



LM5020-2 Constant Current Input Boost Converter for 2 LED Strings

TI reference design number: PMP10527 REV A

Input: 205mA Constant Current Output: 137 VDC @ 130mA

DC – DC Test Results



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1 Test Specifications

| Vin | 92 VDC |
|------|------------------------|
| Iin | 205mA Constant Current |
| Vout | 137 VDC |
| Iout | 130mA |

2 Circuit Description

PMP10527 is a constant current input boost converter for LEDs which utilizes the LM5020-2 controller. The switching frequency is set to 100 kHz for high efficiency at a nominal output power of 18.5W. The design features switch current limiting and input under-voltage lockout. Summing feedback for multiple LED strings with constant current regulation allows for wide variation of input voltage.

Operating from a constant current source into the negative input impedance of a dc-dc converter creates a phase inversion of 180 degrees. The LMV431 shunt regulator is added in series with the LM5020-2 internal error amplifier to provide the required non-inverting feedback. The control to output transfer function is found to have multiple poles due to the input capacitor, output capacitor and string current filter capacitor. For stability the feedback compensation is set to be proportional to the value of input capacitance. The converter should be operated from a rectified ac source with known bridge capacitor. Due to excessive input capacitance the circuit will not be stable without modification when operated from a typical dc lab supply.



3 Board Photos

The design is built on PMP10505 Rev A printed circuit board. This is a 2-layer PCB with 1 oz. copper. PCB dimensions are 2.75 x 2.2 inch.



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4 Efficiency

4.1 Efficiency Results



4.2 Efficiency Data

A 20k Ω summing resistor to the LMV431 REF pin and external supply is used to adjust the LED current.

| Vin (V) | lin (A) | Vout (V) | lout (A) | Pin (W) | Pout (W) | Pdis (W) | Efficiency (%) |
|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 62.50 | 0.2034 | 133.40 | 0.0870 | 12.71 | 11.61 | 1.10 | 91.344 |
| 70.29 | 0.2025 | 134.24 | 0.0979 | 14.23 | 13.14 | 1.09 | 92.336 |
| 79.48 | 0.2016 | 135.17 | 0.1100 | 16.02 | 14.87 | 1.15 | 92.813 |
| 89.36 | 0.2008 | 136.09 | 0.1229 | 17.94 | 16.72 | 1.22 | 93.200 |
| 99.08 | 0.2000 | 136.82 | 0.1363 | 19.82 | 18.65 | 1.17 | 94.118 |
| 109.55 | 0.1992 | 137.65 | 0.1500 | 21.82 | 20.65 | 1.17 | 94.639 |
| 119.47 | 0.1985 | 138.41 | 0.1630 | 23.71 | 22.56 | 1.16 | 95.113 |
| 129.66 | 0.1981 | 139.10 | 0.1762 | 25.69 | 24.51 | 1.17 | 95.440 |

4.3 Constant Current Ballast and LED Data

Test using ac ballast, bridge rectifier into $3.3\mu F$ 250V film capacitor at input and 2 strings of 24 LEDs.

| Vac (V) | lac (A) | Pac (W) | Power Factor | Vin (V) | lin (A) | Vout (V) | Vs1 (V) | Vs2 (V) |
|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| 120 | 0.2 | 24 | 0.999 | 92.07 | 0.2053 | 136.7 | 1.222 | 1.227 |



5 Thermal

5.1 Thermal Image

92V input 205mA to 137V output 130mA load.





6 Startup and Shut Down

6.1 Startup and Shut Down using Ballast and LEDs

During startup the string current is limited by the source current until the control loop settles into regulation.



6.2 Startup Stability using Ballast and LEDs

Increasing the input capacitor causes a control loop oscillation.







7 Switch Voltage and Sense Voltage Ripple

A 20k Ω summing resistor to the LMV431 REF pin and external supply is used to adjust the LED current.







8 Load Transient Response





9 Control Loop Frequency Response

9.1 Constant Current Ballast and LED Load

Test using ac ballast, bridge rectifier into 3.3µF 250V film capacitor at input and 2 strings of 24 LEDs.



Error Amp 92Vin 136Vout 130mA 3.3uF Ballast LED Load

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