



Advanced Sine Amplitude Converter™ (SAC™) Technology



Size:
1.91 x 1.09 x 0.37 in
48,6 x 27,7 x 9,5 mm

Applications

- Off-line distribution for PFC front ends
- Isolated intermediate bus for non-isolated POL
- Telecommunication systems
- Networking
- Servers
- ATE

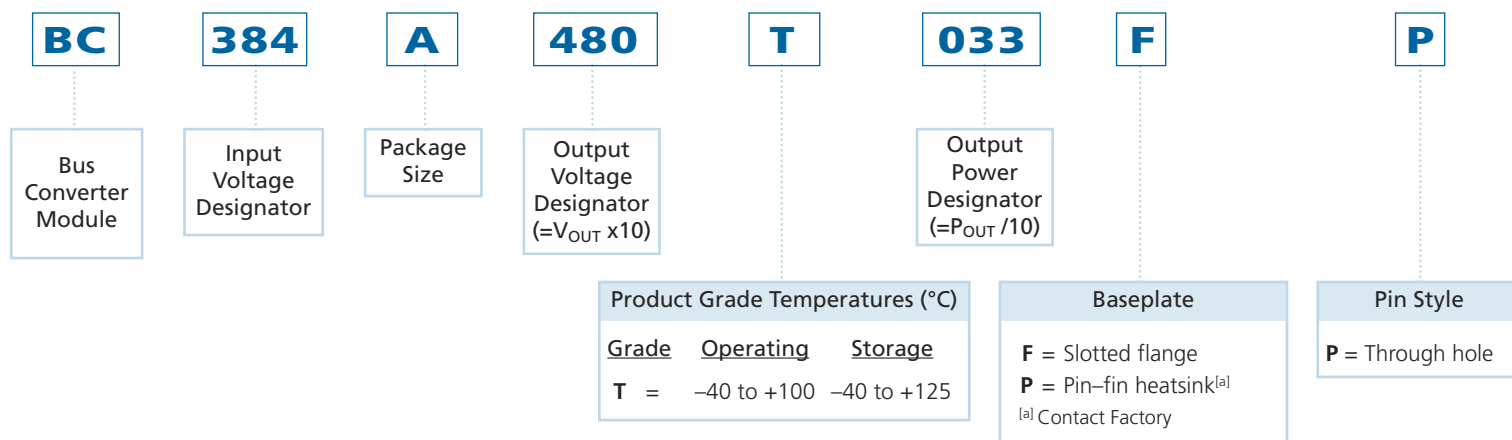
Features

- 100°C baseplate operation
- 384 V to 48 V Bus Converter
- 325 Watt (495 Watt for <5 ms)
- High density – up to 422 W/in³
- Small footprint – 1.64 and 2.08 in²
- Height above board – 0.37 in (9.5 mm)
- Low weight – 1.10 oz (31.3 g)
- ZVS / ZCS isolated Sine Amplitude Converter
- Typical efficiency >95%
- <1 µs transient response
- Isolated output
- No output filtering required

Product Overview

VI Brick[®] BCM modules use advanced Sine Amplitude Converter™ (SAC™) technology, thermally enhanced packaging technologies, and advanced CIM processes to provide high power density and efficiency, superior transient response, and improved thermal management. These modules can be used to provide an isolated intermediate bus to power non-isolated POL converters and due to the fast response time and low noise of the BCM, capacitance can be reduced or eliminated near the load.

Part Numbering



SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings

	Min	Max	Unit
+In to -In	-1.0	+440	Vdc
PC to -In	-0.3	+20	Vdc
TM to -In	-0.3	+7	Vdc
+In/-In to +Out/-Out (hipot)		4242	V
+In/-In to +Out/-Out (working)		500	V
+Out to -Out	-1.0	+60	Vdc

CONTROL PIN SPECIFICATIONS

See page 12 for further application details and guidelines.

PC – VI Brick® BCM Primary Control

The PC pin can enable and disable the BCM. When held below V_{PC_DIS} the BCM shall be disabled. When allowed to float with an impedance to -IN of greater than 50 k Ω the module will start. When connected to another BCM PC pin, the BCMs will start simultaneously when enabled. The PC pin is capable of being driven high by either an external logic signal or internal pull up to 5 V (operating).

TM – VI Brick® BCM Temperature Monitor

The TM pin monitors the internal temperature of the BCM within an accuracy of +5/-5°C. It has a room temperature setpoint of ~3.0 V and an approximate gain of 10 mV/°C. It can source up to 100 μ A and may also be used as a “Power Good” flag to verify that the BCM is operating.

Note: If TM is not used to validate the thermal management system, a 100°C case (baseplate) maximum applies.

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Electrical Characteristics

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Voltage Range	V_{IN}		360	384	400	Vdc
dV/dt	dV_{IN}/dt				1	V/ μs
Quiescent Power	P_Q	PC connected to -IN		395	410	mW
No Load Power Dissipation	P_{NL}	$V_{IN} = 360$ to 400 V			13.5	W
Inrush Current Peak	I_{INR_P}	$V_{IN} = 400$ V $C_{OUT} = 100$ μF , $P_{OUT} = 325$ W		2	4	A
DC Input Current	I_{IN_DC}	$P_{OUT} = 325$ W			1	A
K Factor $\left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}}\right)$	K			1/8		
Output Power (Average)	P_{OUT}	$V_{IN} = 384$ V _{DC} ; See Figure 14 $V_{IN} = 360 - 400$ V _{DC} ; See Figure 14			325 300	W
Output Power (Peak)	P_{OUT_P}	$V_{IN} = 384$ V _{DC} Average $P_{OUT} \leq 325$ W, $T_{peak} < 5$ ms			495	W
Output Voltage	V_{OUT}	See Page 11; No load	45		50	V
Output Current (Average)	I_{OUT}	$P_{OUT} \leq 325$ W			7.05	A
Efficiency (Ambient)	η	$V_{IN} = 384$ V, $P_{OUT} = 325$ W	94.2	95.5		%
Efficiency (Hot)	η	$V_{IN} = 360$ V to 400 V, $P_{OUT} = 325$ W	94.2			%
Minimum Efficiency (Over Load Range)	η	$V_{IN} = 384$ V, $T_J = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$, $P_{OUT} = 325$ W	94	95		%
Output Resistance (Ambient)	R_{OUT}	$T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	100	170	200	m Ω
Output Resistance (Hot)	R_{OUT}	$T_J = 125^{\circ}\text{C}$	150	235	270	m Ω
Output Resistance (Cold)	R_{OUT}	$T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$	60	130	180	m Ω
Load Capacitance	C_{OUT}				100	μF
Switching Frequency	F_{SW}		1.66	1.75	1.83	MHz
Ripple Frequency	F_{SW_RP}		3.33	3.5	3.66	MHz
Output Voltage Ripple	V_{OUT_PP}	$C_{OUT} = 0$ μF , $P_{OUT} = 325$ W, $V_{IN} = 384$ V, See Figure 10		160	400	mV
V_{IN} to V_{OUT} (Application of V_{IN})	T_{ON1}	$V_{IN} = 384$ V, $C_{PC} = 0$; See Figure 18	460	540	620	ms
PC						
PC Voltage (Operating)	V_{PC}		4.7	5	5.3	V
PC Voltage (Enable)	V_{PC_EN}		2	2.5	3	V
PC Voltage (Disable)	V_{PC_DIS}				1.95	V
PC Source Current (Startup)	I_{PC_EN}		50	100	300	μA
PC Source Current (Operating)	I_{PC_OP}		2	3.5	5	mA
PC Internal Resistance	R_{PC_SNK}	Internal pull down resistor	50	150	400	k Ω
PC Capacitance (Internal)	C_{PC_INT}	See Page 12			1000	pF
PC Capacitance (External)	C_{PC_EXT}	External capacitance delays PC enable time			1000	pF
External PC Resistance	R_{PC}	Connected to $-V_{IN}$	50			k Ω
PC External Toggle Rate	F_{PC_TOG}				1	Hz
PC to V_{OUT} with PC Released	T_{on2}	$V_{IN} = 384$ V, Pre-applied $C_{PC} = 0$, $C_{OUT} = 0$; See Figure 18	50	100	150	μs
PC to V_{OUT} , Disable PC	T_{PC_DIS}	$V_{IN} = 384$ V, Pre-applied $C_{PC} = 0$, $C_{OUT} = 0$; See Figure 18		4	10	μs

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Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
TM						
TM accuracy	A_{CTM}		-5		+5	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
TM Gain	A_{TM}			10		mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$
TM Source Current	I_{TM}		100			μA
TM Internal Resistance	R_{TM_SNK}		25	40	50	k Ω
External TM Capacitance	C_{TM}				50	pF
TM Voltage Ripple	V_{TM_PP}	$C_{TM} = 0 \mu\text{F}$, $V_{IN} = 400 \text{ V}$, $P_{OUT} = 325 \text{ W}$	200	400	500	mV
PROTECTION						
Negative going OVLO	V_{IN_OVLO-}		400	420	430	V
Positive going OVLO	V_{IN_OVLO+}		420	430	440	V
Negative going UVLO	V_{IN_UVLO-}		270	285	304	V
Positive going UVLO	V_{IN_UVLO+}		290	310	330	V
Output Overcurrent Trip	I_{OCP}	$V_{IN} = 384 \text{ V}$, 25°C	9	11	14	A
Short Circuit Protection Trip Current	I_{SCP}		14			A
Short Circuit Protection Response Time	T_{SCP}				1.2	μs
Thermal Shutdown Junction setpoint	T_{J_OTP}		125	130	135	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
GENERAL SPECIFICATION						
Isolation Voltage (hipot)	V_{HIPOT}		4242			V
Working Voltage (In – Out)	$V_{WORKING}$				500	V
Isolation Capacitance	C_{IN_OUT}	Unpowered unit	500	660	800	pF
Isolation Resistance	R_{IN_OUT}		10			M Ω
MTBF		MIL HDBK 217F, 25°C , GB		4.2		Mhrs
Agency Approvals/Standards		cTUVus (pending)				
		CE Mark				

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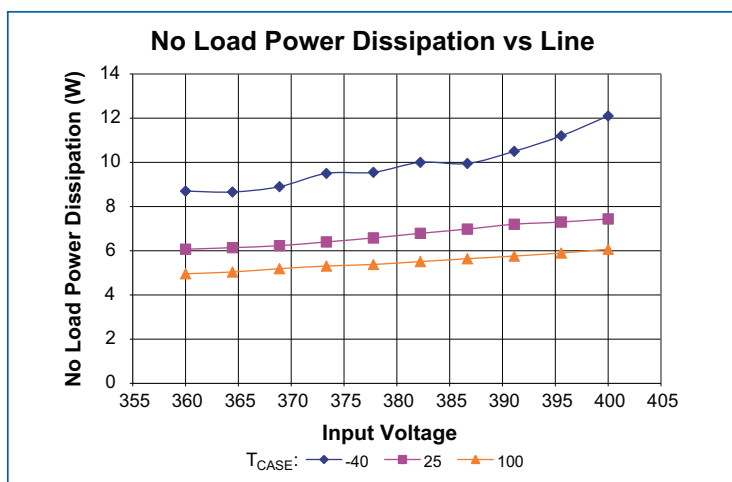
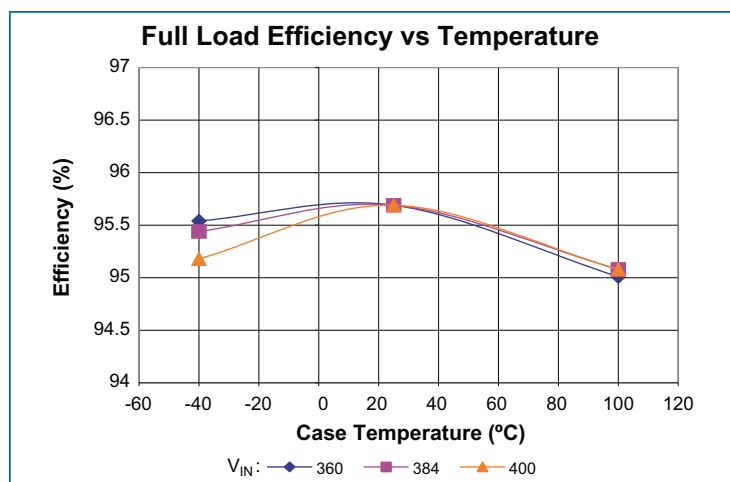
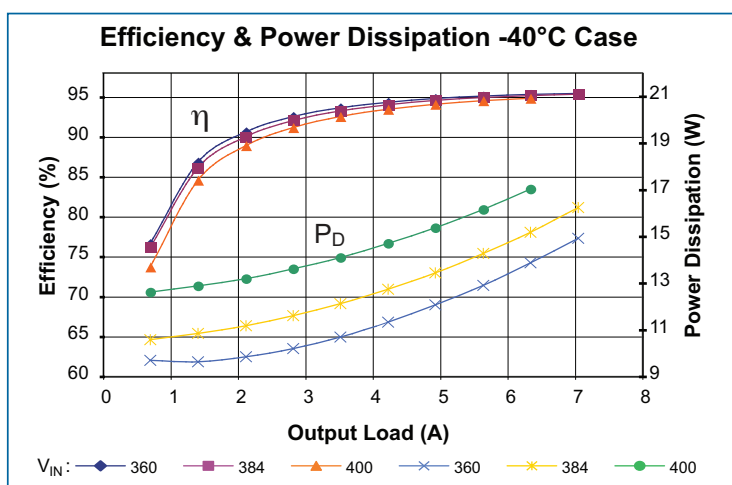
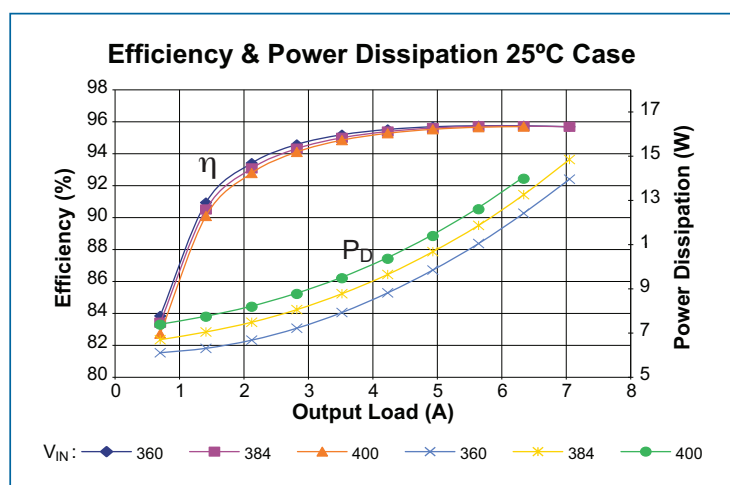
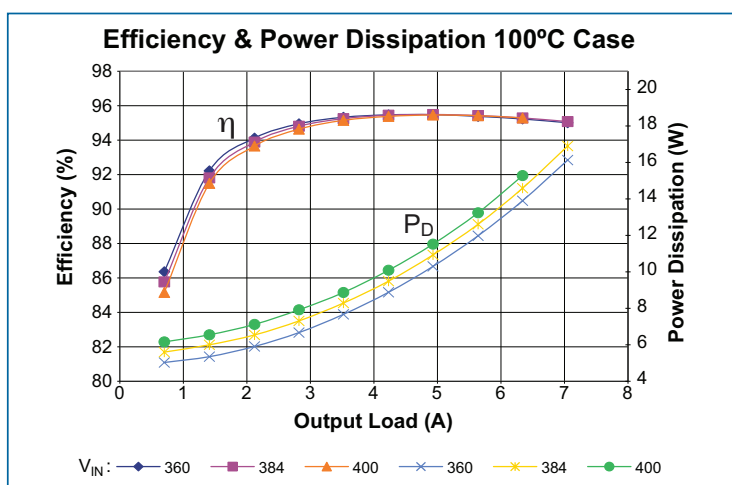
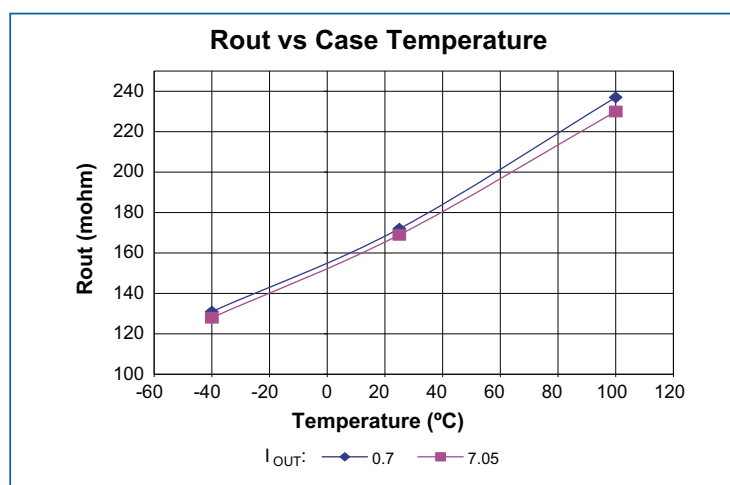
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Application Characteristics

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Typ	Unit
No Load Power	P_{NL}	$V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$, PC enabled; See Figure 1	6.5	W
Inrush Current Peak	I_{NR_P}	$C_{OUT} = 100\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $P_{OUT} = 325\text{ W}$	2	A
Efficiency (Ambient)	η	$V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$, $P_{OUT} = 325\text{ W}$	95.5	%
Efficiency (Hot – 100°C)	η	$V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$, $P_{OUT} = 325\text{ W}$	95	%
Output Resistance (-40°C)	R_{OUT}	$V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$	130	$\text{m}\Omega$
Output Resistance (25°C)	R_{OUT}	$V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$	170	$\text{m}\Omega$
Output Resistance (120°C)	R_{OUT}	$V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$	235	$\text{m}\Omega$
Output Voltage Ripple	V_{OUT_PP}	$C_{OUT} = 0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $P_{OUT} = 325\text{ W}$ @ $V_{IN} = 384$, $V_{IN} = 384\text{ V}$	160	mV
V_{OUT} Transient (Positive)	V_{OUT_TRAN+}	$I_{OUT_STEP} = 0\text{ TO }7.07\text{ A}$, $I_{SLEW} > 10\text{ A/us}$; See Figure 11	1.5	V
V_{OUT} Transient (Negative)	V_{OUT_TRAN-}	$I_{OUT_STEP} = 7.07\text{ A to }0\text{ A}$, $I_{SLEW} > 10\text{ A/us}$; See Figure 12	1.5	V
Undervoltage Lockout Response Time	T_{UVLO}		150	μs
Output Overcurrent Response Time	T_{OCP}	$9 < I_{OCP} < 14\text{ A}$	5	ms
Overvoltage Lockout Response Time	T_{OVLO}		120	μs
TM Voltage (Ambient)	V_{TM_AMB}	$T_J \approx 27^\circ\text{C}$	3	V

SPECIFICATIONS (CONT.)

WAVEFORMS

Figure 1 — No load power dissipation vs. V_{IN} ; T_{CASE} Figure 2 — Full load efficiency vs. temperature; V_{IN} Figure 3 — Efficiency and power dissipation at -40°C (case); V_{IN} Figure 4 — Efficiency and power dissipation at 25°C (case); V_{IN} Figure 5 — Efficiency and power dissipation at 100°C (case); V_{IN} Figure 6 — R_{OUT} vs. temperature vs. I_{OUT}

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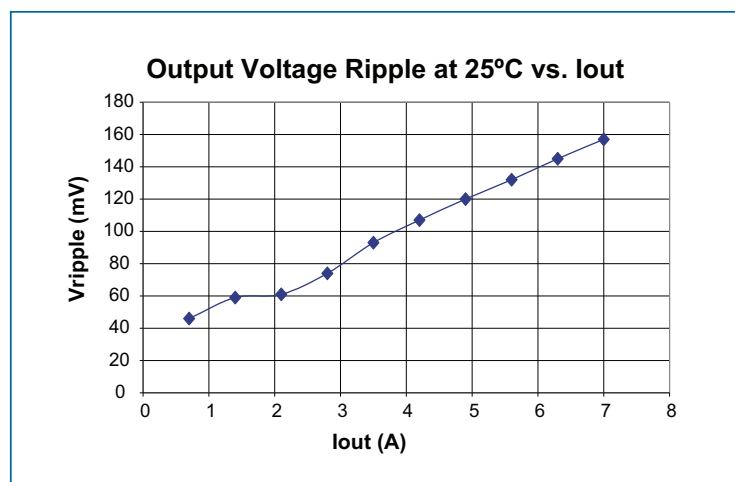
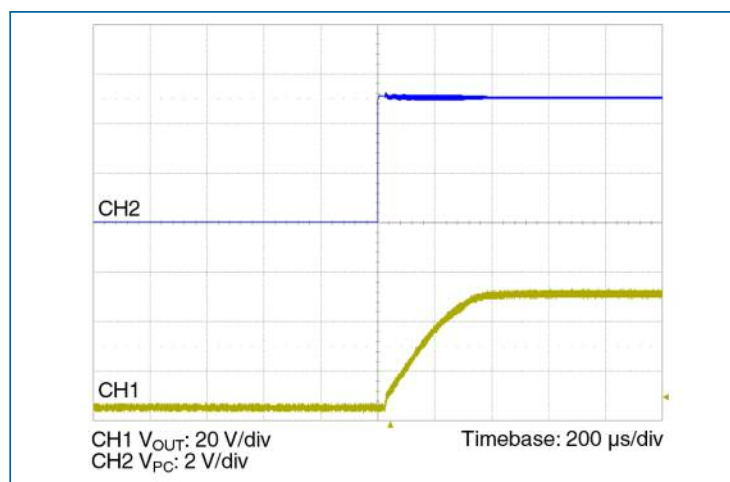
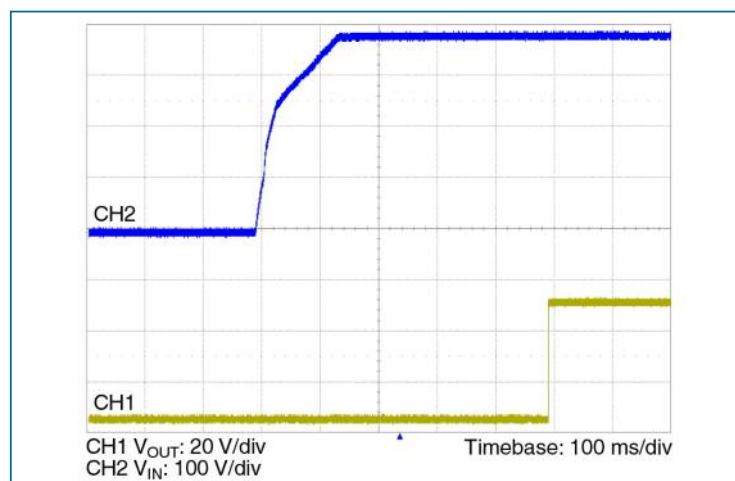
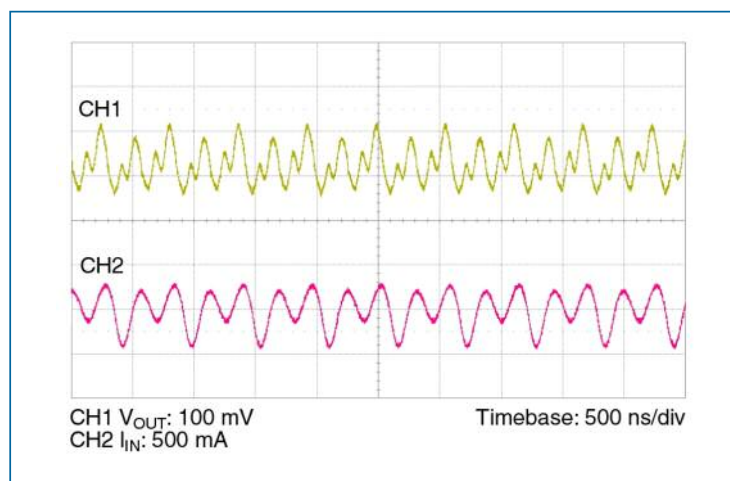
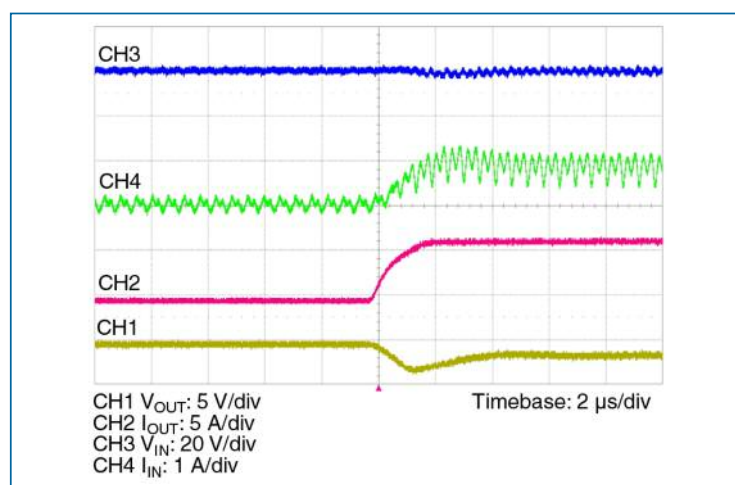
Figure 7 — V_{ripple} vs. I_{OUT}; 384 V_{in}, no external capacitanceFigure 8 — PC to V_{OUT} startup waveformFigure 9 — V_{IN} to V_{OUT} startup waveformFigure 10 — Output voltage and input current ripple, 384 V_{in}, 325 W no C_{OUT}

Figure 11 — Positive load transient (0 – 7.07 A)

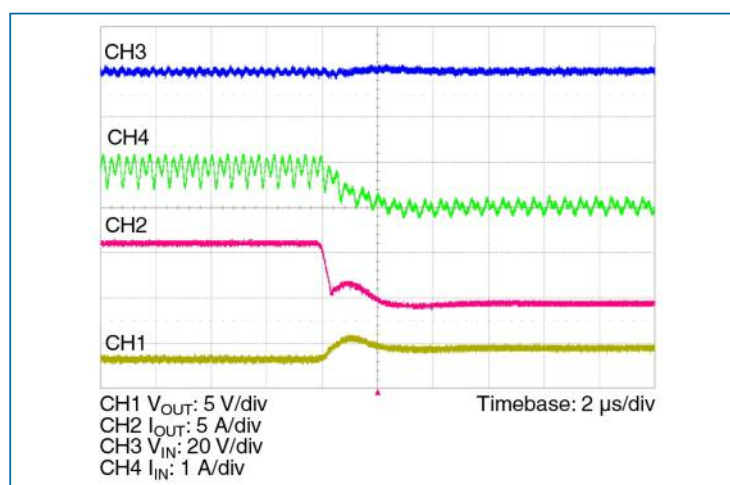
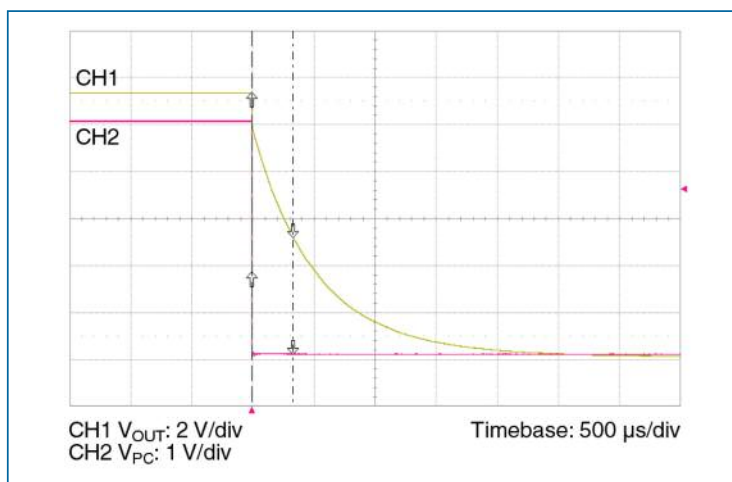
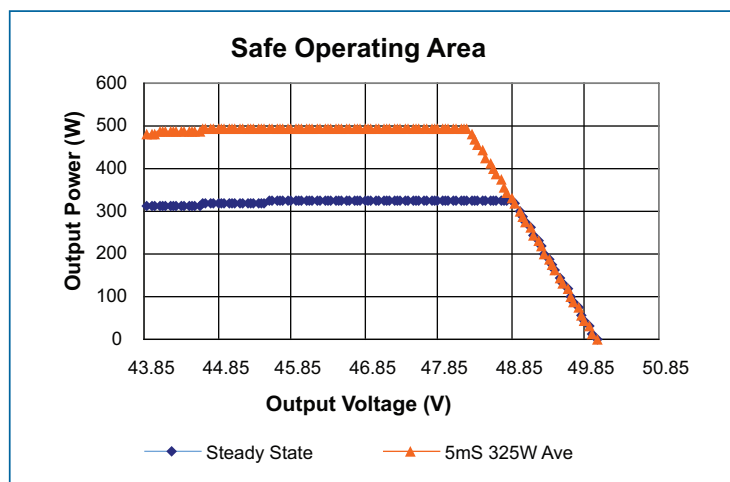


Figure 12 — Negative load transient (7.07 A – 0 A)

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WAVEFORMS (CONT.)

Figure 13 — PC disable waveform, 384 V_{IN} , 100 μF C_{OUT} full loadFigure 14 — Safe Operating Area vs. V_{OUT}

All specifications are at $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted. See associated figures for general trend data.

Package / Mechanical Specifications

Attribute	Symbol	Conditions / Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Length	L	Baseplate Model		48.6 / 1.91		mm/in
Width	W	Baseplate Model		27.7 / 1.09		mm/in
Height	H	Baseplate Model		9.5 / 0.37		mm/in
Weight	W	Baseplate Model		1.10/31.3		oz/g
Length	L	Pin-Fin Heatsink Model		38.2 / 1.50		mm/in
Width	W	Pin-Fin Heatsink Model		27.7 / 1.09		mm/in
Height	H	Pin-Fin Heatsink Model		15.9 / 0.63		mm/in
Weight	W	Pin-Fin Heatsink Model		1.42/40.3		oz/g
Operating Temperature	T_C	Baseplate temperature	-40		100	$^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature	T_{ST}		-40		125	$^\circ\text{C}$
Thermal Capacity				23.8		Ws/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Thermal Impedance	θ_{BA}	Baseplate - Ambient		7.7		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
		Baseplate - Ambient 1000 LFM		2.9		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
		Baseplate - Sink Greased		0.4		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
	θ_{BS}	Baseplate - Thermal Pad		0.36		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
		Pin-Fin - Ambient 200 LFM		10		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
		Pin-Fin - Ambient 1000 LFM		3		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$

MECHANICAL DRAWINGS

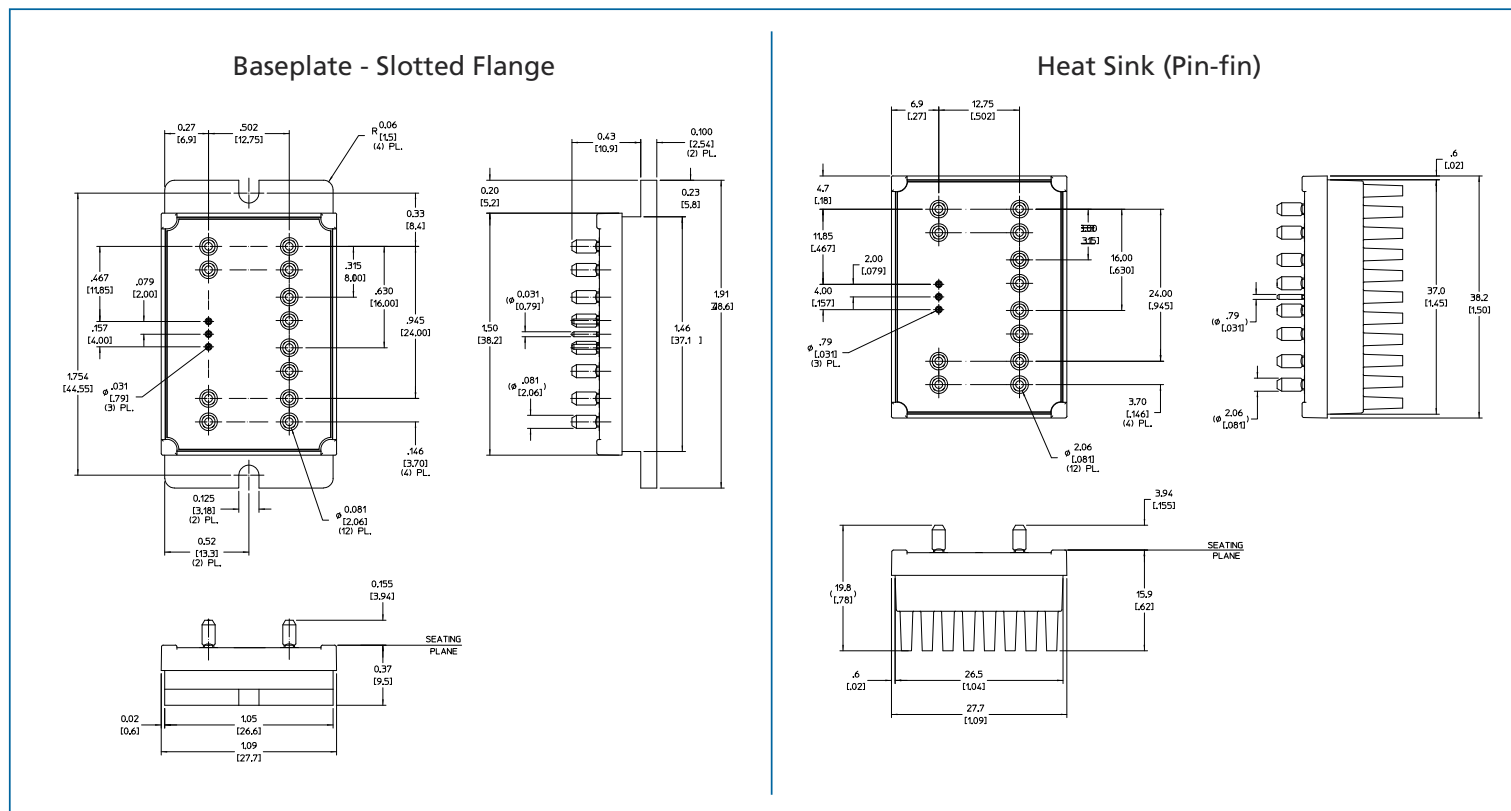


Figure 15 — Module outline

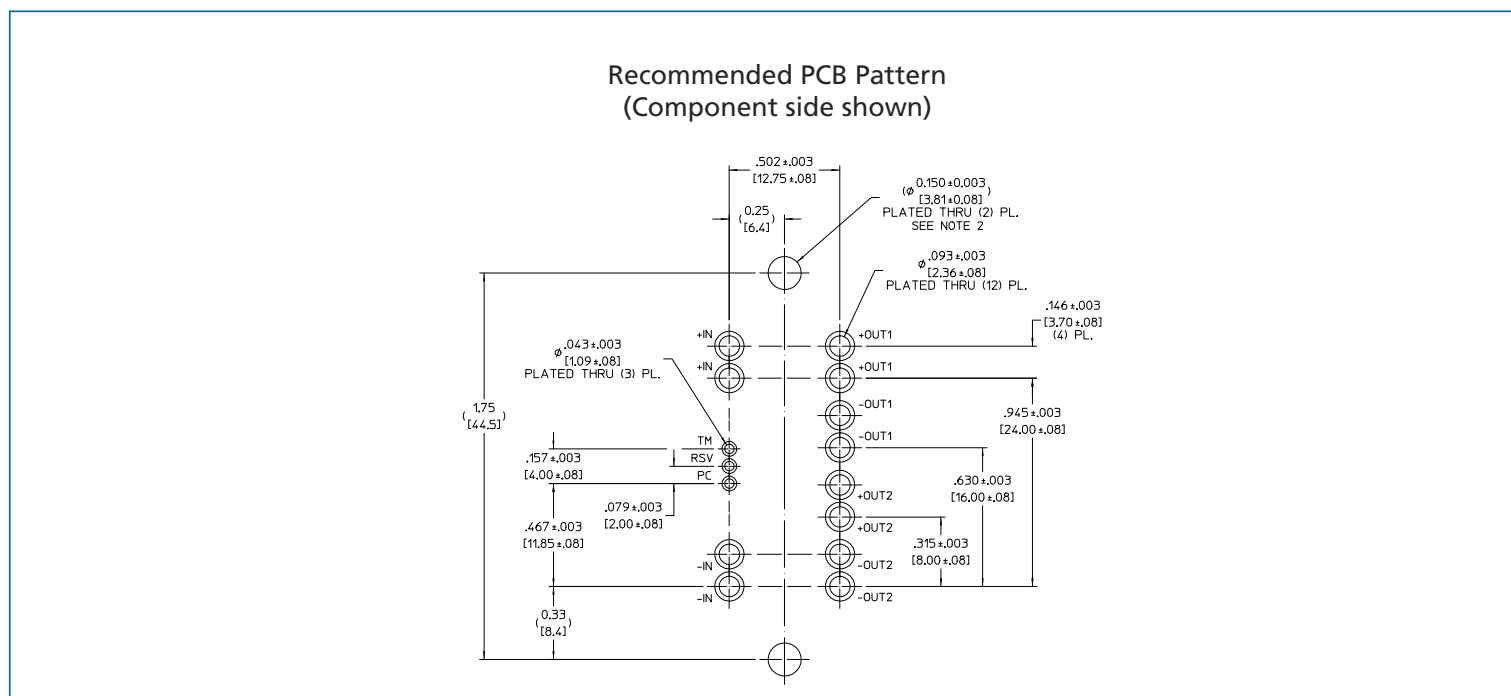


Figure 16 — PCB mounting specifications

EFFICIENCY / DISSIPATION

Power, Voltage, Efficiency Relationships

Because of the high frequency, fully resonant SAC topology, power dissipation and overall conversion efficiency of BCM converters can be estimated as shown below.

Key relationships to be considered are the following:

1. Transfer Function

a. No load condition

$$V_{OUT} = V_{IN} \cdot K \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

Where K (transformer turns ratio) is constant for each part number

b. Loaded condition

$$V_{OUT} = V_{IN} \cdot K - I_{OUT} \cdot R_{OUT} \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

2. Dissipated Power

The two main terms of power losses in the BCM module are:

- No load power dissipation (P_{NL}) defined as the power used to power up the module with an enabled power train at no load.
- Resistive loss (R_{OUT}) refers to the power loss across the BCM modeled as pure resistive impedance.

$$P_{DISSIPATED} \approx P_{NL} + P_{R_{OUT}} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

Therefore, with reference to the diagram shown in Figure 16

$$P_{OUT} = P_{IN} - P_{DISSIPATED} = P_{IN} - P_{NL} - P_{R_{OUT}} \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

Notice that R_{OUT} is temperature and input voltage dependent and P_{NL} is temperature dependent (See Figure 16).

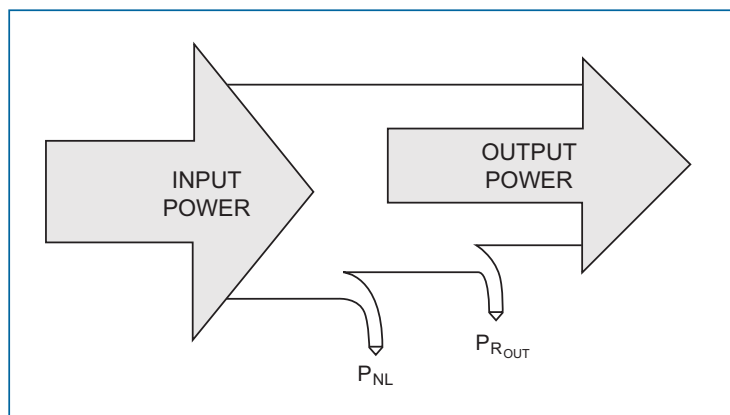


Figure 17 — Power transfer diagram

The above relations can be combined to calculate the overall module efficiency:

$$\eta = \frac{P_{OUT}}{P_{IN}} = \frac{P_{IN} - P_{NL} - P_{R_{OUT}}}{P_{IN}} = \frac{V_{IN} \cdot I_{IN} - P_{NL} - (I_{OUT})^2 \cdot R_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \cdot I_{IN}} = 1 - \left(\frac{P_{NL} + (I_{OUT})^2 \cdot R_{OUT}}{V_{IN} \cdot I_{IN}} \right) \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

CONTROL FUNCTION / FUSING

Using the Control Signals TM and PC

The PC control pin can be used to accomplish the following functions:

- **Delayed start:** At start-up, PC pin will source a constant 100 uA current to the internal RC network. Adding an external capacitor will allow further delay in reaching the 2.5 V threshold for module start.
- **Synchronized start up:** In a parallel module array, PC pins shall be connected in order to ensure synchronous start of all the units. While every controller has a calibrated 2.5 V reference on PC comparator, many factors might cause different timing in turning on the 100 uA current source on each module, i.e.:
 - Different V_{IN} slew rate
 - Statistical component value distribution
 By connecting all PC pins, the charging transient will be shared and all the modules will be enabled synchronously.
- **Auxiliary voltage source:** Once enabled in regular operational conditions (no fault), each BCM PC provides a regulated 5 V, 2 mA voltage source.
- **Output Disable:** PC pin can be actively pulled down in order to disable module operations. Pull down impedance shall be lower than 850 Ω and toggle rate lower than 1 Hz.
- **Fault detection flag:** The PC 5 V voltage source is internally turned off as soon as a fault is detected. After a minimum disable time, the module tries to re-start, and PC voltage is re-enabled. For system monitoring purposes (microcontroller interface) faults are detected on falling edges of PC signal.
It is important to notice that PC doesn't have current sink capability (only 150 k Ω typical pull down is present), therefore, in an array, PC line will not be capable of disabling all the modules if a fault occurs on one of them.

The temperature monitor (TM) pin provides a voltage proportional to the absolute temperature of the converter control IC.

It can be used to accomplish the following functions:

- **Monitor the control IC temperature:** The temperature in Kelvin is equal to the voltage on the TM pin scaled by x100. (i.e. 3.0 V = 300 K = 27°C). It is important to remember that VI Bricks are multi-chip modules, whose temperature distribution greatly vary for each part number as well with input/output conditions, thermal management and environmental conditions. Therefore, TM cannot be used to thermally protect the system.
- **Fault detection flag:** The TM voltage source is internally turned off as soon as a fault is detected. After a minimum disable time, the module tries to re-start, and TM voltage is re-enabled.

Fuse Selection

VI Bricks are not internally fused in order to provide flexibility in configuring power systems. Input line fusing of VI Bricks is recommended at system level, in order to provide thermal protection in case of catastrophic failure.

The fuse shall be selected by closely matching system requirements with the following characteristics:

- Current rating (usually greater than maximum BCM current)
- Maximum voltage rating (usually greater than the maximum possible input voltage)
- Ambient temperature
- Nominal melting I^2t
- Recommended fuse: ≤ 2.5 A Bussmann PC-Tron or SOC type 36CFA.

Thermal Considerations

VI Brick® module temperature distribution varies greatly for each part number as well as with the input / output conditions, thermal management and environmental conditions. Maintaining the top of the BC352A440T033FP case (baseplate) to less than 100°C will keep all junctions within the VI Brick below 125°C.

The percent of total heat dissipated through the top surface versus through the pin is entirely dependent on the particular mechanical and thermal environment. The heat dissipated through the top surface is typically 60%. The heat dissipated through the pins onto the PCB board surface is typically 40%. Use 100% top surface dissipation when designing for a conservative cooling solution. Thermal management solutions should be verified by testing at actual operation conditions.

Click on the following links for additional information.

[Application Note for VI Brick Thermal Management »](#)
[Thermal Management Design Calculator »](#)

APPLICATIONS NOTE

Current Sharing

The SAC topology bases its performance on efficient transfer of energy through a transformer, without the need of closed loop control. For this reason, the transfer characteristic can be approximated by an ideal transformer with some resistive drop and positive temperature coefficient.

This type of characteristic is close to the impedance characteristic of a DC power distribution system, both in behavior (AC dynamic) and absolute value (DC dynamic).

When connected in an array (with same K factor), the BCM module will inherently share the load current with parallel units, according to the equivalent impedance divider that the system implements from the power source to the point of load.

It is important to notice that, when successfully started, BCMs are capable of bidirectional operations (reverse power transfer is enabled if the BCM input falls within its operating range and the BCM is otherwise enabled). In parallel arrays, because of the resistive behavior, circulating currents are never experienced (energy conservation law).

General recommendations to achieve matched array impedances are (see also AN016 for further details):

- to dedicate common copper planes within the PCB to deliver and return the current to the modules
- to make the PCB layout as symmetric as possible
- to apply same input/output filters (if present) to each unit

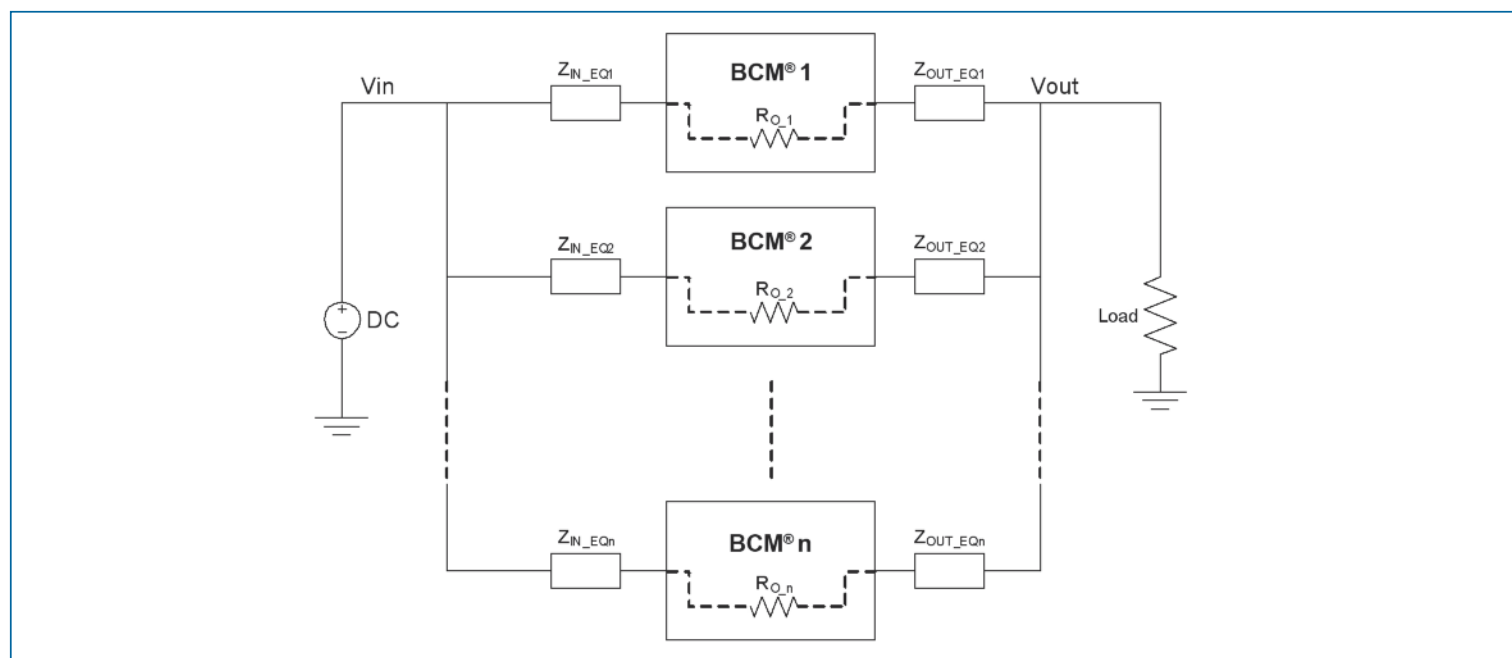


Figure 19 – BCM Array

APPLICATIONS NOTE

Input and Output Filter Design

A major advantage of SAC systems versus conventional PWM converters is that the transformers do not require large functional filters. The resonant LC tank, operated at extreme high frequency, is amplitude modulated as a function of input voltage and output current, and efficiently transfers charge through the isolation transformer. A small amount of capacitance, embedded in the input and output stages of the module, is sufficient for full functionality and is key to achieve power density.

This paradigm shift requires system design to carefully evaluate external filters in order to:

1. Guarantee low source impedance:

To take full advantage of the BCM dynamic response, the impedance presented to its input terminals must be low from DC to approximately 5 MHz. The connection of the VI Brick® to its power source should be implemented with minimal distribution inductance. If the interconnect inductance exceeds 100 nH, the input should be bypassed with a RC damper to retain low source impedance and stable operation. With an interconnect inductance of 200 nH, the RC damper may be as high as 1 μ F in series with 0.3 Ω . A single electrolytic or equivalent low-Q capacitor may be used in place of the series RC bypass.

2. Further reduce input and/or output voltage ripple without sacrificing dynamic response:

Given the wide bandwidth of the BCM, the source response is generally the limiting factor in the overall system response. Anomalies in the response of the source will appear at the output of the BCM multiplied by its K factor. This is illustrated in Figures 11 and 12.

3. Protect the module from overvoltage transients imposed by the system that would exceed maximum ratings and cause failures:

The VI Brick input/output voltage ranges shall not be exceeded. An internal overvoltage lockout function prevents operation outside of the normal operating input range. Even during this condition, the powertrain is exposed to the applied voltage and power MOSFETs must withstand it. A criterion for protection is the maximum amount of energy that the input or output switches can tolerate if avalanched.

Total load capacitance at the output of the BCM shall not exceed the specified maximum. Owing to the wide bandwidth and low output impedance of the BCM, low frequency bypass capacitance and significant energy storage may be more densely and efficiently provided by adding capacitance at the input of the BCM. At frequencies <500 kHz the BCM appears as an impedance of R_{OUT} between the source and load.

Within this frequency range capacitance at the input appears as effective capacitance on the output per the relationship defined in Eq. 5.

$$C_{OUT} = \frac{C_{IN}}{K^2} \quad \text{Eq. 6}$$

This enables a reduction in the size and number of capacitors used in a typical system.

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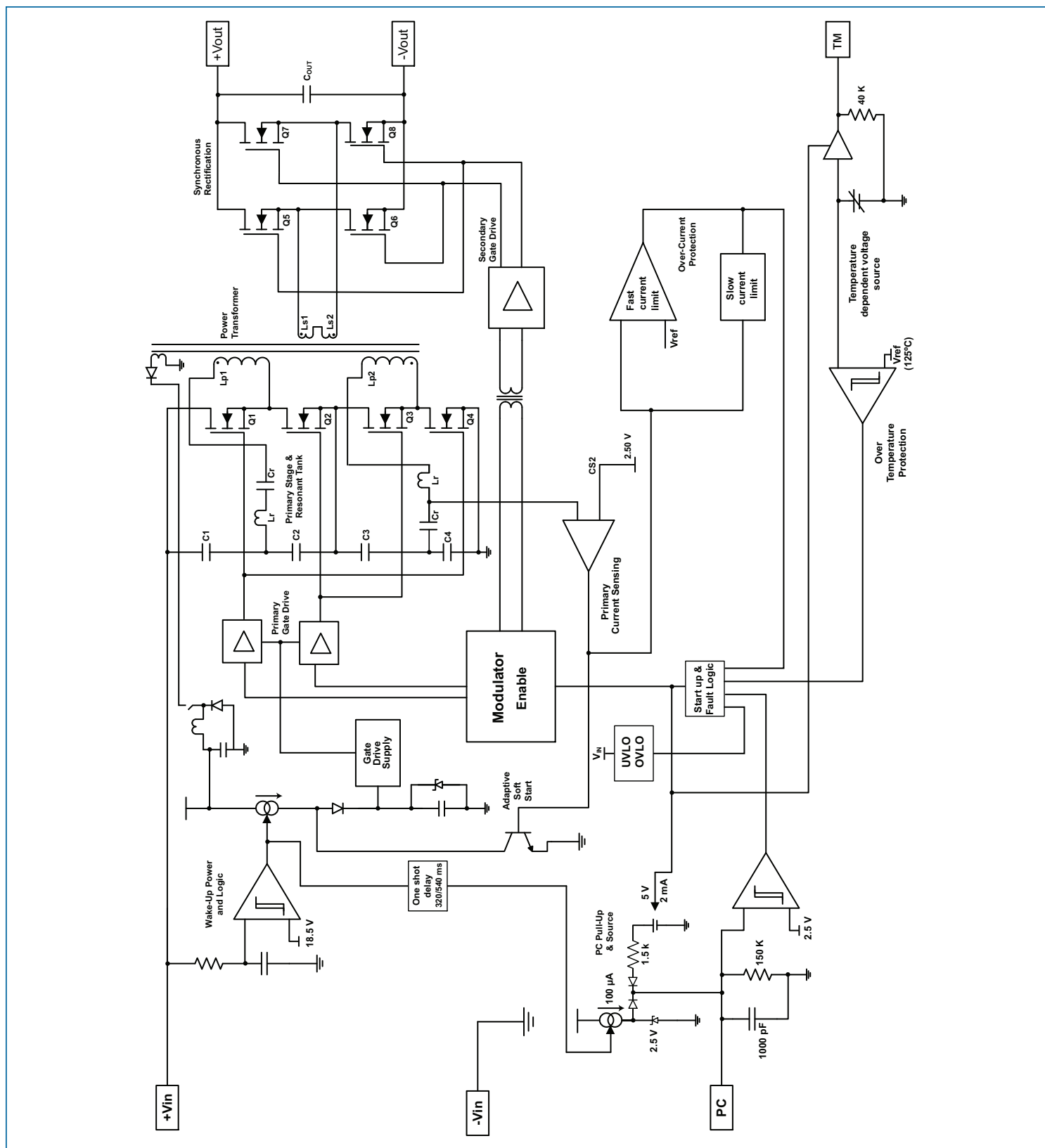


Figure 20 — BCM block diagram

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