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1 INTRODUCTION

The UBA2024T is an integrated half bridge power IC, designed for use in an integrated / sealed Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) with a lamp current up to 150mA. Typical input voltages are 100-127Vac and 220-240Vac. Output power varies from 3 to 15W, depending on lamp and input voltage.

The UBA2024T is a high voltage (550V) monolithic integrated circuit made in the EZ-HV SOI process. It includes both half bridge power transistors with level-shifter and drivers, boots trap circuitry, an internal power supply, a precision oscillator and a start-up frequency sweep function for soft-start and/or pre-heating. It is mounted in a dedicated SO14 (Small Outline) package with optimised heat transfer.

Due to the high level of integration, only few external components are needed when building a lamp ballast with the UBA2024T. This application note will give descriptions of typical integrated CFL applications in the 3 to 15W range.

(See datasheet for functional description of the UBA2024T)

2 FEATURES

- based upon EZ-HV SOI (silicon on insulator) technology
- integrated half bridge power-IC for CFL applications (both powers and controller)
- accurate oscillator with adjustable frequency
- Soft start by frequency sweep down from start frequency
- Quasi preheat option (by use of larger sweep down timing)
- Allows for very compact integrated lamp ballast which fits a small shell
- Low cost Compact Fluorescent Lamp applications due to low component count
- Easy applicable
- Can withstand 550V maximum voltage surge

3 APPLICATION PHOTOS

Figure 1: Photos of a 14W Compact Fluorescent Lamp with UBA2024T

4 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

Figure 2: Schematic of Compact Fluorescent Lamp application using the UBA2024T with voltage doubler input

Figure 3: Schematic of standard Compact Fluorescent Lamp application using UBA2024T

5 SELECTING COMPONENT VALUES

5.1 Selecting input configuration, buffer capacitor and fuse-resistor

Use of a voltage doubler (figure 2) or standard bridge rectifier (figure 3), values for the buffer capacitor (C_{BUF}) and the fusible inrush-current limiting resistor are given in table 2:

Input Voltage	Lamp Power#	Input configuration	$C_{\rm{RF}}$	C_{BUF1} , C_{BUF2} (each)	R_{FUS}
100-127Vac	$\leq 4 W$	Standard (fig. 4)	10uF/200V	(n.a.)	$18Ω$ (0.25W/23W)*
100-127Vac	$5 - 6W$		15µF/200V	(n.a.)	$12Ω$ (0.5W/35W)*
100-127Vac	$7 - 8 W$		(n.a.)	10µF/200V	$10Ω$ (0.5W/47W)*
100-127Vac	$9 - 11$ W	Voltage Doubler (fig.3)	(n.a.)	15uF/200V	8.2Ω (0.75W/70W)*
100-127Vac	$12 - 14W$		(n.a.)	22uF/200V	6.8Ω (1W/103W)*
220-240Vac	\leq 5 W		2.2uF/400V	(n.a.)	47Ω (0.25W/23W)*
220-240Vac	$6 - 8 W$	Standard (fig. 4)	3.3uF/400V	(n.a.)	39Ω (0.25W/23W)*
220-240Vac	$9 - 11W$		4.7uF/385V	(n.a.)	33Ω (0.5W/32W)*
220-240Vac	$12 - 15$ W		6.8uF/385V	(n.a.)	$27Ω$ (0.5W/47W)*

Table 2: Adviced input configuration, buffer capacitor en fusible inrush-current limiting resistor

(# Overall lamp power including driver circuit)

(* Minimum continuous power rating / minimum peak power rating (≤20ms))

5.2 Choosing frequency, lamp inductor and lamp capacitor

Given a certain netto¹ lamp power P_{lamp} and lamp current I_{lamp} , then $V_{\text{lamp}}=P_{\text{lamp}}/I_{\text{lamp}}$. If buffer capacitors are according to table 2, an approximation of the effective lamp inductor voltage $V_{Lla_{\text{eff}}}$ is given² in table 3:

Input	frequency	Input	V_lamp							
Voltage		configuration	\leq 20V	$\approx 30V$	$\approx 40V$	$\approx 50V$	$\approx 60V$	$\approx 80V$	$\approx 100V$	
100 Vac	60 Hz	Standard (fiq. 4)	58	53	46	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
115 Vac				66	62	53	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
127 Vac			80	76	70	65	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
100 Vac	60 Hz	Voltage Doubler	123	120	117	113	108	94	n.a.	Σ
115 Vac			145	143	140	137	133	122	107	F,
127 Vac		(fig.3)	164	162	160	157	154	144	131	$\sqrt{\ln a}$
220 Vac	50 Hz	Standard	138	136	133	130	125	112	95	
230 Vac			145	143	140	138	134	122	106	
240 Vac		(fig. 4)	153	151	148	146	143	131	116	

Table 3: Approximated effective lamp inductor voltage

n.a.= not applicable (these combinations of lamp voltage and input voltage/configuration are not allowed)

The lamp inductor L_{LA} and the lamp frequency f_{out} have to comply to:

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2\pi f_{\rm out} L_{\rm LA} \!=\! \frac{V_{\rm Lla_eff}}{I_{\rm lamp}}
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¹ of burner only, usually about 85% of overall lamp power.

² use linear interpolation to find values inbetween.

fout can be chosen freely up to 60kHz (the maximum nominal output frequency for the UBA2024, corresponding with a start-up frequency of 150kHz, see datasheet for start-up sequence description). However, usually f_{out} is chosen between 25kHz and 30kHz or between 40kHz and 50kHz. This is because below 25kHz there may be audible noise, operation in the 30kHz to 40kHz band may result in interference with infra-red remote control and above 50kHz the third harmonic is in the range where conducted noise requirements for most countries have to be met. Since inductors and capacitors decrease in size and cost with increase in frequency, the 40 to 50kHz range is preferred. Throughout this application note we will presume the lamp frequency will be in this range.

 f_{out} is set by R_{OSC} and C_{OSC} according to the following formula:

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f_{\text{out}} = \frac{1}{k_{\text{osc}} R_{\text{osc}} C_{\text{osc}}}
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Practical values for R_{OSC} range from 50kΩ to 400kΩ. Note that the low values of R_{OSC} will cause a larger VDD output current, thus increasing the total package dissipation. Practical values for C_{OSC} range from 100pF to 1nF. Advised value for C_{OSC} is 180pF for 40..50kHz and 270pF for 25..30kHz. The oscillator constant k_{OSC} is shown in figure 4.

Figure 4: Typical kosc dependency of Rosc and Cosc for UBA2024T.

5.3 Ignition frequency and preheating

The IC starts at an output frequency of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the nominal output frequency, and gradually decreases this until the nominal output frequency is reached. The lamp inductor L_{LA} and the lamp capacitor C_{LA} will boost the lamp voltage gradually higher as the output frequency gets closer to their resonance frequency, until it is sufficient to ignite the lamp. In the mean time the current in the resonance circuit flows through the filaments thereby providing some preheating. The UBA2024 has a circuit that stops the frequency sweep at the resonance frequency if the lamp has not ignited yet (see UBA2024 specifications for details). This ensures maximum effort to ignite the lamp.

The ignition frequency f_{ign} is higher than or equal to the resonance frequency of L_{LA} and C_{LA} (f_{res}=1/(2π $\sqrt{(L_{LA}C_{LA})}$)). The resonance frequency should be choosen so that $1.6 \cdot f_{out} \leq f_{res} \leq 1.8 \cdot f_{out}$. The time needed to sweep down (set by C_{SW}) from the start frequency to f_{res} can be used as an approximation for the ignition time. It's about 0.5s/100nF. For large values the ignition time is shorter, because the lamp ignites before the resonance frequency is reached. Typical ignition time is 1 s when $C_{SW} = 330$ nF.

 C_{SW} determines the sweep time. The larger C_{SW} , the longer the sweep time and better the preheating of the electrodes. However, the rise of the pre-ignition lamp voltage is also slower. Both a too short preheat as well as a too slow voltage rise increase the glow time of the lamp (that's when the lamp is not yet fully ignited, but it's not off anymore either), which decreases lamp life time. The best preheat time strongly depends on the lamp. Typical values for C_{SW} are 33nF to 330nF.

5.4 Choosing the other components

- For D1..D4 plain low cost 1N4007 diodes can be used.
- For lamp current ≥ 150 mA C_{DV}=220pF, for lower currents C_{DV}=100pF.
- The values for C_{VDD} and C_{FS} are $C_{FS} = C_{VDD} = 10nF$.
- Advised half bridge capacitors (C_{HB1} and C_{HB2}) are >47nF when $f_{out}= 40-50$ kHz and >68nF when $f_{out}= 25-30$ kHz.
- The resonance frequency of the input filter, consisting of L_{FILT} and C_{HB} being de effective capacitor as seen on the HV pin of the IC, i.e. the series capacitance of C_{HBI} and C_{HBI}), has to be at least two times lower than the nominal output frequency.

Note: Performance and lifetime can not be guaranteed by using the values given in this chapter only. Lamp and UBA2024 performance strongly interact with each other and need to be qualified together as a combination.

5.5 About component tolerances

For all components, generally used tolerances can be used (20% for electrolytic capacitors, 10% for other capacitors (foil or ceramic) and 5% for resistors and inductors). Since $R_{\rm OSC}$, $C_{\rm OSC}$ and $L_{\rm LA}$ determine the lamp current, their tolerance also determines the spread in the lamp current. Therefore, the required lamp current accuracy may require closer tolerance $R_{\rm OSC}$, $C_{\rm OSC}$ and $L_{\rm LA}$.

Example 1: $R_{\text{OSC}} \pm 5\%$, $C_{\text{OSC}} \pm 10\%$, $L_{LA} \pm 5\%$, $C_{LA} \pm 10\%$ and the IC's internal frequency $\pm 3\%$ then lamp current tolerance is 12.6% effective3.

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Example 2: $R_{\rm OSC}$ ±1%, $C_{\rm OSC}$ ±5%, $L_{\rm LA}$ ±5%, $C_{\rm LA}$ ±5% and the IC's internal frequency ±3% then lamp current tolerance is 7.1% effective.

6 EXAMPLES OF CALCULATING COMPONENT VALUES

6.1 EXAMPLE 1: a 3W lamp (2.5W/90mA burner)

Determining component values for 115V/60Hz mains 1) From table 2: Standard configuration, $C_{\text{BUF}}=10\mu\text{F}$, $R_{\text{FUS}}=18\Omega$.

- 2) V_{lamp}≈2.5/0.090≈28V. From table 3: Effective lamp coil voltage V_{Llaeff} ≈ 68V. For L_{LA}=3.9mH the output frequency must be $f_{\text{out}}=68/(0.090\cdot3.9\cdot10^{-3}\cdot2\cdot\pi)=30.8\text{kHz}$
- 3) We choose $C_{\text{osc}}=270pF$, then $R_{\text{osc}}=1/(1.07·30.8·103·270·10·12)=112k\Omega$. To stay below 30kHz and within E24range we choose $120kΩ$, so $f_{out}=1/(1.07·120·103·270·10⁻¹²)=28.8kHz$.
- 4) The only E12-range value of C_{LA} resulting in $f_{\text{ign}}/f_{\text{out}}$ between 1.6 and 1.8 is: 2.7nF ($f_{\text{ign}}/f_{\text{out}} \approx 1.70$).
- 5) Warm ignition. $C_{SW} = 220$ nF.
- 6) D₁..D₄=BYD13M (=1N4007 equivalent, but smaller), C_{FS}=10nF, C_{VDD}=10nF and C_{DV}=100pF (see section 6.4).
- 7) $C_{HB1}=C_{HB2}=33nF$ (see section 6.4). L_{FLT} is choosen 4.7mH.

Determining component values for 230V/50Hz mains

- 1) From table 2: Standard configuration, $C_{\text{BUF}}=2.2\mu\text{F}$, $R_{\text{FUS}}=47\Omega$.
- 2) V_{lamp}≈2.5/0.090≈28V. From table 3: Effective lamp coil voltage V_{Llaeff} ≈ 143V. For L_{LA}=8.2 mH the output frequency must be $f_{\text{out}}=143/(0.090·8.2·10·3·2·π)=30.8\text{kHz}$
- 3) We choose $C_{\text{osc}}=270pF$, then $R_{\text{osc}}=1/(1.07\cdot30.8\cdot10^{3}\cdot270\cdot10^{-12})=112k\Omega$. To stay below 30kHz and within E24range we choose $120kΩ$, so $f_{out}=1/(1.07·120·103·270·10⁻¹²)=28.8kHz$.
- 4) The only E6-range value of C_{LA} resulting in f_{ign}/f_{out} between 1.6 and 1.8 is 1.0nF ($f_{ign}/f_{out} \approx 1.76$).
- 5) Warm ignition: $C_{SW} = 220$ nF.
- 6) D₁..D₄=BYD13M (=1N4007 equivalent, but smaller), C_{FS}=10nF, C_{VDD}=10nF and C_{DV}=100pF (see section 6.4).
- 7) $C_{HB1} = C_{HB2} = 47$ nF (see section 6.4). L_{FILT} is choosen 4.7mH.

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6.2 EXAMPLE 2: a 14W lamp (12W/150mA burner, suited for cold ignition)

Determining component values for 115V/60Hz mains

- 1) From table 2: Voltage doubler configuration, $C_{BUF1} = C_{BUF2} = 22\mu$ F, $R_{FUS} = 6.8\Omega$
- 2) V_{lamp}≈12/0.150=80V. From table 3: Effective lamp coil voltage V_{Llaeff} ≈ 122V. For L_{LA}=3.1mH the output frequency must be $f_{\text{out}}=122/(0.150·3.1·10·3·2·π)=41.8\text{kHz}.$
- 3) We choose $C_{\text{OSC}}=180p$ F, then $R_{\text{OSC}}=1/(1.09·41.8·103·180·10⁻¹²)=122k\Omega$. To stay within E24-range we choose 120kΩ, so f_{out} =1/(1.09⋅120⋅103⋅180⋅10⋅12)=42.5kHz.
- 4) The only E6-range value of C_{LA} resulting in $f_{\text{ign}}/f_{\text{out}}$ between 1.6 and 1.8 is 1.5nF ($f_{\text{ign}}/f_{\text{out}} \approx 1.74$).
- 5) This burner is suited for cold ignition: $C_{SW}=100nF$ (see paragraph 5.3)
- 6) $D_1=D_2=1N4007$, $C_{FS}=10nF$, $C_{VDD}=10nF$ and $C_{DV}=220pF$ (see section 6.4).
- 7) $C_{HB1} = C_{HB2} = 47$ nF (see section 6.4). $L_{FII,T}$ is choosen 2.7mH.

Determining component values for 230V/50Hz mains

- 1) From table 2: Standard configuration, $C_{\text{BUF}}=6.8\mu\text{F}$, $R_{\text{FUS}}=27\Omega$
- 2) Vlamp≈12/0.150=80V. From table 3: Effective lamp coil voltage VLla_eff ≈ 122V. For LLA=3.1mH the output frequency must be $f_{\text{out}}=122/(0.150·3.1·10·3·2·π)=41.8\text{kHz}.$
- 3) We choose $C_{\text{OSC}}=180p$ F, then $R_{\text{OSC}}=1/(1.09·41.8·103·180·10⁻¹²)=122k\Omega$. To stay within E24-range we choose $120\text{k}\Omega$, so $f_{\text{out}}=1/(1.09·120·103·180·10⁻¹²)=42.5\text{kHz}$.
- 4) The only E6-range value of C_{LA} resulting in $f_{\text{ign}}/f_{\text{out}}$ between 1.6 and 1.8 is 1.5nF ($f_{\text{ign}}/f_{\text{out}} \approx 1.74$).
- 5) For cold ignition $C_{SW}=33nF$ (see paragraph 5.3)
- 6) D₁..D₄=1N4007, C_{FS}=10nF, C_{VDD}=10nF and C_{DV}=220pF (see section 6.4).
- 7) $C_{HB1}=C_{HB2}=47nF$ (see section 6.4). L_{FILT} is choosen 2.7mH.

6.3 Some other examples

8W lamp (7W/150mA burner, suited for cold ignition) (f_{out}=46kHz)

11W lamp (9.5W/150mA burner, suited for cold ignition) (f_{out}=42.5kHz)

13W lamp (11W/125mA burner, needing warm ignition) (f_{out}=42.5kHz)

15W lamp (12.5W/180mA burner, suited for cold ignition) (f_{out}=40kHz)

12W DEMO BOARD LAMP :

12W lamp (150mA burner, cold ignition, fout=46kHz)

7 QUICK MEASUREMENTS

Table 4: Measured values compared with calculated values

 4 Measurement for 115V/60Hz were done at 115V/50Hz with 15% extra capacitance added to C $_{\rm{BUF1}}$ and C $_{\rm{BUF2}}$

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⁵ A 5% resistor was used for Rosc, and a 10% capacitor was used for Cosc. Tolerances of Rosc and Cosc both add to frequancy tolerance of IC. Use Rosc and Cosc with less tolerance if better match between calculated and measured frequency is needed.

APPENDIX 1 *Application board layout example*

The layout of the PCB on which the UBA2024T is mounted, has a considerable influence on the performance of the IC. Issues to be taken into account are:

- Coils with open magnetic circuit should not be placed above the IC (on the other side of the PCB). If an axial filter inductor is used for L_{FILT} it should be placed in the same direction as the IC to minimize magnetic field pick-up.
- All output components (C_{HB1} , C_{HB2} , L_{LA} , C_{LA} and C_{DV}) and their interconnections should be placed at the side of pin 1 and pin 14 of the IC.
- Oscilator pin (pin 7, "RC") and sweep pin (pin 8, "SW") should be shielded form output/lamp by a ground track. Components on these pins should be placed as close to the IC as possible.
- Capacitors C_{VDD} and C_{FS} should be placed close to the IC.
- For effective heat transfer all SGND pins need to be soldered to a copper plane which is also beneath the IC and extends besides the IC as much as possible. Fixing the IC to the board using thermal conductive glue also helps.

Of course, the size and shape of the PCB has to fit the lamp base. Below the layout of the demoboard, as is used for the measurements mentioned in this application note, is shown as an example. With it's diameter of only 35mm it's smaller then most currently used CFL-ballast PCBs. It's suited for either use of the popular E16 core lamp inductor or a radial-type I-core inductor.

Figure 7: Layout (left) and component placement (right) of application demoboard (actual size is 35mm diameter)