

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 884 is a high current density supply featuring the dual-output, 2-phase synchronous buck regulator LTC3828EUH. The input voltage of the demo board is typically from 5V to 12V. The outputs are 2V/17A_{MAX} and 1.5V/17A_{MAX}. All the critical power and controller IC circuit are within a 1.35" x 0.8" "drop-in" layout space to deliver up to 40A/inch² current density. The outputs can be easily configured to have two separate output voltages or a single high current output voltage with two phases in parallel. Depending on the setting of the optional resistors and jumpers, each output can track an external ramp voltage during start up or one output can track another output on the same board. At light load, the supplies can operate in high efficiency mode or low output ripple mode by jumper selection.

The supply can also be synchronized by an external clock signal. A CLOCKSOUT pin provides an output clock signal to synchronize other supplies if needed. The LTC3828EUH regulator IC is a small 5mm x 5mm package with exposed thermal pad for low thermal impedance.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.


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Table 1. Performance Summary (T_A = 25°C)

| PARAMETER | CONDITION | VALUE |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Input Voltage | Typical | 5V-12V |
| Input Voltage | Min / Max | 4.5V / 15V |
| Output Voltage V _{OUT1} | I _{OUT1} = 0A to 17A | 2.0V ± 2% |
| Output Voltage V _{OUT2} | I _{OUT2} = 0A to 17A | 1.5V ± 2% |
| Maximum Output Current | V _{IN} = 5V-12V | 17A Each Output |
| Switching frequency | FCB = CCM | 400kHz |
| Full Load Efficiency | V _{IN} = 12V, V _{OUT1} = 2.0V, I _{OUT1} = 17A | 88.7% Typical |
| | V _{IN} = 12V, V _{OUT2} = 1.5V, I _{OUT2} = 17A | 87% Typical |

QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 884 is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC3828EUH. Refer to

Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

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NOTE: When measuring the input or output voltage ripple, care must be taken to avoid a long ground lead on the oscilloscope probe. Measure the input or out-

put voltage ripple by touching the probe tip directly across the Vin or Vout and GND terminals. See Figure 2 for proper scope probe technique.

1. Following table should be the default jumper settings of the DC884A demo board:

| RUN1 | RUN2 | PHSMD | FCB |
|------|------|-------|-----|
| on | on | 0 | CCM |

The following tables show the assembly options for the tracking circuits for VOUT1 and VOUT2:

| | VOUT1 TRACKING OPTIONS | R15 | R17 | C1 |
|----|------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1* | Softstart W/O tracking | 0 | DNP | 0.1uF |
| 2 | Track EXT1 | 30K | 20K | DNP |

| | VOUT2 TRACKING OPTIONS | R9 | R8 | C20 |
|----|------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1 | Softstart W/O tracking | DNP | DNP | 0.1uF |
| 2* | Track VOUT1 | 20K | 17.4K | DNP |

*With existing tracking circuit assembly, VOUT1 starts independently (Option 1). VOUT2 tracks VOUT1 during start up (option 2). Figure 3 shows a typical start-up waveform with tracking.

2. With power off, connect the input power supply to VIN and GND. Connect the load between VOUT1, VOUT2 and GND. Preset the load current at 0A (minimum). Refer to Figure 1 for correct test set up.

3. Turn on the input power.

NOTE: Make sure that the input voltage does not exceed 15V.

4. Check for the proper output voltages. Vout1 = 1.96V-2.04V, Vout2 = 1.47V-1.53V

NOTE: If there is no output, temporarily disconnect the load to make sure that the load is not set too high.

5. Once the proper output voltages are established, adjust the loads within the operating range and observe the output voltage regulation, ripple voltage, efficiency and other parameters.

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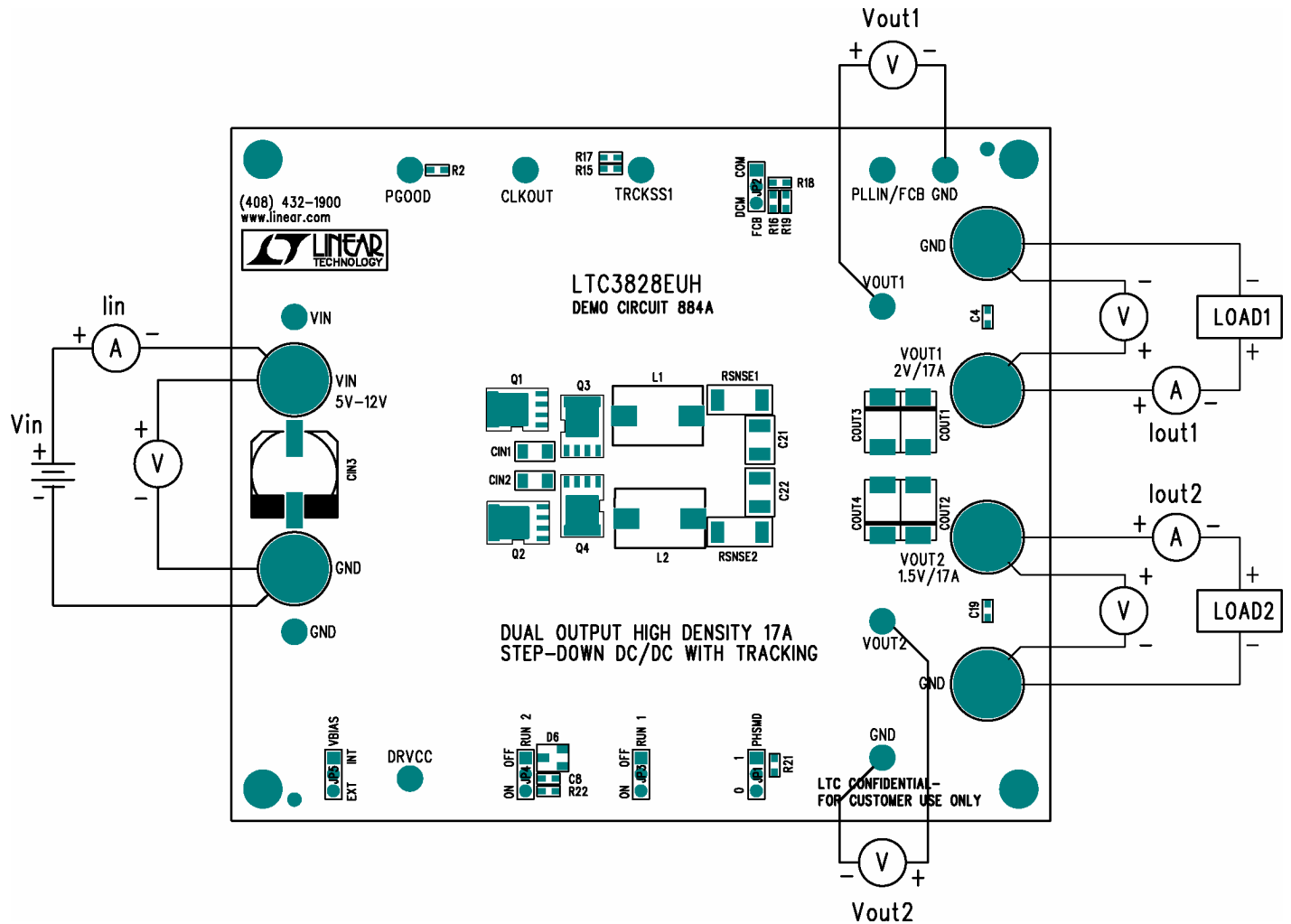


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

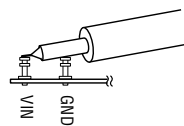


Figure 2. Measuring Input or Output Ripple

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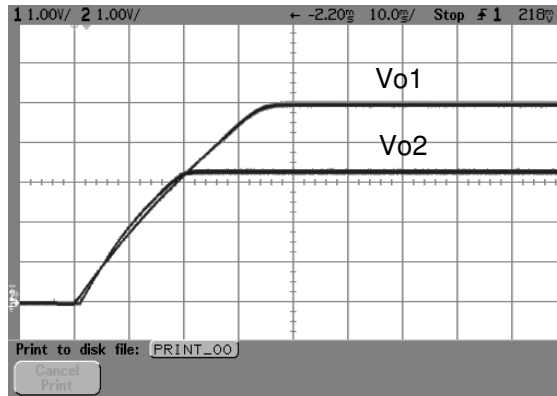


Figure 3. Typical Output Voltage Tracking Waveform during Start-Up (0.4V/DIV)

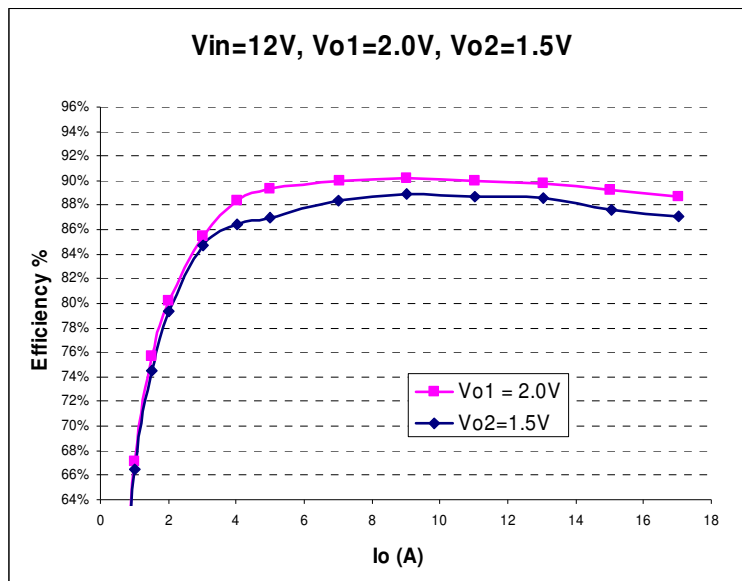
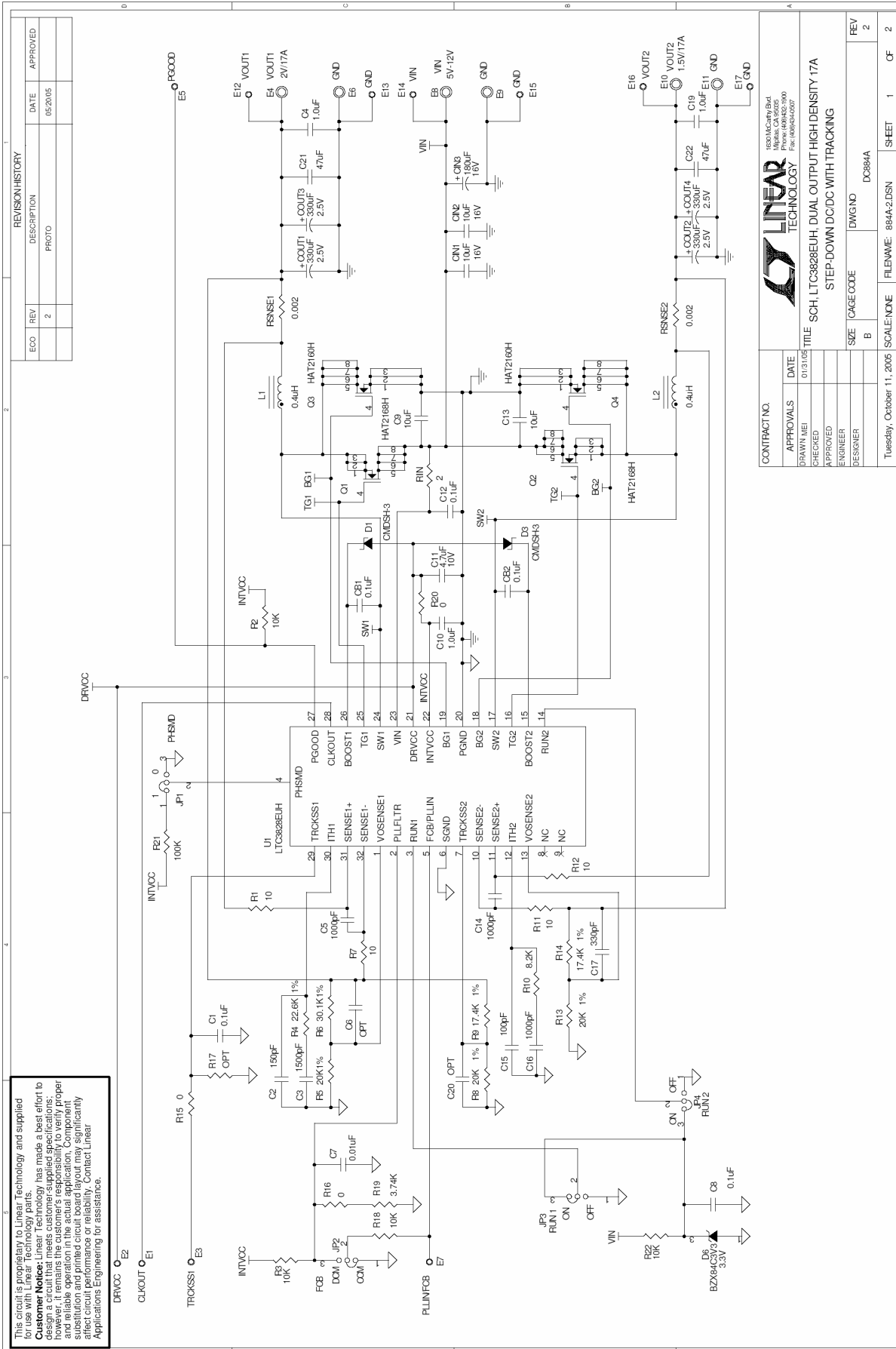


Figure 4. Typical Supply Efficiency vs Load Current @ 12V_{in}

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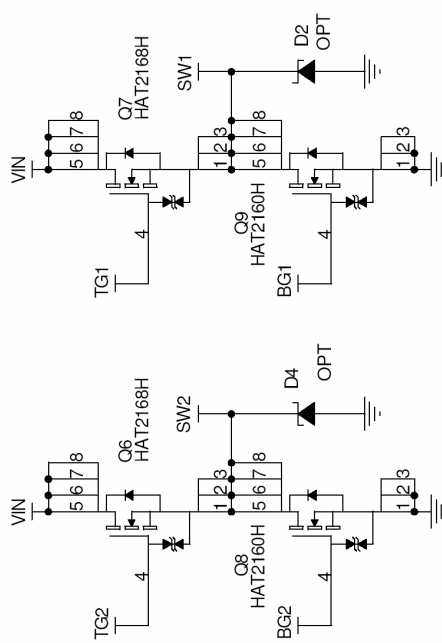
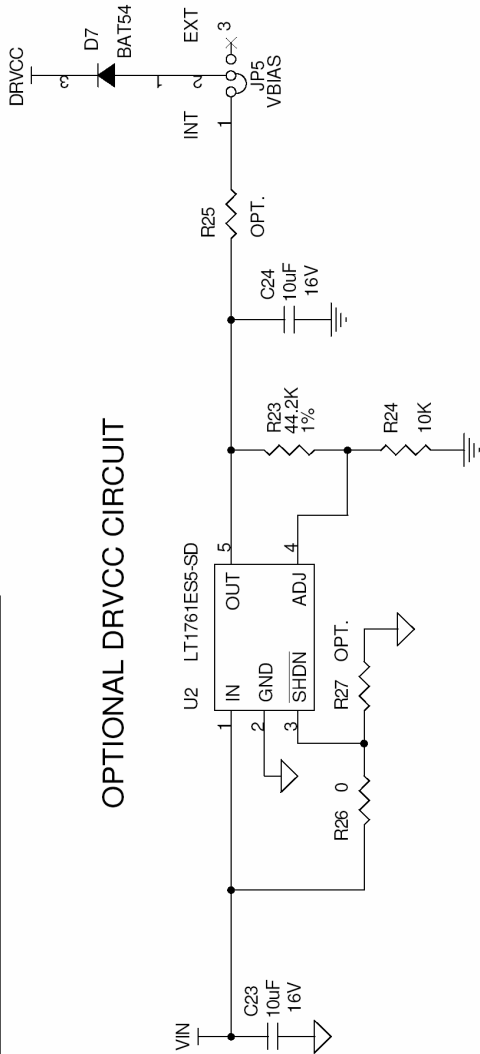
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OPTIONAL DRVCC CIRCUIT



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