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NCP1077, 12 Vout, 6 Watt, Off-line Buck Regulator Using a Tapped Inductor

| Device | Application | Input Voltage | Output Power | Topology | I/O Isolation |
|---------|---|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| NCP1077 | Smart Meters Electric Meters, White Goods | 85 to 265 Vac | 6W at 12Vout 12W peak | Off-Line 100 kHz Buck | Non-isolated |

| Output Specification | | |
|--|--|--|
| 3.3 to 28 Vdc depending on selected Z1 zener value | | |
| Less than 1% | | |
| 500 mA continuous | | |
| 1 amp maximum (several second surge – thermally limited) | | |
| zero | | |
| | | |

| PFC (Yes/No) | No, Pout < 25 watts | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Efficiency | >75% typical at 120Vac | | |
| Inrush Limiting / Fuse | Fused input | | |
| Operating Temp. Range | 0 to +50°C (dependent on U1 heatsinking) | | |
| Cooling Method / Supply Orientation | Convection | | |
| Signal Level Control | None | | |

Circuit Description

This design note describes a simple, low power, constant voltage output variation of the buck power converter intended for powering electronics for white goods, electrical meters, and industrial equipment where isolation from the AC mains is not required and maximum efficiency is essential. This buck circuit design has been modified by tapping the freewheel diode connection to the inductor to provide several advantages over the conventional buck circuit. ON Semiconductor application note AND8318 provides a detailed discussion of the tapped inductor buck circuit theory which will not be covered in detail in this design note.

One of the major disadvantages of the conventional buck circuit configuration is that for off-line applications, the typical dc input-to-output voltage differential is very high; resulting is a very short operational duty ratio (D) in the power MOSFET. Since the buck's input-to-output voltage transfer function is defined as Vout = D x Vin, we can see that for a rectified input of 165 Vdc and an output of 12 Vdc, D will be 12/165 = 0.07 or 7%. Assuming a switching frequency of 100 kHz (T = 10 us), this results in a typical on-time of 0.7 us. With this short of a duty ratio, the conversion efficiency is not very good and this short of pulse width is approaching the propagation delay time for some control chips which can affect switching stability at light load and higher input voltages. In addition, the

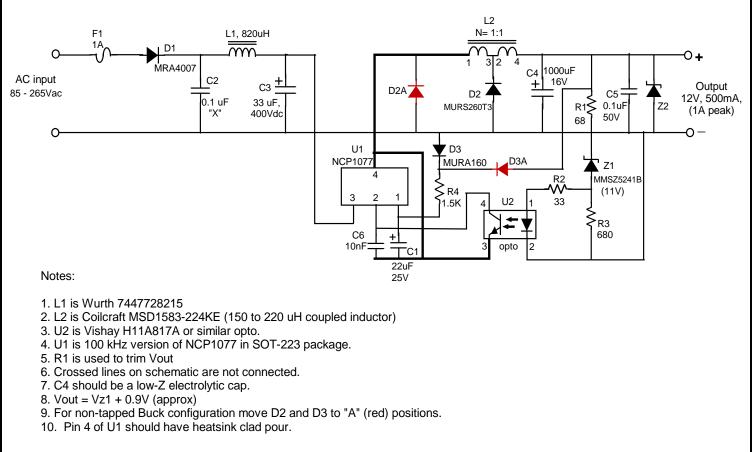
maximum dc output load current of the conventional buck cannot be any greater than the peak current limitation of the monolithic switcher, and is typically less due to the magnetizing component of the inductor current.

By tapping the freewheel diode connection to halfway point on the inductor, two advantages are achieved: 1) The output current can be effectively boosted nearly double that possible with the conventional buck configuration because the power MOSFET duty cycle is expanded by a factor of 2 without any increase in peak current; and, 2) The normally high turn-on switching losses caused by the freewheel diode recovery current in the conventional buck are reduced due to the leakage inductance component of the coupled winding in the tapped choke.

The actual tap point on the inductor can be anywhere, and, the closer it is to the output end of the inductor, the greater the current boosting effect and extension of the effective MOSFET duty ratio. For this design note, a center tap inductor was chosen because several commercial vendors provide such a part in a surface mount configuration that can handle up to one amp peak. Typical efficiency improvements of 5% or more over a conventional buck have been achieved with this tapped configuration and it is particularly effective when low output voltages of 12V or less are required with highest efficiency and low standby power.

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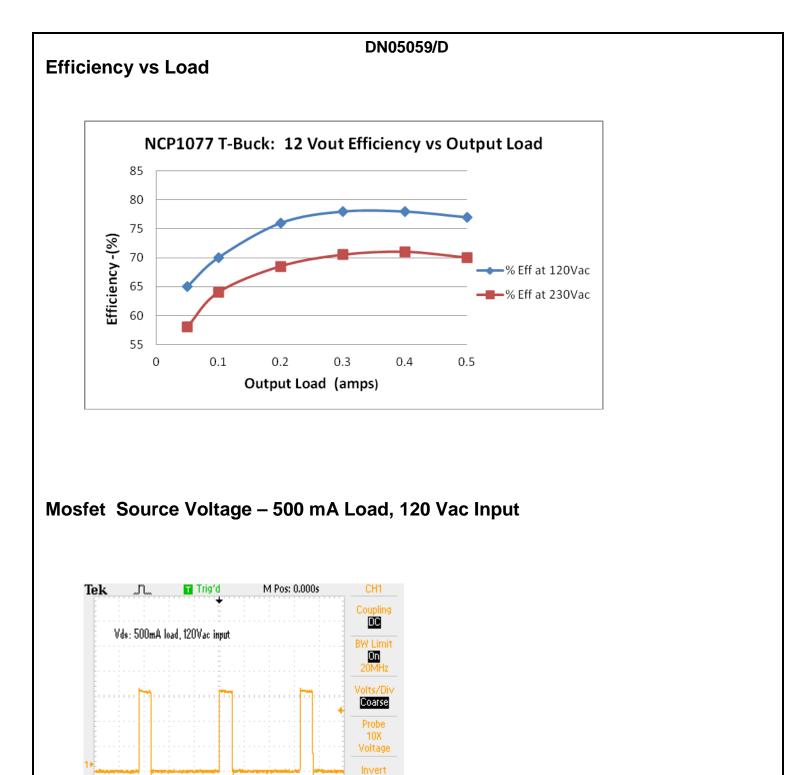


NCP1077 12V, 500 mA Off-line Buck with Tapped Choke (R3)

It should be noted that the efficiency of this tapped inductor buck will depend on the selection of the inductor. Tests have shown that custom made inductors with proper layered winding techniques resulted in the best efficiency, however, the less expensive, off-the-shelf inductors provided by several vendors (Coilcraft, Wurth, PalNova) are usually adequate at the lower current levels where the dc resistance of the windings are sufficient for minimum thermal losses.

The demo/EVAL board associated with this buck converter can be configured in the standard buck configuration by moving the freewheel diode (D2) and the Vcc bias diode (D3) to the red "A" positions shown in the schematic. The total buck choke inductance will be the series inductance of the two windings on the inductor and will be equal to 4 times that of a single section of the winding. If a smaller capacitance value input bulk cap is desired (C3), a full wave input rectifier should be used instead of the simple, illustrated half-wave rectifier. Depending on the desired output voltage, resistor R4 should be selected for a Vcc current of about 3 to 5 mA assuming approximately 10V on Vcc pin 1. Zener diode Z2 (in conjunction with input fuse F1) is provided for output OVP protection in the event the buck switch would fail shorted. The input EMI filter composed of L1 and C2 should be sufficient to meet Level B for conducted EMI.

For lower output current requirements, the NCP1070, or NCP1075 versions of this monolithic switcher may be used.



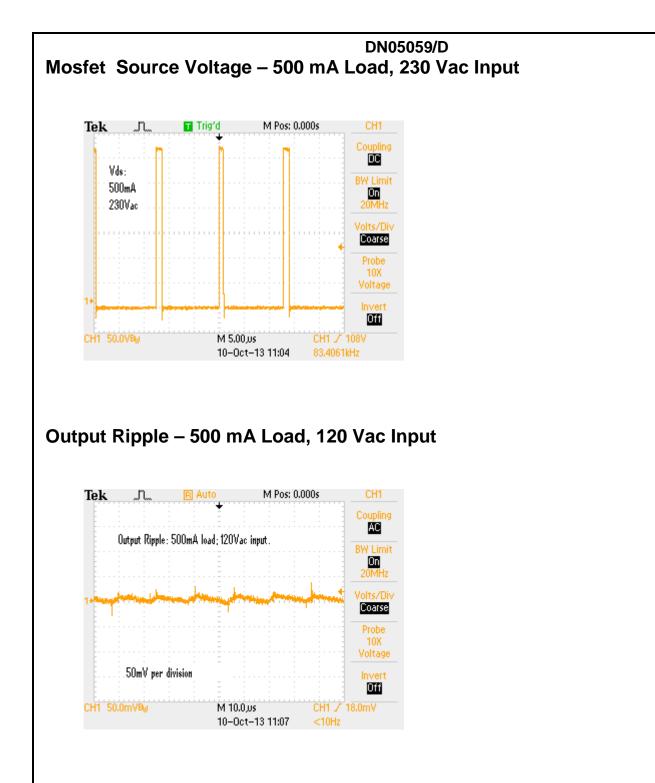
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CH1 vertical position -2.72 divs (-136V)

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Off

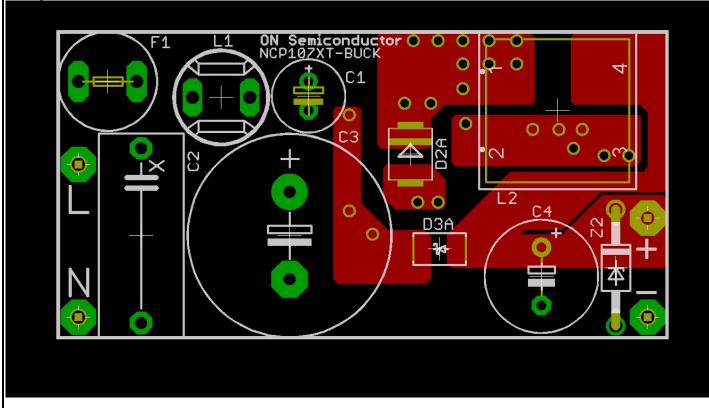
CH1 / 108V



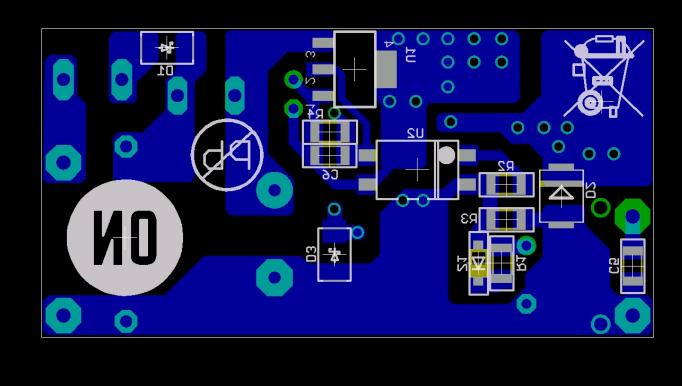
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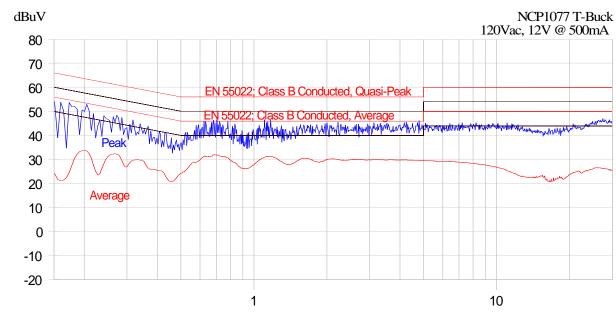




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DN05059/D Conducted EMI Profile: Peak (blue) and Average (red)



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(Start = 0.15, Stop = 30.00) MHz

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| | | | | | | | Manufacturer Part |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Designator | Qty | Description | Value | Tolerance | Footprint | Manufacturer | Number |
| | | | | | | | |
| D1 | 1 | Diode - 60 Hz, | 1A, 800V | | SMA | ON Semi | MRA4007 |
| D2 (or D2A) | 1 | Ultra-fast rectifier | 2A, 600V | | SMB | ON Semi | MURS260T3 |
| D3 (or D3A) | 1 | Ultra-fast rectifier | 1A, 600V | | SMA | | |
| Note: For non | i-tappe | d Buck configuration, instal | I D2 and D3 in D2 | A and D3A p | ositions on PCB | | |
| D3 | 1 | Diode - UFR | 1A, 600V | | SMA | ON Semi | MURA160 |
| Z1 | 1 | Zener diode | 11V | | SOD-123 | ON Semi | MMSZ5241B |
| Z2 | 1 | Zener diode | 15V/5W | | Axial lead | ON Semi | 1N5352B or 1N5929B |
| U2 | 1 | Optocoupler | CTR >/= 0.5 | | 4-pin SMD | Vishay or NEC | SFH6156A-4 or PS2561L-1 |
| U1 | 1 | Controller - NCP1077 | 100 kHz | | SOT223 | ON Semi | NCP1077-100 |
| | | | | | | | |
| C2 | 1 | "X" cap, box type | 100nF, X2 | | LS = 15 mm | Rifa, Wima | TBD |
| C6 | 1 | Ceramic cap, monolythic | 10 nF, 50V | 10% | 1206 | AVX, Murata | TBD |
| C5 | 1 | Ceramic cap, monolythic | 100nF, 50V | 10% | 1206 | AVX, Murata | TBD |
| C3 | 1 | Electrolytic cap | 33uF, 400V | 10% | LS=7.5mm, D=18mm | UCC | TBD |
| C1 | 1 | Electrolytic cap | 22uF, 50Vdc | 10% | LS=2.5mm, D=6.3mm | Panasonic - ECG | ECA-1HM220 |
| C4 | ['] 1 | Electrolytic cap | 1000uF, 16V | 10% | 10x20mm, LS=5mm | UCC, Panasonic | TBD |
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| R4 | 1 | Resistor, 1/4W SMD | 1.5K | 5% | SMD 1206 | AVX, Vishay, Dale | TBD |
| R2 | 1 | Resistor, 1/4W SMD | 33 ohms | 5% | SMD 1206 | AVX, Vishay, Dale | TBD |
| R3 | 1 | Resistor, 1/4W SMD | 680 ohms | 5% | SMD 1206 | AVX, Vishay, Dale | TBD |
| R1 | 1 | Resistor, 1/4W SMD | 68 ohms | 5% | SMD 1206 | AVX, Vishay, Dale | TBD |
| | | | | | | , , , | |
| F1 | 1 | Fuse, TR-5 style | 1A | | TR-5, LS=5mm | Minifuse | TBD |
| L1 | 1 | Inductor (EMI choke) | 820 uH, 500 mA | | LS=5mm, Dia=8.5mm | Wurth Magnetics | 7447728215 |
| L2 | 1 | Coupled Output Inductor | 220uH, 3Apk | | 15mm x 15mm SMD | Coilcraft | MSD1583-224KE |
| | · · | | | | | Constant | |

References:

- ON Semiconductor Application Notes: AND8318, AND8328
- ON Semiconductor Design Notes: DN05014, DN05023, DN06011, DN06052
- ON Semiconductor NCP1077 monolithic switcher data sheet.

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