

AN1376 APPLICATION NOTE 25W QUASI-RESONANT FLYBACK CONVERTER FOR

SET-TOP BOX APPLICATION USING THE L6565

This document describes a reference design of a 25W Switch Mode Power Supply dedicated to Set-Top Box application. The board accepts full range input voltage (90 to 265Vrms) and delivers 5 outputs. It is based on the new controller L6565, working in variable frequency mode.

1 INTRODUCTION

Set-Top Boxes are growing very fast and they are becoming very popular in all Countries either for satellite or cable decoding. Hence the market is asking for solutions having high cost effectiveness, providing for good performances, low noise, small volumes at low cost. The Quasi-resonant operation and the high flexibility of the L6565 make it a very suitable device, able to satisfy all the requirements with only few external components.

The board has been designed with mixed technology components, both PTH and SMT. For this reason some components are doubled, in accordance with their ratings.

2 MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

The main characteristics of the SMPS are listed here below:

■ INPUT VOLTAGE:

Vin: 90 - 264 Vrms

f: 45-66 Hz

■ OUTPUT VOLTAGES:

NOTES:

- (A) Dedicated to 5V digital circuitry and to 3.3v local post regulators
- (B) Dedicated to SCART, LNBP21 for satellite STB. For other applications the current is 0.4A
- (C) Dedicated to 5V local post regulators

(D) Dedicated to tuner

■ STAND-BY

No stand-by mode is foreseen by equipment

■ OVERCURRENT PROTECTION

On all outputs, with auto-restart at short protection

■ PCB TYPE & SIZE:

Cu Single Side 35 um, FR-4, 122.5 x 75 mm

■ SAFETY:

In acc. with EN60950, creepage and clearance minimum distance 6.4mm

■ EMI:

In acc. with EN50022 Class B

3 ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM

Figure 1. Electrical Diagram

The switching frequency (minimum is ~30 kHz $\omega_{\text{V}_{\text{in}}}$ = 80 \vee_{DC}) has been chosen to get a compromise between the transformer size and the harmonics of the switching frequency, in order to optimise the input filter size and its cost. The MOSFET is a standard and cheap 600V-1.76 Ω typ., TO-220FP. It needs a small heat sink. The transformer reflected voltage is 90V, providing enough room for the leakage inductance voltage spike with still margin for reliability. The network D9+D3 clamps the peak of the leakage inductance voltage spike. These two components are SMT, allowing cost saving of the manual labour with respect to a passive solution, needing manual insertion on the PCB. A 220pF HV capacitor has been added across the drain to optimise MOSFET losses by a small snubbing effect on the drain voltage rate of rise.

The controller L6565 is activated by a couple of dropping resistors (R1+R14, for voltage and power rating reasons) that draws current from the DC bus and charges the capacitor C11. This circuit dissipates only about 240mW @ 264 Vac, thanks to the extremely low start-up current. During the normal operation the controller is powered by the transformer via the diode D4. The network Q101, C102, R104 acts as a spike killer, improving the auxiliary voltage fluctuations and the performance in short circuit. R12+R15 and R11 compensate for the power capability change vs. the input voltage (Voltage Feed-forward). A 1nF ceramic capacitor bypasses any noise on pin #3 to ground (C23). The current flowing in the transformer primary is sensed by the resistor R6. The circuit connected to pin1 (FB) provides for the over voltage protection in case of feedback network failures and open loop operation.

The output rectifiers have been chosen in accordance with the maximum reverse voltage and power dissipation. The rectifiers for 3.3V and 7V outputs are Schottky, type STPS10L60FP. These diodes are low forward voltage drop, hence dissipating less power with respect to standard types. Both are the same to decrease the component diversity, as well as for the capacitors C1 to C3 and C19. The diode D8 needs a small heat sink, as indicated on the BOM. The other two output rectifiers are SMT, fast recovery. The snubber R102 and C101 damps the oscillation produced by the diode D1 at MOSFET turn-on.

The output voltage regulation is performed by secondary feedback on the 3.3V output, while for other voltages the regulation is achieved by the transformer coupling. The feedback network is the classical TL431 driving an optocoupler, in this case an SFH617A-4, insuring the required insulation between primary and secondary. The opto-transistor drives directly the COMP pin of the controller. The 5V output is linearly post-regulated from the 7V output to get a very stable voltage. A zener regulator assures the 30V stability at low cost. The 5V regulator needs to be dissipated.

A small LC filter has been added on the +12V, +7V, +3.3V in order to filter the high frequency ripple without increasing the output capacitors.

A 100nF capacitor has been connected on each output, very close to the output connector soldering points to limit the spike amplitude.

The input EMI filter is a classical Pi-filter, 1-cell for differential and common mode noise. A NTC limits the inrush current produced by the capacitor charging at plug-in.

The transformer is slot type, manufactured by Eldor Corporation, in accordance with the EN60950.

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Here following some waveforms during the normal operation at full load:

Figure 2. Vds & Id @ Full Load

The pictures above show the drain voltage and current at the nominal input mains voltage during normal operation at full load. The Envelope acquisition of the scope provides for the possibility to see the modulation of the two waveforms due to the input voltage ripple.

Figure 3. Vds & Id @ Full Load (Vin = 265 Vrms - 50 Hz)

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The maximum PIV of the diodes has been measured during the worst operating condition and it is indicated on the right of each picture. The margin, with respect to the maximum voltage sustained by the diodes, assures a safe operating condition for the devices.

Here following the most salient controller IC signals are depicted. In both the pictures is possible to distinguish clean waveforms free of hard spikes or noise that could affect the controller correct operation.

4 CROSS REGULATION

In the following tables the output voltage cross regulation is measured with static and dynamic loads and the overall efficiency of the converter measured at different input voltages. All the output voltages have been measured **after** the load connector soldering point of the STB motherboard. The length of the connection cable is 100 mm.

■ FULL LOAD

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 $V_{UNREG} = 37.2$ Pout_{TOT} [W] = 24.448

VC11 = 11.88 **EFF. = 67.91%**

fS = 41÷51 kHz **ALL VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOLERANCE**

 $V_{UNREG} = 35.5$ Pout_{TOT} [W] = 11.545

Vin [Vrms]= 115

fS = 83÷89 kHz **ALL VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOLERANCE**

 $V_{UNREG} = 35.4$ Pout_{TOT} [W] = 11.537

The above tables shown the output voltage measured applying the same loads that we could have in case of a different Set-top Box type is powered (e.g. a terrestrial or cable) without the LNB block of the satellite antenna. Like before all the output voltages are within the tolerances.

VC11 = 12.04 **EFF. = 70.82%**

fS = 66÷68 kHz **ALL VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOLERANCE**

The efficiency of the converter is not very high but it is heavily affected by 5V the linear regulator delivering 1.1 A. Delivering 1.6A on the 7V output but removing the 5V regulator the efficiency measured is 7

Vin $[V\text{rms}] = 220$

 $V_{UNREG} = 37.2$ Pout_{TOT} [W] = 24.860

VC11 = 11.5 **EFF. = 65.55%**

f_S = 112 kHz **ALL VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOLERANCE**

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■ Reduced Load - 9W

VC11 = 11.48 **EFF. = 64.52%**

fS = 94÷101 kHz **ALL VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOLERANCE**

 $V_{UNREG} = 36$ Pout_{TOT} [W] = 9.162

 $V_{UNREG} = 35.8$ Pout_{TOT} [W] = 9.172

VC11 = 11.7 **EFF. = 60.34%**

f_S = PFM/PWM **ALL VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOLERANCE**

Even still reducing the load till 9W, Thanks to the good coupling of the transformer, all the output voltages are still in tolerance.

■ At No-Load (Output connector unplug)

Figure 6.

Unplugging the output connector the circuit is still able to maintain all the voltages perfectly under control and within the tolerance. Hence a perfect functionality of the circuit is achieved also in this abnormal condition. During the no load operation the circuit works in burst mode and, thanks to the controller functionality, the switching frequency inside the Burst pulses is kept at low. This provides for a low power consumption of the power supply, making it suitable to support stand-by operation with low consumption from the mains. It has to be kept into account that this circuit **has not been optimized** for the Stand-by operation, hence it could be improved.

5 OUTPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE @FULL LOAD

In the following picture all the output voltage ripple at switching and mains frequency are measured. As per the previous measures, the probes have been connected on test points after the output flat cable. As shown in the pictures, the ripple and the spikes are very low.

The low frequency residual ripple compared with the ripple across C10 (input Elcap) shows an excellent rejection of the circuit (>80 dB).

6 MEASUREMENT OF THE RMS CAPACITOR CURRENTS

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The tables show the rms currents flowing in the output capacitors at 115Vac and 220Vac, full load. All the rms currents are within the rating of the capacitor type indicated (Rubycon, YXF series). This avoids the component overstress that should affect the reliability and/or the expected lifetime of the SMPS

7 DYNAMIC LOAD TESTS

Regulated Output

Load condition: +5V, +7V, +12V, +30V: FULL LOAD

+3,3V: LOAD 50 %÷100%, 70Hz

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The pictures show the output voltage regulation against a dynamic load variation of the feed backed voltage, at the nominal input voltage values. As shown in the left pictures the response after the connector is not very good from the peak point of view, even if the response is quite fast. Making the same measure before the filter inductor (L4), at the feed back divider connection points, the response is much better $(\approx 2.2 \%)$. This means that the filter inductor heavily affect the response. To avoid any expensive solution to improve it the better way is to measure the voltage regulation during the normal operation, powering the real load circuitry. This, because there are some local capacitors or filters helping a lot the regulation. Moreover, normally the dynamic load changes are less than the testing value indicated.

The regulation for all the other output voltage is good, remaining well within tolerances.

■ Unregulated Outputs

The following tests show the response of the output voltages varying the load for each unregulated output. The load conditions are specified at the right of each picture. The regulation has been tested at both the nominal mains voltages.

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Figure 11.

@115 VAC - 50Hz

+3,3V +5V, +7V, +30V: FULL LOAD +7V: DYNAMIC LOAD 0.1 to 0.5A, 70Hz

5V modulation: 20 mVpp

@ 220Vac the waveforms have the same amplitude.

ALL THE VOLTAGES ARE WITHIN TOL-ERANCES, AT BOTH INPUT MAINS VOLTAGES

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8 START-UP BEHAVIOUR @FULL LOAD

Figure 12.

In the previous 4 pictures there are the rising slopes at full load of the more significant output voltages at nominal, minimum and maximum input mains voltage. As shown in the pictures, the rising times are constant and there is only a slight difference for the 5V rise time, with respect to the other outputs. This characteristic is quite important when the loads are a μ P and its peripherals as in our case, to avoid problem at start-up. At minimum voltage a super imposed ripple at line frequency is present, due to the high ripple at the input that is not completely rejected by the loop before reaching the steady state operation. This because while the input voltage is rising, the ripple valley voltage is less than the minimum operating voltage of the circuit, therefore the ripple it is properly rejected only when it reaches that value.

9 WAKE-UP TIME

In the following pictures there are the waveforms with the wake-up time measures at the nominal input mains. Obviously, due to the circuitry characteristics, the wake-up time is not constant but it is dependent on the input voltage. The measured time at 115 and 220 Vac are 1.2 and 0.6 second, which are rather common values for this kind of Power Supplies.

The worst condition, of course, is at 85 Vac when the start-up time becomes around 1.7 seconds, which is quite a long time even if still acceptable. This because there is anyway the startup time of the STB which is longer. Additionally, the 85Vac input mains is a steady state voltage but it is not a very common value.

Figure 13.

In Figure 14 there are the waveforms at minimum and maximum voltage with a magnification of the time base: on the picture is clearly indicated that no any overshoot, undershoot, dip or lost of control happens during the power supply start-up phase. Obviously also the nominal voltages are been detected without showing any abnormal behaviour.

Figure 14.

10 TURN-OFF

Even at turn off the transition is clean, without any abnormal behaviour like restart or glitches both on the primary or secondary side.

Figure 15.

11 SHORT-CIRCUIT TESTS @ FULL LOAD

The short circuit tests have been done in two phases, both making the test shorting by a power switch the output electrolytic capacitor or making the short by the active load option. This gives an idea about the circuit behaviour with a hard short (at very low impedance) or with a "soft" short that could happen on the STB main board, having slightly higher impedance. All the tests have been done at maximum and minimum input voltage. For all conditions the drain voltage is always below the BVDSS, while the mean value of the output current has a value close to the nominal one, then preventing component melting for excessive dissipation. The auto-restart is correct at short removal in all conditions.

Figure 16. 7V OUTPUT: SHORT C3

As clearly indicated by the waveforms, the circuit start to work in hic-cup mode, so maintaing the mean value of the current at levels supported by the component rating. Because the working time and the dead time are imposed by the charging and discharging time of the auxiliary capacitor C11, it is proportional to the input mains voltage.

Figure 17. 7V OUTPUT: SHORT BY ACTIVE LOAD

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As expected the circuit protects itself as well. The secondary peak current is obviously lower, due to the higher circuit impedance.

Like the previous output voltage the controller keeps under control the circuit preventing in all conditions the circuit from catastrophic failures. This happens even shorting the output by the active load.

Even the 12V output is well protected against shorts, either by a power switch or by the active load

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The above pictures are relevant to a hard short by switch of the output capacitor C11. The short by active load has not been tested because the load is not connected on this point, but after the zener limiting resistors.

The short circuit on the +30V has not been tested because the power rating of the limiting resistors in series to the zener diode is not enough to insure a reliable protection against longterm short circuits. A solution could be to PUT a PTC resistor or similar component, or changethe present resistor with a fusible resistor.

Figure 21. 5V OUTPUT: SHORT BY ACTIVE LOAD

A short circuit made on the flat cable soldering points with a power switch provides for the current limiting intervention of the regulator at 2A **(LD1086V50)** Then, due to the internal over temperature protection the regulator starts to switch on and off itself, always keeping the output current under control. Hence, with this transformer and this regulator, an overcurrent on the 5V is not able to provide for the hic-cup working mode the previous tests but anyway all the most important circuit parameters are below any dangerous overstress point.

12 SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION @ LOW LOAD

After the full load tests some checks on the short circuit protection with reduced loads have been done.

@Half Load

At Vin = 115Vac: shorting each output by the active load the over current protection works correctly, providing for the hic-cup working mode, except for the 5V which is protected by the current limiting of the linear regulator.

At Vin = 220Vac: the circuit behaves like at 115V.

@Reduced Load - 1

At Vin = 115Vac: shorting the 3.3V, 7V, 12V and 35V it provides for the hic-cup working mode of the circuit.

At Vin = 220Vac: the behaviour is the same.

@Reduced Load - 2

Both at 115V and 220V the circuit is still protected against short circuits on all the outputs

13 SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION @ NO LOAD

Even in this abnormal condition, with the output connector unplugged, a short on the outputs provides for the same results of the previous tests, both at 115Vac or at 220 Vac.

Figure 22. 3.3V OUTPUT: SHORT @NO LOAD

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14 SHORT CIRCUIT OF THE OUTPUT RECTIFIERS

A frequent problem in a power supply is relevant to the protection of the SMPS itself: thus sometimes it is easy to find circuits with a good protection capability against shorts of the load but which are not able to survive in case of a very hard short like an output electrolytic capacitor or a diode. Besides, in case of a rectifier shorted the equivalent circuit changes and the energy is delivered even during the on time, like in forward mode.

To insure reliable operation of the design, even this fault condition has been simulated for each rectifier. Thanks to the controller functionality, the SMPS can withstand this failure, working in burst mode as visible in the pictures,

Figure 23. RECTIFIERS SHORT: @FULL LOAD - 220 VAC

In case of an output diode short, the current sensing voltage exceeds a second protection level, then the controller stops the operation, so avoiding the destruction of the components at primary side. The controller remains in off-state until the voltage across the Vcc pin decreases below the UVLO threshold. Then it try to restart and it will switch off again until the secondary short is removed. This provides for the hic-cup working mode, preventing the circuit destruction. The operating frequency inside the burst is the internal timer one (~2.5 Khz).

15 SWITCH ON AND TURN OFF IN SHORT CIRCUIT CONDITION

- FULL LOAD
- SHORT ON 3V3 BY ACTIVE LOAD

The following pictures describe the SMPS behaviour during the start-up phase with an output voltage shorted. As clearly visible the circuit starts correctly then it works in hic-cup mode protecting itself. The start-up phase is clean in all conditions, without showing any dangerous transition for the SMPS circuitry.

Figure 24. START

Figure 25. TURN-OFF

Even at turn off in short circuit the SMPS functionalities are good, protecting properly the circuit. No any abnormal transition or level has been observed during the tests.

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16 OVER VOLTAGE PROTECTION

A dangerous fault that could happen in case is the failure of the feedback circuitry. If this occurs, the SMPS output voltages can get high values, depending on the load by each output and the transformer coupling between the windings. Consequently, the rectifiers and the output capacitors are overstressed and can be destroyed. To avoid the SMPS failure a suitable protection circuit has been added. Then the circuit has been tested opening the loop, giving the following results:

17 CONDUCTED NOISE MEASUREMENTS (Pre-Compliance Test)

The following pictures are the peak and quasi-peak conducted noise measurements at full load and nominal mains voltages. The limits shown on the diagrams are the EN55022 CLASS B ones, which is the most widely rule for domestic equipments like a STB. As visible on the diagrams there is a good margin of the measures with respect to the limits, either in peak or quasi-peak mode.

The detail of the filtering components used is on the right of each diagram.

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18 THERMAL MEASURES

In order to check the reliability of the design a thermal mapping by means of an IR Camera was done. Here below the thermal measures on the board, at both nominal input voltages at ambient temperature (24 °C) are shown. The pointers A E have been placed across some key components, affecting the reliability of the circuit. The points correspond to the following components:

As shown on the maps, all the other points of the board are within the temperature limits assuring a reliable performance of the devices.

Figure 28.

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The highest temperatures are for the NTC thermistor, the filter inductor, the input bridge, the clamp diode (D9), the 5V regulator and the output diodes D7 and D6. The temperature rise of the transformer is around 40 °C.

Regarding the thermistor, the bridge and the output diodes the temperature rise is compatible with reliable operation of the circuit.

Figure 29.

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At 220Vac the input circuitry is thermally less stressed and generally the component temperature rise is lower.

19 CONCLUSIONS

A SMPS for Set-Top Box has been completely designed, assembled and tested, giving positive results from all the different aspects (Component Stress, Functionalities, Protections, EMI, thermal behaviour). The design meets also the low-cost requirement, a key driver in the Consumer Electronic market.

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Table 1. PART LIST

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Table 1. PART LIST (continued)

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Figure 31. SILK SCREEN -BOTTOM SIDE

Figure 32. COPPER TRACKS

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