

LED Driver with Average-Current Mode Constant-Current Control

Features

- Fast Average Current Control
- Programmable Constant Off-time Switching
- Linear Dimming Input
- PWM Dimming Input
- Output Short-circuit Protection with Skip Mode
- -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ Ambient Operating Temperature
- Pin-compatible with HV9910B

Applications

- DC/DC or AC/DC LED Driver Applications
- LED Backlight Driver for LCD Displays
- General Purpose Constant-current Source
- LED Signage and Displays
- Architectural and Decorative LED Lighting
- LED Street Lighting

General Description

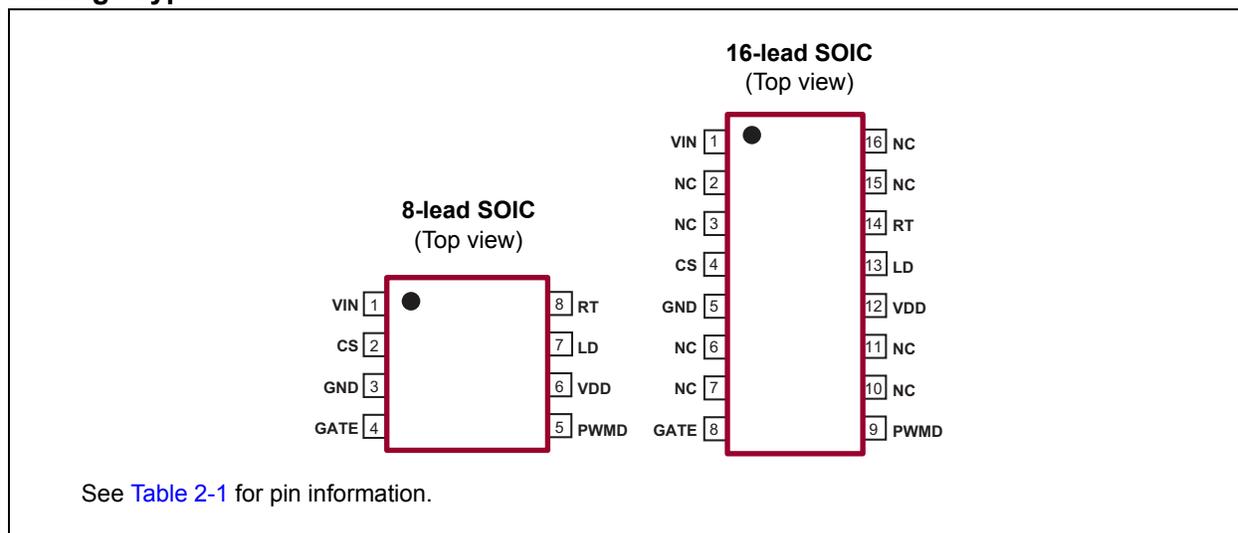
The HV9961 is an Average-Current mode constant-current control LED driver IC operating in a constant Off-time mode. Unlike the HV9910B, this control IC does not produce a peak-to-average error. This greatly improves accuracy as well as the line and load regulations of the LED current without any need for loop compensation or high-side current sensing. Its output LED current accuracy is $\pm 3\%$.

The IC is equipped with a current limit comparator for Hiccup mode output short-circuit protection.

The HV9961 can be powered from an 8V–450V supply. It has a PWM dimming input that accepts an external control TTL-compatible signal. In addition, the output current can be programmed by an internal 275 mV reference or controlled externally through a 0V–1.5V linear dimming input.

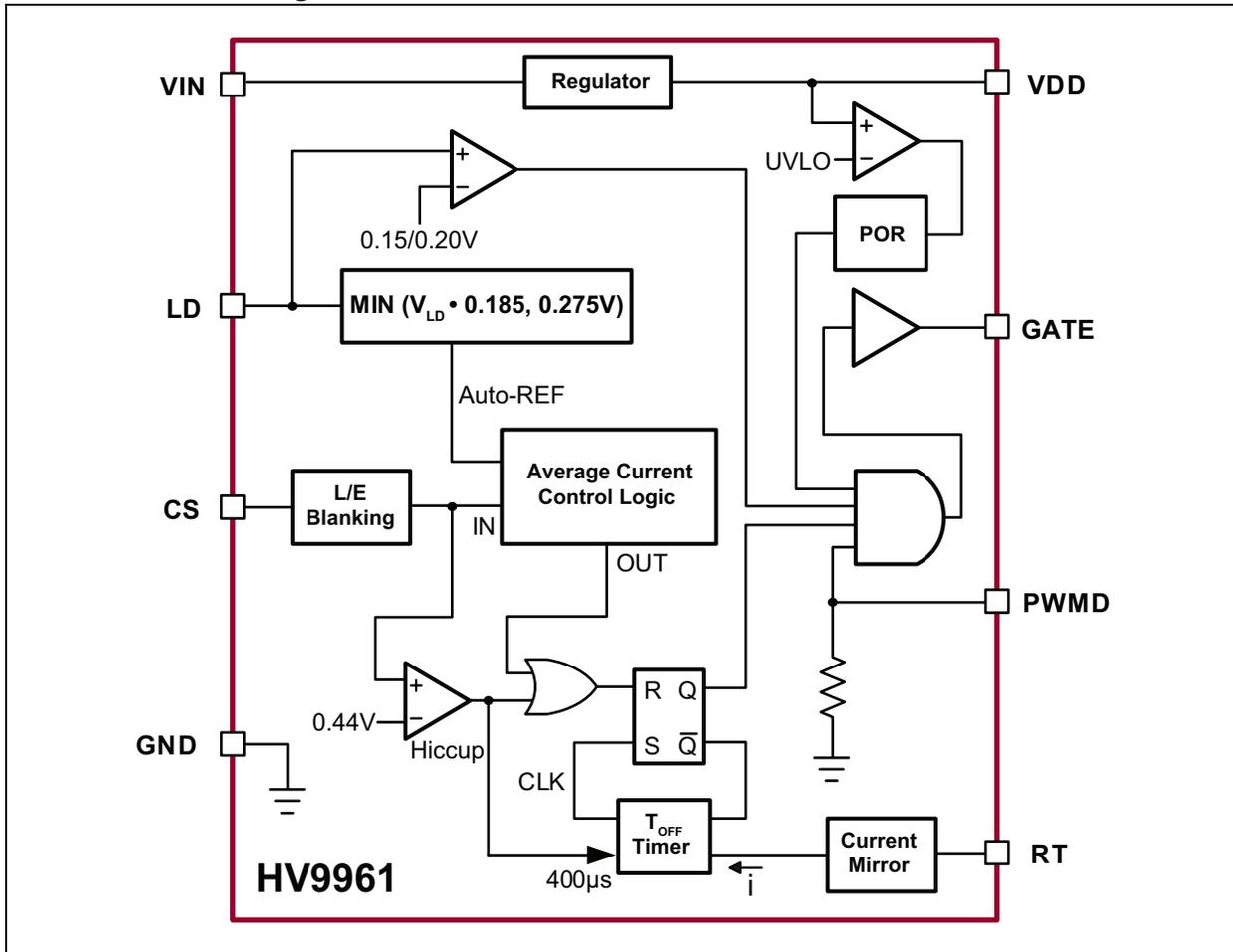
The HV9961 is pin-to-pin compatible with HV9910B, and it can be used as a drop-in replacement for many applications to improve LED current accuracy and regulation.

Package Types

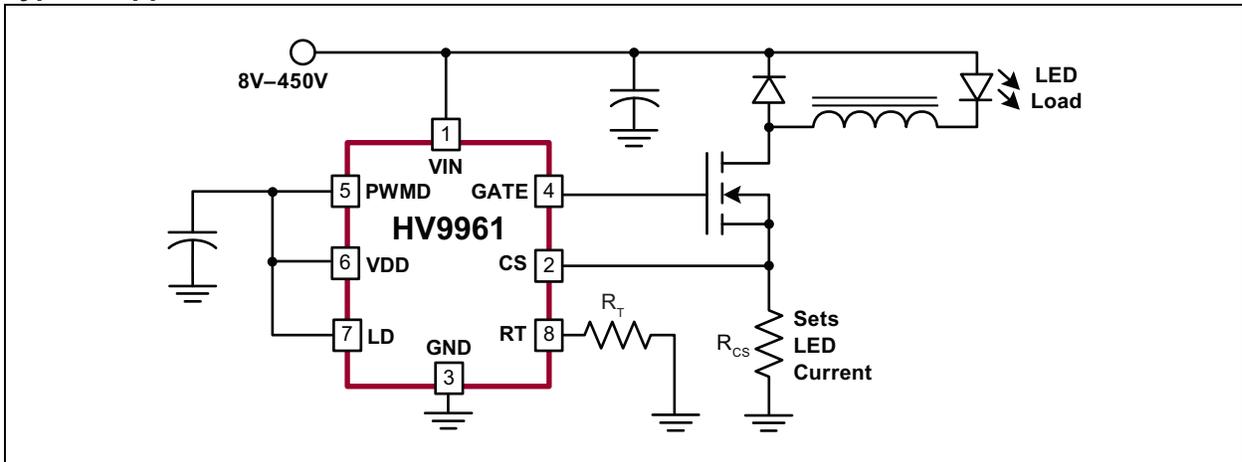


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Functional Block Diagram



Typical Application Circuit



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1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings†

V_{IN} to GND	-0.5V to +470V
V_{DD} to GND	+12V
CS, LD, PWMD, Gate, RT to GND	-0.3V to $V_{DD}+0.3V$
Junction Temperature, T_J	-40°C to +150°C
Storage Temperature, T_S	-65°C to +150°C
Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$):	
8-lead SOIC	650 mW
16-lead SOIC	1000 mW

† **Notice:** Stresses above those listed under “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not intended. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = 12V$, $V_{LD} = V_{DD}$, and $V_{PWMD} = V_{DD}$ unless otherwise specified.						
Parameter	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
INPUT						
Input DC Supply Voltage Range	V_{INDC}	8	—	450	V	DC input voltage (Note 1 and Note 2)
Shutdown Mode Supply Current	I_{INSD}	—	0.5	1	mA	Pin PWMD connected to GND (Note 2)
INTERNAL REGULATOR						
Internally Regulated Voltage	V_{DD}	7.25	7.5	7.75	V	$V_{IN} = 8V$, $I_{DD(EXT)} = 0\text{ mA}$, 500 pF at gate, $R_T = 226\text{ k}\Omega$
Line Regulation of V_{DD}	$\Delta V_{DD, \text{line}}$	0	—	1	V	$V_{IN} = 8V-450V$, $I_{DD(EXT)} = 0\text{ mA}$, 500 pF at gate, $R_T = 226\text{ k}\Omega$
Load Regulation of V_{DD}	$\Delta V_{DD, \text{load}}$	0	—	100	mV	$I_{DD(EXT)} = 0\text{ mA}-1\text{ mA}$, 500 pF at gate, $R_T = 226\text{ k}\Omega$
V_{DD} Undervoltage Lockout Upper Threshold	V_{UVLO}	6.45	6.7	6.95	V	V_{IN} rising (Note 2)
V_{DD} Undervoltage Lockout Hysteresis	ΔV_{UVLO}	—	500	—	mV	V_{IN} falling
Maximum Input Current (Limited by UVLO)	$I_{IN, \text{MAX}}$	3.5 1.5	— —	— —	mA	$V_{IN} = 8V$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 3) $V_{IN} = 8V$, $T_A = 125^\circ\text{C}$ (Note 3)
PWM DIMMING						
PWMD Input Low Voltage	$V_{PWMD(LO)}$	—	—	0.8	V	$V_{IN} = 8V-450V$ (Note 2)
PWMD Input High Voltage	$V_{PWMD(HI)}$	2.2	—	—	V	$V_{IN} = 8V-450V$ (Note 2)
PWMD Pull-down Resistance	R_{PWMD}	50	100	150	k Ω	$V_{PWMD} = 5V$
AVERAGE-CURRENT SENSE LOGIC						
Current Sense Reference Voltage	V_{CST}	268	275	286	mV	$V_{LD} = 1.5V$
LD-to-CS Voltage Ratio	$A_V(LD)$	0.182	0.185	0.188	—	$V_{LD} = 1.2V$
LD-to-CS Voltage Offset	$A_V \times V_{LD(OFFSET)}$	0	—	10	mV	Offset = $V_{CS} - A_V(LD) \times V_{LD}$, $V_{LD} = 1.2V$

Note 1: Also limited by package power dissipation limit, whichever is lower

2: Denotes specifications which apply over the full operating ambient temperature range of $-40^\circ\text{C} < T_A < +125^\circ\text{C}$

3: Specification is obtained by characterization and is not 100% tested.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

Electrical Specifications: $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = 12\text{V}$, $V_{LD} = V_{DD}$, and $V_{PWMD} = V_{DD}$ unless otherwise specified.						
Parameter	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
CS Threshold Temperature Regulation	$\Delta V_{CST(TEMP)}$	—	—	5	mV	(Note 2)
LD Input Shutdown Threshold Voltage	$V_{LD(OFF)}$	—	150	—	mV	V_{LD} falling
LD Input Enable Threshold Voltage	$V_{LD(EN)}$	—	200	—	mV	V_{LD} rising
Current Sense Blanking Interval	T_{BLANK}	150	—	320	ns	(Note 2)
Minimum On-time	$T_{ON(MIN)}$	—	—	1000	ns	$V_{CS} = V_{CST} + 30\text{ mV}$
Maximum Steady-state Duty Cycle	D_{MAX}	75	—	—	%	Reduction in output LED current may occur beyond this duty cycle
SHORT-CIRCUIT PROTECTION						
Hiccup Threshold Voltage	V_{CSH}	410	440	470	mV	
Current Limit Delay CS-to-Gate	T_{DELAY}	—	—	150	ns	$V_{CS} = V_{CSH} + 30\text{ mV}$
Short-circuit Hiccup Time	T_{HICCUP}	350	400	550	μs	
Minimum On-time (Short-circuit)	$T_{ON(MIN),SC}$	—	—	430	ns	$V_{CS} = V_{DD}$
T_{OFF} TIMER						
Off-time	T_{OFF}	32	40	48	μs	$R_T = 1\text{ M}\Omega$
		8	10	12		$R_T = 226\text{ k}\Omega$
GATE DRIVER						
Gate Sourcing Current	I_{SOURCE}	0.165	—	—	A	$V_{GATE} = 0\text{V}$, $V_{DD} = 7.5\text{V}$
Gate Sinking Current	I_{SINK}	0.165	—	—	A	$V_{GATE} = V_{DD}$, $V_{DD} = 7.5\text{V}$
Gate Output Rise Time	t_r	—	30	50	ns	$C_{GATE} = 500\text{ pF}$, $V_{DD} = 7.5\text{V}$
Gate Output Fall Time	t_f	—	30	50	ns	$C_{GATE} = 500\text{ pF}$, $V_{DD} = 7.5\text{V}$

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TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

Parameter	Sym.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Conditions
TEMPERATURE RANGES						
Operating Ambient Temperature	T_A	-40	—	+125	$^\circ\text{C}$	
Maximum Junction Temperature	$T_{J(MAX)}$	—	—	+150	$^\circ\text{C}$	
Storage Temperature	T_S	-65	—	+150	$^\circ\text{C}$	
PACKAGE THERMAL RESISTANCE						
8-lead SOIC	θ_{JA}	—	101	—	$^\circ\text{C/W}$	
16-lead SOIC	θ_{JA}	—	83	—	$^\circ\text{C/W}$	

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2.0 PIN DESCRIPTION

The details on the pins of HV9961 are listed on [Table 2-1](#). Refer to [Package Types](#) for the location of pins.

TABLE 2-1: PIN FUNCTION TABLE

Pin Number		Pin Name	Description
8-lead SOIC	16-lead SOIC		
1	1	VIN	This pin is the input of an 8V–450V linear regulator.
2	4	CS	This pin is the current sense pin used to sense the FET current with an external sense resistor.
3	5	GND	Ground return for all internal circuitry. This pin must be electrically connected to the ground of the power train.
4	8	Gate	This pin is the output of gate driver for driving an external N-channel power MOSFET.
5	9	PWMD	This is the PWM dimming input of the IC. When this pin is pulled to GND, the gate driver is turned off. When the pin is pulled high, the gate driver operates normally.
6	12	V _{DD}	This is the power supply pin for all internal circuits. It must be bypassed with a low ESR capacitor to GND (at least 0.1 μ F).
7	13	LD	This pin is the linear dimming input, and it sets the current sense threshold as long as the voltage at this pin is less than 1.5V. If voltage at LD falls below 150 mV, the gate output is disabled. The gate signal recovers at 200 mV at LD.
8	14	RT	A resistor connected between this pin and GND programs the gate off-time.
—	2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 16	NC	No connection

3.0 APPLICATION INFORMATION

3.1 General Description

Peak current control (as in HV9910B) is the simplest and the most economical way to regulate a buck converter's output current. However, it suffers accuracy and regulation problems that arise from peak-to-average current error, contributed by the current ripple in the output inductor and the propagation delay in the current sense comparator. The full inductor current signal is unavailable for direct switch current sensing across the sense resistor at the ground path in this low-side switch buck converter when the control switch is at the ground potential because the switch is turned off. While it is very simple to detect the peak current in the switch, controlling the average inductor current is usually implemented by level translating the sense signal from $+V_{IN}$. Although this is practical for a relatively low-input voltage, V_{IN} , this type of average-current control may become excessively complex and expensive in the offline AC or other high-voltage DC applications.

The HV9961 uses a proprietary control scheme that allows fast and accurate control of the average current in the buck inductor by sensing the switch current only. No compensation of the current control loop is required. The output LED current's response to PWM input is similar to that of the HV9910B. The effect of inductor current ripple amplitude on this control scheme is insignificant. Therefore, the LED current is independent of the variation in inductance, switching frequency or output voltage. Constant off-time control of the buck converter is used for stability and improving the LED current regulation over a wide range of input voltages. Unlike HV9910B, the HV9961 does not support Constant Frequency mode.

3.2 Off Timer

The timing resistor connected between RT and GND determines the off-time of the gate driver. Wiring this resistor between RT and Gate as with HV9910B is no longer supported. Refer to [Equation 3-1](#) for the computation of the gate output's off-time.

EQUATION 3-1:

$$T_{OFF}(\mu s) = \frac{R_T(k\Omega)}{25} + 0.3$$

within the range of $30\text{ k}\Omega \leq R_T \leq 1\text{ M}\Omega$

3.3 Average-Current Control Feedback and Output Short-circuit Protection

The current through the switching Metal-oxide Semiconductor Field-effect Transistor (MOSFET) source is averaged and used to give constant-current feedback. This current is detected with a sense resistor at the CS pin. The feedback operates in a fast Open-loop mode. No compensation is required. Output current is programmed as seen in [Equation 3-2](#).

EQUATION 3-2:

$$I_{LED} = \frac{0.275V}{R_{CS}}$$

When the voltage at the LD input $V_{LD} \geq 1.5V$

If the voltage at the LD input is less than 1.5V, the output current is computed as specified in [Equation 3-3](#).

EQUATION 3-3:

$$I_{LED} = \frac{V_{LD} \times 0.185}{R_{CS}}$$

When the voltage at the LD input $0.2V \leq V_{LD} < 1.5V$

The above equations are only valid for continuous conduction of the output inductor. It is good design practice to choose the inductance of the inductor such that the peak-to-peak inductor current is 30% to 40% of the average DC full-load current. Hence, the recommended inductance can be calculated as shown in [Equation 3-4](#).

EQUATION 3-4:

$$L_O = \frac{V_{O(MAX)} \times T_{OFF}}{0.4 \times I_O}$$

The duty-cycle range of the current control feedback is limited to $D \leq 0.75$. A reduction in the LED current may occur when the desired LED string voltage V_O is greater than 75% of the input voltage V_{IN} of the HV9961 LED driver.

Reducing the targeted output LED string voltage V_O below $V_{O(MIN)} = V_{IN} \times D_{MIN}$, where $D_{MIN} = 1\ \mu s / (T_{OFF} + 1\ \mu s)$, may also result in the loss of regulation of the LED current. This condition, however, causes an increase in the LED current and can potentially trip the short-circuit protection comparator.

The typical output characteristic of the HV9961 LED driver is shown in [Figure 3-1](#). The corresponding HV9910B characteristic is given for the comparison.

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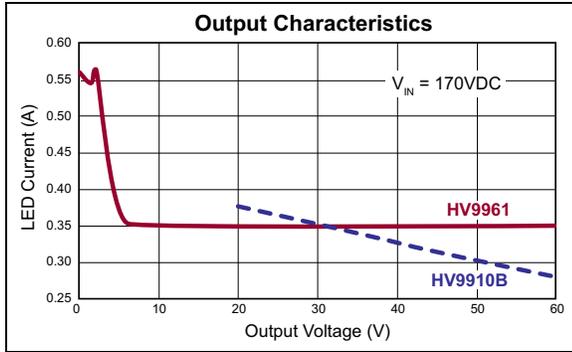


FIGURE 3-1: Typical Output Characteristic of an HV9961 LED Driver.

The short-circuit protection comparator trips when the voltage at CS exceeds 0.44V. When this occurs, the short-circuit gate off-time $T_{\text{HICCUP}} = 400 \mu\text{s}$ is generated to prevent the staircasing of the inductor current and, potentially, its saturation due to insufficient output voltage. The typical short-circuit inductor current is shown in the waveform of Figure 3-2.

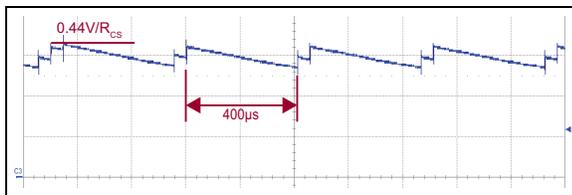


FIGURE 3-2: Short-circuit Inductor Current.

A leading-edge blanking delay is provided at CS to prevent false triggering of the current feedback and the short-circuit protection.

3.4 Linear Dimming

When the voltage at LD falls below 1.5V, the internal 275 mV reference to the constant-current feedback becomes overridden by $V_{\text{LD}} \times 0.185$. As long as the current in the inductor remains continuous, the LED current is given by Equation 3-3. However, when V_{LD} falls below 150 mV, the gate output becomes disabled. The gate signal recovers when V_{LD} exceeds 200 mV. It is required in some applications to use the same brightness control signal input to shut off the lamp. The typical linear dimming response is shown in Figure 3-3.

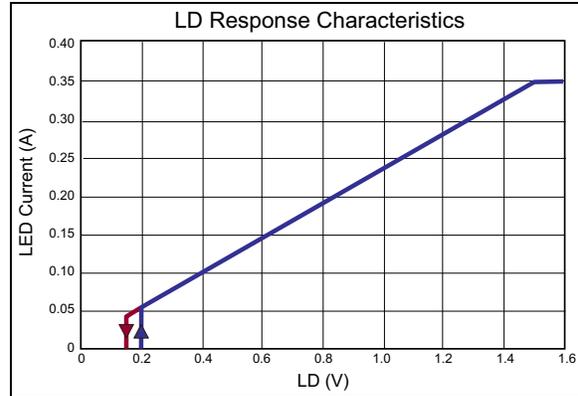


FIGURE 3-3: Typical Linear Dimming Response of an HV9961 LED Driver.

The linear dimming input could also be used for “mixed-mode” dimming to expand the dimming ratio. In such case, a pulse-width modulated signal with an amplitude below 1.5V should be applied to LD.

3.5 Input Voltage Regulator

The HV9961 can be powered directly from an 8 V_{DC} –450 V_{DC} supply through its V_{IN} input. When this voltage is applied at the V_{IN} pin, the HV9961 maintains a constant 7.5V level at V_{DD} . This voltage can be used to power the IC and external circuitry connected to V_{DD} within the rated maximum current or within the thermal ratings of the package, whichever limit is lower. The V_{DD} pin must be bypassed by a low ESR capacitor to provide a low-impedance path for the high-frequency current of the gate output. The HV9961 can also be powered through the V_{DD} pin directly with a voltage greater than the internally regulated 7.5V, but less than 12V.

Despite the instantaneous voltage rating of 450V, continuous voltage at V_{IN} is limited by the power dissipation in the package. For example, when HV9961 draws $I_{\text{IN}} = 2.5 \text{ mA}$ from the V_{IN} input, and the 8-pin SOIC package is used, the maximum continuous voltage at V_{IN} is limited to the value shown in Equation 3-5.

EQUATION 3-5:

$$V_{\text{IN}(\text{MAX})} = \frac{T_{\text{J}(\text{MAX})} - T_{\text{A}}}{R_{\theta, \text{JA}} \times I_{\text{IN}}} = 396 \text{ V}$$

Where:

Ambient temperature: $T_{\text{A}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Maximum working junction temperature: $T_{\text{J}(\text{MAX})} = 125^{\circ}\text{C}$

Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance:

$R_{\theta, \text{JA}} = 101^{\circ}\text{C/W}$

In such cases, when it is needed to operate the HV9961 from a higher voltage, a resistor or a Zener diode can be added in series with the V_{IN} input to divert some of the power loss from the HV9961. In the above example, using a 100V Zener diode will allow the circuit to work up to 490V. The input current drawn from the V_{IN} pin is represented by Equation 3-6.

EQUATION 3-6:

$$I_{IN} \approx 1mA + Q_G \times f_S$$

Where:

f_S = Switching frequency

Q_G = Gate charge of the external FET (obtained from the manufacturer's data sheet)

3.6 Gate Output

The gate output of the HV9961 is used to drive an external MOSFET. It is recommended that the gate charge Q_G of the external MOSFET be less than 25 nC for switching frequencies ≤ 100 kHz and less than 15 nC for switching frequencies > 100 kHz.

3.7 PWM Dimming

Due to the fast open-loop response of the average-current control loop of the HV9961, its PWM dimming performance nearly matches that of the HV9910B. The inductor current waveform comparison is shown in Figure 3-4.

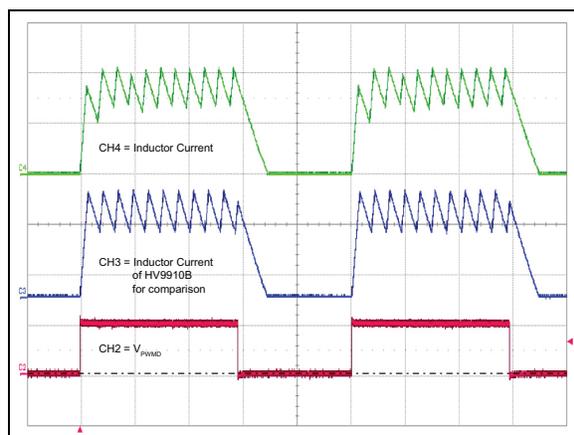


FIGURE 3-4: Typical PWM Dimming Response of an HV9961 LED Driver.

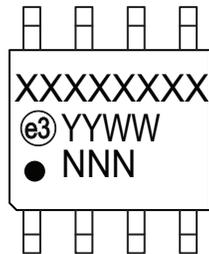
The rising and falling edges are limited by the current slew rate in the inductor. The first switching cycle is terminated upon reaching the 275 mV or $V_{LD} \times 0.185$ level at CS. The circuit is further reaching its steady-state within 3–4 switching cycles regardless of the switching frequency.

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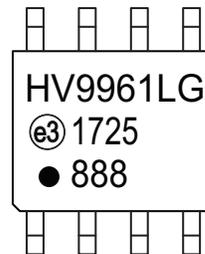
4.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION

4.1 Package Marking Information

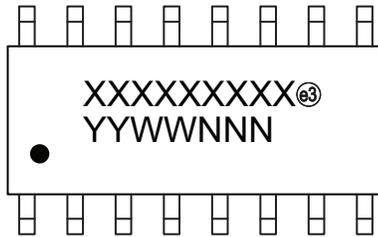
8-lead SOIC



Example



16-lead SOIC

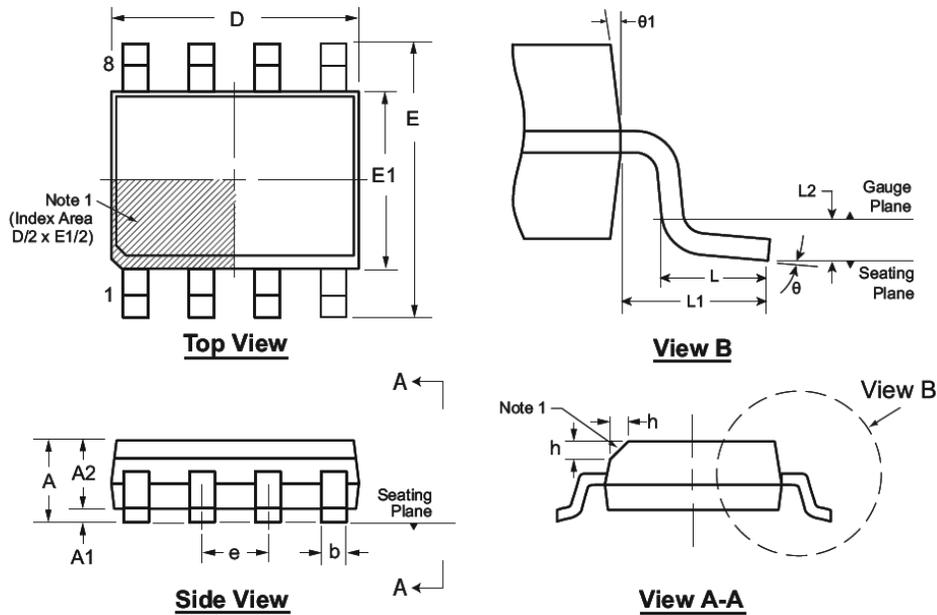


Example



Legend:	XX...X	Product Code or Customer-specific information
	Y	Year code (last digit of calendar year)
	YY	Year code (last 2 digits of calendar year)
	WW	Week code (week of January 1 is week '01')
	NNN	Alphanumeric traceability code
	Ⓔ3	Pb-free JEDEC [®] designator for Matte Tin (Sn)
	*	This package is Pb-free. The Pb-free JEDEC designator (Ⓔ3) can be found on the outer packaging for this package.
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8-Lead SOIC (Narrow Body) Package Outline (LG/TG) 4.90x3.90mm body, 1.75mm height (max), 1.27mm pitch



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Note:

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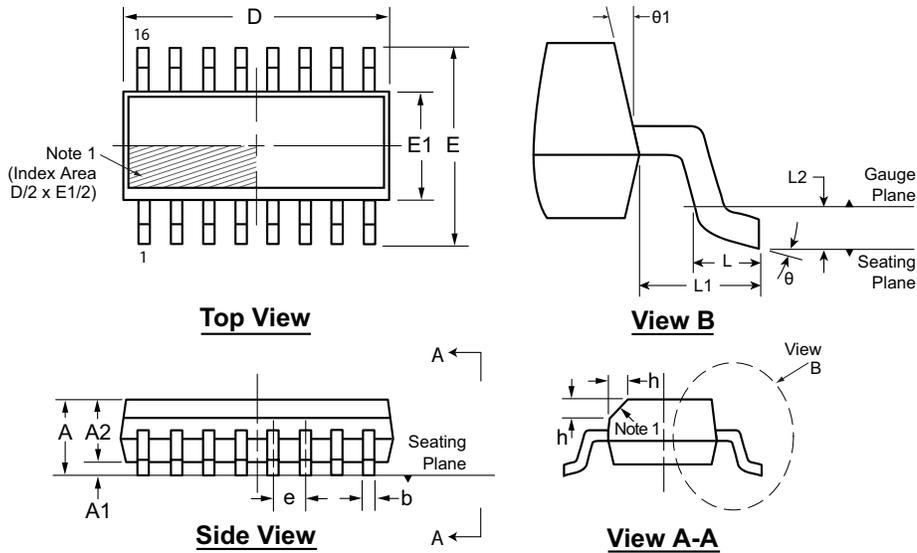
Symbol	A	A1	A2	b	D	E	E1	e	h	L	L1	L2	θ	θ_1		
Dimension (mm)	MIN	1.35*	0.10	1.25	0.31	4.80*	5.80*	3.80*	1.27 BSC	0.25	0.40	1.04 REF	0.25 BSC	0°	5°	
	NOM	-	-	-	-	4.90	6.00	3.90		-	-		-	-	-	-
	MAX	1.75	0.25	1.65*	0.51	5.00*	6.20*	4.00*		0.50	1.27		-	-	8°	15°

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* This dimension is not specified in the JEDEC drawing.

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16-Lead SOIC (Narrow Body) Package Outline (NG) 9.90x3.90mm body, 1.75mm height (max), 1.27mm pitch



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Dimension (mm)	MIN	1.35*	0.10	1.25	0.31	9.80*	5.80*	3.80*	1.27 BSC	0.25	0.40	1.04 REF	0.25 BSC	0°	5°
	NOM	-	-	-	-	9.90	6.00	3.90		-	-		-	-	
	MAX	1.75	0.25	1.65*	0.51	10.00*	6.20*	4.00*		0.50	1.27		-	0.25 BSC	8°

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APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision A (November 2017)

- Converted Supertex Doc# DSFP-HV9961 to Microchip DS20005588A
- Changed the package marking format
- Changed the packaging quantity of the LG package from 2500/Reel to 3300/Reel
- Changed the packaging quantity of the NG M901 media type from 1000/Reel to 2600/Reel
- Changed the packaging quantity of the NG M934 media type from 2500/Reel to 2600/Reel
- Made minor text changes throughout the document

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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PART NO.		XX	-	X	-	X
Device		Package Options		Environmental		Media Type
Device:	HV9961	=		LED Driver with Average-Current Mode Constant-Current Control		
Packages:	LG	=		8-lead SOIC		
	NG	=		16-lead SOIC		
Environmental:	G	=		Lead (Pb)-free/RoHS-compliant Package		
Media Types:	(blank)	=		3300/Reel for an LG Package		
	(blank)	=		45/Tube for an NG Package		
	M901	=		2600/Reel for an NG Package		
	M934	=		2600/Reel for an NG Package		
Note: For Media Types M901 and M934, the base quantity for tape and reel was standardized to 2600/reel. Both options will result in the delivery of the same number of parts/reel.						
Examples:						
a)	HV9961LG-G:			LED Driver with Average-Current Mode Constant-Current Control, 8-lead SOIC, 3300/Reel		
b)	HV9961NG-G:			LED Driver with Average-Current Mode Constant-Current Control, 16-lead SOIC, 45/Tube		
c)	HV9961NG-G-M901:			LED Driver with Average-Current Mode Constant-Current Control, 16-lead SOIC, 2600/Reel		
d)	HV9961NG-G-M934:			LED Driver with Average-Current Mode Constant-Current Control, 16-lead SOIC, 2600/Reel		

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