### **APPLICATION FOCUS**



# LED Driving





# High efficiency, cost effective LED driving

More efficient, more rugged and more reliable than alternative incandescent or fluorescent lamps, LEDs provide lighting designers with newfound freedom and flexibility.

Continuous improvements in LED efficiency and colour rendering mean their output performance will challenge that of traditional lighting technologies in many applications.

To ensure the total cost of ownership of LED lighting is comparable with, or even lower than traditional lighting, highly efficient and cost effective methods of driving LEDs is vital. And that's why Zetex has developed a range of dedicated LED driver ICs to tackle a wide range of existing and emerging applications including:

**Display screens** 

Safety and security lights

Architectural lighting

**Camera flash** 

#### Automotive lighting

And Zetex LED driver solutions are not only characterized by high efficiency and cost effectiveness. Their incredible versatility means that a simple change in external components can produce the perfect solution for a radically different lighting application. A number are introduced here.

Part Number	Description	Input Voltage Range V	Output Voltage Max V	Quiescent Current μΑ	Package
ZXLB1600X8	LED/OLED boost bias	1.6 to 5.5	28	75	MSOP10
ZXLD1100H6	LED boost driver	2.5 to 5.5	28	60	SC70-6
ZXLD1101ET5	LED boost driver	2.5 to 5.5	28	60	TSOT23-5
ZXLD1350E5	LED buck driver	8 to 30	Vin	100	SOT23-5
ZXLD1601H6	LCD/OLED boost bias	2.5 to 5.5	28	60	SC70-6
ZXLD1615ET5	LCD/OLED boost bias	2.5 to 5.5	28	60	TSOT23-5
ZXLD1937ET5	LED boost driver	2.5 to 5.5	28	60	TSOT23-5
ZXSC300E5	LED boost/buck driver	0.8 to 8	Vm	200	SOT23-5
ZXSC310E5	LED boost/buck driver	0.8 to 8	Vm	200	SOT23-5
ZXSC400E6	LED boost driver	1.8 to 8	Vm	150	SOT23-6
ZXSC440X8	Photo flash driver	1.8 to 8	Vm	150	MSOP8

#### Zetex LED drivers:

Vm output voltage is determined by the external switch rating

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### **Display screens**

For backlighting small color LCDs, no more than eight white LEDs are needed to ensure a perfectly even light distribution. To drive them, Zetex offers a dedicated range of highly integrated solutions.

The ZXLD1100, 1101 and 1937 are PFM inductive boost converters designed to drive up to six series connected white LEDs from a Li-lon cell and up to eight from a 5V source. The ICs feature an integrated 350mA rated output switch, able to operate at a maximum of 28V and the ZXLD1100 offers open circuit LED protection too.

With a shutdown current of  $0.5\mu$ A the converters ensure battery life is maximized and are proven to provide efficiencies up to 85%. Converter output current can be adjusted by applying a PWM control signal to the enable pin and dependent on its frequency, it will produce either a chopped output or a true analog continuous output.

The use of small TSOT23-5 and SC70-6 packaging addresses the space limitations of a broad range of portable applications.



LED driver for backlighting small LCDs



OLED and LCD displays need a bias voltage of between 12V and 32V. In battery powered equipment a voltage boost is required to generate the appropriate voltage and current.

Designed for this application, ZXLD1615, ZXLD1601 and ZXLB1600 are PFM inductive boost converters providing output voltages up to 28V from a 2.5V to 5.5V supply and a typical output current of 10mA at 28V and up to 250mA at 5V. The devices are packaged in space saving TSOT23-5 and SC70-6 formats.

Output voltage is simply set either by two external resistors or by a PWM signal applied to the enable pin. High frequency PWM signals produce a low ripple output, lower frequencies produce a gated output.

To prevent LCD or OLED leakage current draining the battery, the ZXLB1600 includes an input isolation switch to completely disconnect the load during standby.



OLED and LCD bias generator

The ZXLD1600 series converters can also generate three voltages for biasing TFT or active matrix displays. A feedback loop controls the AVDD voltage, a voltage doubler generates the VON and a voltage inverter, the VOFF.



TFT display bias generator

To provide adequate backlighting for large panel LCD screens, far greater numbers of white LEDs are required and the longer strings of LEDs demand far higher switch currents. The ZXSC400 voltage mode boost converter meets the LED driving requirements.

Using external components to manage the larger switch currents and voltages, a ZXSC400 solution can drive a load of up to 30 Watts.

Separate feedback pins allow full control of peak and average LED current and an efficiency of 90% is achieved. Output current can be adjusted by applying a PWM control signal.



LED driver for backlighting large screens





# Safety and security lights

Single cell operation is a significant advantage in hand held equipment, saving space, weight and cost. Specifically designed to drive white LEDs in single cell circuits, the ZXSC300 and ZXSC310 are PFM inductive DC-DC converters that offer simple, highly efficient and elegant design solutions.

The devices can be run in either boost or buck mode, with input and output voltages and currents being determined by the rating of an external transistor. A basic ZXSC310 design platform can support a wide variety of applications by simply changing external components.



Single cell 1W LED driver



A PFM inductive DC-DC boost converter, the ZXSC400 is designed to drive white LEDs from an input supply of 1.8V to 8V. The converter provides external control over both the peak current and the LED current through the external resistors R1 and R2. This results in good load regulation.



High power driver for 5W LED

LEDs are also replacing CCFL tubes in emergency lighting applications. As a result, equipment is more reliable, uses fewer batteries and is more rugged. An emergency lighting system using the ZXSC400 PFM inductive DC-DC boost converter requires only two AA cells to drive twelve 30mA white LEDs.



LED based emergency lighting





# **Architectural lighting**

Replacement of line voltage lighting with LEDs is readily achieved using the ZXSC300 PFM inductive DC-DC converter and a suitably rated external transistor switch. The solution can drive 32 white LEDs connected in series and achieves up to 95% efficiency.



LED light bulb driver



Replacing halogen light bulbs in lighting systems improves efficiency, extends operating life and provides illumination that doesn't generate excessive radiated heat.

Used in buck mode the ZXSC310 PFM inductive DC-DC converter can be used to drive three 1W, high power LEDs. The solution can be used to replace low voltage halogen lamps and achieves up to 95% efficiency.

To increase reliability, maximum LED current needs to be controlled, with respect to temperature. The circuit therefore includes an NTC thermistor. As the temperature rises the LED current is reduced to keep within the safe operating zone. This results in higher brightness, a smaller heat sink and longer life.



Driver for LED halogen replacement

The ZXLD1350 is a PFM inductive buck converter designed to drive up to three 1W series connected white LEDs from a 12V source. The primary application is 12V halogen replacement and automotive lighting, though a supply voltage range of 8V to 30V makes this part suitable for a wide range of other applications. With a higher supply voltage up to six LEDs can be driven.



Driver for LED sign lighting





### **Camera flash**

The ZXSC400 voltage mode boost converter provides an ideal solution for an LED based camera flash. Initially the circuit operates as a boost converter to charge C1. In its flash mode the circuit operates as a buck converter to discharge C1 into the LED. The technique avoids high current demand on the battery.



LED camera flash driver

The ZXSC440 is a dedicated Xenon photoflash charger, capable of charging an  $80\mu$ F capacitor to 300V in 3.5 seconds from a 3V supply. The flyback conversion efficiency is typically 75%, much higher than commonly used discrete component charging circuits.



Xenon camera flash charger



# **Automotive lighting**

The automotive industry is beginning to adopt LED technology as a light source in a wide range of applications. LEDs can replace tungsten filament bulbs in the rear lighting cluster, interior LED lighting is already used in some luxury models and will soon migrate to all models. LEDs offer the ability to set the interior mood and style for all classes of automobile. Improved reliability and increased efficiency are attractive to the car manufacturer and owner alike.



Automotive LED tail light driver





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