

# 38V, 10A, Step-Down µModule Regulator with Advanced Input and Load Protection

# DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 1543A features the LTM®4641, a high efficiency, high density switch mode step-down power µModule regulator with superior input and load protection features. The input voltage range is from 4.5V to 38V. The output voltage is jumper programmable from 0.8V to 6V with a rated load current of 10A. Derating is necessary for certain  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ , frequency and thermal conditions. DC1543A offers the TRACK/SS pin allowing the user to program output tracking or soft-start period. The DC1543A allows the user to enable/disable input undervoltage

protection; input latching/non-latching overvoltage protection; and latching/non-latching overtemperature protection.

Higher efficiency at low load currents is achieved by setting the MODE pin jumper to DCM. The LTM4641 data sheet must be read in conjunction with this demo manual prior to working on or modifying demo circuit 1543A.

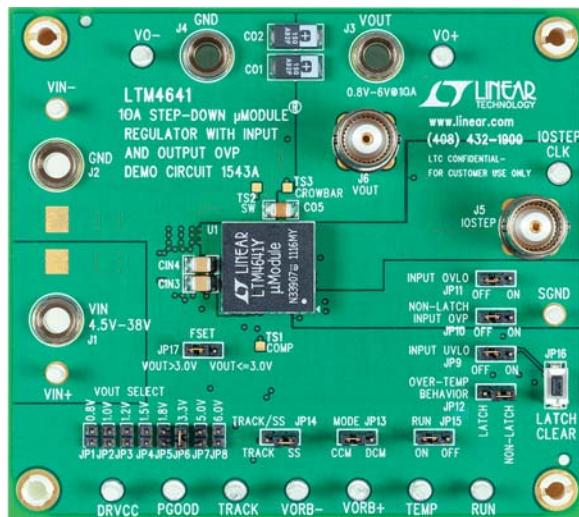
**Design files for this circuit board are available at  
<http://www.linear.com/demo>**

**L**T, LT, LTC, LTM, µModule, Linear Technology and the Linear logo are registered trademarks of Linear Technology Corporation. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	VALUE
Input Voltage Range		4.5V to 38V
Output Voltage $V_{OUT}$	Jumper Selectable	0.8V, 1.0V, 1.2V, 1.5V, 1.8V, 3.3V, 5V, 6V; $\pm 1.5\%$
Maximum Continuous Output Current	Derating is Necessary for Certain Operating Conditions. See Data Sheet for Details.	10A <sub>DC</sub>
Default Operating Frequency	$R_{fSET} = 680k\Omega$ for $V_{OUT} = 0.8V, 1.0V, 1.2V, 1.5V, 1.8V$ ; $R_{fSET} = \infty$ (Not Stuffed) for $V_{OUT} = 3.3V, 5.0V, 6.0V$	255kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 0.8V$ ); 320kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 1.0V$ ); 385kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 1.2V$ ); 480kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ ); 575kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 1.8V$ ); 360kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ ); 550kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 5.0V$ ); 660kHz ( $V_{OUT} = 6.0V$ );
Efficiency	$V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 6V, I_{OUT} = 10A$	93.0% See Figure 2
Load Transient	$V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V$	See Figure 3

# BOARD PHOTO



# DEMO MANUAL DC1543A

---

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

Demonstration circuit 1543A is an easy way to evaluate the performance of the LTM4641. Please refer to Figure 1 for proper measurement equipment setup and follow the procedure below:

1. Place jumpers in the following positions for a typical  $3.3V_{OUT}$  application:

INPUT OVLO	NON-LATCH INPUT OVP	INPUT UVLO	OVER-TEMP BEHAVIOR
OFF	OFF	OFF	NON-LATCH

RUN	MODE	TRACK/SS	V <sub>OUT</sub> Select	F <sub>SET</sub>
ON	CCM	SS	3.3V	$V_{OUT} > 3.0V$

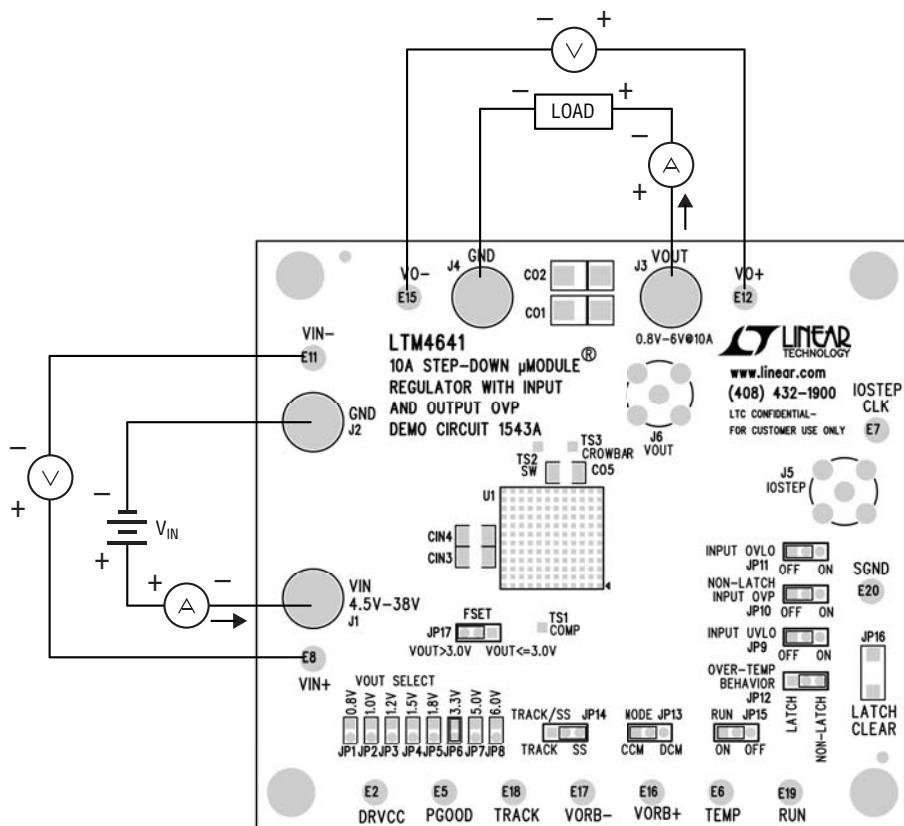
2. With power off, connect the input power supply, load and meters as shown in Figure 1. Preset the load to 0A and  $V_{IN}$  supply to be 0V.
3. Turn on the power at the input. Increase  $V_{IN}$  to 12V (**Do not apply more than the rated maximum voltage of 38V to the board or the part may be damaged**). The output voltage should be regulated and deliver the selected output voltage  $\pm 1.5\%$ .
4. Vary the input voltage from 4.5V to 38V and adjust the load current from 0A to 10A. Observe the output

voltage regulation, ripple voltage, efficiency, and other parameters. Output voltage ripple may be measured at J6 with a BNC cable and oscilloscope. The probe channel for  $V_{OUT}$  should be set at  $50\Omega$  termination resistance to match the BNC cable.

5. (Optional) For optional load transient test, apply an adjustable pulse signal between IOSTEP\_CLK and GND test points. The pulse amplitude sets the load step current amplitude. Keep the pulse width short (<1ms) and pulse duty cycle low (<5%) to limit the thermal stress on the load transient circuit. The load step current can be monitored with a BNC connected to J5 (25mV/A).
6. (Optional) To test the advanced input and load protections, put the corresponding jumper in the “ON” position. For DC1543A, the thresholds for different input and output protections are set as shown below:

INPUT OVLO	36V	
NON-LATCH INPUT OVP	32V	
INPUT UVLO	8V for Rising Edge 7V for Falling Edge	
OVER-TEMP BEHAVIOR	LATCH	145°C
	NON-LATCH	145°C: Cease Regulation 135°C: Resume Regulation

## QUICK START PROCEDURE



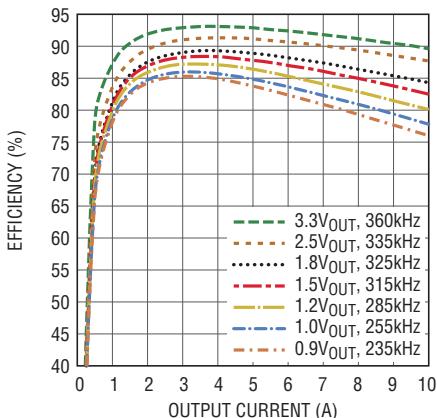
Note: Demo circuit 1543A demonstrates a functional but outdated square pad layout for LTM4641. Refer to the design files recommending round pads for future PCB designs available at [www.linear.com/demo](http://www.linear.com/demo).

Figure 1. Proper Measurement Equipment Setup

# DEMO MANUAL DC1543A

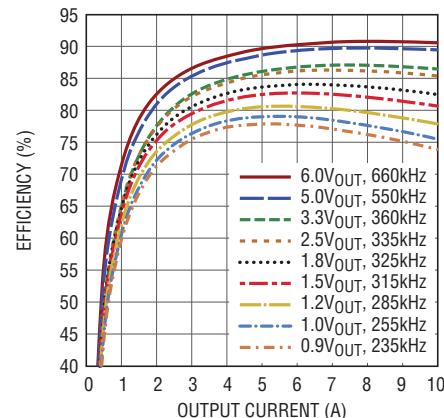
## QUICK START PROCEDURE

Efficiency vs Load Current at 6V<sub>IN</sub>



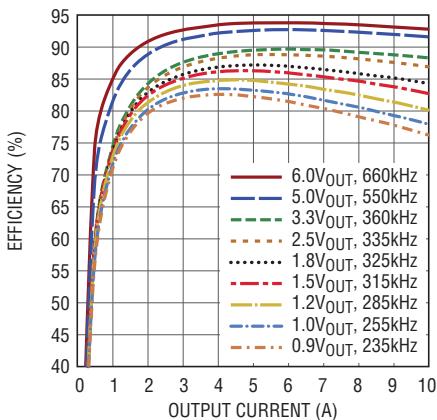
2a. V<sub>IN</sub> = 6V

Efficiency vs Load Current at 24V<sub>IN</sub>



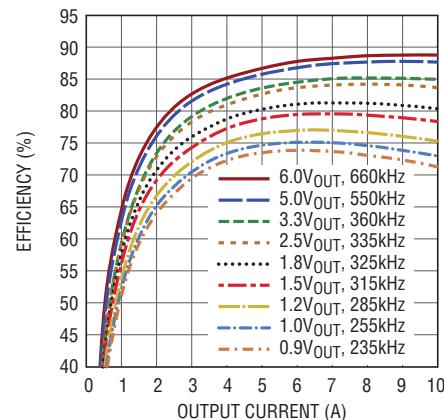
2c. V<sub>IN</sub> = 24V

Efficiency vs Load Current at 12V<sub>IN</sub>



2b. V<sub>IN</sub> = 12V

Efficiency vs Load Current at 36V<sub>IN</sub>



2d. V<sub>IN</sub> = 36V

Figure 2. Measured DC1543A Efficiency at Different V<sub>IN</sub>, V<sub>OUT</sub> and f<sub>SW</sub> (CCM Mode Enabled)  
Please refer to Table 1 in LTM4641 data sheet for the switching frequency at each output voltage.

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

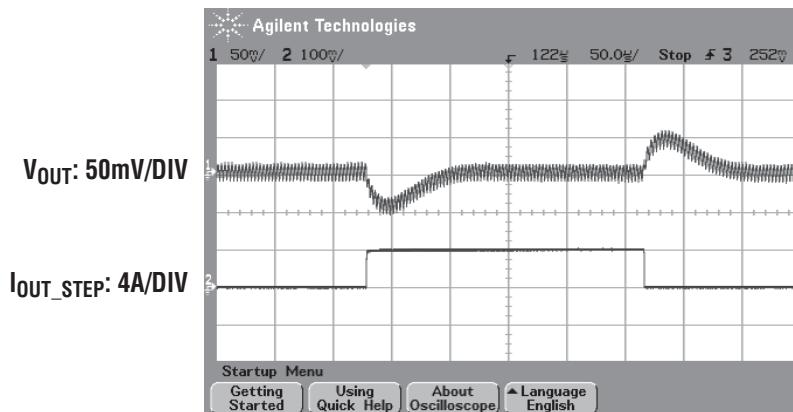
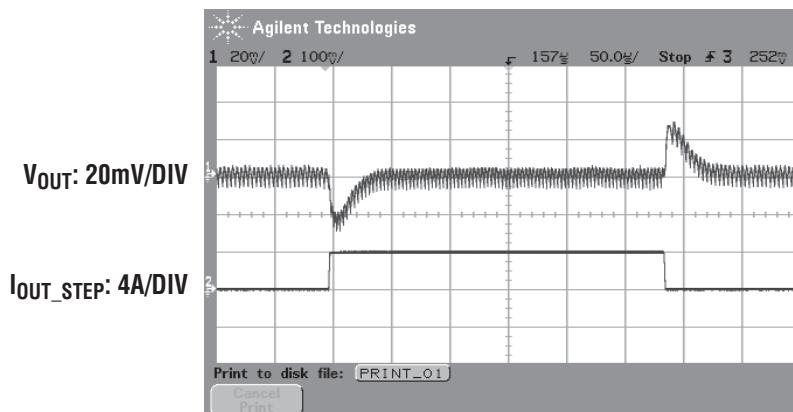
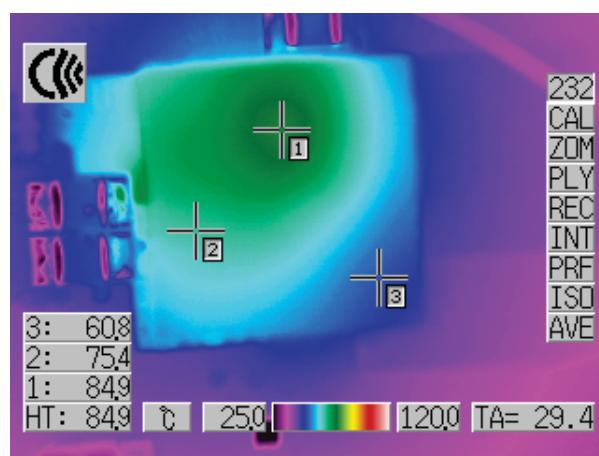
3a.  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_0 = 3.3V$ , 0A to 4A Load Step3b.  $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_0 = 1.0V$ , 0A to 4A Load Step

Figure 3. Measured Load Transient Responses



$V_{IN} = 24V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 6V$ ,  $I_{LOAD} = 10A$ , Ambient Temperature =  $29.4^{\circ}C$ , No Forced Air Flow

Figure 4. Thermal Image of LTM4641

# DEMO MANUAL DC1543A

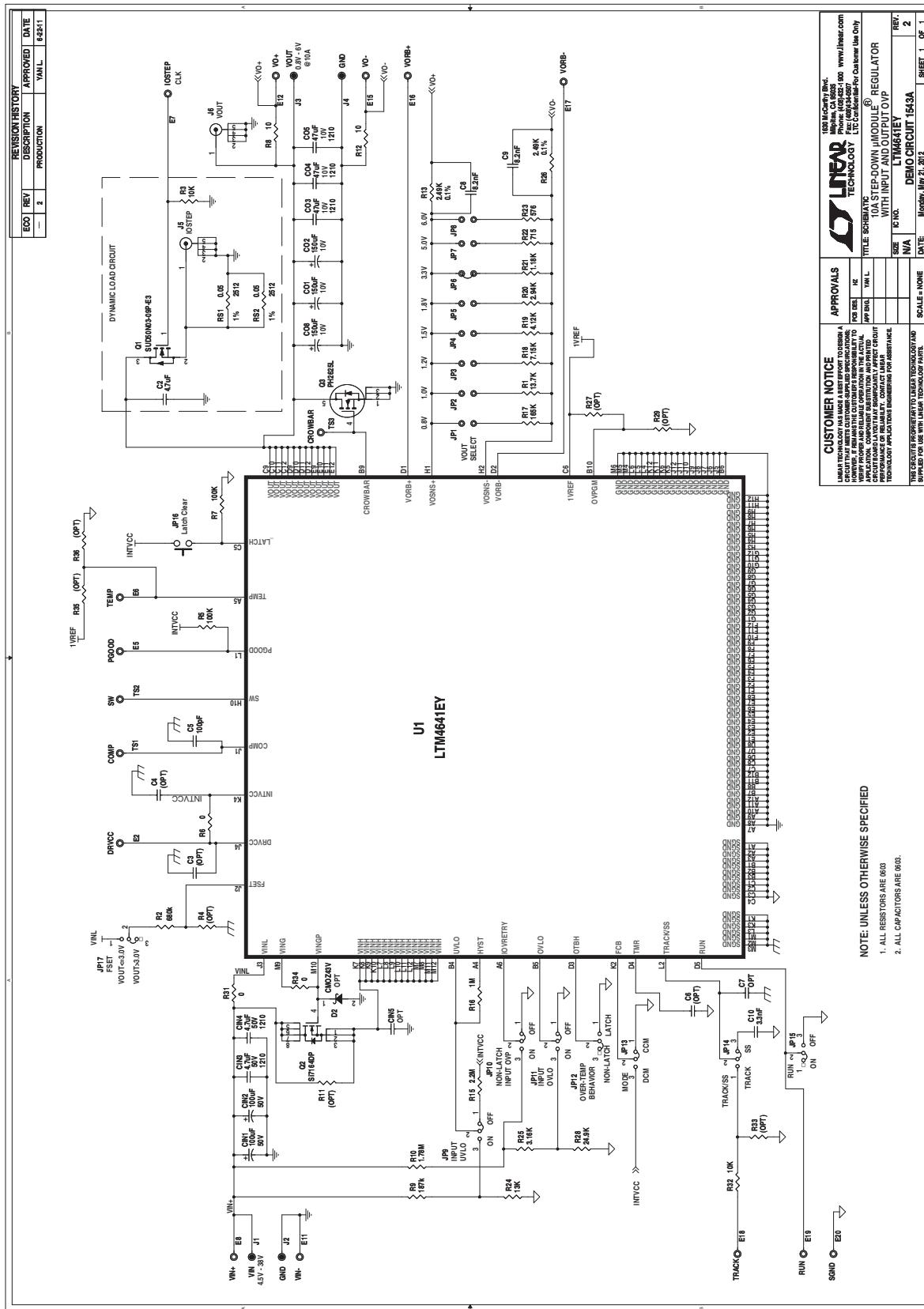
## PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
<b>Required Circuit Components</b>				
1	2	CIN2, CIN1	CAP, Aluminum, 100µF, 50V	SUN ELECT, 50CE100LX
2	2	CIN3, CIN4	CAP, X7R, 4.7µF, 50V, 10%, 1210	AVX, 12105C475KAT2A
3	3	C01, C02, C08	CAP, POSCAP, 150µF, 10V, D3L	SANYO, 10TPF150ML
4	3	C03, C04, C05	CAP, X7R, 47µF, 10V, 10%, 1210	AVX, 1210ZC476KAT2A
5	1	C10	CAP, X5R, 3300pF, 50V, 10%, 0603	AVX, 06035C332KAT2A
6	1	R1	RES., CHIP 13.7k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW060313K7FKEA
7	2	R5, R7	RES., CHIP, 100k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603100KFKEA
8	2	R13, R26	RES., CHIP, 2.49k, 1/16W, ±0.1%, 0603	VISHAY, TNPW06032K49BEEA
9	1	U1	I.C., LTM4641, BGA	LINEAR TECH., LTM4641EY#PBF
<b>Hardware/Components (For Demo Board Only)</b>				
1	1	C2	CAP, X7R, 4.7uF, 25V, 10%, 0805	MURATA, GRM21BR61E475KA12L
2	2	C8, C9	CAP, X5R, 8200pF, 50V, 10%, 0603	AVX, 06035C822KAT2A
3	1	R2	RES., CHIP, 680k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	YAGEO, RC0603FR-07680KL
4	1	R15	RES., CHIP, 2.2M, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06032M20FKEA
5	1	R17	RES., CHIP, 165k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603165KFKEA
6	1	R18	RES., CHIP, 7.15k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06037K15FKEA
7	1	R19	RES., CHIP, 4.12k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06034K22FKEA
8	1	R20	RES., CHIP, 2.94k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06032K94FKEA
9	1	R21	RES., CHIP, 1.18k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06031K18FKEA
10	1	R22	RES., CHIP, 715, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603715RFKEA
11	1	R23	RES., CHIP, 576, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603576RFKEA
12	1	R25	RES., CHIP, 3.16k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06033K16FKEA
13	1	R28	RES., CHIP, 24.9k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW060324K9FKEA
14	1	R10	RES., CHIP, 1.78M, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06031M78FKEA
15	1	R24	RES., CHIP, 13k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06065K5KFKEA
16	1	R16	RES., CHIP, 1M, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW06031M00FKEA
17	1	R9	RES., CHIP, 187k, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603187KFKEA
18	2	R12, R8	RES., CHIP, 10, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW060310R0FKEA
19	3	R6, R31, R34	RES., CHIP, 0, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW0603000Z0EA
20	2	R3, R32	RES., CHIP, 10K, 1/16W, 1%, 0603	VISHAY, CRCW060310K0FKEA
21	2	RS2, RS1	RES., CHIP, 0.05Ω, 1W, 1% 2512	VISHAY, WSL2512R0500FEA
22	1	Q2	Silicon N-Channel MOSFET, POWERPAK-S08	VISHAY, Si7164DP-T1-GE3
23	1	Q3	Silicon N-Channel Power MOSFET, LFPAK	PHILIPS, PH2625L
24	1	Q1	N-Channel 30-V MOSFET, TO-252	VISHAY, SUD50N03-09P-E3
25	0	C3, C4, C5, C6, C7(OPT)	CAP, 0603	
26	0	CIN5(OPT)	CAP, 1210	
27	0	R4, R27, R29, R33, R35, R36(OPT)	RES., 0603	
28	0	R11(OPT)	RES., 1206	
29	0	D2 (OPT)	ZENER VOLTAGE REGULATOR, SOD-523	CENTRAL SEMI., CM0Z43V TR
<b>Hardware</b>				
1	9	JP1-JP8, JP18	2mm SINGLE ROW HEADER, 2-PIN	SAMTEC, TMM102-02-L-S
2	8	JP9-JP15, JP18	2mm SINGLE ROW HEADER, 3-PIN	SAMTEC, TMM-103-02-L-S
3	3	JP4, JP9-JP15, JP17	SHUNT	SAMTEC, 2SN-BK-G
4	2	J5, J6	CONN, BNC, 5 PINS	CONNEX, 112404
5	4	J1-J4	JACK, BANANA	KEYSTONE, 575-4
6	13	E2, E5-E8, E11, E12, E15-E20	TESTPOINT, TURRET, .095"	MILL-MAX, 2501-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
7	1	JP16	Ultra-Small Tractile Switch	PANASONIC, EVQPE105K
8	4	STAND OFF	STAND-OFF, NYLON 0.50" tall	KEYSTONE, 8833 (SNAP ON)

dc1543afa

# DEMO MANUAL DC1543A

# **SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**



Information furnished by Linear Technology Corporation is believed to be accurate and reliable. However, no responsibility is assumed for its use. Linear Technology Corporation makes no representation that the interconnection of its circuits as described herein will not infringe on existing patent rights.

# DEMO MANUAL DC1543A

---

## DEMONSTRATION BOARD IMPORTANT NOTICE

Linear Technology Corporation (LTC) provides the enclosed product(s) under the following **AS IS** conditions:

This demonstration board (DEMO BOARD) kit being sold or provided by Linear Technology is intended for use for **ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY** and is not provided by LTC for commercial use. As such, the DEMO BOARD herein may not be complete in terms of required design-, marketing-, and/or manufacturing-related protective considerations, including but not limited to product safety measures typically found in finished commercial goods. As a prototype, this product does not fall within the scope of the European Union directive on electromagnetic compatibility and therefore may or may not meet the technical requirements of the directive, or other regulations.

If this evaluation kit does not meet the specifications recited in the DEMO BOARD manual the kit may be returned within 30 days from the date of delivery for a full refund. **THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS THE EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY MADE BY THE SELLER TO BUYER AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF THIS INDEMNITY, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.**

The user assumes all responsibility and liability for proper and safe handling of the goods. Further, the user releases LTC from all claims arising from the handling or use of the goods. Due to the open construction of the product, it is the user's responsibility to take any and all appropriate precautions with regard to electrostatic discharge. Also be aware that the products herein may not be regulatory compliant or agency certified (FCC, UL, CE, etc.).

No license is granted under any patent right or other intellectual property whatsoever. **LTC assumes no liability for applications assistance, customer product design, software performance, or infringement of patents or any other intellectual property rights of any kind.**

LTC currently services a variety of customers for products around the world, and therefore this transaction **is not exclusive**.

**Please read the DEMO BOARD manual prior to handling the product.** Persons handling this product must have electronics training and observe good laboratory practice standards. **Common sense is encouraged.**

This notice contains important safety information about temperatures and voltages. For further safety concerns, please contact a LTC application engineer.

Mailing Address:

Linear Technology  
1630 McCarthy Blvd.  
Milpitas, CA 95035

Copyright © 2004, Linear Technology Corporation

dc1543afa