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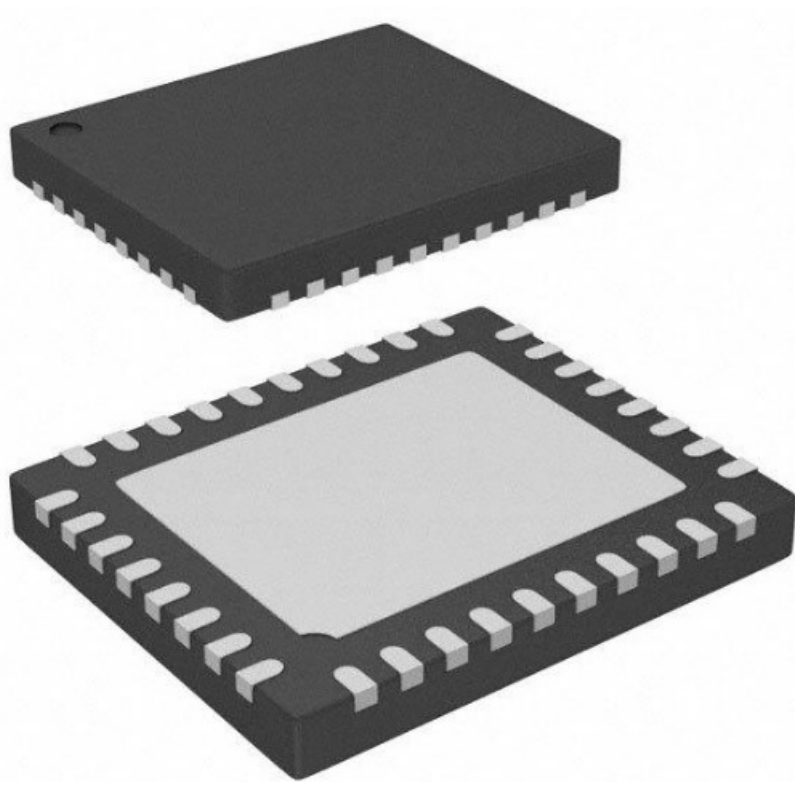
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Product Information

Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	M in	Ty p	M ax	Un its
V1-V3, VOUT	V1 to V3, VOUT Operating Supply Range		2.5		36	V
VG	Open (VS-VG) Clamp Voltage	VOUT = 11V, G1 to G3 = Open	5.4	6.2	6.7	V
VG(SOURCE)	Sourcing (VS-VG) Clamp Voltage		5.8	6.6	7	V
VG(SINK)	Sinking (VS-VG) Clamp Voltage		4.5	5.2	6	V
VG(OFF)	G1 to G3 Off (VS-VG) Threshold	V1 = V2 = V3 = 2.8V, VOUT = 2.6V, G1 to G3 Rising Edge	0.12	0.35	0.6	V
VG(SLEW, ON)	G1 to G3 Pull-Down Slew Rate	VOUT = 11V, CGATE = 10nF	4	9	20	
VG(SLEW, OFF)	G1 to G3 Pull-Up Slew Rate	VOUT = 11V, CGATE = 10nF	7.5	13	22	
IGATE(LOW)	G1 to G3 Low Pull-Down Current	VOUT = 2.6V, V1 to V3 = 2.8V, (G1 to G3) = VG + 300mV	0.8	2	7	
VREV	Reverse Voltage Threshold		30	120	200	mV

tG(SWITCH HOVER)	Break-Before-Make Time	VOUT = 11V, CGATE = 10nF	0.7	2	3	
VVALID(OL)	VALID1 to VALID3 Output Low Voltage	I = 1mA, (V1 to V3) = 2.5V, VOUT = 0V	0.2	0.55		V
tPVALID(OFF)	VALID1 to VALID3 Delay OFF from OV/UV Fault		5	8	13	
VSHDN(THR)	SHDN Threshold Voltage		0.4	0.8	1.2	V
VSHDN_EN(HYS)	SHDN, EN Threshold Hysteresis		100			mV
ISHDN_EN	EN Pull-Up Current					
VOV_UV(THR)	OV1 to O3, UV1 to UV3 Comparator Threshold	SHDN Rising, SHDN = EN = 0V VOUT = 11V, OV1 to OV3 Rising, UV1 to UV3 Falling		0.985	1.015	V
VOV_UV(HYS)	OV1 to O3, UV1 to UV3 Comparator Hysteresis	VOUT = 11V	15	30	45	mV
tVALID	V1 to V3 Validation Time		100	256	412	ms
V1	Operating Voltage of Channel V1		9.6	12	14.4	V
V2	Operating Voltage of Channel V2		4	5	6	V
V3	Operating voltage of Channel V3		6.4	8	9.6	V
ILOAD AVI	Load Current Auxiliary Voltage Input		2		6	A, V

Product Usage Instructions

Overview

The LTC4417 is a prioritized PowerPath™ controller that controls three sets of external back-to-back P-channel MOSFETs to connect the proper rail to the load. It uses precision comparators to monitor each of the three input rails for undervoltage (UV) and overvoltage (OV) conditions. The highest priority input supply whose voltage is within its respective OV/UV window for at least 256ms is considered valid and connected to the load. The VALID1, VALID2, and VALID3 pins indicate the validation of the V1, V2, and V3 voltages. Logic and LEDs are included to provide visual information about the operating status. The circuits are powered from a 6V to 24V auxiliary voltage input (AVI) which is regulated by an LT3060 (U4) to 5V. The auxiliary 5V rail also powers 100k pull-ups for VALID pins. The presence of AVI is necessary for the board to operate.

Operating Principles

To eliminate back-and-forth switching during rail switchover, the LTC4417 provides a 30mV hysteresis in the OV and UV comparators. The OV/UV resistive dividers allow for an externally adjustable current mode hysteresis. The DC1717B board has a default input reference hysteresis of 6%, but it can be changed to 3% by moving the JP1 jumper to the 30mV position.

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit DC1717B uses the LTC®4417 arbitrate between three input supply rails, selecting the highest priority, valid supply to power the load. The rail's priority is defined by the input connection (V1-V3). Each rail has overvoltage and undervoltage thresholds set by external resistors. If the highest priority rail voltage falls out of the defined window (overvoltage or undervoltage), the rail with the next highest priority, which is valid, is enabled and powers the load. Two or more LTC4417s can be cascaded to provide switchover between more than three rails. Design files for this circuit board are available at www.analog.com/DC1717B.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at TA = 25°C

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TY P	MA X	UNI TS
V1-V3, V OUT	V1 to V3, VOUT Operating S upply Range		2.5		36	V
ΔVG	Open (VS-VG) Clamp Voltag e	VOUT = 11V, G1 to G3 = Open	5.4	6.2	6.7	V
ΔVG(SO URCE)	Sourcing (VS-VG) Clamp Vol tage	VOUT = 11V, I = -10μA	5.8	6.6	7	V
ΔVG(SIN K)	Sinking (VS-VG) Clamp Volt age	VOUT = 11V, I = 10μA	4.5	5.2	6	V
ΔVG(OFF)	G1 to G3 Off (VS-VG) Thres hold	V1 = V2 = V3 = 2.8V, VOUT = 2.6V, G1 to G3 Rising Edge	0.12	0.3 5	0.6	V
ΔVG(SLE W,ON)	G1 to G3 Pull-Down Slew Ra te	VOUT = 11V, CGATE = 10nF	4	9	20	V/μs
ΔVG(SLE W,OFF)	G1 to G3 Pull-Up Slew Rate	VOUT = 11V, CGATE = 10nF	7.5	13	22	V/μs
IGATE(L OW)	G1 to G3 Low Pull-Down Cu rrent	VOUT = 2.6V, V1 to V3 = 2.8V, (G1 to G3) = ΔVG + 300mV	0.8	2	7	μA
VREV	Reverse Voltage Threshold	Measure (V1 to V3) – VOUT, VOUT Fallin g	30	120	200	mV
tG(SWIT CHOVER)	Break-Before-Make Time	VOUT = 11V, CGATE = 10nF	0.7	2	3	μs
VVALID(OL)	VALID1 to VALID3 Output Lo w Voltage	I = 1mA, (V1 to V3) = 2.5V, VOUT = 0V		0.2	0.55	V
tPVALID(OFF)	VALID1 to VALID3 Delay OF F from OV/UV Fault		5	8	13	μs
VSHDN(THR)	SHDN Threshold Voltage	SHDN Rising	0.4	0.8	1.2	V
VSHDN_ EN(HYS)	SHDN, EN Threshold Hyster esis		100			mV

ISHDN_EN	SHDN, EN Pull-Up Current	SHDN = EN = 0V	−0.5	−2	−5	μA
VOV_UV(THR)	OV1 to O3, UV1 to UV3 Comparator Threshold	VOUT = 11V, OV1 to OV3 Rising, UV1 to UV3 Falling	0.985	1	1.015	V
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V2	Operating Voltage of Channel V2		4	5	6	V
V3	Operating voltage of Channel V3		6.4	8	9.6	V
ILOAD	Load Current		2			A
AVI	Auxiliary Voltage Input		6		24	V

OVERVIEW

The LTC4417 controls three sets of external back-to-back P-channel MOSFETs to connect the proper rail to the load. Precision comparators are used to monitor each of the three input rails for both UV and OV conditions. The highest priority input supply whose voltage is within its respective OV/UV window for at least 256ms is considered valid and connected to the load. Low signals on the VALID1, VALID2, and VALID3 pins indicate validation of the V1, V2, and V3 voltages.

DC1717B is designed to operate from inputs of 12V, 5V, and 8V, applied to V1, V2 and V3 respectively. The valid range of each supply is $\pm 20\%$, as set by OV and UV comparators and their associated resistive dividers. V1 has the highest priority, V3 has the lowest. The highest priority input that is also within its valid range is selected to power the output. V1, V2 and V3 inputs are protected against input glitches of up to $\pm 42V$. Maximum load current is 2A, limited by MOSFET capability.

Logic and LEDs are included to provide visual information about the operating status. These circuits are powered from a 6V to 24V auxiliary voltage input (AVI) which is regulated by an LT3060 (U4) to 5V. This auxiliary 5V rail also powers 100k Ω pull-ups for VALID pins. AVI must be present in order for the board to operate. See the Modification section for a means of eliminating AVI.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

To eliminate back-and-forth switching during rail switch-over, the LTC4417 provides a 30mV hysteresis in the OV and UV comparators, and an externally adjustable current mode hysteresis using the OV/UV resistive dividers. DC1717B's input reference hysteresis is 6%, and can be changed to 3% by moving the JP1 jumper to the 30mV position. The controller's "break-before-make" switching method prevents cross conduction between input channels and reverse current from the output capacitor into the selected input supply. Each channel's control circuit of the LTC4417 has a REV comparator, which monitors the connecting input supply and output load voltage. The REV comparator delays the connection until the output voltage droops 120mV below the input voltage. This prevents reverse current.

The LTC4417 has two common control pins: EN and SHDN. Pulling the EN pin below 1V turns off all external back-to-back P-channel MOSFETs. When this pin is driven above 1V, the highest priority valid channel is connected to the load. All these actions are provided without resetting the 256ms OV/UV timers. Pulling the SHDN

The soft-start circuitry is enabled each time under the following conditions:

- The other driving mode of the P-channel MOSFETs is used in the voltage switching operation, when the higher priority rail replaces the rail losing validity. The gate driver operates with a fixed current, which is defined by the external component parameters R_S and C_S shown in Figure 1. The LTC4417 circuit designer should select the value of R_S and C_S based on the MOSFET parameters, power rail source characteristics, acceptable output voltage droop during transient, and the value of load capacitance.

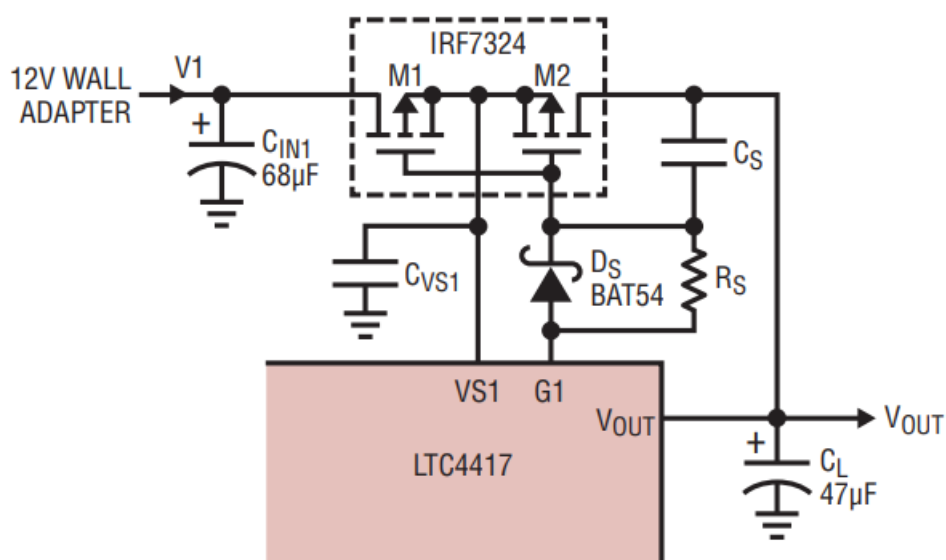


Figure 1

DESIGN PROCEDURE FOR MODIFICATION OF DC1717B

- C20, R23 for V1 (+12V channel)

- C21, R26 for V2 (+5.0V channel)
- C22, R28 for V3 (+8.0V channel)

To have dominant influence on the transient time CS should be at least ten times larger than the P-channel MOSFET's reverse transfer capacitance (Miller). In this design, for all rails, CS (C20, C21, and C22) equals 47nF.

The slew rate of the output voltage can be expressed as a function of CS:

$$\frac{dV_{OUT}}{dt} = \frac{dV_{CS}}{dt} = \frac{V_{SINK} - |V_{THRES}|}{R_S \cdot C_S} \quad (1)$$

where:

- VSINK is the LTC4417 parameter rated in the data sheet as $\Delta VG(SINK) = 4.5V-6V$.
- VTHRES is the P-channel gate threshold voltage, which is between $-1.5V$ and $-3.5V$ for the Si7905DN installed on the board.
- $R_S = 249\Omega$ and $C_S = 47nF$.

Given that dV_{OUT}/dt is based on the transient time requirement, it is possible to define R_S from equation 1. The output voltage slew rate, dV_{OUT}/dt , range for the circuit with the listed parameters is between 85V/ms and 385V/ms. During the transition of rails, the load can be disconnected from any rail for a time: $T_{DISCON} = tG(SWITCHOVER) + tpVALID(OFF) + tGATE_THRES$. Two first summands of the T_{DISCON} are rated in the LTC4417 data sheet as:

1. $tG(SWITCHOVER) = (0.3 \text{ to } 3)\mu s$
2. $tpVALID(OFF) = (5 \text{ to } 13)\mu s$

The second summand, $tpVALID(OFF)$, should be taken into account if the associated LTC4417 input does not have any bypass capacitor and the rail can be disconnected from the input instantly.

The third one must be calculated as:

$$t_{GATE_THRES} = R_S \cdot C_S \left[-\ln \left(1 - \frac{V_{THRES}}{V_{SINK}} \right) \right] \quad (2)$$

It is possible to determine the minimum capacitive load required to hold the output up during switchover as a:

$$C_{LOAD(MIN)} \geq \frac{I_{LOAD(MAX)} \cdot T_{DISCON}}{V_{OUT(DROOPMAX)}} \quad (3)$$

where:

- $I_{LOAD(MAX)}$ is the maximum load current, A

- VOUT(DROOPMAX) is the maximum acceptable voltage droop, V

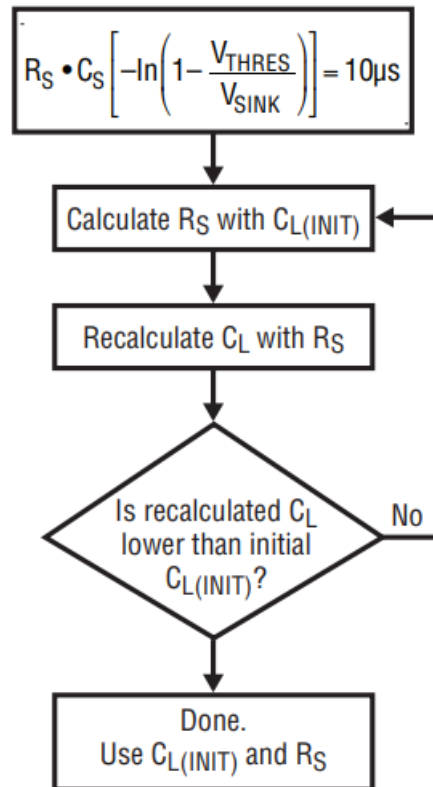


Figure 2

As shown in the equation (3), the use of external slew rate control will add additional delay to the total switchover time. Unfortunately, the actual components cannot be chosen until the load capacitance is known. This circular issue can only be resolved through an iterative process. The process starts by calculating the CLOAD(MIN), assuming that tGATE_THRES = 10μs. For clarity this value will be labeled CLOAD(INIT). Using the calculated CLOAD(INIT), calculate RS from the expression of the TDISCON. To ensure the newly calculated RS based on CLOAD(INIT) is sufficient, calculate CLOAD with the calculated RS. If CLOAD(INIT) (the initial calculated CLOAD) is higher than the newly calculated CLOAD then the process is completed. If the CLOAD(INIT) is lower than the newly calculated CLOAD, calculate RS using the higher value and repeat this process.

TURRETS

- V1: 12V supply input; do not exceed ±42V.
- V2: 5V supply input; do not exceed ±42V.
- V3: 8V supply input; do not exceed ±42V.
- GND: Adjacent ground connection for input supplies. VOUT: Output for up to 2A load.
- GND: Adjacent ground connection for load.
- AVI: Auxiliary Voltage Input. 6V to 24V input regulated by U4 to 5V for LEDs, logic and pull ups on various pins.
- GND: Adjacent ground connection for auxiliary supply.
- 5V: 5V regulated output provided by U4, for powering logic, LEDs and pull ups. Use this turret to verify that 5V is present.

Each of the following turrets is a direct connection to the like-name LTC4417 pin:

- VALID1: pulled up with 100kOhm to auxiliary 5V supply.
- VALID2: pulled up with 100kOhm to auxiliary 5V supply.

- VALID3: pulled up with 100kOhm to auxiliary 5V supply.
- EN: pulled up by 2μA internal to the LTC4417. Optional R33 may be added as a pull-up to the auxiliary 5V power supply.
- SHDN: pulled up by 2μA internal to the LTC4417. Optional R36 may be added as a pull-up to the auxiliary 5V power supply.
- CAS: used to cascade a second DC1717B. Connect the CAS turret of the high priority DC1717B to the EN turret of the lower priority DC1717B.

Grounds must be connected in common.

JUMPERS

1. JP1, HYS: Add 30mV fixed hysteresis to the OV and UV comparators, or 3% referred to actual supply input. In the RHYS position input-referred hysteresis is set to 6.4%, as controlled by R11. Default stuffing position is for 30mV.
2. JP2, EN: Directly controls EN pin. Default stuffing position is ON, pulled up by internal 2μA current source.

LEADS

No more than one of D8, D9 and D10 will be illuminated at any given moment:

- D8: indicates power is being taken from V1.
- D9: indicates power is being taken from V2.
- D10: indicates power is being taken from V3.

D11, D16 and D17 indicate the presence of a valid input on any of the three supplies:

- D17: V1 is 12V±20%.
- D11: V2 is 5V±20%.
- D16: V3 is 8V±20%.

QUICK START PROCEDURE

Refer to the Figure 3 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below: Initially, the LTC4417 should be disabled by:

- placing the jumper JP2 (EN) header in the OFF position, and
- placing the jumper JP3 (SHDN) header in the OFF position

1. Connecting the auxiliary power source (6V to 24V) to the DC1717B (AVI and GND turrets) lights the green LED (LDO-D12) indicating the presence of auxiliary +5V supply for powering logic.
2. With power off, connect three power supplies with output voltages of 12V, 5V, and 8V to corresponding DC1717B turrets or banana jacks V1(+12V), V2(+5V), V3(+8V), and GND.
3. Connect 6Ω load resistor (30W) to the DC1717B output turret or banana jack (VOUT). Do not use an electronic load in constant current mode.
4. Turn on three power supplies. No additional LEDs should light.

- Change the jumper JP3 (SHDN) header position from OFF to ON. Three LEDs (VALID1, VALID2, and VALID3) validating the input rail voltages should light.
- Placing the jumper JP2 (EN) in the ON position turns on the LTC4417 powering the load with 12V (2.0A). In an initial power up the LTC4417 uses a fixed slew rate for the output voltage, which should be not larger than 5V/ms.
- The prioritizing function is demonstrated by simply turning off one or two of the V1, V2 and V3 supplies. The output will be powered from the remaining supply of the high-est priority. V1, V2 and V3 may be adjusted up and down beyond $\pm 20\%$ to invalidate a given input.

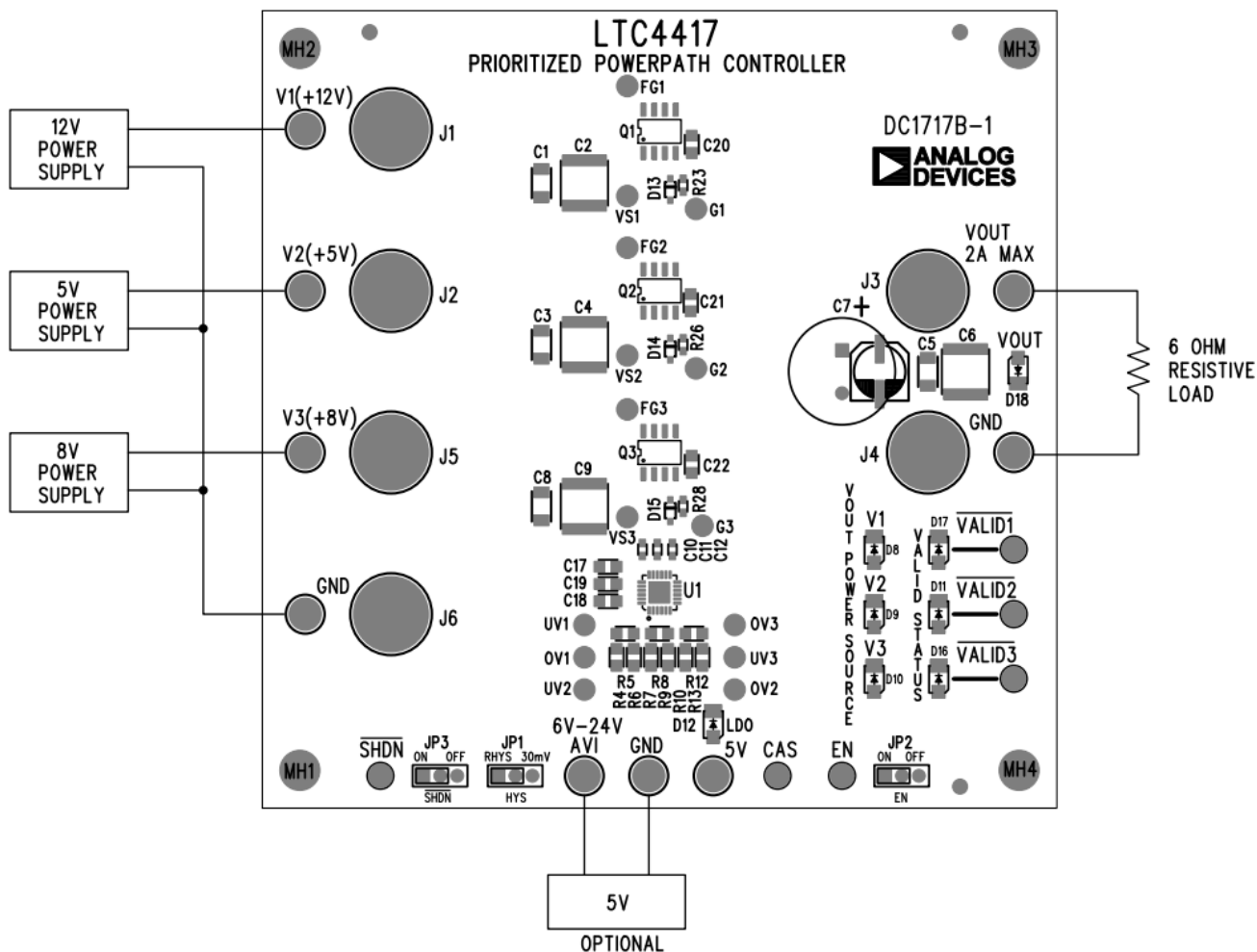


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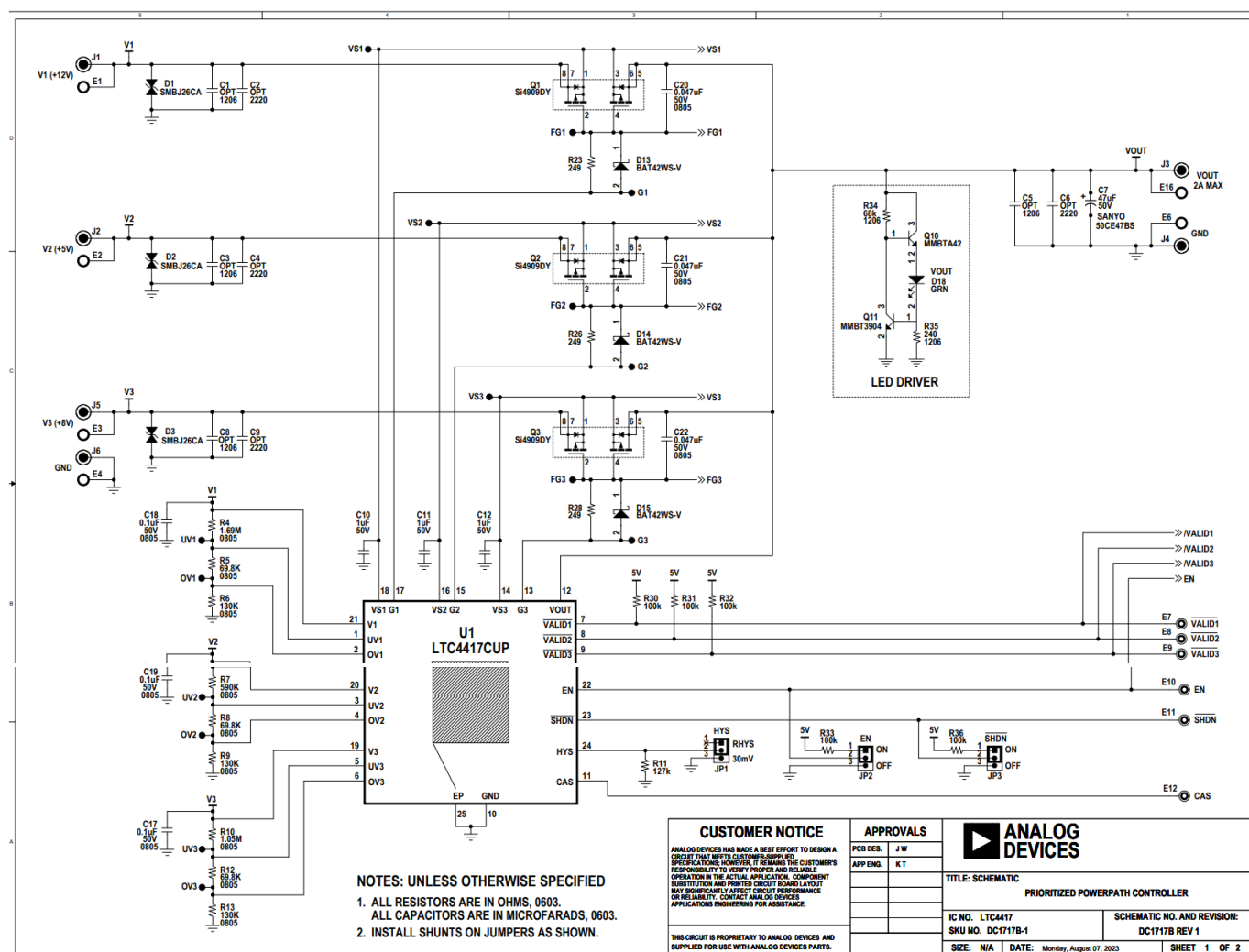
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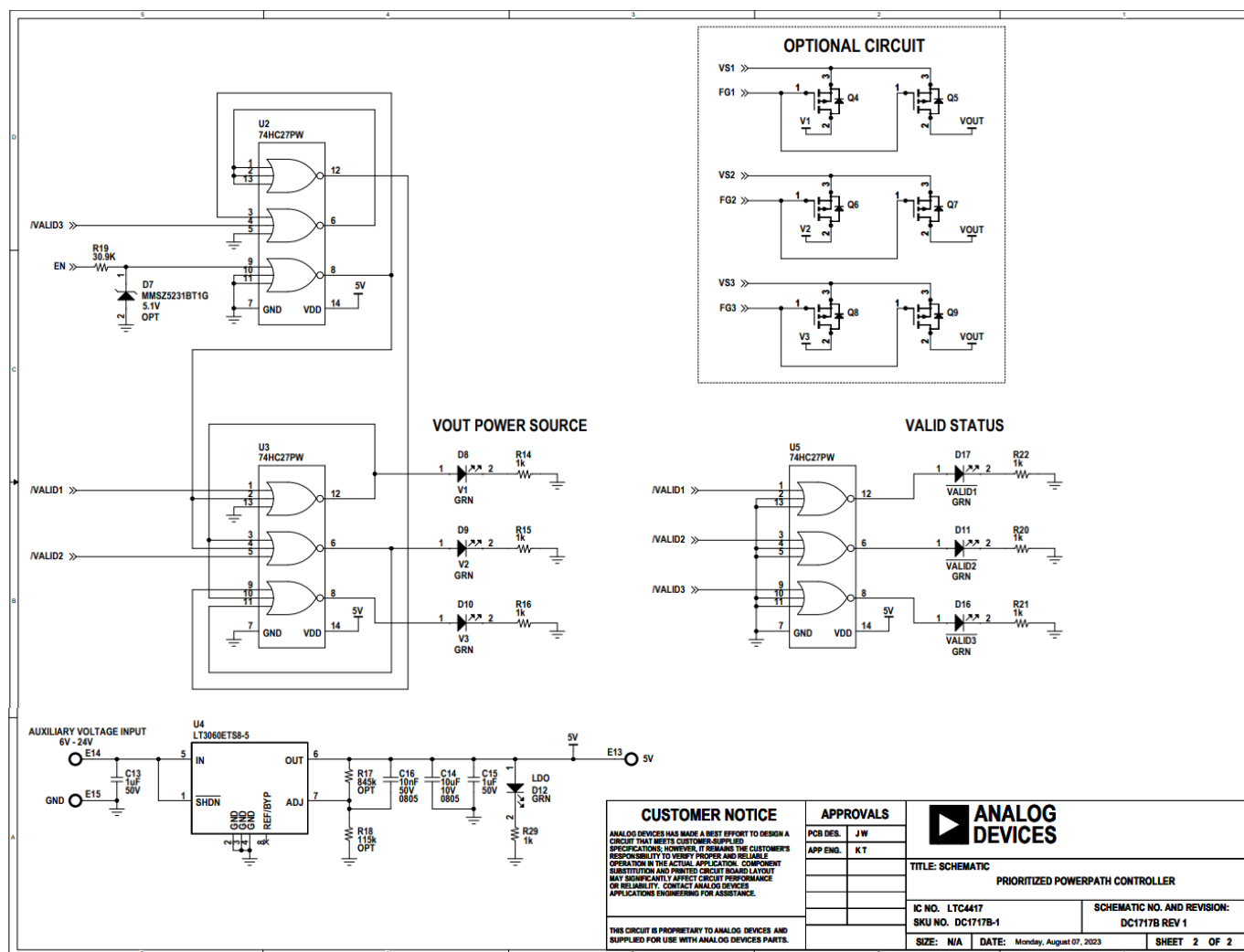
ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
1	0	C1, C3, C5, C8	CAP., 1206	OPT
2	0	C2, C4, C6, C9	CAP., 2220	OPT
3	1	C7	CAP., ALUM., 47 μ F 50V 20% SMT	SUN ELECT., 50CE47BS
4	5	C10, C11, C12, C13, C15	CAP., X5R, 1 μ F 50V, 10%, 0603	TAIYO YUDEN UMK107BJ10 5KA-T
5	1	C14	CAP., X5R 10 μ F 10V 20% 0805	TAIYO YUDEN LMK212ABJ1 06MG-T

6	1	C16	CAP., NPO 10nF 50V 5% 0805	NIC, NMC0805NPO103J50TRPF
7	3	C17, C18, C19	CAP., X5R 0.1µF 50V 10% 0805	TAIYO YUDEN UMK212BJ10 4KG-T
8	3	C20, C21, C22	CAP., X7R 0.047µF 50V, 10%, 0805	MURATA, GRM21BR71H473 KA01L
9	3	D1, D2, D3	DIODE, TVS BI-DIRECTIONAL, 26V , 600W	DIODES/ZETEX SMBJ26CA- 13-F
10	0	D7	ZENER DIODE, 5.1V SOD-123	OPT
11	8	D8-D12, D16, D17, D18	LED, GREEN, LED-ROHM-SML-01	ROHM, SML-012P8TT86
12	3	D13, D14, D15	DIODE, SCHOTTKY, SOD323	VISHAY SEMI., BAT42WS-E3 -08
13	9	E1-E4, E6, E13-E16	TURRET, 0.094"	MILL-MAX 2501-2-00-80-00- 00-07-0
14	6	E7, E8, E9, E10, E11, E 12	TURRET, 0.063"	MILL-MAX 2308-2-00-80-00- 00-07-0
15	3	JP1, JP2, JP3	HEADERS, SGL. ROW 3 PINS 2m m CTRS.	SAMTEC TMM-103-02-L-S
16	3	SHUNTS ON JP1-JP3 (1 &2)	SHUNT, 2mm CTRS.	SAMTEC 2SN-BK-G
17	6	J1, J2, J3, J4, J5, J6	JACK, BANANA	KEYSTONE 575-4
18	3	Q1, Q2, Q3	MOSFET 2P-CH 40V 8A 8SO	VISHAY Si4909DY-T1-GE3
19	0	Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9	MOSFET P-CHAN., 40V, FDD4685, DPAK	OPT
20	1	Q10	XTOR N-CHAN., SOT23	DIODE INC., MMBTA42-7-F
21	1	Q11	XTOR N-CHAN., SOT23	DIODE INC., MMBT3904-7-F
22	1	R4	RES., CHIP 1.69M 0.125W 1% 0805	VISHAY, CRCW08051M69FK EA
23	3	R5, R8, R12	RES., CHIP 69.8k 0.125W 1% 0805	VISHAY, CRCW080569K8FK EA
24	3	R6, R9, R13	RES., CHIP 130k 0.125W 1% 0805	NIC, NRC10F1303TRF
25	1	R7	RES., CHIP 590k 0.125W 1% 0805	VISHAY, CRCW0805590KFK EA
26	1	R10	RES., CHIP 1.05M 0.125W 1% 0805	VISHAY, CRCW08051M05FK EA
27	1	R11	RES., CHIP 127k 0.1W 1% 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603127KFK ED
28	7	R14-R16, R20-R22, R29	RES., CHIP 1k 0.1W 5% 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06031K00JN EA
29	0	R17	RES., CHIP 845k 0.1W 1% 0603	OPT

30	0	R18	RES., CHIP 115k 0.06W 1% 0603	OPT
31	1	R19	RES., CHIP 30.9k 0.1W 1% 0603	VISHAY, CRCW060330K9FK EA
32	3	R23, R26, R28	RES., CHIP 249 0.1W 1% 0603	VISHAY, CRCW060249RFKE A
33	5	R30, R31, R32, R33, R36	RES., CHIP 100k 0.1W 5% 0603	NIC, NRC06J104TRF
34	1	R34	RES., CHIP 68k 0.25W 5% 1206	NIC, NRC12J683TRF
35	1	R35	RES., CHIP 240Ω 0.25W 1% 1206	VISHAY, CRCW1206240RFK EA
36	1	U1	I.C., POWERPATH CONTROLLER, QFN24UF-4x4	LINEAR TECH CORP. LTC4417CUF
37	3	U2,U3,U5	I.C., TRIPPLE 3-INPUT NOR GATE TSSOP14	NXP/PHILIPS SEMI. 74HC27 PW
38	1	U4	I.C., LOW DROPOUT REG. TSOT2 3-8	LINEAR TECH CORP. LT3060ETS8-5
39	4	MH1-MH4	STANDOFF, NYLON, 0.50, 1/2"	KEYSTONE, 8833 (SNAP ON)

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM





ESD Caution

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device

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

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