White LED Step-Up Converter in Tiny Package

General Description

The RT9271 is a step-up DC/DC converter specifically designed to drive white LEDs with a constant current. The device can drive one to three LEDs in series from a Li-Ion cell. Series connection of the LEDs provides identical LED currents resulting in uniform brightness and eliminating the need for ballast resistors. The RT9271 switches at 1.1 MHz, allowing the use of tiny external components. The input and output capacitor can be as small as 1uF, saving space and cost versus alternative solutions. A low 0.25V feedback voltage minimizes power loss in the current setting resistor for better efficiency.

The RT9271 is available in low profile SOT-26 package.

Ordering Information

RT9271□□

- Package Type
  - B : SOT-25
  - E : SOT-26
- Operating Temperature Range
  - C : Commercial Standard
  - P : Pb Free with Commercial Standard

Marking Information

For marking information, contact our sales representative directly or through a RichTek distributor located in your area, otherwise visit our website for detail.

Features

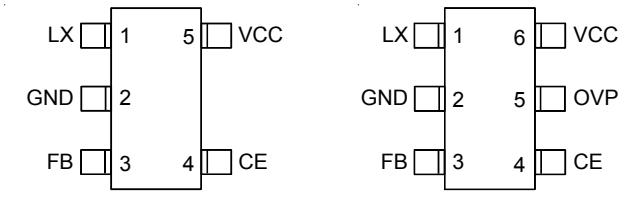
- **Inherently Matched LED Current**
- **High Efficiency: 85% Typical**
- **Drives Up to Three LEDs from 2.8V Supply**
- **20V Internal Switch**
- **Fast 1.1 MHz Switching Frequency**
- **Uses Tiny 1 mm Height Inductors**
- **Requires Only 1uF Output Capacitor**
- **Low Profile SOT-26 Package**
- **Optional 15V Over Voltage Protection**

Applications

- Mobile Phone
- Digital Still Camera
- PDAs, Handheld Computers
- MP3 Players
- GPS Receivers

Pin Configurations

(TOP VIEW)



SOT-25 SOT-26

Functional Pin Description

Pin No.		Pin Name	Pin Function
–XB	–XE		
1	1	LX	Switch Pin. Connect inductor/diode here. Minimize trace area at this pin to reduce EMI.
2	2	GND	Ground Pin. Connect directly to local ground plane.
3	3	FB	Feedback Pin. Reference voltage is 0.25V. Connect cathode of lowest LED and resistor here. Calculate resistor value according to the formula: $R_{FB} = 0.25/I_{LED}$
4	4	CE	Chip Enable Pin. Connect to 1.4V or higher to enable device, 0.4V or less to disable device.
–	5	OVP	Over Voltage Protection Pin. Voltage sensing input to trigger the function of over voltage protection, the trip point is 15.5V. Leave it unconnected to disable this function.
5	6	VCC	Input Voltage Pin. Must be locally bypass with 1uF capacitor to GND.

Typical Application Circuit

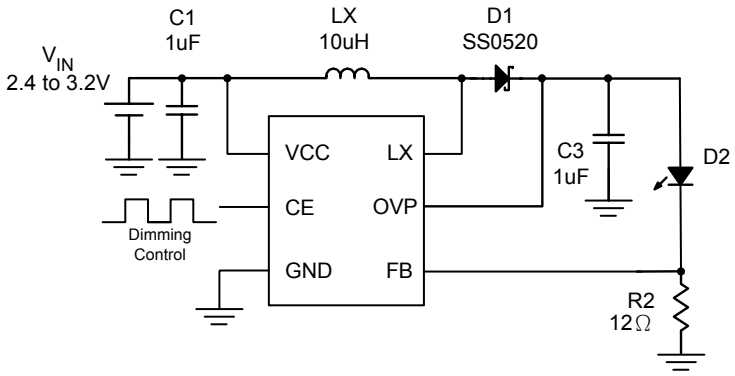


Figure 1. RT9271 Drivers 1 WLED Application Circuit

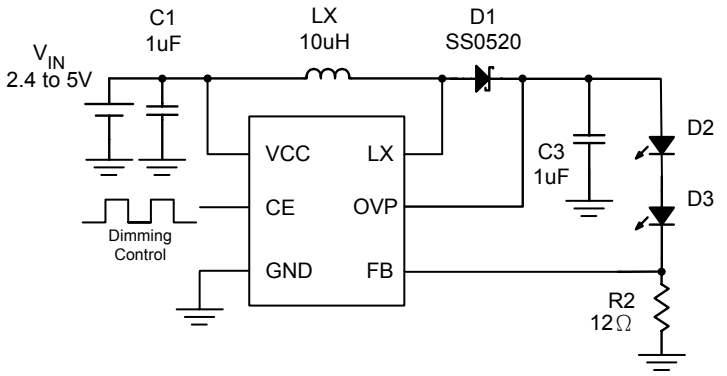


Figure 2. RT9271 Drivers 2 Series WLEDs Application Circuit

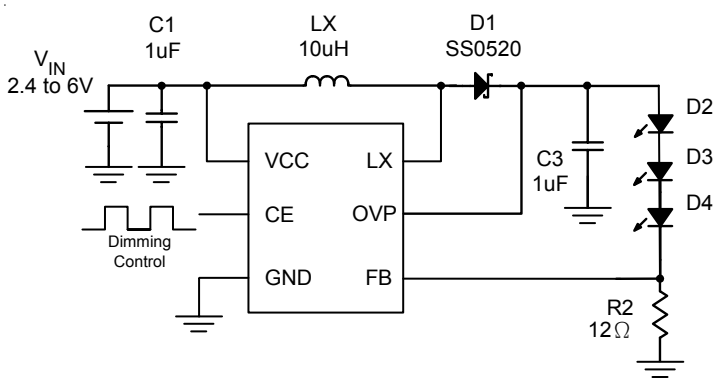


Figure 3. RT9271 Drivers 3 Series WLEDs Application Circuit

Note : 1. D1 is Schottky diode (SS0520).

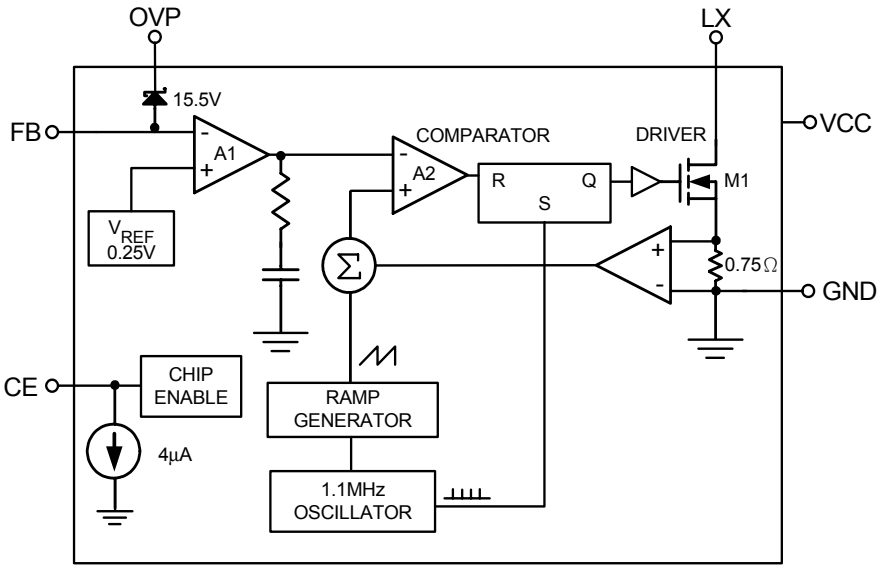
2. D2 ~ D4 are the WLED (HT-S91CW-DT) of HARVATEK.

3. LX is the SH4018 series of ABC TAIWAN ELECTRONICS CORP.

Recommended Circuits for Driving LEDs

Figure 1 to Figure 3 illustrates the recommended application circuits for driving white LEDs. The series connected LEDs are driven with identical current to emit uniform luminescence, and the 250mV low reference voltage can minimize the efficiency loss across the current-sensing resistor. The recommended current setting for driving white LEDs is 10mA to 20mA, and the dimming control can be implemented by toggling CE pin with 60Hz to 1KHz PWM clock. Please refer to application notes for guidance of component selection and board layout.

Function Block Diagram



Operation

The RT9271 is a constant frequency step-up converter with an internal switch. For excellent line and load regulation, the current mode control is adopted. The operations of RT9271 can be understood from block diagram clearly. The oscillator triggers the SET input of SR latch to turn on the power switch M1 at the start of each cycle. A current sense voltage sum with a stabilizing ramp is connected to the positive terminal of the PWM comparator A2. When this voltage exceeds the output voltage of the error amplifier A1, the SR latch is reset to turn off the power switch till next cycle starts. The output voltage of the error amplifier A1 is amplified from the difference between the reference voltage 0.25V and the feedback voltage. In this manner, if the error amplifiers voltage increases, more current is delivered to the output; if it decreases, less current is delivered. A 15.5V Zener diode connects from OVP pin to FB pin internally to provide an optional protection function which prevents LX pin from over-voltage damage. Especially when the case of the feedback loop broken due to component wear-out or improper connection occurs. The behavior of OVP is to clamp the output voltage to 15.5V typically. This function is suitable for the applications while driving white LEDs less than 4 in series.

Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

- Supply Voltage, V_{CC} ---------- –0.3V to 7V
- LX, OVP ---------- –0.3V to 21V
- The Other Pins ---------- –0.3V to 7V
- Maximum Junction Temperature ---------- 125°C
- Operating Junction Temperature Range ---------- –40°C to 125°C
- Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) ---------- 260°C
- Storage Temperature Range ---------- –65°C to 150°C
- ESD Susceptibility (Note 2)

  HBM ---------- 2kV

  MM ---------- 200V

Recommended Operating Conditions (Note 3)

- Supply Voltage, V_{CC} ---------- 2.4V to 6V

Electrical Characteristics

(V_{CC} = 3.6V, T_A = 25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
System Supply Input						
Under Voltage Lock Out	UVLO		1.8	2.2	2.3	V
Maximum Output Voltage			--	--	20	V
Supply Current	I_{CC1}	V_{CC}=6V, Continuously Switching	--	--	2	mA
Quiescent Current	I_{CC2}	V_{CC}=6V, FB=1.3V, No Switching	50	90	120	μA
Shut Down Current	I_{CC3}	V_{CC}=6V, V_{CE}<0.4V	--	0.1	1	μA
Oscillator						
Operation Frequency	F_{OSC}		0.9	1.1	1.3	MHz
Maximum Duty Cycle	Dmax		85	90	--	%
Reference Voltage						
Feedback Voltage	V_{FB}		0.237	0.25	0.263	V
MOSFET						
On Resistance of MOSFET	Rds(on)		0.5	0.75	1.0	Ω
Current Limit	I_{max1}	Normal Operation	800	900	1000	mA
Current Limit	I_{max2}	Start up Condition	500	625	750	mA
Control and Protection						
Shut Down Voltage	V_{CE1}		0.4	0.8	--	V
Enable Voltage	V_{CE2}		--	0.8	1.4	V
CE Pin Pull Low Current	I_{CE}		--	4	6	μA
OVP Threshold (Note 4)	OVP		14.5	15.5	20.0	V

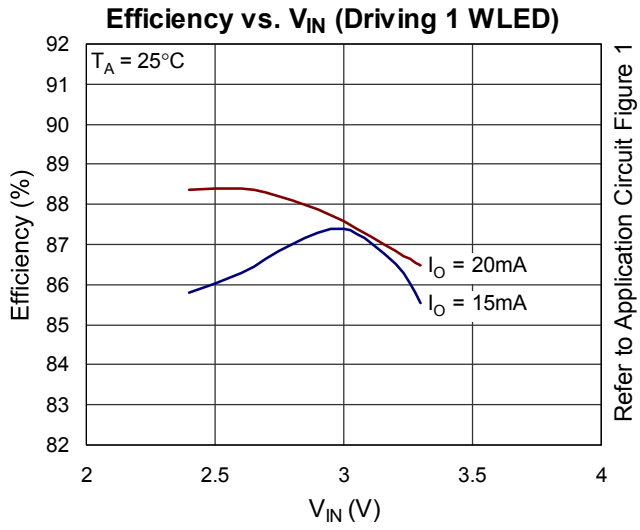
Note 1. Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

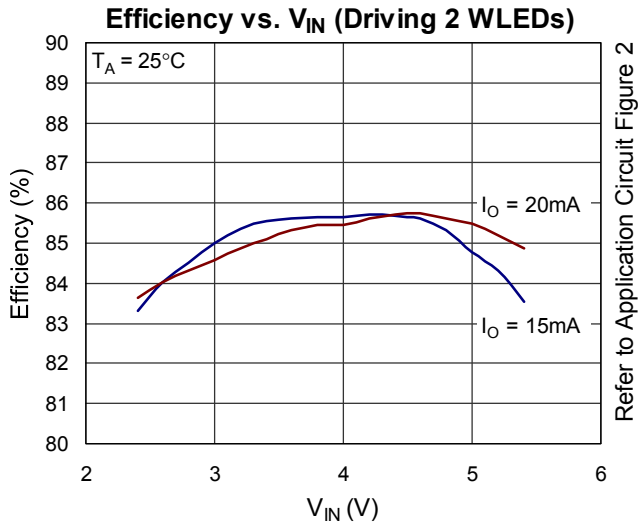
Note 2. Devices are ESD sensitive. Handling precaution recommended. The human body model is a 100pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5kΩ resistor into each pin.

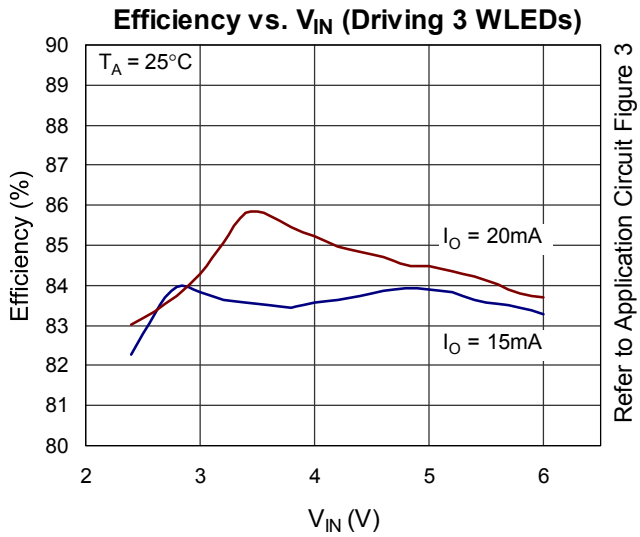
Note 3. The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating conditions.

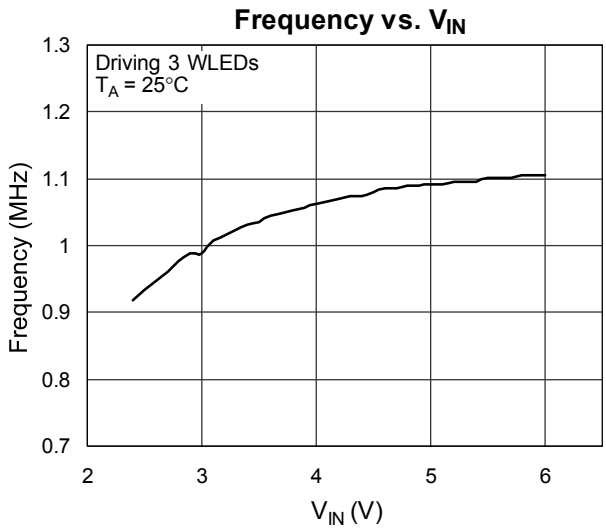
Note 4. Floating the OVP pin to disable OVP function.

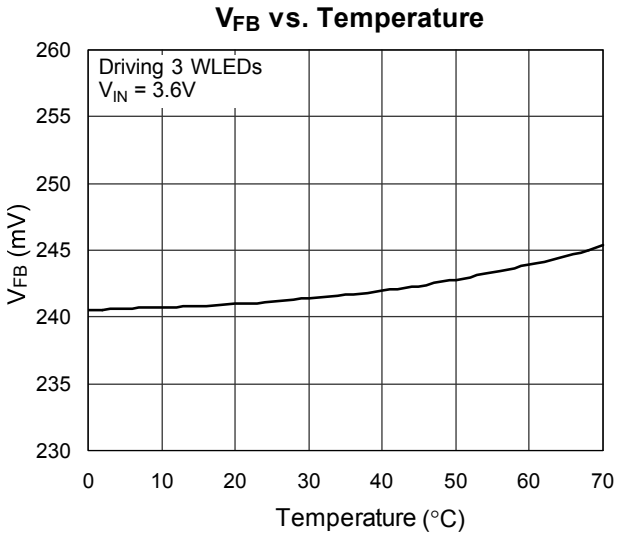
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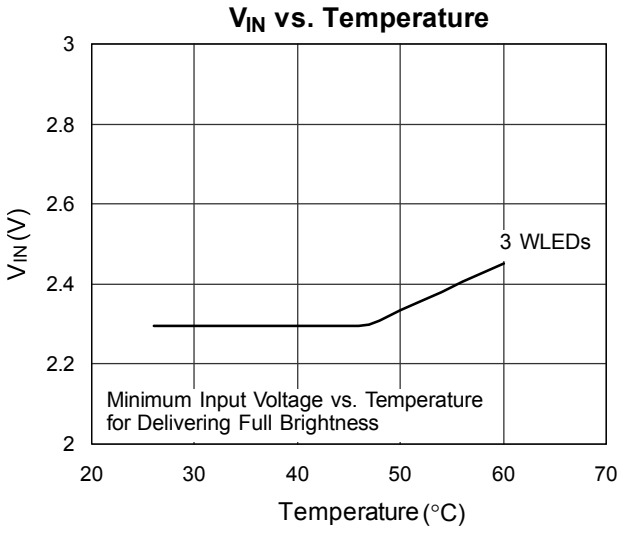




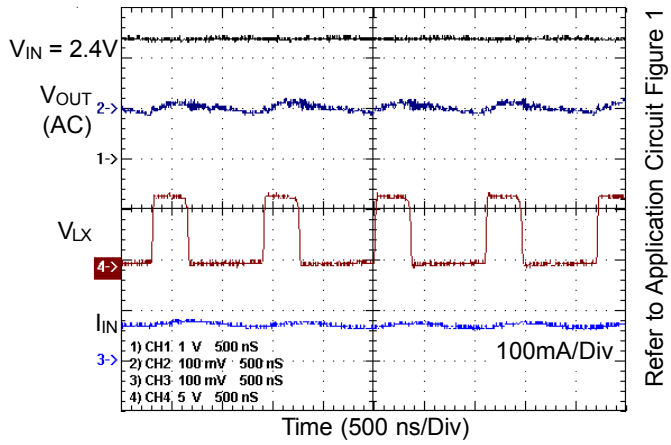




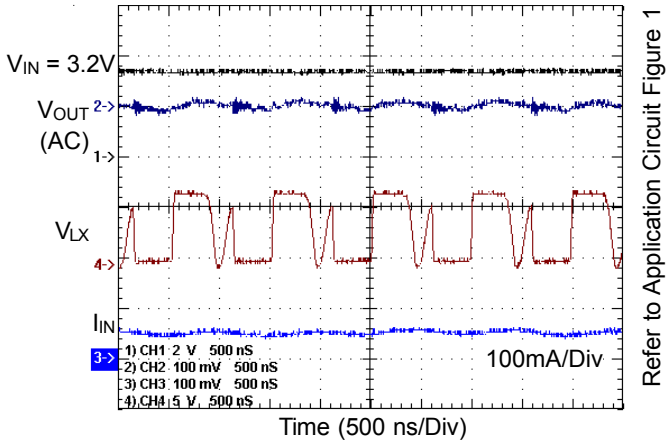




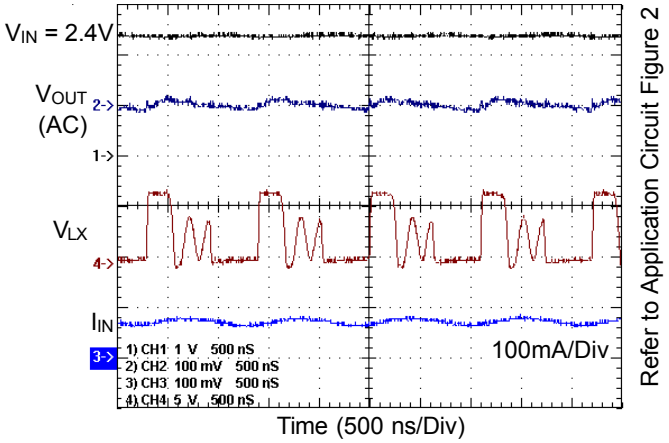
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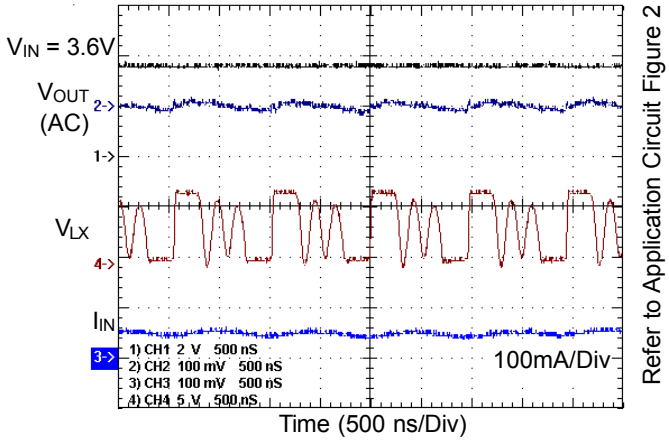
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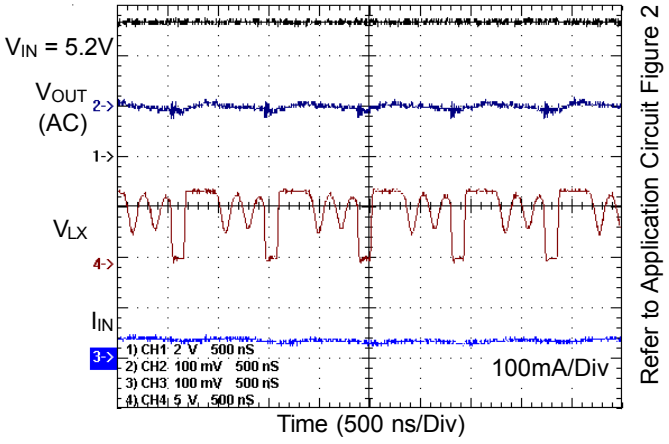
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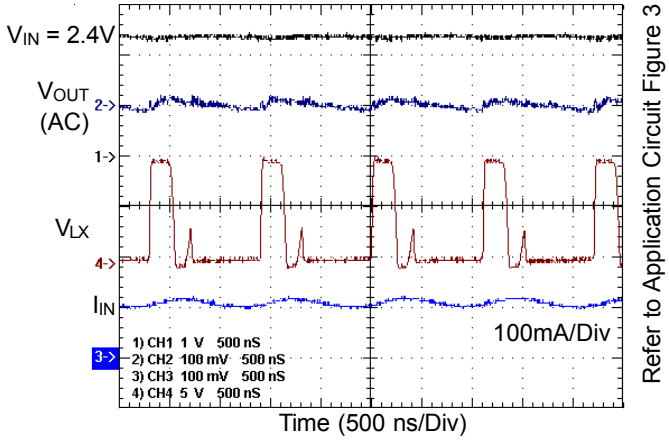
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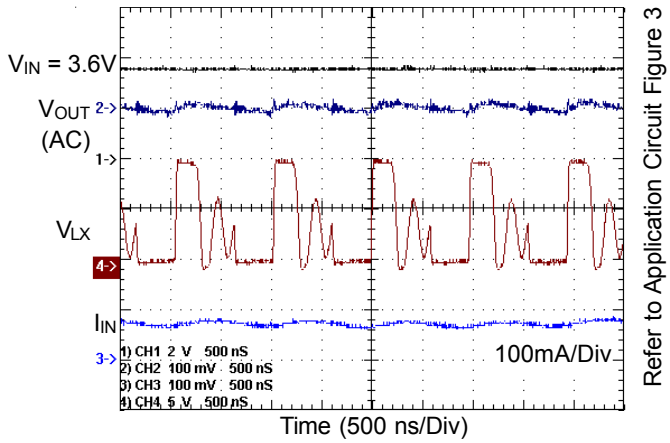
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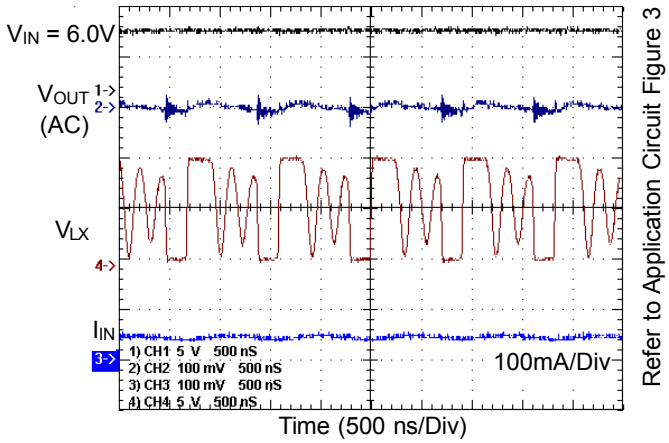
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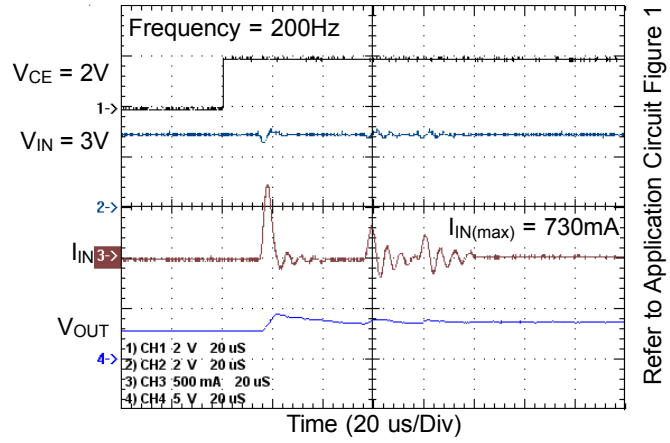
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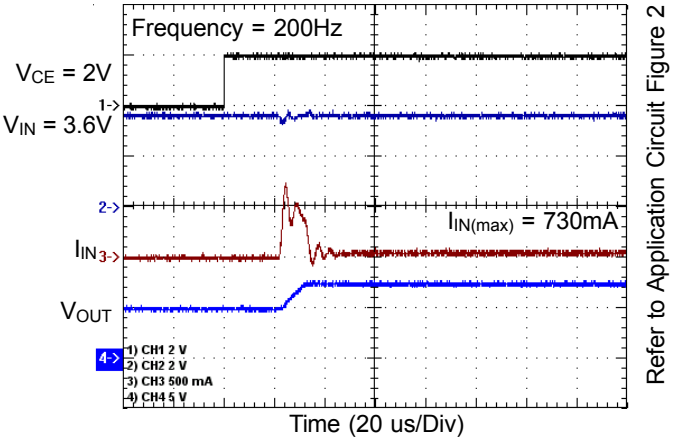
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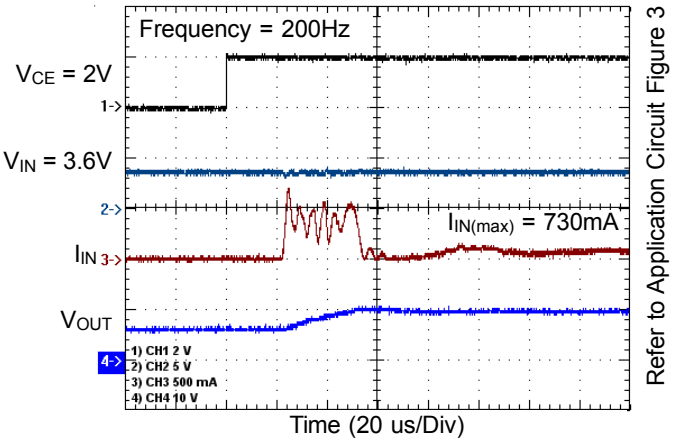
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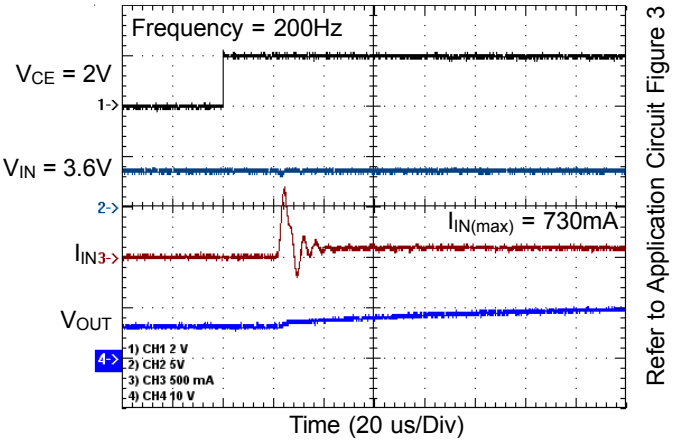
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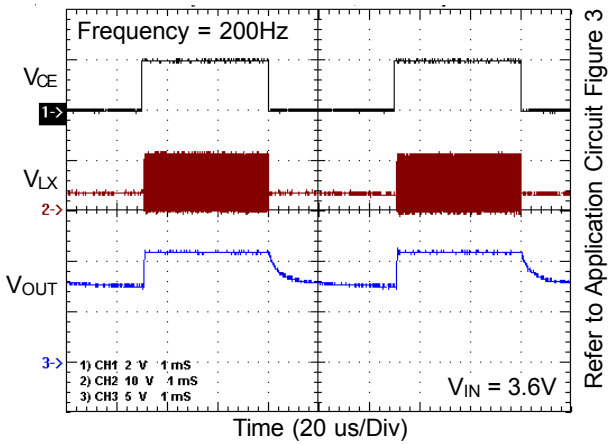
Inrush Current for Driving 3 WLEDs



Inrush Current for Driving 3 WLEDs with soft-start



Dimming Control for Driving 3 WLEDs



Application Information

LED Current Control

The RT9271 regulates the LED current by setting the current sense resistor (R2) connecting to feedback and ground. The internal feedback reference voltage is 0.25V. The LED current can be set from following equation easily.

$$R2 = 0.25V / I_{LED}$$

In order to have an accurate LED current, precision resistors are preferred (1% is recommended). The table for R2 selection is shown below.

R2 Resistor Value Selection

I_{LED} (mA)	R2 (Ω)
5	49.9
10	24.9
12	21
15	16.5
20	12.4

Recommended Inductance and Rectifier (for Li-Ion cell)

Condition	Inductance (H)	Schottky Diode
2 WLEDs	4.7u~10u	SS0520
3 WLEDs	4.7u~10u	SS0520

Dimming Control

a. Using a PWM Signal to CE Pin

For controlling the LED brightness, the RT9271 can perform the dimming control by applying a PWM signal to CE pin. The average LED current is proportional to the PWM signal duty cycle. The magnitude of the PWM signal should be higher than the maximum enable voltage of CE pin, in order to let the dimming control perform correctly.

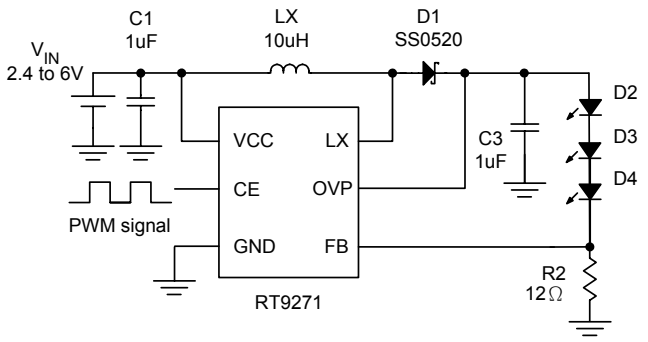


Figure 4. PWM Dimming Control Using the CE Pin

b. Using a DC Voltage

Using a variable DC voltage to adjust the brightness is a popular method in some applications. The dimming control using a DC voltage circuit is shown in Figure 5. According to the Superposition Theorem, as the DC voltage increases, the voltage contributed to VFB increases and the voltage drop on R2 decreases, i.e. the LED current decreases. For example, if the V_{DC} range is from 0V to 2.8V, the selection of resistors in Figure 5 sets dimming control of LED current from 20mA to 0mA.

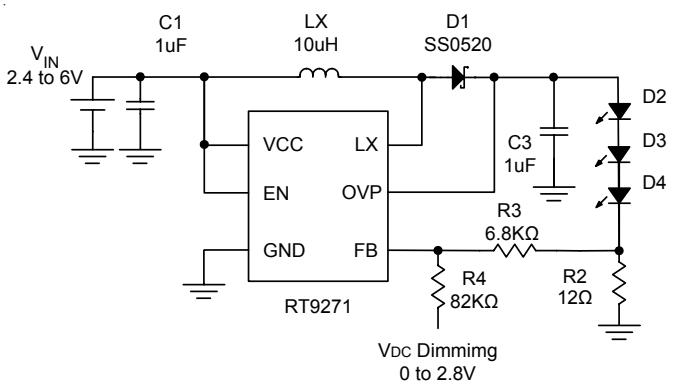


Figure 5. Dimming Control Using a DC Voltage

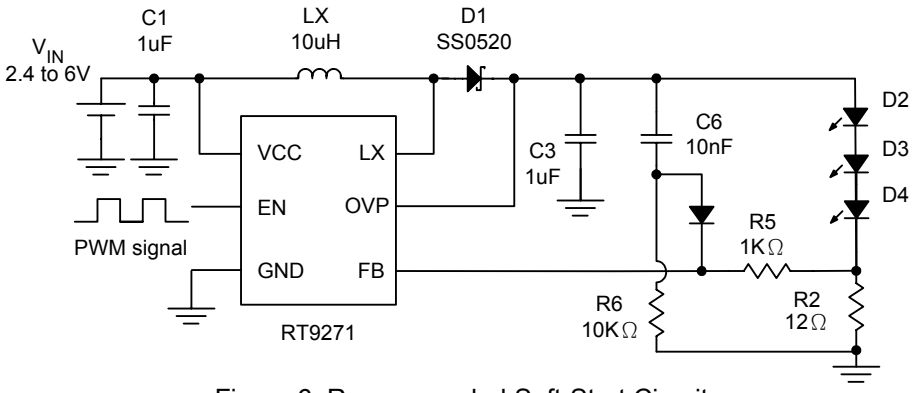
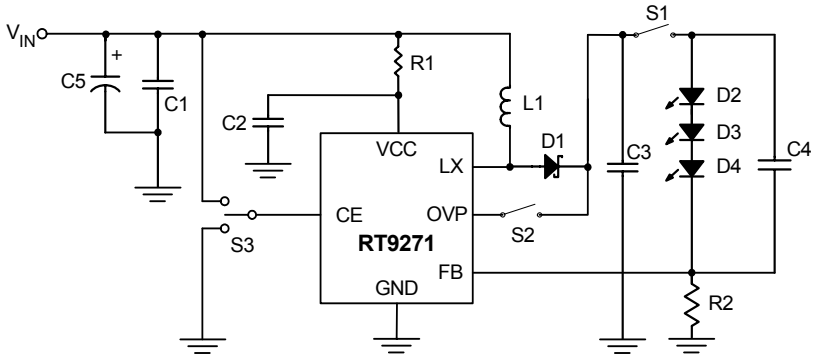


Figure 6. Recommended Soft-Start Circuit

Layout Guide

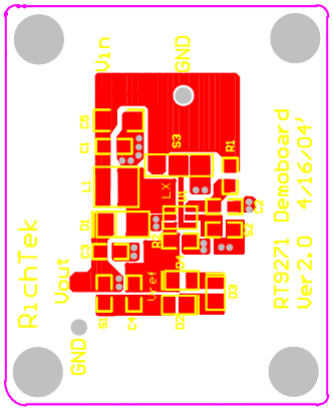
- A full GND plane without gap break.
- V_{CC} to GND noise bypass − Short and wide connection for the 1μF MLCC capacitor between Pin6 and Pin2.
- Minimized LX node copper area to reduce EMI.
- Minimized FB node copper area and keep far away from noise sources.



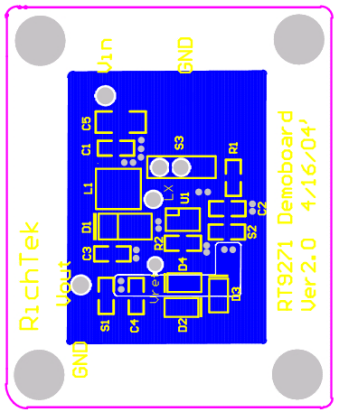
EVB Circuit

Board Layout Example (2-Layer EVB Board)

(Refer to EVB Circuit)

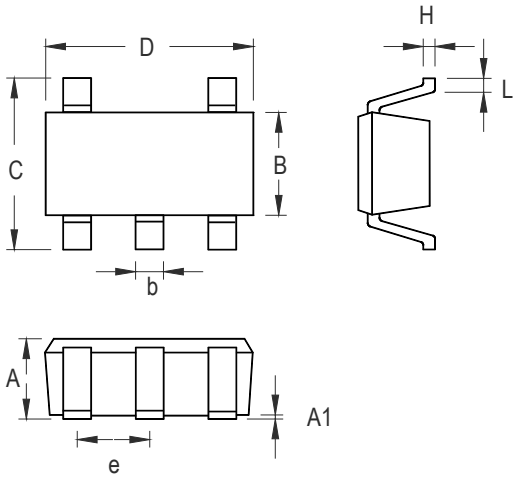


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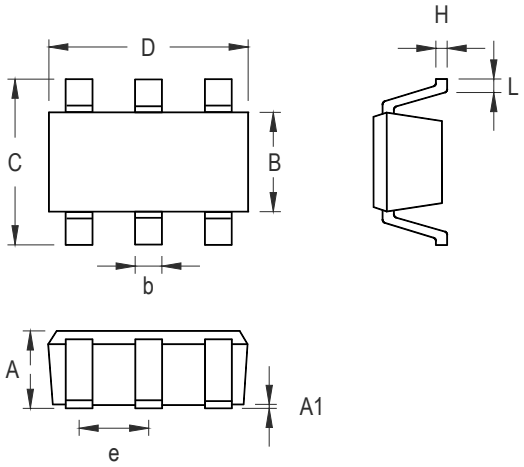
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Outline Dimension



Symbol	Dimensions In Millimeters		Dimensions In Inches	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
A	0.889	1.295	0.035	0.051
A1	0.000	0.152	0.000	0.006
B	1.397	1.803	0.055	0.071
b	0.356	0.559	0.014	0.022
C	2.591	2.997	0.102	0.118
D	2.692	3.099	0.106	0.122
e	0.838	1.041	0.033	0.041
H	0.080	0.254	0.003	0.010
L	0.300	0.610	0.012	0.024

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Symbol	Dimensions In Millimeters		Dimensions In Inches	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
A	0.889	1.295	0.035	0.051
A1	0.000	0.152	0.000	0.006
B	1.397	1.803	0.055	0.071
b	0.250	0.559	0.010	0.022
C	2.591	2.997	0.102	0.118
D	2.692	3.099	0.106	0.122
e	0.838	1.041	0.033	0.041
H	0.080	0.254	0.003	0.010
L	0.300	0.610	0.012	0.024

SOT- 26 Surface Mount Package

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