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LM4651 & LM4652 Overture™ Audio Power Amplifier 170W Class D Audio Power Amplifier Solution

General Description

The IC combination of the LM4651 driver and the LM4652 power MOSFET provides a high efficiency, Class D subwoofer amplifier solution.

The LM4651 is a fully integrated conventional pulse width modulator driver IC. The IC contains short circuit, under voltage, over modulation, and thermal shut down protection circuitry. It contains a standby function, which shuts down the pulse width modulation and minimizes supply current. The LM4652 is a fully integrated H-bridge power MOSFET IC in a TO-220 power package. Together, these two IC's form a simple, compact high power audio amplifier solution complete with protection normally seen only in Class AB amplifiers. Few external components and minimal traces between the IC's keep the PCB area small and aids in EMI control.

The near rail-to-rail switching amplifier substantially increases the efficiency compared to Class AB amplifiers. This high efficiency solution significantly reduces the heat sink size compared to a Class AB IC of the same power level. This two-chip solution is optimum for powered subwoofers and self powered speakers.

Key Specifications

- Output power into 4Ω with < 10% THD. 170W (Typ)
- THD at 10W, 4Ω, 10 – 500Hz. < 0.3% THD (Typ)
- Maximum efficiency at 125W 85% (Typ)
- Standby attenuation. >100dB (Min)

Features

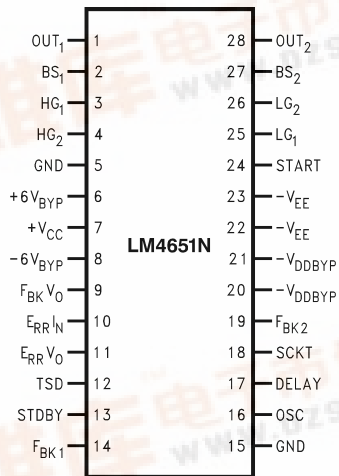
- Conventional pulse width modulation.
- Externally controllable switching frequency.
- 75kHz to 200kHz switching frequency range.
- Integrated error amp and feedback amp.
- Turn-on soft start and under voltage lockout.
- Over modulation protection (soft clipping).
- Short circuit current limiting and thermal shutdown protection.
- 15 Lead TO-220 isolated package.
- Self checking protection diagnostic.

Applications

- Powered subwoofers for home theater and PC's
- Car booster amplifier
- Self-powered speakers

Connection Diagrams

LM4651 Plastic Package

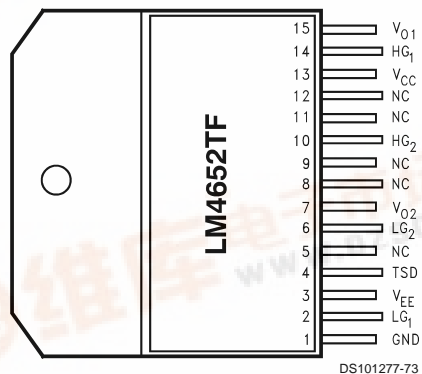


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Top View

Order Number LM4651N
See NS Package Number N28B

LM4652 Plastic Package (Note 8)



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Isolated TO-220 Package
Order Number LM4652TF
See NS Package Number TF15B
or
Non-Isolated TO-220 Package
Order Number LM4652TA
See NS Package Number TA15A

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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.

Supply Voltage	± 22V
Output Current (LM4652)	10A
Power Dissipation (LM4651) (Note 3)	1.5W
Power Dissipation (LM4652) (Note 3)	32W
ESD Susceptibility (LM4651) (Note 4)	2000V
LM4652 (pins 2,6,10,11)	500V
ESD Susceptibility (LM4651) (Note 5)	200V
LM4652 (pins 2,6,10,11)	100V
Junction Temperature (Note 6)	150°C
Soldering Information	
N, TA and TF Package (10 seconds)	260°C
Storage Temperature	-40°C to + 150°C

Operating Ratings (Notes 1, 2)

Temperature Range	-40°C ≤ T _A ≤ +85°C
Supply Voltage V ⁺ + V ⁻	22V to 44V
Thermal Resistance	
LM4651 N Package	52°C/W
θ _{JA}	
θ _{JC}	22°C/W
LM4652 TF, TO-220 Package	
θ _{JA}	43°C/W
θ _{JC}	2.0°C/W
LM4652 T, TO-220 Package	
θ _{JA}	37°C/W
θ _{JC}	1.0°C/W

System Electrical Characteristics for LM4651 and LM4652 (Notes 1, 2)

The following specifications apply for +V_{CC} = +20V, -V_{EE} = -20V, f_{SW} = 125kHz, f_{IN} = 100Hz, R_L = 4Ω, unless otherwise specified. Typicals apply for T_A = 25°C. For specific circuit values, refer to Figure 1 (Typical Audio Application Circuit).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	LM4651 & LM4652	
			Typical	Units
I _{CQ}	Total Quiescent Power Supply Current	V _{CIN} = 0V, I _O = 0mA, V _{CC+} + V _{EE-} R _{DLY} = 0Ω R _{DLY} = 10Ω	237 124	mA mA
I _{STBY}	Standby Current	V _{PIN13} = 5V, Stby: On	17	mA
A _M	Standby Attenuation	V _{PIN13} = 5V, Stby: On	>115	dB
P _O	Output Power (Continuous Average)	R _L = 4Ω, 1% THD	125	W
		R _L = 4Ω, 10% THD	155	W
		R _L = 8Ω, 1% THD	75	W
		R _L = 8Ω, 10% THD	90	W
		f _{SW} = 75kHz, R _L = 4Ω, 1% THD	135	W
		f _{SW} = 75kHz, R _L = 4Ω, 10% THD	170	W
η	Efficiency at P _O = 5W	P _O = 5W, R _{DLY} = 5kΩ	55	%
η	Efficiency (LM4651 & LM4652)	P _O = 125W, THD = 1%	85	%
Pd	Power Dissipation (LM4651 + LM4652)	P _O = 125W, THD = 1% (max)	22	W
		f _{SW} = 75kHz, P _O = 135W, THD = 1% (max)	22	W
THD+N	Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise	10W, 10Hz ≤ f _{IN} ≤ 500Hz, A _V = 18 dB 10Hz ≤ BW ≤ 80kHz	0.3	%
ε _{OUT}	Output Noise	A Weighted, no signal, R _L = 4Ω	1.6	mV
V _{OS}	Output Offset Voltage	V _{IN} = 0V, I _O = 0mA, R _{OFFSET} = 0Ω	0.7	V
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	R _L = 4Ω, 10Hz ≤ BW ≤ 30kHz +V _{CCAC} = -V _{EEAC} = 1V _{RMS} , f _{AC} = 120Hz	37	dB

Electrical Characteristics for LM4651 (Notes 1, 2, 7)

The following specifications apply for $+V_{CC} = +20V$, $-V_{EE} = -20V$, $f_{SW} = 125kHz$, unless otherwise specified. Limits apply for $T_A = 25^\circ C$. For specific circuit values, refer to Figure 1 (Typical Audio Application Circuit).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	LM4651			
			Min	Typical	Max	Units
I_{CQ}	Total Quiescent Current	LM4652 not connected, $I_O = 0mA$, $ V_{CC+} + V_{EE-} $, $R_{DLY} = 0\Omega$	15	36	45	mA
Standby V_{IL}	Standby Low Input Voltage	Not in Standby Mode			0.8	V
V_{IH}	Standby High Input Voltage	In Standby Mode	2.5	2.0		V
f_{SW}	Switching Frequency Range	$R_{OSC} = 15k\Omega$		65		kHz
		$R_{OSC} = 0\Omega$		200		kHz
$f_{S\text{Werror}}$	50% Duty Cycle Error	$R_{OSC} = 4k\Omega$, $f_{SW} = 125kHz$		1	3	%
T_{dead}	Dead Time	$R_{DLY} = 0\Omega$		27		ns
T_{OverMod}	Over Modulation Protection Time	Pulse Width Measured at 50%		310		ns

Electrical Characteristics for LM4652 (Notes 1, 2, 7)

The following specifications apply for $+V_{CC} = +20V$, $-V_{EE} = -20V$, unless otherwise specified. Limits apply for $T_A = 25^\circ C$. For specific circuit values, refer to Figure 1 (Typical Audio Application Circuit).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	LM4652			
			Min	Typical	Max	Units
$V_{(BR)DSS}$	Drain-to-Source Breakdown Voltage	$V_{GS} = 0$		55		V
I_{DSS}	Drain-to-Source Leakage Current	$V_{DS} = 44V_{DC}$, $V_{GS} = 0V$		1.0		mA
$V_{GS_{th}}$	Gate Threshold Voltage	$V_{DS} = V_{GS}$, $I_D = 1mA_{DC}$		0.85		V
$R_{DS(ON)}$	Static Drain-to-Source On Resistance	$V_{GS} = 6V_{DC}$, $I_D = 6A_{DC}$		200	300	m Ω
t_r	Rise Time	$V_{GD} = 6V_{DC}$, $V_{DS} = 40V_{DC}$		25		ns
t_f	Fall Time	$V_{GS} = 6V_{DC}$, $V_{DS} = 40V_{DC}$		26		ns
I_D	Maximum Saturation Drain Current	$V_{GS} = 6V_{DC}$, $V_{DS} = 10V_{DC}$	8	10		A_{DC}

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. Electrical Characteristics state DC and AC electrical specifications under particular test conditions which guarantee specific performance limits. This assumes that the device is within the Operating Ratings. Specifications are not guaranteed for parameters where no limit is given, however, the typical value is a good indication of device performance.

Note 2: All voltages are measured with respect to the GND pin unless otherwise specified.

Note 3: For operating at case temperatures above $25^\circ C$, the LM4651 must be de-rated based on a $150^\circ C$ maximum junction temperature and a thermal resistance of $\theta_{JA} = 62^\circ C/W$ (junction to ambient), while the LM4652 must be de-rated based on a $150^\circ C$ maximum junction temperature and a thermal resistance of $\theta_{JC} = 2.0^\circ C/W$ (junction to case) for the isolated package (TF) or a thermal resistance of $\theta_{JC} = 1.0^\circ C/W$ (junction to case) for the non-isolated package (T).

Note 4: Human body model, 100 pF discharged through a 1.5 k Ω resistor.

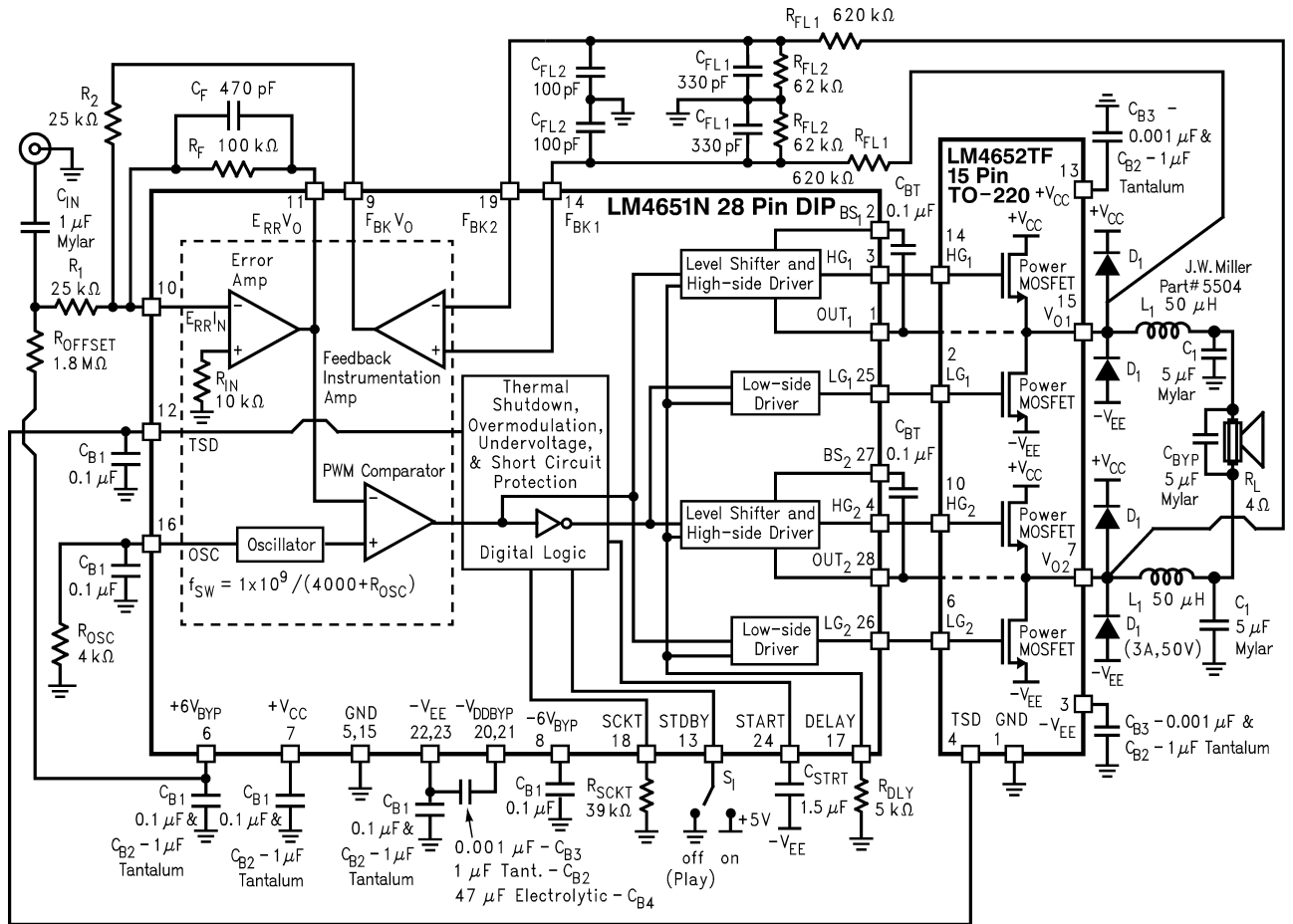
Note 5: Machine Model, 220pF-240pF discharge through all pins.

Note 6: The operating junction temperature maximum, T_{jmax} is $150^\circ C$.

Note 7: Limits are guaranteed to National's AOQL (Average Outgoing Quality Level).

Note 8: The LM4652TA package TA15A is a non-isolated package, setting the tab of the device and the heat sink at $-V$ potential when the LM4652 is directly mounted to the heat sink using only thermal compound. If a mica washer is used in addition to thermal compound, θ_{CS} (case to sink) is increased, but the heat sink will be isolated from $-V$.

Electrical Characteristics for LM4652 (Notes 1, 2, 7) (Continued)



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FIGURE 1. Typical Application Circuit and Test Circuit

LM4651 Pin Descriptions

Pin No.	Symbol	Description
1	OUT ₁	The reference pin of the power MOSFET output to the gate drive circuitry.
2,27	BS ₁ ,BS ₂	The bootstrap pin provides extra bias to drive the upper gates, HG ₁ ,HG ₂ .
3	HG ₁	High-Gate #1 is the gate drive to a top side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
4	HG ₂	High-Gate #2 is the gate drive to a top side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
5,15	GND	The ground pin for all analog circuitry.
6	+6V _{BYP}	The internally regulated positive voltage output for analog circuitry. This pin is available for internal regulator bypassing only.
7	+V _{CC}	The positive supply input for the IC.
8	-6V _{BYP}	The internally regulated negative voltage output for analog circuitry. This pin is available for internal regulator bypassing only.
9	F _{BK} V _O	The feedback instrumentation amplifier output pin.
10	E _{RR} I _N	The error amplifier inverting input pin. The input audio signal and the feedback signal are summed at this input pin.
11	E _{RR} V _O	The error amplifier output pin.
12	TSD	The thermal shut down input pin for the thermal shut down output of the LM4652.
13	STBY	Standby function input pin. This pin is CMOS compatible.
14	FBK ₁	The feedback instrumentation amplifier pin. This must be connected to the feedback filter from V _{O1} (pin 15 on the LM4652).
16	OSC	The switching frequency oscillation pin. Adjusting the resistor from 15.5kΩ to 0Ω changes the switching frequency from 75kHz to 225kHz.
17	Delay	The dead time setting pin.
18	SCKT	Short circuit setting pin. Minimum setting is 10A.
19	FBK ₂	The feedback instrumentation amplifier pin. This must be connected to the feedback filter from V _{O2} (pin 7 on the LM4652).
20,21	-V _{DDBYP}	The regulator output for digital blocks. This pin is for bypassing only.
22,23	-V _{EE}	The negative voltage supply pin for the IC.
24	START	The start up capacitor input pin. This capacitor adjusts the start up time of the diagnostic sequence for the modulator. Refer to Start up Sequence and Timing in the Application Information section.
25	LG ₁	Low-Gate #1 is the gate drive to a bottom side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
26	LG ₂	Low-Gate #2 is the gate drive to a bottom side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
28	OUT ₂	The reference pin of the power MOSFET output to the gate drive circuitry.

LM4652 Pin Descriptions

Pin No.	Symbol	Description
1	GND	A ground reference for the thermal shut down circuitry.
2	LG ₁	Low-Gate #1 is the gate input to a bottom side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
3	-V _{EE}	The negative voltage supply input for the power MOSFET H-Bridge.
4	TSD	The thermal shut down flag pin. This pin transitions to 6V when the die temperature exceeds 150°C.
5	NC	No connection
6	LG ₂	Low-Gate #2 is the gate input to a bottom side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
7	VO ₂	The switching output pin for one side of the H-Bridge.
8	NC	No connection.
9	NC	No connection.
10	HG ₂	High-Gate #2 is the gate input to a top side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
11	NC	No connection.
12	NC	No connection.
13	+V _{CC}	The positive voltage supply input for the power MOSFET H-Bridge.
14	HG ₁	High-Gate #1 is the gate input to a top side MOSFET in the H-Bridge.
15	VO ₁	The switching output pin for one side of the H-Bridge.

Note: **NC**, no connect pins are floating pins. It is best to connect the pins to GND to minimize any noise from being coupled into the pins.

External Components Description (Refer to Figure 1)

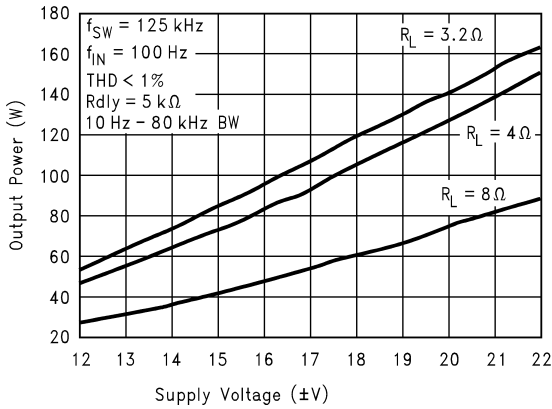
Components	Functional Description
1. R ₁	Input resistance and works with R ₂ , R _f to set the gain system. Gain = $[(R_f/R_1) \times (V_{CC}/1.75)] / \{1 + [(R_f/R_1) \times (R_f/R_2) \times (R_{f12}/(R_{f11} + R_{f12})) \times (V_{CC}/7)]\}$.
2. R ₂	See description above for R ₁ .
3. R _f	Sets the gain and bandwidth of the system by creating a low pass filter for the Error Amplifier's feedback with C _f . 3dB pole is at $f_C = 1/(2\pi R_f C_f)$ (Hz).
4. C _f	See description above for R _f .
5. R _{f11}	Provides a reduction in the feedback with R _{f12} . R _{f11} should be 10 X R _{f12} minimum to reduce effects on the pole created by R _{f12} and C _{f11} . See also note for R ₁ , R ₂ for effect on System Gain.
6. R _{f12}	R _{f12} and C _{f11} creates a low pass filter with a pole at $f_C = 1/(2\pi R_{f12} C_{f11})$ (Hz). See also note for R ₁ , R ₂ for effect on System Gain.
7. C _{f11}	See description above for R _{f12} .
8. R _{f13}	Establish the second pole for the low pass filter in the feedback path at $f_C = 1/(2\pi R_{f13} C_{f12})$ (Hz).
9. C _{f12}	See description above for R _{f13} .
10. L ₁	Provides a 2 pole, low pass filter for the output with C ₁ with pole at $f_C = 1/[2\pi(L_1 C_1)^{1/2}]$ (Hz).
11. C ₁	See description above for L ₁ .
12. C _{byp}	Filters noise and other high frequency distortion across the load.
13. C _{B1} -C _{B4}	Bypass capacitors for V _{CC} , V _{EE} , analog and digital voltages (V _{DD} , +6V, -6V). See Supply Bypassing and High Frequency PCB Design in the Application Information section for more information.
14. B _{BT}	Provides the bootstrap capacitance for the boot strap pin.
15. R _{DLY}	Sets the dead time or break before make to $T_{DLY} = (1.7 \times 10^{-12}) (500 + R_{DLY})$ (seconds).
16. C _{START}	Controls the startup time with $T_{START} = (8.5 \times 10^4) C_{START}$ (seconds).
17. R _{SCKT}	Sets the output short circuit current with $I_{SCKT} = (1 \times 10^5) / (10k\Omega R_{SCKT})$ (A).
18. R _{OSC}	Controls the switching frequency with $f_{SW} = 1 \times 10^9 / (4000 + R_{OSC})$ (Hz).
19. D ₁	Schottky diode to protect the output MOSFETs from fly back voltages.
20. C _{SBY1} , C _{SBY2} , C _{SBY3}	Supply de-coupling capacitors. See Supply Bypassing in the Application Information section.

External Components Description (Refer to Figure 1) (Continued)

Components		Functional Description
21.	R_{OFFSET}	Provides a small DC voltage at the input to minimize the output DC offset seen by the load. This also minimize power on pops and clicks.
22.	C_{IN}	Blocks DC voltages from being coupled into the input and blocks the DC voltage created by R_{OFFSET} from the source.

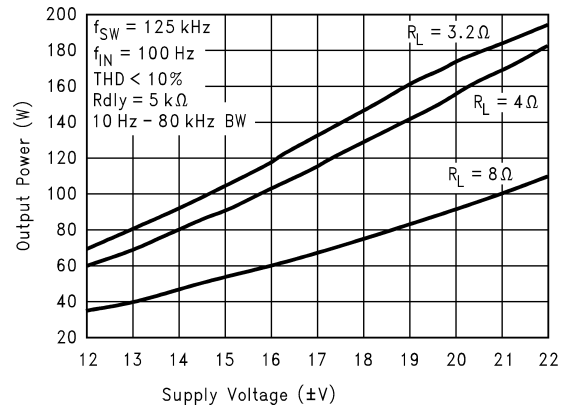
Typical Performance Characteristics

Output Power vs. Supply Voltage



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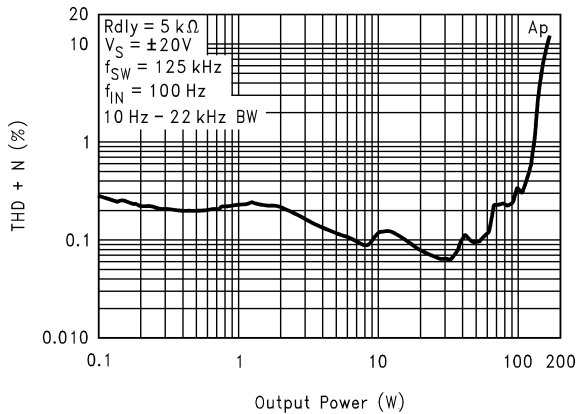
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THD+N vs. Output Power

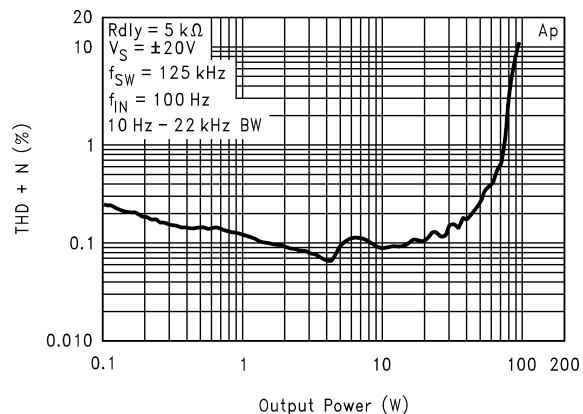
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THD+N vs. Output Power

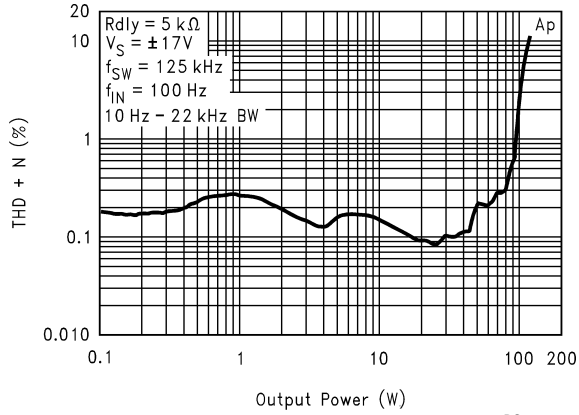
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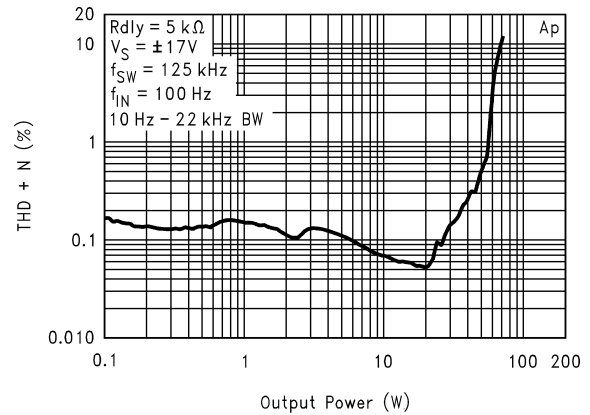
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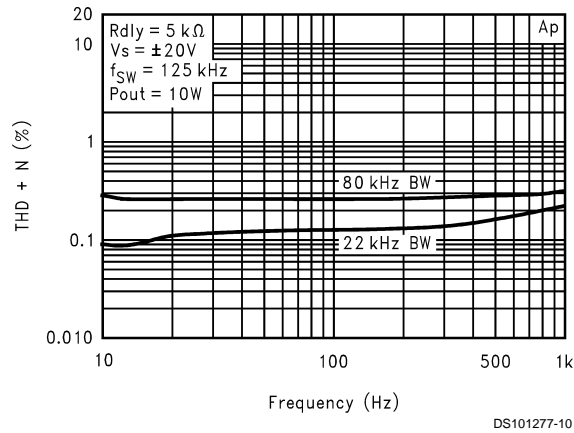
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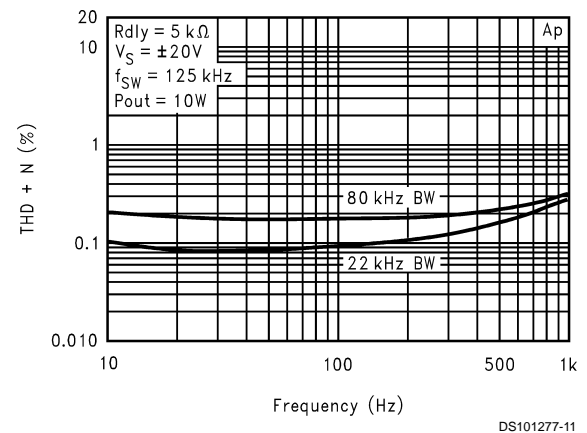
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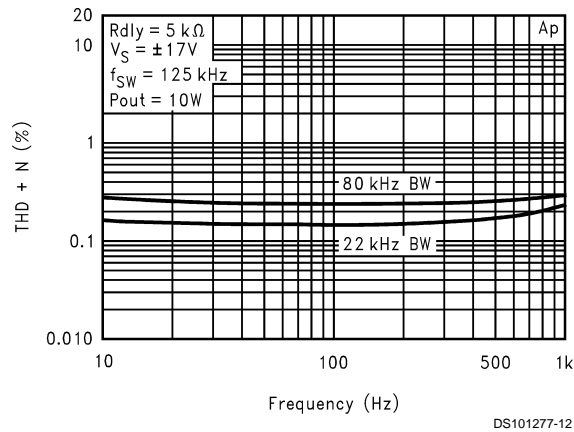
THD+N vs. Frequency vs. Bandwidth
 $R_L = 4\Omega$



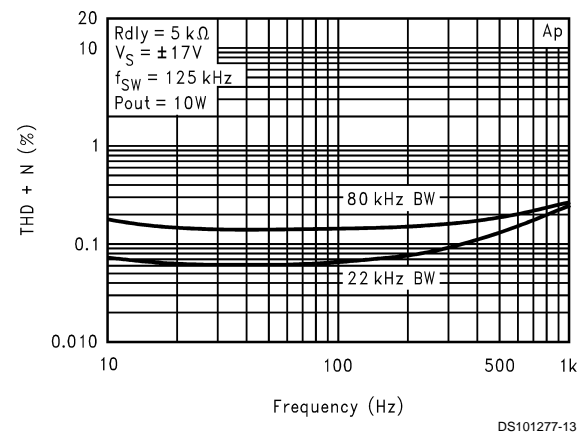
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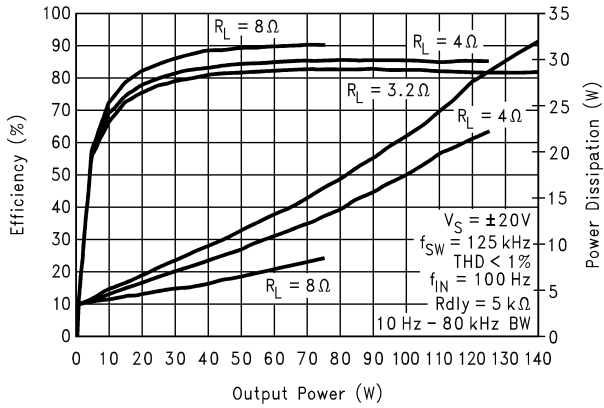


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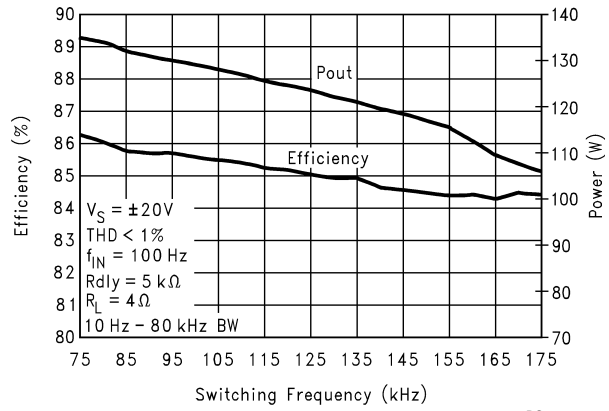


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Power Dissipation & Efficiency vs. Output Power

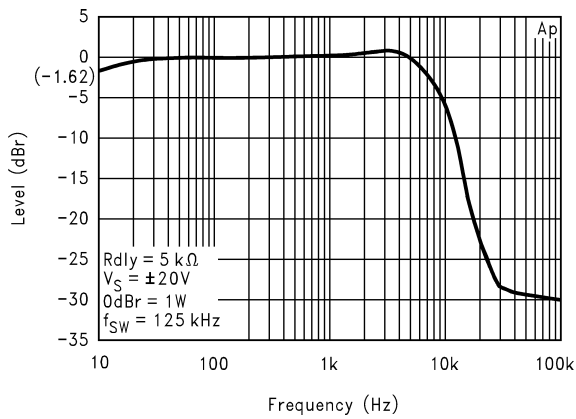


Clipping Power Point & Efficiency vs. Switching Frequency (f_{sw})

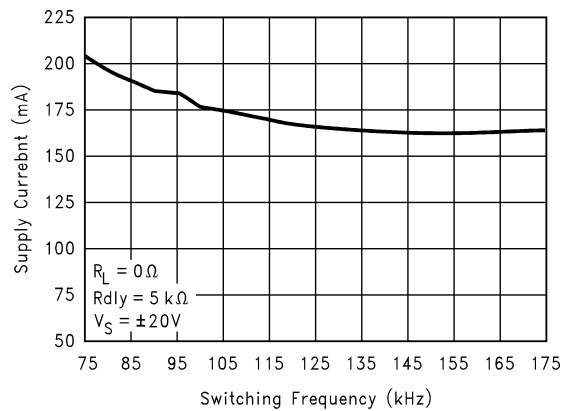


Frequency Response

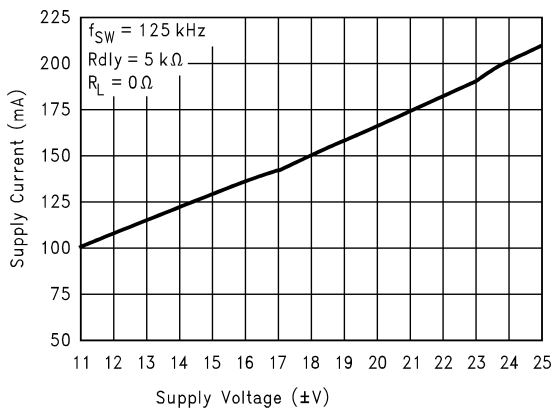
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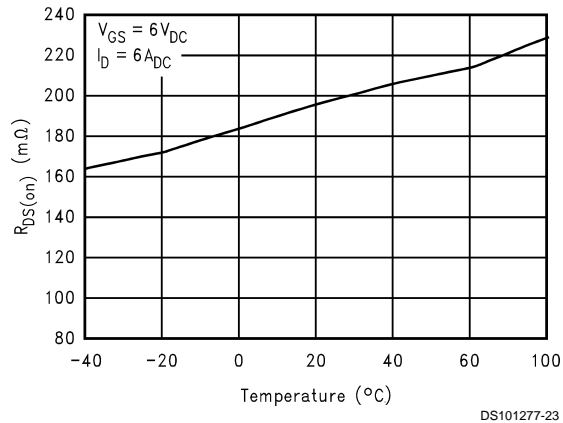
Supply Current vs. Switching Frequency (LM4651 & LM4652)



Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage (LM4651 & LM4652)



$R_{DS(on)}$ vs. Temperature



Application Information (Continued)

maximum output power level before clipping. Increasing the switching frequency increases the amount of loss because switching currents lower the efficiency across the output power range. A higher switching frequency also lowers the maximum output power before clipping or the 1% THD point occur.

Over-Modulation Protection: The over-modulation protection is an internally generated fixed pulse width signal that prevents any side of the H-bridge power MOSFETs from remaining active for an extended period of time. This condition can result when the input signal amplitude is higher than the internal triangle waveform. Lack of an over modulation signal results in permanent damage to the power MOSFETs. Figure 4 shows how the over modulation protection works.

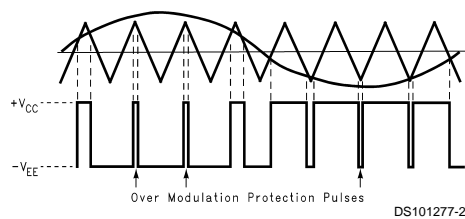


FIGURE 4. Over Modulation Protection

The over modulation protection also provides a 'soft clip' type response on the top of a sine wave. This minimum pulse time is internally set and cannot be adjusted. As the switching frequency increases this minimum time becomes a higher percentage of the period ($T_{PERIOD} = 1/f_{SW}$). Because the over modulation protection time is a higher percentage of the period, the peak output voltage is lower and, therefore, the output power at clipping is lower for the same given supply rails and load.

Feedback Amplifier and Filter: The purpose of the feedback amplifier is to differentially sample the output and provide a single-ended feedback signal to the error amplifier to close the feedback loop. The feedback is taken directly from the switching output before the demodulating LC filter to avoid the phase shift caused by the output filter. The signal fed back is first low pass filtered with a single pole or dual pole RC filter to remove the switching frequency and its harmonics. The differential signal, derived from the bridge output, goes into the high input impedance instrumentation amplifier that is used as the feedback amplifier. The instrumentation amplifier has an internally fixed gain of 1. The use of an instrumentation amplifier serves two purposes. First, its input are high impedance so it doesn't load down the output stage. Secondly, an IA has excellent common-mode rejection when its gain setting resistors are properly matched. This feature allows the IA to derive the true feedback signal from the differential output, which aids in improving the system performance.

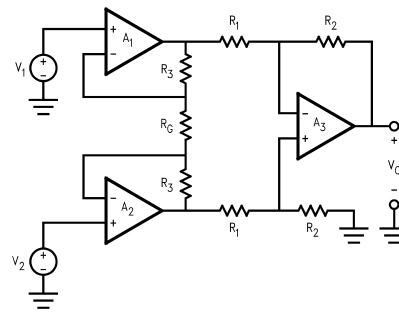


FIGURE 5. Feedback instrumentation Amplifier Schematic

Error Amplifier: The purpose of the error amplifier is to sum the input audio signal with the feedback signal derived from the output. This inverting amplifier's gain is externally configurable by resistors R_f and R_1 . The parallel feedback capacitor and resistor form a low pass filter that limits the frequency content of the input audio signal and the feedback signal. The pole of the filter is set by Equation (7).

$$f_{IP} = 1/(2\pi R_f C_f) \quad (\text{Hz}) \quad (7)$$

On-Board Regulators: The LM4651 has its own internal supply regulators for both analog and digital circuits. Separate $\pm 6V$ regulators exist solely for the analog amplifiers, oscillator and PWM comparators. A separate voltage regulator powers the digital logic that controls the protection, level shifting, and high-/low-side driver circuits. System performance is enhanced by bypassing each regulator's output. The $\pm 6V$ regulator outputs, labeled $+6V_{BYP}$ (pin 6) and $-6V_{BYP}$ (pin 8) should be bypassed to ground. The digital regulator output, $-V_{DDBYP}$ (pins 20 & 21) should be bypassed to $-V_{EE}$ (pins 22 & 23). The voltage level of $-V_{DDBYP}$ should be always be 6V closer to ground than the negative rail, $-V_{EE}$. As an example, if $-V_{EE} = -20V$, then $-V_{DDBYP}$ should equal $-14V$. Recommended capacitor values and type can be found in Figure 1, **Typical audio Application Circuit**.

APPLICATIONS HINTS

Introduction

National Semiconductor (NSC) is committed to providing application information that assists our customers in obtaining the best performance possible from our products. The following information is provided in order to support this commitment. The reader should be aware that the optimization of performance was done using a reference PCB designed by NSC and shown in Figure 7 through 11. Variations in performance can occur because of physical changes in the printed circuit board and the application. Therefore, the designer should know that component value changes may be required in order to optimize performance in a given application. The values shown in this data sheet can be used as a starting point for evaluation purposes. When working with high frequency circuits, good layout practices are also critical to achieving maximum performance.

Input Pre-Amplifier with Subwoofer Filter

The LM4651 and LM4652 Class D solution is designed for low frequency audio applications where low gain is required. This necessitates a pre-amplifier stage with gain and a low pass audio filter. An inexpensive input stage can be designed using National's LM833 audio operational amplifier and a minimum number of external components. A gain of 10 (20dB) is recommended for the pre-amplifier stage. For a

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subwoofer application, the pole of the low pass filter is normally set within the range of 60Hz – 180Hz. For a clean sounding subwoofer the filter should be at least a second-order filter to sharply roll off the high frequency audio signals. A higher order filter is recommended for stand-alone self-powered subwoofer applications. Figure 6 shows a simple input stage with a gain of 10 and a second-order low pass filter.

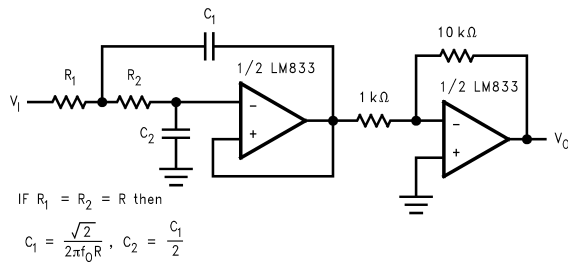


FIGURE 6. Pre-amplifier Stage with Low Pass Filter

Supply Bypassing

Correct supply bypassing has two important goals. The first is to ensure that noise on the supply lines does not enter the circuit and become audible in the output. The second is to help stabilize an unregulated power supply and provide current under heavy current conditions. Because of the two different goals multiple capacitors of various types and values are recommended for supply bypassing. For noise de-coupling, generally small ceramic capacitors (.001μF to .1μF) along with slightly larger tantalum or electrolytic capacitors (1μF to 10μF) in parallel will do an adequate job of removing most noise from the supply rails. These capacitors should be placed as close as possible to each IC's supply pin(s) using leads as short as possible. For supply stabilizing, large electrolytic capacitors (3,300μF to 15,000μF) are needed. The value used is design and cost dependent.

High Frequency PCB Design

A double-sided PCB is recommended when designing a class D amplifier system. One side should contain a ground plane with the power traces on the other side directly over the ground plane. The advantage is the parasitic capacitance created between the ground plane and the power planes. This parasitic capacitance is very small (pF) but is the value needed for coupling high frequency noise to ground. At high frequencies, capacitors begin to act more like inductors because of lead and parasitic inductance in the capacitor. For this reason, bypassing capacitors should be surface mount because of their low parasitic inductance. Equation (8) shows how to determine the amount of power to ground plane capacitance.

$$C = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r A/d \quad (\text{Farads}) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{where } \epsilon_0 = 0.22479 \text{pF/in and } \epsilon_r = 4.1$$

A is the common PCB area and d is the distance between the planes. The designer should target a value of 100pF or greater for both the positive supply to ground capacitance and negative supply to ground capacitance. Signal traces that cross over each other should be laid out at 90° to minimize any coupling.

Output Offset Voltage Minimization

The amount of DC offset voltage seen at the output with no input signal present is already quite good with the LM4651/52. With no input signal present the system should be at

50% duty cycle. Any deviation from 50% duty cycle creates a DC offset voltage seen by the load. To completely eliminate the DC offset, a DC voltage divider can be used at the input to set the DC offset to near zero. This is accomplished by a simple resistor divider that applies a small DC voltage to the input. This forces the duty cycle to 50% when there is no input signal. The result is a LM4651 and LM4652 system with near zero DC offset. The divider should be a 1.8MΩ from the +6V output (pin 6) to the input (other side of 25k, R₁). R₁ acts like the second resistor in the divider. Also use a 1μF input capacitor before R₁ to block the DC voltage from the source. R₁ and the 1μF capacitor create a high pass filter with a 3dB point at 6.35Hz. The value of R_{OFFSET} is set according to the application. Variations in switching frequency and supply voltage will change the amount of offset voltage requiring a different value than stated above. The value above (1.8MΩ) is for ±20V and a switching frequency of 125kHz.

Output Stage Filtering

As common with Class D amplifier design, there are many trade-offs associated with different circuit values. The output stage is not an exception. National has found good results with a 50μF inductor and a 5μF mylar capacitor (see Figure 1, **Typical Audio Application Circuit**) used as the output LC filter. The additional capacitor across the load (C_{BYP}) greatly reduces the THD+N seen at low power levels because of reduced noise (hiss) seen on the output. A minimum value of 5μH is recommended. Better noise performance and reduced hiss can be achieved with a larger capacitor. The trade off with using a larger value capacitor is an increase in external component cost.

Modulation Frequency Optimization

Setting the modulation frequency depends largely on the application requirements. To maximize efficiency and output power a lower modulation frequency should be used. The lower modulation frequency will lower the amount of loss caused by switching the output MOSFETs increasing the efficiency a few percent. A lower switching frequency will also increase the peak output power before clipping because the over modulation protection time is a smaller percentage of the total period. Unfortunately, the lower modulation frequency has worse THD+N performance when the output power is below 10 watts. The recommended switching frequency to balance the THD+N performance, efficiency and output power is 125kHz to 145kHz.

THD+N Measurements and Out of Audio Band Noise

THD+N (Total Harmonic Distortion plus Noise) is a very important parameter by which all audio amplifiers are measured. Often it is shown as a graph where either the output power or frequency is changed over the operating range. A very important variable in the measurement of THD+N is the bandwidth limiting filter at the input of the test equipment.

Class D amplifiers, by design, switch their output power devices at a much higher frequency than the accepted audio range (20Hz - 20kHz). Switching the outputs makes the amplifier much more efficient than a traditional Class A/B amplifier. Switching the outputs at high frequency also increases the out-of-band noise. Under normal circumstances this out-of-band noise is significantly reduced by the output low pass filter. If the low pass filter is not optimized for a given switching frequency, there can be significant increase in out-of-band noise.

THD+N measurements can be significantly affected by out-of-band noise, resulting in a higher than expected THD+N measurement. To achieve a more accurate measurement of THD, the bandwidth at the input of the test

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equipment must be limited. Some common upper filter points are 22kHz, 30kHz, and 80kHz. The input filter limits the noise component of the THD+N measurement to a smaller bandwidth resulting in a more real-world THD+N value.

The switching frequency fundamental is in the measurement range. This is the major reason the THD is higher at lower output power levels. Reducing the bandwidth to 30kHz and 22kHz reveals the true THD performance of the Class D amplifier. The second graph has all the same parameters as the first, but the switching frequency is now 125kHz. Notice the improvement in the THD+N with an 80kHz filter. This is primarily caused by a switching frequency that is now fundamental higher than the output filter cutoff frequency.

In-band noise is higher in switching amplifiers than in linear amplifiers because of increased noise from the switching waveform. The majority of noise is out of band (as discussed above), but there is also an increase of audible noise. The output filter design (order and location of poles) has a large effect on the audible noise level. Power supply voltage also has an effect on noise level. The output filter removes a certain amount of the switching noise. As the supply increases, the attenuation by the output filter is constant. However, the switching waveform is now much larger resulting in higher noise levels. Table 1. shows noise values relative to supply voltage and output filter component values. The noise is measured using an A-weighted filter, $f_{SW} = 125\text{kHz}$, and $R_L = 4\Omega$. All values are typical.

Table 1. Noise Performance with various output filter components versus three different supply voltages.

L1	C _{BYP}	± 20V	± 17V	± 12V
27μH	5μF	2.6mV	1.7mV	1.4mV
	10μF	2.2mV	1.4mV	1.2mV
	15μF	1.8mV	1.2mV	1.1mV
47μH	5μF	2.6mV	1.8mV	1.4mV
	10μF	2.3mV	1.7mV	1.3mV
	15μF	2.1mV	1.5mV	1.2mV
50μH	5μF	1.6mV	1.0mV	0.85mV
	10μF	1.3mV	0.85mV	0.75mV
	15μF	1.1mV	0.75mV	0.65mV
68μH	5μF	1.1mV	0.75mV	0.65mV
	10μF	0.95mV	0.65mV	0.55mV
	15μF	0.85mV	0.60mV	0.50mV

THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS

Heat Sinking

The choice of a heat sink for the output FETs in a Class D audio amplifier is made such that the die temperature does not exceed T_{JMAX} and activate the thermal protection circuitry under normal operating conditions. The heat sink should be chosen to dissipate the maximum IC power which occurs at maximum output power for a given load. Knowing the maximum output power, the ambient temperature surrounding the device, the load and the switching frequency, the maximum power dissipation can be calculated. The additional parameters needed are the maximum junction temperature and the thermal resistance of the IC package (θ_{JC} , junction to case), both of which are provided in the **Absolute Maximum Ratings** and **Operating Ratings** sections above.

It should be noted that the idea behind dissipating the power within the IC is to provide the device with a low resistance to

convection heat transfer such as a heat sink. Convection cooling heat sinks are available commercially and their manufacturers should be consulted for ratings. It is always safer to be conservative in thermal design.

Proper IC mounting is required to minimize the thermal drop between the package and the heat sink. The heat sink must also have enough metal under the package to conduct heat from the center of the package bottom to the fins without excessive temperature drop. A thermal grease such as Wakefield type 120 or Thermalloy Thermacote should be used when mounting the package to the heat sink. Without some thermal grease, the thermal resistance θ_{CS} (case to sink) will be no better than 0.5°C/W, and probably much worse. With the thermal grease, the thermal resistance will be 0.2°C/W or less. It is important to properly torque the mounting screw. Over tightening the mounting screw will cause the package to warp and reduce the contact area with the heat sink. It can also crack the die and cause failure of the IC. The recommended maximum torque applied to the mounting screw is 40 inch-lbs. or 3.3 foot-lbs.

Determining Maximum Power Dissipation

Power dissipation within the integrated circuit package is a very important parameter. An incorrect maximum power dissipation (P_D) calculation may result in inadequate heat sinking, causing thermal shutdown circuitry to operate intermittently. There are two components of power dissipation in a class D amplifier. One component of power dissipation in the LM4652 is the $R_{DS(ON)}$ of the FET times the RMS output current when operating at maximum output power. The other component of power dissipation in the LM4652 is the switching loss. If the output power is high enough and the DC resistance of the filter coils is not minimized then significant loss can occur in the output filter. This will not affect the power dissipation in the LM4652 but should be checked to be sure that the filter coils with not over heat.

The first step in determining the maximum power dissipation is finding the maximum output power with a given voltage and load. Refer to the graph **Output Power versus Supply Voltage** to determine the output power for the given load and supply voltage. From this power, the RMS output current can be calculated as $I_{OUTRMS} = \text{SQRT}(P_{OUT}/R_L)$. The power dissipation caused by the output current is $P_{DOUT} = (I_{OUTRMS})^2 * (2 * R_{DS(ON)})$. The value for $R_{DS(ON)}$ can be found from the **Electrical Characteristics for the LM4652** table above. The percentage of loss due to the switching is calculated by Equation (9):

$$\% \text{LOSS}_{\text{SWITCH}} = (t_r + t_f + T_{\text{OVERMOD}}) * f_{\text{SW}} \quad (9)$$

t_r , t_f and T_{OVERMOD} can be found in the **Electrical Characteristic for the LM4651** and **Electrical Characteristic for the LM4652** sections above. The system designer determines the value for f_{SW} (switching frequency). Power dissipation caused by switching loss is found by Equation (10). P_{OUTMAX} is the 1% output power for the given supply voltage and the load impedance being used in the application. P_{OUTMAX} can be determined from the graph **Output Power vs. Supply Voltage** in the **Typical Performance Characteristics** section above.

$$P_{\text{DSWITCH}} = (\% \text{LOSS}_{\text{SWITCH}} * P_{\text{OUTMAX}}) / (1 - \% \text{LOSS}_{\text{SWITCH}}) \text{ (Watts)} \quad (10)$$

P_{DMAX} for the LM4652 is found by adding the two components ($P_{\text{DSWITCH}} + P_{\text{DOUT}}$) of power dissipation together.

Determining the Correct Heat Sink

Once the LM4652's power dissipation known, the maximum thermal resistance (in °C/W) of a heat sink can be calculated.

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This calculation is made using Equation (11) and is based on the fact that thermal heat flow parameters are analogous to electrical current flow properties.

$$P_{DMAX} = (T_{JMAX} - T_{AMBIENTMAX}) / \theta_{JA} \quad (\text{Watts}) \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Where } \theta_{JA} = \theta_{JC} + \theta_{CS} + \theta_{SA}$$

Since we know θ_{JC} , θ_{CS} , and T_{JMAX} from the **Absolute Maximum Ratings** and **Operating Ratings** sections above (taking care to use the correct θ_{JC} for the LM4652 depending on which package type is being used in the application) and have calculated P_{DMAX} and $T_{AMBIENTMAX}$, we only need θ_{SA} , the heat sink's thermal resistance. The following equation is derived from Equation (11):

$$\theta_{SA} = [(T_{JMAX} - T_{AMBIENTMAX}) / P_{DMAX}] - \theta_{JC} - \theta_{CS}$$

Again, it must be noted that the value of θ_{SA} is dependent upon the system designer's application and its corresponding parameters as described previously. If the ambient temperature surrounding the audio amplifier is higher than $T_{AMBIENTMAX}$, then the thermal resistance for the heat sink, given all other parameters are equal, will need to be lower.

Example Design of a Class D Amplifier

The following is an example of how to design a class D amplifier system for a power subwoofer application utilizing the LM4651 and LM4652 to meet the design requirements listed below:

• Output Power, 1% THD	125W
• Load Impedance	4Ω
• Input Signal level	3V RMS (max)
• Input Signal Bandwidth	10Hz – 150Hz
• Ambient Temperature	50°C (max)

Determine the Supply Voltage

From the graph **Output Power versus Supply voltage at 1% THD** the supply voltage needed for a 125 watt, 4Ω application is found to be ±20V.

Determine the Value for R_{OSC} (Modulation Frequency)

The oscillation frequency is chosen to obtain a satisfactory efficiency level while also maintaining a reasonable THD performance. The modulation frequency can be chosen using the **Clipping Power Point and Maximum Efficiency versus Switching Frequency** graph. A modulation frequency of 125kHz is found to be a good middle ground for THD performance and efficiency. The value of the resistor for R_{OSC} is found from Equation (6) to be 3.9 kΩ.

Determine the Value for R_{SCKT} (Short Circuit Limit)

The current limit is internally set as a failsafe to 10 amps. Since the system designer can only increase this current limit, we use a 100kΩ resistor for R_{SCKT} .

Determine the Value for R_{DLY} (Dead Time Control)

The delay time or dead time is set to the recommended value so R_{DLY} equals 5kΩ. If a higher bandwidth of operation is desired, R_{DLY} should be a lower value resistor. If a zero value for R_{DLY} is desired, connect the LM4651's pin 17 to GND.

Determine the Value of L_1 , C_1 , R_{f11} , R_{f12} , C_{f11} , C_{f12} , R_f , C_f (the Output and Feedback Filters)

The recommended feedback filters and output filter are used as shown in Figure 1, **Typical Audio Application Circuit**. These filters are already optimized for subwoofer performance.

Determine the Value for C_{START} (Start Up Delay)

Since the application is a self powered subwoofer, which has an auto sensing circuit that puts the Class D system in Standby mode or Play mode, the start-up delay is not critical. The start-up delay is only the delay when power is first applied and not for the Standby function. Since this function is not critical, a 1sec delay is chosen to be sure there are no pops or clicks when the subwoofer is first powered. Using Equation (2), the value of C_{START} is 11.7μF. A standard value of 10μF will be used.

Determine the Value of Gain, R_1 , and R_2

The gain is set to produce a 125W output at no more than 1% distortion with a 3V_{RMS} input. A dissipation of 125W in a 4Ω load requires a 22.4V_{RMS} signal. To produce this output signal, the LM4651/LM4652 amplifier needs an overall closed-loop gain of 22.4V_{RMS}/3V_{RMS}, or 7.5V/V (17.5db). Equation (12) shows all the variables that affect the system gain.

$$\text{Gain} = [(R_f/R_1) \times (V_{CC}/1.75)] / \{1 + [(R_f/R_1) \times (R_f/R_2) \times (R_{f12}/(R_{f11} + R_{f12})) \times (V_{CC}/7)]\} \quad (V/V) \quad (12)$$

The values for R_{f11} , R_{f12} , and R_f were found in the **Determine the Value of the Filters** section above. Therefore, $R_{f11} = 620k\Omega$, $R_{f12} = 62k\Omega$ and $R_f = 100k\Omega$. The value of V_{CC} was also found as the first step in this example to be ±20V. Inserting these values into equation (12) and reducing gives the equation below:

$$R_2 = 2.6 \times 10^9 / (152,400 - R_1)$$

The input resistance should be no lower than 20kΩ so R_1 is chosen to be 20kΩ. Solving for R_2 gives a value of 19.6kΩ. A value of 20kΩ could also be used for R_2 . If 20kΩ is used for both R_1 and R_2 the gain is 7.48V/V.

Determine the Value for C_{BYP}

The Value of C_{BYP} greatly effects the amount of hiss or noise heard on the output. A minimum value of 5μF is recommended. The designer should try different values with the desired output driver to determine the value that produces acceptable output noise performance.

Determine the Needed Heat Sink

The only remaining design requirement is a thermal design that prevents activating the thermal protection circuitry. Use Equations (9) - (11) to calculate the amount of power dissipation for the LM4652. The appropriate heat sink size, or thermal resistance in °C/W, will then be determined.

Equation (9) determines the percentage of loss caused by the switching. Use the typical values given in the **Electrical Characteristics for the LM4651** and **Electrical Characteristics for the LM4652** tables for the rise time, fall time and over modulation time:

$$\%Loss = (25ns+26ns+350ns) * 125kHz$$

$$\%Loss = 5.0\%$$

This switching loss causes a maximum power dissipation, using Equation (10), of:

$$P_{DSWITCH} = (5.0\% * 125W) / (1-5.0\%)$$

$$P_{DSWITCH} = 6.6W$$

Next the power dissipation caused by the $R_{DS(ON)}$ of the output FETs is found by multiplying the output current times the $R_{DS(ON)}$. Again, the value for $R_{DS(ON)}$ is found from the **Electrical Characteristics for the LM4652** table above. The value for $R_{DS(ON)}$ at 100°C is used since we are calculating the maximum power dissipation.

$$I_{OUTRMS} = \text{SQRT}(125\text{watts}/4\Omega) = 5.59 \text{ amps}$$

$$P_{RDS(ON)} = (5.59A)^2 * (0.230\Omega * 2)$$

$$P_{RDS(ON)} = 14.4W$$

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The total power dissipation in the LM4652 is the sum of these two power losses giving:

$$P_{DTOTAL} = 6.6W + 14.4W = 21W$$

The value for Maximum Power Dissipation given in the **System Electrical Characteristics for the LM4651 and LM4652** is 22 watts. The difference is due to approximately 1 watt of power loss in the LM4651. The above calculations are for the power loss in the LM4652.

Lastly, use Equation (11) to determine the thermal resistance of the LM4652's heat sink. The values for θ_{JC} and T_{JMAX} are found in the **Operating Ratings** and the **Absolute Maximum Ratings** section above for the LM4652. The value of θ_{JC} is 2°C/W for the isolated (TF) package or 1°C/W for the

non-isolated (T) package. The value for T_{JMAX} is 150°C. The value for θ_{CS} is set to 0.2°C/W since this is a reasonable value when thermal grease is used. The maximum ambient temperature from the design requirements is 50°. The value of θ_{SA} for the isolated (TF) package is:

$$\theta_{SA} = [(150^{\circ}C - 50^{\circ}C)/21W] - 2^{\circ}C/W - 0.2^{\circ}C/W$$

$$\theta_{SA} = 2.5^{\circ}C/W$$

and for the non-isolated (T) package without a mica washer to isolate the heat sink from the package:

$$\theta_{SA} = [(150^{\circ}C - 50^{\circ}C)/21W] - 1^{\circ}C/W - 0.2^{\circ}C/W$$

$$\theta_{SA} = 3.5^{\circ}C/W$$

To account for the use of a mica washer simply subtract the thermal resistance of the mica washer from θ_{SA} calculated above.

Recommendations for Critical External Components

Circuit Symbol	Suggested Value	Suggested Type	Supplier/Contact Information	Supplier Part #
C _{fl1}	330pF	Ceramic Disc		
C _{fl2}	100pF	Ceramic Disc		
C _f	470pF	Ceramic Disc		
C _{B2}	1µF	Resin Dipped Solid Tantalum		
C _{B1} & C _{BT}	0.1µF	Monolithic Ceramic		
C _{B3}	0.001µF	Monolithic Ceramic		
C ₁ & C _{BYP}	5µF - 10µF	Metalized Polypropylene or Polyester Film	Bishop Electronics Corp. (562) 695 - 0446 http://www.bishopelectronics.com/	BEC-9950 A11A-50V
C ₁ & C _{BYP}	5µF - 10µF	Metalized Polypropylene or Polyester Film	Nichicon Corp. (847) 843-7500 http://www.nichicon-us.com/	QAF2Exx or QAS2Exx
D ₁	3A, 50V	Fast Schottky Diode		
L ₁	47µH, 5A	High Saturation Open Core (Vertical Mount Power Chokes)	CoilCraft (847) 639-6400 http://www.coilcraft.com/	PCV-0-473-05
L ₁	50µH, 5.6A	High Saturation Flux Density Ferrite Rod	J.W. Miller (310) 515-1720 http://www.jwmiller.com/	5504
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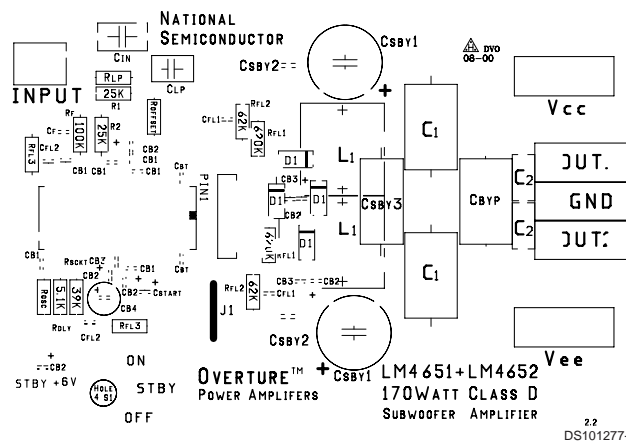
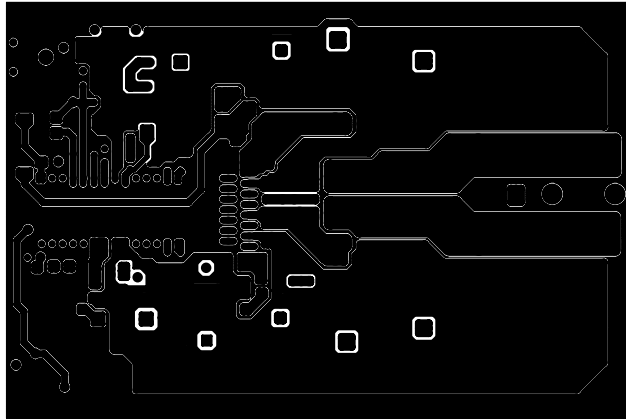


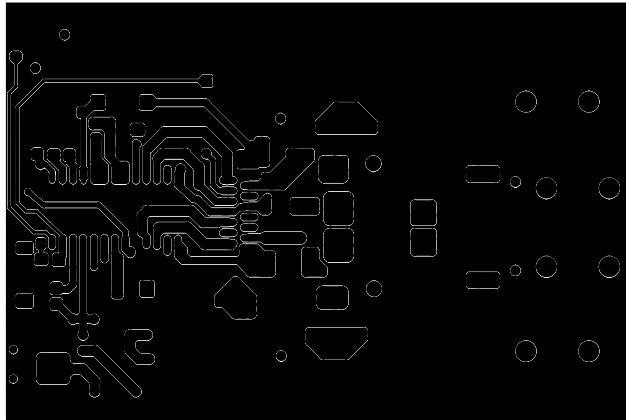
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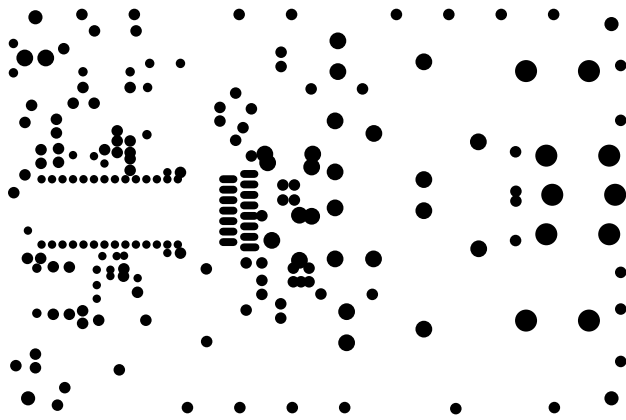
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FIGURE 8. Reference PCB top layer



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FIGURE 9. Reference PCB bottom layer



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FIGURE 10. Reference PCB top layer solder mask

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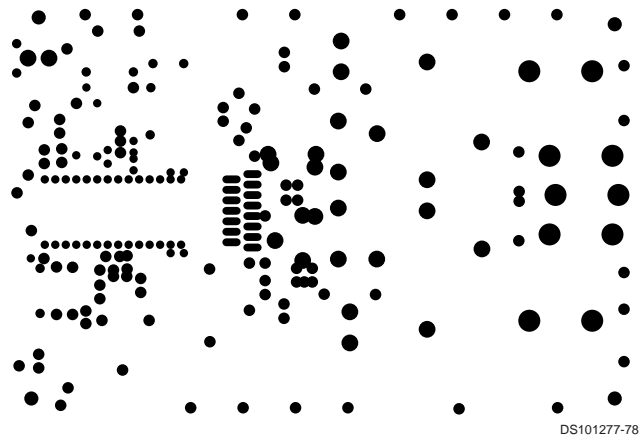
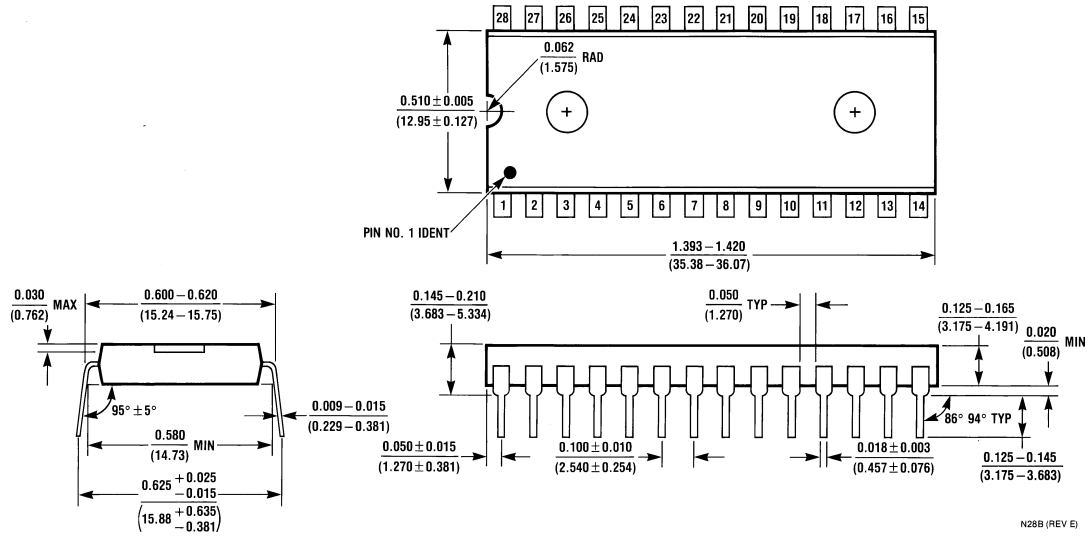


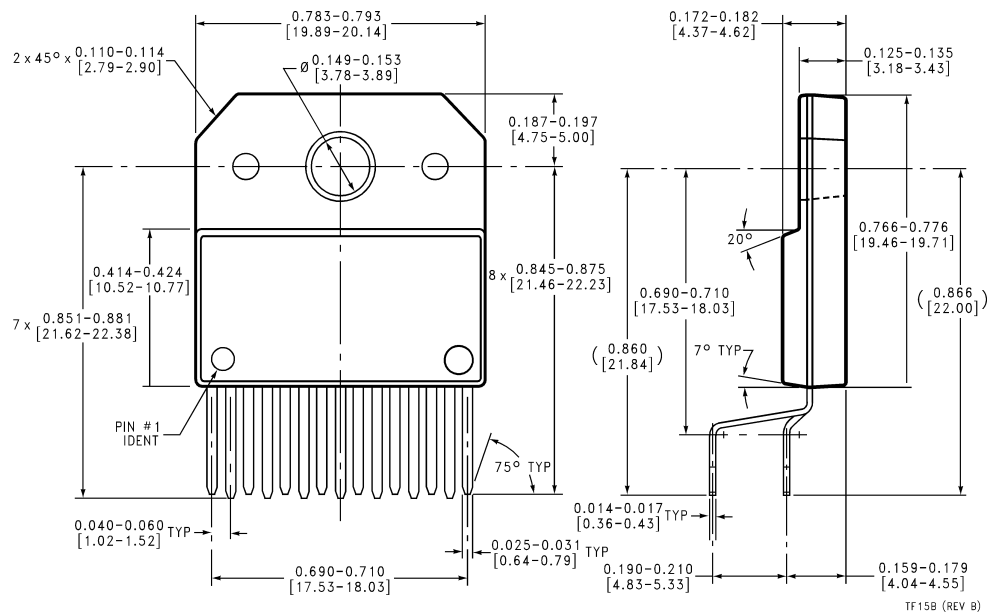
FIGURE 11. Reference PCB bottom layer solder mask

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