## AN3040 Application note

## STEVAL-ILB008V1 $4 \times 18$ W/T8 ballast driven by L6585DE

## Introduction

This application note describes a demonstration board able to drive a $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ linear T8 fluorescent tubes.

The ballast is controlled by the new L6585DE IC that integrates the PFC and half-bridge control circuits, relevant drivers, and the circuitry that manages all the operating phases (preheating, ignition and run mode) of the lamp. Protections against failures such as lamp disconnection, anti-capacitive mode and PFC overvoltage are guaranteed and obtained with a minimum number of external components. In addition to the description of the circuit and design criteria, this document provides a short overview of the ballast performances.

Fluorescent lamps are driven more and more by electronic ballasts rather than by electromagnetic ballasts, primarily because fluorescent lamps can produce around 20\% more light for the same input power when driven above 20 kHz instead of $50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Operation at this frequency also eliminates both light flickering (the response time of the discharge is too slow for the lamp to have a chance to extinguish during each cycle) and audible noise. Electronic ballasts consume less power and therefore dissipate less heat than electromagnetic ballasts. The energy saved can be estimated in the range of 20-25\% for a given lamp power. Finally, the electronic solution allows better control of the filament current and lamp voltage during preheating with the unquestionable benefit of increasing the average lamp life.

Figure 1. $4 \times 18$ W T8 ballast demonstration board


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## 1

## Basis of half-bridge inverter topology

The half-bridge inverter operates in zero voltage switching (ZVS) resonant mode to reduce the switching losses and the electromagnetic interference generated by the output wiring and the lamp. Voltage-fed, series-resonant, half-bridge inverters are currently used for compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) ballasts and for many european tube lamp (TL) ballasts.

For this circuit, we have chosen a lamp-to-ground configuration with current preheating and have implemented two parallel resonant circuits that each supply two lamps in series, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Electrical architecture used for four-lamp electronic ballasts


## 2 Main characteristic

The electrical specifications of the lamp ballast are shown in Table 1.
Table 1. Input and output parameter

| Input parameters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}$ | Input voltage range | 85 to $265 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ |
| $\mathrm{f}_{\text {line }}$ | Line frequency | $50 / 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| Tube lamp |  |  |
| Number | 4 |  |
| Type | T8 |  |
| Power | 18 W |  |
| Expected output parameters |  |  |
| PF | Power factor | $\geq 0.9$ |
| THD\% | Total harmonic distortion | $\leq 10$ |
| $\eta$ \% | Efficiency | $\approx 90$ |

Figure 3. Electrical schematic $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 - main wide range


## 3 Ballast design

This sections describes the main components of the circuit.

### 3.1 L6585DE pin-by-pin biasing circuitry

Designed in high-voltage BCD offline technology, the L6585DE embeds a PFC controller, a half-bridge controller, the relevant drivers and the logic necessary to build an electronic ballast.

- Pin1 OSC is one of the two oscillator inputs. The value of the capacitor connected to ground defines the half-bridge switching frequency in each operating state. $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ is set to 1 nF .
- Pin2 RF: the choice of component and oscillator capacitance defines the half-bridge switching frequency in each operating state. A resistor $R_{14}$ connected to ground sets the run frequency, while during the preheating phase the switching frequency is set by the parallel of the above resistance with the $\mathrm{R}_{13}$ resistor connected between the RF and EOI pins (the EOI pin is pulled to ground during preheating). With the following frequencies and ignition time:

$$
\mathrm{f}_{\text {run }}=40 \mathrm{kHz} \quad \mathrm{f}_{\text {pre }}=67 \mathrm{kHz} \quad \mathrm{t}_{\text {ign }}=45 \mathrm{~ms}
$$

$\mathrm{R}_{14}$ can be calculated with the following formula.

## Equation 1

$$
e=1-\frac{1.33}{\left(C_{5}\right)^{0.581}} \quad k=\frac{499.6 \cdot 10^{3}}{\left(C_{5}\right)^{0.872}} \quad R_{14}=\left(\frac{k}{f_{\text {run }}}\right)^{1 / e}=33 k \Omega
$$

The value of $R_{13}$ is therefore given by:

## Equation 2

$$
\mathrm{R}_{13} / / \mathrm{R}_{14}=\left(\frac{\mathrm{k}}{\mathrm{f}_{\text {pre }}}\right)^{1 / \mathrm{e}} \Rightarrow \mathrm{R}_{13}=47 \mathrm{k} \Omega
$$

- Pin3 EOI is a multi-function pin. During preheating, the pin is internally shorted to ground by the logic, so the resistor (Rpre//Rrun) connected between the RF pin and ground sets the preheating switching frequency. During ignition it goes into a high impedance state: the ignition time is the time necessary for the pin voltage to exponentially - rise from zero to 1.9 V . The growth is steered by the $\mathrm{C}_{6}{ }^{*} \mathrm{R}_{13}$ time constant; since the value of $R_{13}$ has already been calculated and $t_{\text {ign }}$ at the start is fixed, $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ is calculated with the following formula.


## Equation 3

$$
\mathrm{C}_{6}=\frac{\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{ign}}}{3 \cdot \mathrm{R}_{13}}=319 \mathrm{nF}
$$

For this circuit, $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ has been set to 320 nF .

- Pin4 TCH is the time counter and is activated during the preheating phase as well as after a protection is triggered (HBCS crossing during ignition run mode, window comparator at EOL). To achieve this, an $\mathrm{R}_{15} \mathrm{C}_{7}$ parallel network is connected between this pin and ground. With a protection time $\mathrm{t}_{\text {Tch, reduced }}$ fixed at 0.27 seconds (needed for the startup sequence with old or damaged lamps), $\mathrm{C}_{7}$ can then be calculated.


## Equation 4

$$
t_{\text {Tch,reduced }} \cong C_{7} \cdot 0.26974 \cdot 10^{6} \Rightarrow C_{7}=1 \mu \mathrm{~F}
$$

With $t_{\text {pre }}$ set to 1 second and considering the internal current generator $I_{C H}=31 \mu \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{R}_{15}$ can be calculated.

## Equation 5

$$
\mathrm{R}_{15}=\frac{\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{pre}}-\frac{\mathrm{C}_{7}}{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CH}}} \cdot 4.63}{\mathrm{C}_{7} \cdot \ln \frac{4.63}{1.5}}=755 \mathrm{k} \Omega \Rightarrow 750 \mathrm{k} \Omega
$$

- Pin5 EOLP is a 2 V reference and allows programming the window comparator of Pin6 (EOL) according to the values defined in Table 4 in the L6585DE datasheet. Working in a lamp-to-ground configuration, a fixed reference mode has been selected, and for a window voltage amplitude of $\pm 240 \mathrm{mV}, \mathrm{R}_{16}$ has been set to $75 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.
- Pin6 EOL is the input of the window comparator. Concerning this comparator, the fixed reference configuration requires two Zener diodes to shift the mean value of the lamp voltage to 2.5 V . The values of the two Zener diodes relate to the symmetry of the protection intervention, and the best symmetry is obtained by choosing two values whose difference is equal to twice the reference voltage.
Referring to the first series lamp (Figure 3):


## Equation 6

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{K} \max }=2.5+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{zD16}}+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{fD17}}+\mathrm{W} / 2 \\
\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{K} \min }=2.5-\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{zD} 17}+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{fD} 16}\right)-\mathrm{W} / 2 \\
\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{K} \max }=-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{K} \min } \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2.5=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{zD} 17}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{zD} 16} \Rightarrow \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{zD} 17}=5.1 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{zD} 16}=10 \mathrm{~V}
\end{gathered}
$$

If we consider that $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{fD} 17}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{fD} 16}=0.7 \mathrm{~V}$ and take into account that $\mathrm{W} / 2=0.240 \mathrm{~V}$, the maximum/minimum voltage on the low resistance of the voltage divider of the lamp is
$\left|\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{K}}\right|=8.2 \mathrm{~V}$.
With $R_{67}$ equaling $1.8 \mathrm{M} \Omega$, considering the current capability of EOL and fixing the maximum deviation voltage lamp $\left|\mathrm{V}_{\text {lamp }}\right|=18 \mathrm{~V}$, the value of $\mathrm{R}_{60}$ can be calculated as $1.5 \mathrm{M} \Omega$.

Figure 4. EOL circuit for first-series lamp


The same design procedure can be used for the EOL circuit of the second series lamp.

- Pin7 CTR is a multi-function pin (PFC overvoltage, feedback disconnection, reference for EOL in case of tracking reads), connected through a resistive divider to the PFC output bus. By establishing a maximum PFC overvoltage (PFC output overshoot, for example, at startup) $\mathrm{V}_{\text {OVPBUSpfc }}$ of 480 V and considering that the corresponding threshold on the CTR pin ( $\mathrm{V}_{\text {thrCTR }}$ ) must be $3.4 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}_{7}+\mathrm{R}_{12}$ can be calculated as 1.82 $\mathrm{M} \Omega$ and $\mathrm{R}_{19}$ as $13 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.
- Pin8 MULT: first, the maximum peak value for $\mathrm{V}_{\text {MULT }}, \mathrm{V}_{\text {MULTmax }}$ is selected. This value, which is reached at the maximum mains voltage, should be 3 V (linearity limit) or nearly so in wide-range mains and less in case of single mains. The PFC sense resistor selected is $R_{S}=R_{22}=0.150 \Omega$ and is described in the section on Pin12. Considering that the maximum slope of the multiplier (maxslope) is 0.75 , it is possible to calculate the maximum peak value occurring at the maximum mains voltage and the multiplier divider $\varepsilon$.


## Equation 7

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{V}_{\text {MULT max }} & =\frac{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{Lpk}} \cdot \mathrm{R}_{22}}{\max \text { slope }} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{AC} \text { max }}}{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{AC} \text { min }}}=\frac{2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}}{\eta \cdot \mathrm{V}_{\text {in min }} \cdot \mathrm{PF}} \cdot \mathrm{R}_{22}}{\max \text { slope }} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{AC} \text { max }}}{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{AC} \text { min }}}=1.83 \\
\varepsilon & =\frac{\mathrm{R}_{17}}{\mathrm{R}_{17}+\left(\mathrm{R}_{5}+\mathrm{R}_{9}\right)}=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {MULT max }}}{\sqrt{2 \cdot V_{\mathrm{AC} \text { max }}}}=\frac{1.83}{\sqrt{2} \cdot 265}=4.89 \cdot 10^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Supposing there is a $240 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ current flowing into the divider, the value of the lower resistor $R_{17}$ can be calculated, and then the value of the upper resistance $R_{5}+R_{9}$.

## Equation 8

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{R}_{17}=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {MULT max }}}{240 \mu \mathrm{~A}}=7.79 \mathrm{k} \Omega \Rightarrow \mathrm{R}_{17}=7.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega \\
& \mathrm{R}_{5}+\mathrm{R}_{9}=\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathrm{R}_{17}=1.52 \mathrm{M} \Omega \Rightarrow \mathrm{R}_{5}+\mathrm{R}_{9}=1.5 \mathrm{M} \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

The voltage on the multiplier pin with the selected component values is recalculated at a minimum line voltage of 0.59 V and at maximum line voltage of 1.85 V . As a result, the multiplier operates correctly within its linear region.

- Pin9 COMP is the output of the E/A and also one of the two inputs of the multiplier. The feedback compensation network, placed between this pin and INV (10), is a capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ calculated as follows (considering that $\mathrm{R}_{6}+\mathrm{R}_{11}$ is the upper resistance of voltage divider between the PFC bus and the COMP pin).


## Equation 9

$$
\mathrm{C}_{2}=\frac{10}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot\left(\mathrm{R}_{6}+\mathrm{R}_{11}\right)}=530 \mathrm{nF}
$$

$\mathrm{C}_{2}$ has been set to a commercial value of $470 / / 100 \mathrm{nF}$.

- Pin10 INV: to implement the voltage control loop, a resistive divider (Figure 4) must be connected between the regulated output voltage $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BUSpfc}}=420 \mathrm{~V}\right)$ of the boost and the pin. The internal reference on the non-inverting input of the $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{A}$ is 2.5 V so $\mathrm{R}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{11}$ (Figure 4) can then be selected fixing $\mathrm{R}_{18}$ to $18 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.


## Equation 10

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{R_{6}+R_{11}}{R_{18}}=\frac{V_{\text {BUSpfc }}}{2.5}-1 \\
R_{6}+R_{11}=3 \mathrm{M} \Omega
\end{gathered}
$$

- Pin11 ZCD is the input to the zero current detector circuit. The ZCD pin is connected to the auxiliary winding of the boost inductor through a limiting resistor $\mathrm{R}_{10}$. The ZCD circuit is negative-going, edge-triggered: when the voltage on the pin falls below 0.7 V , the PWM latch is set and the MOSFET is turned on. However, the circuit must first be armed: prior to falling below 0.7 V , the voltage on pin 11 must experience a positivegoing, edge-exceeding 1.4 V (due to the MOSFET switching off). The maximum main-to-auxiliary winding turn ratio $(\mathrm{m})$ has to ensure that the voltage delivered to the pin during the MOSFET's OFF time is sufficient to arm the ZCD circuit.


## Equation 11

$$
\mathrm{m} \leq \frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {BUSpfc }}-\sqrt{2} \cdot \mathrm{~V}_{\text {inRMS(max) }}}{1.4}=33.10
$$

m has been set to 10 .

Considering the upper and lower clamp voltages of the ZCD pin and its minimum sink current capability according to the maximum and minimum voltages of the PFC bus, $\mathrm{R}_{10}$ has been calculated and set to $68 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.

- Pin12 PFCS is the inverting input of the current sense comparator. As the voltage across the sense resistor (proportional to the instantaneous inductor current) crosses the threshold set by the multiplier output, the power MOSFET is turned off. Equation 12 determines the PFC sense resistor.


## Equation 12

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{L} \max }=\frac{2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{P}_{\text {outTOT }}}{\eta}}{\mathrm{V}_{\text {inmin }} \cdot \mathrm{PF}}=2.68 \mathrm{~A} \\
\mathrm{R}_{22}<\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CS} \text { min }}}{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{L} \max }}=\frac{1}{2.68}=0.37 \Omega \Rightarrow \mathrm{R}_{22}=150 \mathrm{~m} \Omega
\end{gathered}
$$

$R_{22}$ has been set to $150 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ with a power rating of 1 W .

- Pin13 PFG: to drive the external MOSFET correctly, $R_{21}$ has been set to $100 \Omega$.
- Pin 14 HBCS: assuming that during each lamp's ignition phase there is a maximum current $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{IGNmax}}$ of 1.9 A and an HBCS threshold during the ignition phase $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HBCS} \text {-ign }}$ of 1.6 V , we can calculate that $\mathrm{R}_{\text {senseHB }}=\mathrm{R}_{31}$.


## Equation 13

$$
R_{31}=\frac{V_{\text {HBCS_ign }}}{I_{\text {IGNmax TOT }}}=0.42 \Omega
$$

$R_{31}$ has been set to $0.47 \Omega$ with a power rating of 1 W .

- Pin 15 GND: device ground.
- Pin 16 LSD: to drive the external half-bridge low-side MOSFET correctly, the resistor $R_{23}$ has been set to $43 \Omega$.
- Pin 17 Vcc : this pin is externally connected to the startup circuit (by means of $\mathrm{R}_{34}, \mathrm{R}_{35}$, $R_{36}, R_{37}, R_{40}$ and $R_{41}$ ) and to the self-supply circuit made of a charge pump composed by the net $\mathrm{C}_{16}, \mathrm{C}_{17}, \mathrm{C}_{18}, \mathrm{D}_{8}, \mathrm{D}_{9}$ and $\mathrm{R}_{29}$.
- Pin 18 out: floating reference of the high-side driver. This pin is connected close to the source of the high-side power MOSFET.
- Pin 19 HSD: to drive the external half-bridge low-side MOSFET correctly, the resistor $R_{20}$ has been set to $43 \Omega$.
- Pin 20 boot: for the high-side section $\mathrm{C}_{13}$ has been set to 100 nF .


### 3.2 PFC power section design

### 3.2.1 Input capacitor

The input high-frequency filter capacitor has to attenuate the switching noise due to the high frequency inductor current ripple. The worst conditions will occur on the peak of the minimum rated input voltage $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{inmin}}=85 \mathrm{~V}\right)$. The following values have been established.

- The coefficient of the maximum high-frequency voltage ripple $r=0.05$.
- Total system efficiency is possible. Taking into account a minimum half-bridge switching frequency ( $\mathrm{f}_{\text {swmin }}$ ) of 39 kHz and a total output power ( $\mathrm{P}_{\text {outTOT }}$ ) equal to $4 * 18=72 \mathrm{~W}$, the input capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ can be determined by the following equation.


## Equation 14

$$
C_{4}=\frac{\frac{P_{\text {outTOT }}}{\eta \cdot V_{\text {in min }}}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_{\text {swmin }} \cdot V_{\text {inmin }} \cdot r}=904 \mathrm{nF}
$$

To obtain a good margin from $\mathrm{f}_{\text {swmin }}, \mathrm{C}_{4}$ has been set to 680 nF .

### 3.2.2 Output capacitor

The selection of the output bulk capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ depends on the DC output voltage, the admitted overvoltage, the output power and the desired voltage ripple. With the following values:

- PFC output voltage $\mathrm{V}_{\text {busPFC }}=420 \mathrm{~V}$.
- the coefficient of the low frequency (twice the mains frequency ( $\mathrm{f}_{\text {main }}=50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ) voltage ripple $r_{1}=0.05$.
the bulk capacitor can be calculated as:


## Equation 15

$$
C_{1}=\frac{\frac{P_{\text {outTOT }}}{V_{\text {busPFC }}}}{2 \pi \cdot 2 f_{\text {main }} \cdot V_{\text {busPFC }} \cdot r_{1}}=13 \mu \mathrm{~F}
$$

To obtain the smallest possible ripple and good reliability, a commercial capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ of $33 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 450 \mathrm{~V}$ has been used.

### 3.2.3 Boost inductor

The inductance $L_{p f c}$ is usually determined so that the minimum switching frequency ( $f_{\text {min }}$ pfc $)$ is greater than the maximum frequency of the internal starter to ensure correct TM operation. Considering the minimum suggested value for the PFC section ( $\mathrm{f}_{\min \text { pfc }}$ ) is 20 kHz and that this last can occur at either the maximum $\mathrm{V}_{\text {inrmsMax }}=265 \mathrm{~V}$ or the minimum $\mathrm{V}_{\text {inrmsMin }}=85 \mathrm{~V}$ mains voltage, the inductor value is defined by:

Equation 16

$$
\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{pfc}}=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\text {inrms }}^{2} \cdot\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\text {busPFC }}-\sqrt{2} \cdot \mathrm{~V}_{\text {inrms }}\right)}{2 \cdot \mathrm{f}_{\text {minpfc }} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{P}_{\text {out }}}{\eta} \cdot \mathrm{V}_{\text {busPFC }}}
$$

To margin from $f_{\text {min }}$ pfc we have set $f_{p f c}$ to 38 kHz . In this condition, the lower value for the inductor is determined by $\mathrm{V}_{\text {inrms }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {inrmsMin }}$ and the result $\mathrm{L}_{\text {pfc }}=0.8 \mathrm{mH}$ with (as stated in the PFCS pin description) a minimum $I_{\text {Lmax }}$ of 3 A and a maximum $I_{\text {Lmax }}$ of 5 A (using the inductor 1646-0004 manufactured by MAGNETICA).

### 3.2.4 Power MOSFET

The choice of MOSFET relates mainly to its $R_{D S(o n)}$, which depends on the output power and its breakdown voltage, the latter being fixed by the output voltage $\mathrm{V}_{\text {buspfc }}=420 \mathrm{~V}$ only, plus the overvoltage $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OVPpfc}}=60 \mathrm{~V}$ allowed, and a safety margin.
The MOSFET's power dissipation depends on the conduction and switching losses.
Assuming maximum total power losses $\mathrm{P}_{\text {lossesAdm }}=1 \%, \mathrm{P}_{\text {outTOT }}=0.7 \mathrm{~W}$, it easy to verify that with the second-generation MDmesh ${ }^{\text {TM }} V$ Power MOSFET STB12NM50N, the estimated total MOSFET power losses $\mathrm{P}_{\text {lossesEst }}$ are about $=0.5 \mathrm{~W}$ (worst case) and that this was the correct choice.

### 3.2.5 Boost diode

The boost freewheeling diode is a fast recovery one. The breakdown voltage is fixed with the same criterion as the MOSFET. The value of its DC and RMS current, needed to choose the current rating of the diode, are reported.

## Equation 17

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{D} 2 \mathrm{dc}}=\frac{\mathrm{P}_{\text {outTOT }}}{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BUSpfc}}}=0.171 \mathrm{~A} \\
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{D} 2 \mathrm{rms}}=2 \sqrt{2} \cdot \mathrm{I}_{\text {inrmsMax }} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4 \sqrt{2}}{9 \pi}} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{~V}_{\text {inrmsMin }}}{V_{\text {BUSpfc }}}
\end{gathered}=0.53 \mathrm{~A} .
$$

Since the PFC works in transition mode, we have used the Turbo 2 ultrafast high-voltage rectifier STTH1L06.

### 3.3 Design of the half-bridge inverter and choice of preheating inductor

According to the criteria described in AN993 chapter 5 (design tips) with regard to the design of the resonant circuit, the following values have been selected.

- $\mathrm{L}_{\text {res }}=\mathrm{L}_{1}=\mathrm{L}_{2}=2.2 \mathrm{mH}$
- $\mathrm{C}_{\text {res }}=\mathrm{C}_{9}=\mathrm{C}_{14}=4.7 \mathrm{nF}, 1600 \mathrm{~V}$
- $\mathrm{C}_{\text {block }}=\mathrm{C}_{12}=\mathrm{C}_{15}=100 \mathrm{nF}, 400 \mathrm{~V}$

We have used the inductor 1646-0005 manufactured by MAGNETICA.
A SuperMESH3 power MOSFET STD7N52K3 has been inserted in the half-bridge section to reduce the power losses.

For the preheating inductor, we have selected a common mode choke-type inductor with the following features: $L_{\text {preh1 }}=L_{\text {preh2 }}=10 \mathrm{mH} / 250 \mathrm{~V} / 1.4 \mathrm{~A}$.

## 4 Experimental results

The schematic of the tested board is shown in Figure 3. The board has been tested for efficiency, power factor, total harmonic distortion and thermal behavior for the input voltage range. Table 2 and Table 3 show the results obtained for a 45-minute test.

Table 2. $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 board performance

| $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{I N}}(\mathbf{V})$ | $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{I N}}(\mathbf{W})$ | $\mathbf{P}_{\text {OUTlamp1-2 }}(\mathbf{W})$ | $\eta$ | $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{I N}}(\mathbf{A})$ | $\mathbf{P F}$ | THD(\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 85 | 82.3 | 34.4 | $83.6 \%$ | 0.9 | 0.99 | 6 |
| 110 | 80 | 34.4 | $86 \%$ | 0.997 | 0.99 | 4.4 |
| 140 | 78.5 | 34.4 | $87.6 \%$ | 0.555 | 0.99 | 5.5 |
| 185 | 78.4 | 34.4 | $87.7 \%$ | 0.424 | 0.98 | 6.5 |
| 230 | 77.7 | 34.4 | $88.5 \%$ | 0.344 | 0.97 | 8.5 |
| 265 | 77.2 | 34.4 | $89.1 \%$ | 0.301 | 0.95 | 10 |

All the results are very good. Efficiency is approximately $85 \%$, the power factor corrector is constantly 0.9 and THD is lower than $10 \%$.

Table 3. $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 thermal results of critic system components

| $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{I N}}(\mathbf{V})$ | Ambient <br> temp ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Temp <br> MOS $_{\text {LowSide }}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Temp <br> MOS $_{\text {HighSide }}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Temp $^{\text {MOS }_{\text {PFC }}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)}$ | Temp <br> L6585DE $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 85 | 25 | 54 | 55 | 120 | 44 |
| 110 | 25 | 53 | 54 | 108 | 43 |
| 140 | 25 | 53 | 54 | 102 | 43 |
| 185 | 25 | 53 | 54 | 94 | 43 |
| 230 | 25 | 53 | 54 | 84 | 43 |
| 265 | 25 | 53 | 54 | 74.5 | 43 |

With regard to the thermal behavior, it is easy to deduct fromTable 3 that there is a good safety margin from the maximum junction temperature of the MOSFET.

### 4.1 Start sequence

As shown in Figure 5, it is during the start sequence that, as the IC supply voltage $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ reaches $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CCon }}$, the half-bridge starts oscillating and the charge capacitor connected to TCH begins charging. When the voltage at the TCH pin reaches VCHP ( 4.63 V ), the same capacitor is discharged following an exponential decrease steered by the time constant; this defines the preheating time.

During this time, the EOI pin is forced to ground and the switching frequency is set by the oscillator to the preheating value. When the voltage at the TCH pin drops down to 1.53 V , the EOI pin is exponentially charged according to a time constant that defines the ignition time.

At the same time the TCH pin goes down to ground. During this phase, the oscillator generates a reduction of the switching frequency; when the voltage at the EOI pin exceeds 1.9 V , the chip enters run mode.

Figure 5. L6585DE startup sequence


Figure 6 shows the lamp ignition phase, across and through which the voltage and current increase linearly.

Figure 6. One lamp ignition phase


Figure 7. Lamp voltage and current in run mode condition


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### 4.2 Protections

With old lamps, abnormal behavior may occur during run mode as a result of the rectifying effect.

This effect relates to a differential increase of the ohmic resistance of the two cathodes. The lamp equivalent resistance is therefore higher when the lamp current flows in one direction than in the other. The current waveform is distorted and the mean value of the lamp current is no longer zero. Figure 8 shows the behavior of a dual lamp ballast during a rectifying effect. In the EOL pin, as soon as the internal window comparator is triggered by a voltage variation due to the rectifying effect, the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{ch}}$ cycle starts, and if at its end the comparator is again triggered, the L6585DE stops.

Figure 8. Run mode, rectifying effect


When an old lamp is connected to the ballast, the strike voltage is higher than the nominal voltage and may also be higher than the safety threshold. In this case, the lamp can take longer than usual to ignite or may not ignite at all. In both cases, because of the frequency drop, the voltage at the output of the ballast can easily reach dangerous values during this ignition time.

The same problem occurs if any one of the lamp's four tubes is broken: the lamp cannot ignite and the lamp voltage must be limited. Figure 9 and Figure 10 show how the four-lamp ballast ignites when two lamps are broken.

When the preheating time $T_{\text {pre }}=\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{Tch}}$ is finished, the L6585DE detects the lost ignition of one of the two lamps and starts reducing the preheating time $\mathrm{t}_{\text {Tch, reduced }}$. At the end of this time, if one of the four lamps is not ignited, the IC is latched.

Figure 9. Ignition phase with broken lamps: case 1 (lamp 1 works, lamp 2 is broken, lamp 3 is broken, lamp 4 works)


Figure 10. Ignition phase with broken lamps: case 2 (lamp 1 is broken, lamp 2 works, lamp 3 is broken, lamp 4 works)


The HB choke saturation protection has also been tested. Because of the intense current, a very high $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{HBCS}}$ is present; the 2.75 threshold triggers this event and immediately stops the IC.

### 4.3 Conducted emissions test

Conducted emissions have been measured in neutral and line wires, using a peak detector and considering the limits for lighting applications specified in EN55015. The measurements have been performed at 110 and 230 Vac lines. The results are shown in Figure 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Since the emission level is below both the quasi-peak and average limits with acceptable margin, the power supply passes the pre-compliance test.

Figure 11. Conducted emissions at 110 Vac 50 Hz - line 1 peak detector


Figure 12. Conducted emissions at 110 Vac 50 Hz - line 2 peak detector


Figure 13. Conducted emissions at 230 Vac 50 Hz - line 1 peak detector


Figure 14. Conducted emissions at 230 Vac 50 Hz - line 2 peak detector


### 4.4 Guidelines for connecting the four lamps to the ballast

The presence of four lamps involves several wires. The following is a simple schematic that shows how to correctly connect all four lamps to the ballast.

Figure 15. Connecting four lamps to the ballast


## 5 Automatic restart circuit for lamp replacement

The following circuit can be added to the STEVAL-ILB008V1 to implement the automatic restart feature for lamp replacement.

Figure 16. Automatic restart circuit


## 6 Bill of materials

Table 4. $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 bill of materials

| Ref. | Value | Type | Package | Manufacturer | Manuf. code | RS <br> Distrelec other code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C1 | $\begin{gathered} 450 \mathrm{~V}, 33 \mu \mathrm{~F}, \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | Electrolytic | TH radial | EPCOS | B43851F5336M000 |  |
| C2 | $25 \mathrm{~V}, 560 \mathrm{nF}$ | Ceramic | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C3 | $25 \mathrm{~V}, 33 \mathrm{nF}$ | Ceramic | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C4 | $\begin{gathered} 630 \mathrm{~V}, 680 \mathrm{nF}, \\ 10 \% \end{gathered}$ | Polyester | TH radial | EPCOS | $\begin{gathered} \text { B32524Q8684K00 } \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| C5 | $25 \mathrm{~V}, 1 \mathrm{nF}, 5 \%$ | COG ceramic | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C6 | $\begin{gathered} 25 \mathrm{~V}, 330 \mathrm{nF}, \\ 10 \% \end{gathered}$ | X7R ceramic | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C7 | $25 \mathrm{~V}, 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 10 \%$ | Ceramic | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C8 | $25 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \mathrm{nF}, 10 \%$ | Ceramic | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C9,C14 | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \mathrm{~V}, 4.7 \mathrm{nF}, \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | Polypropylene | TH Radial | EPCOS | B32672L8472J000 |  |
| C10,C11 | $\begin{aligned} & 305 \text { VAC x 2, } \\ & 220 \mathrm{nF}, 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | Polypropylene | TH Radial | EPCOS | B32922C3224K000 |  |
| C12,C15 | $\begin{gathered} 400 \mathrm{~V}, 100 \mathrm{nF}, \\ 10 \% \end{gathered}$ | Polyester | TH Radial | EPCOS | B32561J6104K000 |  |
| C13 | $50 \mathrm{~V}, 100 \mathrm{nF}$ | ceramic | SMD1206 |  | Any |  |
| C16 | $630 \mathrm{~V}, 680 \mathrm{pF}$ | Polypropylene | TH Radial | WIMA | 823241 | Distrelec |
| C17 | $50 \mathrm{~V}, 4.7 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ | Electrolytic Lead spacing 2.5 Ф5xh11 | TH Radial |  |  |  |
| C18 | $50 \mathrm{~V}, 100 \mathrm{nF}$ | Ceramic | SMD 0805 |  | Any |  |
| C20 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 250VAC Y1, } \\ 1 \mathrm{nF} \end{gathered}$ |  | TH Radial |  | 214-5896 |  |
| C22 | $630 \mathrm{~V}, 1 \mathrm{nF}$ | Ceramic |  | EVOX RIFA | 240-4836 | RS |
| C25 | Not mounted |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| C26,C27 | $25 \mathrm{~V}, 22 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  | Any |  |
| D2 | $\begin{aligned} & 600 \text { V, } 1 \text { A, } \\ & \text { STTH1L06 } \end{aligned}$ | Turbo 2 ultrafast high volt rectifier | DO-41 | STMicroelectronics |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { D3,D4,D } \\ 5, \mathrm{D} 6 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1000 \mathrm{~V}, 1 \mathrm{~A}, \\ \text { GF1M } \end{gathered}$ |  | DO-214BA | Vishay | 6291123 | RS |

Table 4. $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 bill of materials (continued)

| Ref. | Value | Type | Package | Manufacturer | Manuf. code | RS <br> Distrelec other code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D7, D8 | $\begin{gathered} 75 \mathrm{~V}, 150 \mathrm{~mA}, \\ \mathrm{LL} 4148 \end{gathered}$ | Switching Diode | SOD-80 | DIOTEC | 601496 | Distrelec |
| D9 | $16 \mathrm{~V}, 500 \mathrm{~mW}$ | voltage regulator diode | SOD-80 | General semiconductor | 600819 | Distrelec |
| D11,D12 | $100 \mathrm{~V}, 100 \mathrm{~mA},$ <br> TMMBAT41 | Small signal Schottky diode | SOD323 | STMicroelectronics |  |  |
| D16, D18 | $5.1 \mathrm{~V}, 500 \mathrm{~mW}$ | voltage regulator diode | SOD80C |  | 508-674 | RS |
| D17, D19 | $10 \mathrm{~V}, 500 \mathrm{~mW}$ | voltage regulator diode | SOD123 |  | 545-3128 | RS |
| F1 | 3 A |  |  |  | 377-2180 | RS |
| J1 | $\begin{gathered} 500 \mathrm{~V}, 32 \mathrm{~A}, \\ \text { CON3 } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | 189-5972 | RS |
| ```Lamp1,la mp2- lamp3,la mp4``` | T8 lamp 1, 18 W |  |  |  | 141429 | Distrelec |
| LPFC1 | $1 \mathrm{~A}, 8 \mathrm{mH}$ |  |  | MAGNETICA | 1646-0004 |  |
| Lpreh1,L preh2 | $\begin{gathered} 250 \mathrm{~V}, 1.4 \mathrm{~A}, \\ 10 \mathrm{mH} \end{gathered}$ |  | Lead spacing $10 \times 12.5$ <br> (mm) | EPCOS | B82732R2142B030 |  |
| L1,L2 | $0.5 \mathrm{~A}, 2.2 \mathrm{mH}$ |  |  | MAGNETICA | 1646.005 |  |
| Lc | $\begin{gathered} 250 \mathrm{~V}, 1.3 \mathrm{~A}, \\ 2 \times 47 \mathrm{mH} \end{gathered}$ |  | Lead spacing $15 \times 12.5$ <br> (mm) | EPCOS | B82734R2132B030 |  |
| Q2,Q4 | STD7N52K3 | N-channel 525 <br> V, $0.84 \Omega, 6.2$ <br> A <br> SuperMESH3 power MOSFET | DPAK | STMicroelectronics | STD7N52K3 |  |
| Q3 | STD14NM50N | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { N-channel, } \\ 500 \mathrm{~V}, \\ 0.246 \Omega, 12 \mathrm{~A}, \\ \text { MDmesh II } \\ \text { power } \\ \text { MOSFET } \end{array}$ | DPAK | STMicroelectronics | STD14NM50N |  |
| R5 | $\begin{gathered} 750 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | TH radial |  |  | Any |

Table 4. $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 bill of materials (continued)

| Ref. | Value | Type | Package | Manufacturer | Manuf. code | RS Distrelec other code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R9 | $\begin{gathered} 750 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD1206 |  |  | Any |
| R6,R11 | $\begin{gathered} 1.5 \mathrm{M} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 1206 |  |  | Any |
| R7,R12 | $\begin{gathered} 910 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 1206 |  |  | Any |
| R10 | $\begin{gathered} 68 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | TH radial |  |  | Any |
| R13 | $\begin{gathered} 47 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 8 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| R14 | $\begin{gathered} 33 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 8 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| R15 | $\begin{gathered} 750 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 8 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| R16 | $\begin{gathered} 75 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 8 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| R17 | $\begin{gathered} 7.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 1206 |  |  | Any |
| R18 | $\begin{gathered} 18 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD1206 |  |  | Any |
| R19 | $\begin{gathered} 13 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD1206 |  |  | Any |
| R20,R23 | $\begin{gathered} 43 \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 8 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| R21 | $\begin{gathered} 100 \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 8 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 0805 |  |  | Any |
| R22 | $\begin{gathered} 0.150 \Omega, 1 \%, \\ 1 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | TH radial |  |  | Any |
| R29 | $10 \Omega, 5 \%, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |  | SMD 1206 |  |  | Any |
| R31 | $0.47 \Omega, 1 \%, 1 \mathrm{~W}$ |  | TH radial |  |  | Any |
| R34 | $470 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ parallel $470 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%$, 1/4 W |  | SMD 1206 |  |  | Any |
| R35 | $\begin{gathered} 220 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | TH radial |  |  | Any |
| R36,R40 | $\begin{gathered} 150 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | TH radial |  |  | Any |
| R37,R41 | $\begin{gathered} 150 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 5 \%, \\ 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \end{gathered}$ |  | SMD 1206 |  |  | Any |

Table 4. $4 \times 18 \mathrm{~W}$ T8 bill of materials (continued)

| Ref. | Value | Type | Package | Manufacturer | Manuf. codeRS <br> Distrelec <br> other <br> code <br> R52,R53, <br> R59,R69 <br> R60,R68$1.5 \%, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W} \Omega, 5 \%$, <br> $1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SMD 1206 |  | Any |  |  |  |  |
| R66,R67 | $1.8 \mathrm{M} \Omega, 5 \%$, <br> $1 / 8 \mathrm{~W}$ | SMD 1206 |  | Any |  |  |
| U1 | L6585DE | Combo IC for <br> PFC and <br> ballast control | SMD 1206 |  | Any |  |

## 7 Revision history

Table 5. Document revision history

| Date | Revision | Changes |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
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