



LTpowerCAD™ II v2.0 Design Tool
User's Guide

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Note: The Linear Technology LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool is a powerful power supply design program for selected Linear Technology products. This document serves as a guide for the Linear Technology LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool. It explains the various functions that are supported by the LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool.

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1.1 LINEAR TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION LTPOWERCAD™ II DESIGN TOOL LICENSE AGREEMENT/DISCLAIMER

Welcome to the Linear Technology LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool. The LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool is a powerful power supply design tool program that significantly eases the tasks of selecting component values, estimating power loss and efficiency, and optimizing the compensation loop.

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As always, Linear Technology has made the best effort to support our customers. However, due to the external component value variations, it remains the customer's responsibility to verify the program's calculation results by actually building the circuit and evaluating its performance.

Note:

Please note that the current version of the LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool only supports a limited number of Linear Technology Monolithic and uModule Parts. For a full list of Linear Technology products and selection guideline, please visit www.linear.com or contact your local sales representative.

1.2 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Microsoft .NET Framework

- LTpowerCAD II v2.0 uses components from Microsoft's .NET framework. Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 *or higher* is required to be installed on the system. This requirement, if not met, is automatically installed by the installer during the installation process.

Microsoft SQL Server Compact

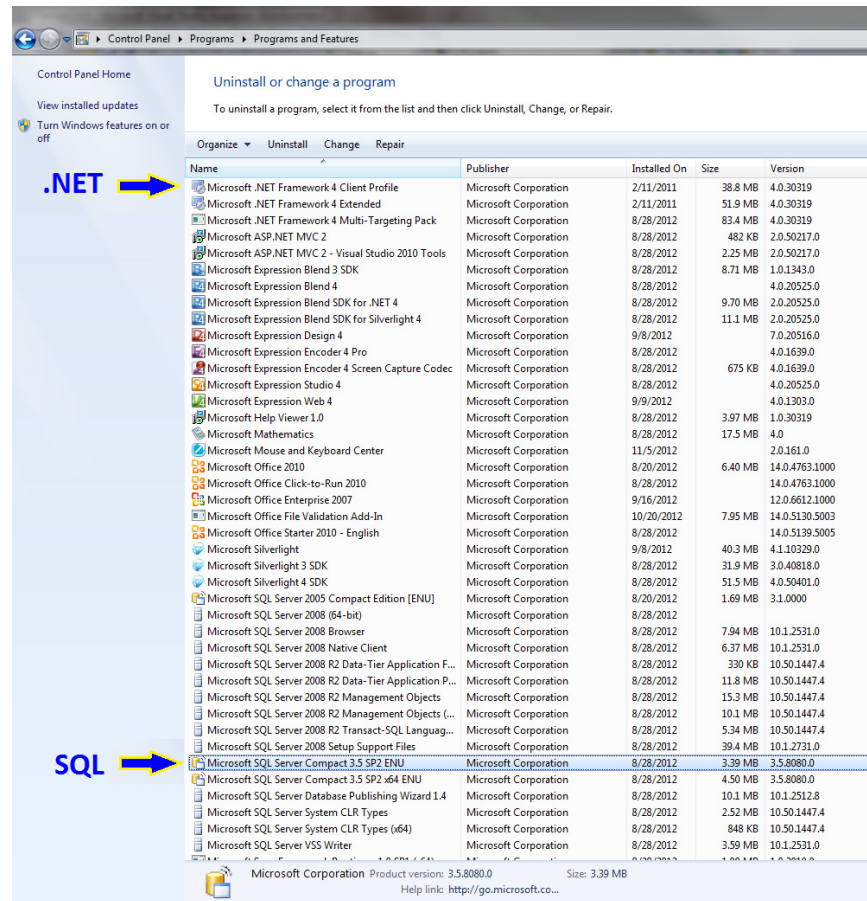
- LTpowerCAD II v2.0 also uses Microsoft's SQL Server Compact. Microsoft SQL Server Compact 3.5 SP2 is required to be installed on the system. This requirement, if not met, is automatically installed by the installer during the installation process.

Where do I get these?

The LTpowerCAD II v2.0 installer automatically detects if your system has these requirements installed during the installation process. If the system does not meet the requirements the installer will ask and automatically download and install these requirements. If for some reason your system has not installed these requirements which may be causing errors running the program, these requirements are also available from the links below.

[Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 SP1](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=22) (<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=22>)

[Microsoft SQL Server Compact 3.5 SP2](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=5783) (<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=5783>)

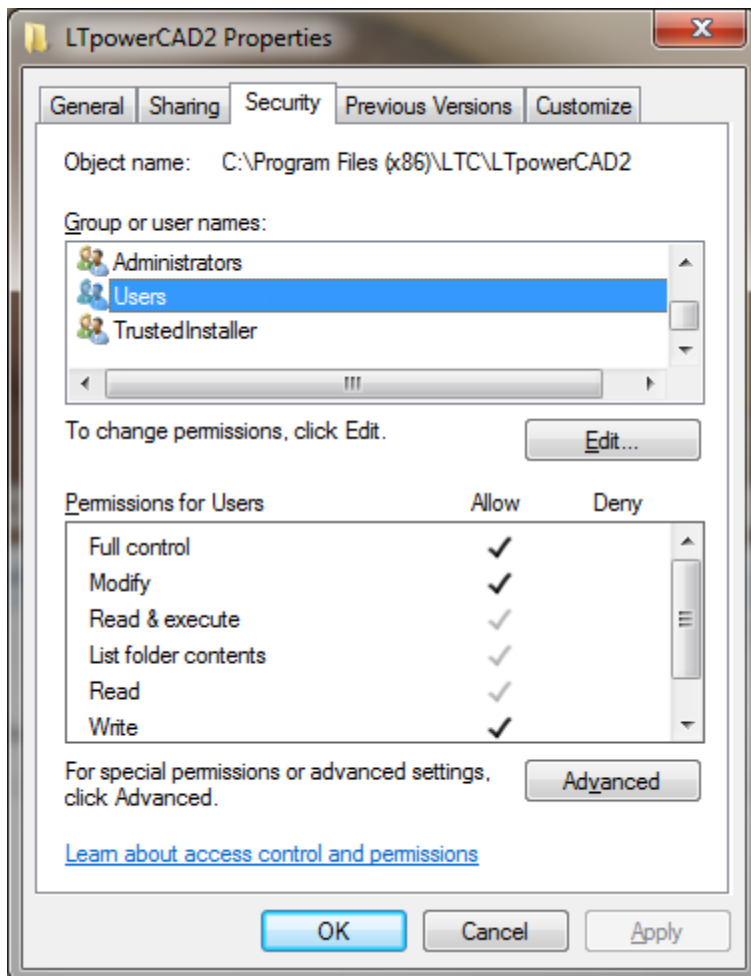


Installation Folder Permissions

- LTpowerCAD II v2.0 requires proper configuration of permissions of its installation folder for proper operation. Folder permissions are automatically configured by the installer during the installation process.

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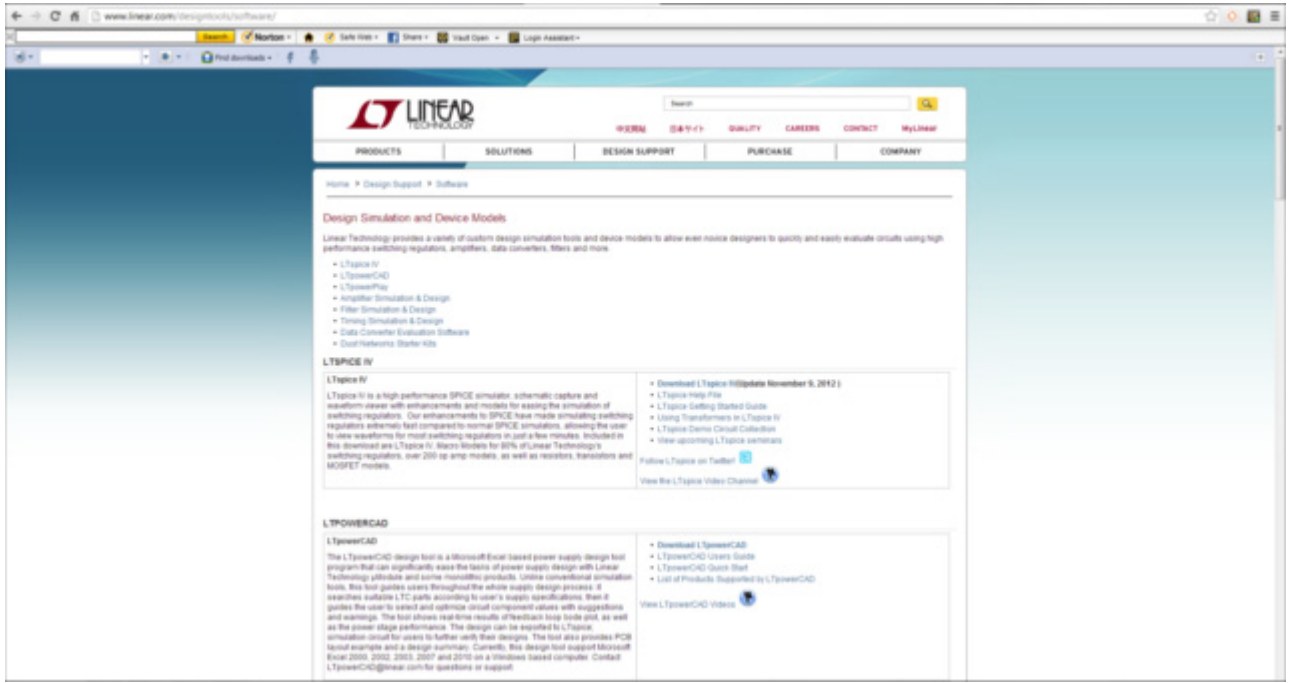
The LTpowerCAD II v2.0 installer automatically configures permission settings of the installation folder during the installation process. To check the permissions of your installation folder for Windows, go to your installation folder location and right click to select *Properties*. On the *Security* tab select the *Users* account to see the folder permissions. The folder permissions for the user should be set automatically set to Allow *Full Control*. If for some reason these folder permissions are not set to Full Control, please set these permissions manually as shown below.



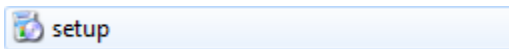
1.3 INSTALLING LTPOWERCAD II

Getting the LTpowerCAD II v2.0 Installer

LTpowerCAD II v2.0 is installed with the LTpowerCAD II v2.0 Installer. The install package can be downloaded directly from the Linear Technology Website Design Tools Page <http://www.linear.com/designtools/software/>



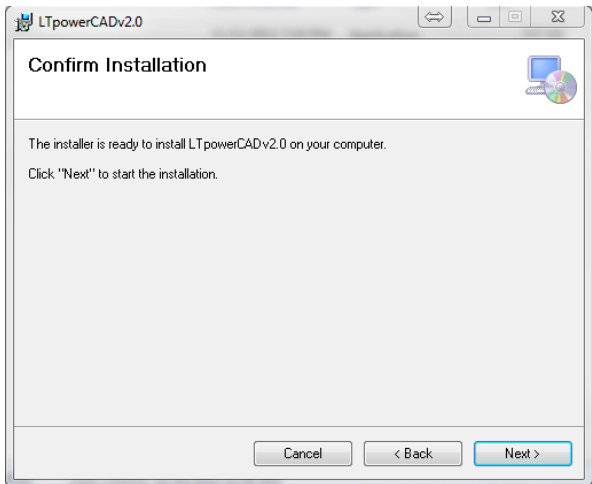
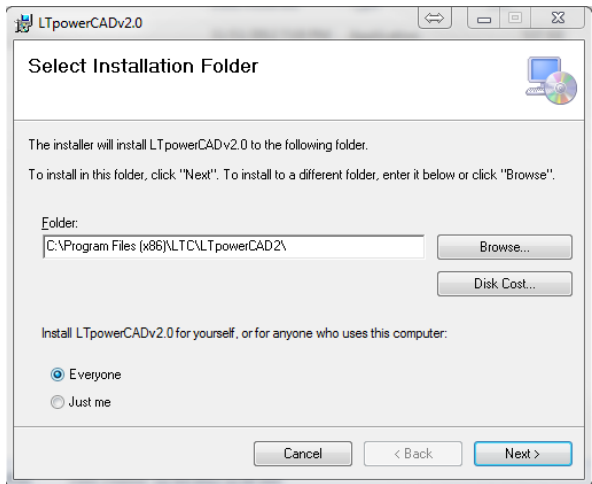
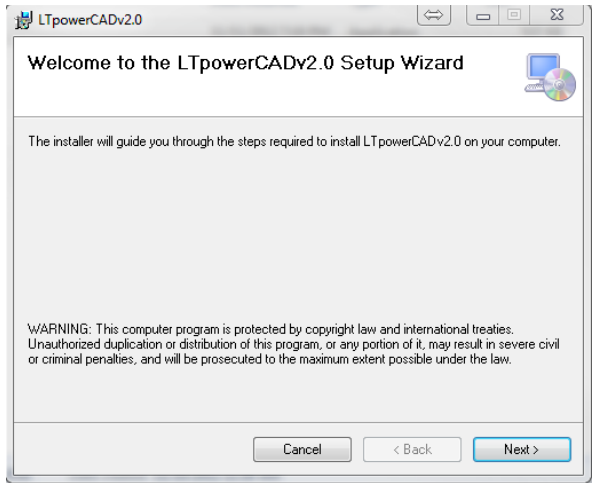
To install LTpowerCAD II v2.0, double click the "setup.exe" file to open the Installer Application for the program located in the install package.

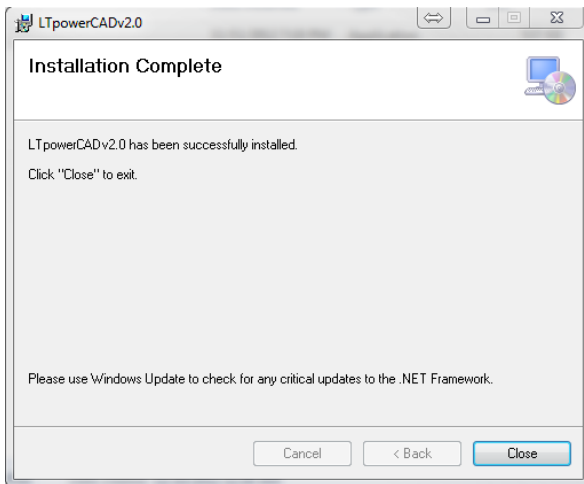
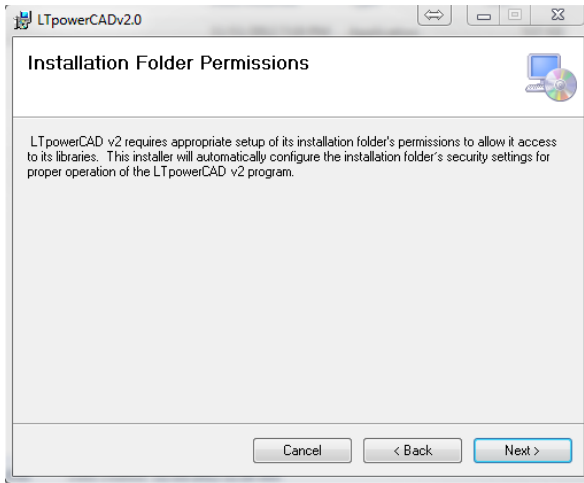


Do not install by instead double clicking the "MS.msi" in the installer package as this will prevent the installer from installing any missing required Microsoft program requirements.

Installation Steps

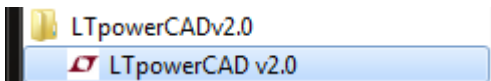
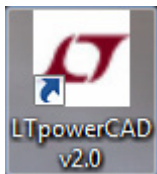
To Install LTpowerCAD v2.0 follow the steps in the installer. For a typical installation no information is needed by the user, just click the Next button in the installer windows until the final window in the installer is reached, then click Close to complete.





LTpowerCAD v2.0 Shortcuts

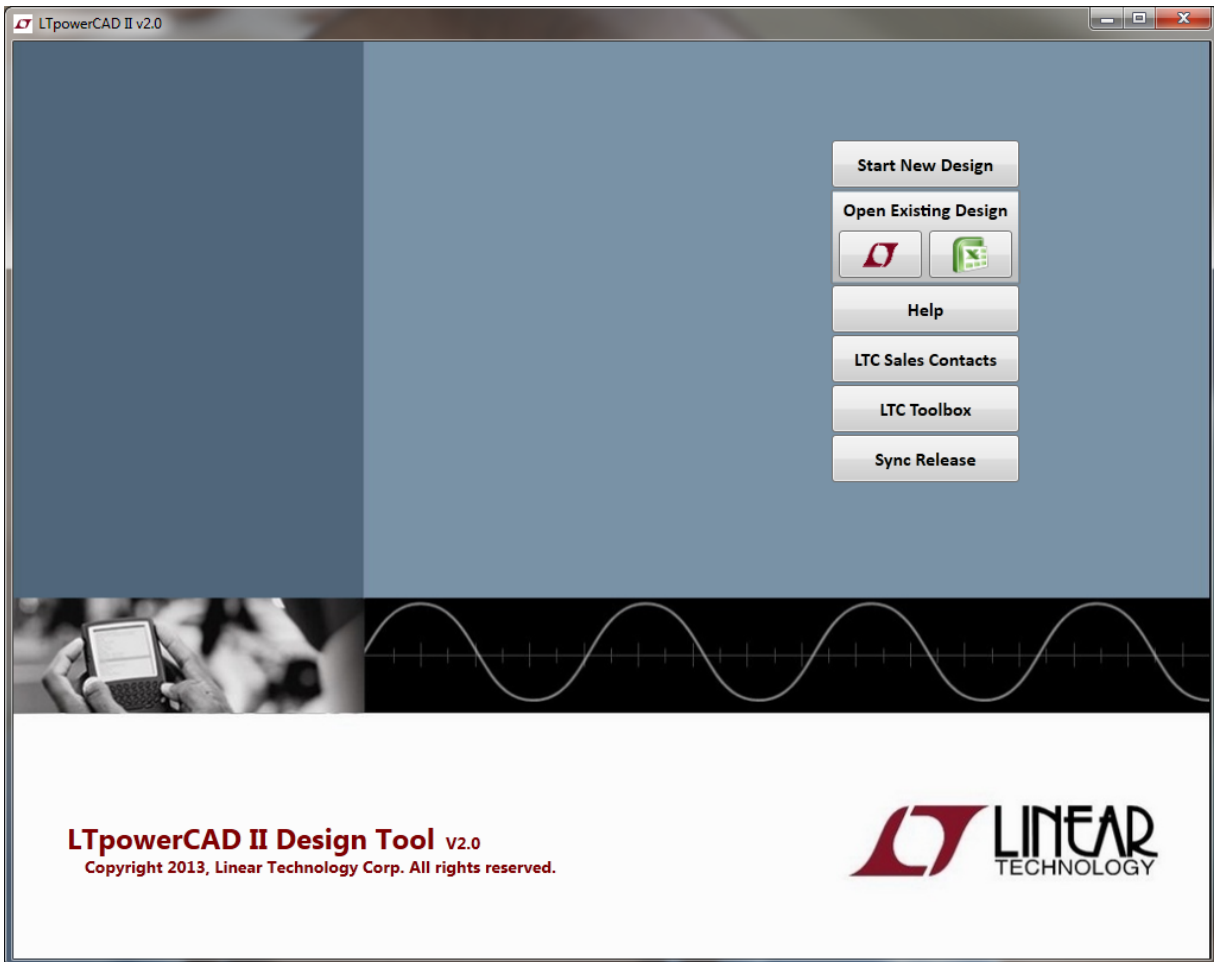
After the installation has completed, LTpowerCAD v2.0 places a shortcut to the program on your desktop as well as a shortcut in your Windows Start Menu LTpowerCAD v2.0 program folder. Double click any of these shortcuts to open the program and get started with your LTpowerCAD v2.0 design.



2.1 START WINDOW & FEATURES

The Start Window is the start-up window of the program. From the Start Window :

- Start a new Design
- Open an Existing saved design
- View Help File
- View LTC Sales Contacts
- View LTC Toolbox
- Sync Release to get the latest design tools and version program



Start New Design :

Hit the *Start New Design* button to begin a new power supply design. Clicking this button takes you to the Part Search Window where you can enter the operating conditions for your application to find suitable parts to start designing with.



A rectangular button with a blue gradient and a thin black border. The text "Start New Design" is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Open Existing Design :

Hit the *Open Existing Design* button to open a previously saved design tool file. To open an existing LTpowerCAD II v2.0 design tool click on the [LTC icon](#). To open an existing LTpowerCAD v1.x Microsoft Excel based design tool click on the [Excel icon](#).

Open Existing Design



Help :


Click the *Help* button to open the LTpowerCAD II help file.



A rectangular button with a blue gradient and a thin black border. The text "Help" is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

LTC Sales Contacts :

Click the *LTC Sales Contacts* button to view contact for our Sales offices around the world. Phone, Fax and Sales office addresses are available. Your local sales office is a great resource to help you get in touch with your local Field Sales Engineer as well as your local Field Applications Engineer to help you with your power supply design needs.



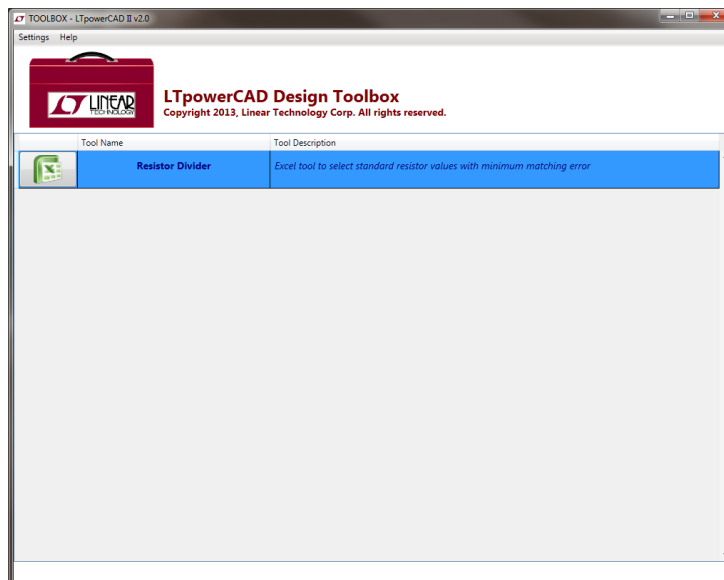
A rectangular button with a blue gradient and a thin black border. The text "LTC Sales Contacts" is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Linear Technology Corporation Sales Contacts				
North America	Asia	Europe	South America and Australia	
Northern / Western		Southern / Eastern		
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	PACIFIC NORTHWEST	TORONTO	COLUMBUS	MISSOURI
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		Tel: (440) 339-0817		

LTC Toolbox :

Click the *LTC Toolbox* button to open the LTC Toolbox which contains generic tools to help with calculations for your design. Sync release function ensures you have the latest available tools and that they are all up to date.

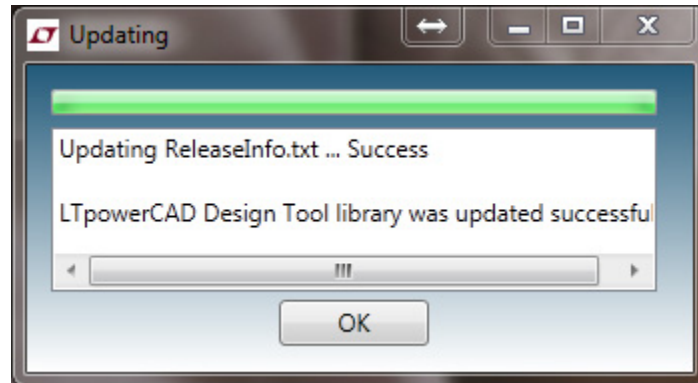
LTC Toolbox



Sync Release :

Click the *Sync Release* button to update your LTpowerCAD II program with the latest design tools available as well as to get the latest version of the LTpowerCAD II v2.0 program. Clicking the *Sync Release* button takes you to the program updater which downloads all the latest tools to your installed library and also makes sure you always have the latest version of the program.

Sync Release



2.2 PART SEARCH WINDOW & FEATURES

The Part Search Window helps you to find the right part for your supply requirements based on your operating conditions. Begin the design process with the part's available design tool. From the Part Search Window :

- Enter input operating conditions, output rail requirements as well as select optional part features to find qualifying parts in the library
- Search for even more parts using the LTC parametric search on the web
- View basic specs. and features for parts
- Open part datasheets
- Open design tool(s) for the part to begin the design process

The screenshot shows the LTpowerCAD Design Tool v2.0 interface. The top section includes the Linear Technology logo and the title 'LTpowerCAD Design Tool v2.0 Copyright 2013, Linear Technology Corp. All rights reserved.' Below this, there are three main sections: Converter Specification, Optional Features, and Search.

Converter Specification:

- Converter Topology: Buck
- Converter Type: All
- Min. Input Voltage: 4.5 V
- Nom. Input Voltage: 12 V
- Max. Input Voltage: 24 V
- Num. of Output Rails: Two
- Output Rail 1: Vout1 = 1.2 V, Iout1 = 10 A
- Output Rail 2: Vout2 = 1.8 V, Iout2 = 8 A

Optional Features:

- Burst Mode
- Synchronous FET
- Isolated
- Run / Enable
- Sync. to External Clock
- Output Voltage Tracking
- Remote Voltage Sensing
- Margin Control
- Power Good Monitor
- Poly-phase / Load Share
- I2C/PMBus Interface

Search:

Buttons: Search, LTC Web Search, All Parts. A checkbox 'Always Keep Search Page Open' is checked.

Find Part # : (####) [] [Go]

Design Tool	Website	Part Name	Type	Desc.	Topology	Max Vin	Min Vin	Max Iout/
	LTC Web	LTC3880	Controller	Dual Vo Current Mode PolyPhase Step-Down DC/DC Controller with PMBus	Buck	24	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3860	Controller	Dual Voltage Mode Buck Controller with Current Sharing (use LTC3861 for new designs)	Buck	24	3	30
	LTC Web	LTC3861	Controller	Dual Voltage Mode buck Controller with Accurate Current Sharing (no Gate Driver)	Buck	24	3	30
	LTC Web	LTC3850	Controller	Dual, 2-Phase Sync-Buck Controller. Peak current mode. Recommend LTC3869 or 3865.	Buck	24	4	30
	LTC Web	LTC3828	Controller	Dual Vo Buck Regulator. Use LTC3850/3855/3865/3869 for new designs.	Buck	28	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3707	Controller	Dual Vo Buck Regulator. Use LTC3850/3855/3865/3869 for new designs.	Buck	28	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3728L	Controller	Dual Vo Buck Regulator. Use LTC3850/3855/3865/3869 for new designs.	Buck	28	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3838-2	Controller	Dual, Fast, Accurate Buck Controller with Remote Vo Sense and Ext Vref	Buck	38	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3865-1	Controller	Dual Synchronous buck Controller with Pin Selectable Outputs (1% Vo error)	Buck	38	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3865	Controller	Dual Synchronous buck Controller with Pin Selectable Outputs (1% Vo error)	Buck	38	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3838-1	Controller	Dual, Fast, Accurate Buck Controller with Dual Remote Vo Sense	Buck	38	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3838	Controller	Dual, Fast, Accurate Buck Controller with Remote Vo Sense, Valley I-Mode	Buck	38	4.5	30
	LTC Web	LTC3868-1	Controller	Low IQ, 24Vin 14Vo, 2-Phase Synchronous Step-Down Controller	Buck	24	4	20
	LTC Web	LTC3868	Controller	Low IQ, 24Vin 14Vo, 2-Phase Synchronous Step-Down Controller	Buck	24	4	20

LTpowerCAD currently supports design tools for a limited number of parts. For more part options click the LTC Web Search button.

Enter Supply Basic Requirements :

Enter the basic power supply requirements for the application in the top half of the Part Search Window.

Converter Specification :

Supply input and output basic specifications are entered in this region.

Converter Topology : Select the required converter topology to filter the part search results (All, Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost,...)

Converter Type : Select the preferred converter type to filter the part search results (All, Monolithic, uModule Regulator, Controller,...)

Min., Nom. Max. Input Voltages : Enter the expected minimum, nominal and maximum input supply voltage for the converter

Num. of Output Rails : Select the number of output rails required (One, Two, Three,...)

Output Rail : Enter the desired output voltage and current required of each output rail

Converter Specification	
Converter Topology	All ▼
Converter Type	All ▼
Min. Input Voltage	5 V
Nom. Input Voltage	10 V
Max. Input Voltage	20 V
Num. of Output Rails	Two ▼

Output Rail 1	
Vout1	1.2 V
Iout1	8 A
Output Rail 2	
Vout2	1.5 V
Iout2	8 A

Optional Features :

Select from a set of some common optional features available for LTC parts

Burst Mode : High Efficiency Light Load Current Operation

Synchronous FET : Synchronous power stage mosfet

Isolated : Isolated topology

Run/Enable : Run or enable pin available

Sync. to External Clock : Ability to synchronize switching frequency to an external clock signal

Output Voltage Tracking : Ability for output voltage to track an external reference signal

Remote Voltage Sensing : Ability to optionally remotely sense the output voltage for accurate output voltage regulation at the point of load

Margin Control : Ability to margin output voltage based on margin pin configurations

Power Good Monitor : Power Good pin to signal if output voltage is outside of regulation window

Poly-phase / Load Share : Ability to parallel output rails to share load current among paralleled phases to scale up current capability

I2C / PMBus Interface : I2C / PMBus compatible for power system communications & configuration

Optional Features

- Burst Mode
- Synchronous FET
- Isolated
- Run / Enable
- Sync. to External Clock
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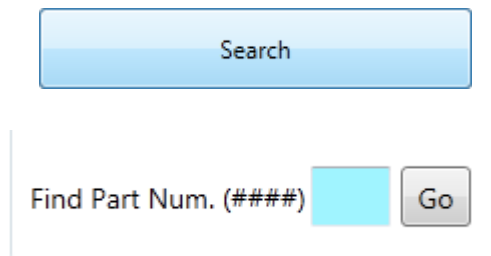
Search for parts:

Search for parts within the LTpowerCAD II program library or if a part is not in the library, check the LTC Parametric search tables on the web to find the best part to fit your needs.

Search Tools :

Search Button:

Search the LTpowerCAD II program library for a list of parts that qualify for your application requirements. The search results are shown in the table in the lower half of the Part Search Window. If you know a specific part you are looking a design tool for, after entering your Converter Specifications, you can look for that part directly by entering the part number in the *Find Part Num.* search box.



The image shows two UI elements. At the top is a blue button with the text "Search". Below it is a search box with the label "Find Part Num. (####)" followed by a light blue input field and a grey "Go" button.

All Parts :

View a list of all parts within the current LTpowerCAD II program library installed on your system



A blue button with the text "All Parts".

LTC Web Search :

The LTpowerCAD II program library is constantly growing, so not all parts available from LTC may be included. However, you can do an extensive search using the parametric tables on Linear Technology's website to search through all parts available from Linear Technology to see what other parts may fit your needs by clicking the LTC Web Search Button. The LTpowerCAD II program will use your entered converter specification values for the search.



A blue button with the text "LTC Web Search".

The screenshot shows the Linear Technology website's switching regulator search tool. The search criteria are: Input V_{in} (Min) 4.5 V, V_{in} (Max) 24 V, Output V_{out} 1.2 V, and I_{out} 10 A. The search results table shows 105 of 686 total products. The table columns are: Product, Number of Outputs, V_{in} Min (V), V_{in} Max (V), Switch Current (A), Topology, Monolithic (yes/no), Synchronous (yes/no), Packages, Output Current (A), V_{out} Min (V), and V_{out} Max (V). The table lists several LTM4600HV models with their respective specifications.

Product	Number of Outputs	V_{in} Min (V)	V_{in} Max (V)	Switch Current (A)	Topology	Monolithic (yes/no)	Synchronous (yes/no)	Packages	Output Current (A)	V_{out} Min (V)	V_{out} Max (V)
LTM4641 New Featured	1	4.5	38	15	Buck	yes	yes	15mm x 15mm x 5.01mm BGA	10	0.6	6
LTM4628 (polyphase)	1	4.5	26.5	30	Buck	yes	yes	15mm x 15mm x 4.32mm LGA, 15mm x 15mm x 4.92mm BGA	16	0.6	6.5
LTM4601HV	1	4.5	28	12	Buck	yes	yes	15mm x 15mm x 2.8mm LGA	12	0.6	5
LTM4601AHV	1	4.5	28	17	Buck	yes	yes	15mm x 15mm x 2.8mm LGA, 15mm x 15mm x 3.42mm BGA	12	0.6	5
LTM4600HV	1	4.5	28	14	Buck	yes	yes	15mm x 15mm x 2.8mm LGA	10	0.6	5





























Always Keep Search Page Open :

The check box option allows for the search window to remain open (not automatically closed) after a part is selected from the search table to open its design tool.

Always Keep Search Page Open

LTpowerCAD Library Search Table :

Search results after clicking the *Search* button are displayed in the lower half of the *Part Search Window*. The search results show a list of parts in the LTpowerCAD library on your system that qualify to meet or exceed your entered power supply design requirements.

Design Tool	Website	Part Name	Type	Desc.	Topology	Max Vin	Min Vin	Max Iout/
 	LTC Web	LTC3880	Controller	Dual Vo Current Mode PolyPhase Step-Down DC/DC Controller with PMBus	Buck	24	4.5	30
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 	LTC Web	LTC3828	Controller	Dual Vo Buck Regulator. Use LTC3850/3855/3865/3869 for new designs.	Buck	28	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3707	Controller	Dual Vo Buck Regulator. Use LTC3850/3855/3865/3869 for new designs.	Buck	28	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3728L	Controller	Dual Vo Buck Regulator. Use LTC3850/3855/3865/3869 for new designs.	Buck	28	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3838-2	Controller	Dual, Fast, Accurate Buck Controller with Remote Vo Sense and Ext Vref	Buck	38	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3865-1	Controller	Dual Synchronous buck Controller with Pin Selectable Outputs (1% Vo error)	Buck	38	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3865	Controller	Dual Synchronous buck Controller with Pin Selectable Outputs (1% Vo error)	Buck	38	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3838-1	Controller	Dual, Fast, Accurate Buck Controller with Dual Remote Vo Sense	Buck	38	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3838	Controller	Dual, Fast, Accurate Buck Controller with Remote Vo Sense, Valley I-Mode	Buck	38	4.5	30
 	LTC Web	LTC3868-1	Controller	Low IQ, 24Vin 14Vo, 2-Phase Synchronous Step-Down Controller	Buck	24	4	20
 	LTC Web	LTC3868	Controller	Low IQ, 24Vin 14Vo, 2-Phase Synchronous Step-Down Controller	Buck	24	4	20

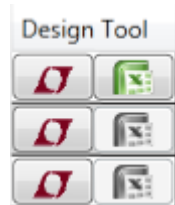
Search Results :

The Search Results in the Search Table show a list of qualifying parts including some basic information about each of the qualifying parts. From the Search table results you can also click to open the datasheet of the part you may be interested to get additional information. For a chosen part with available design tool(s), begin your power supply design by selecting the design tool icon in the left column of the table to open the design tool for the part.

A brief Description of some of the Search Table column's are shown below.

Design Tool :

For a given row / part, the column holds spaces for two buttons. The left button (LTC logo), if active, indicates that an LTpowerCAD v2.0 design tool is available for the part. The right button (MS Excel logo), if active, indicates that an LTpowerCAD v1.x Microsoft Excel based design tool button is available for the part. Click on either of these buttons to open the design tool for the part and start your power supply design.



Website :

For a given row / part, the column holds an *LTC Web* button. Click the button to open the datasheet for the part to get detailed information about the part.

Website
LTC Web
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Other Columns :

The search results table also has many other columns to show some basic information for the part.

2.3 DESIGN WINDOW & FEATURES

The Design Window displays the design tool for the part. Within this window we can optimize the components in the supply design to create a power supply design that satisfies all of the details of your design requirements. Some key information to get you started is highlighted below. A detailed description of the Design Window and its features is given in the following sections.

Tab Structure of the Design Window

The Design Window is arranged into tabs (shown below). Each of the tabs covers different aspects of the supply design. Each Tab is described in more detail in the following sections.

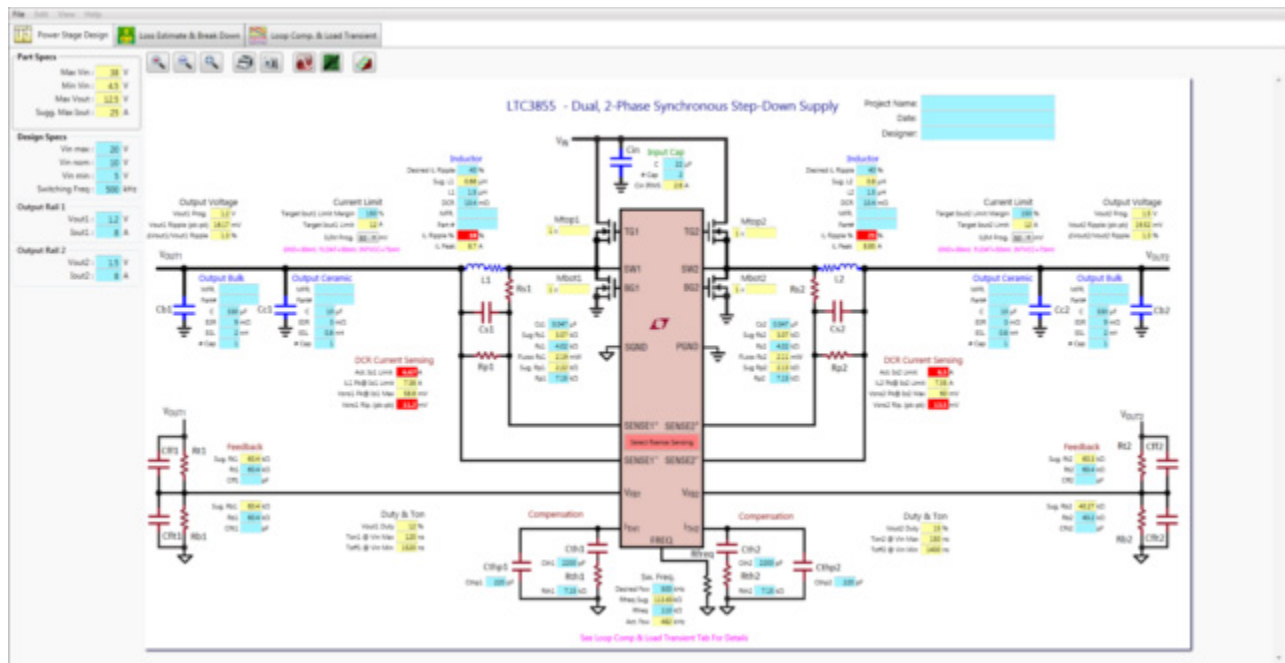
Cells Within the Design Window

Within each of the tabs are **blue** cells which allow you to enter your chosen operating conditions and component values. There are also **yellow** cells which show key part information, suggested component values and calculated parameters to help guide you through finalizing the system design. The yellow cells if highlighted in **red** indicate warnings for the supply design, i.e. a parameter of the design is outside of the operating limits of the part, or the calculated parameter does not meet your requirements. Blue cell entries may need to be adjusted to get rid of any warnings so the component design meets your design requirements within the part's operating limits.

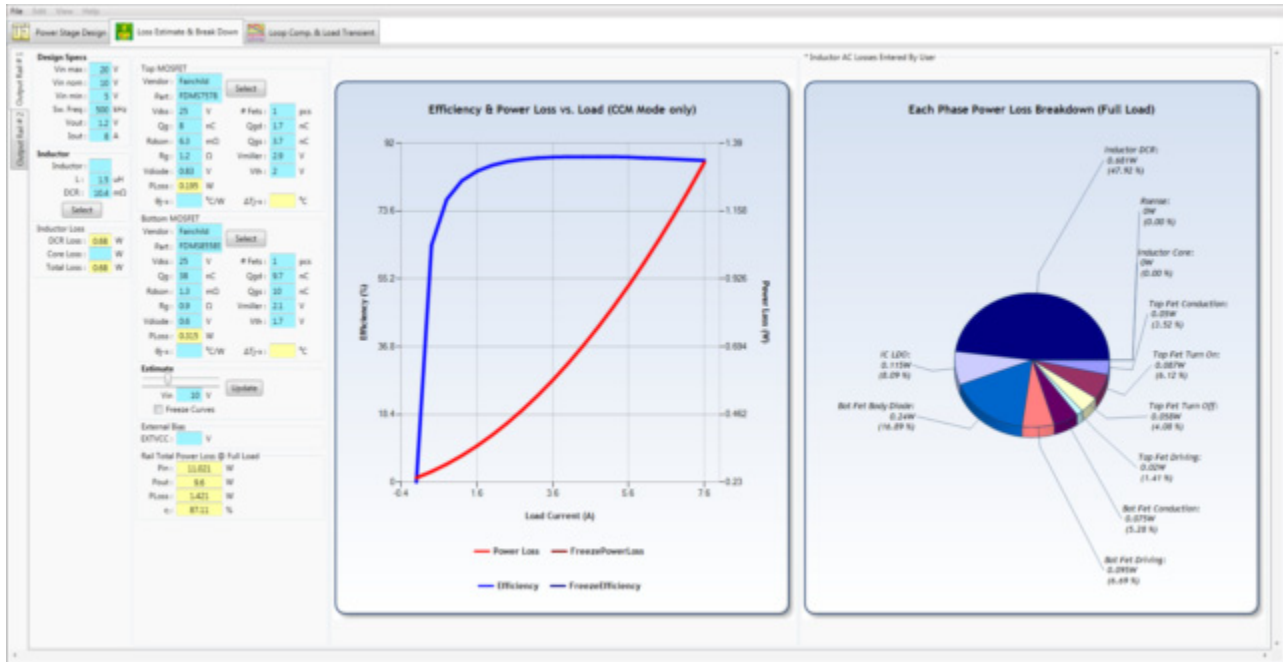
Other Controls Within the Design Window

The Design Window is also arranged with a few other controls, such as selection buttons, drop down lists and sliders for adjusting various parameters of the design. More detail of these additional controls is available in the following sections.

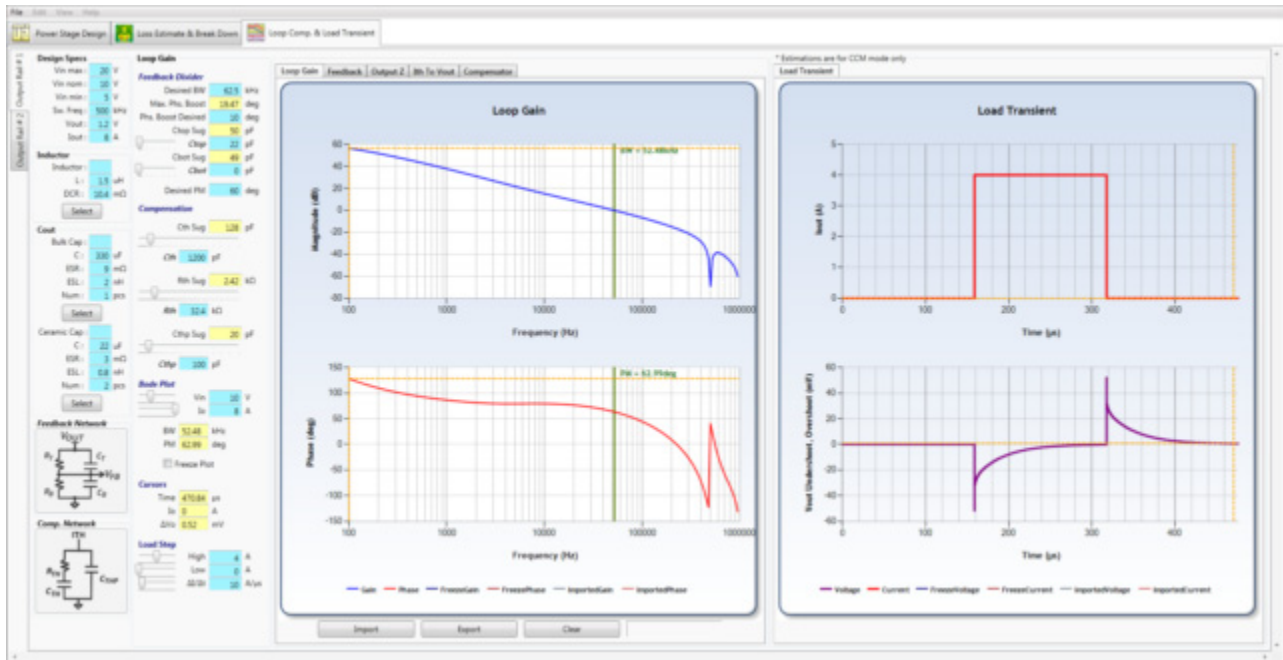
Power Stage Design Tab :



Loss Estimate & Break Down Tab :



Loop Comp. & Load Transient Tab :

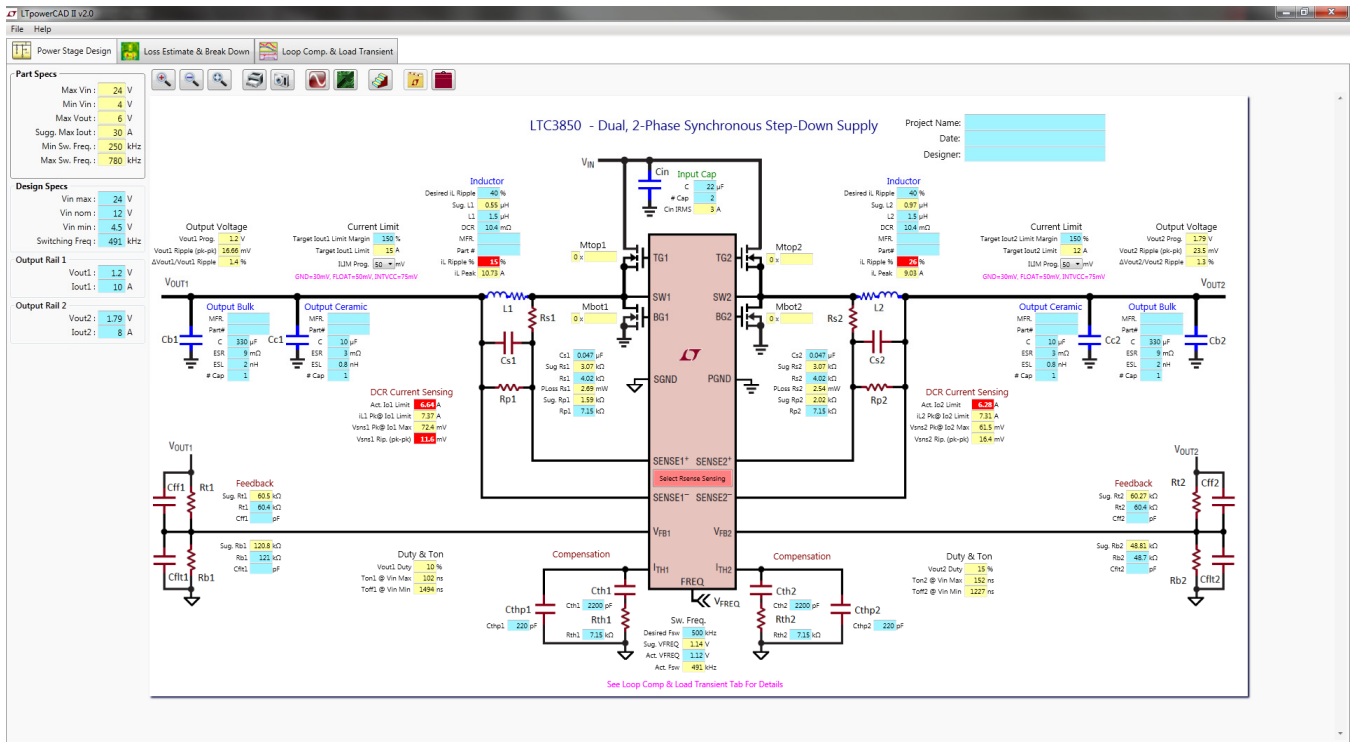


1. POWER STAGE DESIGN TAB

The Power Stage Design Tab offers a user friendly schematic interface for your power supply design. It details important steady state aspects of your design such as output capacitor design for output voltage ripple requirements, inductor design for inductor current ripple design, current sensing network for current limit design. It also details all critical component values including feedback network, power stage mosfet choice, and compensation network components used in the design in a quick to review and easy to read schematic format. Other features of the Power Stage Design Tab include :

- *A printable, image capturable, zoomable interactive schematic with various controls to help you select configurations, suggest component values and guide your design with value warnings and information*
- *A side bar listing a summary of the basic operating conditions for your application such as input voltages, switching frequency and input and output voltages for each of the output rails of your design*
- *Option to view design steps / design wizard*
- *Option to view an example layout image for your supply*
- *Option to export your project to LTSpice for time based simulations to see other performance aspects of your design*

A more detailed description of some of these features available on the Power Stage Design Tab are shown below:



Operating Conditions Summary :

A summary section is located on the left of the Power Stage Design Tab listing a basic summary of the operating conditions for the application as well as information for the basic suggested maximum ratings for the part used in the design.

Part Specs

Max Vin :	38 V
Min Vin :	4.5 V
Max Vout :	12.5 V
Sugg. Max Iout :	25 A

Design Specs

Vin max :	20 V
Vin nom :	10 V
Vin min :	5 V
Switching Freq :	500 kHz

Output Rail 1

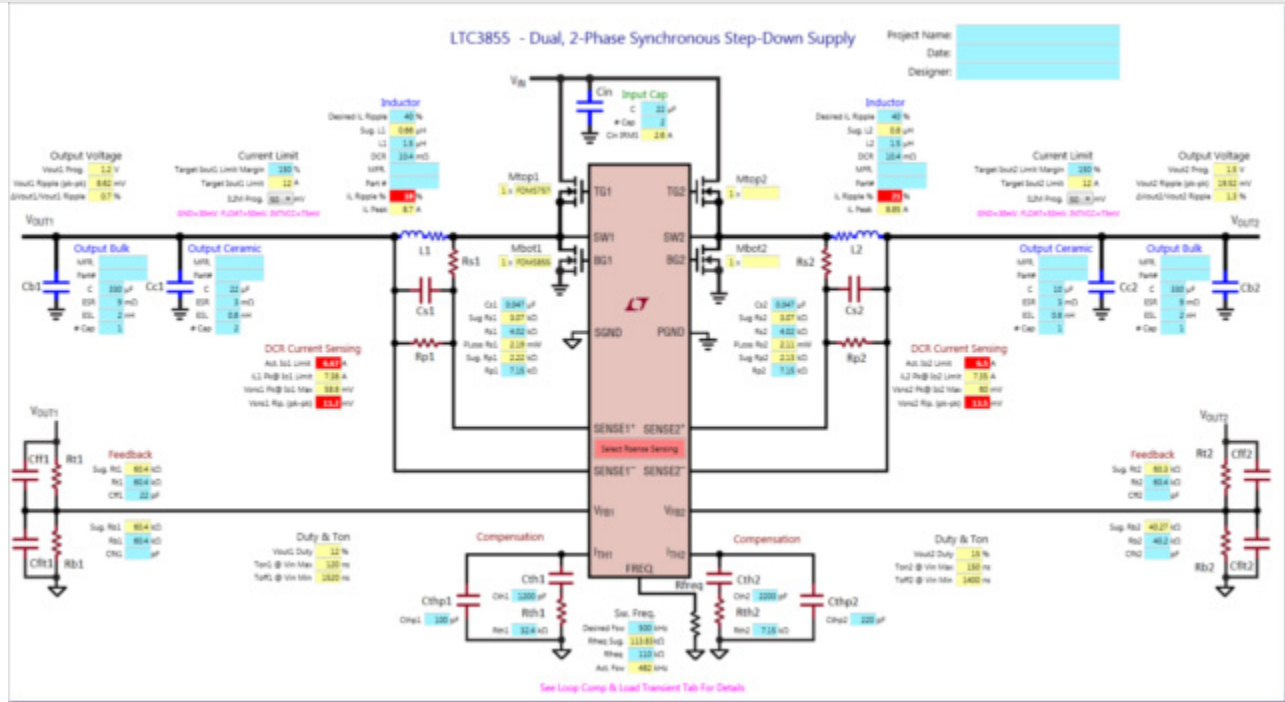
Vout1 :	1.2 V
Iout1 :	8 A

Output Rail 2

Vout2 :	1.5 V
Iout2 :	8 A

Interactive Schematic Interface :

Schematic of your supply including critical components for the design, and tools to help you optimize these critical component values. The schematic includes information for the different important groups of components in the schematic. Suggested values, calculated parameters and warnings help you with proper component value choices.



Schematic Cells :

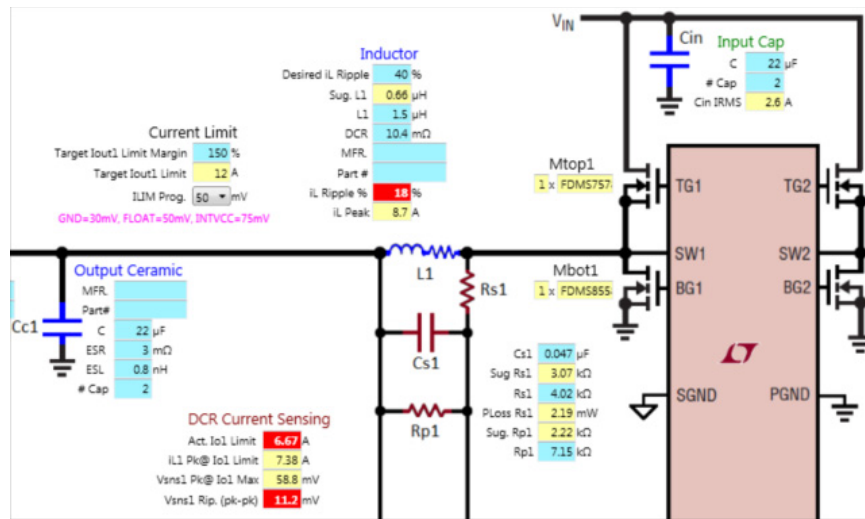
The schematic is arranged with different cells (textboxes) located in the region of components of the schematic which detail component values and their related calculated parameters. The different types of cells are detailed below.

Blue cells :

Enter your chosen component values here

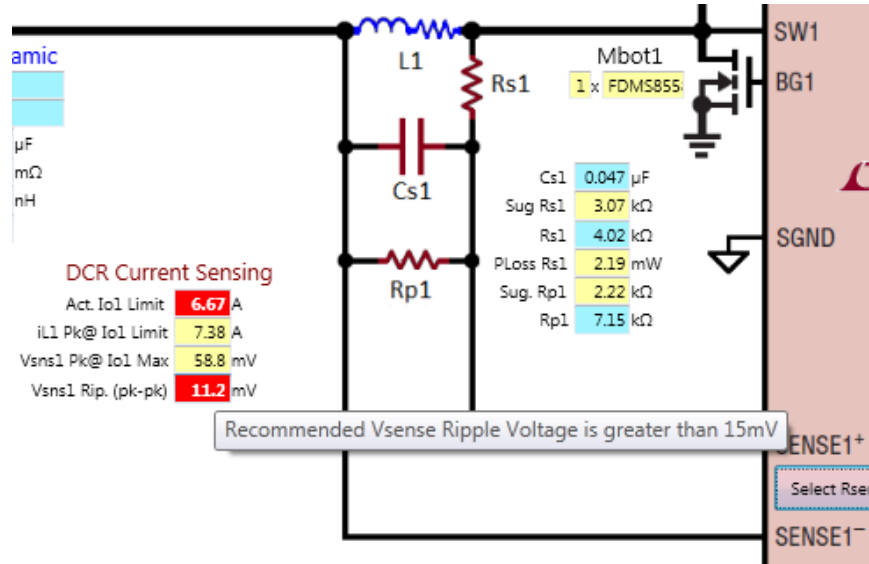
Yellow cells :

Show suggested component values and calculated design parameters to help guide you through the system's component design.



Red cells :

Indicate warnings for the supply design. For example, a parameter of the design is outside of the operating limits of the part, outside of the suggested range, or is outside of the range which will meet your requirements. When the cursor is placed over the red cell, a tooltip message becomes available to give you an idea of what the warning is about. Blue cell entries may need to be re-adjusted to get rid of any warnings to guide you towards more appropriate component value choices.



Schematic Buttons & Drop Down Lists :

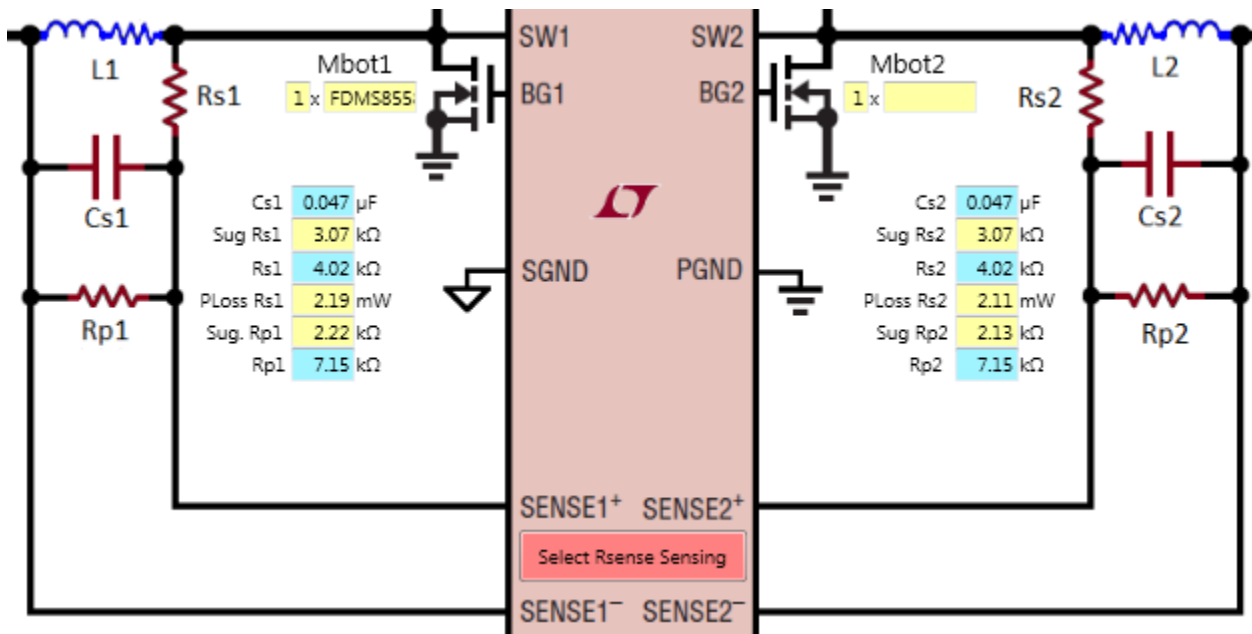
The schematic is also arranged with other controls such as buttons and drop down lists to help select between different part configuration options and select among discrete parameters available for the part

Selection Buttons :

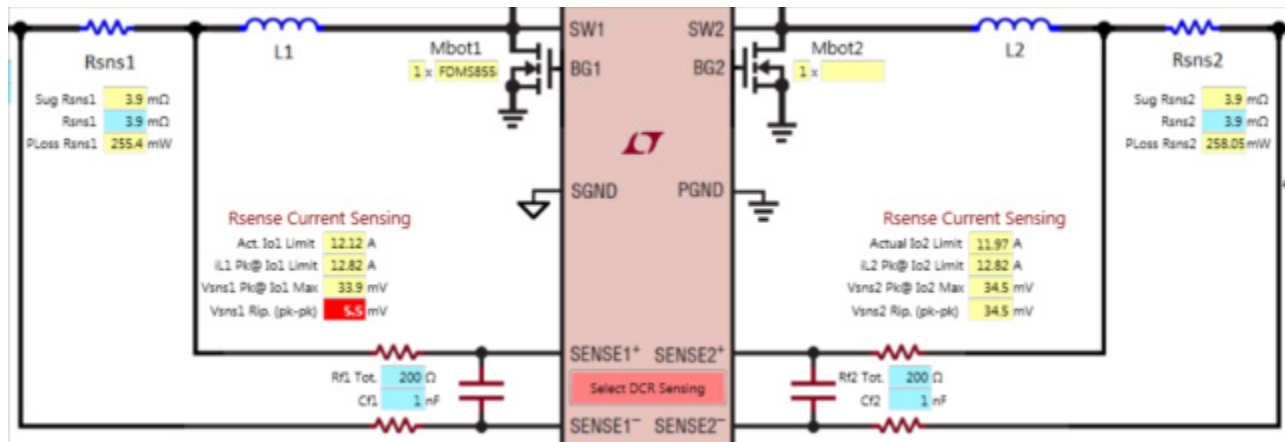
Click selection button to toggle between different configuration options for the part. For example, for parts that can be configured for either DCR Current Sensing or Rsense Current Sensing options a button is available on the controller package in the schematic image. For this example you can Click the Select Rsense Sensing button to elect an Rsense current sensing configuration is desired for the part. The selection then modifies the schematic to reflect your configuration selection.

Example :

DCR Sensing Configuration Selected with Selection Button



Rsense Sensing Configuration Selected with Selection Button

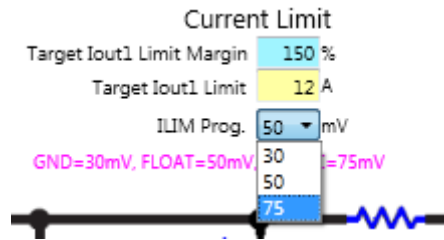


Drop Down Lists :

Choose a value from the drop down list to select between discrete parameter values available for the part. To use, place cursor over the Drop Down List control to open the drop down list. Move the cursor over a value in the list and click to make the selection of that value. For example, for parts that have an externally programmable maximum current sense voltage threshold (for current limit programming) the drop down list allows the user to select a value from the discrete set of values that are available to be programmed for the part.

Example :

Programming Current Limit Threshold with Drop Down List



Schematic Zooming & Panning :

Located above the schematic there are buttons to allow for zooming in and out of the schematic as well as zoom fitting the schematic to the screen. The schematic can also be panned while zooming in.

Zooming In / Out and Zoom Fit of the Schematic :

For any of the zoom button options, click once to take a zoom step in or out of the schematic. For Zoom Fit, click once to return the schematic zoom level back to normal which fits the schematic to schematic area of the window.



Panning on a zoomed in schematic:

To pan around on a zoomed in schematic, click and hold the left mouse button down to "grab" the schematic, a hand icon will appear in place of your cursor. While holding the left mouse button down move the mouse to pan the schematic in the opposite direction.

Schematic Printing & Saving an Image of the Schematic:

Located above the schematic there are buttons to allow for printing the schematic to a printer as well as saving an image of the schematic to a file for pasting to an external document (such as an email).

Printing to a printer :

Click the button with the printer icon to initiate printing of the schematic image to a printer. Clicking the Print Schematic button opens the familiar Microsoft Windows print dialog window.

Capturing an image of the schematic :

Click the button with the camera icon to initiate saving of the schematic image to a file. Clicking the Save Schematic Image button opens the familiar Microsoft Windows save file dialog window.



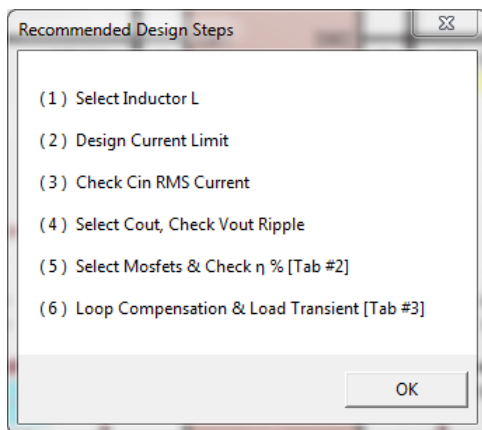
Other Power Stage Design Tab Options :

The Power Stage Design Tab also includes other useful features such as viewing basic power supply design steps, viewing an example of a recommended layout for the supply as well as exporting the design for simulation in LTSpice.

Viewing Power Supply Design Steps :

Located above the schematic is a button to allow for viewing the basic recommended design steps to complete a power supply design. Click to open.

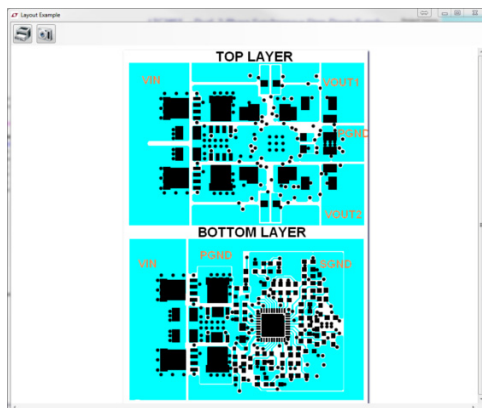
View Design Steps :



Viewing a Layout Example :

Located above the schematic is a button to allow for viewing an example of a recommended layout for your supply. Click to open. Within the layout example window there are also options to print the layout example image to a printer as well as saving an image of the example layout to a file.

View Layout Example :



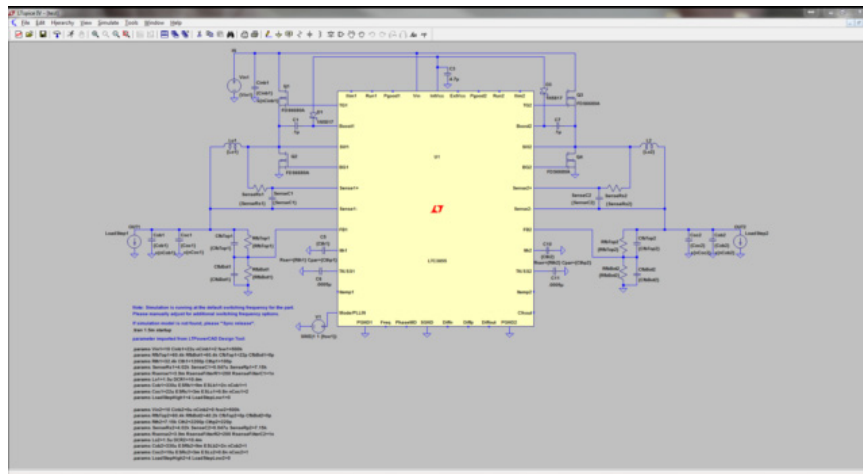
Exporting your power supply design to LTSpice for Simulation :

The LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool offers users the ability to simulate their designed circuits with the LTSpice™ simulator, which is a real-time simulation software that can be downloaded freely at :

[LTSpice™](http://www.linear.com/designtools/software) (<http://www.linear.com/designtools/software>)

Located above the schematic is a button to allow for exporting your current power supply design to LTSpice for simulation. LTSpice must be installed. Click the button to export your design. Clicking the button prompts you to first save the exported .asc file before it is automatically opened in LTSpice.

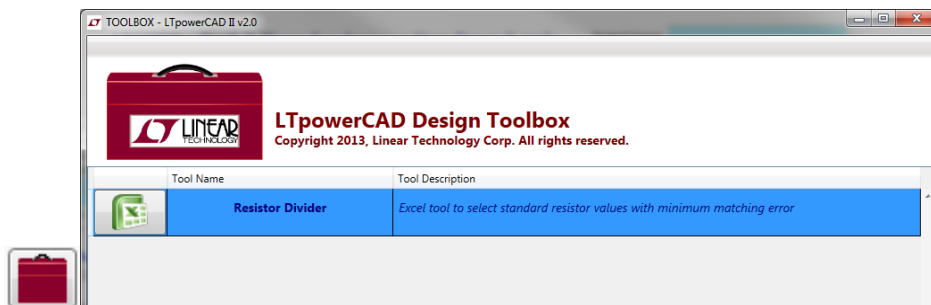
Export to LTSpice :



LTC Toolbox :

Located above the schematic is a button to open the LTC Toolbox to use the generic design tools available there.

LTC Toolbox :

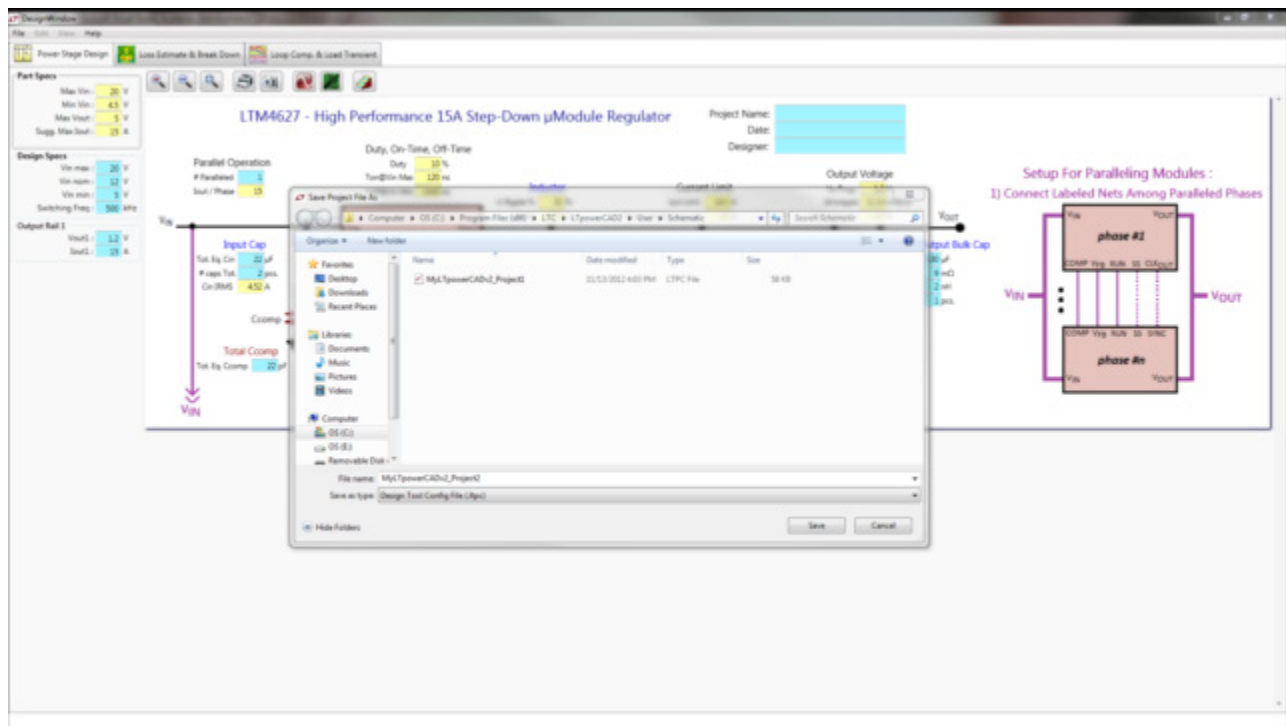
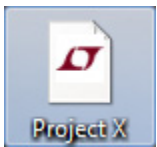


Saving / Opening LTpowerCAD v2.0 Project Files :

LTpowerCAD™ II v2.0 Design Tool projects can be saved to file for later use.

Saving a design tool project can be done from the main menu bar in the Design Window. Click File --> Save As... to save your project to a file. To open a saved file click File --> Open Project to choose a saved file. The extension for LTpowerCAD II v2.0 design tool projects is ".ltpc". These saved files are associated with the LTpowerCAD II v2.0 program and can be recognized as shown below. Note, as mentioned in the Start Windows & Features section, these saved files can also be opened directly from the Start Window. The saved files can also be opened by double clicking the saved file's icon.

LTpowerCAD II v2.0 saved design tool project :

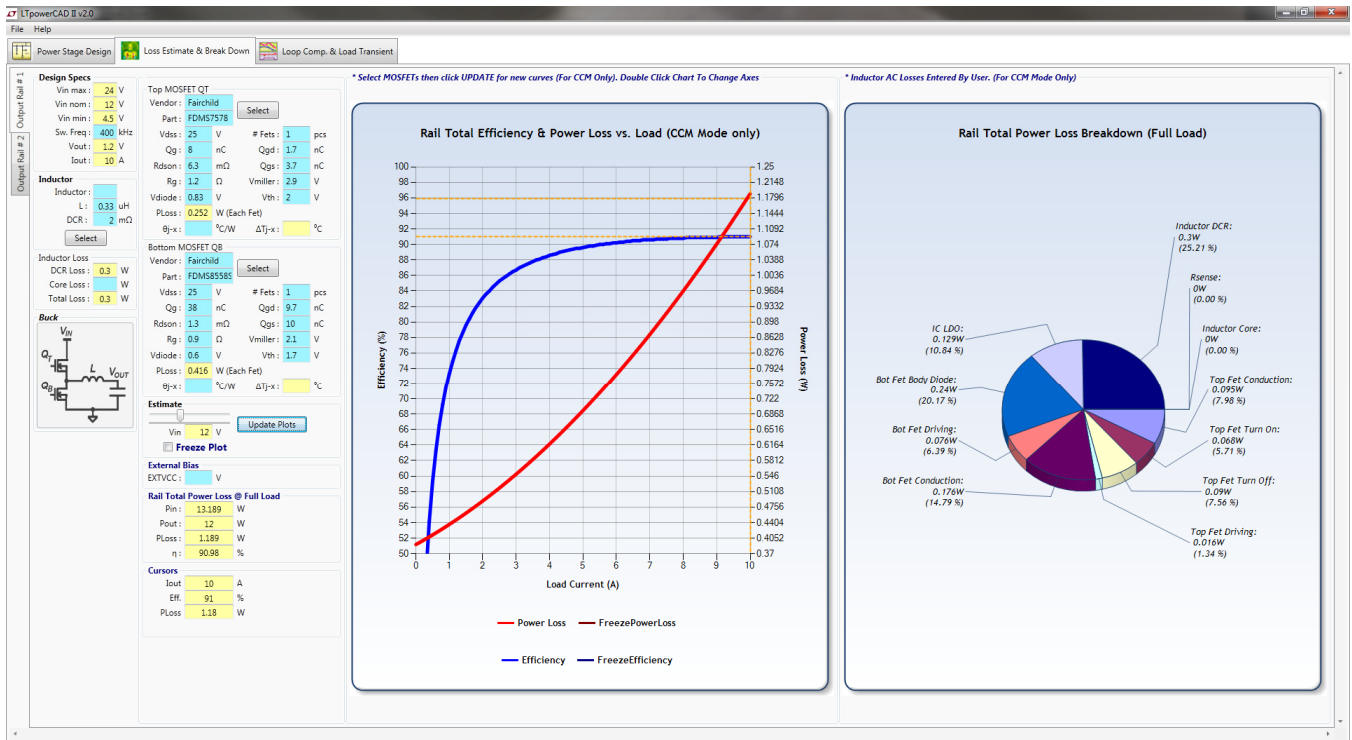


2. LOSS ESTIMATE & BREAK DOWN TAB

The Loss Estimate & Break Down Tab offers estimations for power stage efficiency and power losses to help you optimize your component and operating condition choices to maximize your supply's efficiency and minimize heat due to power loss in your power stage components. Estimations are made for each output rail of your design. Features of the Loss Estimate & Break Down Tab include:

- *Estimations organized by rail; each rail has its own separate tab*
- *Operating Conditions Summary*
- *Cell Structure*
- *Tab's Cell Types*
- *Efficiency & Power Loss Chart Cursors & adjustable Axes*
- *Switching and conduction losses in each of the power stage mosfets including synchronous fet body diode loss*
- *Conduction losses in the power stage inductor and current sensing elements*
- *Controller LDO losses*
- *Optional External bias voltage entry*
- *Freezable Efficiency & Power Loss curve set for comparing power stage configurations and operating conditions*
- *Power Loss Breakdown Chart*
- *Power mosfet thermal resistance entries to help estimate mosfet case temperature rise*
- *Inductor core loss entry (single value entry, core loss not yet estimated)*
- *Inductor & MOSFET Libraries where you can select from a built in library of mosfets, or add your own favorite parts to the library*
- *Display of full load total Input Power, Output Power, Loss & Efficiency*

A more detailed description of some of these features available on the Loss Estimate & Break DownTab are shown below:



Each Rail Has Its Own Tab :

Estimations are made for each rail separately, each rail has its own tab. To view estimations for a particular tab in your design, select the tab for the output rail located on the left of the Loss Estimate & Breakdown Tab.

Output Rail # 1
Output Rail # 2

Operating Conditions Summary :

A summary section is located in the top left corner of the Loss Estimate & Break Down Tab listing a basic summary of the operating conditions for each output rail in your application.

Design Specs	
Vin max :	24 V
Vin nom :	12 V
Vin min :	4.5 V
Sw. Freq :	400 kHz
Vout :	1.2 V
Iout :	10 A

Cell Structure :

The Loss Estimate & Break Down Tab is arranged with different cells (textboxes) which detail component values and their related calculated parameters. The different types of cells are detailed below.

Tab's Cell Types :

Blue cells :

Enter your chosen component specifications here. For components chosen from the library, the component specs. will be shown here.

Yellow cells :

Shows each component's loss and temperature rise estimations as well as total rail input power, output power, loss and efficiency estimated at full load.

Output Rail # 2

Output Rail # 1

Design Specs

Vin max : 24 V
 Vin nom : 12 V
 Vin min : 4.5 V
 Sw. Freq : 400 kHz
 Vout : 1.2 V
 Iout : 10 A

Inductor

Inductor :
 L : 0.33 uH
 DCR : 2 mΩ

Select

Inductor Loss

DCR Loss : 0.3 W
 Core Loss : W
 Total Loss : 0.3 W

Buck

Top MOSFET QT

Vendor : Fairchild Select
 Part : FDMS7578

Vdss : 25 V	# Fets : 1 pcs
Qg : 8 nC	Qgd : 1.7 nC
Rdson : 6.3 mΩ	Qgs : 3.7 nC
Rg : 1.2 Ω	Vmiller : 2.9 V
Vdiode : 0.83 V	Vth : 2 V

PLoss : 0.252 W (Each Fet)
 θj-x : °C/W ΔTj-x : °C

Bottom MOSFET QB

Vendor : Fairchild Select
 Part : FDMS8558

Vdss : 25 V	# Fets : 1 pcs
Qg : 38 nC	Qgd : 9.7 nC
Rdson : 1.3 mΩ	Qgs : 10 nC
Rg : 0.9 Ω	Vmiller : 2.1 V
Vdiode : 0.6 V	Vth : 1.7 V

PLoss : 0.416 W (Each Fet)
 θj-x : °C/W ΔTj-x : °C

Estimate

Vin V Update Plots

Freeze Plot

External Bias

EXTVCC : V

Rail Total Power Loss @ Full Load

Pin :	13.189	W
Pout :	12	W
PLoss :	1.189	W
η :	90.98	%

Cursors

Iout	10	A
Eff.	91	%
PLoss	1.18	W

Component Libraries :

The Loss Estimate & Break Down Tab is also arranged with a **Select** button within each group of components (*ie Inductor component group, Top Mosfet & Bottom Mosfet component groups*). Click the **Select** button to open the component library where you can choose a component from the built in component library, or add your own favorite component to your user library stored on your system.

Select

Power MOSFET Library :

The Power MOSFET Library Window is arranged in 2 sections.

- The top half of the window contains a table of built in parts. Critical mosfet specs are shown in the table for each part. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the Select button for the section.
- The bottom half of the window is for parts in your User Library which is stored in your system's installation folder.
 - The top half of this section contains a table of parts that are available in your User Library. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the Select button for the section.
 - The bottom half of this section contains a row to enter information for a new part you would like to add to you User Library. To add a part to you User Library enter information for the component in the cells provided, these specs. that can be found in the component's datasheet. Click the Add Part To Library button to submit adding the part to the library.
- At the bottom of the window is the Vendor Links section which contains icons for various leading component manufacturers. Click one of these icons to open up the vendor's component search web page.

The screenshot shows the Power MOSFET Library window with the following sections:

Built-In Parts:

Vendor	Part Name	Vdss (V)	Rdson (mΩ)	Qg (nC)	Qgd (nC)	Qgs (nC)	Rg (Ω)	Vdiode (V)	Vmiller (V)	Vth (V)	Package	Channel Type
Renesas	RJK0301	30	3	32	7	14.5	2	0.84	3	2.5	LFPK	N
Renesas	RJK0305	30	10	8	1.5	3.6	0.6	0.85	3	2.5	LFPK	N
Infineon	BSC019N02	20	1.6	64	11	19	1.90	0.80	1.90	1.0	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC028N02	20	2.1	40	7	11.4	1.50	0.85	1.90	1.0	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC046N02	20	3.5	21	4	6.5	1.90	0.90	2.10	1.0	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC010NE2	25	1.1	31	6.8	11	0.60	0.80	2.40	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC010NE2	25	1.1	29	6.9	10	0.60	0.56	2.40	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC014NE2	25	1.6	18.7	4.7	6.8	0.60	0.56	2.50	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC018NE2	25	1.8	19	4.3	7	0.80	0.85	2.50	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC0911ND	25	1.3	25	5.5	8.8	0.60	0.79	2.30	1.6	PG-TISON	N

User Parts:

Vendor	Part Name	Vdss (V)	Rdson (mΩ)	Qg (nC)	Qgd (nC)	Qgs (nC)	Rg (Ω)	Vdiode (V)	Vmiller (V)	Vth (V)	Package	Channel Type
Fairchild	FDM5855BS	25	1.3	38	9.7	10	0.90	0.60	2.10	1.7	POWER 51	N
Fairchild	FDM57578	25	6.3	8	1.7	3.7	1.20	0.83	2.90	2.0	POWER 51	N

Add A New User Part:

Vendor	Part Name	Vdss (V)	Rdson (mΩ)	Qg (nC)	Qgd (nC)	Qgs (nC)	Rg (Ω)	Vdiode (V)	Vmiller (V)	Vth (V)	Package	Channel Type

Vendor Links:

FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR® VISHAY infineon RENESAS

Power Inductor Library :

The Power Inductor Library Window is arranged in 2 sections.

- The top half of the window contains a table of built in parts. Critical inductor specs. are shown in the table for each part. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the **Select** button for the section.
- The bottom half of the window is for parts in your User Library which is stored in your system's installation folder.
 - The top half of this section contains a table of parts that are available in your User Library. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the **Select** button for the section.
 - The bottom half of this section contains a row to enter information for a new part you would like to add to you User Library. To add a part to you User Library enter information for the component in the cells provided, these specs. are common specs. that can be found in the component's datasheet. Click the **Add Part To Library** button to submit adding the part to the library.
- At the bottom of the window is the Vendor Links section which contains icons for various leading component manufacturers. Click one of these icons to open up the vendor's component search web page.

Built-In Parts :

Vendor	Part Name	Inductance (µH)	L Tol. (%)	DCR (mΩ)	DCR Tol. (%)	ISat (A)	L Decrease (%)	IHeat (A)	Temp. Rise (C)	Core	L x W x H (mm)
VITEC	59P9903	0.32	10	0.17	10.00	50.00	20.00	80.00	40.00	Ferrite	14.0 x 13.0 x 7.6
VITEC	59P9904	0.44	10	0.17	10.00	35.00	20.00	80.00	40.00	Ferrite	14.0 x 13.0 x 7.6
VITEC	59P9873N	0.22	15	0.29	10.00	47.00	20.00	48.00	40.00	Ferrite	11.0 x 7.5 x 7.2
VITEC	59P9874N	0.30	15	0.29	10.00	34.00	20.00	48.00	40.00	Ferrite	11.0 x 7.5 x 7.2
VITEC	59P9875N	0.40	15	0.29	10.00	23.00	20.00	48.00	40.00	Ferrite	11.0 x 7.5 x 7.2
VITEC	59P9876N	0.51	15	0.29	10.00	17.00	20.00	48.00	40.00	Ferrite	11.0 x 7.5 x 7.2
WURTH	744 301 025	0.22	20	0.32	10.00	65.00	20.00	40.00	50.00	Ferrite	11.3 x 11.0 x 8.9
WURTH	744 301 032	0.33	20	0.32	10.00	46.00	20.00	40.00	50.00	MnZn	11.0 x 11.0 x 9.0
WURTH	744 301 047	0.47	20	0.32	10.00	35.00	20.00	40.00	50.00	MnZn	11.0 x 11.0 x 9.0
WURTH	744 304 022	0.22	20	0.17	10.00	23.00	20.00	26.00	50.00	Ferrite	11.5 x 11.8 x 3.8

Select

User Parts:

Vendor	Part Name	Inductance (µH)	L Tol. (%)	DCR (mΩ)	DCR Tol. (%)	ISat (A)	L Decrease (%)	IHeat (A)	Temp. Rise (C)	Core	L x W x H (mm)
COILCRA	SER1360-33	0.33	20	0.77	20	43	20	16.9	40	Ferrite	12.9 x 13 x 5.8

Select Delete

Add A New User Part:

Vendor	Part Name	Inductance (µH)	L Tol. (%)	DCR (mΩ)	DCR Tol. (%)	ISat (A)	L Decrease (%)	IHeat (A)	Temp. Rise (C)	Core	L x W x H (mm)

Add Part To Library

Cancel / Exit

Vendor Links

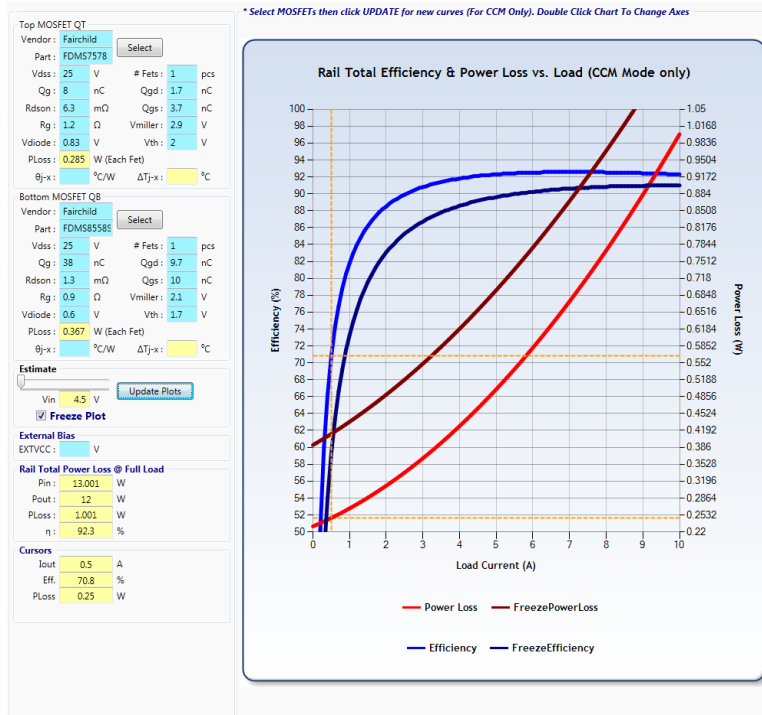
Coilcraft WÜRTH ELEKTRONIK VISHAY VITEC TDK murata sumida Pulse Electronics

Efficiency & Power Loss Chart & Options :

The Efficiency & Power Loss Chart shows an estimation of efficiency and power loss at the operating conditions over the load current range where inductor valley current is non-negative. The chart includes the option to freeze the curve for a particular operating and configuration condition for comparisons.

Freezing the chart's estimation curves for comparison:

To freeze the chart's estimation curves click the **Freeze Plot** checkbox. While the checkbox is checked the estimation curves remain frozen. Freezing the curves comes in handy for comparison to another set of operating conditions or another configuration of your power stage component choice. To view the frozen curves against another condition, change the conditions (ie V_{in}) and click **Update Plots**. The example below shows a comparison of the efficiency estimation at 12V & 4.5V input voltage.



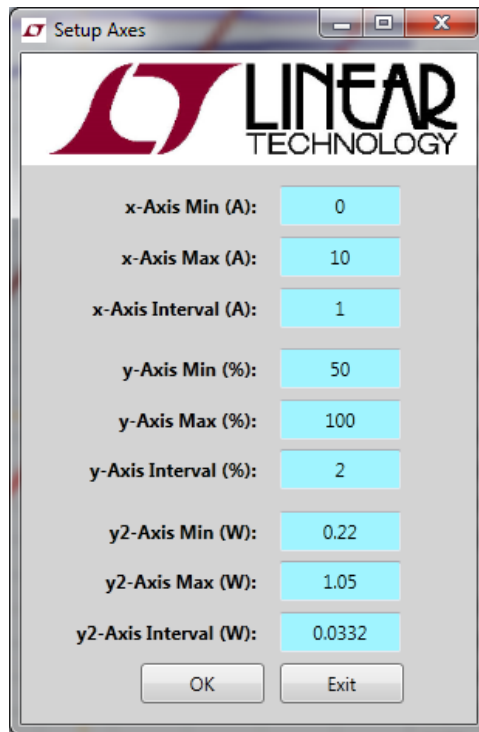
Cursors:

Hover the mouse above the Efficiency & Power Loss plot. The values for the curve at the mouse position are displayed in the Cursors group box.

Cursors		
Iout	5.6	A
Eff.	92.4	%
Ploss	0.54	W

Set up Plot Axes Preferences:

To set up the **Rail Total Efficiency & Power Loss vs. Load** plot, double click on the chart to open the **Setup Axes** window shown below. The window allows for adjusting min, max and interval step values for the 3 axes.

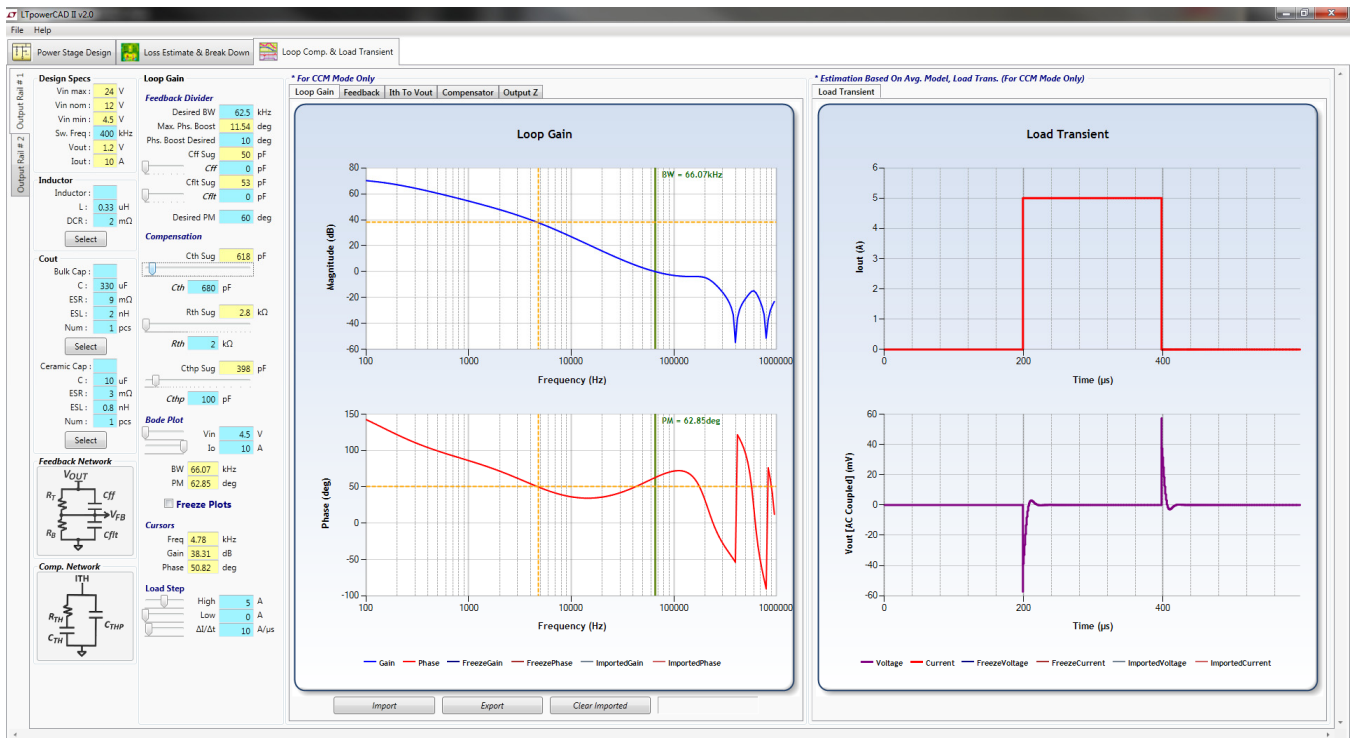


3. LOOP COMPENSATION & LOAD TRANSIENT TAB

The Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab offers estimations for control loop, output impedance & load transient to help you optimize your output capacitor, inductor & compensation components to get the performance you need to meet your application requirements. Estimations are made for each output rail of your design. Features of the Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab include:

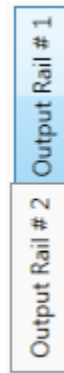
- Estimations organized by rail; each rail has its own separate tab
- Sliding bars for adjusting component values with standard resistor & capacitor values
- Real time estimation allows you to see the trend of by increasing / decreasing component values has on characteristics
- Suggested compensation and feedback network component values based on requirements
- Inductor & Output Capacitor Libraries
- Multiple plots available : Loop Gain, Feedback Network, Output Impedance, Control to Output, Compensator plots
- Plot options : Plot cursors and markers for easy readability of data points and freezing of plots for comparison against other component configurations & operating conditions
- Ability to export plot data to file (such as Microsoft Excel) and Import data from file for comparison to other conditions or against bench test data

A more detailed description of some of these features available on the Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab are shown below:



Each Rail Has Its Own Tab :

Estimations are made for each rail separately, each rail has its own tab. To view estimations for a particular tab in your design, select the tab for the output rail located on the left of the Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab.



Operating Conditions Summary :

A summary section is located in the top left corner of the Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab listing a basic summary of the operating conditions for each output rail in your application.

Design Specs	
Vin max :	24 V
Vin nom :	12 V
Vin min :	4.5 V
Sw. Freq :	400 kHz
Vout :	1.2 V
Iout :	10 A

Cell Structure :

The Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab is arranged with different cells (textboxes) which detail component values and their related calculated parameters. The different types of cells are detailed below.

Tab's Cell Types :

Blue cells :

Enter your chosen component values & design requirements here. For components chosen from the library, the component specs. will be shown here.

Yellow cells :

Shows suggested component values as well as plot marker points and plot cursor data for easy readability of plot data

The screenshot displays a software interface for designing a control system, organized into several functional sections:

- Design Specs:** Includes input/output voltage ranges (Vin max/min: 2.6V to 12V, Vout: 1.2V), switching frequency (500 kHz), and output current (10 A).
- Inductor:** Specifies inductance (L: 1.5 uH) and DC resistance (DCR: 10.4 mΩ).
- Output Capacitor (Cout):** Lists bulk capacitor (C: 330 uF, ESR: 9 mΩ, ESL: 2 nH, Num: 1 pcs) and ceramic capacitor (C: 10 uF, ESR: 3 mΩ, ESL: 0.8 nH, Num: 1 pcs).
- Feedback Network:** Shows a schematic with components R_f , C_f , R_p , and C_p .
- Comp. Network:** Shows a schematic with components R_{TP} , C_{TP} , and C_{TP} .
- Loop Gain:** Provides feedback divider settings (Desired BW: 62.5 kHz, Max. Phs. Boost: 19.47 deg, Phs. Boost Desired: 10 deg, Ctip Sug: 50 pF, Cbot Sug: 71 pF, Cbot: 0 pF, Desired PM: 60 deg).
- Compensation:** Lists suggested values for Cth Sug (160 pF), Cth (2200 pF), Rth Sug (1.86 kΩ), Rth (7.15 kΩ), Ctip Sug (89 pF), and Ctip (220 pF).
- Bole Plot:** Shows input/output (Vin: 20 V, Io: 10 A) and calculated parameters (BW: 15.14 kHz, PM: 67.63 deg).
- Curors:** Displays current plot data (Freq: 0.51 kHz, Gain: 37.07 dB, Phase: 87.96 deg).
- Load Step:** Defines load conditions (High: 5 A, Low: 0 A, $\Delta I/\Delta t$: 10 A/us).

Component Libraries :

The Loop Gain & Load Transient Tab is also arranged with a Select button within each group of components (ie Inductor component group, Bulk & Ceramic Output Capacitor groups). Click the Select button to open the component library where you can choose a component from the built in component library, or add your own favorite component to your user library stored on your system.

Select

Power Inductor Library :

The Power Inductor Library Window is arranged in 2 sections.

- The top half of the window contains a table of built in parts. Critical inductor specs. are shown in the table for each part. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the Select button for the section.
- The bottom half of the window is for parts in your User Library which is stored in your system's installation folder.
 - The top half of this section contains a table of parts that are available in your User Library. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the Select button for the section.
 - The bottom half of this section contains a row to enter information for a new part you would like to add to you User Library. To add a part to you User Library enter information for the component in the cells provided, these specs. are common specs. that can be found in the component's datasheet. Click the Add Part To Library button to submit adding the part to the library.
- At the bottom of the window is the Vendor Links section which contains icons for various leading component manufacturers. Click one of these icons to open up the vendor's component search web page.

Power MOSFET Library

Built-In Parts :

Vendor	Part Name	Vdss (V)	Rdson (mΩ)	Qg (nC)	Qgd (nC)	Qgs (nC)	Rg (Ω)	Vdiode (V)	Vmiller (V)	Vth (V)	Package	Channel Type
Renesas	RJK0301	30	3	32	7	14.5	2	0.84	3	2.5	LFPK	N
Renesas	RJK0305	30	10	8	1.5	3.6	0.6	0.85	3	2.5	LFPK	N
Infineon	BSC019N02	20	1.6	64	11	19	1.90	0.80	1.90	1.0	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC026N02	20	2.1	40	7	11.4	1.50	0.85	1.90	1.0	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC046N02	20	3.5	21	4	6.5	1.90	0.90	2.10	1.0	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC010NE2	25	1.1	31	6.8	11	0.60	0.80	2.40	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC010NE2	25	1.1	29	6.9	10	0.60	0.56	2.40	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC014NE2	25	1.6	18.7	4.7	6.8	0.60	0.56	2.50	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC018NE2	25	1.8	19	4.3	7	0.80	0.85	2.50	1.6	PG-TDSON	N
Infineon	BSC0911ND	25	1.3	25	5.5	8.8	0.60	0.79	2.30	1.6	PG-TISON	N

Select Show N-Fets Only Show P-Fets Only

User Parts:

Vendor	Part Name	Vdss (V)	Rdson (mΩ)	Qg (nC)	Qgd (nC)	Qgs (nC)	Rg (Ω)	Vdiode (V)	Vmiller (V)	Vth (V)	Package	Channel Type
Fairchild	FDM8558S	25	1.7	39	3.7	10	0.90	0.60	2.10	1.7	POWER 54	N
Fairchild	FDM57578	25	6.3	8	1.7	3.7	1.20	0.83	2.90	2.0	POWER 54	N

Select Delete Show N-Fets Only Show P-Fets Only





Add A New User Part:

Vendor	Part Name	Vdss (V)	Rdson (mΩ)	Qg (nC)	Qgd (nC)	Qgs (nC)	Rg (Ω)	Vdiode (V)	Vmiller (V)	Vth (V)	Package	Channel Type

Add Part To Library

Cancel / Exit

Vendor Links

Power Capacitor Library :

The Power Capacitor Library Window is arranged in 2 sections.

- The top half of the window contains a table of built in parts. Critical capacitor specs. are shown in the table for each part. To select a component in the library for use click on the row of the component and click the Select button for the section.
- The bottom half of the window is for parts in your User Library which is stored in your system's installation folder.
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- At the bottom of the window is the Vendor Links section which contains icons for various leading component manufacturers. Click one of these icons to open up the vendor's component search web page.

The screenshot shows the 'Power CAPACITOR Library' window with the following sections:

Built-In Parts:

Vendor	Part Name	Capacitance (ESR (mΩ)	ESL (nH)	Max Ripple Current (A RMS)	Voltage Rating (V)	Cap. Type	Case Size	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)	Diameter (mm)
SANYO	166EPC100R	100	10	2.2	4.5	16	OS-CON					
SANYO	4TPE150M	150	18	1.6	2.8	4	POSCAP					
SANYO	6TPE150M	150	18	1.6	2.8	6.3	POSCAP					
SANYO	10TPE150M	150	15	1.9	3.6	10	POSCAP					
SANYO	20SEP150M	150	20	5.8	4.32	20	OS-CON					
SANYO	20SEP150	150	20	5.8	4.32	20	OS-CON					
SANYO	166EQ180M	180	20	4.1	3.64	16	OS-CON					
SANYO	166EPC180R	180	16	4.1	4.36	16	OS-CON					
SANYO	166EPC180	180	16	4.3	4.36	16	OS-CON					
SANYO	166EQ180	180	20	4.1	3.64	16	OS-CON					

User Parts:

Vendor	Part Name	Capacitance (ESR (mΩ)	ESL (nH)	Max Ripple Current (A RMS)	Voltage Rating (V)	Cap. Type	Case Size	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)	Diameter (mm)
SANYO	166EPC100R	100	24	2.6	2.4	16	OS-CON	C6	6	6	6	6

Add A New User Part:

Vendor	Part Name	Capacitance	ESR (mΩ)	ESL (nH)	Max Ripple Current (A RMS)	Voltage Rating (V)	Cap. Type	Case Size	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)	Diameter (mm)

Vendor Links:

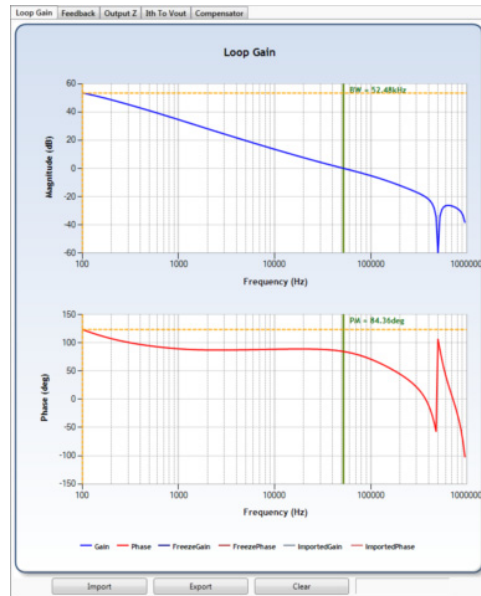
AVX | Panasonic ideas for life | KEMET CHARGED | TDK | muRata

Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab's Plots :

The Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab has many plots available to detail the key performance characteristics of your power supply. The plots include gain and phase plots for total Loop Gain, Feedback Network, Output Impedance, Control To Output and Compensator Network as well as a Load Transient estimation plot. Estimations are updated instantly as you make changes to the component values to help you intuitively fine tune your supply's performance characteristics. All plots include crosshair cursors to make it easy to read data point values in the plots as well as plot markers to quickly view key parameters of the loop characteristic. Estimations are for CCM mode (continuous conduction mode) only.

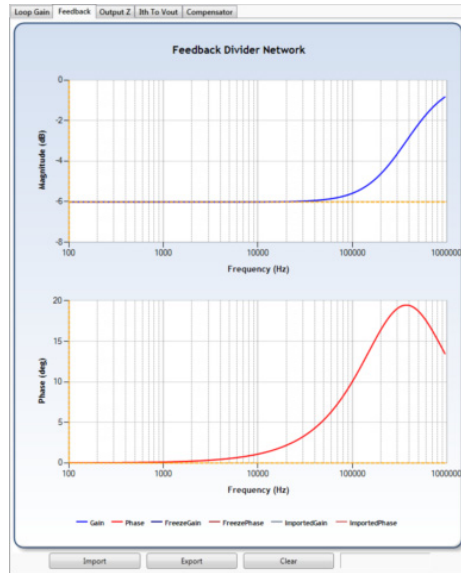
Loop Gain Plot :

A loop gain estimation is available to help you choose the right components to ensure proper bandwidth, phase and gain margins for the control loop. To view the loop gain plot, click the Loop Gain tab in the plot window.



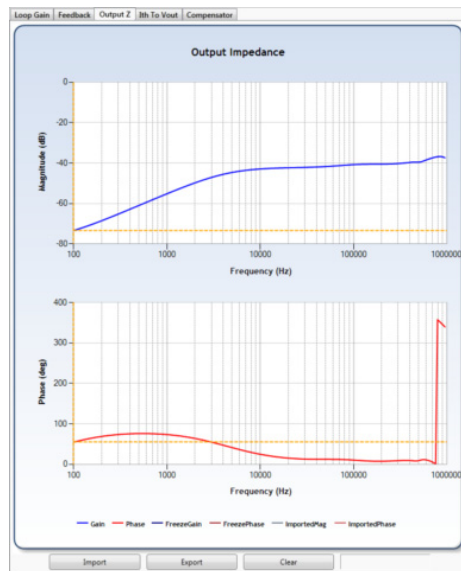
Feedback Network Plot :

A feedback network gain estimation is available to help you choose the right components feedback network compensation components to ensure proper bandwidth, phase and gain margins for the control loop. To view the feedback network plot, click the Feedback Network tab in the plot window.



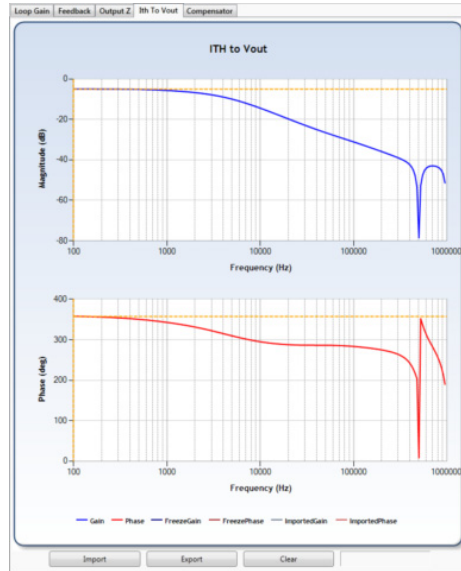
Output Impedance Plot :

An output impedance estimation is available to help you choose the right components to satisfy your output impedance requirements. To view the output impedance plot, click the Output Z tab in the plot window.



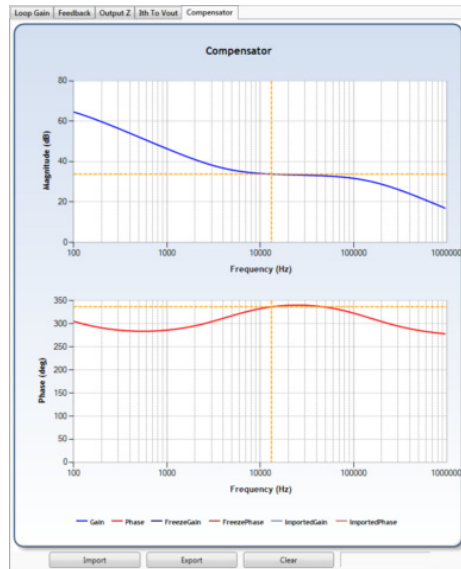
Control To Output Plot :

A control to output estimation is available to help you choose the right components to ensure proper bandwidth, phase and gain margins for the control loop. To view the control to output plot, click the ITH to Vout tab in the plot window.



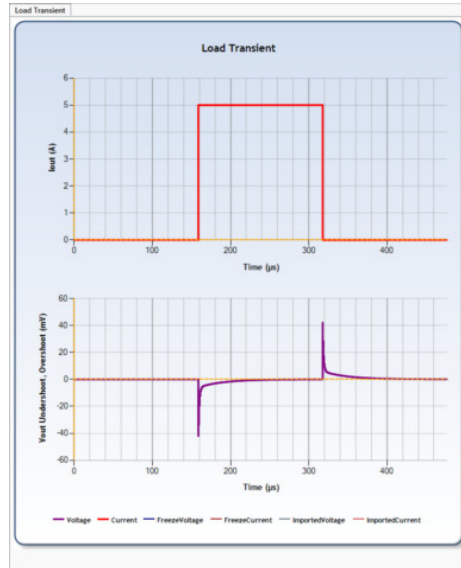
Compensator Plot :

A compensator estimation is available to help you choose the right components to ensure proper bandwidth, phase and gain margins for the control loop. To view the compensator plot, click the Compensator tab in the plot window.



Load Transient Plot :

A load transient estimation is available to help you choose the right components to meet your load transient overshoot / undershoot and settling time requirements for your expected load step's magnitude and slew rate. To view the load transient plot, click the Load Transient tab in the plot window.



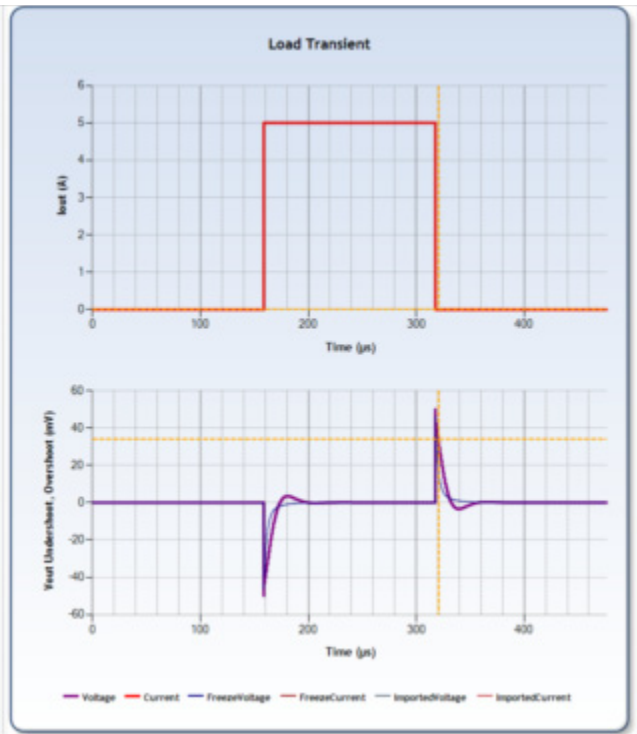
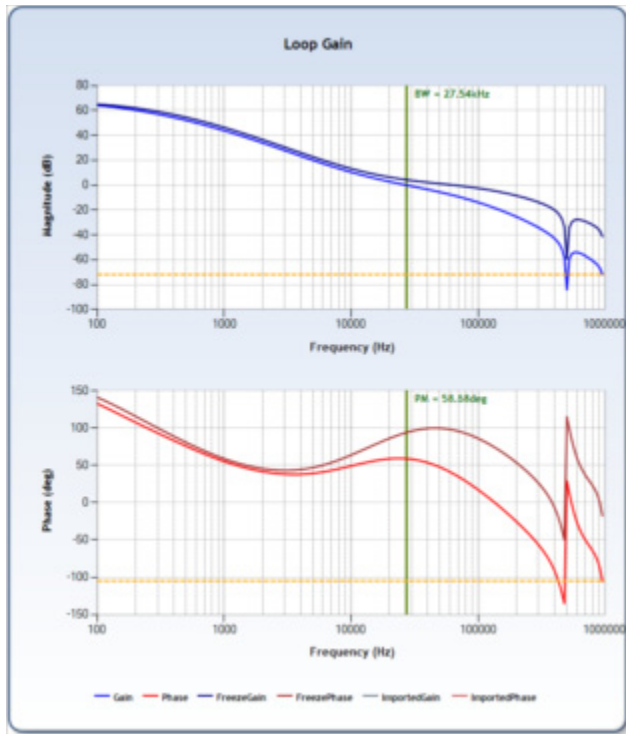
Freezing Plots :

All plots can be frozen in their current condition with the available Freeze Plot button for comparison against other operating conditions and component configurations.

Freeze Plot :

To freeze a plot, click the Freeze Plot checkbox located to the left of the left-most plotting pane. The data for all plots in the Loop Compensation & Load Transient Tab will remain frozen while this checkbox is checked. Frozen data is represented by the darker shaded curves. Click the checkbox again to uncheck and remove the frozen data from the plot.

Freeze Plots



Exporting / Importing Plot Data :

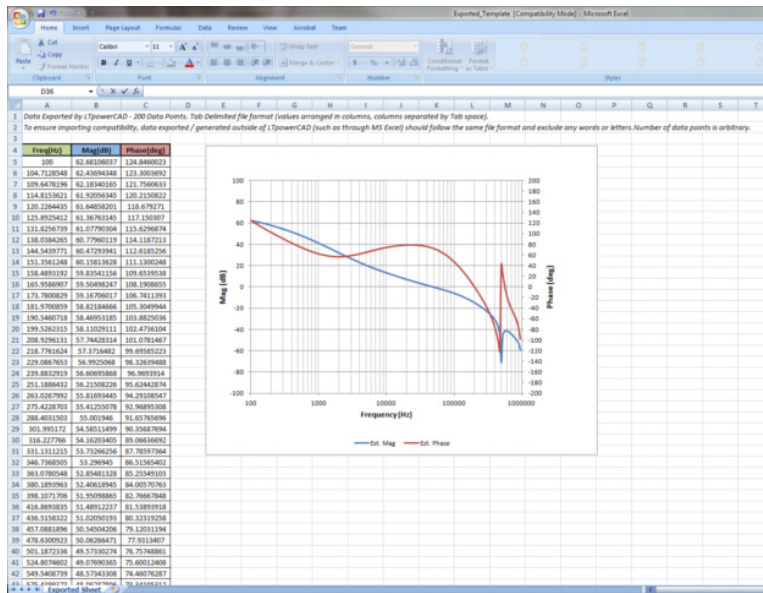
Data for each of the plots in the left plot pane can be either exported to a file for view / manipulation outside of LTpowerCAD II as well as imported from an external file, such as bench test data file generated from a Bode Plotter, for comparisons.

Exporting Plot Data:

Data can be exported from a plot to be saved to file or loaded directly to an excel file for editing. To begin exporting plot data, select the plot's tab to show the plot whose data you would like to export and click the **Export** button below the plot. You will then be prompted to save the data to a file and then asked if you would like to automatically load this data into a Microsoft Excel Template included in your installation file folder.

Export

Example : Data Exported to Microsoft Excel Template

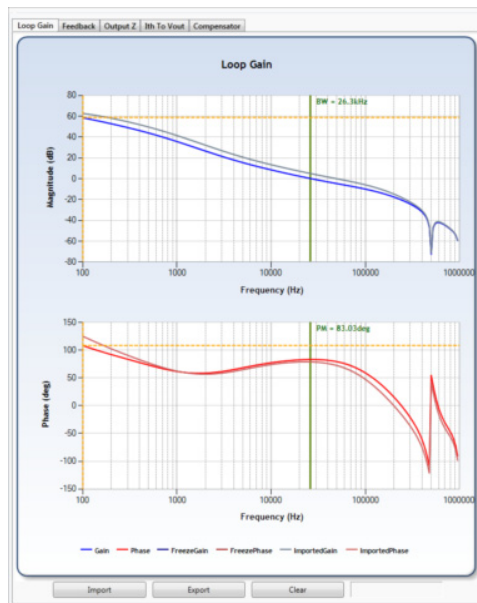


Importing Plot Data:

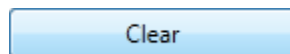
Data can be imported from an external data file, such as a previously saved LTpowerCAD II estimation plot or bench test data generated by a Bode Plotter for example, for comparison. To begin importing plot data, select the plot's tab to show the plot whose data you would like to import and click the Import button below the plot. You will then be prompted to select the data file to be imported. The data will be loaded within the plot to view a comparison of the current estimation to the imported plot data.



Example : Data Imported from a Saved Data File



To Clear Imported data from the plot, click the Clear button below the plot.



3. APPENDIX

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3.2 LOAD TRANSIENT PREDICTION

Load Transient Prediction Results

The design tool program provides an approximation of the output voltage overshoot/undershoot waveform during load transients. This approximation is calculated based on the average small-signal model of the power supply. Therefore, it does NOT take into consideration possible large-signal non-linear effects that may exist in the real experimental test with a large and very fast load step. In reality, sometimes the overshoot/undershoot is higher than the small-signal estimation. Even so the transient waveforms give the designer a good starting point to estimate the output voltage overshoot/undershoot and required minimum output capacitance. To verify the design, it is important and recommended to actually build the circuit and evaluate its performance.

The output transient waveform is the averaged waveform over a switching cycle. The switching frequency ripple is not included in this waveform. The user also needs to include the switching ripple for the total transient spike.

3.3 ACCURACY OF THE LTPOWERCAD II DESIGN TOOL

LTpowerCAD II Design Tool Accuracy

As always, Linear Technology has made best efforts to support our customers with a quality design tool. However, due to model limitations and external component value variations, it remains the customer's responsibility to verify the program's calculation results by actually building the circuit and evaluating its performance.

Linear Technology verifies the loop Bode Plot and load transient for each Linear Technology Monolithic and uModule part released in the LTpowerCAD™ II Design Tool with real bench tests on the Linear Technology Standard Demo Circuit Boards. Therefore we have a good level of confidence in the accuracy of our loop designs.

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3.4 LTpowerCAD™ II DESIGN TOOL SUPPORTED LTC PRODUCTS LIST

Design Tool Supported LTC Products List

Supported parts are updated regularly. To view all the latest parts please click "Sync Release" located on the main page of the program. If there is not a suitable part available in the design tool list which satisfies your application requirements, we still most likely have the part you are looking for.

Please check the Linear Technology parametric search tables at http://parametric.linear.com/switching_regulator to locate other LTC parts that may satisfy your application's needs.

3.5 LTpowerCAD™ II DESIGN TOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

LTpowerCAD™ Support Contact Information

Please contact Linear Technology LTpowerCAD Design Tool development group at LTPowerCAD@linear.com for any question in using this software.

3.6 LTpowerCAD™ II DESIGN TOOL RELEASE INFORMATION

LTpowerCAD™ Design Tool Release Information

Version v2.0 : Beta Release November 2012

Version II v2.0 : 1st Release June 2013