



SM74611 Smart Bypass Diode

1 Features

- Maximum reverse voltage (V_R) of 30 V
- Operating forward current (I_F) of up to 15 A
- Low average forward voltage (26 mV at 8 A)
- Less power dissipation than Schottky diode
- Lower leakage current than Schottky diode
- Footprint and pin compatible with conventional D2PAK Schottky diode
- Operating range (T_J) of -40°C to 125°C

2 Applications

- Bypass Diodes for Photovoltaic Panels
- Bypass Diodes for Microinverter and Power Optimizer

3 Description

The SM74611 is a smart bypass diode used in photovoltaic applications. It serves the purpose of providing an alternate path for string current when parts of the panel are shaded during normal operation. Without bypass diodes, the shaded cells will exhibit a hot spot which is caused by excessive power dissipation in the reverse biased cells.

Currently, conventional P-N junction diodes or Schottky diodes are used to mitigate this issue. Unfortunately the forward voltage drop for these diodes is still considered high (~ 0.6 V for normal diodes and 0.4 V for Schottky). With 10 A of currents flowing through these diodes, the power dissipation can reach as high as 6 W. This in turn will raise the temperature inside the junction box where these diodes normally reside and reduce module reliability.

The advantage of the SM74611 is that it has a lower forward voltage drop than P-N junction and Schottky diodes. It has a typical average forward voltage drop of 26 mV at 8A of current. This translates into typical power dissipation of 208 mW, which is significantly lower than the 3.2 W of conventional Schottky diodes. The SM74611 is also footprint and pin compatible with conventional D2PAK Schottky diodes, making it a drop-in replacement in many applications.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
SM74611	DDPAK/TO-263 (KTT) (3)	10.16 mm x 9.02 mm

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

Typical Application in a Junction Box

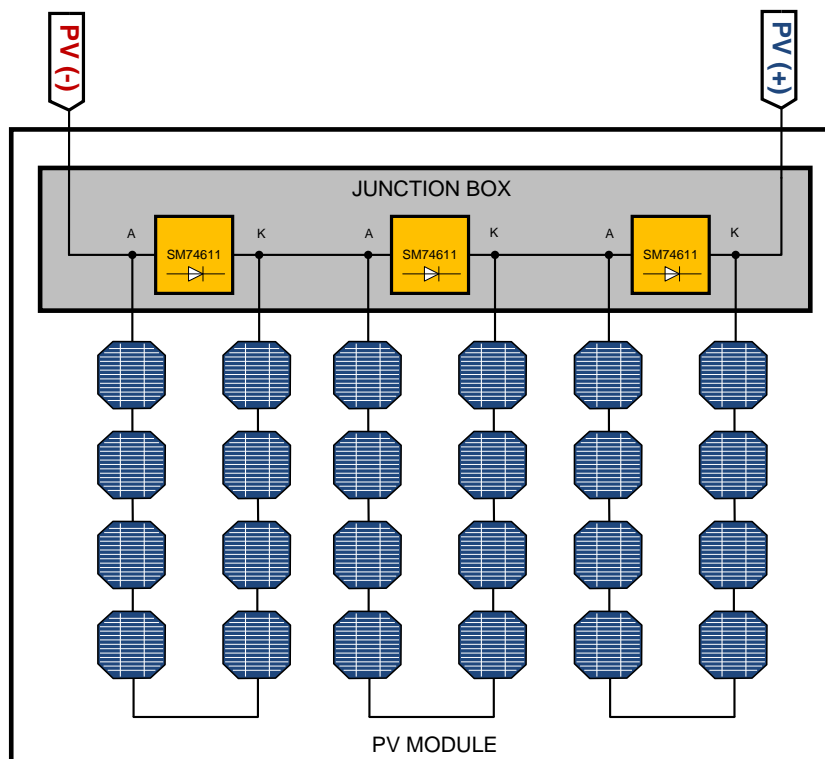


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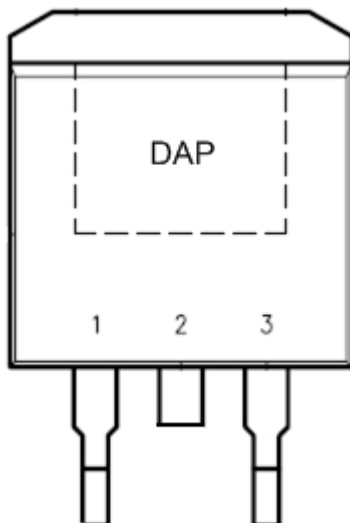
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4 Revision History

Changes from Original (December 2012) to Revision A	Page
• Added new junction temperature for $t \leq 1$ hour	4
• Added Thermal Table	4
• Changed typical characteristic curves	5

5 Pin Configuration and Functions

**DDPAK
3 Pin (KTT)
Top View**



Pin Functions

PIN		I/O	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
ANODE	1,3 ⁽¹⁾	I	Connect both of these pins to the negative side of the PV cells
CATHODE	2,DAP ⁽²⁾	O	Pin 2 and the DAP are shorted internally. Connect the DAP to the positive side of the PV cells

(1) Pin 1 and Pin 3 should be connected together for proper operation

(2) Package drawing at the end of datasheet is shown without Pin 2 being trimmed

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

	MIN	MAX	UNIT
Ambient Storage temperature, T_{stg}	-65	125	°C
DC Reverse Voltage		30	V
Forward Current		24	A
Junction Temperature, $t \leq 1$ hour		135	°C

- (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) System must be thermally managed so as not to exceed maximum junction temperature

6.2 ESD Ratings

		VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$ Electrostatic discharge	Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 ⁽¹⁾	±1000	V
	Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽²⁾	±250	

- (1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±XXX V may actually have higher performance.
- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. Pins listed as ±YYY V may actually have higher performance.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions ⁽¹⁾

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

	MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
DC Reverse Voltage			28	V
Junction Temperature Range (T_J)	-40		125	°C
Forward Current	0		15	A

- (1) System must be thermally managed so as not to exceed maximum junction temperature

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		SM74611	UNIT
		DDPAK (KTT)	
		3 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	40.4	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	42.6	
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	23.0	
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	9.8	
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	22.0	
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	0.5	

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

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$I_{F(AVG)}$	Forward Current				8	15	A
$V_{F(AVG)}$	Forward Voltage	$I_F = 8A$	$T_J = 25^\circ C$		26		mV

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
P_D	Power Dissipation	$I_F = 8A$	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	208		mW
			$T_J = 125^\circ C$	450		
			$-40^\circ C$ to $125^\circ C$ (1)	575		
		$I_F = 15A$	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	695		
			$T_J = 125^\circ C$	1389		
D	Duty Cycle	$I_F = 8A$	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	99.5%		
			$T_J = 125^\circ C$	96.0%		
I_R	Reverse Leakage Current	$V_{REVERSE} = 28V$	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	0.3		μA
			$T_J = 125^\circ C$	3.3		

(1) Limits $-40^\circ C$ to $125^\circ C$ apply over the entire junction temperature range for operation. Limits appearing in normal type apply for $T_A = T_J = 25^\circ C$.

6.6 Typical Characteristics

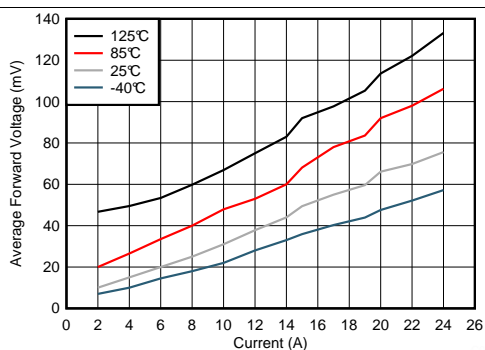


Figure 1. Average Forward Voltage (Anode to Cathode) Over Temperature

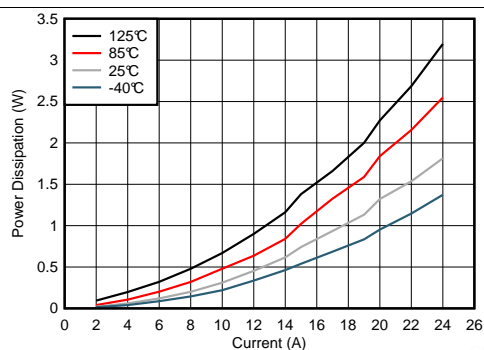


Figure 2. Power Dissipation Over Temperature

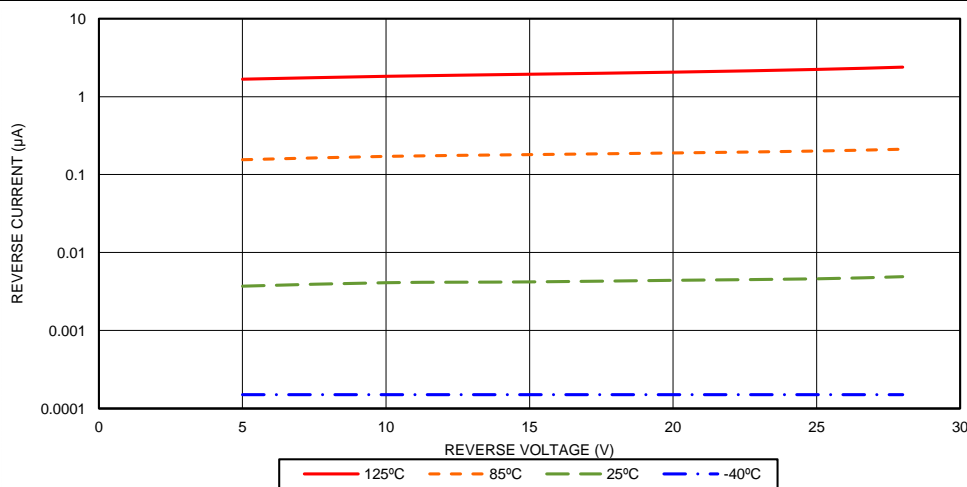


Figure 3. Reverse Current Over Temperature (Cathode to Anode)

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The SM74611 is designed for use as a bypass diode in photovoltaic modules. The SM74611 utilizes a charge pump to drive an N-channel FET to provide a resistive path for the bypass current to flow.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

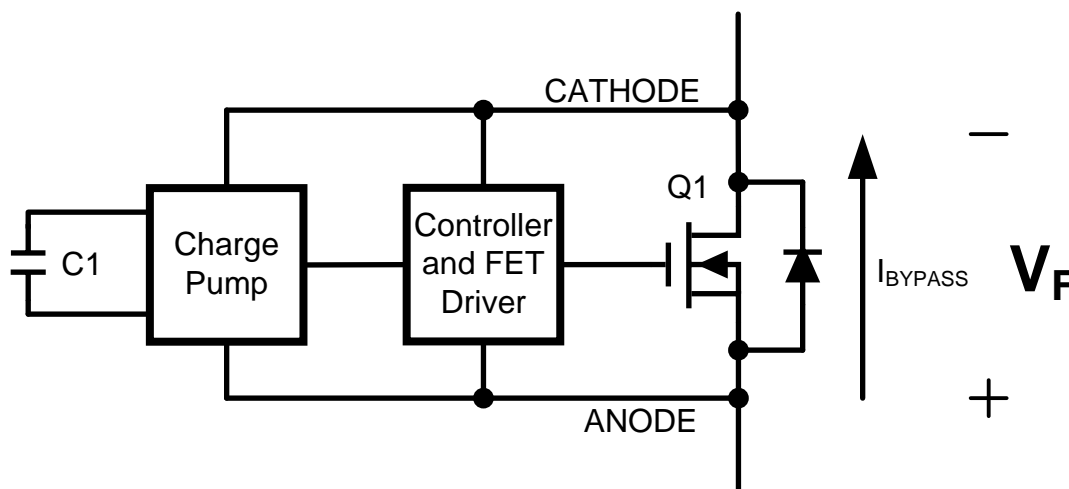


Figure 4. SM74611 Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

The operational description is described below. Please refer to [Figure 4](#) and [Figure 5](#).

From t_0 to t_1 :

When cells in the solar panels are shaded, the FET Q1 is off and the bypass current will flow through the body diode of the FET as shown on [Figure 4](#). This current will produce a voltage drop (V_F) across ANODE and CATHODE terminal of the bypass diode. During this time, the charge pump circuitry is active and charging capacitor C1 to a higher voltage.

At t_1 :

Once the voltage on the capacitor reaches its predetermined voltage level, the charge pump is disabled and the capacitor voltage is used to drive the FET through the FET driver stage.

From t_1 to t_2 :

When the FET is active, it provides a low resistive path for the bypass current to flow thus minimizing the power dissipation across ANODE and CATHODE. Since the FET is active, the voltage across the ANODE and CATHODE is too low to operate the charge pump. During this time, the stored charge on C1 is used to supply the controller as well as drive the FET.

At t_2 :

When the voltage on the capacitor C1 reaches its predetermined lower level, the FET driver shuts off the FET. The bypass current will then begin to flow through the body diode of the FET, causing the FET body diode voltage drop of approximately 0.6V to appear across ANODE and CATHODE. The charge pump circuitry is re-activated and begins charging the capacitor C1. This cycle repeats until the shade on the panel is removed and the string current begins to flow through the PV cells instead of the body diode of the FET.

The key factor to minimizing the power dissipation on the device is to keep the FET on at a high duty cycle. The average forward voltage drop will then be reduced to a much lower voltage than for a Schottky or regular P-N junction diode.

Feature Description (continued)

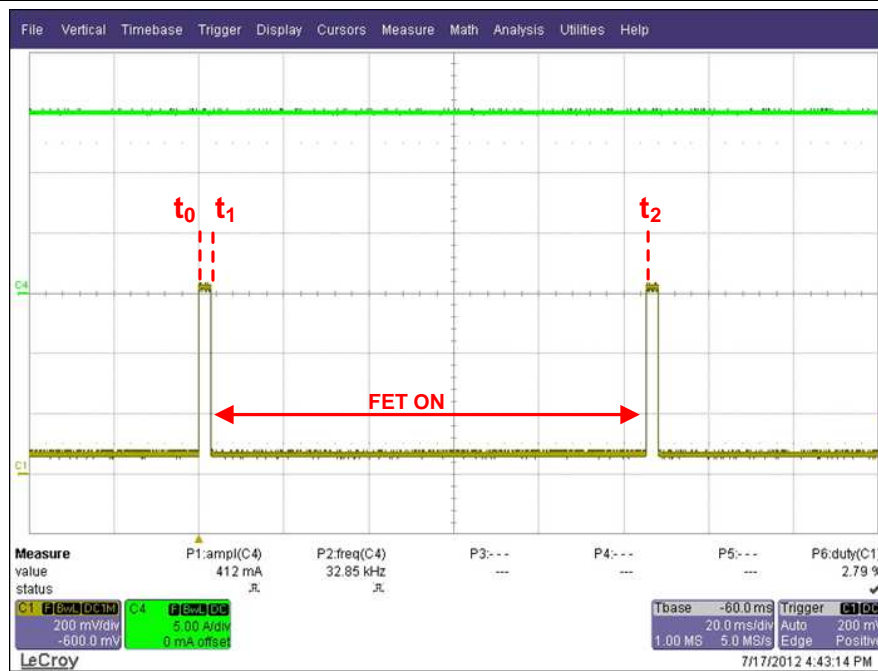


Figure 5. ANODE to CATHODE Voltage (Ch1) with $I_{BYPASS} = 15A$ (Ch4) for SM74611 in Junction Box at 85°C Ambient

8 Device and Documentation Support

8.1 Trademarks

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8.2 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.

8.3 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

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

9 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

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Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
SM74611KTTR	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTT	3	500	Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	SM74611KTT	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
SM74611KTTR	DDPAK/TO-263	KTT	3	500	330.0	24.4	10.6	15.8	4.9	16.0	24.0	Q2

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS

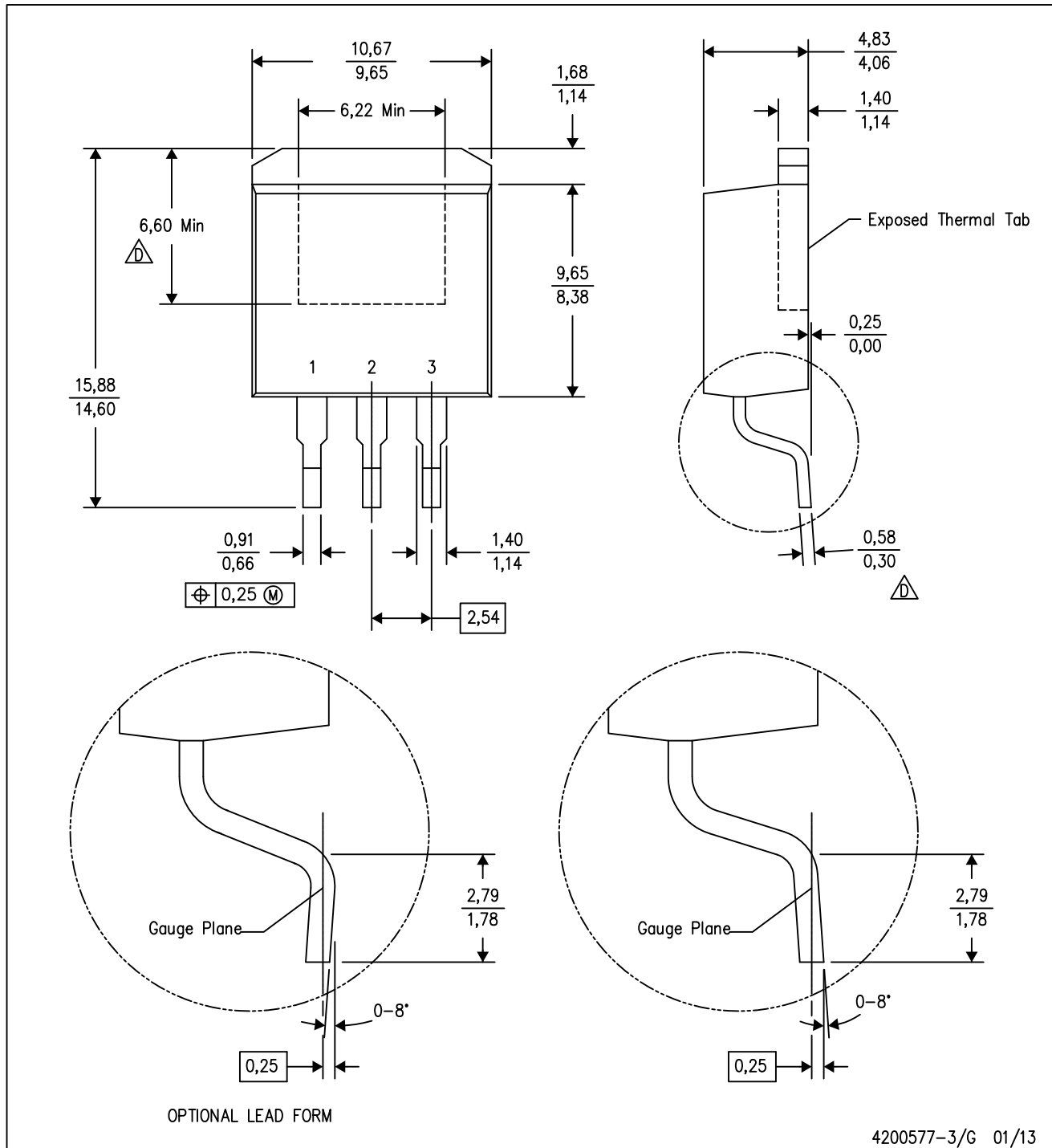


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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
SM74611KTTR	DDPAK/TO-263	KTT	3	500	340.0	340.0	38.0

KTT (R-PSFM-G3)

PLASTIC FLANGE-MOUNT PACKAGE



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- NOTES:
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 - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
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