

TPS55340EVM-147, 6V to 18V Input, 12V Output SEPIC Evaluation Module

This user's guide contains information for the TPS55340EVM-147 evaluation module (also called PWR147) as well as the TPS55340 DC/DC converter. The document includes the performance specifications, schematic, and the bill of materials for the TPS55340EVM-147.

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1 Background

The TPS55340 DC/DC converter is in typical applications a step-up boost converter, however this EVM uses it in a SEPIC topology. Rated input voltage and output current range for the evaluation module are given in [Table 1](#). This evaluation module demonstrates the performance of the TPS55340 in an example application and can accommodate evaluation of other SEPIC applications supported by the TPS55340. This design shows a small printed-circuit-board area that can be achieved when designing with the TPS55340 regulator. However, appropriate sizing of the inductor and diode for the desired application can further reduce the board area. The switching frequency is externally set at a nominal 500kHz. The 40V, 5A, low-side MOSFET is incorporated inside the TPS55340 package along with the gate drive circuitry. The low drain-to-source on-resistance of the MOSFET allows the TPS55340 to achieve high efficiencies. The compensation components are external to the integrated circuit (IC). In this example application the absolute maximum input voltage for the TPS55340EVM-147 is 26V.

Table 1. Input Voltage and Output Current Summary

EVM	Input Voltage Range	Maximum Output Current
TPS55340EVM-147	$V_{IN} = 6V$ to 18V	$I_{OUTmax} = 1A$

2 Performance Specification Summary

[Table 2](#) provides a summary of the TPS55340EVM-147 performance specifications. Specifications are given for an input voltage of $V_{IN} = 6V$ and $V_{IN} = 18V$ with an output voltage of 12V, unless otherwise specified. The ambient temperature is 25°C for all measurements, unless otherwise noted.

Table 2. Performance Specification Summary

Specification	Test Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{IN} voltage range			6	12	18	V
Output voltage set point				12		V
Line regulation	$I_{OUT} = 500mA$, $V_{IN} = 6V$ to 18V		$\pm 0.1\%$			
Operating frequency			500			kHz
Output current range			.001		1	A
Output over current limit ⁽¹⁾	$V_{IN} = 6V$		1.5	2.6		A
Output over current limit ⁽¹⁾	$V_{IN} = 18V$		1.9	3.4		A
Load regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1mA$ to 1A, $V_{IN} = 6V$ to 18V		$\pm 0.1\%$			
Load transient response	$I_{OUT} = 250mA$ to 750mA, $V_{IN} = 6V$	Voltage change	-480			mV
		Recovery time	1			ms
	$I_{OUT} = 750mA$ to 250mA, $V_{IN} = 6V$	Voltage change	480			mV
		Recovery time	1			ms
Loop bandwidth	$I_{OUT} = 1A$, $V_{IN} = 6V$		6.3			kHz
Phase margin	$I_{OUT} = 1A$, $V_{IN} = 6V$		59.3			°
Loop bandwidth	$I_{OUT} = 1A$, $V_{IN} = 18V$		13.2			kHz
Phase margin	$I_{OUT} = 1A$, $V_{IN} = 18V$		66.5			°
Output ripple voltage	$I_{OUT} = 1A$, $V_{IN} = 6V$		60			mVpp
Output ripple voltage	$I_{OUT} = 1A$, $V_{IN} = 18V$		40			mVpp
Maximum efficiency	TPS55340EVM-147, $V_{IN} = 6V$, $I_{OUT} = 350mA$		92.1%			
Maximum efficiency	TPS55340EVM-147, $V_{IN} = 18V$, $I_{OUT} = 1A$		92.1%			

⁽¹⁾ The over current limit is dependent on the input voltage and based on peak current limit of the TPS55340.

3 Modifications

These evaluation modules provide access to the features of the TPS55340. Some modifications to this module are possible.

3.1 Output Voltage Set Point

The resistor divider network of R1 and R2 sets the output voltage. Keep R2 fixed at or close to 10kΩ. To change the output voltage of the EVM, change the value of resistor R1. Calculate the value of R1 for a specific output voltage by using [Equation 1](#).

$$R1 = R2 \times \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{1.229V} - 1 \right) \quad (1)$$

Note that V_{IN} must be in a range so that the on-time is greater than the minimum controllable on-time (77ns typical), and the maximum duty cycle is less than 89% minimum and 93% typical.

After adjusting the output voltage the maximum input voltage must be taken into consideration. The voltage on the internal FET, the SW pin, is equal to the sum of the input voltage and the output voltage. By using [Equation 2](#) you can determine the recommended maximum input voltage.

$$V_{INmax} = 38V - V_{OUT} \quad (2)$$

3.2 Maximum Output Current

After adjusting input or output voltage settings, verify the maximum output current per [Equation 3](#) below, where I_{LIM} is the peak current limit of the TPS55340 and V_F is the forward voltage drop of the external schottky diode (D1). This equation combines Equations 40, 42, and 44 from the datasheet.

$$I_{OUTmax} = \frac{\left(I_{LIMmin} - \frac{V_{INmin}}{2 \times f_{SW} \times L} \times \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F}{V_{OUT} + V_F + V_{INmin}} \right)}{\left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{INmin} \times \eta_{EST}} + 1 \right)} \quad (3)$$

3.3 Slow-Start Time

The slow-start time can be adjusted by changing the value of C3. The EVM uses $C3 = 0.047 \mu F$ as recommended on the data sheet to avoid any overshoot during start-up. A larger capacitance increases the slow-start time while a smaller capacitance decreases it.

3.4 Other Modifications

Please see data sheet recommendations and equations when changing the switching frequency, input/output voltage range, input inductor, output capacitors or compensation.

4 Test Setup and Results

This section describes how to properly connect, set up, and use the TPS55340EVM-147 evaluation module. Included are test results typical for the evaluation module covering efficiency, output voltage regulation, load transients, loop response, output ripple, input ripple, start-up and shut-down.

4.1 Input/Output Connections

The TPS55340EVM-147 is provided with input/output connectors and test points as shown in Table 3. Connect a power supply capable of supplying 5A to J6 through a pair of 20 AWG wires. The jumper across JP1 in the ON position (1-2) must be in place. Connect the load to J7 through a pair of 20 AWG wires. The maximum load current capability must be at least 1A. Wire lengths must be minimized to reduce losses in the wires. Header J1 provides a place to monitor the V_{IN} input voltages with J3 providing a convenient ground reference. Use J2 to monitor the output voltage with J4 as the ground reference.

Table 3. EVM Connectors and Test Points

Reference Designator	Function
J1	2-pin header for V_{IN} input voltage connections
J2	2-pin header for V_{OUT} input voltage connections
J3,J4	2-pin header for GND connections
J5	2-pin header for synchronizing signal and ground
J6	V_{IN} input voltage connector. (See Table 1 for V_{IN} range.)
JP1	3-pin header for enable. Install jumper from pins 1-2 to enable or from pins 2-3 to disable.
TP1	SW test point
TP2	Test point between voltage divider network and output. Used for loop response measurements.
TP3	COMP test point
TP4	Output voltage test point at V_{OUT} connector
TP5	GND test point at V_{OUT} connector

4.2 Efficiency

The efficiency of this EVM peaks at a load current of about 300mA at 6V input and 1A at 18V input, then decreases as the load current increases toward full load. Figure 1 shows the efficiency for the TPS55340EVM-147 at an ambient temperature of 25°C.

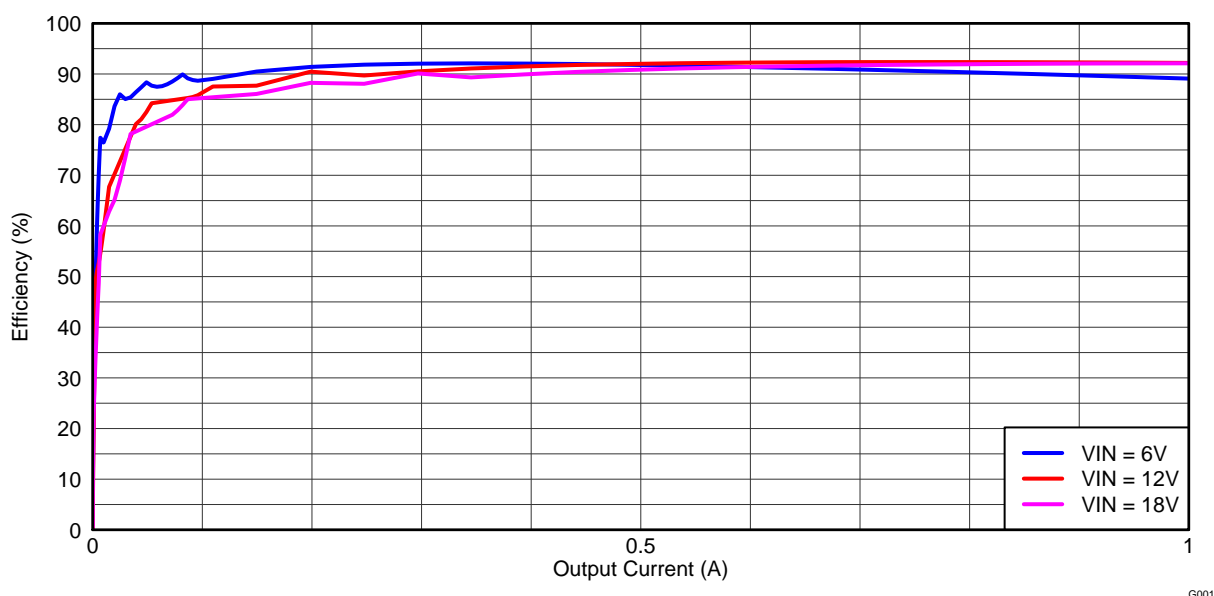


Figure 1. TPS55340EVM-147 Efficiency

The efficiency may be lower at higher ambient temperatures, due to temperature variation in the drain-to-source resistance of the internal MOSFET.

4.3 Output Voltage Load Regulation

Figure 2 shows the load regulation for the TPS55340EVM-147.

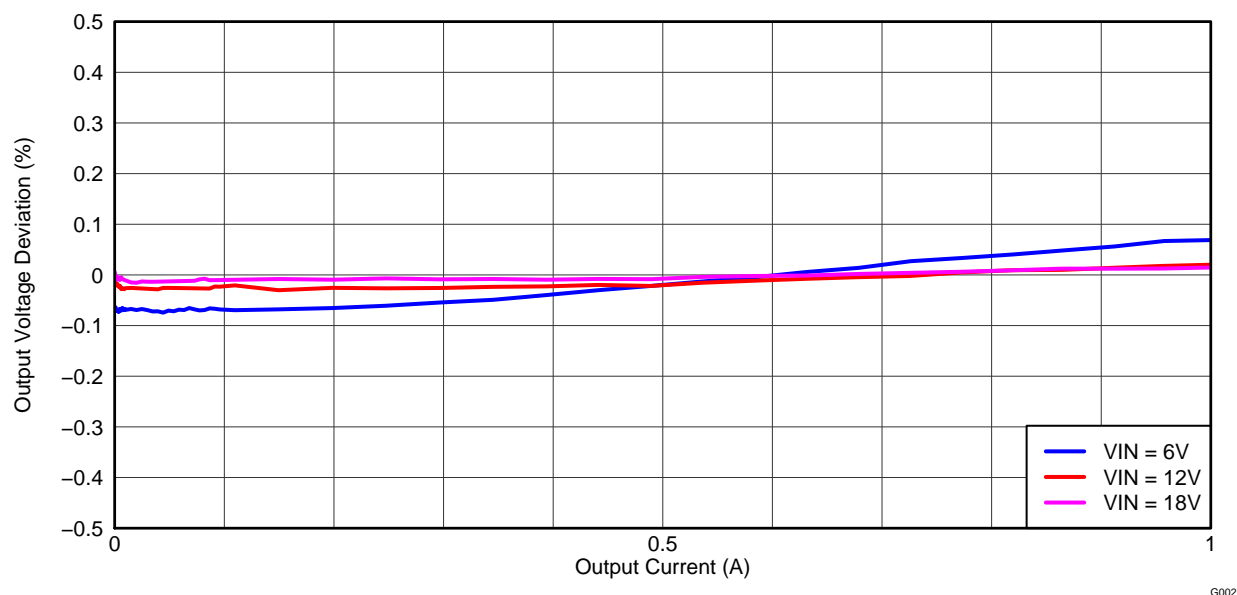


Figure 2. TPS55340EVM-147 Output Voltage Load Regulation

Measurements are for an ambient temperature of 25°C.

4.4 Output Voltage Line Regulation

Figure 3 shows the line regulation for the TPS55340EVM-147 with a 24Ω (500mA) load.

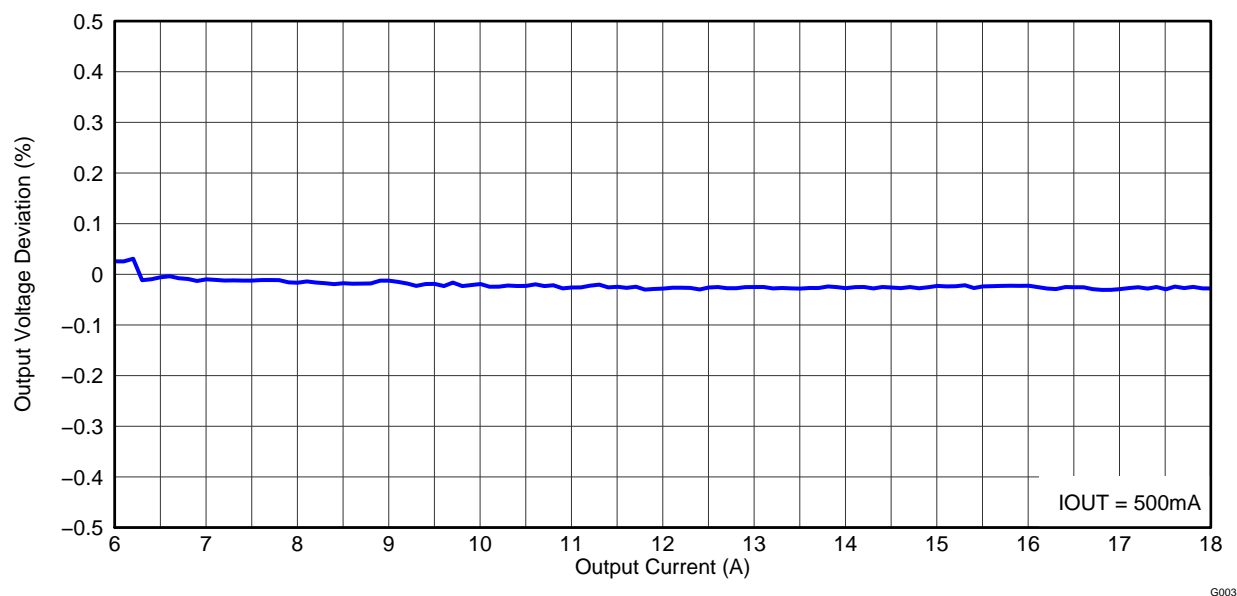


Figure 3. TPS55340EVM-147 Output Voltage Line Regulation

4.5 Load Transients

Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the TPS55340EVM-147 response to load transients. The current step is from 25% to 75% of maximum rated load at a 6V input and a 18V input respectively. The current step slew rate is 10 mA/ μ s. Total peak-to-peak voltage variation is as shown, including ripple and noise on the output.

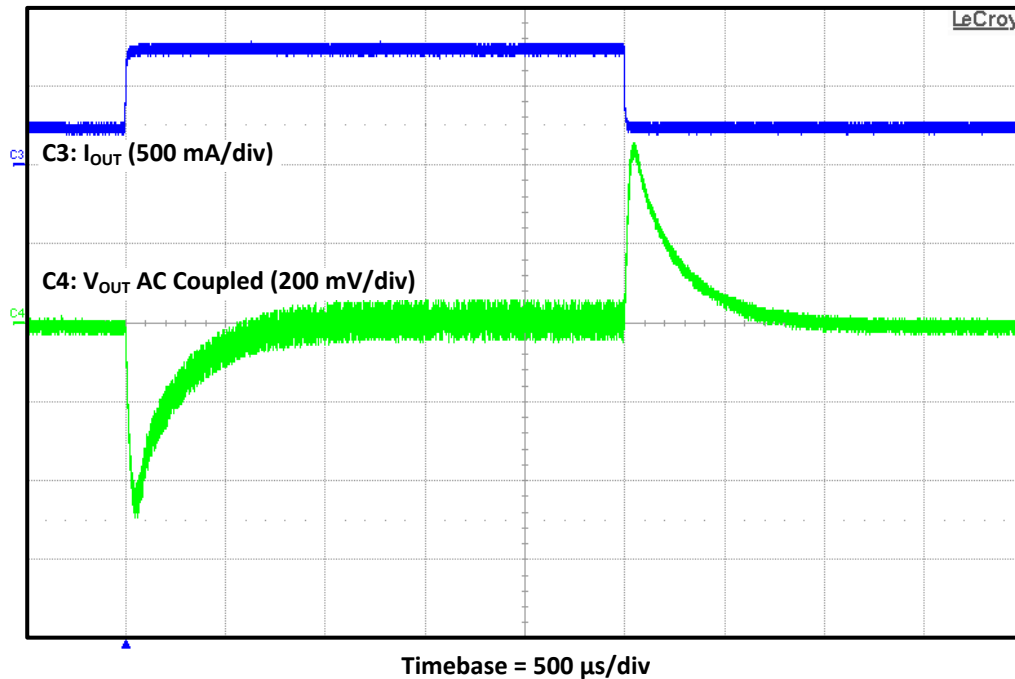


Figure 4. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 6V$ Transient Response

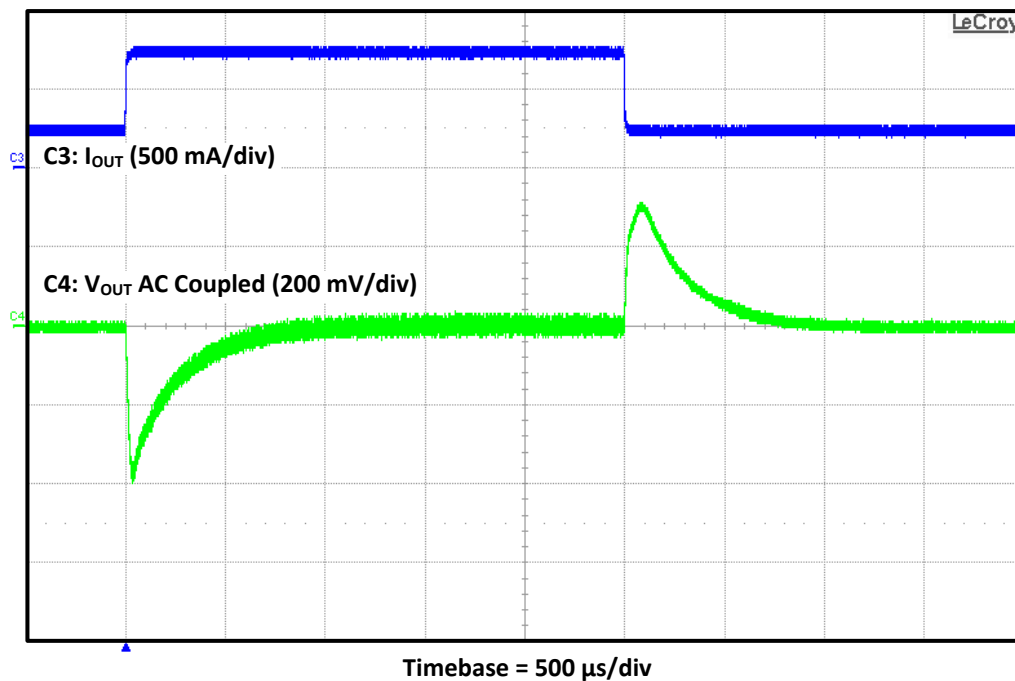


Figure 5. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 18V$ Transient Response

4.6 Loop Characteristics

Figure 6 shows the TPS55340EVM-147 loop-response characteristics. Gain and phase plots are shown for V_{IN} voltages of 6V and 18V with load currents of 1A.

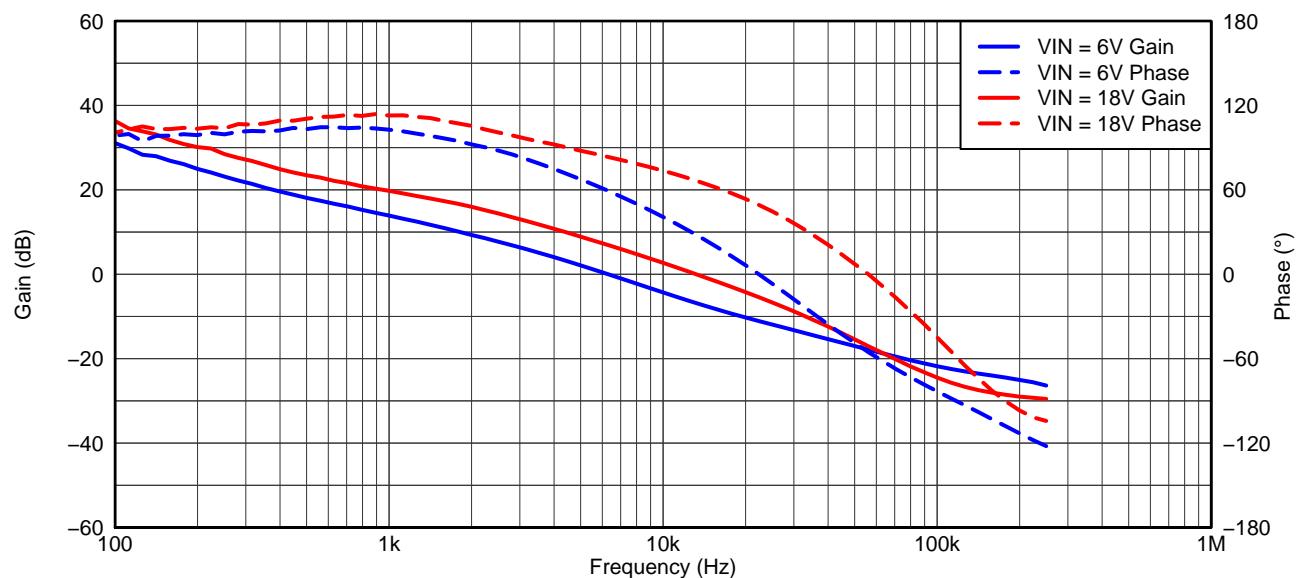


Figure 6. TPS55340EVM-147 Loop Response

4.7 Output Voltage Ripple

Figure 7 shows the TPS55340EVM-147 output voltage ripple and inductor current ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 1A and $V_{IN} = 6V$. The ripple voltage is measured directly across the output capacitors.

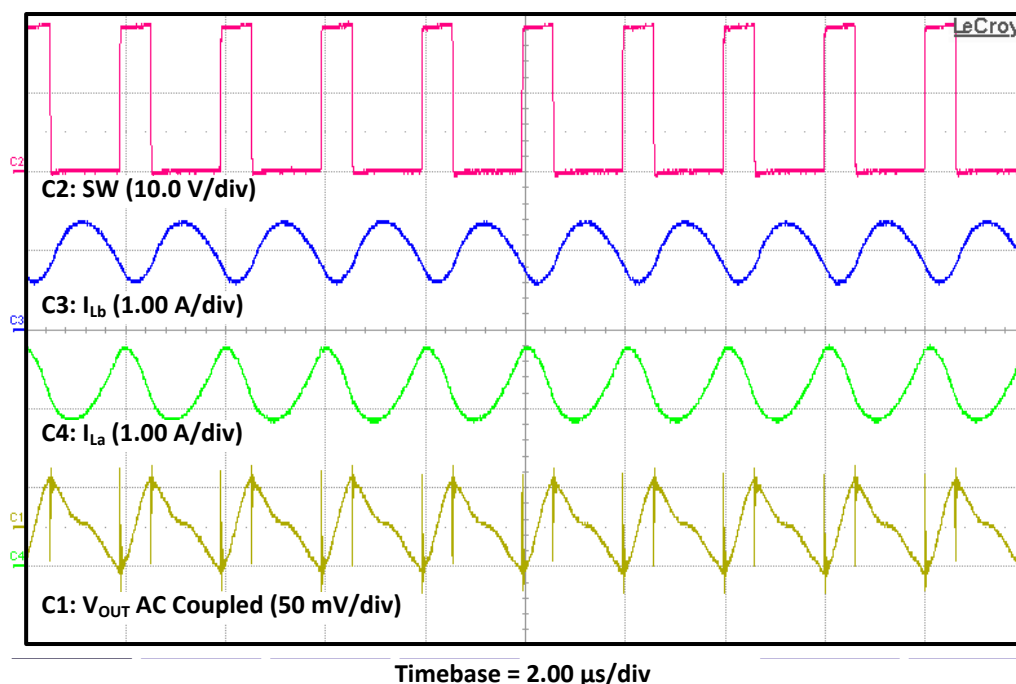


Figure 7. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 6V$ Output Ripple

Figure 8 shows the TPS55340EVM-147 output voltage ripple and inductor current ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 1A and $V_{IN} = 18V$. The ripple voltage is measured directly across the output capacitors.

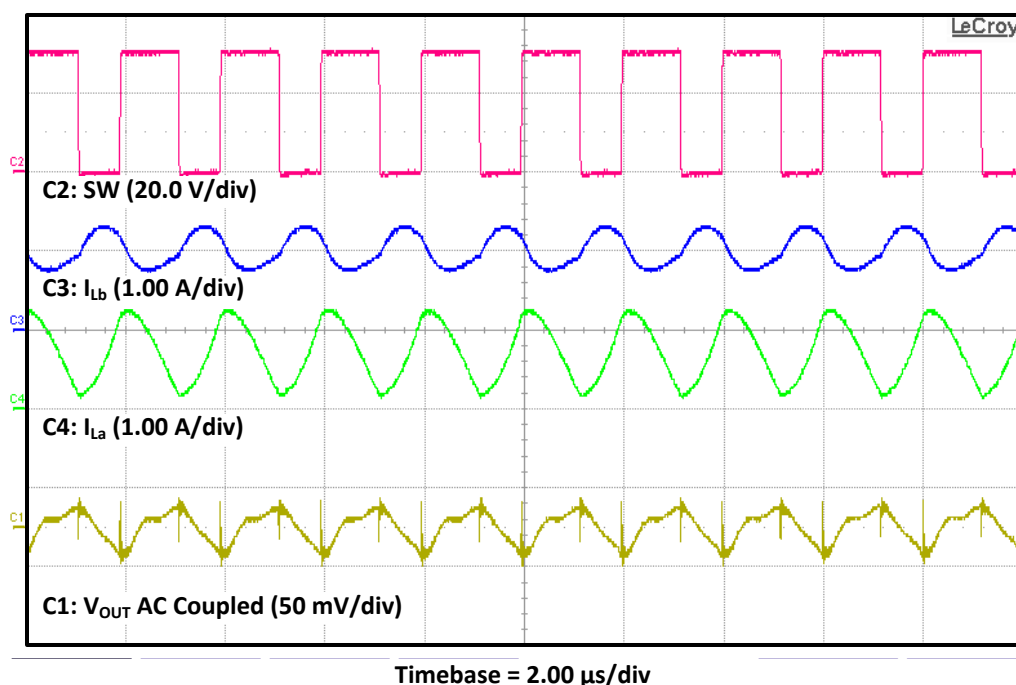


Figure 8. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 18V$ Output Ripple

Figure 9 shows the TPS55340EVM-147 output voltage ripple, inductor current ripple and switching waveform while operating in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM). The input voltage is 12V and the output is loaded with 60 Ω .

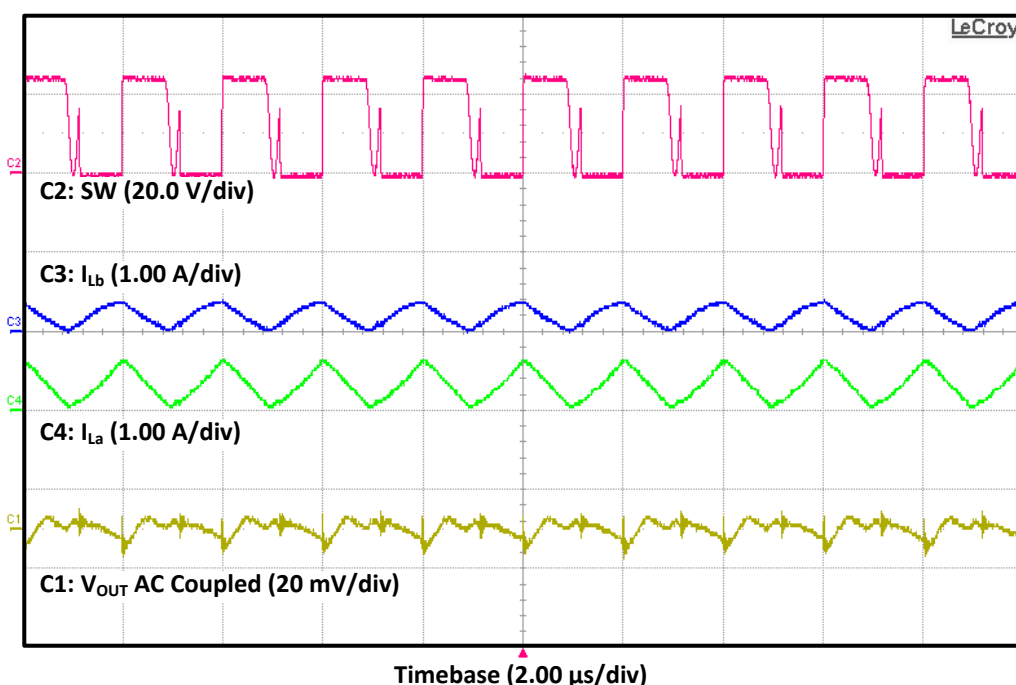


Figure 9. TPS55340EVM-147 DCM Output Ripple

4.8 Pulse-Skipping Operation

The TPS55340 features pulse-skipping for output regulation when operating at light loads. Figure 9 shows the output voltage ripple and the pulse-skipping at SW. The input voltage is 18V.

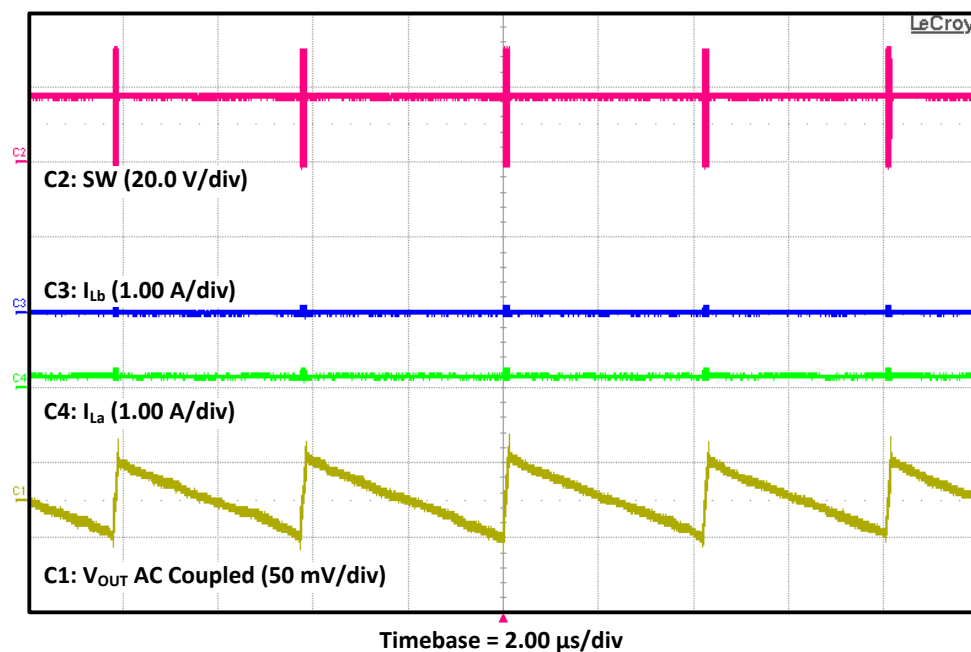


Figure 10. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 18V$ Pulse-Skipping

4.9 Input Voltage Ripple

Figure 11 shows the TPS55340EVM-147 input voltage ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 1A at $V_{IN} = 6V$. The ripple is measured directly across the input capacitor C2.

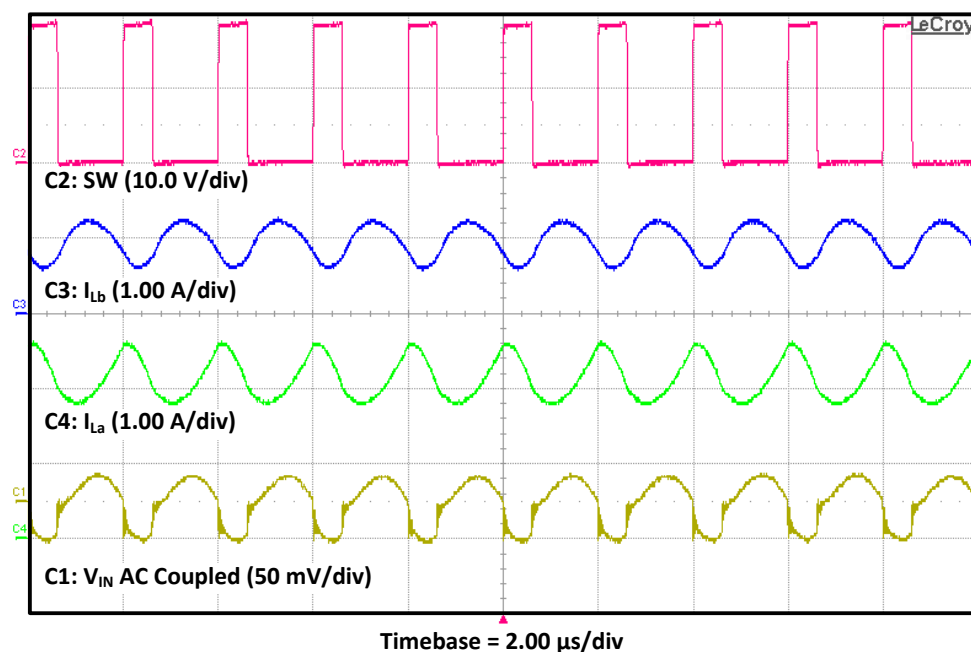


Figure 11. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 6V$ Input Voltage Ripple

Figure 12 shows the TPS55340EVM-147 input voltage ripple. The output current is the rated full load of 1A at $V_{IN} = 18V$. The ripple is measured directly across the input capacitor C2.

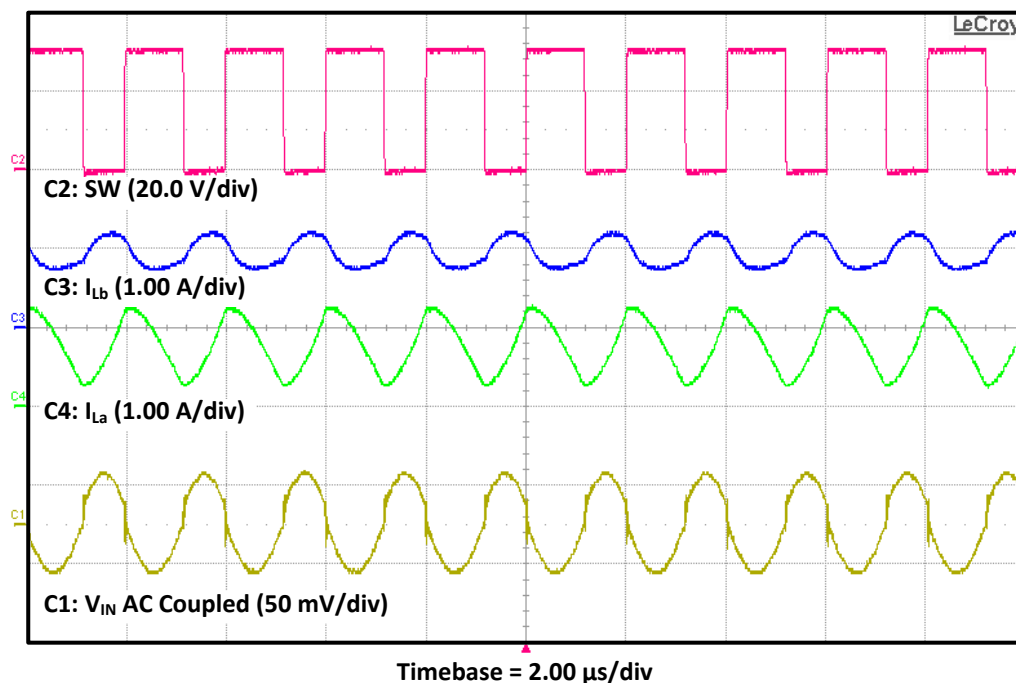


Figure 12. TPS55340EVM-147 $V_{IN} = 18V$ Input Voltage Ripple

4.10 Powering Up and Down with EN

Figure 13 shows the start-up waveforms for the TPS55340EVM-147. The input voltage is 6V, the EN goes high and the output voltage ramps from 0V to 12V. The load is 120 Ω .

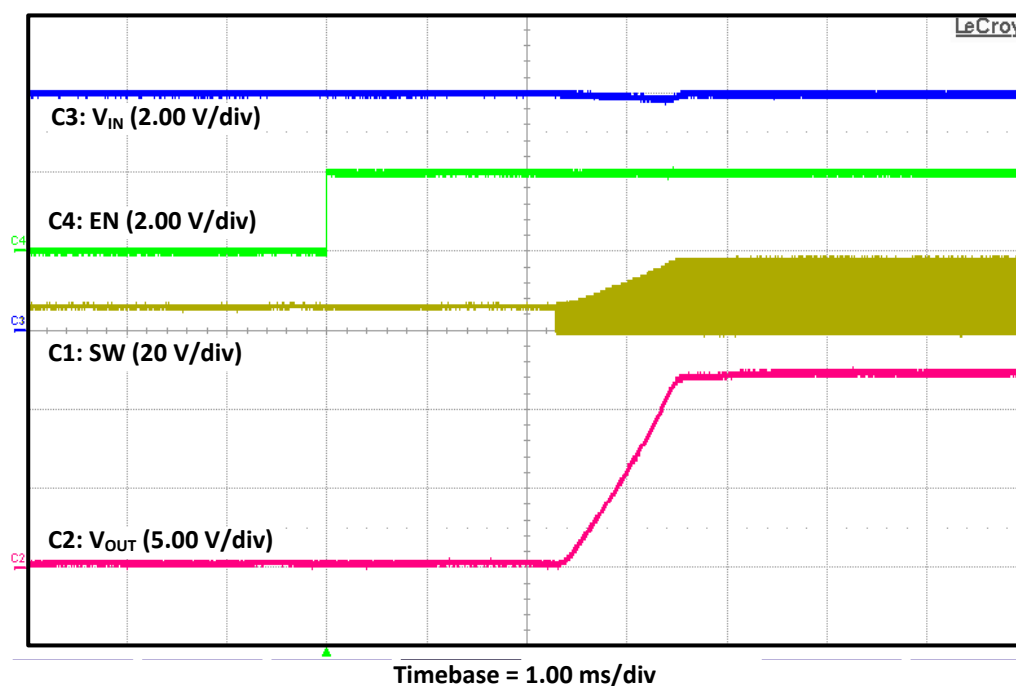


Figure 13. TPS55340EVM-147 Power Up With EN

Figure 14 shows the shutdown waveforms for the TPS55340EVM-147. The input voltage is 6V. The EN goes low and the output voltage ramps from 12V to 0V. The load is 120Ω.

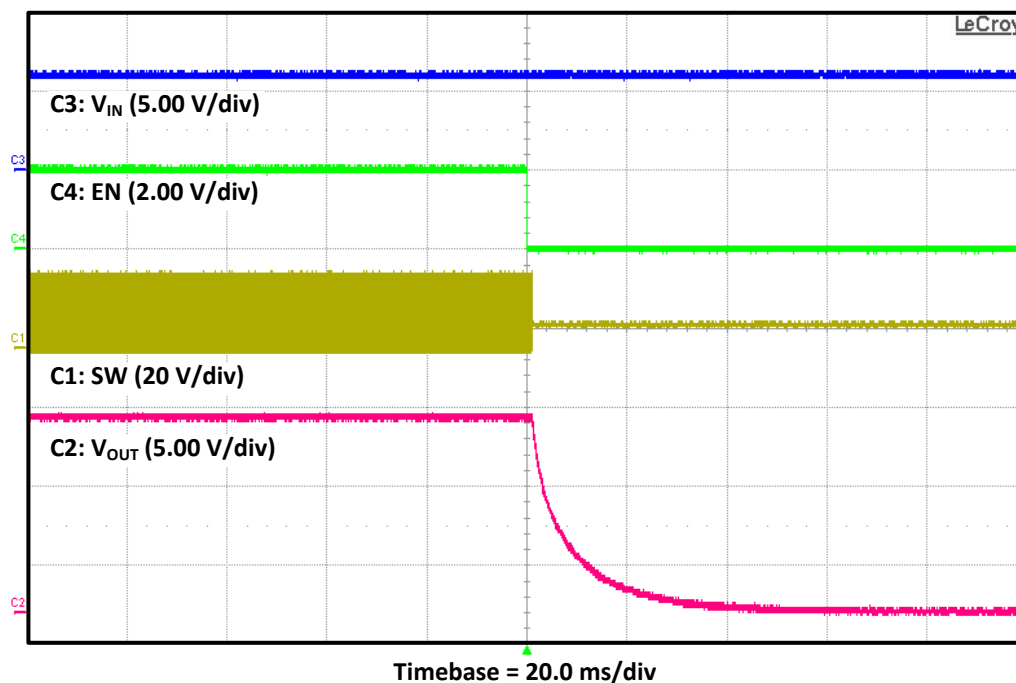


Figure 14. TPS55340EVM-147 Power Down With EN

4.11 Powering Up and Down with V_{IN}

Figure 15 shows the start-up waveforms for the TPS55340EVM-147. The input voltage ramps with the input voltage power supply and EN is tied to V_{IN} . V_{IN} ramps up, the converter starts switching and the output voltage ramps to 12V. The load is 120Ω.

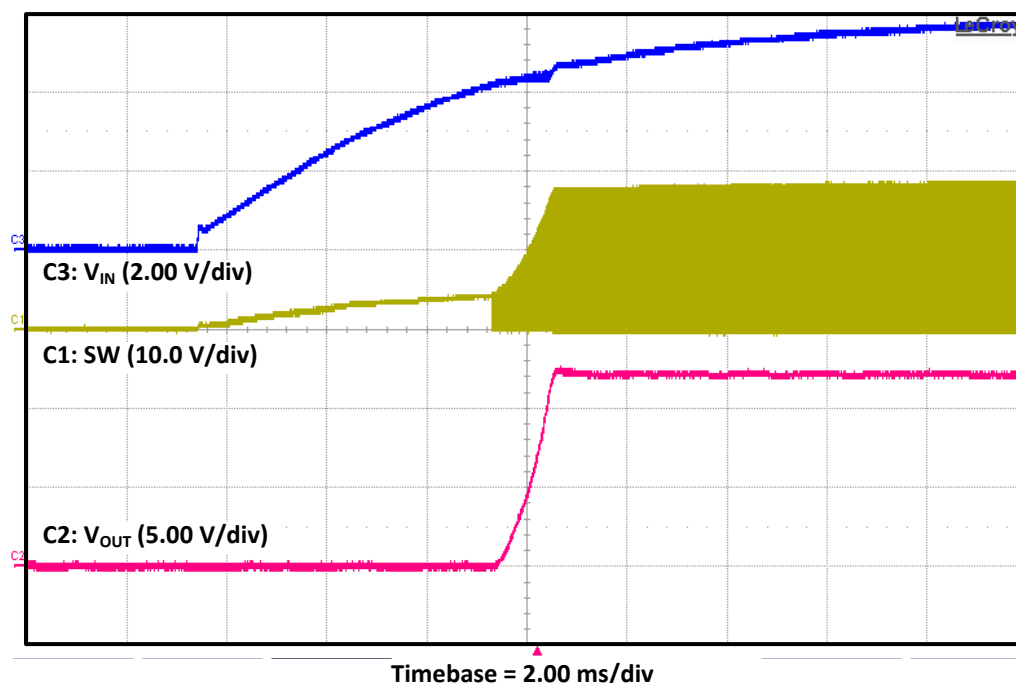


Figure 15. TPS55340EVM-147 Power Up With V_{IN}

Figure 16 shows the shutdown waveforms for the TPS55340EVM-147. The input voltage ramps down with the input voltage power supply and EN is tied to V_{IN} . When V_{IN} is less than the 2.6V typical UVLO, the converter stops switching and the output voltage ramps down. The load is 120 Ω .

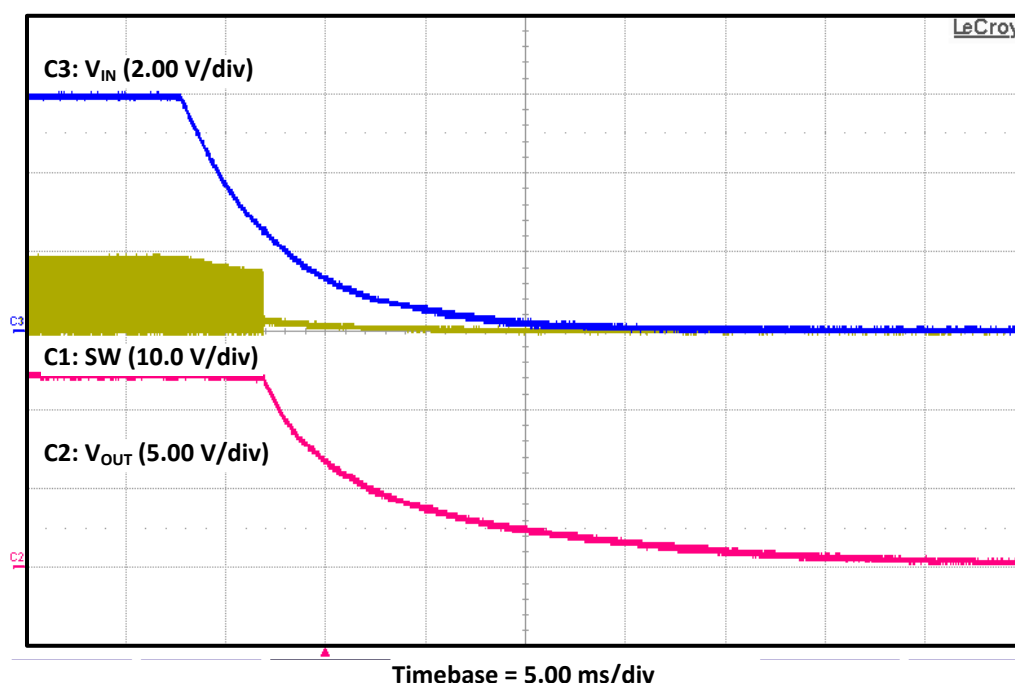


Figure 16. TPS55340EVM-147 Power Down With V_{IN}

5 Board Layout

This section provides a description of the TPS55340EVM-147 board layout and layer illustrations.

5.1 Layout

The board layout for the TPS55340EVM-147 is shown in Figure 17 through Figure 21. The top-side layer of the EVM is laid out in a manner typical of a user application. The top, bottom, and internal layers are 2-oz. copper.

The top layer contains the main power traces for V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , and SW. Also on the top layer are connections for the remaining pins of the TPS55340 and a large area filled with ground. The internal layers and bottom are primarily ground with additional fill areas for V_{IN} and V_{OUT} . The top-side ground traces connect to the bottom and internal ground planes with multiple vias placed around the board. Nine vias directly under the TPS55340 device provide a thermal path from the top-side ground plane to the bottom-side ground plane.

Place the output decoupling capacitors (C8-C11) as close to the IC as possible. The copper area of the SW node is kept small to minimize noise. The vias near the diode D1 on the V_{OUT} plane aid with thermal dissipation. Additionally, keep the voltage setpoint resistor divider components close to the IC. The voltage divider network ties to the output voltage at the point of regulation, the copper V_{OUT} trace at the J7 output connector. For the TPS55340, an additional input bulk capacitor may be necessary, depending on the EVM connection to the input supply. Critical analog circuits such as the voltage setpoint divider, frequency set resistor, slow-start capacitor, and compensation components terminate to ground by using a separate ground trace on the top and bottom connected power ground pour only at one point directly under the IC.

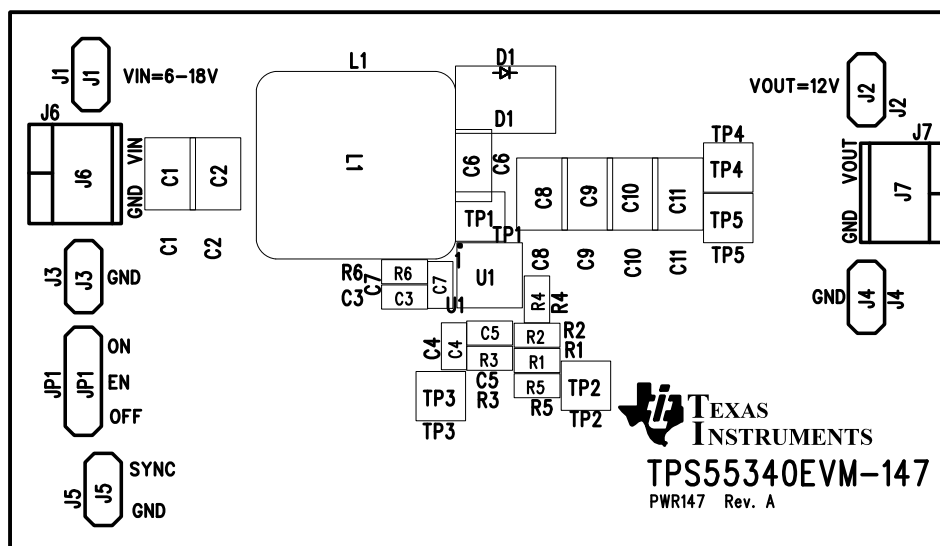


Figure 17. TPS55340EVM-147 Top-Side Assembly

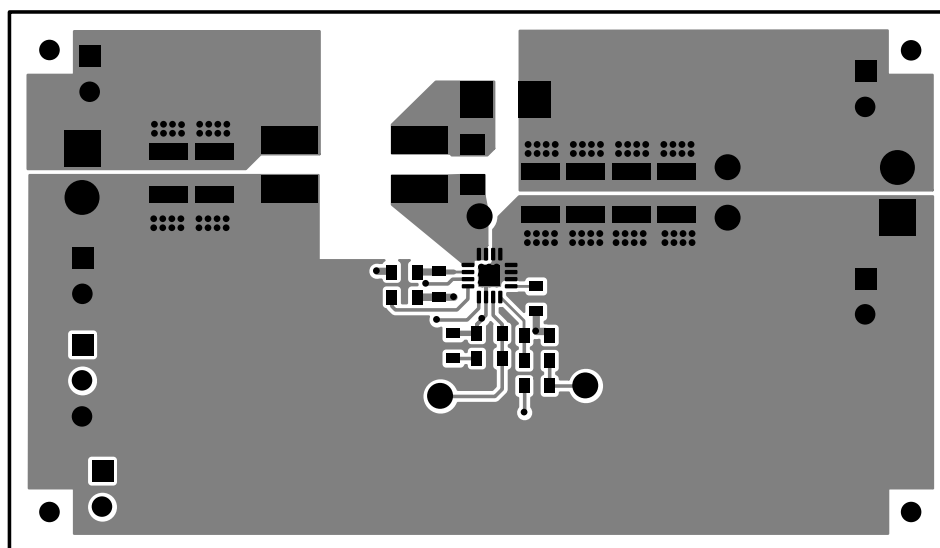


Figure 18. TPS55340EVM-147 Top-Side Layout

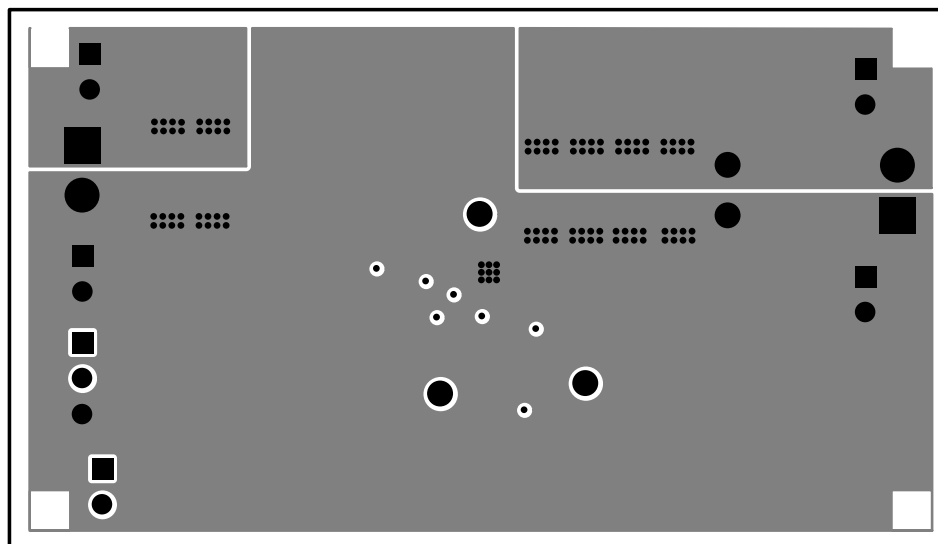


Figure 19. TPS55340EVM-147 Internal Layer-1 Layout

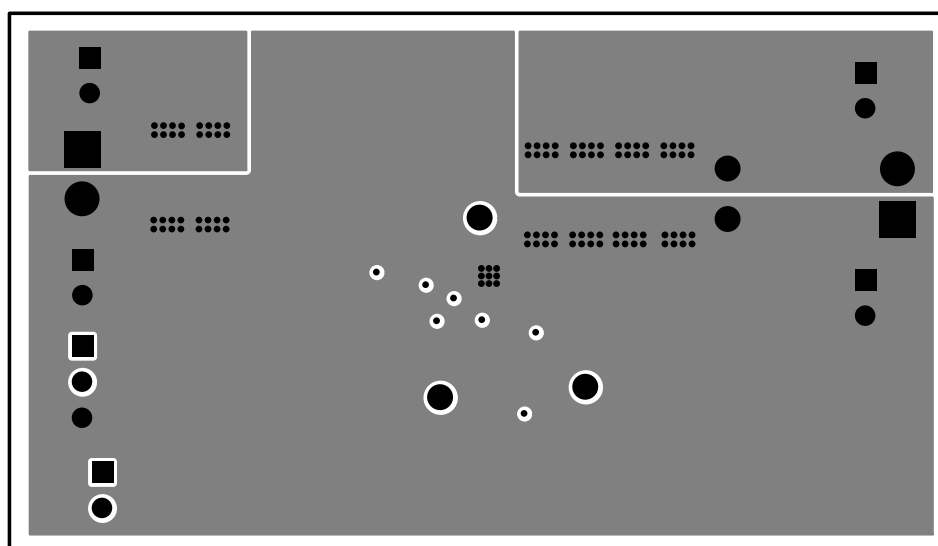


Figure 20. TPS55340EVM-147 Internal Layer-2 Layout

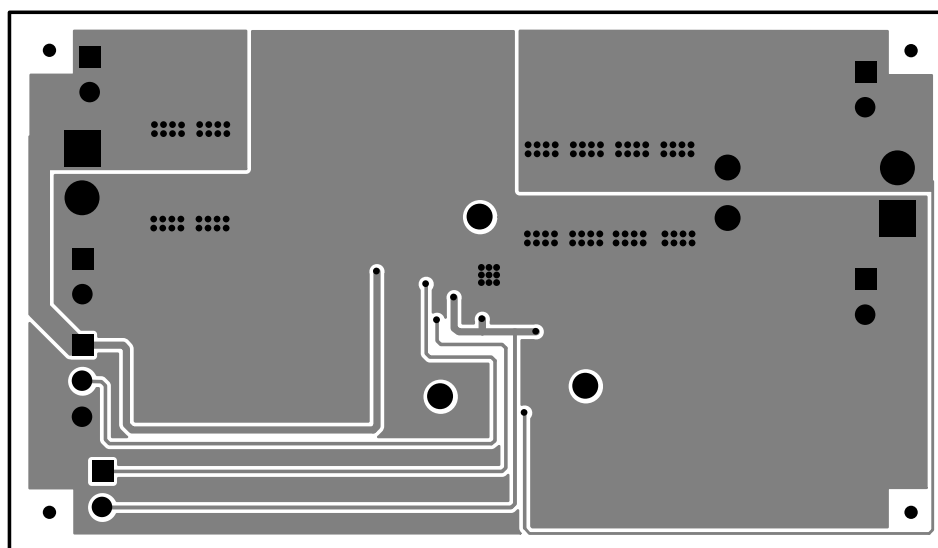


Figure 21. TPS55340EVM-147 Bottom-Side Layout

6 Schematic and Bill of Materials

This section presents the TPS55340EVM-147 schematic and bill of materials.

6.1 Schematic

Figure 22 is the schematic for the TPS55340EVM-147.

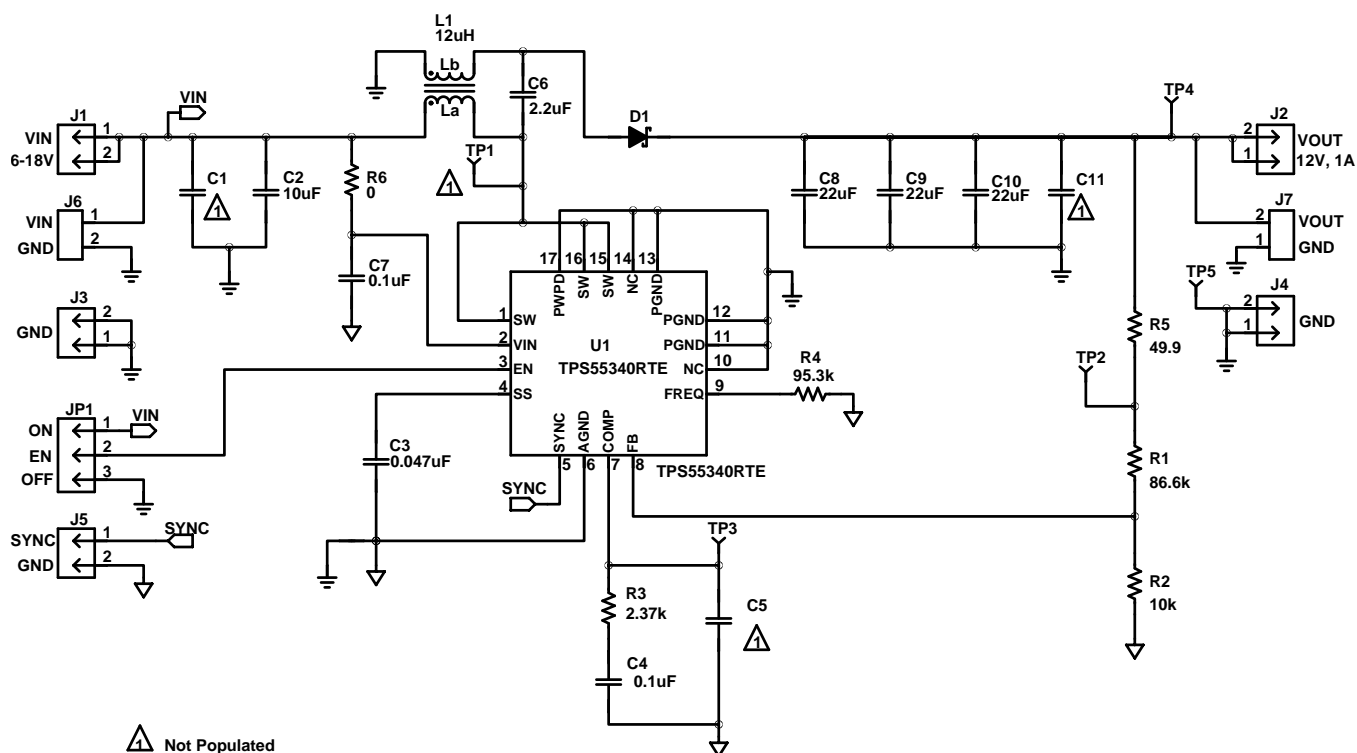


Figure 22. TPS55340EVM-147 Schematic

6.2 Bill of Materials

Table 4 presents the bill of materials for the TPS55340EVM-147.

Table 4. TPS55340EVM-147 Bill of Materials

QTY	RefDes	Value	Description	Size	Part Number	MFR
0	C1	Open	Capacitor, Ceramic, 35V, X7R, 10%	1210	STD	STD
1	C2	10uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 36V, X7R, 10%	1210	GRM32ER7YA106KA12L	Murata
1	C3	0.047uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 10V, X7R, 10%	0603	STD	STD
1	C4	0.1uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 10v, X7R, 10%	0603	STD	STD
0	C5	Open	Capacitor, Ceramic, 10V, X7R, 10%	0603	STD	STD
1	C6	2.2uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X7R, 10%	1210	STD	STD
1	C7	0.1uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X7R, 10%	0603	STD	STD
3	C8-C10	22uF	Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X7R, 10%	1210	STD	STD
0	C11	Open	Capacitor, Ceramic, 50V, X7R, 10%	1210	GRM32ER71H475KA88L	Murata
1	D1	B340B	Diode, Schottky Barrier Rectifier, 3-A, 40-V	SMB	B340B-13-F	Diodes Inc
5	J1-5	PEC025AAN	Header, Male 2-pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 x 2 inch	PEC025AAN	Suffins
2	J6-7	ED555/2DS	Terminal BLock, 2-pin, 6-A, 3.5mm	0.27 x 0.25 inch	ED555/205	OST
1	JP1	PEC035AAN	Header, Male 3-pin, 100mil spacing	0.100 x 3 inch	PEC035AAN	Sullins
1	L1	12uH	Inductor, SMT, 6.8A, 74milliohm, ±20%	0.484 x 0.484 inch	MSD1260 -123ML	Coilcraft
1	R1	86.6k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	STD	STD
1	R2	10.0k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	STD	
1	R3	2.37k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	STD	
1	R4	95.3k	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	STD	
1	R5	49.9	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	STD	
1	R6	0	Resistor, Chip, 1/16W, 1%	0603	STD	
1	SH1		Short jumper, 100mil	0.100 inch	929950-00	3M
1	TP5	5001	Test Point, Black, Thru Hole Color Keyed	0.100 x 0.100 inch		Keystone
3	TP2-4	5000	Test Point, Red, Thru Hole Color Keyed	0.100 x 0.100 inch		Keystone
0	TP1	Open	Test Point, Red, Thru Hole Color Keyed	0.100 x 0.100 inch		Keystone
1	U1	TPS55340RTE	IC, 5A 40V Boost Converter with Soft-start and Programmable Switching Frequency	QFN-16	TPS55340RTE	TI
1	–		PCB, 2.6 In x 1.5 In x 0.062 In		PWR147	Any

Notes: 1. These assemblies are ESD sensitive, ESD precautions shall be observed.
2. These assemblies must be clean and free from flux and all contaminants. Use of no clean flux is not acceptable.
3. These assemblies must comply with workmanship standards IPC-A-610 Class 2.
4. Ref designators marked with an asterisk (***) cannot be substituted. All other components can be substituted with equivalent MFG's components.

6.3 Reference

1. *TPS55340, Integrated 5-A 40-V Boost/SEPIC/Flyback Converter with Adjustable Switching Frequency* data sheet ([SLVSB04](#))

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Caution

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Interference Statement for Class A EVM devices

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

For EVMs annotated as IC – INDUSTRY CANADA Compliant

This Class A or B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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Concerning EVMs including radio transmitters

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Concerning EVMs including detachable antennas

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.

This radio transmitter has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed in the user guide with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A ou B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

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Concernant les EVMs avec appareils radio

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Concernant les EVMs avec antennes détachables

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This development kit is NOT certified as Confirming to Technical Regulations of Radio Law of Japan

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