

450 mA non-isolated high-voltage buck evaluation board using ICE5BR4780BZ

EVAL_5BR4780BZ_450mA1

About this document



Scope and purpose

This document is an engineering report that describes a non-isolated 15 V, 450 mA high-voltage (HV) buck converter using the latest fifth-generation Infineon fixed-frequency (FF) CoolSET™ ICE5BR4780BZ. The document contains power supply specifications, schematics, bill of materials, PCB layout and performance data. This evaluation board is designed for users who wish to evaluate the performance of ICE5BR4780BZ and its ease of use.

Intended audience

This document is intended for SMPS design/application engineers, students, etc., who wish to design a low-cost and non-isolated buck converter, for applications such as auxiliary power supplies for white goods, smart metering etc.

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1 Abstract

This engineering report describes a 15 V, 450 mA evaluation board designed in a buck converter topology using the fifth-generation FF CoolSET™ ICE5BR4780BZ. The target applications of ICE5BR4780BZ are either auxiliary power supplies for white goods, PCs, servers or TVs, or enclosed adapters for Blu-ray players, set-top boxes, games consoles, smart metering, etc. The 800 V CoolMOS™ integrated into this IC greatly simplifies the design and layout of the PCB. The new improved digital frequency reduction and frequency jitter feature offer lower EMI and higher efficiency. The enhanced active burst mode (ABM) power enables flexibility in standby power operation range selection. In addition, numerous adjustable protection functions have been implemented in ICE5BR4780BZ to protect the system and enable customization of the IC for the chosen application.

2 Evaluation board

This document contains the list of features, power supply specifications, schematics, BOM and performance data. Typical operating characteristics such as performance curve and scope waveforms are shown at the end of the report.

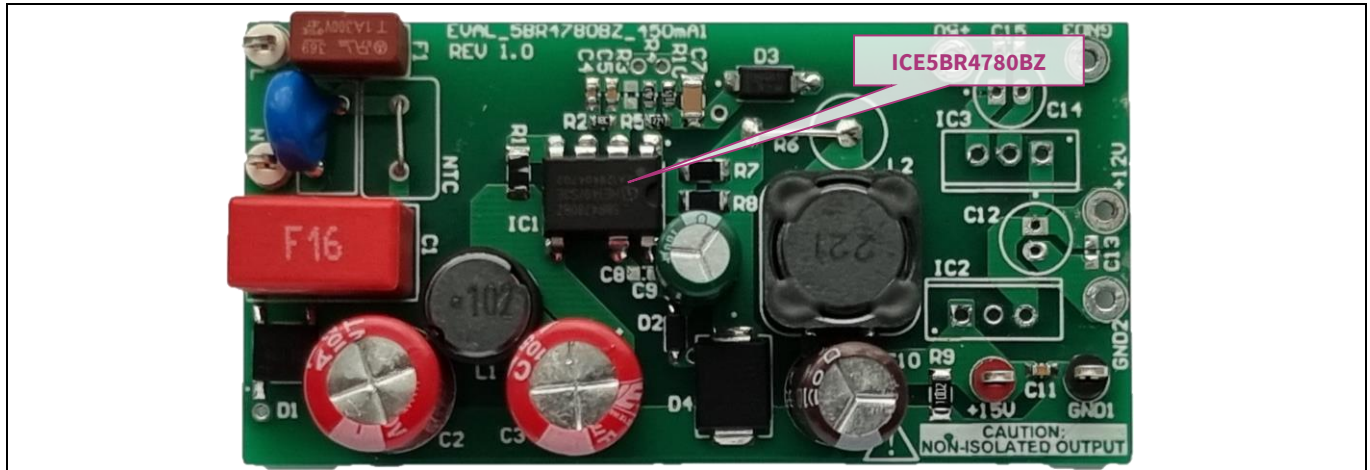


Figure 1 EVAL_5BR4780BZ_450mA1

3 Specifications of evaluation board

Table 1 Specifications of EVAL_5BR4780BZ_450mA1

Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Comments
Input						
Voltage	V_{IN}	85		264	V AC	2-wire (no P.E.)
Frequency	f_{LINE}	47	50/60	63	Hz	
Output						
Voltage	V_{OUT}		15		V	
Current	I_{OUT}		0.45		A	
Output power	P_{OUT}		6.75		W	
Output voltage accuracy			< ±5%		%	
Over current protection			< 150% of rated current		A	
Ripple and noise voltage	V_{pk-pk}		< 1% (20 MHz bandwidth)		mV	With 10 µF e-cap and 0.1 µF MLCC
Environmental						
Conducted EMI			6		dB	Margin, CISPR 22 class B EN 61000-4-5
Surge immunity						
Differential mode (DM)			±1		kV	
Ambient temperature	T_{amb}	-20	-	50	°C	Free convection, sea level
PCB form factor			70 x 35		mm	L × W

Note: The table above represents the minimum acceptable performance of the design. Actual measurement results are listed in the test results section. This evaluation board is designed to demonstrate the maximum output current only.

4 Circuit diagram

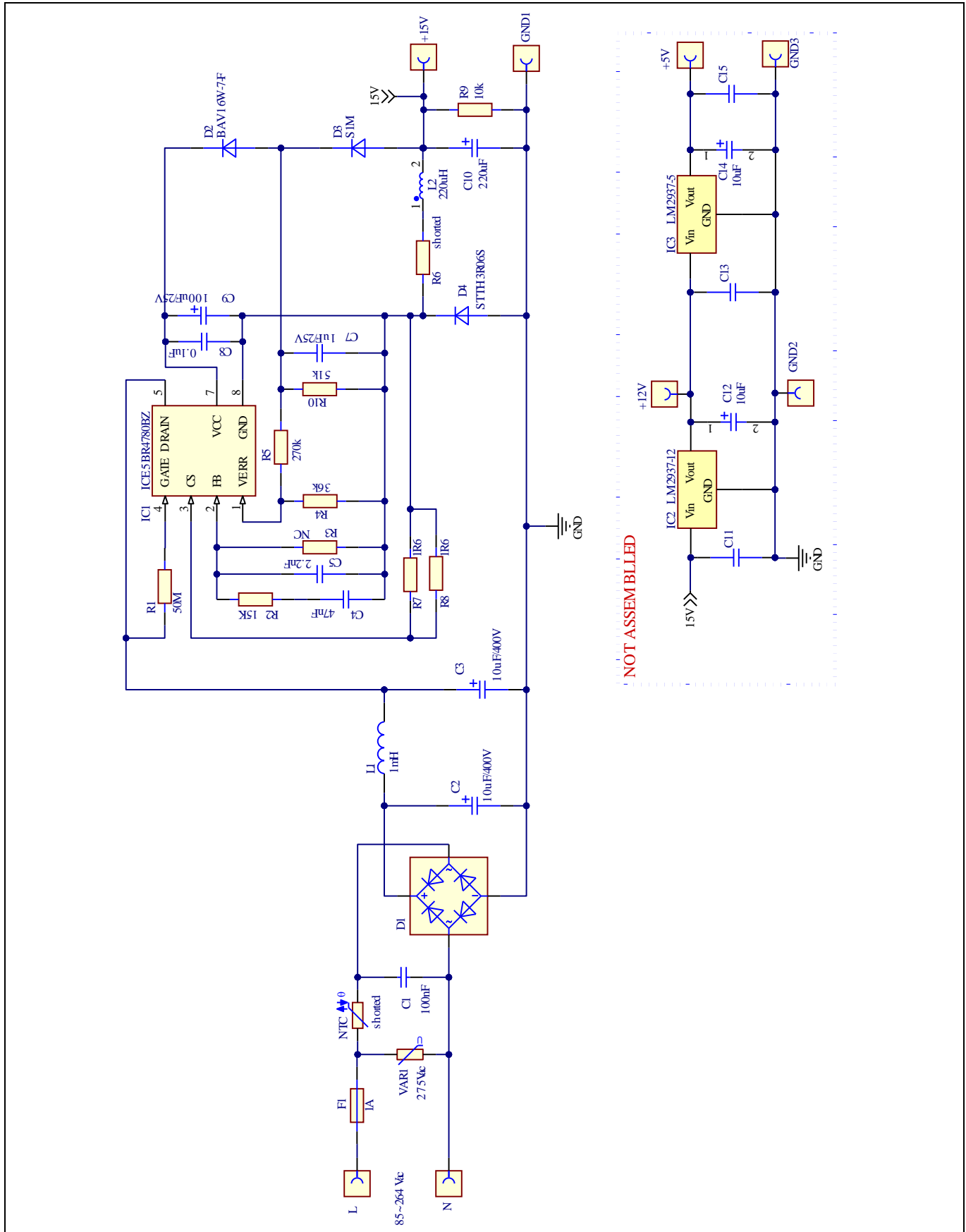


Figure 2 Schematic of EVAL_5BR4780BZ_450mA1

5 Circuit description

5.1 Line input

The AC-line input stage comprises the input fuse F1, varistor VAR1, X-capacitor C1, rectifier diode bridge D1, capacitors C2 and C3, and inductor L1. The X-capacitor C1 and π -filter C2, L1 and C3 act as EMI suppressors.

5.2 Start-up

ICE5BR4780BZ uses a cascode structure to fast-charge the V_{CC} capacitor. Pull-up resistor R1 connected to the GATE pin (pin 4) is used to initiate the start-up phase. When V_{VCC} reaches the turn-on voltage threshold 16 V, the IC begins with a soft-start. The soft-start implemented in ICE5BR4780BZ is a digital time-based function. The preset soft-start time is 12 ms with four steps. If not limited by other functions, the peak voltage on the CS pin will increase in increments from 0.3 V to 1 V. After IC turn-on, the V_{CC} voltage is supplied by output voltage. V_{CC} short-to-GND protection is implemented during the start-up time.

5.3 Integrated MOSFET and PWM control

ICE5BR4780BZ is comprised of a power MOSFET and the controller, which simplifies the circuit layout and reduces the cost of PCB manufacture. The controller together with the MOSFET is placed at the high-side of the converter with a floating ground at the cathode of freewheeling diode D4. An ultra-fast recovery diode D4 is used to allow the inductor demagnetizing current to flow through it and limit the spike current through the power MOSFET, especially when the buck converter operates in CCM mode. Thus, output voltage is sensed only during freewheeling diode conduction time.

5.4 Output stage

The maximum output voltage ripple is determined by the output capacitance and the equivalent series resistance (ESR) of the output capacitor. Selection of a low-ESR capacitor helps to reduce ripple. The dummy load resistor R9 helps output voltage regulation at light-load condition.

5.5 Feedback control

ICE5BR4780BZ integrates a transconductance amplifier for feedback (FB) control. The output is sensed by the voltage divider (R4 and R5) and compared with an internal reference voltage at the VERR pin. An external compensation network (C4, C5 and R2) is recommended on the FB pin to control output voltage.

5.6 Primary-side peak-current control

The MOSFET drain-source current is sensed via external resistors R7 and R8. ICE5BR4780BZ is a current mode controller; it has a cycle-by-cycle primary current and FB voltage control, which ensures the converter's maximum power is controlled in every switching cycle. To avoid mis-triggering caused by MOSFET switch-on transient voltage spikes, a leading-edge blanking (LEB) time (t_{CS_LEB}) is integrated into the current sensing (CS) path.

5.7 Frequency reduction

Frequency reduction is implemented in ICE5BR4780BZ to achieve better efficiency during light load. At light load, the reduced switching frequency F_{SW} improves efficiency by reducing the switching losses. When load decreases, V_{FB} and F_{SW} decrease. Typically, F_{SW} at high load is 65 kHz and starts to decrease at $V_{FB} = 1.7$ V. There is no further frequency reduction once it reaches the f_{OSC_MIN} even if the load is further reduced.

5.8 Active burst mode

Active burst mode (ABM) entry and exit power (two levels) can be selected in ICE5BR4780BZ. Details are illustrated in the product datasheet. ABM power level 1 is used in this evaluation board (R3 = open).

5.9 Protection features

ICE5BR4780BZ provides comprehensive protection to ensure safe system operation. This includes V_{CC} overvoltage (OV) and undervoltage (UV), overload, output OV, overtemperature (controller junction) and V_{CC} short-to-GND. When those faults are found, the system will enter protection mode. Once the fault is removed, the system resumes normal operation.

To protect ICE5BR4780BZ from excess thermal stress during auto-restart protection, a 100 μ F V_{CC} capacitor C9 is used to extend the total auto-restart off-time to around 4 s, as shown in Figure 17.

PCB layout

6 PCB layout

6.1 Top side

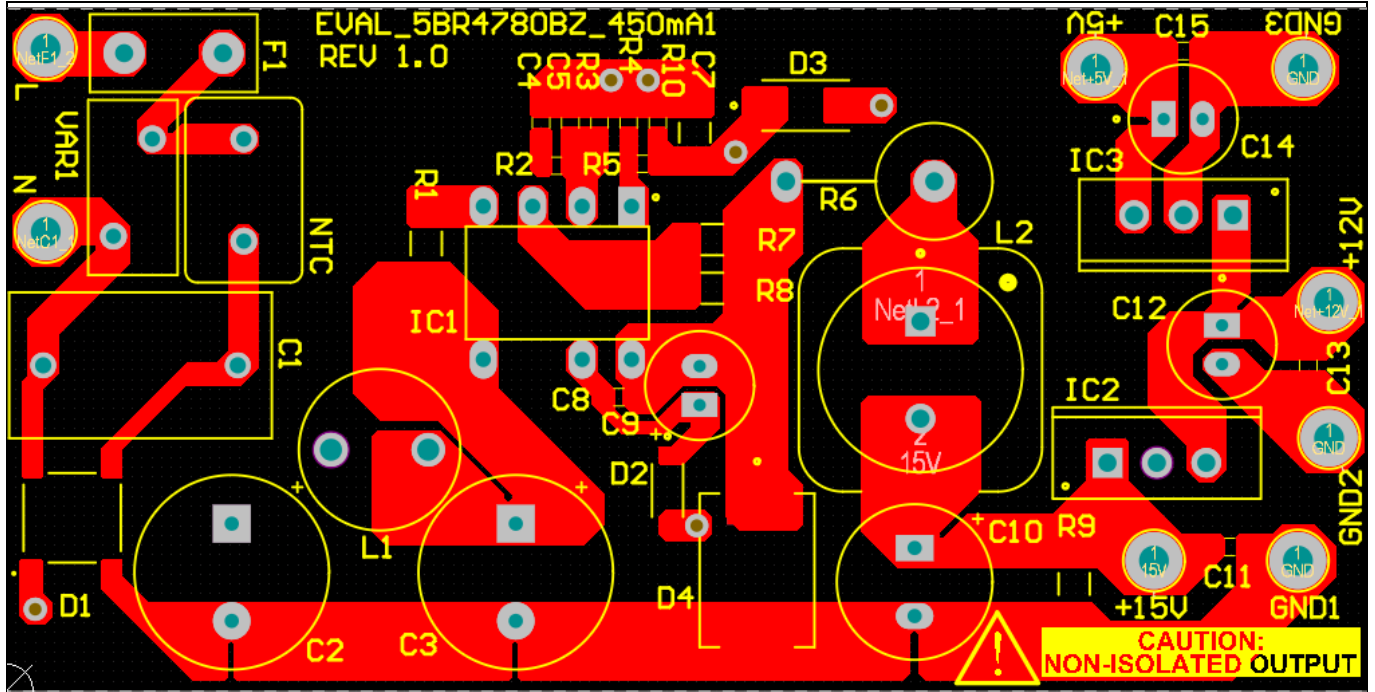


Figure 3 Top-side copper and component legend

6.2 Bottom side

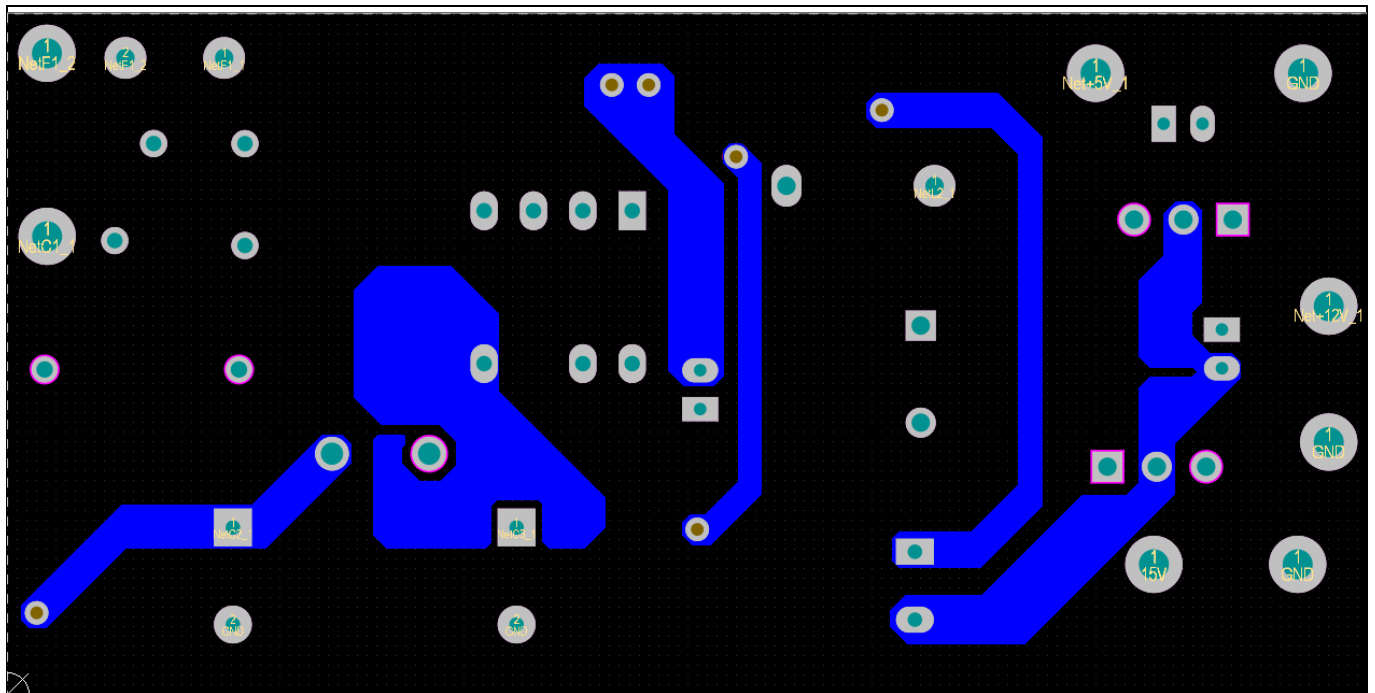


Figure 4 Bottom-side copper

7 Bill of materials

Table 2 BOM

No.	Designator	Description	Part number	Manufacturer	Quantity
1	C1	Film capacitor 0.1 μ F 10% 310 V AC radial	890334023023	Würth Elektronik	1
2	C2, C3	Aluminum capacitor 10 μ F 20% 450 V radial	450BXF10M10X16	Rubycon	2
3	C4	Ceramic capacitor 47 nF 25 V X7R 0603			1
4	C5	Ceramic capacitor 2.2 nF 25 V X7R 0603			1
5	C7	Ceramic capacitor 1 μ F 25 V X7R 1206			1
6	C8	Ceramic capacitor 0.1 μ F 50 V X7R 0603			Open
7	C9	Aluminum capacitor 100 μ F 20% 50 V radial			1
8	C10	Aluminum capacitor 220 μ F 20% 25V RADIAL	860160474017	Würth Elektronik	1
9	C11, C13, C15	Ceramic capacitor 0.1 μ F 50V X7R 0603			Open
10	C12, C14	Aluminum capacitor 10 μ F 20% 50 V radial	50PX10MEFC5X11	Rubycon	Open
11	D1	Bridge rectifier 1-phase 1 kV 1 A 4SOPA	ABS10A-13	Diodes Incorporated	1
12	D2	General-purpose diode 100 V 150 mA SOD-123	BAV16W-7-F	Diodes Incorporated	1
13	D3	General-purpose diode 1 kV 1 A SMA DO-214AC	S1M		1
14	D4	Surface-mount ultrafast power rectifier	STTH3R06S		1
15	F1	Fuse board MNT 1 A 300 V AC radial			1
16	IC1	Gen5 FF CoolSET™ DIP-7	ICE5BR4780BZ	Infineon Technologies	1
17	IC2	IC linear regulator 12 V 1.5 A TO-220AB	L7812CV		Open
18	IC3	IC linear regulator 5 V 1.5 A TO-220AB	L7805CV		Open
19	L1	Fixed inductor 1000 μ H 0.6 A 1.27 Ω	7447452102	Würth Elektronik	1
20	L2	Fixed inductor 220 μ H 1.7 A	SRR1210-221M	Bourns	1

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21	NTC	ICL 5 Ω 20% 4.2 A 9.5 mm	B57235S0509M000	TDK	Short
22	R1	Resistor 50 m Ω 300 mW 1206	CRHA1206AF50M0FKE F		1
23	R2	SMD resistor 15 k Ω 1% 1/10 W 0603			1
24	R4	SMD resistor 36 k Ω 1% 1/10 W 0603			1
25	R5	SMD resistor 270 k Ω 1% 1/10 W 0603			1
26	R6	Resistor 3 Ω 3 W TH	MCKNP03UJ020JB00		Short
27	R7	SMD resistor 1.6 Ω 1% 1/2 W 1206			1
28	R8	SMD resistor 1.6 Ω 1% 1/2 W 1206			1
29	R9	SMD resistor 10 k Ω 1% 1/4 W 1206			1
30	R10	SMD resistor 51 k Ω 1% 1/10 W 0603			1
31	VAR1	S07K275E2 275 V AC 10%	B72207S2271K101	Epcos	1
32	Line, neutral	PC test point multipurpose THT, white	5012	Keystone	2
33	GND1, GND2, GND3	PC test point multipurpose THT, black	5011	Keystone	3
34	+5 V, +12 V, +15 V	PC test point multipurpose THT, red	5010	Keystone	3

Test results

8 Test results

8.1 Efficiency

Table 3 Efficiency

Input (V AC/Hz)	Load percentage (%)	P _{IN} (W)	V _{OUT} (V DC)	I _{OUT} (A)	P _{OUT} (W)	Efficiency η (%)	Average η (%)
85 V AC/60 Hz	No load	0.066	15.962	0.000			81.81%
	25	2.083	15.056	0.112	1.69	81.17%	
	50	4.097	14.973	0.225	3.37	82.16%	
	75	6.127	14.923	0.337	5.03	82.15%	
	100	8.187	14.891	0.450	6.69	81.78%	
115 V AC/60 Hz	No load	0.071	15.954	0.000			81.86%
	25	2.094	15.061	0.112	1.69	80.77%	
	50	4.107	14.988	0.225	3.37	82.04%	
	75	6.119	14.935	0.337	5.04	82.33%	
	100	8.138	14.896	0.450	6.70	82.30%	
230 V AC/50 Hz	No load	0.071	16.097	0.000			79.86%
	25	2.176	15.052	0.112	1.69	77.68%	
	50	4.227	14.980	0.225	3.37	79.67%	
	75	6.241	14.940	0.337	5.04	80.74%	
	100	8.238	14.906	0.450	6.70	81.35%	
264 V AC/50 Hz	No load	0.074	16.195	0.000			79.07%
	25	2.202	15.044	0.112	1.69	76.72%	
	50	4.273	14.970	0.225	3.37	78.76%	
	75	6.294	14.933	0.337	5.04	80.03%	
	100	8.293	14.897	0.450	6.70	80.76%	

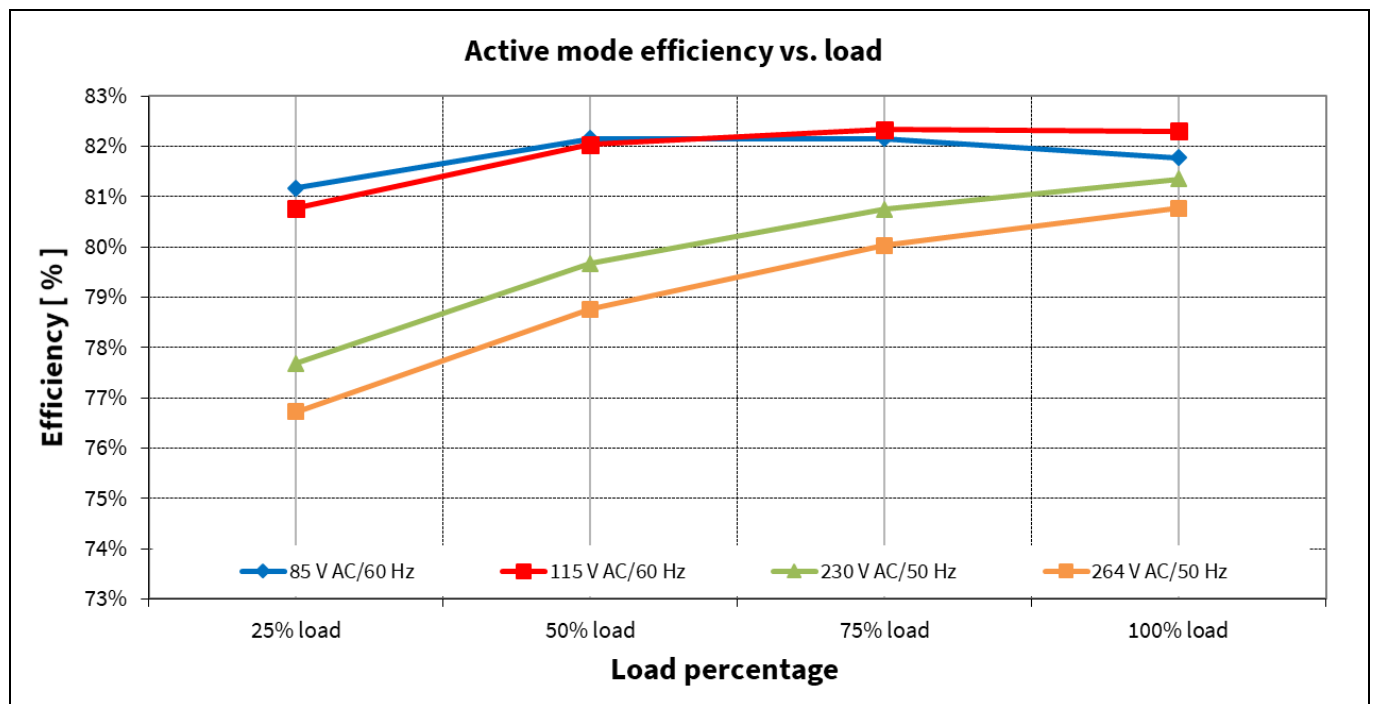


Figure 5 Efficiency vs. AC-line input voltage

Test results

8.2 Standby power

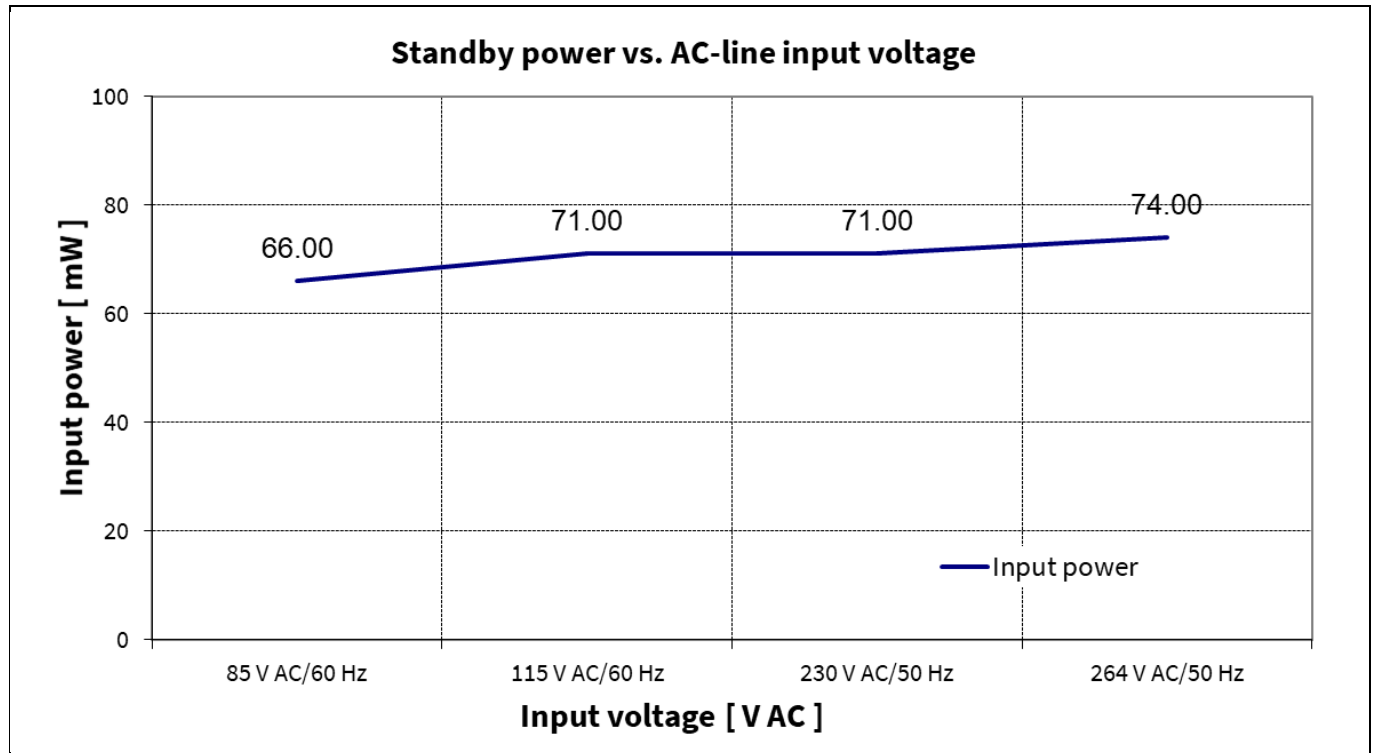


Figure 6 Standby power at 10 kΩ R9 (22 mW) vs. AC-line input voltage. Bleeder resistor R9 prevents output voltage increasing during no load

8.3 Line and load regulation

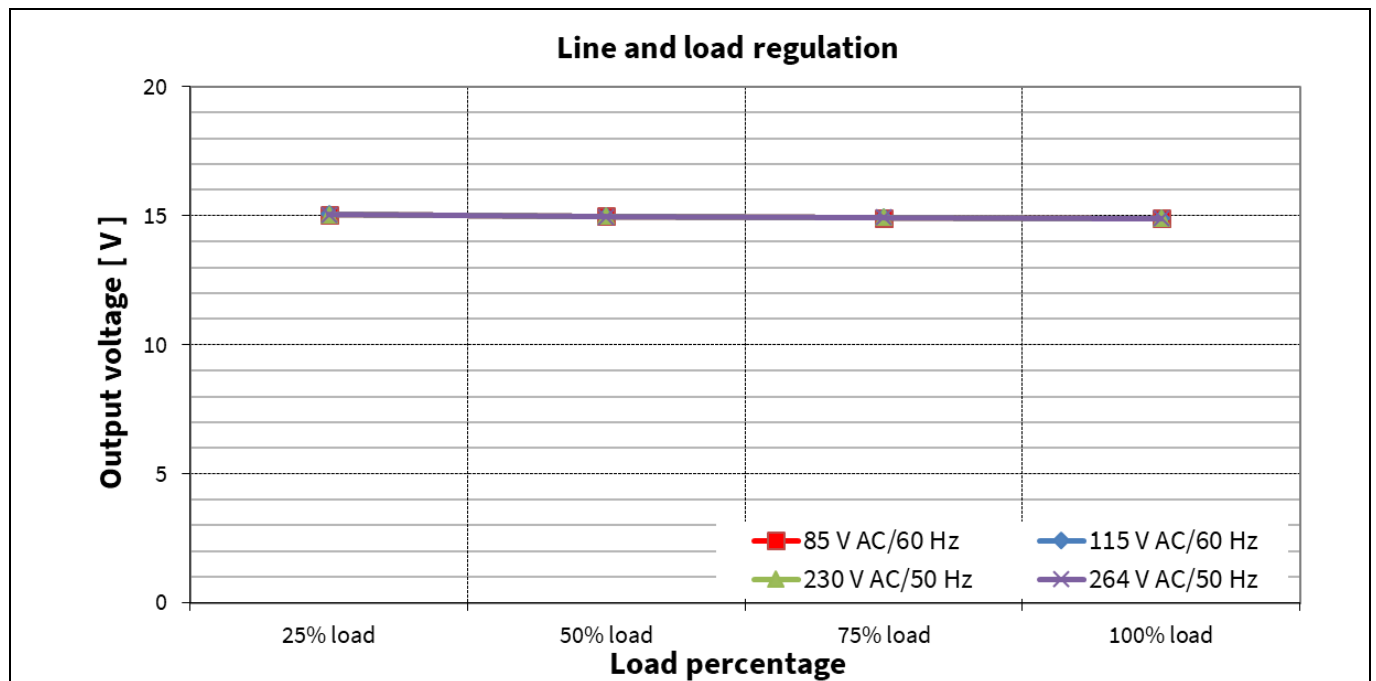


Figure 7 Line and load regulation

Test results

8.4 Surge immunity (EN 61000-4-5)

EN 61000-4-5 installation class 3 (± 1 kV for line-to-line DM). A test failure is defined as a non-recoverable and/or system auto-restart.

Table 4 Surge immunity test result

Description	Test	Level		Number of strikes				Test result
				0°	90°	180°	270°	
115/230 V AC, 450 mA	DM	+/- 1 kV	L → N	3	3	3	3	Pass

8.5 Conducted emissions (EN 55022 class B)

Conducted EMI was measured by Schaffner (SMR4503) and followed the test standard of EN 55022 (CISPR 22) class B. The evaluation board was connected to resistive load (450 mA) with input voltage of 115 V AC and 230 V AC.

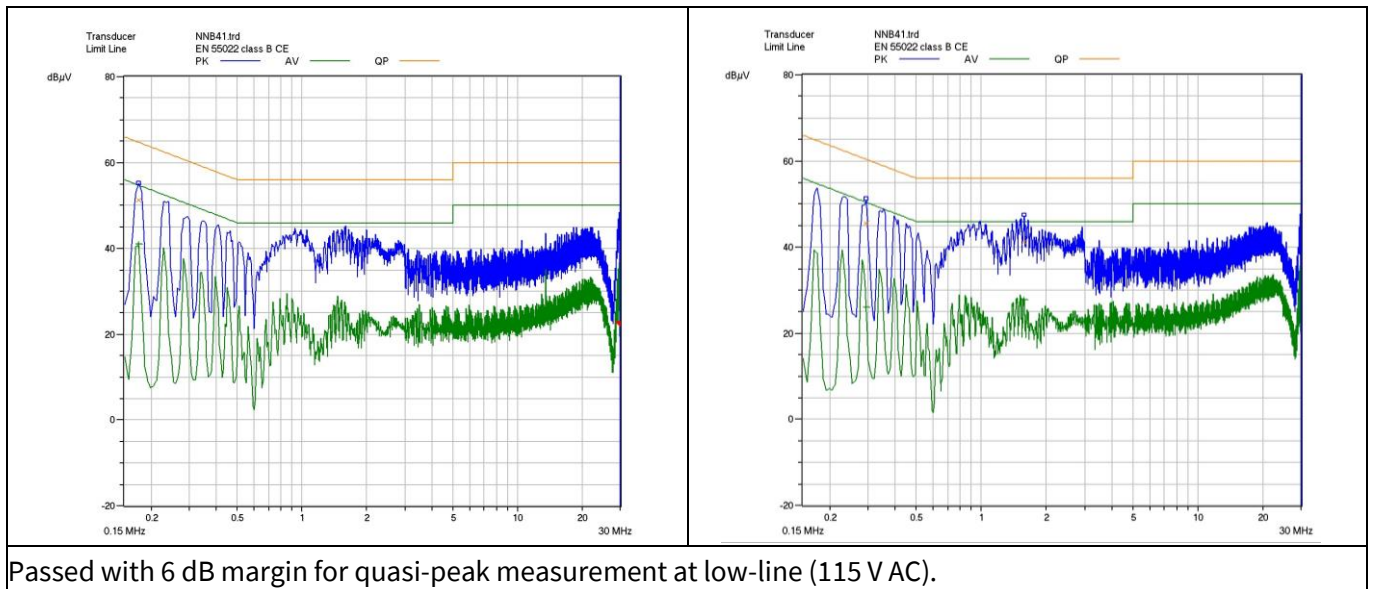


Figure 8 Conducted emissions at 115 V AC with full load

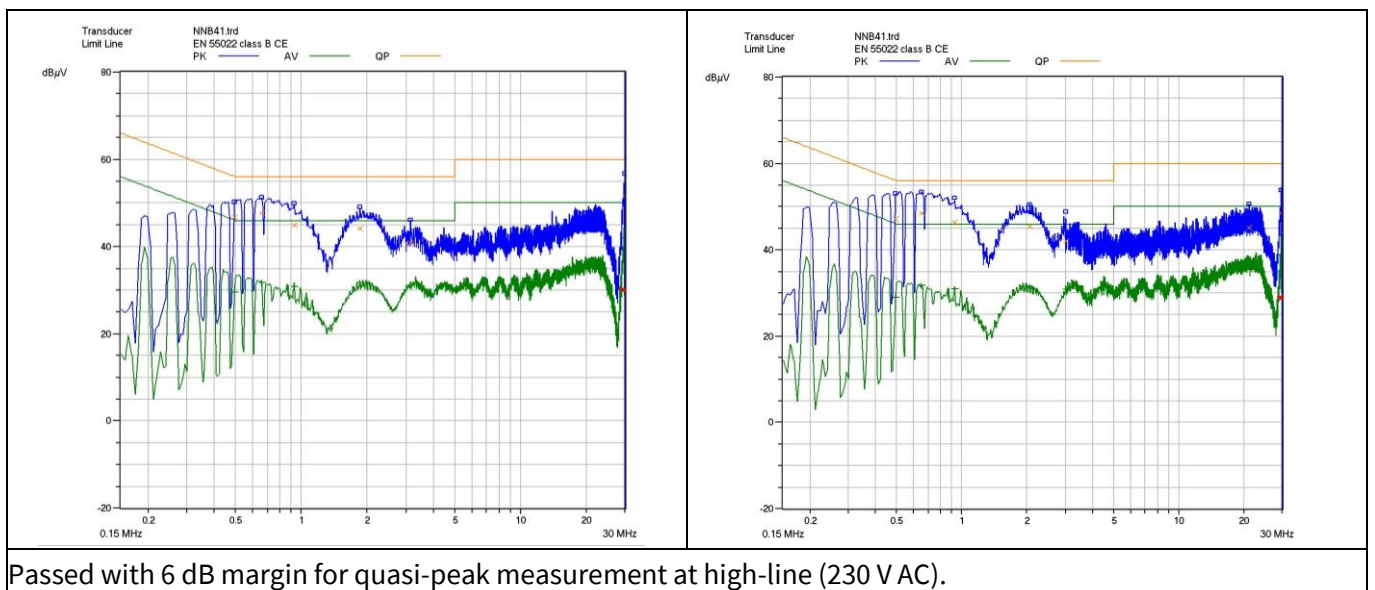


Figure 9 Conducted emissions at 230 V AC with full load

Test results

8.6 Thermal measurement

The thermal test of the open-frame evaluation board was done using an infrared thermography camera (FLIR-T62101) at an ambient temperature of 25°C. The measurements were taken after one hour running at full load.

Table 5 Hottest temperature of evaluation board

No.	Major component	85 V AC (°C)	264 V AC (°C)
1	IC1 (ICE5BR4780BZ)	61.0	56.4
2	L2 (buck inductor)	59.4	72.4
3	D4 (buck diode)	63.5	67.0

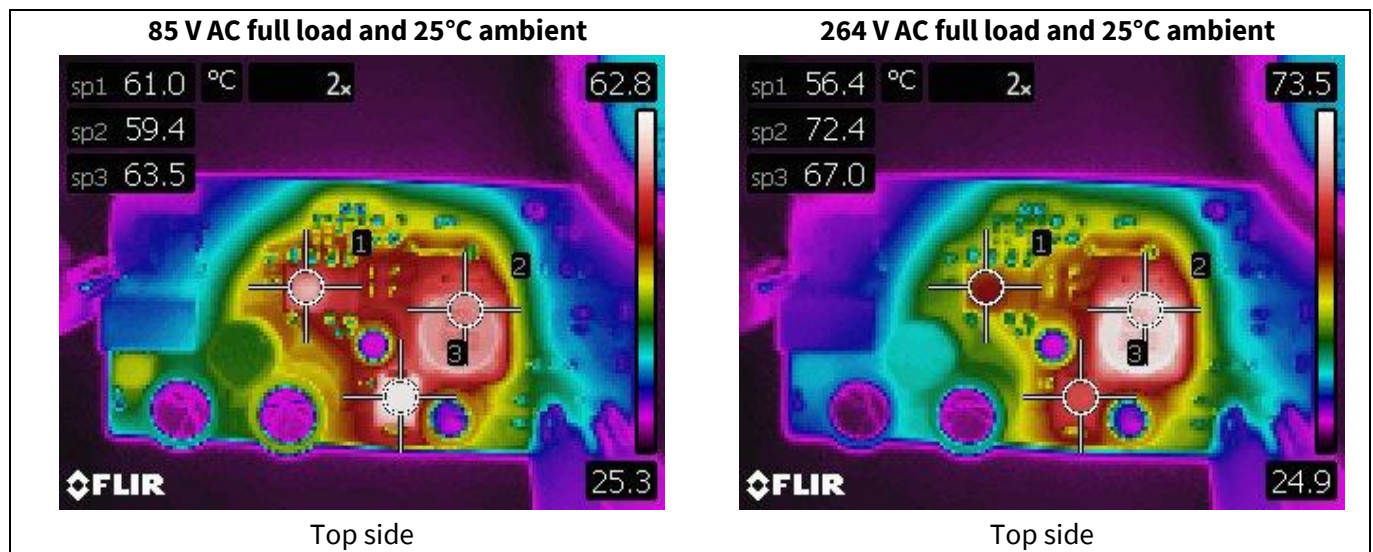


Figure 10 Infrared thermal image of EVAL_5BR4780BZ_450mA1

Waveforms and scope plots

9 Waveforms and scope plots

All waveforms and scope plots were recorded with a Teledyne LeCroy 8054 oscilloscope.

9.1 Start-up with maximum load

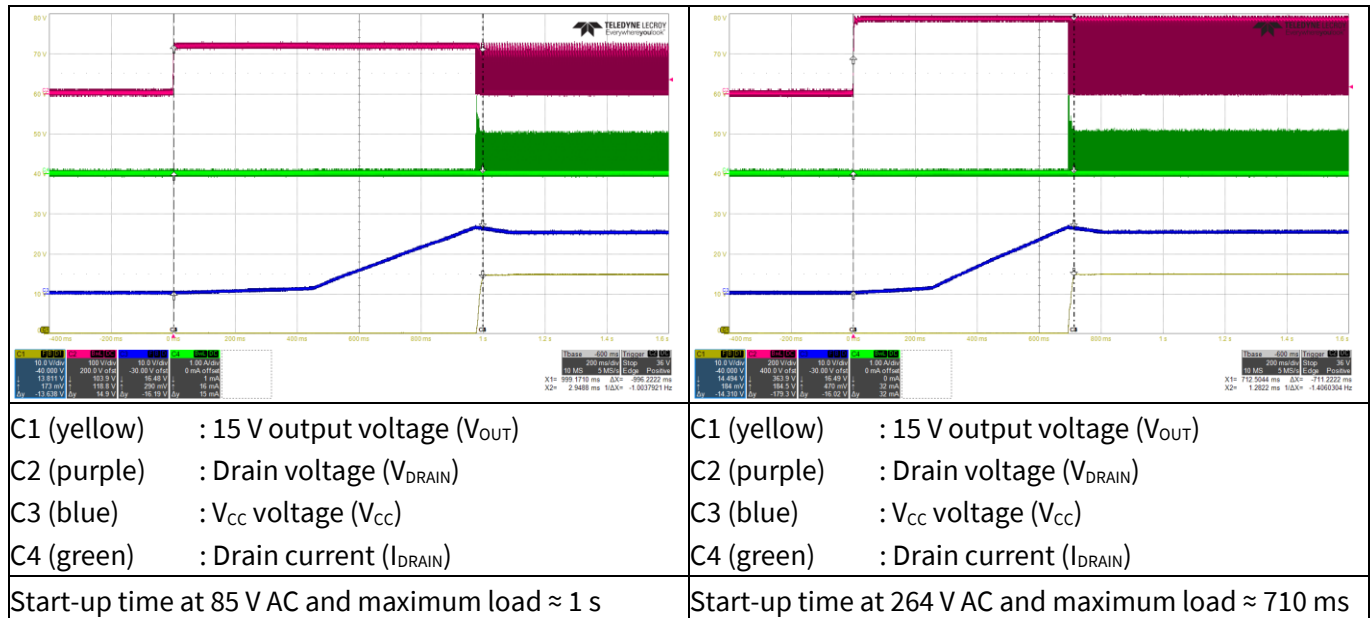


Figure 11 Start-up

9.2 Soft-start

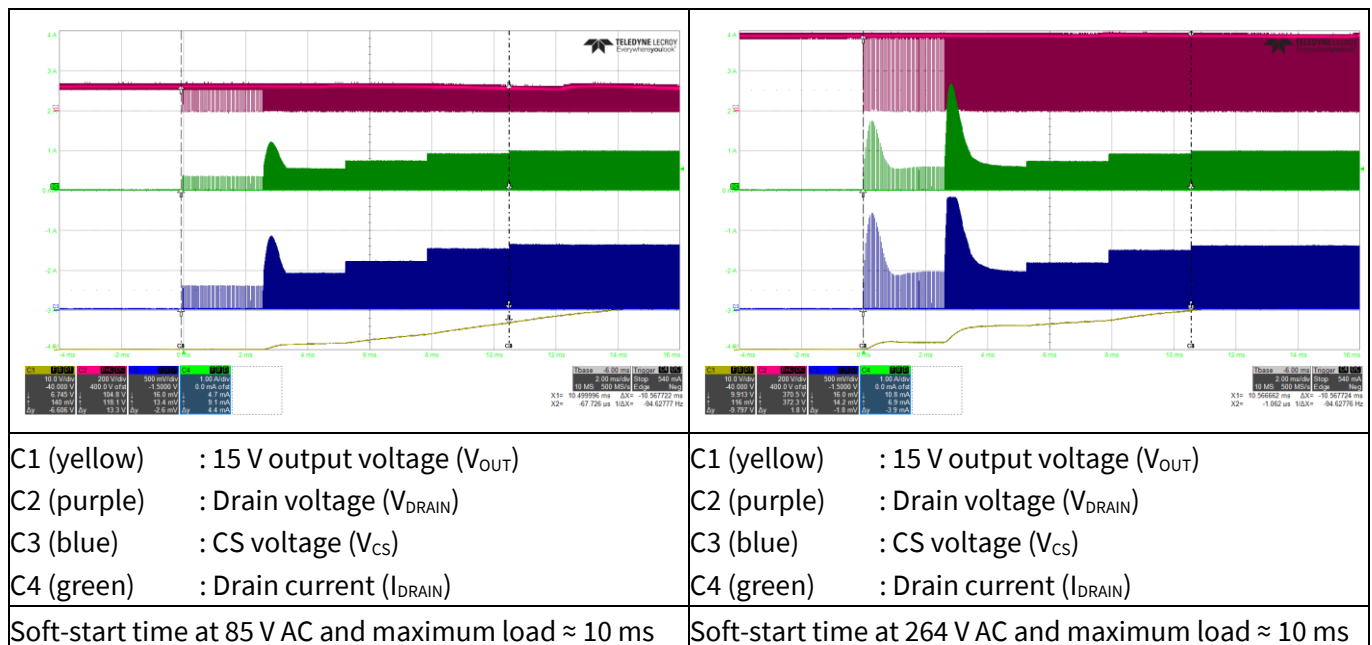


Figure 12 Soft-start

9.3 Drain voltage and current at maximum load

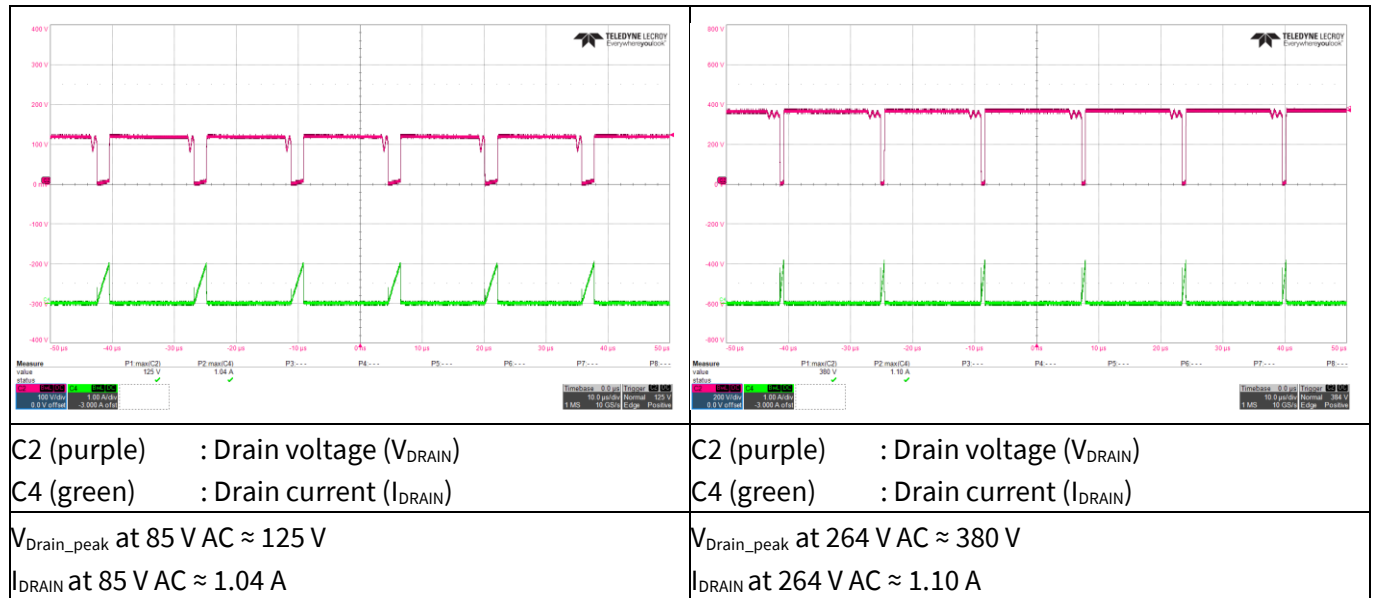


Figure 13 Drain and CS voltage at maximum load

9.4 Output ripple voltage at maximum load

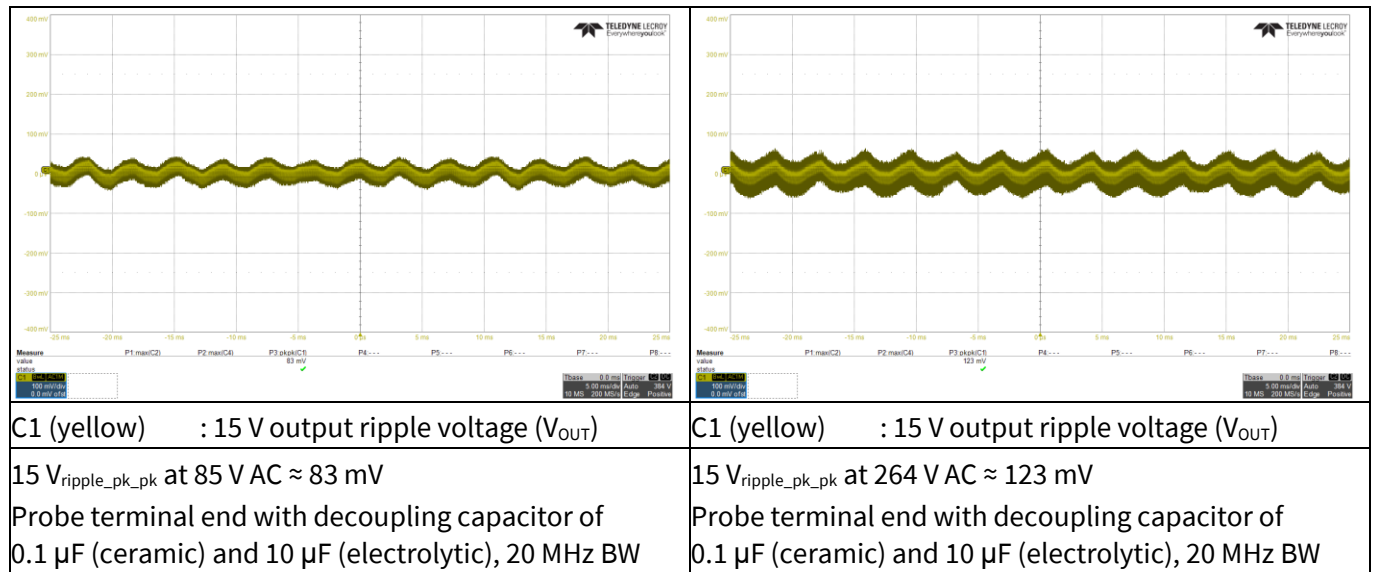


Figure 14 Output ripple voltage at maximum load

Waveforms and scope plots

9.5 ABM operation

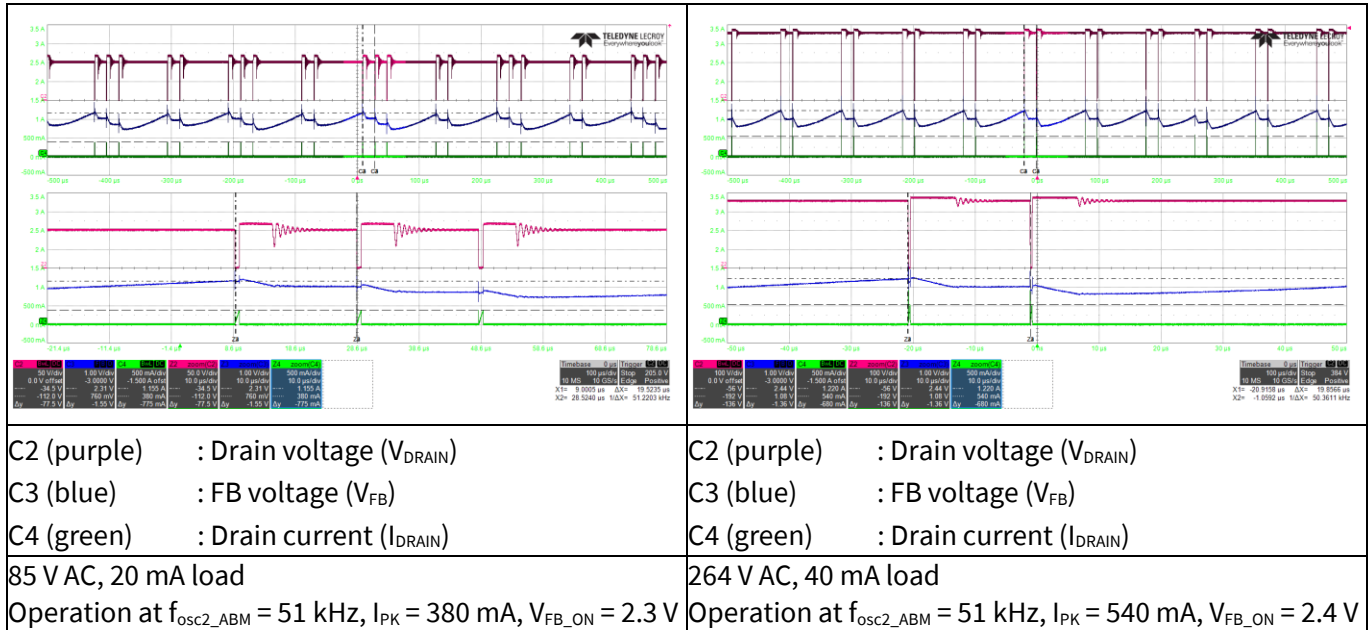


Figure 15 ABM operation

9.6 Overload protection (odd-skip auto-restart)

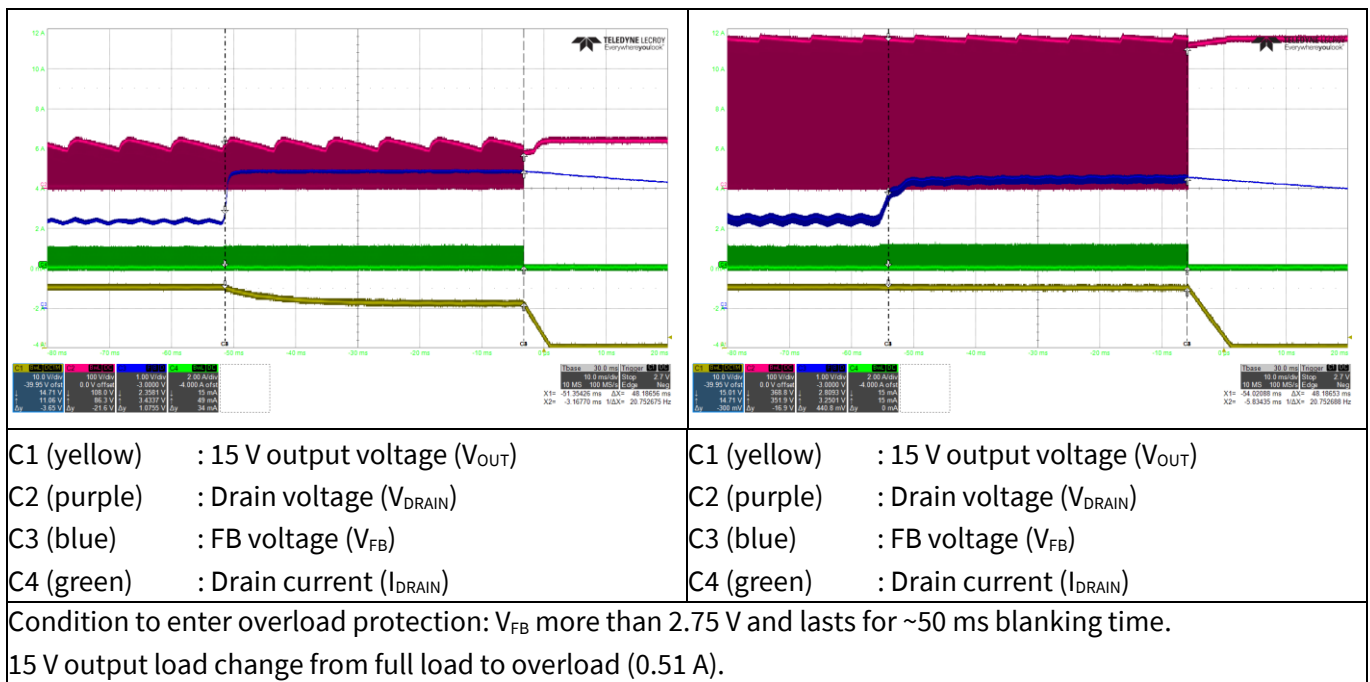


Figure 16 Overload protection

9.7 Output short test

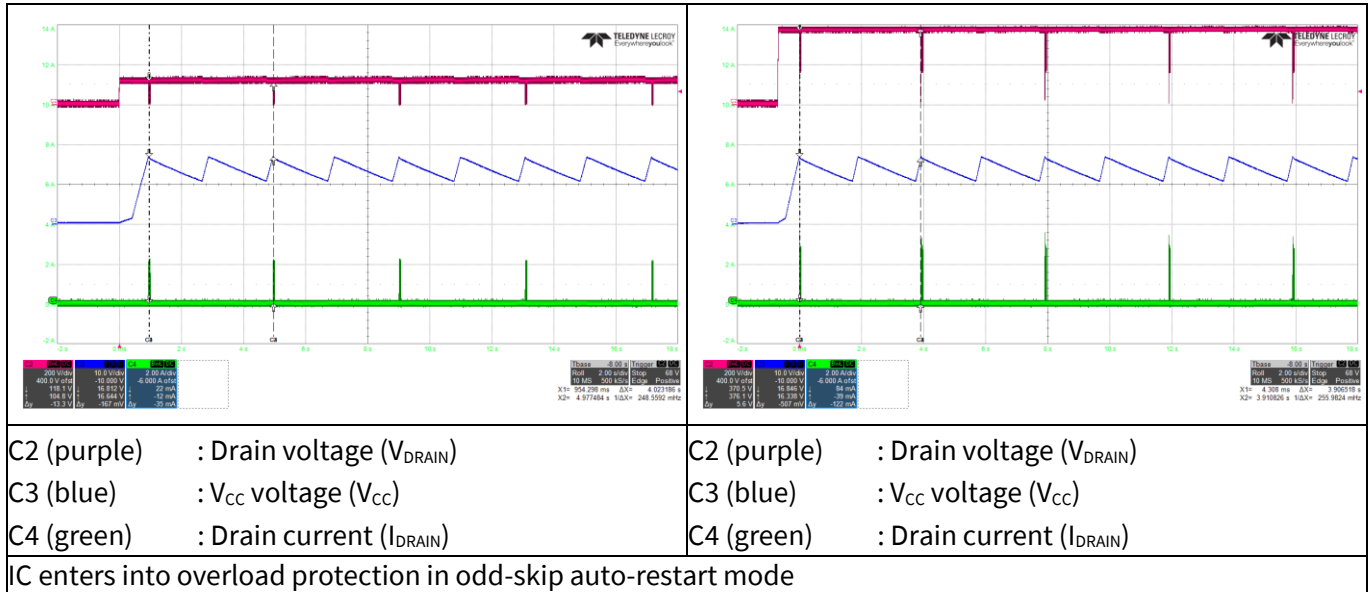


Figure 17 Output short test

10 Design example A

In this evaluation board, there is a component placeholder for two low dropout (LDO) regulators connected in series as shown in Figure 18. The 12 V output regulated by IC2 can supply up to 250 mA and the 5 V output regulated by IC3 can supply up to 100 mA.

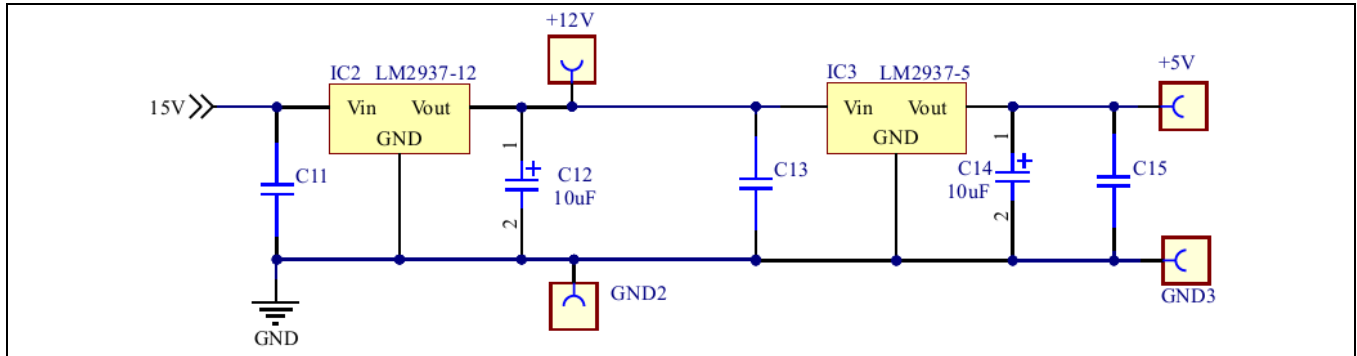


Figure 18 Additional circuit for design example A

Note: Components in the additional circuit shown in Figure 18 are not mounted on the evaluation board.

10.1 Specification of design example A

Because 12 V output and 5 V output are derived from the main output 15 V, the total output current should not exceed the maximum capacity of the main output current. The specification of this design example is shown below.

Table 6 Specification of design example A

Description	Symbol	Value	Comments
Output voltage 1	V_{O1}	15 V	Main output
Max. output current 1	I_{O1}	0.1 A	
Output voltage 2 (via LDO)	V_{O2}	12 V	Derived from 15 V output
Max. output current 2	I_{O2}	0.25 A	
Output voltage 3 (via LDO)	V_{O3}	5 V	Derived from 12 V output
Max. output current 3	I_{O3}	0.1 A	

10.2 Full-load efficiency

Additional power loss caused by LDO circuits will reduce overall efficiency.

Table 7 Full load efficiency – example A

Input (V AC/Hz)	P_{IN} (W)	V_{O1} (V DC)	I_{O1} (A)	V_{O2} (V DC)	I_{O2} (A)	V_{O3} (V DC)	I_{O3} (A)	P_{OUT} (W)	Efficiency η (%)
85 V AC/60 Hz	8.355	14.991	0.10	11.787	0.25	4.982	0.10	4.944	59.2%
115 V AC/60 Hz	8.316	15.010	0.10	11.787	0.25	4.982	0.10	4.946	59.5%
230 V AC/50 Hz	8.410	15.020	0.10	11.787	0.25	4.982	0.10	4.947	58.8%
264 V AC/50 Hz	8.465	15.020	0.10	11.787	0.25	4.982	0.10	4.947	58.4%

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