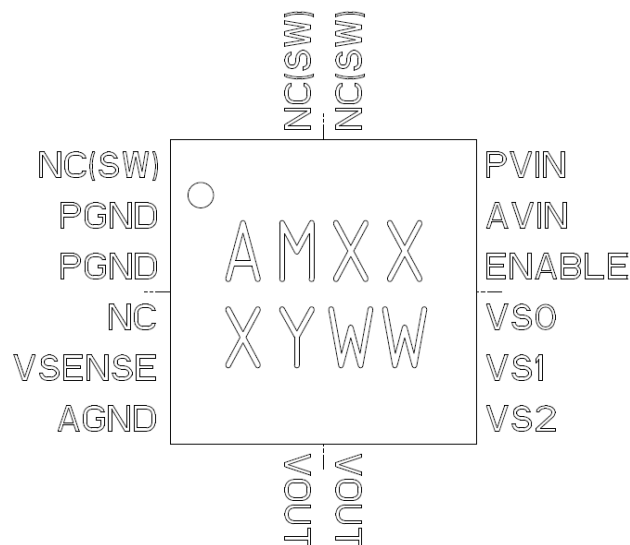


Figure 4: EP53A8HQI Pin Out Diagram (Top View)Pin Description

| PIN       | NAME          | FUNCTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1, 15, 16 | NC(SW)        | NO CONNECT – These pins are internally connected to the common switching node of the internal MOSFETs. NC (SW) pins are not to be electrically connected to any external signal, ground, or voltage. However, they must be soldered to the PCB. Failure to follow this guideline may result in part malfunction or damage to the device. |
| 2,3       | PGND          | Power ground. Connect this pin to the ground electrode of the Input and output filter capacitors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4         | VFB           | EP53A8LQI: Feed back pin for external divider option.<br>EP53A8HQI: No Connect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5         | VSENSE        | Sense pin for preset output voltages. Refer to application section for proper configuration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6         | AGND          | Analog ground. This is the quiet ground for the internal control circuitry, and the ground return for external feedback voltage divider                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7, 8      | VOUT          | Regulated Output Voltage. Refer to application section for proper layout and decoupling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9, 10, 11 | VS2, VS1, VS0 | Output voltage select. VS2 = pin 9, VS1 = pin 10, VS0 = pin 11.<br>EP53A8LQI: Selects one of seven preset output voltages or an external resistor divider.<br>EP53A8HQI: Selects one of eight preset output voltages.<br>(Refer to section on output voltage select for more details.)                                                   |
| 12        | ENABLE        | Output Enable. Enable = logic high; Disable = logic low                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13        | AVIN          | Input power supply for the controller circuitry. Connect to PVIN through a 100 Ohm resistor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14        | PVIN          | Input Voltage for the MOSFET switches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

CAUTION: Absolute Maximum ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation beyond the recommended operating conditions is not implied. Stress beyond the absolute maximum ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

| PARAMETER                                            | SYMBOL      | MIN  | MAX            | UNITS |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Input Supply Voltage                                 | $V_{IN}$    | -0.3 | 6.0            | V     |
| Voltages on: ENABLE, $V_{SENSE}$ , $V_{SO} - V_{S2}$ |             | -0.3 | $V_{IN} + 0.3$ | V     |
| Voltages on: $V_{FB}$ (EP53A8LQI)                    |             | -0.3 | 2.7            | V     |
| Maximum Operating Junction Temperature               | $T_{J-ABS}$ |      | 150            | °C    |
| Storage Temperature Range                            | $T_{STG}$   | -65  | 150            | °C    |
| Reflow Temp, 10 Sec, MSL3 JEDEC J-STD-020C           |             |      | 260            | °C    |
| ESD Rating (based on Human Body Mode)                |             |      | 2000           | V     |

## Recommended Operating Conditions

| PARAMETER                      | SYMBOL   | MIN  | MAX  | UNITS |
|--------------------------------|----------|------|------|-------|
| Input Voltage Range            | $V_{IN}$ | 2.4  | 5.5  | V     |
| Operating Ambient Temperature  | $T_A$    | - 40 | +85  | °C    |
| Operating Junction Temperature | $T_J$    | - 40 | +125 | °C    |

## Thermal Characteristics

| PARAMETER                                                        | SYMBOL        | TYP  | UNITS |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|-------|
| Thermal Resistance: Junction to Ambient –0 LFM ( <b>Note 1</b> ) | $\theta_{JA}$ | 85   | °C/W  |
| Thermal Overload Trip Point                                      | $T_{J-TP}$    | +155 | °C    |
| Thermal Overload Trip Point Hysteresis                           |               | 25   | °C    |

**Note 1:** Based on a four layer copper board and proper thermal design per JEDEC EIJ/JESD51 standards

## Electrical Characteristics

NOTE:  $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$ .

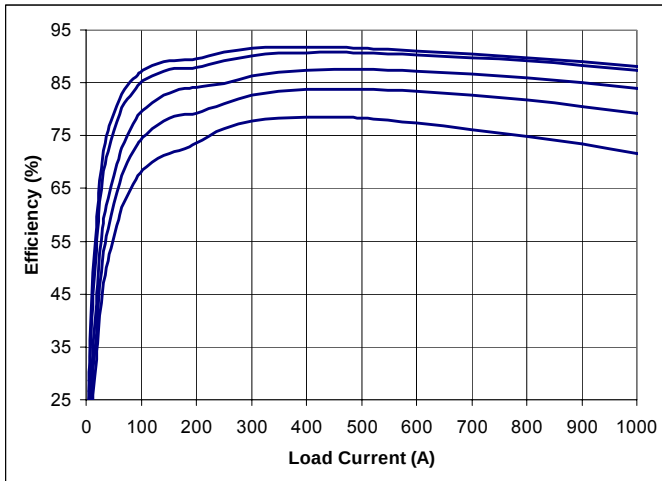
$C_{IN} = -4.7\mu\text{F}$  0603 MLCC,  $C_{OUT} = 10\mu\text{F}$  0805 MLCC

| PARAMETER                                 | SYMBOL                  | TEST CONDITIONS                                                                                                                     | MIN        | TYP    | MAX                    | UNITS                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating Input Voltage                   | $V_{IN}$                |                                                                                                                                     | 2.4        |        | 5.5                    | V                       |
| Under Voltage Lock-out – $V_{IN}$ Rising  | $V_{UVLO\_R}$           |                                                                                                                                     |            | 2.0    |                        | V                       |
| Under Voltage Lock-out – $V_{IN}$ Falling | $V_{UVLO\_F}$           |                                                                                                                                     |            | 1.9    |                        | V                       |
| Drop Out Resistance                       | $R_{DO}$                | Input to Output Resistance                                                                                                          |            | 350    | 500                    | m $\Omega$              |
| Output Voltage Range                      | $V_{OUT}$               | EP53A8LQI ( $V_{DO} = I_{LOAD} \times R_{DO}$ )<br>EP53A8HQI                                                                        | 0.6<br>1.8 |        | $V_{IN}-V_{DO}$<br>3.3 | V                       |
| Dynamic Voltage Slew Rate                 | $V_{SLEW}$              | EP53A8HQI<br>EP53A8LQI                                                                                                              |            | 8<br>4 |                        | V/mS                    |
| VID Preset $V_{OUT}$ Initial Accuracy     | $\Delta V_{OUT}$        | $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$ ;<br>$I_{LOAD} = 100\text{mA}$ ;<br>$0.8\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 3.3\text{V}$ | -2         |        | +2                     | %                       |
| Feedback Pin Voltage Initial Accuracy     | $V_{FB}$                | $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$ ;<br>$I_{LOAD} = 100\text{mA}$ ;<br>$0.8\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 3.3\text{V}$ | .588       | 0.6    | 0.612                  | V                       |
| Line Regulation                           | $\Delta V_{OUT\_LINE}$  | $2.4\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$                                                                                          |            | 0.03   |                        | %/V                     |
| Load Regulation                           | $\Delta V_{OUT\_LOAD}$  | $0\text{A} \leq I_{LOAD} \leq 1000\text{mA}$                                                                                        |            | 0.6    |                        | %/A                     |
| Temperature Variation                     | $\Delta V_{OUT\_TEMPL}$ | $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +85^{\circ}\text{C}$                                                                             |            | 30     |                        | ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| Output Current                            | $I_{OUT}$               |                                                                                                                                     | 1000       |        |                        | mA                      |
| Shut-down Current                         | $I_{SD}$                | Enable = Low                                                                                                                        |            | 0.75   |                        | $\mu\text{A}$           |
| OCP Threshold                             | $I_{LIM}$               | $2.4\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$<br>$0.6\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 3.3\text{V}$                                           | 1.25       | 1.4    |                        | A                       |
| VS0-VS2, Pin Logic Low                    | $V_{VSLO}$              |                                                                                                                                     | 0.0        |        | 0.3                    | V                       |
| VS0-VS2, Pin Logic High                   | $V_{VSHI}$              |                                                                                                                                     | 1.4        |        | $V_{IN}$               | V                       |
| VS0-VS2, Pin Input Current                | $I_{VSX}$               | Note 1                                                                                                                              |            | <100   |                        | nA                      |
| Enable Pin Logic Low                      | $V_{ENLO}$              |                                                                                                                                     |            |        | 0.3                    | V                       |
| Enable Pin Logic High                     | $V_{ENHI}$              |                                                                                                                                     | 1.4        |        |                        | V                       |
| Enable Pin Current                        | $I_{ENABLE}$            | Note 1                                                                                                                              |            | <100   |                        | nA                      |
| Feedback Pin Input Current                | $I_{FB}$                | Note 1                                                                                                                              |            | <100   |                        | nA                      |
| Operating Frequency                       | $F_{OSC}$               |                                                                                                                                     |            | 5      |                        | MHz                     |
| <b>Soft Start Operation</b>               |                         |                                                                                                                                     |            |        |                        |                         |
| Soft Start Slew Rate                      | $\Delta V_{SS}$         | EP53A8HQI (VID only)<br>EP53A8LQI (VID only)                                                                                        |            | 8<br>4 |                        | V/mS                    |
| Soft Start Rise Time                      | $\Delta T_{SS}$         | EP53A8LQI (VFB mode); Note 2                                                                                                        | 170        | 225    | 280                    | $\mu\text{S}$           |

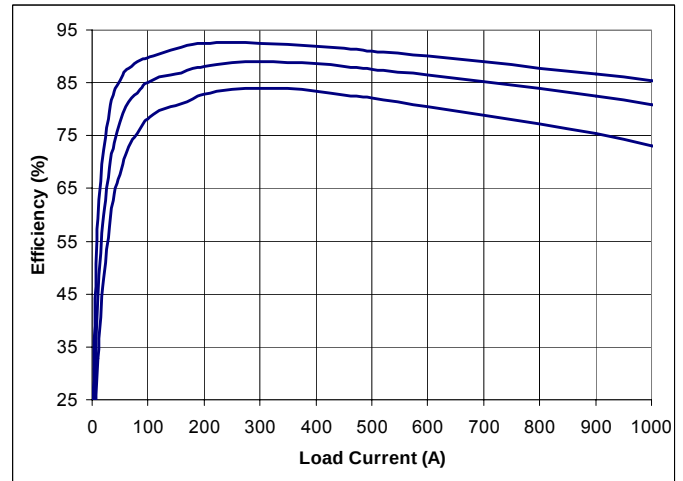
**Note 1:** Parameter guaranteed by design and characterization.

**Note 2:** Measured from when  $V_{IN} \geq V_{UVLO\_R}$  & ENABLE pin crosses its logic High threshold.

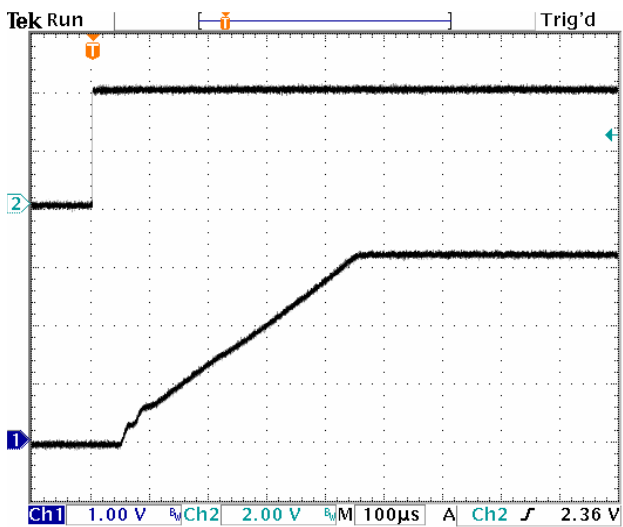
## Typical Performance Characteristics



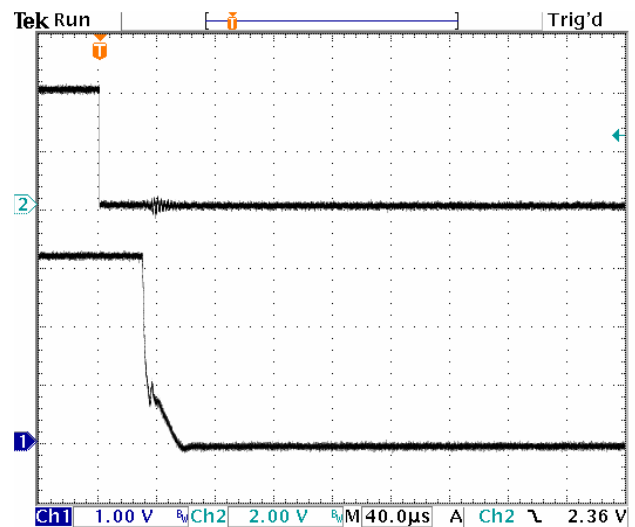
Efficiency vs. Load Current:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT}$  (from top to bottom) = 3.7, 3.3, 2.5, 1.8, 1.2V



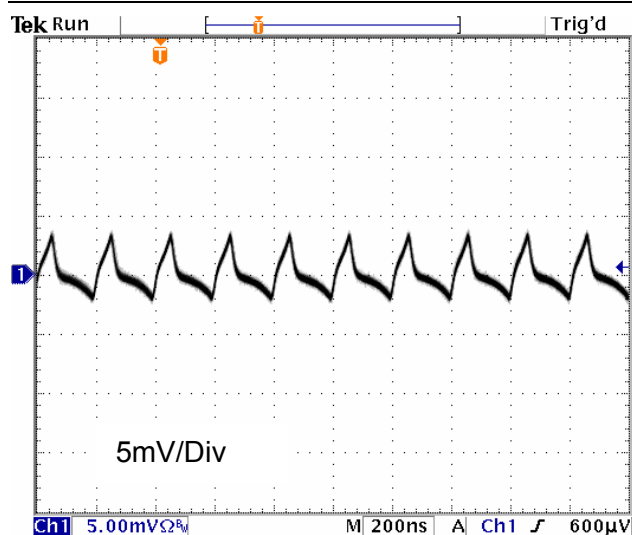
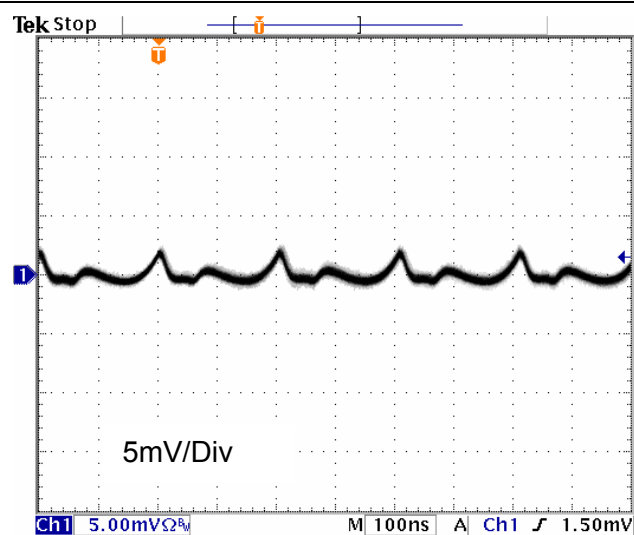
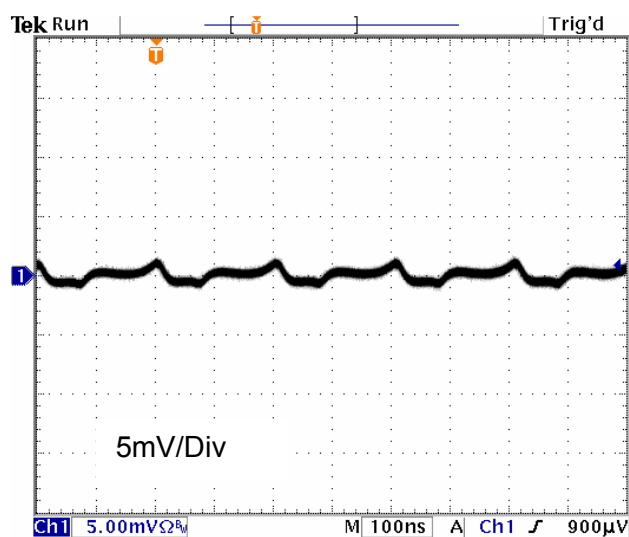
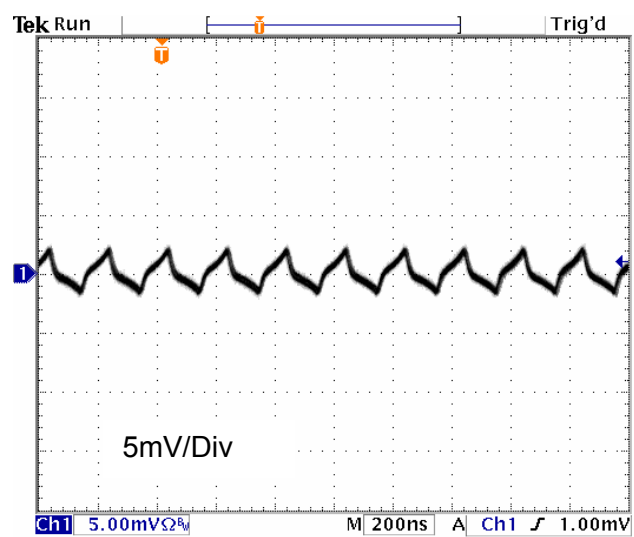
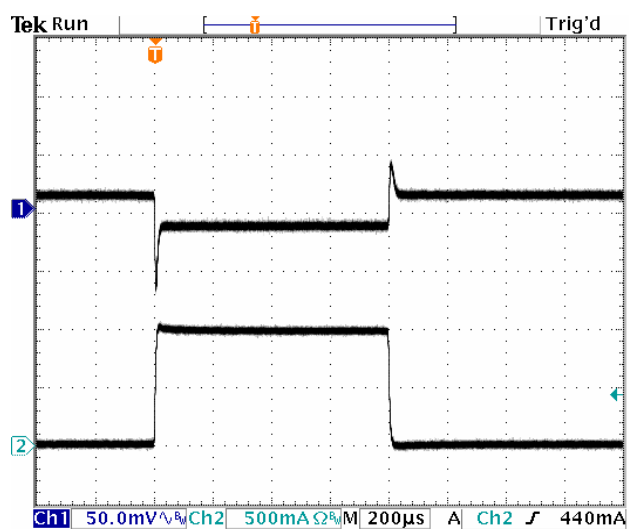
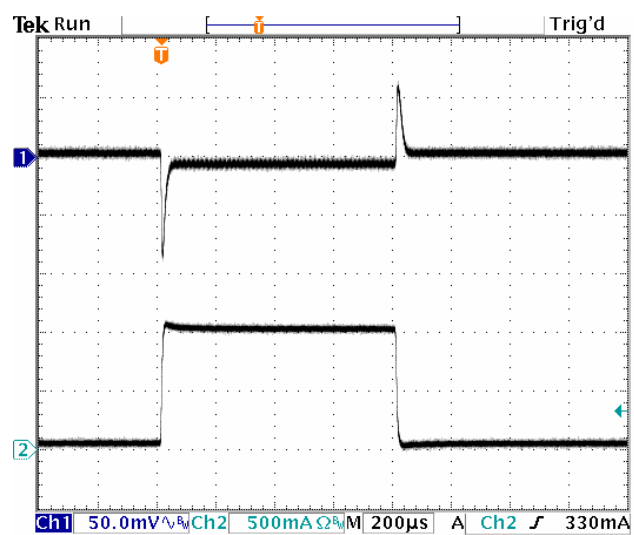
Efficiency vs. Load Current:  $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT}$  (from top to bottom) = 2.5, 1.8V, 1.2V

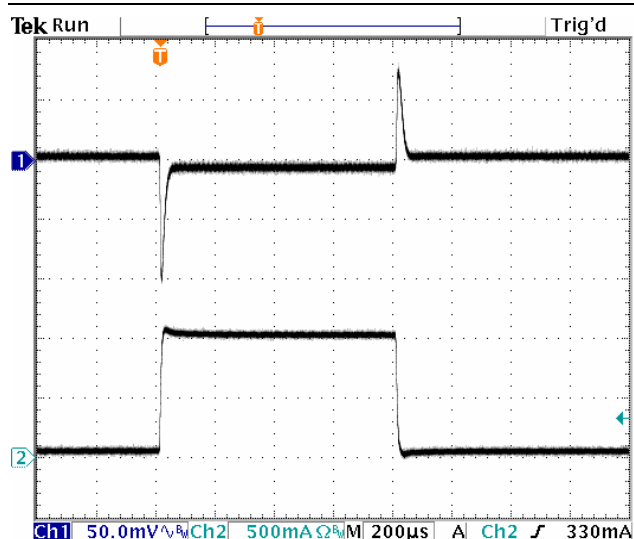


Start Up Waveform:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ;  $I_{LOAD} = 1000mA$

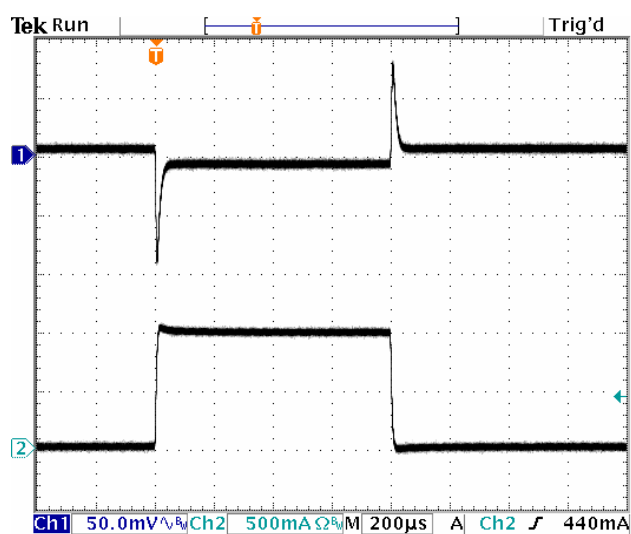


Shut-down Waveform:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ;  $I_{LOAD} = 1000mA$

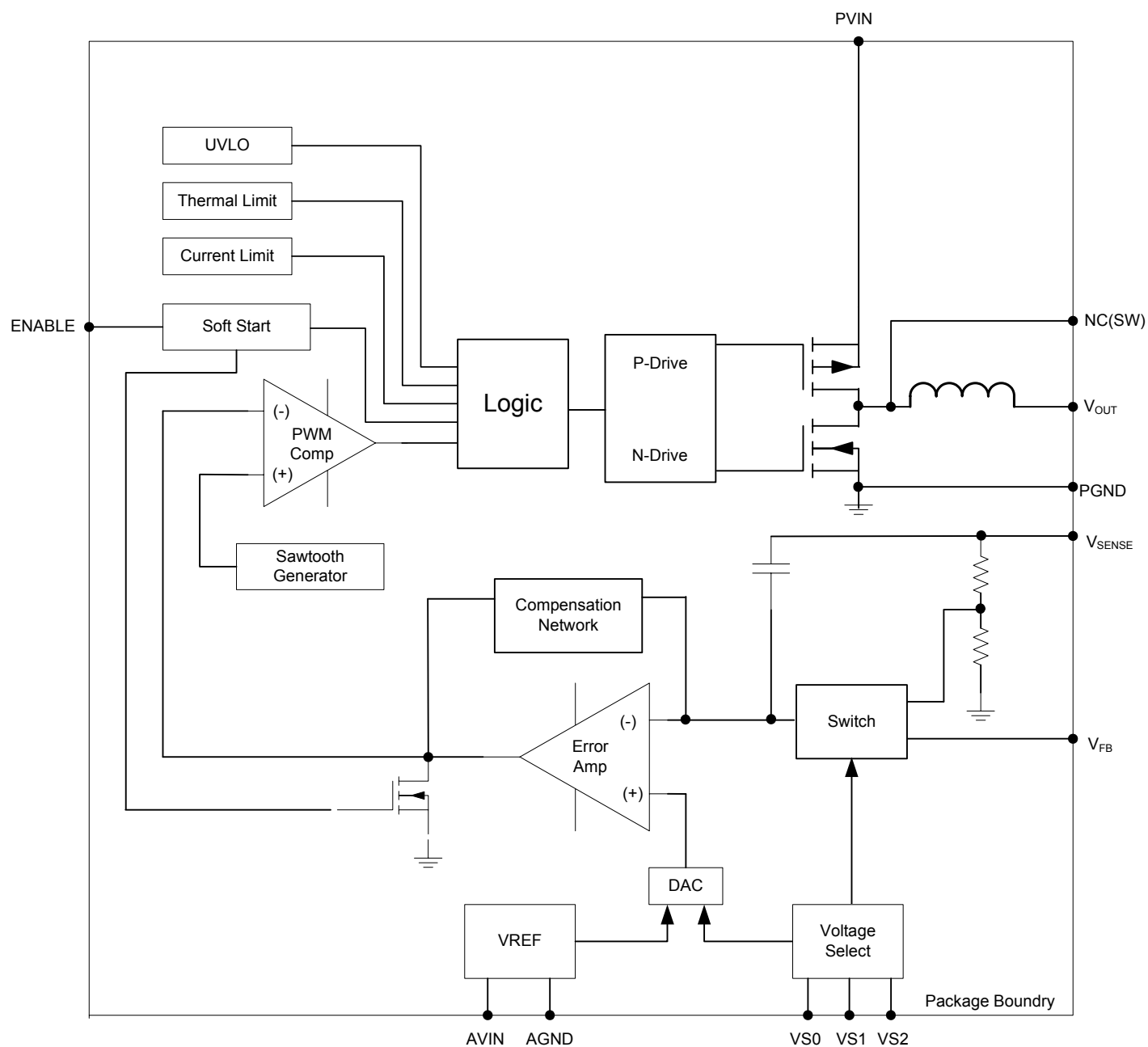
Output Ripple:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , Load = 1AOutput Ripple:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ , Load = 1AOutput Ripple:  $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$ , Load = 1AOutput Ripple:  $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ , Load = 1ALoad Transient:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$   
Load stepped from 0mA to 1000mALoad Transient:  $V_{IN} = 5.0V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$   
Load stepped from 0mA to 1000mA



Load Transient:  $V_{IN} = 3.7V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$   
Load stepped from 0mA to 1000mA



Load Transient:  $V_{IN} = 3.3V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$   
Load stepped from 0mA to 1000mA





## Detailed Description

### Functional Overview

The EP53A8xQI requires only 2 small MLCC capacitors and an 0201MLC resistor for a complete DC-DC converter solution. The device integrates MOSFET switches, PWM controller, Gate-drive, compensation, and inductor into a tiny 3mm x 3mm x 1.1mm QFN package. Advanced package design, along with the high level of integration, provides very low output ripple and noise. The EP53A8xQI uses voltage mode control for high noise immunity and load matching to advanced  $\leq 90\text{nm}$  loads. A 3-pin VID allows the user to choose from one of 8 output voltage settings. The EP53A8xQI comes with two VID output voltage ranges. The EP53A8HQI provides  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  settings from 1.8V to 3.3V, the EP53A8LQI provides VID settings from 0.8V to 1.5V, and also has an external resistor divider option to program output setting over the 0.6V to  $V_{\text{IN}}-0.5\text{V}$  range. The EP53A8xQI provides the industry's highest power density of any 1A DCDC converter solution.

The key enabler of this revolutionary integration is Enpirion's proprietary power MOSFET technology. The advanced MOSFET switches are implemented in deep-submicron CMOS to supply very low switching loss at high switching frequencies and to allow a high level of integration. The semiconductor process allows seamless integration of all switching, control, and compensation circuitry.

The proprietary magnetics design provides high-density/high-value magnetics in a very small footprint. Enpirion magnetics are carefully matched to the control and compensation circuitry yielding an optimal solution with assured performance over the entire operating range.

Protection features include under-voltage lock-out (UVLO), over-current protection (OCP), short circuit protection, and thermal overload protection.

### Integrated Inductor: Low-Noise Low-EMI

The EP53A8xQI utilizes a proprietary low loss integrated inductor. The integration of the

inductor greatly simplifies the power supply design process. The inherent shielding and compact construction of the integrated inductor reduces the conducted and radiated noise that can couple into the traces of the printed circuit board. Further, the package layout is optimized to reduce the electrical path length for the high di/dT input AC ripple currents that are a major source of radiated emissions from DC-DC converters. The integrated inductor provides the optimal solution to the complexity, output ripple, and noise that plague low power DCDC converter design.

### Voltage Mode Control, High Bandwidth

The EP53A8xQI utilizes an integrated type III compensation network. Voltage mode control is inherently impedance matched to the sub 90nm process technology that is used in today's advanced ICs. Voltage mode control also provides a high degree of noise immunity at light load currents so that low ripple and high accuracy are maintained over the entire load range. The very high switching frequency allows for a very wide control loop bandwidth and hence excellent transient performance.

### Soft Start

Internal soft start circuits limit in-rush current when the device starts up from a power down condition or when the "ENABLE" pin is asserted "high". Digital control circuitry limits the  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  ramp rate to levels that are safe for the Power MOSFETS and the integrated inductor.

The EP53A8HQI has a soft-start slew rate that is twice that of the EP53A8LQI.

When the EP53A8LQI is configured in external resistor divider mode, the device has a fixed  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  ramp time. Therefore, the ramp rate will vary with the output voltage setting. Output voltage ramp time is given in the Electrical Characteristics Table.

Excess bulk capacitance on the output of the device can cause an over-current condition at startup. Assuming no-load at startup, the

maximum total capacitance on the output, including the output filter capacitor and bulk and decoupling capacitance, at the load, is given as:

EP53A8LQI:

$$C_{OUT\_TOTAL\_MAX} = C_{OUT\_Filter} + C_{OUT\_BULK} = 250\mu F$$

EP53A8HQI:

$$C_{OUT\_TOTAL\_MAX} = C_{OUT\_Filter} + C_{OUT\_BULK} = 125\mu F$$

EP53A8LQI (in external divider mode):

$$C_{OUT\_TOTAL\_MAX} = 2.25 \times 10^{-4} / V_{OUT} \text{ Farads}$$

The nominal value for  $C_{OUT}$  is 10 $\mu$ F. See the applications section for more details.

### Over Current/Short Circuit Protection

The current limit function is achieved by sensing the current flowing through a sense P-MOSFET which is compared to a reference current. When this level is exceeded the P-FET is turned off and the N-FET is turned on, pulling  $V_{OUT}$  low. This condition is maintained for approximately 0.5mS and then a normal soft start is initiated. If the over current condition still persists, this cycle will repeat.

### Under Voltage Lockout

During initial power up, an under voltage lockout circuit will hold-off the switching circuitry until the input voltage reaches a sufficient level to insure proper operation. If the lockout circuitry will again disable the switching. Hysteresis is included to prevent chattering between states.

### Enable

The ENABLE pin provides a means to shut down the converter or enable normal operation. A logic low will disable the converter and cause it to shut down. A logic high will enable the converter into normal operation.

**NOTE:** The ENABLE pin must not be left floating.

### Thermal Shutdown

When excessive power is dissipated in the chip, the junction temperature rises. Once the junction temperature exceeds the thermal shutdown temperature, the thermal shutdown circuit turns off the converter output voltage thus allowing the device to cool. When the junction temperature decreases by 25C°, the device will go through the normal startup process.

## Application Information

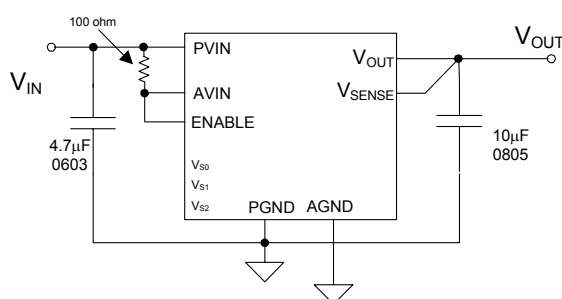


Figure 6: Application Circuit, EP53A8HQI.

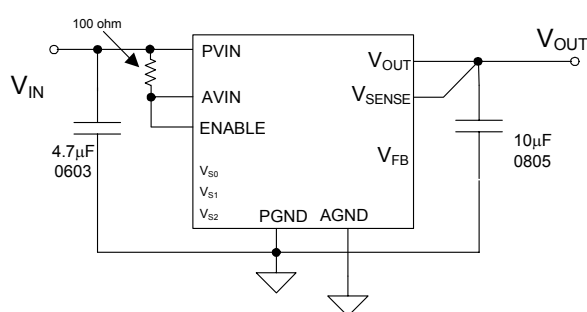


Figure 7: Application Circuit, EP53A8LQI showing the  $V_{FB}$  function.

## Output Voltage Programming

The EP53A8xQI utilizes a 3-pin VID to program the output voltage value. The VID is available in two sets of output VID programming ranges. The VID pins should be connected either to an external control signal, AVIN or to AGND to avoid noise coupling into the device.

The “Low” range is optimized for low voltage applications. It comes with preset VID settings ranging from 0.80V and 1.5V. This VID set also has an external divider option.

To specify this VID range, order part number EP53A8LQI.

The “High” VID set provides output voltage settings ranging from 1.8V to 3.3V. This version does not have an external divider option. To specify this VID range, order part number EP53A8HQI.

Internally, the output of the VID multiplexer sets the value for the voltage reference DAC, which in turn is connected to the non-inverting input of the error amplifier. This allows the use of a single feedback divider with constant loop gain and optimum compensation, independent of the output voltage selected.

**NOTE:** The VID pins must not be left floating.

**Table 1: EP53A8LQI VID Voltage Select Settings**

| VS2 | VS1 | VS0 | VOUT |
|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 1.50 |
| 0   | 0   | 1   | 1.45 |
| 0   | 1   | 0   | 1.20 |
| 0   | 1   | 1   | 1.15 |
| 1   | 0   | 0   | 1.10 |
| 1   | 0   | 1   | 1.05 |
| 1   | 1   | 0   | 0.8  |
| 1   | 1   | 1   | EXT  |

## EP53A8L Low VID Range Programming

The EP53A8LQI is designed to provide a high degree of flexibility in powering applications that require low  $V_{OUT}$  settings and dynamic voltage scaling (DVS). The device employs a 3-pin VID architecture that allows the user to choose one of seven (7) preset output voltage settings, or the user can select an external

voltage divider option. The VID pin settings can be changed on the fly to implement glitch-free voltage scaling.

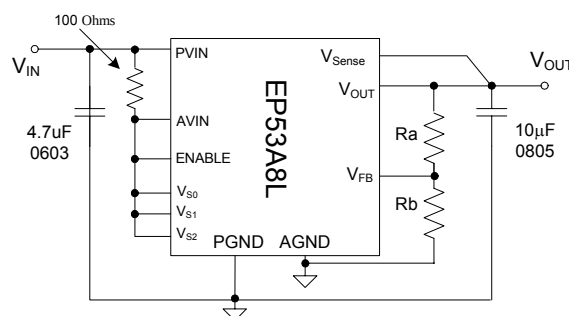
Table 1 shows the VS2-VS0 pin logic states for the EP53A8LQI and the associated output voltage levels. A logic “1” indicates a connection to AVIN or to a “high” logic voltage level. A logic “0” indicates a connection to AGND or to a “low” logic voltage level. These pins can be either hardwired to AVIN or AGND or alternatively can be driven by standard logic levels. Logic levels are defined in the electrical characteristics table. Any level between the logic high and logic low is indeterminate.

## EP53A8LQI External Voltage Divider

The external divider option is chosen by connecting VID pins VS2-VS0 to  $V_{IN}$  or a logic “1” or “high”. The EP53A8LQI uses a separate feedback pin,  $V_{FB}$ , when using the external divider.  $V_{SENSE}$  must be connected to  $V_{OUT}$  as indicated in Figure 8.

The output voltage is selected by the following formula:

$$V_{OUT} = 0.6V \left( 1 + \frac{R_a}{R_b} \right)$$



**Figure 8: EP53A8LQI using external divider**

$R_a$  must be chosen as 237K $\Omega$  to maintain loop gain. Then  $R_b$  is given as:

$$R_b = \frac{142.2 \times 10^3}{\frac{V_{OUT}}{0.6} - 1} \Omega$$

$V_{OUT}$  can be programmed over the range of 0.6V to ( $V_{IN} - 0.5V$ ).

**NOTE:** Dynamic Voltage Scaling is not allowed between internal preset voltages and external divider.

## EP53A8HQI High VID Range Programming

The EP53A8HQI  $V_{OUT}$  settings are optimized for higher nominal voltages such as those required to power IO, RF, or IC memory. The preset voltages range from 1.8V to 3.3V. There are eight (8) preset output voltage settings. The EP53A8HQI does not have an external divider option. As with the EP53A8LQI, the VID pin settings can be changed while the device is enabled.

Table 2 shows the VS0-VS2 pin logic states for the EP53A8HQI and the associated output voltage levels. A logic “1” indicates a connection to AVIN or to a “high” logic voltage level. A logic “0” indicates a connection to AGND or to a “low” logic voltage level. These pins can be either hardwired to AVIN or AGND or alternatively can be driven by standard logic levels. Logic levels are defined in the electrical characteristics table. Any level between the logic high and logic low is indeterminate. These pins must not be left floating.

**Table 2: EP53A8HQI VID Voltage Select Settings**

| VS2 | VS1 | VS0 | VOUT |
|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 3.3  |
| 0   | 0   | 1   | 3.0  |
| 0   | 1   | 0   | 2.9  |
| 0   | 1   | 1   | 2.6  |
| 1   | 0   | 0   | 2.5  |
| 1   | 0   | 1   | 2.2  |
| 1   | 1   | 0   | 2.1  |
| 1   | 1   | 1   | 1.8  |

## Input Filter Capacitor

The **input** filter capacitor requirement is a 4.7 $\mu$ F 0603 low ESR MLCC capacitor. The

input capacitor must use a X5R or X7R or equivalent dielectric formulation. Y5V or equivalent dielectric formulations lose capacitance with frequency, bias, and with temperature, and are not suitable for switch-mode DC-DC converter input filter applications.

## Output Filter Capacitor

The **output** filter capacitor requirement is a minimum of 10 $\mu$ F 0805 MLCC. Ripple performance can be improved by using 2x10 $\mu$ F 0603 or 2x10 $\mu$ F 0805 MLCC capacitors.

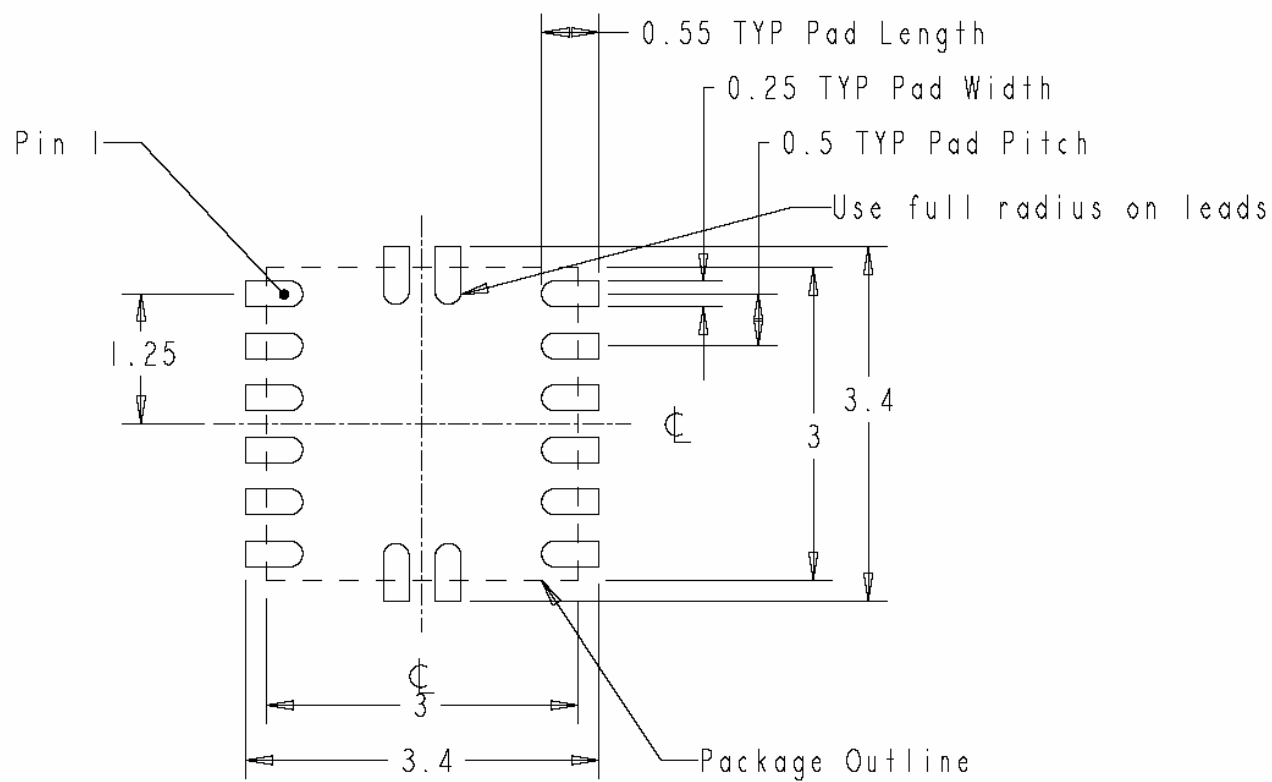
The maximum output filter capacitance next to the output pins of the device is 60 $\mu$ F low ESR MLCC capacitance.  $V_{OUT}$  has to be sensed at the last output filter capacitor next to the EP53A8xQI.

Additional bulk capacitance for decoupling and bypass can be placed at the load as long as there is sufficient separation between the  $V_{OUT}$  Sense point and the bulk capacitance. The separation provides an inductance that isolates the control loop from the bulk capacitance.

Excess total capacitance on the output (Output Filter + Bulk) can cause an over-current condition at startup. Refer to the section on Soft-Start for the maximum total capacitance on the output.

The output capacitor must use a X5R or X7R or equivalent dielectric formulation. Y5V or equivalent dielectric formulations lose capacitance with frequency, bias, and temperature and are not suitable for switch-mode DC-DC converter output filter applications.

## Recommended PCB Footprint



**Figure 9: EP53A8xQI Package PCB Footprint**

## Package and Mechanical

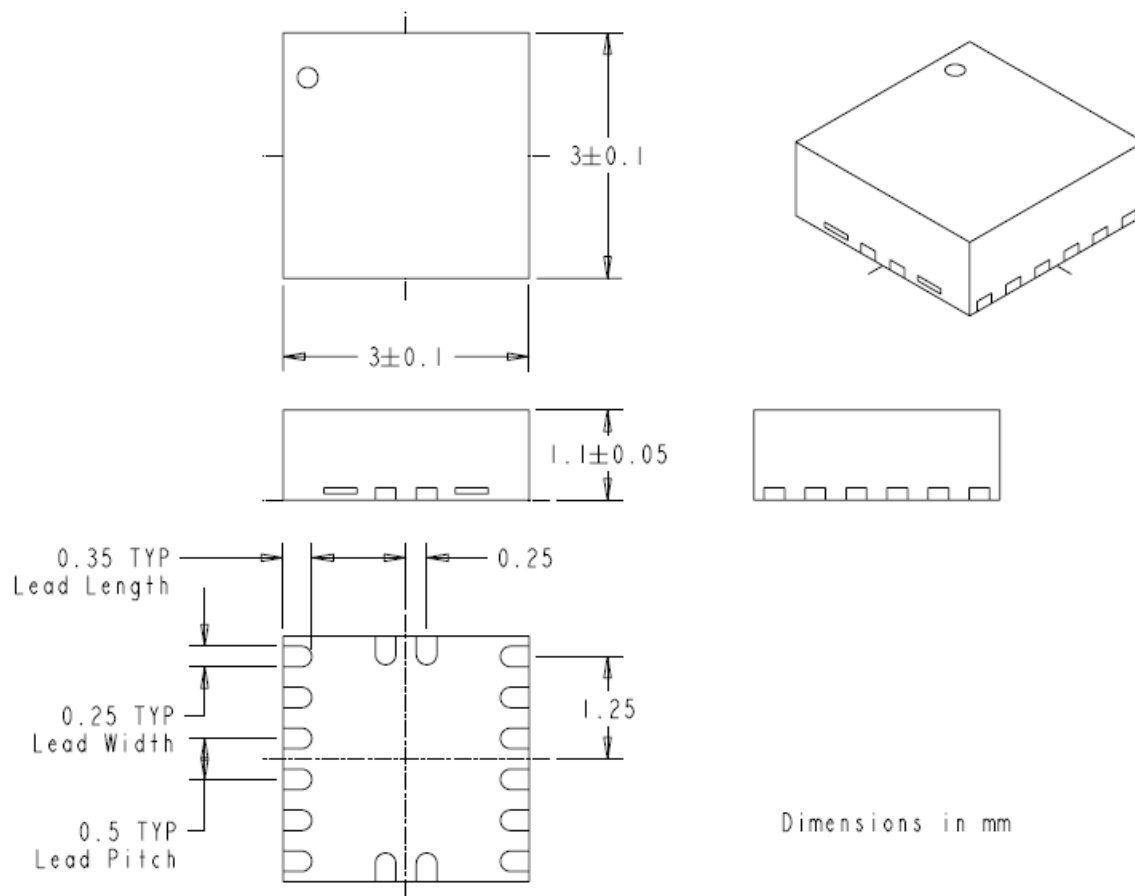


Figure 10: EP53A8xQI Package Dimensions

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