QUICK START GUIDE FOR DEMONSTRATION CIRCUIT 877 BUCK-BOOST REGULATOR

LTC3531

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 877 is a high efficiency synchronous Buck-Boost converter using the LTC3531-3.3. The input range is from 1.8V to 5.5V making it ideal for single-cell Lithium-lon, multicell alkaline or nickel battery applications. This converter can provide 200mA when the input voltage is above 2.9V.

The DC877 features the LTC3531-3.3 in a tiny 6-pin ThinSOT package. The converter operates in Burst Mode, which provides conversion efficiency over a wide range of load currents. It has minimum

component count and tiny solution size. Other features include current limiting, thermal shutdown and output disconnect. In shutdown, the IC itself draws less than 1uA. The DC877A is ideal for battery powered, handheld applications such as MP3 players, handheld computers and PDAs.

Design files for this circuit board are available. Call the LTC factory.

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Table 1. Performance Summary ($T_A = 25^{\circ}C$)

PARAMETER FOR LED DRIVER	CONDITION	VALUE
Minimum input voltage		1.8V
Maximum input voltage		5.5V
Output voltage V _{out}		3.3V +/- 4%
Maximum output current	V _{IN} =1.8V	90mA
Maximum output current	V _{IN} =2.5V	150mA
Maximum output current	V _{IN} =2.9V	200mA

QUICK START PROCEDURE

DC877 is easy to set up for evaluating the performance of the LTC3531. See Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the test procedure outlined below.

- 1. Place JP1 in the RUN position.
- 2. Connect a bench supply to the VIN and GND terminals.
- Turn on the input power supply and make sure that the input voltage does not exceed 5.5V.

- 4. Check for the proper output voltage. If there is no output, temporarily disconnect the load to make sure that the load is not set too high.
- 5. Once the proper output voltage is established, adjust the load within the operating range and observe the output voltage regulation, ripple voltage, efficiency and other parameters. See Figure 2 for proper scope probe placement for measuring input or output ripple.



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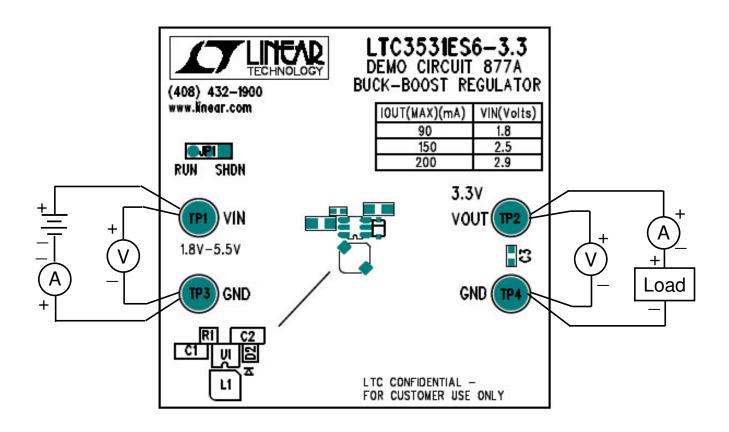


Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

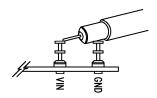


Figure 2. Scope Probe Placement for Measuring Input or Output Ripple



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