

Si8281/82/83/84 Data Sheet

SiC FET-Ready ISODrivers with Integrated DC-DC Converters

The Si828x family (Si8281/82/83/84) is comprised of isolated, high-current gate drivers with integrated system safety and feedback functions. These devices are ideal for driving Silicon Carbide (SiC) FETs, power MOSFETs, and IGBTs used in a wide variety of inverter and motor control applications. The Si828x isolated gate drivers utilize Silicon Labs' proprietary silicon isolation technology, supporting up to 5.0 kVrms withstand voltage per UL1577. This technology enables higher-performance, reduced variation with temperature and age, tighter part-topart matching, and superior common-mode rejection compared to other isolated gate driver technologies.

In addition to the gate driver, the Si828x family integrates a dc-dc controller for simple implementation of an isolated supply for the driver side. The Si828x dc-dc controller can be ordered in two different configurations depending on what system voltage rails are available and the amount of power needed. The Si8281 and Si8283 have integrated power switches but are limited in dc-dc voltage input to the device bias. The Si8282 and Si8284 utilize an external power switch and are able to accept much higher voltage input power. User-adjustable frequency for minimizing emissions, a soft-start function for safety, and shut-down capability are available options. The device requires only minimal passive components and a miniature transformer.

The input to the device is a complementary digital input that can be utilized in several configurations. The input side of the isolation also has several control and feedback digital signals. The controller to the device receives information about the driver side power state and fault state of the device and recovers the device from faults through an active-low reset pin.

On the output side, Si828x devices provide separate pull-up and pull-down pins for the gate. A dedicated DSAT pin detects a desaturation condition and immediately shuts down the driver in a controlled manner using soft shutdown. The Si828x devices also integrate a Miller clamp to assure a strong turn-off of the power switch.

Automotive Grade is available. These products are built using automotive-specific flows at all steps in the manufacturing process to ensure the robustness and low defectivity required for automotive applications.

Automotive Applications

• Traction inverters • On-board chargers • Inductive chargers • DC-DC converters

• Hybrid electric and electric vehicles

Industrial Applications

- SiC/IGBT/ MOSFET gate drives
- Industrial and renewable energy inverters
- AC, Brushless, and DC motor controls
- Variable-speed motor controllers
- Isolated switch mode power supplies

Safety Regulatory Approvals

- UL 1577 recognized: 5000 V_{RMS} for 1 minute
- CSA approval: IEC 62368-1 (reinforced insulation)
- VDE certification: IEC 60747-17 (basic, pending), 62368-1 (reinforced insulation)
- CQC certification approval: GB4943.1-2011 (reinforced insulation)

KEY FEATURES

- System Safety Features • DESAT detection
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- FAULT feedback
- Undervoltage Lock Out (UVLO) including 13 and 15 V for SiC FET
- Soft shutdown on fault condition
- Ultra-fast short circuit protection $<< 1 \mu s$
- Robust reference design for current boost, DESAT adjustment, soft shutdown tuning, and external Miller clamp transistor
- High-performance isolation technology
- High CMTI 125 kV/µs
- 30 V driver-side supply voltage
- Integrated Miller clamp
- Power ready pin
- Complementary driver control input
- Compact packages: 20 and 24-pin wide-body SOIC
- Integrated DC-DC converter
- Feedback-controlled converter with dithering for low EMI
- DC-DC converter efficiency of 83%
- Shutdown, frequency, and softstart controls
- Automotive-grade OPNs available • PPAP documentation support
	- IMDS and CAMDS listing support
	- AEC-Q100 Qualified
- Temp range: –40 to 125 °C

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Industrial and Automotive Grade OPNs

Industrial-grade devices (part numbers having an "-I" in their suffix) are built using well-controlled, high-quality manufacturing flows to ensure robustness and reliability. Qualifications are compliant with JEDEC, and defect reduction methodologies are used throughout definition, design, evaluation, qualification, and mass production steps.

Automotive-grade devices (part numbers having an "-A" in their suffix) are built using automotive-specific flows at all steps in the manufacturing process to ensure robustness and low defectivity. These devices are supported with AIAG-compliant Production Part Approval Process (PPAP) documentation, and feature International Material Data System (IMDS) and China Automotive Material Data System (CAMDS) listing. Qualifications are compliant with AEC-Q100, and a zero-defect methodology is maintained throughout definition, design, evaluation, qualification, and mass production steps.

Table 1.1. Si8281/82/83/84 Ordering Guide

Note:

1.Add an "R" at the end of the Part Number to denote Tape and Reel option.

2.All packages are RoHS-compliant with peak solder reflow temperatures of 260° C according to JEDEC industry-standard classifications.

3. A-grade OPNs are AEC-Q100 qualified.

4. "Si" and "SI" are used interchangeably.

5. Automotive-Grade devices (with an "–A" suffix) are identical in construction materials, topside marking, and electrical parameters to their Industrial-Grade (with a "–I" suffix) version counterparts. Automotive-Grade products are produced utilizing full automotive process flows and additional statistical process controls throughout the manufacturing flow. The Automotive-Grade part number is included on shipping labels.

6. In the top markings of each device, the Manufacturing Code represented by either "RTTTTT" or "TTTTTT" contains as its first character a letter in the range N through Z to indicate Automotive-Grade.

2. System Overview

2.1 Isolation Channel Description

The operation of an Si828x channel is analogous to that of an optocoupler and gate driver, except an RF carrier is modulated instead of light. This simple architecture provides a robust isolated data path and requires no special considerations or initialization at start-up. A simplified block diagram for a single Si828x channel is shown in the figure below.

Figure 2.1. Simplified Channel Diagram

A channel consists of an RF Transmitter and RF Receiver separated by a semiconductor-based isolation barrier. Referring to the Transmitter, input A modulates the carrier provided by an RF oscillator using on/off keying. The Receiver contains a demodulator that decodes the input state according to its RF energy content and applies the result to output B via the output driver. This RF on/off keying scheme is superior to pulse code schemes as it provides best-in-class noise immunity, low power consumption, and better immunity to magnetic fields.

2.2 Device Behavior

The following table shows state relationships for the Si828x inputs and outputs.

Note:

1. Driver state after soft shutdown.

2. This table is valid if RSTb is deactivated (high). For further information please refer to the **Reset (RSTb) Pin description.**

2.3 Main Features

Input

The IN+ and IN– inputs to the Si828x devices act as a complementary pair. If IN– is held low, then IN+ will act as an active-high input for driver control. Alternatively, if IN+ is held high, then IN– can be used as an active-low input for driver control. When IN– is used as the control signal, taking IN+ low will hold the output driver low.

Driver Side Output

The Si8281/82/83/84 have separate pins for gate drive high (VH) and gate drive low (VL). This makes it simple to use different gate resistors to control IGBT V_{CE} or SiC FET VDS rise and fall time.

Desaturation Detection

The Si828x provides sufficient voltage and current to drive and keep the SiC FET or IGBT in saturation during on time to minimize power dissipation and maintain high efficiency operation. However, abnormal load conditions can force the SiC FET or IGBT out of saturation and cause permanent damage to the switch.

To protect the SiC FET or IGBT during abnormal load conditions, the Si828x detects a switch desaturation condition, shuts down the driver upon detecting a fault, and provides a fault indication to the controller. These integrated features provide desaturation protection with minimum external BOM cost.

Soft Shutdown

To avoid excessive dV/dt on the SiC FET or IGBT during fault shut down, the Si828x implements a soft shut down feature to discharge the switch's gate slowly.

Fault (FLTb) Pin

FLTb is an open-drain type output. A pull-up resistor takes the pin high. When the desaturation condition is detected, the Si828x indicates the fault by bringing the FLTb pin low. FLTb stays low until the controller resets the desaturation fault by driving the RSTb pin low.

Note: This FLTb behavior is only valid when, prior to the desaturation condition being detected, there were no undervoltage lockout (UVLO) conditions.

Reset (RSTb) Pin

The RSTb pin is active low and is used to clear the desaturation condition and bring the Si828x driver back to an operational state. Even though IN+ and IN- may be toggling, the driver output will not change state until the fault condition has been reset. Both RSTb and FLTb should be high before resuming operation.

Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

The UVLO circuit unconditionally drives VL low when VDDB is below the lockout threshold. The Si828x is maintained in UVLO until VDDB rises above VDDB $_{UV+}$. During power down, the Si828x enters UVLO when VDDB falls below the UVLO threshold minus hysteresis (i.e., VDDB < VDDB $_{UV+}$ – VDDB $_{HYS}$).

Note: UVLO voltage is evaluated between VDDB and VMID. The VSSB pin should be shorted to VMID if a negative gate bias is not utilized.

Ready (RDY) Pin

The ready pin indicates to the controller that power is available on both sides of the isolation, i.e., at VDDA and VDDB. RDY goes high when both the primary side and secondary side UVLO circuits are disengaged. If the UVLO conditions are detected on either side of the isolation barrier, the ready pin will return low. RDY is a push-pull output pin and can be floated if not used. The recommendation is to put a 10kΩ pulldown to ground on this pin to help prevent a false "Ready" indication when power supplies are below operating conditions (UVLO active).

Miller Clamp

SiC FET or IGBT power circuits are commonly connected in a half bridge configuration with the collector of the bottom IGBT tied to the emitter of the top IGBT, or, in the case of SiC FETs, to the drain and source, respectively.

As an example using IGBTs, when the upper switch turns on (while the bottom switch is in the off state), the voltage on the collector of the bottom switch flies up several hundred volts quickly (fast dV/dt). This fast dV/dt induces a current across the IGBT collector-to-gate capacitance (C_{CG}) that constitutes a positive gate voltage spike and can turn on the bottom IGBT. This behavior is called Miller parasitic turn on and can be destructive to the switch since it causes shoot-through current from the positive power rail across the two switches to ground. The Si828x Miller clamp's purpose is to clamp the gate of the switch device being driven by the Si828x to prevent switch turn on due to the collector C_{CG} coupling. SiC FET half bridge behavior is similar and the Miller clamp's purpose similar, with the effect due to the SiC FET's drain-to-gate capacitance (C_{DG}) .

DC-DC Converter

The Si828x's isolated dc-dc converter uses an external transformer and low leakage/low forward voltage Schottky rectifying diodes for low cost and high operating efficiency. The PWM controller operates in closed-loop, current mode control and generates isolated output voltages. Voltage feedback is referenced between VDDB and VSSB. Although there is only one voltage feedback path, two output voltages are realized by the tight coupling of the two secondary transformer windings. Options are available for flexible input voltages and fixed or externally configured switching frequency.

3. Applications Information

The following sections detail the input and output circuits necessary for proper operation. Refer to Figure 3.1 Example Si8281/83 Application Circuit on page 8 and [Figure 3.2 Example Si8282/84 Application Circuit on page 9](#page-8-0) for recommended circuit diagrams. Diagrams display IGBTs for the application examples, but the application circuits are similar for SiC FETs.

Please note the general guidance in this table for selecting an Si828x product with integrated dc-dc converter.

3.1 Recommended Application Circuits

Figure 3.1. Example Si8281/83 Application Circuit

Figure 3.2. Example Si8282/84 Application Circuit

3.1.1 Power Supply Considerations

On VDDB and VSSB, each supply should have 0.1 μF and 10 μF parallel bypass capacitors. As shown in [Figure 3.1 Example](#page-7-0) [Si8281/83 Application Circuit on page 8](#page-7-0) and Figure 3.2 Example Si8282/84 Application Circuit on page 9, an extra transformer winding can be implemented between VSSB and VMID to provide a negative bias to the gate drive output, if desired. Negative gate biases may help reduce switching losses. The VSSB pin should be shorted to VMID if a negative gate bias is not utilized.

3.1.2 Inputs

The Si828x has both inverting and non-inverting gate control inputs (IN– and IN+). In some topologies, one of the inputs is not used and should be connected to GNDA (IN–) or VDDA (IN+) for proper logic termination. Tying IN+ to VDDA allows active-low control of output with the IN- pin.

Inputs should be driven by CMOS level drivers. It is recommended that the MCU or input driver be located as close to the Si828x as possible to minimize PCB trace parasitics and noise coupling to the input circuit. In noisy environments, it is recommended to add a small series resistor and an approximately 56pF decoupling cap to the IN traces to attenuate glitches from electrical noise and improve input-to-output signal integrity. The resistor and capacitor values should be large enough to minimize noise but not so large that it affects PWM signals significantly.

The implementation of a differential interface circuit between the MCU and driver's input can greatly improve the noise immunity performance and prevent faulty turn on during high current switching operation.

Figure 3.3. Si828x Complementary Input Diagram

3.1.3 Reset, RDY, and Fault

The Si828x family has an active high ready (RDY) push-pull output and needs a 10 kΩ pulldown resistor to prevent false ready indications during power up. The open drain fault (FLTb) output needs a pullup resistor (1 kΩ recommended) to prevent false fault indication in noisy environments; furthermore, the active low reset input (RSTb) needs a 10 kΩ pullup to help avoid false resets, particularly at startup. Fast common-mode transients in high-power circuits can inject noise and glitches into these pins due to parasitic coupling. Depending on the SiC FET or IGBT power circuit layout, additional capacitance (100 pF to 470 pF) can be included on these pins to prevent false RDY and FLTb indications as well as to prevent unintended RSTb reset of the device.

The FLTb outputs from multiple Si828x devices can be connected in an OR wiring configuration to provide a single FLTb signal to the MCU. The Si828x gate driver will shut down when a fault is detected. It then provides FLTb indication to the MCU and remains in the shutdown state until the MCU applies a reset signal to RSTb.

3.1.4 Desaturation

The Si828x provides sufficient voltage and current to drive and keep the IGBT or SiC FET in a low impedance state during the on time to minimize power dissipation and maintain high efficiency operation. However, abnormal load conditions may create excessively large load currents which may cause permanent damage. The Si828x detects this condition and safely turns off the IGBT or SiC FET.

The figure below illustrates the Si828x desaturation circuit. When the Si828x driver output is high, the internal current source is on, and this current flows from the DSAT pin to charge the CBL capacitor. The voltage on the DSAT pin is monitored by an internal comparator. Since the DSAT pin is connected to the SiC FET drain or IGBT collector through the DDSAT and a small RDSAT, its voltage is almost the same as the VCE of the IGBT or VDS of the SiC FET. If this VCE or VDS voltage does not drop below the Si828x desaturation threshold voltage within a certain time after turning on the SiC FET or IGBT (blanking period), the block will generate a fault signal. The Si828x desaturation hysteresis is fixed at 220 mV and threshold is nominally 7 V.

Figure 3.4. Desaturation Circuit

As an additional feature, the Si828x supports a blanking timer function to mask the turn-on transient of the external switching device and avoid unexpected fault signal generation. This function requires an external blanking capacitor, C_{BL}, between the DSAT and VMID pins. The Si828x includes current source (I_{Cha}) to charge the C_{BL}. This current source, the value of the external C_{BL}, and the programmed fault threshold, determine the blanking time (t_{Blanking}) .

$$
t_{\text{Blanking}} = C_{BL} \times \frac{V_{DESAT}}{I_{chg}}
$$

An internal NMOS switch is implemented between DSAT and VMID to discharge the external blanking capacitor, C_{BL} , and reset the blanking timer. The current limiting R_{DSAT} resistor protects the DSAT pin from large current flow toward the IGBT collector during the IGBT's body diode freewheeling period (with possible large collector's negative voltage, relative to IGBT's emitter).

The desaturation sensing circuit consists of the blanking capacitor (typically 390 pF for IGBTs and 220pF-270pF for SiC FETs), 100 Ω current limiting resistor, and DSAT diode. These components provide current and voltage protection for the Si828x desaturation (DSAT) pin. It is critical to place the resistor and diode as close to the switch as possible and the capacitor as close to the DSAT pin as possible. On the layout, ensure that the loop formed between these components and the switch is minimized for optimal desaturation detection.

High-frequency oscillation can occur at the driver's output when the following conditions are met: (1) input signals set driver's output to high state, (2) the voltage across the switching device is constantly high above VDESAT, (3) the RSTb is held low. The oscillation is due to the continuous and simultaneous DESAT detection and reset cycles. The oscillation frequency in this DESAT/Reset cycle is in the MHz range and can heat up and damage the Si828x.

To avoid this condition, it is recommended to implement the following DESAT fault reset sequence:

- 1. Fault detected (FLTb goes low).
- 2. Set inputs to achieve low output state.
- 3. Bring RSTb low (minimum 350 ns) to clear the DESAT fault. Refer to [Figure 4.7 Device Reaction to Desaturation Event on page](#page-24-0) [25](#page-24-0).
- 4. Verify fault cleared (FLTb high).
- 5. Run diagnostic to identify system fault condition 6. Resume operation when it is safe.

3.1.4.1 Soft Shutdown

When soft shutdown is activated, the high-power driver goes inactive, and a weak pull-down via VH and external RH discharges the gate until the gate voltage level is reduced to the VSSB + 2 V level. The high-power driver is then turned on to clamp the SiC FET or IGBT gate voltage to VSSB.

After the soft shut down, the Si828x driver output voltage is clamped low to keep the SiC FET or IGBT in the off state.

3.1.5 Driver Outputs

The Si828x has VH and VL gate drive outputs. They work with external RH and RL resistors to limit output gate current. The value of these resistors can be adjusted to independently control SiC FET drain or IGBT collector voltage rise and fall time.

The CLMP output should be connected to the gate of the SiC FET or IGBT directly to provide clamping action between the gate and VSSB pin. This clamping action dissipates the switch's Miller effect current to secure the switch in the off-state. Negative VSSB provides further help to ensure the gate voltage stays below the switch's Vth during the off state.

3.1.6 Miller Clamp

Figure 3.5. Miller Clamp Device (IGBT Example Shown)

The Miller clamp device is engaged after the main driver has been on (VL) and pulled the SiC FET or IGBT gate voltage close to VSSB, such that one can consider the switch being already off. This timing prevents the Miller clamp from interfering with the driver's operation. The engaging of the Miller Clamp is done by comparing the switch gate voltage with a 2.0 V reference (relative to VSSB) before turning on the Miller clamp NMOS.

3.1.7 Additional Adjustments for the Si828x

Additional adjustments of the desaturation detection, soft shutdown, gate current drive, and Miller clamp are possible using external components. Please refer to [AN1288: Si828x External Enhancement Circuits](https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an1288-si828x-ext-enhan-circs.pdf) for further information.

3.2 DC-DC Converter Application Information

The dc-dc controller modulates a pair of internal, primary-side power switches (see [Figure 3.6 Si8281/83 Block Diagram: 3 to 5 V Input](#page-14-0) [to Split Voltage Output on page 15](#page-14-0)) to generate an isolated voltage at external diodes D1 and D2. Divider resistors, R1 and R2, generate proper 1.05 V for the VSNS pin. Closed-loop feedback is provided by an internal compensated error amplifier, which compares the voltage at the VSNS pin to an internal voltage reference. The resulting error voltage is fed back across the isolation barrier via an internal feedback path to the controller, thus completing the control loop.

For input supply voltages higher than 5 V, an external FET Q2 is modulated by a driver pin ESW as shown in [Figure 3.7 Si8282/84](#page-15-0) [Block Diagram: >5.5 V Input to Split Voltage Output on page 16.](#page-15-0) A shunt resistor-based voltage sense pin, RSN, provides current sensing capability to the controller.

The input side Vin power supply must be able to support the Si828x VDDB-VSSB static load current (approximately 9 mA), the output drive load requirement, and the dc-dc power dissipation (loss). The driver power requirement is dependent on the IGBT gate charge and the driver switching frequency. Below are the equations to calculate the Vin power requirement.

$$
Pvin = \frac{(9 \times 10^{-3} \times (VDDB + VSSB) + Qg \times Fsw)}{\eta}
$$

where:

Qg = IGBT total gate charge

Fsw = driver switching frequency

 η = dc-dc efficiency (approximately 78%)

Additional part number features include an externally-triggered shutdown of the converter functionality using the SH pin and a programmable soft start configured by a capacitor connected to the SS pin. The resistor value on pin SH/FC and the capacitor value on pin SS are used during power-up to set the dc-dc switching frequency. Note that pin SH/FC and SS pins are available on the Si8283 and Si8284 only. The Si828x can be used with a low-voltage power rail or a high-voltage power rail. These features and configurations are explained in more detail in other sections.

Additional detail on dc-dc applications including key component selection is available in the following application notes:

- [AN901: Design Guide for Isolated DC/DC Using the Si884xx, Si886xx, or Si8282/84](https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an901-Si884xx-Si886xx-design-guide.pdf)
- [AN973: Design Guide for Si8281/83 Isolated DC-DC with Internal Switch](https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an973-si8281-83-isolated-dcdc-design-guide.pdf)

3.2.1 External Transformer Driver

The dc-dc controller has internal switches (VSW) for driving the transformer with up to a 5.5 V, 2 W power supply. For higher voltages on the primary side, higher power, or higher efficiency, a driver output (ESW) is provided on the Si8282 and Si8284 that can switch an external NMOS power transistor for driving the transformer. When this configuration is used, a shunt resistor based voltage sense pin (RSN) provides current sensing to the controller.

3.2.2 Output Voltage Control

The isolated output voltage, VOUT (VDDB–VSSB), is sensed by a resistor divider that provides feedback to the controller through the VSNS pin. The voltage error is encoded and transmitted back to the primary side controller across the isolation barrier, which in turn changes the duty cycle of the transformer driver. The equation for VOUT is as follows:

$$
VOUT = VSNS \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right)
$$

The VDDB-VSSB voltage split depends on the ratio of the two secondary windings and can be calculated as follows:

$$
VDDB - VMID = VOUT \times \left(\frac{S1}{S1 \times S2}\right)
$$

$$
VSSB - VMID = VOUT \times \left(\frac{S2}{S1 + S2}\right)
$$

3.2.3 Compensation

The dc-dc converter operates in current mode control. The loop is compensated by connecting an external resistor in series with a capacitor from the COMP pin to VSSB. The compensation network, RCOMP, and CCOMP are set to 200 kΩ and 1 nF for most Si828x applications.

3.2.4 Thermal Protection

A thermal shutdown circuit is implemented to protect the system from over-temperature events.

3.2.5 Cycle Skipping (Si8282 and Si8284 Only)

Cycle skipping is included to reduce switching power losses at light loads. This feature is transparent to the user and is activated automatically at light loads.

3.2.6 Shutdown (Si8283 and Si8284 Only)

This feature allows shut down of the dc-dc converter by asserting SH/FC high. This pin normally has a resistor to ground. The resistor value and the value of the capacitor on the SS pin determine the dc-dc switching frequency. You may connect an MCU GPIO pin to the SH/FC pin to control the shutdown function. This pin should be in a high-impedance state during startup to avoid interfering with the internal frequency calculation circuit. During normal operation, this pin should be held in a high-impedance state, and only taken high to assert dc-dc shutdown.

3.2.7 Soft Start (Si8283 and Si8284 Only)

The dc-dc controller has an internal timer that controls the power conversion start-up to limit inrush current. There is also a Soft Start option where users can program the soft start up by an external capacitor connected to the SS pin.

The soft start period is the maximum duration of time that the Si8283/84 will try to ramp up the output voltage. If the output voltage fails to reach the targeted voltage level within this soft start period, the Si8283/84 will terminate the dc-dc startup cycle and wait for about 90 milliseconds before initiating a new (startup) cycle.

The equations for setting the soft start period are as follows:

$$
t_{SS} = 200000 \times C_{SS}
$$

or

$$
C_{SS} = \frac{t_{SS}}{200000}
$$

3.2.8 Programmable Frequency (Si8283 and Si8284 Only)

The frequency of the PWM modulator is set to a default of 250 kHz for Si828x. Users can program their desired frequency within a given band of 200 kHz to 800 kHz by controlling the time constant of an external RC connected to the SH_FC and SS pins.

The equations for setting f_{SW} or R_{SW} are as follows:

$$
f_{SW} = \frac{1025.5}{(R_{SW} \times C_{SS})}
$$

or

$$
R_{SW} = \frac{1025.5}{(f_{SW} \times C_{SS})}
$$

The following are the recommended steps for calculating C_{SS} and R_{SW} :

- 1. Select the maximum soft start duration (typically 40 ms).
- 2. Calculate Css using Equation A.
- 3. Select the dc-dc switching frequency.
- 4. Calculate R_{SW} using the above equation.

3.2.9 Si8281/83 Converter (Internal Switch) Configuration

The low supply voltage configuration is used when 3.0 V to 5.5 V supply rails are available. All product options of the Si8281 and Si8283 are intended for this configuration. The output voltage is rated for +15 V / –9 V.

An advantage of Si828x devices over other converters that use this same topology is that the output voltage is sensed on the secondary side without requiring additional optocouplers and support circuitry to bias those optocouplers. This allows the dc-dc to operate with superior line and load regulation while reducing external components and increasing lifetime reliability.

In a typical isolated gate driver application, the dc-dc powers the Si8281 and Si8283 VDDB and VSSB as shown in the figure below. The Si8281 and Si8283 dc-dc circuit in the figure below can deliver up to 2 W of output power for V_{in} = 5 V and 1 W for V_{in} = 3.3 V. The dc-dc requires an input capacitor, C_2 , blocking capacitor, C_1 , transformer, T_1 , rectifying diodes, D_1 and D_2 , and output capacitors, C_{26} , and C₂₇. Resistors R₁ and R₂ divide the output voltage to match the internal reference of the error amplifier. The ratio of the two secondary windings, S1 and S2, splits the output voltage into two portions. The positive VDDB and the negative VSSB with common reference to VMID (IGBT emitter or SiC source).

$$
VDB = VOUT \times \left(\frac{S1}{S1 + S2}\right)
$$

$$
VSSB = -VOUT \times \left(\frac{S2}{S1 + S2}\right)
$$

Type 1 loop compensation made by RCOMP and CCOMP are required at the COMP pin. The combination of RCOMP = 200 kΩ and CCOMP = 1 nF satisfies most Si8281 and Si8283 dc-dc applications. Though it is not necessary for normal operation, we recommend that an RC snubber (refer to [AN973: Design Guide for Si8281/83Isolated DC-DC with Internal Switch](https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an973-si8281-83-isolated-dcdc-design-guide.pdf) for details) be placed in parallel with the secondary winding to minimize radiated emissions.

Figure 3.6. Si8281/83 Block Diagram: 3 to 5 V Input to Split Voltage Output

3.2.10 Si8282/84 Converter (External Switch) Configuration

The high supply voltage configuration is used when a higher voltage power supply rail (up to 24 V) is available. All product options of the Si8282 and Si8284 are intended for this configuration. The dc-dc converter uses the isolated flyback topology. With this topology, the switch and sense resistor are external, allowing higher switching voltages.

An advantage of Si828x devices over other converters that use this same topology is that the output voltage is sensed on the secondary side without requiring additional optocouplers and support circuitry to bias those optocouplers. This allows the dc-dc to operate with superior line and load regulation while reducing external components and increasing lifetime reliability.

The figure below shows the block diagram of an Si828x with external components. The Si8284 product option has externally controlled switching frequency and soft start. The dc-dc requires input capacitor C_{28} , transformer T_1 , switch Q_4 , sense resistor R_{sense}, rectifying diodes D₁ and D₂, and output capacitors C₂₆ and C₂₇. To supply VDDA, Q₃ transistor is biased by R₂₃, 5.6 V Zener diode D₅ and filtered by C₃₀ and C₁₁. External frequency and soft start behavior is set by CSS and RFSW. Resistors R₁ and R₂ divide the output voltage to match the internal reference of the error amplifier. The ratio of the two secondary windings splits the output voltage into two portions. The positive VDDB and the negative VSSB with common reference to VMID (IGBT Emitter).

$$
VDDB = VOUT \times \left(\frac{S1}{S1 + S2}\right)
$$

$$
VSSB = -VOUT \times \left(\frac{S2}{S1 + S2}\right)
$$

Type 1 loop compensation made by RCOMP and CCOMP are required at the COMP pin. The combination of RCOMP = 49.9 kΩ and CCOMP = 1.5 nF satisfies most Si8282 and Si8284 dc-dc applications. Though it is not necessary for normal operation, we recommend to use RC snubbers (refer to [AN901: Design Guide for Isolated DC/DC Using the Si884xx, Si886xx, or Si8282/84](https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an901-Si884xx-Si886xx-design-guide.pdf) for details) on both primary and secondary windings to minimize high-frequency emissions.

Figure 3.7. Si8282/84 Block Diagram: >5.5 V Input to Split Voltage Output

3.2.11 Transformer Design

The internal switch dc-dc (Si8281, Si8283) and external switch dc-dc (Si8282, Si8284) operate in different topologies and, thus, require different transformer designs. The table below provides a list of transformers and their parametric characteristics that have been validated to work with Si828x products. It is recommended that users order the transformers from the vendors per the part numbers given below.

To manufacture transformers from your preferred suppliers that may not be listed below, please specify to supplier the parametric characteristics as specified in the table below for a given input voltage and isolation rating.

Table 3.1. Si828x Recommended Transformers

Note:

1.AEC-Q200 qualified.

2. For reference design details, see [AN973: Design Guide for Si8281/83 Isolated DC-DC with Internal Switch](http://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an973-si8281-83-isolated-dcdc-design-guide.pdf)

3. .For reference design details, see [AN901: Design Guide for Isolated DC/DCUsing the Si884xx, Si886xx, or Si8282/84](https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/application-notes/an901-Si884xx-Si886xx-design-guide.pdf)

3.3 Layout Considerations

It is most important to minimize ringing in the drive path and noise on the supply lines. Care must be taken to minimize parasitic inductance in these paths by locating the Si828x as close as possible to the device it is driving. In addition, the supply and ground trace paths must be kept short. For this reason, the use of power and ground planes is highly recommended. A split ground plane system having separate ground and power planes for power devices and small signal components provides the best overall noise performance.

4. Electrical Specifications

Table 4.1. Electrical Specifications

 V_{IN} = 24 V; V_{DDA} = 4.3 V (See Figure 3) for all Si8282/84; V_{DDA} = V_{DDP} = 3.0 to 5.0 V (See Figure 2) for all Si8281/83; Driver supply voltage = VDDB-VSSB; T_A = -40 to +125 °C unless otherwise noted.

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2. Guaranteed by characterization.

Figure 4.2. Si8282, Si8284 Measurement Circuit for Converter Efficiency and Regulation

Figure 4.3. Common-Mode Transient Immunity Characterization Circuit

Note:

1. Permanent device damage may occur if the absolute maximum ratings are exceeded. Functional operation should be restricted to the conditions as specified in the operational sections of this data sheet. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

4.1 Timing Diagrams

Figure 4.7. Device Reaction to Desaturation Event

4.2 Typical Operating Characteristics

4.3 Regulatory Information

Table 4.3. Regulatory Information (Pending)1, 2

CSA

The Si828x is certified under CSA. For more details, see Master Contract Number 232873.

62368-1: Up to 600 V_{RMS} reinforced insulation working voltage; up to 1000 V_{RMS} basic insulation working voltage.

VDE

The Si828x is certified according to IEC60747-17. For more details, see File 5006301-4880-0001.

IEC60747-17: Up to 1414 V_{PEAK} for basic insulation working voltage.

62368-1: Up to 600 V_{RMS} reinforced insulation working voltage; up to 1000 V_{RMS} basic insulation working voltage.

UL

The Si828x is certified under UL1577 component recognition program. For more details, see File E257455.

Rated up to 5000 V_{RMS} isolation voltage (V_{ISO}) for basic protection.

CQC

The Si828x is certified under GB4943.1-2011.

Rated up to 600 V_{RMS} reinforced insulation working voltage; up to 1000 V_{RMS} basic insulation working voltage.

Note:

1. Regulatory Certifications apply to 3.75 and 5.0 kV_{RMS} rated devices, which are production tested to 4.5 and 6.0 kV_{RMS} for 1 sec, respectively.

2. For more information, see Section [1. Si8281/82/83/84 Ordering Guide.](#page-2-0)

Table 4.4. Insulation and Safety-Related Specifications

Note:

1. The values in this table correspond to the nominal creepage and clearance values as detailed in [6.1 Package Outline: 20-Pin](#page-36-0) [Wide Body SOIC](#page-36-0) and [6.3 Package Outline: 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC.](#page-39-0) VDE certifies the clearance and creepage limits as 8.5 mm minimum for the WB SOIC. UL does not impose a clearance and creepage minimum for component level certifications. CSA certifies the clearance and creepage limits as 7.6 mm minimum for the WB SOIC package.

2. To determine resistance and capacitance, the Si828x is converted into a 2-terminal device. All pins on input side are shorted together to form the first terminal, and similarly, all pins on the output side are shorted together to form the second terminal. The parameters are then measured between these two terminals.

Table 4.5. IEC 60664-1 Ratings

Table 4.6. IEC60747-17 Insulation Characteristics¹

Note:

1. Maintenance of the safety data is ensured by protective circuits. The Si828x provides a climate classification of 40/125/21.

Table 4.7. IEC60747-17 Safety Limiting Values1, 2

1. Maximum value allowed in the event of a failure.

2.See [Figure 4.8 WB SOIC-20/24 Thermal Derating Curve on page 32](#page-31-0) for Thermal Derating Curve.

Figure 4.8. WB SOIC-20/24 Thermal Derating Curve

5. Pin Descriptions

Table 5.1. Si8281/82 Pin Descriptions

1. No Connect. These pins may be internally connected. For optimal performance and safety, these pins must be connected to their respective grounds: GNDA for input side and VSSB for output side.

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6. Packaging

6.1 Package Outline: 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC

The figure below illustrates the package details for the Si8281/82 in a 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC. The table lists the values for the dimensions shown in the illustration.

Figure 6.1. 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC

Note:

1.All dimensions shown are in millimeters (mm) unless otherwise noted.

2. Dimensioning and Tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M-1994.

3. This drawing conforms to JEDEC Outline MS-013, Variation AC.

4. Recommended reflow profile per JEDEC J-STD-020C specification for small body, lead-free components.

6.2 Land Pattern: 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC

The figure below illustrates the recommended land pattern details for the Si8281/2 in a 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC. The table lists the values for the dimensions shown in the illustration.

Figure 6.2. PCB Land Pattern: 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC

Table 6.1. 20-Pin Wide Body SOIC Land Pattern Dimensions1, 2

Note:

1. This Land Pattern Design is based on IPC-7351 design guidelines for Density Level B (Median Land Protrusion).

2.All feature sizes shown are at Maximum Material Condition (MMC), and a card fabrication tolerance of 0.05 mm is assumed.

6.3 Package Outline: 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC

The figure below illustrates the package details for the Si8283/4 in a 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC. The table lists the values for the dimensions shown in the illustration.

Figure 6.3. 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC

Note:

1.All dimensions shown are in millimeters (mm) unless otherwise noted.

2. Dimensioning and Tolerancing per ANSI Y14.5M-1994.

3. This drawing conforms to JEDEC Outline MS-013, Variation AD.

4. Recommended reflow profile per JEDEC J-STD-020 specification for small body, lead-free components.

6.4 Land Pattern: 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC

The figure below illustrates the recommended land pattern details for the Si8283/4 in a 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC. The table lists the values for the dimensions shown in the illustration.

Figure 6.4. PCB Land Pattern: 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC

Table 6.2. 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC Land Pattern Dimensions1, 2

Note:

1. This Land Pattern Design is based on IPC-7351 design guidelines for Density Level B (Median Land Protrusion).

2.All feature sizes shown are at Maximum Material Condition (MMC), and a card fabrication tolerance of 0.05 mm is assumed.

6.5 Top Marking: 20-Pin and 24-Pin Wide Body SOIC

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7. Revision History

Revision 2.1

July, 2021

• Corrected DCDC Test Conditions (for line regulation, load regulation), added "RSN Overload Threshold" spec, changed "restart delay from fault event" to 83ms, fixed cosmetic issues--all in [Table 4.1 Electrical Specifications on page 18](#page-17-0).

Revision 2.0

April, 2021

- Restructured and updated Product Overview and Applications Information sections
- Updated numerous Electrical specifications in [Table 4.1 Electrical Specifications on page 18](#page-17-0) and [Table 4.2 Absolute Maximum Rat-](#page-23-0)ings^{[1](#page-23-0)} [on page 24](#page-23-0)
- Clarified timing diagrams in Section [4.1 Timing Diagrams](#page-24-0)
- Updated Regulatory Information in [Table 4.3 Regulatory Information \(Pending\)](#page-29-0)^{[1](#page-29-0), [2](#page-29-0)} on page 30
- Updated [Table 3.1 Si828x Recommended Transformers on page 17](#page-16-0)
- Updated [Table 4.7 IEC60747-17 Safety Limiting Values](#page-30-0)^{[1](#page-30-0), [2](#page-30-0)} on page 31, [Table 4.8 Thermal Characteristics on page 32,](#page-31-0) and [Figure](#page-31-0) [4.8 WB SOIC-20/24 Thermal Derating Curve on page 32](#page-31-0)

Revision 1.1

August, 2018

• Corrected typo for minimum VDDA and VDDB in [Table 4.1 Electrical Specifications on page 18](#page-17-0) to match the max UVLO values stated in the same table.

Revision 1.0

March, 2018

- Updated Safety Regulatory Approvals section on page 1, and Tables 4.3, 4.4, and 4.6 to conform with isolation component standard terminology.
- Removed references to IEC 60747-5-5 throughout the document and replaced with VDE 0884.
- Updated Table 2.2, Recommended Transformers.
- Updated Thermal Derating Curve, Figure 4.6.

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