

Single Channel High-Speed, Low-Side Gate Driver (with 4-A Peak Source and 4-A Peak Sink)

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FEATURES

- Low-Cost, Gate-Driver Device Offering Superior Replacement of NPN and PNP Discrete Solutions
- 4-A Peak Source and 4-A Peak Sink Symmetrical Drive
- Fast Propagation Delays (13-ns typical)
- Fast Rise and Fall Times (9-ns and 7-ns typical)
- 4.5-V to 18-V Single Supply Range
- Outputs Held Low During VDD UVLO (ensures glitch free operation at power-up and power-down)
- TTL and CMOS Compatible Input Logic Threshold (independent of supply voltage)
- Hysteretic Logic Thresholds for High Noise Immunity
- Dual Input Design (choice of an inverting (IN- pin) or non-inverting (IN+ pin) driver configuration)
 - Unused Input Pin can be Used for Enable or Disable Function
- Output Held Low when Input Pins are Floating
- Input Pin Absolute Maximum Voltage Levels Not Restricted by VDD Pin Bias Supply Voltage
- Operating Temperature Range of -40°C to 140°C
- 5-Pin DBV Package (SOT-23)

APPLICATIONS

- Switch-Mode Power Supplies
- DC-to-DC Converters
- Companion Gate Driver Devices for Digital Power Controllers
- Solar Power, Motor Control, UPS
- Gate Driver for Emerging Wide Band-Gap Power Devices (such as GaN)

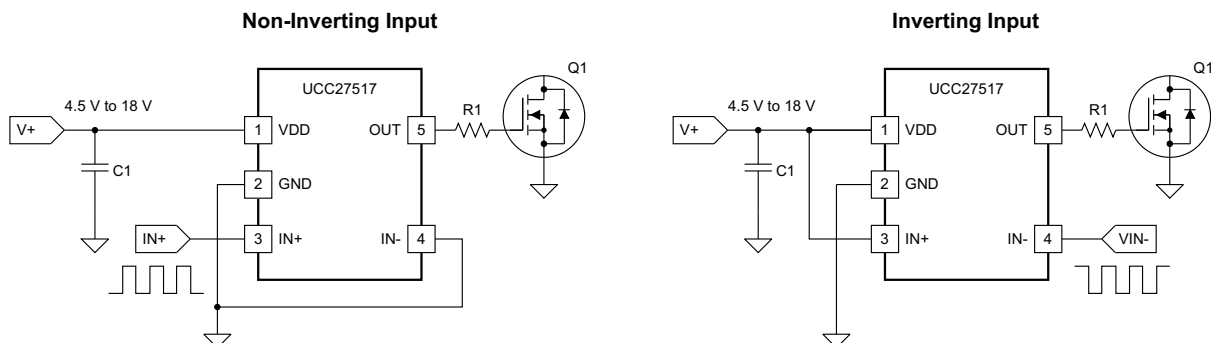
DESCRIPTION

The UCC27517 single-channel, high-speed, low-side gate driver device is capable of effectively driving MOSFET and IGBT power switches. Using a design that inherently minimizes shoot-through current, UCC27517 is capable of sourcing and sinking high, peak-current pulses into capacitive loads offering rail-to-rail drive capability and extremely small propagation delay typically 13 ns.

The UCC27517 provides 4-A source, 4-A sink (symmetrical drive) peak-drive current capability at VDD = 12 V.

The UCC27517 is designed to operate over a wide VDD range of 4.5 V to 18 V and wide temperature range of -40°C to 140°C. Internal Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO) circuitry on VDD pin holds output low outside VDD operating range. The capability to operate at low voltage levels such as below 5 V, along with best in class switching characteristics, is especially suited for driving emerging wide band-gap power switching devices such as GaN power semiconductor devices.

Typical Application Diagrams



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DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

UCC27517 features a dual-input design which offers flexibility of implementing both inverting (IN- pin) and non-inverting (IN+ pin) configuration with the same device. Either IN+ or IN- pin can be used to control the state of the driver output. The unused input pin can be used for enable/disable function. For safety purpose, internal pull-up and pull-down resistors on the input pins ensure that outputs are held low when input pins are in floating condition. Hence the unused input pin cannot be left floating and needs to be properly biased to ensure that driver output is in enabled for normal operation.

The input pin threshold of the UCC27517 device is based on TTL/CMOS-compatible low-voltage logic which is fixed and independent of the VDD supply voltage. Wide hysteresis between the high and low thresholds offers excellent noise immunity.



This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

ORDERING INFORMATION⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	PEAK CURRENT (SOURCE/SINK)	INPUT THRESHOLD LOGIC	OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE, T _A
UCC27517DBV	SOT-23 5-pin	4-A/4-A (Symmetrical Drive)	CMOS/TTL-Compatible (low voltage, independent of VDD bias voltage)	-40°C to 140°C

- (1) For the most current package and ordering information, see Package Option Addendum at the end of this document.
- (2) All packages use Pb-Free lead finish of Pd-Ni-Au which is compatible with MSL level 1 at 255°C to 260°C peak reflow temperature to be compatible with either lead free or Sn/Pb soldering operations. DRS package is rated MSL level 2.

Table 1. UCC2751x Product Family Summary

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	PEAK CURRENT (SOURCE/SINK)	INPUT THRESHOLD LOGIC
UCC27511DBV ⁽¹⁾	SOT-23, 6 pin	4-A/8-A (Asymmetrical Drive)	CMOS/TTL-Compatible (low voltage, independent of VDD bias voltage)
UCC27512DRS ⁽¹⁾	3 mm x 3 mm WSON, 6 pin		
UCC27516DRS ⁽¹⁾	3 mm x 3 mm WSON, 6 pin	4-A/4-A (Symmetrical Drive)	CMOS (follows VDD bias voltage)
UCC27517DBV	SOT-23, 5 pin		
UCC27518DBV ⁽¹⁾	SOT-23, 5 pin		
UCC27519DBV ⁽¹⁾	SOT-23, 5 pin		

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage range	VDD	-0.3	20	V
OUT voltage		-0.3	VDD + 0.3	
Output continuous current	I _{OUT_DC} (source/sink)		0.3	A
Output pulsed current (0.5 μs)	I _{OUT_pulsed} (source/sink)		4	
IN+, IN- ⁽⁴⁾		-0.3	20	V
ESD	Human Body Model, HBM		2000	
	Charged Device Model, CDM SOT-23		500	
Operating virtual junction temperature range, T _J		-40	150	°C
Storage temperature range, T _{STG}		-65	150	
Lead temperature	Soldering, 10 sec.		300	
	Reflow		260	

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under “absolute maximum ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under “recommended operating conditions” is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) All voltages are with respect to GND unless otherwise noted. Currents are positive into, negative out of the specified terminal. See Packaging Section of the datasheet for thermal limitations and considerations of packages.
- (3) These devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge; follow proper device handling procedures.
- (4) Maximum voltage on input pins is not restricted by the voltage on the VDD pin.

THERMAL INFORMATION

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		UCC27517	UNITS
		SOT-23 DBV	
		5 PINS	
θ _{JA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance ⁽²⁾	217.6	°C/W
θ _{JCTop}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance ⁽³⁾	85.8	
θ _{JB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance ⁽⁴⁾	44.0	
ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter ⁽⁵⁾	4.0	
ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter ⁽⁶⁾	43.2	

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).
- (2) The junction-to-ambient thermal resistance under natural convection is obtained in a simulation on a JEDEC-standard, high-K board, as specified in JESD51-7, in an environment described in JESD51-2a.
- (3) The junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance is obtained by simulating a cold plate test on the package top. No specific JEDEC-standard test exists, but a close description can be found in the ANSI SEMI standard G30-88.
- (4) The junction-to-board thermal resistance is obtained by simulating in an environment with a ring cold plate fixture to control the PCB temperature, as described in JESD51-8.
- (5) The junction-to-top characterization parameter, ψ_{JT}, estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data for obtaining θ_{JA}, using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).
- (6) The junction-to-board characterization parameter, ψ_{JB}, estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data for obtaining θ_{JA}, using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage range, VDD	4.5	12	18	V
Operating junction temperature range	-40		140	°C
Input voltage, IN+ and IN-	0		18	V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

VDD = 12 V, T_A = T_J = -40°C to 140°C, 1-μF capacitor from VDD to GND. Currents are positive into, negative out of the specified terminal.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS		
BIAS Currents								
I _{DD(off)}	Startup current	VDD = 3.4 V	IN+ = VDD, IN- = GND		40	100	160	μA
			IN+ = IN- = GND or IN+ = IN- = VDD		25	75	145	
			IN+ = GND, IN- = VDD		20	60	115	
Under Voltage Lockout (UVLO)								
V _{ON}	Supply start threshold	T _A = 25°C	3.91	4.20	4.5	V		
		T _A = -40°C to 140°C	3.70	4.20	4.65			
V _{OFF}	Minimum operating voltage after supply start		3.45	3.9	4.35			
V _{DD_H}	Supply voltage hysteresis		0.2	0.3	0.5			
Inputs (IN+, IN-)								
V _{IN_H}	Input signal high threshold	Output high for IN+ pin, Output low for IN- pin		2.2	2.4	V		
V _{IN_L}	Input signal low threshold	Output low for IN+ pin, Output high for IN- pin	1.0	1.2				
V _{IN_HYS}	Input signal hysteresis			1.0				
Source/Sink Current								
I _{SRC/SNK}	Source/sink peak current ⁽¹⁾	C _{LOAD} = 0.22 μF, F _{SW} = 1 kHz		-4/+4		A		
Outputs (OUT)								
V _{DD} ⁻ V _{OH}	High output voltage	VDD = 12 V I _{OUT} = -10 mA		50	90	mV		
		VDD = 4.5 V I _{OUT} = -10 mA		60	130			
V _{OL}	Low output voltage	VDD = 12 V I _{OUT} = 10 mA		5	10			
		VDD = 4.5 V I _{OUT} = 10 mA		6	12			
R _{OH}	Output pull-up resistance ⁽²⁾	VDD = 12 V I _{OUT} = -10 mA		5.0	7.5	Ω		
		VDD = 4.5 V I _{OUT} = -10 mA		5.0	11.0			
R _{OL}	Output pull-down resistance	VDD = 12 V I _{OUT} = 10 mA		0.5	1.0			
		VDD = 4.5 V I _{OUT} = 10 mA		0.6	1.2			

(1) Ensured by Design.

(2) R_{OH} represents on-resistance of P-Channel MOSFET in pull-up structure of the UCC27517's output stage.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

VDD = 12 V, TA = TJ = -40°C to 140°C, 1-μF capacitor from VDD to GND. Currents are positive into, negative out of the specified terminal.

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Switching Time						
tR	Rise time ⁽³⁾	VDD = 12 V CLOAD = 1.8 nF	8	12	ns	
		VDD = 4.5 V CLOAD = 1.8 nF	16	22		
tF	Fall time ⁽³⁾	VDD = 12 V CLOAD = 1.8 nF	7	11		
		VDD=4.5V CLOAD = 1.8 nF	7	11		
tD1	IN+ to output propagation delay ⁽³⁾	VDD = 12 V 5-V input pulse CLOAD = 1.8 nF	4	13		23
		VDD = 4.5 V 5-V input pulse CLOAD = 1.8 nF	4	15		26
tD2	IN- to output propagation delay ⁽³⁾	VDD = 12 V CLOAD = 1.8 nF	4	13	23	
		VDD = 4.5 V CLOAD = 1.8 nF	4	19	30	

(3) See timing diagrams in Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 4.

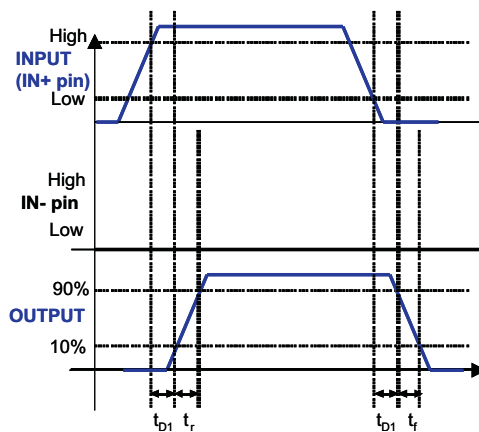


Figure 1. Non-Inverting Configuration (PWM Input to IN+ pin (IN- pin tied to GND))

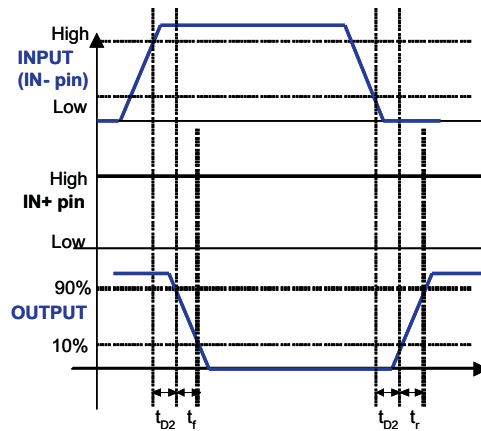


Figure 2. Inverting Configuration (PWM input to IN- pin (IN+ pin tied to VDD))

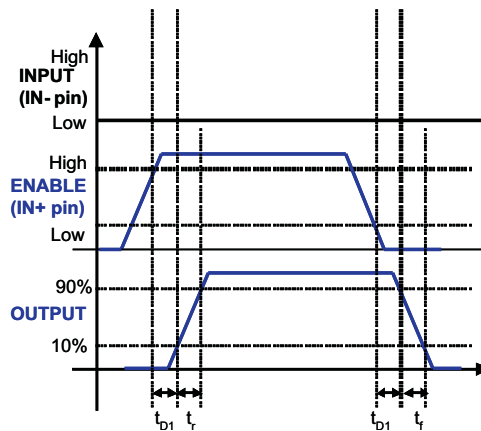


Figure 3. Enable and Disable Function Using IN+ Pin (Enable and disable signal applied to IN+ pin, PWM input to IN- pin)

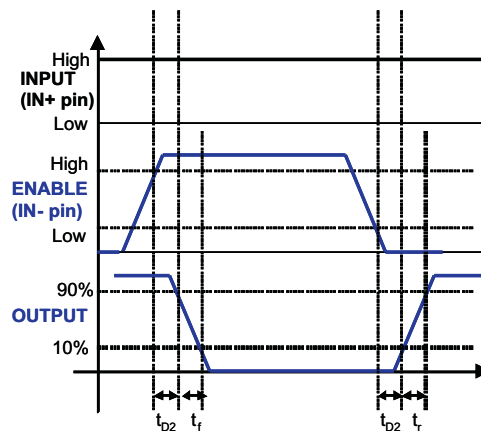
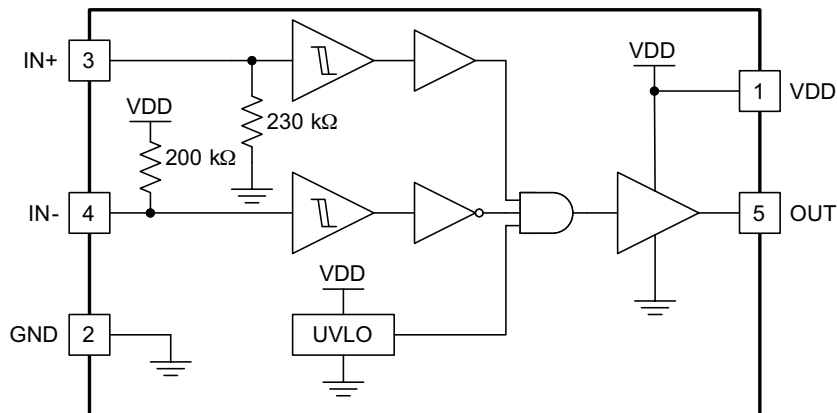


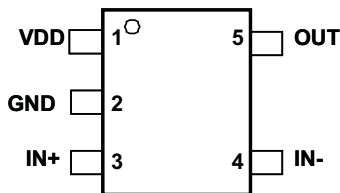
Figure 4. Enable and Disable Function Using IN- Pin (Enable and disable signal applied to IN- pin, PWM input to IN+ pin)

DEVICE INFORMATION

UCC27517 Functional Block Diagram



SOT-23 DBV
(Top View)



TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

TERMINAL		I/O	FUNCTION
PIN NUMBER	NAME		
1	VDD	I	Bias supply input.
2	GND	-	Ground. All signals referenced to this pin.
3	IN+	I	Non-inverting input. When the driver is used in inverting configuration connect IN+ to VDD in order to enable output, OUT held LOW if IN+ is unbiased or floating
4	IN-	I	Inverting input. When the driver is used in non-inverting configuration connect IN- to GND in order to enable output, OUT held LOW if IN- is unbiased or floating
5	OUT	O	Sourcing/Sinking current output of driver.

Table 2. Device Logic Table

IN+ PIN	IN- PIN	OUT PIN
L	L	L
L	H	L
H	L	H
H	H	L
x ⁽¹⁾	Any	L
Any	x ⁽¹⁾	L

(1) x = Floating Condition

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**START-UP CURRENT
vs
TEMPERATURE**

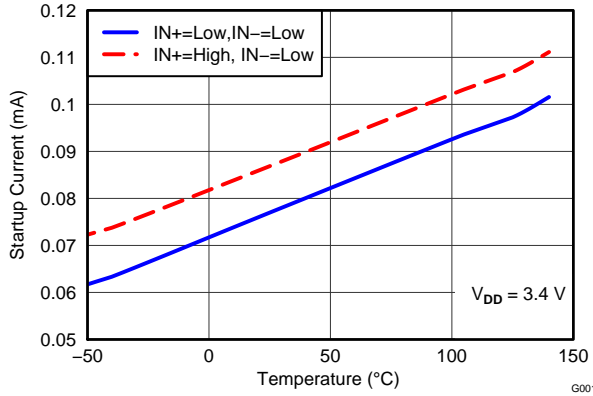


Figure 5.

**OPERATING SUPPLY CURRENT
vs
TEMPERATURE (Output Switching)**

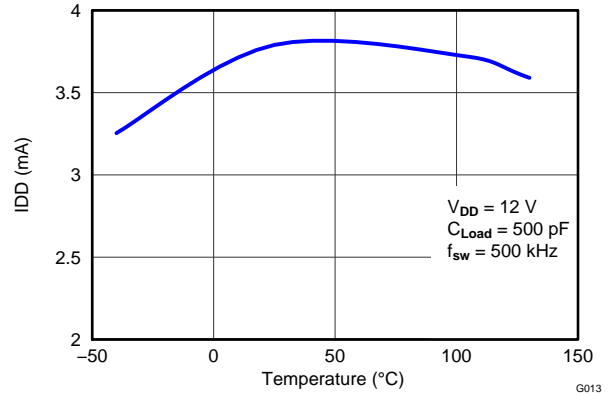


Figure 6.

**SUPPLY CURRENT
vs
TEMPERATURE (Output in DC On/Off condition)**

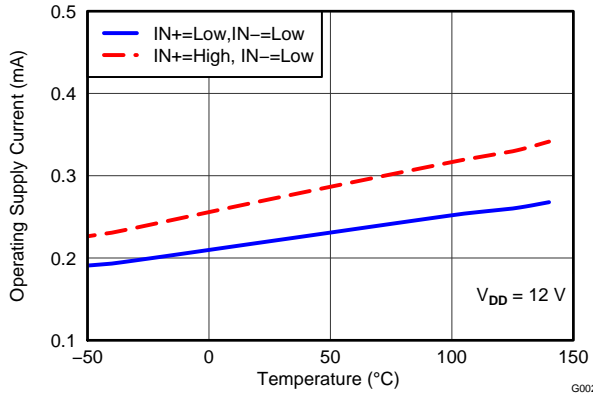


Figure 7.

**UVLO THRESHOLD VOLTAGE
vs
TEMPERATURE**

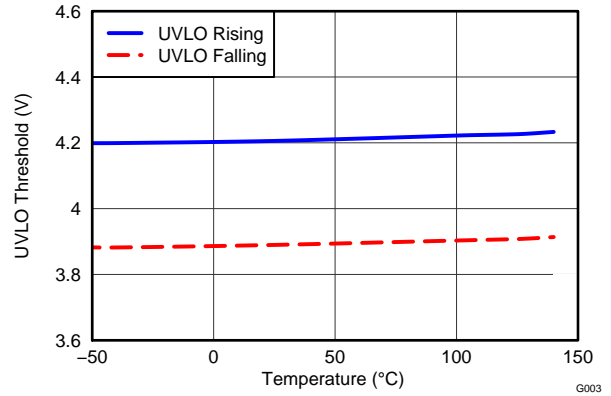


Figure 8.

**INPUT THRESHOLD
vs
TEMPERATURE**

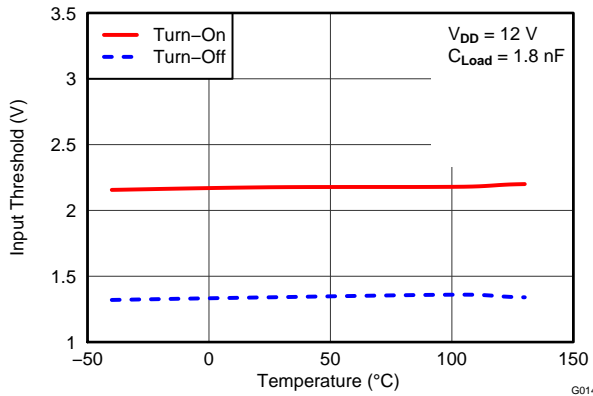


Figure 9.

**OUTPUT PULL-UP RESISTANCE
vs
TEMPERATURE**

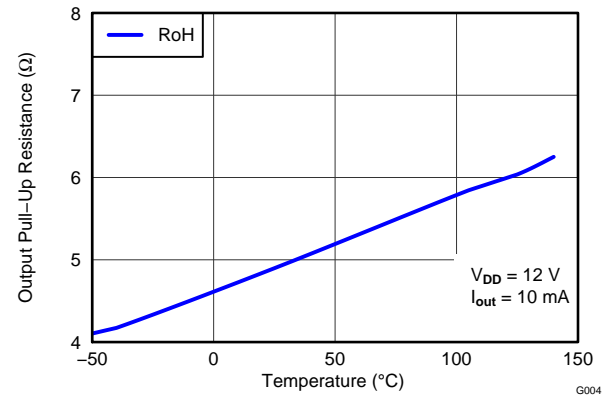


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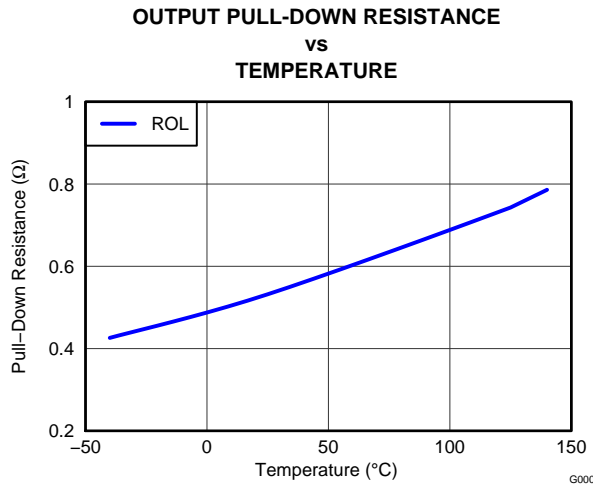


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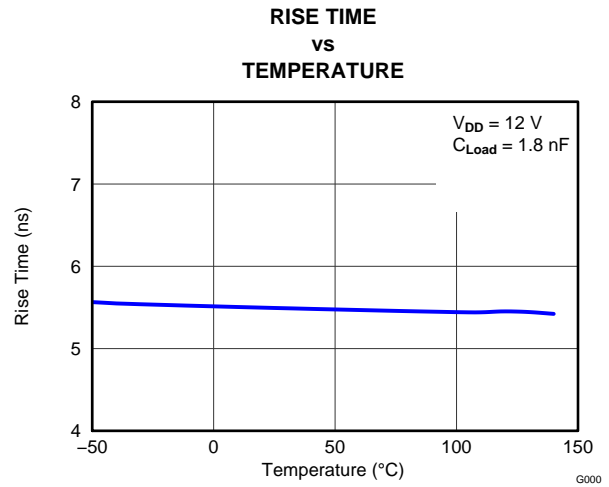


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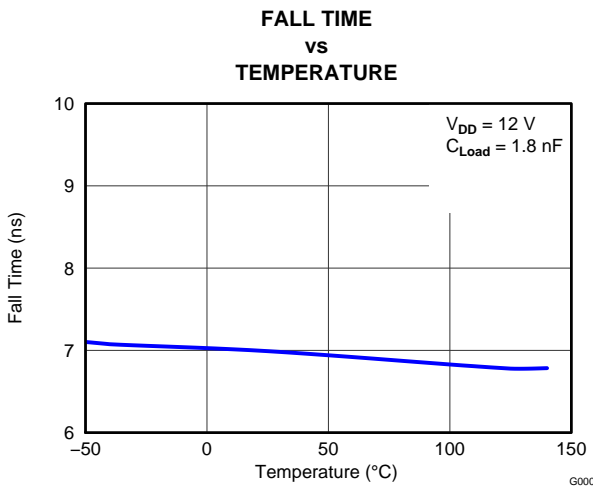


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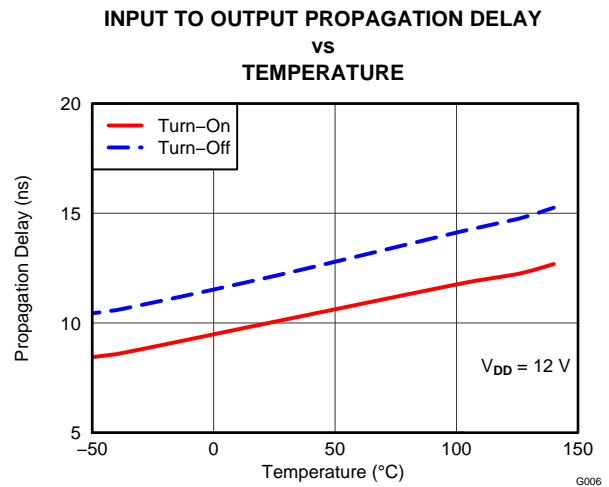


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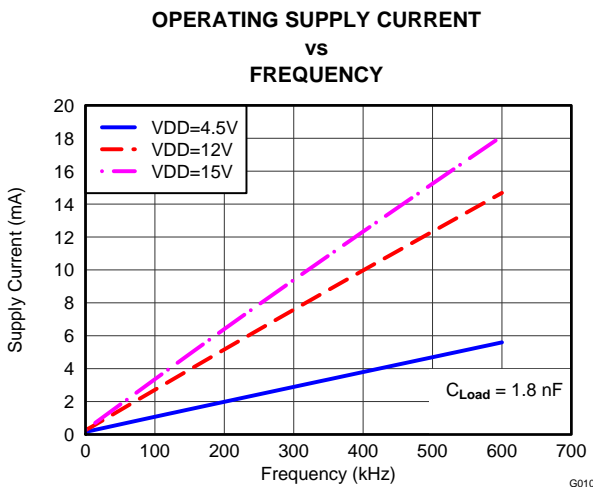


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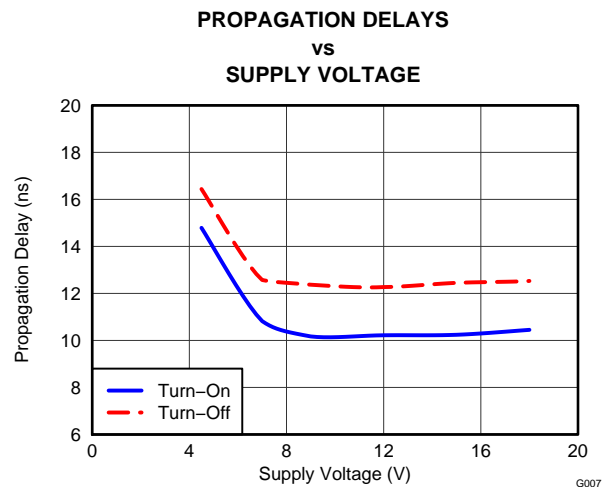


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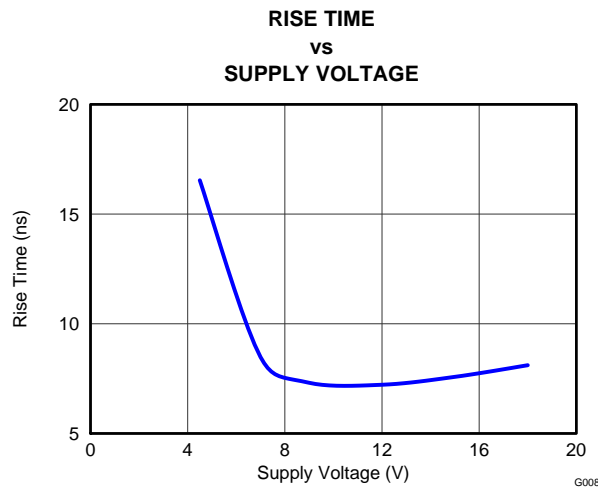


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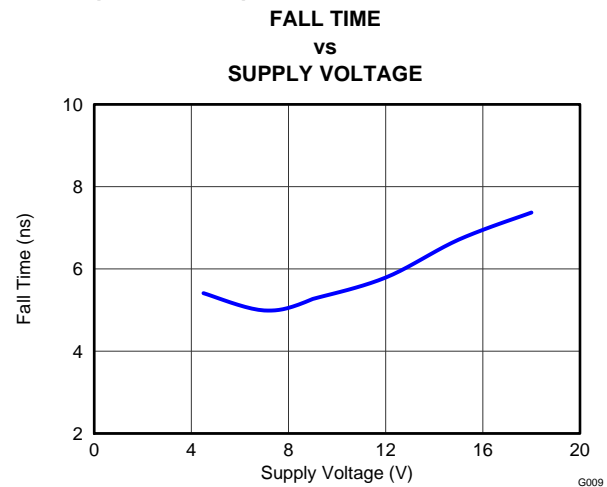


Figure 18.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Introduction

High-current gate driver devices are required in switching power applications for a variety of reasons. In order to effect fast switching of power devices and reduce associated switching power losses, a powerful gate driver can be employed between the PWM output of controllers and the gates of the power semiconductor devices. Further, gate drivers are indispensable when sometimes it is just not feasible to have the PWM controller directly drive the gates of the switching devices. With advent of digital power, this situation will be often encountered since the PWM signal from the digital controller is often a 3.3-V logic signal which is not capable of effectively turning on a power switch. A level shifting circuitry is needed to boost the 3.3-V signal to the gate-drive voltage (such as 12 V) in order to fully turn on the power device and minimize conduction losses. Traditional buffer drive circuits based on NPN/PNP bipolar transistors in totem-pole arrangement, being emitter follower configurations, prove inadequate with digital power since they lack level-shifting capability. Gate drivers effectively combine both the level-shifting and buffer-drive functions. Gate drivers also find other needs such as minimizing the effect of high-frequency switching noise by locating the high-current driver physically close to the power switch, driving gate-drive transformers and controlling floating power-device gates, reducing power dissipation and thermal stress in controllers by moving gate charge power losses into itself. Finally, emerging wide band-gap power device technologies such as GaN based switches, which are capable of supporting very high switching frequency operation, are driving very special requirements in terms of gate drive capability. These requirements include operation at low VDD voltages (5 V or lower), low propagation delays and availability in compact, low-inductance packages with good thermal capability. In summary gate-driver devices are extremely important components in switching power combining benefits of high-performance, low cost, component count and board space reduction and simplified system design.

UCC2751x Product Family

The UCC2751x family of gate driver products (Table 3) represent Texas Instruments' latest generation of single-channel, low-side high-speed gate driver devices featuring high-source/sink current capability, industry best-in-class switching characteristics and a host of other features (Table 4) all of which combine to ensure efficient, robust and reliable operation in high-frequency switching power circuits.

Table 3. UCC2751x Product Family Summary

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	PEAK CURRENT (SOURCE/SINK)	INPUT THRESHOLD LOGIC
UCC27511DBV ⁽¹⁾	SOT-23, 6 pin	4-A/8-A (Asymmetrical Drive)	CMOS/TTL-Compatible (low voltage, independent of VDD bias voltage)
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UCC27519DBV ⁽¹⁾	SOT-23, 5 pin		

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Table 4. UCC2751x Family of Features and Benefits

FEATURE	BENEFIT
High Source/Sink Current Capability 4 A/8 A (Asymmetrical) – UCC27511/2 4 A/4 A (Symmetrical) – UCC27516/7	High current capability offers flexibility in employing UCC2751x family of devices to drive a variety of power switching devices at varying speeds
Best-in-class 13-ns (typ) Propagation delay	Extremely low pulse transmission distortion
Expanded VDD Operating range of 4.5 V to 18 V	Flexibility in system design
Expanded Operating Temperature range of -40°C to 140°C (See Electrical Characteristics table)	Low VDD operation ensures compatibility with emerging wide band-gap power devices such as GaN
VDD UVLO Protection	Outputs are held low in UVLO condition, which ensures predictable, glitch-free operation at power-up and power-down
Outputs held low when input pins (INx) in floating condition	Safety feature, especially useful in passing abnormal condition tests during safety certification
Ability of input pins (and enable pin in UCC27518/9) to handle voltage levels not restricted by VDD pin bias voltage	System simplification, especially related to auxiliary bias supply architecture
Split output structure in UCC27511 (OUTH, OUTL)	Allows independent optimization of turn-on and turn-off speeds
Strong sink current (8 A) and low pull-down impedance (0.375 Ω) in UCC27511/2	High immunity to C x dV/dt Miller turn-on events
CMOS/TTL compatible input threshold logic with wide hysteresis in UCC27511/2/6/7	Enhanced noise immunity, while retaining compatibility with microcontroller logic level input signals (3.3 V, 5 V) optimized for digital power
CMOS input threshold logic in UCC27518/9 (VIN_H – 70% VDD, VIN_L – 30% VDD)	Well suited for slow input voltage signals, with flexibility to program delay circuits (RCD)

Typical Application Diagram

Typical application diagrams of UCC27517 devices are shown below illustrating use in non-inverting and inverting driver configurations.

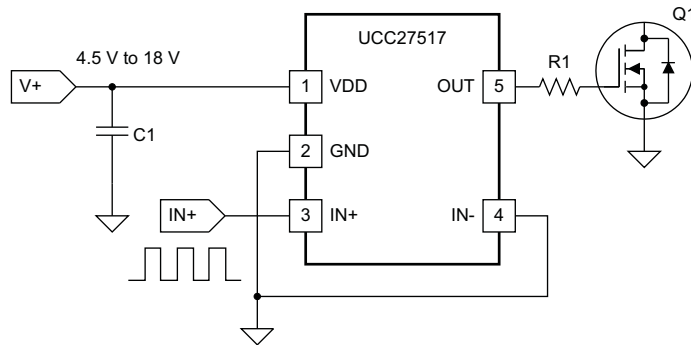


Figure 19. Using UCC27517 Non-Inverting Input (IN- is grounded to the enable output)

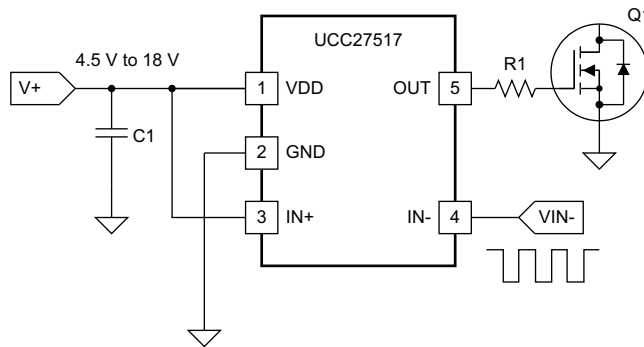


Figure 20. Using UCC27517 Inverting Input (IN+ is tied to VDD enable output)

VDD and Undervoltage Lockout

The UCC2751x devices have internal Under Voltage LockOut (UVLO) protection feature on the VDD pin supply circuit blocks. Whenever the driver is in UVLO condition (i.e. when V_{DD} voltage less than V_{ON} during power up and when V_{DD} voltage is less than V_{OFF} during power down), this circuit holds all outputs LOW, regardless of the status of the inputs. The UVLO is typically 4.2 V with 300-mV typical hysteresis. This hysteresis helps prevent chatter when low V_{DD} supply voltages have noise from the power supply and also when there are droops in the VDD bias voltage when the system commences switching and there is a sudden increase in I_{DD} . The capability to operate at low voltage levels such as below 5 V, along with best-in-class switching characteristics, is especially suited for driving emerging GaN wide bandgap power semiconductor devices.

For example, at power up, the UCC2751x driver output remains LOW until the V_{DD} voltage reaches the UVLO threshold. The magnitude of the OUT signal rises with V_{DD} until steady-state V_{DD} is reached. In the non-inverting operation (PWM signal applied to IN+ pin) shown below, the output remains LOW until the UVLO threshold is reached, and then the output is in-phase with the input. In the inverting operation (PWM signal applied to IN- pin) shown below the output remains LOW until the UVLO threshold is reached, and then the output is out-phase with the input. In both cases, the unused input pin must be properly biased to enable the output. It is worth noting that in these devices the output turns to high state only if IN+ pin is high and IN- pin is low after the UVLO threshold is reached.

Since the driver draws current from the VDD pin to bias all internal circuits, for the best high-speed circuit performance, two VDD bypass capacitors are recommended to prevent noise problems. The use of surface mount components is highly recommended. A 0.1- μ F ceramic capacitor should be located as close as possible to the VDD to GND pins of the gate driver. In addition, a larger capacitor (such as 1 μ F) with relatively low ESR should be connected in parallel and close proximity, in order to help deliver the high-current peaks required by the load. The parallel combination of capacitors should present a low impedance characteristic for the expected current levels and switching frequencies in the application.

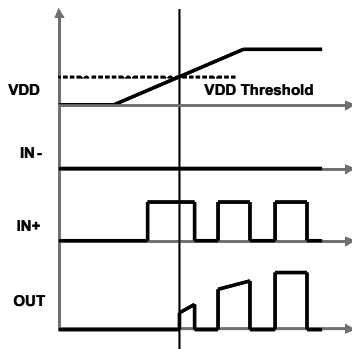


Figure 21. Power-Up (non-inverting drive)

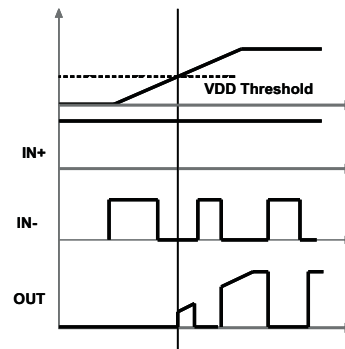


Figure 22. Power-Up (inverting drive)

Operating Supply Current

The UCC27517 features very low quiescent I_{DD} currents. The typical operating supply current in Under Voltage LockOut (UVLO) state and fully-on state (under static and switching conditions) are summarized in [Figure 5](#), [Figure 6](#) and [Figure 7](#). The I_{DD} current when the device is fully on and outputs are in a static state (DC high or DC low, refer [Figure 7](#)) represents lowest quiescent I_{DD} current when all the internal logic circuits of the device are fully operational. The total supply current is the sum of the quiescent I_{DD} current, the average I_{OUT} current due to switching and finally any current related to pull-up resistors on the unused input pin. For example when the inverting input pin is pulled low additional current is drawn from VDD supply through the pull-up resistors (refer to [DEVICE INFORMATION](#) for the device Block Diagram). Knowing the operating frequency (f_{SW}) and the MOSFET gate (Q_G) charge at the drive voltage being used, the average I_{OUT} current can be calculated as product of Q_G and f_{SW} .

A complete characterization of the I_{DD} current as a function of switching frequency at different VDD bias voltages under 1.8-nF switching load is provided in [Figure 15](#). The strikingly linear variation and close correlation with theoretical value of average I_{OUT} indicates negligible shoot-through inside the gate-driver device attesting to its high-speed characteristics.

Input Stage

The input pins of UCC27517 device are based on a TTL/CMOS compatible input threshold logic that is independent of the VDD supply voltage. With typ high threshold = 2.2 V and typ low threshold = 1.2 V, the logic level thresholds can be conveniently driven with PWM control signals derived from 3.3-V and 5-V digital power controllers. Wider hysteresis (typ 1 V) offers enhanced noise immunity compared to traditional TTL logic implementations, where the hysteresis is typically less than 0.5 V. These devices also feature tight control of the input pin threshold voltage levels which eases system design considerations and ensures stable operation across temperature. The very low input capacitance on these pins reduces loading and increases switching speed.

The device features an important safety function wherein, whenever any of the input pins are in a floating condition, the output of the respective channel is held in the low state. This is achieved using VDD pull-up resistors on all the inverting inputs (IN- pin) or GND pull-down resistors on all the non-inverting input pins (IN+ pin), (refer to [DEVICE INFORMATION](#) for the device Block Diagram).

The device also features a dual input configuration with two input pins available to control the state of the output. The user has the flexibility to drive the device using either a non-inverting input pin (IN+) or an inverting input pin (IN-). The state of the output pin is dependent on the bias on both the IN+ and IN- pins. Refer to the input/output logic truth table ([Table 2](#)) and the Typical Application Diagrams, ([Figure 19](#) and [Figure 20](#)), for additional clarification.

Once an input pin has been chosen for PWM drive, the other input pin (the *unused* input pin) must be properly biased in order to enable the output. As mentioned earlier, the *unused* input pin cannot remain in a floating condition because whenever any input pin is left in a floating condition the output is disabled for safety purposes. Alternatively, the *unused* input pin can effectively be used to implement an enable/disable function, as explained below.

- In order to drive the device in a non-inverting configuration, apply the PWM control input signal to IN+ pin. In this case, the *unused* input pin, IN-, must be biased low (eg. tied to GND) in order to enable the output.
 - Alternately, the IN- pin can be used to implement the enable/disable function using an external logic signal. OUT is disabled when IN- is biased high and OUT is enabled when IN- is biased low.
- In order to drive the device in an inverting configuration, apply the PWM control input signal to IN- pin. In this case, the *unused* input pin, IN+, must be biased high (eg. tied to VDD) in order to enable the output.
 - Alternately, the IN+ pin can be used to implement the enable/disable function using an external logic signal. OUT is disabled when IN+ is biased low and OUT is enabled when IN+ is biased high.
- Finally, it is worth noting that the output pin can be driven into a high state ONLY when IN+ pin is biased high and IN- input is biased low.

The input stage of the driver should preferably be driven by a signal with a short rise or fall time. Caution must be exercised whenever the driver is used with slowly varying input signals, especially in situations where the device is located in a mechanical socket or PCB layout is not optimal:

- High di/dt current from the driver output coupled with board layout parasitics can cause ground bounce. Since the device features just one GND pin which may be referenced to the power ground, this may modify the differential voltage between input pins and GND and trigger an unintended change of output state. Because of fast 13-ns propagation delay, this can ultimately result in high-frequency oscillations, which increases power dissipation and poses risk of damage.
- 1-V input threshold hysteresis boosts noise immunity compared to most other industry standard drivers.
- In the worst case, when a slow input signal is used and PCB layout is not optimal, it may be necessary to add a small capacitor (1 nF) between input pin and ground very close to the driver device. This helps to convert the differential mode noise with respect to the input logic circuitry into common mode noise and avoid unintended change of output state.

If limiting the rise or fall times to the power device is the primary goal, then an external resistance is highly recommended between the output of the driver and the power device instead of adding delays on the input signal. This external resistor has the additional benefit of reducing part of the gate charge related power dissipation in the gate driver device package and transferring it into the external resistor itself.

Enable Function

As mentioned earlier, an enable/disable function can be easily implemented in UCC27517 using the *unused* input pin. When IN+ is pulled down to GND or IN- is pulled down to VDD, the output is disabled. Thus IN+ pin can be used like an enable pin that is based on active high logic, while IN- can be used like an enable pin that is based on active low logic.

Output Stage

The UCC27517 is capable of delivering 4-A source, 4-A sink (symmetrical drive) at VDD = 12 V. The output stage of the UCC27517 device is illustrated in Figure 23. The UCC27517 device features a unique architecture on the output stage which delivers the highest peak source current when it is most needed during the Miller plateau region of the power switch turn-on transition (when the power switch drain/collector voltage experiences dV/dt). The device output stage features a hybrid pull-up structure using a parallel arrangement of N-Channel and P-Channel MOSFET devices. By turning on the N-Channel MOSFET during a narrow instant when the output changes state from low to high, the gate-driver device is able to deliver a brief boost in the peak-sourcing current enabling fast turn on.

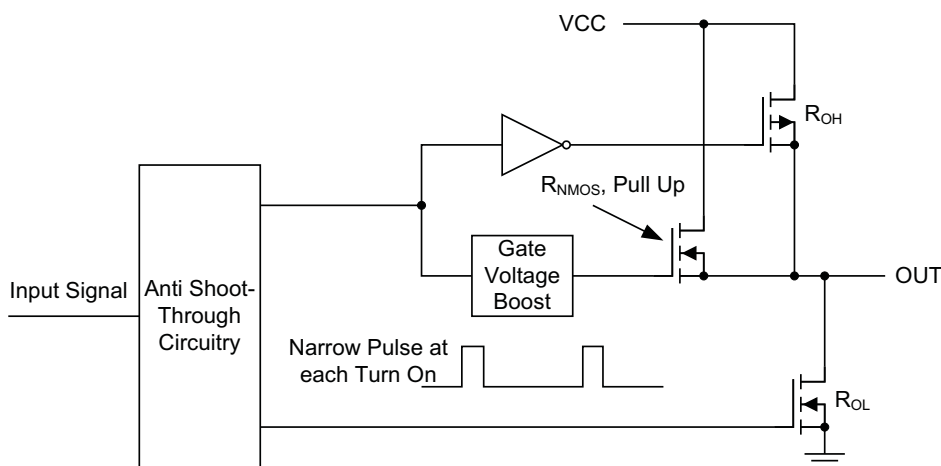


Figure 23. UCC2751x Gate Driver Output Structure

The R_{OH} parameter (see [ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS](#)) is a DC measurement and it is representative of the on-resistance of the P-Channel device only, since the N-Channel device is turned on only during output change of state from low to high. Thus the effective resistance of the hybrid pull-up stage is much lower than what is represented by R_{OH} parameter. The pull-down structure is composed of a N-Channel MOSFET only. The R_{OL} parameter (see [ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS](#)), which is also a DC measurement, is representative of true impedance of the pull-down stage in the device. In UCC27517, the effective resistance of the hybrid pull-up structure is approximately $1.4 \times R_{OL}$.

The driver output voltage swings between VDD and GND providing rail-to-rail operation, thanks to the MOS output stage which delivers very low dropout. The presence of the MOSFET body diodes also offers low impedance to switching overshoots and undershoots. This means that in many cases, external Schottky diode clamps may be eliminated. The outputs of these drivers are designed to withstand 500-mA reverse current without either damage to the device or logic malfunction.

Power Dissipation

Power dissipation of the gate driver has two portions as shown in equation below:

$$P_{DISS} = P_{DC} + P_{SW} \quad (1)$$

The DC portion of the power dissipation is $P_{DC} = I_Q \times V_{DD}$ where I_Q is the quiescent current for the driver. The quiescent current is the current consumed by the device to bias all internal circuits such as input stage, reference voltage, logic circuits, protections etc and also any current associated with switching of internal devices when the driver output changes state (such as charging and discharging of parasitic capacitances, parasitic shoot-through etc). The UCC27517 features very low quiescent currents (less than 1 mA, refer [Figure 7](#)) and contains internal logic to eliminate any shoot-through in the output driver stage. Thus the effect of the P_{DC} on the total power dissipation within the gate driver can be safely assumed to be negligible.

The power dissipated in the gate-driver package during switching (P_{SW}) depends on the following factors:

- Gate charge required of the power device (usually a function of the drive voltage V_G , which is very close to input bias supply voltage V_{DD} due to low V_{OH} drop-out).
- Switching frequency.
- Use of external gate resistors.

When a driver device is tested with a discrete, capacitive load it is a fairly simple matter to calculate the power that is required from the bias supply. The energy that must be transferred from the bias supply to charge the capacitor is given by:

$$E_G = \frac{1}{2} C_{LOAD} V_{DD}^2 \quad (2)$$

Where C_{LOAD} is load capacitor and V_{DD} is bias voltage feeding the driver.

There is an equal amount of energy dissipated when the capacitor is charged. This leads to a total power loss given by the following:

$$P_G = C_{LOAD} V_{DD}^2 f_{SW} \quad (3)$$

where f_{SW} is the switching frequency.

The switching load presented by a power MOSFET/IGBT can be converted to an equivalent capacitance by examining the gate charge required to switch the device. This gate charge includes the effects of the input capacitance plus the added charge needed to swing the drain voltage of the power device as it switches between the ON and OFF states. Most manufacturers provide specifications of typical and maximum gate charge, in nC, to switch the device under specified conditions. Using the gate charge Q_g , one can determine the power that must be dissipated when charging a capacitor. This is done by using the equation, $Q_G = C_{LOAD} \times V_{DD}$, to provide the following equation for power:

$$P_G = C_{LOAD} V_{DD}^2 f_{SW} = Q_g V_{DD} f_{SW} \quad (4)$$

This power P_G is dissipated in the resistive elements of the circuit when the MOSFET/IGBT is being turned on or off. Half of the total power is dissipated when the load capacitor is charged during turnon, and the other half is dissipated when the load capacitor is discharged during turnoff. When no external gate resistor is employed between the driver and MOSFET/IGBT, this power is completely dissipated inside the driver package. With the use of external gate-drive resistors, the power dissipation is shared between the internal resistance of driver and external gate resistor in accordance to the ratio of the resistances (more power dissipated in the higher resistance component). Based on this simplified analysis, the driver power dissipation during switching is calculated as follows:

$$P_{SW} = Q_G \times V_{DD} \times f_{SW} \times \left(\frac{R_{OFF}}{(R_{OFF} + R_{GATE})} + \frac{R_{ON}}{(R_{ON} + R_{GATE})} \right) \quad (5)$$

where $R_{OFF} = R_{OL}$ and R_{ON} (effective resistance of pull-up structure) = $1.4 \times R_{OL}$.

Low Propagation Delays

The UCC27517 driver device features best-in-class input-to-output propagation delay of 13 ns (typ) at VDD = 12 V. This promises the lowest level of pulse transmission distortion available from industry standard gate driver devices for high-frequency switching applications. As seen in [Figure 14](#), there is very little variation of the propagation delay with temperature and supply voltage as well, offering typically less than 20-ns propagation delays across the entire range of application conditions.

Thermal Information

The useful range of a driver is greatly affected by the drive power requirements of the load and the thermal characteristics of the package. In order for a gate driver to be useful over a particular temperature range the package must allow for the efficient removal of the heat produced while keeping the junction temperature within rated limits. The thermal metrics for the driver package is summarized in the Thermal Information section of the datasheet. For detailed information regarding the thermal information table, please refer to the Application Note from Texas Instruments entitled *IC Package Thermal Metrics* ([Texas Instruments Literature Number SPRA953A](#)).

PCB Layout

Proper PCB layout is extremely important in a high-current, fast-switching circuit to provide appropriate device operation and design robustness. The UCC27517 gate driver incorporates short-propagation delays and powerful output stages capable of delivering large current peaks with very fast rise and fall times at the gate of power switch to facilitate voltage transitions very quickly. At higher VDD voltages, the peak-current capability is even higher (4-A/4-A peak current is at VDD = 12 V). Very high di/dt can cause unacceptable ringing if the trace lengths and impedances are not well controlled. The following circuit layout guidelines are strongly recommended when designing with these high-speed drivers.

- Locate the driver device as close as possible to power device in order to minimize the length of high-current traces between the output pins and the gate of the power device.
- Locate the VDD bypass capacitors between VDD and GND as close as possible to the driver with minimal trace length to improve the noise filtering. These capacitors support high-peak current being drawn from VDD during turnon of power MOSFET. The use of low inductance SMD components such as chip resistors and chip capacitors is highly recommended.
- The turn-on and turn-off current loop paths (driver device, power MOSFET and VDD bypass capacitor) should be minimized as much as possible in order to keep the stray inductance to a minimum. High di/dt is established in these loops at two instances – during turn-on and turn-off transients, which will induce significant voltage transients on the output pin of the driver device and gate of the power switch.
- Wherever possible parallel the source and return traces, taking advantage of flux cancellation.
- Separate power traces and signal traces, such as output and input signals.
- Star-point grounding is a good way to minimize noise coupling from one current loop to another. The GND of the driver should be connected to the other circuit nodes such as source of power switch, ground of PWM controller etc at one, single point. The connected paths should be as short as possible to reduce inductance and be as wide as possible to reduce resistance.
- Use a ground plane to provide noise shielding. Fast rise and fall times at OUT may corrupt the input signals during transition. The ground plane must not be a conduction path for any current loop. Instead the ground plane must be connected to the star-point with one single trace to establish the ground potential. In addition to noise shielding, the ground plane can help in power dissipation as well.
- In noisy environments, it may be necessary to tie the unused Input pin of UCC27517 to VDD (in case of IN+) or GND (in case of IN-) using short traces in order to ensure that the output is enabled and to prevent noise from causing malfunction in the output.

REVISION HISTORY

Changes from Original (March 2012) to Revision A

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| • Changed marketing status from Advanced Information to Final, (RTM date, March 2012). | 1 |
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PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status ⁽¹⁾	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan ⁽²⁾	Lead/ Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp ⁽³⁾	Samples (Requires Login)
UCC27517DBVR	ACTIVE	SOT-23	DBV	5	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	
UCC27517DBVT	ACTIVE	SOT-23	DBV	5	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	

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

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⁽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.

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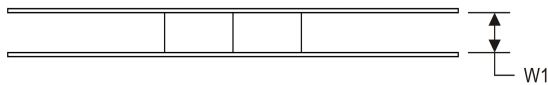
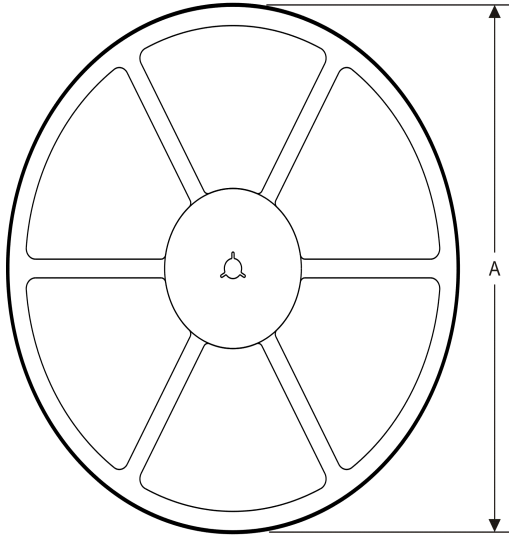
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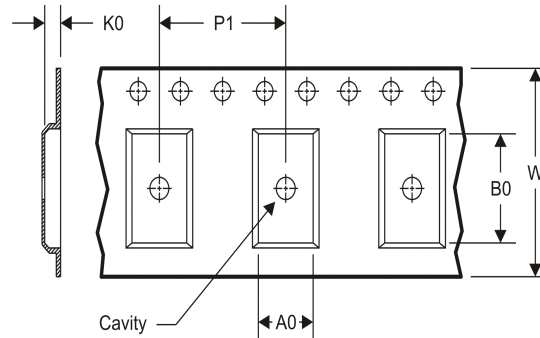
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B0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
K0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
W	Overall width of the carrier tape
P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
UCC27517DBVR	SOT-23	DBV	5	3000	179.0	8.4	3.2	3.2	1.4	4.0	8.0	Q3
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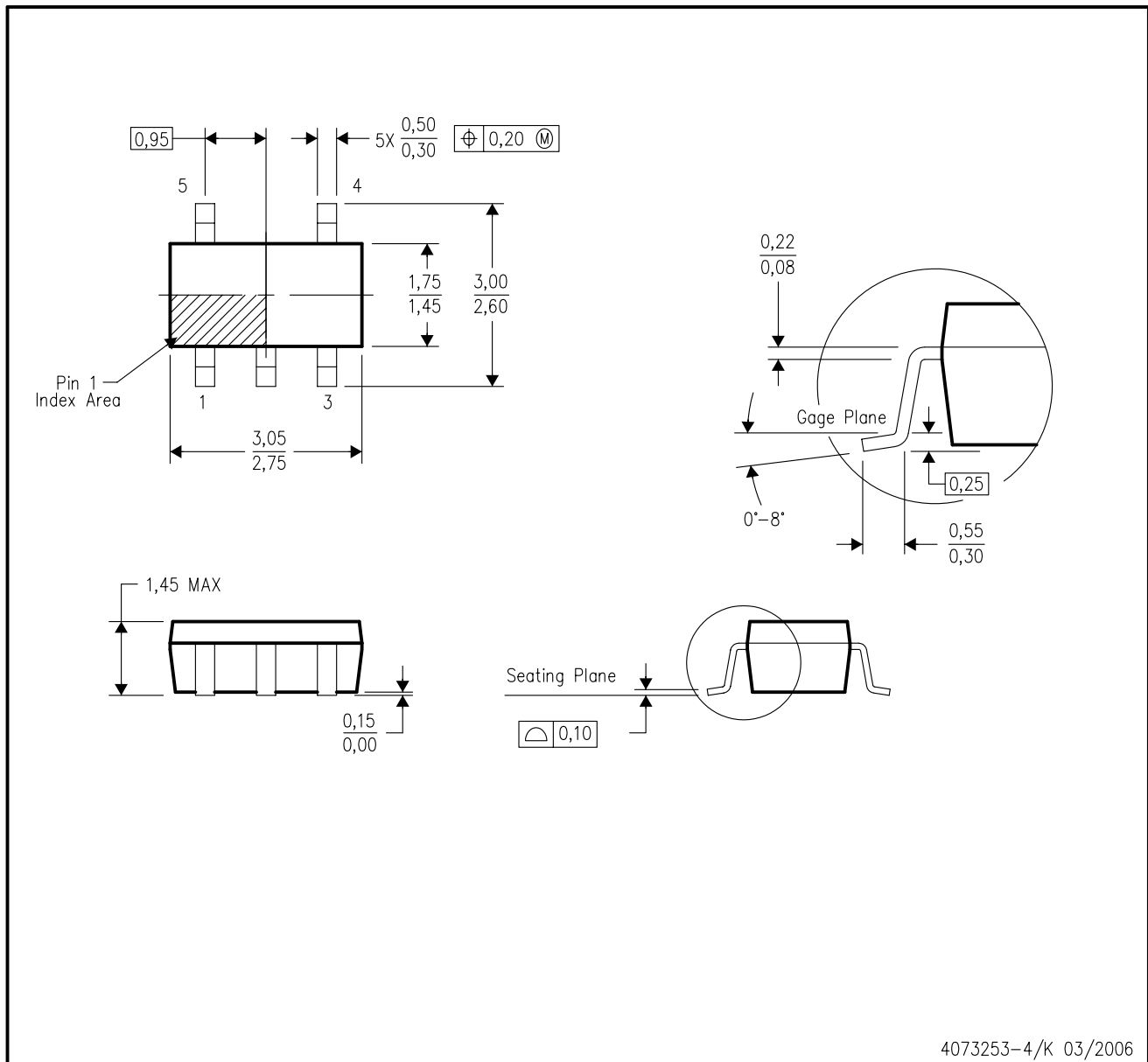
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UCC27517DBVT	SOT-23	DBV	5	250	203.0	203.0	35.0

DBV (R-PDSO-G5)

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