

# Ultralow Noise EMC 36V, 1A DC/DC $\mu$ Module Regulator

## FEATURES

- Complete Step-Down Switch Mode Power Supply
- Wide Input Voltage Range: 3.6V to 36V
- 1A Output Current
- 0.8V to 10V Output Voltage
- Switching Frequency from 200kHz to 2.4MHz
- EN55022 Class B Compliant
- Current Mode Control
- (e4) RoHS Compliant Package with Gold Pad Finish
- Programmable Soft-Start
- Low Profile (9mm  $\times$  15mm  $\times$  2.82mm)  
Surface Mount LGA Package

## APPLICATIONS

- Automotive Battery Regulation
- Power for Portable Products
- Distributed Supply Regulation
- Industrial Supplies
- Wall Transformer Regulation

## DESCRIPTION

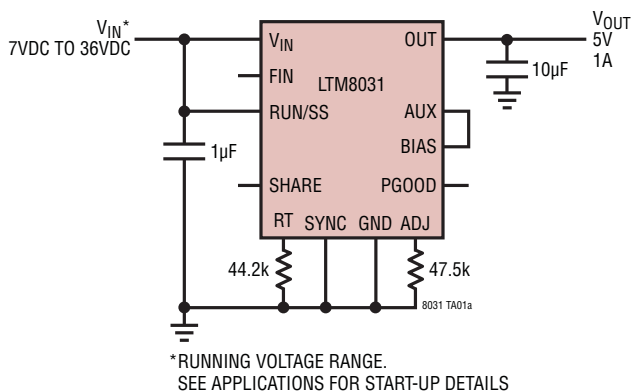
The LTM<sup>®</sup>8031 is an electromagnetic compatible (EMC) 36V, 1A DC/DC  $\mu$ Module<sup>®</sup> buck converter designed to meet the radiated emissions requirements of EN55022. Conducted emission requirements can be met by adding standard filter components. Included in the package are the switching controller, power switches, inductor, filters and all support components. Operating over an input voltage range of 3.6V to 36V, the LTM8031 supports an output voltage range of 0.8V to 10V, and a switching frequency range of 200kHz to 2.4MHz, each set by a single resistor. Only the bulk input and output filter capacitors are needed to finish the design. The low profile package (2.82mm) enables utilization of unused space on the bottom of PC boards for high density point of load regulation.

The LTM8031 is packaged in a thermally enhanced, compact (9mm  $\times$  15mm) and low profile (2.82mm) overmolded land grid array (LGA) package suitable for automated assembly by standard surface mount equipment. The LTM8031 is RoHS compliant.

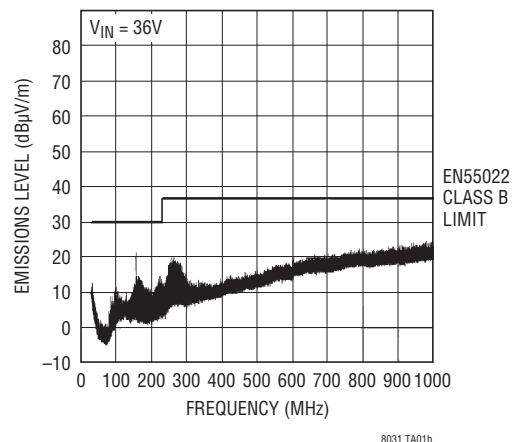
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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

Ultralow Noise 5V/1A DC/DC  $\mu$ Module Regulator



LTM8031 EMI Performance





## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ .  $V_{IN} = 10\text{V}$ ,  $V_{RUN/SS} = 10\text{V}$ ,  $V_{BIAS} = 3\text{V}$ , unless otherwise specified.

| SYMBOL                           | PARAMETER                                                                                                        | CONDITIONS                                                                                                                   | MIN | TYP             | MAX       | UNITS                                                                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $V_{IN}$                         | Input DC Voltage                                                                                                 | ●                                                                                                                            | 3.6 |                 | 36        | V                                                                          |
| $V_{OUT}$                        | Output DC Voltage                                                                                                | $0.2\text{A} < I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{A}$ , $R_{ADJ}$ Open<br>$0.2\text{A} < I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{A}$ , $R_{ADJ} = 21.6\text{k}$ |     | 0.8<br>10       |           | V<br>V                                                                     |
| $I_{OUT}$                        | Continuous Output DC Current                                                                                     | $V_{IN} = 24\text{V}$                                                                                                        |     |                 | 1         | A                                                                          |
| $I_{Q(VIN)}$                     | $V_{IN}$ Quiescent Current                                                                                       | $V_{RUN/SS} = 0.2\text{V}$<br>$V_{BIAS} = 3\text{V}$ , Not Switching<br>$V_{BIAS} = 0\text{V}$ , Not Switching               | ●   | 0.6<br>25<br>88 | 60<br>120 | $\mu\text{A}$<br>$\mu\text{A}$<br>$\mu\text{A}$                            |
| $I_{Q(BIAS)}$                    | BIAS Quiescent Current                                                                                           | $V_{RUN/SS} = 0.2\text{V}$<br>$V_{BIAS} = 3\text{V}$ , Not Switching<br>$V_{BIAS} = 0\text{V}$ , Not Switching               | ●   | 0.03<br>60<br>1 | 120<br>5  | $\mu\text{A}$<br>$\mu\text{A}$<br>$\mu\text{A}$                            |
| $\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{V_{OUT}}$ | Line Regulation                                                                                                  | $10\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 36\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 1\text{A}$ , $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$                                   |     | 0.1             |           | %                                                                          |
|                                  | Load Regulation                                                                                                  | $V_{IN} = 24\text{V}$ , $0.2\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{A}$ , $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$                                  |     | 0.3             |           | %                                                                          |
| $V_{OUT(AC\_RMS)}$               | Output Ripple (RMS)                                                                                              | $V_{IN} = 24\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 1\text{A}$ , $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$                                                      |     | 6               |           | mV                                                                         |
| $f_{SW}$                         | Switching Frequency                                                                                              | $R_T = 113\text{k}$                                                                                                          |     | 325             |           | kHz                                                                        |
| $V_{ADJ}$                        | Voltage at ADJ Pin                                                                                               | ●                                                                                                                            | 765 | 790             | 815       | mV                                                                         |
| $V_{BIAS(MIN)}$                  | Minimum BIAS Voltage for Proper Operation                                                                        |                                                                                                                              |     | 1.9             | 2.8       | V                                                                          |
| $I_{ADJ}$                        | Current Out of ADJ Pin                                                                                           | $V_{RUN/SS} = 0\text{V}$ , $V_{ADJ} = 0\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 1\text{V}$                                                     |     | 4               |           | $\mu\text{A}$                                                              |
| $I_{RUN/SS}$                     | RUN/SS Pin Current                                                                                               | $V_{RUN/SS} = 2.5\text{V}$                                                                                                   |     | 5               | 10        | $\mu\text{A}$                                                              |
| $V_{IH(RUN/SS)}$                 | RUN/SS Input High Voltage                                                                                        |                                                                                                                              | 2.5 |                 |           | V                                                                          |
| $V_{IL(RUN/SS)}$                 | RUN/SS Input Low Voltage                                                                                         |                                                                                                                              |     |                 | 0.2       | V                                                                          |
| $V_{PG(TH)}$                     | ADJ Voltage Threshold for PGOOD to Switch                                                                        |                                                                                                                              |     | 730             |           | mV                                                                         |
| $I_{PGO}$                        | PGOOD Leakage                                                                                                    | $V_{PG} = 30\text{V}$                                                                                                        |     | 0.1             | 1         | $\mu\text{A}$                                                              |
| $I_{PGSINK}$                     | PGOOD Sink Current                                                                                               | $V_{PG} = 0.4\text{V}$                                                                                                       | 200 | 800             |           | $\mu\text{A}$                                                              |
| $V_{SYNCIL}$                     | SYNC Input Low Threshold                                                                                         | $f_{SYNC} = 550\text{kHz}$                                                                                                   |     |                 | 0.5       | V                                                                          |
| $V_{SYNCIH}$                     | SYNC Input High Threshold                                                                                        | $f_{SYNC} = 550\text{kHz}$                                                                                                   | 0.7 |                 |           | V                                                                          |
| $I_{SYNC(BIAS)}$                 | SYNC Pin Bias Current                                                                                            | $V_{SYNC} = 0\text{V}$ , $V_{BIAS} = 0\text{V}$                                                                              |     | 0.1             |           | $\mu\text{A}$                                                              |
| $V_{IN(RIPPLE)}$                 | 550kHz Narrowband Conducted Emission<br>1MHz Narrowband Conducted Emission<br>3MHz Narrowband Conducted Emission | $V_{IN} = 24\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 1\text{A}$ , $f_{SW} = 550\text{kHz}$ ,<br>5 $\mu\text{H}$ LISN |     | 83<br>63<br>51  |           | $\text{dB}\mu\text{V}$<br>$\text{dB}\mu\text{V}$<br>$\text{dB}\mu\text{V}$ |

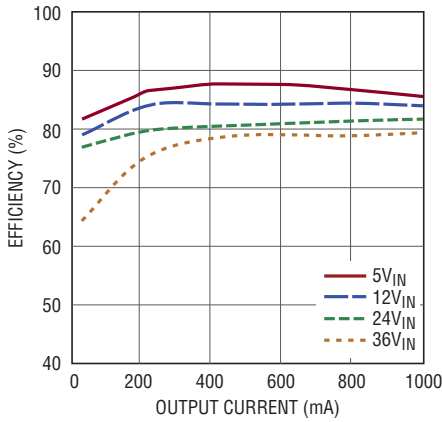
**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The LTM8031E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  internal. Specifications over the  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  internal temperature range are assured by design, characterization and

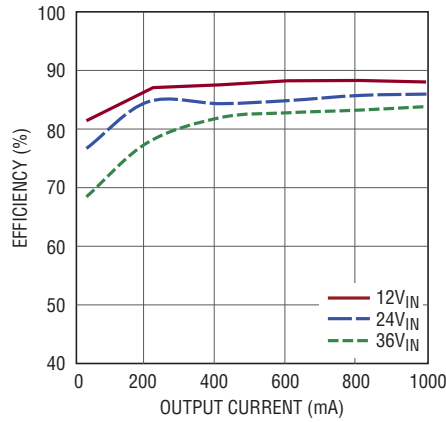
correlation with statistical process controls. The LTM8031I is guaranteed to meet specifications over the full  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$  internal operating temperature range. Note that the maximum internal temperature is determined by specific operating conditions in conjunction with board layout, the rated package thermal resistance and other environmental factors.

**Note 3:** See Linear Technology Application Note 100.

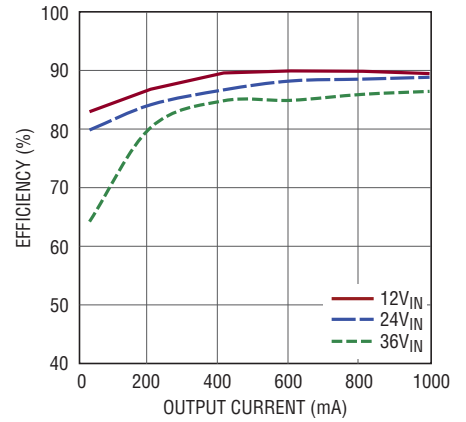
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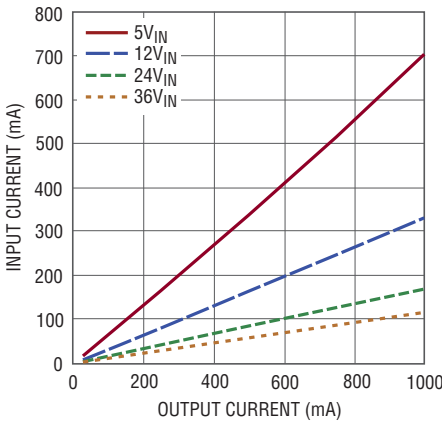
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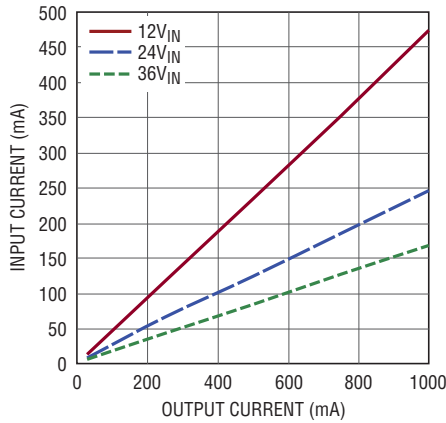
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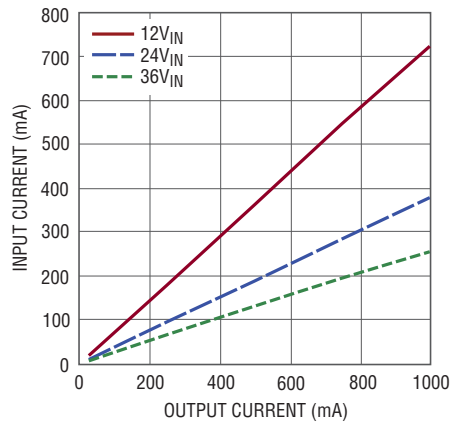
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Input Current vs Output Current,  
3.3V<sub>OUT</sub>

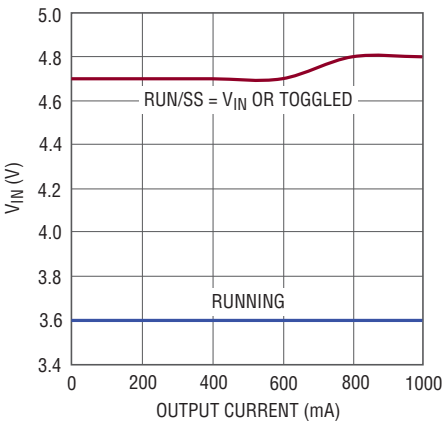
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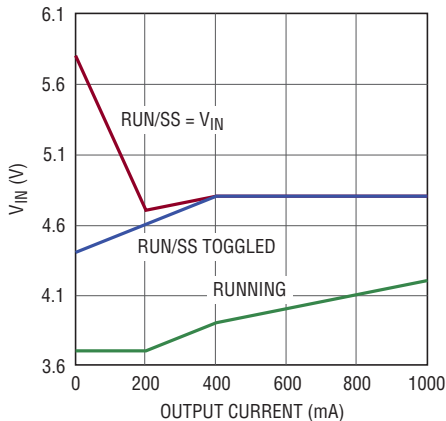
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Input Current vs Output Current,  
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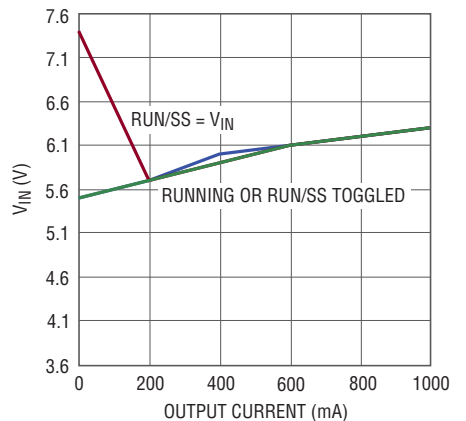
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Minimum V<sub>IN</sub> vs Output Current  
2.5V V<sub>OUT</sub>

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Minimum V<sub>IN</sub> vs Output Current  
3.3V V<sub>OUT</sub>

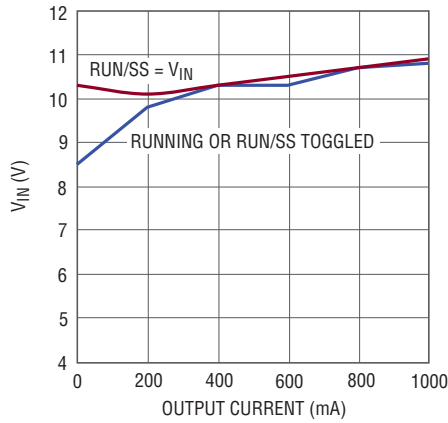
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Minimum V<sub>IN</sub> vs Output Current  
5V V<sub>OUT</sub>

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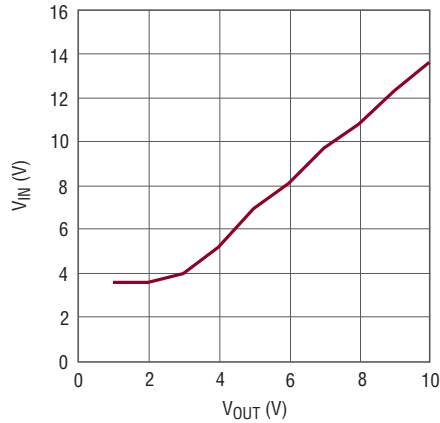
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**Minimum  $V_{IN}$  vs Output Current  
8V  $V_{OUT}$**



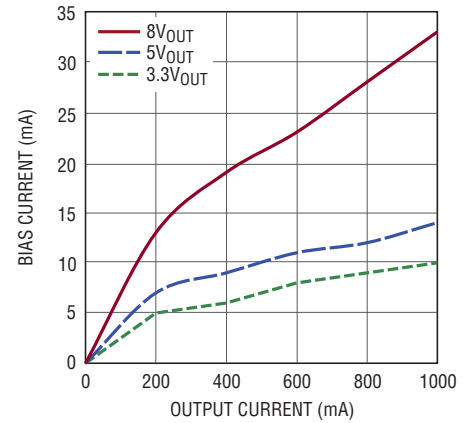
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**Minimum Input Running Voltage  
vs Output Voltage,  $I_{OUT} = 1\text{A}$**



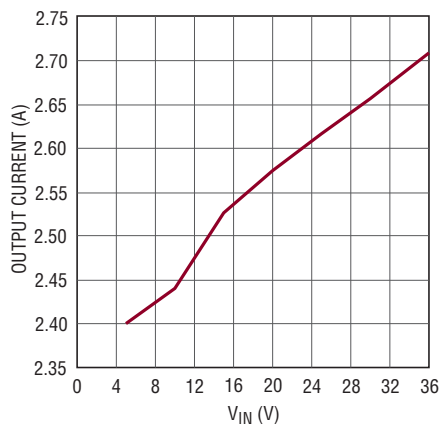
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**Bias Current vs Output Current**



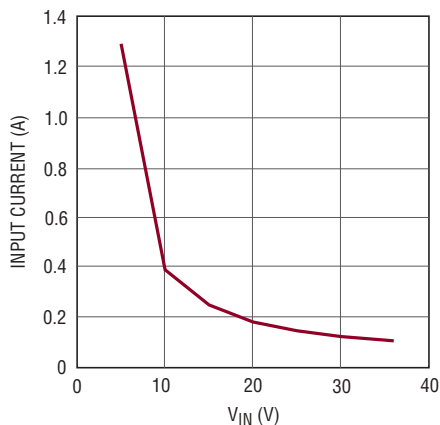
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**Output Current vs Input Voltage  
(Output Shorted)**



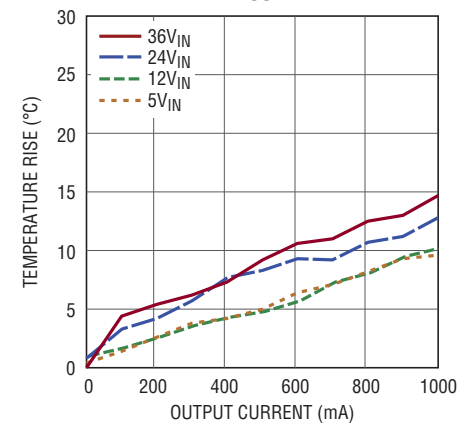
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**Input Current vs Input Voltage  
(Output Shorted)**



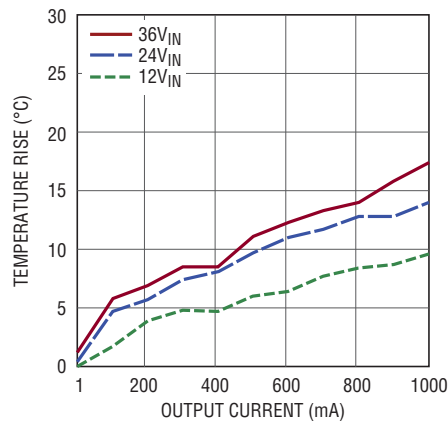
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**Temperature Rise vs  
Load Current,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{V}$**



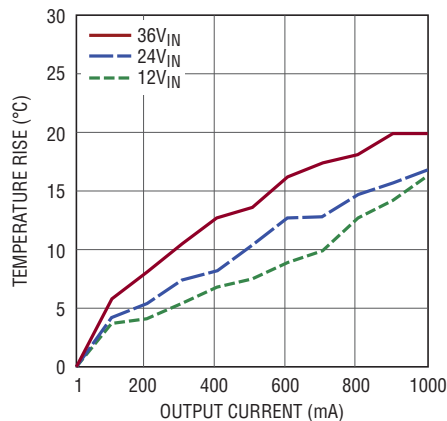
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**Temperature Rise vs  
Load Current,  $V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}$**



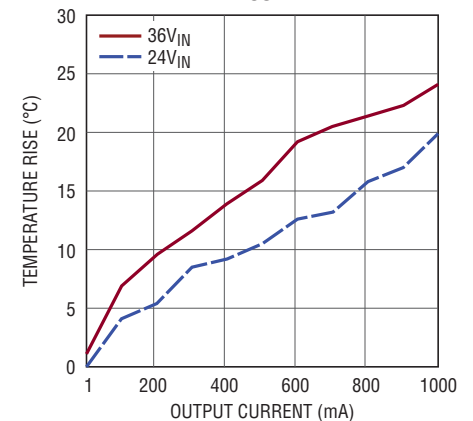
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**Temperature Rise vs  
Load Current,  $V_{OUT} = 8\text{V}$**



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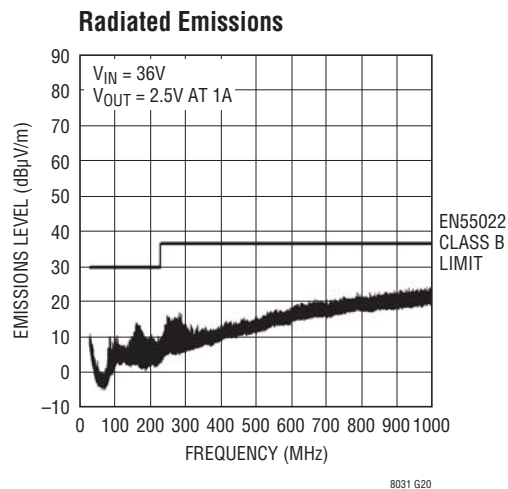
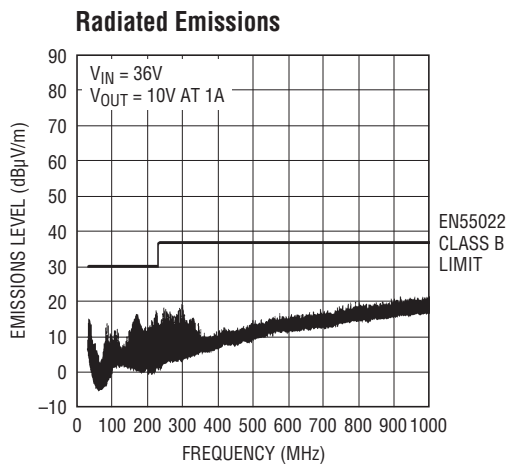
**Temperature Rise vs  
Load Current,  $V_{OUT} = 10\text{V}$**



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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.



## PIN FUNCTIONS

**$V_{IN}$  (Bank 3):** The  $V_{IN}$  pin supplies current to the LTM8031's internal regulator and to the internal power switch. This pin must be locally bypassed with an external, low ESR capacitor of at least  $1\mu\text{F}$ .

**FIN (K3, L3):** Filtered Input. This is the node after the input EMI filter. Use this only if there is a need to modify the behavior of the integrated EMI filter or if  $V_{IN}$  rises or falls rapidly; otherwise, leave these pins unconnected. See the Applications Information section for more details.

**GND (Bank 2):** Tie these GND pins to a local ground plane below the LTM8031 and the circuit components. Return the feedback divider ( $R_{ADJ}$ ) to this net.

**$V_{OUT}$  (Bank 1):** Power Output Pins. Apply the output filter capacitor and the output load between these pins and GND pins.

**AUX (Pin H5):** Low Current Voltage Source for BIAS. In many designs, the BIAS pin is simply connected to  $V_{OUT}$ . The AUX pin is internally connected to  $V_{OUT}$  and is placed adjacent to the BIAS pin to ease printed circuit board routing. Although this pin is internally connected to  $V_{OUT}$ , **do not** connect this pin to the load. If this pin is not tied to BIAS, leave it floating.

**BIAS (Pin H4):** The BIAS pin connects to the internal power bus. Connect to a power source greater than 2.8V. If the output is greater than 2.8V, connect this pin to AUX. If the output voltage is less, connect this to a voltage source between 2.8V and 25V. Also, make sure that  $\text{BIAS} + V_{IN}$  is less than 56V.

**RUN/SS (Pin L5):** Pull RUN/SS pin to less than 0.2V to shut down the LTM8031. Tie to 2.5V or more for normal operation. If the shutdown feature is not used, tie this pin to the  $V_{IN}$  pin. RUN/SS also provides a soft-start function; see the Applications Information section.

**RT (Pin G7):** The RT pin is used to program the switching frequency of the LTM8031 by connecting a resistor from this pin to ground. The Applications Information section of the data sheet includes a table to determine the resistance value based on the desired switching frequency. Minimize capacitance at this pin.

**SHARE (Pin H7):** Tie this to the SHARE pin of another LTM8031 when paralleling the outputs.

## PIN FUNCTIONS

**SYNC (Pin L6):** This is the external clock synchronization input. Ground this pin for low ripple Burst Mode® operation at low output loads. Tie to a stable voltage source greater than 0.7V to disable Burst Mode operation. Do not leave this pin floating. Tie to a clock source for synchronization. Clock edges should have rise and fall times faster than 1μs. See Synchronization section in Applications Information.

**PGOOD (Pin K7):** The PGOOD pin is the open-collector output of an internal comparator. PGOOD remains low until the ADJ pin is within 10% of the final regulation voltage.

The PGOOD output is valid when  $V_{IN}$  is above 3.6V and RUN/SS is high. If this function is not used, leave this pin floating.

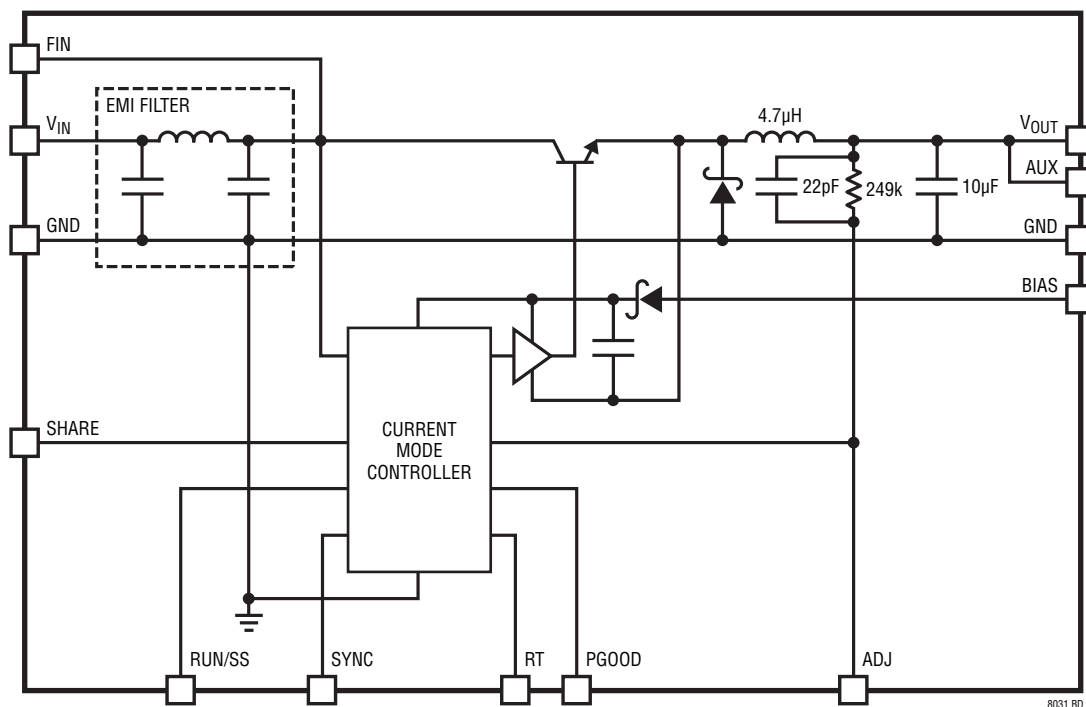
**ADJ (Pin J7):** The LTM8031 regulates its ADJ pin to 0.79V. Connect the adjust resistor from this pin to ground. The value of  $R_{ADJ}$  is given by the equation:

$$R_{ADJ} = \frac{196.71}{V_{OUT} - 0.79}$$

where  $R_{ADJ}$  is in kΩ.

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## BLOCK DIAGRAM



## OPERATION

The LTM8031 is a standalone nonisolated step-down switching DC/DC power supply. It can deliver up to 1A of DC output current with only bulk external input and output capacitors. This module provides a precisely regulated output voltage programmable via one external resistor from 0.8VDC to 10VDC. The input voltage range is 3.6V to 36V. Given that the LTM8031 is a step-down converter, make sure that the input voltage is high enough to support the desired output voltage and load current. A simplified Block Diagram is given on the previous page.

The LTM8031 is designed with an input EMI filter and other features to make its radiated emissions compliant with several EMC specifications including EN55022 class B. Compliance with conducted emissions requirements may be obtained by adding a standard input filter.

The LTM8031 contains a current mode controller, power switching element, power inductor, power Schottky diode and a modest amount of input and output capacitance. The LTM8031 is a fixed frequency PWM regulator. The switching frequency is set by simply connecting the appropriate resistor value from the RT pin to GND.

An internal regulator provides power to the control circuitry. The bias regulator can draw power from the  $V_{IN}$  pin, but if the BIAS pin is connected to an external voltage higher than 2.8V, bias power will be drawn from the external source (typically the regulated output voltage). This improves efficiency. The RUN/SS pin is used to place the LTM8031 in shutdown, disconnecting the output and reducing the input current to less than 1 $\mu$ A.

To further optimize efficiency, the LTM8031 automatically switches to Burst Mode operation in light load situations. Between bursts, all circuitry associated with controlling the output switch is shut down reducing the input supply current to 50 $\mu$ A in a typical application. The oscillator reduces the LTM8031's operating frequency when the voltage at the ADJ pin is low. This frequency foldback helps to control the output current during start-up and overload.

The LTM8031 contains a power good comparator which trips when the ADJ pin is at 90% of its regulated value. The PGOOD output is an open-collector transistor that is off when the output is in regulation, allowing an external resistor to pull the PGOOD pin high. Power good is valid when the LTM8031 is enabled and  $V_{IN}$  is above 3.6V.

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

For most applications, the design process is straight forward, summarized as follows:

1. Look at Table 1 and find the row that has the desired input range and output voltage.
2. Apply the recommended  $C_{IN}$ ,  $C_{OUT}$ ,  $R_{ADJ}$  and  $R_T$  values.
3. Connect BIAS as indicated.

As the integrated input EMI filter may ring in response to an application of a step input voltage, a bulk capacitance, series resistance or some clamping mechanism may be required. See the Hot-Plugging Safely section for details.

While these component combinations have been tested for proper operation, it is incumbent upon the user to verify proper operation over the intended system's line, load and environmental conditions.

### Capacitor Selection Considerations

The  $C_{IN}$  and  $C_{OUT}$  capacitor values in Table 1 are the minimum recommended values for the associated operating conditions. Applying capacitor values below those indicated in Table 1 is not recommended, and may result in undesirable operation. Using larger values is generally acceptable, and can yield improved dynamic response, if it is necessary. Again, it is incumbent upon the user to verify proper operation over the intended system's line, load and environmental conditions.

Ceramic capacitors are small, robust and have very low ESR. However, not all ceramic capacitors are suitable. X5R and X7R types are stable over temperature and applied voltage and give dependable service. Other types, including Y5V and Z5U have very large temperature and voltage coefficients of capacitance. In an application circuit they



## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

**Table 1. Recommended Component Values and Configuration (See Typical Performance Characteristics for Load Conditions)**

| V <sub>IN</sub> | V <sub>OUT</sub> | C <sub>IN</sub> | C <sub>OUT</sub>      | R <sub>ADJ</sub> | BIAS            | f <sub>OPTIMAL</sub> | R <sub>T(OPTIMAL)</sub> | f <sub>MAX</sub> | R <sub>T(MIN)</sub> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 3.6V to 36V     | 0.82V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 2 × 100μF 1206 6.3V   | 5.11M            | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 250kHz               | 150k                    | 250kHz           | 150k                |
| 3.6V to 36V     | 1.20V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF//47μF 1206 6.3V | 475k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 300kHz               | 124k                    | 325kHz           | 113k                |
| 3.6V to 36V     | 1.80V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206            | 191k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 420kHz               | 84.5k                   | 450kHz           | 78.7k               |
| 3.6V to 36V     | 2.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206            | 162k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 450kHz               | 78.7k                   | 475kHz           | 73.2k               |
| 3.6V to 36V     | 2.50V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 47μF 0805 6.3V        | 115k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 550kHz               | 61.9k                   | 575kHz           | 59.0k               |
| 4.75V to 36V    | 3.30V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 22μF 1206 6.3V        | 78.7k            | AUX             | 675kHz               | 48.7k                   | 725kHz           | 44.2k               |
| 6.8V to 36V     | 5.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 10μF 1206 6.3V        | 46.4k            | AUX             | 975kHz               | 29.4k                   | 1000kHz          | 28.0k               |
| 10.5V to 36V    | 8.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 4.7μF 1206 10V        | 26.7k            | AUX             | 1200kHz              | 23.7k                   | 1600kHz          | 15.8k               |
| 13V to 36V      | 10.00V           | 1μF 0805 50V    | 4.7μF 0805 16V        | 21.0k            | AUX             | 1250kHz              | 22.6k                   | 2050kHz          | 10.5k               |
| 3.6V to 15V     | 0.82V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 2 × 100μF 1206 6.3V   | 5.11M            | V <sub>IN</sub> | 500kHz               | 69.8k                   | 600kHz           | 56.2k               |
| 3.6V to 15V     | 1.20V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206 6.3V       | 475k             | V <sub>IN</sub> | 600kHz               | 56.2k                   | 750kHz           | 42.2k               |
| 3.6V to 15V     | 1.80V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206            | 191k             | V <sub>IN</sub> | 650kHz               | 51.1k                   | 1000kHz          | 28.0k               |
| 3.6V to 15V     | 2.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206            | 162k             | V <sub>IN</sub> | 650kHz               | 51.1k                   | 1100kHz          | 26.7k               |
| 3.6V to 15V     | 2.50V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 47μF 0805 6.3V        | 115k             | V <sub>IN</sub> | 700kHz               | 47.5k                   | 1350kHz          | 20.5k               |
| 4.75V to 15V    | 3.30V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 22μF 1206 6.3V        | 78.7k            | AUX             | 950kHz               | 32.4k                   | 1650kHz          | 15.0k               |
| 6.8V to 15V     | 5.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 10μF 1206 6.3V        | 46.4k            | AUX             | 1150kHz              | 25.5k                   | 2400kHz          | 7.87k               |
| 10.5V to 15V    | 8.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 4.7μF 1206 10V        | 26.7k            | AUX             | 1200kHz              | 23.7k                   | 2400kHz          | 7.87k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 0.82V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 2 × 100μF 1206 6.3V   | 5.11M            | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 350kHz               | 105k                    | 375kHz           | 93.1k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 1.20V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF//47μF 1206 6.3V | 475k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 450kHz               | 78.7k                   | 475kHz           | 73.2k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 1.80V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206            | 191k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 600kHz               | 56.2k                   | 650kHz           | 51.1k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 2.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 100μF 1206            | 162k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 650kHz               | 51.1k                   | 700kHz           | 47.5k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 2.50V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 47μF 0805 6.3V        | 115k             | ≥2.8V, <25V     | 700kHz               | 47.5k                   | 850kHz           | 37.4k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 3.30V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 22μF 1206 6.3V        | 78.7k            | AUX             | 950kHz               | 32.4k                   | 1050kHz          | 28.0k               |
| 9V to 24V       | 5.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 10μF 1206 6.3V        | 46.4k            | AUX             | 1150kHz              | 25.5k                   | 1550kHz          | 16.5k               |
| 10.5V to 24V    | 8.00V            | 1μF 0805 50V    | 4.7μF 1206 10V        | 26.7k            | AUX             | 1200kHz              | 23.7k                   | 2400kHz          | 7.87k               |
| 13V to 24V      | 10.00V           | 1μF 0805 50V    | 4.7μF 0805 16V        | 21.0k            | AUX             | 1250kHz              | 22.6k                   | 2400kHz          | 7.87k               |

Note: An input bulk capacitor is required.

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may have only a small fraction of their nominal capacitance resulting in much higher output voltage ripple than expected. Ceramic capacitors are also piezoelectric. In Burst Mode operation, the LTM8031's switching frequency depends on the load current, and can excite a ceramic capacitor at audio frequencies, generating audible noise. Since the LTM8031 operates at a lower current limit during Burst Mode operation, the noise is typically very quiet to a casual ear. If this audible noise is unacceptable, use a high performance electrolytic capacitor at the output. The input capacitor can be a parallel combination of a  $1\mu\text{F}$  ceramic capacitor and a low cost electrolytic capacitor.

A final precaution regarding ceramic capacitors concerns the maximum input voltage rating of the LTM8031. A ceramic input capacitor combined with trace or cable inductance forms a high Q (under damped) tank circuit. If the LTM8031 circuit is plugged into a live supply, the input voltage can ring to twice its nominal value, possibly exceeding the device's rating. This situation is easily avoided; see the Hot-Plugging Safely section.

### Electromagnetic Compliance

The LTM8031 is compliant with the radiated emissions requirements of EN55022 class B. Graphs of the LTM8031's EMC performance are given in the Typical Performance Characteristics section. Further data, operating conditions and test setup are detailed in an EMI Test report available from Linear Technology.

### Frequency Selection

The LTM8031 uses a constant frequency PWM architecture that can be programmed to switch from 200kHz to 2.4MHz by using a resistor tied from the  $R_T$  pin to ground. Table 2 provides a list of  $R_T$  resistor values and their resultant frequencies.

### Operating Frequency Trade-Offs

It is recommended that the user apply the optimal  $R_T$  value given in Table 1 for the input and output operating condition. System level or other considerations, however, may necessitate another operating frequency. While the LTM8031 is flexible enough to accommodate a wide range

**Table 2. Switching Frequency vs  $R_T$  Value**

| SWITCHING FREQUENCY (MHz) | $R_T$ VALUE (k $\Omega$ ) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.2                       | 187                       |
| 0.3                       | 124                       |
| 0.4                       | 88.7                      |
| 0.5                       | 69.8                      |
| 0.6                       | 56.2                      |
| 0.7                       | 47.5                      |
| 0.8                       | 39.2                      |
| 0.9                       | 34                        |
| 1.0                       | 28.0                      |
| 1.2                       | 23.7                      |
| 1.4                       | 19.1                      |
| 1.5                       | 16.2                      |
| 1.8                       | 13.3                      |
| 2                         | 11.5                      |
| 2.2                       | 9.76                      |
| 2.4                       | 8.66                      |

of operating frequencies, a haphazardly chosen one may result in undesirable operation under certain operating or fault conditions. A frequency that is too high can reduce efficiency, generate excessive heat or even damage the LTM8031 if the output is overloaded or short-circuited. A frequency that is too low can result in a final design that has too much output ripple or unnecessarily large output capacitor. The maximum frequency (and attendant  $R_T$  value) at which the LTM8031 should be allowed to switch is given in Table 1 in the  $f_{\text{MAX}}$  column, while the recommended frequency (and  $R_T$  value) for optimal efficiency over the given input condition is given in the  $f_{\text{OPTIMAL}}$  column. There are additional conditions that must be satisfied if the synchronization function is used. Please refer to the Synchronization section for details.

### BIAS Pin Considerations

The BIAS pin is used to provide drive power for the internal power switching stage and operate internal circuitry. For proper operation, it must be powered by at least 2.8V. If the output voltage is programmed to be 2.8V or higher, simply tie BIAS to AUX. If  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  is less than 2.8V, BIAS can be tied to  $V_{\text{IN}}$  or some other voltage source. In all cases, ensure that the maximum voltage at the BIAS pin is both less than 25V and the sum of  $V_{\text{IN}}$  and BIAS is less

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than 56V. If BIAS power is applied from a remote or noisy voltage source, it may be necessary to apply a decoupling capacitor locally to the LTM8031.

### Load Sharing

Two or more LTM8031s may be paralleled to produce higher currents. This may, however, alter the EMI performance of the LTM8031s. To do this, tie the  $V_{IN}$ , ADJ,  $V_{OUT}$  and SHARE pins of all the paralleled LTM8031s together. To ensure that paralleled modules start up together, the RUN/SS pins may be tied together, as well. Synchronize the LTM8031s to an external clock to eliminate beat frequencies, if required. If the RUN/SS pins are not tied together, make sure that the same valued soft-start capacitors are used for each module. An example of two LTM8031 modules configured for load sharing is given in the Typical Applications section. For 2A applications also see the LTM8032, 2A EMC DC/DC  $\mu$ Module regulator

### Burst Mode Operation

To enhance efficiency at light loads, the LTM8031 automatically switches to Burst Mode operation which keeps the output capacitor charged to the proper voltage while minimizing the input quiescent current. During Burst Mode operation, the LTM8031 delivers single cycle bursts of current to the output capacitor followed by sleep periods where the output power is delivered to the load by the output capacitor. In addition,  $V_{IN}$  and BIAS quiescent currents are reduced to typically 20 $\mu$ A and 50 $\mu$ A respectively during the sleep time. As the load current decreases towards a no-load condition, the percentage of time that the LTM8031 operates in sleep mode increases and the average input current is greatly reduced, resulting in higher efficiency. Burst Mode operation is enabled by tying SYNC to GND. To disable Burst Mode operation, tie SYNC to a stable voltage above 0.7V. Do not leave the SYNC pin floating.

### Minimum Input Voltage

The LTM8031 is a step-down converter, so a minimum amount of headroom is required to keep the output in regulation. In addition, the input voltage required to turn on is higher than that required to run, and depends upon whether the RUN/SS is used. As shown in the Typical Performance

Characteristics section, it takes only about  $3.6V_{IN}$  for the LTM8031 to run a 3.3V output at light load. If RUN/SS is pulled up to  $V_{IN}$ , it takes  $5.7V_{IN}$  to start. If the LTM8031 is enabled via the RUN/SS pin, the minimum voltage to start at light loads is lower, about 4.4V. Similar curves for 2.5V<sub>OUT</sub>, 5V<sub>OUT</sub> and 8V<sub>OUT</sub> operation are also provided in the Typical Performance Characteristics section.

### Soft-Start

The RUN/SS pin can be used to soft-start the LTM8031, reducing the maximum input current during start-up. The RUN/SS pin is driven through an external RC network to create a voltage ramp at this pin. Figure 1 shows the start-up and shutdown waveforms with the soft-start circuit. By choosing an appropriate RC time constant, the peak start-up current can be reduced to the current that is required to regulate the output, with no overshoot. Choose the value of the resistor so that it can supply at least 20 $\mu$ A when the RUN/SS pin reaches 2.5V.

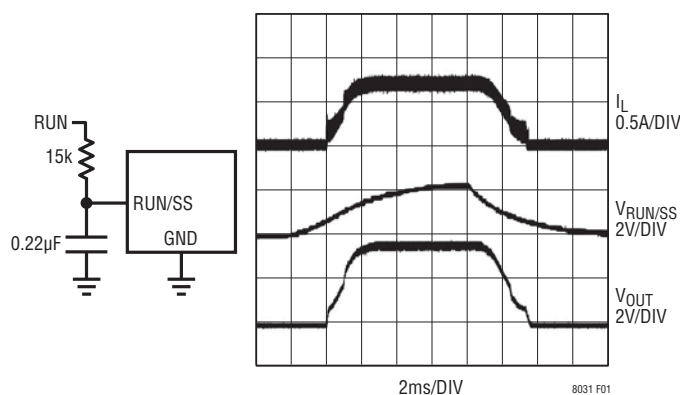


Figure 1. To Soft-Start the LTM8031, Add a Resistor and Capacitor to the RUN/SS Pin

### Synchronization

The internal oscillator of the LTM8031 can be synchronized by applying an external 250kHz to 2MHz clock to the SYNC pin. Do not leave this pin floating. The resistor tied from the RT pin to ground should be chosen such that the LTM8031 oscillates 20% lower than the intended synchronization frequency (see the Frequency Selection section). The LTM8031 will not enter Burst Mode operation while synchronized to an external clock, but will instead skip pulses to maintain regulation.

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### Shorted Input Protection

Care needs to be taken in systems where the output will be held high when the input to the LTM8031 is absent. This may occur in battery charging applications or in battery back-up systems where a battery or some other supply is diode ORed with the LTM8031's output. If the  $V_{IN}$  pin is allowed to float and the RUN/SS pin is held high (either by a logic signal or because it is tied to  $V_{IN}$ ), then the LTM8031's internal circuitry will pull its quiescent current through its internal power switch. This is fine if your system can tolerate a few milliamps in this state. If you ground the RUN/SS pin, the internal switch current will drop to essentially zero. However, if the  $V_{IN}$  pin is grounded while the output is held high, then parasitic diodes inside the LTM8031 can pull large currents from the output through the  $V_{IN}$  pin, potentially damaging the device. Figure 2 shows a circuit that will run only when the input voltage is present and that protects against a shorted or reversed input.

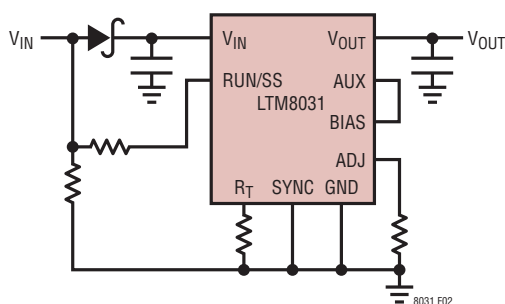
### PCB Layout

Most of the headaches associated with PCB layout have been alleviated or even eliminated by the high level of integration of the LTM8031. The LTM8031 is nevertheless a switching power supply and care must be taken to minimize EMI and ensure proper operation. Even with the high level of integration, you may fail to achieve specified

operation with a haphazard or poor layout. See Figure 3 for a suggested layout.

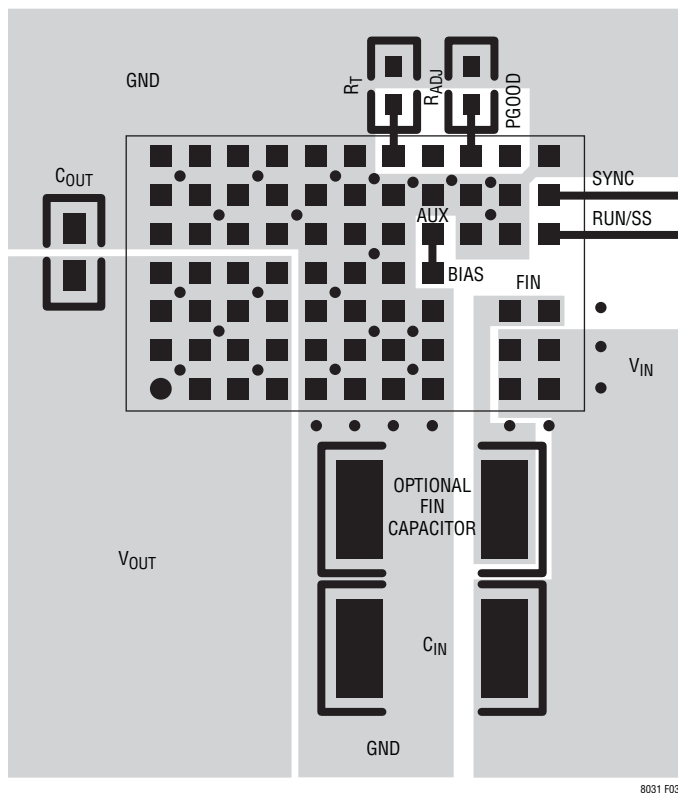
Ensure that the grounding and heat sinking are acceptable. A few rules to keep in mind are:

1. Place the  $R_{ADJ}$  and  $R_T$  resistors as close as possible to their respective pins.
2. Place the  $C_{IN}$  capacitor as close as possible to the  $V_{IN}$  and GND connection of the LTM8031. If a capacitor is connected to the FIN terminals, place it as close as possible to the FIN terminals, such that its ground connection is as close as possible to that of the  $C_{IN}$  capacitor.
3. Place the  $C_{OUT}$  capacitor as close as possible to the  $V_{OUT}$  and GND connection of the LTM8031.
4. Place the  $C_{IN}$  and  $C_{OUT}$  capacitors such that their ground currents flow directly adjacent or underneath the LTM8031.
5. Connect all of the GND connections to as large a copper pour or plane area as possible on the top layer. Avoid breaking the ground connection between the external components and the LTM8031.
6. Use vias to connect the GND copper area to the board's internal ground plane. Liberally distribute these GND vias to provide both a good ground connection and thermal path to the internal planes of the printed circuit board.



**Figure 2. The Input Diode Prevents a Shorted Input from Discharging a Back-Up Battery Tied to the Output. It Also Protects the Circuit from a Reversed Input. The LTM8031 Runs Only When the Input is Present**

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**Figure 3. Layout Showing Suggested External Components, GND Plane and Thermal Vias**

### Hot-Plugging Safely

The small size, robustness and low impedance of ceramic capacitors make them an attractive option for the input bypass capacitor of LTM8031. However, these capacitors can cause problems if the LTM8031 is plugged into a live or fast rising or falling supply (see Linear Technology Application Note 88 for a complete discussion). The low loss ceramic capacitor combined with stray inductance in series with the power source forms an under-damped tank circuit, and the voltage at the  $V_{IN}$  pin of the LTM8031 can ring to twice the nominal input voltage, possibly exceeding the LTM8031's rating and damaging the part. A similar phenomenon can occur inside the LTM8031 module, at the output of the integrated EMI filter, with the same potential of damaging the part.

If the input supply is poorly controlled or the user will be plugging the LTM8031 into an energized supply, the input network should be designed to prevent this overshoot. Figure 4 shows the waveforms that result when an LTM8031

circuit is connected to a 24V supply through six feet of 24-gauge twisted pair. The first plot (4a) is the response with a 2.2 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor at the input. The input voltage rings as high as 35V and the input current peaks at 20A. One method of damping the tank circuit is to add another capacitor with a series resistor to the circuit, as shown in Figure 4b. A 0.7 $\Omega$  resistor is added in series with the input to eliminate the voltage overshoot (it also reduces the peak input current). A 0.1 $\mu$ F capacitor improves high frequency filtering. For high input voltages its impact on efficiency is minor, reducing efficiency less than one-half percent for a 5V output at full load operating from 24V. By far the most popular method of controlling overshoot is shown in Figure 4c, where an aluminum electrolytic capacitor has been connected to FIN. This capacitor's high equivalent series resistance damps the circuit and eliminates the voltage overshoot. The extra capacitor improves low frequency ripple filtering and can slightly improve the efficiency of the circuit, though it is likely to be the largest component in the circuit. Placing the electrolytic capacitor at the FIN terminals can also improve the LTM8031's EMI filtering as well as guard against overshoots caused by the Q of the integrated filter.

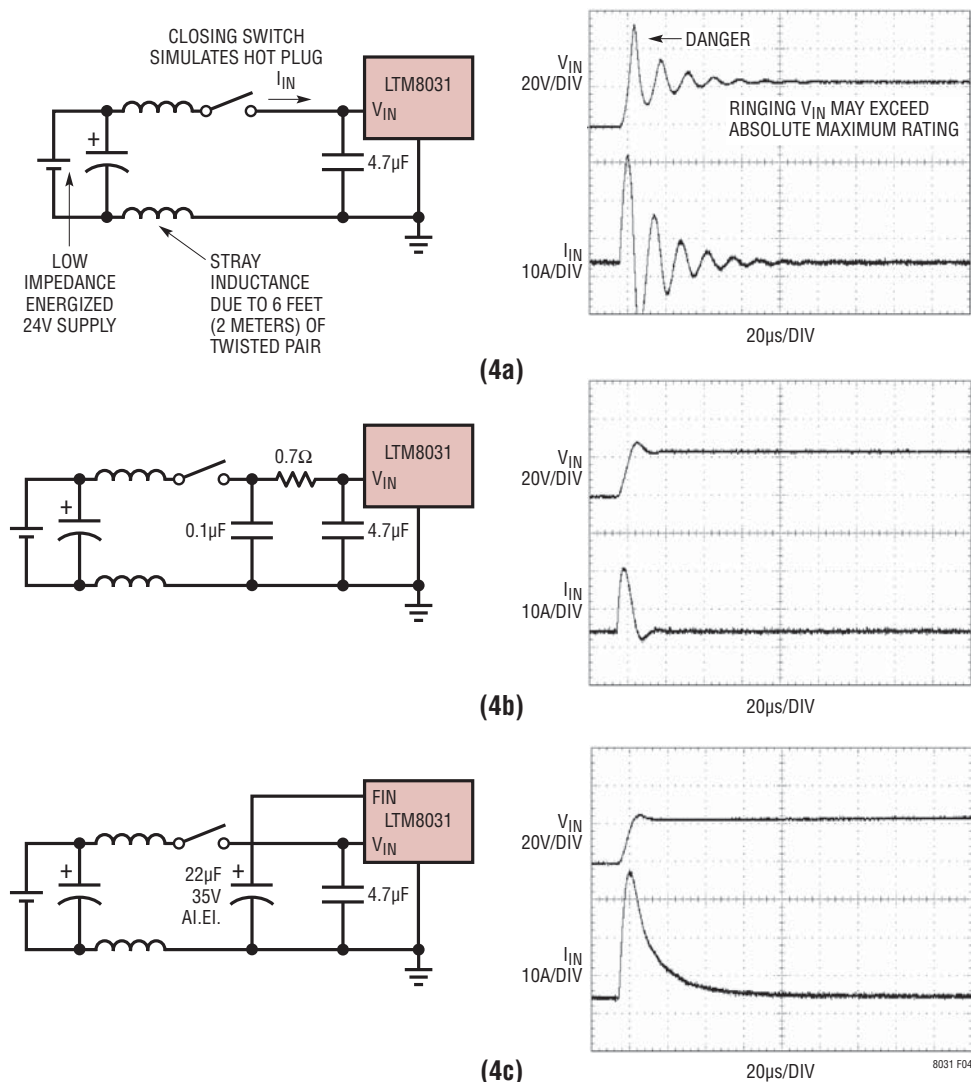
### Thermal Considerations

The LTM8031 output current may need to be derated if it is required to operate in a high ambient temperature or deliver a large amount of continuous power. The amount of current derating is dependent upon the input voltage, output power and ambient temperature. The temperature rise curves given in the Typical Performance Characteristics section can be used as a guide. These curves were generated by a LTM8031 mounted to a 35cm<sup>2</sup> 4-layer FR4 printed circuit board. Boards of other sizes and layer count can exhibit different thermal behavior, so it is incumbent upon the user to verify proper operation over the intended system's line, load and environmental operating conditions.

The junction-to-air and junction-to-board thermal resistances given in the Pin Configuration diagram may also be used to estimate the LTM8031 internal temperature. These thermal coefficients are determined per JESD 51-9 (JEDEC standard, test boards for area array surface mount package thermal measurements) through analysis and physical



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**Figure 4. A Well Chosen Input Network Prevents Input Voltage Overshoot and Ensures Reliable Operation When the LTM8031 is Hot-Plugged to a Live Supply**

correlation. Bear in mind that the actual thermal resistance of the LTM8031 to the printed circuit board depends upon the design of the circuit board. The die temperature of the LTM8031 must be lower than the maximum rating of 125°C, so care should be taken in the layout of the circuit to ensure good heat sinking of the LTM8031.

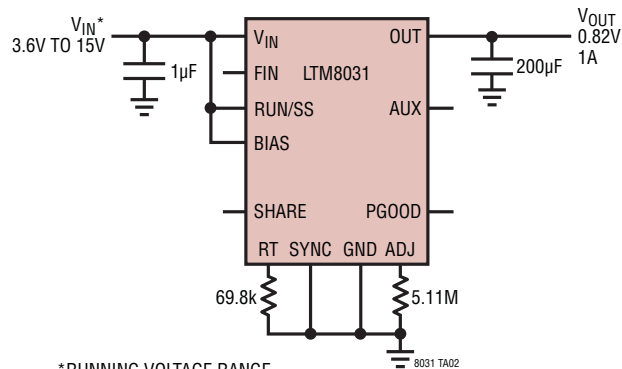
The bulk of the heat flow out of the LTM8031 is through the bottom of the module and the LGA pads into the printed

circuit board. Consequently a poor printed circuit board design can cause excessive heating, resulting in impaired performance or reliability. Please refer to the PCB Layout section for printed circuit board design suggestions.

Finally, be aware that at high ambient temperatures the internal Schottky diode will have significant leakage current increasing the quiescent current of the LTM8031.

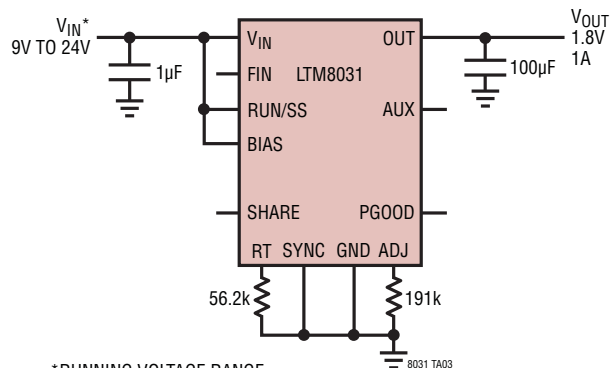
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

### 0.82V Step-Down Converter



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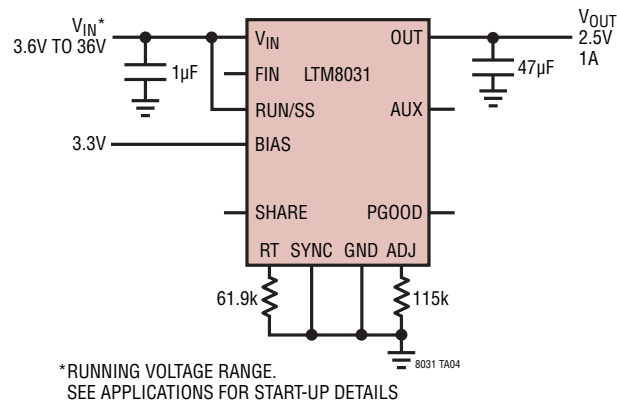
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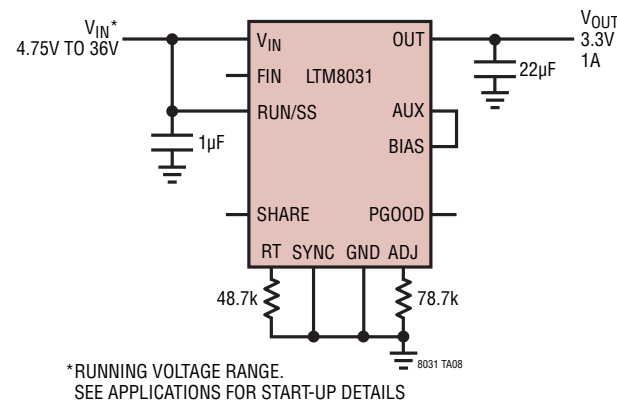
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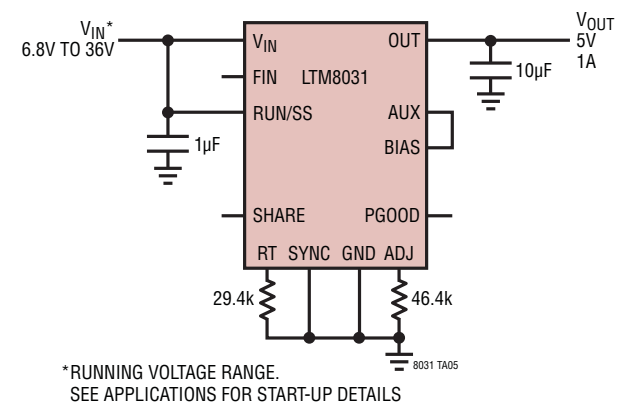
2.5V Step-Down Converter



3.3V Step-Down Converter



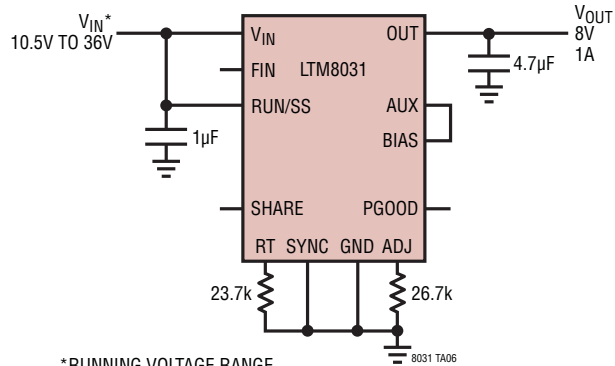
5V Step-Down Converter





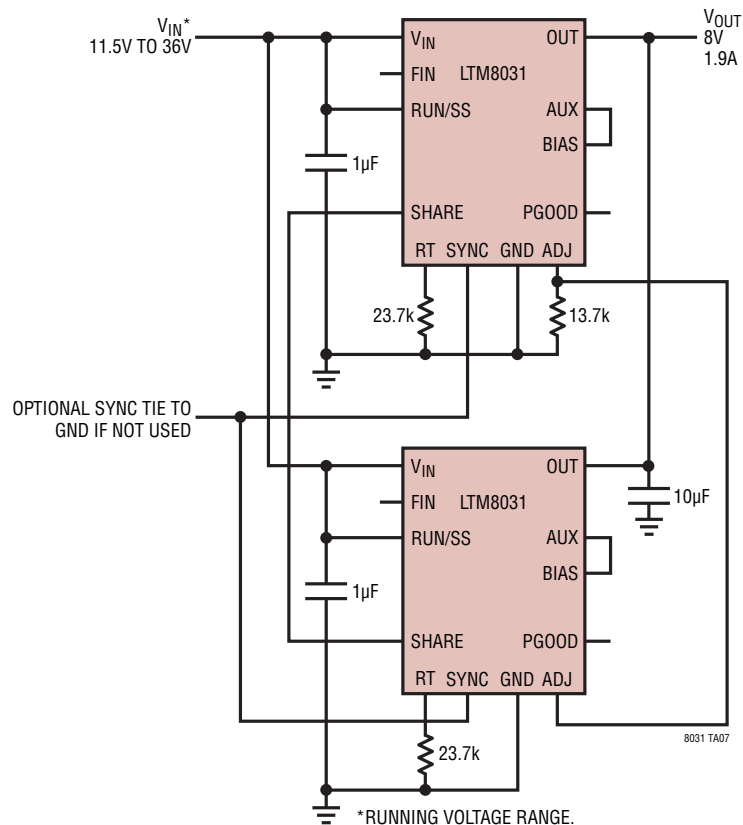
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## 8V Step-Down Converter



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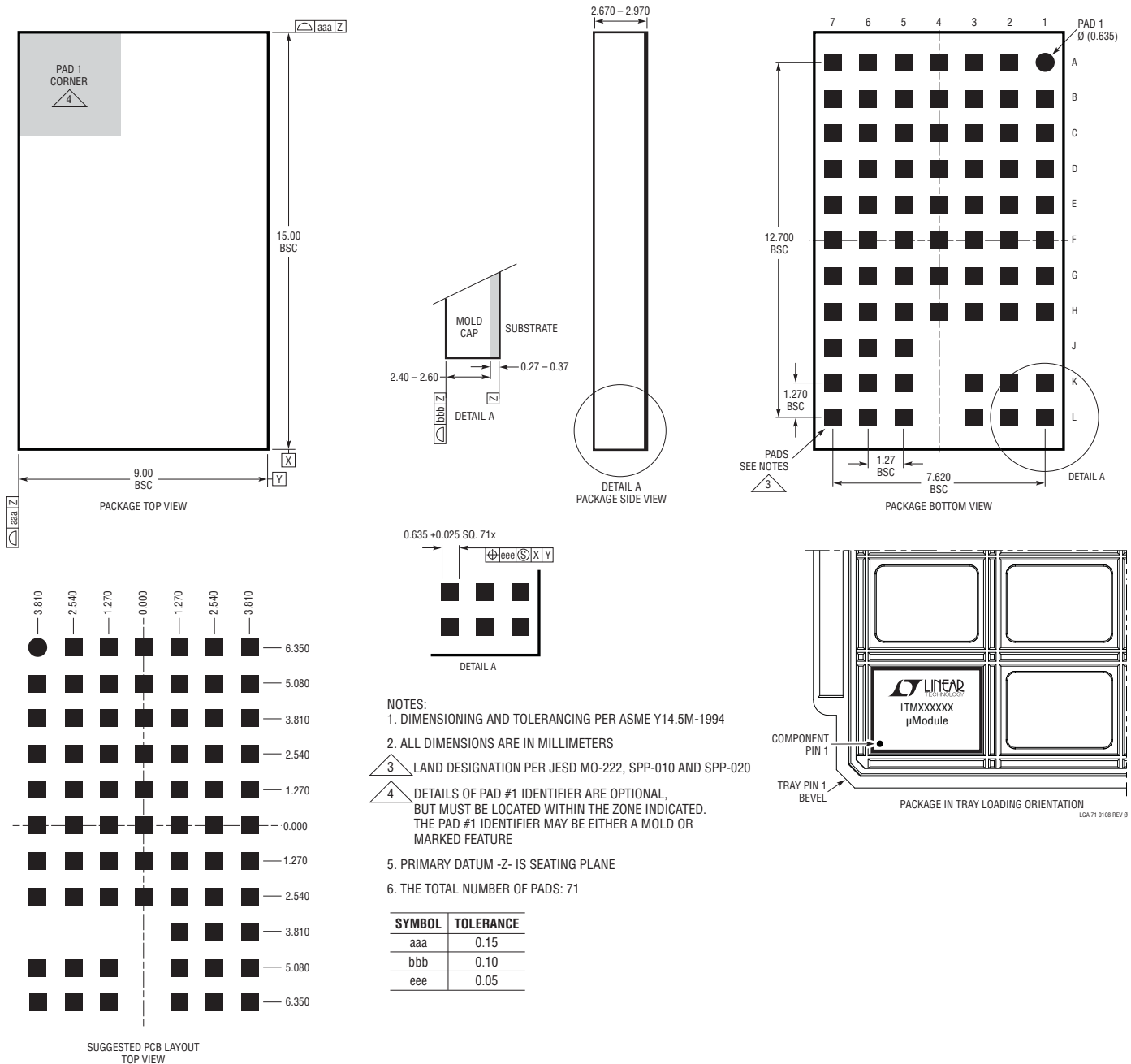
## Two LTM8031s Operating in Parallel (Also See the LTM8032, 2A Pin Compatible)



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## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

**LGA Package**  
**71-Lead (15mm × 9mm × 2.82mm)**  
 (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1823 Rev 0)



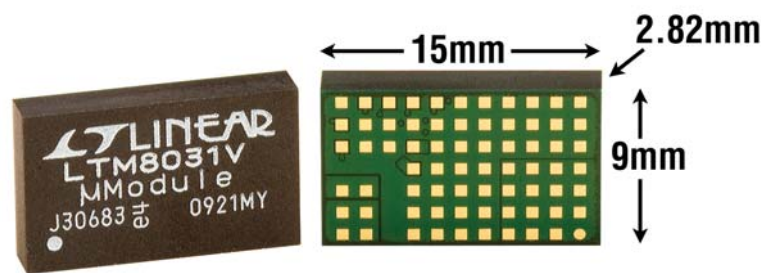
## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

Table 3. LTM8031 Pinout (Sorted by Pin Number)

| PIN | SIGNAL DESCRIPTION |
|-----|--------------------|
| A1  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| A2  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| A3  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| A4  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| A5  | GND                |
| A6  | GND                |
| A7  | GND                |
| B1  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| B2  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| B3  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| B4  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| B5  | GND                |
| B6  | GND                |
| B7  | GND                |
| C1  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| C2  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| C3  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| C4  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| C5  | GND                |
| C6  | GND                |
| C7  | GND                |
| D1  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| D2  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| D3  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| D4  | $V_{OUT}$          |
| D5  | GND                |
| D6  | GND                |
| D7  | GND                |
| E1  | GND                |
| E2  | GND                |
| E3  | GND                |
| E4  | GND                |
| E5  | GND                |
| E6  | GND                |
| E7  | GND                |

| PIN | SIGNAL DESCRIPTION |
|-----|--------------------|
| F1  | GND                |
| F2  | GND                |
| F3  | GND                |
| F4  | GND                |
| F5  | GND                |
| F6  | GND                |
| F7  | GND                |
| G1  | GND                |
| G2  | GND                |
| G3  | GND                |
| G4  | GND                |
| G5  | GND                |
| G6  | GND                |
| G7  | RT                 |
| H1  | GND                |
| H2  | GND                |
| H3  | GND                |
| H4  | BIAS               |
| H5  | AUX                |
| H6  | GND                |
| H7  | SHARE              |
| J5  | GND                |
| J6  | GND                |
| J7  | ADJ                |
| K1  | $V_{IN}$           |
| K2  | $V_{IN}$           |
| K3  | FIN                |
| K5  | GND                |
| K6  | GND                |
| K7  | PGOOD              |
| L1  | $V_{IN}$           |
| L2  | $V_{IN}$           |
| L3  | FIN                |
| L5  | RUN/SS             |
| L6  | SYNC               |
| L7  | GND                |

PACKAGE PHOTOGRAPH



RELATED PARTS

| PART NUMBER | DESCRIPTION                                      | COMMENTS                                                                 |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LTM4606     | Ultralow Noise 6A DC/DC μModule Regulator        | 4.5V ≤ VIN ≤ 28V, 0.6V ≤ VOUT ≤ 5V, 15mm × 15mm × 2.8mm LGA              |
| LTM4612     | Ultralow Noise High VOUT DC/DC μModule Regulator | 5A, 5V ≤ VIN ≤ 36V, 3.3V ≤ VOUT ≤ 15V, 15mm × 15mm × 2.8mm LGA           |
| LTM8023     | 36V, 2A DC/DC μModule Regulator                  | 3.6V ≤ VIN ≤ 36V, 0.8V ≤ VOUT ≤ 10V, 9mm × 11.75mm × 2.8mm LGA           |
| LTM8025     | 36V, 3A DC/DC μModule Regulator                  | 3.6V ≤ VIN ≤ 36V, 0.8V ≤ VOUT ≤ 24V, 9mm × 15mm × 4.32mm LGA             |
| LTM8032     | 36V, 2A EMC DC/DC μModule Regulator              | EN55022 Class B, 9mm × 15mm × 2.8mm LGA. Pin Compatible with the LTM8031 |