

9-20 V
Continuous Input

0-20 V
Outputs

40 A
Current

Non-Isolated

Quarter-brick
DC-DC Converter

The NiQor® Quarter-brick dc-dc converter is a non-isolated buck-boost regulator, which employs synchronous rectification to achieve extremely high conversion efficiency. The High Input Voltage NiQor Brick family of converters can be used in traditional DPA (distributed power architecture) systems or provide a regulated output voltage from a battery source or other variable voltage source. The NiQor Quarter-brick family can be configured to Buck the input voltage down to a lower voltage or Boost the input voltage up to a higher voltage using a single external resistor. These modules are RoHS 6/6 compliant (see page 12).

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Operational Features

- Ultra high efficiency, up to 94% at full rated load current
- Delivers up to 40 A of output current
- Input Voltage Range: 9-20 V
- Output voltage range: 0-20 V (negative output is possible)
- Extensive on-board input and output filtering
- No minimum load requirement means no preload resistors required
- Buck or buck-boost versions available
- Adjustable current limit with current monitor (C option)

Mechanical Features

- Industry standard pin-out configuration
- Standard Encased size: 1.54" x 2.39" x 0.515"
39.01 x 60.6 x 13.08 mm
- Total weight: Encased - 3 oz (85 g)

Control Features

- On/Off control
- Output voltage trim permits custom voltages
- Remote Sense (S option, standard)
- Current limit trim (C option)
- Output voltage trim range from 0 - 20V

NiQor Quarter-brick module

Protection Features

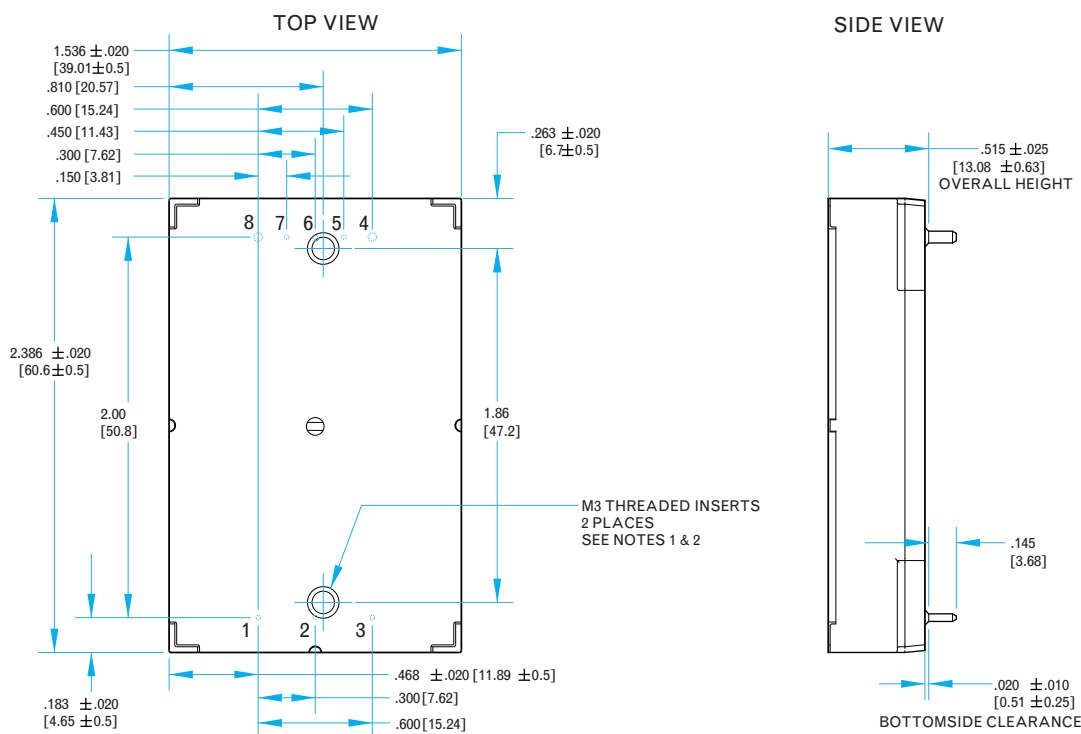
- Input under-voltage lockout protects the converter at low input voltage conditions
- Over-current shutdown protects converter from excessive load current or short circuits
- Input/output over-voltage protection protects load and regulator from damaging voltages
- Thermal shutdown protects converter from abnormal environmental conditions

Safety Features

- UL 62368-1
- EN 62368-1
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 62368-1

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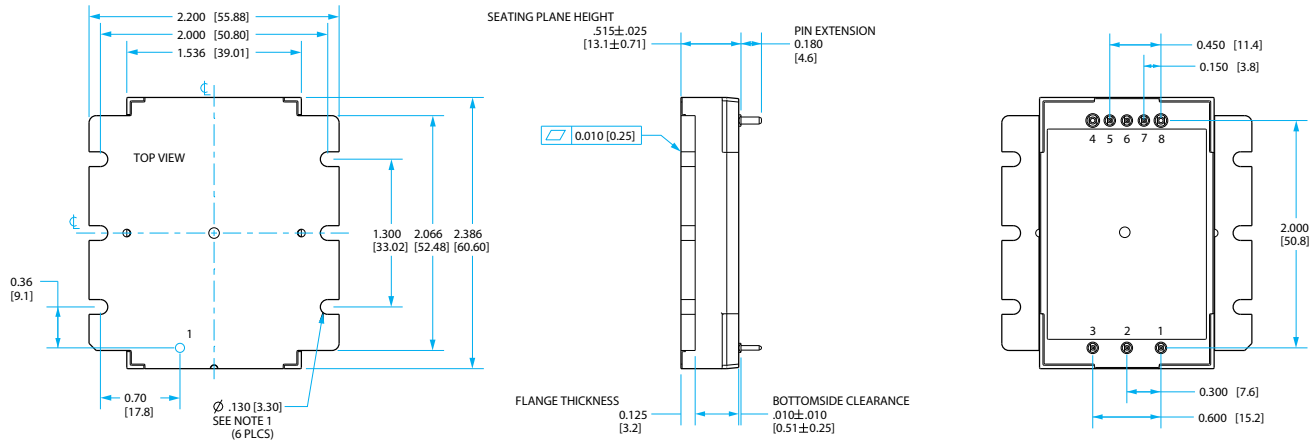
- 1) APPLIED TORQUE PER SCREW SHOULD NOT EXCEED 6in-lb (.7Nm)
- 2) BASEPLATE FLATNESS TOLERANCE IS 0.004" (.10mm) TIR FOR SURFACE
- 3) PINS 1-3 AND 5-7 ARE 0.040" (1.02mm) DIA. WITH 0.080" (2.03mm) DIA. STANDOFF SHOULDERS
- 4) PINS 4 AND 8 ARE 0.080" (2.03mm) DIA. WITH .125" (3.18) DIA. STANDOFF SHOULDERS
- 5) UNDIMENSIONED COMPONENTS ARE SHOWN FOR VISUAL REFERENCE ONLY
- 6) ALL PINS: MATERIAL: COPPER ALLOY, FINISH: MATTE TIN OVER NICKEL PLATE
- 7) ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES[mm]. TOLERANCES:
X.XXin +/-0.02 (X.Xmm +/-0.5mm)
X.XXXin +/-0.010 (X.XXmm +/-0.25mm)
- 8) WEIGHT: 3 oz (85 g) TYPICAL
- 9) THREADED OR NON-THREADED OPTIONS AVAILABLE
- 10) WORKMANSHIP: MEETS OR EXCEEDS IPC-A-610 CLASS II

PIN DESIGNATIONS

Pin	Label	Name	Function
1	+VIN	Vin(+)	Positive Supply Input
2	ON/OFF	On/Off	Input to enable/disable the converter, TTL
3	-VIN	Vin(-)	Negative Supply Input, internally connected to Pin 4
4	-VOUT	Vout(-)	Negative Power Output, internally connected to Pin 3
5	-SNS	Sense(-)	Negative Power Voltage Sense. See Note 1 (S option) ITRIM (C option)
6	TRIM	TRIM	Output voltage trim
7	+SNS	Sense(+)	Positive Output Voltage Sense. See Note 2 (S option) IMON (C option)
8	+VOUT	Vout(+)	Positive Power Output

Notes:

- 1) For S option only, -SNS should be permanently connected to -Vout either at the converter or remotely.
- 2) For S option only, +SNS should be permanently connected to +Vout either at the converter or remotely.



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- 5) ALL PINS: MATERIAL: COPPER ALLOY
FINISH: MATTE TIN OVER NICKEL PLATE
- 6) WEIGHT: 3.17 oz (90 g) TYPICAL
- 7) ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES(mm)
- 8) TOLERANCES: X.XXin +/-0.02 (X.Xmm +/-0.5mm)
X.XXXin +/-0.010 (X.XXmm +/-0.25mm)
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NQ20x20QGx40 Electrical Characteristics

Ta = 25 °C, airflow rate = 300 LFM, Vin = 12 V dc unless otherwise noted; full operating temperature range is -40 °C to +105 °C ambient temperature with appropriate power derating. Specifications subject to change without notice.

Parameter	Vout	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Notes & Conditions
ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS						
Input Voltage						
Non-Operating	All	0		30	V	Continuous
Operating	All			20	V	Continuous
Storage Temperature	All	-45		125	°C	
Voltage at ON/OFF input pin	All	0		5.5	V	
RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS						
Input Voltage Range	All	9		20	V	Turn on at 10V
Input Fuse Rating	All			40	A	Fast blow external fuse recommended
Input Current				40	A	Input current max equals output rated current
External Input Capacitance	All	100			µF	ESR < 1.5 Ω
Output Voltage	All	0		20	V	
Output Current	All	0		40	A	Output voltage dependent
INPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
Input Under-Voltage Lockout						
Turn-On Voltage Threshold	All	9.2	9.5	10	V	
Turn-Off Voltage Threshold	All	8.1	8.5	8.9	V	
Lockout Hysteresis	All		1.0		V	
Input Current Limit	All		48		A	
No-Load Input Current; 20 Vin	5		120		mA	
Disabled Input Current	All		60		mA	
Input Filter Components Value (C\L\C)	All		40/0.47/120		µF\µH\µF	
OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
Output Voltage Range	All	0		20	V	Set output by Rtrim resistor
Operating Output Current Range	All	0		40	A	
Output Voltage Regulation						
Total Output Voltage Range	All	±160 mV ±4%*Vout				Sense pin, over sample, line, load, temp. & life
Output Voltage Ripple and Noise (pk-pk/36Vin)	5		15		mV	12 Vin Full Load; 100µF; 20 MHz b.w.
"	12		15		mV	"
"	20		40		mV	"
Output DC Over Current limit	All		48		A	Effective on input, output condition
External Output Capacitance	All	0		5000	µF	ESR > 1 mΩ
C Option: Isense voltage						
No load	All		1.25		V	
Full load	All		1.83		V	40 A load
Output resistance of Isense	All		10		kΩ	
C Option: Itrim voltage						
Voltage at no load	All		0.12		V	
Voltage at maximum load	All		2.12		V	40 A load
Pull-Up Resistance of Itrim Pin	All		10.2		kΩ	
Pull-Up Voltage	All		2.5		V	
C Option: Reverse Current	All			2	µA	Enabled or Disabled
EFFICIENCY						
100% Load; 20 Vin	5		88		%	
100% Load; 20 Vin	12		94		%	
100% Load; 12 Vin	20		94		%	W mode only
50% Load; 20 Vin	5		90		%	
50% Load ; 20 Vin	12		95		%	
50% Load ; 12 Vin	20		95		%	W mode only

NQ20x20QGx40 Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

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Parameter	Vout	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Notes & Conditions
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS						
Output Voltage during Current Transient						
For a Step Change in Output Current	All		1		V	(0.1 A/μs); 50%-75%-50% Iout max
Settling Time	All		3		ms	To within 1.5% Vout nom.
Turn on Transient						
Startup delay	All		2		ms	Resistive load
Rise Rate	All		0.2		V/ms	"
Output Voltage Overshoot	All			0	V	"
FEATURE CHARACTERISTICS						
Switching Frequency	All	240	250	260	kHz	
ON/OFF Control						
Negative Logic (N) ON/OFF Control						
Off-State Voltage	All	1.8		3.3	V	
On-State Voltage	All	0		0.8	V	
Pull-Up Voltage	All		3.3		V	
Pull-Up Resistance	All		10		kΩ	
Output Voltage Trim Range	All	0		40	V	Measured Vout+ to common pins
Input/Output Over-Voltage Protection	All	22	24	25	V	Over full temp range
Over-Temperature Shutdown	All		115		°C	Average PCB Temperature
Over-Temperature Shutdown Restart Hysteresis	All		15		°C	
TEMP LIMITS FOR POWER DERATING						
Semiconductor Junction Temperature	All			125	°C	Package rated to 150 °C
Board Temperature	All			125	°C	ULrated max operating temp 130 °C
Baseplate Temperature	All			100	°C	
RELIABILITY CHARACTERISTICS						
Calculated MTBF (TR-NWT-000332; Telcordia)	All		3.2		10 ⁶ Hrs.	100% load, 200LFM, 40 °C Ta
Calculated MTBF (MIL-HDBK-217F; MIL-217)	All		3.0		10 ⁶ Hrs.	100% load, 200LFM, 40 °C Ta



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STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

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Note: An external input fuse must always be used to meet these safety requirements. Contact SynQor for official safety certificates on new releases or download from the SynQor website.

Parameter

Units

Test Conditions

QUALIFICATION TESTING

Life Test	32	95% rated Vin and load, units at derating point, 1000 hours
Vibration	5	10-55 Hz sweep, 0.060 " total excursion, 1 min./sweep, 120 sweeps for 3 axis
Mechanical Shock	5	100 g minimum, 2 drops in x, y, and z axis
Temperature Cycling	10	-40 °C to 100 °C, unit temp. ramp 15 °C/min., 500 cycles
Power/Thermal Cycling	5	Toperating = min to max, Vin = min to max, full load, 100 cycles
Design Marginality	5	Tmin-10 °C to Tmax+10 °C, 5 °C steps, Vin = min to max, 0-105% load
Humidity	5	85 °C, 95% RH, 1000 hours, continuous Vin applied except 5 min/day
Solderability	15 pins	MIL-STD-883, method 2003
Altitude	2	70,000 feet (21 km), see Note

Note: A conductive cooling design is generally needed for high altitude applications because of naturally poor convective cooling at rare atmospheres.

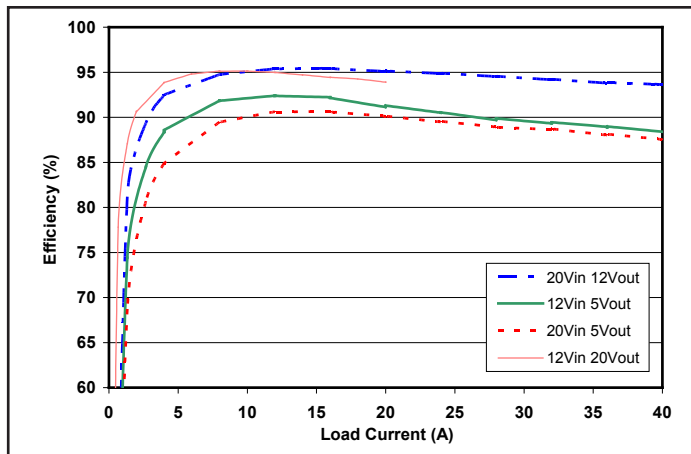


Figure 1: Efficiency at different output voltage vs. load current for different input voltage at 25°C.

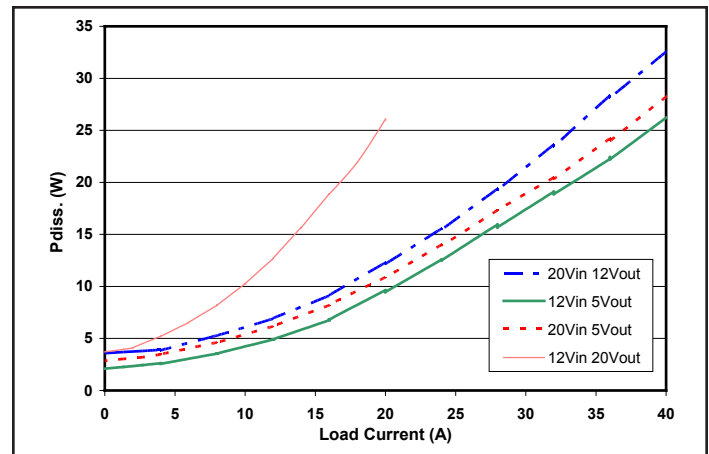


Figure 2: Power dissipation at different output voltage vs. load current for different voltage at 25°C.

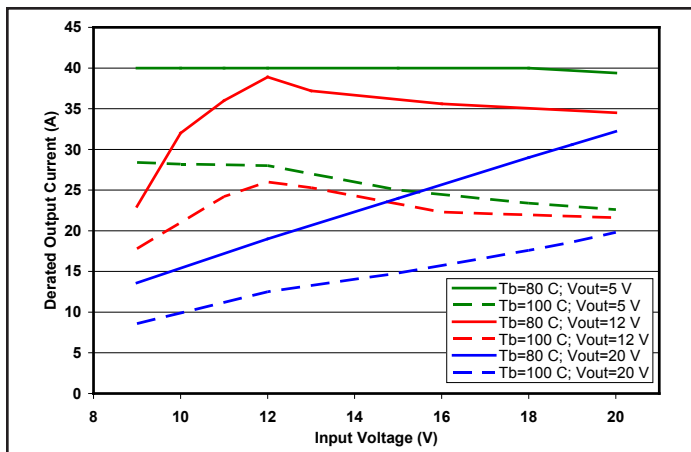


Figure 3: Maximum output power derating curve with a controlled baseplate temperature of 80°C and 100°C.

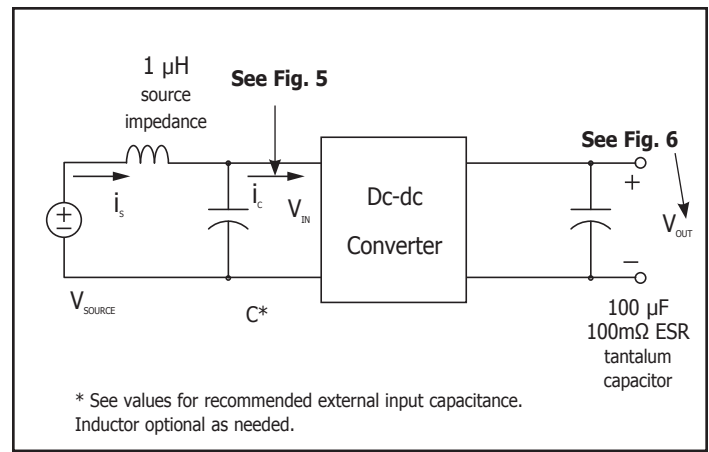


Figure 4: Test set-up diagram showing measurement points for Input Terminal Ripple Current (Fig 5), and Output Voltage Ripple (Fig 6).

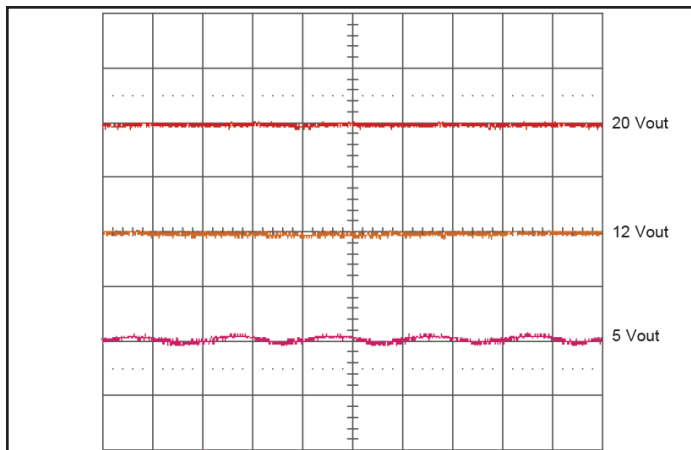


Figure 5: Input Terminal Ripple Current at 12V input voltage and rated load current (500mA/div). Load capacitance: 100 μ F electrolytic cap. Bandwidth: 20MHz (See Figure 4). Timescale: 2 μ s/div.

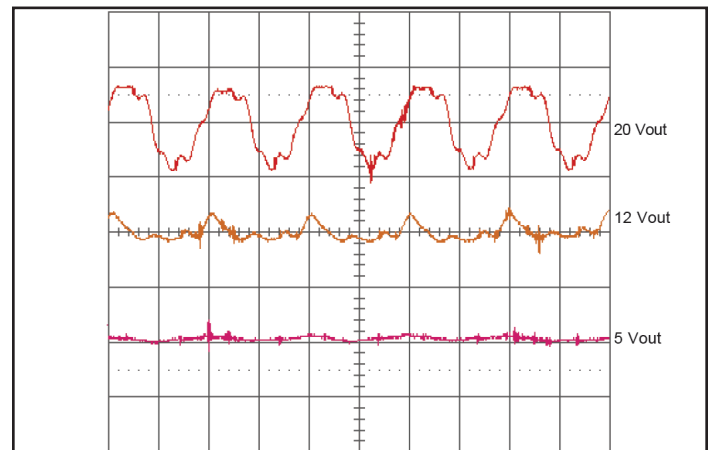


Figure 6: Output Voltage Ripple at 12V input voltage and rated load current (20mV/div). Load capacitance: 100 μ F electrolytic cap. Bandwidth: 20MHz (See Figure 4). Timescale: 2 μ s/div.

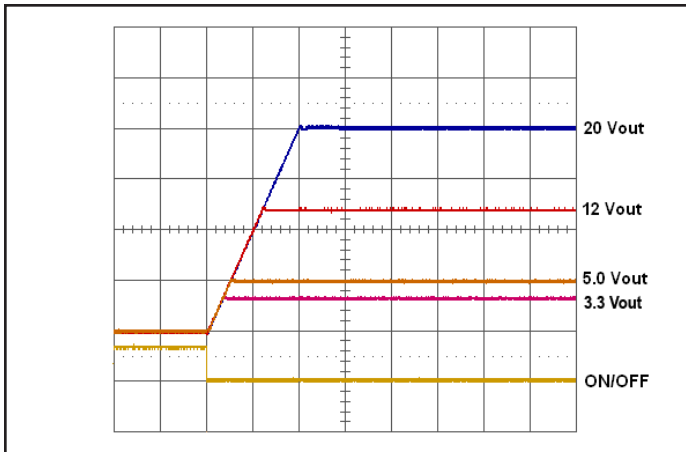


Figure 7: Turn-on transient at 12V input; zero load. Ch 1-4: Vout (5V/div), ON/OFF input (5V/div). Timescale: 20 ms/div.

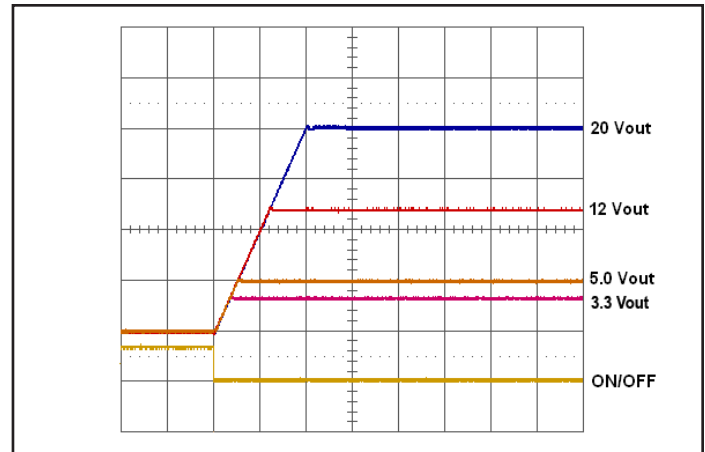


Figure 8: Turn-on transient at 12 V input; full load. Ch 1-4: Vout (5V/div), ON/OFF input (5V/div). Timescale: 20 ms/div.

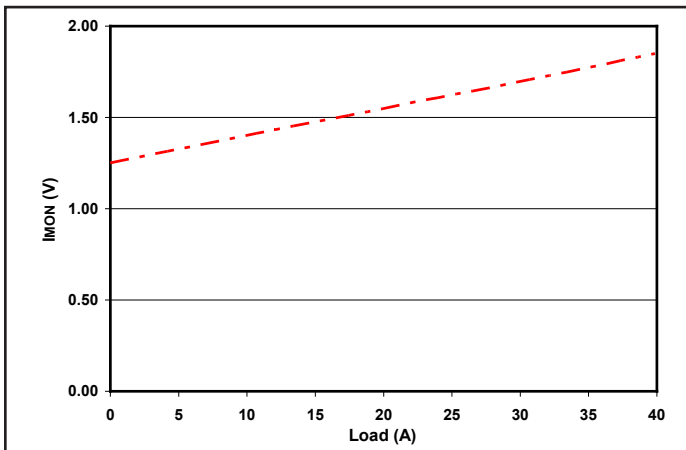


Figure 9: Imon pin voltage vs. load current at 16V input and 13.8V output. Load capacitance: 100μF electrolytic cap. C option only.

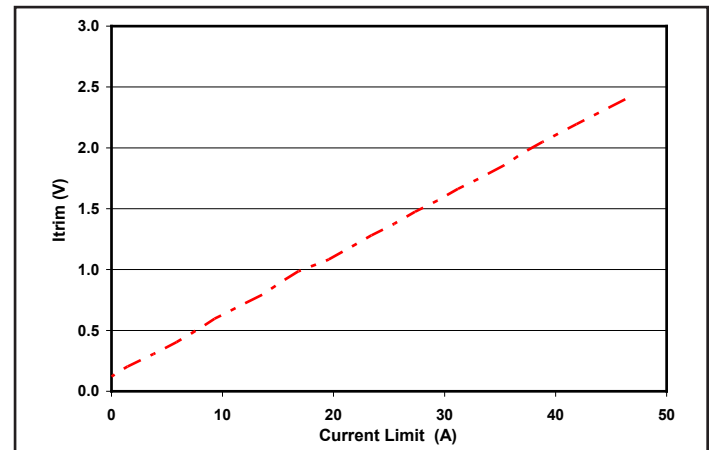


Figure 10: Current limit vs. Itrim pin voltage with 16V input voltage and 13.8V output voltage. Load capacitance: 100μF electrolytic cap. C option only.

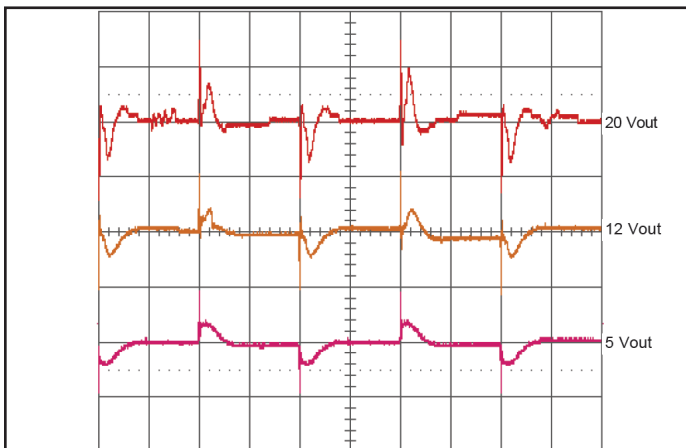


Figure 11: Output voltage response for 12V input; 5V, 12V, 20V output to step-change in load current (50-75-50% of Iout max; di/dt=0.1A/μs). Load cap: 100μF, 100mΩ ESR tant, Ch 1-3: Vout (2V/div). Timescale: 5 ms/div.

BASIC OPERATION AND FEATURES

These converters use a digital controller for the buck stage and the boost stage. It automatically changes operating mode (buck or boost) when the line voltage or output set point changes. Both stages are accomplished with synchronous rectifiers. Very high efficiency is maintained over wide input and output voltage ranges by the change in operational mode and the use of synchronous rectifiers.

The converter runs at a fixed frequency with a predictable EMI performance.

Note: Since this converter supports a wide range of input and output voltage, the current rating and current limit function affect both input and output current, whichever is higher at the time. When in buck mode, the output current is higher. In boost mode the input current is higher.

CONTROL FEATURES

REMOTE ON/OFF: The On/Off input permits the user to control when the converter is on or off. Only Negative ON/OFF logic is available in this power module series.

The negative logic ON/OFF signal turns the module OFF when it is high (leave the pin floating or set its voltage between 1.8~3.3 V) and turns the module ON when it is low (below 0.8V with respect to Vin-).

OUTPUT VOLTAGE TRIM: The output voltage can be programmed to any voltage between 0Vdc and V_{rated} by connecting one resistor between the Pin 6 (TRIM) pin and Pin 5 [Sense(-)](S-version) or Pin 4 [Vout(-)](C-version). For a desired output voltage, the value of the resistor is:

$$R_{Vtrim}(V_{out}) = \left[\left(\frac{12465 \times V_{rated}}{V_{trim} + 0.0569 \times V_{rated}} \right) - 10912 \right] (\Omega)$$

Alternatively, the TRIM pin can be driven from an external voltage source:

$$V_{pin6} = 2.366 - 2.180 \left(\frac{V_{trim}}{V_{rated}} \right)$$

Where, for both approaches:

V_{trim} = desired output voltage setpoint

V_{rated} = rated output voltage

V_{pin6} = trim pin voltage (when driven externally)

RV_{trim} = resistor value to set V_{out}

Note: To maintain the accuracy of the output voltage over load current, it is vital that any trim resistor be connected to the converter's Sense(-) pin (for the S-option) or Vout(-) pin (for the C-option), locally at the converter, not at a remote location nearer to the load. A separate Kelvin connection to the PCB pad for the Vout(-) is optimal for the C-option.

PROTECTION FEATURES

Input Under-Voltage Lockout: The converter is designed to turn off when the input voltage is too low, which helps to avoid an input system instability problem (described in more detail in the application note titled "Input System Instability"). The lockout circuitry is a comparator with DC hysteresis. When the input voltage is rising, it must exceed the typical Turn-On Voltage Threshold value (listed on the specification page) before the converter will turn on. Once the converter is on, the input voltage must fall below the typical Turn-Off Voltage Threshold value before the converter will turn off.

Output Current Shutdown: To provide protection in an output short condition, the unit is equipped with internal short circuit protection. When the short circuit protection is triggered, the unit first shuts down. After an approximately 16 ms inhibit time, the unit turns on again. If the short circuit condition remains, the current limit circuit will control the output current. The unit will operate normally once the fault condition is removed.

Internal Over-Voltage Protection (OVP): To protect the load against an excessive output voltage, an output over-voltage shutdown feature is included. This OVP is fixed and independent of the output voltage set point.

Over-Temperature Shutdown: A temperature sensor on the converter senses the average temperature of the module. The over temperature shutdown circuit is designed to turn the converter off when the temperature at the sensed location reaches the Over-Temperature Shutdown value. It will allow the converter to turn on again when the temperature of the sensed location falls by the amount of the Over-Temperature Shutdown Restart Hysteresis value.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

Limited output voltage resolution: The internal voltage control feedback loop is digital and has limited resolution. Therefore, the output voltage will exhibit discrete steps as the loop responds to changes in line, load, trim, or remote sense. For instance, on close examination, the startup ramp has a “stair-step” shape. Likewise, a load transient response will be composed of multiple discrete steps.

Input filtering: These modules should be connected to a low-impedance source. A highly inductive source can affect the stability of the module. An input capacitor with an ESR must be placed directly adjacent to the input pin of the module to minimize input ripple voltage and ensure module stability.

See application note: Input System Instability
http://www.synqor.com/documents/appnotes/appnt_System_Instability.pdf

Output capacitance: No extra external capacitor is required. However, to reduce the output ripple and improve dynamic response to a step load change additional capacitance at the output can be used. Low ESR polymer and ceramic capacitors are recommended to improve the dynamic response of the module. The addition of external output capacitance may cause the start-up time to change.

Remote sense (S-option only): Vout remote sensing is provided to achieve proper regulation at the load points and reduce effects of distribution losses on output line. The module can correct for a total of 10% drop in the output lines. In the event of an open remote sense line, the module will maintain regulation through an internal resistor connection.

Current limit: The available power is limited by an output current limit in buck mode (when $V_{in} > V_{out}$) and by an input current limit in boost mode (when $V_{in} < V_{out}$).

for $V_{in} > V_{out}$:

$$I_{limit} = 1.2 \times I_{max}$$

for $V_{in} < V_{out}$:

$$I_{limit} = 1.2 \times I_{max} \times \left(\frac{V_{in}}{V_{out}} \right)$$

where I_{max} = maximum rated output current

Negative output: This series of converters can be connected to achieve a negative output from a positive input as shown in Fig A.

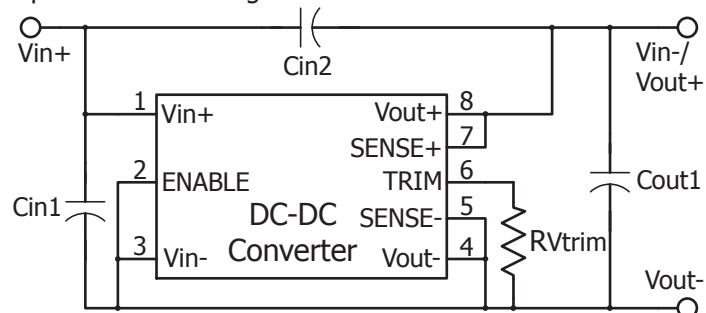


Figure A: Negative output setup

Using this negative output configuration impacts the available output voltage range and current limit.

The output voltage range becomes 0 to $(V_{max} - V_{in})$, and the current limit (for either the buck or boost modes) is scaled by:

$$I_{rated(neg)} = \frac{V_{in}}{(V_{in} + V_{out})} * I_{rated}$$

C-FEATURE SET (Current monitor/trimmable current limit (C-option))

In addition to voltage trim, the C-option offers an adjustable current limit trim and a current monitor I_{mon} pin. It does not have remote sense.

Zero back-drive current: The C-option includes an ideal diode circuit in series with the V_{out+} pin that prevents reverse current flow. This enables applications such as battery charging, current sharing, and current monitoring.

C-Option Connection

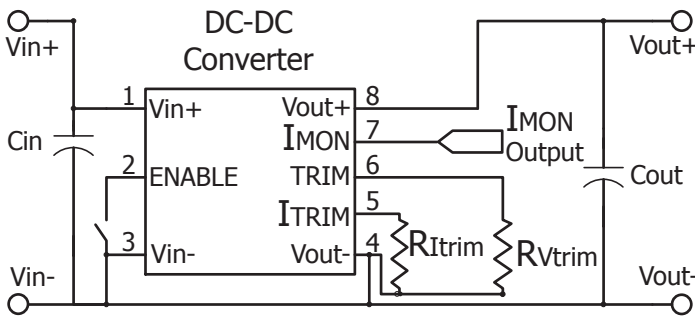


Figure B: Current monitor/trimmable current limit setup

Output voltage trim: The R_{Vtrim} resistor increases the output voltage, identical in function to the S-option (p.9).

Output current limit: There are three levels of current that must be understood when considering the term "Output Current Limit" as listed below:

I_{OCL} = over-current limit (from datasheet *Output Characteristics: Output DC Over Current Limit*). This is a built in fixed value of current at which the converter will limit.

I_{rated} = rated current of the converter (input or output)

I_{trim} = desired output current limit

Figure C shows the relationship among these three currents.

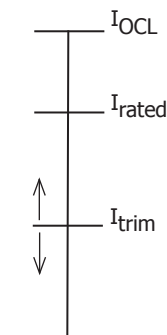


Figure C: Relationship of output current terms.

Output current limit trim: The output current limit can be set to any value between zero and I_{rated} by choosing the value of R_{Itrim} as follows:

$$R_{Itrim} = \left[\left(\frac{0.0469 I_{rated} + I_{trim}}{1.153 I_{rated} - I_{trim}} \right) 10200 - 10 \right] (\Omega)$$

Where I_{trim} = desired current limit setpoint

I_{rated} = rated maximum converter current

Alternatively, the I_{trim} pin can be driven from an external voltage source:

$$V_{(pin5)} = 2.085(I_{trim}/I_{rated}) + 0.0953$$

where I_{trim} is the desired current limit setpoint

Note: It is possible to choose R_{Itrim} such as that I_{trim} is greater than I_{rated} , but SynQor does not recommend continuous operation above I_{rated} .

Note: When in boost-mode, the output current could still be limited by the maximum current limit, I_{OCL} , applied to the input current.

Current monitor: The I_{mon} pin voltage tracks the output current, as shown in figure 9. Zero load current is 1.25V and maximum rated load current is 1.83V. This pin has a 49.9 Ohm output impedance.

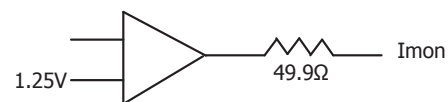


Figure D: Current monitor circuit

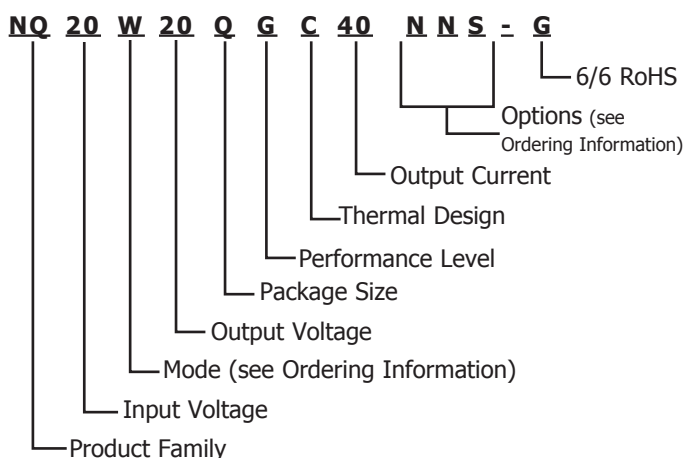


Ordering Information

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PART NUMBERING SYSTEM

The part numbering system for SynQor's dc-dc converters follows the format shown in the example below.



The first 12 characters comprise the base part number and the last 3 characters indicate available options. The "-G" suffix indicates 6/6 RoHS compliance.

Application Notes

A variety of application notes and technical white papers can be downloaded in pdf format from our website.

RoHS Compliance: The EU led RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) Directive bans the use of Lead, Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, Mercury, Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB), and Polybrominated Diphenyl Ether (PBDE) in Electrical and Electronic Equipment. This SynQor product is 6/6 RoHS compliant. For more information please refer to SynQor's RoHS addendum available at our [RoHS Compliance / Lead Free Initiative web page](#) or e-mail us at rohs@synqor.com.

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WARRANTY

SynQor offers a two (2) year limited warranty. Complete warranty information is listed on our website or is available upon request from SynQor.

ORDERING INFORMATION

The tables below show the valid model numbers and ordering options for converters in this product family. When ordering SynQor converters, please ensure that you use the complete 15 character part number consisting of the 12 character base part number and the additional 3 characters for options. Add "-G" to the model number for 6/6 RoHS compliance.

Model Number	Input Voltage	Output Voltage	Max Output Current
NQ20w20QGx40Nyz-G	9-20 V	0-20 V	40 A

The following options must be included in place of the **wxyz** spaces in the model numbers listed above.

Options Description: x y z				
Mode: w	Thermal Design: x	Enable Logic	Pin Style: y	Feature Set: z
T - Buck W - Buck / Boost	C - Encased V - Encased with Flanged Baseplate	N - Negative	K - 0.110" N - 0.145" R - 0.180" Y - 0.250"	S - Standard C - Current monitor output / Trimmable current limit

Not all combinations make valid part numbers, please contact SynQor for availability. See the [Product Summary web page](#) for more options.

PATENTS

SynQor holds numerous U.S. patents, one or more of which apply to most of its power conversion products. Any that apply to the product(s) listed in this document are identified by markings on the product(s) or on internal components of the product(s) in accordance with U.S. patent laws. SynQor's patents include the following:

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