

High Voltage, Isolated IGBT Gate Driver with Isolated Flyback Controller

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FEATURES

6 A (typical) peak drive output capability Internal turn off NFET, on resistance: <1 Ω Internal turn on PFET, on resistance: <1.2 Ω 2 overcurrent protection methods Desaturation detection Split emitter overcurrent detection Miller clamp output with gate sense input Isolated fault output Isolated temperature sensor readback Propagation delay Rising: 95 ns typical Falling: 100 ns typical Minimum pulse width: 74 ns Operating junction temperature range: −40°C to +150°C V_{DD1} and V_{DD2} UVLO **Minimum external tracking (creepage): 8.3 mm (pending) Safety and regulatory approvals 5000 V rms for 1 minute per UL 1577 CSA Component Acceptance Notice 5A DIN V VDE V 0884-10 (VDE V 0884-10):2006-12** $V_{\text{IORM}} = 849 V_{\text{PEAK}}$ (reinforced/basic) **Qualified for automotive applications**

APPLICATIONS

MOSFET and IGBT gate drivers Photovoltaic (PV) inverters Motor drives Power supplies

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADuM4138 is a single-channel gate driver optimized for driving insulated gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs). Analog Devices, Inc., *i*Coupler® technology provides isolation between the input signal and the output gate drive.

The Analog Devices chip scale transformers also provide isolated communication of control information between the high voltage

and low voltage domains of the chip. Information on the status of the chip can be read back from the dedicated outputs.

The ADuM4138 includes an isolated flyback controller, allowing simple secondary voltage generation.

Overcurrent detection is integrated in the ADuM4138 to protect the IGBT in case of desaturation and/or overcurrent events. The overcurrent detection is coupled with a high speed, two-level turn off function in case of faults.

The ADuM4138 provides a Miller clamp control signal for a metal-oxide semiconductor field effect transistor (MOSFET) to provide IGBT turn off, with a single rail supply when the Miller clamp voltage threshold drops below 2 V (typical) above GND2. Operation with unipolar secondary supplies is possible with or without the Miller clamp operation.

A low gate voltage detection circuit can trigger a fault if the gate voltage does not rise above the internal threshold within the time allowed after turn on (12.8 µs typical). The low voltage detection circuit detects IGBT device failures that exhibit gate shorts or other causes of weak drive.

Two temperature sensor pins, TS1 and TS2, allow isolated monitoring of system temperatures at the IGBTs. The secondary undervoltage lockout (UVLO) is set to 11.2 V (typical) in accordance with common IGBT threshold levels.

A serial peripheral interface (SPI) bus on the primary side of the device provides in field programming of temperature sensing diode gains and offsets to the ADuM4138. Values are stored on an electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM) located on the secondary side of the device. In addition, programming is available for specific V_{DD2} voltages, temperature sensing reporting frequencies, and overcurrent blanking times.

The ADuM4138 provides isolated fault reporting for overcurrent events, remote temperature overheating events, UVLO, thermal shutdown (TSD), and desaturation detection.

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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

8. OT_ERROR IS THE OVERTEMPERATURE ERROR INTERNAL CONNECTION. 9. VT_OFFSET1 IS THE TEMPERATURE SENSE OFFSET VOLTAGE FOR THE TS1 PIN.

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- 10. V_{T_OFFSET2} IS THE TEMPERATURE SENSE OFFSET VOLTAGE FOR TS2 PIN.
11. I_{T1} IS THE INTERNAL CURRENT REFERENCE FOR TS1 PIN.
12. I_{T2} IS THE INTERNAL CURRENT REFERENCE FOR TS2 PIN.
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- 13. V_{OC. OFF} IS THE OVERCURRENT VOLTAGE OFFSET DUE TO TEMPERATURE RAMP.
14. V_{OC} IS THE OVERCURRENT REFERENCE VOLTAGE.
15. MILLER_THRESH IS THE ACTIVE MILLER CLAMP INTERNAL CONTROL CONNECTION.
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- 16. I_{OC1} IS THE OC1 INTERNAL PULL-UP CURRENT SOURCE.
17. I_{OC2} IS THE OC2 INTERNAL PULL-UP CURRENT SOURCE.
18. V_{PGOOD} IS THE PGOOD VOLTAGE REFERENCE.
19. V_{UVLO1} IS THE V_{DD1} UVLO REFERENCE.
20. V_{LOW_TEMP} IS THE L
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Figure 1.

SPECIFICATIONS ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Low-side voltages referenced to GND₁ and high-side voltages referenced to GND₂. V_{DD1} = 12 V, V_{DD2} = 16 V, T_A = −40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. All minimum and maximum specifications apply over the entire recommended operating junction temperature range, unless otherwise noted. All typical specifications are at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $V_{DD1} = 12$ V, and $V_{DD2} = 16$ V, unless otherwise noted.

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' The minimum pulse width is the shortest pulse width at which the specified timing parameter is guaranteed.
² tо⊔н propagation delay is measured from the time of the input rising logic high threshold, V⊪, to the outpu propagation delay is measured from the input falling logic low threshold, V_{IL}, to the output falling 90% threshold of the Vout_on Vout_off signal. Se[e Figure 13](#page-17-2) for waveforms of propagation delay parameters.

SPI TIMING SPECIFICATIONS

SPI timing specifications are guaranteed by design. All devices are production tested with 200 kHz SPI communication.

SPI Timing Diagram

PACKAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Table 3.

¹ The device is considered a two terminal device: Pin 1 through Pin 14 are shorted together, and Pin 15 through Pin 28 are shorted together.

REGULATORY INFORMATION (PENDING)

Table 4.

INSULATION AND SAFETY-RELATED SPECIFICATIONS

Table 5.

DIN V VDE V 0884-10 (VDE V 0884-10):2016-12 INSULATION CHARACTERISTICS (PENDING)

These isolators are suitable for reinforced isolation only within the safety limit data. Protective circuits ensure the maintenance of the safety data. The asterisk (*) marking on the package denotes DIN V VDE V 0884-10 approval for a 560 V $_{PEAK}$ working voltage.

Figure 3. Thermal Derating Curve, Dependence of Safety Limiting Values on Case Temperature, per DIN V VDE V 0884-10

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Table 7.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 8.

Stresses at or above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the product. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the product at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Operation beyond the maximum operating conditions for extended periods may affect product reliability.

Table 10. Maximum Continuous Working Voltage1, 2, 3

Parameter Rating Constraint AC Voltage Bipolar Waveform Basic Insulation **849 V**_{PEAK} Lifetime limited by insulation lifetime per VDE-0884-11 Reinforced Insulation 707 V_{PEAK} Lifetime limited by insulation lifetime per VDE-0884-11 Unipolar Waveform Basic Insulation 1697 V_{PEAK} Lifetime limited by insulation lifetime per VDE-0884-11 Reinforced Insulation 892 V_{PEAK} Lifetime limited by package creepage per IEC 60664-1 DC Voltage Basic Insulation 1092 V_{PEAK} Lifetime limited by package creepage per IEC 60664-1 Reinforced Insulation **1946 V_{PEAK}** Lifetime limited by package creepage per IEC 60664-1

¹ See th[e Insulation Lifetime](#page-21-1) section for details.

² Other pollution degree and material group requirements yield a different limit.

³ Some system level standards allow components to use the printed wiring board (PWB) creepage values. The supported dc voltage may be higher for those standards.

THERMAL RESISTANCE

Thermal performance is directly linked to PCB design and operating environment. Careful attention to PCB thermal design is required.

θ_{JA} is the junction to ambient thermal resistance, and Psi_{JT} is the junction to top characterization parameter.

Table 9. Thermal Resistance

¹ 4-layer PCB.

ESD CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

Figure 4. Pin Configuration

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Table 12. Pin Function Descriptions

Figure 6. Example Turn Off Edge, V_{DD1} = 12 V, V_{DD2} = 16 V, 2 Ω Turn Off, 100 nF Load

Figure 7. Example Overcurrent Fault, V_{DD1} = 12 V, V_{DD2} = 16 V, VI+ = 5 V, 2 Ω Turn Off, 100 nF Load

Figure 8. Example DESAT Fault, V_{DD1} = 12 V, V_{DD2} = 16 V, VI+ = 5 V, 2 Ω Turn Off, 100 nF Load

Figure 10. Example TEMP_OUT Reading, V_{DD1} = 12 V, V_{DD2} = 16 V

THEORY OF OPERATION

Gate drivers are required in situations where fast rise times of switching device gates are required. The gate signals for enhancement power devices are referenced to a source or emitter node. The gate driver must follow this source or emitter node. As such, isolation is necessary between the controlling signal and the output of the gate driver in topologies where the source or emitter nodes swing, such as a half bridge. Gate switching times are a function of the drive strength of the gate driver. Buffer stages before a complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) output reduce the total delay time and increase the final drive strength of the driver.

The ADuM4138 achieves isolation between the control side and the output side of the gate driver using a high frequency carrier that transmits data across the isolation barrier with *i*Coupler

chip scale transformer coils separated by layers of polyimide isolation. The ADuM4138 uses positive logic on/off keying (OOK) encoding, in which a high signal is transmitted by the presence of the carrier frequency across the *i*Coupler chip scale transformer coils. Positive logic encoding ensures that a low signal is seen on the output when the input side of the gate driver is unpowered. A low state is the most common safe state in enhancement mode power devices and can drive in situations where shoot through conditions are present. The architecture of the ADuM4138 is designed for high common-mode transient immunity and high immunity to electrical noise and magnetic interference. Radiated emissions are minimized with a spread spectrum OOK carrier and differential coil layout[. Figure 11](#page-12-1) shows the OOK encoding used by the ADuM4138.

Figure 11. Operational Block Diagram of OOK Encoding

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION **PCB LAYOUT**

The ADuM4138 IGBT gate driver requires no external interface circuitry for the logic interfaces. Power supply bypassing is required at the V_{DD1} and V_{DD2} supply pins. Use a small ceramic capacitor (>10 μ F) from V_{DD1} to GND₁. Add at least 30 μ F to 60 μ F capacitance on the output power supply pin (V_{DD2}) to provide the charge required to drive the gate capacitance at the outputs. This capacitance can be provided by multiple parallel capacitors. Avoid using vias on V_{DD2} on the bypass capacitor or employing multiple vias to reduce the inductance in bypassing because board vias can introduce parasitic inductance. The total lead length between both ends of the smaller capacitor and the input or output power supply pin must not exceed approximately 5 mm. For the 5 V regulators, place 1 µF capacitors as close as possible to the ADuM4138.

ISOLATED FLYBACK CONTROLLER

The ADuM4138 has an integrated isolated flyback controller that delivers isolated power to the gate being driven. The flyback controller provides a control signal to the flyback MOSFET on the low side of the device. This MOSFET switches the primary side of the flyback transformer. An external diode rectifies the secondary voltage and regulates the internal compensation on the secondary side. An inductive isolation link transfers duty cycle information to the primary side.

Startup includes a soft start, where the duty cycle is controlled to a maximum value that increases with time. The primary side has an oscillator that controls this timing. The secondary side also has an oscillator, creating the 200 kHz (typical) ramp signal used to create the PWM control. The handoff between the soft start and secondary oscillator is controlled internally without user intervention. An internal resistor network performs feedback sensing on the V_{DD2} pin.

The power good pin, PGOOD, is available for output on the primary side, allowing the user to observe when the secondary voltage is within regulation.

If V_{DD2} loses power during operation, a fault posts to the primary side, and the flyback does not automatically attempt recovery. The V_{DD1} power cycle initiates the flyback operation again.

Peak current mode control is employed on the primary side of the ADuM4138 through the ISENSE pin. Use the following equation to set the current limit:

$$
I_{PEAK} (mA) = 100 \text{ mV}/R_s \tag{1}
$$

where:

IPEAK is the desired peak current limit in mA. R_S is the sense resistor used to set the peak current limit in Ω .

A typical application is shown i[n Figure 30.](#page-22-2) The recommended current-limit resistance (RcL) value is 20 k Ω . In operation, the equation for setting the peak current follows:

$$
V_{I_SENSE} = (I_{I_SENSE}) \times (R_{CL}) + (I_{PEAK}) \times (R_S)
$$
 (2)

where:

 V_I _{SENSE} = 500 mV (typical) I_I s_{ENSE} = 20 µA (typical) R_{CL} = 20 k Ω (recommended)

SPI AND EEPROM OPERATION *SPI Programming*

The ADuM4138 contains an SPI bus for setting remote temperature gains and offsets, PWM reporting frequency, high temperature faults, and low temperature operation mode. The SPI bus allows programming of the secondary side EEPROM, allowing a permanent operation setting. The SPI interface can operate in a daisy-chain mode to allow efficient use of the microcontroller input and output pins. When the chip select (CS) pin is brought low, programming of the EEPROM is available. However, the gate drive output is disabled. The gate drive output is not available again until \overline{CS} is brought back to high.

Programming is performed using the standard SPI convention of clock polarity $(CPOL) = 0$ and clock phase $(CPHA) = 1$. The SPI timing diagram shown i[n Figure 2](#page-6-2) demonstrates a typical read or write operation. Bit A1 and Bit A0 are the address bits. The must be zero (MBZ) bits must be set to 0. Bits[D23:D0] are the data bits, with MSB first. Bit RW0 sets whether the action is a read (0) or a write (1) .

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USER REGISTER MAP

[Figure 12](#page-14-3) shows the user register map and binary addresses.

Figure 12. User Register Map

USER REGISTER BITS

[Table 13](#page-14-4) lists the user register (Address 00) bits and bit descriptions.

Table 13. User Register (Address 00) Bit Descriptions

OFFSET_2[5:0] Bits

Use the OFFSET_2 bits of the EEPROM to adjust the internal offset for the TS2 pin.

GAIN_2[5:0] Bits

Use the GAIN_2 bits of the EEPROM to adjust the internal gain for the TS2 pin.

OFFSET_1[5:0] Bits

Use the OFFSET_1 bits of the EEPROM to adjust the internal offset for the TS1 pin.

GAIN_1[5:0] Bits

Use the GAIN_1 bits of the EEPROM to adjust the internal gain for the TS1 pin.

CONFIGURATION REGISTER BITS

[Table 14](#page-14-5) lists the configuration (CONFIG) register (Address 01) bits and bit descriptions.

OT_FAULT_OP Bit

Set the OT_FAULT_OP bit to 1 to disable a fault for overtemperature. If this bit is set to 0, the ADuM4138 issues a fault when the TS1 or TS2 pin detects an overtemperature event.

OT_FAULT_SEL Bit

The OT_FAULT_SEL bit selects between two overtemperature fault voltage thresholds. Set this bit to 0 to set the falling threshold to 1.65 V (typical) and the rising threshold is 1.69 V (typical). Set the OT_FAULT_SEL bit to 1 to set the falling threshold to 1.69 V (typical) and the rising threshold is 1.73 V (typical).

OC_TIME_OP Bit

Set the OC_TIME_OP bit to 1 to disable the two-level drive and timer during an overcurrent event. During an overcurrent event, the output immediately enters soft shutdown. If enabled, overcurrent blanking is still available.

OC_2LEV_OP Bits

Set the OC_2LEV_O bit to 1 to disable the two-level drive during an overcurrent event before a fault registers. After the overcurrent detection time completes, a fault registers and the output shuts down using the soft shutdown. If this bit is set to 0 during an overcurrent event, but before t_{doc}, the two-level drive level is output to the gate.

LOW_T_OP Bit

Bit 12 of the CONFIG register can disable a special low temperature operation. If the LOW_T_OP bit is set to 0 when the TS1 pin rises above 2.4 V (typical), the gate voltage goes to the two-level plateau voltage during an on command. Hysteresis allows operation down to 2.36 V (typical) on TS1 before the low temperature operation mode is left. If the LOW_T_OP bit is set to 1, all nonfault gate signals are at the V_{DD2} output voltage on an on signal.

OC_BLANK_OP Bit

Set the OC_BLANK_OP bit to 1 to enable the two-level drive during the current blanking time. When the OC_BLANK_OP bit is set to 1, it enters the two-level drive in case of an overcurrent event during the blanking time, tBLANK.

tBLANK[3:0] Bits

During the initial turn on of a gate, a large amount of noise caused by switching actions can exist. To account for this noise, the overcurrent detection can be masked by setting different t_{BLANK} values. During the masking time, overcurrent events are ignored.

Table 15. t_{BLANK} Blanking Times

ECC_OFF_OP Bit

If the ECC_OFF_OP bit is set to 1 when an ECC error is detected, the ADuM4138 enters a soft shutdown and a fault registers. This fault registers whether a single or double ECC fault is detected. If this bit is set to 0, ECC faults are set in the control register (Address 10), but the ADuM4138 continues to operate without shutting down.

FLYBACK_V[3:0] Bits

The FLYBACK_V bits in the EEPROM can set the isolated flyback output voltage. The default code is 0111 (16.00 V target). [Table 16](#page-15-0) describes the output voltages available.

Table 16. EEPROM Register Map

T_RAMP_OP Bit

Set the T_RAMP_OP bit to 0 to allow the overcurrent reference voltage to vary with temperature. The current reference varies by 10% across the TS1 voltages of 1.55 V to 2.45 V, as shown in [Figure 14.](#page-17-3) Set the T_RAMP_OP bit to 1 to have the overcurrent reference voltage, $V_{\text{OCD_TH}}$, set to 2 V (typical) regardless of the sensed temperature.

PWM_OSC Bit

The PWM_OSC bit controls whether the reported TEMP_OUT pin PWM frequency is 10 kHz or 50 kHz. When the PWM_OSC bit is set to 0, the output frequency is 10 kHz (typical). When the PWM_OSC bit is set to 1, the PWM output frequency is 50 kHz (typical).

CONTROL REGISTER BITS

[Table 17](#page-16-1) lists the control register (Address 10) bits and bit descriptions.

Table 17. Control Register (Address 10) Bit Descriptions

ECC2_DBL_ERR Bit

When two errors are detected in the EEPROM stored data, the ECC2 DBL ERR bit sets to 1 when read. Two errors are detectable. Hwever, these errors cannot be fixed using the error correcting code employed by the ADuM4138. The ECC2_DBL_ERR bit set to 1 indicates when a double error is detected in the memory banks, representing trim performed on the ADuM4138 outside of the registers affected by user and configuration (CONFIG) addresses. When this bit is set to 0, it indicates no error was detected for bits greater than 1.

ECC2_SNG_ERR Bit

When a single error is detected in the EEPROM stored data, the ECC2_SNG_ERR bit sets to 1 when read. The error correcting code employed by the ADuM4138 can detect and correct a single error. The ECC2_SNG_ERR bit set to 1 indicates when a single error is detected in the memory banks, representing trim performed on the ADuM4138 outside of the registers affected by user and configuration (CONFIG) addresses. When this bit is set to 0, it indicates no single bit error was detected.

ECC1_DBL_ERR Bit

When two errors are detected in the EEPROM stored data, the ECC1_DBL_ERR bit sets to 1 when read. Two errors are detectable. However, these errors cannot be corrected using the error correcting code employed by the ADuM4138. The ECC2_DBL_ERR bit set to 1 indicates that a double error is detected in the memory banks, representing trim performed on the ADuM4138 by the user and configuration (CONFIG) addresses. A value of 0 indicates no error was detected for bits greater than 1.

ECC1_SNG_ERR Bit

When a single error is detected in the EEPROM stored data, the ECC1_SNG_ERR bit is set to 1 when read. The error correcting code employed by the ADuM4138 can detect and correct a single error. The ECC2_SNG_ERR bit set to 1 indicates that a single error is detected in the memory banks, representing trim performed on the ADuM4138 by the user and configuration (CONFIG) addresses. A value of 0 indicates no single bit error was detected.

PROG_BUSY Bit

Set the PROG_BUSY bit high to program the EEPROM memory. When this bit is set to 1, the EEPROM begins to write to the memory. The hardware sets this bit back to 0 to indicate that programming has occurred. The write sequence takes 40 ms (maximum) to perform but can write faster than 40 ms (maximum). If a shorter wait time is required, the PROG_BUSY bit can be read back multiple times during the write time. If 0 is read back after the user sets this bit to 1, the write completed.

SIM_TRIM Bit

If the SIM_TRIM bit is set to 0, the user and configuration (CONFIG) registers have no effect on the operation of the ADuM4138. Use this bit to simulate trim settings but not to write to the registers.

If SIM_TRIM is set high, address values can change the operation of the gate driver to simulate what programming the values to the EEPROM does across power ups. When SIM_TRIM is set to 0, previous address values from the EEPROM are loaded, and operation returns to what the power on state is.

PROPAGATION DELAY RELATED PARAMETERS

Propagation delay describes the time it takes a logic signal to propagate through a component. The propagation delay to a low output can differ from the propagation delay to a high output. The ADuM4138 specifies t_{DLH} (se[e Figure 13\)](#page-17-2) as the time between the rising input high logic threshold, V_{IH} , to the output rising 10% threshold. Likewise, the falling propagation delay, t_{DHL} , is defined as the time between the input falling logic low threshold, VIL, and the output falling 90% threshold. The rise and fall times are dependent on the loading conditions and are not included in the propagation delay, which is the industry standard for gate drivers.

Figure 13. Propagation Delay Parameters

Propagation delay skew refers to the maximum amount that the propagation delay differs between multiple ADuM4138 components operating under the same temperature, input voltage, and load conditions.

PROTECTION FEATURES *Primary Side UVLO*

The ADuM4138 has UVLO on both the primary and secondary sides. If the primary side voltage drops below 4.13 V (typical), the transmission to the secondary side is stopped, effectively bringing the output low. There can be current flowing from the decoupling capacitor on the V5_1 pin due to the body diode of the 5 V internal regulator. It is recommended that the V_{DD1} pin to GND_1 pin be supplied with a voltage 6 V or greater.

Fault Reporting

The ADuM4138 provides protections for faults that may occur during the operation of an IGBT. The primary fault condition is overcurrent as detected by the overcurrent detection pins, OC1 or OC2. If detected, the ADuM4138 shuts down the gate drive and asserts the FAULT pin low. Faults initiate a soft shutdown through the V_{OFF} soft pin. Faults can be initiated by the secondary UVLO, TSD, desaturation detection, overcurrent, gate low voltage detect, and remote overtemperature.

Overcurrent Detection

The ADuM4138 operates with split emitter IGBTs or split source MOSFETs. Using the lower current leg of the split leg switches, an accurate measurement of current through the IGBT or MOSFET can be made through a precision sense resistor. In this way, fast reaction to overcurrent events results. When an overcurrent event is detected, a high speed, two-level, turn off initiates. If the overcurrent condition remains beyond the two-level, detect delay time (t_{doc}) , a fault reports to the primary side of the ADuM4138. If the overcurrent condition is removed before the turn off time, the V_{OUT_ON} pin returns to a high output state, and the fault timer is reset.

Sense temperature on the TS1 pin can modify the overcurrent threshold. If the T_RAMP_OP bit is set to 1, the overcurrent threshold is set to 2 V (typical) across all operating conditions. If the T_RAMP_OP bit is set to 0, the overcurrent voltage temperature threshold, $V_{\text{OCD_TH_EN}}$, is set to 2.69 V (typical) at TS1 = 1.55 V and goes to 1.75 V (typical) at $TS1 = 2.45$ V in a linear fashion (see [Figure 14\)](#page-17-3).

Figure 14. Overcurrent Threshold Variation due to Sensed Temperature

Figure 15. Split Emitter Overcurrent Detection Functional Block Diagram

High Speed, Two-Level, Turn Off

If the OC1 or OC2 pin detects an overcurrent, the two-level turn off circuitry drives the gate low. The internal MOSFET drives the device gate low until the input voltage (GATE_SENSE) reaches the 11.9 V (typical) voltage plateau. t_{docR} is time the output takes from detecting an overcurrent to driving the overcurrent to the plateau voltage. After the detect time (t_{doc}), a fault is registered and reported to the primary side (se[e Figure 16\)](#page-18-0). If during t_{doc} the overcurrent threshold ($V_{\text{OCD TH}}$), is no longer violated, the internal positive metal-oxide conductor (PMOS) returns the gate back to the V_{DD2} voltage and the two-level timer is reset (se[e Figure 17\)](#page-18-1).

Figure 17. Two-Level Timer Recovery Example (Not to Scale)

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Figure 18. Gate Voltage Output Functional Block Diagram

Miller Clamp

The ADuM4138 has an integrated Miller clamp control signal to reduce voltage spikes on the IGBT gate due to the Miller capacitance during shutoff of the IGBT. When the input gate signal calls for the IGBT to turn off (drive low), the external Miller clamp MOSFET signal is initially off. When the voltage on the GATE_SENSE pin crosses the 2 V (typical) internal voltage reference, as referenced to GND₂, the Miller clamp latches on for the remainder of the off time of the IGBT, creating a second low impedance current path for the gate current to follow. The Miller clamp switch remains on until the input drive signal changes from low to high. [Figure 19](#page-18-2) shows an example waveform of this timing, and [Figure 20](#page-19-0) shows the functional block diagram of the Miller clamp.

Figure 19. Miller Clamp Example Waveform of Timing

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Figure 20. Miller Clamp Functional Block Diagram

Desaturation Detection

The ADuM4138 enters a failure state and turns the IGBT off to prevent desaturation from causing a short-circuit condition across the IGBT, if the DESAT pin exceeds the DESAT threshold, VDESAT_R, of 8.9 V (typical) while the high-side driver is on. At this time, the FAULT pin is brought low. An internal current source of 490 µA (typical) is provided, as well as the option to boost the charging current using external current sources or pull-up resistors. The ADuM4138 has a built in blanking time, t_{BLANK}, to prevent false triggering while the IGBT is first turning on. The time between desaturation detection and reporting a desaturation fault to the FAULT pin is less than 825 ns (typical). t_{DESAT} BLANK provides a 450 ns (typical) masking time that keeps the internal switch that grounds the blanking capacitor tied low for the initial portion of the IGBT on time, as shown i[n Figure 21.](#page-19-1)

Figure 21. Desaturation Detection Timing Diagram

Under normal operation, during IGBT off times, the voltage across the IGBT (V_{CE}) rises to the rail voltage supplied to the system. In this instance, the blocking diode shuts off, protecting the ADuM4138 from high voltages. During the off times, the internal desaturation switch is on, accepting the current going through the R_{BLANK} resistor, which allows the C_{BLANK} capacitor to remain at a low voltage. For the first 450 ns (typical) of the IGBT on time, the desaturation switch remains on, clamping the DESAT pin voltage low. After the 450 ns (typical) delay time, the DESAT pin releases, and the DESAT pin rises to starting voltage (V3) = $V_{CE} + V_F + V_R$ DESAT to dampen the current at this time, usually around 100 Ω (see [Figure 30\)](#page-22-2). Select a blocking diode with fast recovery and suitable blocking voltage.

In the case of a desaturation event, V_{CE} rises above the 9 V threshold in the desaturation detection circuit. The voltage on the DESAT pin rises with a resistor capacitor (RC) time constant profile dependent on the CBLANK capacitor and the RBLANK resistor. The exact timing of this depends on V3, the supply voltage (V_{DD2}), the RBLANK resistor, and the CBLANK capacitor values. Depending on the IGBT specifications, a blanking time of around 2 µs is the typical design choice. When the DESAT pin rises above the 9 V threshold, a fault registers, and the gate output is driven low. The NFET soft shutdown MOSFET brings the output low, which is 15 Ω (typical), to perform a soft shutdown to reduce the chance of an overvoltage spike on the IGBT during an abrupt turn off event. Within 825 ns (typical), the fault communicates back to the primary side FAULT pin.

Thermal Shutdown

The ADuM4138 contains two thermal shutdowns (TSDs). If the internal temperature of the secondary side of the ADuM4138 exceeds 150°C (typical), the ADuM4138 enters a TSD fault, and the gate drive is disabled by means of a soft shutdown. When a TSD occurs, the ADuM4138 does not leave TSD until the internal temperature has dropped below 130°C (typical). After reaching this temperature, the ADuM4138 exits shutdown. A fault output is available on the primary side during a TSD event on the secondary side by means of the FAULT pin.

If the primary die temperature exceeds 154°C (typical), the primary side functions shut down, stopping the flyback switching and shutting down the secondary side. The primary side leaves TSD when the internal temperature has dropped below 135°C (typical).

The main cause of overtemperature is driving too large a load for a given ambient temperature. This type of temperature overload typically affects the secondary side die because this is where the main power dissipation for load driving occurs.

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Isolated Temperature Sensor

The ADuM4138 allows simple isolated temperature detection. Using an internal current source to bias an external temperature sensing diode, the ADuM4138 encodes the forward-biased voltage of the diode into a PWM signal, which is passed across the isolation barrier from the secondary side to the primary side. The PWM signal operates at 10 kHz or 50 kHz (programmed in the EEPROM). A 10% (typical) PWM signal corresponds to a voltage of 2.45 V, and a 92% (typical) PWM signal corresponds to 1.55 V. Voltages between the minimum and maximum are approximately linear and monotonically interpolated. The ADuM4138 contains support for two remote temperature sensing diode assemblies, which can both cause overheating faults on the secondary side. Additionally, one temperature sensor readback is available for reading on the primary side through the isolated temperature reporting channel. The lower voltage (higher temperature) of the two temperature sensor pins, TS1 and TS2, reports on the TEMP_OUT pin. The gain and offset of the PWM temperature sensor can be set in the TEMP_OUT pin voltage mapping (se[e Figure 22\)](#page-20-0).

Figure 22. TEMP_OUT Duty Cycle vs. Lower TSx Pin Voltage

A low temperature operation mode is available if the voltage sensed on the TS1 pin is greater than 2.4 V (typical), the maximum gate voltage is set to the two-level plateau voltage of 11.90 V (typical), see [Figure 23.](#page-20-1) Hysteresis allows continued low temperature operation until the TS1 pin voltage goes below 2.36 V (typical). Low temperature operation can be enabled or disabled in the EEPROM settings in the LOW_T_OP bit, Address 01, Bit 12. Basic operation is shown i[n Figure 23.](#page-20-1) During the two-level drive, the RDSON resistances of the turn on and turn off drivers increase to approximately 4 times the normal turn on and turn off resistances. **GATE DRIVE LEVEL**

POWER DISSIPATION

When driving an IGBT gate, the driver must dissipate power. This power can lead to TSD if the following considerations are not made. The gate of an IGBT can be simulated roughly as a capacitive load. Due to Miller capacitance and other nonlinearities, it is common practice to take the stated input capacitance (C_{ISS}) of a given IGBT and multiply it by a factor of 5 to arrive at a conservative estimate to approximate the load being driven. With this value, the estimated total power dissipation (PDISS) in the system due to switching action is given by the following equation:

 $P_{\text{DISS}} = C_{\text{EST}} \times (V_{\text{DD2}})^2 \times f_{\text{S}}$

where:

 $C_{EST} = C_{ISS} \times 5$.

 V_{DD2} is the voltage on the V_{DD2} pin. f_s is the switching frequency of IGBT.

This power dissipation is shared between the internal on resistances of the internal gate driver switches and the external gate resistances, RGON and RGOFF. The ratio of the internal gate resistances to the total series resistance allows the calculation of losses seen within the ADuM4138 chip.

Take the power dissipation found inside the chip due to switching, adding the quiescent power losses, and multiplying it by the θ_{JA} gives the rise above ambient temperature that the ADuM4138 experiences.

$$
\begin{aligned} P_{\rm{DISS_ADUM4138}} &= P_{\rm{DISS}} \times 0.5 (R_{\rm{DSON_P}} \div (R_{\rm{GON}} + R_{\rm{DSON_P}}) + \\ (R_{\rm{DSON_N}} \div (R_{\rm{GOFF}} + R_{\rm{DSON_N}})) + P_{\rm{QUIESCENT}} \end{aligned}
$$

where:

PDISS_ADUM4138 is the power dissipation of the ADuM4138. *RGON* is the external series resistance in the on path. *PGOFF* is the external series resistance in the off path. *PQUIESCENT* is the quiescent power.

$$
T_{ADuM4138} = \theta_{JA} \times P_{DISS_ADuM4138} + T_{AMB}
$$

where:

TADuM4138 is the junction temperature of the ADuM4138. *TAMB* is the ambient temperature.

For the ADuM4138 to remain within specification, $T_{ADuM4138}$ cannot exceed 150°C (typical). When TADuM4138 exceeds 150°C (typical), the ADuM4138 enters TSD.

INSULATION LIFETIME

All insulation structures eventually break down when subjected to voltage stress over a sufficiently long period. The rate of insulation degradation is dependent on the characteristics of the voltage waveform applied across the insulation. In addition to the testing performed by the regulatory agencies, Analog Devices carries out an extensive set of evaluations to determine the lifetime of the insulation structure within the ADuM4138.

Analog Devices performs accelerated life testing using voltage levels higher than the rated continuous working voltage. Acceleration factors for several operating conditions are determined. These factors allow calculation of the time to failure at the actual working voltage.

The values show[n Table 10](#page-9-3) summarize the peak voltage for 20 years of service life for a bipolar ac operating condition, and the maximum CSA/VDE approved working voltages. In many cases, the approved working voltage is higher than the 20 year service life voltage. Operation at these high working voltages can lead to shortened insulation life in some cases.

The insulation lifetime of the ADuM4138 depends on the voltage waveform type imposed across the isolation barrier. The *i*Coupler insulation structure degrades at different rates depending on whether the waveform is bipolar ac, unipolar ac, or dc. [Figure 25,](#page-21-2) [Figure 26,](#page-21-3) and [Figure 27](#page-21-4) show these different isolation voltage waveforms.

A bipolar ac voltage environment is the worst case for the *i*Coupler products and is the 20 year operating lifetime that Analog Devices recommends for maximum working voltage (see [Figure 25\)](#page-21-2). In the case of unipolar ac or dc voltage, the stress on the insulation is significantly lower, which allows operation at higher working voltages while still achieving a 20 year service life. Treat any cross insulation voltage waveform that does not conform to [Figure 26](#page-21-3) or [Figure 27](#page-21-4) as a bipolar ac waveform, and limit its peak voltage to the 20 year lifetime voltage value listed in [Table 10.](#page-9-3)

The voltage presented in [Figure 26](#page-21-3) is shown as sinusoidal for illustration purposes only. It is meant to represent any voltage waveform varying between 0 V and some limiting value. The limiting value can be positive or negative, but the voltage cannot cross 0 V.

Figure 27. Unipolar DC Waveform

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DC CORRECTNESS AND MAGNETIC FIELD IMMUNITY

The ADuM4138 is resistant to external magnetic fields. The limitation on the ADuM4138 magnetic field immunity is set by the condition in which the induced voltage in the transformer receiving coil is sufficiently large to either falsely set or reset the decoder. The following analysis defines the conditions under which this can occur.

Figure 28. Maximum Allowable External Magnetic Flux Density

Figure 29. Maximum Allowable Current for Various Current to ADuM4138 Spacing

TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT

See [Figure 30](#page-22-2) for an example application of the IGBT drive.

Figure 30. IGBT Drive Example Application, Snubber Can Be Added to Flyback

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OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

Dimensions shown in millimeters

ORDERING GUIDE

¹ Z = RoHS Compliant Part.

 2 W = Qualified for Automotive Applications.

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