

## LM2770

# High Efficiency Switched Capacitor Step-Down DC/DC Regulator with Sleep Mode

## General Description

The LM2770 is a switched capacitor step-down regulator that is ideal for powering low-voltage applications in portable systems. The LM2770 can supply load currents up to 250mA and operates over an input voltage range of 2.7V to 5.5V. This makes the LM2770 a great choice for systems powered by 1-cell Li-Ion batteries and chargers. The output voltage of the LM2770 can be dynamically switched between two output levels with a logic input pin. Output voltage pairs currently available include 1.2V/1.5V and 1.2V/1.575V. Other pairs of voltage options can be developed upon request.

LM2770 efficiency is superior to both fixed-gain switched capacitor buck regulators and low-dropout linear regulators (LDO's). Multiple fractional gains maximize power efficiency over the entire input voltage and output current ranges. The LM2770 can also be switched into a low-power sleep mode when load currents are light ( $\leq 20\text{mA}$ ). In sleep mode, the charge pump is off, and the output is driven with a low-noise, low-power linear regulator.

Soft-start, short-circuit protection, current-limit protection, and thermal-shutdown protection are also included. The LM2770 is available in National's small 10-pin Leadless Leadframe Package (LLP-10).

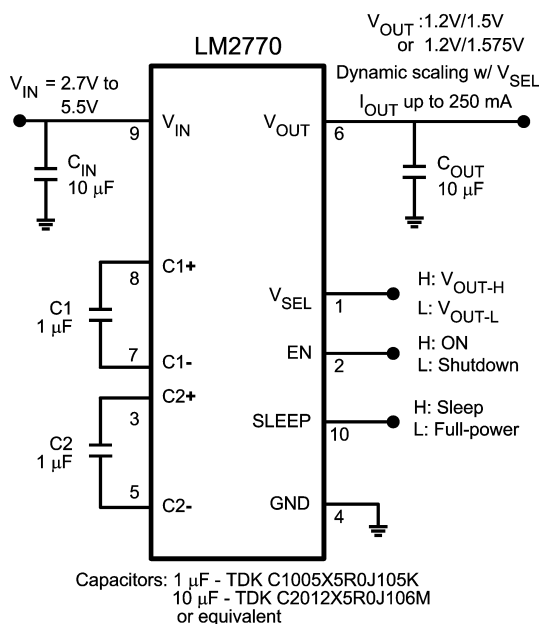
## Features

- High Efficiency Multi-Gain Architecture: Peak Power Efficiency >85%
- Output Voltage Pairs: 1.2V/1.5V and 1.2V/1.575V
- Dynamic Output Voltage Selection
- $\pm 3\%$  Output Voltage Accuracy
- Output Currents up to 250mA
- 2.7V to 5.5V Input Range
- Low-Supply-Current Sleep Mode
- 55 $\mu\text{A}$  Quiescent Supply Current in Full-Power Mode
- Soft-Start
- Short-Circuit Protection in Full-Power Mode
- Current-Limit Protection in Sleep Mode
- LLP-10 Package (3mm x 3mm x 0.8mm)

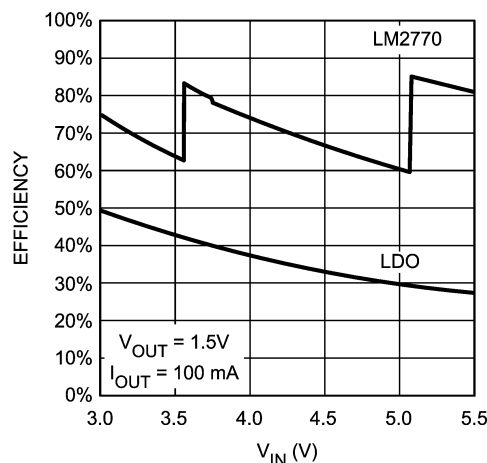
## Applications

- DSP Power Supplies
- Baseband Power Supplies
- Mobile Phones and Pagers
- Portable Electronic Equipment

## Typical Application Circuit



LM2770 Efficiency vs.  
Low-Dropout Linear Regulator (LDO) Efficiency

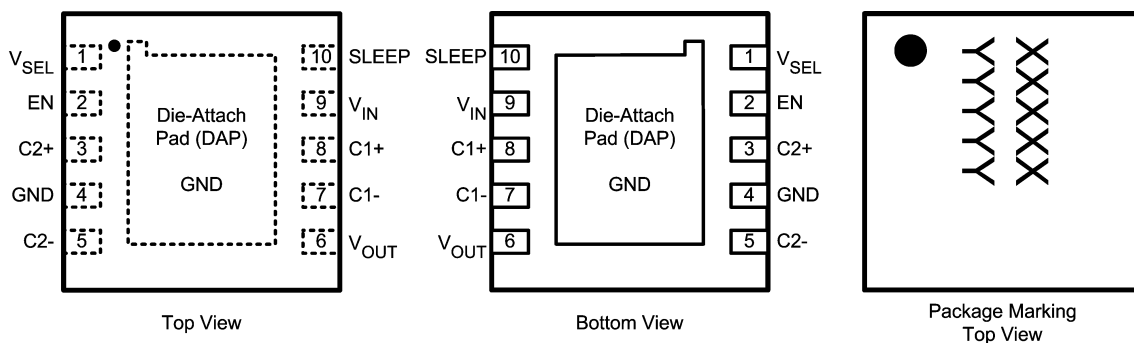


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## Connection Diagram and Package Mark Information

10-Pin Non-Pullback Leadless Frame Package (LLP-10)  
National Semiconductor Package Number SDA10A



**Note:** The actual physical placement of the package marking will vary from part to part. The package marking placeholder "XXXXX" is a code for die traceability. "YYYYY" identifies the device (part number, voltage option, etc.). See the Order Information table below for device ID codes.

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## Pin Description

Pin #	Name	Description
1	$V_{SEL}$	Output Voltage Select Logic Input. If $V_{SEL}$ is high, $V_{OUT}$ = high voltage. If $V_{SEL}$ is low, $V_{OUT}$ = low voltage. (See <b>Order Information</b> for available voltage options)
2	EN	Enable Pin Logic Input. If high, part is enabled. If low, part is in shutdown.
3	C2+	Flying Capacitor 2: Positive Terminal
4	GND	Ground
5	C2-	Flying Capacitor 2: Negative terminal
10	SLEEP	Sleep Mode Logic Input. If high, the part operates in sleep mode, and the output is driven by a low power linear regulator. If low, the part operates in full-power mode, and the output is driven by the switched capacitor regulator
9	$V_{IN}$	Input Voltage. Recommended $V_{IN}$ operating range: 2.7V to 5.5V
8	C1+	Flying Capacitor 1: Positive Terminal
7	C1-	Flying Capacitor 1: Negative Terminal
6	$V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage

## Order Information

Output Voltages	Order Number	Package Mark ID	Package	Supplied as:
1.2V / 1.5V	LM2770SD-1215	L162B	SDA10A Non-Pullback LLP	1000 Units, Tape and Reel
1.2V / 1.5V	LM2770SDX-1215	L162B		4500 Units, Tape and Reel
1.2V / 1.575V	LM2770SD-12157	L166B		1000 Units, Tape and Reel
1.2V / 1.575V	LM2770SDX-12157	L166B		4500 Units, Tape and Reel

**Absolute Maximum Ratings** (Notes 1, 2)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

$V_{IN}$ Pin Voltage	-0.3V to 6.0V
EN, SLEEP, and $V_{SEL}$ Pin Voltages	-0.3V to ( $V_{IN}+0.3V$ ) w/ 6.0V max
Continuous Power Dissipation (Note 3)	Internally Limited
$V_{OUT}$ Short to GND Duration (Note 4)	Infinite
Junction Temperature ( $T_{J-MAX}$ )	150°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Maximum Lead Temperature (Note 5)	265°C
ESD Rating (Note 6)	
Human Body Model:	2.0kV
Machine Model	200V

**Operating Ratings** (Notes 1, 2)

Input Voltage Range	2.7V to 5.5V
Recommended Load Current Range	0mA to 250mA
Junction Temperature ( $T_J$ ) Range	-30°C to +105°C
Ambient Temperature ( $T_A$ ) Range (Note 6)	-30°C to +85°C

**Thermal Properties**

Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JA}$ ), LLP10 Package (Note 7)	55°C/W
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**Electrical Characteristics** (Notes 2, 9)

Limits in standard typeface are for  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ . Limits in **boldface** type apply over the full operating junction temperature range ( $-30^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq +105^\circ\text{C}$ ). Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply to the LM2770 Typical Application Circuit (pg. 1) with:  $V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ;  $V(EN) = V_{SEL} = 1.8V$ ,  $V(SLEEP) = 0V$ ,  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\mu F$ ,  $C_1 = C_2 = 1.0\mu F$ . (Note 10)

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
<b>Output Voltage Specifications: Specific to Individual LM2770 Options</b>						
$V_{OUT-1215}$	LM2770-1215: 1.5V Output Voltage Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 1.8V$	1.443	1.495	1.547	V
		$3.0V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.5V$ $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 1.8V$	<b>1.420</b>	1.495	<b>1.570</b>	
		$4.5V < V_{IN} \leq 5.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 1.8V$	1.428	1.495	1.562	
	LM2770-1215: 1.2V Output Voltage Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 0V$	1.157	1.205	1.253	
		$3.0V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.5V$ $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 0V$	<b>1.140</b>	1.205	<b>1.270</b>	
		$4.5V < V_{IN} \leq 5.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 0V$	1.135	1.205	1.275	
$V_{OUT-12157}$	LM2770-12157: 1.575V Output Voltage Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 1.8V$	1.528	1.575	1.622	V
		$3.1V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.5V$ $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 1.8V$	<b>1.500</b>	1.575	<b>1.650</b>	
		$4.5V < V_{IN} \leq 5.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 1.8V$	1.504	1.575	1.646	
	LM2770-12157: 1.2V Output Voltage Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 0V$	1.162	1.210	1.258	
		$3.0V \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.5V$ $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 0V$	<b>1.145</b>	1.210	<b>1.275</b>	
		$4.5V < V_{IN} \leq 5.5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 150mA$ , $V_{SEL} = 0V$	1.145	1.210	1.275	
$V_{OUT}/I_{OUT}$	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1mA$ to 250mA		0.18		mV/mA

## Electrical Characteristics (Notes 2, 9) (Continued)

Limits in standard typeface are for  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ . Limits in **boldface** type apply over the full operating junction temperature range ( $-30^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq +105^\circ\text{C}$ ). Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply to the LM2770 Typical Application Circuit (pg. 1) with:  $V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$ ;  $V(EN) = V_{SEL} = 1.8\text{V}$ ,  $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 0\text{V}$ ,  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_1 = C_2 = 1.0\mu\text{F}$ . (Note 10)

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
$V_{LDO-1215}$	LM2770-1215: 1.5V Output Voltage Regulation - SLEEP Mode	$3.0\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 20\text{mA}$ , $V_{SEL} = 0\text{V}$ , $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 1.8\text{V}$	<b>1.435</b>	1.495	<b>1.555</b>	V
	LM2770-1215: 1.2V Output Voltage Regulation - SLEEP Mode	$3.0\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 20\text{mA}$ , $V_{SEL} = 0\text{V}$ , $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 1.8\text{V}$	<b>1.145</b>	1.205	<b>1.265</b>	
$V_{LDO-12157}$	LM2770-12157: 1.575V Output Voltage Regulation - SLEEP Mode	$3.0\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 20\text{mA}$ , $V_{SEL} = 0\text{V}$ , $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 1.8\text{V}$	<b>1.520</b>	1.575	<b>1.630</b>	V
	LM2770-12157: 1.2V Output Voltage Regulation - SLEEP Mode	$3.0\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 20\text{mA}$ , $V_{SEL} = 0\text{V}$ , $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 1.8\text{V}$	<b>1.150</b>	1.210	<b>1.270</b>	

### Specifications Below Apply to All LM2770 Options

E	Power Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 150\text{mA}$ $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{V}$		82		%
$E_{AVG}$	Average Efficiency over Li-Ion Input Voltage Range (Note 11)	$3.0\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 4.2\text{V}$ $I_{OUT} = 200\text{mA}$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{V}$		73		%
$I_Q$	Quiescent Supply Current: Full-power Mode	$2.7\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ $I_{OUT} = 0\text{mA}$ $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 0\text{V}$		55	<b>75</b>	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{SLEEP}$	Quiescent Supply Current: Sleep Mode	$2.7\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ $I_{OUT} = 0\text{mA}$ $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 1.8\text{V}$		50	<b>65</b>	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{SD}$	Shutdown Current	$2.7\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$ $V(EN) = 0\text{V}$		0.1	<b>0.5</b>	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{CL}$	Current Limit - Sleep Mode	$0\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 0.2\text{V}$ $V(\text{SLEEP}) = 1.8\text{V}$		60		$\text{mA}$
$t_{ON}$	Turn-on Time	$V_{IN} = 3.6\text{V}$ , $C_{OUT} = 10\mu\text{F}$		200		$\mu\text{s}$
$F_{SW}$	Switching Frequency	$2.7\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$	<b>475</b>	700	<b>925</b>	$\text{kHz}$

### Logic Pin Specifications: EN, ENA, ENB

$V_{IL}$	Logic-low Input Voltage	$2.7\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$	<b>0</b>		<b>0.4</b>	V
$V_{IH}$	Logic-high Input Voltage	$2.7\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{V}$	<b>1.0</b>		<b><math>V_{IN}</math></b>	V
$I_{IH}$	Logic-high Input Current: SLEEP and $V_{SEL}$ pins	Logic Input = 3.0V		0.1		$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{IH-EN}$	Logic-high Input Current: EN pin (Note 12)	$V(EN) = 1.8\text{V}$		6		$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{IL}$	Logic-low Input Current: All Logic Pins	Logic Input = 0V		0		$\mu\text{A}$

**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the component may occur. Operating Ratings are conditions under which operation of the device is guaranteed. Operating Ratings do not imply guaranteed performance limits. For guaranteed performance limits and associated test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics tables.

**Note 2:** All voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pin.

**Note 3:** Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage. Thermal shutdown engages at  $T_J = 150^\circ\text{C}$  (typ.) and disengages at  $T_J = 140^\circ\text{C}$  (typ.).

**Note 4:** Short circuit protection circuitry protects the part from immediate destructive failure when  $V_{OUT}$  is shorted to GND. Applying a continuous GND short to the output may shorten the lifetime of the device.

**Note 5:** For detailed information on soldering requirements and recommendations, please refer to National Semiconductor's **Application Note 1187 (AN-1187): Leadless Leadframe Package (LLP)**.

**Note 6:** The Human body model is a 100pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5k $\Omega$  resistor into each pin. The machine model is a 200pF capacitor discharged directly into each pin. MIL-STD-883 3015.7

## Electrical Characteristics (Notes 2, 9) (Continued)

**Note 7:** Maximum ambient temperature ( $T_{A-MAX}$ ) is dependent on the maximum operating junction temperature ( $T_{J-MAX-OP} = 105^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), the maximum power dissipation of the device in the application ( $P_{D-MAX}$ ), and the junction-to ambient thermal resistance of the part/package in the application ( $\theta_{JA}$ ), as given by the following equation:  $T_{A-MAX} = T_{J-MAX-OP} - (\theta_{JA} \times P_{D-MAX})$ .

**Note 8:** Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance is highly application and board-layout dependent. In applications where high maximum power dissipation exists, special care must be paid to thermal dissipation issues.

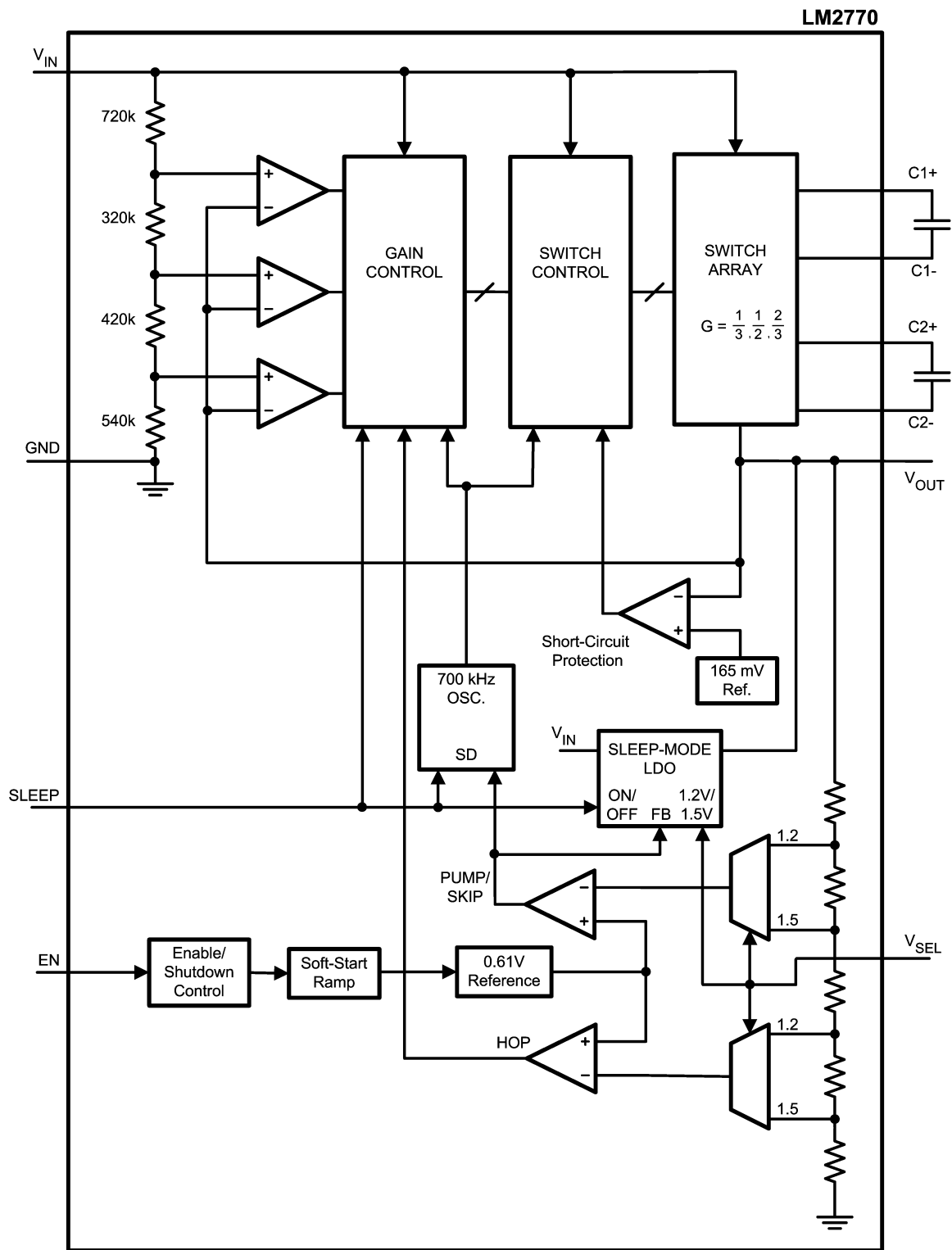
**Note 9:** Min and Max limits are guaranteed by design, test, or statistical analysis. Typical numbers are not guaranteed, but do represent the most likely norm.

**Note 10:**  $C_{IN}$ ,  $C_{OUT}$ ,  $C_1$ , and  $C_2$ : Low-ESR Surface-Mount Ceramic Capacitors (MLCCs) used in setting electrical characteristics.

**Note 11:** Efficiency is measured versus  $V_{IN}$ , with  $V_{IN}$  being swept in small increments from 3.0V to 4.2V. The average is calculated from these measurement results. Weighting to account for battery voltage discharge characteristics ( $V_{BAT}$  vs. Time) is not done in computing the average.

**Note 12:** There is a 300k $\Omega$  pull-down resistor connected internally between the EN pin and GND.

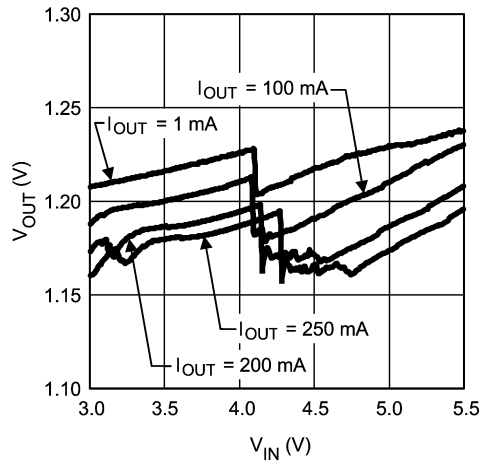
## Block Diagram



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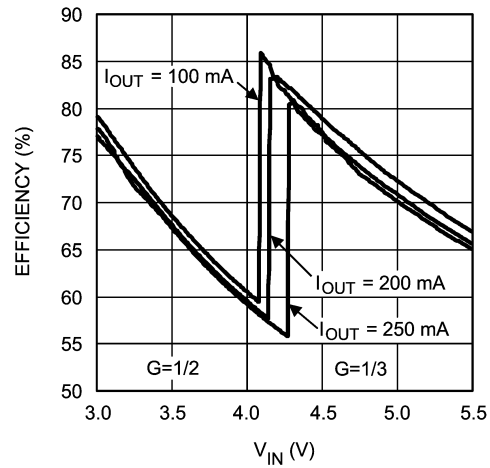
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**Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage:  $V_{OUT} = 1.2\text{V}$**



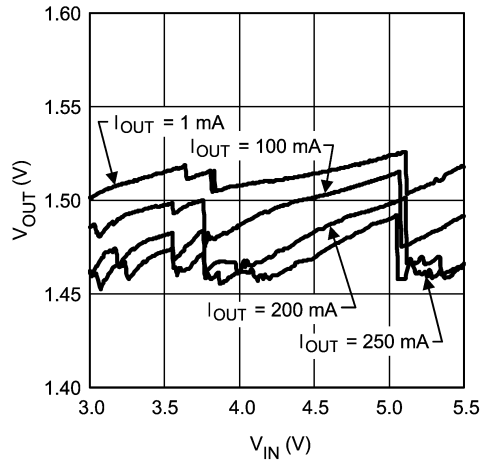
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**Efficiency vs. Input Voltage:  $V_{OUT} = 1.2\text{V}$**



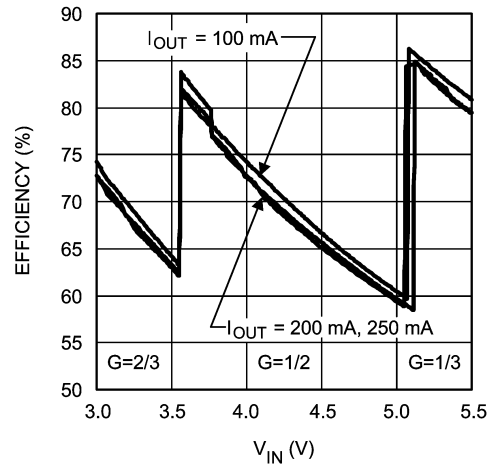
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**Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage:  $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{V}$**



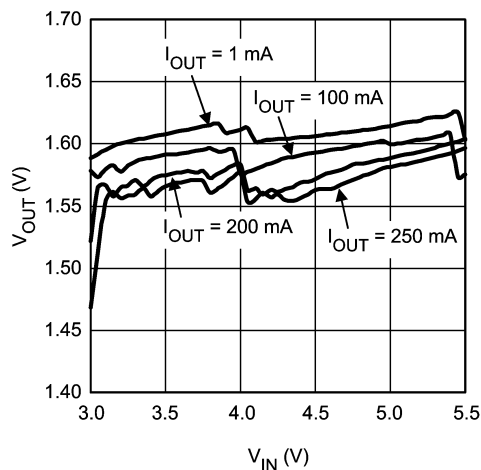
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**Efficiency vs. Input Voltage:  $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{V}$**



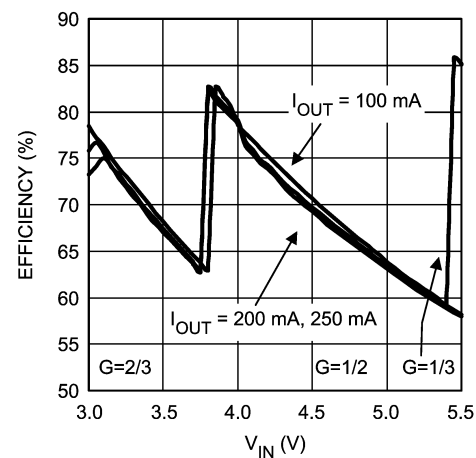
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**Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage:  $V_{OUT} = 1.575\text{V}$**



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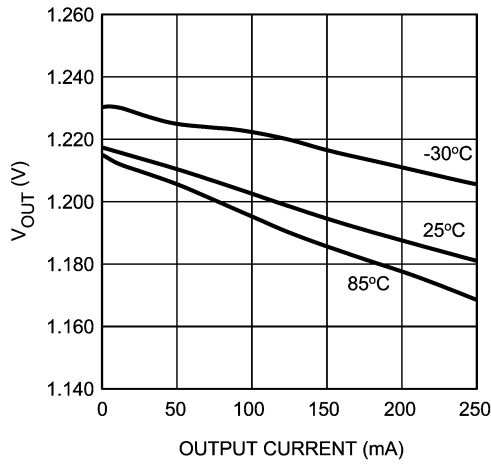
**Efficiency vs. Input Voltage:  $V_{OUT} = 1.575\text{V}$**



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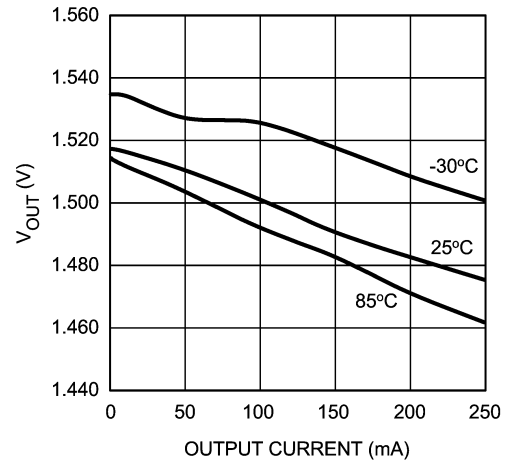
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**Load Regulation:  $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$**



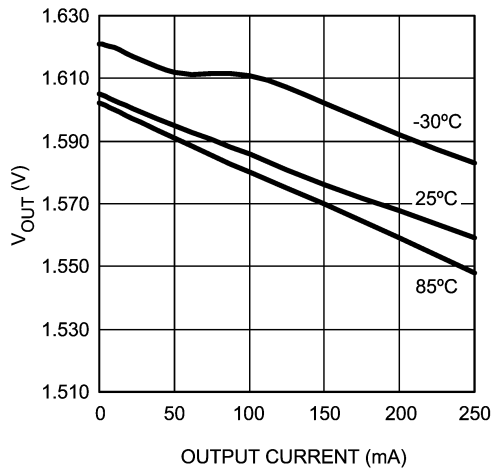
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**Load Regulation:  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$**



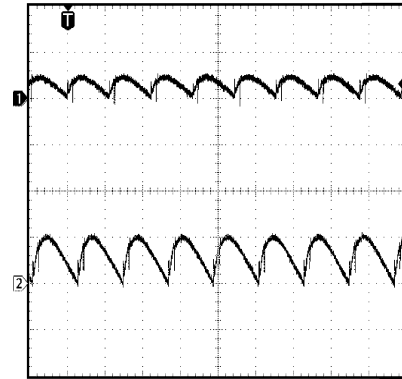
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**Load Regulation:  $V_{OUT} = 1.575V$**



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**Output Voltage Ripple**



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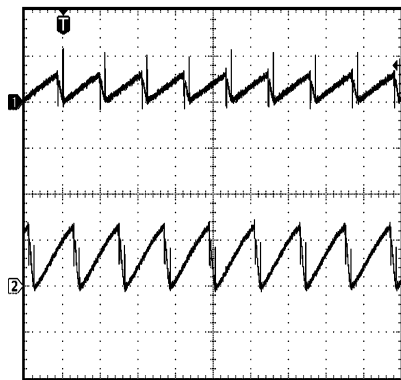
$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 200mA$

CH1:  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 2 \times 10\mu F$ ;  $C1 = C2 = 1\mu F$ ; Scale: 50mV/Div

CH2:  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\mu F$ ;  $C1 = C2 = 1\mu F$ ; Scale: 50mV/Div

Time scale: 4μs/Div

**Input Voltage Ripple**



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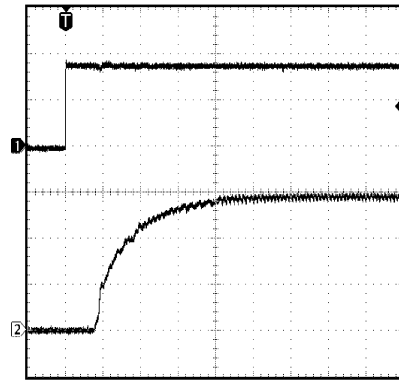
$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 200mA$

CH1:  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 2 \times 10\mu F$ ;  $C1 = C2 = 1\mu F$ ; Scale: 50mV/Div

CH2:  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\mu F$ ;  $C1 = C2 = 1\mu F$ ; Scale: 50mV/Div

Time scale: 4μs/Div

**Start-up Behavior**



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$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ , Load =  $7.5\Omega$  (200mA)

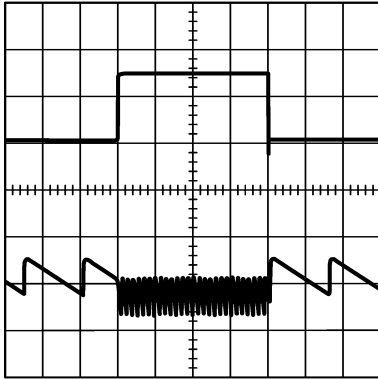
CH1: EN pin; Scale: 1V/Div

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$ ; Scale: 500mV/Div

Time scale: 40μs/Div

**Typical Performance Characteristics** Unless otherwise specified:  $C_{IN} = 10\mu F$ ,  $C1 = 1.0\mu F$ ,  $C2 = 1.0\mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10\mu F$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ . Capacitors are low-ESR multi-layer ceramic capacitors (MLCC's). (Continued)

**Load Step**



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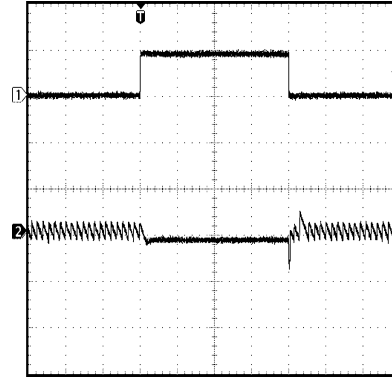
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CH1 (top): Output Current; Scale: 100mA/Div

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$ ; Scale: 100mV/Div

Time scale: 40µs/Div

**Active-to-Sleep Mode Transitions**



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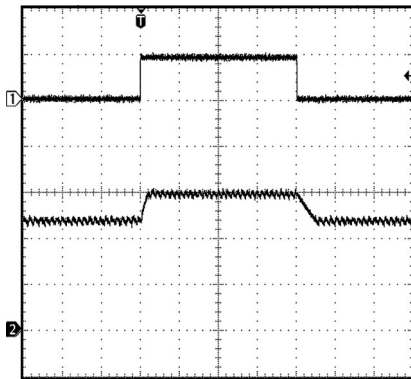
$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ , Load = 20mA

CH1: SLEEP pin; Scale: 2V/Div

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$ ; Scale: 200mV/Div

Time scale: 200µs/Div

**Dynamic Output Voltage Switching: 1.5V to 1.2V**



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$V_{IN} = 3.6V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ , Load = 10mA - 150mA step

CH1:  $V_{SEL}$  pin; Scale: 2V/Div

CH2:  $V_{OUT}$ ; Scale: 500mV/Div

Time scale: 40µs/Div

## Operation Description

### OVERVIEW

The LM2770 is a switched capacitor converter that produces a regulated low voltage output. The core of the part is a highly efficient charge pump that utilizes multiple fractional gains and pulse-frequency-modulated (PFM) switching to minimize power losses over wide input voltage and output current ranges. A description of the principal operational characteristics of the LM2770 is broken up into the following sections: **PFM Regulation**, **Fractional Multi-Gain Charge Pump**, and **Multi-Gain Efficiency Performance**. Each of these sections refers to the **Block Diagram**.

### PFM REGULATION

The LM2770 achieves tightly regulated output voltages with pulse-frequency-modulated (PFM) regulation. PFM simply means the part only pumps when charge needs to be delivered to the output in order to keep the output voltage in regulation. When the output voltage is above the target regulation voltage, the part idles and consumes minimal supply-current. In this state, the load current is supplied solely by the charge stored on the output capacitor. As this capacitor discharges and the output voltage falls below the target regulation voltage, the charge pump activates, and charge is delivered to the output. This charge supplies the load current and boosts the voltage on the output capacitor.

The primary benefit of PFM regulation is when output currents are light and the part is predominantly in the low-supply-current idle state. Net supply current is minimal because the part only occasionally needs to recharge the output capacitor by activating the charge pump. With PFM regulation, input and output ripple frequencies vary significantly, and are dependent on output current, input voltage, and, to a lesser degree, other factors such as temperature and internal switch characteristics.

### FRACTIONAL MULTI-GAIN CHARGE PUMP

The core of the LM2770 is a two-phase charge pump controlled by an internally generated non-overlapping clock. The charge pump operates by using the external flying capacitors, C1 and C2, to transfer charge from the input to the output.

The two phases of the switching cycle will be referred to as the "charge phase" and the "hold/rest phase". During the charge phase, the flying capacitors are charged by the input supply. After charging the flying capacitors for half of a switching cycle [  $t = 1/(2 \times f_{SW})$  ], the LM2770 switches to the hold/rest phase. In this configuration, the charge that was stored on the flying capacitors in the charge phase is transferred to the output. If the voltage on the output is below the target regulation voltage at completion of the switching cycle, the charge pump will switch back to the charge phase. But if the output voltage is above the target regulation voltage at the end of the switching cycle, the charge pump will remain in the hold/rest state. It will idle in this mode until the output voltage drops below the target regulation voltage. When this finally occurs, the LM2770 will switch back to the charge phase.

Input, output, and intermediary connections of the flying capacitors are made with internal MOS switches. The LM2770 utilizes two flying capacitors and a versatile switch network to achieve three distinct fractional voltage gains:  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{2}{3}$ . With this gain-switching ability, it is as if the LM2770 is three-charge-pumps-in-one. The "active" charge

pump at any given time is the one that yields the highest efficiency based on the input and output conditions present.

### MULTI-GAIN EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE

The ability to switch gains based on input and output conditions results in optimal efficiency throughout the operating ranges of the LM2770. Charge-pump efficiency is derived in the following two ideal equations (supply current and other losses are neglected for simplicity):

$$I_{IN} = G \times I_{OUT}$$

$$E = (V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}) \div (V_{IN} \times I_{IN}) = V_{OUT} \div (G \times V_{IN})$$

In the equations, G represents the charge pump gain. Efficiency is at its highest as  $G \times V_{IN}$  approaches  $V_{OUT}$ . Refer to the efficiency graphs in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section for detailed efficiency data. The gain regions are clearly distinguished by the sharp discontinuities in the efficiency curves and are identified at the bottom of each graph ( $G = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $G = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $G = \frac{1}{3}$ ).

### DYNAMIC OUTPUT VOLTAGE SELECTION

The output voltage of the LM2770 can be dynamically adjusted for the purpose of improving system efficiency. Each LM2770 version contains two built-in output voltage options: a high level and a low level (1.5V and 1.2V, for example). With the simple  $V_{SEL}$  logic input pin, the output voltage can be switched between these two voltages.

Dynamic voltage selection can be used to improve overall system efficiency. When comparing system efficiency between two different output voltages, evaluating power consumption often lends more insight than actually comparing converter efficiencies. An application powered with a Li-Ion battery is a good example to illustrate this. Referring to the LM2770 efficiency curves (see **Typical Performance Characteristics**), all LM2770 output voltage options operate with  $G = \frac{1}{2}$  over the core Li-Ion battery voltage range (3.5V - 3.9V). Thus, the LM2770 circuit will draw an input current that is approximately half the output current in the core Li-Ion voltage range, regardless of the output voltage ( $I_{IN} = G \times I_{OUT}$ ).

While varying the LM2770 output voltage does not directly improve system efficiency, it can have a secondary effect. Different output voltages often will result in different LM2770 load currents. This is where system efficiency can benefit from dynamic output voltage selection: the LM2770 load circuit can run at lower currents. This reduces LM2770 input current and improves overall system efficiency.

### SLEEP MODE BYPASS LDO

The LM2770 offers a bypass low-dropout linear regulator (LDO) for low-noise performance under light loads. Capable of delivering up to 20mA of output current, this LDO has low ground pin current and is ideal for stand-by operation. The LDO is activated with the SLEEP logic input pin. When SLEEP is active, the charge pump is disabled and the LDO supplies all load current.

### SHUTDOWN

The LM2770 is in shutdown mode when the voltage on the enable pin (EN) is logic-low. In shutdown, the LM2770 draws virtually no supply current. When in shutdown, the output of the LM2770 is completely disconnected from the input. The internal feedback resistors will pull the output voltage down to 0V (unless the output is driven by an outside source).

In some applications, it may be desired to disable the LM2770 and drive the output pin with another voltage

## Operation Description (Continued)

source. This can be done, but the voltage on the output pin of the LM2770 must not be brought above the input voltage. The output pin will draw a small amount of current when driven externally due to the internal feedback resistor divider connected between  $V_{OUT}$  and GND.

### SOFT START

The LM2770 employs soft start circuitry to prevent excessive input inrush currents during startup. At startup, the output voltage gradually rises from 0V to the nominal output voltage. This occurs in 200 $\mu$ s (typ.). Soft-start is engaged when the part is enabled, including situations where voltage is established simultaneously on the  $V_{IN}$  and EN pins.

### THERMAL SHUTDOWN

Protection from overheating-related damage is achieved with a thermal shutdown feature. When the junction temperature rises to 150°C (typ.), the part switches into shutdown mode. The LM2770 disengages thermal shutdown when the junction temperature of the part is reduced to 140°C (typ.). Due to the high efficiency of the LM2770, thermal shutdown and/or thermal cycling should not be encountered when the part is operated within specified input voltage, output current, and ambient temperature operating ratings. If thermal cycling is seen under these conditions, the most likely cause is an inadequate PCB layout that does not allow heat to be sufficiently dissipated out of the LLP package.

### SHORT-CIRCUIT AND CURRENT LIMIT PROTECTION

The LM2770 charge pump contains circuitry that protects the device from destructive failure in the event of a direct short to ground on the output. This short-circuit protection circuit limits the output current to 400mA (typ.) when the output voltage is below 165mV (typ.). The sleep-mode LDO contains a 60mA (typ.) current limit circuit.

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### RECOMMENDED CAPACITOR TYPES

The LM2770 requires 4 external capacitors for proper operation. Surface-mount multi-layer ceramic capacitors are recommended. These capacitors are small, inexpensive and have very low equivalent series resistance (ESR,  $\leq 15\text{m}\Omega$  typ.). Tantalum capacitors, OS-CON capacitors, and aluminum electrolytic capacitors generally are not recommended for use with the LM2770 due to their high ESR, as compared to ceramic capacitors.

For most applications, ceramic capacitors with an X7R or X5R temperature characteristic are preferred for use with the LM2770. These capacitors have tight capacitance tolerance (as good as  $\pm 10\%$ ) and hold their value over temperature (X7R:  $\pm 15\%$  over  $-55^\circ\text{C}$  to  $125^\circ\text{C}$ ; X5R:  $\pm 15\%$  over  $-55^\circ\text{C}$  to  $85^\circ\text{C}$ ).

Capacitors with a Y5V or Z5U temperature characteristic are generally not recommended for use with the LM2770. These types of capacitors typically have wide capacitance tolerance ( $+80\%$ ,  $-20\%$ ) and vary significantly over temperature (Y5V:  $+22\%$ ,  $-82\%$  over  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$  range; Z5U:  $+22\%$ ,  $-56\%$  over  $+10^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$  range). Under some conditions, a  $1\mu\text{F}$ -rated Y5V or Z5U capacitor could have a capacitance as low as  $0.1\mu\text{F}$ . Such detrimental deviation is likely to cause Y5V and Z5U capacitors to fail to meet the minimum capacitance requirements of the LM2770.

Net capacitance of a ceramic capacitor decreases with increased DC bias. This degradation can result in lower capacitance than expected on the input and/or output, resulting in higher ripple voltages and currents. Using capacitors at DC bias voltages significantly below the capacitor voltage rating will usually minimize DC bias effects. Consult capacitor manufacturers for information on capacitor DC bias characteristics.

Capacitance characteristics can vary quite dramatically with different application conditions, capacitor types, and capacitor manufacturers. It is strongly recommended that the LM2770 circuit be thoroughly evaluated early in the design-in process with the mass-production capacitors of choice. This will help to ensure that any such variability in capacitance does not negatively impact circuit performance.

The table below lists some leading ceramic capacitor manufacturers.

Manufacturer	Contact Information
AVX	<a href="http://www.avx.com">www.avx.com</a>
Murata	<a href="http://www.murata.com">www.murata.com</a>
Taiyo-Yuden	<a href="http://www.t-yuden.com">www.t-yuden.com</a>
TDK	<a href="http://www.component.tdk.com">www.component.tdk.com</a>
Vishay-Vitramon	<a href="http://www.vishay.com">www.vishay.com</a>

### OUTPUT CAPACITOR AND OUTPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE

The output capacitor in the LM2770 circuit ( $C_{OUT}$ ) directly impacts the magnitude of output voltage ripple. Other prominent factors also affecting output voltage ripple include input voltage, output current and flying capacitance. Due to the complexity of multi-gain and PFM switching, providing equations or models to approximate the magnitude of the ripple can not be easily accomplished. But one important generalization can be made: increasing (decreasing) the output capacitance will result in a proportional decrease (increase) in output voltage ripple. This can be observed in the output voltage ripple waveforms in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section.

In typical high-current applications, a  $10\mu\text{F}$  low-ESR ceramic output capacitor is recommended. Different output capacitance values can be used to reduce ripple, shrink the solution size, and/or cut the cost of the solution. But changing the output capacitor may also require changing the flying capacitors and/or input capacitor to maintain good overall circuit performance. Performance of the LM2770 with different capacitor setups is discussed in the section **Recommended Capacitor Configurations**.

High ESR in the output capacitor increases output voltage ripple. If a ceramic capacitor is used at the output, this is usually not a concern because the ESR of a ceramic capacitor is typically very low and has only a minimal impact on ripple magnitudes. If a different capacitor type with higher ESR is used (tantalum, for example), the ESR could result in high ripple. To eliminate this effect, the net output ESR can be significantly reduced by placing a low-ESR ceramic capacitor in parallel with the primary output capacitor. The low ESR of the ceramic capacitor will be in parallel with the higher ESR, resulting in a low net ESR based on the principles of parallel resistance reduction.

Due to the PFM nature of the LM2770, output voltage ripple is highest at light loads. To eliminate this ripple, consider running the LM2770 in sleep mode when load currents are 20mA or less. Sleep mode disables the charge pump and enables the internal low-noise bypass linear regulator (LDO).

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### INPUT CAPACITOR AND INPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE

The input capacitor ( $C_{IN}$ ) is a reservoir of charge that aids a quick transfer of charge from the supply to the flying capacitors during the charge phase of operation. The input capacitor helps to keep the input voltage from drooping at the start of the charge phase when the flying capacitor is connected to the input. It also filters noise on the input pin, keeping this noise out of sensitive internal analog circuitry that is biased off the input line.

Much like the relationship between the output capacitance and output voltage ripple, input capacitance has a dominant and first-order effect on input ripple magnitude. Increasing (decreasing) the input capacitance will result in a proportional decrease (increase) in input voltage ripple. This can be observed in the input voltage ripple waveforms in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section. Input voltage, output current, and flying capacitance also will affect input ripple levels to some degree.

In typical high-current applications, a 10 $\mu$ F low-ESR ceramic capacitor is recommended on the input. Different input capacitance values can be used to reduce ripple, shrink the solution size, and/or cut the cost of the solution. But changing the input capacitor may also require changing the flying capacitors and/or output capacitor to maintain good overall circuit performance. Performance of the LM2770 with different capacitor setups is discussed below in **Recommended Capacitor Configurations**.

### FLYING CAPACITORS

The flying capacitors ( $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ) transfer charge from the input to the output. Flying capacitance can impact both output current capability and ripple magnitudes. If flying

capacitance is too small, the LM2770 may not be able to regulate the output voltage when load currents are high. On the other hand, if the flying capacitance is too large, the flying capacitors might overwhelm the input and output capacitors, resulting in increased input and output ripple.

The flying capacitors should be identical. As a general guideline, the capacitance value of each flying capacitor should be 1/10th that of the output capacitor, up to a maximum of 1 $\mu$ F. This is a recommendation, not a requirement. Polarized capacitors (tantalum, aluminum electrolytic, etc.) must not be used for the flying capacitors, however, as they could become reverse-biased during LM2770 operation.

### RECOMMENDED CAPACITOR CONFIGURATIONS

The data in *Table 1* can be used to assist in the selection of a capacitor configuration that best balances solution size and cost with the electrical requirements of the application (ripple voltages, output current capability, etc.).

As previously discussed, input and output ripple voltages and frequencies will vary considerably with output current and input voltage. The numbers provided show expected ripple voltage when  $V_{IN} = 3.6V$  and load currents are between 100mA and 250mA. The table offers first look at approximate ripple levels and provides a comparison for the different capacitor configurations presented, but is not intended to be a guarantee of performance.

The columns that provide minimum input voltage recommendations illustrate the effect that smaller flying capacitors have on charge pump output current capability. Using smaller flying capacitors increases the output resistance of the charge pump. As a result, the minimum input voltage of an application using small flying capacitance may need to be set slightly higher to prevent the output from falling out of regulation when loaded.

**TABLE 1. LM2770 Performance with Different Capacitor Configurations (Note 13)**

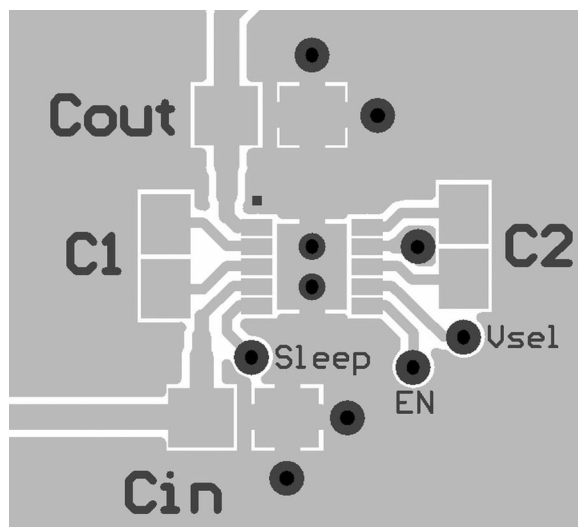
CAPACITOR CONFIGURATION	TYPICAL OUTPUT RIPPLE ( $V_{IN} = 3.6V$ )	TYPICAL INPUT RIPPLE ( $V_{IN} = 3.6V$ )	Recommended Minimum $V_{IN}$ for Different Output Currents		
			$I_{OUT} = 50mA$	$I_{OUT} = 150mA$	$I_{OUT} = 250mA$
$C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 2 \times 10\mu F$ , $C_1 = C_2 = 1\mu F$	25mV	35mV	3.0V	3.0V	3.1V
$C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10\mu F$ , $C_1 = C_2 = 1\mu F$	50mV	70mV	3.0V	3.0V	3.1V
$C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 4.7\mu F$ , $C_1 = C_2 = 0.47\mu F$	130mV	150mV	3.0V	3.1V	3.2V
$C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 2.2\mu F$ , $C_1 = C_2 = 0.22\mu F$	200mV	260mV	3.0V	3.1V	3.2V

**Note 13:** Refer to the text in the Recommended Capacitor Configurations section for detailed information on the data in this table

## Layout Guidelines

Proper board layout will help to ensure optimal performance of the LM2770 circuit. The following guidelines are recommended:

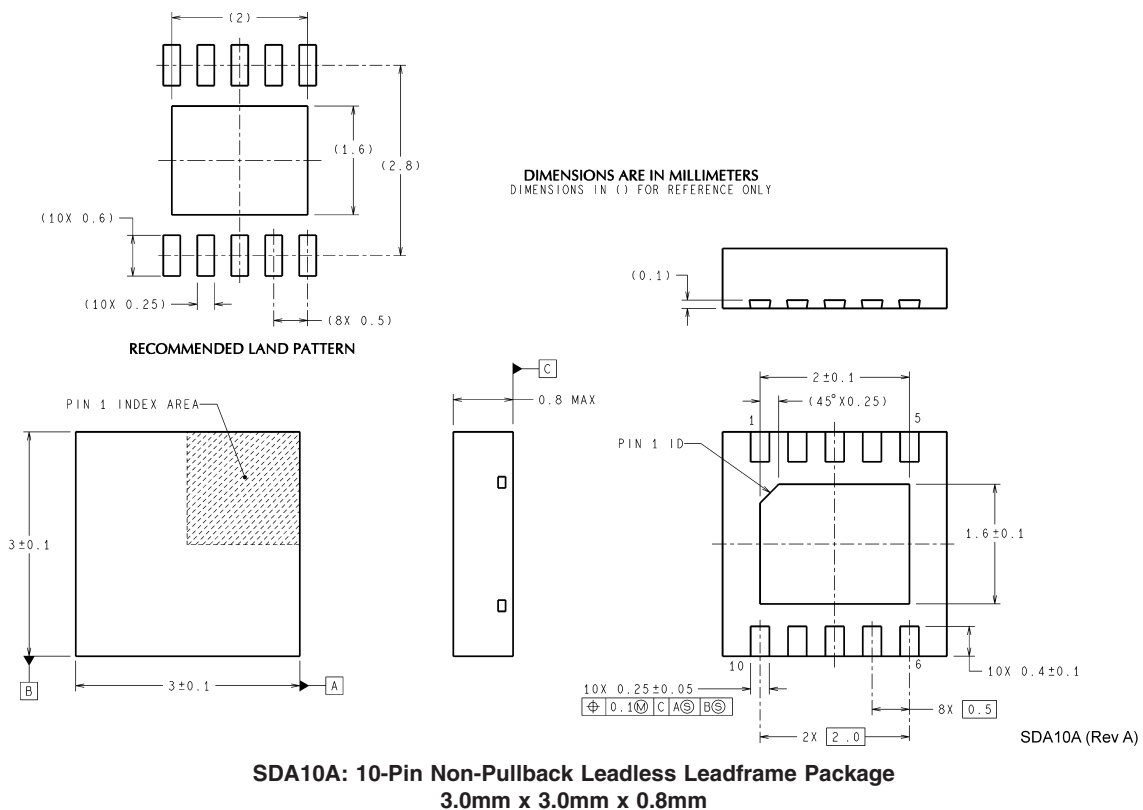
- Place capacitors as close to the LM2770 as possible, and preferably on the same side of the board as the IC.
- Use short, wide traces to connect the external capacitors to the LM2770 to minimize trace resistance and inductance.
- Use a low resistance connection between ground and the GND pin of the LM2770. Using wide traces and/or multiple vias to connect GND to a ground plane on the board is most advantageous.



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**FIGURE 1. Recommended Board Layout of a LM2770 Circuit**  
Unlabelled vias connect to an internal ground plane.

## Physical Dimensions inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted



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