

# 350 mA, Constant Current Output Floating Buck Switching Converter for High Power LEDs

Check for Samples: LM3407

#### **FEATURES**

- Input operating range 4.5V to 30V
- Output voltage range: 0.1V<sub>IN</sub> to 0.9V<sub>IN</sub>
- · Accurate constant current output
- Independent device enable (CMOS compatible) and PWM dimming control
- Converter switching frequency adjustable from 300 kHz to 1 MHz
- No external control loop compensation required
- Supports ceramic and low ESR output capacitors
- Input Under Voltage Lock Out (UVLO)
- Thermal shutdown protection
- MSOP-8 PowerPAD Package

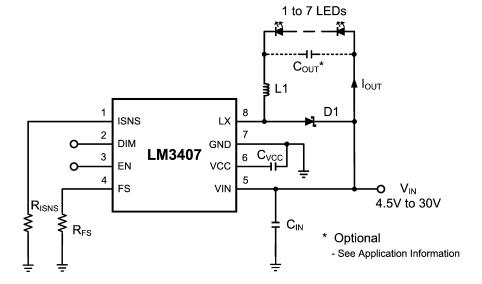
## **APPLICATIONS**

- LED Driver
- Constant Current Source
- Automotive Lighting
- General Illumination
- Industrial Lighting

#### **TYPICAL APPLICATION**

#### DESCRIPTION

The LM3407 is a constant current output floating buck switching converter designed to provide constant current to high power LEDs. The device is ideal for automotive, industrial and general lighting applications. The LM3407 has an integrated power N-MOSFET that makes the application solution compact and simple to implement. An external 1% thick-film resistor allows the converter output voltage to adjust as needed to deliver constant current within 10% accuracy to a serially connected LED string of varying number and type. Converter switching frequency is adjustable from 300 kHz to 1 MHz. The LM3407 features a dimming input to enable LED brightness control by Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). Additionally, a separate enable pin allows for low power shutdown. An exposed pad MSOP-8 PowerPAD package provides excellent heat dissipation and thermal performance. Input UVLO and output open-circuit protection ensure a robust LED driver solution.



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## **CONNECTION DIAGRAM**

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Figure 1. 8-Lead Plastic MSOP-8 PowerPAD Package See Package Number DGN0008A

## **PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

Pin	Name	Description	Application Information
1	ISNS	LED Current Sense pin	Connect resistor R <sub>ISNS</sub> from this pin to ground for LED current sensing. The current sensing resistor should be placed close to this pin.
2	DIM	PWM Dimming Input pin	Applying logic level PWM signal to this pin controls the average brightness of the LED string.
3	EN	Device Enable pin	Applying logic high to this pin or leaving this pin open enables the switcher. When this pin is pulled low, the switcher is disabled and will enter low power shutdown mode.
4	FS	Switching Frequency Setting pin	Connect resistor R <sub>FS</sub> from this pin to ground to set the switching frequency.
5	VIN	Input Voltage pin	The input voltage should be in the range of 4.5V to 30V.
6	VCC	Internal Regulator Output pin	This output pin should be bypassed by a ceramic capacitor with a minimum value of 1µF. High quality X5R or X7R ceramic capacitor is recommended.
7	GND	Device Ground pin	This pin should be connected to the system ground.
8	LX	Drain of N-MOSFET Switch	Connect this pin to the output inductor and anode of the Schottky diode.
EP	GND	Thermal Pad	The bottom pad should be connected to ground. For good thermal performance, place 4 to 6 thermal vias from EP to bottom layer PCB ground plane.





These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (1)

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		VALUE / UNIT
VIN to GND		-0.3V to 36V
VIN to GND (Transient)		42V (500 ms)
LX to GND		-0.3V to 36V
LX to GND (Transient)		-3V (2 ns), 42V (500 ms)
ISNS, FS, DIM, EN to GND		-0.3V to 7V
ESD Rating Human Body Model (2)		2kV
Junction Temperature		150°C
Storage Temperature		-65°C to + 125°C
Soldering Information	Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10sec)	260°C
	Infrared or Convection (20sec)	235°C

<sup>(1)</sup> Absolute Maximum Ratings are limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings are conditions under which operation of the device is intended to be functional. For specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics.

#### RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

	VALUE / UNIT
V <sub>IN</sub>	4.5V to 30V
Junction Temperature Range	−40°C to + 125°C
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JA}$ ) (1)	50°C/W

(1)  $\theta_{JA}$  of 50°C/W with thermal pad, EP soldered to a minimum of 2 square inches of 1 oz. Copper on the top or bottom PCB layer.

Product Folder Links: LM3407

<sup>(2)</sup> The human body model is a 100pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5k $\Omega$  resistor into each pin.



## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $V_{IN}$  = 12V unless otherwise indicated. Typical and limits appearing in plain type apply for  $T_A = T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C (Note 4). Limits appearing in **boldface** type apply over full Operating Temperature Range. Datasheet min/max specification limits are specified by design, test, or statistical analysis.

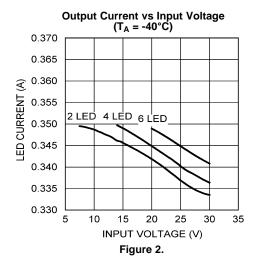
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Operating Input Current	4.5V ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ 30V	0.58	0.78	0.98	mA	
	$V_{EN} = 5V$ , $V_{PWM} = 5V$ , $LX = open$					
Quiescent Input current	4.5V ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ 30V	0.20	0.27	0.39	mA	
	$V_{EN} = 5V$ , $V_{PWM} = 0V$					
Shutdown Input Current	V <sub>EN</sub> = 0V	36	48	60	μΑ	
Input Under Voltage Lock-out Threshold	V <sub>IN</sub> Rising		3.6	4.5	V	
UVLO Hysteresis	V <sub>IN</sub> Falling		200		mV	
EN pin HIGH Threshold	V <sub>EN</sub> Rising		1.9	2.4	V	
EN pin LOW Threshold	V <sub>EN</sub> Falling	1.3	1.75		V	
DIM pin HIGH Threshold	V <sub>DIM</sub> Rising		1.9	2.4	V	
DIM pin LOW Threshold	V <sub>DIM</sub> Falling	1.3	1.75		V	
Switching Frequency	$R_T = 80 \text{ k}\Omega$		500		kHz	
	$R_T = 40 \text{ k}\Omega$		1000			
Minimum On-time			200		ns	
Thermal Shutdown Threshold			165		°C	
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis			25		°C	
VOLTAGE REGULATOR		·	*	•	,	
VCC Regulator Output Voltage (1)	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12V		4.5		V	
DRIVER		•				
Main Switch ON Resistance	I <sub>sink</sub> = 80mA		0.77	1.45	Ω	
LOOP						
Error Amp Open Loop Gain			60		dB	
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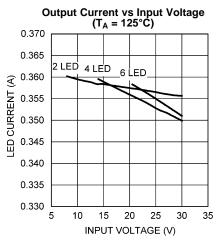
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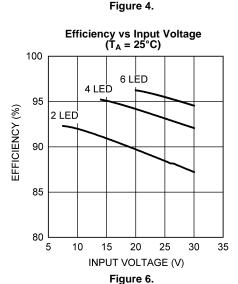


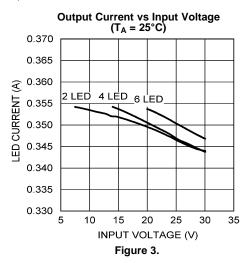
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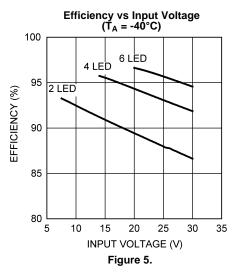
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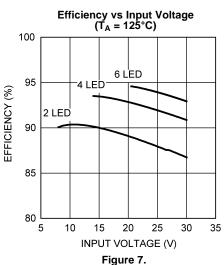








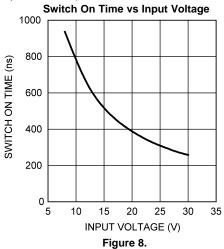


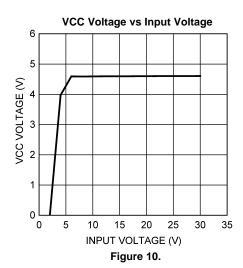


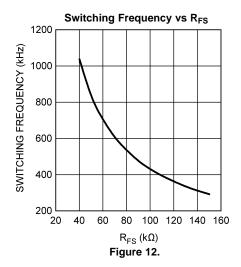


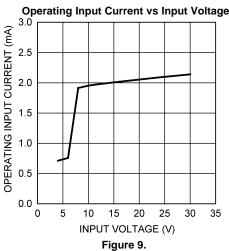
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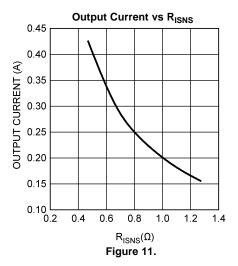
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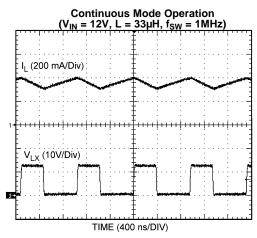
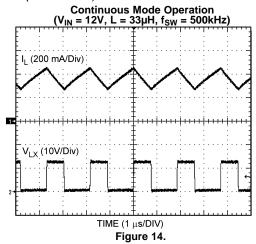


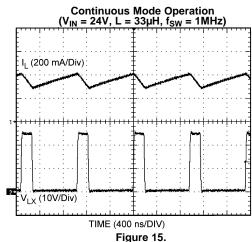
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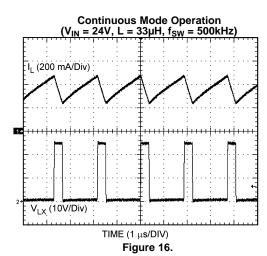


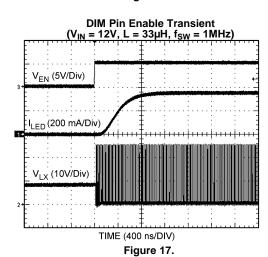
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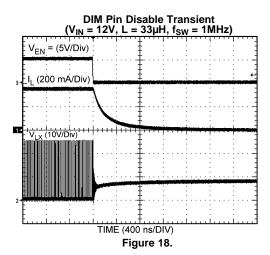
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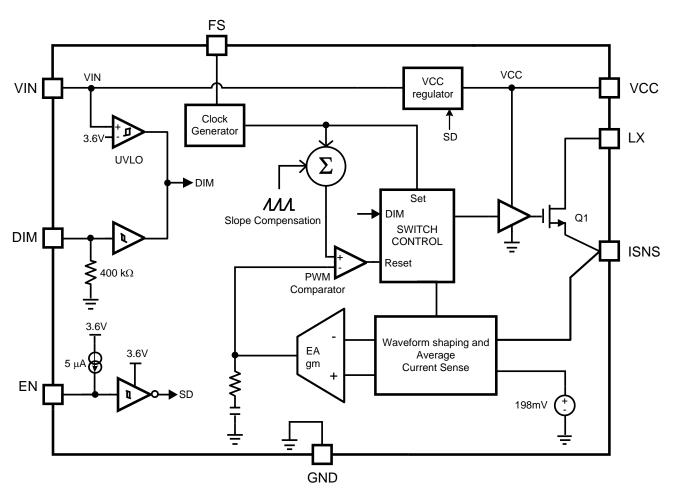








#### SIMPLIFIED FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



#### **FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

## **OVERVIEW**

The LM3407 is a constant current output floating buck switching converter with wide input voltage range and low feedback current sense reference voltage. These characteristics make the LM3407 an efficient solution to provide constant current to high power LEDs. The device is ideal for automotive, industrial and general lighting applications where high power LEDs are used as the lighting source. The LM3407 has an integrated power N-MOSFET that makes the application solution compact and simple to implement. An external 1% thick-film resistor allows the converter output voltage to adjust as needed to deliver constant current within 10% accuracy to a serially connected LED string of varying number and type. Converter switching frequency is adjustable from 300 kHz to 1 MHz. The LM3407 features a dimming input to enable LED brightness control by Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). Additionally, a separate enable pin allows for low power shutdown. An exposed pad MSOP-8 PowerPAD package provides excellent heat dissipation and thermal performance. Input UVLO and output opencircuit protection ensure a robust LED driver solution.

#### FLOATING BUCK SWITCHING CONVERTER

The LM3407 is designed for floating buck configuration. Different from conventional buck converters, a low side power N-MOSFET is used. The floating buck configuration simplifies the driver stage design and reduces the die size of the power MOSFET. Additionally, the connections of the power diode, inductor and output capacitor are switched to ground with a ground referenced power switch, Q1. The extraction of inductor current information can be easily realized by a simple current sensing resistor. These benefits combine to provide a high efficiency, low cost, and reliable solution for LED lighting applications.



The operation of the LM3407 constant current output floating buck converter is explained below. With the internal switch Q1 turned ON, current flows through the inductor L1 and the LED array. Energy is also stored in the magnetic field of the inductor during the ON cycle. The current flowing through  $R_{\rm ISNS}$  during the ON cycle is monitored by the Average Current Sensing block. The switch will remain ON until the average inductor current equals 198mV /  $R_{\rm ISNS}$ . When the switch is turned OFF, the magnetic field starts to collapse and the polarity of the inductor voltage reverses. At the same time, the diode is forward biased and current flows through the LED, releasing the energy stored in the inductor to the output. True average output current is achieved as the switching cycle continuously repeats and the Average Current Sensing block controls the ON duty cycle. A constant current output floating buck converter only works in Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM); if the converter enters Discontinuous Conduction Mode (DCM) operation, the current regulation will deteriorate and the accuracy of LED current cannot be maintained. The operating waveforms for the typical application circuit are shown in Figure 19.

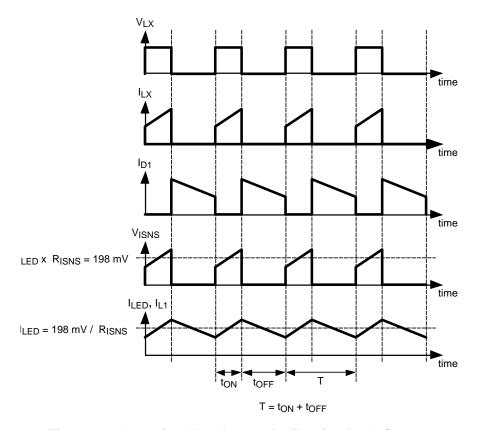


Figure 19. Operating Waveforms of a Floating Buck Converter

## **PULSE LEVEL MODULATION (PLM)**

The LM3407 incorporates the innovative Pulse Level Modulation technique. With an external 1% thick film resistor connected to the ISNS pin, the converter output voltage can adjust automatically as needed to deliver constant current within 10% accuracy to a serially connected LED string of different number and type. Pulse Level Modulation is a novel method to provide precise constant current control with high efficiency. It allows the use of low side current sensing and facilitates true average output current regulation regardless of the input voltage and inductor value. Pulse Level Modulation can be treated as a process that transforms a trapezoidal pulse chain into a square pulse chain with an amplitude equal to the center of inductor current ramp. Figure 20 shows the waveform of the converter in steady state. In the figure,  $I_{L1}$  is the inductor current and  $I_{LX}$  is the switch current into the LX pin.  $V_{ISNS}$  is the voltage drop across the current sensing resistor  $R_{ISNS}$ .  $V_{MSL}$  is the center of the inductor current ramp and is a reference pulse that is synchronized and has an identical pulse width to  $V_{ISNS}$ .

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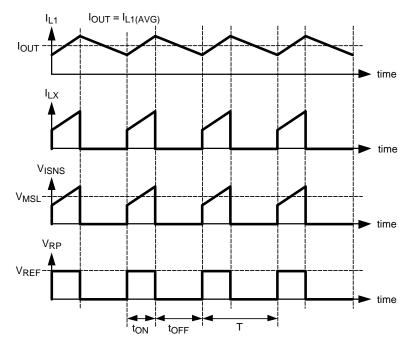


Figure 20. LM3407 Switching Waveforms

The switching frequency and duty ratio of the converter equal:

$$D = \frac{t_{ON}}{t_{ON} + t_{OFF}}$$
 and 
$$f_{SW} = \frac{1}{t_{ON} + t_{OFF}}$$

By comparing the area of  $V_{ISNS}$  and  $V_{RP}$  over the ON period, an error signal is generated. Such a comparison is functionally equivalent to comparing the middle level of  $I_{SNS}$  to  $V_{RP}$  during the ON-period of a switching cycle. The error signal is fed to a PWM comparator circuit to produce the PWM control pulse to drive the internal power N-MOSFET. Figure 21 shows the implementation of the PWM switching signal. The error signal is fed to a PWM comparator circuit to produce the PWM control pulse to drive the internal power N-MOSFET. Figure 21 shows the implementation of the PWM switching signal.

In closed loop operation, the difference between  $V_{MSL}$  and  $V_{RP}$  is reflected in the changes of the switching duty cycle of the power switch. This behavior is independent of the inductance of the inductor and input voltage because for the same set of  $I_{OUT}$  \*  $R_{ISNS}$ , ON time, and switching period, there exists only one  $V_{MSL}$ . Figure 22 shows two sets of current sense signals named  $V_{ISNS1}$  and  $V_{ISNS2}$  that have identical frequencies and duty cycles but different shapes of trapezoidal waveforms, each generating identical PWM signals.



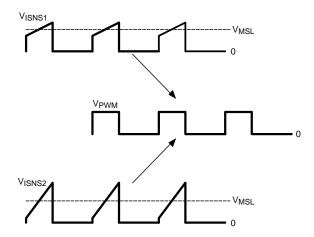


Figure 21. Pulse-Level Transformation

When  $V_{MSL}$  is higher than  $V_{REF}$ , the peak value of  $V_{RP}$ , the switching duty cycle of the power switch will be reduced to lower  $V_{MSL}$ . When  $V_{MSL}$  is lower than the peak value of  $V_{RP}$ , the switching duty cycle of the power switch will be increased to raise  $V_{MSL}$ . For example, when  $I_{OUT}$  is decreased,  $V_{MSL}$  will become lower than  $V_{REF}$ . In order to maintain output current regulation, the switching duty cycle of the power switch will be increased and eventually push up  $V_{MSL}$  until  $V_{MSL}$  equals  $V_{REF}$ . Since in typical floating buck regulators  $V_{MSL}$  is equal to  $I_{OUT}$  \*  $R_{ISNS}$ , true average output current regulation can be achieved by regulating  $V_{MSL}$ . Figure 23 shows the waveforms of  $V_{ISNS}$  and  $V_{RP}$  under closed loop operation.

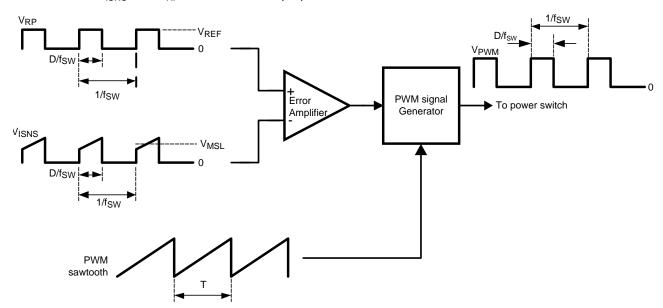


Figure 22. Implementation of the PWM Switching Signal



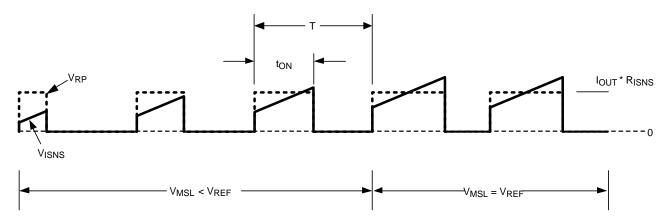


Figure 23. Waveforms of V<sub>ISNS</sub> and V<sub>RP</sub> Under Closed Loop Operation

#### INTERNAL VCC REGULATOR

The LM3407 has an internal 4.5V linear regulator. This regulated voltage is used for powering the internal circuitry only and any external loading at the VCC pin is not recommended. The supply input  $(V_{IN})$  can be connected directly to an input voltage up to 30V. The VCC pin provides voltage regulated at 4.5V for  $V_{IN} \le 6V$ . For 4.5V  $\le V_{IN} \le 6V$ , VIN pin will be connected to VCC pin directly by an internal bypassing switch. For stability reason, an external capacitor  $C_{VCC}$  with at least 680 nF (1  $\mu$ F recommended) must be connected to the VCC pin.

#### **CLOCK GENERATOR**

The LM3407 features an integrated clock generator to control the switching frequency of the converter,  $f_{SW}$ . An external resistor  $R_{FS}$ , connected to the FS pin and ground, determines the switching frequency. The oscillator frequency can be set in the range of 300 kHz to 1 MHz. The relationship between the frequency setting resistance and the oscillator frequency is described in the Application Information Section.

#### **PWM DIMMING OF LED STRING**

Dimming of LED brightness is achieved by Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) control of the LED current. Pulse Width Modulation control allows LED brightness to be adjusted while still maintaining accurate LED color temperature. The LM3407 accepts an external PWM dimming signal at the DIM pin. The signal is buffered before being applied to the internal switch control block responsible for controlling the ON/OFF of the power switch, Q1. The DIM pin is internally pulled low by a resistor and no LED current will be available when the DIM pin is floating or shorted to ground. Functionally, the DIM pin can also be used as an external device disable control. Device switching will be disabled if the DIM pin is not connected or tied to ground.

#### LOW POWER SHUTDOWN MODE

The LM3407 comes with a dedicated device enable pin, EN, for low power shutdown of the device. By putting the device in shutdown mode, most of the internal circuits will be disabled and the input current will reduced to below typically  $50\mu$ A. The EN pin is internally pulled high by a  $5\mu$ A current source. Connecting the EN pin to ground will force the device to enter low power shutdown mode. To resume normal operation, leave the EN pin open or drive with a logic high voltage.

## **INPUT UNDER-VOLTAGE LOCK-OUT (UVLO)**

The LM3407 incorporates an input Under-Voltage Lock-Out (UVLO) circuit with hysteresis to keep the device disabled when the input voltage ( $V_{IN}$ ) falls below the Lock-Out Low threshold, 3.4V typical. During the device power-up, internal circuits are held inactive and the UVLO comparator monitors the voltage level at the VIN pin continuously. When the VIN pin voltage exceeds the UVLO threshold, 3.6V typical, the internal circuits are then enabled and normal operation begins.



#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

## **SWITCHING FREQUENCY SELECTION**

The selection of switching frequency is based on the consideration of the conversion efficiency, size of the passive components, and the total solution cost. In general, increasing the switching frequency will allow the use of smaller external components but will decrease the conversion efficiency. Thus, the selection of switching frequency is a compromise between the system requirements and may vary from design to design. The LM3407 switching frequency can be set in the range from 300 kHz to 1 MHz by adjusting the value of  $R_{\rm FS}$ . The switching frequency is inversely proportional to the value of  $R_{\rm FS}$ . In order to ensure good operation stability, a resistor with 1% tolerance between 40 k $\Omega$  and 96 k $\Omega$  and with good thermal stability is suggested.

The switching frequency is estimated by the expression below:

$$f_{SW} = \frac{40 \text{ Meg}}{R_{FS}} + 40 \text{ in kHz}$$
 (2)

In the equation,  $f_{SW}$  is the oscillator frequency and  $R_{FS}$  is the frequency setting resistance. The above equation is only valid for oscillator frequencies in the range of 300 kHz to 1 MHz, so the frequency setting resistance will be in the range of about 40 k $\Omega$  to 150 k $\Omega$ .

#### **LED CURRENT SETTING**

The LED current setting is important to the lifetime, reliability, and color temperature of the LED string. The LED current should be properly selected according to the characteristics of the LED used. Over-driving the LED array can cause the color temperature to shift and will shorten the lifetime of the LEDs. The output current of the LM3407 can be set by R<sub>ISNS</sub>, which is calculated from the following equation:

$$R_{\rm ISNS} = \frac{0.198V}{I_{\rm OUT}} \tag{3}$$

To ensure the accuracy of the output current, a resistor with 1% tolerance should be used for  $R_{ISNS}$ . It is also important for the designer to ensure that the rated power of the resistor is not exceeded with reasonable margin. For example, when  $I_{OUT}$  is set to 350 mA, the total power dissipation on  $R_{ISNS}$  in steady state is  $(0.35A)^2$  x  $0.565\Omega$ , which equals 69 mW, indicating a resistor of 1/8W power rating is appropriate.

### INPUT AND OUTPUT CAPACITORS

The input capacitor supplies instantaneous current to the LM3407 converter when the internal power switch Q1 turns ON. The input capacitor filters the noise and transient voltage from the input power source. Using low ESR capacitors such as ceramic and tantalum capacitors is recommended. Similar to the selection criteria for the output capacitor, ceramic capacitors are the best choice for the input to the LM3407 due to their high ripple current rating, low ESR, and relatively small size compared to other types. A 4.7 µF X7R ceramic capacitor for the input capacitor is recommended

The output capacitor  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  is used to reduce LED current ripple, filter noise, and smooth output voltage. This capacitor should have low ESR and adequate capacitance. Excessively large output capacitances create long enable and disable times, which is particularly significant when a high dimming frequency is used. Since the loading and input conditions differ from design to design, a 2.2  $\mu$ F X7R ceramic capacitor is a good initial selection. A DC voltage rating equal to or higher than twice the forward voltage of the LED string is recommended.

 $C_{\text{OUT}}$  is optional and can be omitted for applications where small brightness variation is acceptable. Omitting  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  also helps reduce the cost and board size of the converter. With the absence of  $C_{\text{OUT}}$ , the LED forward current equals the inductor current. In order to ensure proper operation of the converter the peak inductor current must not exceed the rated forward current of the LEDs. Otherwise the LEDs may be damaged.

Product Folder Links: LM3407



#### **SELECTION OF INDUCTOR**

In order to achieve accurate constant current output, the LM3407 is required to operate in Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM) under all operating conditions. In general, the magnitude of the inductor ripple current should be kept as small as possible. If the PCB size is not limited, higher inductance values result in better accuracy of the output current. However, in order to minimize the physical size of the circuit, an inductor with minimum physical outline should be selected such that the converter always operates in CCM and the peak inductor current does not exceed the saturation current limit of the inductor. The ripple and peak current of the inductor can be calculated as follows:

Inductor Peak to Peak Ripple Current:

$$I_{L(ripple)} = \left[ V_{IN} - (n \times V_F) - 0.198 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{R_{ISNS}} \right) \right] \times (n \times V_F)$$

$$L \times V_{IN} \times f_{SW}$$
(4)

**Peak Inductor Current:** 

$$I_{L(peak)} = \frac{0.198}{R_{ISNS}} + \frac{I_{L(ripple)}}{2}$$

where

· n is the number of LEDs in a string

The minimum inductance required for the specific application can be calculated by:

$$L_{min} = \left[ V_{IN} - (n \times V_F) - 0.198 \times \left( 1 + \frac{1}{R_{ISNS}} \right) \right] \times (R_{ISNS} \times n \times V_F)$$

$$0.197 \times V_{IN} \times f_{SW}$$
(6)

For applications with no output capacitor in place, the magnitude of the inductor ripple current should not be more than 20% of the average inductor current, which is equivalent to the output current,  $I_{OUT}$ . However, in some situations the physical size of the required inductor may be too large and thus not allowed. The output capacitor can help absorb this current ripple to significantly reduce the ripple component along the LED string. With an output capacitor  $C_{OUT}$  in place, the magnitude of the inductor ripple current can be relaxed to 80% of the output current. Figure 24 illustrates the relationship between  $I_{OUT}$ ,  $I_{L(peak)}$ , and  $I_{L(ripple)}$ .

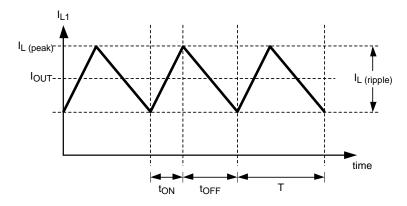


Figure 24. Relationship between I<sub>OUT</sub>, I<sub>L(peak)</sub> and I<sub>L(ripple)</sub>

Table 1 provides the suggested inductance of the inductor for 500 kHz and 1 MHz switching frequency operation with  $C_{OUT} = 4.7 \mu F$  and  $I_{L(ripple)} = 0.8 \times I_{OUT}$ 



Table 1. Suggested Inductance Value of the Inductor

		Number of LED													
VIN / V	1	2	3	4	5	6	7								
nductor selection	on table for F <sub>SW</sub> = \$	500 kHz, C <sub>OUT</sub> =	4.7μF (1μF for 1 L	ED)											
5	22 µH														
10	22 µH	22 µH													
15	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH												
20	22 µH	33 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH										
25	22 µH	33 µH	33 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH									
30	22 µH	47 µH	33 µH	33 µH	33 µH	22 µH	22 µH								
nductor selection	on table for F <sub>SW</sub> =	1 MHz, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 4.	7μF (1μF for 1 LE	D)											
5	22 µH														
10	22 µH	22 µH													
15	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH												
20	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH										
25	22 µH	33 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH									
30	22 µH	33 µH	33 µH	33 µH	22 µH	22 µH	22 µH								

#### FREE-WHEELING DIODE

The LM3407 is a non-synchronous floating buck converter that requires an external free-wheeling diode to provide a path for recirculating current from the inductor to the LED array when the power switch is turned OFF. Selecting the free-wheeling diode depends on both the output voltage and current. The diode must have a rated reverse voltage higher than the input voltage of the converter and a peak current rating higher than the expected maximum inductor current. Using a schottky diode with a low forward voltage drop can reduce power dissipation and enhance conversion efficiency.

#### PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD DESIGN

Since the copper traces of PCBs carry resistance and parasitic inductance, the longer the copper trace, the higher the resistance and inductance. These factors introduce voltage and current spikes to the switching nodes and may impair circuit performance. To optimize the performance of the LM3407, the rule of thumb is to keep the connections between components as short and direct as possible. Since true average current regulation is achieved by detecting the average switch current, the current setting resistor  $R_{\rm ISNS}$  must be located as close as possible to the LM3407 to reduce the parasitic inductance of the copper trace and avoid noise pick-up. The connections between the LX pin, rectifier D1, inductor L1, and output capacitor  $C_{\rm OUT}$  should be kept as short as possible to reduce the voltage spikes at the LX pin. It is recommended that  $C_{\rm VCC}$ , the output filter capacitor for the internal linear regulator of the LM3407, be placed close to the VCC pin. The input filter capacitor  $C_{\rm IN}$  should be located close to L1 and the cathode of D1. If  $C_{\rm IN}$  is connected to the VIN pin by a long trace, a  $0.1\mu F$  capacitor should be added close to VIN pin for noise filtering. In normal operation, heat will be generated inside the LM3407 and may damage the device if no thermal management is applied. For more details on switching power supply layout considerations see TI Lit NumberSNVA021: Layout Guidelines for Switching Power Supplies.

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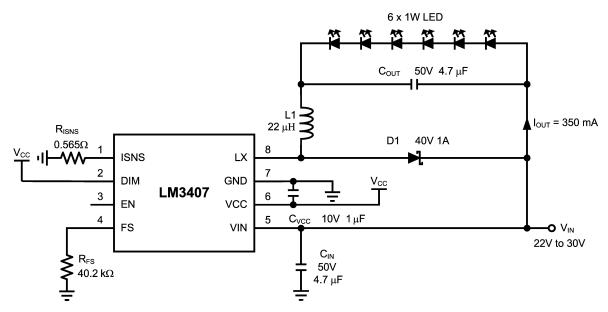


Figure 25. Typical Application Schematic for 6 LEDs

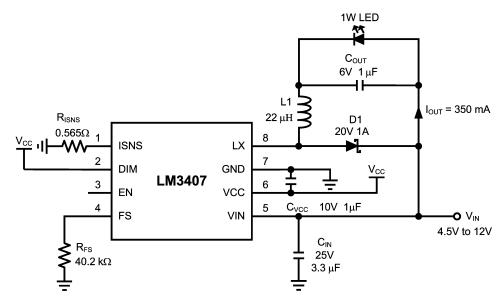


Figure 26. Typical Application Schematic for 1 LED



## **REVISION HISTORY**

Changes from Revision A (May 2013) to Revision B					
•	Changed layout of National Data Sheet to TI format	1	6		

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## **PACKAGE OPTION ADDENDUM**

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#### **PACKAGING INFORMATION**

	Orderable Device		Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	_	Eco Plan	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp	Op Temp (°C)	Top-Side Markings	Samples
		(1)		Drawing		Qty	(2)		(3)		(4)	
	LM3407MY/NOPB	ACTIVE	MSOP- PowerPAD	DGN	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	STZB	Samples
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	LM3407MYX/NOPB	ACTIVE	MSOP-	DGN	8	3500	Green (RoHS	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	STZB	Samples
			PowerPAD				& no Sb/Br)					

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

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**OBSOLETE:** TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) Eco Plan - The planned eco-friendly classification: Pb-Free (RoHS), Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt), or Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) - please check http://www.ti.com/productcontent for the latest availability information and additional product content details.

**TBD:** The Pb-Free/Green conversion plan has not been defined.

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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. -- The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

(4) Multiple Top-Side Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Top-Side Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Top-Side Marking for that device.

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## TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION





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		Dimension designed to accommodate the component width
		Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
		Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
	W	Overall width of the carrier tape
Γ	P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE



#### \*All dimensions are nominal

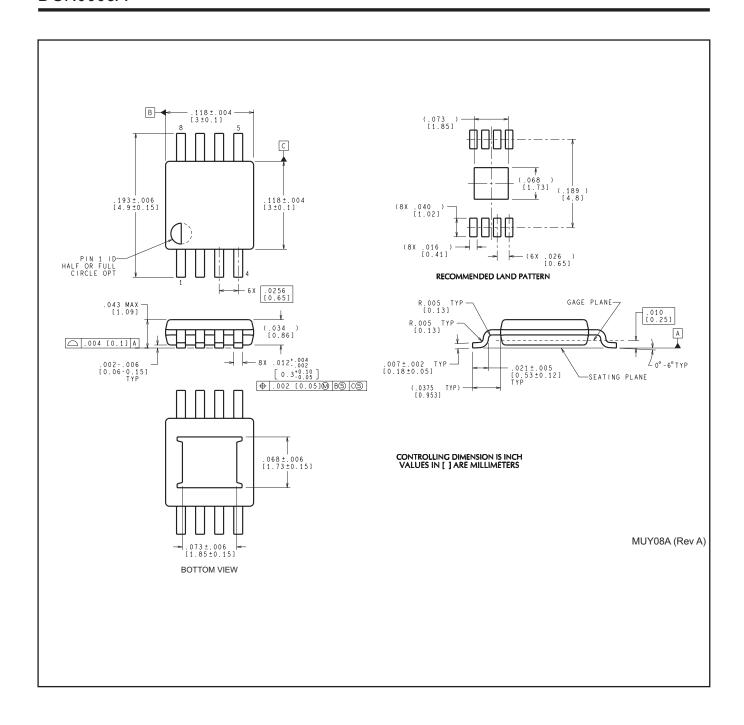
Device	Package Type	Package Drawing		SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
LM3407MY/NOPB	MSOP- Power PAD	DGN	8	1000	178.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1
LM3407MYX/NOPB	MSOP- Power PAD	DGN	8	3500	330.0	12.4	5.3	3.4	1.4	8.0	12.0	Q1

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#### \*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
LM3407MY/NOPB	MSOP-PowerPAD	DGN	8	1000	210.0	185.0	35.0
LM3407MYX/NOPB	MSOP-PowerPAD	DGN	8	3500	367.0	367.0	35.0



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