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LTC3861EUHE
High Current, Dual Output
Synchronous Buck Converter

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1822A is a dual output synchronous buck converter featuring the LTC®3861EUHE. The board provides two outputs of 1.5V/25A and 1.2V/25A from an input voltage of 7V to 14V at a switching frequency of 500kHz. The power stage consists of a 6mm × 6mm DrMOS and a 13mm × 13mm iron powder type inductor. An on-board 5V LT®3470 buck regulator provides the 5V bias for the LTC3861 and the DrMOS.

The demo board uses a high density, two sided drop-in layout. The power components, excluding the bulk output and input capacitors, fit within a 1.5" × 1.2" area on the top layer. The control circuit fits in a 1.1" × 1.0" area on the bottom layer. The package style for the LTC3861EUHE is a 36-lead 5mm × 6mm QFN.

The main features of the board are:

- Remote sensing for each output, where the divider is placed before a high input impedance differential amplifier.
- CLKIN and CLKOUT pins.
- Optional resistors to tie the two outputs together.
- Connector and header to tie two or more boards together for up to 12-phase operation.
- Optional footprint for an LTC4449 gate driver and discrete MOSFETs.
- Optional footprint for a dual phase Delta power block.

Design files for this circuit board are available at http://www.linear.com/demo

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (T_A = 25°C), no airflow

PARAMETER	CONDITION	VALUE
Minimum Input Voltage		7V
Maximum Input Voltage		14V
Output Voltage V_{OUT1}	I_{OUT1} = 0A to 25A, V_{IN} = 7V to 14V	1.5V ±2%
Output Voltage V_{OUT2}	I_{OUT2} = 0A to 25A, V_{IN} = 7V to 14V	1.2V ±2%
V_{OUT1} Maximum Output Current, I_{OUT1}	V_{IN} = 7V to 14V, V_{OUT1} = 1.5V	25A
V_{OUT2} Maximum Output Current, I_{OUT2}	V_{IN} = 7V to 14V, V_{OUT2} = 1.2V	25A
Nominal Switching Frequency		500kHz
Efficiency (See Figures 2 and 3)	V_{OUT1} = 1.5V, I_{OUT1} = 25A, V_{IN} = 12V	91.6% Typical
	V_{OUT2} = 1.2V, I_{OUT2} = 25A, V_{IN} = 12V	90.7% Typical

QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 1822A is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LTC3861EUHE. Please refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below.

1. With power off, connect the input supply, load and meters, as shown in Figure 1. Preset the load to 0A and V_{IN} supply to be 0V. Place jumpers in the following positions:

JP1	RUN1	ON
JP2	RUN2	ON
JP3	INT BIAS	ON

2. Adjust the input voltage to be between 7V to 14V. VOUT1 should be 1.5V±2%. VOUT2 should be 1.2V±2%.

3. Next, apply 25A load to each output and re-measure VOUT.

4. Once the DC regulation is confirmed, observe the output voltage ripple, load step response, efficiency and other parameters.

NOTE 1. Use the BNC connectors labeled VOUT1 or VOUT2 to measure the output voltage ripple.

NOTE 2. **Do not apply the load from the VOS1+ turret to the VOS1– turret or from the VOS2+ turret to the VOS2– turret.** These are connected to the sense traces for the output voltage. Heavy load currents applied across these turrets may damage these traces.
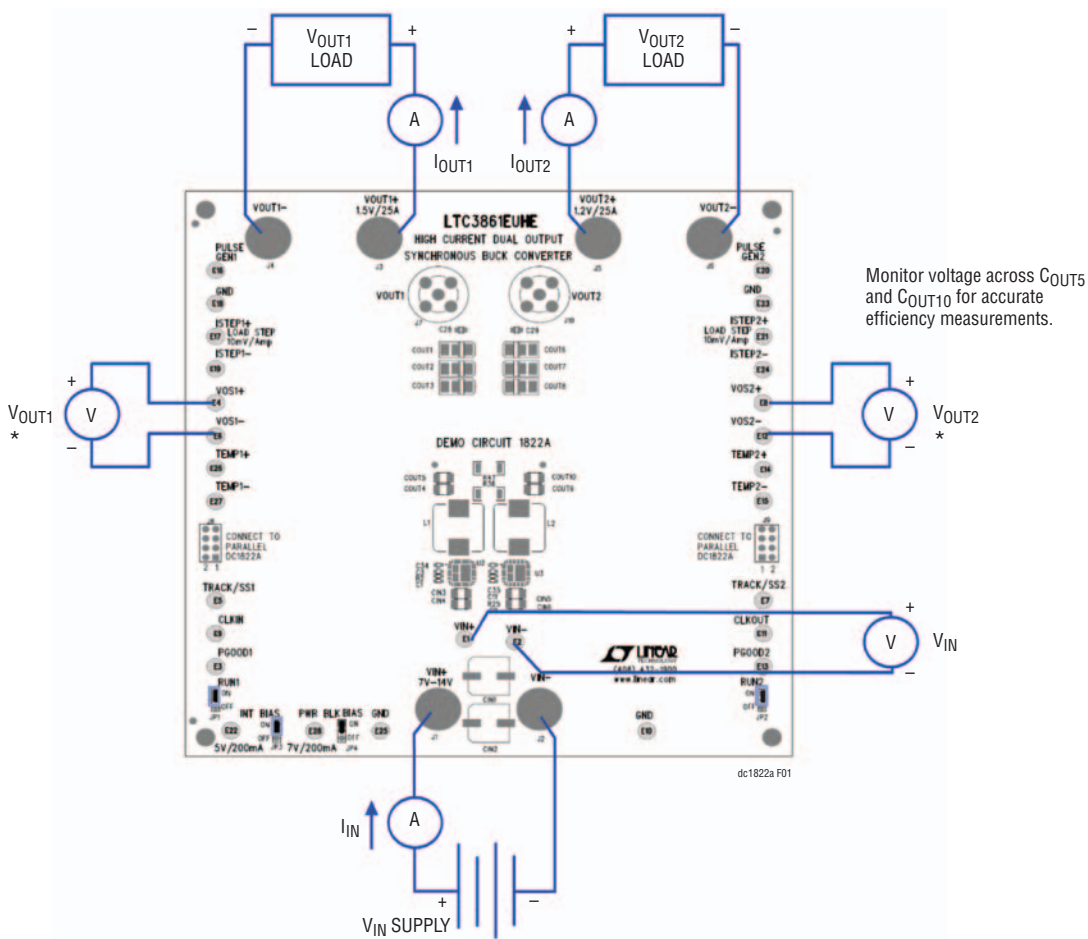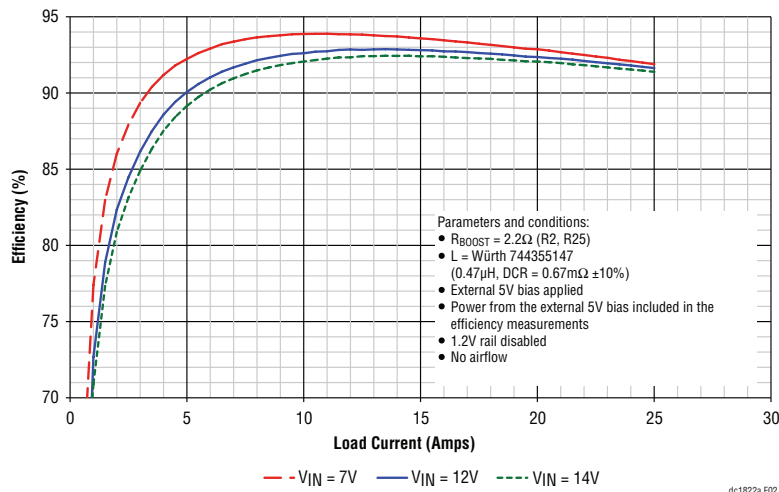

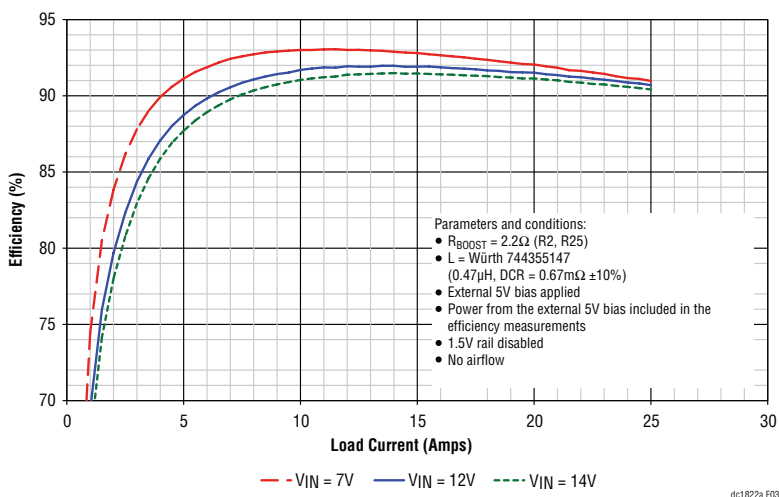**Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup**

QUICK START PROCEDURE

DYNAMIC LOAD CIRCUIT (OPTIONAL)

1. Preset the amplitude of a pulse generator to 0.0V and the duty cycle to 5% or less.

2. Connect the scope to the VOUT BNC connectors for the rail under test with a coax cable. To monitor the load step current, connect the scope probe across the ISTEP± turrets for that rail.

3. Connect the output of the pulse generator to the PULSE GEN turret for the rail under test and connect the return to one of the GND turrets.

4. With the converter running, slowly increase the amplitude of the pulse generator output to provide the desired load step pulse height. The scaling for the load step signal is 10mV/Amp. See Figures 4 and 5 for transient response curves with a 50% load change.

Parameters and conditions:
- R_{BOOST} = 2.2Ω (R2, R25)
- L = Würth 744355147 (0.47μH, DCR = 0.67mΩ ±10%)
- External 5V bias applied
- Power from the external 5V bias included in the efficiency measurements
- 1.2V rail disabled
- No airflow

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Figure 2. Efficiency Curves for the 1.5V Rail of the DC1822A. f_{SW} = 500kHz with the FDMF6820A DrMOS

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- Power from the external 5V bias included in the efficiency measurements
- 1.5V rail disabled
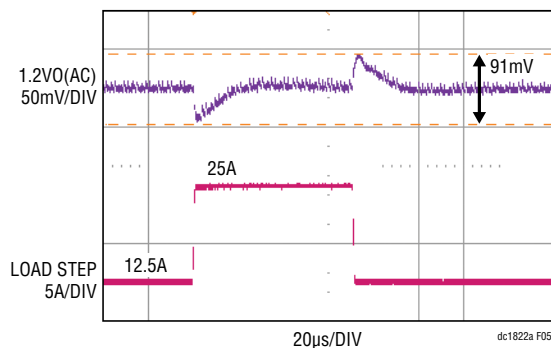- No airflow

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Figure 3. Efficiency Curves for the 1.2V Rail of the DC1822A. f_{SW} = 500kHz with the FDMF6820A DrMOS

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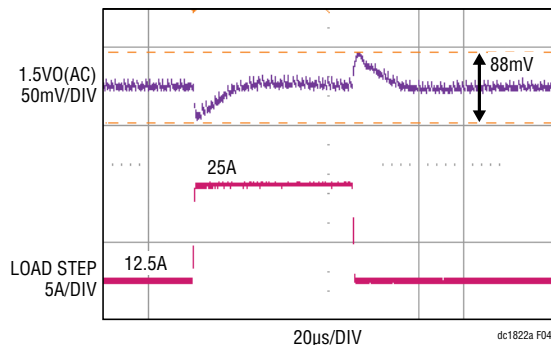
Figure 4. Load Step Response of the DC1822A 1.5V Rail at V_{IN} = 12V. C_{OUT} = 3× Sanyo 2R5TPE330M9 || 2× 100μF X5R 6.3V 1210, L = 0.47μH, f_{SW} = 500kHz

Figure 5. Load Step Response of the DC1822A 1.2V Rail at V_{IN} = 12V. C_{OUT} = 3× Sanyo 2R5TPE330M9 || 2× 100μF X5R 6.3V 1210, L = 0.47μH, f_{SW} = 500kHz

SINGLE OUTPUT/DUAL PHASE OPERATION

A single output/dual phase converter may be preferred for higher output current applications. The optional components required to tie the phases together are found on the bottom of the schematic shown in Figure 8. To tie the two outputs together, make the following modifications:

1. Stuff 0Ω at R36 and R47 to tie the two outputs together.

2. Select one rail to be the master.

• If VOUT1 is the master, then stuff 0Ω at R51 to disable the error amplifier for phase 2. Also stuff 0Ω at R52.

• If VOUT2 is the master, then stuff 0Ω at R49 to disable the error amplifier for phase 1. Also stuff 0Ω at R50.

3. Remove the 0Ω jumper at R13 and stuff a 100pF capacitor at C14 for the IAVG signal.

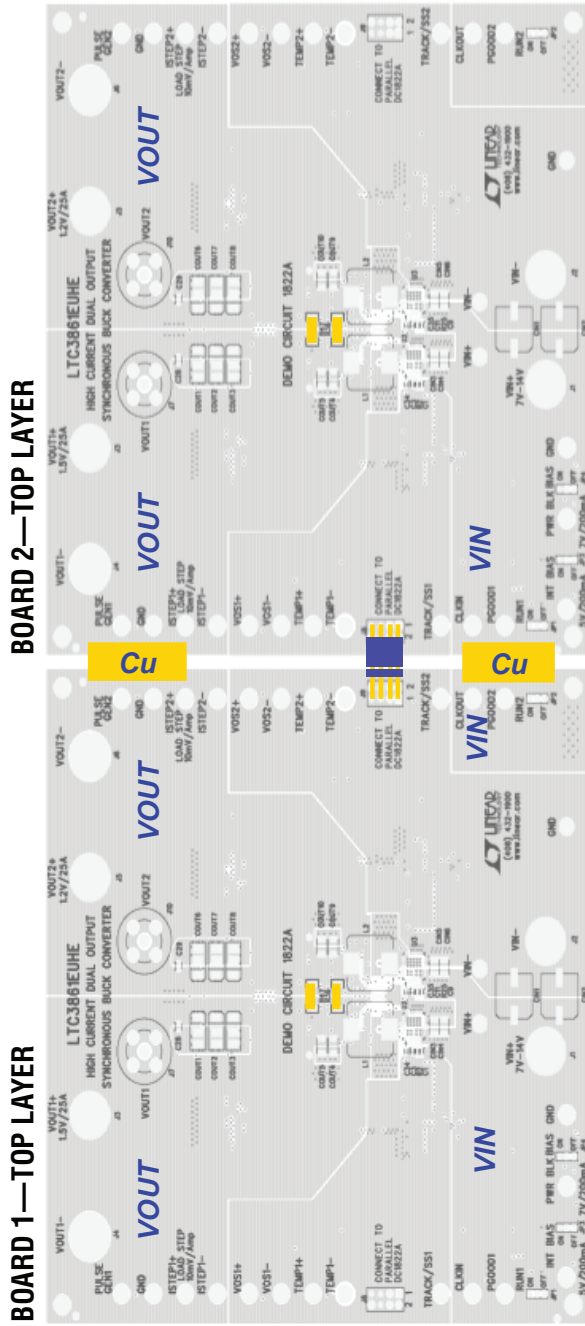4. Stuff 0Ω at R53, R48 and R54 to tie the COMP, TRK/SS and RUN pins together.

5. Remove the redundant compensation components.

PARALLELING BOARDS

The DC1822A demo boards can be tied together to form a converter with up to 12 phases. To tie the boards together, place the boards side-by-side and then connect the boards by connecting J8 of one board to J9 of the other. This will connect the IAVG, COMP, TRK/SS and signal ground signals together. Next, use copper strips to tie the VOUT planes, the VIN planes and GND planes of the two adjacent boards together. The board has exposed copper along the edges of the board for this purpose. Figure 6 shows how to set up a 4-phase converter and Figure 7 shows how to set up a 3-phase plus single phase converter.
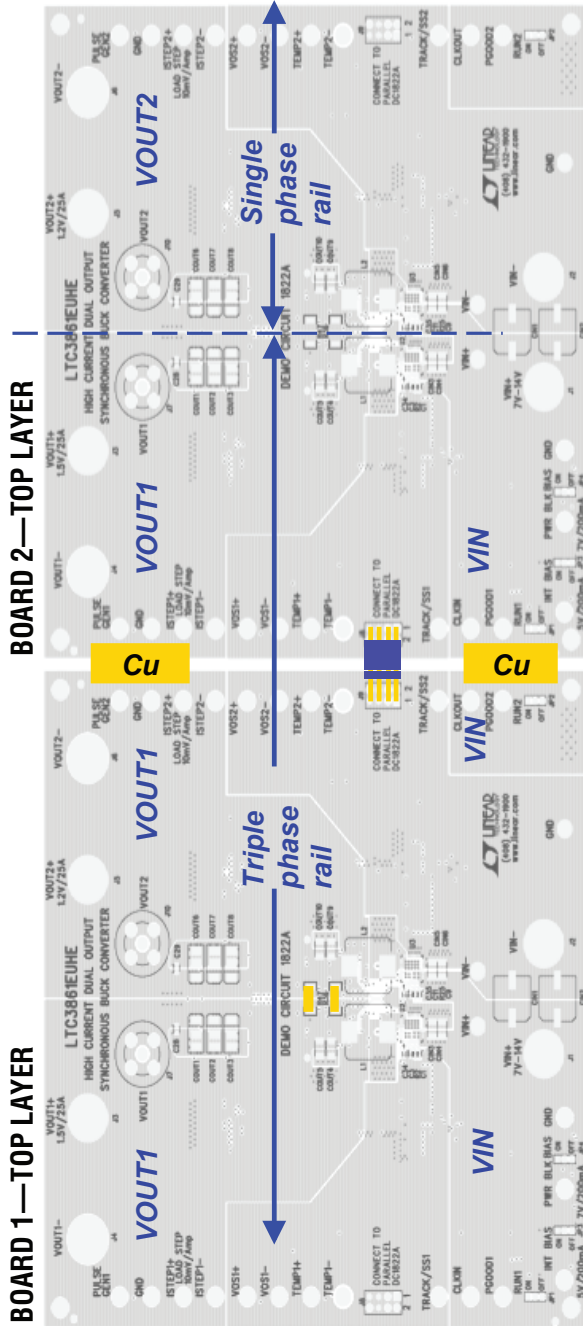
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QUICK START PROCEDURE

BOARD 1—TOP LAYER

BOARD 2—TOP LAYER

Note: Tie GND shapes together on the bottom layer by using the exposed copper along the edge of the board.

	VOUT1 TO VOUT2 R36 & R47	ILIM1 TO VCC R50	ILIM1 R R17	ILIM2 TO VCC R52	ILIM2 R R24	FB1 TO VCC R49	FB2 TO VCC R51	TRK/SS1 TO TRK/SS2 R48	COMP1 TO COMP2 R53	RUN1 TO RUN2 R54	PHASE MODE SETTING		IAVG PIN	
											R41	R42	C14	R13
BOARD #1	0.0mΩ	NS	STUFF	0Ω	NS	NS	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	NS	NS	100pF	NS
BOARD #2	0.0mΩ	NS	STUFF	0Ω	NS	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	NS	NS	100pF	NS

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Figure 6. Setup of a 4-Phase Converter; Phase 1 of Board 1 is the Master

QUICK START PROCEDURE

BOARD 1—TOP LAYER

BOARD 2—TOP LAYER

VOUT1 *VOUT1* *VOUT2*

Triple phase rail *Single phase rail*

Cu *Cu*

VIN *VIN*

Note: Tie GND shapes together on the bottom layer by using the exposed copper along the edge of the board.

	VOUT1 TO VOUT2 R36 & R47	ILIM1 TO VCC R50	ILIM1 R R17	ILIM2 TO VCC R52	ILIM2 R R24	FB1 TO VCC R49	FB2 TO VCC R51	TRK/SS1 TO TRK/SS2 R48	COMP1 TO COMP2 R53	RUN1 TO RUN2 R54	PHASE MODE SETTING R41	R42	IAVG PIN C14	R13
BOARD #1	0.0mΩ	NS	STUFF	0Ω	NS	NS	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	0Ω	NS	100pF	NS
BOARD #2	NS	NS	STUFF	NS	STUFF	0Ω	NS	NS	NS	NS	0Ω	0Ω	100pF	NS

Figure 7. Setup of a 3-Phase Plus Single Phase Converter; Phase 1 of Board 1 Is the Master of the 3-Phase Rail

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PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
DC1822A Required Circuit Components				
1	4	C1, C7, C8, C9	CAP, 0.22µF, 10%, 25V, X7R, 0603	AVX 06033C224KAT2A
2	2	C1-1, C1-2	CAP, 1500pF, 10%, 50V, GOG, 0603	MURATA,GRM1885C1H152JA01D
3	2	C2-1, C2-2	CAP, 100pF, 5%, 25V, NPO, 0603	AVX 06033A101JAT2A
4	2	C28, C29	CAP, 10µF, 20%, 6.3V, X5R, 0805	AVX 08056D106MAT2A
5	4	C3, C11, C34, C35	CAP, 2.2µF, 10%, 16V, X7R, 0603	MURATA GRM188R61C225KE15D
6	2	C3-1, C3-2	CAP, 3300pF, 10%, 50V X7R, 0603	AVX 06035C332KAT2A
7	1	C6	CAP, 1µF, 20%, 25V, X5R, 0603	AVX 06033D105MAT2A
8	1	CIN2	CAP, 180µF, 20%, 16V, OSCON	SANYO 16SVP180MX
9	4	CIN3, CIN4, CIN5, CIN6	CAP, 22µF, 20%, 16V, X5R, 1210	AVX 1210YD226MAT2A
10	6	COUT1-COUT3, COUT6-COUT8	CAP, 330µF, 20%, 2.5V POSCAP 7343	SANYO 2R5TPE330M9
11	4	COUT4, COUT5, COUT9, COUT10	CAP, 100µF, 20%, 6.3V, X5R, 1210	AVX 12106D107MAT2A
12	2	L1,L2	IND, 0.47µH, 20%	WURTH 744355147
13	2	R1, R45	RES, 18.2k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW060318K2FKEA
14	4	R11, R18, R39, R43	RES, 10Ω, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW060310R0FKEA
15	2	R17, R24	RES, 53.6k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW060353K6FKEA
16	2	R2, R25	RES, 2.2Ω, 1%, 1/16W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW06032R20FKEA
17	2	R20, R38	RES, 2.87k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW06032K87FKEA
18	1	R2-1	RES, 9.76k, 1%, 1/16W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW06039K76FKEA
19	1	R2-2	RES, 9.31k, 1%, 1/16W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW06039K31FKEA
20	3	R3, R16, R26	RES, 1Ω, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	YAGEO RC0603FR-071RL
21	2	R3-1, R3-2	RES, 280Ω, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW0603280RFKEA
22	1	R37	RES, 34k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW060334K0FKEA
23	2	R8, R44	RES, 100k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW0603100KFKEA
24	9	R9, R12, R13, R19, R21-R23, R32, R73	RES, 0Ω, JUMPER, 0603	VISHAY CRCW06030000Z0EA
25	11	RB-1, RB-2, RT-2, R1-1, R1-2, R4-R6, R29, R30, R46	RES, 10k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW060310K0FKEA
26	1	RT-1	RES, 15k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	YAGEO RC0603FR-0715KL
27	1	U1	I.C., LTC3861EUHE	LINEAR TECH. LTC3861EUHE#PBF
28	2	U2, U3	MOSFET, DrMOS, DC-DC, 3.3V, PWM	FAIRCHILD FDMF6820A
Additional Circuit Components				
1	1	C17	CAP, 0.22µF, 10%, 25V, X7R, 0603	AVX 06033C224KAT2A
2	1	C18	CAP, 1µF, 20%, 25V, X5R, 0603	AVX 06033D105MAT2A
3	1	C19	CAP, 22µF, 20%, 16V, X5R, 1210	AVX 1210YD226MAT2A
4	2	C2, C4, C5, C10, C12-C16, C20, C22-C25, C27, C30-C33	CAP, 0603	OPT
5	1	C21	CAP, 22pF, 10%, 25V, NPO, 0603	AVX 06033A220KAT2A
6	1	C26	CAP, 1µF, 20%, 25V, X5R, 0603	AVX 06033D105MAT2A
7	0	CIN1	CAP, SVP, F8	OPT
8	0	CIN7-CIN14, COUT11-COUT17	CAP, 1210	OPT
9	0	COUT15-COUT17, COUT22-COUT24	CAP, 7343	OPT
10	0	D1	DIODE, BAV170, SOT23	OPT

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ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
11	0	D2, D3	CMDSH-3	OPT
12	1	L3	IND, 33µH, −53DLC	TOKO A914BYW-330M=P3
13	0	L4	INDUCTOR, −53LDC	OPT
14	0	PB1	DC/DC Converters, D12S1R845A	OPT
15	2	Q1, Q2	MOSFET, 30V N-CHANNEL, DPAK	VISHAY SUD50N03-12P-E3
16	0	Q3, Q4, Q7, Q8	BSC050NE2LS	OPT
17	0	Q5, Q6, Q9, Q10	BSC010NE2LS	OPT
18	0	R10, R14, R15, R27, R28, R31, R33-R35, R41, R42, R47-R55, R62, R64-R67, R69, R71, R72, R74-R81	RES, 0603	OPT
19	2	R56, R58	RES, 10k, 1%, 1/10W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW060310K0FKEA
20	2	R57, R60	RES, 0.010Ω, 1%, 1W, 2010	IRC LRC-LRF2010LF-01-R010-F
21	1	R59	RES, 0Ω, JUMPER, 1206	VISHAY CRCW12060000Z0EA
22	1	R61	RES, 604k, 1%, 1/16W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW0603604KFKEA
23	1	R63	RES, 200k, 1%, 1/16W, 0603	VISHAY CRCW0603200KFKEA
24	1	U4	BUCK REGULATOR, LT3470ETS8	LINEAR TECHNOLOGY LT3470ETS8
25	0	U5	BUCK REGULATOR, LT3470ETS8	OPT
26	0	U8, U9	N-CHANNEL MOSFET DRIVER, LTC4449	OPT

Hardware

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
1	27	E1-E27	TESTPOINT, TURRET, 0.095"	MILL-MAX 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
2	6	J1-J6	STUD, TEST PIN	PEM KFH-032-10
3	12	J1-J6	NUT, BRASS PL #10-32	ANY #10-32M/S
4	6	J1-J6	RING, LUG #10	KEYSTONE 8205
5	6	J1-J6	WASHER, TIN, PLATED BRASS	ANY
6	2	J7, J10	CON, BNC, 5 PINS	CONNEX 112404
7	1	J8	HEADER, DOBL ROW, RT ANGLE, 2×4, 8 PIN	MILL-MAX 802-10-008-20-001000
8	1	J9	SOCKET, DBL ROW, RT ANGLE, 2×4, 8 PIN	MILL-MAX 803-43-008-20-001000
9	4	JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4	HEADER, 3 PIN, 0.079" SINGLE ROW	SAMTEC TMM-103-02-L-S
10	4	MTGS AT 4 CORNERS	STAND-OFF, NYLON 0.5"	KEYSTONE 8833 (SNAP-ON)
11	4	XJP1, XJP2, XJP3, XJP4	SHUNT, 0.079" CENTER	SAMTEC 2SN-BK-G

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

Figure 8. DC1822A Demo Circuit Schematic

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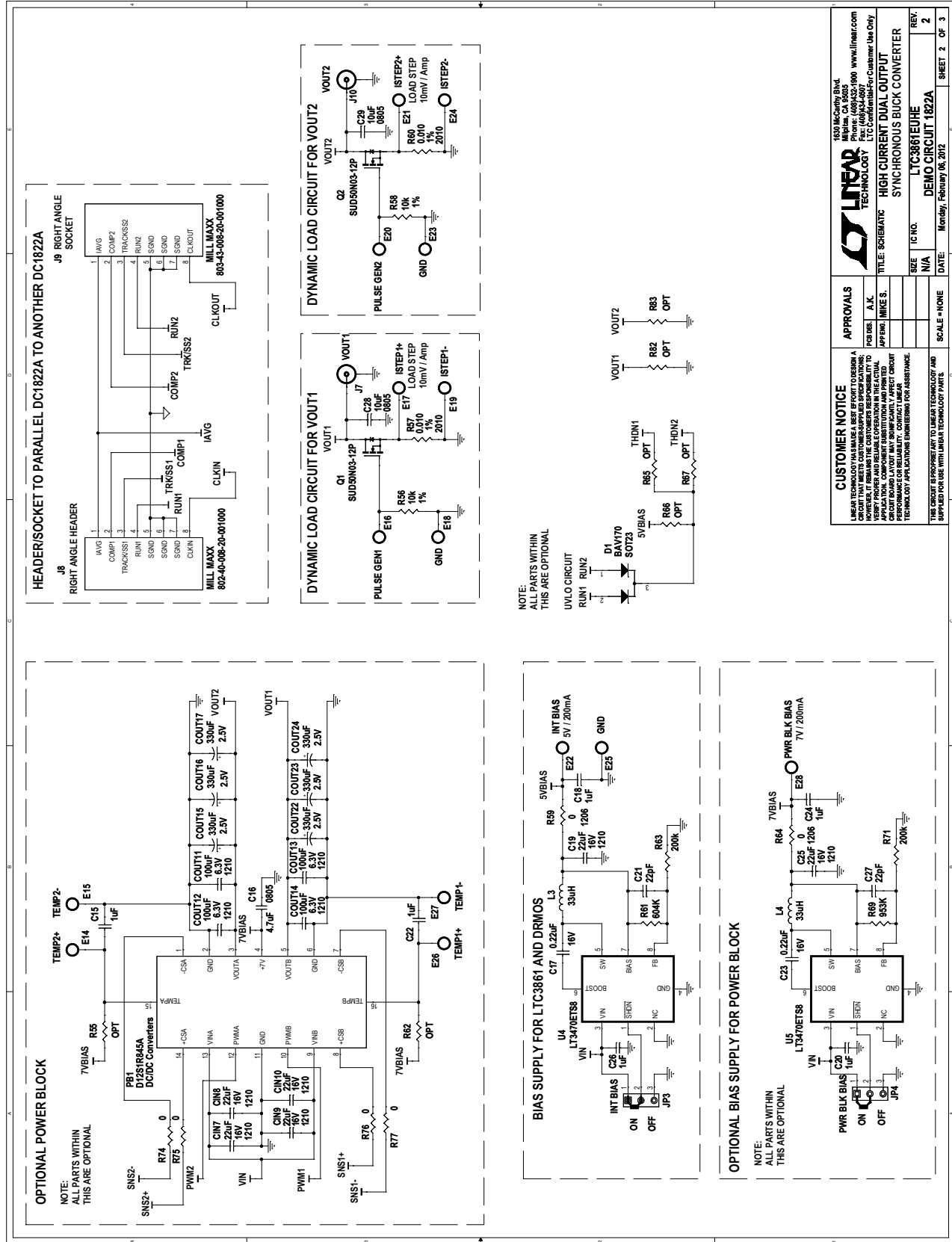
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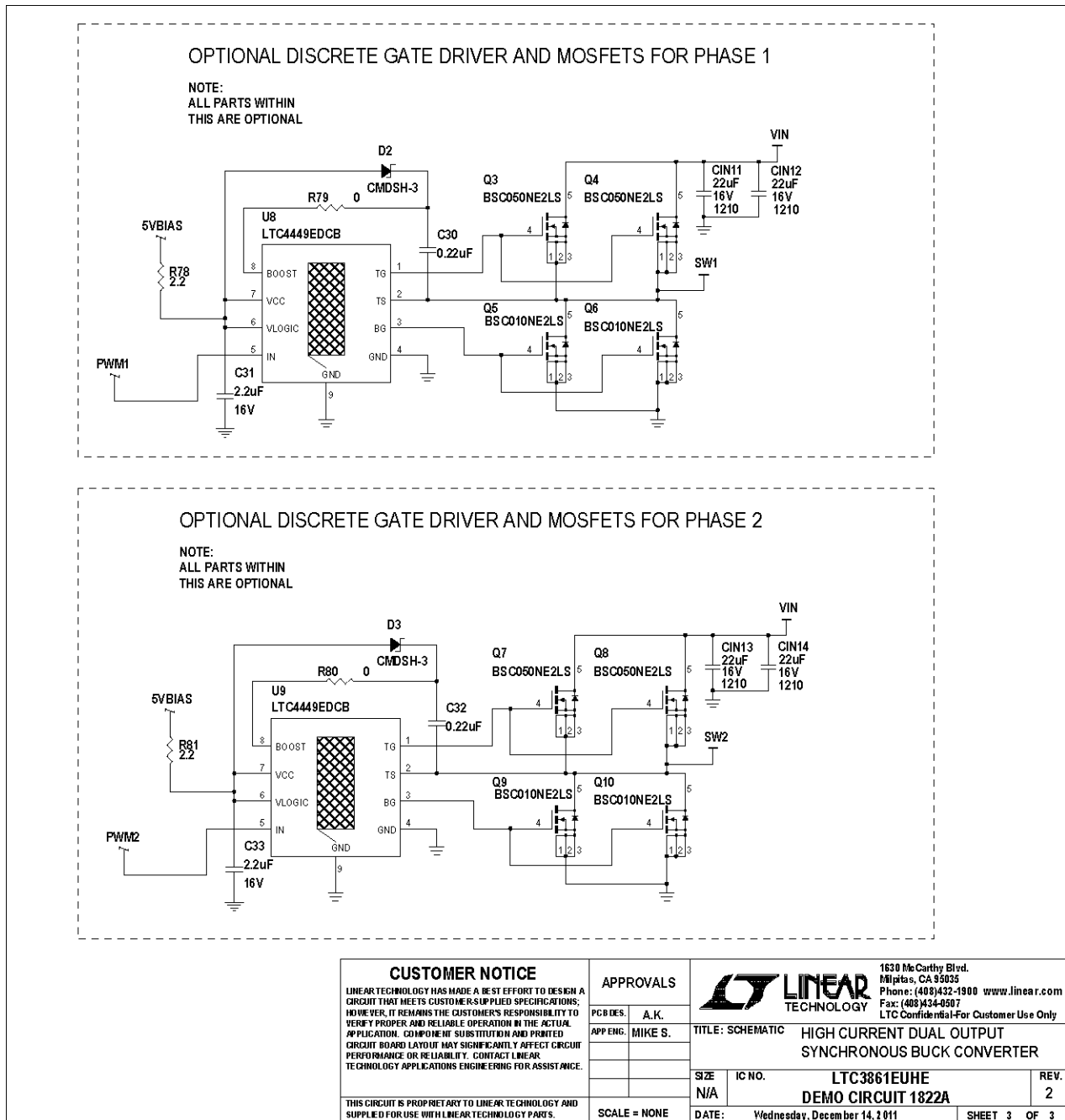
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