

## Marine Instrumentation Scalable Power Solution

## The Customer's Challenge

The challenge for marine instrumentation companies is to add more and more capabilities into increasingly smaller spaces. All without losing any measurement precision, and while operating reliably in extreme environments in terms of noise, vibration, high operating temperatures and humidity.

To broaden their available market one instrument manufacturer was developing a new system that could accommodate both 12V and 24V battery systems (needed to operate from 11.5 - 42V peak). To minimize design costs, and reduce the number of BOMs required, the power solution design also needed to be easily scaled to leverage development over several of the company's instrument types.

To enable the flexibility for easy retrofitting the company needed to reduce equipment size and profile.



## **The Solution**

The designers utilized four PI3740 ZVS buck-boost regulators to deliver the two regulated 12V rails and a higher output voltage rail. The wide input voltage range (8 - 60V) of these unique regulators enabled the customer's design team to use one design to support both the 12V and 24V system requirements.

Two ZVS buck regulators were used to provide two additional voltage rails below 12V.



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## **The Results**

The flexibility of the buck-boost and buck regulators was further enhanced by their low profile and small footprint ( $14 \times 10 \times 2.56$ mm). With the complete power solution measuring just 8.4cm<sup>2</sup>, easy installation was enabled across a wide range of instrument panels. In addition, the high efficiency (93.5% system efficiency) removed the need for bulky heat management. The high ambient operating temperature was handled with ease, with the products requiring no derating.

In addition to covering the varied needs of the original instrument design, the PI37xx series of high efficiency, wide input range buck-boost regulators enables scaling of the design for a wide range of different output voltage requirements. Indeed, the PI3740 itself can deliver a regulated output voltage adjustable from  $10 - 50V_{DC}$ .

Product Family Key Specifications	
Cool-Power <sup>®</sup> ZVS Buck-Boost Switching Regulators	
Input Voltages	16 – 34V, 21 – 60V
Output Voltages	12 – 34V, 21 – 36V, 36 – 54V
Output Power	Up to 240W continuous
Efficiency	Over 98% efficiency at >800 kHz FSW
Dimensions	LGA SiP: 10 x 14 x 2.5mm
Cool-Power <sup>®</sup> ZVS Buck Regulator Module	
Input Voltages	12V Nominal (8 – 18V <sub>IN</sub> ), 24V Nominal (8 – 36V <sub>IN</sub> ), 48V Nominal (8 – 60V <sub>IN</sub> ),
Output Voltage	Wide output range (1 – 16V)
Output Current	8A, 9A, 10A, and 15A versions
Efficiency	Up to 96.5% Light load and full load High efficiency performance
Dimensions	LGA SiP: 10 x 14 x 2.56mm

