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General Description

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The LM1577/LM2577 are monolithic integrated circuits that provide all of the power and control functions for step-up (boost), flyback, and forward converter switching regulators. The device is available in three different output voltage versions: 12V, 15V, and adjustable.

Requiring a minimum number of external components, these regulators are cost effective, and simple to use. Listed in this data sheet are a family of standard inductors and flyback transformers designed to work with these switching regulators.

Included on the chip is a 3.0A NPN switch and its associated protection circuitry, consisting of current and thermal limiting, and undervoltage lockout. Other features include a 52 kHz fixed-frequency oscillator that requires no external components, a soft start mode to reduce in-rush current during start-up, and current mode control for improved rejection of input voltage and output load transients.

Features

- Requires few external components
- NPN output switches 3.0A, can stand off 65V
- Wide input voltage range: 3.5V to 40V
- Current-mode operation for improved transient response, line regulation, and current limit
- \blacksquare 52 kHz internal oscillator
- Soft-start function reduces in-rush current during start-up
- Output switch protected by current limit, under-voltage lockout, and thermal shutdown

Typical Applications

- Simple boost regulator
- Flyback and forward regulators
- Multiple-output regulator

Note: Pin numbers shown are for TO-220 (T) package.

Ordering Information

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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

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Minimum ESD Rating $(C = 100 \text{ pF}, R = 1.5 \text{ k}\Omega)$ 2 kV

Operating Ratings

+125°C

Electrical Characteristics— LM1577-12, LM2577-12

Specifications with standard type face are for T_J = 25˚C, and those in **bold type face** apply over full **Operating Temperature**
Range. Unless otherwise specified, V_{IN} = 5V, and I_{SWITCH} = 0.

Electrical Characteristics— LM1577-15, LM2577-15

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Range. Unless otherwise specified, V_{IN} = 5V, and I_{SWITCH} = 0.

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STEP-UP (BOOST) REGULATOR

Figure ⁴ shows the LM1577-ADJ/LM2577-ADJ used as a Step-Up Regulator. This is a switching regulator used for producing an output voltage greater than the input supply voltage. The LM1577-12/LM2577-12 and LM1577-15/ LM2577-15 can also be used for step-up regulators with 12V or 15V outputs (respectively), by tying the feedback pin directly to the regulator output.

A basic explanation of how it works is as follows. The LM1577/LM2577 turns its output switch on and off at a frequency of 52 kHz, and this creates energy in the inductor (L). When the NPN switch turns on, the inductor current charges up at a rate of V_{IN}/L , storing current in the inductor. When the switch turns off, the lower end of the inductor flies above V_{IN} , discharging its current through diode (D) into the output capacitor (C_{OUT}) at a rate of (V_{OUT} – V_{IN})/L. Thus, energy stored in the inductor during the switch on time is transferred to the output during the switch off time. The output voltage is controlled by the amount of energy transferred which, in turn, is controlled by modulating the peak inductor current. This is done by feeding back a portion of the output voltage to the error amp, which amplifies the difference between the feedback voltage and a 1.230V reference. The error amp output voltage is compared to a voltage proportional to the switch current (i.e., inductor current during the switch on time).

The comparator terminates the switch on time when the two voltages are equal, thereby controlling the peak switch current to maintain a constant output voltage.

Voltage and current waveforms for this circuit are shown in Figure ⁵, and formulas for calculating them are given in Figure 6.

 V_F = Forward Biased Diode Voltage

 I_{LOAD} = Output Load Current

FIGURE 6. Step-Up Regulator Formulas

STEP-UP REGULATOR DESIGN PROCEDURE

The following design procedure can be used to select the appropriate external components for the circuit in Figure ⁴, based on these system requirements.

Given:

 $V_{IN(min)} =$ Minimum input supply voltage

 V_{OUT} = Regulated output voltage $I_{\text{LOAD(max)}}$ = Maximum output load current

Before proceeding any further, determine if the LM1577/

LM2577 can provide these values of V_{OUT} and $I_{\text{LOAD(max)}}$ when operating with the minimum value of V_{IN} . The upper limits for V_{OUT} and $I_{\text{LOAD(max)}}$ are given by the following equations.

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} \leq 60V
$$

and
$$
V_{OUT} \le 10 \times V_{IN(min)}
$$

$$
I_{LOAD(max)} \leq \frac{2.1 \text{A} \times V_{IN(min)}}{V_{OUT}}
$$

These limits must be greater than or equal to the values specified in this application.

- **1. Inductor Selection (L)**
	- A. Voltage Options: 1. **For 12V or 15V output**

From Figure ⁷ **(for 12V output) or** Figure 8 **(for 15V output), identify inductor code** for region indicated by V_{IN (min)} and I_{LOAD (max)}. The shaded region indicates conditions for which the LM1577/LM2577 output switch would be operating beyond its switch current rating. The minimum operating voltage for the LM1577/LM2577 is 3.5V.

From here, **proceed to step C**.

2. **For Adjustable version**

Preliminary calculations:

The inductor selection is based on the calculation of the following three parameters:

 $D_{(max)}$, the maximum switch duty cycle ($0 \le D \le 0.9$):

$$
D_{(max)} = \frac{V_{OUT} + V_F - V_{IN(min)}}{V_{OUT} + V_F - 0.6V}
$$

where $V_F = 0.5V$ for Schottky diodes and 0.8V for fast recovery diodes (typically);

 $E \cdot T$, the product of volts x time that charges the inductor:

$$
E \bullet T = \frac{D_{(max)} (V_{IN(min)} - 0.6V)10^6}{52,000 Hz}
$$
 (V[•]μs)

 $I_{IND,DC}$, the average inductor current under full load;

$$
I_{IND,DC} = \frac{1.05 \times I_{LOAD(max)}}{1 - D_{(max)}}
$$

B. Identify Inductor Value:

1. From Figure 9, identify the inductor code for the region indicated by the intersection of $E \cdot T$ and $I_{IND,DC}$. This code gives the inductor value in microhenries. The L or H prefix signifies whether the inductor is rated for a maximum E•T of 90 V•µs (L) or 250 V•µs (H).

2. If $D < 0.85$, go on to step C. If $D \ge 0.85$, then calculate the minimum inductance needed to ensure the switching regulator's stability:

$$
L_{MIN} = \frac{6.4 (V_{IN(min)} - 0.6V) (2D_{(max)} - 1)}{1 - D_{(max)}} \qquad (\mu H)
$$

If L_{MIN} is smaller than the inductor value found in step B1, go on to step C. Otherwise, the inductor value found in step B1 is too low; an appropriate inductor code should be obtained from the graph as follows:

1. Find the lowest value inductor that is greater than L_{MIN} . 2. Find where E•T intersects this inductor value to determine if it has an L or H prefix. If E•T intersects both the L and H regions, select the inductor with an H prefix.

FIGURE 8. LM2577-15 Inductor Selection Guide

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FIGURE 10. Table of Standardized Inductors and Manufacturer's Part Numbers

2. Compensation Network (R_C, C_C) and Output Capacitor (C_{OUT}) Selection

 R_C and C_C form a pole-zero compensation network that stabilizes the regulator. The values of R_C and C_C are mainly dependant on the regulator voltage gain, ILOAD(max), L and C_{OUT} . The following procedure calculates values for R_C , C_C , and C_{OUT} that ensure regulator stability. Be aware that this procedure doesn't necessarily result in R_C and C_C that provide optimum compensation. In order to guarantee optimum compensation, one of the standard procedures for testing loop stability must be used, such as measuring V_{OUT} transient response when pulsing I_{LOAD} (see Figure 15).

A. First, calculate the maximum value for R_C .

$$
R_C \leq \frac{750 \times I_{LOAD(max)} \times V_{OUT}^2}{V_{IN(min)}^2}
$$

Select a resistor less than or equal to this value, and it should also be no greater than 3 kΩ.

B. Calculate the minimum value for C_{OUT} using the following two equations.

$$
C_{OUT} \geq \frac{0.19 \times L \times R_C \times I_{LOAD(max)}}{V_{IN(min)} \times V_{OUT}}
$$

and

$$
C_{OUT} \geq \frac{V_{IN(min)} \times R_C \times (V_{IN(min)} + (3.74 \times 10^5 \times L))}{487,800 \times V_{OUT}^3}
$$

The larger of these two values is the minimum value that ensures stability.

C. Calculate the minimum value of C_C .

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The compensation capacitor is also part of the soft start circuitry. When power to the regulator is turned on, the switch duty cycle is allowed to rise at a rate controlled by this capacitor (with no control on the duty cycle, it would immediately rise to 90%, drawing huge currents from the input power supply). In order to operate properly, the soft start circuit requires $C_C \geq 0.22$ µF.

The value of the output filter capacitor is normally large enough to require the use of aluminum electrolytic capacitors. Figure ¹¹ lists several different types that are recommended for switching regulators, and the following parameters are used to select the proper capacitor.

Working Voltage (WVDC): Choose a capacitor with a working voltage at least 20% higher than the regulator output voltage.

Ripple Current: This is the maximum RMS value of current that charges the capacitor during each switching cycle. For step-up and flyback regulators, the formula for ripple current is

$$
I_{RIPPLE(RMS)} = \frac{I_{LOAD(max)} \times D_{(max)}}{1 - D_{(max)}}
$$

Choose a capacitor that is rated at least 50% higher than this value at 52 kHz.

Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) : This is the primary cause of output ripple voltage, and it also affects the values of R_C and C_C needed to stabilize the regulator. As a result, the preceding calculations for $C_{\rm C}$ and $\overline{R}_{\rm C}$ are only valid if ESR doesn't exceed the maximum value specified by the following equations.

$$
ESR \leq \frac{0.01 \times V_{OUT}}{I_{RIPPLE(P-P)}} \, \text{and} \leq \frac{8.7 \times (10) - 3 \times V_{IN}}{I_{LOAD(max)}}
$$

where

$$
RIPPLE(P-P) = \frac{1.15 \times I_{LOAD(max)}}{1 - D_{(max)}}
$$

Select a capacitor with ESR, at 52 kHz, that is less than or equal to the lower value calculated. Most electrolytic capacitors specify ESR at 120 Hz which is 15% to 30% higher than at 52 kHz. Also, be aware that ESR increases by a factor of 2 when operating at −20˚C.

In general, low values of ESR are achieved by using large value capacitors ($C \geq 470$ µF), and capacitors with high WVDC, or by paralleling smaller-value capacitors.

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3. Output Voltage Selection (R1 and R2)

This section is for applications using the LM1577-ADJ/ LM2577-ADJ. Skip this section if the LM1577-12/LM2577-12 or LM1577-15/LM2577-15 is being used.

With the LM1577-ADJ/LM2577-ADJ, the output voltage is given by

 $V_{\text{OUT}} = 1.23V (1 + R1/R2)$

Resistors R1 and R2 divide the output down so it can be compared with the LM1577-ADJ/LM2577-ADJ internal 1.23V reference. For a given desired output voltage V_{OUT} , select R1 and R2 so that

$$
\frac{\text{R1}}{\text{R2}} = \frac{\text{V}_{OUT}}{\text{1.23V}} - 1
$$

4. Input Capacitor Selection (C_{IN})

The switching action in the step-up regulator causes a triangular ripple current to be drawn from the supply source. This in turn causes noise to appear on the supply voltage. For proper operation of the LM1577, the input voltage should be decoupled. Bypassing the Input Voltage pin directly to ground with a good quality, low ESR, 0.1 µF capacitor (leads as short as possible) is normally sufficient.

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FIGURE 11. Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors Recommended for Switching Regulators

If the LM1577 is located far from the supply source filter capacitors, an additional large electrolytic capacitor (e.g. 47 µF) is often required.

5. Diode Selection (D)

The switching diode used in the boost regulator must withstand a reverse voltage equal to the circuit output voltage, and must conduct the peak output current of the LM2577. A suitable diode must have a minimum reverse breakdown voltage greater than the circuit output voltage, and should be rated for average and peak current greater than $I_{\text{LOAD(max)}}$ and $I_{D(PK)}$. Schottky barrier diodes are often favored for use in switching regulators. Their low forward voltage drop allows higher regulator efficiency than if a (less expensive) fast recovery diode was used. See Figure ¹² for recommended part numbers and voltage ratings of 1A and 3A diodes.

$V_{\rm OUT}$	Schottky		Fast Recovery	
(max)	1Α	3Α	1Α	ЗΑ
20V	1N5817	1N5820		
	MBR120P	MBR320P		
	1N5818	1N5821		
30V	MBR130P	MBR330P		
	11DQ03	31DQ03		
	1N5819	1N5822		
40V	MBR140P	MBR340P		
	11DQ04	31DQ04		
	MBR150	MBR350	1N4933	
50V	11DQ05	31DQ05	MUR105	
			1N4934	MR851
100V			HER102	30DL1
			MUR110	MR831
			10DL1	HER302

FIGURE 12. Diode Selection Chart

BOOST REGULATOR CIRCUIT EXAMPLE

By adding a few external components (as shown in Figure 13), the LM2577 can be used to produce a regulated output voltage that is greater than the applied input voltage. Typical performance of this regulator is shown in Figure 14 and Figure 15. The switching waveforms observed during the operation of this circuit are shown in Figure 16.

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FLYBACK REGULATOR

A Flyback regulator can produce single or multiple output voltages that are lower or greater than the input supply voltage. Figure 18 shows the LM1577/LM2577 used as a flyback regulator with positive and negative regulated outputs. Its operation is similar to a step-up regulator, except the output switch contols the primary current of a flyback transformer. Note that the primary and secondary windings are out of phase, so no current flows through secondary when current flows through the primary. This allows the primary to charge up the transformer core when the switch is on. When the switch turns off, the core discharges by sending current through the secondary, and this produces voltage at the outputs. The output voltages are controlled by adjusting the peak primary current, as described in the step-up regulator section.

Voltage and current waveforms for this circuit are shown in Figure 17, and formulas for calculating them are given in Figure 19.

FLYBACK REGULATOR DESIGN PROCEDURE

1. Transformer Selection

D1, D2 = 1N5821

A family of standardized flyback transformers is available for creating flyback regulators that produce dual output voltages, from ±10V to ±15V, as shown in Figure ¹⁸. Figure 20 lists these transformers with the input voltage, output voltages and maximum load current they are designed for.

2. Compensation Network (C_C, R_C) and **Output Capacitor (C_{OUT}) Selection**

As explained in the Step-Up Regulator Design Procedure, C_C , R_C and C_{OUT} must be selected as a group. The following procedure is for a dual output flyback regulator with equal turns ratios for each secondary (i.e., both output voltages have the same magnitude). The equations can be used for a single output regulator by changing $\Sigma I_{\text{LOAD(max)}}$ to $I_{\text{LOAD(max)}}$ in the following equations.

A. First, calculate the maximum value for
$$
R_c
$$
.

$$
R_C \leq \frac{750 \times \Sigma I_{LOAD(max)} \times (15V + V_{IN(min)}N)^2}{V_{IN(min)}^2}
$$

Where $\Sigma I_{\mathsf{LOAD}(\mathsf{max})}$ is the sum of the load current (magnitude) required from both outputs. Select a resistor less than or equal to this value, and no greater than 3 kΩ.

B. **Calculate the minimum value for** ∑C_{OUT} (sum of C_{OUT} at both outputs) using the following two equations.

$$
C_{OUT} \geq \frac{0.19 \times R_C \times L_P \times \Sigma I_{LOAD(max)}}{15V \times V_{IN(min)}}
$$

and

$$
C_{OUT}{\geq}\frac{V_{IN(min)}{\times}R_{C}{\times}N^{2}{\times}(V_{IN(min)}+(3.74{\times}10^{5}{\times}L_{P}))}{487{,}800{\times}(15V)^{2}{\times}(15V+V_{IN(min)}{\times}N)}
$$

The larger of these two values must be used to ensure regulator stability.

FIGURE 17. Flyback Regulator Waveforms

FIGURE 18. LM1577-ADJ/LM2577-ADJ Flyback Regulator with ± Outputs

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 $N =$ Transformer Turns Ratio = $\frac{number\ of\ secondary\ turns}{number\ of\ primary\ turns}$

 η = Transformer Efficiency (typically 0.95)

 ΣI_{LOAD} = $|+I_{LOAD}|+|-I_{LOAD}|$

FIGURE 19. Flyback Regulator Formulas

C. Calculate the minimum value of C_c

$$
C_C \geq \frac{58.5\times C_{OUT} \times V_{OUT} \times (V_{OUT} + (V_{IN(min)} \times N))}{R_C^2 \times V_{IN(min)} \times N}
$$

D. Calculate the maximum ESR of the +V_{OUT} and $-V_{OUT}$ output capacitors in parallel.

$$
ESR + \lVert ESR_- \leq \frac{8.7 \times 10^{-3} \times V_{IN(min)} \times V_{OUT} \times N}{\Sigma I_{LOAD(max)} \times (V_{OUT} + (V_{IN(min)} \times N))}
$$

This formula can also be used to calculate the maximum ESR of a single output regulator.

At this point, refer to this same section in the **Step-Up Regulator Design Procedure**for more information regarding the selection of C_{OUT} .

3. Output Voltage Selection

This section is for applications using the LM1577-ADJ/ LM2577-ADJ. Skip this section if the LM1577-12/LM2577-12 or LM1577-15/LM2577-15 is being used.

With the LM1577-ADJ/LM2577-ADJ, the output voltage is given by

$$
V_{OUT} = 1.23V (1 + R1/R2)
$$

Resistors R1 and R2 divide the output voltage down so it can be compared with the LM1577-ADJ/LM2577-ADJ internal 1.23V reference. For a desired output voltage
$$
V_{\text{OUT}}
$$
, select R1 and R2 so that

$$
\frac{R1}{R2} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{1.23V} - 1
$$

4. Diode Selection

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The switching diode in a flyback converter must withstand the reverse voltage specified by the following equation.

$$
V_R = V_{OUT} + \frac{V_{IN}}{N}
$$

A suitable diode must have a reverse voltage rating greater than this. In addition it must be rated for more than the average and peak diode currents listed in Figure 19.

5. Input Capacitor Selection

The primary of a flyback transformer draws discontinuous pulses of current from the input supply. As a result, a flyback regulator generates more noise at the input supply than a step-up regulator, and this requires a larger bypass capacitor to decouple the LM1577/LM2577 V_{IN} pin from this noise. For most applications, a low ESR, 1.0 µF cap will be sufficient, if it is connected very close to the V_{IN} and Ground pins.

Transformer	Manufacturers' Part Numbers			
Type	AIE	Pulse	Renco	
	326-0637	PE-65300	RL-2580	
2	330-0202	PE-65301	RL-2581	
з	330-0203	PE-65302	RL-2582	

FIGURE 20. Flyback Transformer Selection Guide

In addition to this bypass cap, a larger capacitor ($\geq 47 \mu$ F) should be used where the flyback transformer connects to the input supply. This will attenuate noise which may interfere with other circuits connected to the same input supply voltage.

6. Snubber Circuit

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A "snubber" circuit is required when operating from input voltages greater than 10V, or when using a transformer with $L_P \ge 200$ µH. This circuit clamps a voltage spike from the transformer primary that occurs immediately after the output switch turns off. Without it, the switch voltage may exceed the 65V maximum rating. As shown in Figure 21, the snubber consists of a fast recovery diode, and a parallel RC. The RC values are selected for switch clamp voltage (V_{CLAMP}) that is 5V to 10V greater than $V_{SW(OFF)}$. Use the following equations to calculate R and C;

$$
\begin{aligned} C & \geq \frac{0.02 \times L_P \times I_{P(PK)}{}^2}{\left(V_{CLAMP}\right)^2 - \left(VSW_{(OFF)}\right)^2} \\ R & \leq \left(\frac{V_{CLAMP} + V_{SW(OFF)} - V_{IN}}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{19.2 \times 10^{-4}}{L_P \times I_{P(PK)}{}^2}\right) \end{aligned}
$$

Power dissipation (and power rating) of the resistor is;

$$
P = \left(\frac{V_{CLAMP} + V_{SW(OFF)} - V_{IN}}{2}\right)^2 / R
$$

The fast recovery diode must have a reverse voltage rating greater than $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{CLAMP}}$.

FIGURE 21. Snubber Circuit

FLYBACK REGULATOR CIRCUIT EXAMPLE

The circuit of Figure ²² produces ±15V (at 225 mA each) from a single 5V input. The output regulation of this circuit is shown in Figure 23 and Figure 25, while the load transient response is shown in Figure ²⁴ and Figure 26. Switching waveforms seen in this circuit are shown in Figure ²⁷.

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