LM3519 Evaluation Board

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General Description

The LM3519 evaluation board is a working demonstration of a step up DC-DC converter. The LM3519 drives up to 4 white LEDs with constant current to provide LCD backlighting in handheld devices. The LED current is internally set to 20mA eliminating the use of external resistor. The series connection allows the LED current to be identical for uniform brightness and minimizes the number of traces to the LEDs. Brightness control is achieved by applying a PWM signal on En pin with frequencies up to 30kHz. A proprietary PFM architecture implementation results in non pulse skipping variable frequency operation over input voltage range permitting the use of low-cost, small external components. For further information and electrical characteristics, please refer to the LM3519 datasheet.

Operating Conditions

- Junction temperature (T_{.1}) range: -40C to +125C
- Ambient temperature (T_A) range: -40C to +85C
- Input Voltage Range: 2.7V to 5.5V
- I_{OUT} = 20mA

Package

• SOT 23 - 6 pin

Typical Application

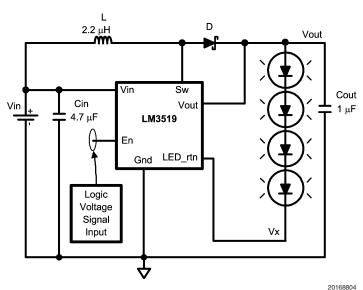


FIGURE 1. Typical Application Circuit

Connection Diagram and Package Information

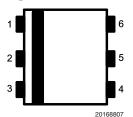


FIGURE 2. SOT23-6, Top View

Ordering Information

Current	Order Number	Package Marking	Supplied As
20mA	LM3519MK-20	D52B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel
	LM3519MKX-20	D52B	3000 Units, Tape-and-Reel

Pin Descriptions (SOT23-6)

Pin#	Name	Description	
1	En	Device Enable Connection	
2	Gnd	Ground Connection	
3	Vout	Output Voltage Connection	
4	LED_rtn	White LED Current Sensing Input Connection	
5	Sw	Drain Connection of the Internal Power Field Effect Transistor (FET) Switch	
6	Vin	Input or Supply Voltage Connection	

PWM Dimming

If a PWM signal is used to adjust the brightness, a control signal frequency between 17k Hz to 30kHz is recommended. Although the LM3519 is capable of operating outside this frequency range, it is not recommended to operate below 17kHz for the following reasons: 1) frequency below 100Hz is likely to cause visible flicker in the light emitted by the LED string, 2) frequency below 17kHz may induce audible noise due to combinations of some capacitance and PCB. A PWM frequency above 30kHz is possible but the current linearity vs duty cycle will be affected.

If it is not possible to operate the dimming control above 17kHz, audible noise emission may be minimized by using capacitors with low susceptibility to piezoelectric induced stresses, such as poly film designs. Minimum audible noise is most likely to occur when the PWM frequency is less than 2kHz. It is recommended that any application using a PWM

control signal below 17kHz be thoroughly evaluated for undesirable audible noise.

Layout Guidelines

The input capacitor, $C_{\rm IN}$, must be placed close to the LM3519. Placing $C_{\rm IN}$ close to the device will reduce the metal trace resistance effect on input voltage ripple. Metal trace connections for the $C_{\rm OUT}$ capacitor can increase the effective series resistance, which affects output voltage ripple and efficiency. Trace connections to the inductor should be short and wide to reduce power dissipation, increase overall efficiency and reduce EMI radiation. The diode, like the inductor, should have trace connections that are short and wide to reduce power dissipation and increase overall efficiency. For more details regarding layout guidelines for switching regulators, refer to Applications Note AN-1149.

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Evaluation Board Layout

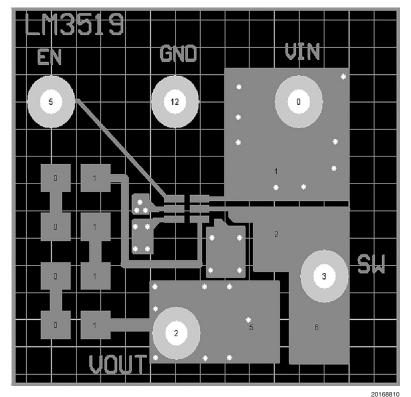


FIGURE 3. Top Layer

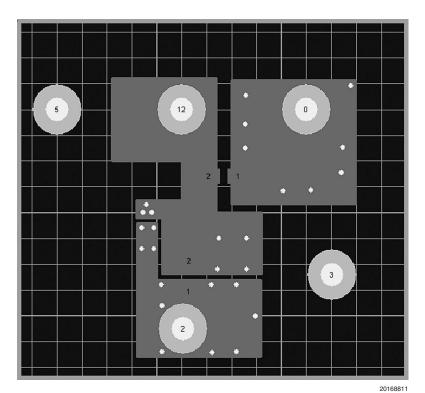


FIGURE 4. Bottom Layer

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BOM For Common Configurations

Component Name	Value	Specification	Manufacturer
U1	LM3519	TSOT-5	NSC
Cin	4.7uF, 6.3V, 0603	AVX06033D475MAT	AVX
Cout	1µF, 25V, 0603	AVX06033D105MAT	AVX
D1	Schottky Diode	CMMSH1-40	Central Semiconductor
L1	2.2µH	LPO3310-222ML	CoilCraft
LED1-4	LWT67C	Hyper Topled	Osram Opto Semiconductors
Test Pin	Description	Size	Quantity
Vin	Turret	0.09in	1
GND	Turret	0.09in	1
EN	Turret	0.09in	1
SW	Turret	0.09in	1
Vout	Turret	0.09in	1

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