

AP72200

HIGH EFFICIENCY SYNCHRONOUS DC-DC BUCK-BOOST CONVERTER WITH 4.3A SWITCHES

Description

The AP72200 is a high-current synchronous buck-boost converter providing high efficiency, excellent transient response, and high DC output accuracy. The targeted applications are smartphones, tablets, and other handheld devices. The AP72200 utilizes a four-switch Hbridge configuration to support buck and boost operation. The buckboost provides at least 2A output current.

The current control scheme handles wide input/output voltage ratios and provides low external component count with outstanding performance in line/load transient response and seamless transition between buck and boost modes.

The AP72200 features I^2C compatible, two-wire serial interface consisting of a bidirectional serial-data line, SDA, and a serial-clock line, SCL. It supports SCL clock rates up to 3.4MHz.

The AP72200 also features UVLO, OTP, and OCP to protect the circuit.

This IC is available in a small 2.125mm × 1.750mm, 20 balls WLCSP package.

Features

- V_{IN} 2.3V to 5.5V
- Output Voltage Range: 2.6V to 5.14V
- 2A Continuous Output Current for $V_{\text{OUT}}=3.4V$ and $V_{\text{IN}}>2.9V$ Efficiency Up to 97%
- 2.5MHz Switching Frequency
- \cdot I²C Interface
- Selectable MODE PFM/PWM
- Ultrasonic Operation Programmable through I^2C
- Power Good Indicator with 5MΩ Internal Pull-Up
- Adjustable Overcurrent Limit
- Fully Protected for Overcurrent, Short Circuit, Reverse Current Protection, Overtemperature, and UVLO
- **Totally Lead-Free & Fully RoHS Compliant (Notes 1 & 2)**
- **Halogen and Antimony Free. "Green" Device (Note 3)**

Pin Assignments

TOP VIEW (BALLS SIDE DOWN)

Applications

- **Smartphones**
- **Tablets**
- Portable Consumer Devices

- Notes: 1. No purposely added lead. Fully EU Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS), 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) & 2015/863/EU (RoHS 3) compliant.
	- 2. See [https://www.diodes.com/quality/lead-free/ fo](https://www.diodes.com/quality/lead-free/)r more information about Diodes Incorporated's definitions of Halogen- and Antimony-free, "Green" and Lead-free.
	- 3. Halogen- and Antimony-free "Green" products are defined as those which contain <900ppm bromine, <900ppm chlorine (<1500ppm total Br + Cl) and <1000ppm antimony compounds.

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Typical Applications Circuit

Figure 1 Typical Application Circuit

Pin Descriptions

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Functional Block Diagram

Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 4) (@T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Notes: 4. Stresses greater than the 'Absolute Maximum Ratings' specified above may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions exceeding those indicated in this specification is not implied. Device reliability may be affected by exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time.

5. Semiconductor devices are ESD sensitive and may be damaged by exposure to ESD events. Suitable ESD precautions should be taken when handling and transporting these devices.

Thermal Resistance (Note 6)

Note: 6. Test condition for WLSCSP: Device mounted on FR-4 substrate, four-layer PC board, 2oz copper, with minimum recommended pad layout

Recommended Operating Conditions (Note 7) (@TA = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Note: 7. The device function is not guaranteed outside of the recommended operating conditions.

Electrical Characteristics $(T_A = +25^\circ C, V_{IN} = PVIN = EN = 3.6V,$ unless otherwise specified.)

Min/Max limits apply across the recommended ambient temperature range, -30°C to +85°C and input voltage range 2.3V to 5.5V.

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Application Information

Buck-Boost Power Conversion

When the EN pin goes high, the AP72200 turns on the internal logic circuitries. Once VIN is supplied, all user registers are accessible through I^2 C. When EN is pulled low, the AP72200 enters shutdown mode. This event resets all registers to their default values. The AP72200 can operate in either buck or boost mode. Refer to the functional block diagram. When the input voltage PVIN is less than output VOUT, Q1 will be on continuously while Q2 remains off. Q3 and Q4 switch to boost the output up. When the input voltage PVIN is more than output VOUT, Q3 will be on continuously while Q4 remains off. Q1 and Q2 switch to buck the output down. In the event when operating in conditions where PVIN is close to VOUT, the AP72200 alternates between buck and boost mode as necessary to provide a regulated output voltage.

Regulator Enable Control

Buck-boost has an enable pin EN as well as I²C enable bit. As shown in Table 1 below, the AP72200 turns on the internal bias circuitry when EN pin goes high. Once VIO is supplied, all the user registers are accessible through I²C. The address register 0x03 bit 6 is the BB_EN. Changing this bit to 0 will disable the output voltage while the internal logic circuitries are still active. Pulling EN low will turn off the AP72200 and reset all registers to their POR default values.

Table 1 Enable Control Logic Truth Table

H-Bridge Controller

H-bridge architecture operates at 2.5MHz fixed frequency with a pulse width modulated (PWM), current-mode control scheme. This topology is in a cascade of a boost regulator and a buck regulator using a single inductor and output capacitor. Buck, buck-boost, and boost stages are 100% synchronous for highest efficiency in portable applications. Figure 2 shows a simplified diagram of the internal switches, external inductor, and output capacitor.

In buck PWM, Switch Q3 is continuously closed and Switch Q4 is continuously open. Switches Q1 and Q2 operate as a synchronous buck converter when in this condition. In boost PWM, Switch Q1 remains closed and Switch Q2 remains open. Switches Q3 and Q4 operate as a synchronous boost converter when in this operation. When the input voltage is dropping close to the output voltage such that the duty cycle seen at SW1 is more than 90%, then the regulator will switch from buck to buck-boost (where cycles will alternate between buck and boost). The AP72200 will rapidly and smoothly switch from boost-to-buck mode as needed to maintain the regulated output voltage. As the input voltage continues to drop such that the duty cycle in boost mode is more than 10% seen at SW2, then the regulator switches to all boost operation. This behavior

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provides excellent efficiency and very low output voltage ripple.

Application Information (continued)

H-Bridge Controller (continued)

The regulator enters PFM as the output load decrease when the valley of the inductor current is less than 0A. The zero cross detection will activate after 40µs delay before switching the mode from PWM to PFM. During PFM operation in buck mode, Switch Q3 is closed and Switch Q4 is open. Switches Q1 and Q2 operate in discontinuous mode during PFM operation until output voltage is approximately 1.2% upper threshold of the PFM hysteretic controller. Then all switches are open to allow VOUT to decay until it reaches nominal regulation before switching again. This operation will reduce switching losses at light load thus improving efficiency. Likewise, the AP72200 closes Switch Q1 and Switch Q4 to ramp up the current in the inductor during PFM operation in boost mode. When the inductor current reaches 1A, the device turned OFF Switch Q4, then turn ON Switch Q3. With Switch Q3 closed, output voltage increases as the inductor current ramps down. When the loading current gets higher, there will be multiple PFM pulses to charge up the output capacitor. These pulses continue until VOUT has achieved the 1.2% upper threshold of the PFM hysteretic controller. Switching action then stops until VOUT decays until it reached normal regulation before switching again. The regulator resumes normal PWM operation as the output load increases and VOUT drops 2% below the regulation point.

Regulator MODE Control

AP72200 has a MODE pin as well as I²C enable bit. Connect MODE pin low sets the regulator to operate in PFM. Tie the MODE to VIN set the device in PWM. The MODE pin condition is set during the POR operation of the regulator and can only be overridden by the I²C. In the address number 0x02, bit 6 and bit 0 are BB_UMODE and BB_FPWM respectively. These two bits can set the mode of operation of PFM, enhanced ultrasonic, or forced PWM.

When the enhanced ultrasonic is set, this activates a unique pulse-skipping mode with a minimum switching frequency of 20kHz. An ultrasonic pulse occurs when the regulator detects that no switching has occurred after 37µs. Once triggered, the ultrasonic pulse turned on the switch Q2 (buck mode) or Q3 (boost mode) for approximately 50ns to induce a negative inductor current. This process continues until FB drops to the regulation point. Then the regulator waits for the next clock edge to initiate the ON time. Table 2 is the truth table for the MODE operation found in I²C address 0x02.

Table 2 MODE Control Table

Power-Good (PG) Indicator

Buck-boost has an open-drain output that is actively held low during soft-start period until the output voltage reaches 80%. When the output voltage is outside of its regulation by -20%, the PG will pull low until the output returns to set value. The PG low-to-high transition is delayed by 1.5ms while the falling edge PG is delayed by 3µs to prevent false triggering. The polarity of PG output is programmable through I²C in address 0x03 bit 4. It is active high by default.

Overcurrent Protection

AP72200 has an OCP pin as well as an 1^2 C enable bit to adjust the threshold 2A or 4.3A. The OCP pin control setting is the condition upon POR operation of the regulator and can only be overridden by the I^2C . The AP72200 detects the current limit on the high side, Q1, to protect the device against overload or short-circuit conditions. The peak current in the switch is monitored cycle by cycle with comparator delay approximately 100ns to guard against noise glitches. If the high-side Q1 current limit is reached, the high-side Q1 is turned off, and the low-side Q2 is turned on until the switch current decreases below OC threshold. The frequency is reduced in order to protect the device from damage. The Q1 peak current limit remains active during this state. After 17 consecutive cycles in OCP event, the regulator enters hiccup mode where all power FETs turn off and wait for 15ms before attempting to restart.

Reverse Current Protection

During fixed-frequency operation, a reverse-current comparator on switch Q2 monitors the current entering VOUT. When this current exceeds 2A (typical), switch Q2 will be turned off for the remainder of the switching cycle. This feature protects the buck-boost converter from excessive reverse current if the buck-boost output is held above the regulation voltage by an external source.

Undervoltage Lockout

The undervoltage lockout (UVLO) feature prevents abnormal operation in the event that the supply voltage is too low to guarantee proper operation. When the VIN voltage falls below the UVLO threshold, the regulator is disabled.

Application Information (cont.)

Thermal Shutdown

A built-in thermal protection feature protects the AP72200 if the die temperature reaches +150°C (typical). At this die temperature, the regulator is completely shut down. The die temperature continues to be monitored in this thermal-shutdown mode. When the die temperature falls to +135°C (typical), the device will resume normal operation. When exiting thermal shutdown, the AP72200 will execute its soft-start sequence.

Output Voltage Slew-rate Control

Buck-boost regulator supports programmable slew-rate control feature when increasing and decreasing the output voltage. The ramp-up slew-rate can be set to 20mV/µs or 40mV/µs through BB_RU_SR bit, and the ramp-down slew-rate is programmable to 5mV/µs or 10mV/µs through BB_RD_SR bit in I²C address 0x02.

Output Active Discharge

AP72200 provides an internal 100 Ω resistor for output active discharge function. If the active discharge function is enabled (BB_AD = 1 in I²C address 0x02), the internal resistor discharges the energy stored in the output capacitor to PGND whenever the regulator is disabled. Either the regulator remains enabled or the active discharge function is disabled (BB_AD = 0), the internal resistor is disconnected from the output. If the active discharge function is disabled, the output voltage decays at a rate that is determined by the output capacitance and the load current when the regulator is turned off.

Inductor Selection

An inductor with high-frequency core material (e.g., ferrite core) should be used to minimize core losses and provide good efficiency. The inductor must be able to handle the peak switching currents without saturating. A 1µH inductor with ≥4.4A saturation current rating is recommended. Select an inductor with low DCR to provide good efficiency. In applications where radiated noise must be minimized, a toroidal or shielded inductor can be used.

PVIN and VOUT Capacitor Selection

The input and output capacitors should be ceramic X5R type with low ESL and ESR. The recommended input capacitor value is 22µF, as this would provide adequate RMS current to minimize the input voltage ripple. A minimum of 10µF is required to maintain full functionality of the part. The recommended output capacitor is 2x22µF, 10V, X5R. Note that the effective value of a ceramic capacitor derates with DC voltage bias across it. This derating may be up to 70% of the rated capacitance. Refer to the capacitor datasheet to ensure the combined effective output capacitance is at least 30µF for proper operation over the entire recommended load current range. Low-output capacitance may lead to large output voltage drop during load transient or unstable operation.

Serial Interface

The I²C compatible 2-wire serial interface is used for regulator on/off control, setting output voltages, and other functions. See the Register Map section for details. The I²C interface is an open-drain serial bus that consists of a bidirectional serial data line (SDA) and a serial clock line (SCL). Pull-up resistors of 500Ω each or greater must be added from VIO to SDA and VIO to SCL. Optional 24Ω resistors in series with SDA and SCL help protect the device inputs from high voltage spikes on the bus lines. Series resistors also minimize crosstalk and undershoot on bus lines.

System Configuration

Figure 3 Functional Logic Diagram for Communications Controller

The I²C bus is a multi-master bus. The maximum number of devices that can attach to the bus is limited by bus capacitance. Figure 3 shows an example of a typical I^2C system. A transmitter is a device on the I^2C bus that sends data to the bus. A receiver is a device that receives data from the bus. The master is a device that initiates a data transfer and generates the SCL clock signal to control the data transfer. A slave is any device on the bus that can be addressed by the master. When the AP72200 l²C compatible interface is operating, it is a slave on l²C bus.

Bit Transfer

One data bit is transferred for each SCL clock cycle. The data on SDA must remain stable during the high portion of SCL clock pulse. Changes in SDA while SCL is high are control signals (START and STOP conditions).

START and STOP Conditions

When the I²C serial interface is inactive, SDA and SCL are pulled high. A master device initiates communication by issuing a START (S) condition. A START condition is a high-to-low transition on SDA while SCL is high. A STOP (P) condition is a low-to-high transition on SDA while SCL is high. A START condition from the master signals the AP72200 that a transmission is about to begin. The master terminates transmission and frees the bus by issuing a STOP condition. To issue a series of commands to the slave, the master may issue REPEATED START (Sr) conditions instead of a STOP condition in order to maintain control of the bus. In general, a REPEATED START condition is functionally equivalent to a regular START condition. AP72200 will listen for its address after a START condition is detected. If its address is not detected, it will stay idle until the next START condition is detected.

Figure 5 Start and Stop Conditions

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Acknowledge

Both I²C bus master and AP72200 (slave) generate ACKNOWLEDGE (ACK) bits when receiving data. The ACK bit is the last bit of each nine bit data packet. To generate an ACK bit, the receiving device must pull SDA low before the rising edge of the ACK-related clock pulse (ninth SCL pulse) and keep it low during the high period of the clock pulse. To generate a NOT ACKNOWLEDGE (nACK), the receiving device allows SDA to be pulled high before the rising edge of the ACK-related clock pulse and leaves it high during the high period of the clock pulse. Monitoring the ACK bits allows for detection of unsuccessful data transfers. An unsuccessful data transfer occurs if a receiving device is busy or if a system fault has occurred. In the event of an unsuccessful data transfer, the bus master should reattempt communication at a later time.

Slave Address

The I²C slave address of the AP72200 is shown in table below:

Figure 6 Slave Address Byte Example

Clock Stretching

In general, the clock signal generation for the I^2C bus is the responsibility of the master device. I^2C specification allows slow slave devices to alter the clock signal by holding down the clock line. The process in which a slave device holds down the clock line is typically called clock stretching. The AP72200 does not use any form of clock stretching to hold down the clock line.

General Call Address

The AP72200 does not implement the I²C specification called general call address. If the AP72200 sees a general call address (00000000b), it does not issue an ACKNOWLEDGE.

Communication Speed

The AP72200 provides ¹²C 3.0-compatible serial interface.

- \bullet ²C revision 3-compatible serial communications channel
	- 0Hz to 100kHz (Standard-mode)
	- 0Hz to 400kHz (Fast-mode)
	- 0Hz to 1MHz (Fast-mode Plus)
	- 0Hz to 3.4MHz (High-Speed mode)
	- Does not utilize I²C clock stretching

Operating in Standard-mode, Fast-mode, or Fast-mode Plus does not require any special protocols. The main consideration when changing the bus speed through this range is the combination of the bus capacitance and pull-up resistors. Higher time constants created by the bus capacitance and pull-up resistance $(C \times R)$ slow the bus operation. Therefore, when increasing bus speeds, the pull-up resistance must be decreased to maintain a reasonable time constant. Refer to the Pull-up Resistor Sizing section of I²C revision 3.0 specification for detailed guidance on the pull-up resistor selection. In general, for bus capacitances of 200pF, a 100kHz bus needs pull-up resistors of 5.6kΩ, a 400kHz bus needs about a 1.5kΩ pull-up resistors, and a 1MHz bus needs 680Ω pull-up resistors. Note that the pull-up resistor is dissipating power when the open-drain bus is low. Lower values of the pull-up resistors result in higher power dissipation (V²/R).

Operating in High-Speed (HS) mode requires some special considerations. For the full list of considerations, refer to the I2C 3.0 specification. The major considerations with respect to the AP72200 are:

- The I^2C bus master uses current source pull-ups to shorten the signal rise times.
- The I^2C slave must use a different set of input filters on its SDA and SCL lines to accommodate for the higher bus speed.
- The communication protocols need to utilize the High-Speed master code.

At power-up or after each STOP condition, the AP72200 inputs filters are set for Standard-mode, Fast-mode, or Fast-mode Plus (i.e. 0Hz to 1MHz). Use the High-Speed master code protocols that are described in Communication Protocols section to switch the input filters for High-Speed mode.

Communication Protocols

The AP72200 supports both writing and reading from its registers. The following sections show the $I²C$ communication protocols.

Writing to a Single Register

Figure 7 below shows the protocol for I²C master device to write one byte of data to the AP72200 the write byte protocol is as follows:

- 1. The master sends a START condition.
- 2. The master sends the 7-bit slave address followed by a write bit $(R/nW = 0)$.
- 3. The addressed slave sends an ACK bit by pulling SDA low.
- 4. The master sends an 8-bit register pointer.
- 5. The slave acknowledges the register pointer.
- 6. The master sends a data byte.
- 7. The slave acknowledges the data byte.
- 8. The next falling edge of SCL loads the data byte into its target register and the data becomes active.
- 9. The master sends a STOP condition or a REPEATED START condition.

Figure 7 Writing to a Single Register with Write Byte Protocol

Writing to a Sequential Register

Figure 8 below shows the protocol for writing to sequential registers. This protocol is similar to the write byte protocol, except the master continues to write additional data after is receives an ACK from the slave that it successfully received the previous data byte. The slave's register pointer will auto-increment by one after each byte received. When the master is done writing, it issues a STOP or REPEATED START. The writing to sequential registers protocol is as follows:

- 1. The master sends a START condition.
- 2. The master sends the 7-bit slave address followed by a write bit $(R/nW = 0)$.
- 3. The addressed slave sends an ACK bit by pulling SDA low.
- 4. The master sends an 8-bit register pointer.
- 5. The slave acknowledges the register pointer.
- 6. The master sends a data byte.
- 7. The slave acknowledges the data byte.
- 8. The next falling edge on SCL loads the data byte into its target register and the data becomes active.
- 9. Steps 6 to 8 are repeated as many times as the master requires.
- 10. The master sends a STOP condition or a REPEATED START condition.

Figure 8 Writing to Sequential Registers X to N

Reading from a Single Register

The I²C master device reads one byte of data from AP72200. The read byte protocol is as follows:

- The master sends a START condition.
- 2. The master sends the 7-bit slave address followed by a write bit $(R/nW = 0)$.
- 3. The addressed slave sends an ACK bit by pulling SDA low.
- 4. The master sends an 8-bit register pointer.
- 5. The slave acknowledges the register pointer.
- 6. The master sends a REPEATED START condition.
- 7. The master sends the 7-bit slave address followed by a read bit $(R/nW = 1)$.
- 8. The addressed slave sends an ACK bit by pulling SDA low.
- 9. The addressed slave places 8 bits of data on the bus from the register specified by the register pointer.
- 10. The master issues a nACK.
- 11. The master sends a STOP condition or a REPEATED START condition.

Figure 9 Reading from a Single Register X

Reading from a Sequential Register

Figure 9 below shows the protocol for reading from sequential registers. This protocol is similar to the read byte protocol except the master issues an ACK to signal the slave that it wants more data. The slave's register pointer will auto-increment by one after each byte sent. When the master has all the data it requires, it issues a nACK and a STOP to end the transmission. The continuous read from sequential registers protocol is as follows:

- 1. The master sends a START condition.
- 2. The master sends the 7-bit slave address followed by a write bit $(R/nW = 0)$.
- 3. The addressed slave sends an ACK bit pulling SDA low.
- 4. The master sends an 8-bit register pointer.
- 5. The slave acknowledges the register pointer.
- 6. The master sends a REPEATED START condition.
- 7. The master sends the 7-bit slave address followed by a read bit $(R/nW = 1)$.
- 8. The addressed slave sends an ACK bit by pulling SDA low.
- 9. The addressed slave places 8-bits of data on the bus from the register specified by the register pointer.
- 10. The master issues an ACK signaling the slave that it wishes to receive more data.
- 11. Steps 9 to 10 are repeated as many times as the master requires.
- 12. Following the last byte of data, the master must issue a nACK to signal that it wishes to stop receiving data.
- 13. The master sends a STOP condition or a REPEATED START condition.

Engaging HS Mode for Operation Up to 3.4MHz

Figure 10 below shows the protocol for engaging HS mode operation. HS mode operation allows for a bus operating speed of up to 3.4MHz. The protocol to engage HS mode is as follows:

- 1. Begin the protocol while operating at a bus speed of 1MHz or lower.
- 2. The master sends a START condition.
- 3. The master sends the 8-bit master code of 00001xxxb where xxxb are don't care bits.
- 4. The master code is not acknowledged.
- 4. The master switches to High-Speed communication and can now increase its bus speed up to 3.4MHZ.
- 5. The master sends a REPEATED START condition.
- 6. The master issues any read/write operation in the known manner.

The master may continue to issue High-Speed read/write operations until a STOP is issued. Issuing a STOP ensures that the bus input filters are set for 1MHz or slower operation. Repeat steps 1 to 6 in the above algorithm to re-enter HS mode after a STOP has been issued.

Figure 11 Engaging HS Mode

Registers

Register reset conditions – Registers are reset when VIN = low or EN=low.

Register map - I²C Slave Address (W/R): 0x86/0x87 (default)

Device ID Register

Status Register

The status register BIT are reset automatically upon fault removal.

Configuration Register 1

Configuration Register 2

Output Voltage Setting Register

PCB Layout

The AP72200 works at 2A load current, heat dissipation is a major concern in layout the PCB. A 2oz Copper in both top and bottom layer is recommended. Correct PCB layout is critical for proper operation of the AP72200. The following are some general guidelines for the recommended layout:

- 1. The input and output capacitors should be positioned directly across PVIN-PGND and VOUT-PGND as close to the IC as possible to ensure noise free operation.
- 2. The ground connections of the input and output capacitors should be kept as short as possible. The objective is to minimize the current loop between the ground pads of the input and output capacitors and the PGND pins of the IC. Use via, if required, to take advantage of a PCB ground layer underneath the regulator.
- 3. The analog ground pin (GND) should be connected to a large/low-noise ground plane on the top or an intermediate layer of the PCB, away from the switching current path of PGND. This ensures a low noise signal ground reference.
- 4. Fill the 2ND layer with PGND. Single point connects the GND to 2ND layer PGND.
- 5. Minimize the trace lengths on the feedback loop to avoid switching noise pick-up. Via should be avoided on the feedback loop to minimize the effect of board parasitic, particularly during load transients.
- 6. The SW1 and SW2 traces should be short.
- 7. See figure 11 below for more detail of the recommended layout.

Figure 12 Recommended Layout Design

Ordering Information (Note 9)

Note: 9. For packaging details, go to our website at <https://www.diodes.com/design/support/packaging/diodes-packaging/>

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