

Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) application notes



PoE - the Cost-Effective Means of Power Supply

In addition to data communications between the two devices, Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) enables an Ethernet Switch/Hub to power a remote device over an existing LAN cable. Without PoE, any remote device needs to be powered independently. Typically, device power is derived from an AC-DC adapter or at board level inside the device. This adds cost and requires locating the device near a source of AC power.

Device installation is further complicated by different safety codes, AC voltages and wall plugs around the world. PoE avoids these problems by supplying low-voltage DC power directly to the Powered Device (PD) from the Power Sourcing Equipment (PSE) that is located in the Ethernet Switcher or mid-span Hub and eliminates the complexity of AC power sources.

To ensure that all equipment is protected and devices operate properly when connected, the IEEE established a universal standard (IEEE802.3af). This specifies the power requirements of the PSE and the PD, and the communication protocol between the two - regardless of manufacturer or configuration.

Traditional Power-over-Ethernet

The 12.95 W power limit was adequate for IP telephony when IEEE802.3af was initially approved in 2003. Network cameras, were initially the most prevalent application enabled by the Power-over-Ethernet standard.

However, the popularization of WLAN applications triggered developers' and marketers' inventiveness for creating more power-hungry derivative devices, such as Video IP Phones, Multi-channel WLAN Access Points (like the ones in the IEEE802.11n upcoming MIMO standard) and Pan-Tilt-Zoom IP Cameras.

All these devices typically require between 13 W and 30 W - more than the normally available 13 W.

Enhancing Power-over-Ethernet

In December, 2004, the IEEE802 established a PoEPlus group to study the market needs and possible technical solutions to address higher power applications while maintaining backward compatibility with the original standard. In September, 2005, the group set and approved, as binding, objectives for the IEEE802.3at Power-over-Ethernet Enhancements. One of the main objectives was providing maximum power to PDs as allowed within practical limits of at least 30 W.

Converter topology choices: flyback vs. forward

Flyback or forward converter topologies are normally used in a powered device DC-DC converter, depending on the PD's voltage and current requirements.

Flyback topology (See Figure 1)

Benefit: Lowest cost for <6 A output currents.

When to Use: Typically for output voltages greater than 2.5 V. Recommended for multi-output, voltages (>12 V) and for applications requiring lowest cost.

Advantages:

- Output isolated from input
- No output inductor required

Disadvantages:

- Higher output ripple current results in higher output capacitor cost and medium efficiency due to higher peak and rms currents.

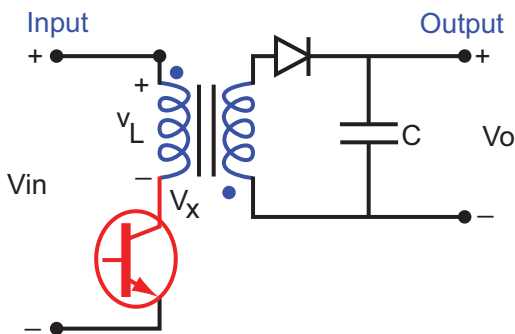


Figure 1. Flyback topology

Forward topology (See Figure 2)

Benefit: Lowest cost for >6 A output currents.

When to Use: Typically for output voltages less than 12 V. Recommended for multi-output voltages (<2.5 V) and for applications requiring highest efficiency.

Advantages:

- Low output ripple current results in lower output capacitor cost
- Higher efficiency due to lower peak and rms currents can utilize synchronous rectification
- Isolated output

Disadvantages:

- Requires additional components including an output energy storage inductor and additional rectifying device (diode or MOSFET)

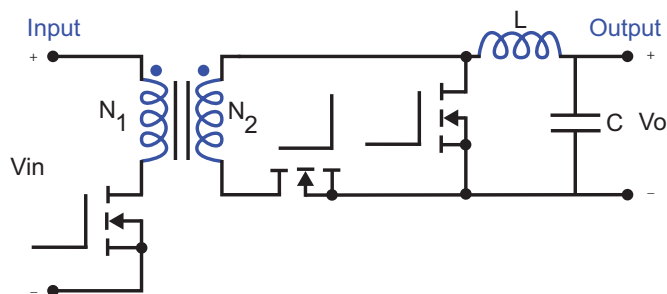


Figure 2. Forward topology

The Eaton lines of RoHS compliant PoE configurable transformers are available for use with a wide variety of PWM controllers from several IC manufacturers, providing PD supply solutions that utilize either flyback or forward converter topologies.

Flyback and forward DC-DC converters solve the isolation requirements of the PoE standard. Forward and flyback switcher topologies can use the Eaton PoE transformers to isolate the PDs PoE interface from the rest of its circuitry while stepping down the PoE input voltage to power the PD circuits.

Eaton's flyback PoE transformers (Figure 3) support 1500 Vac isolation in the power converter with feedback voltage of 11 V at 0.1 A. Available in 4 W, 7 W and 13 W, the transformers accept input voltage ranging from 29.5 V to 60 V using a nominal 250 kHz switching frequency.

Eaton's PoE transformers feature split primary and secondary windings to minimize leakage inductance (the result of imperfect magnetic linking of one winding to another). These transformers allow multiple output variations. 3.3 V and 5 V PoE transformers support three outputs while 12 V transformers support two outputs. These three transformers have parallel windings with identical output voltage.

These enable the windings to be used:

- Independently for isolated circuits
- Paralleled for higher current
- Connected in series to generate higher voltages

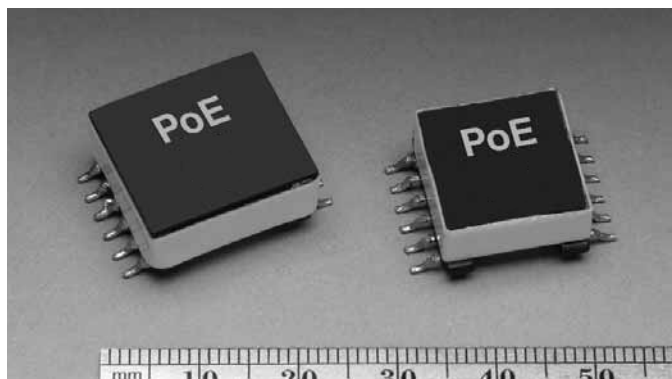


Figure 3. Eaton's 4 W to 13 W flyback transformers

Eaton also offers transformers for forward converters (Figure 4) with synchronous rectification support, 1500 Vac isolation, isolated feedback voltage and can deliver up to 26 W. These transformers accept an input voltage range from 29.5 V to 60 V using a nominal 300 kHz switching frequency.

These components operate in ambient temperatures between -40 °C and +85 °C with a maximum operating temperature of +125 °C.

The Eaton Versa-Pac product line offers more than 500 usable inductor or transformer configurations. This same user-configurable concept is used in the PoE transformer family (VER suffix devices). Connecting the windings in parallel increases the current carrying capability while connecting in series increases the output voltage. These devices provide even greater flexibility in the number of voltage and current combinations than are available in this standard off-the-shelf transformer series.

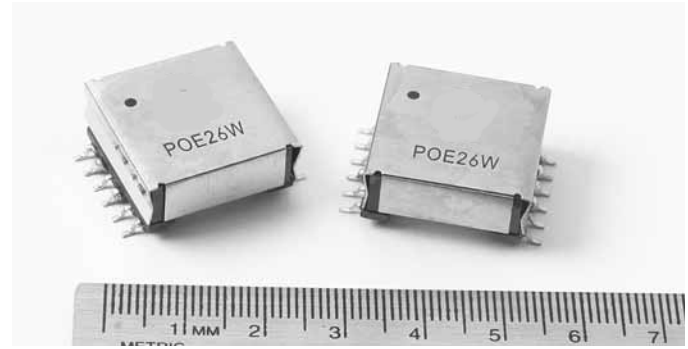


Figure 4. Eaton's 26 W forward converter transformers

Typical PoE/PD configurable transformer applications

- For IEEE 802.3af-compliant Power-over-Ethernet applications
- UPS, VoiP Phone, wireless LAN access point, Bluetooth access point, network camera, building access systems
- Retail point-of-information systems
- Vending/gaming machines

Flyback Transformer - 4, 7 & 13 Watts

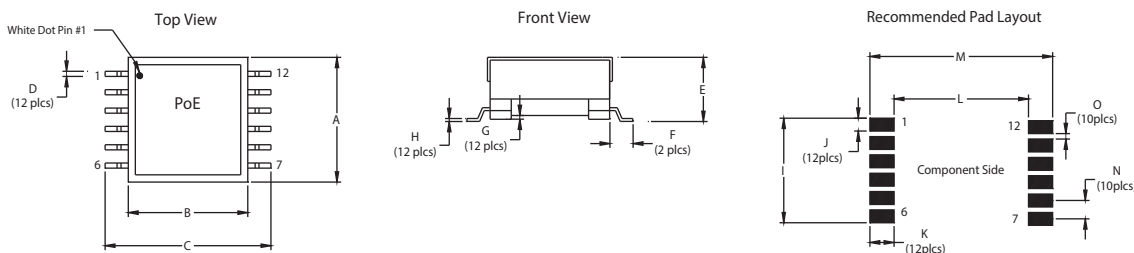
Part Number	Watts	Inductance (μH)	Output	DCR Primary (Ω)	DCR Secondary (Ω)	Leakage Inductance (μH) typ.	Primary Current Pk (A dc)	Turn Ratios Schm 1: Pins pri(1-3):fb(5-6):v1(12-7):v2(11-8):v3(10-9) Schm 2: Pins pri(1-3):fb(5-6):v1(12-10):v2(11-9)	Schematic	Dimension Size
PoE4W3x3.3-R	4	200	(3)x3.3V@0.45A	0.5	0.07	2.75	0.65	1 : 0.52 : 0.16 : 0.16 : 0.16 +/-1%	1	1
PoE4W3x5.0-R	4	200	(3)x5.0V@0.30A	0.5	0.27	2.5	0.65	1 : 0.52 : 0.26 : 0.26 : 0.26 +/-1%	1	1
PoE4W2x12-R	4	200	(2)x12.0V@0.20A	0.5	0.74	1.4	0.65	1 : 0.52 : 0.60 : 0.60 +/-1%	2	1
PoE7W3x3.3-R	7	100	(3)x3.3V@0.75A	0.275	0.03	1	1	1 : 0.529 : 0.176 : 0.176 : 0.176 +/-1%	1	1
PoE7W3x5.0-R	7	100	(3)x5.0V@0.50A	0.275	0.095	1	1	1 : 0.529 : 0.265 : 0.265 : 0.265 +/-1%	1	1
PoE7W2x12-R	7	100	(2)x12.0V@0.30A	0.275	0.25	1	1	1 : 0.529 : 0.588 : 0.588 +/-1%	2	1
PoE13W3x3.3-R	13	100	(3)x3.3V@1.35A	0.25	0.032	1.5	1.6	1 : 0.529 : 0.176 : 0.176 : 0.176 +/-3%	1	2
PoE13W3x5.0-R	13	100	(3)x5.0V@0.90A	0.25	0.075	1.2	1.6	1 : 0.529 : 0.265 : 0.265 : 0.265 +/-3%	1	2
PoE13W2x12-R	13	100	(2)x12.0V@0.60A	0.25	0.28	1	1.7	1 : 0.529 : 0.647 : 0.647 +/-3%	2	2

Part Number	Watts	Inductance (μH)	Output	DCR Primary (Ω)	DCR Secondary V1/V2/V3	Leakage Inductance (μH) typ.	Primary Current Pk (A dc)	Turn Ratios Schm 2: Pins pri(1-3):fb(5-6):v1(12-10):v2(11-9) Schm 3: Pins pri(1-3):fb(5-6):v1(12-11):v2(10-9):v3(8-7)	Schematic	Dimension Size
PoE13W3VERS-R	13	100	V1:7.0V@1.1A, V2:(1)x3.3V@1.1A, V3:1.8V@1.1A	0.25	0.025/0.042:0/085	1	1.7	1 : 0.529 : 0.350 : 0.176 : 0.088 +/-3%	3	2
PoE13W2VERS-R	13	100	V1:5.0V@1.6A, V2:3.3V@1.6A	0.25	0.023/0.038/na	1.2	1.7	1 : 0.529 : 0.265 : 0.176 +/-3%	2	2

For full product information and a listing of all available inductor values, visit www.eaton.com/electronics

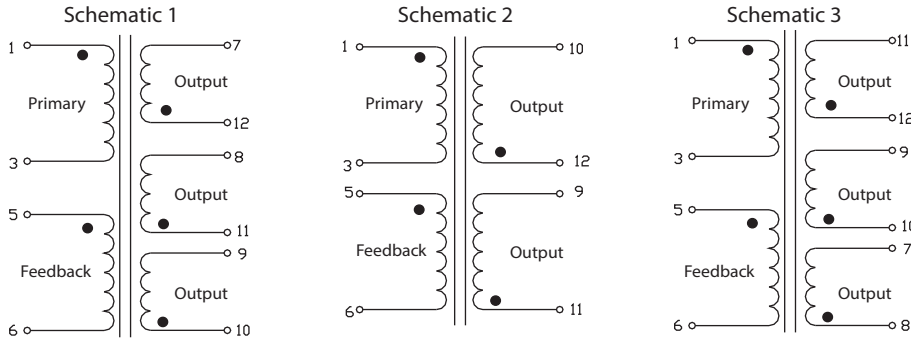
Dimensions - mm

	A max	B ref.	C max	D ref.	E max	F ref.	G ref.	H ref.	I ref.	J	K	L ref.	M max	N	O
Size 1	17.1	16.0	22.3	0.7	8.4	3.0	0.1	0.4	14.49	1.79	3.43	16.88	23.74	2.54	0.75
Size 2	18.0	18.0	24.6	0.7	10.0	3.3	0.1	0.4	14.25	1.75	3.43	19.14	26.0	2.5	0.75



1) Tolerances A - H are ± 0.25mm unless specified otherwise. 2) Tolerances I - O are ± 0.10mm unless specified otherwise. 3) All soldering surfaces are co-planar to within ± 0.102mm.

Schematics



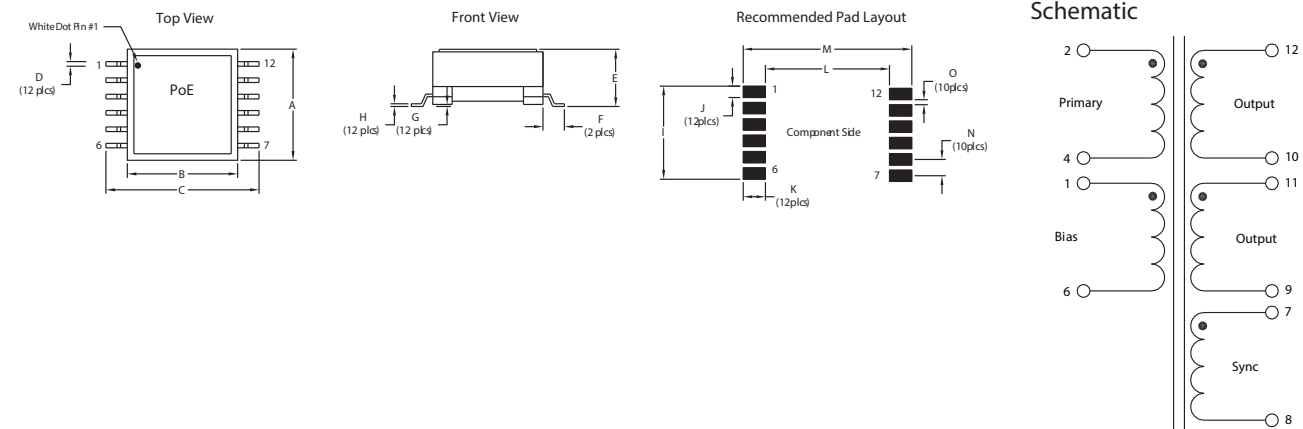
Forward Transformers - 26 Watts

Part Number	Watts	Primary Inductance (μH)	Output	Bias	Sync.	DCR Primary (Ω) max	DCR Secondary (Ω) max	DCR Bias (Ω) max	DCR Sync. (Ω) max	Leakage Inductance (μH) typ.	Primary Current Pk (A dc)	Turn Ratio Pins Primary (2-4): V1, (12-10): V2 (11-9): Bias, (1-6): Sync. (7-8)
PoE26W3.3VS5-R	26	160	(2)x3.3V @4.0A	10.0V @0.1A	5V @0.1A	0.1	0.03	0.9	0.42	1	2.6	1:0.29:0.29:0.83:0.42 +/-2%
PoE26W3.3VS10-R	26	160	(2)x3.3V @4.0A	10.0V @0.1A	10V @0.1A	0.1	0.03	0.9	0.9	1	2.6	1:0.29:0.29:0.83:0.83 +/-2%
PoE26W5V-R	26	160	(2)x5.0V @2.6A	10.0V @0.1A	5.0V @0.1A	0.1	0.05	0.9	0.42	1	2.6	1:0.42:0.42:0.83:0.42 +/-2%

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Dimensions (mm)

A max	B ref.	C max	D ref.	E max	F ref.	G ref.	H ref.	I ref.	J	K	L ref.	M max	N	O
21.5	22.0	28.5	0.7	10.8	2.95	0.1	0.4	17.25	2.25	3.15	23.2	29.5	3.0	0.75



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