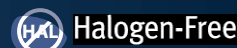


# EPC2306 – Enhancement Mode Power Transistor

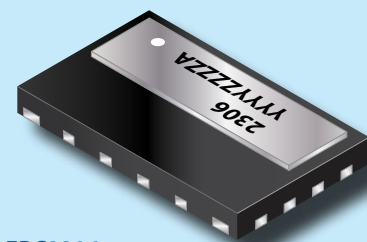
 $V_{DS}, 100\text{ V}$ 
 $R_{DS(on)}, 3.1\text{ m}\Omega\text{ max}$ 


Gallium Nitride's exceptionally high electron mobility and low temperature coefficient allows very low  $R_{DS(on)}$ , while its lateral device structure and majority carrier diode provide exceptionally low  $Q_G$  and zero  $Q_{RR}$ . The end result is a device that can handle tasks where very high switching frequency, and low on-time are beneficial as well as those where on-state losses dominate.

## Application Notes:

- Easy-to-use and reliable gate, Gate Drive ON = 5 V typical, OFF = 0 V (negative voltage not needed)
- Top of FET is electrically connected to source

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**EPC2306**

Package size: 3 x 5 mm

Maximum Ratings			
PARAMETER		VALUE	UNIT
$V_{DS}$	Drain-to-Source Voltage (Continuous)	100	V
	Drain-to-Source Voltage (Repetitive Transient) <sup>(1)</sup>	120	
$I_D$	Continuous ( $T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ ) <sup>(2)</sup>	62	A
	Pulsed ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_{PULSE} = 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ )	197	
$V_{GS}$	Gate-to-Source Voltage	6	V
	Gate-to-Source Voltage	-4	
$T_J$	Operating Temperature	-40 to 150	$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_{STG}$	Storage Temperature	-40 to 150	

<sup>(1)</sup> Pulsed repetitively, duty cycle factor (DCFactor)  $\leq 1\%$ ; See Figure 13 and Reliability Report Phase 16, Section 3.2.6"

<sup>(2)</sup> Electromigration current limit; See Reliability Report Phase 16, Section 3.3.4

Thermal Characteristics			
PARAMETER		TYP	UNIT
$R_{\theta JC}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case (Case TOP)	0.5	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
$R_{\theta JB}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Board (Case BOTTOM)	3.0	
$R_{\theta JA\_JEDEC}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (using JEDEC 51-2 PCB)	54	
$R_{\theta JA\_EVB}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (using EPC90145 EVB)	23	

Static Characteristics ( $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise stated)						
PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$BV_{DSS}$	Drain-to-Source Voltage	$V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 0.2\text{ mA}$	100			V
$I_{DSS}$	Drain-Source Leakage	$V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ , $V_{DS} = 80\text{ V}$		0.005	0.1	mA
$I_{GSS}$	Gate-to-Source Forward Leakage	$V_{GS} = 5\text{ V}$		0.005	1.9	
	Gate-to-Source Forward Leakage <sup>#</sup>	$V_{GS} = 5\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$		0.2	4.2	
	Gate-to-Source Reverse Leakage	$V_{GS} = -4\text{ V}$		0.02	0.5	
$V_{GS(TH)}$	Gate Threshold Voltage	$V_{DS} = V_{GS}$ , $I_D = 7\text{ mA}$	0.8	1.3	2.5	V
$R_{DS(on)}$	Drain-Source On Resistance	$V_{GS} = 5\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 25\text{ A}$		2.5	3.1	$\text{m}\Omega$
$V_{SD}$	Source-Drain Forward Voltage <sup>#</sup>	$I_S = 0.5\text{ A}$ , $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$		1.6		V

<sup>#</sup> Defined by design. Not subject to production test.

## Applications

- AC-DC chargers, SMPS, adaptors, power supplies
- High Frequency DC-DC Conversion up to 80 V input (Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost and LLC)
- 24 V–60 V Motor Drives
- High Power Density DC-DC modules from 40 V– 60 V to 5 V–12 V
- Synchronous Rectification
- Solar MPPT

## Benefits

- Higher Efficiency – Lower conduction and switching losses, zero reverse recovery losses
- Ultra Small Footprint – Higher power density

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<https://l.ead.me/EPC2306>

Dynamic Characteristics<sup>#</sup> ( $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise stated)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$C_{ISS}$	Input Capacitance	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$		1777	2369	pF
$C_{RSS}$	Reverse Transfer Capacitance			5.8		
$C_{OSS}$	Output Capacitance			616	803	
$C_{OSS(ER)}$	Effective Output Capacitance, Energy Related (Note 1)	$V_{DS} = 0\text{ to }50\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$		730		
$C_{OSS(TR)}$	Effective Output Capacitance, Time Related (Note 2)			882		
$R_G$	Gate Resistance			0.4		$\Omega$
$Q_G$	Total Gate Charge	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 5\text{ V}, I_D = 25\text{ A}$		12.3	16.2	nC
$Q_{GS}$	Gate to Source Charge	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}, I_D = 25\text{ A}$		4.3		
$Q_{GD}$	Gate-to-Drain Charge			1.1		
$Q_{G(TH)}$	Gate Charge at Threshold			3.1		
$Q_{OSS}$	Output Charge	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$		44	57	
$Q_{RR}$	Source-Drain Recovery Charge			0		

<sup>#</sup> Defined by design. Not subject to production test.

All measurements were done with substrate shorted to source.

Note 1:  $C_{OSS(ER)}$  is a fixed capacitance that gives the same stored energy as  $C_{OSS}$  while  $V_{DS}$  is rising from 0 to 50%  $BV_{DSS}$ .

Note 2:  $C_{OSS(TR)}$  is a fixed capacitance that gives the same charging time as  $C_{OSS}$  while  $V_{DS}$  is rising from 0 to 50%  $BV_{DSS}$ .

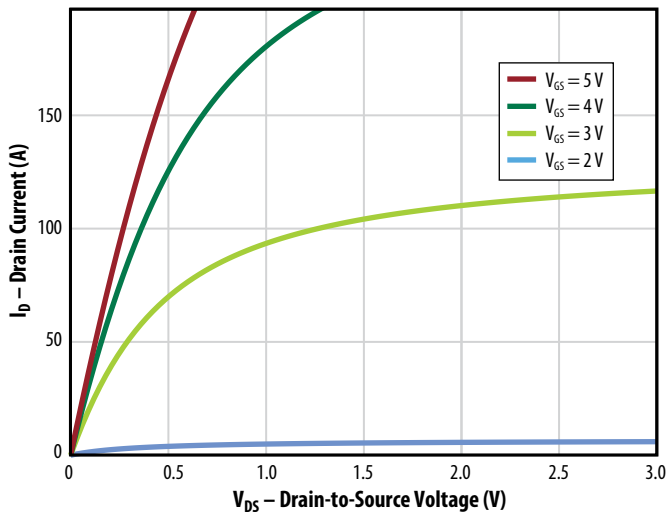
Figure 1: Typical Output Characteristics at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ 

Figure 2: Typical Transfer Characteristics

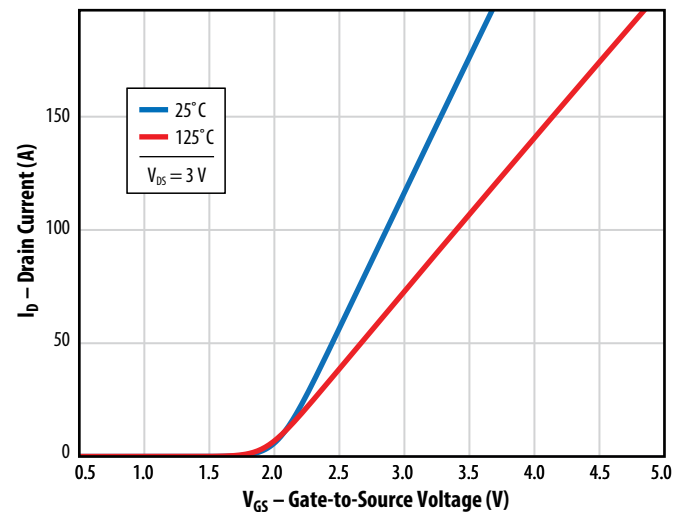
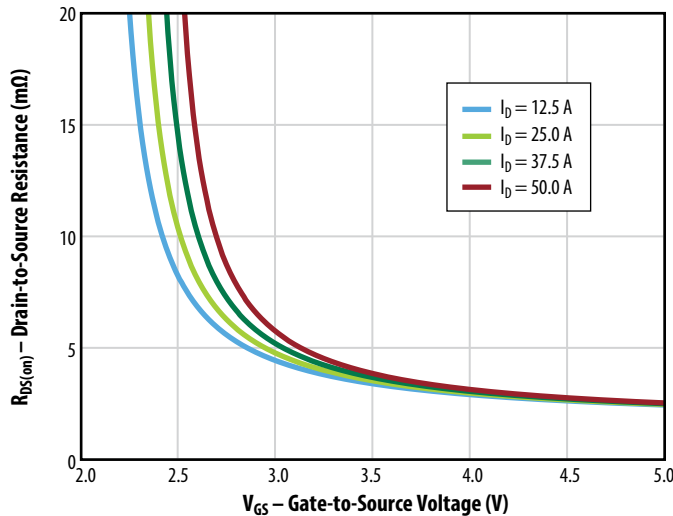
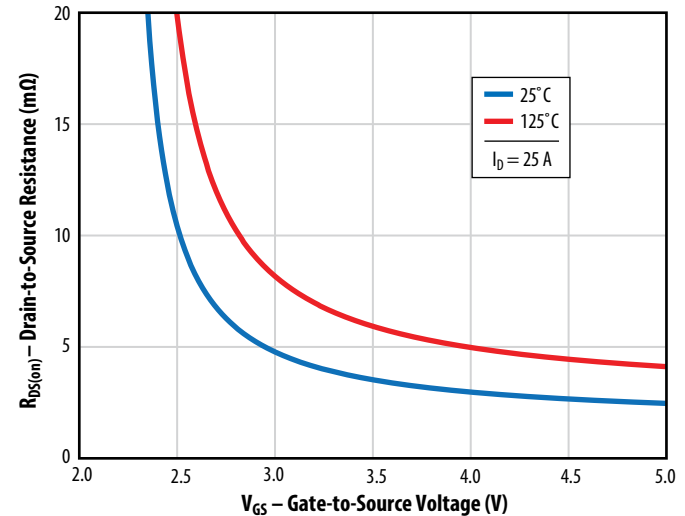
Figure 3: Typical  $R_{DS(on)}$  vs.  $V_{GS}$  for Various Drain CurrentsFigure 4: Typical  $R_{DS(on)}$  vs.  $V_{GS}$  for Various Temperatures

Figure 5a: Typical Capacitance (Linear Scale)

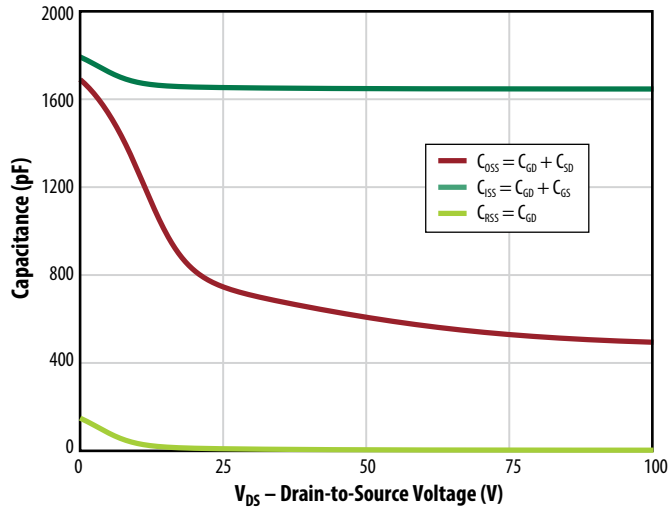


Figure 5b: Typical Capacitance (Log Scale)

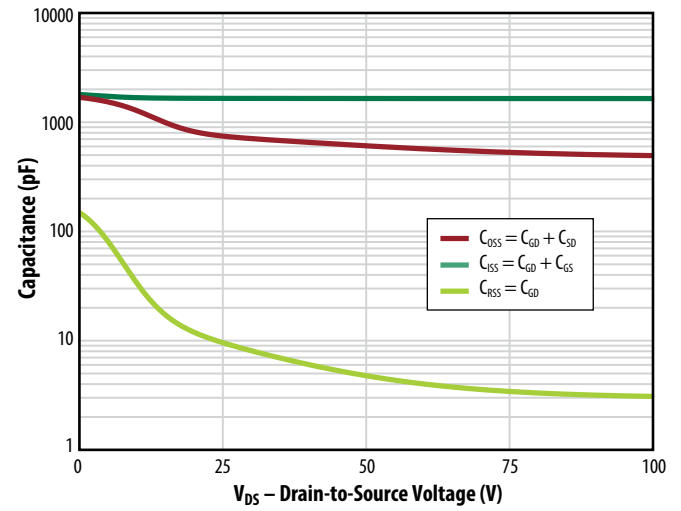
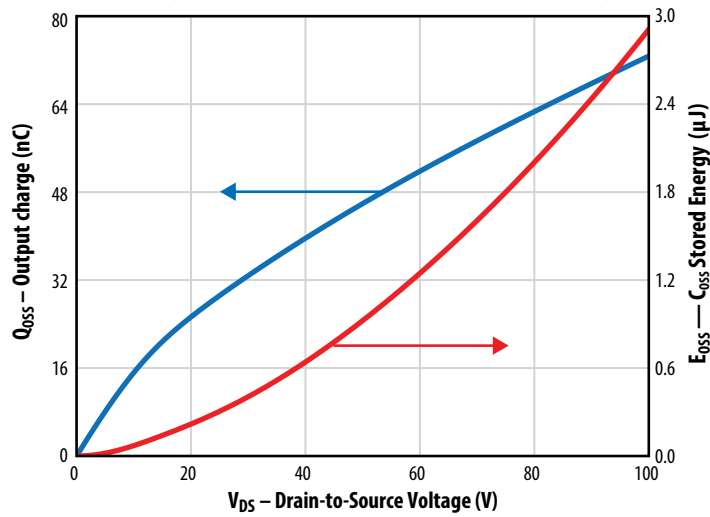
Figure 6: Typical Output Charge and  $C_{OSS}$  Stored Energy

Figure 7: Typical Gate Charge

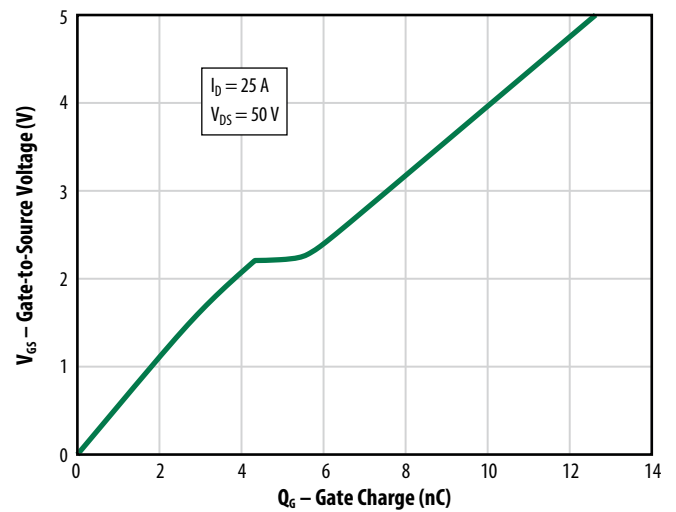
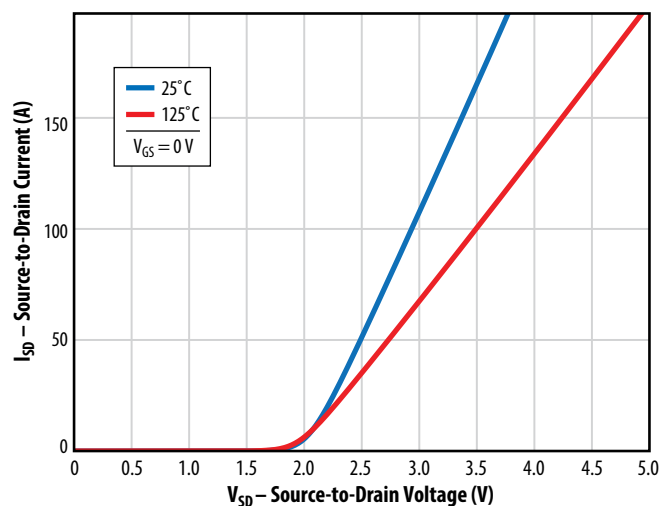


Figure 8: Typical Reverse Drain-Source Characteristics



Note: Negative gate drive voltage increases the reverse drain-source voltage.  
EPC recommends 0 V for OFF.

Figure 9: Typical Normalized On-State Resistance vs. Temp.

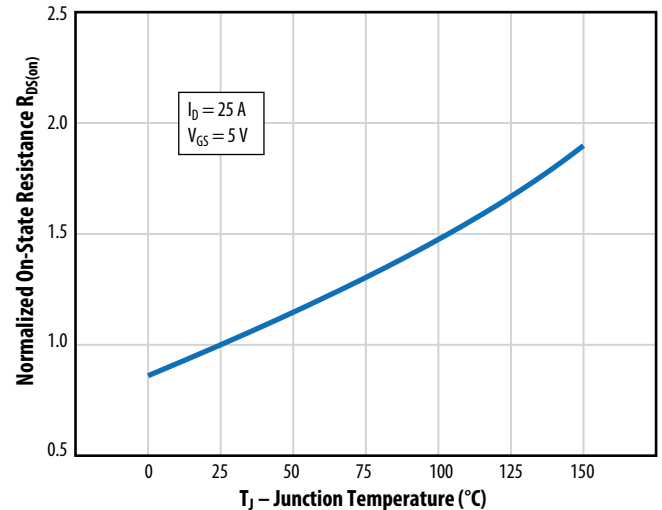


Figure 10: Typical Normalized Threshold Voltage vs. Temp.

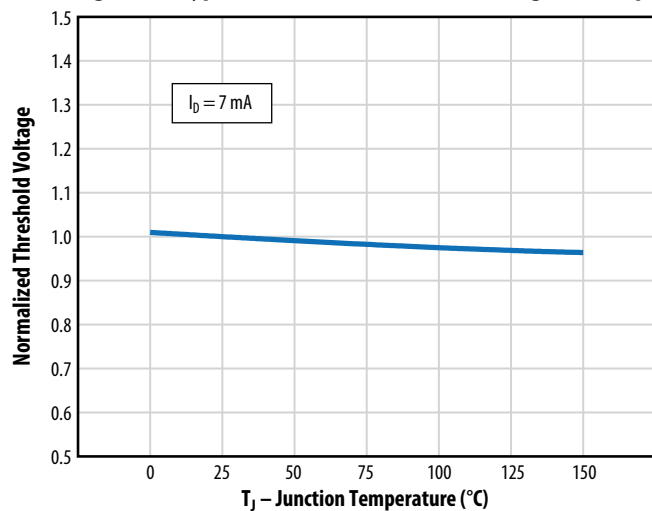


Figure 11: Safe Operating Area

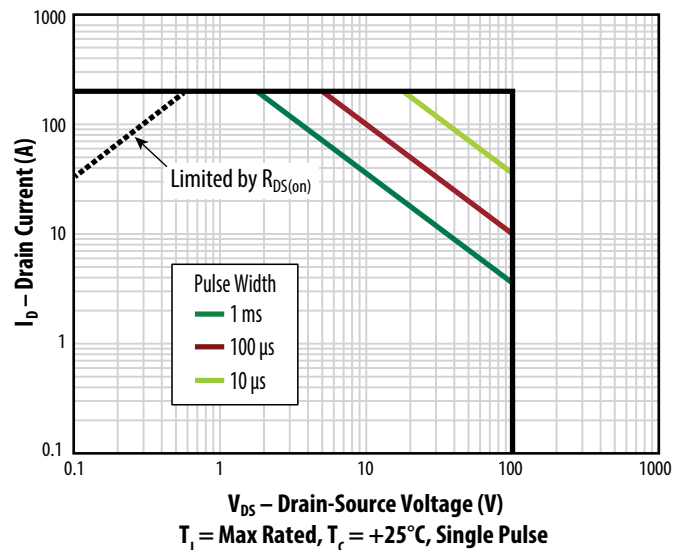


Figure 12: Transient Thermal Response Curves

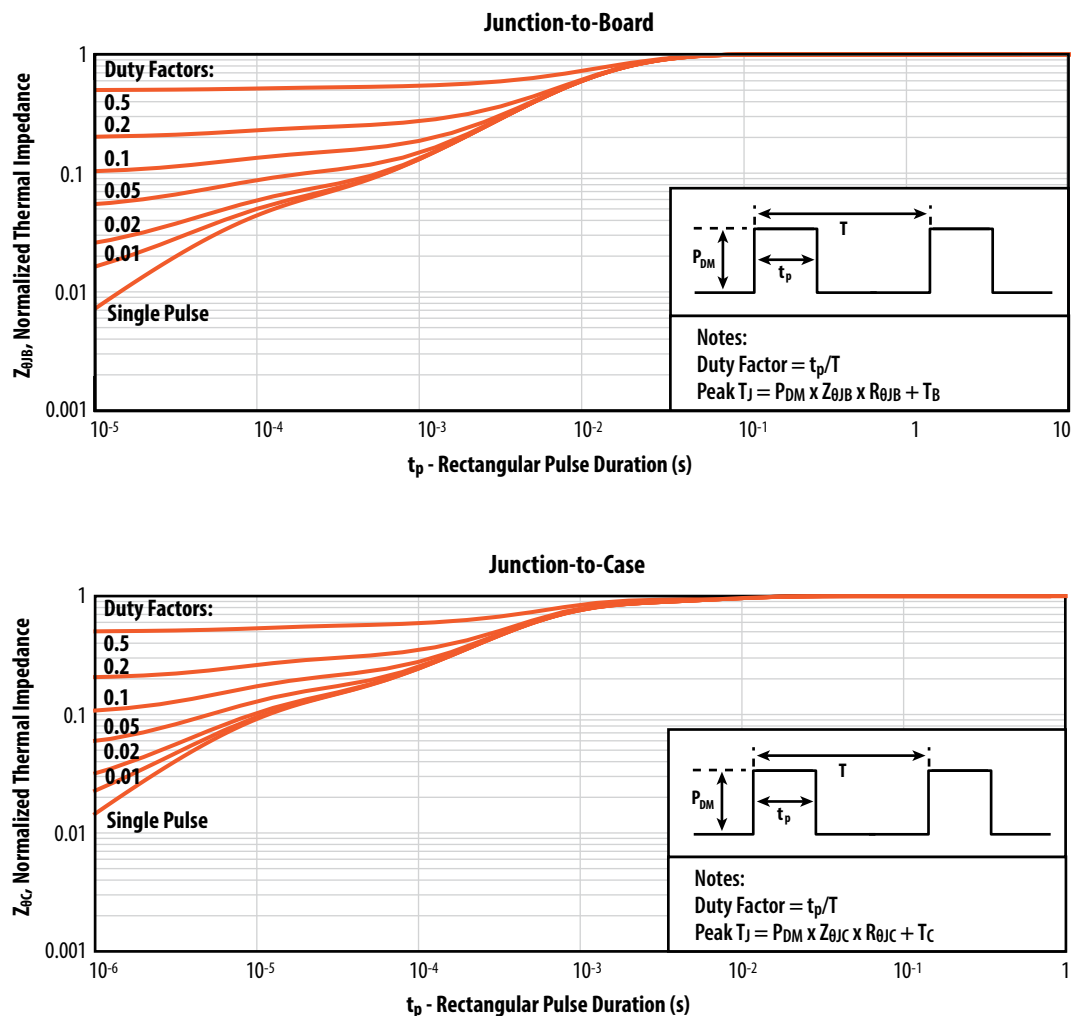
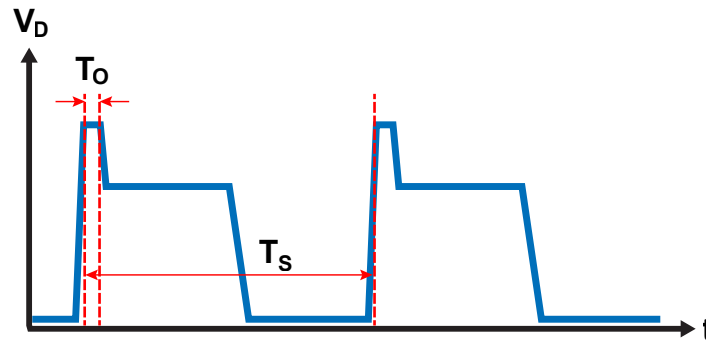


Figure 13: Duty Cycle Factor ( $DC_{Factor}$ ) Illustration for Repetitive Overvoltage Specification

1% is the ratio between  $T_O$  (overvoltage duration) and  $T_S$  (one switching period).

## LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

GaN transistors generally behave like power MOSFETs, but at much higher switching speeds and power densities, therefore layout considerations are very important, and care must be taken to minimize layout parasitic inductances. The recommended design utilizes the first inner layer as a power loop return path. This return path is located directly beneath the top layer's power loop allowing for the smallest physical loop size. This method is also commonly referred to as flux cancellation. Variations of this concept can be implemented by placing the bus capacitors either next to the high side device, next to the low side device, or between the low and high side devices, but in all cases the loop is closed using the first inner layer right beneath the devices.

A similar concept is also used for the gate loop, with the return gate loop located directly under the turn ON and OFF gate resistors.

Furthermore, to minimize the common source inductance between power and gate loops, the power and gate loops are laid out perpendicular to each other, and a via next to the source pad closest to the gate pad is used as Kelvin connection for the gate driver return path.

The [EPC90145 Half-Bridge Development Board Using EPC2306](#) implements our recommended vertical inner layout.

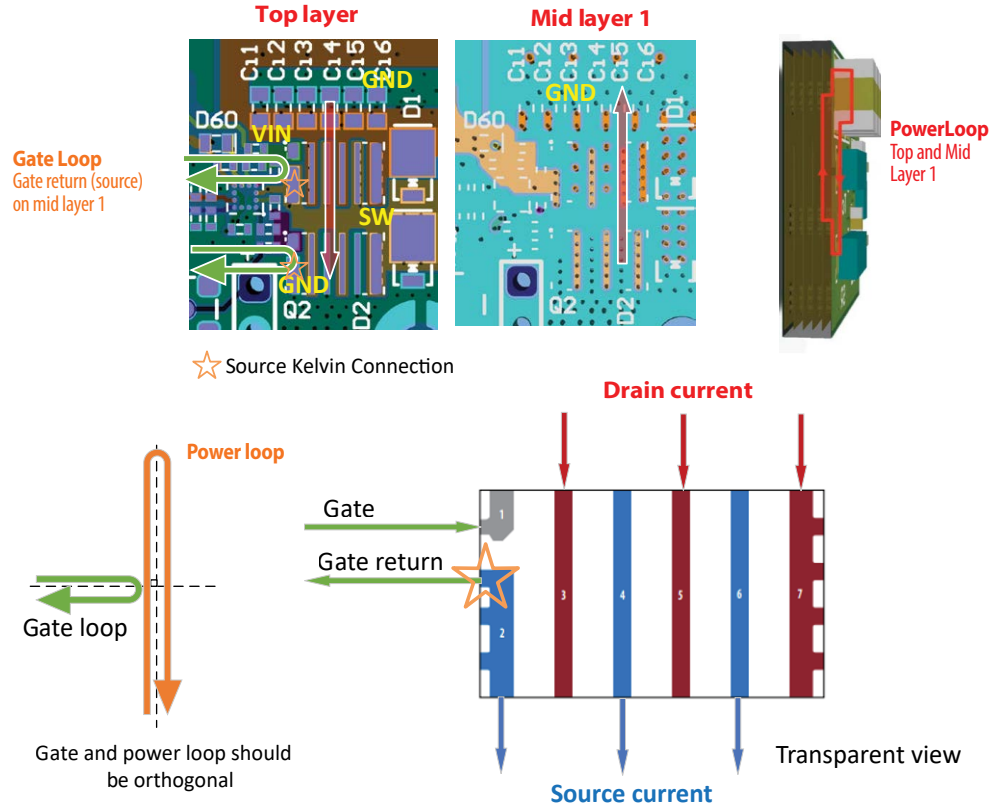


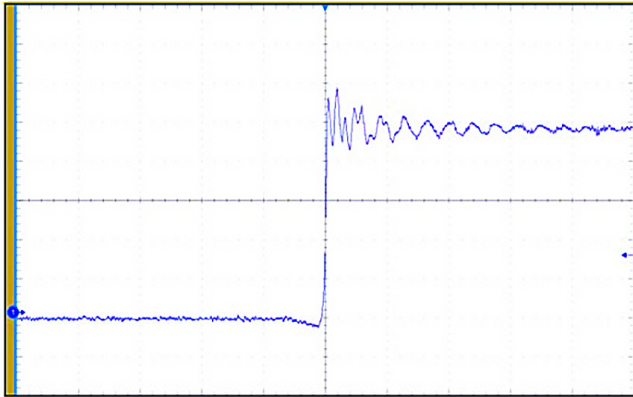
Figure 14: Inner Vertical Layout for Power and Gate Loops from EPC90145

Detailed recommendations on layout can be found on EPC's website: [Optimizing PCB Layout with eGaN FETs.pdf](#)

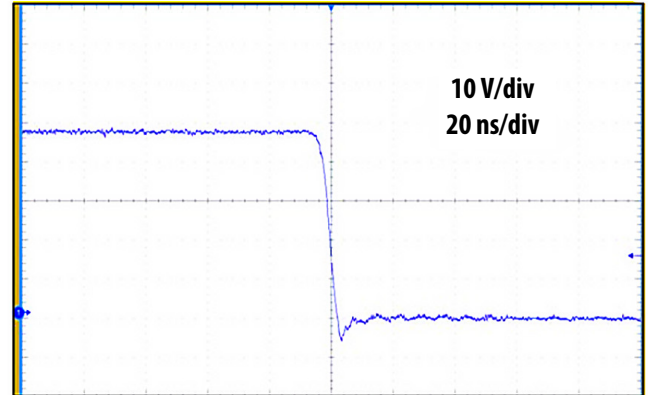
## TYPICAL SWITCHING BEHAVIOR

The following typical switching waveforms are captured in these conditions:

- **EPC90145: 100 V, 45 A Half-Bridge Development Board Featuring EPC2306**
- Gate driver: uP1966E with 0.4  $\Omega$ /0.7  $\Omega$  pull-down/pull-up resistance
- External  $R_G(\text{ON}) = 1 \Omega$ ,  $R_G(\text{OFF}) = 0 \Omega$
- $V_{\text{IN}} = 48 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_L = 15 \text{ A}$



Typical turn ON: 30 V/ns



Typical turn OFF: 8 V/ns

Figure 15: Typical half-bridge voltage switching waveforms

See the [EPC90145: 100 V, 45 A Half-Bridge Development Board Featuring EPC2306 Quick Start Guide](#) for more information.

## TYPICAL THERMAL CONCEPT

The EPC2306 can take advantage of dual sided cooling to maximize its heat dissipation capabilities in high power density designs.

**Note that the top of EPC FETs are connected to source potential, so for half-bridge topologies the Thermal Interface Material (TIM) needs to provide electrical isolation to the heatsink.**

Recommended best practice thermal solutions are covered in detail in

[How2AppNote012 - How to Get More Power Out of an eGaN Converter.pdf](#).

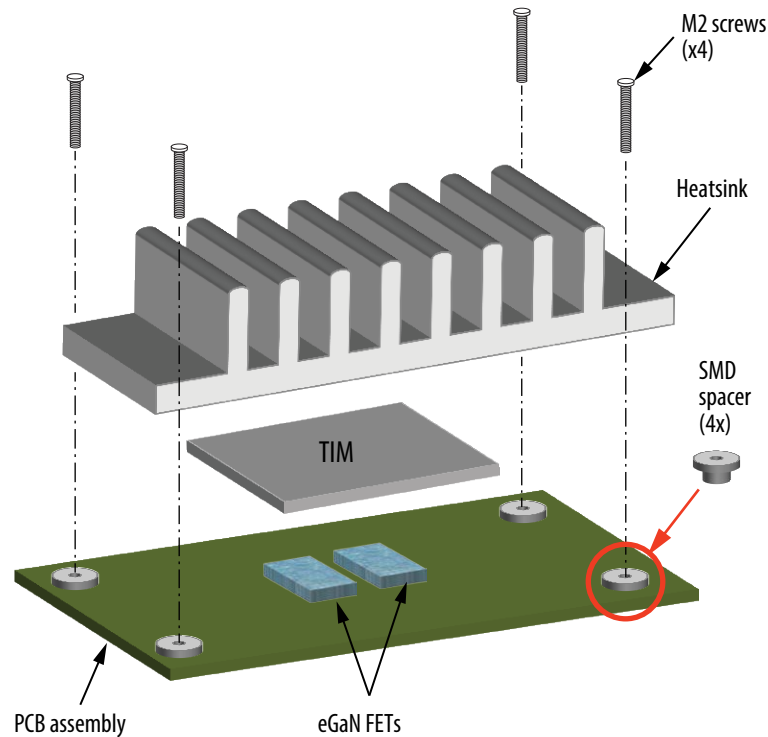


Figure 16: Exploded view of heatsink assembly using screws

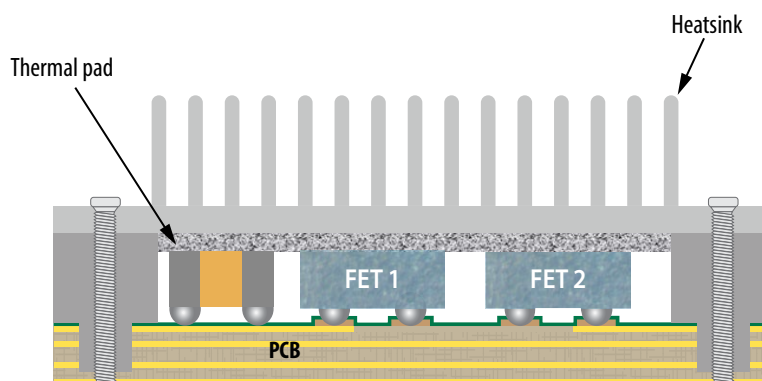


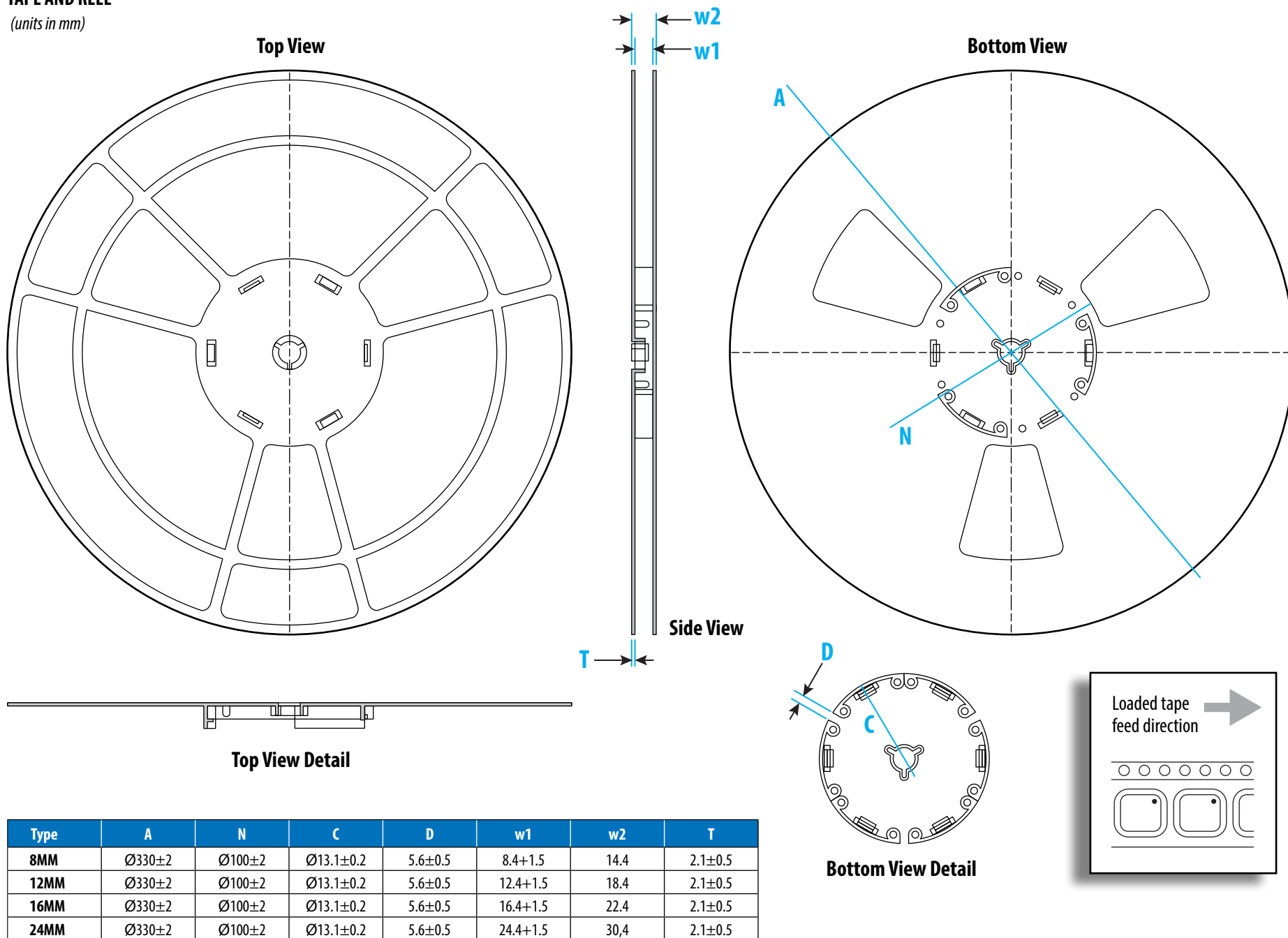
Figure 17: A cross-section image of dual sided thermal solution

**Note: Connecting the heatsink to ground is recommended and can significantly improve radiated EMI**

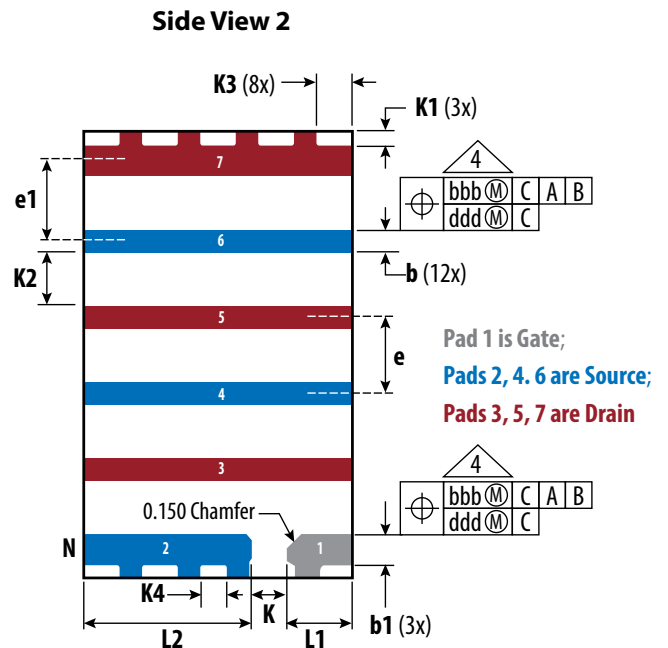
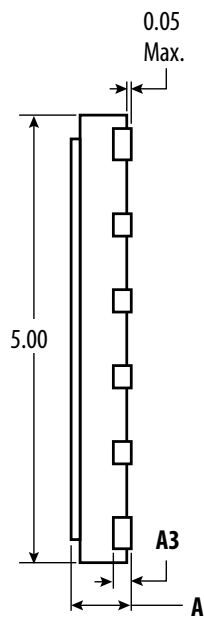
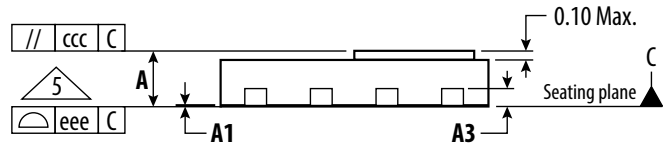
The thermal design can be optimized by using the [GaN FET Thermal Calculator](#) on EPC's website.

**TAPE AND REEL**

(units in mm)







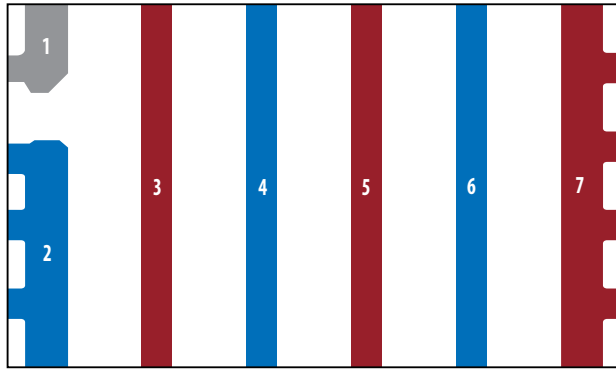
### Bottom View

SYMBOL	Dimension (mm)			
	MIN	Nominal	MAX	Note
<b>A</b>	0.60	0.65	0.70	
<b>A1</b>	0.00	0.02	0.05	
<b>A3</b>		0.20 Ref		
<b>b</b>	0.20	0.25	0.30	4
<b>b1</b>	0.30	0.35	0.40	4
<b>D</b>		3.00 BSC		
<b>E</b>		5.00 BSC		
<b>e</b>		0.85 BSC		
<b>e1</b>		0.90 BSC		
<b>L1</b>	0.625	0.725	0.825	
<b>L2</b>	1.775	1.875	1.975	

SYMBOL	Dimension (mm)			
	MIN	Nominal	MAX	Note
K		0.40 Ref		
K1		0.15 Ref		
K2		0.60 Ref		
K3		0.40 Ref		
K4		0.30 Ref		
aaa		0.05		
bbb		0.10		
ccc		0.10		
ddd		0.05		
eee		0.08		
N		15		3
NE		6		

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing conform to ASME Y14.5-2009
2. All dimensions are in millimeters
3. **N** is the total number of terminals
4. Dimensions **b & b1** applies to the metalized terminal and is measured between 0.15 mm and 0.30 mm from the terminal tip. If the terminal has a radius on the other end of it, dimensions **b & b1** should not be measured in that radius area.
5. Coplanarity applies to the terminals and all the other bottom surface metallization.

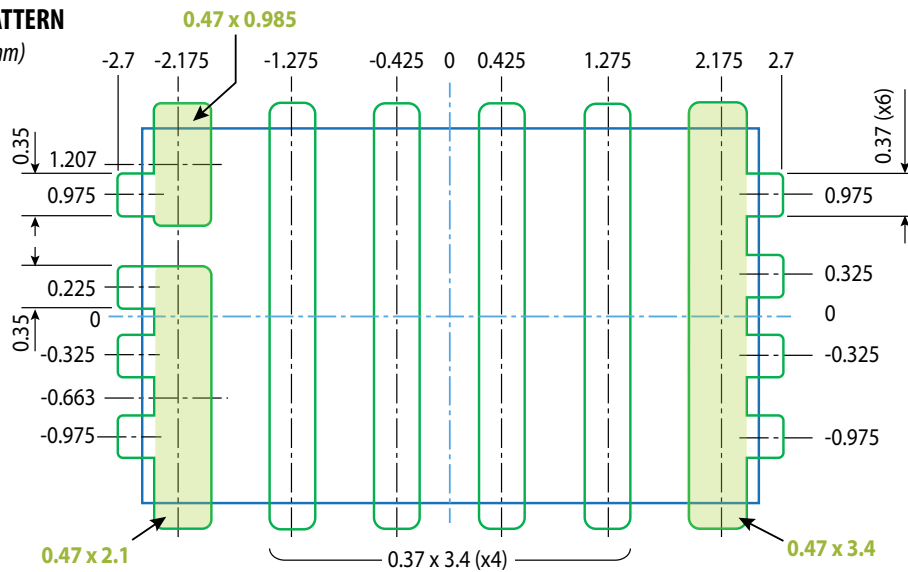
## TRANSPARENT VIEW



PIN	Description
1	Gate
2	Source
3	Drain
4	Source
5	Drain
6	Source
7	Drain

RECOMMENDED  
LAND PATTERN

(units in mm)



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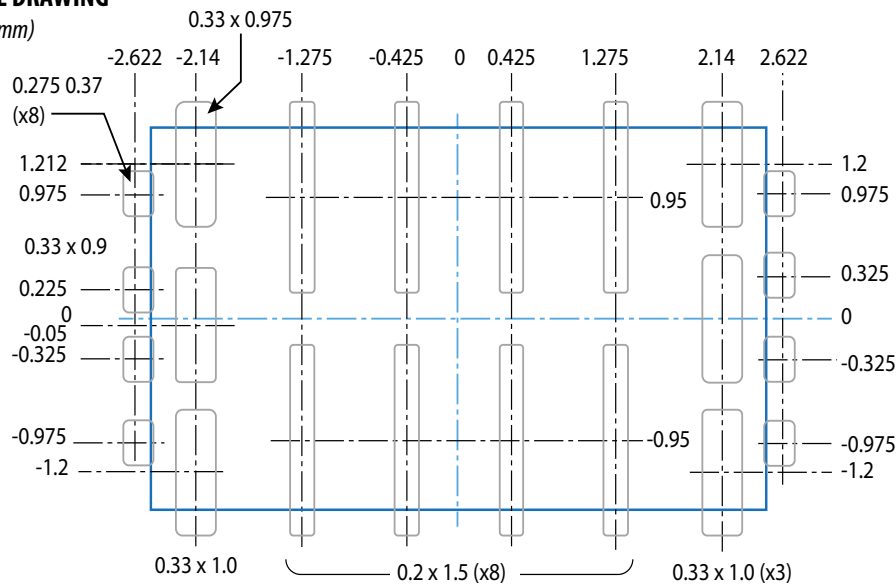
Part outline  
Mask Opening

Radius = 0.05

Land pattern is solder mask defined

RECOMMENDED  
STENCIL DRAWING

(units in mm)

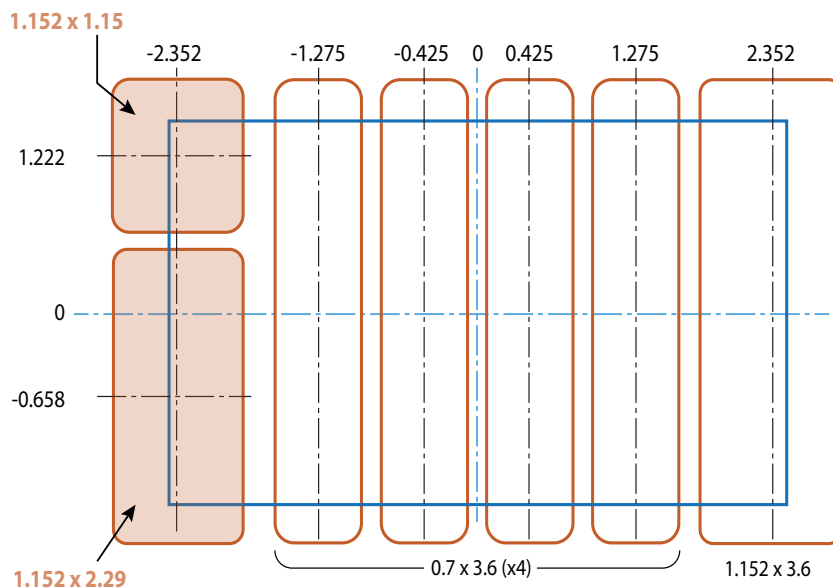


Recommended stencil should be 4 mil (100  $\mu$ m) thick, must be laser cut, openings per drawing. Intended for use with SAC305 Type 4 solder, reference 88.5% metals content.

The corner has a radius of R60.

Split stencil design can be provided upon request, but EPC has tested this stencil design and not found any scooping issues.

**RECOMMENDED  
COPPER DRAWING**  
(units in mm)



Legend:

Part outline

Copper

Radius = 0.05

**3D COMPOSITE**

Legend:

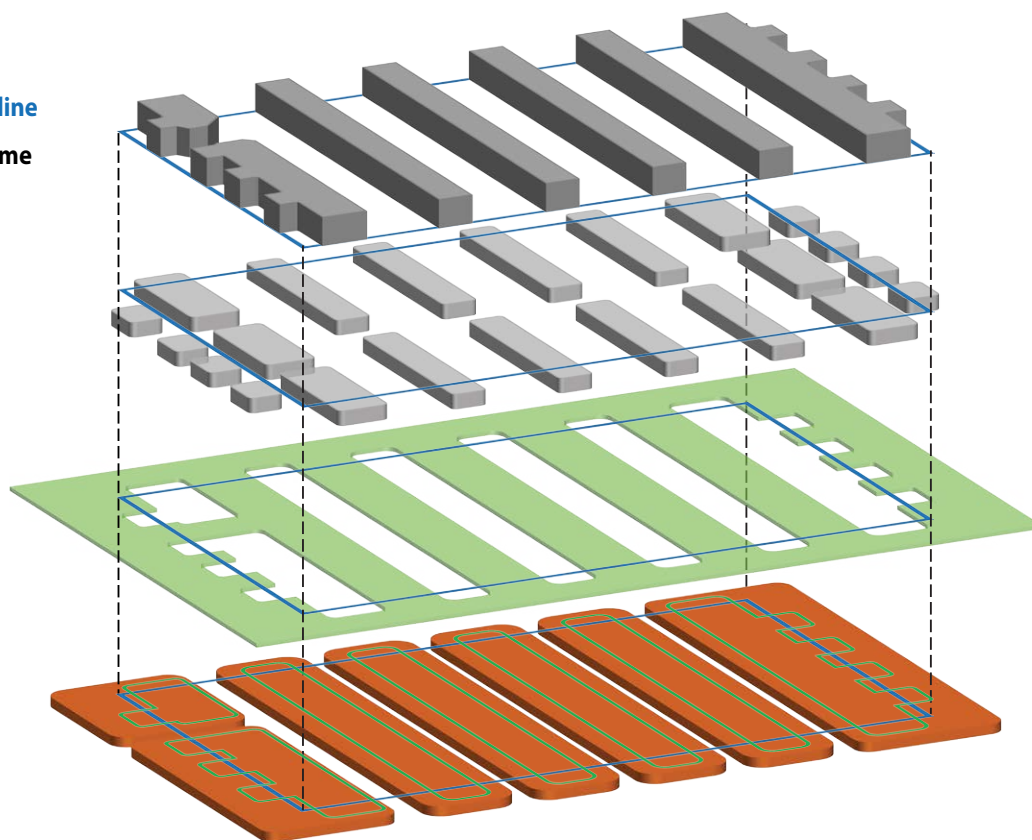
Part outline

Lead frame

Paste

Mask

Copper



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Solder mask defined pads are recommended for best reliability.

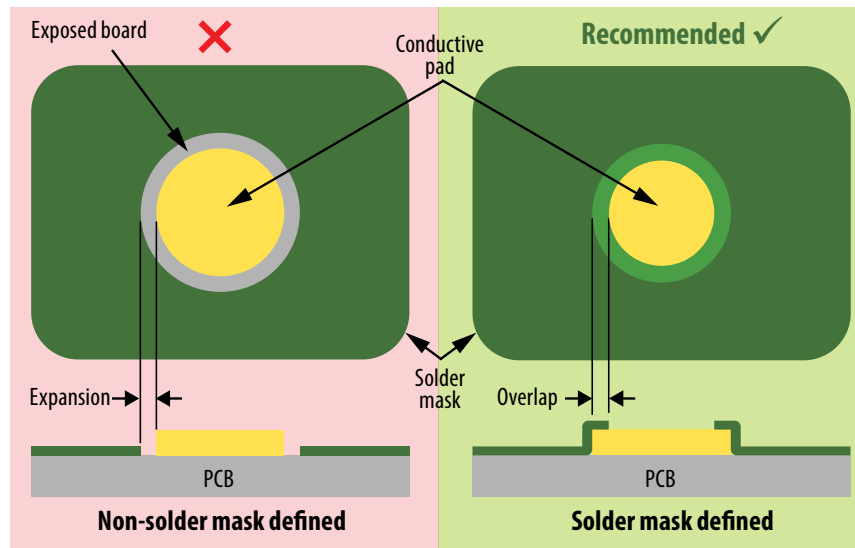


Figure 17: Solder mask defined versus non-solder mask defined pad

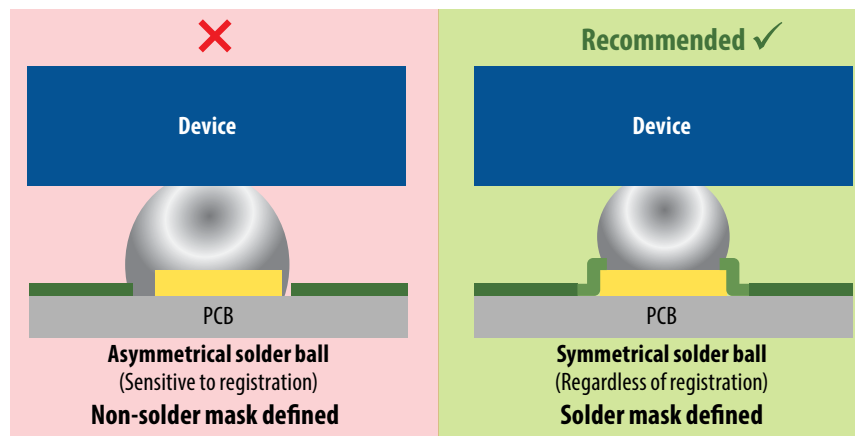


Figure 18: Effect of solder mask design on the solder ball symmetry

- Assembly resources – [https://epc-co.com/epc/Portals/0/epc/documents/product-training/Appnote\\_GaNassembly.pdf](https://epc-co.com/epc/Portals/0/epc/documents/product-training/Appnote_GaNassembly.pdf)
- Library of Altium footprints for production FETs and ICs – <https://epc-co.com/epc/documents/altium-files/EPC%20Altium%20Library.zip>  
(for preliminary device Altium footprints, contact EPC)

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