

**Nuvoton**

**Adjustable Current-Limited,  
Power-Distribution Switch**

**NCT3527U**

**NCT3527U-A**

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**1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The NCT3527U/NCT3527U-A is a high-side adjustable current-limited switch optimized for general purpose power distribution. The device incorporates a 70-mΩ N-channel MOSFET power switch.

The NCT3527U/NCT3527U-A also supports output discharge function via external resistor that provides a controlled discharge of the output voltage stored on the output capacitor. The output current is limited when the output load reaches the current-limit threshold and a guaranteed deglitching time of 3-ms ensures that the transient voltage settles down. If after this blanking time the load current is greater than the current limit, the NCT3527U enters a latch-off state and the NCT3527U-A enters an auto-retry state. In latch-off state, the switch is turned off and FLAG# is issued to the host. The switch can be turned on again by cycling the power. In auto-retry state, the switch would be turned off for 24ms then turn-on again. The NCT3527U/NCT3527U-A provides up to 2.5A load current.

When continuous heavy overloads or short-circuit causes the junction temperature to rise, an over-temperature protection mechanism (OTP) will be activated to shut the switch off to prevent catastrophic failure. Recovery from the OTP is automatic when the junction temperature returns in a reasonable range. The under-voltage lockout (UVLO) can ensure the switch is in off state unless there is a valid input voltage. The NCT3527U/NCT3527U-A is in a TSOT23-6 package.

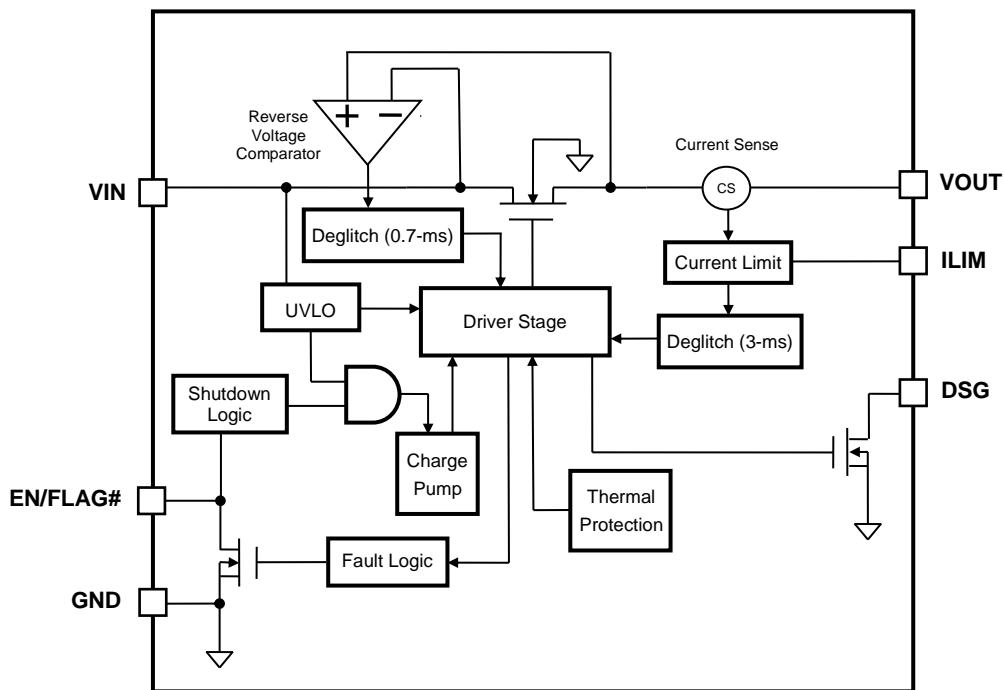
**2. FEATURES**

- 70-mΩ High-Side MOSFET Switch
- Maximum 2.5A Load Current
- Adjustable Current Limit Trip Threshold
- Reverse Current Flow Blocking (no body diode)
- Adjustable Output Discharge Function
- Reverse Voltage Protection
- FLAG# Function
- Built in Soft Start
- Thermal Protection
- VIN Under Voltage Lockout
- Fast Current Limit Response Time
- Provides TSOT23-6 Green Package (Pb-free ROHS Compliance and Halogen Free)

**APPLICATIONS**

- High-Side Power Protection Switch
- Notebook, PC Computers
- Hot Plug-in Power Supplies

### 3. BLOCK DIAGRAM



### 4. PIN CONFIGURATION AND TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT

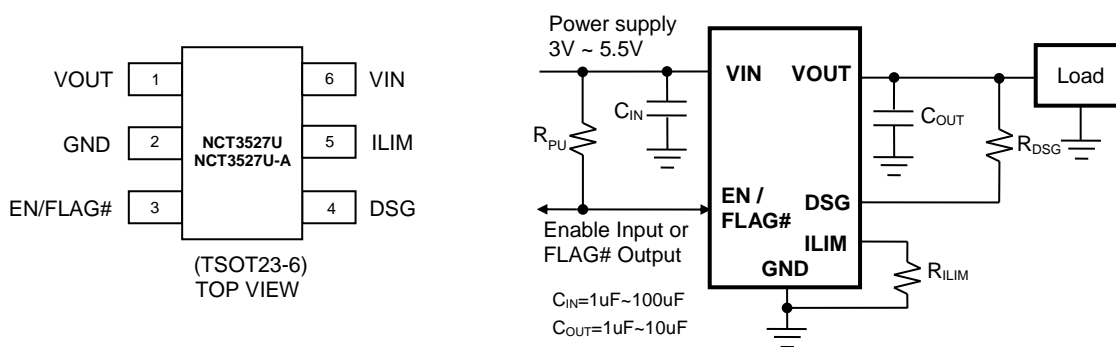


Figure 1 Typical Application Circuit

**5. PIN DESCRIPTION**

PIN	NAME	I/O	DESCRIPTION
1	VOUT	O	Voltage output pin
2	GND	Ground	Power ground
3	EN/FLAG#	I/O	This is a bi-directional interface pin. As an input pin, pulling up this pin to enable chip and pulling down to disable chip. As an output pin, this pin goes low during fault event(s) occurs.
4	DSG	I	External resistor used to set output discharge current.
5	ILIM	O	External resistor used to set current limit threshold. This pin cannot be left floating.
6	VIN	Power	Supply voltage input pin.

**6. FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

**Power Switch**

The internal power switch is a high-side N-channel MOSFET with low on-state resistance. The device incorporates an internal charge pump and gate driver circuitry to drive the N-channel MOSFET. The charge pump supplies power to the driver circuit and provides necessary voltage to pull the gate of the MOSFET above the source. The charge pump operates from input voltages as low as 3V and requires little supply current. The driver controls the gate voltage to limit the power switch. The driver incorporates circuitry that controls the rise and fall times of the output voltage to limit large current and voltage surges and provides built-in soft start functionality.

**EN/FLAG#**

This pin serves as both an input and an output. As an output, a logic level fault flag issues to host. As an input, if kept inactive (low) by the host, shuts down the power switch. An external pull up resistor is required.

The FLAG# signal indicates when any of the following conditions occur:

- Over-current fault persists beyond the 3-ms deglitch timeout.
- The chip temperature exceeds the thermal shut down temperature limit of 150°C.
- VIN is below UVLO threshold.

The device features deglitch timeout to blank FLAG# assertion when an over-current condition occurs. Once the deglitching time has elapsed, this output remains asserted (active low) until cycling the VIN below the UVLO to reset the switch. Blanking allows momentary over-current to be ignored, for example, current surges caused by hot-plugging into a capacitive load or when the device is powering up, thus prevent fault alarm from being relayed to the host system. The internal over-current deglitch eliminates the need for external components to remove unwanted

pulses. This FLAG# is not deglitched when the switch is turned off due to an over-temperature shutdown or UVLO condition.

**Under-voltage Lockout (UVLO)**

An under-voltage lockout prevents the power switch from turning on until input voltage exceeds approximately 2V. If the input voltage drops below approximately 2V, UVLO turns off the power switch.

**Current Limit and Short Circuit Protection**

The current limit circuitry prevents damage to the power switch and the hub downstream port but can deliver load current through power switch up to the current limit threshold. When a heavy load or short circuit is applied to an enabled switch, a large transient current may flow until the current limit circuitry responds. Once this current is exceeded the over current threshold, the deglitching timer is counting. The timer resets if the over current condition removes before the deglitching time (3-ms, typically) has elapsed.

In latch-off mode (NCT3527U), the switch is turned off if the over current condition continues up to the end of the deglitching time. By cycling the VIN below the UVLO could reset the switch.

In auto-retry mode (NCT3527U-A), the switch is turned off for 24-ms if the over current condition continues up to the end of the deglitching time. Then the switch would be turned on again. The auto-retry function saves system power in case of an overcurrent or short circuit condition.

**Current Limit Threshold Setting**

The over current threshold is setting via external resistor. The NCT3527U/ NCT3527U-A uses an internal regulation loop to provide a regulated voltage on the ILIM pin. The current limit threshold is proportional to the current sourced out of ILIM pin. Many applications requires that the minimum current limit is above a certain current level or that the maximum current is below a certain current level so it is important to consider the tolerance of the over current threshold when selecting a value for R<sub>ILIM</sub>. The traces routing the R<sub>ILIM</sub> resistor to the NCT3527U/ NCT3527U-A should be as short as possible to reduce parasitic effects on the current limit accuracy.

Short-circuit Current vs. R<sub>ILIM</sub> Values

R <sub>ILIM</sub> (Ω)	Min. (mA)	Typ. (mA)	Max. (mA)
7.68k	2430	2700	2970
8.25k	2250	2500	2750
9.53k	1980	2200	2420
10.5k	1800	2000	2200
11.5k	1620	1800	1980
14.3k	1350	1500	1650
17.4k	1080	1200	1320
21k	900	1000	1100
34.8k	500	600	700

**Reverse Voltage Protection**

The reverse-voltage protection turns off the N-channel MOSFET whenever the output voltage exceeds the input voltage 55 mV (typical) for 0.7-ms. It prevents damage to devices on the input side by preventing significant current from sinking into the input capacitance. The N-channel MOSFET is allowed to turn-on once the output voltage goes below the input voltage for the

same 0.7-ms deglitch time. The comparator will active to disable N-channel power MOSFET when  $OUT - VIN$  is over 55 mV for delay 0.7-ms.

#### **Discharge Function**

When the device is disabled, EN is de-asserted or during power up when VIN is below UVLO threshold, the discharge function is active. By connecting a resistor between DSG pin and VOUT pin, the discharge function offers a discharge path for the external storage capacitor. This is suitable only to discharge filter capacitors for limited time and cannot dissipate steady state current greater than 150mA.

#### **Thermal Shut Down**

The device implements a Thermal Sense to monitor the chip temperature. When the chip temperature exceeds 150°C for any reasons, the Thermal Shutdown function turns off the power switch. A Hysteresis of 50°C prevents the switch turning back on until the temperature drops below 100°C.

#### **Input and Output Capacitor**

Place a 1~100uF bypass capacitor between VIN to GND, close to the device, is recommended to reduce power-supply transients that may cause ringing on the input. Furthermore, without the bypass capacitor, an output short may cause the input ringing (due to the inductance from power supply to VIN) to destroy the internal control circuitry. Additionally, bypassing the output with a 1~10uF capacitor improves the immunity of the device to short-circuit transients.

Placing a high value capacitor on the output pin is recommended when large currents are expected on the output.

#### **Layout Consideration**

It is important to keep all traces as short as possible to reduce the effect of undesirable parasitic inductance and the switch response time to output short circuit condition. Place input and output capacitors as close as possible to the device.

**7. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTIC  
ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

ITEM		RATING	UNIT
Input voltage, VIN		-0.3 ~ 6	V
Output voltage, VOUT		-0.3 ~ 6	V
Continuous output current		Internally Limited	A
Peak Discharge Current, DSG		200	mA
Junction temperature		-40 ~ 150	°C
Storage temperature		-50 ~ 150	°C
Soldering temperature		Refer to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 Specification	
Electrostatic discharge protection	Human Body Mode	2	kV
	Machine Mode	200	V
Electrostatic discharge protection, Latch-Up		±100	mA

NOTE : Stresses beyond those listed under “absolute maximum ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device .These are stress ratings only And functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under “recommended operating condition” is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

**THERMAL INFORMATION**

PARAMETER		RATING	UNIT
Power dissipation, P <sub>D</sub> @ T <sub>A</sub> =25°C	TSOT23-6	0.5	W
Package thermal resistance	TSOT23-6, θ <sub>JA</sub>	220	°C/W
	TSOT23-6, θ <sub>JC</sub>	90	°C/W

**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

PARAMETER	VALUE	UNIT
Input voltage, VIN	3.0 ~ 5.5	V
Voltage on EN/FLAG# and DSG	-0.3 ~ VIN+0.3	V
EN/FLAG# pull up resistance	1 ~ 10	kΩ
DSG discharge current	0 ~ 150	mA
Continuous output current	0 ~ 2.5	A
Current limit threshold resistor range for ILIM to GND	25 ~ 100	kΩ
VIN capacitance	1 ~ 100	uF
VOUT capacitance	1 ~ 10	uF
T <sub>A</sub> , Operating temperature	-40 ~ 85	°C



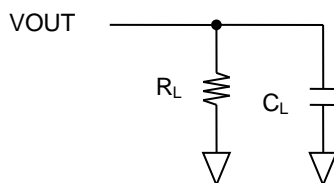
**DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

VIN=5V, TA=-40°C to 85°C, Typical Values are at TA=25°C. Unless otherwise specified.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	
<b>Power Switch</b>							
R <sub>DS(on)</sub>	Static drain-source on-state resistance	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1A, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C		70	110	mΩ	
R <sub>DIS</sub>	Output Discharge Resistance	I <sub>DIS</sub> = 1mA, EN=0V, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C		15	30	Ω	
<b>Current Limit</b>							
I <sub>OS</sub>	$I_{OS} = \frac{21000}{R_{LIM}}$	R <sub>LIM</sub> = 34.8 kΩ, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C	0.5	0.6	0.7	A	
		R <sub>LIM</sub> = 21 kΩ, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C	0.9	1.0	1.1	A	
		R <sub>LIM</sub> = 10.5 kΩ, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C	1.82	2.0	2.22	A	
		R <sub>LIM</sub> = 7.68 kΩ, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C	2.43	2.7	2.97	A	
I <sub>OC</sub>	Over-current Trip Threshold	VIN=5V, Current Ramp (0.001 A/us) on VOUT	R <sub>LIM</sub> = 34.8 kΩ	0.57	0.69	0.81	A
			R <sub>LIM</sub> = 21 kΩ	1.04	1.15	1.27	A
			R <sub>LIM</sub> = 10.5 kΩ	2.07	2.3	2.53	A
			R <sub>LIM</sub> = 7.68 kΩ	2.79	3.1	3.42	A
		VIN=5V, Continuous Current on VOUT	R <sub>LIM</sub> = 34.8 kΩ	0.55	0.65	0.75	A
			R <sub>LIM</sub> = 21 kΩ	0.99	1.1	1.21	A
			R <sub>LIM</sub> = 10.5 kΩ	1.98	2.2	2.42	A
			R <sub>LIM</sub> = 7.68 kΩ	2.67	2.97	3.27	A
t <sub>IOS</sub>	Response time to short circuit	VIN=5V, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C		5		us	
t <sub>IOC</sub>	Over current blanking time	VIN=5V, T <sub>A</sub> =25°C	2	3	4	ms	
t <sub>OCRT</sub>	Retry time		10	24	35	ms	
<b>Operating Current</b>							
I <sub>CC</sub>	Supply current	EN=5V, No Load, not including I <sub>RLIM</sub>		150	200	uA	
I <sub>SD</sub>	Shutdown current	EN=0V		45	65	uA	
I <sub>OUT_LEAK</sub>	VOUT leakage current	EN=0V			1	uA	
I <sub>REV</sub>	Reverse leakage current to VIN	VOUT=5V, VIN=0V			1	uA	
<b>EN/FLAG#</b>							
V <sub>IH</sub>	Input logic High level	T <sub>A</sub> =-40°C ~ 85°C	1.2			V	
V <sub>IL</sub>	Input logic Low level	T <sub>A</sub> =-40°C ~ 85°C			0.8	V	
	Hysteresis			0.2		V	
I <sub>EN_LEAK</sub>	Leakage current	EN=5.5V or GND			1	uA	
I <sub>SINK</sub>	Sink current	EN=0.4V		2		mA	
<b>Under-Voltage Lockout</b>							
UVLO	Low level input voltage	VIN Rising	2		2.6	V	
	Hysteresis	T <sub>A</sub> =25°C		200		mV	
<b>Reverse Voltage Protection</b>							

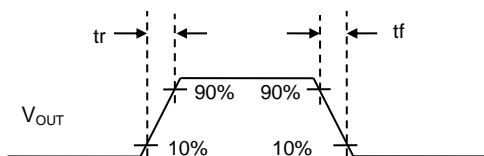
VOUT-VIN	Reverse voltage protection threshold		30	55	80	mV
	Reverse voltage blanking time		0.5	0.7	1	ms
<b>Timing</b>						
$t_r$	Rise time	$C_L=10\mu\text{F}$ , $R_L=5\Omega$ , $T_A=25^\circ\text{C}$	2	3		ms
$t_f$	Fall time	$C_L=10\mu\text{F}$ , $R_L=5\Omega$ , $R_{\text{DSG}}=33\Omega$ , $T_A=25^\circ\text{C}$	0.2	1		ms
$t_{\text{on}}$	Turn on time	$C_L=10\mu\text{F}$ , $R_L=5\Omega$ , $T_A=25^\circ\text{C}$	2.5	3.5		ms
$t_{\text{off}}$	Turn off time	$C_L=10\mu\text{F}$ , $R_L=5\Omega$ , $R_{\text{DSG}}=33\Omega$ , $T_A=25^\circ\text{C}$	0.4	1.2		ms
<b>Thermal shutdown</b>						
$T_{\text{SD}}$	Thermal shutdown threshold	Design guarantee	125	150		$^\circ\text{C}$
	Hysteresis			50		$^\circ\text{C}$

● **PARAMETER MEASURE INFORMATION**

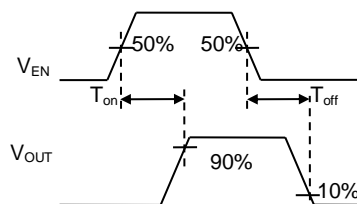


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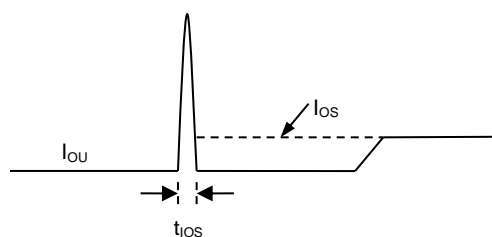
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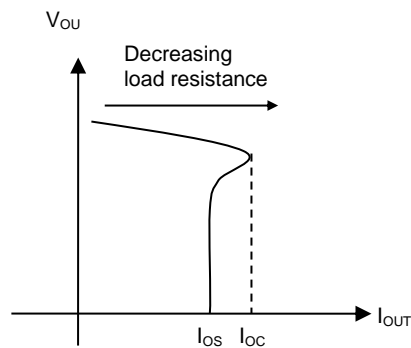
**Output Rise and Fall time**



**Turn-on Time and Turn-off Time**

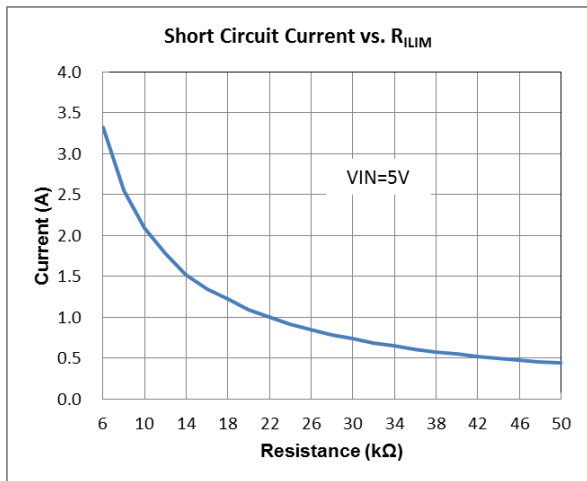
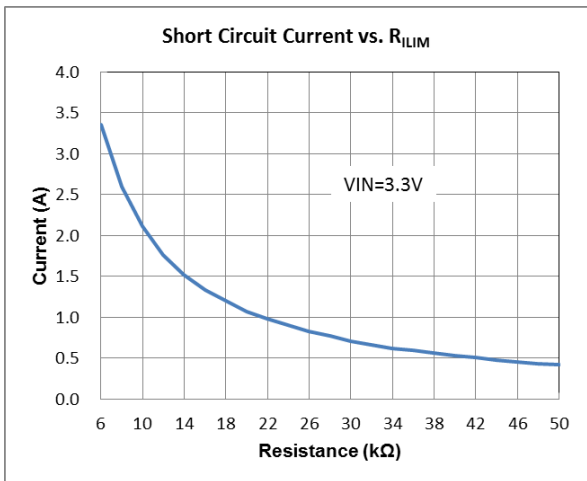
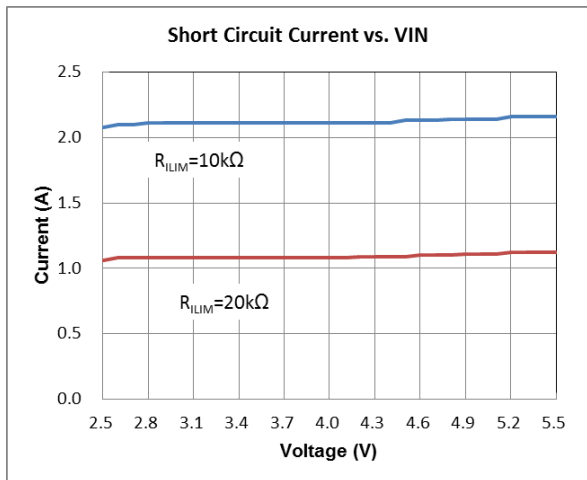
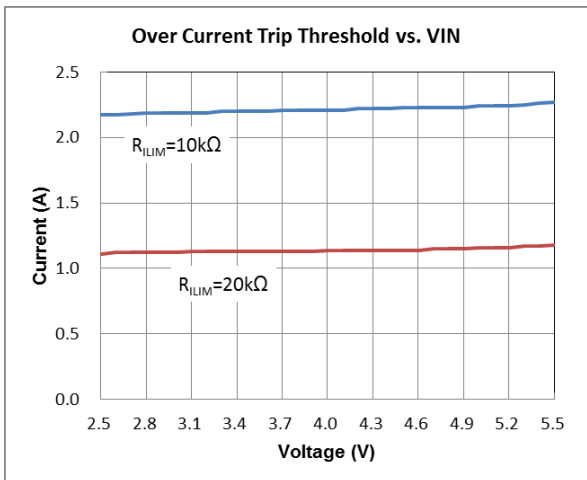
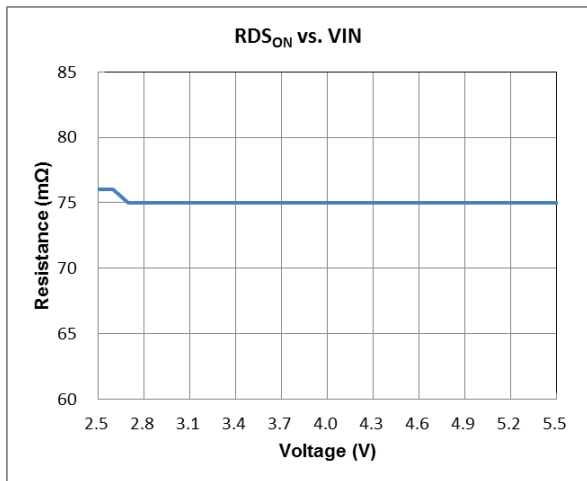
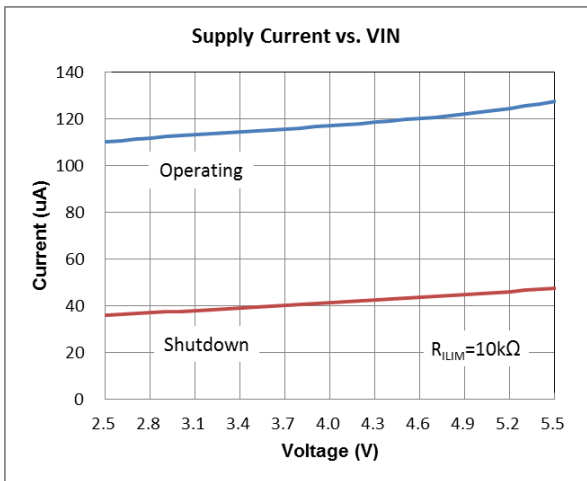


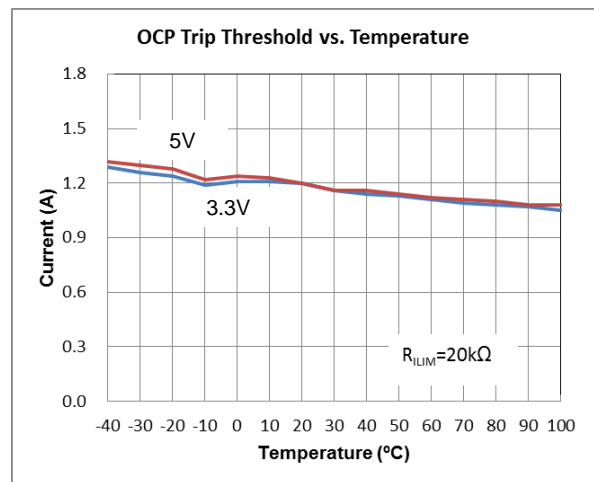
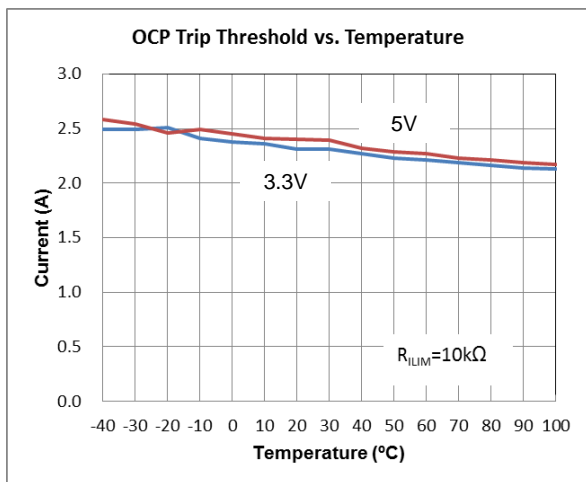
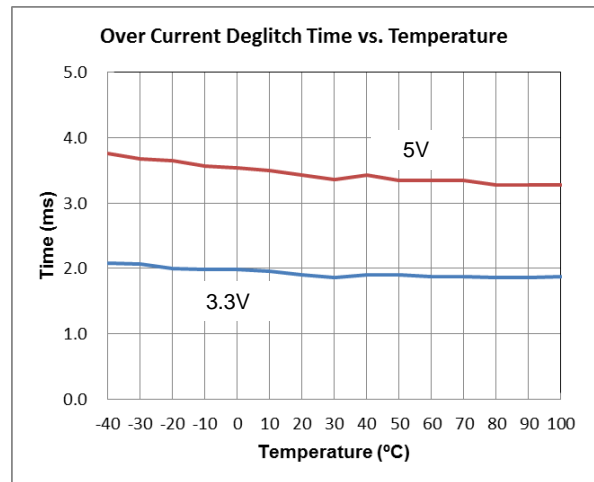
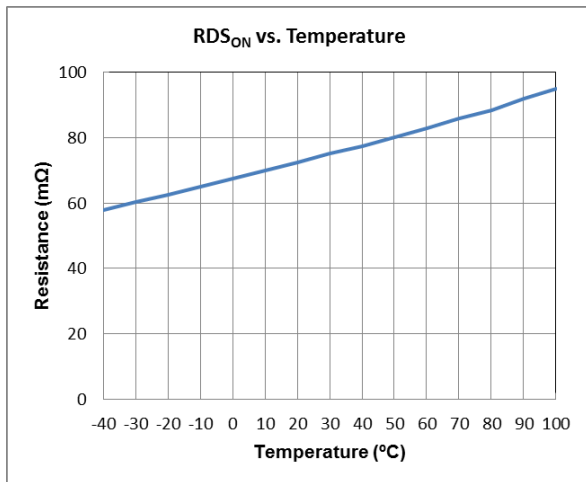
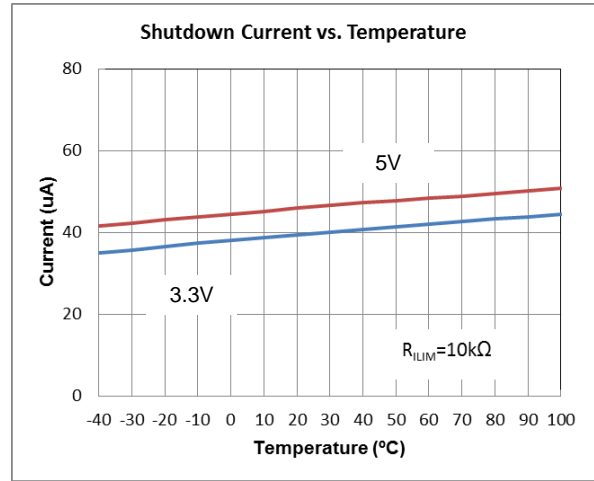
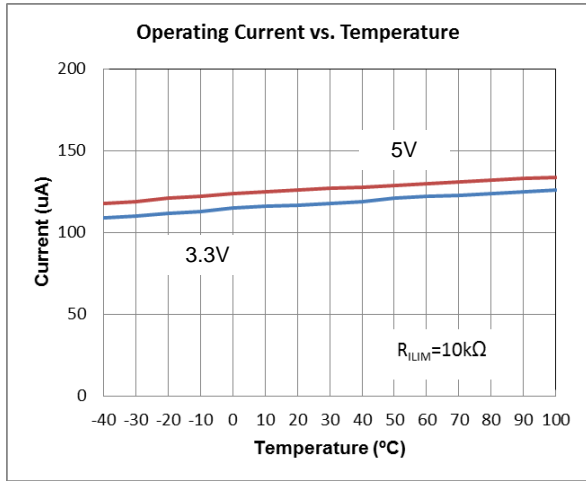
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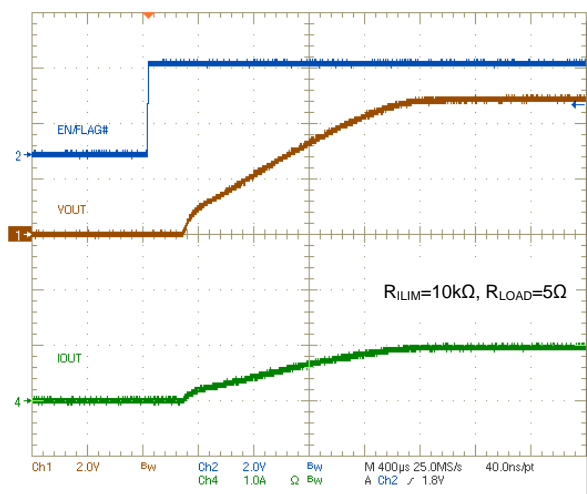
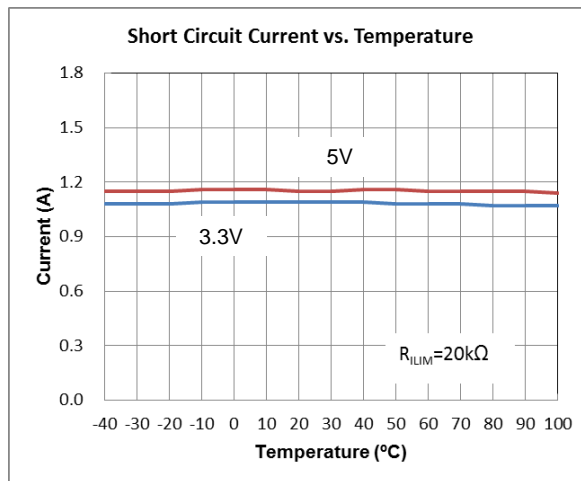
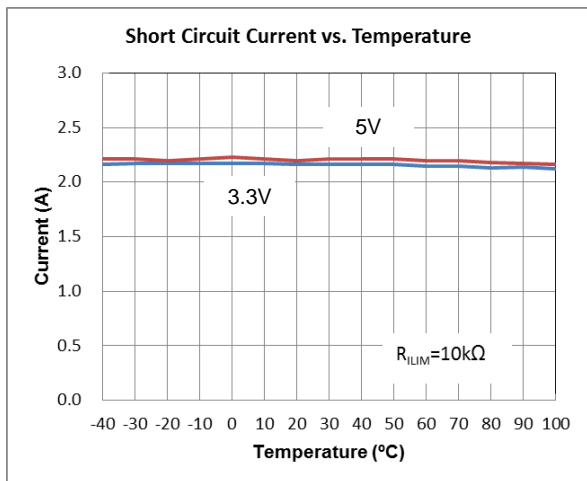


**VOUT vs. Current limit threshold**

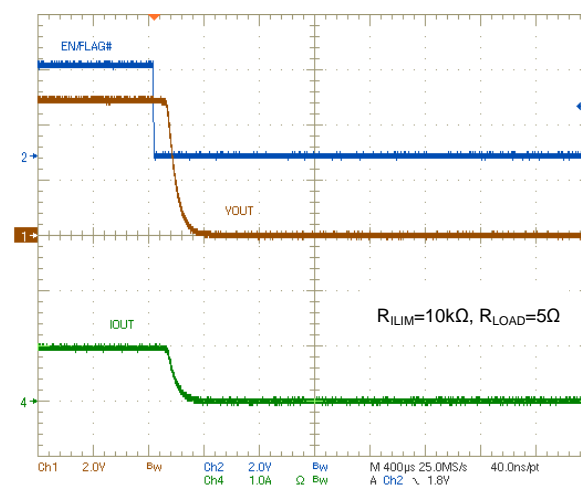
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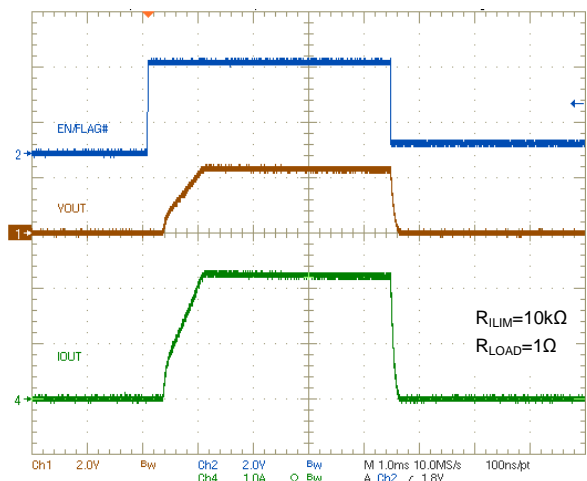




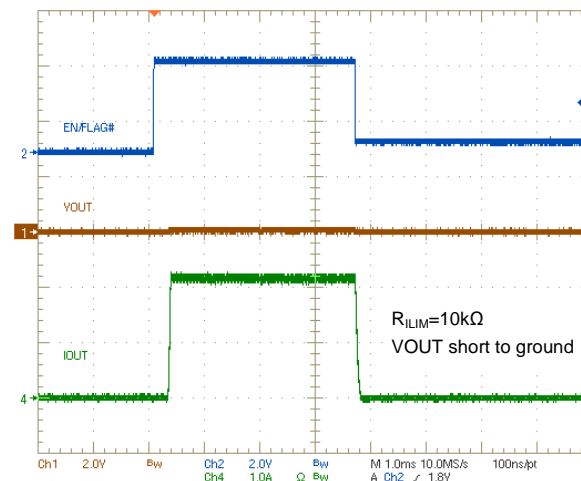
Enable with 5Ω Load



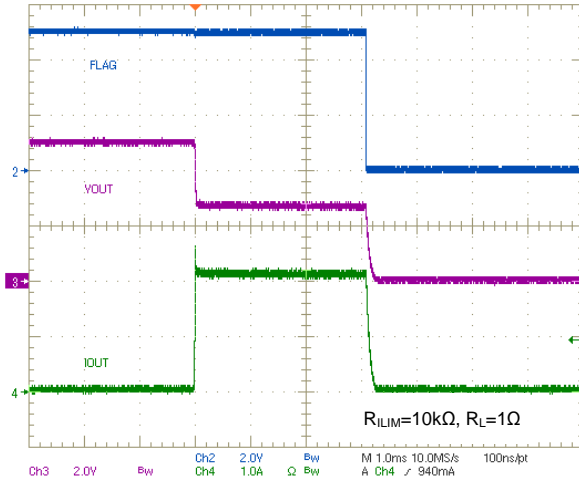
Disable with 5Ω Load



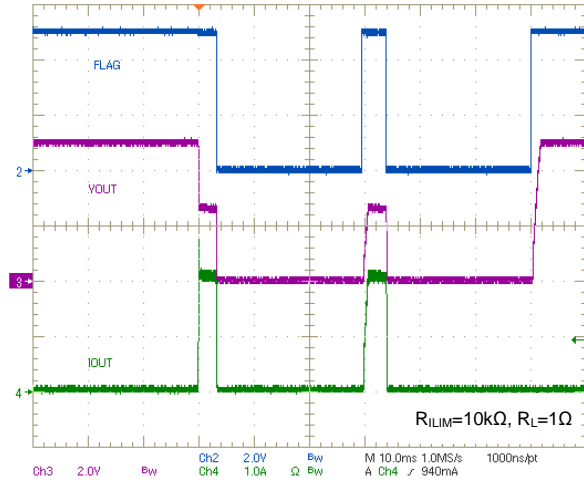
Enable with OCP condition



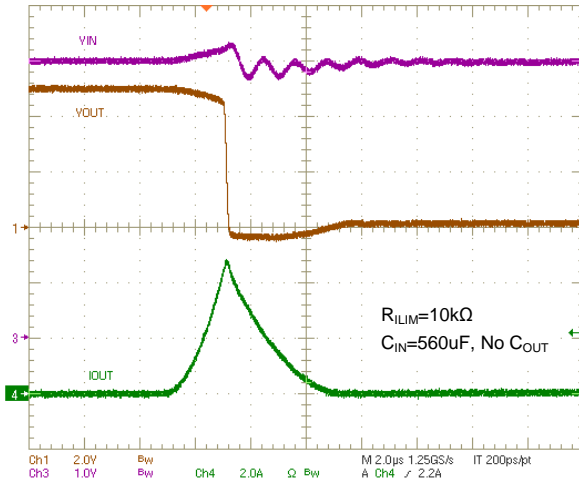
Enable with short circuit condition



Over current protection: Latch off Mode

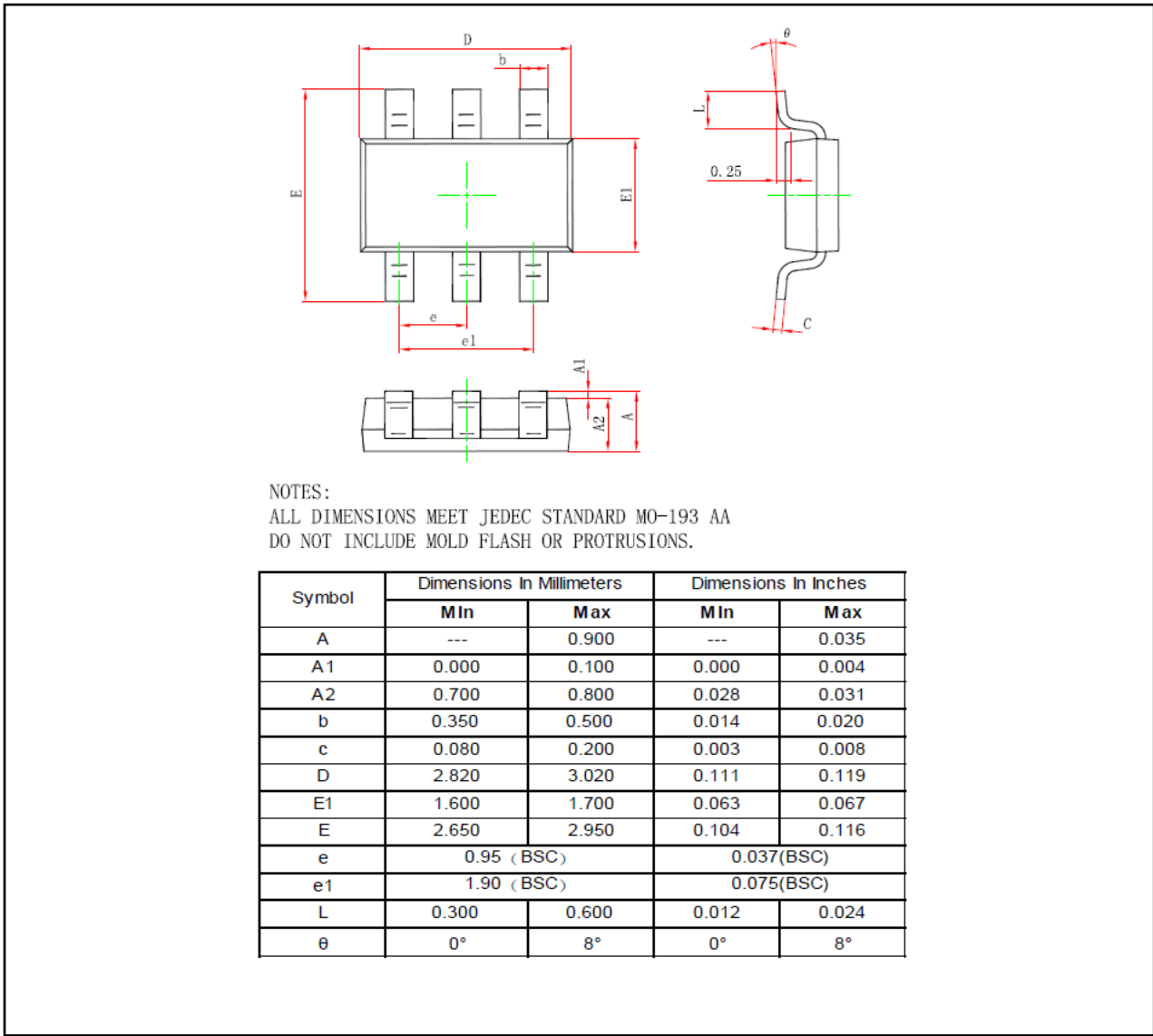


Over current protection: Auto-retry Mode

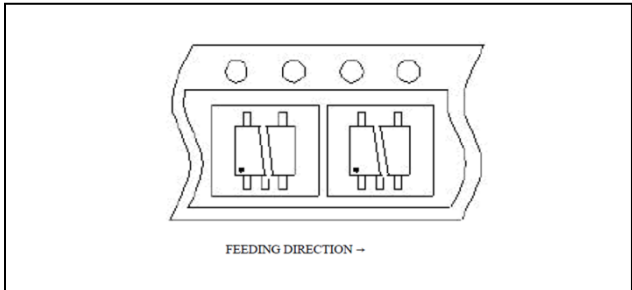


Short circuit response

9. PACKAGE DIMENSION



● Taping Specification



**10. ORDERING INFORMATION**

<b>PART NUMBER</b>	<b>CURRENT LIMIT</b>	<b>SUPPLIED AS</b>	<b>PACKAGE TYPE</b>	<b>OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE</b>
NCT3527U	Latch-off	T Shape: 3,000 units/T&R	6 PIN TSOT23 (Green package)	Commercial, -40°C to 85°C
NCT3527U-A	Auto-retry	T Shape: 3,000 units/T&R	6 PIN TSOT23 (Green package)	Commercial, -40°C to 85°C

**11. TOP MARKING SPECIFICATION**

**27XYM**

1<sup>st</sup> Line: **27** (NCT3527U/NCT3527U-A)

- X: A for NCT3527U, B for NCT3527U-A
- YM: The last character of calendar year (Y) + month (M)  
(1: Jan., 2: Feb., 3: Mar., 4: Apr., 5: May, 6: Jul., 7:Jul., 8: Aug., 9: Sep., A: Oct., B: Nov., C: Dec.)



**12. DATA SHEET REVISION HISTORY**

<b>VERSION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
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