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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- Document Layout
- · Conventions Used in this Guide
- Recommended Reading
- · The Microchip Web Site
- Customer Support
- Document Revision History

DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board as a development tool to emulate and debug firmware on a target board. The manual layout is as follows:

- Chapter 1. "Product Overview" Important information about the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board.
- Chapter 2. "Installation and Operation" Includes instructions on installing and starting the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board.
- Appendix A. "Schematic and Layouts" Shows the schematic and layout diagrams for the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board.
- Appendix B. "Bill of Materials (BOM)" Lists the parts used to build the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board.

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Description	Represents	Examples
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Italic characters	Referenced books	MPLAB [®] IDE User's Guide
	Emphasized text	is the only compiler
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	File>Save
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click OK
	A tab	Click the Power tab
N'Rnnnn	A number in verilog format, where N is the total number of digits, R is the radix and n is a digit.	4'b0010, 2'hF1
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <enter>, <f1></f1></enter>
Courier New font:		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START
	Filenames	autoexec.bat
	File paths	c:\mcc18\h
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static
	Command-line options	-Opa+, -Opa-
	Bit values	0, 1
	Constants	0xff, 'A'
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	file.o, where file can be any valid filename
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] file [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }		
Ellipses	Replaces repeated text	<pre>var_name [, var_name]</pre>
	Represents code supplied by user	void main (void) { }

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This user's guide describes how to use the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board. Another useful document is listed below. The following Microchip document is available and recommended as a supplemental reference resource:

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Chapter 1. Product Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board and covers the following topics:

- MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board Overview
- MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board Features
- What the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board Kit Contains

1.2 MIC4684 2A BUCK REGULATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SELECT EVALUATION BOARD OVERVIEW

The MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board is a constant-frequency, non-synchronous buck solution featuring a voltage-mode control architecture. The MIC4684 operates over an input supply range of 4V to 30V. The output voltage is adjustable down to 1.235V. The device operates with a constant switching frequency of 200 kHz.



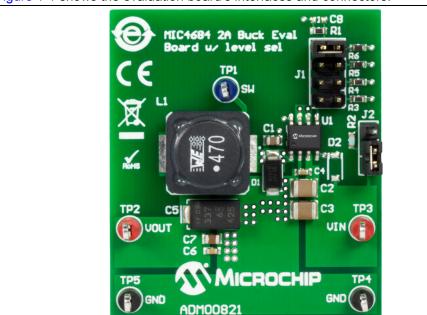


FIGURE 1-1:
Board Overview.

MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation

1.3 MIC4684 2A BUCK REGULATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SELECT EVALUATION BOARD FEATURES

The MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board features:

- Four selectable output voltages: 1.8V, 2.5V, 3.3V and 5V
- A footprint for a feed forward diode for the booststrap which improves the system efficiency
- A logic level enable (EN) signal can be used to enable or disable the controller
- · Frequency foldback for short circuit conditions

The basic parameters of the evaluation board are:

- Input: 4V to 30V (Optimized for 12V)
- Output: 1.8V, 2.5V, 3.3V or 5V selectable trough jumper J1 at 2A (default option is set to 5V)
- · Switching Frequency: 200 kHz

1.4 WHAT THE MIC4684 2A BUCK REGULATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SELECT EVALUATION BOARD KIT CONTAINS

The MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board includes the following items:

- MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board (ADM00821)
- · Important Information Sheet



Chapter 2. Installation and Operation

2.1 SYSTEM AND CONFIGURATION REQUIREMENTS

The MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board requires only a single power supply with at least 2A current capability. The output load can either be a passive or an active load.

Note:

The MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board does not have reverse polarity protection. Applying a negative voltage to the V_{IN} and GND terminals may damage the device. The maximum V_{IN} of the board is rated at 30V. Exceeding 30V on the V_{IN} could damage the device.

2.2 BOARD SETUP

Follow these steps prior to using the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board:

- 1. Connect a supply to the V_{IN} and GND terminals, paying careful attention to the polarity and the supply range (4V < V_{IN} < 30V). Monitor I_{IN} with a current meter and input voltage at V_{IN} and GND terminals with voltmeter. Do not apply power until Step 5.
- 2. Connect a jumper to the top position of jumper J1. This will set the output of the converter to 5V.
- Connect a load to the V_{OUT} and GND terminals. The load can be either a passive (resistive) or an active (electronic) type. A current meter may be placed between the V_{OUT} terminal and load to monitor the output current. Ensure the output voltage is monitored at the V_{OUT} terminal.
- 4. Enable input. An EN connector is provided on the evaluation board for users to easily access the enable feature. Applying an external logic signal on the EN pin to pull it low, or using a jumper to short the EN pin to GND, will shut off the output of the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board.
- 5. Turn on the V_{IN} supply and verify that the output voltage is regulated to the specific selected voltage.

2.3 CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

This section describes the working principles and limitations that should be taken into account when using the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board. External components have been selected in order to optimize performance for the specific conditions of V_{IN} = 12V and V_{OUT} = 5V.

Although the application behaves correctly for other output and input voltages, further optimization (fine tuning of the inductor and output capacitors) can be done in order to improve efficiency and transients response.

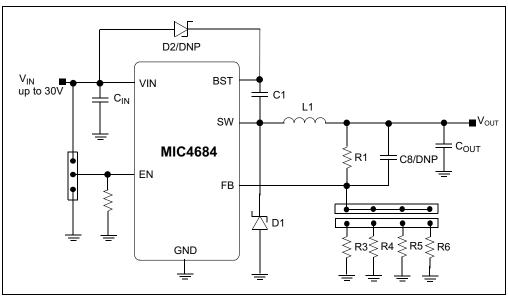


FIGURE 2-1: Evaluation Board Circuit Description.

2.3.1 Feedback Resistors

The output voltages available on the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board are:1.8V, 2.5V, 3.3V and 5V which are selectable using jumper J1.

Voltages other than the ones already available can be set by modifying R_{bot} resistors according to Equation 2-1.

EQUATION 2-1:

$$R_{bot} = \frac{R_1 \times V_{REF}}{V_{OUT} - V_{REF}}$$
 Where:
$$V_{REF} = 1.235 V$$

Note: The output voltage should not be set to exceed 10V due to the 10V voltage rating on the output capacitors.

2.3.2 SW Node

Test point TP9 (V_{SW}) is placed for monitoring the switching waveform, one of the most critical waveforms for the converter.

2.3.3 Auxiliary Bootstrap

The MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board features an optional booststrap diode that improves the system efficiency by providing an external bias source directly to the main pass element, thus reducing V_{SAT} . This also allows the MIC4684 to be used in very low head-room applications (5 V_{IN} to 3.3 V_{OLIT}).

2.3.4 Safe Operating Area

Depending on the conditions (input voltage, output voltage and temperature) and the configuration of the board the safe operating area is summarized below.

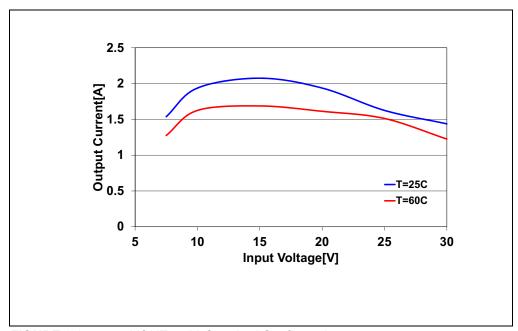


FIGURE 2-2: VOUT = 5V, Standard Configuration.

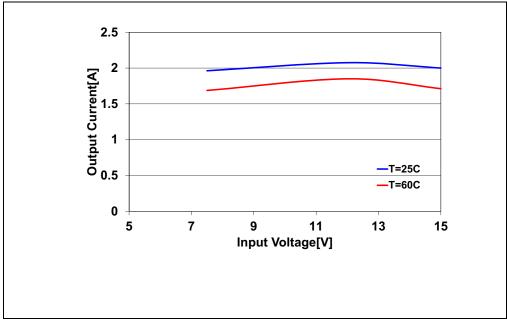


FIGURE 2-3: VOUT = 5V, Feed Forward Diode Configuration.

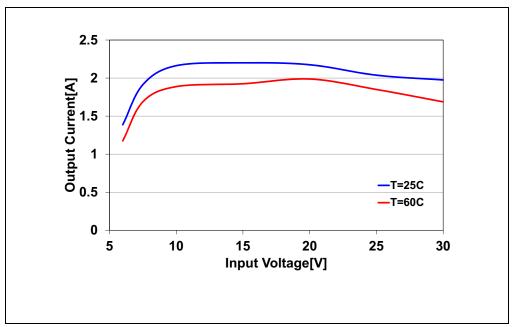


FIGURE 2-4: VOUT = 3.3V, Standard Configuration.

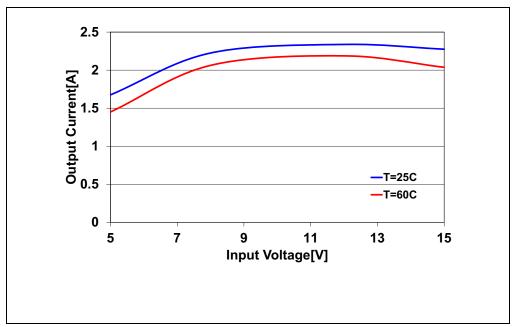


FIGURE 2-5: VOUT = 3.3V, Feed Forward Diode Configuration.

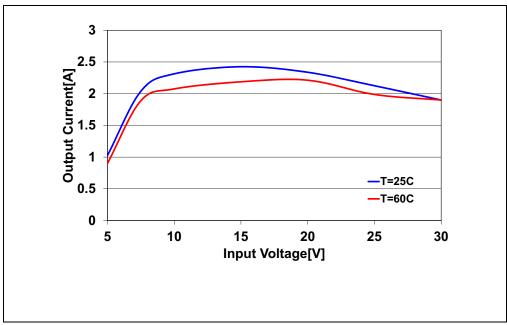


FIGURE 2-6: VOUT = 2.5V, Standard Configuration.

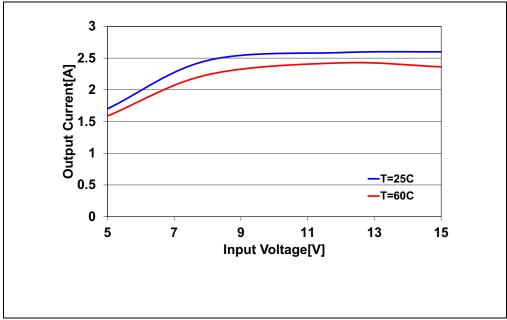


FIGURE 2-7: VOUT = 2.5V, Feed Forward Diode Configuration.

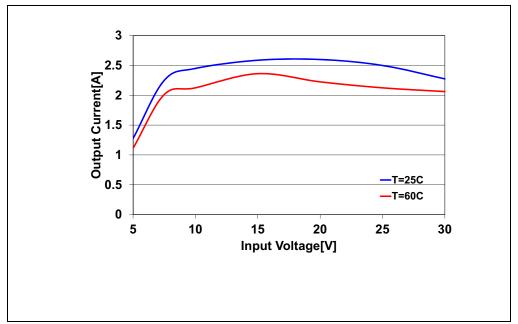


FIGURE 2-8: VOUT = 1.8V, Standard Configuration.

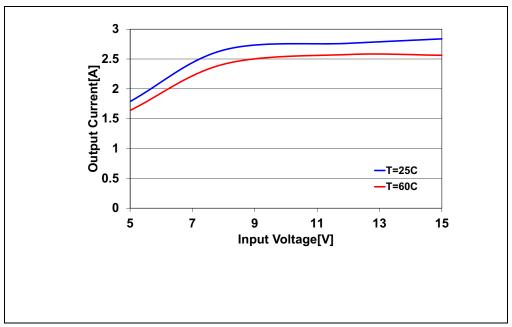


FIGURE 2-9: VOUT = 1.8V, Feed Forward Diode Configuration.



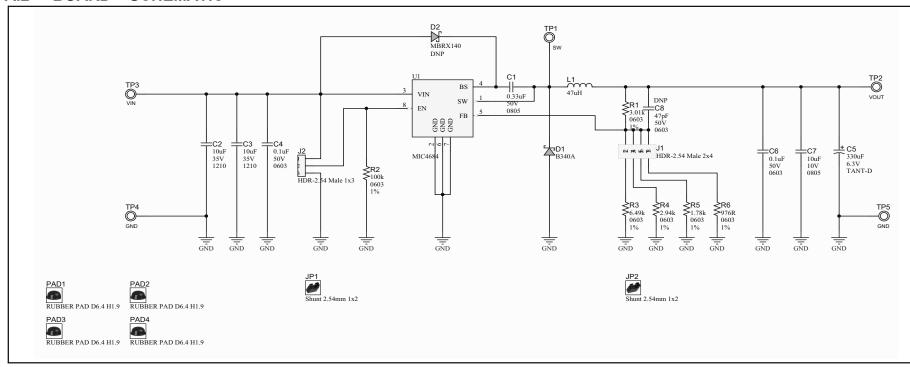
Appendix A. Schematic and Layouts

A.1 INTRODUCTION

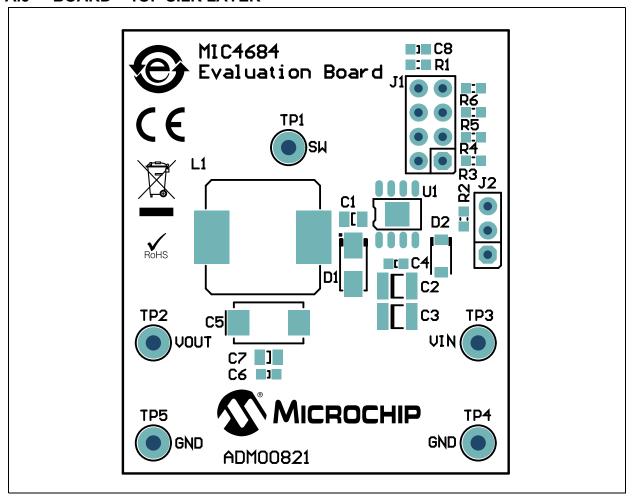
This appendix contains the following schematics and layouts for the MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board:

- Board Schematic
- Board Top Silk Layer
- Board Top Copper Layer
- Board Bottom Copper Layer

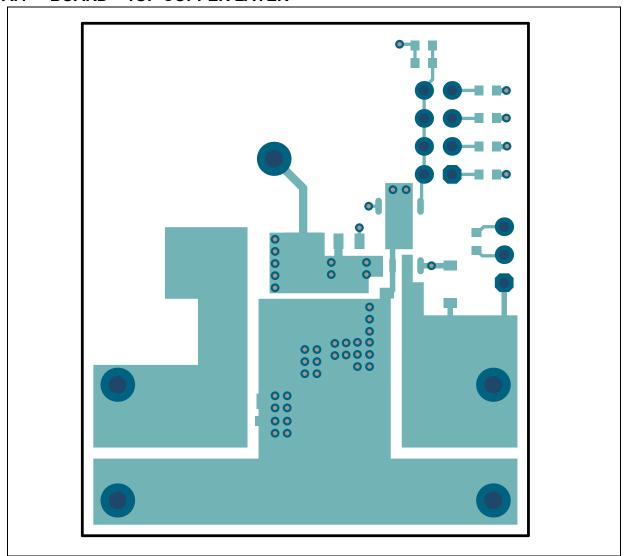
A.2 BOARD - SCHEMATIC



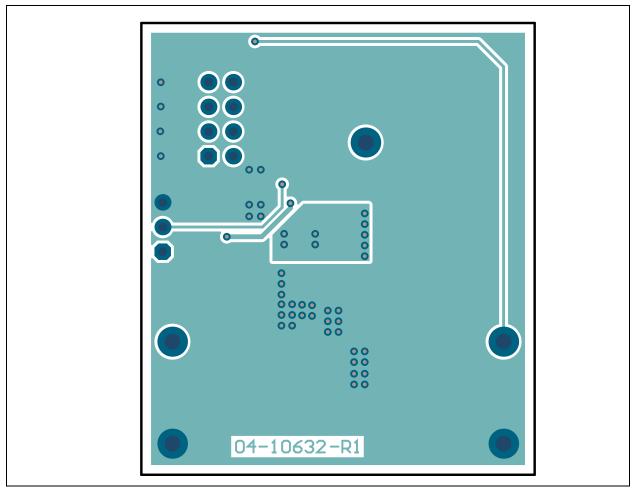
A.3 BOARD - TOP SILK LAYER



A.4 BOARD - TOP COPPER LAYER



A.5 BOARD - BOTTOM COPPER LAYER



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Appendix B. Bill of Materials (BOM)

TABLE B-1: BILL OF MATERIALS (BOM) FOR MIC4684 2A BUCK REGULATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SELECT EVALUATION BOARD (ADM00821)⁽¹⁾

Qty.	Reference	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
1	C1	Capacitor ceramic 0.33 μF, 50V, 10%, X7R, SMD, 0805		
2	C2, C3	Capacitor ceramic 10 μF, 35V, 20%, X7R, SMD, 1210	Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd.	GMK325AB7106MM-T
2	C4, C6	Capacitor ceramic 0.1 µF, 50V, 20%, X7R, SMD, 0603	TDK Corporation	C1608X7R1H104M
1	C5	Capacitor tantalum 330 μ F, 6.3V, 20%, 45 M Ω , SMD D	KEMET	T520D337M006ATE045
1	C7	Capacitor ceramic 10 μF, 10V, 10%, X7R, SMD, 0805	TDK Corporation	C2012X7R1A106K125AC
1	C8	Capacitor ceramic 47 pF, 50V, 5%, NP0, SMD, 0603 DO NOT POPULATE	KEMET	C0603C470J5GACTU
1	D1	Diode schottky, B340A 500 mV, 3A, 40V, DO-214AC_SMA	Diodes Incorporated [®]	B340A-13-F
1	D2	Diode schottky, MBRX140-TP 550 mV, 1A, 40V, SMD SOD-123 DO NOT POPULATE	Micro Commercial Components	MBRX140-TP
1	J1	Connector header-2.54 male 2 x 4, gold, 5.84MH, TH, vertical	Wurth Elektronik	61300821121
1	J2	Connector header-2.54 male 1 x 3, tin, 5.84MH, TH, vertical	Samtec, Inc.	TSW-103-07-T-S
1	L1	Inductor 47 µH 3A, 20%, SMD, 12 x 12 x 8	Wurth Elektronik	744770147
4	PAD1, PAD2, PAD3, PAD4	Mechanical hardware rubber pad, hemisphere, D6.4 H1.9, clear	3M	SJ5382
1	PCB1	MIC4684 2A Buck Regulator with Output Level Select Evaluation Board Printed Circuit Board	Microchip Technology Inc.	04-10632-R1
1	R1	Resistor TKF, 3.01k, 1%, 1/10W, SMD, 0603	Panasonic® - ECG	ERJ-3EKF3011V
1	R2	Resistor TF, 100k, 1%, 1/8W, SMD, 0603	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.	MCT06030C1003FP500
1	R3	Resistor TKF, 6.49k, 1%, 1/16W, SMD, 0603	Panasonic® - ECG	ERJ-3EKF6491V
1	R4	Resistor TKF, 2.94k, 1%, 1/10W, SMD, 0603	Panasonic® - ECG	ERJ3EKF2941V
1	R5	Resistor TKF, 1.78k, 1%, 1/4W, SMD, 0603	Panasonic® - ECG	ERJPA3F1781V
1	R6	Resistor TKF, 976R 1% 1/4W SMD 0603	Panasonic [®] - ECG	ERJPA3F9760V
1	TP1	CON TP LOOP, Blue, TH	Keystone Electronics Corp.	5127

Note 1: The components listed in this Bill of Materials are representative of the PCB assembly. The released BOM used in manufacturing uses all RoHS-compliant components.

TABLE B-1: BILL OF MATERIALS (BOM) (CONTINUED)FOR MIC4684 2A BUCK REGULATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SELECT EVALUATION BOARD (ADM00821)⁽¹⁾

Qty.	Reference	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
2	TP2, TP3	CON TP LOOP, Red, TH	Keystone Electronics Corp.	5010
2	TP4, TP5	CON TP LOOP, Black, TH	Keystone Electronics Corp.	5011
1	U1	MCHP Analog Switcher Buck, 1.25V to 28.3V, MIC4684YM, SOP-8	Microchip Technology Inc.	MIC4684YM

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TABLE B-2: BILL OF MATERIALS (BOM) - MECHANICAL PARTS FOR MIC4684 2A BUCK REGULATOR WITH OUTPUT LEVEL SELECT EVALUATION BOARD (ADM00821)⁽¹⁾

Qty.	Reference Description		Manufacturer	Part Number
2	JP1, JP2	Mechanical hardware jumper, 2.54 mm 1 x 2	3M	969102-0000-DA
1	LABEL3	LABEL, ASSY W/REV LEVEL (SMALL MODULES) PER MTS-0002		

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