General Description

The MAX15068 offers ORing function and hot-swap features for two input-supply-rail applications requiring the safe insertion and removal of circuit line cards from a live backplane. The device integrates dual ORing MOSFET controllers, a single hot-swap controller, electronic circuitbreaker protection, and power monitoring in a single package. The device is designed to operate from 3.7V to 18V supply voltages.

The device regulates the forward voltage drop across the ORing MOSFETs to ensure smooth current transfer from one supply to the other without oscillation. The ORing MOSFET turns on quickly to reduce the load voltage droop during supply switchover. If the input supply fails or is shorted, a fast turn-off minimizes reverse-current transients.

The device implements a foldback current limit during hotswap startup in order to control inrush current, thereby lowering di/dt and keeping the operation of the hot-swap MOSFET under safe operating area (SOA). An internal 70ms timer starts counting when the device enters the hot-swap startup phase. After the hot-swap startup cycle is completed, on-chip comparators provide active currentlimit protection against short-circuit and overcurrent faults. The load is disconnected from the input quickly in the event of a fault condition.

The device provides current monitoring from 3A to 10A (V_{IN} = 12V, T_A = +25°C with R_{SENSE} = 3mΩ) with ±0.6% accuracy. A voltage proportional to the input current delivered to the system could be read directly at the IPMON pin.

The device is factory-calibrated to deliver accurate overcurrent protection with ±5% accuracy. During an overcurrent-fault condition, the device enters an autoretry mode. The device features an adjustable slew-rate control during startup. Additional features include power-good and fault-indicator outputs.

The MAX15068 is available in a 20-pin, (4mm x 5mm) TQFN package and is specified from a -40°C to +125°C operating temperature range.

Features and Benefits

- 3.7V to 18V Operating Voltage Range (ORing and Hot Swap)
- 4.8V to 18V Operating Voltage Range (Current Monitor)
- Seamless Power Transition of Redundant Supplies
- Controls N-Channel MOSFETs
- < 0.5µs Turn-On and Reverse Turn-Off Time
- Current Monitoring (±0.6% Accuracy Typ)
- Programmable Slew-Rate Control
- Adjustable Current-Limit Fault Delay
- Programmable Circuit-Breaker Current Threshold
- Inrush Current Regulated at Startup with Programmable SOA Control
- Programmable Undervoltage Lockout
- Small (4mm x 5mm) TQFN Package

Applications

- Baseband Station
- Redundant Power Supplies
- Supply Holdup
- Computer Systems and Servers
- Telecom Networks
- Storage Bridge Bay

[Ordering Information](#page-15-0) appears at end of data sheet.

For related parts and recommended products to use with this part, refer to www.maximintegrated.com/MAX15068.related.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Package Thermal Characteristics (Note 1)

TQFN

Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance (θJA)33.5°C/W

Note 1: Package thermal resistances were obtained using the method described in JEDEC specification JESD51-7, using a four-layer board. For detailed information on package thermal considerations, refer to **www.maximintegrated.com/thermal-tutorial**.

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.

Electrical Characteristics

(V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 12V, C_{IN1} = C_{IN2} = C_{VS} = 1µF, T_A = -40°C to +125°C. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

(V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 12V, C_{IN1} = C_{IN2} = C_{VS} = 1µF, T_A = -40°C to +125°C. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

(V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 12V, C_{IN1} = C_{IN2} = C_{VS} = 1µF, T_A = -40°C to +125°C. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 2)

Note 2: All devices are 100% production tested at $T_A = +25^\circ$ C. Limits over temperature are guaranteed by design.

Note 3: Gain and offset are defined as IMON₁ = IMON with Vi₁ = (V_{CSP} - V_{CSN}) = 3mV, IMON₂ = IMON with Vi₂ = (V_{CSP} - V_{CSN}) $= 30$ mV, G_{IM} = (IMON₂ - IMON₁)/(Vi₂ - Vi₁), I_{MON} _{OS} = IMON₁ - G_{IM} x Vi₁.

Note 4: Accuracy over the entire operating range can be determined combining the specified value of the related offset and gain in the range.

Note 5: CMRR is calculated as:

 I_{REF} = IMON with V_{CSP} - V_{CSN} = 3mV at V_{REF} = V_{CSP} = 12V $ICM = IMON$ with $V_{CSP} - V_{CSN} = 3mV$ at $4.8V < V_{CSP} < 18V$ CMRR = 20 x LOG(ABS((VREF - VCSP)/(IREF - ICM)) x GIM) where G_IM is the differential gain defined in the EC table.

Typical Operating Characteristics

 $(V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 12V, C_{IN1} = C_{IN2} = C_{VS} = 1 \mu F, R_{SENSE} = 3 m\Omega$, unless otherwise noted.)

HOT-SWAP MOSFET GATE VOLTAGE vs. CURRENT

TEMPERATURE (ºC)

ACTIVE CURRENT-LIMIT SENSE VOLTAGE vs. TEMPERATURE

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 12V$, $C_{IN1} = C_{IN2} = C_{VS} = 1 \mu F$, $R_{SENSE} = 3 m\Omega$, unless otherwise noted.)

Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 12V, C_{IN1} = C_{IN2} = C_{VS} = 1 \mu F, R_{SENSE} = 3 m\Omega$, unless otherwise noted.)

STARTUP WAVEFORM

Pin Configuration

Pin Description

Pin Description (continued)

Functional Diagram

Detailed Description

Startup

When input voltage is applied to IN_, CSP comes up to one diode below the higher of IN1 or IN2. The internal LDO regulator powers V_S from the higher of two inputs as well. When both V_S and CSP reach their respective UVLO thresholds, the internal charge pumps (CP1 or CP2) for the ORing controller start operating. An internal time starts when both ON is above its threshold and \overline{EN} is below its threshold. After the timer counts 85ms, the ORing control (OG1 or OG2) begins operating. After another 15ms have elapsed, the hot-swap control (GATE) also starts operating.

ORing Control

ORing Control in Startup

During a normal power-up, the ORing MOSFETs turn on first. As soon as the internally generated supply, $V_{\rm S}$, rises above its undervoltage lockout threshold, the internal charge pump is allowed to charge up the CP_ pins. Because the ideal diode MOSFETs are connected in parallel as a diode-OR, the CSP pin voltage selects the highest of the supplies at the IN1 and IN2 pins. The MOSFET associated with the lower input supply voltage is turned off by the corresponding gate drive amplifier.

At power-up the CP_ and OG_ pin voltages are at the IN_ voltage level. CP_ starts ramping up after VS clears its undervoltage lockout level. Afterward, OG_ ramps up with CP_.

The gate drive amplifier monitors the voltage between the IN and CSP pins and drives the respective OG_ pin.

If the amplifier senses a forward voltage drop greater than 80mV between IN and CSP then the OG pin is pulled to CP to quickly turn on the MOSFET. If the amplifier senses a reverse voltage drop greater than 10mV between CSP and IN, then the OG pin is pulled to IN to quickly turn off the MOSFET. With the ideal diode MOSFETs acting as an input supply diode-OR, the CSP pin voltage rises to the highest of the supplies at the IN1 and IN2 pins. The stored charge in an external capacitor connected between the CP_ and IN_ pins provides the charge needed to quickly turn on and off the ideal diode MOSFET. An internal charge pump charges the external capacitors at the CP pins. The OG_ pin sources current from the CP_ pin and sinks current into the IN_ and GND pins.

ORing MOSFET Regulation Mode

When the ideal diode MOSFET is turned on, the gate drive amplifier controls OG_ to servo the forward voltage drop (V_{IN} - V_{CSP}) across the MOSFET to 10mV. If the load current causes more than 10mV of voltage drop, across the FET, then the OG voltage rises to enhance the MOSFET. For large output currents, the MOSFET's gate is driven fully on and the voltage drop is equal to I_{LOAD} x RDS(ON) of the MOSFET.

Hot-Swap Control

Hot-Swap in Startup

Once the output is enabled, the device provides controlled application of power to the load. The voltage at OUT begins to rise until the internal selected final maximum current limit is reached, which is programmed through the CB pin ([Table 1](#page-13-0)). The low limit is approximately 1/12th of the upper limit as shown in [Figure 1.](#page-11-0) Once the powergood threshold is achieved, the normalized hot-swap electronic circuit-breaker (ECB) threshold goes to its full value.

An external capacitor connected to the GATE pin allows the user to program the slew rate to a value lower than the default. During startup, a foldback current limit is active to protect the external hot-swap MOSFET to operate within the SOA ([Figure 1\)](#page-11-0).

An internal timer is activated to count for 70ms, which is the maximum time duration for the startup phase. The startup phase is completed when the voltage at OUT rises above the power-good threshold $(0.9 \times V_{CSP}$ typical) and hot-swap GATE to OUT voltage exceeds 4.2V even though the 70ms timeout has not yet elapsed.

Programmable Speed Circuit-Breaker Response on Hot-Swap MOSFET

The device features an adjustable current limit with circuit-breaker function that protects the external MOSFETs against short circuits or excessive load current. The voltage across the external sense resistor (R_{SENSE}) is monitored by an electronic circuit breaker (ECB) and

Figure 1. Inrush Current vs. Voltage Drop Across the Hot-Swap Switch During Startup Period

active current limit amplifier (ACL). The electronic circuit breaker turns off the hot-swap MOSFET with a 500µA current from GATE to OUT if the voltage across the sense resistor exceeds V_{CB-TH} (ECB) for longer than the fault filter delay configured at the CDLY pin. Active current limiting begins when the sense voltage exceeds the ACL threshold V_{ACI} (ACL) (which is 1.3X the ECB threshold). The gate of the hot-swap MOSFET is brought under control by the ACL amplifier and the output current is regulated to maintain the ACL threshold across the sense resistor. At this point, the fault filter starts the timeout with a 100µA current charging the CDLY pin capacitor. If the CDLY pin voltage exceeds its threshold (1.2V), the external MOSFET is turned off and the FAULT pin pulls low.

After the hot-swap MOSFET turns off, the CDLY pin capacitor is discharged with a 2µA pulldown current until it reaches 0.2V. This is followed by a cool-off period of 14 timing cycles at the CDLY pin. For the autoretry part, the latched fault is cleared automatically at the end of the cool-off period and the GATE pin restarts charging up the gate of the MOSFET.

In the event of a severe short-circuit fault on the 12V output, the output current can surge to tens of amperes. The device responds within $1\mu s$ to bring the current under control by pulling the GATE to OUT voltage down with a 200mA current. Almost immediately, the gate of the hotswap MOSFET recovers rapidly due to the RGATE and CGATE network, and load current is actively limited until the electronic circuit breaker times out. Due to parasitic supply lead inductance, an input supply without any bypass capacitor may collapse during the high current surge and then spike upwards when the current is interrupted.

Circuit-Breaker Comparator and Current Limit

The device features a programmable circuit-breaker threshold. The current limit can be selected by the connection of the CB pin. During startup, a foldback current limit is active to protect the internal MOSFET to operate within the SOA (Figure 1).

Programmable Circuit-Breaker Current Threshold

The device features a programmable current limit with circuit-breaker function that protects the external MOSFETs against short circuits or excessive load current. The voltage across the external sense resistor, (RSENSE) is monitored by an electronic circuit breaker (ECB) and active current limit (ACL) amplifier. Connect the CB pin to GND, V*S*, or leave unconnected to select the electronics circuit-breaker threshold (Table 1).

The electronic circuit breaker turns off the hot-swap MOSFET with a 500µA current from GATE to GND if the voltage across the sense resistor exceeds V_{CB} TH (CB) (50mV) for longer than the fault filter delay configured at the CDLY pin.

Timer (CDLY)

An external capacitor connected from the CDLY pin to GND serves as fault filtering when the supply output is in active current limit. When the voltage across the sense resistor exceeds the circuit-breaker trip threshold (50mV), CDLY pulls up with 100µA. Otherwise, it pulls down with 2µA. The fault filter times out when the 1.2V CDLY threshold is exceeded, causing the corresponding FAULT pin to pull low. The fault filter delay or circuit-breaker time delay is:

t_{CB} = C_{CDLY} x 12[ms/µF]

After the circuit-breaker timeout, the CDLY pin capacitor pulls down with 2µA from the 1.2V CDLY threshold until it reaches 0.2V. Then it completes 14 cooling cycles consisting of the CDLY pin capacitor charging to 1.2V with a 100µA current and discharging to 0.2V with a 2µA current. At that point, the GATE pin voltage is allowed to start up if the fault has been cleared as described in the *Resetting Faults* section. When the latched fault is cleared during the cool-off period, the corresponding FAULT pin pulls high. The total cool-off time for the MOSFET after an overcurrent fault is:

 t_{COOL} = C_{CDLY} x 11[s/µF]

ORing/Hot-Swap Response in Overload Condition

In the case where an overcurrent fault occurs on the output, the current is limited to a programmed current limit set through the CB pin. After a fault filter delay set by 100µA current source in to the CDLY pin capacitor, the circuit breaker trips, pulls the GATE pin low, and turns off the hotswap MOSFET. The FAULT output is latched low. During the fault condition, the ORing MOSFET remains on.

Control Inputs

ON Input

The device drives the OG_ as soon as the V_{1N1} - V_{F1} $(V_{F1}$ is the forward voltage drop of ORing MOSFET connected to IN1) or V_{1N2} - V_{F2} (V_{F2} is the forward voltage drop of the ORing MOSFET connected to IN2) supply voltage generates a V_{ON} above the threshold voltage. An external resistive divider from CSP to ON and ground is used to set the turn-on voltage to any desired voltage from 2.9V to 5.5V. The IC turns on the corresponding ORing MOSFET and then turns on the hot-swap MOSFET when V_{ON} > 1.22V.

The device turns off the output when V_{ON} falls below V_{UV} REF (1.22V - V_{ON HYS}). An external resistive divider from CSP to ON and ground is used to set the undervoltage-lockout threshold to any desired level between V_{UVLO} and 18V. Pulling the ON pin voltage below 0.6V resets the electronic circuit breaker.

Monitoring

Analog Current Monitor Output

IPMON monitors the current delivered to the system. IP-MON has a 0 to 1.8V output voltage range. IPMON monitors the system input current. The device does not have a power monitor.

The voltage at IPMON in this case is proportional to the input current by the following equation:

 $VIPMON = G_l × RIPMON × (V_{CSP} - V_{CSN})$

where $G_1 = 0.3$ mS/V and R_{IPMON} is the resistor to set the voltage overall voltage gain for IPMON.

When connected as shown in the *[Typical Application](#page-15-1) [Circuit](#page-15-1)*, IPMON monitors the input system current. Leave IPMON unconnected if the function is not used.

The maximum output of V_{IPMON} should be limited to 1.8V to get best accuracy using proper RIPMON resistor value.

Output Signals

Fault Status Output (FAULT)

FAULT is an open-drain output that is internally pulled high by a 10 μ A current source to a diode below V_S , and can be pulled above V_S using an external pullup. FAULT asserts low when the circuit breaker is tripped after an overcurrent fault timeout. Leave FAULT unconnected if unused.

Power-Good Output (PG)

Internal circuitry monitors the hot-swap MOSFET gate overdrive between the GATE and OUT pins and the voltage at the OUT pin. The power-good status for the supply is reported by the \overline{PG} open-drain output. It is normally pulled high by an external pullup resistor or the internal 10µA pullup. The power-good output asserts low when the gate overdrive exceeds 4.2V during the GATE startup

and the voltage at the OUT pin exceeds (0.9 x V_{CSP}). The PG signal is delayed by 16ms once conditions for powergood are met.

Fault Management

Autoretry

When an overcurrent fault is latched after tripping the circuit breaker, the FAULT pin is asserted low. Only the hot-swap MOSFET is turned off, and the ideal diode MOSFETs are not affected. The latched fault is reset automatically after a cool-off timing cycle as described in the *Startup Timer (CDLY)* section. At the end of the cooloff period, the fault latch is cleared and FAULT pulls high. The GATE pin voltage is allowed to start up and turn on the hot-swap MOSFET. If the output short persists, the supply powers up into a short with active current limiting until the circuit breaker times out and FAULT again pulls low. A new cool-off cycle begins with CDLY ramping down with a 2µA current. The whole process repeats itself until the output short is removed. Since t_{CB} and t_{COO} are a function of CDLY capacitance, C_{CDI} γ , the autoretry duty cycle is equal to 0.1%, irrespective of C_{CDI} γ .

Applications Information

Prioritizing Supplies with PC

[Figure 2](#page-14-0) shows an ORing application where a resistive divider connected from IN1 at the \overline{PC} pin controls the turnon of the ORing MOSFET, MD2, in the IN2 supply path. When the IN1 supply voltage falls below 4.5V, it turns on the ORing MOSFET, MD2, causing the ORing output to be switched from the main 5.0V supply at IN1 to the auxiliary 5.0V supply at IN2. This configuration permits the load to be supplied from a lower IN1 supply as compared to IN2 until IN1 falls below the MD2 turn-on threshold. The threshold value used should not allow the IN1 supply to be operated at more than one diode voltage below IN2. Otherwise, MD2 conducts through the MOSFET's body diode. The resistive divider connected from CSP at the ON pin provides the undervoltage threshold of 2.6V for the ORing output supply.

Table 1. Electronics Circuit-Breaker Threshold Programming

Figure 2. Plug-in Card IN1 Supply Controls the IN2 Supply Turn-On by the PC Pin

Typical Application Circuit

Ordering Information

+*Denotes a lead(Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant package.* **EP = Exposed pad.*

Chip Information

PROCESS: BiCMOS

Package Information

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