



DRV8830 Low-Voltage Motor Driver With Serial Interface

1 Features

- H-Bridge Voltage-Controlled Motor Driver
 - Drives DC Motor, One Winding of a Stepper Motor, or Other Actuators/Loads
 - Efficient PWM Voltage Control for Constant Motor Speed With Varying Supply Voltages
 - Low MOSFET On-Resistance:
HS + LS 450 mΩ
- **1-A Maximum DC/RMS or Peak Drive Current**
- 2.75-V to 6.8-V Operating Supply Voltage Range
- 300-nA (Typical) Sleep Mode Current
- Serial I²C-Compatible Interface
- Multiple Address Selections Allow Up to 9 Devices on One I²C Bus
- Current Limit Circuit and Fault Output
- Thermally-Enhanced Surface Mount Packages

2 Applications

- Battery-Powered:
 - Printers
 - Toys
 - Robotics
 - Cameras
 - Phones
- Small Actuators, Pumps, and so forth

3 Description

The DRV8830 device provides an integrated motor driver solution for battery-powered toys, printers, and other low-voltage or battery-powered motion control applications. The device has one H-bridge driver, and can drive one DC motor or one winding of a stepper motor, as well as other loads like solenoids. The output driver block consists of N-channel and P-channel power MOSFETs configured as an H-bridge to drive the motor winding.

Provided with sufficient PCB heatsinking, the DRV8830 can supply up to 1-A of DC/RMS or peak output current. It operates on power supply voltages from 2.75 V to 6.8 V.

To maintain constant motor speed over varying battery voltages while maintaining long battery life, a PWM voltage regulation method is provided. The output voltage is programmed through an I²C-compatible interface, using an internal voltage reference and DAC.

Internal protection functions are provided for over current protection, short-circuit protection, undervoltage lockout, and overtemperature protection.

The DRV8830 is available in a tiny 3-mm × 3-mm 10-pin VSON package and HVSSOP package with PowerPAD™ (Eco-friendly: RoHS & no Sb/Br).

Device Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
DRV8830	HVSSOP (10)	3.00 mm × 3.00 mm
	VSON (10)	

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

Simplified Schematic

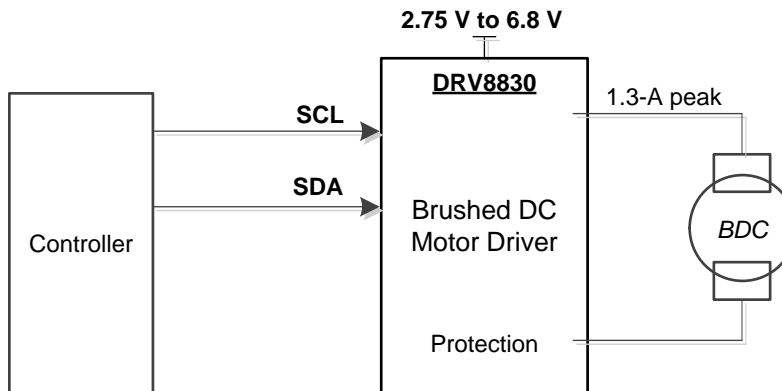


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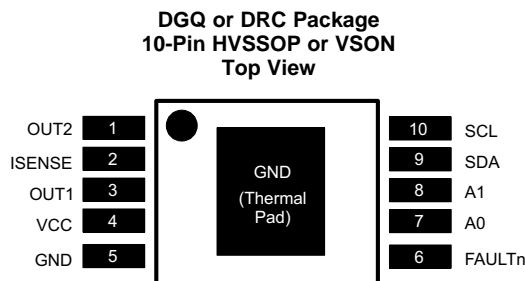
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4 Revision History

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5 Pin Configuration and Functions



The HVSSOP package has a PowerPAD.

Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE ⁽¹⁾	DESCRIPTION	EXTERNAL COMPONENTS OR CONNECTIONS
NAME	NO.			
A0	7	I	Address set 0	Connect to GND, VCC, or open to set I ² C base address. See serial interface description.
A1	8	I	Address set 1	
FAULTn	6	OD	Fault output	Open-drain output driven low if fault condition present
GND	5	—	Device ground	
ISENSE	2	IO	Current sense resistor	Connect current sense resistor to GND. Resistor value sets current limit level.
OUT1	3	O	Bridge output 1	Connect to motor winding
OUT2	1	O	Bridge output 2	
SCL	10	I	Serial clock	Clock line of I ² C serial bus
SDA	9	IO	Serial data	Data line of I ² C serial bus
VCC	4	—	Device and motor supply	Bypass to GND with a 0.1-μF (minimum) ceramic capacitor.

(1) Directions: I = input, O = output, OZ = tri-state output, OD = open-drain output, IO = input/output

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	MIN	MAX	UNIT
VCC Power supply voltage	–0.3	7	V
Input pin voltage	–0.5	7	V
Peak motor drive output current ⁽³⁾	Internally limited		A
Continuous motor drive output current ⁽³⁾	–1	1	A
Continuous total power dissipation	See Thermal Information		
T _J Operating virtual junction temperature	–40	150	°C
T _{stg} Storage temperature	–60	150	

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

(3) Power dissipation and thermal limits must be observed.

6.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	±2000	V
		Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽²⁾	±1000	

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CC}	Motor power supply voltage	2.75	6.8	V
I_{OUT}	Continuous or peak H-bridge output current ⁽¹⁾	0	1	A

(1) Power dissipation and thermal limits must be observed.

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		DRV8830		UNIT
		DGQ (HVSSOP)	DRC (VSON)	
		10 PINS	10 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	69.3	50.2	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	63.5	78.4	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	51.6	18.8	°C/W
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	1.5	1.1	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	23.2	17.9	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	9.5	5.1	°C/W

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

 $V_{CC} = 2.75\text{ V to }6.8\text{ V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }85^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
POWER SUPPLIES						
I _{VCC}	VCC operating supply current	V _{CC} = 5 V		1.4	2	mA
I _{VCCQ}	VCC sleep mode supply current	V _{CC} = 5 V, T _A = 25°C		0.3	1	μA
V _{UVLO}	VCC undervoltage lockout voltage	V _{CC} rising		2.575	2.75	V
		V _{CC} falling		2.47		
LOGIC-LEVEL INPUTS						
V _{IL}	Input low voltage		0.25 × VCC	0.38 × VCC		V
V _{IH}	Input high voltage			0.46 × VCC	0.5 × VCC	V
V _{HYS}	Input hysteresis			0.08 × VCC		V
I _{IL}	Input low current	V _{IN} = 0	−10		10	μA
I _{IH}	Input high current	V _{IN} = 3.3 V			50	μA
LOGIC-LEVEL OUTPUTS (FAULTn)						
V _{OL}	Output low voltage	I _{OL} = 4 mA, V _{CC} = 5 V		0.5		V
H-BRIDGE FETS						
R _{DS(ON)}	HS FET on resistance	V _{CC} = 5 V, I _O = 0.8 A, T _J = 85°C		290	400	mΩ
		V _{CC} = 5 V, I _O = 0.8 A, T _J = 25°C		250		
R _{DS(ON)}	LS FET on resistance	V _{CC} = 5 V, I _O = 0.8 A, T _J = 85°C		230	320	mΩ
		V _{CC} = 5 V, I _O = 0.8 A, T _J = 25°C		200		
I _{OFF}	Off-state leakage current		−20		20	μA
MOTOR DRIVER						
t _R	Rise time	V _{CC} = 3 V, load = 4 Ω	50		300	ns
t _F	Fall time	V _{CC} = 3 V, load = 4 Ω	50		300	ns
f _{SW}	Internal PWM frequency			44.5		kHz
PROTECTION CIRCUITS						
I _{OCP}	Overcurrent protection trip level		1.3		3	A
t _{OCP}	OCP deglitch time			2		μs
T _{TSD}	Thermal shutdown temperature	Die temperature ⁽¹⁾	150	160	180	°C
VOLTAGE CONTROL						
V _{REF}	Reference output voltage		1.235	1.285	1.335	V
ΔV _{LINE}	Line regulation	V _{CC} = 3.3 V to 6 V, V _{OUT} = 3 V, ⁽¹⁾ I _{OUT} = 500 mA		±1%		
ΔV _{LOAD}	Load regulation	V _{CC} = 5 V, V _{OUT} = 3 V, I _{OUT} = 200 mA to 800 mA ⁽¹⁾		±1%		
CURRENT LIMIT						
V _{ILIM}	Current limit sense voltage		160	200	240	mV
t _{ILIM}	Current limit fault deglitch time			275		ms
R _{ISEN}	Current limit sense resistance (external resistor value)		0		1	Ω

(1) Not production tested.

6.6 I²C Timing Requirements⁽¹⁾

$V_{CC} = 2.75\text{ V to }6.8\text{ V}$, $T_A = -40^\circ\text{C to }85^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted)

		STANDARD MODE			FAST MODE			UNIT
		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX	
f_{scl}	I ² C clock frequency	0		100	0		400	kHz
t_{sch}	I ² C clock high time	4			0.6			μs
t_{scl}	I ² C clock low time	4.7			1.3			μs
t_{sp}	I ² C spike time	0		50	0		50	ns
t_{sds}	I ² C serial data setup time	250			100			ns
t_{sdh}	I ² C serial data hold time	0			0			ns
t_{icr}	I ² C input rise time			1000	$20+0.1C_b^{(2)}$		300	ns
t_{icf}	I ² C input fall time			300	$20+0.1C_b^{(2)}$		300	ns
t_{ocf}	I ² C output fall time			300	$20+0.1C_b^{(2)}$		300	ns
t_{buf}	I ² C bus free time	4.7			1.3			μs
t_{sts}	I ² C Start setup time	4.7			0.6			μs
t_{sth}	I ² C Start hold time	4			0.6			μs
t_{sps}	I ² C Stop setup time	4			0.6			μs
$t_{vd}(\text{data})$	Valid data time (SCL low to SDA valid)			1			1	μs
$t_{vd}(\text{ack})$	Valid data time of ACK (ACK signal from SCL low to SDA low)			1			1	μs

(1) Not production tested.

(2) C_b = total capacitance of one bus line in pF

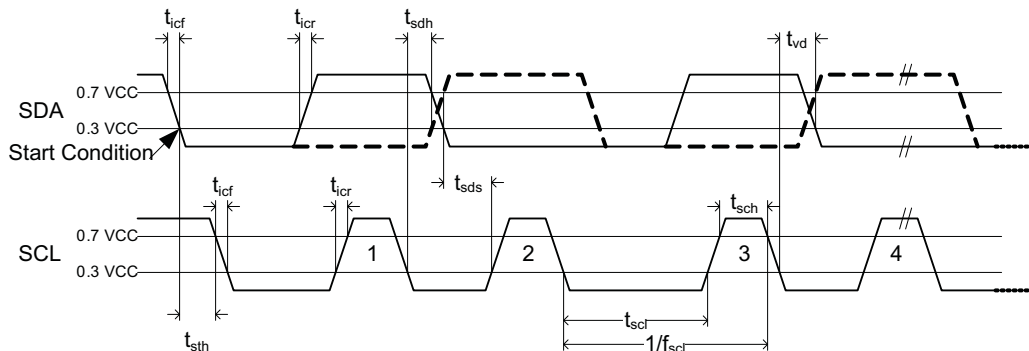


Figure 1. I²C Timing Requirements

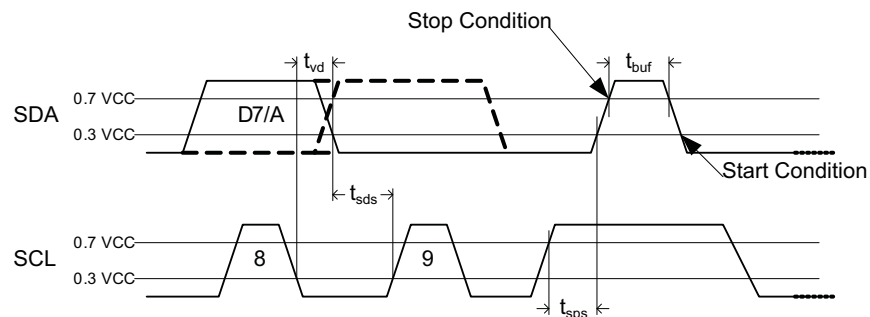


Figure 2. I²C Timing Requirements

6.7 Typical Characteristics

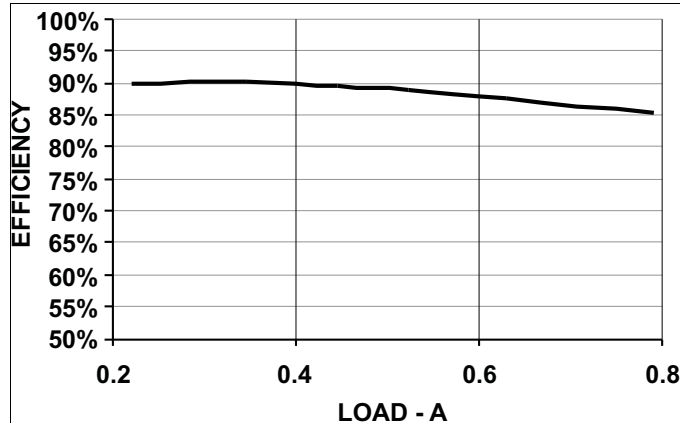


Figure 3. Efficiency vs Load Current
($V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3\text{ V}$)

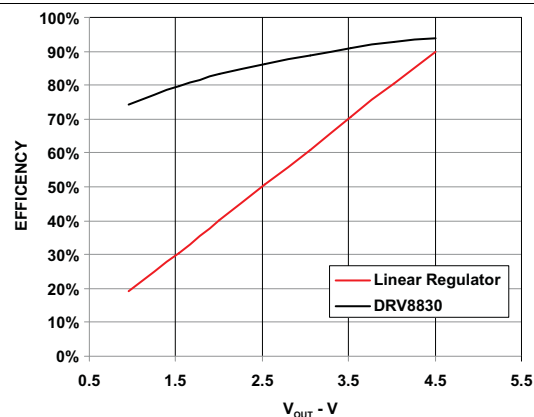


Figure 4. Efficiency vs Output Voltage
($V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 500\text{ mA}$)

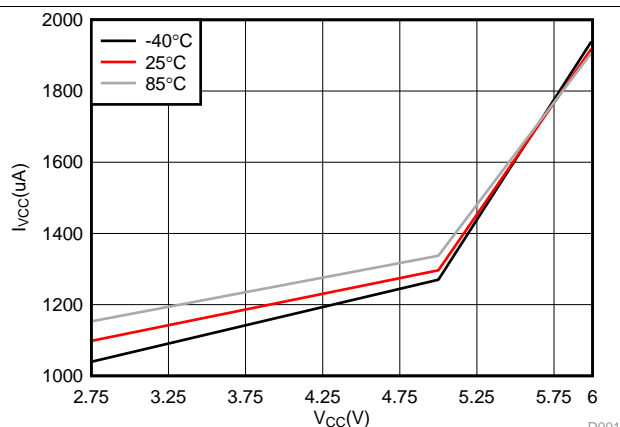


Figure 5. I_{VCC} vs V_{VCC}

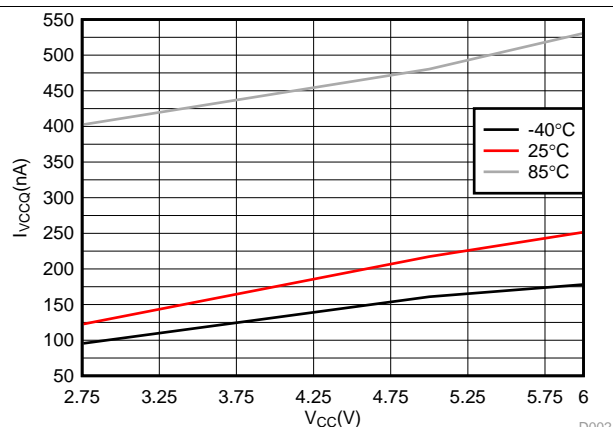


Figure 6. I_{VCCQ} vs V_{VCC}

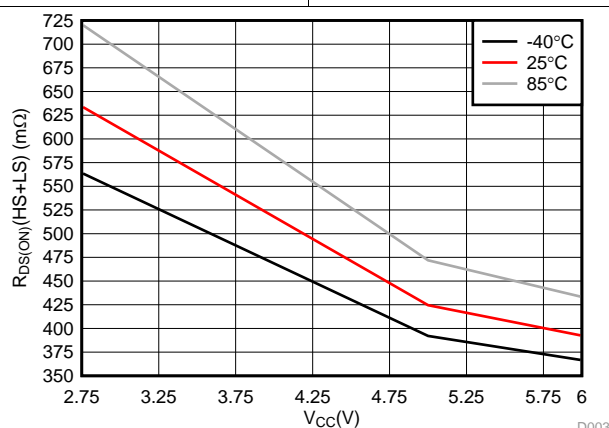


Figure 7. $R_{DS(on)}$ HS + LS vs V_{CC}

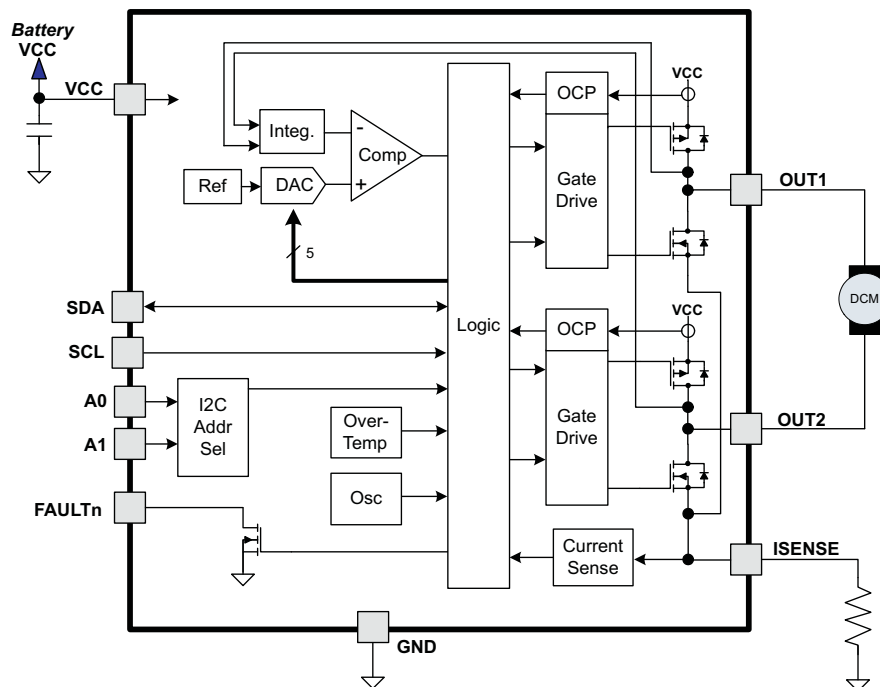
7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The DRV8830 is an integrated motor driver solution used for brushed motor control. The device integrates one H-bridge, current regulation circuitry, and a PWM voltage regulation method.

Using the PWM voltage regulation allows the motor to maintain the desired speed as VCC changes. Battery operation is an example of using this feature. When the battery is new or fully charged VCC will be higher than when the battery is old or partially discharged. The speed of the motor will vary based on the voltage of the battery. By setting the desired voltage across the motor at a lower voltage, a fully charged battery will use less power and spin the motor at the same speed as a battery that has been partially discharged.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Voltage Regulation

The DRV8830 provides the ability to regulate the voltage applied to the motor winding. This feature allows constant motor speed to be maintained even when operating from a varying supply voltage such as a discharging battery.

The DRV8830 uses a pulse-width modulation (PWM) technique instead of a linear circuit to minimize current consumption and maximize battery life.

The circuit monitors the voltage difference between the output pins and integrates it, to get an average DC voltage value. This voltage is divided by 4 and compared to the output voltage of the VSET DAC, which is set through the serial interface. If the averaged output voltage (divided by 4) is lower than VSET, the duty cycle of the PWM output is increased; if the averaged output voltage (divided by 4) is higher than VSET, the duty cycle is decreased.

During PWM regulation, the H-bridge is enabled to drive current through the motor winding during the PWM on time. This is shown in [Figure 8](#) as case 1. The current flow direction shown indicates the state when IN1 is high and IN2 is low.

Feature Description (continued)

Note that if the programmed output voltage is greater than the supply voltage, the device will operate at 100% duty cycle and the voltage regulation feature will be disabled. In this mode the device behaves as a conventional H-bridge driver.

During the PWM off time, winding current is recirculated by enabling both of the high-side FETs in the bridge. This is shown in [Figure 8](#).

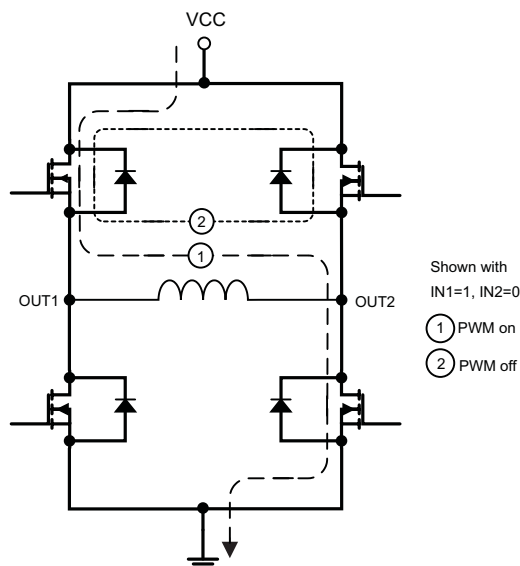


Figure 8. Voltage Regulation

7.3.2 Voltage Setting (VSET DAC)

The DRV8830 includes an internal reference voltage that is connected to a DAC. This DAC generates a voltage which is used to set the PWM regulated output voltage as described in [Voltage Regulation](#).

The DAC is controlled by the VSET bits from the serial interface. The commanded output voltage is shown in [Table 1](#).

Table 1. Commanded Output Voltage

VSET[5..0]	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	VSET[5..0]	OUTPUT VOLTAGE
0x00h	Reserved	0x20h	2.57
0x01h	Reserved	0x21h	2.65
0x02h	Reserved	0x22h	2.73
0x03h	Reserved	0x23h	2.81
0x04h	Reserved	0x24h	2.89
0x05h	Reserved	0x25h	2.97
0x06h	0.48	0x26h	3.05
0x07h	0.56	0x27h	3.13
0x08h	0.64	0x28h	3.21
0x09h	0.72	0x29h	3.29
0x0Ah	0.80	0x2Ah	3.37
0x0Bh	0.88	0x2Bh	3.45
0x0Ch	0.96	0x2Ch	3.53
0x0Dh	1.04	0x2Dh	3.61
0x0Eh	1.12	0x2Eh	3.69
0x0Fh	1.20	0x2Fh	3.77

Feature Description (continued)

Table 1. Commanded Output Voltage (continued)

VSET[5..0]	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	VSET[5..0]	OUTPUT VOLTAGE
0x10h	1.29	0x30h	3.86
0x11h	1.37	0x31h	3.94
0x12h	1.45	0x32h	4.02
0x13h	1.53	0x33h	4.1
0x14h	1.61	0x34h	4.18
0x15h	1.69	0x35h	4.26
0x16h	1.77	0x36h	4.34
0x17h	1.85	0x37h	4.42
0x18h	1.93	0x38h	4.5
0x19h	2.01	0x39h	4.58
0x1Ah	2.09	0x3Ah	4.66
0x1Bh	2.17	0x3Bh	4.74
0x1Ch	2.25	0x3Ch	4.82
0x1Dh	2.33	0x3Dh	4.9
0x1Eh	2.41	0x3Eh	4.98
0x1Fh	2.49	0x3Fh	5.06

The voltage can be calculated as $4 \times V_{REF} \times (VSET + 1) / 64$, where V_{REF} is the internal 1.285-V reference.

7.3.3 Current Limit

A current limit circuit is provided to protect the system in the event of an overcurrent condition, such as what would be encountered if driving a DC motor at start-up or with an abnormal mechanical load (stall condition).

The motor current is sensed by monitoring the voltage across an external sense resistor. When the voltage exceeds a reference voltage of 200 mV for more than approximately 3 μ s, the PWM duty cycle is reduced to limit the current through the motor to this value. This current limit allows for starting the motor while controlling the current.

If the current limit condition persists for some time, it is likely that a fault condition has been encountered, such as the motor being run into a stop or a stalled condition. An overcurrent event must persist for approximately 275 ms before the fault is registered. After approximately 275 ms, a fault signaled to the host by driving the FAULTn signal low and setting the FAULT and ILIMIT bits in the serial interface register. Operation of the motor driver will continue.

The current limit fault condition is cleared by setting both IN1 and IN2 to zero to disable the motor current, by putting the device into the shutdown state (IN1 and IN2 both set to 1), by setting the CLEAR bit in the fault register, or by removing and re-applying power to the device.

The resistor used to set the current limit must be less than 1 Ω . Its value may be calculated as follows:

$$R_{ISENSE} = \frac{200 \text{ mV}}{I_{LIMIT}}$$

where

- R_{ISENSE} is the current sense resistor value.
 - I_{LIMIT} is the desired current limit (in mA).
- (1)

If the current limit feature is not needed, the ISENSE pin may be directly connected to ground.

7.3.4 Protection Circuits

The DRV8830 is fully protected against undervoltage, overcurrent and overtemperature events. A FAULTn pin is available to signal a fault condition to the system, as well as a FAULT register in the serial interface that allows determination of the fault source.

7.3.4.1 Overcurrent Protection (OCP)

An analog current limit circuit on each FET limits the current through the FET by removing the gate drive. If this analog current limit persists for longer than the OCP time, all FETs in the H-bridge will be disabled, the FAULTn signal will be driven low, and the FAULT and OCP bits in the FAULT register will be set. The device will remain disabled until the CLEAR bit in the FAULT register is written to 1, or VCC is removed and re-applied.

Overcurrent conditions are sensed independently on both high and low side devices. A short to ground, supply, or across the motor winding will all result in an overcurrent shutdown. Note that OCP is independent of the current limit function, which is typically set to engage at a lower current level; the OCP function is intended to prevent damage to the device under abnormal (for example, short circuit) conditions.

7.3.4.2 Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

If the die temperature exceeds safe limits, all FETs in the H-bridge will be disabled, the FAULTn signal will be driven low, and the FAULT and OTS bits in the serial interface register will be set. Once the die temperature has fallen to a safe level operation will automatically resume.

7.3.4.3 Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

If at any time the voltage on the VCC pins falls below the undervoltage lockout threshold voltage, all FETs in the H-bridge will be disabled, the FAULTn signal will be driven low, and the FAULT and UVLO bits in the FAULT register will be set. Operation will resume when VCC rises above the UVLO threshold.

Table 2. Device Protection

FAULT	CONDITION	ERROR REPORT	H-BRIDGE	INTERNAL CIRCUITS	RECOVERY
VCC undervoltage (UVLO)	$VCC < V_{UVLO}$	FAULTn	Disabled	Disabled	$VCC > V_{UVLO}$
Overcurrent (OCP)	$I_{OUT} > I_{OCP}$	FAULT n	Disabled	Operating	Power cycle VCC
Thermal shutdown (TSD)	$T_J > T_{TSD}$	FAULTn	Disabled	Operating	$T_J > T_{TSD} - T_{HYS}$

7.4 Device Functional Modes

The DRV8830 is active when either IN1 or IN2 are set to a logic high. Sleep mode is entered when both IN1 and IN2 are set to a logic low. When in sleep mode, the H-bridge FETs are disabled (Hi-Z).

Table 3. Modes of Operation

FAULT	CONDITION	H-BRIDGE	INTERNAL CIRCUITS
Operating	IN1 or IN2 high	Operating	Operating
Sleep mode	IN1 or IN2 low	Disabled	Diabed
Fault encountered	Any fault condition met	Disabled	See Table 2

7.4.1 Bridge Control

The IN1 and IN2 control bits in the serial interface register enable the H-bridge outputs. [Table 4](#) shows the logic:

Table 4. H-Bridge Logic

IN1	IN2	OUT1	OUT2	FUNCTION
0	0	Z	Z	Standby / coast
0	1	L	H	Reverse
1	0	H	L	Forward
1	1	H	H	Brake

When both bits are zero, the output drivers are disabled and the device is placed into a low-power shutdown state. The current limit fault condition (if present) is also cleared.

At initial power up, the device will enter the low-power shutdown state. Note that when transitioning from either brake or standby mode to forward or reverse, the voltage control PWM starts at zero duty cycle. The duty cycle slowly ramps up to the commanded voltage. This can take up to 12 ms to go from standby to 100% duty cycle.

7.5 Programming

7.5.1 I²C-Compatible Serial Interface

The I²C interface allows control and monitoring of the DRV8830 by a microcontroller. I²C is a two-wire serial interface developed by Philips Semiconductor (see I²C – Bus Specification, Version 2.1, January 2000). The bus consists of a data line (SDA) and a clock line (SCL) with off-chip pull-up resistors. When the bus is idle, both SDA and SCL lines are pulled high.

A master device, usually a microcontroller or a digital signal processor, controls the bus. The master is responsible for generating the SCL signal and device addresses. The master also generates specific conditions that indicate the START and STOP of data transfer.

A slave device receives and/or transmits data on the bus under control of the master device. This device operates only as a slave device.

I²C communication is initiated by a master sending a start condition, a high-to-low transition on the SDA I/O while SCL is held high. After the start condition, the device address byte is sent, most-significant bit (MSB) first, including the data direction bit (R/W). After receiving a valid address byte, this device responds with an acknowledge, a low on the SDA I/O during the high of the acknowledge-related clock pulse.

The lower three bits of the device address are input from pins A0 - A1, which can be tied to VCC (logic high), GND (logic low), or left open. These three address bits are latched into the device at power up, so cannot be changed dynamically.

The upper address bits of the device address are fixed at 0xC0h, so the device address is as follows:

Table 5. Device Addresses

A1 PIN	A0 PIN	A3..A0 BITS (as below)	ADDRESS (WRITE)	ADDRESS (READ)
0	0	0000	0xC0h	0xC1h
0	open	0001	0xC2h	0xC3h
0	1	0010	0xC4h	0xC5h
open	0	0011	0xC6h	0xC7h
open	open	0100	0xC8h	0xC9h
open	1	0101	0xCAh	0xCBh
1	0	0110	0xCCh	0xCDh
1	open	0111	0xCEh	0xCFh
1	1	1000	0xD0h	0xD1h

The DRV8830 does not respond to the general call address.

A data byte follows the address acknowledge. If the R/W bit is low, the data is written from the master. If the R/W bit is high, the data from this device are the values read from the register previously selected by a write to the subaddress register. The data byte is followed by an acknowledge sent from this device. Data is output only if complete bytes are received and acknowledged. A stop condition, which is a low-to-high transition on the SDA I/O while the SCL input is high, is sent by the master to terminate the transfer.

A master bus device must wait at least 60 μ s after power is applied to VCC to generate a START condition.

I²C transactions are shown in the timing diagrams [Figure 9](#) and [Figure 10](#):

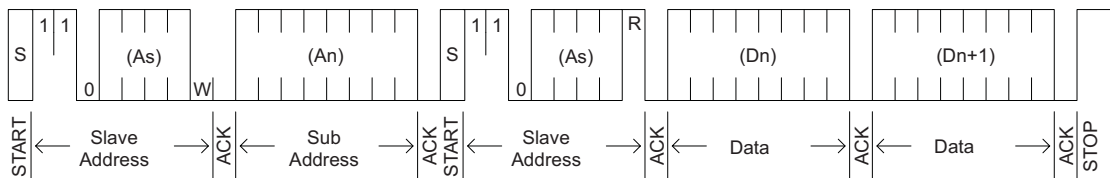


Figure 9. I²C Read Mode

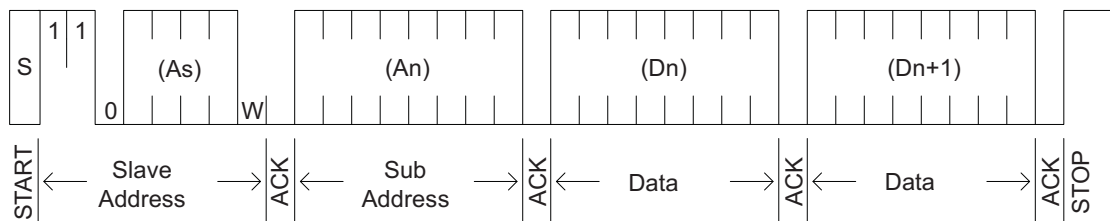


Figure 10. I²C Write Mode

7.6 Register Maps

7.6.1 I²C Register Map

Table 6. I²C Register Map

REGISTER	SUB ADDRESS (HEX)	REGISTER NAME	DEFAULT VALUE	DESCRIPTION
0	0x00	CONTROL	0x00h	Sets state of outputs and output voltage
1	0x01	FAULT	0x00h	Allows reading and clearing of fault conditions

7.6.1.1 REGISTER 0 – CONTROL

The CONTROL register is used to set the state of the outputs as well as the DAC setting for the output voltage. The register is defined as follows:

Table 7. Register 0 – Control

D7 - D2	D1	D0
VSET[5..0]	IN2	IN1

VSET[5..0]: Sets DAC output voltage. Refer to Voltage Setting above.

IN2: Along with IN1, sets state of outputs. Refer to Bridge Control above.

IN1: Along with IN2, sets state of outputs. Refer to Bridge Control above.

7.6.1.2 REGISTER 1 – FAULT

The FAULT register is used to read the source of a fault condition, and to clear the status bits that indicated the fault. The register is defined as follows:

Table 8. Register 1 – Fault

D7	D6 - D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
CLEAR	Unused	ILIMIT	OTS	UVLO	OCP	FAULT

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CLEAR:	When written to 1, clears the fault status bits
ILIMIT:	If set, indicates the fault was caused by an extended current limit event
OTS:	If set, indicates that the fault was caused by an overtemperature (OTS) condition
UVLO:	If set, indicates the fault was caused by an undervoltage lockout
OCP:	If set, indicates the fault was caused by an overcurrent (OCP) event
FAULT:	Set if any fault condition exists

8 Application and Implementation

NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The DRV8830 is used in brushed DC applications to provide a constant motor speed over varying voltages. The following design procedure can be used to configure the DRV8830 for a system with a VCC variance of 4 to 6 V.

8.2 Typical Application

Figure 11 is a common application of the DRV8830.

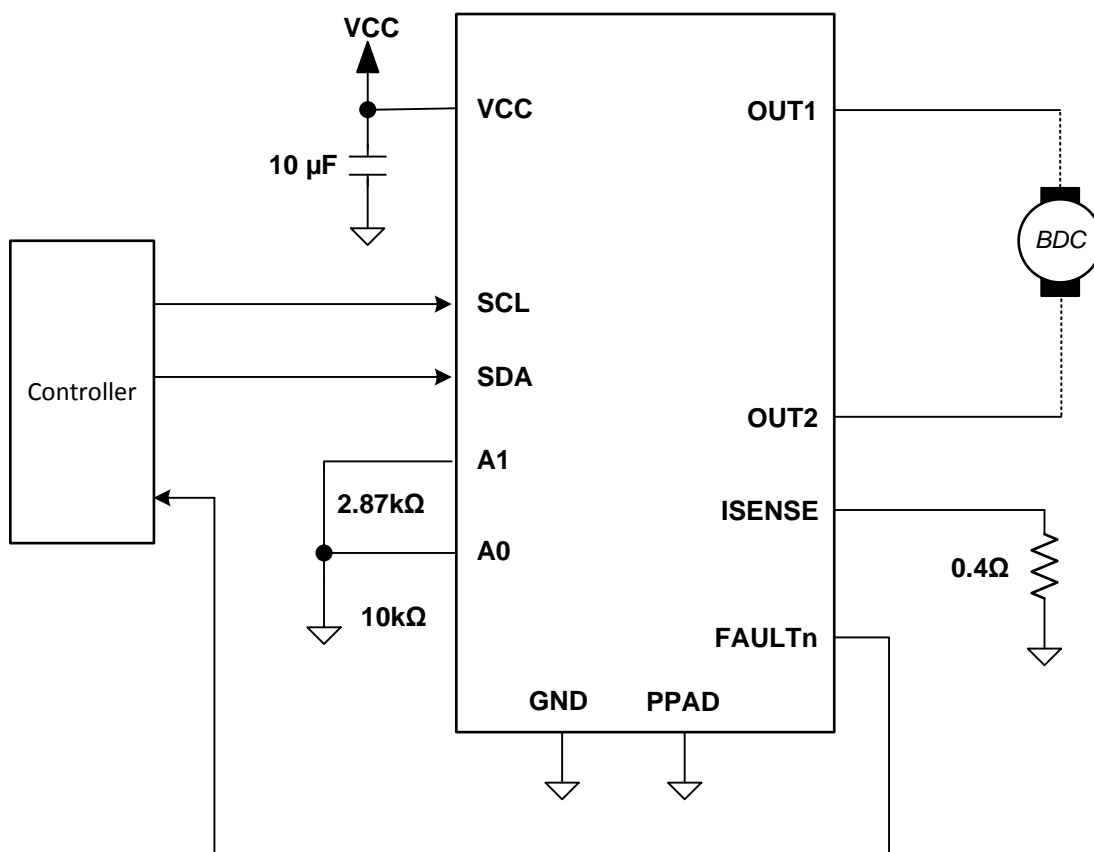


Figure 11. Motor Control Circuitry

Typical Application (continued)

8.2.1 Design Requirements

Table 9 lists the design parameters of the DRV8830.

Table 9. Design Parameters

DESIGN PARAMETER	REFERENCE	EXAMPLE VALUE
Motor voltage	V _{CC}	5 V
Motor RMS current	I _{RMS}	0.3 A
Motor start-up	I _{START}	1.3 A
Motor current trip point	I _{LIMIT}	0.9 A

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 Motor Voltage

The motor voltage to use will depend on the ratings of the motor selected and the desired RPM. A higher voltage spins a brushed DC motor faster with the same PWM duty cycle applied to the power FETs. A higher voltage also increases the rate of current change through the inductive motor windings.

For the DRV8830, TI recommends to set a motor voltage at the lowest system VCC. This will maintain a constant RPM across varying VCC conditions.

For example if the VCC voltage can vary from 4.5V to 5.5V, setting the VSET voltage to 1.125 V will compensate for power supply variation. The DRV8830 will set the motor voltage at 4.5 V, even if VCC is 5.5 V.

8.2.2.2 Motor Current Trip Point

When the voltage on pin ISENSE exceeds VILIM (0.2 V), overcurrent is detected. The RSENSE resistor should be sized to set the desired ILIMIT level.

$$R_{\text{ISENSE}} = 0.2 \text{ V} / I_{\text{LIMIT}} \quad (2)$$

To set I_{LIMIT} to 0.5 A, R_{ISENSE} = 0.2 V / 0.9 A = 0.22 Ω.

To prevent false trips, I_{LIMIT} must be higher than regular operating current. Motor current during start-up is typically much higher than steady-state spinning, because the initial load torque is higher, and the absence of back-EMF causes a higher voltage and extra current across the motor windings.

It can be beneficial to limit start-up current by using series inductors on the DRV8830 output, as that allows I_{LIMIT} to be lower, and it may decrease the system's required bulk capacitance. Start-up current can also be limited by ramping the forward drive duty cycle.

8.2.2.3 Sense Resistor Selection

For optimal performance, it is important for the sense resistor to be:

- Surface-mount
- Low inductance
- Rated for high enough power
- Placed closely to the motor driver

The power dissipated by the sense resistor equals I_{RMS}² × R. For example, if peak motor current is 1 A, RMS motor current is 0.7 A, and a 0.4-Ω sense resistor is used, the resistor will dissipate 0.7 A² × 0.4 Ω = 0.2 W. The power quickly increases with higher current levels.

Resistors typically have a rated power within some ambient temperature range, along with a de-rated power curve for high ambient temperatures. When a PCB is shared with other components generating heat, margin should be added. It is always best to measure the actual sense resistor temperature in a final system, along with the power MOSFETs, as those are often the hottest components.

Because power resistors are larger and more expensive than standard resistors, it is common practice to use multiple standard resistors in parallel, between the sense node and ground. This distributes the current and heat dissipation.

8.2.2.4 Low Power Operation

Under normal operation, using sleep mode to minimize supply current should be sufficient.

If desired, power can be removed to the DRV8830 to further decrease supply current. TI recommends to remove power to the FAULTn pullup resistor when removing power to the DRV8830. Removing power from the FAULTn pullup resistor will eliminate a current path from the FAULTn pin through an ESD protection diode to VCC. TI recommends to set both IN1 and IN2 as a logic low when power is removed.

An undervoltage event may cause the address to be re-evaluated. If this occurs, the I²C interface may stop working until power is cycled.

8.2.3 Application Curves

The following scope captures show how the output duty cycle changes to as VCC increases. This allows the motor to spin at a constant speed as VCC changes. At VCC = 3.9 V, the output duty cycle is 100% on. As the VCC voltage increases to greater than 4 V, the output duty cycle begins to decrease. The output duty cycle is shown at VCC = 4.5 V, VCC = 5 V and VCC = 5.5 V.

- Channel 1 – OUT1: IN1 – Logic Low
- Channel 2 – OUT2: IN2 – Logic High
- Channel 4 – Motor current: VSET – 1 V
- Motor used: NMB Technologies Corporation, PPN7PA12C1

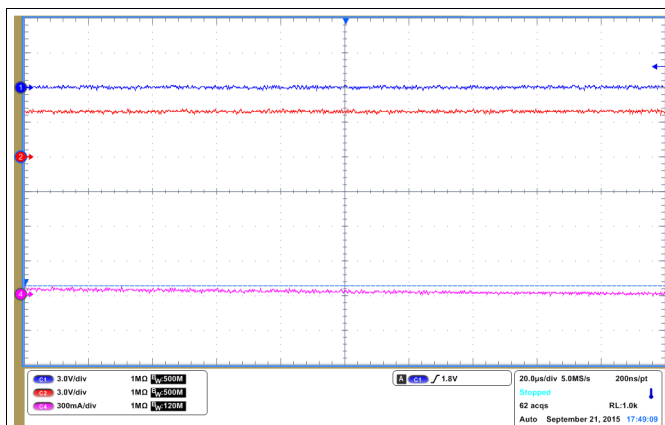


Figure 12. Output Pulse Width Modulating at VCC = 3.9 V

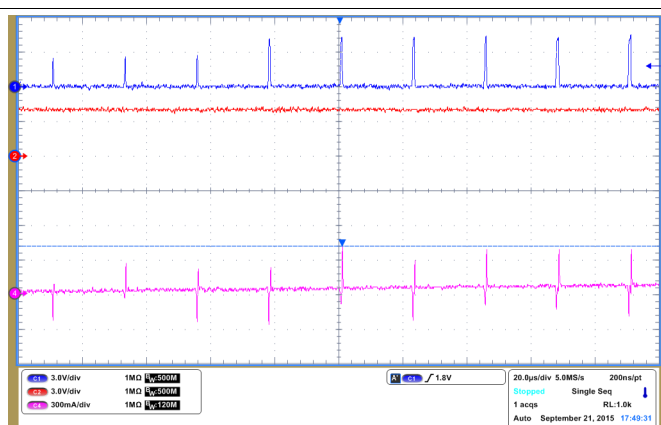


Figure 13. Output Pulse Width Modulating at VCC = 4 V

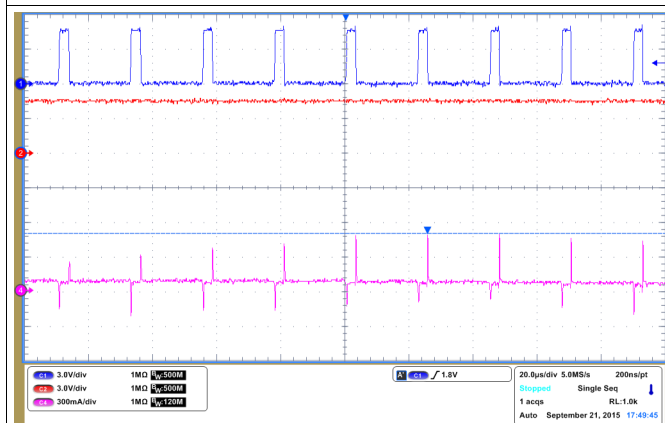


Figure 14. Output Pulse Width Modulating at VCC = 4.5 V

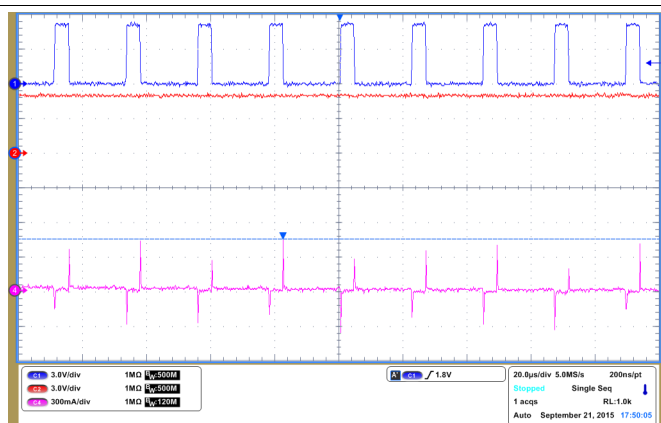


Figure 15. Output Pulse Width Modulating at VCC = 5 V

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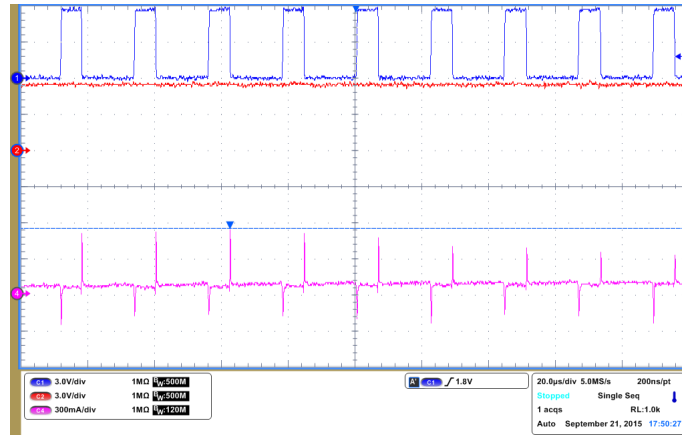


Figure 16. Output Pulse Width Modulating at VCC = 5.5 V

9 Power Supply Recommendations

9.1 Power Supervisor

The DRV8830 is capable of entering a low-power sleep mode by bringing both of the INx control inputs logic low. The outputs will be disabled Hi-Z.

To exit the sleep mode, bring either or both of the INx inputs logic high. This will enable the H-bridges. When exiting the sleep mode, the FAULTn pin will pulse low.

9.2 Bulk Capacitance

Having appropriate local bulk capacitance is an important factor in motor drive system design. It is generally beneficial to have more bulk capacitance, while the disadvantages are increased cost and physical size.

The amount of local capacitance needed depends on a variety of factors, including:

- The highest current required by the motor system.
- The power supply's capacitance and ability to source current.
- The amount of parasitic inductance between the power supply and motor system.
- The acceptable voltage ripple.
- The type of motor used (Brushed DC, Brushless DC, Stepper).
- The motor braking method.

The inductance between the power supply and motor drive system will limit the rate current can change from the power supply. If the local bulk capacitance is too small, the system will respond to excessive current demands or dumps from the motor with a change in voltage. When adequate bulk capacitance is used, the motor voltage remains stable and high current can be quickly supplied.

The data sheet generally provides a recommended value, but system-level testing is required to determine the appropriate sized bulk capacitor.

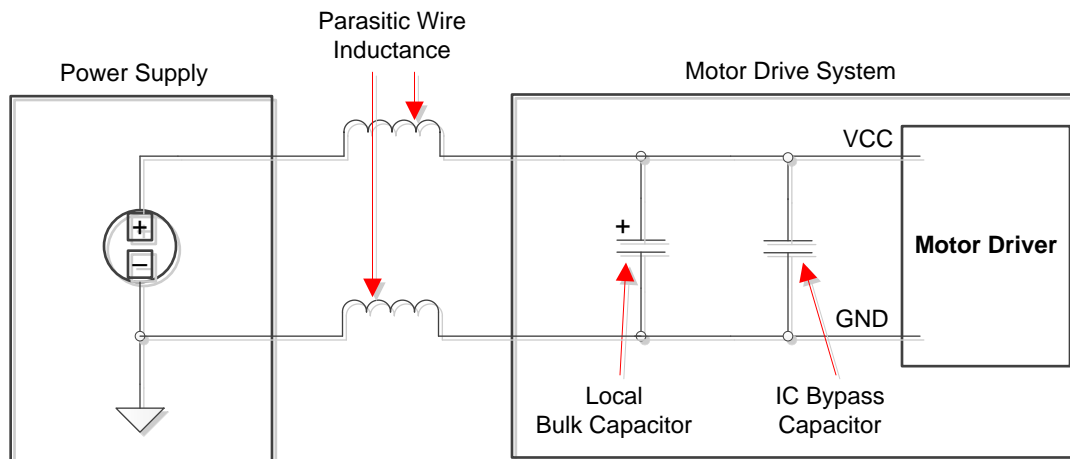


Figure 17. Example Setup of Motor Drive System with External Power Supply

The voltage rating for bulk capacitors should be higher than the operating voltage, to provide margin for cases when the motor transfers energy to the supply.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

The VCC pin should be bypassed to GND using low-ESR ceramic bypass capacitors with a recommended value of 0.1-μF rated for VCC. This capacitor should be placed as close to the VCC pin as possible with a thick trace or ground plane connection to the device GND pin.

The VCC pin must be bypassed to ground using an appropriate bulk capacitor. This component may be an electrolytic and should be located close to the DRV8830.

10.2 Layout Example

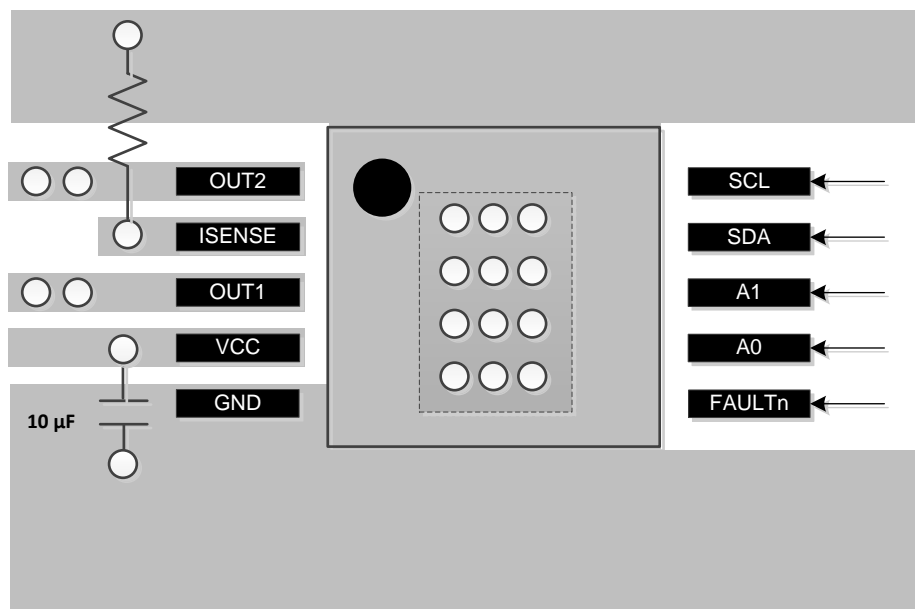


Figure 18. Layout Recommendation

10.3 Thermal Considerations

The DRV8830 has thermal shutdown (TSD) as described in [Thermal Shutdown \(TSD\)](#). If the die temperature exceeds approximately 160°C, the device will be disabled until the temperature drops to a safe level. Any tendency of the device to enter TSD is an indication of either excessive power dissipation, insufficient heatsinking, or too high an ambient temperature.

10.3.1 Power Dissipation

Power dissipation in the DRV8830 is dominated by the power dissipated in the output FET resistance, or $R_{DS(ON)}$. Average power dissipation when running a stepper motor can be roughly estimated by [Equation 3](#).

$$P_{TOT} = 2 \cdot R_{DS(ON)} \cdot (I_{OUT(RMS)})^2 \quad (3)$$

where P_{TOT} is the total power dissipation, $R_{DS(ON)}$ is the resistance of each FET, and $I_{OUT(RMS)}$ is the RMS output current being applied to each winding. $I_{OUT(RMS)}$ is equal to the approximately 0.7x the full-scale output current setting. The factor of 2 comes from the fact that at any instant two FETs are conducting winding current for each winding (one high-side and one low-side).

The maximum amount of power that can be dissipated in the device is dependent on ambient temperature and heatsinking.

Note that $R_{DS(ON)}$ increases with temperature, so as the device heats, the power dissipation increases. This must be taken into consideration when sizing the heatsink.

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Documentation Support

11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation, see the following:

- *PowerPAD™ Thermally Enhanced Package*, [SLMA002](#)
- *PowerPAD™ Made Easy*, [SLMA004](#)

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11.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

11.5 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

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