

LTM4682

Low Profile Quad 31.25A or Single 125A μModule Regulator with Digital Power System Management

- ⁿ **Quad Digitally Adjustable Analog Loops with Digital Interface for Control and Monitoring**
- Wide Input Voltage Range: 4.5V to 16V
- Output Voltage Range: 0.7V to 1.35V
- ±0.5% DC Output Accuracy at 0.75V
- ⁿ **±4.5% Current Readback Accuracy: 0°C to 125°C**
- Optimized for Low Output Voltage Ranges
- 400kHz PMBus-Compliant ²C Serial Interface
- ⁿ **Supports Telemetry Polling Rates Up to 125Hz**
- ⁿ **Integrated 16-Bit** ∆Σ **ADC**
- ⁿ **Parallel and Current Share Multiple Modules**
- 15mm \times 22mm \times 5.71mm BGA Package

Readable Data

- Input and Output Voltages, Currents, and Temperatures
- Running Peak Values, Uptime, Faults and Warnings
- Onboard EEPROM Fault Log Record

Writable Data and Configurable Parameters

- Output Voltage, Voltage Sequencing and Margining
- Digital Soft-Start/Stop Ramp, Program Analog Loop
- OV/UV/OT, UVLO, Frequency and Phasing

APPLICATIONS terminal finish.

■ Multi-Rail Processor Power, Configurable Core Power

FEATURES DESCRIPTION

The LTM®4682 is a quad 31.25A or single 125A step-down power µModule® (power micromodule) DC/DC regulator featuring remote configurability and telemetry monitoring of power management parameters over PMBus. The LTM4682 is comprised of digitally programmable analog control loops, and is optimized for higher bandwidth and transient response.

The LTM4682's 2-wire serial interface allows outputs to be margined, tuned, and ramped up and down at programmable slew rates with sequencing delay times. True input current sense, output currents, output voltages, output power, temperatures, uptime, and peak values are readable. Custom configuration of the EEPROM contents is not required. At start-up, output voltages, switching frequency, and channel phase angle assignments can be set by pin-strapping resistors. The LTpowerPlay[®] graphical user interface (GUI), the DC1613A USB-to-PMBus converter, and evaluation kits are available.

The LTM4682 is offered in a 15mm \times 22mm \times 5.71mm BGA package available with an SnPb or a RoHS-compliant

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TYPICAL APPLICATION

Quad 31.25A µModule Regulator with Digital Interface for Control and Monitoring

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• Recommended LGA and BGA PCB Assembly and Manufacturing **Procedures**

• LGA and BGA Package and Tray Drawings

operating temperature range (Note 2). Specified as each individual output channel (Note 4). T_A = 25°C, V_{IN} = 12V, RUN*n* = 3.3V, <code>RUNP</code> = 12V, <code>FREQUENCY_SWITCH</code> = 575kHz and V $_{\rm{OUT}\eta}$ commanded to 0.75V unless otherwise noted. Configured with factory-default **EEPROM settings and per [Test Circuit 1,](#page-24-1) unless otherwise noted.**

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Note 1: Stresses beyond those listed under [Absolute Maximum Ratings](#page-3-1) may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any absolute maximum rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

Note 2: The LTM4682 is tested under pulsed-load conditions such that $T_J \approx T_A$. The LTM4682E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications over the 0°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range. Specifications over the –40°C to 125°C internal operating temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls. The LTM4682I is guaranteed to meet specifications over the full -40° C to 125°C internal operating temperature range. The T_J is calculated from the ambient temperature T_A and the power dissipation P_D according to the formula:

$T_J = T_A + (P_D \bullet \theta_{JA})$

Note that the maximum ambient temperature consistent with these specifications is determined by specific operating conditions in conjunction with the board layout, the rated package thermal resistance, and other environmental factors.

Note 3: All currents into device pins are positive; all currents out of device pins are negative. All voltages are referenced to ground unless otherwise specified.

Note 4: The two power inputs—V_{IN01} and V_{IN23}—and their respective power outputs— $V_{\text{OUT0,1}}$ and $V_{\text{OUT2,3}}$ —are tested independently in production. A shorthand notation is used in this document that allows these parameters to be referred to by V_{1Nnn} and V_{011Tn} , where *n* is permitted to take on a value of 0 to 3. This italicized *n* notation and convention is extended to encompass all such pin names, as well as register names with channel-specific, i.e., paged data. For example, VOUT_COMMAND*n* refers to the VOUT_COMMAND command code data located in Pages 0 and 1, which in turn relate to Channel 0,2 ($V_{OUT0.2}$) and Channel 1,3 (V_{OUT1} ₃). Registers containing non-page-specific data, i.e., whose data is global to the module, or applies to all of the module's channels lack the italicized *n*, e.g., FREQUENCY_SWITCH.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Note 5: V_{OUT} (DC) and line and load regulation tests are performed in production with digital servo disengaged (MFR_PWM_MODE*n*[6] = 0b), and low V_{OUTR} range selected MFR_PWM_MODE $n[1] = 1b$. The digital servo control loop is exercised in production (setting MFR_PWM MODE*n*[6] = 1b). However, the convergence of the output voltage to its final settling value is not necessarily observed in the final test—due to potentially long-time constants involved—and is instead guaranteed by the output voltage readback accuracy specification. Evaluation in application demonstrates capability; see the [Typical Performance](#page-11-1) [Characteristics](#page-11-1) section.

Note 6: See the [Thermal Considerations and Output Current Derating](#page-66-1) section for V_{IN} , V_{OUT} , and T_A , located in the Applications [Information](#page-54-1) section.

Note 7: Part tested with PWM disabled. Evaluation in application demonstrates capability. The TUE(%) = ADC Gain Error (%) + 100 (zerocode offset + ADC Linearity Error)/Actual Value.

Note 8: Minimum on-time is tested at wafer sort.

Note 9: The data conversion is done by default in a round-robin fashion. All input signals are continuously converted for a typical latency of 90ms. Setting MFR_ADC_CONTRL value to be 0 to 12, LTM4682 can do fast data conversion with only 8ms to 10ms. See the [PMBus Command](#page-48-1) [Summary](#page-48-1) section for details.

Note 10: The following telemetry parameters are formatted in PMBusdefined Linear Data Format, in which each register contains a word comprised of 5 most significant bits—representing a signed exponent, to be raised to the power of 2—and 11 least significant bits—representing a signed mantissa: input voltage (on SV_{IN, nn}), accessed through the READ_VIN command code; output currents (I_{OUT}) , accessed through the READ_IOUT*n* command codes; module input current ($I_{VIN_nn} + I_{VIN_nn} + I_{VIN_nn}$ I_{SVIN}_{nn}), accessed through the READ_IIN command code; channel input currents (I_{VIN} _{nn} + 1/2 • I_{SVIN} _{nn}), accessed through the MFR_READ_IIN_n command codes; and duty cycles of Channel 0 and Channel 1 switching power stages, accessed through the READ_DUTY_CYCLE*n* command codes. This data format limits the resolution of telemetry readback data to 10 bits even though the internal ADC is 16 bits and the LTM4682's internal calculations use 32-bit words.

Note 11: The absolute maximum rating for the SV_{IN_nn} pin is 18V. The input voltage telemetry (READ_VIN) is obtained by digitizing a voltage scaled down from the SV_{IN}_{nn} pin.

Note 12: These typical parameters are based on bench measurements and are not production tested.

Note 13: Channel 0 to Channel 3 OV/UV comparator threshold accuracy for 0.7V to 1.35V are 3%.

Note 14: Tested at IC-level ATE.

Note 15: The LTM4682's EEPROM temperature range for valid write commands is 0°C to 85°C. To achieve guaranteed EEPROM data retention, execution of the STORE_USER_ALL command—i.e., uploading RAM contents to NVM—outside this temperature range is not recommended. However, as long as the LTM4682's EEPROM temperature is less than 130°C, the LTM4682 will obey the STORE_USER_ALL command. Only when EEPROM temperature exceeds 130°C, the LTM4682 will not act on any STORE_USER_ALL transactions; instead, the LTM4682 NACKs the serial command and asserts its relevant CML (communications, memory, logic) fault bits. The EEPROM temperature can be queried before commanding STORE_USER_ALL; see the [Applications](#page-54-1) [Information](#page-54-1) section.

Note 16: The LTM4682 includes overtemperature protection that is intended to protect the device during momentary overload conditions. The junction temperature will exceed 125°C when overtemperature protection is active. Continuous operation above the specified maximum operating junction temperature may impair device reliability.

Figure 1. Programmable R_{COMP}

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS **TA ⁼ 25°C, unless otherwise noted.**

Single Channel Efficiency, 8VIN, V_{IN} = SV_{IN} = V_{IN} vBIAS = $8V$, **RUNP = 8V, Continuous-Conduction Mode** 100 95 90 EFFICIENCY (%) EFFICIENCY (%) 85 80

Single Channel Efficiency, 12VIN, $V_{IN} = SV_{IN} = V_{IN}$ vBIAS = RUNP = 12V, **Continuous-Conduction Mode**

Quad Channel Single Output Efficiency VIN = SVIN = VIN_VBIAS = RUNP = 12V, Continuous-Conduction Mode

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Single Phase Single Output 12V to 0.75V, No Load Short-Circuit Protection

Quad Output Concurrent Rail, Shutdown, Prebias

FIGURE 48 CIRCUIT, 12V_{IN}, 30A ON V_{OUT0} NO LOAD ON OTHER OUTPUTS AND 400mV PREBIAS ON V_{OUT1}

Single Phase Single Output 12V to 0.75V, 31.25A Load Short-Circuit Protection

FIGURE 48 CIRCUIT, 12V_{IN}, 31.25A LOAD ON V_{OUT0} PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF SHORT-CIRCUIT USE OF HIGH RANGE OF ILIMIT SYSTEM SHORT-CIRCUIT USING LOW IMPEDANCE COPPER ACROSS OUTPUT (HARD SHORT)

 V_{IN} = SV_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 0.75V, FREQ = 575kHz, I_{OUT} = 31.25A

I_OUT READBACK AT 31.25A

(HARD SHORT)

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GND (A1-A4, A7, A12, B1-B4, B7, B12, C3-C4, C7, C12, D3-D4, D7, D12, E3-E4, E7, E12, F1-F4, F7, F12, G3-G4, G7, G12, H3-H4, H7, H12, J3-J4, J7, J12, K1-K4, K7-K12, L1-L15, M1-M15, N1-N4, N7-N8, N12, P3-P4, P7, P12, R3-R4, R7, R12, T3-T4, T7, T12, U1-U4, U7, U12, V3-V4, V7, V12, W3-W4, W7, W12, Y3-Y4, Y7, Y12, AA1-AA4, AA7, AA12, AB1-AB4, AB7, AB12): Power Ground of the LTM4682. Power return for V_{IN01} V_{IN23} V_{OUT0.1} and V_{OUT2.3}. Return input and output capacitors to this point.

VIN01 (A5-A6, B5-B6, C5-C6, D5-D6, E5-E6, F5-F6, G5-G6, H5-H6, J5-J6, K5-K6): Positive Power Input to Channels 0 and 1 Switching Stages. Provide sufficient decoupling capacitance in the form of multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs) and low ESR electrolytic (or equivalent) to handle reflected input current ripple from the stepdown switching stage. The MLCCs capacitors should be placed as close to the LTM4682 as physically possible. See the [Layout Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section in the [Applications](#page-54-1) [Information](#page-54-1) section.

VOUTO_CFG (A8): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUTO}, Coarse Setting. If the VOUT0_CFG and VTRIM0_CFG pins are both left open—or, if the LTM4682 is configured to ignore pin-strap (R_{CONF}) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ ALL[6] = 1b—then the LTM4682s target V_{OUTO} output voltage setting (VOUT_COMMAND0) and associated power-good and OV/UV warning and fault thresholds are dictated at SV_{IN} $_{01}$ power-up according to the LTM4682's nonvolatile (NVM) contents. A resistor divider connected to 2.5V and to SGND (see [Table 1\)](#page-34-1)—in combination with resistor pin settings on VTRIM0_CFG, and using the factory-default NVM setting of MFR CONFIG ALL[6] $=$ 0b—can be used to configure the LTM4682's Channel 0 output to power-up to a VOUT_COMMAND value (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/ fault-detection thresholds) different from those of NVM contents. (See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section.) Connecting resistor(s) from VOUT0_CFG to SGND and, or VTRIM0_CFG to SGND allows a convenient way to

configure multiple LTM4682s with identical NVM contents for different output voltage settings all without graphical user interface (GUI) intervention or the need to custom-preprogram module NVM contents. Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open, to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{CONFIG}s on VOUT0_CFG/VTRIM0_CFG can affect the V_{OUTO} range setting (MFR PWM MODE0[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_01, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 0 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 1. See PAGE description section.

FSWPH 01 CFG (A9): Switching Frequency, Channel Phase-Interleaving Angle and Phase Relationship to SYNC Configuration Pin for Channels 0 and 1. If this pin is left open—or, if the LTM4682 is configured to ignore pinstrap (R_{COMFIG}) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1b—then LTM4682's switching frequency (FREQUENCY_ SWITCH) and channel phase relationships (with respect to the SYNC clock; MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0]) are dictated at SV_{IN-01} power-up according to the LTM4682's NVM contents for Channels 0 and 1. Default factory values are: 575kHz operation; Channel 0 at 0°; and Channel 1 at 180°C (convention throughout this document: a phase angle of 0° means the channel's switch node rises coincident with the falling edge of the SYNC pulse). Connecting a resistor divider from 2.5V to SGND (and using the factorydefault NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL $[6] = 0$ b) allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4682s with identical NVM contents for different switching frequencies of operation and phase interleaving angle settings of intra- and extra-module-paralleled channels—all, without GUI intervention or the need to custom pre-program module NVM contents. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to ensure accurate detection of the pin state.

FAULT0, FAULT1, FAULT2, FAULT3 (A11, A10, V10, W10): Digital Programmable FAULT Inputs and Outputs. Open-drain output. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application.

VOUT0 (A13-A15, B13-B15, C13-C15, D13-D15, E13- E15): Channel 0 Output Voltage. Place the recommended

output capacitors from this shape to GND. See the [Layout](#page-74-1) [Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section.

VOUT2_CFG (AA8): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT2}, Coarse Setting. If the VOUT2_CFG and VTRIM2_CFG pins are both left open—or, if the LTM4682 is configured to ignore pin-strap (R_{COMFIG}) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG ALL[6] = 1b—then the LTM4682s target V_{OUT2} output voltage setting (VOUT_COMMAND2) and associated power-good and OV/UV warning and fault thresholds are dictated at SV_{IN} $_{23}$ power-up according to the LTM4682's NVM contents. A resistor divider connected to 2.5V and to SGND to this pin—in combination with resistor pin settings on VTRIM2_CFG, and using the factory-default NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL $[6] = 0b$ —can be used to configure the LTM4682's Channel 2 output to power-up to a VOUT_COMMAND value (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) different from those of NVM contents. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. Connecting resistor(s) from VOUT2_CFG to SGND and/or VTRIM2_CFG to SGND in this manner allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4682s with identical NVM contents for different output voltage settings all without GUI intervention or the need to custom-preprogram module NVM contents. Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{COMFIG} s on VOUT2_CFG/VTRIM2_CFG can affect the V_{OUT2} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE0[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_23, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 2 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 3. See PAGE description section.

FSWPH_23_CFG (AA9): Switching Frequency, Channel Phase-Interleaving Angle and Phase Relationship to SYNC Configuration Pin for Channels 2 and 3. If this pin is left open—or, if the LTM4682 is configured to ignore pinstrap (R_{COMFIG}) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1b—then LTM4682's switching frequency (FREQUENCY_ SWITCH) and channel phase relationships (with respect to the SYNC clock; MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0]) are dictated at SV_{IN-23} power-up according to the LTM4682's NVM contents for Channels 2 and 3. Default factory values are 575kHz operation; Channel 2 at 0°; and Channel 3 at 180°C (convention throughout this document: a phase angle of 0° means the channel's switch node rises coincident with the falling edge of the SYNC pulse). Connecting a resistor divider from 2.5V to SGND (and using the factorydefault NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL $[6] = 0$ b) allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4682s with identical NVM contents for different switching frequencies of operation and phase interleaving angle settings of intra- and extra-module-paralleled channels—all, without GUI intervention or the need to custom pre-program module NVM contents. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. Minimize capacitance, especially, when the pin is left open, to ensure accurate detection of the pin state.

ASEL_23 (AA10): Serial Bus Address Configuration Pin for Channels 2 and 3 Controller. On any given I²C/SMBus serial bus segment, every device must have its unique subordinate address. If this pin is left open, the LTM4682 powers up to its default subordinate address of 0x4F (hexadecimal), i.e., 1001111b (industry-standard convention is used throughout this document: 7-bit subordinate addressing). The lower 4 bits of the LTM4682's subordinate address can be altered from this default value by connecting a resistor from this pin to SGND. Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. It is recommended to use a resistor to set the address. The ASEL_23 address will be used to address Channels 2 and 3, and a different ASEL_01 address will be used to address Channels 0 and 1. For addressed ASEL_23, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 2 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 3. See PAGE description section. The GUI will represent Channel 2 as U1:B0 and Channel 3 as U1:B1. See the [LTpowerPlay](#page-65-0) [Screen Shot](#page-65-0) ([Figure 31\)](#page-65-0).

VOUT3_CFG (AB8): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT3}, Coarse Setting. If the VOUT3_CFG and VTRIM3_CFG pins are both left open—or, if the LTM4682 is configured to ignore pin-strap (R_{CONFIG}) resistors, i.e., MFR_CONFIG_ ALL[6] = 1b, then the LTM4682s target V_{OUT3} output voltage setting (VOUT_COMMAND3) and associated power-good and OV/UV warning and fault thresholds are dictated at SV_{IN-23} power-up according to the LTM4682's NVM contents. A resistor divider connected to 2.5V and

to SGND to this pin—in combination with resistor pin settings on VTRIM3 CFG, and using the factory-default NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL $[6] = 0b$ —can be used to configure the LTM4682's Channel 3 output to power-up to a VOUT_COMMAND value (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) different from those of NVM contents. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. Connecting resistor(s) from VOUT3_CFG to SGND and/or VTRIM3_CFG to SGND in this manner allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4682s with identical NVM contents for different output voltage settings all without GUI intervention or the need to custom-preprogram module NVM contents. Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{CONFIG}s on VOUT3_CFG/VTRIM3_CFG can affect the V_{OUT3} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE1[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_23, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 2 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 3. See PAGE description section.

VTRIM3_CFG (AB9): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT3}, Fine Setting. Works in combination with VOUT3_CFG to affect the VOUT_COMMAND (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) of Channel 3, at SV_{IN-23} power-up. See VOUT3_CFG and the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. A resistor divider from 2.5V to SGND connected to the pin will set the TRIM value (see [Table 2](#page-34-2)). Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{CONFIG} s on VOUT3_CFG/ VTRIM3_CFG can affect the V_{OUT3} range setting (MFR_ PWM_MODE0[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_23, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 2 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 3. See PAGE description section.

VTRIM2_CFG (AB10): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT2}, Fine Setting. Works in combination with VOUT2_CFG to affect the VOUT_COMMAND (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) of Channel 2, at SV_{IN-23} power-up. See VOUT2_CFG and the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. A resistor divider from 2.5V to SGND connected to the pin will set the TRIM value. See [Table 2.](#page-34-2) Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{COMFIG} s on VOUT2_CFG/ VTRIM2_CFG can affect the V_{OUT2} range setting (MFR_ PWM_MODE0[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_23, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 2 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 3. See PAGE description section.

V_{DD25} 23 (AB11): Internally Generated 2.5V Power Supply Output Pin for Channels 2 and 3 Circuits. Do not load this pin with external current. This pin is used strictly to bias internal logic and provides current for the internal pull-up resistors connected to the configuration-programming pins. No external decoupling is required.

VOUT1 CFG (B8): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT1}, Coarse Setting. If the VOUT1_CFG and VTRIM1_CFG pins are both left open—or, if the LTM4682 is configured to ignore pin-strap (R_{COMFIG}) resistors, i.e., MFR CONFIG ALL[6] = 1b—then the LTM4682s target V_{OUT1} output voltage setting (VOUT_COMMAND1) and associated power-good and OV/UV warning and fault thresholds are dictated at SV_{IN-01} power-up according to the LTM4682's NVM contents. A resistor divider connected to 2.5V and to SGND to this pin in combination with resistor pin settings on VTRIM1_CFG, and using the factory-default NVM setting of MFR_CONFIG_ $ALL[6] = 0b$ can be used to configure the LTM4682's Channel 1 output to power-up to a VOUT_COMMAND value (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/ fault-detection thresholds) different from those of NVM contents. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. Connecting resistor(s) from VOUT1_CFG to SGND and/or VTRIM1_CFG to SGND in this manner allows a convenient way to configure multiple LTM4682s with identical NVM contents for different output voltage settings all without GUI intervention or the need to custom-preprogram module NVM contents. Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{CONFIG}s on VOUT1_CFG/VTRIM1_CFG can affect the V_{OUT1} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE1[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_01, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 0 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 1. See PAGE description section.

ASEL_01 (B9): Serial Bus Address Configuration Pin for Channels 0 and 1 Controller. On any given $1^2C/SMBus$

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serial bus segment, every device must have its unique subordinate address. If this pin is left open, the LTM4682 powers up to its default subordinate address of 0x4E (hexadecimal), i.e., 1001110b (industry-standard convention is used throughout this document: 7-bit subordinate addressing). The lower 4 bits of the LTM4682's subordinate address can be altered from this default value by connecting a resistor from this pin to SGND. Minimize capacitance—especially when the pin is left open—to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. It is recommended to use a resistor to set the address. The ASEL_01 address will be used to address Channels 0 and 1, and a different ASEL_23 address will be used to address Channels 2 and 3. For addressed ASEL_01, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 0 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 1. See PAGE description section. The GUI will represent Channel 0 as U0:A0 and Channel 1 as U0:A1. See the [LTpowerPlay Screen Shot \(Figure 31](#page-65-0)).

RUN0, RUN1 (B10, B11 Respectively): Enable Run Input for Channels 0 and 1, Respectively. Open-drain input and output. The logic high on these pins enables the respective outputs of the LTM4682. These open-drain output pins hold the pin low until the LTM4682 is out of reset and SV_{IN, 01} is detected to exceed V_{IN, ON}. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application. The LTM4682 pulls RUN0 and/or RUN1 low, as appropriate, when a global fault and/or channel-specific fault occurs whose fault response is configured to latch off and cease regulation; issuing a CLEAR_FAULTS command through I²C or power-cycling SV_{IN-01} is necessary to restart the module, in such cases. Do not pull RUN logic high with a low impedance source. The $INTV_{CC}$ is active when SVIN_01 is above UVLO. This provides power to the V_{DD33} and V_{DD25} to allow programming the EEPROM.

SW0 (C1-C2, D1-D2, E1-E2): Switching Node of Channel 0 Step-Down Converter Stage. Used for test purposes or EMI-snubbing. It may be routed a short distance to a local test point to monitor the switching action of Channel 0, if desired, but do not route near any sensitive signals. Otherwise, leave electrically isolated (open).

V_{DD25} ₀₁ (C8): Internally Generated 2.5V Power Supply Output Pin for Channels 0 and 1 Circuits. Do not load this pin with external current; it is used strictly to bias internal logic and provides current for the internal pull-up resistors connected to the configuration-programming pins. No external decoupling is required.

VTRIM1_CFG (C9): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT1}, Fine Setting. Works in combination with VOUT1_CFG to affect the VOUT_COMMAND (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) of Channel 1, at SV_{IN-01} power-up. See VOUT1_CFG and the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. A resistor divider from 2.5V to SGND connected to the pin will set the TRIM value. See [Table 2.](#page-34-2) Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{CONFIG} s on VOUT1_CFG/ VTRIM1_CFG can affect the V_{OIIT1} range setting (MFR_ PWM_MODE1[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_01, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 0 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 1. See PAGE description section.

SDA_01, SDA_23 (C10, V8): Serial Bus Data Open-Drain Input and Output. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application. The SDA_01 is for Channels 0 and 1, and SDA 23 is for Channels 2 and 3.

ALERT_01, ALERT_23 (C11, W8): Open-Drain Digital Output. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application only if SMBALERT interrupt detection is implemented in one's SMBus system.

SHARE_CLK_01, SHARE_CLK_23 (D8, AA11): Share Clock, Bidirectional Open-Drain Clock Sharing Pin. Nominally 100kHz. Used for synchronizing the time base between multiple LTM4682s (and any other Analog Devices ICs with a SHARE_CLK pin)—to realize welldefined rail sequencing and rail tracking. Connect the SHARE_CLK pins of all such devices together. All devices with a SHARE CLK pin will synchronize to the fastest clock. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is only required when synchronizing the time base between devices.

VTRIMO_CFG (D9): Output Voltage Select Pin for V_{OUT0}, Fine Setting. Works in combination with VOUT0_CFG to affect the VOUT_COMMAND (and associated output voltage monitoring and protection/fault-detection thresholds) of Channel 0, at SV_{IN-01} power-up. See VOUT0_CFG and

the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section. A resistor divider from 2.5V to SGND connected to the pin will set the TRIM value. See [Table 2.](#page-34-2) Minimize capacitance especially when the pin is left open to ensure accurate detection of the pin state. Note that the use of R_{CONFIG} s on VOUTO_ CFG/VTRIMO CFG can affect the V_{OUT0} range setting (MFR_PWM_MODE0[1]) and loop gain. For addressed ASEL_01, Page 0x00 corresponds to Channel 0 and Page 0x01 corresponds to Channel 1. See [PAGE](#page-80-2) command description section.

SCL_01, SCL_23 (D10, W9): Serial Bus Clock Open-Drain Input (Can Be an Input and Output, if Clock Stretching is Enabled). A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application for digital communication to the SMBus main device(s) that nominally drive this clock. The LTM4682 will never encounter scenarios where it would need to engage clock stretching unless SCL communication speeds exceed 100kHz—and even then, LTM4682 will not clock stretch unless clock stretching is enabled using setting MFR CONFIG ALL[1] = 1b. The factory-default NVM configuration setting has MFR CONFIG ALL[1] = 0b: clock stretching disabled. If communication on the bus at clock speeds above 100kHz is required, the user's SMBus main device(s) need to implement clock stretching support to ensure solid serial bus communications, and only then should MFR_CONFIG_ALL[1] be set to 1b. When clock stretching is enabled, SCL becomes a bidirectional, open-drain output pin on the LTM4682.

SYNC_01, SYNC_23 (D11,V9): External Clock Synchronization Input and Open-Drain Output Pin. If an external clock is present at this pin, the switching frequency will be synchronized to the external clock. If the main clock mode is enabled, this pin will pull low at the switching frequency with a 500ns pulse to the ground. A resistor pull-up to 3.3V is required in the application if the LTM4682 is the main device.

V_{DD33} 01 (E8): Internally Generated 3.3V Power Supply Output Pin for Channels 0 and 1 Circuits. This pin should only be used to provide external current for the pull-up resistors required for FAULT*n*, SHARE_CLK_*nn*, and SYNC_*nn*, and may be used to provide external current for pull-up resistors on RUN*n*, SDA_*nn*, SCL_*nn*, ALERT_*nn* and PGOOD*n*. Where *nn* is either 0,1 or 2,3 channels, and *n* is the actual channel. No external decoupling is required. V_{DD33} ₀₁ is powered from V_{BIAS} and programming RUN*n* improves efficiency.

WP_01, WP_23 (E9, Y11): Write Protect Pin, Active High. An internal 10 μ A current source pulls this pin to V_{DD33} . If WP is open circuit or logic high, only I²C writes to PAGE, OPERATION, CLEAR_FAULTS, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS and MFR_EE_UNLOCK are supported. Additionally, Individual faults can be cleared by writing 1b's to bits of interest in registers prefixed with STATUS. If WP is low, 1^2C writes are unrestricted. V_{OSNS0} ⁻ (H11): Channel 0 negative differential voltage sense input. See V_{OSNS0} ⁺.

TSNS0, TSNS1, TSNS2, TSNS3 (E11, E10, U8, U9): Power Stage Temperature Monitors for the 4 Channels. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section.

V_{OSNS1}⁻ (F8): Channel 1 Negative Differential Voltage Sense Input. See V_{OSNS1} ⁺.

SGND01, SGND23 (F10-F11, U10-U11): SGND is the signal ground return path of the LTM4682 internal controllers. SGND is not internally connected to GND. Connect SGND to GND local to the LTM4682. See the [Layout](#page-74-1) [Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section.

VOUT1 (F13-F15, G13-G15, H13-H15, J13-J15, K13- K15): Channel 1 Output Voltage. Place the recommended output capacitors from this shape to GND. See the [Layout](#page-74-1) [Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section.

SW1 (G1-G2, H1-H2, J1-J2): Switching Node of Channel 1 Step-Down Converter Stage. Used for test purposes or EMI-snubbing. It may be routed a short distance to a local test point to monitor the switching action of Channel 1, if desired, but do not route near any sensitive signals. Otherwise, leave it open.

VOSNS1+ (G8): Channel 1 Positive Differential Voltage Sense Input. Together, V_{OSNS1} ⁺ and V_{OSNS1} ⁻ serve to Kelvin-sense the V_{OUT1} output voltage at V_{OUT1} 's point of load (POL) and provide the differential feedback signal directly to Channel 1's feedback loop. Command V_{OUT1} 's

target regulation voltage by serial bus. Its initial command value at SV_{IN-01} power-up is dictated by NVM contents (factory default: 0.75V)—or, optionally, may be set by configuration resistors; see VOUT1_CFG, VTRIM1_CFG and the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section.

COMP0b, COMP1b, COMP2b, COMP3b (G10, F9, T9, W11): Current Control Threshold and Error Amplifier Compensation Nodes. Each associated channel's current comparator tripping threshold increases with its compensation voltage. Each channel has a 22pF to SGND.

COMP0a, COMP1a, COMP2a, COMP3a (G11, G9, T8, V11): Loop Compensation Nodes. The internal PWM loop compensation resistors R_{COMPn} of the LTM4682 can be adjusted using bit[4:0] of the MFR_PWM_COMP command. The transconductance of the LTM4682 PWM error amplifier can be adjusted using bit[7:5] of the MFR_ PWM_COMP command. These two loop compensation parameters can be programmed when the device is in operation. See the [Programmable Loop Compensation](#page-61-1) subsection in the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for further details. See [Figure 1.](#page-10-0)

PGOOD0, PGOOD1, PGOOD2, PGOOD3 (H9, H8, R10, T10): Power Good Indicator Outputs. The open-drain logic output is pulled to the ground when the output exceeds the UV and OV regulation window. The output is deglitched by an internal 100µs filter. A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application.

I_{IN 01}⁺ (H10): Positive Current Sense Amplifier Input. If the input current sense amplifier is not used, this pin must be shorted to the I_{IN-01}^- and SV_{IN-01} pin. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for more details about the input current sensing.

V_{OSNS0}⁻ (H11): Channel 0 Negative Differential Voltage Sense Input. See V_{OSNS0} ⁺.

SV_{IN 01} (J8): Input Supply for LTM4682's Internal Control IC for Channels 0 and 1. In most applications, SV_{IN-01} connects to V_{1N01} . SV_{IN 01} can be operated from an auxiliary supply separate from V_{1N01} for powering the V_{1N01} from a lower supply like 6V. The SVIN_01 pin requires $1Ω$ and $1µF$ decoupling capacitor to measure the actual control chip current. The 1 Ω resistor is used to measure the actual control chip current. See MFR_READ_ICHIP and MFR_ADC_CONTROL COMMAND section. When operating from 4.5V to 5.75V with no auxiliary bias supply, then the main input supply should connect to SV_{IN-01} and INTV_{CC} $_{01}$. See [Test Circuit 2](#page-25-0) for an example. In this configuration, the ICHIP current will not be relevant since $INTV_{CC-01}$ is connected to SV_{IN} $_{01}$.

INTV_{CC} 01 (J9): Internal Regulator, 5.5V Output. When operating the LTM4682 from $5.75V \leq SV_{IN-01} \leq 16V$, an internal LDO generates $INTV_{CC}$ ₀₁ from SV_{IN} ₀₁ to bias internal control circuits and the MOSFET drivers of the LTM4682's Channels 0 and 1. An external 4.7µF ceramic decoupling capacitor is required. The INTV_{CC 01} is on regulated regardless of the RUN*n* pin state. When operating the LTM4682 with $4.5V \leq SV_{IN-01} < 5.75V$, INTV_{CC_01} must be electrically shorted to SV_{IN-01} , and the RUNP pin must be pulled to GND. The V_{BIAS} takes over after startup when the input voltage is greater than 7V.

I_{IN 01}⁻ (J10): Negative Current Sense Amplifier Input. If the input current sense amplifier is not used, this pin must be shorted to the I_{IN-01} ⁺ and SV_{IN-01} pin. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for more details about the input current sensing.

V_{OSNS0}⁺ (J11): Channel 0 Positive Differential Voltage Sense Input. Together, V_{OSNS0} ⁺ and V_{OSNS0} ⁻ serve to Kelvin-sense the V_{OUT0} output voltage at V_{OUT0}'s point of load (POL) and provide the differential feedback signal directly to Channel O's feedback loop. Command V_{OUTO} 's target regulation voltage by serial bus. Its initial command value at SV_{IN-01} power-up is dictated by NVM contents (factory default: 0.75V)—or, optionally, may be set by configuration resistors; see VOUT0_CFG, VTRIM0_CFG and the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section.

VIN23 (N5-N6, P5-P6, R5-R6, T5-T6, U5-U6, V5-V6, W5-W6, Y5-Y6, AA5-AA6, AB5-AB6): Positive Power Input to Channels 2 and 3 Switching Stages. Provide sufficient decoupling capacitance in the form of MLCCs and low ESR electrolytic (or equivalent) to handle reflected input current ripple from the step-down switching stage. The MLCCs should be placed as close to the LTM4682 as physically possible. See the [Layout Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section in the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section.

V_{IN} v_{RIAS} (N9): Input pin to the internal step down regulator that produces 5.5V (V_{BIAS} pin) to power both internal controllers to reduce power dissipation after power up. Each internal controller has an $INTV_{CC}$ 01 or $INTV_{CC}$ 23 regulator that is powered from SV_{IN-01} or SV_{IN-23} . To eliminate this power loss through these linear regulators, the V_{BIAS} powers both at very high efficiency.

V_{BIAS} (N10): A 5.5V step down output that powers both internal controllers to reduce power loss. It provides a 22µF ceramic bypass capacitor on this pin to GND. SV_{IN-01} and SV_{IN-23} must be higher than 7V for this $V_{\rm BIAS}$ to supply the controllers. When the input voltage is between 4.5V to 5.75V, pull the RUNP pin to GND, and connect SV_{IN_01} and SV_{IN_23} to INTV_{CC_01} and INTV_{CC_23}, respectively. Powering up the V_{BIAS} regulator with the SV_{IN} 01 and SV_{IN} 23 greater than 7V will power the $INTV_{CC-01}^-$, INTV_{CC C_{02}}, the V_{DD33_01}, V_{DD33_23}, V_{DD25_01}, and $V_{DD25-23}$ from V_{BIAS} . Otherwise, these sources will get their power from SV_{IN 01} and SV_{IN 23}. This will allow the programming each internal controller's EEPROM with the power regulator channels in the off position.

RUNP (N11): This pin enables the Internal 5.5V V_{BIAS} step down regulator. Pulling this pin above 0.85V will enable the Internal regulator. The pin is rated to V_{IN} , so connect to V_{IN} to enable, and connect to GND to disable. When the input voltage is between 4.5V to 5.75V, pull the RUNP pin to GND, and connect SV_{IN-01} and SV_{IN-23} to $INTV_{CC-01}$ and $INTV_{CC}$ 23, respectively.

VOUT2 (N13-N15, P13-P15, R13-R15, T13-T15, U13- U15): Channel 2 Output Voltage. Place the recommended output capacitors from this shape to GND. See the [Layout](#page-74-1) [Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section.

SW2 (P1-P2, R1-R2, T1-T2): Switching Node of Channel 2 Step-Down Converter Stage. Used for test purposes or EMI-snubbing. It may be routed a short distance to a local test point to monitor switching action of Channel 2, if desired, but do not route near any sensitive signals. Otherwise, leave it open.

V_{OSNS2}⁺ (P8): Channel 2 Positive Differential Voltage Sense Input. Together, V_{OSNS2} ⁺ and V_{OSNS2} ⁻ serve to Kelvin-sense the V_{OUT2} output voltage at V_{OUT2}'s POL and provide the differential feedback signal directly to Channel 2's feedback loop. Command V_{OUT2} 's target regulation voltage by serial bus. Its initial command value at SV_{IN-23} power-up is dictated by NVM contents (factory default: 0.75V)—or, optionally, may be set by configuration resistors; see VOUT2_CFG, VTRIM2_CFG and the [Applications](#page-54-1) [Information](#page-54-1) section.

I_{IN 23}⁻ (P9): Negative Current Sense Amplifier Input. If the input current sense amplifier is not used, this pin must be shorted to the I_{IN-23} ⁺ and SV_{IN-23} pin. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for more details about the input current sensing.

INTV_{CC} 23 (P10): Internal Regulator, 5.5V Output. When operating the LTM4682 from $5.75V \leq SV_{IN-23} \leq 16V$, an internal LDO generates $INTV_{CC-23}$ from SV_{IN 23} to bias internal control circuits and the MOSFET drivers of the LTM4682's Channels 2 and 3. An external 4.7µF ceramic decoupling i capacitor s required. INTV_{CC 23} is on regulated regardless of the RUN*n* pin state. When operating the LTM4682 with $4.5V \leq SV_{IN-23} < 5.75V$, INTV_{CC} ₂₃ must be electrically shorted to $\overline{S}V_{1N-23}$, and the RUNP pin must be pulled to GND. V_{BIAS} takes over after startup when the input voltage is greater than 7V.

SV_{IN 23} (P11): Input Supply for LTM4682's Internal Control IC for Channels 2 and 3. In most applications, SV_{IN-23} connects to V_{IN-23} . SV_{IN-23} can be operated from an auxiliary supply separate from V_{1N23} for powering the $V_{1N/23}$ from a lower supply like 6V. The SVIN_23 pin requires 1 Ω and 1µF decoupling capacitor to measure the actual control chip current. The 1Ω resistor is used to measure the actual control chip current. See MFR_ READ_ICHIP and MFR_ADC_CONTROL COMMAND section. When operating from 4.5V to 5.75V with no auxiliary bias supply, then the main input supply should connect to SV_{IN-23} and INTV_{CC-23}. See [Test Circuit 2](#page-25-0) for an example. In this configuration, the I_{CHIP} current will not be relevant since INTV_{CC} $_{23}$ is connected to SV_{IN} $_{23}$.

V_{OSNS2} (R8): Channel 2 Negative Differential Voltage Sense Input. See V_{OSNS2} ⁺.

I_{IN 23}⁺ (R9): Positive Current Sense Amplifier Input. If the input current sense amplifier is not used, this pin must be shorted to the I_{IN-23} and SV_{IN-23} pin. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for more details about the input current sensing.

V_{OSNS3}⁺ (R11): Channel 3 Positive Differential Voltage Sense Input. Together, V_{OSNS3} ⁺ and V_{OSNS3} ⁻ serve to Kelvin-sense the V_{OUT3} output voltage at V_{OUT3}'s POL and provide the differential feedback signal directly to Channel 3's feedback loop. Command V_{OUT3} 's target regulation voltage by serial bus. Its initial command value at SV_{IN-23} power-up is dictated by NVM contents (factory default: 0.75V)—or, optionally, may be set by configuration resistors; see VOUT3_CFG, VTRIM3_CFG and the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section.

VOSNS3– (T11): Channel 3 Negative Differential Voltage Sense Input. See V_{OSNS3} ⁺.

SW3 (V1-V2, W1-W2, Y1-Y2): Switching Node of Channel 3 Step-Down Converter Stage. Used for test purposes or EMI-snubbing. It may be routed a short distance to a local test point to monitor switching action of Channel 3, if desired, but do not route near any sensitive signals. Otherwise, leave it open.

VOUT3 (V13-V15, W13-W15, Y13-Y15, AA13-AA15, AB13-AB15): Channel 3 Output Voltage. Place the recommended output capacitors from this shape to GND See the [Layout Checklist/Example](#page-74-1) section.

RUN2, RUN3 (Y9, Y8): Enable Run Input for Channels 2 and 3, respectively. Open-drain input and output. The logic high on these pins enables the respective outputs of the LTM4682. These open-drain output pins hold the pin low until the LTM4682 is out of reset and SV_{IN-23} is detected to exceed V_{IN-ON} . A pull-up resistor to 3.3V is required in the application. The LTM4682 pulls RUN2 and/or RUN3 low, as appropriate, when a global fault and/or channelspecific fault occurs whose fault response is configured to latch off and cease regulation; issuing a CLEAR_FAULTS command through I²C or power-cycling SV_{IN-23} is necessary to restart the module, in such cases. Do not pull RUN logic high with a low impedance source. INTV $_{\text{CC}}$ is active when SVIN_23 is above UVLO. This provides power to the V_{DD33} and V_{DD25} to allow programming the EEPROM.

V_{DD33} 23 (Y10): Internally Generated 3.3V Power Supply Output Pin for Channels 2 and 3 Circuits. This pin should only be used to provide external current for the pull-up resistors required for FAULT_*nn*, SHARE_CLK_*nn*, and SYNC_*nn*, and may be used to provide external current for pull-up resistors on RUN*n*, SDA_*nn*, SCL_*nn*, ALERT_*nn* and PGOOD*n*. Where *nn* is either 0,1 or 2,3 channels, and *n* is the actual channel. No external decoupling is required. $V_{\text{DD33-23}}$ can be powered from V_{BIAS} , such that this controller 2 can be programmed with RUN*n* low.

SIMPLIFIED BLOCK DIAGRAM

Figure 2. Simplified LTM4682 Block Diagram of the 1/2 Function

DECOUPLING REQUIREMENTS **TA = 25°C. Using [Figure 2](#page-22-1) configuration.**

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FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

Figure 3. Functional LTM4682 Block Diagram

TEST CIRCUITS

Test Circuit 1.

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TEST CIRCUITS

Test Circuit 2.

POWER MODULE INTRODUCTION

The LTM4682 is a highly configurable quad 31.25A output standalone nonisolated switching mode step-down DC/ DC power supply with built-in EEPROM NVM with error correction coding (ECC) and I2C-based PMBus/SMBus 2-wire serial communication interface capable of 400kHz SCL bus speed. Four output voltages can be regulated $(V_{OUT0}, V_{OUT1}, V_{OUT2}, and V_{OUT3})$ with a few external input and output capacitors and pull-up resistors. Readback telemetry data of input and output voltages and input and output currents, and module temperatures are continually digitized cyclically by an integrated 16-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC). Many fault thresholds and responses are customizable. Data can be autonomously saved to EEPROM when a fault occurs, and the resulting fault log can be retrieved over 1^2C later, for analysis. See [Figure 2](#page-22-1) and [Figure 3](#page-23-1) for the Block Diagrams. One controller for Channels 0 and 1, and second controller for Channels 2 and 3.

POWER MODULE OVERVIEW, MAJOR FEATURES

Major Features Include:

- Dedicated Power Good Indicators
- Direct Input and Chip Current Sensing
- **Programmable Loop Compensation Parameters**
- \blacksquare T_{INIT} Start-Up Time: 30ms
- **PWM** Synchronization Circuit, (See the Switching [Frequency and Phase](#page-55-1) Section for More Details)
- **n** MFR_ADC_CONTROL for Fast ADC Sampling of One Parameter (as Fast as 8ms) (See the [PMBus Command](#page-80-1) [Details](#page-80-1) Section)
- Fully Differential Output Sensing for All Four Channels; V_{OUT0}, V_{OUT1}, V_{OUT2}, and V_{OUT3}. All Programmable Up to 1.2V
- Power-Up and Program EEPROM with V_{BIAS}
- Input Voltage Up to 16V
- \blacksquare ∆V_{BF} Temperature Sensing
- SYNC Contention Circuit (See the [Switching Frequency](#page-55-1) [and Phase](#page-55-1) Section for More Details)
- \blacksquare Fault Logging
- Programmable Output Voltage
- **Programmable Input Voltage On and Off** Threshold Voltage
- Programmable Current Limit
- **Programmable Switching Frequency**
- Programmable OV and UV Threshold Voltage
- **Programmable ON and Off Delay Times**
- Programmable Output Rise/Fall Times
- Phase-Locked Loop for Synchronous PolyPhase[®] Operation (2, 3, 4 or 6 Phases)
- Nonvolatile Memory Configuration with ECC
- Optional External Configuration Resistors for Key Operating Parameters
- Optional Time Base Interconnect for Synchronization Between Multiple Controllers
- WP Pin to Protect Internal Configuration
- Stand Along Operation After User Factory Configuration
- PMBus, Version 1.2, 400kHz-Compliant Interface

The PMBus interface provides access to important power management data during system operation including:

- Internal Controller Temperature
- Internal Power Channel Temperature
- Average Output Current
- Average Output Voltage
- Average Input Voltage
- Average Input Current
- \blacksquare Average Chip Input Current from V_{IN}
- Configurable, Latched and Unlatched Individual Fault and Warning Status

Individual channels are accessed through the PMBus using the PAGE command, i.e., PAGE 0 or 1.

Rev. 0 Fault reporting and shutdown behavior are fully configurable. Four individual FAULT0, FAULT1, FAULT2,

and FAULT3, outputs are provided. Each FAULT*n* can be masked independently.

Six dedicated pins for ALERT 01, ALERT 23, PGOOD0, PGOOD1, PGOOD2, and PGOOD3 functions are provided. The shutdown operation also allows all faults to be individually masked and can be operated in either unlatched (hiccup) or latched modes.

Individual status commands enable fault reporting over the serial bus to identify the specific fault event. Fault or warning detection includes the following:

- Output Undervoltage/Overvoltage
- Input Undervoltage/Overvoltage
- n Input and Output Overcurrent
- Internal Overtemperature
- Communication, Memory or Logic (CML) Fault

EEPROM WITH ECC

The LTM4682 contains internal EEPROM with ECC to store user configuration settings and fault log information for Channels 0 and 1, and Channels 2 and 3. The EEPROM endurance retention and mass write operation time are specified in the [Electrical Characteristics](#page-4-1) and [Absolute](#page-3-1) [Maximum Ratings](#page-3-1) sections. Write operations above $T_{\text{J}} =$ 85°C are possible although the [Electrical Characteristics](#page-4-1) are not guaranteed and the EEPROM will be degraded. Read operations performed at temperatures between –40°C and 125°C will not degrade the EEPROM. Writing to the EEPROM above 85°C will result in degrading retention characteristics. The fault logging function, which is useful in debugging system problems that may occur at high temperatures, only writes to fault log EEPROM locations. If occasional writes to these registers occur above 85°C, the slight degradation in the data retention characteristics of the fault log will not take away from the usefulness of the function.

It is recommended that the EEPROM not be written when the die temperature is greater than 85°C. If the die temperature exceeds 130°C, the LTM4682 will disable all EEPROM write operations. All EEPROM write operations will be re-enabled when the die temperature drops below 125°C. The controller will also disable all the switching when the die temperature exceeds the internal overtemperature fault limit 160°C with a 10°C hysteresis.

The degradation in EEPROM retention for temperatures >125°C can be approximated by calculating the dimensionless acceleration factor using the following equation:

$$
AF = e^{\left[\left(\frac{Ea}{k}\right)\bullet\left(\frac{1}{T_{USE}+273}\cdot\frac{1}{T_{STRESS}+273}\right)\right]}
$$

where:

AF = acceleration factor

 E_a = activation energy = 1.4eV

 $k = 8.617 \cdot 10^{-5}$ eV/K

 T_{HSE} = 125°C specified junction temperature

 T_{STRESS} = actual junction temperature in $°C$

Example: Calculate the effect on retention when operating at a junction temperature of 130°C for 10 hours.

T_{STRESS} = 130°C
T_{USE} = 125°C,
AF = e(
$$
[(1.4/8.617 \cdot 10^{-5}) \cdot (1/398 - 1/403)]
$$
) = 1.66

The equivalent operating time at 125° C = 16.6 hours.

Thus the overall retention of the EEPROM was degraded by 6.6 hours as a result of operating at a junction temperature of 130°C for 10 hours. The effect of the overstress is negligible when compared to the overall EEPROM retention rating of 87,600 hours at a maximum junction temperature of 125°C.

The integrity of the entire onboard EEPROM is checked with a CRC calculation each time its data is to be read, such as after a power-on reset or execution of a RESTORE_USER_ ALL command. If a CRC error occurs, the CML bit is set in the STATUS_BYTE and STATUS_WORD commands, the EEPROM CRC Error bit in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command is set, and the ALERT and RUN pins pulled low (PWM channels off). At that point the device will only respond at a special address 0x7C, which is activated only after an invalid CRC has been detected. The chip will also respond at the global addresses 0x5A and 0x5B, but using these addresses when attempting to recover

from a CRC issue is not recommended. All power supply rails associated with either PWM channel of a device reporting an invalid CRC should remain disabled until the issue is resolved. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section or contact the factory for more details on efficient insystem EEPROM programming, including bulk EEPROM Programming, which the LTM4682 also supports.

The LTM4682 contains two dual internal constant frequency current mode control buck regulators (Channel 0 and Channel 1, and Channel 2 and Channel 3) and whose power MOSFETs are capable of fast switching speed. Reference to the signal pins will be Name_*nn*, where *n* is either 01 or 23, or with name*n* when referring to signal pins that are related to the actual channel. The factory NVMdefault switching frequency clocks SYNC_*nn* at 575kHz, to which the regulators synchronize their switching frequency. The default phase-interleaving angle between the channels is 180°. A pin-strapping resistor on FSWPH_*nn*_CFG configures the frequency of the SYNC_*nn* clock (switching frequency) and the channel phase relationship of the channels to each other and for the falling edge of the SYNC_*nn* signal. (Most possible combinations of the switching frequency and the phase-angle assignments are settleable by the resistor pin programming; see [Table 3.](#page-35-1) Configure the LTM4682's NVM to implement settings unavailable by resistor-pin strapping.) When a FSWPH_*nn*_CFG pinstrap resistor sets the channel phase relationship of the LTM4682's channels, the SYNC_*nn* clock is not driven by the module. Instead, SYNC_*nn* becomes strictly a high impedance input, and the channel switching frequency is then synchronized to SYNC_*nn* provided by an externallygenerated clock or sibling LTM4682 with a pull-up resistor to V_{DD33}_{nn}. Switching frequency and phase relationship can be altered through the I^2C interface, but only when the switching action is off, i.e., when the module is not regulating the outputs. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for more details.

Programmable analog feedback loop compensation for Channel 0 to Channel 3 is accomplished with a capacitor connection from COMP*n*a to SGND, and a capacitor from COMP*n*b to SGND.) The COMP*n*b pin is for the high frequency gain roll-off and is the g_m amplifier output that has a programmable range, and the COMP*n*a pin has the programmable resistor range, along with a capacitor to SGND that sets the frequency compensation. See the [Programmable Loop Compensation](#page-61-1) section. The LTM4682 module has sufficient stability margins and good transient performance with a wide range of output capacitors—even all-ceramic MLCCs. [Table 13](#page-71-1) provides guidance on input and output capacitors recommended for many common operating conditions, along with the programmable compensation settings. The Analog Devices LTpowerCAD® tool is available for transient and stability analysis, and experienced users who prefer to adjust the module's feedback loop compensation parameters can use this tool.

POWER-UP AND INITIALIZATION

The LTM4682 is designed to provide standalone supply sequencing and controlled turn-on and turn-off operation. It operates from a single input supply (4.5V to 16V) while three on-chip linear regulators generate internal 2.5V, 3.3V, and 5.5V per controller. If the VIN*nn* does not exceed 5.75V, and the V_{BIAS} pin is turned off, the INTV_{CC}, V_{INnn} and SV_{IN} _{nn} pins must be connected together. The controller configuration is initialized by an internal thresholdbased UVLO where V_{IN*nn*} must be approximately 4V, and the 5.5V, 3.3V, and 2.5V linear regulators must be within approximately 20% of the regulated values. In addition to the power supply, a PMBus RESTORE_USER_ALL or MFR_RESET command can initialize the part, too.

The V_{BIAS} pin is the output of an internal 5.5V buck regulator to improve the efficiency of the circuit and minimize power loss on the LTM4682. The V_{BIAS} pin must exceed approximately 4.8V, and V_{IN} must exceed 7V before the $INTV_{CC}$ LDO operates from the V_{BIAS} pin. The V_{BIAS} regulator is powered from V_{IN} _{VBIAS} and enabled with RUNP.

During initialization, the external configuration resistors are identified and/or contents of the NVM are read into the controller's commands, and the power train is held off. The RUN*n*, FAULT*n*, and PGOOD*n* are held low. The LTM4682 will use the contents of [Table 1](#page-34-1) through [Table 5](#page-36-1) to determine the resistor-defined parameters. See the R_{COMFIG} (Resistor [Configuration\) Pins](#page-33-1) section for more details. The resistor configuration pins only control some of the preset values of the controller. The remaining values are programmed in NVM either at the factory or by the user.

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If the configuration resistors are not inserted or if the ignore RCONFIG bit is asserted (bit 6 of the MFR_ CONFIG_ALL configuration command), the LTM4682 will use only the contents of NVM to determine the DC/DC characteristics. The ASEL_*nn* value read at power-up or reset is always respected unless the pin is open. The ASEL_*nn* will set the bottom 4LSBs, and the MSBs are set by NVM. See the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for more details.

After the part has initialized, an additional comparator monitors V_{IN} through the SV_{IN nn} pins. The VIN_ON threshold must be exceeded before the output power sequencing can begin. After V_{IN} is initially applied, the part will typically require 30ms to initialize and begin the TON_DELAY timer. The readback of voltages and currents may require an additional 0ms to 90ms.

SOFT-START

The method of start-up sequencing described in this section is time-based. The part must enter the run state before soft-start. The RUN pins are released by the LTM4682 after the part is initialized and SV_{IN_nn} exceeds the VIN_ON threshold. If multiple LTM4682s are used in an application, they all hold their respective RUN pins low until all devices are initialized, and SV_{IN} _{nn} exceeds the VIN_ON threshold for every device. The SHARE_CLK_*nn* pin assures all the devices connected to the signal use the same time base. The SHARE_CLK_*nn* pin is held low until the part has been initialized after V_{IN} is applied. The LTM4682 can be set to turn-off (or remain off) if SHARE_ CLK_*nn* is low (set bit 2 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG to 1). This allows the user to ensure synchronization across numerous Analog Devices ICs even if the RUN*n* pins cannot be connected together due to board constraints. In general, if the user cares about synchronization between chips, it is best not only to connect all the respective RUN*n* pins together but also to connect all the respective SHARE_CLK_*nn* pins together and pulled up to V_{DD33}_{nn} with a 10k resistor. This assures all chips begin sequencing simultaneously and use the same time base.

After the RUN*n* pins release and before entering a constant output voltage regulation state, the LTM4682 performs a monotonic initial ramp or soft-start. Soft-start is performed

by actively regulating the load voltage while digitally ramping the target voltage from 0V to the commanded voltage set-point. Once the LTM4682 is commanded to turn on (after power up and initialization), the controller waits for the user specified turn-on delay (TON_DELAY) before initiating this output voltage ramp. The rise time of the voltage ramp can be programmed using the TON_RISE command to minimize inrush currents associated with the start-up voltage ramp. The soft-start feature is disabled by setting the value of TON_RISE to any value less than 0.25ms. The LTM4682 PWM always uses discontinuous mode during the TON_RISE operation. In discontinuous mode, the bottom MOSFET is turned off as soon as reverse current is detected in the inductor. This will allow the regulator to start up into a pre-biased load. When the TON_MAX_FAULT_ LIMIT is reached, the part transitions to continuous mode, if so programmed. If TON MAX FAULT LIMIT is set to zero, there is no time limit, and the part transitions to the desired conduction mode after TON_RISE completes and V_{OUTn} has exceeded the VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT and IOUT_OC is not present. However, setting TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT to a value of 0 is not recommended.

TIME-BASED SEQUENCING

The default mode for sequencing the outputs on and off is time-based. Each output is enabled after waiting a TON_ DELAY amount of time following either a RUN pin going high, a PMBus command to turn on or the V_{IN} rising above a preprogrammed voltage. Off-sequencing is handled similarly. To ensure proper sequencing, make sure all ICs connect the SHARE_CLK_*nn* pin together and RUN*n* pins together. If the RUN*n* pins cannot be connected together for some reasons, set bit 2 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG to 1. This bit requires the SHARE_CLK_*nn* pin to be clocking before the power supply output can start. When the RUN*n* pin is pulled low, the LTM4682 will hold the pin low for the MFR_RESTART_DELAY. The minimum MFR_RESTART DELAY is TOFF_DELAY + TOFF_FALL + 136ms. This delay assures proper sequencing of all rails. The LTM4682 calculates this delay internally and will not process a shorter delay. However, a longer commanded MFR_RESTART_ DELAY can be used by the part. The maximum allowed value is 65.52 seconds.

VOLTAGE-BASED SEQUENCING

The sequence can also be voltage-based. As shown in [Figure 4,](#page-30-1) The PGOOD*n* pin is asserted when the UV threshold is exceeded for each output. It is possible to feed the PGOOD*n* pin from one LTM4682 channel into the RUN*n* pin of the next LTM4682 channel in the sequence, especially across multiple LTM4682s. The PGOOD*n* has a 100 μ s filter. If the V_{OUTn} voltage bounces around the UV threshold for a long period of time, it is possible for the PGOOD*n* output to toggle more than once. To minimize this problem, set the TON_RISE time under 100ms.

If a fault in the string of rails is detected, only the faulted rail and downstream rails will fault off. The rails in the string of devices in front of the faulted rail will remain on unless commanded off.

Figure 4. Event (Voltage) Based Sequencing

SHUTDOWN

The LTM4682 supports two shutdown modes. The first mode is a closed-loop shutdown response, with a userdefined turn-off delay (TOFF_DELAY) and ramp down rate (TOFF_FALL). The controller will maintain the mode of operation for TOFF_FALL. The second mode is the discontinuous conduction mode, the controller will not draw current from the load and the fall time will be set by the output capacitance, and load current, instead of TOFF_FALL.

The shutdown occurs in response to a fault condition or loss of SHARE_CLK_*nn* (if bit 2 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG is set to a 1), or V_{INnn} falling below the VIN_OFF threshold, or FAULT pulled low externally (if the MFR_FAULT RESPONSE is set to inhibit). Under these conditions, the

power stage is disabled in order to stop the transfer of energy to the load as quickly as possible. The shutdown state can be entered from the soft-start or active regulation states or through user intervention.

There are two ways to respond to faults; retry mode and latched-off mode. In retry mode, the controller responds to a fault by shutting down and entering the inactive state for a programmable delay time (MFR_RETRY_DELAY). This delay minimizes the duty cycle associated with autonomous retries if the fault that causes the shutdown disappears once the output is disabled. The retry delay time is determined by the longer of the MFR_RETRY_ DELAY command or the time required for the regulated output to decay below 12.5% of the programmed value. If multiple outputs are controlled by the same FAULT*n* pin, the decay time of the faulted output determines the retry delay. If the natural decay time of the output is too long, it is possible to remove the voltage requirement of the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command by asserting bit 0 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG. Alternatively, latched-off mode means the controller remains latched-off following a fault, and clearing requires user intervention, such as toggling RUN*n* or commanding the part OFF and then ON.

LIGHT-LOAD CURRENT OPERATION

The LTM4682 has two modes of operation: high efficiency discontinuous conduction mode or forced continuous conduction mode. Mode selection is done using the MFR_PWM_MODE command (discontinuous conduction is always the start-up mode, and forced continuous is the default running mode).

If a controller is enabled for discontinuous operation, the inductor current is not allowed to reverse. The reverse current comparator's output turns off the bottom MOSFET just before the inductor current reaches zero, preventing it from reversing and going negative.

In forced continuous operation, the inductor current is allowed to reverse at light loads or under large transient conditions. The peak inductor current is determined solely by the voltage on the COMP*n* pins. In this mode, the efficiency at light loads is lower than in discontinuous mode operation. However, continuous mode exhibits

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lower output ripple and less interference with audio circuitry, but may result in a reverse inductor current, which can cause the input supply to boost. The VIN OV FAULT LIMIT can detect this and turn off the offending channel. However, this fault is based on an ADC read and can take up to t_{CONVERT} to detect. If there is a concern about the input supply boosting, keep the part in discontinuous conduction mode.

If the part is set to discontinuous mode operation, as the inductor average current increases, the controller will automatically modify the operation from discontinuous mode to continuous mode.

SWITCHING FREQUENCY AND PHASE

The switching frequency of the PWM can be established with an internal oscillator or an external time base. The internal phase-locked loop (PLL) synchronizes the PWM control to this timing reference with proper phase relation, whether the clock is provided internally or externally. The device can also be configured to provide the main device clock to other devices through the PMBus command, NVM setting, or external configuration resistors, as outlined in [Table 3.](#page-35-1)

As a main clock, the LTM4682 will drive its open-drain SYNC_*nn* pin at the selected rate with a pulse width of 500ns. An external pull-up resistor between SYNC_*nn* and V_{DD33} _{nn} is required in this case. Only one device connected to SYNC_*nn* should be designated to drive the pin. The LTM4682 will automatically revert to an external SYNC_*nn* input, disabling its SYNC_*nn*, as long as the external SYNC_*nn* frequency is greater than 80% of the programmed SYNC_*nn* frequency. The external SYNC input shall have a duty cycle between 20% and 80%.

Whether configured to drive SYNC_*nn* or not, the LTM4682 can continue PWM operation using its internal oscillator if an external clock signal is subsequently lost.

The device can also be programmed to always require an external oscillator for PWM operation by setting bit 4 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL. The status of the SYNC driver circuit is indicated by bit 10 of MFR_PADS.

The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command can be used to configure the phase of each channel. The desired phase can also be set from EEPROM or external configuration resistors, as outlined in [Table 3.](#page-35-1) The designated phase is the relationship between the falling edge of SYNC and the internal clock edge that sets the PWM latch to turn on the top power switch. Additional small propagation delays to the PWM control pins will also apply. Both channels must be off before the FREQUENCY_SWITCH and MFR_PWM_ CONFIG commands can be written to the LTM4682.

The phase relationships and frequency options provide for numerous application options. Multiple LTM4682 modules can be synchronized to realize a PolyPhase array. In this case, the phases should be separated by 360/*n* degrees, where *n* is the number of phases driving the output voltage rail.

PWM LOOP COMPENSATION

The internal PWM loop compensation resistors R_{COMP*n*a} of the LTM4682 can be adjusted using bit[4:0] of the MFR_PWM_COMP command for each controller.

The transconductance (g_m) of the LTM4682 PWM error amplifier can be adjusted using bit[7:5] of the MFR_ PWM_COMP command. These two loop compensation parameters can be programmed when the device is in operation. See the [Programmable Loop Compensation](#page-61-1) subsection in the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for further details.

OUTPUT VOLTAGE SENSING

All four channels in LTM4682 have differential amplifiers, which allow the remote sensing of the load voltage between V^+ and V^- pins. The telemetry ADC is also fully differential and makes measurements between V_{OSNS},⁺ and V_{OSNS*n*} \sim voltages for both channels at the V⁺ and V[–] pins, respectively. The maximum allowed is 1.5V, but the LTM4682 design is limited to 1.35V.

INTV_{CC}/V_{BIAS} POWER

Power for the internal top and bottom MOSFET drivers and most other internal circuitry is derived from the $INTV_{CC}$ pin. When the RUNP pin is shorted to GND and the V_{BIAS} is off, an internal 5.5V linear regulator supplies $INTV_{CC}$

power from $SV_{IN~nn}$. When enabling V_{BIAS} at 5.5V output and SV_{IN} exceeds 7.0V, an internal switch turned on to source power from $V_{B|AS}$ instead of INTV_{CC} regulator. Using the V_{BIAS} allows the INTV_{CC} power to be derived from a high efficiency internal source. V_{BIAS} can provide power to the internal 3.3V linear regulators when V_{IN} is present, which allows the LTM4682 controllers to be initialized and programmed even with channels off.

The INTV_{CC}_{nn} regulator is powered from the SV_{IN}_{nn} pin; the power through the IC is equal to SV_{IN_nn} • I_{INTVCC*nn*.} The gate charge current is dependent on the operating frequency. The typical INTV_{CC}_{nn} current for the LTM4682 is ~50mA. A 12V input voltage would equate to a difference of 7V per controller drop across the internal controller, when multiplied by 50mA equals a 350mW power loss. This loss can be eliminated by utilizing the V_{BIAS} regulator.

Do not connect INTV_{CC}_{nn} on the LTM4682 to an external supply because $INTV_{CC}^-$ _{nn} will attempt to pull the external supply high and hit the current limit, significantly increasing the die temperature.

For applications where V_{IN} is 5V, connect the SV_{IN} _{nn} and INTV_{CC}_{nn} pins together to the 5V input through a 1Ω resistor, as shown in [Test Circuit 2](#page-25-0).

OUTPUT CURRENT SENSING AND SUB MILLIOHM DCR CURRENT SENSING

The LTM4682 uses a unique sub-milliohm inductor current sensing technique that provides a high level signalto-noise ratio while sensing very low signals in current mode operation. This enables higher conversion efficiencies using the internal sub-milliohm inductors in heavy load applications. The current limit threshold can be accurately set with the MFR_PWM_MODE[7] for the high and low range (see IOUT OC_FAULT_LIMIT).

The internal DCR sensing network, thus, the current limit is calculated based on the DCR of the inductor at room temperature. The DCR of the inductor has a large temperature coefficient, approximately 3900ppm/°C. The temperature coefficient of the inductor is written to the MFR_IOUT_ CAL GAIN TC register. The external temperature is sensed near the inductor and used to modify the internal current limit circuit to maintain an essentially constant current limit with temperature. The current sensed is then digitized by the LTM4682's telemetry ADC with an input range of \pm 128mV, a noise floor of 7µV_{RMS}, and a peak-peak noise of approximately 46.5µV. The LTM4682 computes the inductor current using the DCR value stored in the IOUT_CAL_ GAIN command and the temperature coefficient stored in the MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC command. The resulting current value is returned by the READ_IOUT command.

INPUT CURRENT SENSING

To sense the total input current consumed by the LTM4682's power stages, a sense resistor is placed between the supply voltage and the drain of the top N-channel MOSFET. The IIN_*nn* + and IIN_*nn*– pins are connected to the sense resistor. The filtered voltage is amplified by the internal high-side current sense amplifier and digitized by the LTM4682's telemetry ADC. The input current sense amplifier has three gain settings of 2×, 4×, and 8× set by the bit[6:5] of the MFR_PWM_CONFIG command. The maximum input sense voltage for the three gain settings is 50mV, 25mV, and 10mV, respectively. The LTM4682 computes the input current using the internal R_{SENSE} value stored in the IIN CAL GAIN command. The resulting measured power stage current is returned by the READ_IIN command. I_{IN-01}^+ , I_{IN-01}^- for controller 1 (Channels 0 and 1), and I_{IN} 23^+ , I_{IN} 23^- for controller 2 (Channels 2 and 3).

The LTM4682 uses a 1Ω resistor to measure the SV_{IN}_{nn} pin supply current being consumed by each LTM4682 internal controller. This value is returned by the MFR_ READ_ICHIP command. The chip current is calculated by using the 1 Ω value stored in the MFR_ICHIP_CAL_GAIN command. See the subsection titled [Input Current Sense](#page-61-2) [Amplifier](#page-61-2) in the [Applications Information](#page-54-1) section for further details.

PolyPhase LOAD SHARING

Multiple LTM4682s can be arrayed to provide a balanced load-share solution by bussing the necessary pins. [Figure 50](#page-77-0) illustrates an 8-phase design sharing connections required for load sharing.

If an external oscillator is not provided, the SYNC_*nn* pins should only be enabled on one of the LTM4682s controllers. The other(s) should be programmed to disable SYNC_*nn* controllers using bit 4 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL. If an external oscillator is present, the chip with the SYNC_ *nn* pin enabled will detect the presence of the external clock and disable its output.

Multiple channels need to connect all the V_{OSNSn} ⁺ pins together, and all the V_{OSNSn}⁻ pins together, C_{OMPna} and C_{OMP*n*b} pins together as well. Do not assert bit[4] of MFR_ CONFIG_ALL except in a PolyPhase application.

The user must share the SYNC_*nn*, SHARE_CLK_*nn*, FAULT*n*, and ALERT*n* pins of these parts. Use the pullup resistors on SYNC_*nn*, FAULT*n*, SHARE_CLK_*nn* and ALERT*n*. See the [Typical Application](#page-75-1) section.

INTERNAL TEMPERATURE SENSE

Temperature is measured using the internal diode-connected PNP transistors, and the outputs are connected to TSNS0 to TSNS3 pins corresponding to Channels 0 to 3. These outputs are used for testing. Two different currents are applied to the diode (nominally 2µA and 32µA), and the temperature is calculated from a ΔV_{BE} measurement made with the internal 16-bit monitor ADC (see [Figure 2](#page-22-1) Block Diagram).

The LTM4682 will only implement ΔV_{BF} temperature sensing. Therefore the MFR_PWM_MODE bit[5] is reserved.

RCONFIG (RESISTOR CONFIGURATION) PINS

There are twelve input pins utilizing 1% resistors between these pins to select key operating parameters. The pins are ASEL_01, ASEL_23, FSWPH_01_CFG, FSWPH_23_ CFG, VOUT0_CFG, VOUT1_CFG, VOUT2_CFG, VOUT3_ CFG, VTRIM0_CFG, VTRIM1_CFG, VTRIM2_CFG, and VTRIM3_CFG. If pins are floated, the value stored in the corresponding NVM command is used. If bit 6 of the MFR_CONFIG_ALL configuration command is asserted in NVM, the resistor input is ignored upon power-up except for ASEL, which is always respected. The resistor configuration pins are only measured during a power-up reset or after a MFR_RESET, or after an RESTORE_USER_ALL command is executed.

The VOUT*n*_CFG pin settings are described in [Table 1](#page-34-1). These pins set the LTM4682 V_{OUT0} to V_{OUT3} output voltage coarse settings. If the pin is open, the VOUT_COMMAND command is loaded from NVM to determine the output voltage. The default setting is to have the switcher off unless the voltage configuration pins are installed. The VTRIM*n*_CFG pins in [Table 2](#page-34-2) are used to set the output voltage fine adjustment setting. Both combine to offer several distinct output voltages.

The following parameters are set as a percentage of the output voltage if the R_{CONFIG} pins are used to determine the output voltage:

The FSWPH_CFG_*nn* pin settings are described in [Table 3](#page-35-1). This pin selects the switching frequency and phase of each channel. The phase relationships between the two channels and the SYNC_*nn* pin are determined in [Table 3](#page-35-1). To synchronize to an external clock, the part should be put into external clock mode (SYNC_*nn* output disabled but frequency set to the nominal value). If no external clock is supplied, the part will clock at the programmed frequency. If the application is multiphase and the SYNC_*nn* signal between chips is lost, the parts will not operate at the designed phase, even if they are programmed and trimmed to the same frequency.

This may increase the ripple voltage on the output, possibly producing undesirable operation. If the external SYNC_*nn* signal is being generated internally and external SYNC_*nn* is not selected, bit 10 of MFR_PADS will be asserted. If no frequency is selected and the external SYNC_*nn* frequency is not present, a PLL_FAULT will occur. If the user does not wish to see the ALERT from a PLL_FAULT, even if there is not a valid synchronization signal at power-up, the ALERT mask for PLL_FAULT must be written. See the description on SMBALERT_MASK for more details. If the SYNC_*nn* pin is connected between multiple ICs, only one of the ICs should have the SYNC_*nn* pin enabled using the

 MFR CONFIG $ALL[4] = 1$, and all other ICs should be configured to have the SYNC pin disabled with MFR_CONFIG_ $ALL[4] = 0.$

The ASEL_*nn* pin settings are described in [Table 4](#page-36-2). ASEL_ *nn* selects the subordinate address for the LTM4682 internal controller. See [Table 5](#page-36-1).

Note: Per the PMBus specification, pin-programmed parameters can be overridden by commands from the digital interface, with the exception of ASEL_*nn*, which is always honored. Do not set any part address to 0x5A or 0x5B because these are global addresses, and all parts will respond to them.

Table 1. VOUT*n***_CFG Pin Strapping Look-Up Table for the LTM4682's Output Voltage, Coarse Setting (Not Applicable if MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1b) Top Resistor = 14.3k**

*RVOUT*n*_CFG value indicated is nominal. Select RVOUT*n*_CFG from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Consider resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock/cycling, moisture (humidity), and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect R_{VOUTR} $_{CFG}$'s value over time. All such effects must be considered for resistor pin strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL, over the lifetime of one's product. $R_{\text{TOP}} = 14.3$ k is external to the part. Example:

*RVTRIM*n*_CFG value indicated is nominal. Select RVTRIM*n*_CFG from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Consider resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock/cycling, moisture (humidity) and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect R_{VTRIMn} _{CFG}'s value over time. All such effects must be considered for resistor pin strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN_nn} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET, or RESTORE_USER_ALL over the lifetime of one's product. $R_{TOP} = 14.3k$ is external to the part. Example:

Table 3. FSWPH_*nn***_CFG Pin Strapping Look-Up Table to Set the LTM4682's Switching Frequency and Channel Phase-Interleaving Angle (Not Applicable if MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 1b),** *nn* **= 01 or 23 Channels, Set Top Resistor to 14.3k**

*RFSWPH_*nn*_CFG value indicated is nominal. Select RFSWPH_*nn*_CFG from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Consider resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock/cycling, moisture (humidity), and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect R_{FSWPH_nn_CFG}'s value over time. All such effects must be considered for resistor pin-strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL, over the lifetime of one's product.

**External setting corresponds to FREQUENCY_SWITCH (Register 0x33) value set to 0x0000; the device synchronizes its switching frequency to that of the clock provided on the SYNC_nn pin, provided MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4] = 1b. R_{TOP} = 14.3k is external to the part. Example:

Table 4. ASEL_*nn* **Pin Strapping Look-Up Table to Set the LTM4682's Subordinate Address (Applicable Regardless of MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] Setting)**

Where:

R/W = Read/Write bit in the control byte

All PMBus device addresses listed in the specification are 7 bits wide unless otherwise noted.

Note: The LTM4682 will always respond to subordinate addresses 0x5A and 0x5B regardless of the NVM or ASEL resistor configuration values. $*R_{CFG}$ value indicated is nominal. Select R_{CFG} from a resistor vendor such that its value is always within 3% of the value indicated in the table. Consider resistor initial tolerance, T.C.R. and resistor operating temperatures, soldering heat/IR reflow, and endurance of the resistor over its lifetime. Thermal shock cycling, moisture (humidity), and other effects (depending on one's specific application) could also affect R_{CFG} 's value over time. All such effects must be considered for resistor pin-strapping to yield the expected result at every SV_{IN} power-up and/or every execution of MFR_RESET or RESTORE_USER_ALL, over the lifetime of one's product.

Example:

Table 5. LTM4682 MFR_ADDRESS Command Examples Expressed in 7- and 8-Bit Addressing

1This table can be applied to the MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS*n* commands, but not the MFR_ADDRESS command.

2A disabled value in one command does not disable the device, nor does it disable the global address.

3A disabled value in one command does not inhibit the device from responding to device addresses specified in other commands.

4It is not recommended to write the value 0x00, 0x0C (7-bit), 0x5A (7-bit), 0x5B (7-bit) or 0x7C(7-bit) to the MFR_CHANNEL_ADDRESS*n* or the MFR_RAIL_ADDRESSn commands.

FAULT DETECTION AND HANDLING

A variety of fault and warning reporting and handling mechanisms are available. Fault and warning detection capabilities include:

- Input OV FAULT Protection and UV Warning
- Average Input OC Warn
- Output OV/UV Fault and Warn Protection
- Output OC Fault and Warn Protection
- ⁿ Internal control Die and Internal Module Overtemperature Fault and Warn Protection
- Internal Undertemperature Fault and Warn Protection
- CML Fault (Communication, Memory or Logic)
- External Fault Detection through the Bidirectional FAULT*n* Pins

In addition, the LTM4682 can map any combination of fault indicators to their respective FAULT*n* pin using the propagate FAULT*n* response commands, MFR_FAULT_ PROPAGATE. Typical usage of a FAULT*n* pin is as a driver for an external crowbar device, overtemperature alert,

overvoltage alert or as an interrupt to cause a microcontroller to poll the fault commands. Alternatively, the FAULT*n* pins can be used as inputs to detect external faults downstream of the controller that requires an immediate response.

Any fault or warning event will always cause the ALERT_*nn* pin to assert low unless the fault or warning is masked by the SMBALERT_MASK. The pin will remain asserted low until the CLEAR_FAULTS command is issued, the fault bit is written to a 1 or, bias power is cycled, or an MFR_RESET command is issued, or the RUN*n* pins are toggled OFF/ ON, or the part is commanded OFF/ON through PMBus, or an alert response address (ARA) command operation is performed. The MFR_FAULT_PROPAGATE command determines if the FAULT*n* pins are pulled low when a fault is detected.

Output and input fault event handling is controlled by the corresponding fault response byte as specified in [Table 17](#page-100-0) through [Table 21](#page-105-0). Shutdown recovery from these types of faults can either be autonomous or latched. For autonomous recovery, the faults are not latched, so if the fault conditions not present after the retry interval has elapsed, a new soft-start is attempted.

If the fault persists, the controller will continue to retry. The retry interval is specified by the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command and prevents damage to the regulator components by repetitive power cycling, assuming the fault condition itself is not immediately destructive. The MFR_ RETRY_DELAY must be greater than 120ms. It can not exceed 83.88 seconds.

Status Registers and ALERT Masking

[Figure 5](#page-38-0) summarizes the internal LTM4682 status registers accessible by the PMBus command. These contain indications of various faults, warnings and other important operating conditions. As shown, the [STATUS_BYTE](#page-110-0) and STATUS WORD commands also summarize the contents of other status registers. See the [PMBus Command](#page-80-0) [Details](#page-80-0) section for specific information.

NONE OF THE ABOVE in the STATUS_BYTE indicates that one or more of the bits in the most-significant nibble of STATUS_WORD are also set.

In general, any asserted bit in a STATUS_x register also pulls the ALERT_*nn* pin low. Once set, ALERT_*nn* pin will remain low until one of the following occurs.

- A CLEAR_FAULTS or MFR_RESET Command Is Issued
- The Related Status Bit Is Written to a One
- The Faulted Channel Is Properly Commanded Off and Back On
- The LTM4682 Successfully Transmits Its Address During a PMBus ARA
- Bias Power Is Cycled

With some exceptions, the SMBALERT_MASK command can be used to prevent the LTM4682 from asserting ALERT_*nn* for bits in these registers on a bit-by-bit basis. These mask settings are promoted to STATUS_WORD and STATUS_BYTE in the same fashion as the status bits themselves. For example, if ALERT_*nn* is masked for all bits in channel *n* STATUS_VOUT, then ALERT_*nn* is effectively masked for the V_{OIII} bit in STATUS_WORD for PAGE*n*. The BUSY bit in STATUS_BYTE also asserts ALERT_*nn* low and cannot be masked. This bit can be set as a result of various internal interactions with PMBus communication. This fault occurs when a command is received that cannot be safely executed with one or both channels enabled. As discussed in the Application Information, BUSY faults can be avoided by polling MFR_ COMMON before executing some commands.

If masked faults occur immediately after power up, ALERT_*nn* may still be pulled low because there has not been time to retrieve all of the programmed masking information from EEPROM.

Status information contained in MFR_COMMON and MFR_PADS can be used to further debug or clarify the contents of STATUS_BYTE or STATUS_WORD as shown, but the contents of these registers do not affect the state of the ALERT_*nn* pin and may not directly influence bits in STATUS_BYTE or STATUS_WORD.

Figure 5. LTM4682 Status Register Summary per Controller

Mapping Faults to FAULT*n* **Pins**

Channel-to-channel fault (including channels from multiple LTM4682s) dependencies can be created by connecting FAULT*n* pins together. In the event of an internal fault, one or more of the channels is configured to pull the bussed FAULT*n* pins low. The other channels are then configured to shut down when the FAULT*n* pins are pulled low. For autonomous group retry, the faulted channel is configured to let go of the FAULT*n* pin(s) after a retry interval, assuming the original fault has cleared. All the channels in the group then begin a soft-start sequence. If the fault response is LATCH OFF, the FAULT*n* pin remains asserted low until either the RUN*n* pin is toggled OFF/ON or the part is commanded OFF/ON. The toggling of the RUN*n* either by the pin or OFF/ON command will clear faults associated with the channel. If it is desired to have all faults cleared when either the RUN*n*, pin is toggled or, set bit 0 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL to a 1.

The status of all faults and warnings is summarized in the STATUS WORD and STATUS BYTE commands.

Additional fault detection and handling capabilities including power good pins and CRC protection.

Power Good Pins

The PGOOD*n* pins of the LTM4682 are connected to the open drains of internal MOSFETs. The MOSFETs turn on and pull the PGOOD*n* pins low when the channel output voltage is not within the channel's UV and OV voltage thresholds. During TON_DELAY and TON_RISE sequencing, the PGOOD*n* pin is held low. The PGOOD*n* pin is also pulled low when the respective RUN*n* pin is low. The PGOOD*n* pin response is deglitched by an internal 100µs digital filter. The PGOOD*n* pin and PGOOD status may be different at times due to communication latency of up to 10µs.

CRC Protection

The integrity of the NVM memory is checked after a power on reset. A CRC error will prevent the controller from leaving the inactive state. If a CRC error occurs, the CML bit is set in the STATUS_BYTE and STATUS_WORD commands, the appropriate bit is set in the STATUS_ MFR_SPECIFIC command, and the ALERT_*nn* pin will be pulled low. NVM repair can be attempted by writing the desired configuration to the controller and executing a STORE_USER_ALL command followed by a CLEAR FAULTS command.

The LTM4682 manufacturing section of the NVM is mirrored. If both copies are corrupted, the NVM CRC Fault in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command is set. If this bit remains set after being cleared by issuing a CLEAR_ FAULTS or writing a 1 to this bit, an irrecoverable internal fault has occurred. The user is cautioned to disable both output power supply rails associated with this specific part. There are no provisions for field repair of NVM faults in the manufacturing section.

SERIAL INTERFACE

The LTM4682 serial interface is a PMBus-compliant subordinate device and can operate at any frequency between 10kHz and 400kHz. The address is configurable using either the NVM or an external resistor. In addition, the LTM4682 always responds to the global broadcast address of 0x5A (7-bit) or 0x5B (7-bit).

The serial interface supports the following protocols defined in the PMBus specifications: 1) send command, 2) write byte, 3) write word, 4) group, 5) read byte, 6) read word, 7) read block and 8) write block. All read operations will return a valid PEC if the PMBus main device requests it. If the PEC_REQUIRED bit is set in the MFR_ CONFIG_ALL command, the PMBus write operations will not be acted upon until a valid PEC has been received by the LTM4682.

Communication Protection

PEC write errors (if PEC_REQUIRED is active), attempts to access unsupported commands, or writing invalid data to supported commands will result in a CML fault. The CML bit is set in the STATUS_BYTE and STATUS_WORD commands, the appropriate bit is set in the STATUS_CML command, and the ALERT pin is pulled low.

DEVICE ADDRESSING

The LTM4682 offers four different types of addressing over the PMBus interface, specifically: 1) global, 2) device, 3) rail addressing and 4) alert response address (ARA).

Global addressing provides a means for the PMBus main device to address all LTM4682 devices on the bus. The LTM4682 global address is fixed 0x5A (7-bit) or 0xB4 (8-bit) and cannot be disabled. Commands sent to the global address act the same as if PAGE is set to a value of 0xFF. Commands sent are written to both channels simultaneously. Global command 0x5B (7-bit) or 0xB6 (8-bit) is paged and allows channel-specific command of all LTM4682 devices on the bus. Other Analog Devices IC types may respond at one or both of these global addresses. Reading from global addresses is strongly discouraged.

Device addressing provides the standard means of the PMBus main device communicating with a single instance of an LTM4682. The value of the device address is set by a combination of the ASEL_*nn* configuration pin and the MFR_ADDRESS command. When this addressing means is used, the PAGE command determines the channel being acted upon. Device addressing can be disabled by writing a value of 0x80 to the MFR_ADDRESS.

Rail addressing provides a means for the bus main device to communicate simultaneously with all channels connected together to produce a single output voltage (PolyPhase). While similar to global addressing, the rail address can be dynamically assigned with the paged MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS command, allowing for any logical grouping of channels that might be required for reliable system control. Reading from rail addresses is also strongly discouraged.

All four means of PMBus addressing require the user to employ disciplined planning to avoid addressing conflicts. Communication to LTM4682 devices at global and rail addresses should be limited to command write operations.

RESPONSES TO VOUT AND IIN/IOUT FAULTS

 V_{OUT} OV and UV conditions are monitored by comparators. The OV and UV limits are set in the following three ways.

- As a Percentage of the V_{OUT} if Using the Resistor Configuration Pins
- In NVM, if Either Programmed at the Factory or Through the GUI

■ By PMBus Command

The I_{IN} and I_{OUT} overcurrent monitors are performed by ADC readings and calculations. Thus, these values are based on average currents and can have a time latency of up to t_{CONVERT} . The I_{OUT} calculation accounts for the DCR and their temperature coefficient. The input current equals to the voltage measured across the R_{SENSEn} resistor divided by the resistor value as set with the MFR_ IIN_CAL_GAIN command. If this calculated input current exceeds the IN_OC_WARN_LIMIT, the ALERT_*nn* pin is pulled low, and the IIN_OC_WARN bit is asserted in the STATUS_INPUT command.

The digital processor within the LTM4682 provides the ability to ignore the fault, shut down and latch off or shut down and retry indefinitely (hiccup). The retry interval is set in MFR_RETRY_DELAY and can be from 120ms to 83.88 seconds in 10µs increments. The shutdown for OV/UV and OC can be done immediately or after a userselectable deglitch time.

Output Overvoltage Fault Response

A programmable overvoltage comparator (OV) guards against transient overshoots and long-term overvoltages at the output. In such cases, the top MOSFET is turned off, and the bottom MOSFET is turned on. However, the reverse output current is monitored while the device is in OV fault. When it reaches the limit, both top and bottom MOSFETs are turned off. The top and bottom MOSFETs will keep their state until the overvoltage condition is cleared, regardless of the PMBus VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE command byte value. This hardware-level fault response delay is typically 2µs from the overvoltage condition to BG asserted high. Using the VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE command, the user can select any of the following behaviors.

- OV Pull-Down Only (OV Cannot Be Ignored)
- Shut Down (Stop Switching) Immediately—Latch Off
- \blacksquare Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY

Either the Latch Off or Retry fault responses can be deglitched in increments of (0-7) • 10µs. See [Table 17.](#page-100-0)

Output Undervoltage Response

The response to an undervoltage comparator output can be the following:

- **n** lanore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY.

The UV responses can be deglitched. See [Table 18](#page-101-0).

Peak Output Overcurrent Fault Response

Due to the current mode control algorithm, peak output current across the inductor is always limited on a cycle-by-cycle basis. The value of the peak current limit is specified in the [Electrical Characteristics](#page-4-0) table. The current limit circuit operates by limiting the COMP*n* maximum voltage. Since internal DCR sensing is used, the COMP*n* maximum voltage has a temperature dependency directly proportional to the TC of the DCR of the inductor. The LTM4682 automatically monitors the external temperature sensors and modifies the maximum allowed COMP*n* to compensate for this term. The IOUT_OC_ FAULT_LIMIT section provides data points for I_{OUT} Limiting, see [IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT](#page-93-0).

The overcurrent fault processing circuitry can execute the following behaviors.

- Current Limit Indefinitely
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- \blacksquare Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY.

The overcurrent responses can be deglitched in increments of (0-7) • 16ms. See [Table 19.](#page-103-0)

RESPONSES TO TIMING FAULTS

TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT is the time allowed for V_{OUT} to rise and settle at start-up. The TON_MAX_FAULT_ LIMIT condition is predicated upon detecting the VOUT UV FAULT LIMIT as the output is undergoing a SOFT_START sequence. The TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT time is started after TON_DELAY has been reached and a SOFT START sequence is started. The resolution of the TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT is 10µs. If the VOUT_ UV_FAULT_LIMIT is not reached within the TON_MAX_ FAULT LIMIT time, the response of this fault is determined by the value of the TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE command value. This response may be one of the following.

- **n** lanore
- Shut Down (Stop Switching) Immediately—Latch Off
- \blacksquare Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY.

This fault response is not deglitched. A value of 0 in TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT means the fault is ignored. The TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT should be set longer than the TON_RISE time. It is recommended that TON_MAX FAULT LIMIT always be set to a non-zero value, otherwise the output may never come up, and no flag will be set to the user. See [Table 21](#page-105-0).

RESPONSES TO VIN OV FAULTS

 V_{IN} overvoltage is measured with the ADC. The response is naturally deglitched by the 100ms typical response time of the ADC. The fault responses include the following.

- **n** Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY. See [Table 21](#page-105-0).

RESPONSES TO OT/UT FAULTS

Internal Overtemperature Fault Response

An internal temperature sensor protects against NVM damage. Above 85°C, no writes to NVM are recommended. Above 130°C, the internal overtemperature warns threshold is exceeded and the part disables the NVM, and does not re-enable until the temperature has dropped to 125°C. When the die temperature exceeds 160°C, the internal temperature fault response is enabled, and the PWM is disabled until the die temperature drops below 150°C. Temperature is measured by the ADC. Internal temperature faults cannot be ignored. Internal temperature limits cannot be adjusted by the user. See [Table 20](#page-104-0).

Overtemperature and Undertemperature Fault Response

Four internal temperature sensors are used to sense the temperature of critical circuit elements like inductors and power MOSFETs on each channel. The OT_FAULT_RESPONSE and UT_FAULT_RESPONSE commands are used to determine the appropriate response to an overtemperature and under temperature conditions, respectively. If no external sense elements are used (not recommended), set the UT_FAULT_ RESPONSE to ignore—and set the UT_FAULT_LIMIT to 275°C. The fault responses are:

- Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- \blacksquare Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time

Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY. See [Table 21](#page-105-0).

RESPONSES TO INPUT OVERCURRENT AND OUTPUT UNDERCURRENT FAULTS

Input overcurrent and output undercurrent are measured with the ADC. The fault responses are:

- Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- \blacksquare Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY.

RESPONSES TO EXTERNAL FAULTS

When either FAULT*n* pin is pulled low, the OTHER bit is set in the STATUS WORD command, the appropriate bit is set in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command, and the ALERT_*nn* pin is pulled low. Responses are not deglitched. Each channel can be configured to ignore or shut down then retry in response to its FAULT*n* pin going low by modifying the MFR_FAULT_RESPONSE command. To avoid the ALERT_*nn* pin asserting low when FAULT*n* is pulled low, assert bit 1 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG, or mask the ALERT using the SMBALERT_MASK command.

FAULT LOGGING

The LTM4682 has the fault logging capability. Data is logged into memory in the order shown in [Table 23.](#page-121-0) The data is stored in a continuously updated buffer in RAM. When a fault event occurs, the fault log buffer is copied from the RAM buffer into the NVM. Fault logging is allowed at temperatures above 85°C; however, retention of 10 years is not guaranteed. When the die temperature exceeds 130°C, the fault logging is delayed until the die temperature drops below 125°C. The fault log data remains in NVM until a MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command is issued. Issuing this command re-enables the fault log feature. Before reenabling the fault log, be sure no faults are present, and a CLEAR_FAULTS command has been issued.

When the LTM4682 powers-up or exits its reset state, it checks the NVM for a valid fault log. If a valid fault log exists in NVM, the Valid Fault Log bit in the STATUS_ MFR_SPECIFIC command will be set, and an ALERT event will be generated. Also, fault logging will be blocked until the LTM4682 has received a MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command before fault logging will be re-enabled.

The information is stored in EEPROM in the event of any fault that disables the controller on either channel. A FAULT*n* being externally pulled low will not trigger a fault logging event.

BUS TIMEOUT PROTECTION

The LTM4682 implements a timeout feature to avoid persistent faults on the serial interface. The data packet timer begins at the first START event before the device address write byte. Data packet information must be completed within 30ms, or the LTM4682 will three-state the bus and ignore the given data packet. If more time is required, assert bit 3 of MFR_ CONFIG_ALL to allow typical bus timeouts of 255ms. Data packet information includes the device address byte write, command byte, repeat start event (if a read operation), device address byte read (if a read operation), all data bytes and the PEC byte if applicable.

The LTM4682 allows longer PMBus timeouts for blockread data packets. This timeout is proportional to the length of the block read. The additional block read timeout

applies primarily to the MFR_FAULT_LOG command. The timeout period defaults to 32ms.

The user is encouraged to use as high a clock rate as possible to maintain efficient data packet transfer between all devices sharing the serial bus interface. The LTM4682 supports the full PMBus frequency range from 10kHz to 400kHz.

SIMILARITY BETWEEN PMBus, SMBus AND I2C 2-WIRE INTERFACE

The PMBus 2-wire interface is an incremental extension of the SMBus. The SMBus is built upon I²C with some minor differences in timing, DC parameters, and protocol. The PMBus/SMBus protocols are more robust than simple I2C byte commands because PMBus/SMBus provide timeouts to prevent persistent bus errors and optional packet error checking (PEC) to ensure data integrity. In general, a main device that can be configured for ¹²C communication can be used for PMBus communication with little or no change to hardware or firmware. Repeat start (restart) is not supported by all ${}^{12}C$ controllers but is required for SMBus/PMBus reads. If a general-purpose I²C controller is used, check that repeat start is supported.

The LTM4682 supports the maximum SMBus clock speed of 100kHz and is compatible with the higher speed PMBus specification (between 100kHz and 400kHz) if MFR_COMMON polling or clock stretching is enabled. For robust communication and operation see the Note section in the [PMBus Command Summary](#page-48-0) section. Clock stretching is enabled by asserting bit 1 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL.

For a description of the minor extensions and exceptions PMBus makes to SMBus, refer to PMBus Specification Part 1 Revision 1.2: Paragraph 5: Transport. To describe the differences between SMBus and 1^2C , refer to System Management Bus (SMBus) Specification Version 2.0: Appendix B—Differences Between SMBus and I²C.

PMBus SERIAL DIGITAL INTERFACE

The LTM4682 communicates with a host (main device) using the standard PMBus serial bus interface. The [PMBus Timing Diagram](#page-44-0), [Figure 6](#page-44-0), shows the timing relationship of the signals on the bus. The two-bus lines,

SDA and SCL, must be high when the bus is not in use. External pull-up resistors or current sources are required on these lines. The LTM4682 is a subordinate device. The main device can communicate with the LTM4682 using the following formats.

- Main Transmitter, Subordinate Receiver
- Main Receiver, Subordinate Transmitter

The following PMBus protocols are supported.

- Write Byte, Write Word, Send Byte
- Read Byte, Read Word, Block Read, Block Write
- Alert Response Address

Figure 7 to [Figure 24](#page-47-0) illustrate the aforementioned PMBus protocols. All transactions support PEC and GCP (group command protocol). The Block Read supports 255 bytes of returned data. For this reason, the PMBus timeout may be extended when reading the fault log.

[Figure 7](#page-45-0) is the key to the protocol diagrams in this section. PEC is optional. A value shown below a field in Figure 7 to [Figure 24](#page-47-0) is a mandatory value for that field.

The data formats implemented by PMBus are:

- \blacksquare Main transmitter transmits to an subordinate receiver. The transfer direction, in this case, has not been changed.
- \blacksquare Main device reads the subordinate immediately after the first byte. At the moment of the first acknowledgement (provided by the subordinate receiver), the main transmitter becomes a main receiver, and the subordinate receiver becomes the subordinate transmitter.
- \blacksquare Combined format. During a change of direction within a transfer, the main device repeats both a start condition and the subordinate address but with the R/W bit reversed. In this case, the main receiver terminates the transfer by generating a NACK on the last byte of the transfer and a STOP condition.

See [Figure 7](#page-45-0) for a legend.

Handshaking features are included to ensure robust system communication. See the [PMBus Communication and](#page-64-0) [Command Processing](#page-64-0) subsection of the [Applications](#page-54-0) [Information](#page-54-0) section for further details.

Figure 6. PMBus Timing Diagram

Table 6. Abbreviations of Supported Data Formats

	PMBus				
	TERMINOLOGY	SPECIFICATION REFERENCE	ADI TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
L11	Linear	Part II 17.1		Linear 5s 11s Floating point 16-bit data: value = $Y \cdot 2^N$, where $N = b[15:11]$ and $Y = b[10:0]$, both two's compliment binary integers.	$ b[15:0] = 0x9807 = 10011_000_0000_0111$ value = 7 • 2 ⁻¹³ = 854E ⁻⁶
L16	Linear VOUT MODE	Part II 18.2	Linear_16u	Floating point 16-bit data: value = $Y \cdot 2^{-12}$, where $Y = b[15:0]$, an unsigned integer.	$b[15:0] = 0x4C00 = 0100_1100_0000_0000$ value = 19456 • 2 ⁻¹² = 4.75
CF	DIRECT	Part II 17.2	Varies	16-bit data with a custom format defined in the PMBus Command Details section.	Often an unsigned or two's compliment integer.
Reg	Register Bits	Part II 110.3	Reg	Per-bit meaning defined in the PMBus Command Details section.	PMBus STATUS_BYTE command.
ASC	Text Characters	Part II 122.2.1	ASCII	ISO/IEC 8859-1 [A05]	LTC (0x4C5443)

[FIGURE 7](#page-45-0) TO [FIGURE 24](#page-47-0) PMBus PROTOCOLS

- S START CONDITION
- Sr REPEATED START CONDITION
- Rd READ (BIT VALUE OF 1)
- Wr WRITE (BIT VALUE OF 0)
- A ACKNOWLEDGE (THIS BIT POSITION MAY BE 0 FOR AN ACK OR 1 FOR A NACK)
- P STOP CONDITION
- PEC PACKET ERROR CODE
- MAIN TO SUBORDINATE
- SUBORDINATE TO MAIN $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$

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Figure 7. PMBus Packet Protocol Diagram Element Key

UBORDINATE ADDRESS Rd/Wr	Δ	
		4682 FOR

Figure 8. Quick Command Protocol

Figure 9. Send Byte Protocol

Figure 10. Send Byte Protocol with PEC

S SUBORDINATE ADDRESS Wr | A COMMAND CODE | A | DATA BYTE | A | P 1 7 1 1 8 1 8 1 1

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Figure 11. Write Byte Protocol

Figure 14. Write Word Protocol with PEC

Figure 20. Block Read Protocol with PEC

Figure 21. Block Write – Block Read Process Call

Figure 23. Alert Response Address Protocol

Figure 24. Alert Response Address Protocol with PEC

PMBus COMMANDS

[Table 7](#page-48-1) lists supported PMBus commands and manufacturer-specific commands. A complete description of these commands can be found in the PMBus Power System Management Protocol Specification – Part II – Revision 1.2. Users are encouraged to reference this specification. Exceptions or manufacturer-specific implementations are listed in Table 7. Floating point values listed in the DEFAULT VALUE column are either Linear 16-bit Signed (PMBus Section 8.3.1) or Linear_5s_11s (PMBus Section 7.1) format, whichever is appropriate for the command. All commands from 0xD0 through 0xFF not listed in [Table 7](#page-48-1) are implicitly reserved by the manufacturer. Users should avoid blind writes within this range of commands to avoid the undesired operation of the part. All commands from 0x00 through 0xCF not listed in [Table 7](#page-48-1) are implicitly not supported by the manufacturer. Attempting to access nonsupported or reserved commands may result in a CML command fault event. All output voltage settings and measurements are based on the VOUT_MODE setting of 0x14. This translates to an exponent of 2^{-12} .

If PMBus commands are received faster than they are being processed, the part may become too busy to handle new commands. In these circumstances, the part follows the protocols defined in the PMBus Specification v1.2, Part II, Section 10.8.7, to communicate that it is busy. The part includes handshaking features to eliminate busy errors and simplify error-handling software while ensuring robust communication and system behavior. See the subsection titled [PMBus Communication and Command](#page-64-0) [Processing](#page-64-0) in the [Applications Information](#page-54-0) section for further details.

Table 7. PMBus Commands Summary (Note: The Data Format Abbreviations Are Detailed in [Table 8\)](#page-53-0)

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Note 1: Commands indicated with Y in the NVM column indicate that these commands are stored and restored using the STORE_USER_ALL and RESTORE_USER_ALL commands, respectively.

Note 2: Commands with a default value of NA indicate not applicable. Commands with a default value of FS indicate factory set on a per part basis.

Note 3: The LTM4682 contains additional commands not listed in [Table 7.](#page-48-1) Reading these commands is harmless to the operation of the IC; however, the contents and meaning of these commands can change without notice.

Note 4: Some of the unpublished commands are read-only and will generate a CML bit 6 fault if written.

Note 5: Writing to commands not published in [Table 7](#page-48-1) is not permitted.

Note 6: The user should not assume compatibility of commands between different parts based upon command names. Always refer to the manufacturer's data sheet for each part for a complete definition of a command's function. Analog Devices strives to keep command functionality compatible between all Analog Devices devices. Differences may occur to address specific product requirements.

Table 8. Data Format Abbreviations

V_{IN}TO V_{OUT} STEP-DOWN RATIOS

There are restrictions in the maximum V_{IN} and V_{OIII} stepdown ratio that can be achieved for a given input voltage. Each output of the LTM4682 is capable of the 95% duty cycle at 500kHz, but the V_{IN} to V_{OUT} minimum dropout is still a function of its load current and will limit output current capability related to the high duty cycle on the topside switch.

Minimum on-time $t_{ON(MIN)}$ is another consideration in operating at a specified duty cycle while operating at a certain frequency due to the fact that $t_{ON(MIN)} < D/f_{SW}$, where D is the duty cycle and f_{SW} is the switching frequency. $t_{ON(MIN)}$ is specified in the electrical parameters as 85ns. See Note 6 in the Electrical Characteristics section for output current guidelines.

INPUT CAPACITORS

The LTM4682 module should be connected to a low AC impedance DC source. For the regulator input, four 22µF input ceramic capacitors are used to handle the RMS ripple current. A 47µF to 150µF surface mount aluminum electrolytic bulk capacitor can be used for more input bulk capacitance. This bulk input capacitor is only needed if the input source impedance is compromised by long inductive leads, traces or not enough source capacitance. If low impedance power planes are used, then this bulk capacitor is not needed.

For a buck converter, the switching duty-cycle can be estimated as:

$$
D_n = \frac{V_{OUTn}}{V_{INn}}
$$

Without considering the inductor current ripple, for each output, the RMS current of the input capacitor can be estimated as:

$$
I_{\text{CIN}_{n}(\text{RMS})} = \frac{I_{\text{OUT}n(\text{MAX})}}{\eta\%} \cdot \sqrt{D_{n} \cdot (1 - D_{n})}
$$

In the above equation, η % is the estimated efficiency of the power module. The bulk capacitor can be a switcher-rated electrolytic aluminum capacitor, or a polymer capacitor. Application Note 77 can be utilized to help calculate ripple current cancellation for multiphase applications.

OUTPUT CAPACITORS

The LTM4682 is designed for low output voltage ripple noise and good transient response. The bulk output capacitors defined as $C_{\Omega I}$ are chosen with low enough effective series resistance (ESR) to meet the output voltage ripple and transient requirements. The C_{OUT} can be a low ESR tantalum capacitor, a low ESR polymer or a ceramic capacitor. The typical output capacitance range for each output is from 400µF to 1000µF. Additional output filtering may be required by the system designer, if further reduction of output ripple or dynamic transient spikes is required. [Table 13](#page-71-0) shows a matrix of different output voltages and output capacitors to minimize the voltage droop and overshoot during a 10A to 20A step, with 10A/us transient on each channel. [Table 13](#page-71-0) optimizes total equivalent ESR and total bulk capacitance to optimize the transient performance. Stability criteria are considered in the [Table 13](#page-71-0) matrix, and the LTpowerCAD design tool will be provided for stability analysis. Multiphase operation reduces effective output ripple as a function of the number of phases. Application Note 77 discusses this noise reduction versus output ripple current cancellation, but the output capacitance should be considered carefully as a function of stability and transient response. The LTpowerCAD design tool can calculate the output ripple reduction as the number of implemented phases increases by N times. A small value 10Ω resistor can be placed in series from V_{OUTn} to the V_{OSNS0} ⁺ pin to allow for a bode plot analyzer to inject a signal into the control loop and validate the regulator stability. The LTM4682's stability compensation can be adjusted using two external capacitors (COMP*n*a, COMP*n*b), and the MFR_PWM_COMP commands.

LIGHT LOAD CURRENT OPERATION

The LTM4682 has two modes of operation including high efficiency, discontinuous conduction mode or forced continuous conduction mode. The mode of operation is configured by bit 0 of the MFR_PWM_MODE*n* command (discontinuous conduction is always the start-up mode, forced continuous is the default running mode).

If a channel is enabled for discontinuous mode operation, the inductor current is not allowed to reverse. The reverse current comparator, I_{RFV} , turns off the bottom MOSFET (MB*n*) just before the inductor current reaches zero, preventing it from reversing and going negative. Thus, the controller can operate in discontinuous (pulseskipping) operation. In forced continuous operation, the inductor current is allowed to reverse at light loads or under large transient conditions. The peak inductor current is determined solely by the voltage on the COMP*n* pin. In this mode, the efficiency at light loads is lower than in discontinuous mode operation. However, continuous mode exhibits lower output ripple and less interference with audio circuitry. Forced continuous conduction mode may result in reverse inductor current, which can cause the input supply to boost. The VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT can detect this (if SV_{IN} $_{nn}$ is connected to V_{IN01} and/or V_{IN23}) and turn off the offending channel. However, this fault is based on an ADC read and can nominally take up to 100ms to detect. If there is a concern about the input supply boosting, keep the part in discontinuous conduction operation.

SWITCHING FREQUENCY AND PHASE

The switching frequency of the LTM4682's channels is established by its analog phase-locked-loop (PLL) locking on to the clock present at the module's SYNC_*nn* pin. The clock waveform on the SYNC_*nn* pin can be generated by the LTM4682's internal circuitry when an external pull-up resistor to 3.3V (e.g., V_{DD33}) is provided, in combination with the LTM4682 control IC's FREQUENCY_SWITCH command being set to one of the following supported values: 250kHz, 350kHz, 425kHz, 500kHz, 575kHz, 650kHz, and 750kHz. In this configuration, the module is called a sync main device: (using the factory-default setting of MFR_CONFIG_ALL[4] = 0b), SYNC_*nn* becomes a bidirectional open-drain pin, and the LTM4682 pulls SYNC logic low for nominally 500ns at a time, at the prescribed clock rate. The SYNC signal can be bused to other LTM4682 modules (configured as sync subordinates), for purposes of synchronizing switching frequencies of multiple modules within a system—but only one LTM4682 internal controllers should be configured as a sync main device the other LTM4682(s) should be configured as sync subordinates.

The most straightforward way is to set its FREQUENCY_ SWITCH command to 0x0000 and MFR_CONFIG_ $ALL[4] = 1b$. This can be easily implemented with resistor pin-strap settings on the FSWPH_*nn*_CFG pin (see Table 3). Using the MFR CONFIG ALL[4] = 1b, the LTM4682s SYNC pin becomes a high impedance input only—i.e., it does not drive SYNC low. The module synchronizes its frequency to the clock applied to its SYNC pin. The only shortcoming of this approach is without an externally applied clock, the switching frequency of the module will default to the low end of its frequencysynchronization capture range (~225kHz).

If fault-tolerance to the loss of an externally applied SYNC clock is desired, the FREQUENCY_SWITCH command of a sync subordinate can be left at the nominal target switching frequency of the application and not 0x0000 However, it is still necessary to configure MFR_CONFIG_ $ALL[4] = 1b$. With this combination of configurations, the LTM4682's SYNC_*nn* pins becomes a high impedance input and the module synchronizes its frequency to that of the externally applied clock, provided that the frequency of the externally applied clock exceeds \sim 1/2. of the target frequency (FREQUENCY_SWITCH). If the SYNC clock is absent, the module responds by operating at its target frequency, indefinitely. If and when the SYNC clock is restored, the module automatically phase-locks to the SYNC clock as normal. The only shortcoming of this approach is that the EEPROM must be configured per above guidance; resistor pin-strapping options on the FSWPH_*nn*_CFG pin alone cannot provide fault-tolerance to the absence of the SYNC clock.

The FREQUENCY_SWITCH register can be altered through $1²C$ commands, but only when the switching action is disengaged, i.e., the module's outputs are turned off. The FREQUENCY_SWITCH command takes on the value stored in NVM at SV_{IN} power-up, but is overridden according to a resistor pin-strap applied between the FSWPH_*nn*_CFG pin and SGND only if the module is configured to respect resistor pin-strap settings (MFR_CONFIG_ALL $[6] = 0$ b).

[Table 3](#page-35-0) highlights the available resistor pin-strap and corresponding FREQUENCY_SWITCH settings.

The relative phasing of all active channels in a PolyPhase rail should be optimally phased. The relative phasing of each rail is 360°/*n*, where *n* is the number of phases in the rail. MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] configures channel relative phasing to the SYNC_*nn* pin. Phase relationship values are indicated with 0° corresponding to the falling edge of SYNC being coincident with the turn-on of the top MOSFETs.

The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command can be altered through 1²C commands, but only when the switching action is disengaged, i.e., the module's outputs are turned off. The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command takes on the value stored in NVM at SV_{IN} _{nn} power-up, but is overridden according to a resistor pin-strap applied between the FSWPH_*nn*_ CFG pin and SGND only if the module is configured to respect resistor pin-strap settings (MFR_CONFIG_ALL[6] = 0b). [Table 3](#page-35-0) highlights the available resistor pin-strap and corresponding MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] settings.

Some combinations of FREQUENCY_SWITCH and MFR_PWM_CONFIG[2:0] are unavailable by resistor pinstrapping the FSWPH_*nn*_CFG pin. All combinations of supported values for FREQUENCY_SWITCH and MFR PWM_CONFIG[2:0] can be configured by NVM programming—or, ¹²C transactions, provided switching action is disengaged, i.e., the module's outputs are turned off.

Care must be taken to minimize capacitance on SYNC to ensure that the pull-up resistor versus the capacitor load has a low enough time constant for the application to form a clean clock. See [Open-Drain Pins](#page-59-0), later in this section.

When an LTM4682 is configured as a sync subordinate, it is permissible for external circuitry to drive the SYNC *nn* pin from a current-limited source (less than 10mA), rather than using a pull-up resistor. Any external circuitry must not drive high with arbitrarily low impedance at SV_{IN}_{nn} power-up, because the SYNC_nn output can be low impedance until NVM contents have been downloaded to RAM.

The recommended LTM4682 switching frequencies for operation of many common V_{IN} -to- V_{OUT} applications are indicated [Table 9](#page-56-0). When the two channels of an LTM4682 are stepping input voltage(s) down to output voltages whose recommended switching frequencies in [Table 9](#page-56-0) are significantly different, operation at the higher of the two recommended switching frequencies is preferable, but minimum on-time must be considered. See the [Minimum](#page-57-0) [On-Time Considerations](#page-57-0) section.

Table 9. Recommended Switching Frequency for Various V_{IN}-to-**VOUT Step-Down Scenarios**

OUTPUT CURRENT LIMIT PROGRAMMING

The cycle-by-cycle current limit $(=V_{\text{ISFNSF}}/DCR)$ is proportional to COMP*n*b, which can be programmed from 1.45V to 2.2V using the PMBus command IOUT_OC_FAULT_ LIMIT. The LTM4682 uses only the sub-milliohm sensing to detect current levels. See [IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT.](#page-93-0) The LTM4682 has two ranges of current limit programming. The value of MFR_PWM_MODE[2] is reserved, and the MFR_PWM_MODE[7], and IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT are used to set the current limit level, see the section of the PMBus commands, the device can regulate output voltage with the peak current under the value of IOUT_OC_ FAULT LIMIT in normal operation. In case output current exceeds the current limit, a OC fault will be issued. Each of the IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT ranges will affect the loop gain, and subsequently affect the loop stability, so setting the range of current limiting is a part of loop design.

The LTpowerCAD design tool can be used to look at the loop stability changes if the current limit range is adjusted. The LTM4682 will automatically update the current limit as the inductor temperature changes. Keep in mind this operation is on a cycle-by-cycle basis and is only a function of the peak inductor current. The average inductor current is monitored by the ADC converter, and can provide a warning if too much average output current is detected. The overcurrent fault is detected when the

COMP*nb* voltage hits the maximum value. The digital processor within the LTM4682 provides the ability to either ignore the fault, shut down and latch off or shut down and retry indefinitely (hiccup). See the [Peak Output](#page-41-0) [Overcurrent Fault Response](#page-41-0) in the Operation section for more details. The Read_POUT can be used to readback calculated output power.

MINIMUM ON-TIME CONSIDERATIONS

Minimum on-time, $t_{ON(MIN)}$, is the smallest time duration that the LTM4682 is capable of turning on the top MOSFET. It is determined by internal timing delays and the gate charge required to turn on the top MOSFET. Low duty cycle applications may approach this minimum on-time limit, and care should be taken to ensure that:

$$
t_{ON(MIN)} < \frac{V_{OUTn}}{V_{INn} \cdot f_{OSC}}
$$

If the duty cycle falls below what can be accommodated by the minimum on-time, the controller will begin to skip cycles. The output voltage will continue to be regulated, but the ripple voltage and current will increase.

The minimum on-time for the LTM4682 is 85ns.

VARIABLE DELAY TIME, SOFT-START AND OUTPUT VOLTAGE RAMPING

The LTM4682 must enter its run state before soft-start. The RUN*n* pins are released after the part initializes and SV_{IN} _{nn} exceeds the VIN_ON threshold. If multiple $LTM4682s$ are used in an application, they should be configured to share the same RUN*n* pins. They all hold their respective RUN*n* pins low until all devices initialize and SV_{IN} exceeds the VIN_ON threshold for all devices. The SHARE_CLK_*nn* pin assures all the devices connected to the signal use the same time base.

After the RUN*n* pin is released, the controller waits for the user-specified turn-on delay (TON_DELAY*n*) before initiating an output voltage ramp. Multiple LTM4682s and other Analog Devices parts can be configured to start with variable delay times. To work correctly, all devices use the same timing clock (SHARE_CLK), and all devices must share the RUN*n* pin.

This allows the relative delay of all parts to be synchronized. The actual variation in the delay will be dependent on the highest clock rate of the devices connected to the SHARE CLK pin (all Analog Devices ICs are configured to allow the fastest SHARE_CLK signal to control the timing of all devices). The SHARE_CLK signal can be $±10\%$ in frequency, thus the actual time delays will have some variance.

Soft-start is performed by actively regulating the load voltage while digitally ramping the target voltage from 0V to the commanded voltage set point. The rise time of the voltage ramp can be programmed using the TON_ RISE*n* command to minimize inrush currents associated with the start-up voltage ramp. The soft-start feature is disabled by setting TON_RISE*n* to any value less than 0.250ms. The LTM4682 performs the necessary math internally to ensure the voltage ramp are controlled to the desired slope. However, the voltage slope can not be any faster than the V_{OUTn} fundamental limits of the power stage. The number of $t_{ON(MIN)}$ steps in the ramp is equal to TON_RISE/0.1ms.Therefore, the shorter the TON RISE*n* time setting, the more discrete steps in the soft-start ramp appear.

The LTM4682 PWM always operates in discontinuous mode during the TON_RISE*n* operation. In discontinuous mode, the bottom MOSFET (MB*n*) is turned off as soon as reverse current is detected in the inductor. This allows the regulator to start up into a pre-biased load.

There is no analog tracking feature in the LTM4682; however, two outputs can be given the same TON_RISE*n* and TON_DELAY*n* times to achieve ratiometric rail tracking. Because the RUN*n* pins are released simultaneously and both units use the same time base (SHARE_CLK), the outputs track very closely. If the circuit is in a PolyPhase configuration, all timing parameters must be the same.

DIGITAL SERVO MODE

For maximum accuracy in the regulated output voltage, enable the digital servo loop by asserting bit 6 of the MFR_PWM_MODE command. In digital servo mode, the LTM4682 will adjust the regulated output voltage based

on the ADC voltage reading. Every 90ms, the digital servo loop will step the LSB of the DAC (nominally 1.375mV or 0.6875mV depending on the voltage range bit) until the output is at the correct ADC reading. At power-up, this mode engages after TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT unless the limit is set to 0 (infinite). If the TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT is set to 0 (infinite), the servo begins after TON_RISE is complete and V_{OUT} has exceeded the VOUT_UV_FAULT_ LIMIT. This same point in time is when the output changes from discontinuous to the programmed mode, as indicated in MFR_PWM_MODE bit 0. See [Figure 25](#page-58-0) for more details on the V_{OUT} waveform under time-based sequencing. If the TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT is set to a value greater than 0 and the TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE is set to ignore 0x00, the servo begins:

- 1. After the TON RISE sequence is complete
- 2. After the TON MAX FAULT LIMIT time is reached; and
- 3. After the VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT has been exceeded or the IOUT OC FAULT LIMIT is no longer active.

If the TON MAX FAULT LIMIT is set to a value greater than 0 and the TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE is not set to ignore 0x00, the servo begins:

- 1. After the TON RISE sequence is complete
- 2. After the TON MAX FAULT LIMIT time has expired and both VOUT_UV_FAULT and IOUT_OC_FAULT are not present.

The maximum rise time is limited to 1.3 seconds.

In a PolyPhase configuration it is recommended that only one of the control loops have the digital servo mode enabled. This will insure the various loops do not work against each other due to slight differences in the reference circuits.

SOFT OFF (SEQUENCED OFF)

In addition to a controlled start-up, the LTM4682 also supports controlled turn-off. The TOFF_DELAY and TOFF FALL functions are shown in [Figure 26.](#page-58-1) TOFF_FALL is processed when the RUN*n* pin goes low, or when the part is commanded off. If the part faults off or FAULT*n* is pulled low externally and the part is programmed to respond to this, the output will be three-state rather than exhibiting a controlled ramp. The output will decay as a function of the load. The output voltage will operate as shown in [Figure 26](#page-58-1) as long as the part is in forced continuous mode and the TOFF_FALL time is sufficiently slow that the power stage can achieve the desired slope. The TOFF FALL time can only be met if the power stage and controller can sink sufficient current to ensure the output is at zero volts by the end of the fall time interval. If the TOFF_FALL time is set shorter than the time required to discharge the load capacitance, the output will not reach the desired zero-volt state. At the end of TOFF_FALL, the controller will cease to sink current, and V_{OUT} will decay at the natural rate determined by the load impedance. If the controller is in discontinuous mode, the controller will

Figure 25. Timing Controlled VOUT Rise

Figure 26. TOFF_DELAY and TOFF_FALL

not pull a negative current, and the output will be pulled low by the load, not the power stage. The maximum fall time is limited to 1.3 seconds. The shorter the TOFF_FALL time is set, the larger the discrete steps in the TOFF_FALL ramp will appear. The number of steps in the ramp is equal to TOFF_FALL/0.1ms.

UNDERVOLTAGE LOCKOUT

The LTM4682 is initialized by an internal threshold-based UVLO where V_{IN} must be approximately 4V and INTV_{CC}_{nn}, V_{DD33}_{nn}, and V_{DD25}_{nn} must be within approximately 20% of their regulated values. In addition, V_{DD33_nn} must be within approximately 7% of the targeted value before the RUN*n* pin is released. After the part has initialized, an additional comparator monitors V_{IN} . The VIN_ON threshold must be exceeded before the power sequencing can begin. When the V_{IN} drops below the VIN OFF threshold, the SHARE_CLK_*nn* pin will be pulled low, and the V_{IN} must increase above the VIN ON threshold before the controller will restart. The normal start-up sequence will be allowed after the VIN ON threshold is crossed. If FAULT*n* is held low when V_{IN} is applied, ALERT*nn* will be asserted low even if the part is programmed not to assert ALERT*nn* when FAULT*n* is held low. If I2C communication occurs before the LTM4682 is out of reset and only a portion of the command is seen by the part, this can be interpreted as a CML fault. If a CML fault is detected, ALERT*nn* is asserted low.

It is possible to program the contents of the NVM in the application if the V_{DD33}_{nn} supply is externally driven directly to V_{DD33}_{nn} or through V_{BIAS}. This will activate the digital portion of the LTM4682 without engaging the high-voltage sections. PMBus communications are valid in this supply configuration. If the V_{IN} has not been applied to the LTM4682, bit 3 (NVM Not Initialized) in MFR_COMMON will be asserted low. If this condition is detected, the part will only respond to addresses 5A and 5B. To initialize the part, the following set of commands are used: global address 0x5B command 0xBD data 0x2B followed by global address 5B command 0xBD and data 0xC4. The part will now respond to the correct address. Configure the part as desired, then issue a STORE_USER_ ALL. When V_{IN} is applied, an MFR_RESET command must be issued to allow the PWM to be enabled and valid ADC conversions to be read.

FAULT DETECTION AND HANDLING

The LTM4682 FAULT*n* pins are configurable to indicate a variety of faults including, OV, UV, OC, OT, timing faults, and peak overcurrent faults. In addition, the FAULT*n* pins can be pulled low by external sources, indicating a fault in some other portion of the system. The fault response is configurable and allows the following options:

- **n** Ignore
- Shut Down Immediately—Latch Off
- \blacksquare Shut Down Immediately—Retry Indefinitely at the Time Interval Specified in MFR_RETRY_DELAY

See the PMBus [PMBus Command Details,](#page-80-0) and the [PMBus](#page-48-0) [Command Summary](#page-48-0) sections of this data sheet and the PMBus specification for more details.

The OV response is automatic. If an OV condition is detected, TG*n* goes low, and BG*n* is asserted.

Fault logging is available on the LTM4682. The fault logging is configurable to automatically store data when a fault occurs that causes the unit to fault off. The header portion of the fault logging table contains peak values. It is possible to read these values at any time. This data will be useful while troubleshooting the fault.

If the LTM4682 internal temperature is in excess of 85°C, writes into the NVM (other than fault logging) is not recommended. The data will still be held in RAM, unless the 3.3V supply UVLO threshold is reached. If the die temperature exceeds 130°C, all NVM communication is disabled until the die temperature drops below 120°C.

OPEN-DRAIN PINS

The LTM4682 has the following open-drain pins:

3.3V Pins

- 1. FAULT*n*
- 2. SYNC_*nn*

- 3. SHARE_CLK_*nn*
- 4. PGOODn

5V Pins (5V pins operate correctly when pulled to 3.3V.)

- 1. RUN*n*
- 2. ALERT_*nn*
- 3. SCL_*nn*
- 4. SDA_*nn*

All the open-drain pins have on-chip pull-down transistors that can sink 3mA at 0.4V. The low threshold on the pins is 0.8V; thus, there is plenty of margin on the digital signals with 3mA of current. For 3.3V pins, 3mA of current is a 1.1k resistor. Unless transient speed issues are associated with the RC time constant of the resistor pullup and parasitic capacitance to the ground, a 10k resistor or larger is generally recommended.

For high-speed signals such as the SDA, SCL, and SYNC, a lower-value resistor may be required. The RC time constant should be set to 1/3 to 1/5 of the required rise time to avoid timing issues. For a 100pF load and a 400kHz PMBus communication rate, the rise time must be less than 300ns. The resistor pull-up on the SDA_*nn* and SCL_ *nn* pins with the time constant set to 1/3 of the rise time is:

$$
R_{\text{PULLUP}} = \frac{t_{\text{RISE}}}{3 \cdot 100 \text{pF}} = 1 \text{k}
$$

The closest 1% resistor value is 1k. Be careful to minimize parasitic capacitance on the SDA and SCL pins to avoid communication problems. To estimate the loading capacitance, monitor the signal in question and measure how long it takes for the desired signal to reach approximately 63% of the output value. This is a one-time constant. The SYNC_*nn* pin has an on-chip pull-down transistor with the output held low for nominally 500ns. If the internal oscillator is set for 500kHz and, the load is 100pF, and a 3x time constant is required, the resistor calculation is as follows:

$$
R_{PULLUP} = \frac{2\mu s - 500ns}{3 \cdot 100pF} = 5k
$$

The closest 1% resistor is 4.99k.

If timing errors occur or the SYNC frequency is not as fast as desired, monitor the waveform and determine if the RC time constant is too long for the application. If possible, reduce the parasitic capacitance. If not, reduce the pull-up resistor sufficiently to ensure proper timing. The SHARE_CLK_*nn* pull-up resistor has a similar equation with a period of 10µs and a pull-down time of 1µs. The RC time constant should be approximately 3µs or faster.

PHASE-LOCKED LOOP AND FREQUENCY SYNCHRONIZATION

The LTM4682 has a phase-locked loop (PLL) comprised of an internal voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) and a phase detector. The PLL is locked to the falling edge of the SYNC_*nn* pin. The phase relationship between the PWM controller and the falling edge of SYNC is controlled by the lower 3 bits of the MFR_PWM_CONFIG command. For PolyPhase applications, it is recommended that all the phases be spaced evenly. Thus, for a 2-phase system, the signals should be 180° out of phase, and a 4-phase system should be spaced 90°.

The phase detector is an edge-sensitive digital type that provides a known phase shift between the external and internal oscillators. This type of phase detector does not exhibit a false lock to the harmonics of the external clock.

The output of the phase detector is a pair of complementary current sources that charge or discharge the internal filter network. The PLL lock range is guaranteed between 250kHz and 1MHz. Nominal parts will have a range beyond this; however, the operation to a wider frequency range is not guaranteed.

The PLL has a lock detection circuit. If the PLL should lose lock during operation, bit 4 of the STATUS_MFR_ SPECIFIC command is asserted, and the ALERT_*nn* pin is pulled low. The fault can be cleared by writing a 1 to the bit. If the user does not wish to see the ALERT_*nn* pin assert if a PLL_FAULT occurs, the SMBALERT_MASK command can be used to prevent the alert.

If the SYNC signal is not clocking in the application, the nominal programmed frequency will control the PWM circuitry. However, if multiple parts share the SYNC_*nn*

pins and the signal is not clocking, the parts will not be synchronized, and excess voltage ripple on the output may be present. Bit 10 of MFR_PADS will be asserted low if this condition exists.

If the PWM signal appears to be running at too high a frequency, monitor the SYNC_*nn* pin. Extra transitions on the falling edge will result in the PLL trying to lock on to noise versus the intended signal. Review the routing of digital control signals and minimize crosstalk to the SYNC signal to avoid this problem. Multiple LTM4682s are required to share one SYNC_*nn* pin in PolyPhase configurations. For other configurations, connecting the SYNC_*nn* pins to form a single SYNC signal is optional. If the SYNC_*nn* pin is shared between LTM4682s, only one LTM4682 controller can be programmed with frequency output. All the other LTM4682s should be programmed to disable the SYNC_*nn* output. However, their frequency should be programmed to the nominal desired value.

INPUT CURRENT SENSE AMPLIFIER

The LTM4682 input current sense amplifier can sense the supply current into the V_{1N01} and V_{1N23} power stage pins using an external sense resistor, as shown in [Figure 2](#page-22-0) Block Diagram. The R_{SENSEn} value can be programmed using the MFR_IIN_CAL_GAIN command. Kelvin sensing is recommended across the R_{SFRSF} resistor to eliminate errors. The MFR_PWM_CONFIG [6:5] sets the input current sense amplifier gain. See the [MFR_PWM_CONFIG](#page-87-0) section. The IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value of the input current measured by the ADC, in amperes, which causes a warning indicating the input current is high. The READ_IIN value will determine if this limit has been exceeded. The READ_IIN command returns the input current, in Amperes, as measured across the input current sense resistor.

There is an IR voltage drop from the supply to the SV_{IN} $_{nn}$ pin due to the current flowing into the SV_{IN} _{nn} pin. To compensate for this voltage drop, the MFR_RVIN will be automatically set to the 1 Ω internal sense resistor in the [Figure 2](#page-22-0) Block Diagram. The LTM4682 will multiply the MFR_READ_ICHIP measurement value by this 1 Ω resistor and add this voltage to the measured voltage at

the SV_{IN} $_{nn}$ pin. Therefore, READ_VIN = VSVIN_PIN + (MFR_READ_ICHIP • 1 Ω). The MFR_READ_ICHIP command is used to measure the internal controller current. Using the READ_PIN command allows for reading calculated input power.

PROGRAMMABLE LOOP COMPENSATION

The LTM4682 offers programmable loop compensation to optimize the transient response without hardware change. The error amplifier gain g_m varies from 1.0mS to 5.76mS, and the compensation resistor R_{COMP*n*} varies from 0kΩ to $62k\Omega$ inside the controller. Two compensation capacitors, COMP*n*a and COMP*n*b, are required in the design, and the typical ratio between COMP*n*a and COMP*n*b is 10. Also, see [Figure 2](#page-22-0) Block Diagram and [Figure 27](#page-61-0).

By adjusting the g_m and R_{COMPn} only, the LTM4682 can provide a flexible Type II compensation network to optimize the loop over a wide range of output capacitors. Adjusting the g_m will change the compensation's gain over the whole frequency range without moving the pole and zero location, as shown in [Figure 28](#page-61-1).

Figure 27. Programmable Loop Compensation

Adjusting the R_{COMP} will change the pole and zero location, as shown in [Figure 29](#page-62-0). It is recommended that the user determines the appropriate value for the g_m and R_{COMP}_n using the LTpowerCAD tool.

Figure 29. R_{COMP} Adjust

CHECKING TRANSIENT RESPONSE

The regulator loop response can be checked by looking at the load current transient response. Switching regulators take several cycles to respond to a step in DC (resistive) load current. When a load step occurs, V_{OUT} shifts by an amount equal to ΔI_{LOAD} • ESR, where ESR is the effective series resistance of C_{OUT}. ΔI_{LOAD} also begins to charge or discharge $C_{O \cup T}$, generating the feedback error signal that forces the regulator to adapt to the current change and return V_{OUT} to its steady-state value. During this recovery time, V_{OUT} can be monitored for excessive overshoot or ringing, indicating a stability problem. The availability of the COMP pin not only allows optimization of control loop behavior but also provides a DC-coupled and AC-filtered closed-loop response test point. The DC step, rise time, and settling at this test point truly reflect the closed-loop response. Assuming a predominantly second-order system, phase margin and/or damping factor can be estimated using the percentage of overshoot seen at this pin. The bandwidth can also be estimated by examining the rise time at the pin. The COMP*n*a external capacitor shown in the [Typical Application](#page-75-0) circuit section will provide an adequate starting point for most applications. The programmable parameters that affect loop gain are the voltage range, bit[1] of the MFR_PWM_MODE command, the current range bit[7] of the MFR_PWM_MODE

command, the g_m of the PWM channel amplifier bits [7:5] of MFR_PWM_COMP, and the internal R_{COMP} compensation resistor, bits[4:0] of MFR_PWM_COMP. Be sure to establish these settings before compensation calculation.

The COMPna series internal R_{COMPn} and external C_{COMPna} filter sets the dominant pole-zero loop compensation. The internal R_{COMP*n*} value can be modified (from 0Ω to 62k) using bits[4:0] of the MFR_PWM_COMP command. Adjust the value of R_{COMP_n} to optimize transient response once the final PCB layout is done and the particular C_{COMPhn} filter capacitor and output capacitor type and value have been determined. The output capacitors must be selected because the various types and values determine the loop gain and phase. An output current pulse of 20% to 80% of full-load current having a rise time of 1µs to 10µs will produce output voltage and COMP pin waveforms that will give a sense of the overall loop stability without breaking the feedback loop. Placing a power MOSFET with a resistor to the ground directly across the output capacitor and driving the gate with an appropriate signal generator is a practical way to produce a load step. The MOSFET + RSERIES will produce output currents approximately equal to V_{OUT}/R_{SERIES}. R_{SERIES} values from 0.1 Ω to 2 Ω are valid depending on the current limit settings and the programmed output voltage. The initial output voltage step resulting from the step change in output current may not be within the bandwidth of the feedback loop, so this signal cannot be used to determine the phase margin. This is why it is better to look at the COMP pin signal, which is in the feedback loop and is the filtered and compensated control loop response. The gain of the loop will be increased by increasing R_{COMP} , and the bandwidth of the loop will be increased by decreasing C_{COMP*n*a}. If R_{COMP} is increased by the same factor that C_{COMP} is decreased, the zero frequency will be kept the same, thereby keeping the phase shift the same in the most critical frequency range of the feedback loop. The gain of the loop will be proportional to the transconductance of the error amplifier, q_m , which is set using bits[7:5] of the MFR_PWM_COMP command. The output voltage settling behavior is related to the stability of the closed-loop system and will demonstrate the actual overall supply performance. A second, more severe transient is caused by switching in loads with large (>1µF)

supply bypass capacitors. The discharged bypass capacitors are effectively put in parallel with C_{OUT} , causing a rapid drop in V_{OUT} . No regulator can alter its delivery of current quickly enough to prevent this sudden step change in output voltage if the load switch resistance is low and it is driven quickly. If the ratio of $C_{L₀AA}$ to C_{OUT} is greater than 1:50, the switch rise time should be controlled so that the load rise time is limited to approximately $25 \cdot C_{LOAD}$. Thus, a 10µF capacitor would require a 250µs rise time, limiting the charging current to about 200mA.

PolyPhase Configuration

When configuring a PolyPhase rail with multiple LTM4682s, the user must share the SYNC, COMP, SHARE_CLK, FAULT, and ALERT pins of these parts. Be sure to use pull-up resistors on FAULT, SHARE_CLK, and ALERT. One of the part's SYNC pins must be set to the desired switching frequency, and all other FREQUENCY_SWITCH commands must be set to External Clock. If an external oscillator is provided, set the FREQUENCY SWITCH command to an external clock for all parts. The relative phasing of all the channels should be spaced equally. The MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS of all the devices should be set to the same value.

Multiple channels need to connect all the V_{SENSE}_n+ pins together, and all the V_{SENSE*n* pins together, COMP*n*a and} COMP*n*b pins together as well. Do not assert bit[4] of MFR_CONFIG_ALL except in a PolyPhase application. See the typical application example, [Figure 50](#page-77-0).

CONNECTING THE USB TO I2C/SMBUS/PMBUS CONTROLLER TO THE LTM4682 IN SYSTEM

The Analog Devices USB-to-I²C/SMBus/PMBus adapter (DC1613A or equivalent) can be interfaced to the LTM4682 on the user's board for programming, telemetry, and system debug. The adapter, when used in conjunction with LTpowerPlay, provides a powerful way to debug an entire power system. Faults are quickly diagnosed using the telemetry, fault status commands, and the fault log. The final configuration can be quickly developed and stored in the LTM4682 EEPROM. [Figure 30](#page-63-0) illustrates the application schematic for powering, programming, and communication with one or more LTM4682s through the Analog Devices I2C/SMBus/PMBus adapter, regardless of whether or not system power is present. If system power is not present, the dongle will power the LTM4682 through the V_{DD33}_{nn} supply pin. To initialize the part when V_{INnn} is

Figure 30. Controller Connection

not applied, and the V_{DD33} _{nn} pin is powered, use global address $0x5B$ command $0xBD$ data $0x2B$ followed by address 0x5B command 0xBD data 0xC4. The LTM4682 can now communicate with the internal EEPROM and read the project file. To write the updated project file to the NVM, issue a STORE USER ALL command. When V_{IN} is applied, an MFR_RESET must be issued to allow the PWM POWER to be enabled and valid ADCs to be read.

Because of the adapter's limited current sourcing capability, only the LTM4682s, their associated pull-up resistors, and the I2C pull-up resistors should be powered from the V_{DD33} 3.3V supply. In addition, any device sharing the $1^{2}C$ bus connections with the LTM4682 should not have body diodes between the SDA/SCL pins and their respective V_{DD} node because this will interfere with bus communication without system power. If the V_{IN} is applied, the DC1613A will not supply the power to the LTM4682s on the board. It is recommended that the RUN*n* pins be held low, or no voltage configuration resistors be inserted to avoid providing power to the load until the part is fully configured.

The LTM4682 is fully isolated from the host PC's ground by the DC1613A. The 3.3V from the adapter and the LTM4682 V_{DD33}_{nn} pin must be driven to each LTM4682 internal controller with a separate PFET. If both V_{1N} and V_{BIAS} are not on, the $V_{DD33\,nn}$ pins can be in parallel because the on-chip LDO is off. The controller's 3.3V current limit is 100mA, but typical V_{DD33}_{nn} currents are under 15mA. The V_{DD33} $_{nn}$ does backdrive the INTV_{CC}/ V_{BIAS} pin. Normally, this is not an issue if the V_{IN} is open.

LTpowerPlay: AN INTERACTIVE GUI FOR DIGITAL POWER

The LTpowerPlay (see [Figure 31\)](#page-65-0) is a powerful Windowsbased development environment supporting Analog Devices, digital power system management ICs, and the LTM4682. The software supports a variety of different tasks. The LTpowerPlay can evaluate Analog Devices ICs by connecting to a demo board or the user application. The LTpowerPlay can also be used in an offline mode (with no hardware present) to build multiple IC configuration files that can be saved and reloaded later. The LTpowerPlay

provides unprecedented diagnostic and debug features. It becomes a valuable diagnostic tool during board bringup to program or tweak the power system or to diagnose power issues when bringing up rails. LTpowerPlay utilizes Analog Devices's USB-to-I2C/SMBus/PMBus adapter to communicate with one of the many potential targets, including the DC2924A, DC3082A demo boards, or a customer target system. The software also provides an automatic update feature to keep the revisions current with the latest set of device drivers and documentation.

A great deal of context-sensitive help is available with LTpowerPlay, along with several tutorial demos.

PMBus COMMUNICATION AND COMMAND PROCESSING

The LTM4682 internal controllers have a one-deep buffer to hold the last data written for each supported command before processing, as shown in [Figure 32](#page-65-1), Write Command Data Processing. When the part receives a new command from the bus, it copies the data into the Write Command Data Buffer, indicates to the internal processor that this command data needs to be fetched, and converts the command to its internal format to be executed. Two distinct parallel blocks manage command buffering and command processing (fetch, convert, and execute) to ensure the last data written to any command is never lost. Command data buffering handles incoming PMBus writes by storing the command data to the Write Command Data Buffer and marking these commands for future processing. The internal processor runs in parallel and handles the sometimes slower task of fetching, converting and executing commands marked for processing. Some computationally intensive commands (e.g., timing parameters, temperatures, voltages, and currents) have internal processor execution times that may be long relative to PMBus timing. If the part is busy processing a command, and new command(s) arrive, execution may be delayed or processed in a different order than received. The part indicates when internal calculations are in the process through bit 5 of MFR_COMMON (calculations not pending). When the part is busy calculating, bit 5 is cleared. When this bit is set, the part is ready for another

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Figure 31. LTpowerPlay Screen Shot

Figure 32. Write Command Data Processing

command. An example polling loop is shown in [Figure 33](#page-66-0), which ensures that commands are processed in order while simplifying error-handling routines.

When the part receives a new command while it is busy, it will communicate this condition using standard PMBus protocol. Depending on the part configuration it may either NACK the command or return all ones (0xFF) for reads. It may also generate a BUSY fault and ALERT notification, or stretch the SCL clock low. For more information, refer to PMBus Specification v1.1, Part II, Section 10.8.7, and SMBus v2.0, section 4.3.3. Clock stretching can be enabled by asserting bit 1 of MFR_CONFIG_ALL. Clock stretching will only occur if enabled, and the bus communication speed exceeds 100kHz.

// wait until chip is not busy do { mfrCommonValue = PMBUS_READ_BYTE(0xEF); $partReady = (mfrCommonValue⁻ & 0x68) == 0x68;$ }while(!partReady) // now the part is ready to receive the next command PMBUS WRITE WORD(0x21, 0x2000); //write VOUT COMMAND to $\overline{2}V$

Figure 33. Example of a Command Write of VOUT_COMMAND

The PMBus busy protocols are well-accepted standards, but can make writing system-level software somewhat complex. The part provides three hand-shaking status bits, which reduce complexity while enabling robust system-level communication.

The three hand-shaking status bits are in the MFR_ COMMON register. When the part is busy executing an internal operation, it will clear bit 6 of MFR_COMMON (chip not busy). When the part is busy specifically because it is in a transitional $V_{\Omega I T}$ state (margining hi/lo, power off/on, moving to a new output voltage set point, etc.), it will clear bit 4 of MFR_COMMON (output not in transition). When internal calculations are in process, the part will clear bit 5 of MFR_COMMON (calculations not pending). These three status bits can be polled with a PMBus read byte of the MFR_COMMON register until all three bits are set. A command immediately following the status bits being set will be accepted without NACKing or generating a BUSY fault/ALERT notification. The part can NACK

commands for other reasons, however, as required by the PMBus spec (for instance, an invalid command or data). An example of a robust command write algorithm for the VOUT COMMAND register is provided in [Figure 33.](#page-66-0)

It is recommended that all command writes (write byte, write word, etc.) be preceded with a polling loop to avoid the extra complexity of dealing with busy behavior and unwanted ALERT notifications. A simple way to achieve this is to create a SAFE_WRITE_BYTE() and SAFE WRITE_WORD() subroutine. The above polling mechanism allows your software to remain clean and simple while robustly communicating with the part. For a detailed discussion of these topics and other special cases, refer to the Application Note search section feature at Analog.com.

When communicating using bus speeds at or below 100kHz, the polling mechanism shown here provides a simple solution that ensures robust communication without clock stretching. At bus speeds in excess of 100kHz, it is strongly recommended that the part be configured to enable clock stretching. This requires a PMBus main device that supports clock stretching. System software that detects and properly recovers from the standard PMBus NACK/BUSY faults as described in the PMBus Specification v1.1, Par II, Section 10.8.7 is required to communicate. The LTM4682 is not recommended in applications with bus speeds in excess of 400kHz.

THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS AND OUTPUT CURRENT DERATING

The thermal resistances reported in the [Pin Configuration](#page-3-0) section of this data sheet are consistent with those parameters defined by JESD51-12. They are intended for use with finite element analysis (FEA) software modeling tools that leverage the outcome of thermal modeling, simulation, and correlation to hardware evaluation performed on a µModule package mounted to a hardware test board defined by JESD51-9 (Test Boards for Area Array Surface Mount Package Thermal Measurements). The motivation for providing these thermal coefficients is found in JESD51-12 (Guidelines for Reporting and Using Electronic Package Thermal Information).

Many designers may use laboratory equipment and a test vehicle, such as the demo board, to predict the µModule regulator's thermal performance in their application at various electrical and environmental operating conditions to compliment any FEA activities. Without FEA software, the thermal resistances reported in the [Pin Configuration](#page-3-0) section are in-and-of themselves not relevant to providing guidance on thermal performance; instead, the derating curves provided later in this data sheet can be used in a manner that yields insight and guidance pertaining to one's application-usage, and can be adapted to correlate thermal performance to one's own application.

The [Pin Configuration](#page-3-0) section gives four thermal coefficients explicitly defined in JESD51-12; these coefficients are quoted or paraphrased below:

- 1. θ_{JA} , the thermal resistance from junction to ambient, is the natural convection junction-to-ambient air thermal resistance measured in one cubic foot sealed enclosure. This environment is sometimes referred to as still air, although natural convection causes the air to move. This value is determined with the part mounted to a JESD51-9 defined test board, which does not reflect an actual application or viable operating condition.
- 2. θ _{JChottom}, the thermal resistance from the junction to the bottom of the product case, is determined with all of the component power dissipation flowing through the bottom of the package. In the typical μ Module regulator, the bulk of the heat flows out the bottom of the package, but there is always heat flow out into the ambient

environment. As a result, this thermal resistance value may be useful for comparing packages, but the test conditions don't generally match the user's application.

- 3. θ _{JCtop}, the thermal resistance from the junction to the top of the product case, is determined with nearly all of the component power dissipation flowing through the top of the package. As the electrical connections of the typical µModule regulator are on the bottom of the package, it is rare for an application to operate such that most of the heat flows from the junction to the top of the part. As in the case of θ_{JCbottom} , this value may be useful for comparing packages, but the test conditions don't generally match the user's application.
- 4. θ_{JB} , the thermal resistance from the junction to the printed circuit board, is the junction-to-board thermal resistance where almost all of the heat flows through the bottom of the µModule regulator and into the board, and is really the sum of the θ JCbottom and the thermal resistance of the bottom of the part through the solder joints and through a portion of the board. The board temperature is measured at a specified distance from the package, using a two-sided, two-layer board. This board is described in JESD51-9.

A graphical representation of the aforementioned thermal resistances is shown in [Figure 34](#page-67-0); blue resistances are contained within the µModule regulator, whereas green resistances are external to the µModule package.

As a practical matter, it should be clear to the reader that no individual or sub-group of the four thermal resistance

Figure 34. Graphical Representation of JESD51-12 Thermal Coefficients

parameters defined by JESD51-12 or provided in the [Pin](#page-3-0) [Configuration](#page-3-0) section replicates or conveys normal operating conditions of a µModule regulator. For example, in normal board-mounted applications, never does 100% of the device's total power loss (heat) thermally conduct exclusively through the top or exclusively through the bottom of the µModule package—as the standard defines for θJCtop and θJCbottom, respectively. In practice, power loss is thermally dissipated in both directions away from the package—granted, in the absence of a heat sink and airflow, a majority of the heat flow is into the board.

Within the LTM4682, be aware that there are multiple power devices and components dissipating power, with the consequence that the thermal resistances relative to different junctions of components or die are not exactly linear to total package power loss. To reconcile this complication without sacrificing modeling simplicity—but also, not ignoring practical realities—an approach has been taken using FEA software modeling along with laboratory testing in a controlled-environment chamber to reasonably define and correlate the thermal resistance values supplied in this data sheet: (1) Initially, FEA software is used to accurately build the mechanical geometry of the LTM4682 and the specified PCB with all of the correct material coefficients along with accurate power loss source definitions; (2) this model simulates a softwaredefined JEDEC environment consistent with JESD51-9 and JESD51-12 to predict power loss heat flow and temperature readings at different interfaces that enable the calculation of the JEDEC-defined thermal resistance values; (3) the model and FEA software is used to evaluate the LTM4682 with heat sink, and airflow; (4) having solved for and analyzed these thermal resistance values and simulated various operating conditions in the software model, a thorough laboratory evaluation replicates the simulated conditions with thermocouples within a controlled environment chamber while operating the device at the same power loss as that which was simulated. The outcome of this process and due diligence yields the set of derating curves provided in later sections of this data sheet, along with well-correlated JESD51-12 defined θ values provided in the [Pin Configuration](#page-3-0) section of this data sheet.

The 5V, 8V, and 12V power loss curves in [Figure 35](#page-69-0), [Figure 36,](#page-69-1) and [Figure 37](#page-69-2), respectively, can be used in coordination with the load current derating curves in [Figure 41](#page-69-3) to [Figure 46](#page-70-0) for calculating an approximate θ_{JA} thermal resistance for the LTM4682 with various airflow conditions and without heat sinks. These thermal resistances represent the demonstrated performance of the LTM4682 on hardware, an 8-layer FR4 PCB measuring 215mm × 160mm \times 1.6mm using 2oz copper on all layers. The power loss curves are taken at room temperature, and are increased with multiplicative factors of 1.35 when the junction temperature reaches 125°C. The derating curves are plotted with the LTM4682's paralleled outputs initially sourcing up to 120A and the ambient temperature at 25°C. The output voltages are 0.75V, 1V and 1.35V. These are chosen to include the lower and higher output voltage ranges to correlate the thermal resistance. Thermal models are derived from several temperature measurements in a controlled temperature chamber, along with thermal modeling analysis. The junction temperatures are monitored while the ambient temperature is increased with and without airflow.

The power loss increase with ambient temperature change is factored into the derating curves. The junctions are maintained at 125°C maximum while lowering output current or power while increasing ambient temperature. The decreased output current decreases the internal module loss as the ambient temperature is increased. The monitored junction temperature of 125°C minus the ambient operating temperature specifies how much module temperature rise can be allowed. As an example in [Figure 43,](#page-69-4) the load current is derated to ~80A at ~67°C ambient with no air or heat sink, and the room temperature (25 $^{\circ}$ C) power loss for this 12V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} at 80A_{OUT} condition is ~9.7W. A 13.1W loss is calculated by multiplying the ~9.7W room temperature loss from the 12V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} power loss curve at 80A [\(Figure 37\)](#page-69-2), with the 1.35 multiplying factor. If the 67°C ambient temperature is subtracted from the 125°C junction temperature, then the difference of 58°C divided by 13.1W yields a thermal resistance, θ_{JA} , of 4.4 \degree C/W—in good agreement with the value derived from thermal simulation shown

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Figure 35. 5V_{IN} Power Loss Curve

Figure 38. $5V_{IN}$ to 0.75 V_{OUT} **Derating Curve, No Heatsink**

<code>Figure 41. 5V</code>_{IN} to 1V $_{\rm 0UT}$ **Derating Curve, No Heat Sink**

Figure 36. 8V_{IN} Power Loss Curve

Figure 39. 8V_{IN} to 0.75V_{OUT} Derating Curve, No Heatsink

Figure 42. 8V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

Figure 37. 12V_{IN} Power Loss Curve

Figure 40. 12V_{IN} to 0.75V_{OUT} Derating Curve, No Heatsink

Figure 43. 12V_{IN} to 1V_{OUT} Derating Curve, No Heat Sink

in the [Pin Configuration](#page-3-0) section. [Table 10,](#page-70-1) [Table 11,](#page-70-2) and [Table 12](#page-70-3) provide equivalent thermal resistances for 0.75V, 1V, and 1.35V outputs with and without airflow. The derived thermal resistances in [Table 10](#page-70-1) through [Table 12](#page-70-3) for the various conditions can be multiplied by the calculated power loss as a function of ambient temperature to derive temperature rise above ambient, thus maximum

junction temperature. Room temperature power loss can be derived from the efficiency curves in the [Typical](#page-11-0) [Performance Characteristics](#page-11-0) section and adjusted with the above ambient temperature multiplicative factors.

[Table 10](#page-70-1) through [Table 12:](#page-70-3) Output Current Derating

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EMI PERFORMANCE

The SW*n* pin provides access to the midpoint of the power MOSFETs in LTM4682's power stages.

Connecting an optional series RC network from SW*n* to GND can dampen high-frequency (~30MHz+) switch node ringing caused by parasitic inductances and capacitances in the switched-current paths. The RC network is called a snubber circuit because it dampens (or snubs) the resonance of the parasitics, at the expense of higher power loss. To use a snubber, choose first how much power to allocate to the task and how much PCB real estate is available to implement the snubber. For example, if PCB space allows a low inductance 0.5W resistor to be used, then the capacitor in the snubber network (CSW) is computed by:

$$
C_{SW} = \frac{P_{SNUB}}{V_{IN7(MAX)}^2 \cdot f_{SW}}
$$

where $V_{INn(MAX)}$ is the maximum input voltage that the input to the power stage $(V_{1N}$ ⁿ) will see in the application, and f_{SW} is the DC/DC converter's switching frequency of operation. C_{SW} should be NPO, COG, or X7R-type (or better) material.

The snubber resistor (R_{SW}) value is then given by:

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R_{SW} = \sqrt{\frac{5nH}{C_{SW}}}
$$

The snubber resistor should be low ESL and capable of withstanding the pulsed currents present in snubber circuits. A value between 0.7Ω and 4.2Ω is normal.

A 2.2nF snubber capacitor is a good value to start with in series with the snubber resistor to the ground. The no-load input quiescent current can be monitored while selecting different RC series snubber components to get an increased power loss versus switch node ringing attenuation.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

The LTM4682 modules do not provide galvanic isolation from V_{IN} to V_{OUT} . There is no internal fuse. If required, a slow blow fuse with a rating twice the maximum input current must be provided to protect each unit from catastrophic failure.

The fuse or circuit breaker should be selected to limit the current to the regulator during overvoltage in case of an internal top MOSFET fault. If the internal top MOSFET fails, then turning it off will not resolve the overvoltage. Thus, the internal bottom MOSFET will turn on indefinitely, trying to protect the load. Under this fault condition, the input voltage will source very large currents to the ground through the failed internal top MOSFET and enabled internal bottom MOSFET. This can cause excessive heat and board damage depending on how much power the input voltage can deliver to this system. A fuse or circuit breaker can be used as a secondary fault protector in this situation. The device supports overcurrent and overtemperature protection.

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LAYOUT CHECKLIST/EXAMPLE

The high integration of LTM4682 makes the PCB board layout very simple and easy. However, to optimize its electrical and thermal performance, some layout considerations are still necessary.

- \blacksquare Use large PCB copper areas for high current paths, including V_{INR} , GND, and V_{OUTR} . It helps to minimize the PCB conduction loss and thermal stress.
- \blacksquare Place high-frequency ceramic input and output capacitors next to the V_{INn} , GND, and V_{OUTn} pins to minimize high-frequency noise.
- \blacksquare Place a dedicated power ground layer underneath the module.
- \blacksquare To minimize the via conduction loss and reduce module thermal stress, use multiple vias for interconnection between the top layer and other power layers.
- \blacksquare Do not put vias directly on pads, unless they are capped or plated over.
- Use a separate SGND copper plane for components connected to signal pins. Connect SGND to GND local to the LTM4682.
- **E** Use Kelvin sense connections across the input R_{SENSF} resistor if input current monitoring is used.

For parallel modules, connect the V_{OUT*n*}, V_{OSNS}, +/V_{OSNS}, voltage-sense differential pair lines, RUN*n*, COMP*n*a, and COMP*n*b pins together.

- The user must share the SYNC nn, SHARE CLK nn, FAULT*n*, and ALERT_*nn* pins of these parts. Be sure to use pull-up resistors on FAULT*n*, SHARE_CLK_*nn*, and ALERT_*nn*.
- \blacksquare Bring out test points on the signal pins for monitoring.

[Figure 47](#page-74-0) gives a good example of the recommended layout.

Figure 47. Recommended PCB Layout Package Top View

Figure 48. Quad 31.25A DC/DC µModule Regulator with I2C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface

Figure 49. 0.75V and 1V Outputs at 60A with Providing I2C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface

Figure 51. 0.75V/60A and 1V/60A Outputs Generated from 5V Power Input and Providing I2C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface

Figure 52. Six-Phase Operation Producing 0.9V at 187A, One-Phase for 1V at 30A, and 1.2V at 30A, Power System Management Features Accessible Through LTM4682 Over 2-Wire I2C/SMBus/PMBus Serial Interface

ADDRESSING AND WRITE PROTECT

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The PAGE command provides the ability to configure, control and monitor both PWM channels through only one physical address, either the MFR_ADDRESS or GLOBAL device address. Each PAGE contains the operating commands for one PWM channel.

Pages 0x00 and 0x01 correspond to Channel 0 and Channel 1, respectively, in this device.

ASEL_01 sets the address for Channels 0 and 1, and ASEL_23 sets the address for Channels 2 and 3. Each of the ASEL pins will have a different programmed address.

Setting PAGE to 0xFF applies any following paged commands to both outputs. With PAGE set to 0xFF, the LTM4682 will respond to read commands as if PAGE were set to 0x00 (Channel 0 results).

This command has one data byte.

PAGE_PLUS_WRITE

The PAGE PLUS WRITE command provides a way to set the page within a device, send a command, and then send the data for the command, all in one communication packet. Commands allowed by the present write protection level may be sent with PAGE_PLUS_WRITE.

The value stored in the PAGE command is not affected by PAGE_PLUS_WRITE. If PAGE_PLUS_WRITE is used to send a non-paged command, the Page Number byte is ignored.

This command uses the Write Block protocol. An example of the PAGE_PLUS_WRITE command with PEC sending a command that has two data bytes is shown in [Figure 53.](#page-80-0)

Figure 53. Example of PAGE_PLUS_WRITE

PAGE_PLUS_READ

The PAGE PLUS READ command provides the ability to set the page within a device, send a command, and then read the data returned by the command, all in one communication packet.

The value stored in the PAGE command is not affected by PAGE_PLUS_READ. If PAGE_PLUS_READ is used to access data from a non-paged command, the Page Number byte is ignored.

This command uses the Process Call protocol. An example of the PAGE_PLUS_READ command with PEC is shown in [Figure 54](#page-81-0).

Figure 54. Example of PAGE_PLUS_READ

Note: PAGE_PLUS commands cannot be nested. A PAGE_PLUS command cannot be used to read or write another PAGE_PLUS command. If this is attempted, the LTM4682 will NACK the entire PAGE_PLUS packet and issue a CML fault for Invalid/Unsupported Data.

WRITE_PROTECT

The WRITE_PROTECT command is used to control writing to the LTM4682 device. This command does not indicate the status of the WP pin, which is defined in the MFR_COMMON command. The WP pin takes precedence over the value of this command.

Enable writes to all commands when WRITE_PROTECT is set to 0x00.

If the WP pin is high, PAGE, OPERATION, MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS, MFR_EE_UNLOCK, WRITE_PROTECT, and CLEAR FAULTS commands are supported. Individual fault bits can be cleared by writing a 1 to the respective bits in the STATUS commands.

MFR_ADDRESS

The MFR_ADDRESS command byte sets the 7 bits of the PMBus subordinate address for this device.

Setting this command to a value of 0x80 disables device addressing. The GLOBAL device address, 0x5A and 0x5B, cannot be deactivated. If RCONFIG is set to ignore, the ASEL_*nn* pins are still used to determine the LSB of the channel address. If the ASEL_01 and ASEL_23 pins are both open, the LTM4682 will use the address value stored in NVM. If the ASEL *nn* pins are open, the LTM4682 will use the lower 4 bits of the MFR_ADDRESS value stored in NVM to construct the effective address of the part.

This command has one data byte.

MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS

The MFR_RAIL_ADDRESS command enables direct device address access to the PAGE-activated channel. The value of this command should be common to all devices attached to a single power supply rail.

The user should only perform command writes to this address. If a read is performed from this address and the rail devices do not respond with EXACTLY the same value, the LTM4682 will detect bus contention and may set a CML communications fault.

Setting this command to a value of 0x80 disables rail device addressing for the channel.

This command has one data byte.

GENERAL CONFIGURATION COMMANDS

MFR_CHAN_CONFIG

General purpose configuration command common to multiple Analog Devices' products.

This command has one data byte.

A ShortCycle event occurs whenever the PWM channel is commanded back ON, or reactivated, after the part has been commanded OFF and is processing either the TOFF_DELAY or the TOFF_FALL states. The PWM channel can be turned ON and OFF through either the RUN pin, and or the PMBus OPERATION command.

If the PWM channel is reactivated during the TOFF DELAY, the part will perform the following:

1. Immediately tri-state the PWM channel output;

2. Start the retry delay timer as specified by the $t_{\text{OFF(MIN)}}$.

3. After the t_{OFF(MIN)} value has expired, the PWM channel will proceed to the TON_DELAY state and the STATUS MFR SPECIFIC bit $#1$ will assert.

If the PWM channel is reactivated during the TOFF_FALL, the part will perform the following:

1. Stop ramping down the PWM channel output;

2. Immediately tri-state the PWM channel output;

3. Start the retry delay timer as specified by the $t_{\text{OFF(MIN)}}$.

4. After the t_{OFF(MIN)} value has expired, the PWM channel will proceed to the TON_DELAY state, and the STATUS_ MFR_SPEFIFIC bit $#1$ will assert.

If the ShortCycle event occurs and the ShortCycle MFR_CHAN_CONFIG bit is not set, the PWM channel state machine will complete its TOFF_DELAY and TOFF_FALL operations as previously commanded by the user.

MFR_CONFIG_ALL

General purpose configuration command common to multiple Analog Devices' products.

This command has one data byte.

ON/OFF/MARGIN

ON_OFF_CONFIG

The ON_OFF_CONFIG command specifies the combination of the RUN*n* pin input state and PMBus commands needed to turn the PWM channel on and off.

Supported Values:

Programming an unsupported ON_OFF_CONFIG value will generate a CML fault, and the command will be ignored.

This command has one data byte.

OPERATION

The OPERATION command is used to turn the unit on and off in conjunction with the input from the RUN*n* pins. It is also used to cause the unit to set the output voltage to the upper or lower MARGIN VOLTAGEs. The unit stays in the commanded operating mode until a subsequent OPERATION command or change in the state of the RUN*n* pin instructs the device to change to another mode. If the part is stored in the MARGIN_LOW/HIGH state, the next RESET or POWER_ON cycle will ramp to that state. If the OPERATION command is modified, for example, ON is changed to MARGIN_LOW, the output will move at a fixed slope set by the VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE. The default operation command is Sequence Off. If the V_{IN} is applied to a part with factory default programming and the VOUT CONFIG resistor configuration pins are not installed, the outputs will be commanded off.

The part defaults to the Sequence Off state.

This command has one data byte.

Supported Values:

*Device does not respond to these commands if bit 3 of ON_OFF_CONFIG is not set.

Programming an unsupported OPERATION value will generate a CML fault, and the command will be ignored. This command has one data byte.

MFR_RESET

This command provides a means to reset the LTM4682 from the serial bus. This forces the LTM4682 to turn off both PWM channels, load the operating memory from internal EEPROM, clear all faults and then perform a soft-start of both PWM channels if enabled.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

PWM CONFIGURATION

MFR_PWM_MODE

The MFR_PWM_MODE command sets important PWM controls for each channel.

The MFR_PWM_MODE command allows the user to program the PWM controller to use discontinuous (pulse-skipping mode), or forced continuous conduction mode.

Bit [7] of this command determines if the part is in a high range or low range of the IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT command. Changing this bit value changes the PWM loop gain and compensation. This bit value should not be changed when the channel output is active. Writing this bit when the channel is active will generate a CML fault.

Bit [6] The LTM4682 will not servo while the part is OFF, ramping on or ramping off. When set to one, the output servo is enabled. The output set point DAC will be slowly adjusted to minimize the difference between the READ_VOUT_ADC and the VOUT COMMAND (or the appropriate margined value).

The LTM4682 computes temperature in °C from ΔV_{BF} measured by the ADC at the TSNS*n* pin as

 $T = (G \cdot \Delta V_{BF} \cdot q/(K \cdot \ln(16))) - 273.15 + 0$

For both equations,

- $G = MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN \cdot 2^{-14}$, and
- O = MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET

Bit[1] of this command determines if the part is in a high range or low voltage range. Changing this bit value changes the PWM loop gain and compensation. This bit value should not be changed when the channel output is active. Writing this bit when the channel is active will generate a CML fault.

Bit[0] determines if the PWM mode of operation is discontinuous (pulse-skipping mode), or forced continuous conduction mode. Whenever the channel is ramping on, the PWM mode will be discontinuous, regardless of the value of this bit. This command has one data byte.

MFR_PWM_COMP

The MFR_PWM_COMP command sets the g_m of the PWM channel error amplifiers and the value of the internal R_{ITHn} compensation resistors. This command affects the loop gain of the PWM output, which may require modifications to the external compensation network.

This command has one data byte.

MFR_PWM_CONFIG

The MFR_PWM_CONFIG command sets the switching frequency phase offset to the falling edge of the SYNC signal. The part must be in the OFF state to process this command. Either the RUN pins must be low, or the channels must be commanded off. If either channel is in the RUN state and this command is written, the command will be NACK'd, and a BUSY fault will be asserted.

FREQUENCY_SWITCH

The FREQUENCY SWITCH command sets the switching frequency, in kHz, of the LTM4682.

Supported Frequencies:

The part must be in the OFF state to process this command. The RUN pin must be low, or both channels must be commanded off. If the part is in a RUN state and this command is written, the command will be NACK'd, and a BUSY fault will be asserted. When the part is commanded off, and the frequency is changed, a PLL_UNLOCK status may be detected as the PLL locks onto the new frequency.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VOLTAGE

Input Voltage and Limits

VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT

The VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the input voltage measured by the ADC, in volts, that causes an input overvoltage fault.

This command has two data bytes in Linear_5s_11s format.

VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT

The VIN UV WARN LIMIT command sets the value of input voltage measured by the ADC that causes an input undervoltage warning. This warning is disabled until the input exceeds the input startup threshold value set by the VIN_ON command and the unit has been enabled. If the V_{IN} Voltage drops below the VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT, the device:

- Sets the INPUT bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the V_{IN} undervoltage warning bit in the STATUS_INPUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT, unless masked

VIN_ON

The VIN_ON command sets the input voltage, in Volts, at which the unit starts power conversion.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VIN_OFF

The VIN_OFF command sets the input voltage, in Volts, at which the unit stops power conversion.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_ICHIP_CAL_GAIN

The MFR_ICHIP_CAL_GAIN command is used to set the resistance value of the V_{IN} pin filter element in milliohms. (See also READ_VIN). Set MFR_RVIN equal to 0 if no filter element is used.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VOUT_MODE

The data byte for the VOUT MODE command, used for commanding and reading output voltage, consists of a 3-bit mode (only linear format is supported) and a 5-bit parameter representing the exponent used in output voltage Read/ Write commands.

This read-only command has one data byte.

VOUT_MAX

The VOUT MAX command sets an upper limit on any voltage, including VOUT MARGIN HIGH. The unit can command regardless of any other commands or combinations. The maximum allowed value of this command is 1.5V. The maximum output voltage the LTM4682 can produce is 1.35V, including VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH. However, the VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT can be commanded as high as 1.5V.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT

The VOUT OV FAULT LIMIT command sets the value of the output voltage measured by the OV supervisor comparator at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output overvoltage fault.

If the VOUT_OV_FAULT_LIMIT is modified and the part is in the RUN state, allow 10ms after the command is modified to ensure the new value is being honored. The part indicates if it is busy making a calculation. Monitor bits 5 and 6 of MFR_COMMON. Either bit is low if the part is busy. If this wait time is not honored and the VOUT_COMMAND is modified above the old overvoltage limit, an OV condition might temporarily be detected, resulting in undesirable behavior and possible damage to the switcher.

If the VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE is set to OV_PULLDOWN or 0x00, the FAULT pin will not assert if the VOUT_OV_ FAULT is propagated. The LTM4682 will pull the TG low and assert the BG bit when the overvoltage condition is detected.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_OV_WARN_LIMIT

The VOUT OV WARN LIMIT command sets the value of the output voltage measured by the ADC at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output voltage high warning. The MFR_VOUT_PEAK value can be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the VOUT OV WARN LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the NONE OF THE ABOVE bit in the STATUS BYTE
- Sets the V_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the V_{OIII} overvoltage warning bit in the STATUS VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This condition is detected by the ADC, so that the response time may be up to t_{CONVFFT} .

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH

The VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH command loads the unit with the voltage to which the output is to be changed, in Volts, when the OPERATION command is set to Margin High. The value should be greater than VOUT_COMMAND. The maximum guaranteed value on VOUT_MARGIN_HIGH is 1.5V.

This command will not be acted on during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL output sequencing. The VOUT_TRANSITION_ RATE will be used if this command is modified while the output is active and in a steady-state condition.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_COMMAND

The VOUT_COMMAND consists of two bytes and is used to set the output voltage, in volts. The maximum guaranteed value on VOUT is 1.5V.

This command will not be acted on during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL output sequencing. The VOUT_TRANSITION_ RATE will be used if this command is modified while the output is active and in a steady-state condition.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_MARGIN_LOW

The VOUT MARGIN LOW command loads the unit with the voltage to which the output is to be changed, in volts, when the OPERATION command is set to Margin Low. The value must be less than VOUT_COMMAND.

This command will not be acted on during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL output sequencing. The VOUT_TRANSITION_ RATE will be used if this command is modified while the output is active and in a steady-state condition.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_UV_WARN_LIMIT

The VOUT UV WARN LIMIT command reads the value of the output voltage measured by the ADC at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output voltage low warning.

In response to the VOUT UV WARN LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the NONE OF THE ABOVE bit in the STATUS BYTE
- Sets the V_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the V_{OIII} undervoltage warning bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT

The VOUT UV FAULT LIMIT command reads the value of the output voltage measured by the UV supervisor comparator at the sense pins, in volts, which causes an output undervoltage fault.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

MFR_VOUT_MAX

The MFR_VOUT_MAX command is the maximum output voltage in volts for each channel, including VOUT_OV_FAULT_ LIMIT. If the output voltages are set to a high range (Bit 1 of MFR_PWM_MODE set to 0) MFR_VOUT_MAX is 3.6V. The (Bit 6 of MFR_PWM_CONFIG set to a 0), MFR_VOUT_MAX is 3.6V is not used since the outputs are limited to 1.5V. If the output voltage is set to a low range (Bit 1 of MFR_PWM_MODE set to a 1), the MFR_VOUT_MAX is 2.75V. Entering a VOUT, COMMAND value greater than this will result in a CML fault, and the output voltage setting will be clamped to the maximum level. This will also result in Bit 3 VOUT_MAX_Warning in the STATUS_VOUT command being set.

This read only command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

OUTPUT CURRENT AND LIMITS

MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN

The MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN command sets the resistance value of the current sense resistor in milliohms. (see also MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC).

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC

The MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC command is used to program the temperature coefficient of the IOUT_CAL_GAIN sense resistor or inductor DCR in ppm/°C in manufacturing.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in 16-bit 2's complement integer ppm. $N = -32768$ to 32767 • 10^{-6} . The nominal temperature is 27 $^{\circ}$ C. The IOUT CAL GAIN is multiplied by:

[1.0 + MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC • (READ_TEMPERATURE_1-27)].

DCR sensing will have a typical value of 3900.

The IOUT CAL GAIN and MFR IOUT CAL GAIN TC impact all current parameters, including: READ IOUT, MFR_IOUT_PEAK, IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT, and IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT.

IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT

The IOUT OC FAULT LIMIT command sets the value of the peak output current limit, in Amperes. When the controller is in the current limit, the overcurrent detector will indicate an overcurrent fault condition. The following table lists the programmable peak output current limit value in mV between $I_{\rm S FNSF}$ and $I_{\rm S FNSF}$. The actual value of the current limit is $(I_{\text{SENSE}}^+ - I_{\text{SENSE}}^-)/10UT_CAL_GAIN$ in Amperes.

BASED ON PEAK-TO-PEAK INDUCTOR CURRENT = 50% OF 30A FOR WORSE CASE, THESE ARE APPROXIMATES, SO USE GUARDBAND AND CHECK

Note: This is the peak of the current waveform. The READ_IOUT command returns the average current. The peak output current limits are adjusted with temperature based on the MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC using the equation:

Peak Current Limit = IOUT_CAL_GAIN • (1 + MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC • (READ_TEMPERTURE_1-27.0)).

The LTM4682 automatically converts currents to the appropriate internal bit value.

The I_{OUT} range is set with bit 7 of the MFR_PWM_MODE command.

The IOUT OC FAULT LIMIT is ignored during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL.

If the IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT is exceeded, the device:

• Sets the I_{OUT} bit in the STATUS word

- Sets the I_{OUT} Overcurrent fault bit in the STATUS_IOUT
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT, unless masked

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

IOUT_OC_WARN_LIMIT

This command sets the value of the output current measured by the ADC that causes an output overcurrent warning in Amperes. The READ_IOUT value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the IOUT OC WARN LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the I_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the I_{OUT} Overcurrent Warning bit in the STATUS_IOUT command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

The IOUT OC_FAULT_LIMIT is ignored during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Input Current and Limits

MFR_IIN_CAL_GAIN

The MFR_IIN_CAL_GAIN command sets the resistance value of the input current sense resistor in milliohms. (see also READ_IIN).

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT

The IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT command sets the value of the input current measured by the ADC, in amperes, which causes a warning indicating the input current is high. The READ IIN value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the IIN_OC_WARN_LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the OTHER bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the INPUT bit in the upper byte of the STATUS WORD
- Sets the I_{IN} Overcurrent Warning bit[1] in the STATUS_INPUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting the ALERT pin

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TEMPERATURE

Power Stage DCR Temperature Calibration

MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN

The MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN command will modify the slope of the power stage sensor to account for non-idealities in the element and errors associated with the remote sensing of the temperature in the inductor.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in 16-bit 2's complement integer. The effective gain adjustment is $N \cdot 2^{-14}$. The nominal value is 1. N = 8192 to 32767

MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET

The MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET command will modify the offset of the power stage temperature sensor to account for non-idealities in the element and errors associated with the remote sensing of the temperature in the inductor.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear 5s 11s format. The part starts the calibration with a –273.15, so the default adjustment is zero.

Power Stage Temperature Limits

OT_FAULT_LIMIT

The OT FAULT LIMIT command sets the value of the power stage temperature measured by the ADC, in degrees Celsius, which causes an overtemperature fault. The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

OT_WARN_LIMIT

The OT WARN LIMIT command sets the value of the power stage temperature measured by the ADC, in degrees Celsius, which causes an overtemperature warning. The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

In response to the OT WARN LIMIT being exceeded, the device:

- Sets the TEMPERATURE bit in the STATUS BYTE
- Sets the Overtemperature Warning bit in the STATUS TEMPERATURE command, and
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

UT_FAULT_LIMIT

The UT_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value of the power stage temperature measured by the ADC, in degrees Celsius, which causes an undertemperature fault. The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value will be used to determine if this limit has been exceeded.

Note: If the temperature sensors are not installed, the UT_FAULT_LIMIT can be set to –275°C and the UT_FAULT_LIMIT response set to ignore to avoid ALERT being asserted.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TIMING

Timing—On Sequence/Ramp

TON_DELAY

The TON_DELAY command sets the time, in milliseconds, from when a start condition is received until the output voltage rises. Values from 0ms to 83 seconds are valid. The resulting turn-on delay will have a typical delay of 270µs for TON DELAY = 0 and an uncertainty of $\pm 50\mu s$ for all values of TON DELAY.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TON_RISE

The TON RISE command sets the time, in milliseconds, from the time the output starts to rise to the time the output enters the regulation band. Values from 0 to 1.3 seconds are valid. The part will be in discontinuous mode during TON_RISE events. If TON_RISE is less than 0.25ms, the LTM4682 digital slope will be bypassed, and the output voltage transition will only be controlled by the analog performance of the PWM switcher. The number of steps in TON_RISE is equal to TON_RISE (in ms)/0.1ms with an uncertainty of ± 0.1 ms.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT

The TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT command sets the value, in milliseconds, on how long the unit can attempt to power up the output without reaching the output undervoltage fault limit.

A data value of 0ms means there is no limit, and the unit can attempt to bring up the output voltage indefinitely. The maximum limit is 83 seconds.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

VOUT_TRANSITION_RATE

When a PMBus device receives either a VOUT COMMAND or OPERATION (Margin High, Margin Low) that causes the output voltage to change, this command sets the rate in V/ms at which the output voltage changes. The commanded rate of change does not apply when the unit is commanded on or off. The maximum allowed slope is 4V/ms.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Timing—Off Sequence/Ramp

TOFF_DELAY

The TOFF DELAY command sets the time, in milliseconds, from when a stop condition is received until the output voltage starts to fall. Values from 0 to 83 seconds are valid. The resulting turn-off delay will have a typical delay of 270us for TOFF_DELAY = 0 and an uncertainty of $\pm 50\mu s$ for all values of TOFF_DELAY. TOFF_DELAY is not applied when a fault event occurs

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TOFF_FALL

The TOFF_FALL command sets the time, in milliseconds, from the end of the turn-off delay time until the output voltage is commanded to zero. It is the ramp time of the V_{OIII} DAC. When the V_{OIII} DAC is zero, the PWM output will be set to a high impedance state.

The part will maintain the mode of operation programmed. For defined TOFF_FALL times, the user should set the part to continuous conduction mode. Loading the max value indicates that the part will ramp down at the slowest possible rate. The minimum supported fall time is 0.25ms. A value less than 0.25ms will result in a 0.25ms ramp. The maximum fall time is 1.3 seconds. The number of steps in TOFF_FALL is equal to TOFF_FALL (in ms)/0.1ms with an uncertainty of ± 0.1 ms.

In discontinuous conduction mode, the controller will not draw current from the load, and the fall time will be set by the output capacitance and load current.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

TOFF_MAX_WARN_LIMIT

The TOFF MAX WARN LIMIT command sets the value, in milliseconds, on how long the output voltage exceeds 12.5% of the programmed voltage before a warning is asserted. The output is considered off when the V_{OUT} voltage is less than 12.5% of the programmed VOUT_COMMAND value. The calculation begins after TOFF_FALL is complete.

A data value of 0ms means there is no limit, and the output voltage exceeds 12.5% of the programmed voltage indefinitely. Other than 0, values from 120ms to 524 seconds are valid.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Precondition for Restart

MFR_RESTART_DELAY

This command specifies the minimum RUN off time in milliseconds. This device will pull the RUN pin low for this length of time once a falling edge of RUN has been detected. The minimum recommended value is 136ms.

Note: The restart delay is different from the retry delay. The restart delay pulls RUN low for the specified time, after which a standard start-up sequence is initiated. The minimum restart delay should be equal to TOFF_DELAY + TOFF_ FALL + 136ms. Valid values are from 136ms to 65.52 seconds in 16ms increments. To ensure a minimum off time, set the MFR_RESTART_DELAY 16ms longer than the desired time. The output rail can be off longer than the MFR RESTART_DELAY after the RUN pin is pulled high if the output decay bit 0 is enabled in MFR_CHAN_CONFIG and the output takes a long time to decay below 12.5% of the programmed value.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

FAULT RESPONSE

Fault Responses All Faults

MFR_RETRY_DELAY

This command sets the time in milliseconds between retries if the fault response is to retry the controller at specified intervals. This command value is used for all fault responses that require retry. The retry time starts once the fault has been detected by the offending channel. Valid values are from 120ms to 83.88 seconds in 10µs increments.

Note: The retry delay time is determined by the length of the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command or the time required for the regulated output to decay below 12.5% of the programmed value. If the natural decay time of the output is too long, it is possible to remove the voltage requirement of the MFR_RETRY_DELAY command by asserting bit 0 of MFR_CHAN_CONFIG.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

Fault Responses Input Voltage

VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE

The VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to an input overvoltage fault. The data byte is in the format given in [Table 21.](#page-105-0)

The device also:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Set the INPUT bit in the upper byte of the STATUS WORD
- Sets the V_{IN} overvoltage fault bit in the STATUS_INPUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This command has one data byte.

Fault Responses Output Voltage

VOUT_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE

The VOUT OV FAULT RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to an output overvoltage fault. The data byte is in the format as shown in [Table 17.](#page-100-0)

The device also:

- Sets the VOUT_OV bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the V_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the V_{OUT} overvoltage fault bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

The only values recognized for this command are:

- 0x00 Part performs OV pull down only, or OV_PULLDOWN.
- 0x80 The device shuts down (disables the output), and the unit does not attempt to retry. (PMBus, Part II, Section 10.7).

- 0xB8 The device shuts down (disables the output), and the device attempts to retry continuously, without limitation, until it is commanded OFF (by the RUN pin, or OPERATION command, or both), bias power is removed, or another fault condition causes the unit to shut down.
- 0x4*n* The device shuts down, and the unit does not attempt to retry. The output remains disabled until the part is commanded OFF, then ON, or the RUN pin is asserted low, then high or RESET through the command or removal of VIN. The OV fault must remain active for a period of n • 10µs, where n is a value from 0 to 7.
- 0x78*n* The device shuts down, and the unit attempts to retry continuously until either the fault condition is cleared or the part is commanded OFF, then ON, or the RUN pin is asserted low, then high or RESET through the command or removal of VIN. The OV fault must remain active for a period of n • 10µs, where n is a value from 0 to 7.

Any other value will result in a CML fault, and the write will be ignored.

This command has one data byte.

VOUT_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE

The VOUT UV FAULT RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to an output undervoltage fault. The data byte is in the format as shown in [Table 18.](#page-101-0)

The device also:

- Sets the NONE OF THE ABOVE bit in the STATUS BYTE
- Sets the V_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the V_{OIII} undervoltage fault bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

The UV fault and warn are masked until the following criteria are achieved:

- 1) The TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT has been reached
- 2) The TON_DELAY sequence has been completed
- 3) The TON_RISE sequence has been completed
- 4) The VOUT_UV_FAULT_LIMIT threshold has been reached
- 5) The IOUT_OC_FAULT_LIMIT is not present

The UV fault and warn are masked whenever the channel is not active.

The UV fault and warn are masked during TON_RISE and TOFF_FALL sequencing.

This command has one data byte.

TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE

The TON MAX FAULT RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to a TON_MAX fault. The data byte is in the format as shown in [Table 21](#page-105-0).

The device also:

- Sets the NONE OF THE ABOVE bit in the STATUS BYTE
- Sets the V_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the TON_MAX_FAULT bit in the STATUS_VOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

A value of 0 disables the TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE. It is not recommended to use 0.

Note: The PWM channel remains in discontinues mode until the TON_MAX_FAULT_LIMIT has been exceeded.

This command has one data byte.

Fault Responses Output Current

IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE

The IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to an output overcurrent fault. The data byte is in the format given in [Table 19](#page-103-0).

The device also:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the IOUT OC bit in the STATUS BYTE
- Sets the I_{OUT} bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the I_{OUT} Overcurrent Fault bit in the STATUS_IOUT command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This command has one data byte.

Table 19. IOUT_OC_FAULT_RESPONSE Data Byte Contents

Fault Responses IC Temperature

MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE

The MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE command byte instructs the device on what action should be taken in response to an internal overtemperature fault. The data byte is in the format given in [Table 20.](#page-104-0)

The LTM4682 also:

- Sets the NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the MFR bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets the overtemperature fault bit in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This command has one data byte.

Table 20. Data Byte Contents MFR_OT_FAULT_RESPONSE

Fault Responses External Temperature

OT_FAULT_RESPONSE

The OT_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to an external overtemperature fault on the external temperature sensors. The data byte is in the format given in [Table 21.](#page-105-0)

The device also:

- Sets the TEMPERATURE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the overtemperature fault bit in the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This command has one data byte.

UT_FAULT_RESPONSE

The UT_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to an external undertemperature fault on the external temp sensors. The data byte is in the format given in [Table 15](#page-72-0).

The device also:

- Sets the TEMPERATURE bit in the STATUS_BYTE
- Sets the undertemperature fault bit in the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command

• Notifies the host by asserting ALERT pin, unless masked

This condition is detected by the ADC so that the response time may be up to t_{CONVERT} .

This command has one data byte.

Table 21. Data Byte Contents: TON_MAX_FAULT_RESPONSE, VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE, OT_FAULT_RESPONSE, UT_FAULT_RESPONSE

FAULT SHARING

Fault Sharing Propagation

MFR_FAULT_PROPAGATE

The MFR_FAULT_PROPAGATE command enables the faults that can cause the FAULT*n* pin to assert low. The command is formatted as shown in [Table 22.](#page-106-0) Faults can only be propagated to the FAULT*n* pin if they are programmed to respond to faults.

This command has two data bytes.

Table 22. FAULT*n* **Propagate Fault Configuration**

The FAULT0 and FAULT1 pins are designed to provide electrical notification of selected events to the user. Some of these events are common to both output channels. Others are specific to an output channel. They can also be used to share faults between channels.

Fault Sharing Response

MFR_FAULT_RESPONSE

The MFR_FAULT_RESPONSE command instructs the device on what action is to be taken in response to the FAULT*n* pin being pulled low by an external source.

Supported Values:

The device also:

- Sets the MFR bit in the STATUS_WORD
- Sets bit 0 in the STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC command to indicate FAULT*n* is being pulled low
- Notifies the host by asserting ALERT, unless masked

This command has one data byte.

SCRATCHPAD

USER_DATA_00 through USER_DATA_04

These commands are nonvolatile memory locations for customer storage. The customer has the option to write any value to the USER_DATA_nn at any time. However, the LTpowerPlay software and contract manufacturers use some of these commands for inventory control. Modifying the reserved USER_DATA_nn commands may lead to undesirable inventory control and incompatibility with these products.

These commands have 2 data bytes and are in a register format.

IDENTIFICATION

PMBus_REVISION

The PMBUS REVISION command indicates the revision of the PMBus to which the device is compliant. The LTM4682 is PMBus Version 1.2 compliant in both Part I and Part II.

This read-only command has one data byte.

CAPABILITY

This command provides a way for a host system to determine some key capabilities of a PMBus device.

The LTM4682 supports packet error checking, 400kHz bus speeds, and an ALERT pin.

This read-only command has one data byte.

MFR_ID

The MFR_ID command indicates the manufacturer ID of the LTM4682 using ASCII characters.

This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_MODEL

The MFR_MODEL command indicates the manufacturer's part number of the LTM4682 using ASCII characters. This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_SPECIAL_ID

The 16-bit word represents the part name and revision. 0x418X denotes that the part is an LTM4682, and X is adjustable by the manufacturer.

This read-only command has two data bytes.

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FAULT WARNING AND STATUS

CLEAR_FAULTS

The CLEAR_FAULTS command is used to clear any fault bits that have been set. This command clears all bits in all status commands simultaneously. At the same time, the device negates (clears, releases) its ALERT pin signal output if the device is asserting the ALERT pin signal. If the fault is still present when the bit is cleared, the fault bit will remain set, and the host will be notified by asserting the ALERT pin low. CLEAR FAULTS can take up to 10µs to process. If a fault occurs within that time frame, it may be cleared before the status register is set.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

The CLEAR_FAULTS does not cause a unit that has latched off for a fault condition to restart. Units that have shut down for a fault condition are restarted when:

- The output is commanded through the RUN pin, the OPERATION command, or the combined action of the RUN pin and OPERATION command, to turn off and then to turn back on, or
- MFR RESET command is issued.
- Bias power is removed and reapplied to the integrated circuit

SMBALERT_MASK

The SMBALERT_MASK command can be used to prevent a particular status bit or bits from asserting ALERT as they are asserted.

[Figure 55](#page-110-0) shows an example of the Write Word format used to set an ALERT mask, in this case, without PEC. The bits in the mask byte align with bits in the specified status register. For example, if the STATUS_TEMPERATURE command code is sent in the first data byte, and the mask byte contains 0x40, then a subsequent External Overtemperature Warning

would still set bit 6 of STATUS TEMPERATURE but not assert ALERT. All other supported STATUS TEMPERATURE bits would continue to assert ALERT if set.

[Figure 55](#page-110-0) and [Figure 56](#page-110-1) show an example of the Block Write – Block Read Process Call protocol used to read back the present state of any supported status register, again without PEC.

SMBALERT_MASK cannot be applied to STATUS_BYTE, STATUS_WORD, MFR_COMMON, or MFR_PADS_LTM4682. Factory default masking for applicable status registers is shown below. Providing an unsupported command code to SMBALERT_MASK will generate a CML for Invalid/Unsupported Data.

SMBALERT_MASK Default Setting: (See [Figure 2\)](#page-22-0)

Figure 55. Example of Writing SMBALERT_MASK

Figure 56. Example of Reading SMBALERT_MASK

MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS

The MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command clears the MFR_*_PEAK data values. A MFR_RESET command will also clear the MFR * PEAK data values.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

STATUS_BYTE

The STATUS BYTE command returns one byte of information with a summary of the most critical faults. This is the lower byte of the status word.

STATUS_BYTE Message Contents:

*ALERT can be asserted if either of these bits is set. They may be cleared by writing a 1 to their bit position in the STATUS_BYTE instead of a CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_WORD

The STATUS_WORD command returns a two-byte summary of the channel's fault condition. The low byte of the STATUS_WORD is the same as the STATUS_BYTE command.

STATUS_WORD High Byte Message Contents:

If any of the bits in the upper byte are set, NONE_OF_THE_ABOVE is asserted.

This command has two data bytes.

STATUS_VOUT

The STATUS_VOUT command returns one byte of V_{OUT} status information.

STATUS VOUT Message Contents:

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command.

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an ALERT event.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_IOUT

The STATUS_IOUT command returns one byte of I_{OUT} status information.

STATUS **JOUT Message Contents:**

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command.

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an ALERT event. This command has one data byte.

STATUS_INPUT

The STATUS_INPUT command returns one byte of V_{IN} (V_{INSNS}) status information.

STATUS_INPUT Message Contents:

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command.

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an ALERT event. Bit 3 of this command is not latched and will not generate an ALERT even if it is set. This command has one data byte.

STATUS_TEMPERATURE

The STATUS_TEMPERATURE command returns one byte with status information on temperature. This is a paged command and is related to the respective READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value.

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_CML

The STATUS_CML command returns one byte of status information on received commands, internal memory, and logic.

STATUS_CML Message Contents:

If either bit 3 or bit 4 of this command is set, a serious and significant internal error has been detected. Continued operation of the part is not recommended if these bits are continuously set.

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command.

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an ALERT event.

This command has one data byte.

STATUS_MFR_SPECIFIC

The STATUS MFR SPECIFIC commands return one byte with the manufacturer-specific status information.

The format for this byte is:

If any of these bits are set, the MFR bit in the STATUS WORD will be set, and ALERT may be asserted.

The user is permitted to write a 1 to any bit in this command to clear a specific fault. This permits the user to clear status by means other than using the CLEAR_FAULTS command. However, the fault log present bit can only be cleared by issuing the MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command.

Any supported fault bit in this command will initiate an ALERT event.

This command has one data byte.

MFR_PADS

This command provides the user with a means of directly reading the digital status of the I/O pins of the device. The bit assignments of this command are as follows:

A 1 indicates the condition is true.

This read-only command has two data bytes.

MFR_COMMON

The MFR_COMMON command contains bits that are common to all Analog Devices digital power and telemetry products.

This read-only command has one data byte.

TELEMETRY

READ_VIN

The READ_VIN command returns the measured V_{IN} pin voltage, in volts added to READ_ICHIP • MFR_RVIN. This compensates for the IR voltage drop across the V_{1N} filter element due to the supply current of the LTM4682.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_VOUT

The READ_VOUT command returns the measured output voltage by the VOUT_MODE command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

READ_IIN

The READ_IIN command returns the input current, in Amperes, as measured across the input current sense resistor (see also MFR_IIN_CAL_GAIN).

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_IOUT

The READ_IOUT command returns the average output current in amperes. The I_{OUT} value is a function of:

a) the differential voltage measured across the I_{SENSF} pins

b) the IOUT CAL GAIN value

c) the MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN_TC value, and

d) READ_TEMPERATURE_1 value

e) The MFR_TEMP_1_GAIN and the MFR_TEMP_1_OFFSET

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_TEMPERATURE_1

The READ_TEMPERATURE_1 command returns the temperature, in degrees Celsius, of the power stage sense element. This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_TEMPERATURE_2

The READ_TEMPERATURE_2 command returns the LTM4682's die temperature, in degrees Celsius, of the internal sense element.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_FREQUENCY

The READ_FREQUENCY command is a reading of the PWM switching frequency in kHz.

This read-only command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_POUT

The READ POUT command is a reading of the DC/DC converter output power in Watts. POUT is calculated based on the most recent correlated output voltage and current reading.

This read-only command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

READ_PIN

The READ_PIN command is a reading of the DC/DC converter input power in Watts. The PIN is calculated based on the most recent input voltage and current reading.

This read-only command has 2 data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_PIN_ACCURACY

The MFR_PIN_ACCURACY command returns the accuracy, in percent, of the value returned by the READ_PIN command. There is one data byte. The value is 0.1% per bit, which gives a range of $\pm 0.0\%$ to $\pm 25.5\%$.

This read-only command has one data byte and is formatted as an unsigned integer.

MFR_IOUT_PEAK

The MFR_IOUT_PEAK command reports the highest current, in amperes, reported by the READ_IOUT measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_VOUT_PEAK

The MFR_VOUT_PEAK command reports the highest voltage, in volts, reported by the READ_VOUT measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_16u format.

MFR_VIN_PEAK

The MFR_VIN_PEAK command reports the highest voltage, in volts, reported by the READ_VIN measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK

The MFR_TEMPERATURE_1_PEAK command reports the highest temperature, in degrees Celsius, reported by the READ_TEMPERATURE_1 measurement.

This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_READ_IIN_PEAK

The MFR_READ_IIN_PEAK command reports the highest current, in Amperes, reported by the READ_IIN measurement. This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_READ_ICHIP

The MFR_READ_ICHIP command returns the measured input current, in Amperes, used by the LTM4682.

This command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK

The MFR_TEMPERATURE_2_PEAK command reports the highest temperature, in degrees Celsius, reported by the READ_TEMPERATURE_2 measurement.

This command is cleared using the MFR_CLEAR_PEAKS command.

This read-only command has two data bytes and is formatted in Linear_5s_11s format.

MFR_ADC_CONTROL

The MFR_ADC_CONTROL command determines the ADC read back selection. A default value of 0 in the command runs the standard telemetry loop with all parameters updated in a round-robin fashion with a typical latency of $t_{COMVERT}$. The user can command a non-zero value to monitor a single parameter with an approximate update rate of 8ms. This command has a latency of up to 2 ADC conversions or approximately 16ms (external temperature conversions may have a latency of up to 3 ADC conversions or approximately 24ms). It is recommended that the part remain in standard telemetry mode except for special cases where fast ADC updates of a single parameter is required. The part should be commanded to monitor the desired parameter for a limited period of time (less than 1 second), then set the command back to standard round-robin mode. If this command is set to any value except standard round-robin telemetry (0), all warnings and faults associated with telemetry other than the selected parameter are effectively disabled, and voltage servoing is disabled. When a round-robin is reasserted, all warnings and faults and servo mode are re-enabled.

If a reserved command value is entered, the telemetry will default to Internal IC temperature and issue a CML fault. The CML faults will continue to be issued by the LTM4682 until a valid command value is entered. The accuracy of the measured input supply voltage is only guaranteed if the MFR_ADC_CONTROL command is set to standard roundrobin telemetry.

This write-only command has 1 data byte and is formatted in a register format.

NVM MEMORY COMMANDS

Store/Restore

STORE_USER_ALL

The STORE USER ALL command instructs the PMBus device to copy the nonvolatile user contents of the operating memory to the matching locations in the nonvolatile User NVM memory.

Executing this command if the die temperature exceeds 85°C or is below 0°C is not recommended, and the data retention of 10 years cannot be guaranteed. If the die temperature exceeds 130°C, the STORE_USER_ALL command is disabled. The command is re-enabled when the IC temperature drops below 125°C.

Communication with the LTM4682 and programming of the NVM can be initiated when EXT_{CC} or V_{DD33} is available, and V_{IN} is not applied. To enable the part in this state, using global address 0x5B, write MFR_EE_UNLOCK to 0x2B followed by 0xC4. The LTM4682 will now communicate normally, and the project file can be updated. To write the updated project file to the NVM issue, a STORE_USER_ALL command. When V_{IN} is applied, an MFR_RESET must be issued to allow the PWM to be enabled and valid ADCs to be read.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

RESTORE_USER_ALL

The RESTORE_USER_ALL command instructs the LTM4682 to copy the contents of the nonvolatile user memory to the matching locations in the operating memory. The values in the operating memory are overwritten by the value retrieved from the user commands. The LTM4682 ensures both channels are off, loads the operating memory from the internal EEPROM, clears all faults, reads the resistor configuration pins, and then performs a soft-start of both PWM channels if applicable.

STORE_USER_ALL, MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL and RESTORE_USER_ALL commands are disabled if the die exceeds 130°C and are not re-enabled until the die temperature drops below 125°C.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL

The MFR_COMPARE_USER_ALL command instructs the PMBus device to compare current command contents with what is stored in nonvolatile memory. If the compare operation detects differences, a CML bit 0 fault will be generated.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

Fault Logging

MFR_FAULT_LOG

The MFR_FAULT_LOG command allows the user to read the contents of the FAULT_LOG after the first fault occurrence since the last MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command was written. The contents of this command are stored in nonvolatile memory, and are cleared by the MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command. The length and content of this command are listed in Table 15. If the user accesses the MFR_FAULT_LOG command and a no-fault log is present, the command will return a data length of 0. If a fault log is present, the MFR_FAULT_LOG will return a block of data 147 bytes long. If a fault occurs within the first second of applying power, some of the earlier pages in the fault log may not contain valid data.

NOTE: The approximate transfer time for this command is 3.4ms using a 400kHz clock.

This read-only command is in block format.

MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE

The MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE command forces the fault log operation to be written to NVM just as if a fault event occurred. This command will set bit 3 of the STATUS MFR SPECIFIC fault if bit 7, Enable Fault Logging, is set in the MFR_CONFIG_ALL command.

If the die temperature exceeds 130°C, the MFR_FAULT_LOG_STORE command is disabled until the IC temperature drops below 125°C.

This write-only command has no data bytes.

Table 23. Fault Logging

This table outlines the format of the block data from a read block data of the MFR_FAULT_LOG command.

CYCLICAL DATA

MFR_INFO

Contact the factory for more details.

MFR_IOUT_CAL_GAIN

Contact the factory for more details.

MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR

The MFR_FAULT_LOG_CLEAR command will erase the fault log file stored values. It will also clear bit 3 in the STATUS MFR SPECIFIC command. After a clear is issued, the status can take up to 8ms to clear.

This write-only command is to send bytes.

Block Memory Write/Read

All the NVM commands are disabled if the die temperature exceeds 130°C. The NVM commands are re-enabled when the die temperature drops below 125°C.

MFR_EE_xxxx

The MFR_EE_xxxx commands facilitate bulk programming of the LTM4682 internal EEPROM. Contact the factory for more details.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

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Table 25. LTM4682 BGA Pinout

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

REVISION HISTORY

PACKAGE PHOTOS **Part marking is either ink mark or laser mark**

DESIGN RESOURCES

RELATED PARTS

