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TPS281C30x, 60-V Tolerant, 30-mΩ, Single-Channel Smart High-Side Switch

1 Features

- Wide operating voltage range: 6 V to 36 V
- 64-V DC tolerance when disabled
- Low R_{ON}: 30-mΩ typ, 55-mΩ max
- Improve system level reliability through adjustable [current limiting](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLVA859)
	- Version A: 1 A to 5 A (fixed 0.5 A)
	- $-$ Version B: 2 A to 10 A (fixed 0.5 A)
- Accurate current sensing
	- \pm 4% at 1 A in standard sense mode
	- ±12.5% at 6 mA in high accuracy sense mode
- Integrated inductive discharge clamp > 65 V
- Low standby current of < 0.5 µA
- Low quiescent current (\lg) of < 1.5 mA
- [Functional safety capable](https://www.ti.com/technologies/functional-safety/overview.html)
- Operating junction temperature: –40 to 125°C
- Input control: 1.8-V, 3.3-V, and 5-V logic compatible
- Integrated fault sense voltage scaling for ADC protection
- Open-load detection in off-state
- Thermal shutdown and swing detection
- 14-pin thermally-enhanced TSSOP package
- 20-pin thermally-enhanced QFN package

2 Applications

- [Digital output module](https://www.ti.com/solution/digital-output-module)
- [Safe torque off \(STO\)](https://www.ti.com/solution/servo-drive-power-stage-module?variantid=23997&subsystemid=28339)
- [Holding brake](https://www.ti.com/solution/servo-drive-power-stage-module?variantid=23997&subsystemid=28337)
- [General resistive, inductive, and capacitive loads](https://www.ti.com/lit/an/slvae30e/slvae30e.pdf?ts=1622208485622)

3 Description

TPS281C30x is a single channel smart high-side switch designed to meet the requirements of industrial control systems. The low R_{ON} (30 mΩ) minimizes device power dissipation, driving a wide range of output load current up to 6-A DC and the 64-V DC tolerance improves system robustness.

The device integrates protection features such as thermal shut down, output clamp, and current limit. These features improve system robustness during fault events such as short circuit. TPS281C30x implements an adjustable current limiting circuit that improves the reliability of the system by reducing inrush current when driving large capacitive loads and minimizing overload current. In order to drive high inrush current loads such as lamps or fast charging capacitive loads, TPS281C30x implements an inrush current time period with a higher level of allowed current. The device also provides an accurate load current sense that allows for improved load diagnostics such as overload and open-load detection enabling better predictive maintenance.

TPS281C30x is available in a small 14-pin, 4.4-mm × 5-mm HTSSOP leaded package with 0.65-mm pin pitch and 20-pin, 5-mm \times 5-mm QFN with 0.65-mm pin pitch minimizing the PCB footprint.

Device Information

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

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5 Device Comparison Table

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(1) Device variant and PWP package are device previews. Contact TI for additional information.

6 Pin Configuration and Functions

Figure 6-2. RGW Package, 20-Pin QFN (Top View)

Recommended Connection for Unused Pins

TPS281C30x is designed to provide an enhanced set of diagnostic and protection features. However, if the system design only allows for a limited number of I/O connections, some pins may be considered as optional.

Table 6-2. Connections for Optional Pins

7 Specifications

7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) (1)

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute maximum rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

7.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(3) Tested with application circuit and supply voltage (VS) of 24-V, ENx pins High (Output Enabled) and and EN pins Low (Outputs Disabled)

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) [\(1\)](#page-5-0)

7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions (continued)

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) (1)

(1) All operating voltage conditions are measured with respect to device GND

(2) Device will function within extended operating range, however some parametric values might not apply

7.4 Thermal Information

7.5 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the SPRA953 application report.

(2) The thermal parameters are based on a 4-layer PCB according to the JESD51-5 and JESD51-7 standards.

7.6 Electrical Characteristics

V_S = 6 V to 36 V, T」 = -40°C to 125°C (unless otherwise noted)

(1) The maximum current output under overload condition before current limit regulation

7.7 SNS Timing Characteristics

V $_{\rm S}$ = 6 V to 36 V, T $_{\rm J}$ = -40°C to 125°C(unless otherwise noted)

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7.7 SNS Timing Characteristics (continued)

V_S = 6 V to 36 V, T $_{\textrm{\scriptsize{J}}}$ = -40°C to 125°C(unless otherwise noted)

7.8 Switching Characteristics

 V_S = 6 V to 36 V, T_J = -40°C to +125°C (unless otherwise noted), C_{OUT} = 22nF

| Parameter | | Test Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|---|--|-------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| t_{DR} | Turnon delay time (from standby) | V_S = 24 V, R ₁ = 48 Ω 50% of EN to 10% of VOUT | | 35 | 55 | μs |
| t_{DR} | Turnon delay time (from delay or diagnostic) | V_S = 24 V, R ₁ = 48 Ω 50% of EN to 10% of VOUT | | 25 | 45 | μs |
| t_{DF} | Turnoff delay time | V_S = 24 V, R ₁ = 48 Ω 50% of EN to 90% of VOUT | 20 | 35 | 45 | μs |
| SR_R | VOUT rising slew rate | V_S = 24 V, 20% to 80% of V_{OUT} , $R_1 = 48 \Omega$ | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.95 | $V/\mu s$ |
| SR_F | VOUT falling slew rate | V_S = 24 V, 80% to 20% of V_{OUT} , $R_L = 48 \Omega$ | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | $V/\mu s$ |
| f_{max} | Maximum PWM frequency | | | | $\mathbf{1}$ | kHz |
| t_{ON} | Turnon time | V_S = 24 V, R _L = 48 Ω 50% of EN to 90% of VOUT | | 65 | 75 | μs |
| t_{OFF} | Turnoff time | V_S = 24 V, R _L = 48 Ω 50% of EN to 10% of VOUT | | 60 | 70 | μs |
| t_{ON} - t_{OFF} | Turnon and off matching | 1ms ON time switch enable pulse Vs = 24 V, R _I = 48 Ω | -25 | | 45 | μs |
| t_{ON_pw} | Minimum VOUT ON pulse width | 100-us ON time switch enable pulse, VOUT @90% of VS, $V_S = 24$ V, R _L = 48 Ω, F = f _{max} | 40 | | 70 | μs |
| ιΔ _{ΡWM} | PWM accuracy - average load current | 200-us enable pulse, $V_S = 24$ V, R _L = 48 Ω $F = f_{max}$ | -15 | | 15 | % |
| E _{ON} | Switching energy losses during turnon | V_S = 24 V, R _L = 8 Ω , 1 ms pulse, VOUT from 10% to 90% of VS voltage | | 0.5 | | mJ |
| E_{OFF} | Switching energy losses during turnoff | V_S = 24 V, R ₁ = 8 Ω , 1 ms pulse, VOUT from 10% to 90% of VS voltage | | 0.25 | | mJ |

7.9 Typical Characteristics

7.9 Typical Characteristics (continued)

7.9 Typical Characteristics (continued)

8 Parameter Measurement Information

Figure 8-1. Parameter Definitions

Rise and fall time of V_{EN} is 100 ns.

Figure 8-2. Switching Characteristics Definitions

Rise and fall times of control signals are 100 ns. Control signals include: EN, DIA_EN.

9 Detailed Description

9.1 Overview

The TPS281C30 is a single-channel, fully-protected, high-side power switch with an integrated NMOS power FET and charge pump rated to 60V DC tolerance. Full diagnostics and high-accuracy current-sense features enable intelligent control of the load. Low logic high threshold, V_{IH} , of 1.5V on the input pins allow use of MCU's down to 1.8V. A programmable current-limit function greatly improves the reliability of the whole system. The device diagnostic reporting has two pins to support both digital status and analog current-sense output, both of which can be set to the high-impedance state when diagnostics are disabled, for multiplexing the MCU analog or digital interface among devices.

The digital status report is implemented with an open-drain structure on the fault pin. When a fault condition occurs, the pin is pulled down to GND. An external pullup is required to match the microcontroller supply level. High-accuracy current sensing allows a better real-time monitoring effect and more-accurate diagnostics without further calibration. A current mirror is used to source $1 / K_{SNS}$ of the load current, which is reflected as voltage on the SNS pin. K_{SNS} is a constant value across temperature and supply voltage. The SNS pin can also report a fault by forcing a voltage of V_{SNSFH} that scales with the diagnostic enable voltage so that the max voltage seen by the system's ADC is within an acceptable value. This removes the need for an external zener diode or resistor divider on the SNS pin.

The external high-accuracy current limit allows setting the current limit value by application. It highly improves the reliability of the system by clamping the inrush current effectively under start-up or short-circuit conditions. Also, it can save system costs by reducing PCB trace, connector size, and the preceding power-stage capacity. An internal current limit can also be implemented in this device. The lower value of the external or internal current-limit value is applied.

An active drain to source voltage clamp is built in to address switching off the energy of inductive loads, such as relays, solenoids, pumps, motors, and so forth. During the inductive switching-off cycle, both the energy of the power supply (E_{BAT}) and the load ($E_{I OAD}$) are dissipated on the high-side power switch itself. With the benefits of process technology and excellent IC layout, the TPS281C30x device can achieve excellent energy dissipation capacity, which can help save the external free-wheeling circuitry in most cases.

The TPS281C30x device can be used as a high-side power switch for a wide variety of resistive, inductive, and capacitive loads, including the low-wattage bulbs, LEDs, relays, solenoids, and heaters.

9.2 Functional Block Diagram

9.3 Device Functional Modes

9.3.1 Working Mode

The four working modes in the device are normal mode, normal mode with diagnostics, standby mode, and standby mode with diagnostics. If an off-state power saving is required in the system, the standby current is less than 500 nA with EN and DIAG EN low. If an off-state diagnostic is required in the system, the typical standby current is around 0.5 mA with DIAG EN high. Note that to enter standby mode requires IN low and t > t_{STBY}. t_{STBY} is the standby-mode deglitch time, which is used to avoid false triggering or interfere with PWM switching.

Figure 9-1. Work-Mode State Machine

9.4 Feature Description

9.4.1 Accurate Current Sense

The current-sense function is internally implemented, which allows a better real-time monitoring effect and more-accurate diagnostics without further calibration. A current mirror is used to source 1 / $K_{\rm SNS}$ of the load current, flowing out to the external resistor between the SNS pin and GND, and reflected as voltage on the SNS pin.

 K_{SNS} is the ratio of the output current and the sense current. The accuracy values of K_{SNS} quoted in the electrical characteristics do take into consideration temperature and supply voltage. Each device was internally calibrated while in production, so post-calibration by users is not required in most cases.

The maximum voltage out on the SNS pin is clamped to V_{SNSFH} which is the fault voltage level. In order to make sure that this voltage is not higher than the system can tolerate, TI has correlated the voltage coming in on the DIAG_EN pin with the maximum voltage out on the SNS pin. If DIAG_EN is between V_{H} and 3.3 V, the maximum output on the SNS pin will be ~3.3 V. However, if the voltage at DIAG_EN is above 3.3 V, then the fault SNS voltage, V_{SNSFH} , will track that voltage up to 5 V. This is done because the GPIO voltage output that is powering the diagnostics through DIAG_EN, will be close to the maximum acceptable ADC voltage within the same microcontroller. Therefore, the sense resistor value, R_{SNS}, can be chosen to maximize the range of currents needed to be measured by the system. The R_{SNS} value should be chosen based on application need. The maximum usable R_{SNS} value is bounded by the ADC minimum acceptable voltage, $V_{ADC,min}$, for the smallest load current needed to be measured by the system, $I_{\text{LOAD,min}}$. The minimum acceptable R_{SNS} value has to ensure the V_{SNS} voltage is below the V_{SNSFH} value so that the system can determine faults. This difference between the maximum readable current through the SNS pin, $I_{LOAD,max} \times R_{SNS}$, and the V_{SNSFH} is called the headroom voltage, V_{HR}. The headroom voltage is determined by the system but is important so that there is a difference between the maximum readable current and a fault condition. Therefore, the minimum RSNS value has to be the V_{SNSFH} minus the V_{HR} times the sense current ratio, K_{SNS} divided by the maximum load current the system needs to measure, $I_{\text{LOAD,max}}$. This boundary equation can be seen in Equation 1.

Figure 9-2. Voltage Indication on the Current-Sense Pin

The maximum current the system wants to read, $I_{\mathsf{LOAD},\mathsf{max}}$, needs to be below the current limit threshold because once the current limit threshold is tripped the V_{SNS} value will go to V_{SNSFH} . Additionally, currents being measured should be below 7 A to ensure that the current sense output is not saturated.

Figure 9-3. Current-Sense and Current-Limit Block Diagram

Since this scheme adapts based on the voltage coming in from the MCU. There is no need to have a zener diode on the SNS pin to protect from high voltages.

9.4.1.1 High Accuracy Sense Mode

In some applications, having accurate current sensing at lower load currents can be critical to distinguish between a real load and a fault scenario such as an open load condition(Wire-Break). To address this challenge, TPS281C30x implements a high accuracy sense mode that enables customers to achieve ±30% @6mA load. This mode will be activated when diagnostics are enabled(DIAG_EN=HI), OL_ON = HI and I_{Load} <I $_{Kens2-EN}$. To achieve this high accuracy , the device increases its main path resistance to improve its sense accuracy while high accuracy sensing is active. TI recommends users to disable this accuracy sense mode by setting OL_ON=LO if the load starts to increase beyond 40mA. This will proactively prevent any higher power dissipation states.

In other scenarios such as a sudden load step where the system might not be fast enough to react to the change in SNS output current. For this case, in order to prevent a high-power dissipation state given by the increased resistance. TPS281C30x senses the load flowing through the VS-VOUT path to remain < $I_{Ksns2-DIS}$. If the load increases beyond $I_{KSNS2-DIS}$ the FET resistance will revert back to its lowest resistance and high accuracy sense mode will be disabled. This will result in nFAULT being asserted to signal that high accuracy sense mode has been disabled. This will ensure the lowest power dissipation when higher loads are being driven. In addition to this, the user can PWM the OL_ON pin to disable the high resistance mode and minimize power losses further.

However, even if accuracy is achieved by the device; Depending on the current sense ratio, system ADCs can struggle to measure lower load currents accurately due to the low voltages that would need to be read by the ADC. As an example, a 6mA I_{load} will be represented as ~5mV using RSNS=1kOhm with a current sense ratio of 1200. For a 10-bit 5V-ADC the 5mV output is just over 1LSB(4.88mV). This does not provide enough margin to accurately measure this current for the ADC and likely a higher resolution would need to be used.

Therefore, in order to enable lower ADC resolution requirements and to accurately sense low load currents when operating in high accuracy sense mode, TPS281C30x decreases its current sense ratio to 24. With a sense ratio of 24, the 6mA I_{Load} will be represented as 250mV using RSNS=1kOhm when operating in high accuracy sense mode. This equals to 51LSBs of margin for the same 10-bit ADC or even for an 8-bit ADC the output would still provide >12LSBs of headroom.

Table 9-1. Current Sensing Operation Modes

[Full Protection and Diagnostics](#page-32-0) for full device states.

Figure 9-4. High Accuracy Sensing FAULT Indication

9.4.2 Programmable Current Limit

A high-accuracy current limit allows higher reliability, which protects the power supply during short circuit or power up. Also, it can save system costs by reducing PCB traces, connector size, and the capacity of the preceding power stage.

Current limit offers protection from overstressing to the load and integrated power FET. Current limit holds the current at the set value, and pulls up the SNS pin to V_{SNSFH} and asserts the $\overline{\mathsf{FAULT}}$ pin as diagnostic reports. The two current-limit thresholds are:

External programmable current limit -- An external resistor, R_{ILIM} is used to set the channel current limit. When the current through the device exceeds I_{CL} (current limit threshold), a closed loop steps in immediately. V_{GS} voltage regulates accordingly, leading to the V_{DS} voltage regulation. When the closed loop is set up, the current is clamped at the set value. The external programmable current limit provides the capability to set the current-limit value by application.

Additionally this value can be dynamically changed by changing the resistance on the ILIM pin. This can be seen in the [Applications Section](#page-39-0)

Internal current limit: I_{LIM} pin open or pin shorted to ground $-$ If the external current limit is out of range on the lower end or the I_{LIM} pin is shorted to ground, the internal current limit is fixed and typically 0.5A. This works as a safety power limitting mechanicsm during failures with shorts or open connections with PCB

Overstress.

Both the internal current limit ($I_{lim,nom}$) and external programmable current limit are always active when V_S is powered and EN is high. The lower value one (of I_{LIM} and the external programmable current limit) is applied as the actual current limit. The typical deglitch time for the current limit to assert is 2.5µs.

Note that if a GND network is used (which leads to the level shift between the device GND and board GND), the ILIM pin must be connected with device GND. Calculate R_{LIM} with Equation 2.

$$
R_{ILIM} = K_{CL} / I_{CL}
$$
 (2)

For better protection from a hard short-to-GND condition (when V_S and input are high and a short to GND happens suddenly), an open-loop fast-response behavior is set to turn off the channel, before the current-limit closed loop is set up. With this fast response, the device can achieve better inrush-suppression performance.

9.4.2.1 Short-Circuit and Overload Protection

TPS281C30 provides output short-circuit protection to ensure that the device will prevent current flow in the event of a low impedance path to GND, removing the risk of damage or significant supply droop. The device is guaranteed to protect against short-circuit events regardless of the state of the ILIM pins and with up to 36-V supply at 125°C.

On-State Short-Circuit Behavior shows the behavior of TPS281C30x when a short-circuit occurs and the device is in the on-state and already outputting current. When the internal pass FET is fully enabled, the current clamping settling time is slower so to ensure overshoot is limited, the device implements a fast trip level at a level I_{OVCR} . When this fast trip threshold is hit, the device immediately shuts off for a short period of time before quickly re-enabling and clamping the current to I_{CL} level after a brief transient overshoot to the higher peak current ($I_{CL|ENPS}$) level. The device will then keep the current clamped at the regulation current limit until the thermal shutdown temperature is hit and the device will safely shut-off.

Figure 9-5. On-State Short-Circuit Behavior

Overload Behavior shows the behavior of the TPS281C30x when there is a small change in impedance that sends the load current above the I_{CL} threshold. The current rises to $I_{CL-LINPK}$ above the regulation level. Then the current limit regulation loop kicks in and the current drops to the I_{CL} value.

Figure 9-6. Overload Behavior

In all of these cases, the internal thermal shutdown is safe to hit repetitively. There is no device risk or lifetime reliability concerns from repeatedly hitting this thermal shutdown level.

9.4.2.2 Capacitive Charging

Capacitive Charging Circuit shows the typical set up for a capacitive load application and the internal blocks that function when the device is used. Note that all capacitive loads will have an associated "load" in parallel with the capacitor that is described as a resistive load but in reality it can be inductive or resistive.

Figure 9-7. Capacitive Charging Circuit

The first thing to check is that the nominal DC current, I_{NOM} , is acceptable for the TPS281C30 device. This can easily be done by taking the R_{BJA} from the [Thermal Section](#page-44-0) and multiplying the RON of the TPS281C30 and the INOM with it, add the ambient temperature and if that value is below the thermal shutdown value the device can operate with that load current. For an example of this calculation see the [Applications Section](#page-39-0).

The second key care about for this application is to make sure that the capacitive load can be charged up completely without the device hitting thermal shutdown. This is because if the device hits thermal shutdown during the charging, the resistive nature of the load in parallel with the capacitor will start to discharge the capacitor over the duration the TPS281C30x is off. Note that there are some application with high enough load impedance that the TPS281C30 hitting thermal shutdown and trying again is acceptable; however, for the majority of applications the system should be designed so that the TPS281C30x does not hit thermal shutdown while charging the capacitor.

With the current clamping feature of the TPS281C30x, capacitors can be charged up at a lower inrush current than other high current limit switches. This lower inrush current means that the capacitor will take a little longer to charge all the way up. However, to minimize this longer charge time during startup, TPS281C30 implements an inrush current handling feature described in figure 9-5. When the EN pin goes high to turn on the high side switch, the device will default its current limit threshold to I_{LIM} STARTUP for a duration of I_{LIM} STARTUP DELAY. During

this delay period, a capacitive load can be charged at a higher rate than what typical I_{CL} would allow and FAULT will be masked to prevent unwanted Fault triggers. After ILIM STARTUP DELAY, the current limit will default back to I_{CL} and Fault will work normally.

Figure 9-8. Inrush Current Handling

The initial inrush current period when the current limit is higher enables two different system advantages when driving loads:

- Enables higher load current to be supported for a period of time of the order of milliseconds to drive high inrush current loads like incandescent bulb loads.
- Enables fast capacitive load charging. In some situations, it is ideal to charge capacitive loads at a higher current than the DC current to ensure quick supply bring up. This architecture allows a module to quickly

charge a capacitive load using the initial higher inrush current limit and then use a lower current limit to reliably protect the module under overload or short circuit conditions.

Figure 9-9. Auto-retry behavior before ILIM_STARTUP_DELAY

Figure 9-10. Auto-retry behavior after ILIM_STARTUP_DELAY

While in current limiting mode, at any level, the device will have a high power dissipation. If the FET temperature exceeds the over-temperature shutdown threshold, the device will turn off just the channel that is overloaded. After cooling down, the device will re-try. If the device is turning off prematurely on start-up, it is recommended to improve the PCB thermal layout, lower the current limit to lower power dissipation, or decrease the inrush current (capacitive loading). t limit to lower power dissipation, or decrease the inrush current (capacitive loading).

For more information about capacitive charging with high side switches see the [How to drive Capacitive loads](https://www.ti.com/lit/an/slvae30e/slvae30e.pdf) application note. This application note has information about the thermal modeling available along with quick ways to estimate if a high side switch will be able to charge a capacitor to a given voltage.

9.4.3 Inductive-Load Switching-Off Clamp

When an inductive load is switching off, the output voltage is pulled down to negative, due to the inductance characteristics. The power FET may break down if the voltage is not clamped during the current-decay period. To protect the power FET in this situation, internally clamp the drain-to-source voltage, namely $V_{DS,clamp}$, the clamp diode between the drain and gate.

$$
V_{DS,Clamp} = V_S - V_{OUT} \tag{3}
$$

During the current-decay period (T_{DECAY}), the power FET is turned on for inductance-energy dissipation. Both the energy of the power supply (E_S) and the load (E_{LOAD}) are dissipated on the high-side power switch itself, which is called E_{HSD} . If resistance is in series with inductance, some of the load energy is dissipated in the resistance.

$$
E_{\text{HSD}} = E_{\text{S}} + E_{\text{LOAD}} = E_{\text{S}} + E_{\text{L}} - E_{\text{R}}
$$
\n
$$
(4)
$$

From the high-side power switch's view, E_{HSD} equals the integration value during the current-decay period.

$$
E_{\text{HSD}} = \int_{0}^{T_{\text{DECAY}}} V_{\text{DS,clamp}} \times I_{\text{OUT}}(t) dt
$$
\n(5)

$$
T_{DECAY} = \frac{L}{R} \times \ln\left(\frac{R \times I_{OUT(MAX)} + |V_{OUT}|}{|V_{OUT}|}\right)
$$
(6)

$$
E_{HSD} = L \times \frac{V_{BAT} + |V_{OUT}|}{R^2} \times \left[R \times I_{OUT(MAX)} - |V_{OUT}| ln \left(\frac{R \times I_{OUT(MAX)} + |V_{OUT}|}{|V_{OUT}|} \right) \right]
$$
(7)

When R approximately equals 0, E_{HSD} can be given simply as:

$$
E_{HSD} = \frac{1}{2} \times L \times I^2_{OUT(MAX)} \frac{V_{BAT} + |V_{OUT}|}{R^2}
$$
 (8)

Figure 9-11. Driving Inductive Load

Figure 9-12. Inductive-Load Switching-Off Diagram

As discussed previously, when switching off, battery energy and load energy are dissipated on the high-side power switch, which leads to the large thermal variation. For each high-side power switch, the upper limit of the maximum safe power dissipation depends on the device intrinsic capacity, ambient temperature, and board dissipation condition. TI provides the upper limit of single-pulse energy that devices can tolerate under the test condition: $V_S = 24$ V, inductance from 0.1 mH to 400 mH, R = 0 Ω , FR4 2s2p board, 2- × 70-µm copper, 2- × 35-μm copper, thermal pad copper area 600 mm².

9.4.4 Inductive Load Demagnetization

When switching off an inductive load, the inductor can impose a negative voltage on the output of the switch. The TPS281C30 includes voltage clamps between VS and VOUT to limit the voltage across the FETs and demagnetize load inductance if there is any. The negative voltage applied at the OUT pin drives the discharge of inductor current. [Figure 10-14](#page-30-0) shows the device discharging a 400-mH load.

Figure 9-13. TPS281C30 Inductive Discharge (400 mH)

The maximum acceptable load inductance is a function of the energy dissipated in the device and therefore the load current and the inductive load. The maximum energy and the load inductance the device can withstand for one pulse inductive dissipation at 125°C is shown in [Figure 10-15.](#page-29-0) The device can withstand 50% of this energy for one million inductive repetitive pulses with a >4-Hz repetitive pulse. If the application parameters exceed this device limit, use a protection device like a freewheeling diode to dissipate the energy stored in the inductor.

9.4.5 Full Protections and Diagnostics

[Current Sensing](#page-20-0) is active when DIAG_EN enabled. When DIAG_EN is low, current sense is disabled. The SNS output is in high-impedance mode.

Table 9-2. DIAG_EN Logic Table

Table 9-3. Status Table (DIAG_EN=HIGH)

9.4.5.1 Open-Load Detection

On-State Open Load Detection

When the main channel is enabled faults are diagnosed by reading the voltage on the SNS or FLT pin and judged by the user. A benefit of high-accuracy current sense is that this device can achieve a very low open-load detection threshold, which correspondingly expands the normal operation region. As explained in section [high](#page-22-0) [accuracy sense mode,](#page-22-0) this mode can be used to sense 6mA currents accurately.

Off-State Open Load Detection

In the off state, if a load is connected, the output voltage is pulled to 0V. In the case of an open load, the output voltage is close to the supply voltage, $V_S - V_{OUT} < V_{ol, off}$. The FLT pin goes low to indicate the fault to the MCU, and the SNS pin is pulled up to I_{SNSFH}. There is always a leakage current I_{ol, off} present on the output, due to the internal logic control path or external humidity, corrosion, and so forth. Thus, TI implimented an internal pullup resistor to offset the leakage current. This pullup current should be less than the output load current to avoid false detection in the normal operation mode. To reduce the standby current, TI implimented a switch in series with the pullup resistor controlled by the DIAG_EN pin. The pull up resistor value is 150 kΩ.

Figure 9-15. Off-State Open-Load Detection Circuit

9.4.5.2 Thermal Protection Behavior

The thermal protection behavior can be split up into 2 categories of events that can happen. [Thermal behavior](#page-34-0) shows each of these categories.

- 1. **Relative thermal shutdown**: The device is enabled into an over current event. The DIAG_EN pin is high so that diagnostics can be monitored on SNS and FLT. The output current rises up to the I_{ILIM} level and the FLT goes low while the SNS goes to V_{SNSFH} . With this large amount of current going through the junction temperature of the FET increases rapidly with respect to the controller temperature. When the power FET temperature rises T_{REL} amount above the controller junction temperature $\Delta T = T_{FET} - T_{CON} > T_{REL}$, the device shuts down. The faults are continually shown on SNS and FLT and the part waits for the tRETRY timer to expire. When t_{RETRY} timer expires, since EN is still high, the device will come back on into this $I_{I\sqcup M}$ condition.
- 2. **Absolute thermal shutdown**: In this case, the ambient temperature is now much higher than previous. The device is still enabled in an over current event with DIAG_EN high. However, in this case the junction temperature rises up and hits an absolute reference temperature, TABS, and then shuts down. The device will not recover until both T $_{\textrm{J}}$ < T_{ABS} – T_{hys} and the t_{RETRY} timer has expired.

9.4.5.3 Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) Protection

The device monitors the supply voltage V_S to prevent unpredicted behaviors in the event that the supply voltage is too low. When the supply voltage falls down to V_{UVLOF} , the output stage is shut down automatically. When the supply rises up to V_{UVLOR} , the device turns on. If an overcurrent event trips the UVLO threshold, the device will shut off and come back on into a current limit safely.

9.4.5.4 Overvoltage (OVP) Protection

The device monitors the supply voltage V_S to prevent unpredicted behaviors in the event that the supply voltage is too high. When the supply increases beyond $V_{S,OVPR}$, the output stage is shut down automatically. When the supply falls below $V_{S,OVPF}$, the device turns on. If an overcurrent event trips the OVP threshold due to inductive load oscillations, the integrates a deglitcher to avoid immediate output shutoff due to short transients.

9.4.5.5 Reverse Polarity Protection

Method 1: Blocking diode connected with VBB. Both the device and load are protected when in reverse polarity. The blocking diode does not allow any of the current to flow during reverse battery condition.

Figure 9-17. Reverse Protection With Blocking Diode

Method 2 (GND network protection): Only the high-side device is protected under this connection. The load reverse loop is limited by the load itself. Note when reverse polarity happens, the continuous reverse current through the power FET should be less than I_{rev}. Of the three types of ground pin networks, TI strongly recommends type 3 (the resistor and diode in parallel). No matter what types of connection are between the device GND and the board GND, if a GND voltage shift happens, ensure the following proper connections for the normal operation:

- Leave the NC pin floating or connect to the device GND. TI recommends to leave floating.
- Connect the current limit programmable resistor to the device GND.

Figure 9-18. Reverse Protection With GND Network

• **Type 1 (resistor):** The higher resistor value contributes to a better current limit effect when the reverse battery or negative ISO pulses. However, it leads to higher GND shift during normal operation mode. Also, consider the resistor's power dissipation.

$$
R_{\text{GND}} \le \frac{V_{\text{GNDshift}}}{I_{\text{nom}}}
$$
 (9)

$$
R_{GND} \ge \frac{(-V_{CC})}{(-I_{GND})}
$$
\n(10)

where

- $-$ V_{GNDshift} is the maximum value for the GND shift, determined by the HSS and microcontroller. TI suggests a value ≤ 0.6 V.
- $-$ I_{nom} is the nominal operating current.
- $-V_{CC}$ is the maximum reverse voltage seen on the battery line.
- –IGND is the maximum reverse current the ground pin can withstand, which is available in the *[Absolute](#page-4-0) [Maximum Ratings](#page-4-0)*.

If multiple high-side power switches are used, the resistor can be shared among devices.

- **Type 2 (diode):** A diode is needed to block the reverse voltage, which also brings a ground shift (≈ 600 mV). However, an inductive load is not acceptable to avoid an abnormal status when switching off.
- **Type 3 (resistor and diode in parallel (recommended)):** A peak negative spike may occur when the inductive load is switching off, which may damage the HSD or the diode. So, TI recommends a resistor in parallel with the diode when driving an inductive load. The recommended selection are 1-kΩ resistor in parallel with an I_F > 100-mA diode. If multiple high-side switches are used, the resistor and diode can be shared among devices.

9.4.5.6 Protection for MCU I/Os

In many conditions, such as the negative surge pulse, or the loss of battery with an inductive load, a negative potential on the device GND pin may damage the MCU I/O pins [more likely, the internal circuitry connected to the pins]. Therefore, the serial resistors between MCU and HSS are required.

Also, for proper protection against loss of GND, TI recommends 10 kΩ resistance for the RPROT resistors.

Figure 9-19. MCU IO Protections

9.4.5.7 Diagnostic Enable Function

The diagnostic enable pin, DIAG_EN, offers multiplexing of the microcontroller diagnostic input for current sense or digital status, by sharing the same sense resistor and ADC line or I/O port among multiple devices.

In addition, this pin can be used to manage power dissipation by the device. During the ouput-on period, if no continious sense output diagnositcs are required, the diagnostic disable feature will lower the operating current. On the other hand, the output-off period, the diagnostic disable function lowers the current consumption for the standby condition.

Figure 9-20. Resistor sharing

9.4.5.8 Loss of Ground

The ground connection may be lost either on the device level or on the module level. If the ground connection is lost, the channel output will be disabled irrespective of the EN input level. If the switch was already disabled when the ground connection was lost, the outputs will remain disabled even when the channels are enabled. The steady state current from the output to the load that remains connected to the system ground is below the level specified in the *[Specifications](#page-4-0)* section of this document. When the ground is reconnected, normal operation will resume.

10 Application and Implementation

Note

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

10.1 Application Information

10.2 Typical Application

The Typical Application Circuit shows an example of how to design the external circuitry parameters.

Figure 10-1. Typical Application Circuit

10.2.1 Design Requirements

10.2.1.1 IEC 61000-4-5 Surge

The TPS281C30 is designed to survive against IEC 61000-4-5 surge using external TVS clamps. The device is rated to 64 V ensuring that external TVS diodes can clamp below the rated maximum voltage of the TPS281C30x. Above 64 V, the device includes VDS clamps to help shunt current and ensure that the device survives the transient pulses. Depending on the class of the output, TI recommends that the system has a SMBJ36A or SMCJ36A between VS and module GND.

10.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

10.2.2.1 Selecting RILIM

In this application, the TPS281C30A must allow for the maximum DC current with margin but minimize the energy in the switch and the load on the input supply during a fault condition by minimizing the current limit.

The nominal current limit should be set such that the worst case (lowest) current limit will be higher than the maximum load current (4 A). Since the lower limit is 10% below the typical value, for this application, the best I_{LIM} set point is approximately 5.5A. The below equation allows you to calculate the R_{ILIM} value that is placed from the I_{LIMx} pins to GND pin of the device. R_{ILIM} is calculated in kΩ.

$$
R_{ILIM} = K_{CL} / I_{CL}
$$
 (11)

The K_{CL} value in the *[Specifications](#page-4-0)* section is 50A/kΩ. So the calculated value of R_{ILIM} is 9.09 kΩ which can be found as a standard 1% resistor.

10.2.2.2 Selecting RSNS

Table 10-1 shows the requirements for the load current sense in this application. The K_{SNS} value is specified for the device and can be found in the *[Specifications](#page-4-0)* section.

Table 10-1. RSNS Calculation Parameters (continued)

The load current measurement up to 4.8 A ensures that even in the event of a overload but below the set current limit, the MCU can register and react by turning off the FET while the low level of 4 mA allows for accurate measurement of low load currents and enable the distinction open load faults from supported nominal load currents. For load currents < 50 mA, the customer can enable high accuracy sensing to change the sense ratio from KSNS1 to KSNS2. This prevents the requirement of a higher resolution ADC and it also increases sense accuracy. Go to [high accuracy sensing](#page-20-0) for more information.

The R_{SNS} resistor value should be selected such that the largest diagnosable load current puts the SNS pin voltage (V_{SNS}) at about 90% of the ADC full-scale. With this design, any ADC value above 80% of full scale (FS) can be considered a fault. Additionally, the R_{SNS} resistor value should ensure that the smallest diagnosable load current does not cause V_{SNS} to fall below at a least a few LSB of the ADC.

With the given example values, a 1.0-k Ω sense resistor satisfies both requirements.

| Sense Mode | OL ON | LOAD (A) | SENSE RATIO | I_{SNS} (mA) | $R_{\text{SNS}}(\Omega)$ | $V_{SNS} (V)$ | $%$ of 5-V ADC |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Standard Sensing | LO. | 4.8A | 1200 | 3.69 | 1000 | 3.69 | 73.8% |
| High Accuracy Sensing | HI | 0.004 | 24 | 0.166 | 1000 | 0.166 | 3.3% (~34 LSBs) |

Table 10-2. V_{SNS} Calculation

10.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPS281C30 device is designed to operate in a 24-V industrial system. The allowed supply voltage range (VS pin) is 6 V to 36 V as measured at the VS pin with respect to the GND pin of the device. In this range the device meets full parametric specifications as listed in the [Electrical Characteristics](#page-5-0) table. The device is also designed to withstand voltage transients beyond this range such as SELV supply failures.

It is recommended to place a 0.1uF capacitor at the Vs supply input to stabilize the input supply and filter out low frequency noise. The power supply must be able to withstand all transient load current steps. In cases where the power supply is slow to respond to a large transient current or large load current step, additional bulk capacitance can be required on the input.

10.4 Layout

10.4.1 Layout Guidelines

To prevent thermal shutdown, T $_{\textrm{J}}$ must be less than 125°C. If the output current is very high, the power dissipation may be large. The HTSSOP and QFN packages have good thermal impedance. However, the PCB layout is very important. Good PCB design can optimize heat transfer, which is absolutely essential for the long-term reliability of the device.

- Maximize the copper coverage on the PCB to increase the thermal conductivity of the board. The major heat-flow path from the package to the ambient is through the copper on the PCB. Maximum copper is extremely important when there are not any heat sinks attached to the PCB on the other side of the board opposite the package.
- Add as many thermal vias as possible directly under the package ground pad to optimize the thermal conductivity of the board.
- All thermal vias should either be plated shut or plugged and capped on both sides of the board to prevent solder voids. To ensure reliability and performance, the solder coverage should be at least 85%.

10.4.1.1 EMC Considerations

10.4.2 Layout Example

10.4.2.1 PWP Layout without a GND Network

Without a GND network, tie the thermal pad directly to the board GND copper for better thermal performance.

Figure 10-2. PWP Layout Without a GND Network

10.4.2.2 PWP Layout with a GND Network

With a GND network, tie the thermal pad with a single trace through the GND network to the board GND copper.

Figure 10-3. PWP Layout With a GND Network

10.4.2.3 RGW Layout with a GND Network

With a GND network, tie the thermal pad with a single trace through the GND network to the board GND copper.

Figure 10-4. RGW Layout With a GND Network

10.4.3 Thermal Considerations

This device possesses thermal shutdown (TABS) circuitry as a protection from overheating. For continuous normal operation, the junction temperature should not exceed the thermal-shutdown trip point. If the junction temperature exceeds the thermal-shutdown trip point, the output turns off. When the junction temperature falls below the thermal-shutdown trip point, the output turns on again.

Calculate the power dissipated by the device according to Equation 13.

$$
P_T = I_{OUT}^2 \times R_{DSON} + V_S \times I_{NOM}
$$
 (12)

where

• P_T = Total power dissipation of the device

After determining the power dissipated by the device, calculate the junction temperature from the ambient temperature and the device thermal impedance.

$$
T_J = T_A + R_{\theta JA} \times P_T \tag{13}
$$

For more information please see [How to Drive Resistive, Inductive, Capacitive, and Lighting Loads.](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLVAE30)

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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11.5 Glossary

[TI Glossary](https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

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

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(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

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GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

RGW 20 VQFN - 1 mm max height

5 x 5, 0.65 mm pitch PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

This image is a representation of the package family, actual package may vary. Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

PACKAGE OUTLINE

VQFN - 1 mm max height RGW0020A

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK-NO LEAD

NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- 3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for optimal thermal and mechanical performance.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

RGW0020A VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK-NO LEAD

NOTES: (continued)

- 4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number [SLUA271](www.ti.com/lit/slua271) (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).
- 5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RGW0020A VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK-NO LEAD

NOTES: (continued)

6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

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