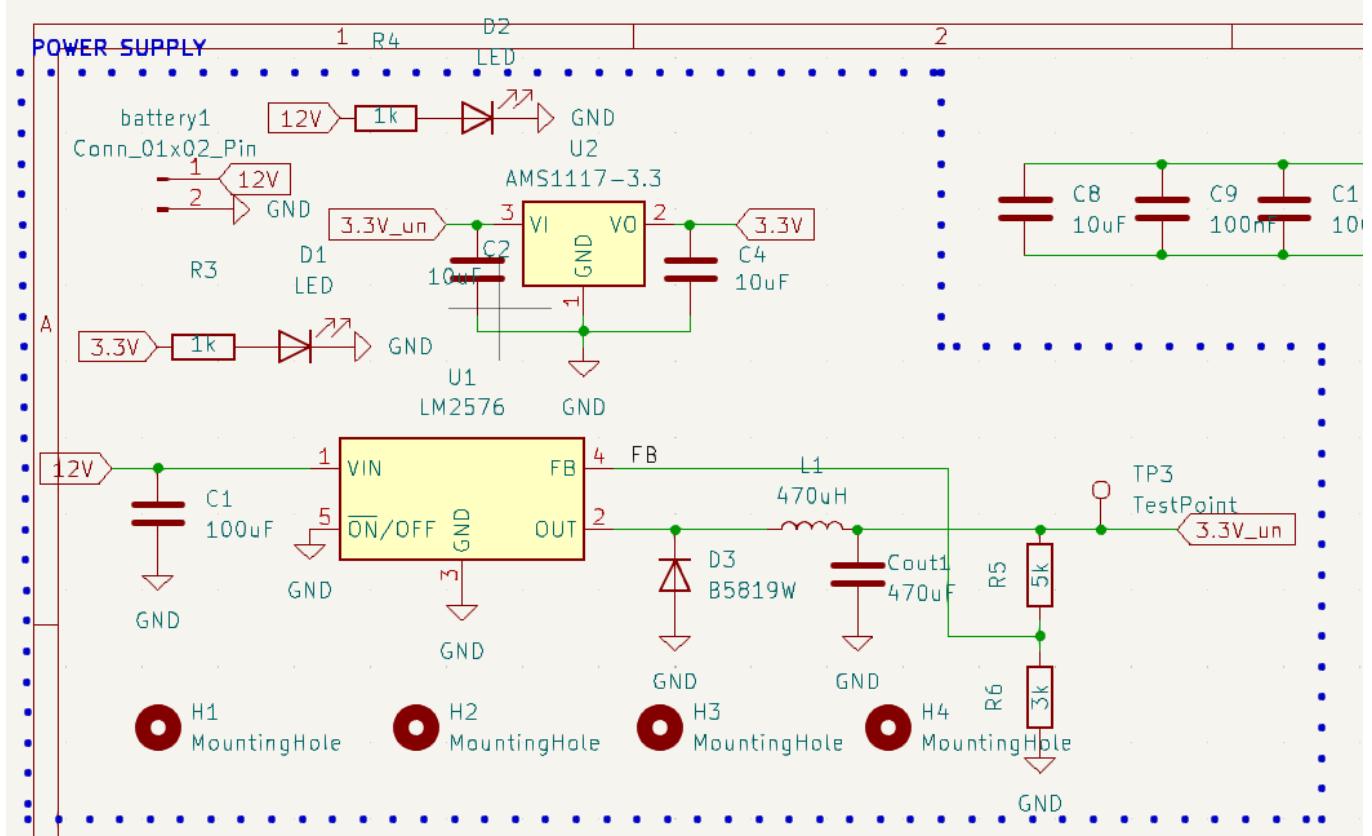


# Buck converter issue

## Schematic

This is the power supply

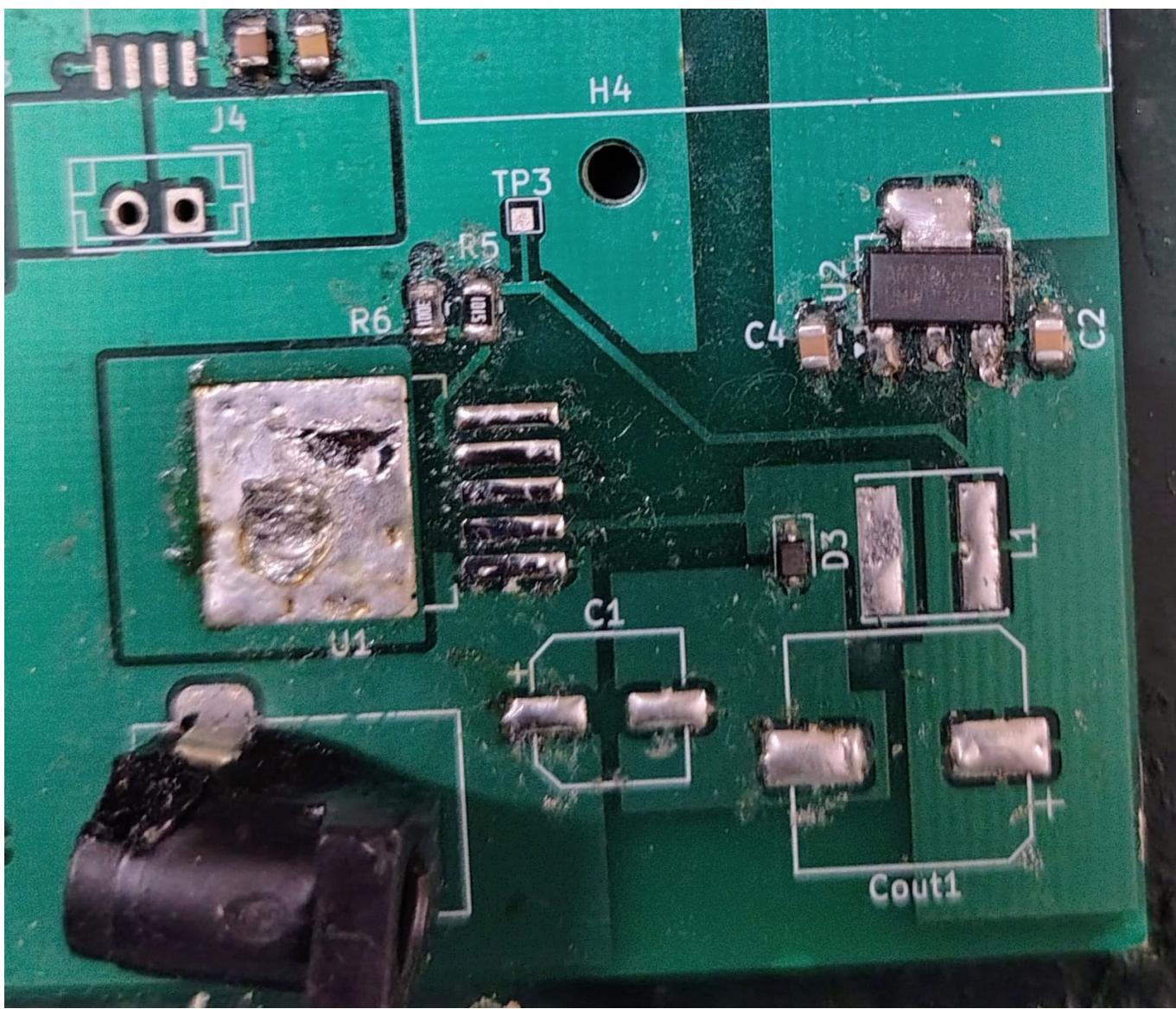
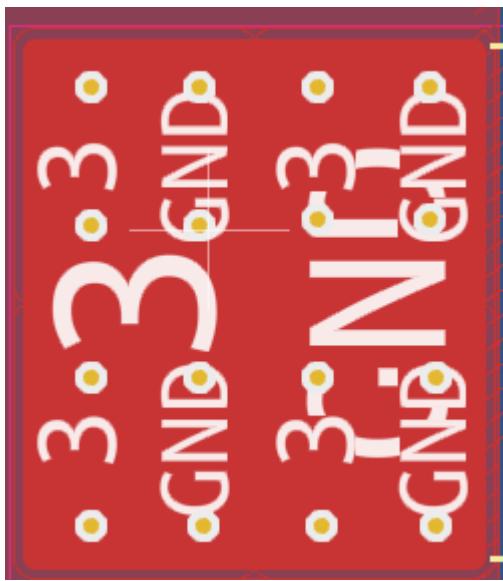


Input capacitor- 100uF

I am not sure which of these issue could be the root cause of my DC-DC step down converter not working so I will list them one by one

### 1. Soldering at a higher temperature

I have soldered the buck converter, with a hot air gun at a temperature of 350 degree celsius for roughly 30 seconds-1 minute, I have resorted to such high temperatures, because a considerable amount of solder had to be melted before placing the IC on the PCB



## The issue

Maybe the exposure to such temperature(350 deg C) could have caused the IC, to not work at all, because I was getting no input at the feedback pin

The following screenshot is taken from the datasheet

#### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

| CHARACTERISTIC               | SYMBOL    | MIN  | MAX                | UNIT |
|------------------------------|-----------|------|--------------------|------|
| Maximum Supply Voltage       | $V_{IN}$  | -    | 45                 | V    |
| ON/OFF Pin Input Voltage     | -         | -0.3 | $V_{IN}$           | V    |
| Output Voltage to Ground     | -         | -0.8 | -                  | V    |
| Power Dissipation            | $P_D$     | -    | Internally Limited | W    |
| ESD Rating, HBM              | -         | 2000 | -                  | V    |
| Maximum Junction Temperature | $T_J$     | -    | 150                | °C   |
| Storage Temperature          | $T_{STG}$ | -65  | 150                | °C   |

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

## 2. Using LTSpice model of TI instead of HTC korea to simulate

Maybe this is a big blunder considering that I have bought an HTC LM2576 regulator and I am using the TI LTSpice model(due to lack of response of HTCKorea to send the model).

I thought that the general characteristics would be the same, and maybe there would be a few slight variations in the ripple current

## 3. I have not tested the IC before soldering

I did not do any sort of **time domain analysis**, as I do not know how to build the test circuit, nor is there any test circuit provided by HTC Korea, TI has a thorough documentation on how to test their LM2576, but again since they are different companies, I didn't want to use their test circuit for HTC Korea LM2576

## 4. Did not follow the recommended output capacitor value

I know this is a big issue, in terms of output ripple voltage.

According to the datasheet calculations the output capacitor value should be 102uF

but, since there was little to no output voltage on the AMS1117 3.3V IC, I had used an NI-DAQ oscilloscope to measure the output voltage but I was not able to get any significant output.

## 5. RMS ripple current rating of the input capacitor

I have used a 100uF input capacitor as recommended by the datasheet

The datasheet recommends the RMS ripple current rating of the capacitor to be greater than  $1.2 \times (t_{ON}/T) \times I_{LOAD}$ . I have not looked into ripple current rating of the capacitor, because datasheet did not specify anything about ripple current

RMS ripple current =  $1.2 \times (t_{ON}/T) \times I_{LOAD}$  where  
 $t_{ON}/T = V_{OUT}/V_{IN}$  for a buck regulator

I selected the catch diode properly with a reverse voltage rating of 1.2 times greater than the maximum load current.

Input capacitor

Need: RMS ripple current =  $1.2 \times (t_{ON}/T) \times I_{LOAD}$

Have: don't know the RMS ripple current rating

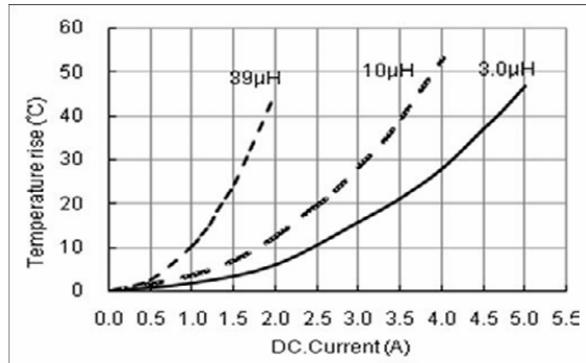
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Need: inductor must not operate beyond its maximum-rated current,

Inductor info:

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Temperature vs. DC Current Characteristics



Inductance vs. DC Current Characteristics

