AN-6920MR
Integrated Critical-Mode PFC / Quasi-Resonant
Current-Mode PWM Controller FAN6920

1. Introduction

This application note presents practical step-by-step design considerations for a power supply system employing Fairchild’s FAN6920 PFC / PWM combination controller, an integrated Boundary Conduction Mode (BCM) Power Factor Correction (PFC) controller and Quasi-Resonant (QR) PWM controller. Figure 1 shows the typical application circuit, where the BCM PFC converter is in the front end and the dual-switch quasi-resonant flyback converter is in the back end.

FAN6920 achieves high efficiency with relatively low cost for 75~200W applications where BCM and QR operation with a two-switch flyback provides best performance. A BCM boost PFC converter can achieve better efficiency with lower cost than continuous conduction mode (CCM) boost PFC converter. These benefits result from the elimination of the reverse-recovery losses of the boost diode and zero-voltage switching (ZVS) or near ZVS (also called valley switching) of boost switch. The dual-switch QR flyback converter for the DC/DC conversion achieves higher efficiency than the conventional flyback converter with leakage inductor energy recycles.

The FAN7382, a monolithic high- and low-side gate-driver IC, can drive MOSFETs that operate up to +600V.

Efficiency can be further improved by using synchronous rectification in the secondary side instead of a conventional rectifier diode.

Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit
2. Operation Principles of BCM Boost PFC Converters

The most widely used operation modes for the boost converter are continuous conduction mode (CCM) and boundary conduction mode (BCM). These refer to the current flowing through the energy storage inductor of the boost converter, as depicted in Figure 2. As the names indicate, the inductor current in CCM is continuous; while in BCM, the new switching period is initiated when the inductor current returns to zero, which is at the boundary of continuous conduction and discontinuous conduction operations. Even though the BCM operation has higher RMS current in the inductor and switching devices, it allows better switching condition for the MOSFET and the diode. As shown in Figure 2, the diode reverse recovery is eliminated and a fast silicon carbide (SiC) diode is not needed. MOSFET is also turned on with zero current, which reduces switching loss.

![Figure 2. CCM vs. BCM Control](image)

The fundamental idea of BCM PFC is that the inductor current starts from zero in each switching period, as shown in Figure 3. When the power transistor of the boost converter is turned on for a fixed time, the peak inductor current is proportional to the input voltage. Since the current waveform is triangular, the average value in each switching period is also proportional to the input voltage. In the case of a sinusoidal input voltage, the input current of the converter follows the input voltage waveform with a very high accuracy and draws a sinusoidal input current from the source. This behavior makes the boost converter in BCM operation an ideal candidate for power factor correction.

A by-product of the BCM is that the boost converter runs with variable switching frequency that depends primarily on the selected output voltage, the instantaneous value of the input voltage, the boost inductor value, and the output power delivered to the load. The operating frequency changes as the input current follows the sinusoidal input voltage waveform, as shown in Figure 3. The lowest frequency occurs at the peak of sinusoidal line voltage.

![Figure 3. Operation Waveforms of BCM PFC](image)

The voltage-second balance equation for the inductor is:

\[ V_{IN}(t) \cdot t_{ON} = (V_{O,PFC} - V_{IN}(t)) \cdot t_{OFF} \]  

(1)

where \( V_{IN}(t) \) is the rectified line voltage.

The switching frequency of BCM boost PFC converter is obtained as:

\[ f_{SW} = \frac{1}{t_{ON} + t_{OFF}} \cdot \frac{1}{t_{ON}} \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC} - V_{IN}(t)}{V_{OUT}} \]

\[ = \frac{1}{t_{ON}} \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC} - V_{IN,PK} \cdot \sin(2\pi f_{LINE} t)}{V_{O,PFC}} \]  

(2)

where \( V_{IN,PK} \) is the amplitude of the line voltage and \( f_{LINE} \) is the line frequency.

Figure 4 shows how the MOSFET on time and switching frequency change as output power decreases. When the load decreases, as shown in the right side of Figure 4, the peak inductor current diminishes with reduced MOSFET on time and the switching frequency increases.
3. Operation Principle of Dual-Switch Quasi-Resonant Flyback Converter

Dual-switch QR flyback converter topology derived from a conventional square wave high/low side pulse-width modulated (PWM), dual-switch flyback converter have leakage inductance recycling loop, so that primary-side snubber can remove, and can recycle the energy of the leakage inductance stored during switch’s turn-on period. This is especially suitable for high-power (up to 200W) and slim-type applications. Figure 6 and Figure 7 show the simplified circuit diagram of a dual-switch quasi-resonant flyback converter and its typical waveforms. The basic operation principles are:

- When primary power switches turn on, input voltage \( (V_{IN}) \) is applied across the primary-side inductor \( (L_m) \). MOSFET current \( (I_{DS}) \) increases linearly from zero to the peak value \( (I_{pk}) \). During this time, the energy is drawn from the input and stored in the inductor.

- When the primary power switches turn off, leakage inductance of the transformer produces a voltage spike on the PWM switches and causes a drain voltage increase to the \( V_{IN} \) voltage. Clamped to this level, the leakage inductance energy stored during PWM switches turning on could be released by diode \( (D_1, D_2) \) and the voltage on the primary-side winding is clamped to \( V_{IN} \). Therefore, the energy stored in the inductor forces the rectifier diode \( (D_3) \) to turn on. During the diode on time \( (t_o) \), the output voltage \( (V_o) \) is applied across the secondary-side inductor and the diode current \( (I_{DS}) \) decreases linearly from the peak value to zero. At the end of \( t_o \), all the energy stored in the inductor has been delivered to the output. During this period, the output voltage is reflected to the primary side as \( V_o \times N_p/N_s \). The sum of input voltage \( (V_{IN}) \) and reflected output voltage \( (V_o \times N_p/N_s) \) is imposed across the MOSFETs.

The voltage on the primary-side winding is clamped to \( V_{IN} \). If the voltage of input is too low, the voltage of secondary side could be lower than output voltage target \( (V_{IN} < N_p/N_s \times V_o) \), and the output voltage would follow input voltage drop.

- When the inductor current reaches zero, the drain-to-source voltage \( (V_{DS}) \) begins to resonate by the resonance between the primary-side inductor \( (L_m) \) and the MOSFET output capacitor \( (C_{oss1}, C_{oss2}) \) with an amplitude of \( V_o \times N_p/N_s \) on the offset of \( V_{IN} \) as depicted in Figure 7. Quasi-resonant switching is achieved by turning on the MOSFET when \( V_{DS} \) reaches its minimum value. This reduces the MOSFET turn-on switching loss caused by the capacitance loading between the drain and source of the MOSFET.
The bootstrap circuit is useful in a high-voltage gate driver and operates as follows. When the high-side \( V_S \) goes below the IC supply voltage \( V_{DD} \) or is pulled down to ground (the low-side switch is turned on and the high-side switch is turned off), the bootstrap capacitor, \( C_{BOOT} \), charges through the transformer primary-side, from the \( V_{DD} \) power supply, as shown in Figure 8. This is provided by \( V_{HS} \) when high-side \( V_S \) is pulled to a higher voltage by the high-side switch. The \( V_{HS} \) supply floats and the bootstrap diode reverses bias and blocks the rail voltage (the low-side switch is turned off and high-side switch is turned on) from the IC supply voltage, \( V_{DD} \). However, the dual-switch flyback high-side and low-side MOSFET turn on and off at the same time. Therefore, once the high-side MOSFET turns on, high-side \( V_S \) equals PFC \( V_o \), the \( V_{DD} \) can’t charge the \( C_{BOOT} \), even though the high-side \( V_S \) is pulled down to ground at leakage energy recycle period, but the period is too short to charge \( C_{BOOT} \).

Figure 8 shows the high-side gate-driver circuit with the auxiliary power supply. If \( V_{CBOOT} \) is less than the HV IC under-voltage threshold, the high-side gate output (\( V_{HS} \)) maintains turned-off state, then the low-side MOSFET turns on and charges the \( C_{BOOT} \) for one cycle, high-side driver restarts at the next PWM cycle. Finally, the voltage of auxiliary power supply follows the output voltage rise and continues to supply energy to the high-side circuit.

4. High-Side Gate-Drive Circuit

Figure 8 and Figure 9 show the high/low-side gate driver circuit. The high-side gate drive IC achieves high-performance, is simple and inexpensive, but has a limitation for dual-switch flyback application.

One of the most widely used methods to supply power to the high-side gate driver circuitry of the high-voltage gate-drive IC is the bootstrap power supply. This bootstrap power supply technique has the advantage of being simple and low cost.
Figure 9 shows the high-side driver circuit with standby power supply. This circuit uses the independent power supply for HV IC to keep the high-side driver operating. This circuit is used for applications with standby power, like the PC power.

![High-Side Driver Circuit with Standby Power Supply](image)

5. Design Considerations

This design procedure uses the schematic in Figure 1 as a reference. A 90W PFC application with universal input range is selected as a design example. The design specifications are:

- Line Voltage Range: 90–264V_{AC} (60Hz)
- Output of DC/DC Converter: 19V/4.7A (90W)
- PFC Output Voltage: 400V
- Minimum PFC Switching Frequency: > 50kHz
- Brownout Protection Line Voltage: 70V_{AC}
- Output Over-Voltage Protection Trip Point: 22.5V
- Overall Efficiency: 90%  
  (PFC Stage: 95%, DC/DC Stage: 95%)

Part A. PFC Section

[STEP-A1] Boost Inductor Design

The boost inductor value is determined by the output power and the minimum switching frequency. From Equation 2, the minimum frequency with a given line voltage and MOSFET on time is obtained as:

\[ f_{SW,MN} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\eta \cdot V_{O,PFC} - \sqrt{2} V_{LINE}}{V_{O,PFC}} \]  

where:
- \( V_{LINE} \) is RMS line voltage;
- \( V_{O,PFC} \) is the PFC output voltage.

The MOSFET conduction time with a given line voltage at a nominal output power is given as:

\[ t_{ON} = \frac{2 \cdot P_{O,PFC} \cdot L}{\eta \cdot V_{LINE}^2} \]  

where:
- \( \eta \) is the overall efficiency;
- \( L \) is the boost inductance; and
- \( P_{OUT} \) is the nominal output power.

Using Equation 4, the minimum switching frequency of Equation 3 can be expressed as:

\[ f_{SW,MN} = \frac{\eta \cdot V_{LINE}^2}{2 \cdot P_{OUT} \cdot L} \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC} - \sqrt{2} V_{LINE}}{V_{O,PFC}} \]  

Since the minimum frequency occurs at high line as long as the PFC output voltage is lower than 405V (as observed in Figure 5); once the output voltage and minimum switching frequency are set, the inductor value is given as:

\[ L = \frac{\eta \cdot (V_{LINE,MN})^2}{2 \cdot P_{OUT} \cdot f_{SW,MN}} \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC} - \sqrt{2} V_{LINE,MN}}{V_{O,PFC}} \]  

where \( V_{LINE,MN} \) is the maximum line voltage.

As the minimum frequency decreases, the switching loss is reduced, while the inductor size and line filter size increase. Thus, the minimum switching frequency should be determined by the trade-off between efficiency and the size of magnetic components. The minimum switching frequency must be above 20kHz to prevent audible noise.

Once the inductance value is decided, the maximum peak inductor current at the nominal output power is obtained at low-line condition as:

\[ I_{L,PK} = \frac{2 \sqrt{2} \cdot P_{OUT}}{\eta \cdot V_{LINE,MN}} \]  

where \( V_{LINE,MN} \) is the minimum line voltage.

Since the maximum on time is internally limited at 20\mu s, it should be smaller than 20\mu s such as:

\[ t_{ON,MN} = \frac{2 \cdot P_{OUT} \cdot L}{\eta \cdot V_{LINE,MN}} < 20\mu s \]  

The number of turns of boost inductor should be determined considering the core saturation. The minimum number is given as:

\[ N_{BOOST} \geq \frac{I_{L,PK} \cdot L}{A_k \cdot \Delta B} \]  

where is \( A_k \) is the cross-sectional area of core and \( \Delta B \) is the maximum flux swing of the core in Tesla.

\( \Delta B \) should be set below the saturation flux density.
Since the output voltage is 400V, the minimum frequency occurs at high line (264V_{AC}) and full load condition. Assuming the overall efficiency is 90% and selecting the minimum frequency as 50kHz, the inductor value is obtained as:

\[ L = \frac{\eta \cdot V_{\text{LINE,MAX}}}{2 \cdot P_{\text{OUT}} \cdot f_{\text{SW,MIN}}} \cdot \frac{V_{\text{O,PFC,H}} - \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{\text{LINE,MAX}}}{V_{\text{O,PFC}}} \]

\[ = \frac{0.9 \cdot 264^2}{2 \cdot 90 \cdot 50 \times 10^3} \cdot \frac{400 - \sqrt{2} \cdot 264}{400} = 464 \mu H \]

The inductance of boot inductor is determined as 450\mu H.

The maximum peak inductor current at nominal output power is calculated as:

\[ I_{L,PK} = \frac{2 \sqrt{2} \cdot P_{\text{OUT}}}{\eta \cdot V_{\text{LINE,MIN}}} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 90}{0.9 \cdot 90} = 3.14 A \]

\[ t_{\text{ON,MAX}} = \frac{2 \cdot P_{\text{OUT}} \cdot L}{\eta \cdot V_{\text{LINE,MIN}}} = \frac{2 \cdot 90 \cdot 450 \times 10^{-6}}{0.9 \cdot 90^2} = 11.1 \mu s < 20 \mu s \]

Assuming QP2512 core (3C96, \( A_e = 110 \text{mm}^2 \)) is used and setting \( \Delta B \) as 0.30T, the primary winding should be:

\[ N_{\text{BOOST}} \geq \frac{I_{L,PK} \cdot L}{A_e \cdot \Delta B} = \frac{3.14 \times 450 \times 10^{-6}}{110 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.3} = 42.82 \text{turns} \]

Thus, the number of turns \( (N_{\text{BOOST}}) \) of boost inductor is determined as 44.

**[STEP-A2] Auxiliary Winding Design**

Figure 11 shows the internal block for zero-current detection (ZCD) for the PFC. FAN6920 indirectly detects the inductor zero current instant using an auxiliary winding of the boost inductor.

The auxiliary winding should be designed such that the voltage of the ZCD pin rises above 2.1V when the boost switch is turned off to trigger internal comparator as:

\[ \frac{N_{\text{ZCD}}}{N_{\text{BOOST}}} (V_{\text{O,PFC,H}} - \sqrt{2}V_{\text{LINE,MAX}}) > 2.1V \]  \hspace{1cm} (10)

where \( V_{\text{O,PFC,H}} \) is the PFC output voltage for high line condition.

The ZCD pin has upper and lower voltage clamping at 10V and 0.45V, respectively. When ZCD pin voltage is clamped at 0.45V, the maximum sourcing current is 1.5mA and, therefore, the resistor \( R_{\text{ZCD}} \) should be designed to limit the current of the ZCD pin below 1.5mA in the worst case as:

\[ R_{\text{ZCD}} > \frac{V_{\text{IN}}}{1.5mA} \cdot \frac{N_{\text{AUX}}}{N_{\text{BOOST}}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}V_{\text{LINE,MAX}}}{1.5mA} \cdot \frac{N_{\text{AUX}}}{N_{\text{BOOST}}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (11)

**[Design Example] The number of turns for the auxiliary ZCD winding is obtained as:**

\[ N_{\text{ZCD}} > \frac{2.1N_{\text{BOOST}}}{(V_{\text{O,PFC,H}} - \sqrt{2}V_{\text{LINE,MAX}})} = 3.5 \text{turns} \]

With a margin, \( N_{\text{AUX}} \) is determined as 8 turns.

Then \( R_{\text{ZCD}} \) is selected from:

\[ R_{\text{ZCD}} > \frac{\sqrt{2}V_{\text{LINE,MAX}}}{1.5mA} \cdot \frac{N_{\text{ZCD}}}{N_{\text{BOOST}}} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot 264}{1.5 \times 10^{-3}} \cdot \frac{8}{44} = 45.248k\Omega \]

as 47.5k\Omega.
[STEP-A3] Design V_in Sense Circuit

FAN6920 senses the line voltage using the averaging circuit shown in Figure 12, where the VIN pin is connected to the AC line through a voltage divider and low-pass filter capacitor. When VIN drops below 1V, the COMP pin is clamped at 1.6V to limit the energy delivered to output. V_O,PFC decreases with the INV pin voltage. When the INV pin voltage drops below 1V, brownout protection is triggered, stopping gate drive signals of PFC and DC/DC. This protection is reset when VI,N drops below the turn-off threshold (UVLO threshold). When V_DD rises to the turn-on voltage after dropping below the turn-off threshold, FAN6920 resumes normal operation (if VIN is above 1.2V).

The brownout protection level can be determined as:

\[ V_{LINE,BO} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{R_{VIN1} + R_{VIN2}}{R_{VIN2}} \]  

(12)

The minimum line voltage for PFC startup is given as:

\[ V_{LINE,STR} = 1.2 \cdot V_{LINE,BO} \]  

(13)

![FAN6920 Brownout Protection](image)

**Figure 12. V_in Sensing Internal Block**

(Design Example) Setting the brownout protection trip point as 69V_AC:

\[ \frac{R_{VIN1} + R_{VIN2}}{R_{VIN2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} = 62 \]

Determining R_{VIN2} as 154kΩ, R_{VIN1} is determined as 9.4MΩ.

The line voltage to startup the PFC is obtained as:

\[ V_{LINE,STR} = 1.2 \cdot V_{LINE,BO} = 83V_{AC} \]

[STEP-A4] Current Sensing Resistor for PFC

FAN6920 has pulse-by-pulse current limit function. It is typical to set the pulse-by-current limit level at 20~30% higher than the maximum inductor current:

\[ R_{CSI} = \frac{0.82}{I_{L,PK}(1 + K_{MARGIN})} \]  

(14)

where K_{MARGIN} is the margin factor and 0.82V is the pulse-by-pulse current limit threshold.

(Design Example) Choosing the margin factor as 35%, the sensing resistor is selected as:

\[ R_{CSI} = \frac{0.82}{I_{L,PK}(1 + 0.35)} = 0.82 \times 1.4 = 0.97Ω \]

[STEP-A6] Design Compensation Network

The feedback loop bandwidth must be lower than 20Hz for the PFC application. If the bandwidth is higher than 20Hz, the control loop may try to reduce the 120Hz ripple of the output voltage and the line current is distorted, decreasing power factor. A capacitor is connected between COMP and GND to attenuate the line frequency ripple voltage by 40dB. If a capacitor is connected between the output of the error amplifier and the GND, the error amplifier works as an integrator and the error amplifier compensation capacitor can be calculated by:

\[ C_{COMP} > \frac{100 \cdot g_m}{2\pi \cdot f_{LINE}} \cdot \frac{2.5}{V_{O,PFC,H}} \]  

(15)

To improve the power factor, C_{COMP} must be higher than the calculated value. However, if the value is too high, the output voltage control loop may become slow.

![Design Example](image)

(Design Example) Setting the compensation capacitor as:

\[ C_{COMP} > \frac{100 \cdot g_m}{2\pi \cdot f_{LINE}} \cdot \frac{2.5}{V_{O,PFC,H}} \]

\[ = \frac{100 \cdot 125 \times 10^{-6}}{2\pi \cdot 2 \cdot 60} \cdot \frac{2.5}{400} = 103nF \]

470nF is selected for better power factor.

Part B. DC/DC Section

[STEP-B1] Determine the Secondary-Side Rectifier Voltage (V_{D,nom})

Figure 13 shows the typical operation waveforms of a dual-switch quasi-resonant flyback converter. When the MOSFET is turned off, the input voltage (PFC output voltage), together with the output voltage reflected to the primary (V_RO), is imposed on the MOSFET. When the MOSFET is turned on, the sum of input voltage reflected to the secondary side and the output voltage is applied across the secondary-side rectifier. Thus, the maximum nominal voltage across the MOSFET (V_{DS,nom}) and diode are given as:

\[ V_{DS,nom} = V_{O,PFC} + n(V_O + V_f) = \frac{V_{O,PFC} + V_{RO}}{2} \]  

(16)

where:

\[ n = \frac{N_P}{N_S} = \frac{V_{RO}}{V_O + V_f} \]

\[ V_{D,nom} = V_O + \frac{V_{O,PFC}}{n} \]  

(17)
By increasing $V_{RO}$ (i.e. the turns ratio, $n$), the capacitive switching loss and conduction loss of the MOSFET are reduced. This also reduces the voltage stress of the secondary-side rectifier. $V_{RO}$ should be determined by a trade-off between the hold-up time and voltage stresses of the secondary-side rectifier diode.

![Diagram](image)

Thus, $n$ is determined as 12.

[STEP-B2] Calculate the Minimum PFC Output Voltage ($V_{O,PFC,L}$) for Hold-up Time

For the PFC output capacitor, it is typical to use 0.5~1µF per 1W output power for 400V PFC output. Meanwhile, it is reasonable to use ~1µF per 1W output power for variable output PFC due to the larger voltage drop during the hold-up time than 400V output. In this example, two 100µF capacitors are selected for the output capacitors ($C_{O,PFC}$).

Lower PFC output voltage can improve system efficiency at low AC line voltage condition, but the energy of the PFC output capacitor effects the hold-up time. The minimum PFC output voltage for required hold-up time is obtained as:

$$V_{O,PFC,L} \geq \frac{2 \cdot t_{HOLD} \cdot P_{OUT}}{\eta \cdot C_{O,PFC}} + V_{O,PFC,HLD}^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (18)

where:

- $t_{HOLD}$ is the required holdup time;
- $P_{OUT}$ is total nominal output power;
- $V_{O,PFC,L}$ is the minimum PFC output voltage for required hold-up time; and
- $V_{O,PFC,HLD}$ is the allowable minimum PFC output voltage during the hold-up time.

The voltage of transformer primary-side winding is clamped to $V_{O,PFC}$, so the minimum PFC output voltage during the hold-up time is obtained as:

$$V_{O,PFC,HLD} = n \cdot (V_O + V_F)$$  \hspace{1cm} (19)

where $V_F$ is the synchronous rectification MOSFET drain-to-source diode forward voltage, $V_O$ about 1V.

[STEP-B3] Transformer Design

Figure 14 shows the typical switching timing of a quasi-resonant converter. The sum of MOSFET conduction time ($t_{ON}$), diode conduction time ($t_{OUT}$), and drain voltage falling time ($t_d$) is the switching period ($t_{HOLD}$). To determine the primary-side inductance ($L_m$), the following parameters should be determined first.

**Minimum Switching Frequency ($f_{SQR,min}$)**

The minimum switching frequency occurs at the minimum input voltage and full-load condition, which should be higher than 20kHz to avoid audible noise. By increasing $f_{SQR,min}$, the transformer size can be reduced. However, this results in increased switching losses. Determine $f_{SQR,min}$ by a trade-off between switching losses and transformer size. Typically $f_{SQR,min}$ is set around 70kHz.

**Falling Time of the MOSFET Drain Voltage ($t_f$)**

As shown in Figure 14, the MOSFET drain voltage fall time is half of the resonant period of the MOSFET’s effective output capacitance and primary-side inductance. The typical value for $t_f$ is 0.6~1.2µs.
Non-Conduction Time of the MOSFET ($t_{\text{OFF}}$)

FAN6920 has a minimum non-conduction time of MOSFET (5µs), during which turning on the MOSFET is prohibited. To maximize the efficiency, it is necessary to turn on the MOSFET at the first valley of MOSFET drain-to-source voltage at heavy-load condition. Therefore, the MOSFET non-conduction time at heavy load condition should be larger than 5µs.

After determining $f_{S,\text{QR}}$ and $t_f$, the maximum duty cycle is calculated as:

$D_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{RO}}{V_{RO} + V_{O,\text{PFC,L}}} \cdot (1 - f_{S,\text{QR}} \cdot t_f)$ \hspace{1cm} (20)

Then, the primary-side inductance is obtained as:

$L_{in} = \frac{\eta_{QR} \cdot (V_{O,\text{PFC,L}} \cdot D_{\text{max}})^2}{2 \cdot f_{S,\text{QR}} \cdot \rho_{\text{OUT}}}$ \hspace{1cm} (21)

Once $L_{in}$ is determined, the maximum peak current and RMS current of the MOSFET in normal operation are obtained as:

$I_{DS,PK} = \frac{V_{O,\text{PFC,L}} \cdot D_{\text{max}}}{L_{in} \cdot f_{S,\text{QR}}}$ \hspace{1cm} (22)

$I_{DS,RMS} = I_{DS,PK} \sqrt{\frac{D_{\text{max}}}{3}}$ \hspace{1cm} (23)

The MOSFET non-conduction time at heavy load and low line is obtained as:

$t_{\text{OFF,L}} = \frac{1 - D_{\text{max}}}{f_{S,\text{QR}}}$ \hspace{1cm} (24)

The MOSFET non-conduction time at heavy load and higher voltage of PFC output ($V_{O,\text{PFC,H}}$) is obtained as:

$t_{\text{OFF,H}} = t_{\text{OFF,L}} \cdot \frac{V_{O,\text{PFC,L}}}{V_{O,\text{PFC,H}} + V_{RO}} \cdot \frac{V_{O,\text{PFC,H}} + V_{RO}}{V_{O,\text{PFC,L}} + V_{RO}}$ \hspace{1cm} (25)

To guarantee the first valley switching at high line and heavy-load condition, $t_{\text{OFF,H}}$ should be larger than 5µs.

When designing the transformer, the maximum flux density swing in normal operation ($B$) as well as the maximum flux density in transient ($B_{\text{max}}$) should be considered. The maximum flux density swing in normal operation is related to the hysteresis loss in the core, while the maximum flux density in transient is related to the core saturation.

The minimum number of turns for the transformer primary side to avoid over temperature in the core is given by:

$N_p^\text{min} = \frac{L_{in} I_{DS,PK}}{A_s \Delta B}$ \hspace{1cm} (26)

where $B$ is the maximum flux density swing in Tesla.

If there is no reference data, use $B = 0.25 – 0.30$T.

Once the minimum number of turns for the primary side is determined, calculate the proper integer for $N_S$ so that the resulting $N_p$ is larger than $N_p^\text{min}$ as:

$N_p = n \cdot N_S > N_p^\text{min}$ \hspace{1cm} (27)

The number of turns of the auxiliary winding for $V_{DD}$ is given as:

$N_{\text{aux}} = \frac{V_{DD} \text{nom} + V_{FA}}{(V_O + V_F)} \cdot N_S$ \hspace{1cm} (28)

where $V_{DD} \text{nom}$ is the nominal $V_{DD}$ voltage, the range about 12–20V, and the $V_{FA}$ is forward-voltage drop of $V_{DD}$ diode, about 1V.

Once the number of turns of the primary winding is determined, the maximum flux density when the drain current reaches its pulse-by-pulse current limit level should be checked to guarantee the transformer is not saturated during transient or fault condition.

The maximum flux density ($B_{\text{max}}$) when drain current reaches $I_{\text{LIM}}$ is given as:

$B_{\text{max}} = \frac{L_{in} I_{LIM}}{A_s N_p} < B_{\text{sat}}$ \hspace{1cm} (29)

$B_{\text{max}}$ should be smaller than the saturation flux density.

If there is no reference data, use $B_{\text{sat}} = 0.35 – 0.40$T.

(Design Example) Setting the minimum frequency is 65kHz and the falling time is 1µs, and assuming $V_{O,\text{PFC,L}} = 300$V:

$D_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{RO}}{V_{RO} + V_{O,\text{PFC,L}}} \cdot (1 - f_{S,\text{QR}} \cdot t_f)$

$= \frac{240}{240 + 300} \cdot (1 - 70 \times 10^3 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}) = 0.413$
Assuming QP2912 (Ae=144mm²) core is used and the flux swing is 0.28T

\[ N_p = n \cdot N_S \Rightarrow 12 \cdot 3 \geq N_p^{\min} \]
\[ N_p = 48 \geq N_p^{\min} \]

Thus, \( N_{\text{Aux}} \) is determined as 3.

The number of turns of the high-side driver auxiliary is given as:

\[ N_{\text{Aux},H} \leq N_{\text{Aux}} \]

\( N_{\text{Aux},H} \) is determined as 2.

Assuming the pulse-by-pulse current limit for low PFC output voltage is 140% of peak drain current at heavy load:

\[ B_{\text{max}} = \frac{L_n I_{\text{Lim}}}{A \cdot N_p^{\min}} = \frac{1160 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 2.14}{144 \times 10^{-6} \cdot 0.48} = 0.36T \]
The output is indirectly monitored for over-voltage protection using the DET pin voltage while the MOSFET is turned off. The ratio of \( R_{DET1} \) and \( R_{DET2} \) should be determined as:

\[
2.5 = \frac{R_{DET2}}{R_{DET1} + R_{DET2}} \cdot \frac{N_s}{N_p} V_{OFP} = \frac{1}{K_{DET} + 1} \cdot \frac{N_s}{N_p} V_{OFP}
\]

(31)

where the ratio between \( R_{DET1} \) and \( R_{DET2} \) is obtained as:

\[
K_{DET} = \frac{R_{DET}}{R_{DET2}} = \frac{N_s}{N_p} \cdot \frac{V_{OFP}}{2.5 - 1}
\]

(32)

For a quasi-resonant flyback converter, the peak-drain current with a given output power decreases as input voltage increases. Thus, constant power limit cannot be achieved by using pulse-by-pulse current limit with constant threshold. FAN6920 has high/low line over-power compensation that reduces the pulse-by-pulse current limit level as input voltage increases. FAN6920 senses the input voltage using the current flowing out of the DET pin while the MOSFET is turned on. The pulse-by-pulse current limit level vs. DET current is depicted in Figure 18.

The DET pin current for low-line and high-line PFC output voltages are given as:

\[
I_{DET,L} = \frac{V_{O,PFC,L} \cdot N_s + 0.7}{R_{DET1}} + 0.7 \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC,L} \cdot N_s}{R_{DET2}} \quad (33)
\]

\[
I_{DET,H} = \frac{V_{O,PFC,H} \cdot N_s + 0.7}{R_{DET1}} + 0.7 \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC,H} \cdot N_s}{R_{DET2}} \quad (34)
\]

The relationship between \( I_{DET} \) and \( V_{LIMIT} \) in the linear region (\( I_{DET}=100–500\mu A \)) can be approximated as:

\[
V_{LIMIT} = -877 \cdot I_{DET} + 0.882 \quad (35)
\]

Assuming two-level voltage PFC output: for a given output power, the ratio between drain-peak currents at low line and high line is obtained as:

\[
\frac{I_{DS,PK,L}}{I_{DS,PK,H}} = \frac{V_{O,PFC,L}}{V_{O,PFC,H}} \cdot \frac{V_{O,PFC,L} + V_R}{V_{O,PFC,H} + V_R} \quad (36)
\]

For a given output power, the ratio between pulse-by-pulse current limit levels at low line and high line is obtained as:

\[
\frac{V_{LIMIT,L}}{V_{LIMIT,H}} = \frac{-994 \cdot V_{O,PFC,L} \cdot N_s}{N_p} + \frac{R_{DET1}}{N_s} \quad (37)
\]

To get a constant power limit, \( R_{DET1} \) should be determined such that Equations (38) and (39) are equal. However, for actual design, it is typical to use 108–115% of Equation (38), considering the pulse-by-pulse turn-off delay and increased PFC output voltage ripple at low line.

Once the current-limit threshold voltage is determined with \( R_{DET1} \), the current-sensing resistor value is obtained as:

\[
V_{LIMIT} = -877 \cdot \left( \frac{V_{O,PFC,L} \cdot N_s}{R_{DET1} + N_s} \right) + 0.882 \quad (38)
\]

The current-sensing resistor value can be obtained from:

\[
R_{CS} = \frac{V_{LIMIT}}{I_{DS}} \quad (39)
\]
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Then, the pulse by pulse current limit threshold voltage is obtained as:

\[ V_{\text{LIMIT}} = -0.7 \left( \frac{N_A}{N_P} \right) + 0.7 \frac{R_{\text{DET}1}}{R_{\text{DET}2}} + 0.882 \]

To set current limit level at low line as 115\% of \( I_{DS}^{PK} \)

\[ 0.63 \times 1.15 = 0.73 \text{Ω} \]

[STEP-B4] Design the Feedback Circuit

Figure 19 is a typical feedback circuit mainly consisting of a shunt regulator and a photo-coupler. \( R_{i1} \) and \( R_{i2} \) form a voltage divider for output voltage regulation. \( R_F \) and \( C_F \) are adjusted for control-loop compensation. A small-value RC filter (e.g. \( R_{FB} = 100 \text{Ω}, C_{FB} = 1 \text{nF} \)) placed from the FB pin to GND can increase stability substantially. The maximum source current of the FB pin is about 1.2mA. The phototransistor must be capable of sinking this current to pull the FB level down at no load. The value of the biasing resistor, \( R_{BIAS} \), is determined as:

\[ \frac{V_O - V_{OPD} - V_{KA}}{R_{BIAS}} \cdot CTR > 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \quad (40) \]

where \( V_{OPD} \) is the drop voltage of photodiode, about 1.2V; \( V_{KA} \) is the minimum cathode to anode voltage of shunt regulator (2.5V); and \( CTR \) is the current transfer rate of the opto-coupler.

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Figure 19. Feedback Circuit

(Design Example) Assuming \( CTR \) is 100\%,

\[ \frac{V_O - V_{OPD} - V_{KA}}{R_{BIAS}} \cdot CTR > 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \]

\[ R_{BIAS} < \frac{V_O - V_{OPD} - V_{KA}}{1.2 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{19 - 1.2 - 2.5}{1.2 \times 10^{-3}} = 12.75 \text{KΩ} \]

330Ω resistor is selected for \( R_{BIAS} \).

The voltage divider resistors for \( V_O \) sensing are selected as 66.5kΩ and 10kΩ.
[STEP-B5] Design the Over-Temperature Protection Circuit

The adjustable Over-Temperature Protection (OTP) circuit is shown in Figure 20. As can be seen, a constant sourcing current source ($I_{RT}$) is connected to the RT pin. Once $V_{RT}$ is lower than 0.8V for longer than 10ms debounce time, FAN6920 is latched off. $R_{RT}$ can be determined by:

$$0.8V = (R_{RT} + R_{NTC@OT}) \times 100\mu A$$  \(\text{(41)}\)

Figure 20. Adjustable Over-Temperature Protection and External Latched-off Function

(Design Example) Assuming the resistance of NTC at over-temperature protection point is 4.3kΩ;

$$R_{RT} = \frac{0.8V}{100\mu A} \cdot 4.3k\Omega = 3.7k\Omega$$


This section summarizes the final design example. The key system specifications are summarized in Table 1 and the key design parameters are summarized in Table 2. The final schematic is in Figure 21. To have enough hold-up time for \(V_{DD}\) during startup, a two-stage circuit is used for \(V_{DD}\). To maximize the efficiency, the synchronous rectification using Fairchild's FAN6204 is used for the secondary rectifier.

### Table 1. System Specifications

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![Final Schematic of Design Example](image)

**Figure 21. Final Schematic of Design Example**
Table 3. Bill of Materials

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**Lab Note**

Before modifying or soldering / desoldering the power supply, discharge the primary capacitors through the external bleeding resistor. Otherwise, the PWM IC may be damaged by external high-voltage.

This device is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To improve the production yield, the production line should be ESD protected as required by ANSI ESD S1.1, ESD S1.4, ESD S7.1, ESD STM 12.1, and EOS/ESD S6.1 standards.
Printed Circuit Board Layout

Printed circuit board layout and design are very important for switching power supplies where the voltage and current change with high dv/dt and di/dt. Good PCB layout minimizes EMI and prevents the power supply from being disrupted during surge/ESD tests.

IC Side

- Reference ground of the INV, COMP, CSPFC, CSPWM, and VDD pins are connected together and then connected to the IC’s GND directly.
- Reference ground of ZCD, VIN, RT, FB, and DET pins are connected to IC’s GND directly.
- Small capacitors around the IC should be connected to the IC directly.
- The trace line of CSPWM, OPFC, and OPWM should not be paralleled and should be close to each other to avoid introducing noise.
- Connections of IC’s GND, $R_{CS,PWM}$ ground, HV IC’s GND, and auxiliary winding of PWM XFMR:
  
  **Approach**
  
  - Auxiliary winding’s ground $\rightarrow$ IC’s GND $\rightarrow$ $R_{CS,PWM}$’s ground (2$\rightarrow$1$\rightarrow$4)
  - HV IC’s GND $\rightarrow$ $R_{CS,PWM}$’s ground (3$\rightarrow$4)

System Side

PFC Stage

- Auxiliary winding of PFC choke is connected to IC’s GND.
- $R_{CS,PFC}$ should be connected to $C_I$’s ground singly (6 & 8).

- External driver circuit can shorten MOSFET gate discharge current loop and improve the surge/ESD capability.
- Current loop constructed by the PFC choke, PFC diode, PFC MOSFET, $C_{Bulk}$ and $C_2$ should be as short as possible.

PWM Stage

- $R_{CS,PWM}$ should be connected to $C_{Bulk}$’s ground directly. Keep it short and wide.
- Current loop constructed by the $C_{Bulk}$, XFMR, PWM MOSFET, clamp diode, and $R_{CS,PWM}$ should be as short as possible.
- Ground of photo-coupler should be connected to IC’s GND.
- On the secondary side, current loop constructed by XFMR, Schottky, and output capacitor should be as short as possible.
- Connections of Y Capacitor:
  
  **Approach**
  
  - Y CAP’s primary ground $\rightarrow$ $C_I$’s ground (10$\rightarrow$9)

  **Approach Ground Loop**:
  
  - 7 & 2 $\rightarrow$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4
  - 3 $\rightarrow$ 4
  - 4 $\rightarrow$ 5 $\rightarrow$ 8
  - 6 $\rightarrow$ 8
  - 8 & 10 $\rightarrow$ 9

![Figure 22. Layout Considerations](image-url)
Related Documents

FAN6920MR — Highly Integrated Quasi-Resonant Current PWM Controller
FAN6204MY — Synchronous Rectification Controller for Flyback and Forward Freewheeling Rectification
FAN7382 — High- and Low-Side Gate Driver
AN-6076 — Design and Application Guide of Bootstrap Circuit for High-Voltage Gate Driver IC