LM5161PWPBKEVM Buck Evaluation Module

User's Guide



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1 Introduction

The LM5161 evaluation module (EVM) is designed to showcase the performance of the LM5161 synchronous buck DC/DC buck converter. The purpose of the user's guide is to highlight the specifications, setup instructions, complete application schematic, bill of materials (BOM), and typical performance curves of the EVM. The LM5161 is supported by WEBENCH® Designer and unencrypted PSpice simulation models. Furthermore, the reader can use the LM5161 Quick-start calculator to optimize component selection and examine estimated efficiency performance across wide line and load ranges. The LM5161 device name is used generically throughout this document and represents both the LM5161 and the LM5161-Q1, unless stated otherwise.

2 EVM Description and Performance Specifications

The LM5161 Buck evaluation board provides a fully functional buck regulator, employing the constant ON-time (COT) control scheme. This provides a 12 V output over an input voltage range of 15 V to 80 V with output current rated up to 1 A. The application schematic of the EVM has been set up to operate from a nominal 48-V input supply. The switching frequency is set to approximately 300 kHz. The board is designed to demonstrate a synchronous buck with small solution size for 12 W wide V_{IN} applications.

Table 1. LM5161 Buck EVM Specifications

ORDERABLE NAME	V _{IN}	V _{out}	I _{OUT}	EFFICIENCY
LM5161PWPBKEVM	15 V–80 V	12 V	0 A –1 A	94%

3 Test Setup and Operation

This section describes the connectors, the test points and the jumpers in the EVM.

3.1 Recommended Test Setup

3.1.1 Input/Output Connector Description

- **J1 Input** is the power input terminal for the converter. The terminal block provides an input V_{IN} (+) and ground (-) connection to allow the user to attach the EVM to a power supply.
- **J2 Output** is the regulated output voltage terminal for the converter. The terminal block provides a V_{OUT} (+) and ground (-) connection to allow the user to attach the EVM to a load.
- **J3 (EN)** allows the user to remotely shutdown/startup LM5161.
- **J4 (V_{\text{out}} to V_{\text{cc}} connection)** allows the user to check for the operation with and without the external V_{cc} connection (V_{cc} pin diode connected to V_{out})
- **JP1 MODE** pin allows the user to select between forced CCM (FPWM = 1) and DCM (FPWM = 0) operation. See Section 3.2 and Table 2 for more details.

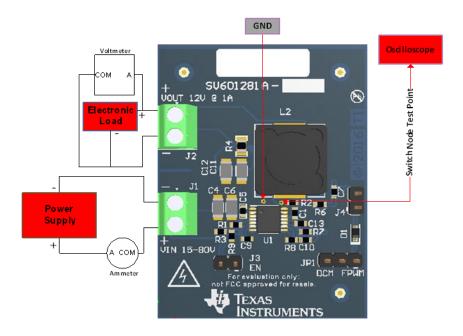


Figure 1. Buck EVM Setup

3.2 Operation

In order to maintain proper operation of the LM5161PWPBKEVM, the input voltage applied across J1 should be gradually increased. The load at the output (J2) should not exceed 1 A. The inductor L2 used in this board is optimized for small solution size. The saturation current rating (I_{SAT}) of the inductor should be higher than the LM5161 integrated high-side FET peak current-limit threshold of 1.9 A (max.).

The nominal switching frequency (in Hz) can be set using the R_{ON} (R1 in the EVM) resistor, as shown in Equation 1:

$$F_{SW} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{1.008 \times 10^{-10} \times R_{ON}} Hz$$
 (1)

The output voltage is set by using the feedback divider resistors R8 (R_{FB1}) and R7 (R_{FB2}) in the EVM by using Equation 2:

$$\frac{R_{FB2}}{R_{FB1}} = \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF}} - 1 \tag{2}$$

The EN/UVLO resistors R9 (R_{UV1}) and R3 (R_{UV2}) in the EVM sets the input undervoltage lockout threshold and the EN/UVLO hysteresis according to Equation 3:

$$V_{IN(HYS)} = I_{UVLO(HYS)} \times R_{UV2}$$
(3)

and,

$$V_{IN, UVLO(rising)} = V_{UVLO(TH)} \left(1 + \frac{R_{UV2}}{R_{UV1}} \right)$$
(4)

where $I_{UVLO(HYS)} = 20 \mu A$ and $V_{UVLO(TH)} = 1.24 V$.

Table 2 summarizes the LM5161 Buck EVM Jumper (JP1) settings that determine the desired modes of operation.

- Forced continuous conduction mode (CCM) or FPWM
- Discontinuous conduction mode (DCM)



When selecting the FPWM mode, the LM5161 needs an external feedback ripple injection circuit (Type 3) or the external ESR resistor (Type 1) on board, for normal operation. The correct values for the external ESR resistor (R4 in the EVM) in series with the output capacitors (C10, C11) or for the external ripple injection circuit (R6,C7 and C10), depending on which ripple injection scheme (Type 1 or Type 3) is used, are calculated based on the formulae mentioned in the LM5161 datasheet. See application note AN-1481 for more details for each ripple generation method.

When selecting the DCM mode setting using the Jumper (**JP1**) see Table 2, the internal emulated ripple mode is enabled. When operating in this mode, there is no need to add the external ESR resistor in series with the output capacitors or the external ripple injection circuit (see Section 7 for more details). The internal emulated ripple is sufficient to maintain steady-state and dynamic stability while operating in this mode. In a typical buck application at $T_J > 125^{\circ}C$ and FPWM = 0, with the input voltage VIN > 72 V and the V_{CC} externally supplied add a BST resistor, R2 (recommended > 3 Ω) in series with the BST capacitor (see Figure 21). This protects the internal bootstrap diode during a full load transient operation.

An external voltage can be supplied to the VCC pin in the range of 9 V to 13 V, for improved efficiency requirements. In that case, the diode D1 must be appropriately populated. The user can keep diode D1 populated on board and install/uninstall the jumper $\bf J4$ in order to estimate the difference in efficiency, with and without the external V_{CC} supply. More details about the diode D1 are given in the Section 6.

DCM or Floating (High Z) (Pin 2 - Pin 3: DCM)

1 DCM (VCC) (Pin 2 - Pin 1: FPWM)

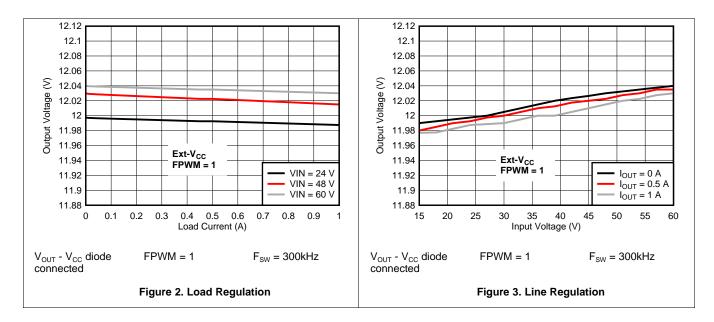
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The FPWM pin is grounded or left floating. Populate resistor R2 appropriately. DCM with the pulse skipping mode at light load enabled. No external ripple injection circuit needed.

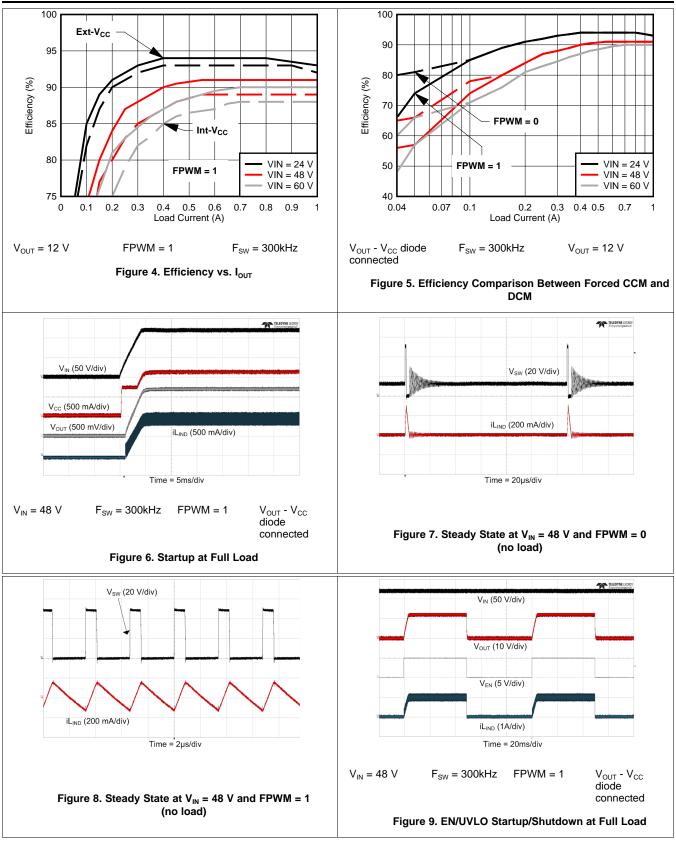
The FPWM pin is connected to VCC. External Ripple Injection circuit needed. CCM mode enabled over the entire load range.

Table 2. FPWM Pin Mode

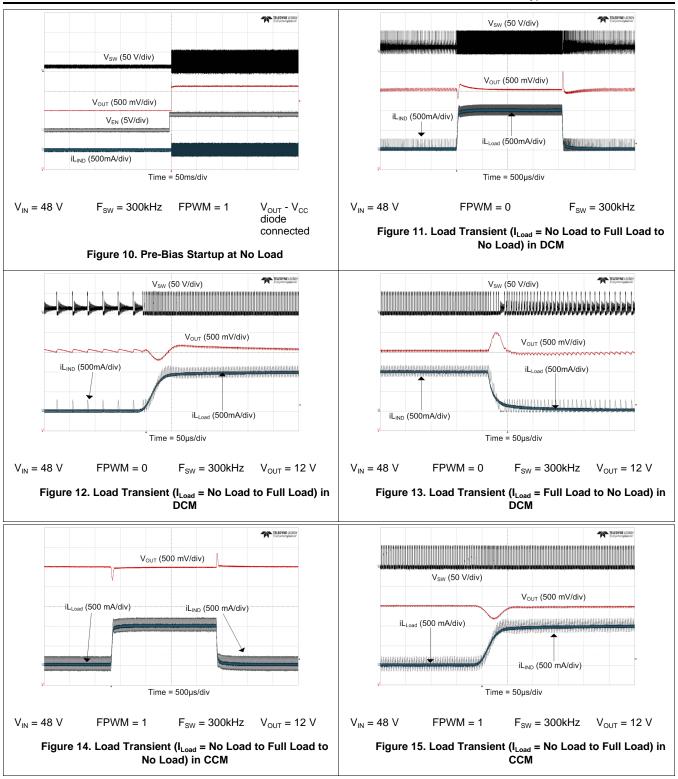
4 Typical Performance Curves



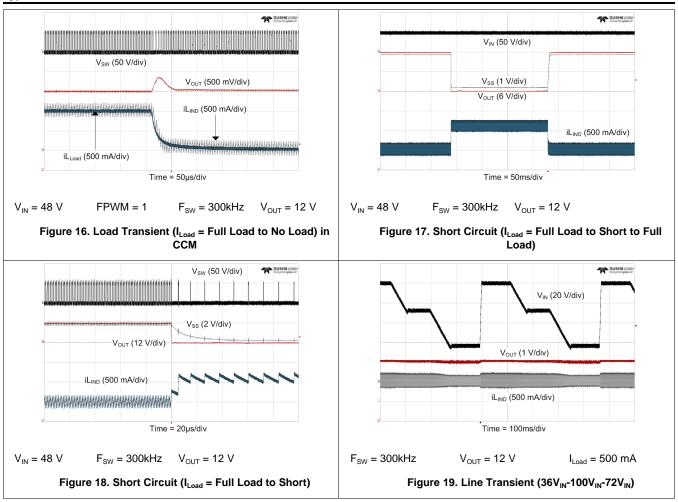














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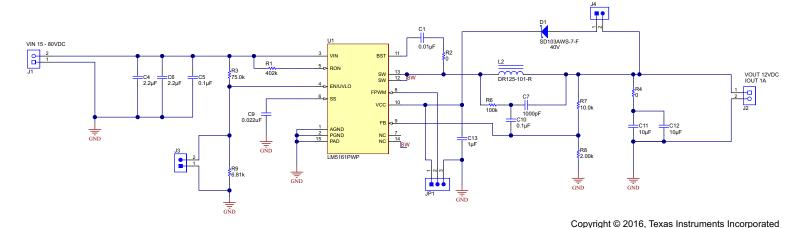


Figure 20. LM5161 Synchronous Buck EVM Schematic



6 LM5161 Buck EVM Bill of Materials

Table 3. LM5161 Buck EVM Bill of Materials for 300 kHz Configuration

ITEM	MFR	MFG. PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	VALUE
C4, C6	MuRata	GRM31CR72A225KA73L	1206	CAP, CERM, 2.2 μF, 100V, X7R
C5	MuRata	GRM188R72A104KA35D	0603	CAP, CERM, 0.1 μF, 100V, X7R
C9	MuRata	GRM188R71C223KA01D	0603	CAP, CERM, 0.022 μF, 16V, ± 10%, X7R
C1	MuRata	GRM188R71C103KA01D	0603	CAP, CERM, 0.01 µF, 16V, ± 10%, X7R
C13	MuRata	GRM188R71E105KA12D	0603	CAP, CERM, 1 μF, 25V, ± 10%, X7R
C11, C12	TDK	C3216X7R1E106M160AE	1206	CAP CER 10 μF, 25V, X7R
JP1	Wurth Elektronik	61300311121		Header, 2.54 mm, 3x1, Gold, TH
J3, J4	Wurth Elektronik	61300211121		Header, 2.54 mm, 2x1, Gold, TH
J1, J2	Phoenix Contact	1727010		Conn Term Block, 2POS, 3.81mm, TH
L2	Eaton	DR125-101-R	12.5 mm x 12.5 mm x 6 mm	Fixed Ind 100 μ H, 1.78A , 170 m Ω
LZ	Wurth Elektronik (Alternative Part)	784770101	12.5 mm x 12.5 mm x 8 mm	Fixed Ind 100 $\mu\text{H}, 2.1\text{A}$, 144 m Ω
R1	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603402KFKEA	0603	RES, 402 k, 1%, 0.1 W
R2	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06030000Z0EA	0603	RES, 0, 5%, 0.1 W
R3	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060375K0FKEA	0603	RES, 75.0 k, 1%, 0.1 W
R4	Vishay-Dale	CRCW08050000Z0EA	0805	RES, 0, 5%, 0.125 W
R9	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06036K81FKEA	0603	RES, 6.81 k, 1%, 0.1 W
R6	Vishay-Dale	CRCW0603100KFKEA	0603	RES, 100 k, 1%, 0.1 W
R7	Vishay-Dale	CRCW060310K0FKEA	0603	RES, 10.0 k, 1%, 0.1 W
R8	Vishay-Dale	CRCW06032K00FKEA	0603	RES, 2.00k, 1%, 0.1W
U1	Texas Instruments	LM5161PWPR	4.4 mm x 5.0 mm HTSSOP-14	
C7	MuRata	GRM188R72A102KA01D	0603	CAP, CERM, 1000 pF, 100 V, ± 10%, X7R
C10	MuRata (Unpopulated if FPWM = 0)	GCM188R71H104KA57D	0603	CAP, CERM, 0.1 μF, 50 V, ± 10%, X7R
D1	Diodes Inc.	SD103AWS-7-F	SOD-323	Diode, Schottky, 40V, 0.35A

7 LM5161 Buck EVM PCB Layout

Figure 21 to Figure 24 show the board layout details for the LM5161 Buck EVM. When using the LM5161 in FPWM with Type 3 external ripple injection circuit, the ESR resistor (R4) must be substituted with a 0Ω resistor) and the placeholders for the R6, C7 and C10 must be populated appropriately. The oscilloscope snapshots in the Section 4 are captured with C10 set at $0.01\mu\text{F}$. If using the Type 1 external ripple injection circuit, the ESR resistor (R4) must be calculated and placed correctly. However, when using the R4 resistor, C10 must be removed. The resistor R2 can remain as a 0Ω resistor in both the external ripple injection circuit cases.

When using the LM5161 in the DCM mode (FPWM = 0) there is no need for the ESR resistor or the external ripple injection circuit as mentioned earlier. However, it is recommended to set R2 (> 3Ω) in series with the BST capacitor (see Figure 21), in order to protect the internal VCC-BST bootstrap diode during a full load transient.



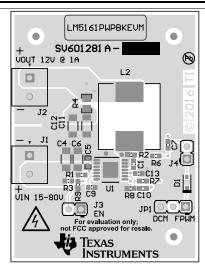


Figure 21. EVM Component View with LM5161

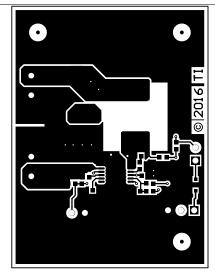


Figure 22. EVM Top Copper View with LM5161

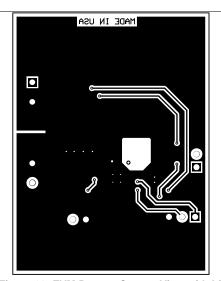


Figure 23. EVM Bottom Copper View with LM5161

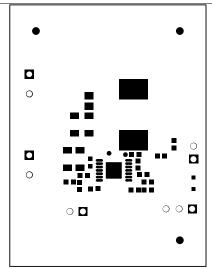


Figure 24. EVM Top Solder Mask with LM5161



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•	Changed datasheet crossreference to LM5161.	7
•	Changed Orderable name to LM5161PWPR	12

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