



# UCC27517A Single-Channel High-Speed Low-Side Gate Driver with Negative Input Voltage Capability (with 4-A Peak Source and Sink)

## 1 Features

- Low-Cost Gate-Driver Device Offering Superior Replacement of NPN and PNP Discrete Solutions
- 4-A Peak-Source and Sink Symmetrical Drive
- Ability to Handle Negative Voltages (-5 V) at Inputs
- Fast Propagation Delays (13-ns typical)
- Fast Rise and Fall Times (9-ns and 7-ns typical)
- 4.5 to 18-V Single-Supply Range
- Outputs Held Low During VDD UVLO (ensures glitch-free operation at power up and power down)
- TTL and CMOS Compatible Input-Logic Threshold (independent of supply voltage)
- Hysteretic-Logic Thresholds for High-Noise Immunity
- Dual Input Design (choice of an inverting (IN- pin) or non-inverting (IN+ pin) driver configuration)
  - Unused Input Pin can be Used for Enable or Disable Function
- Output Held Low when Input Pins are Floating
- Input Pin Absolute Maximum Voltage Levels Not Restricted by VDD Pin Bias Supply Voltage
- Operating Temperature Range of -40°C to +140°C
- 5-Pin DBV (SOT-23) Package Option

## 2 Applications

- Switch-Mode Power Supplies
- DC-to-DC Converters
- Companion Gate-Driver Devices for Digital-Power Controllers
- Solar Power, Motor Control, UPS
- Gate Driver for Emerging Wide Band-Gap Power Devices (such as GaN)

## 3 Description

The UCC27517A single-channel, high-speed, low-side gate driver device is capable of effectively driving MOSFET and IGBT power switches. Using a design that inherently minimizes shoot-through current, the UCC27517A is capable of sourcing and sinking high peak-current pulses into capacitive loads offering rail-to-rail drive capability and extremely small propagation delay typically 13 ns.

The UCC27517A device is capable of handling -5 V at input.

The UCC27517A provides 4-A source and 4-A sink (symmetrical drive) peak-drive current capability at VDD = 12 V.

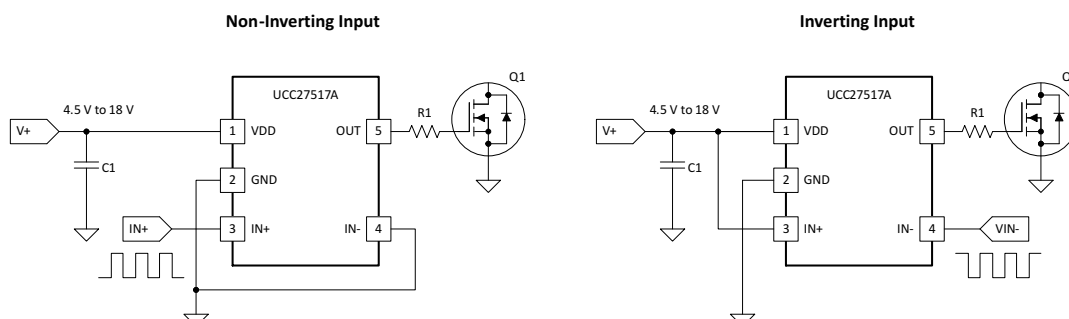
The UCC27517A is designed to operate over a wide VDD range of 4.5 V to 18 V and wide temperature range of -40°C to 140°C. Internal Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) circuitry on VDD pin holds output low outside VDD operating range. The capability to operate at low voltage levels such as below 5 V, along with best-in-class switching characteristics, is especially suited for driving emerging wide band-gap power-switching devices such as GaN power semiconductor devices.

### Device Information<sup>(1)</sup>

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE    | BODY SIZE (NOM)   |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| UCC27517A   | SOT-23 (5) | 2.90 mm × 1.60 mm |

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

## Typical Application Diagrams



## Table of Contents

|                                                |           |                                                                  |           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1 Features</b> .....                        | <b>1</b>  | 9.3 Feature Description.....                                     | <b>12</b> |
| <b>2 Applications</b> .....                    | <b>1</b>  | 9.4 Device Functional Modes.....                                 | <b>15</b> |
| <b>3 Description</b> .....                     | <b>1</b>  | <b>10 Application and Implementation</b> .....                   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>4 Revision History</b> .....                | <b>2</b>  | 10.1 Application Information.....                                | <b>16</b> |
| <b>5 Description (continued)</b> .....         | <b>3</b>  | 10.2 Typical Application .....                                   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>6 Device Comparison Table</b> .....         | <b>3</b>  | <b>11 Power Supply Recommendations</b> .....                     | <b>20</b> |
| <b>7 Pin Configuration and Functions</b> ..... | <b>4</b>  | <b>12 Layout</b> .....                                           | <b>21</b> |
| <b>8 Specifications</b> .....                  | <b>4</b>  | 12.1 Layout Guidelines .....                                     | <b>21</b> |
| 8.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings .....             | <b>4</b>  | 12.2 Layout Example .....                                        | <b>22</b> |
| 8.2 ESD Ratings .....                          | <b>5</b>  | 12.3 Thermal Considerations.....                                 | <b>22</b> |
| 8.3 Recommended Operating Conditions.....      | <b>5</b>  | 12.4 Power Dissipation .....                                     | <b>23</b> |
| 8.4 Thermal Information .....                  | <b>5</b>  | <b>13 Device and Documentation Support</b> .....                 | <b>24</b> |
| 8.5 Electrical Characteristics.....            | <b>6</b>  | 13.1 Community Resources.....                                    | <b>24</b> |
| 8.6 Switching Characteristics .....            | <b>7</b>  | 13.2 Trademarks .....                                            | <b>24</b> |
| 8.7 Typical Characteristics .....              | <b>8</b>  | 13.3 Electrostatic Discharge Caution.....                        | <b>24</b> |
| <b>9 Detailed Description</b> .....            | <b>11</b> | 13.4 Glossary .....                                              | <b>24</b> |
| 9.1 Overview .....                             | <b>11</b> | <b>14 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information</b> ..... | <b>24</b> |
| 9.2 Functional Block Diagram .....             | <b>12</b> |                                                                  |           |

## 4 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

| Changes from Revision B (August 2013) to Revision C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Page     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added <i>ESD Ratings</i> table, <i>Feature Description</i> section, <i>Device Functional Modes</i>, <i>Application and Implementation</i> section, <i>Power Supply Recommendations</i> section, <i>Layout</i> section, <i>Device and Documentation Support</i> section, and <i>Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information</i> section .....</li> </ul> | <b>1</b> |

| Changes from Revision A (August 2013) to Revision B                                                            | Page     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed marketing status from Product Preview to Final. ....</li> </ul> | <b>1</b> |

## 5 Description (continued)

UCC27517A features a dual input design which offers flexibility of implementing both inverting (IN- pin) and non-inverting (IN+ pin) configurations with the same device. Either the IN+ or IN- pin can be used to control the state of the driver output. The unused input pin can be used for enable and disable function. For protection purpose, internal pullup and pulldown resistors on the input pins ensure that outputs are held low when input pins are in floating condition. Hence the unused input pin is not left floating and must be properly biased to ensure that driver output is in enabled for normal operation.

The input pin threshold of the UCC27517A device is based on TTL and CMOS compatible low-voltage logic which is fixed and independent of the VDD supply voltage. Wide hysteresis between the high and low thresholds offers excellent noise immunity.

## 6 Device Comparison Table

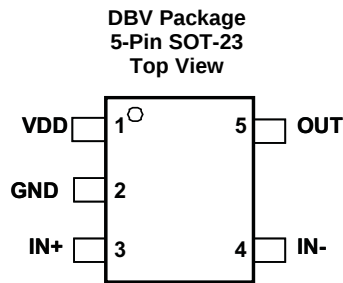
The UCC2751x family of gate-driver products ([Table 1](#)) represent Texas Instruments' latest generation of single-channel, low-side high-speed gate driver devices featuring high-source and sink current capability, industry best-in-class switching characteristics, and a host of other features ([Table 3](#)) all of which combine to ensure efficient, robust, and reliable operation in high-frequency switching power circuits.

**Table 1. UCC2751x Product Family Summary**

| PART NUMBER <sup>(1)</sup>                  | PACKAGE                 | PEAK CURRENT (SOURCE, SINK)      | INPUT THRESHOLD LOGIC                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UCC27511DBV<br>UCC27511ADBQ1                | SOT-23, 6 pin           | 4-A, 8-A<br>(Asymmetrical Drive) | CMOS and TTL-Compatible<br>(low voltage, independent of V <sub>DD</sub> bias voltage) |
| UCC27512DRS                                 | 3-mm × 3-mm WSON, 6 pin |                                  |                                                                                       |
| UCC27516DRS                                 | 3-mm × 3-mm WSON, 6 pin |                                  |                                                                                       |
| UCC27517DBV<br>UCC27517ADBQ1<br>UCC27517ADB | SOT-23, 5 pin           | 4-A, 4-A<br>(Symmetrical Drive)  | CMOS<br>(follows V <sub>DD</sub> bias voltage)                                        |
| UCC27518DBV<br>UCC27518ADBQ1                | SOT-23, 5 pin           |                                  |                                                                                       |
| UCC27519DBV<br>UCC27519ADBQ1                | SOT-23, 5 pin           |                                  |                                                                                       |

(1) Visit [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com) for the latest product datasheet.

## 7 Pin Configuration and Functions



**Pin Functions**

| PIN |      | I/O | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----|------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NO. | NAME |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1   | VDD  | I   | Bias supply input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2   | GND  | —   | Ground. All signals reference to this pin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3   | IN+  | I   | Non-inverting input. Apply PWM control signal to this pin when driver is desired to be operated in non-inverting configuration. When the driver is used in inverting configuration, connect IN+ to V <sub>DD</sub> in order to enable output, OUT held LOW if IN+ is unbiased or floating |
| 4   | IN-  | I   | Inverting input. Apply PWM control signal to this pin when driver is desired to be operated in inverting configuration. When the driver is used in non-inverting configuration, connect IN– to GND in order to enable output, OUT held LOW if IN– is unbiased or floating                 |
| 5   | OUT  | O   | Sourcing/Sinking current output of driver.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## 8 Specifications

### 8.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>

|                                                        |                                                  | MIN  | MAX       | UNIT |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| Supply voltage                                         | VDD                                              | –0.3 | 20        | V    |
| OUT voltage                                            | DC                                               | –0.3 | VDD + 0.3 | V    |
|                                                        | Repetitive pulse less than 200 ns <sup>(4)</sup> | –2   | VDD + 0.3 |      |
| Output continuous current                              | I <sub>OUT_DC</sub> (source/sink)                |      | 0.3       | A    |
| Output pulsed current (0.5 μs)                         | I <sub>OUT_pulsed</sub> (source/sink)            |      | 4         |      |
| Input voltage                                          | IN+, IN– <sup>(5)</sup>                          | –6   | 20        | V    |
| Operating virtual junction temperature, T <sub>J</sub> |                                                  | –40  | 150       | °C   |
| Lead temperature                                       | Soldering, 10 sec.                               |      | 300       | °C   |
|                                                        | Reflow                                           |      | 260       |      |
| Storage temperature, T <sub>stg</sub>                  |                                                  | –65  | 150       | °C   |

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *absolute maximum ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *recommended operating conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) All voltages are with respect to GND unless otherwise noted. Currents are positive into, negative out of the specified terminal. See Packaging Section of the datasheet for thermal limitations and considerations of packages.
- (3) These devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge; follow proper device-handling procedures.
- (4) Values are verified by characterization on bench.
- (5) Maximum voltage on input pins is not restricted by the voltage on the VDD pin.

## 8.2 ESD Ratings

|                                     |                                                                                | VALUE | UNIT |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| $V_{(ESD)}$ Electrostatic discharge | Human-body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 <sup>(1)</sup>              | ±4000 | V    |
|                                     | Charged-device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 <sup>(2)</sup> | ±1000 |      |

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

## 8.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

|                                | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Supply voltage, $V_{DD}$       | 4.5 | 12  | 18  | V    |
| Operating junction temperature | –40 |     | 140 | °C   |
| Input voltage, IN+ and IN–     | 0   |     | 18  | V    |

## 8.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)(2)</sup> |                                              | UCC27517A    | UNIT |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|------|
|                                  |                                              | DBV (SOT-23) |      |
|                                  |                                              | 5 PINS       |      |
| $R_{\theta JA}$                  | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance       | 217.6        | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(top)}$             | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance    | 85.8         | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JB}$                  | Junction-to-board thermal resistance         | 44           | °C/W |
| $\Psi_{JT}$                      | Junction-to-top characterization parameter   | 4            | °C/W |
| $\Psi_{JB}$                      | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 43.2         | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(bot)}$             | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | n/a          | °C/W |

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).

(2) Under identical power dissipation conditions, the DRS package will allow to maintain a lower die temperature than the DBV.  $\theta_{JA}$  metric should be used for comparison of power dissipation capability between different packages (Refer to the [Application Information](#) section).

## UCC27517A

SLUSBQ0C – AUGUST 2013–REVISED AUGUST 2015

[www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com)

### 8.5 Electrical Characteristics

VDD = 12 V, TA = TJ = –40°C to 140°C, 1-μF capacitor from VDD to GND. Currents are positive into, negative out of the specified terminal.

| PARAMETER                            |                                              | TEST CONDITION                                       | MIN                                            | TYP  | MAX  | UNIT |    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----|
| BIAS CURRENTS                        |                                              |                                                      |                                                |      |      |      |    |
| I <sub>DD(off)</sub>                 | Startup current                              | V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.4 V                              | IN+ = V <sub>DD</sub> , IN- = GND              | 40   | 100  | 160  | μA |
|                                      |                                              |                                                      | IN+ = IN- = GND or IN+ = IN- = V <sub>DD</sub> | 25   | 75   | 145  |    |
|                                      |                                              |                                                      | IN+ = GND, IN- = V <sub>DD</sub>               | 20   | 60   | 115  |    |
| UNDER VOLTAGE LOCKOUT (UVLO)         |                                              |                                                      |                                                |      |      |      |    |
| V <sub>ON</sub>                      | Supply start threshold                       | T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C                                | 3.91                                           | 4.20 | 4.5  | V    |    |
|                                      |                                              | T <sub>A</sub> = -40°C to 140°C                      | 3.70                                           | 4.20 | 4.65 |      |    |
| V <sub>OFF</sub>                     | Minimum operating voltage after supply start |                                                      | 3.45                                           | 3.9  | 4.35 | V    |    |
| V <sub>DD_H</sub>                    | Supply voltage hysteresis                    |                                                      | 0.2                                            | 0.3  | 0.5  | V    |    |
| INPUTS (IN+, IN-)                    |                                              |                                                      |                                                |      |      |      |    |
| V <sub>IN_H</sub>                    | Input signal high threshold                  | Output high for IN+ pin, Output low for IN- pin      |                                                | 2.2  | 2.4  | V    |    |
| V <sub>IN_L</sub>                    | Input signal low threshold                   | Output low for IN+ pin, Output high for IN- pin      | 1.0                                            | 1.2  |      | V    |    |
| V <sub>IN_HYS</sub>                  | Input signal hysteresis                      |                                                      |                                                | 1.0  |      | V    |    |
| SOURCE/SINK CURRENT                  |                                              |                                                      |                                                |      |      |      |    |
| I <sub>SRC/SNK</sub>                 | Source/sink peak current <sup>(1)</sup>      | C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 0.22 μF, F <sub>SW</sub> = 1 kHz |                                                | ±4   |      | A    |    |
| OUTPUTS (OUT)                        |                                              |                                                      |                                                |      |      |      |    |
| V <sub>DD</sub> -<br>V <sub>OH</sub> | High output voltage                          | V <sub>DD</sub> = 12 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = -10 mA  |                                                | 50   | 90   | mV   |    |
|                                      |                                              | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.5 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = -10 mA |                                                | 60   | 130  |      |    |
| V <sub>OL</sub>                      | Low output voltage                           | V <sub>DD</sub> = 12 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10 mA   |                                                | 5    | 10   | mV   |    |
|                                      |                                              | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.5 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10 mA  |                                                | 6    | 12   |      |    |
| R <sub>OH</sub>                      | Output pullup resistance <sup>(2)</sup>      | V <sub>DD</sub> = 12 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = -10 mA  |                                                | 5.0  | 7.5  | Ω    |    |
|                                      |                                              | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.5 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = -10 mA |                                                | 5.0  | 11.0 |      |    |
| R <sub>OL</sub>                      | Output pulldown resistance                   | V <sub>DD</sub> = 12 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10 mA   |                                                | 0.5  | 1.0  | Ω    |    |
|                                      |                                              | V <sub>DD</sub> = 4.5 V<br>I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10 mA  |                                                | 0.6  | 1.2  |      |    |

(1) Ensured by Design.

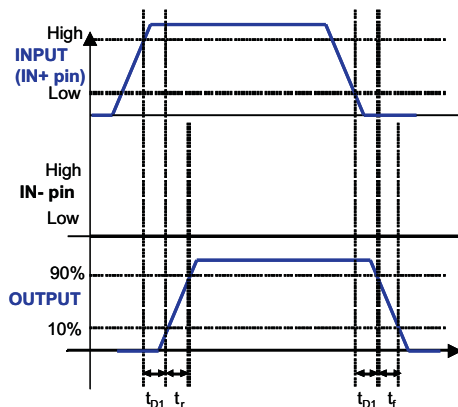
(2) ROH represents on-resistance of P-Channel MOSFET in pull-up structure of the UCC27517A's output stage.

## 8.6 Switching Characteristics

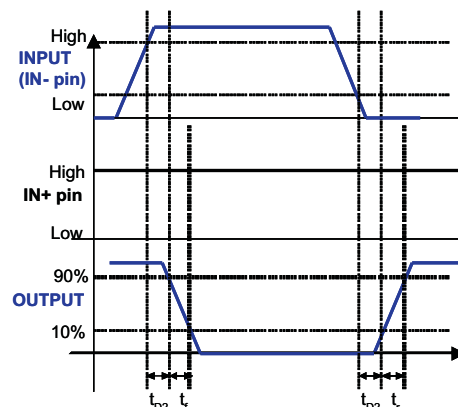
over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                                               | TEST CONDITIONS                                           | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $t_R$ Rise time <sup>(1)</sup>                          | VDD = 12 V<br>C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF                  |     | 8   | 12  | ns   |
|                                                         | VDD = 4.5 V<br>C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF                 |     | 16  | 22  |      |
| $t_F$ Fall time <sup>(1)</sup>                          | VDD = 12 V<br>C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF                  |     | 7   | 11  | ns   |
|                                                         | VDD = 4.5 V<br>C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF                 |     | 7   | 11  |      |
| $t_{D1}$ IN+ to output propagation delay <sup>(1)</sup> | VDD = 12 V<br>5-V input pulse C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF  | 4   | 13  | 23  | ns   |
|                                                         | VDD = 4.5 V<br>5-V input pulse C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF | 4   | 13  | 26  |      |
| $t_{D2}$ IN- to output propagation delay <sup>(1)</sup> | VDD = 12 V<br>C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF                  | 4   | 13  | 23  | ns   |
|                                                         | VDD = 4.5 V<br>C <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1.8 nF                 | 4   | 19  | 30  |      |

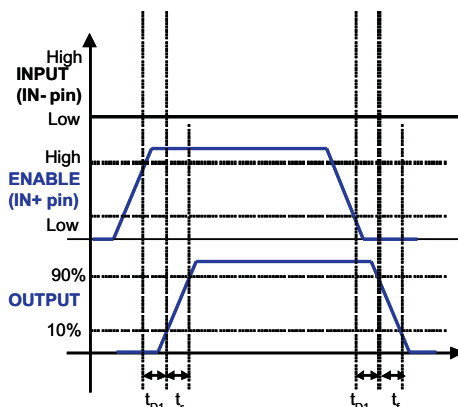
(1) See timing diagrams in Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 4.



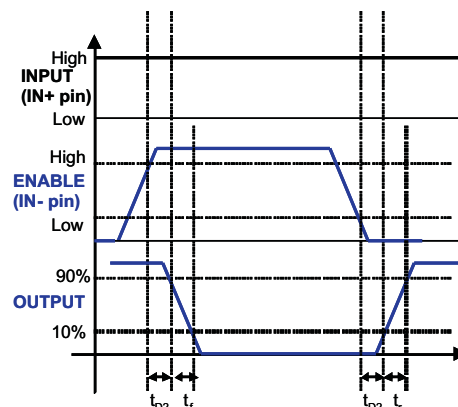
**Figure 1. Non-Inverting Configuration**  
(PWM Input to IN+ pin (IN- pin tied to GND))



**Figure 2. Inverting Configuration**  
(PWM input to IN- pin (IN+ pin tied to VDD))



**Figure 3. Enable and Disable Function Using IN+ Pin**  
(Enable and disable signal applied to IN+ pin, PWM input to IN- pin)



**Figure 4. Enable and Disable Function Using IN- Pin**  
(Enable and disable signal applied to IN- pin, PWM input to IN+ pin)

## 8.7 Typical Characteristics

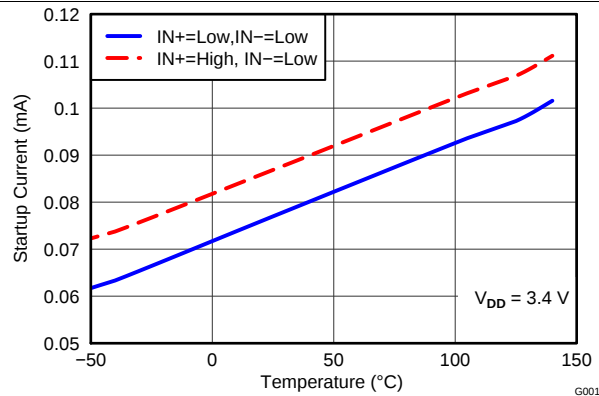


Figure 5. Start-Up Current vs Temperature

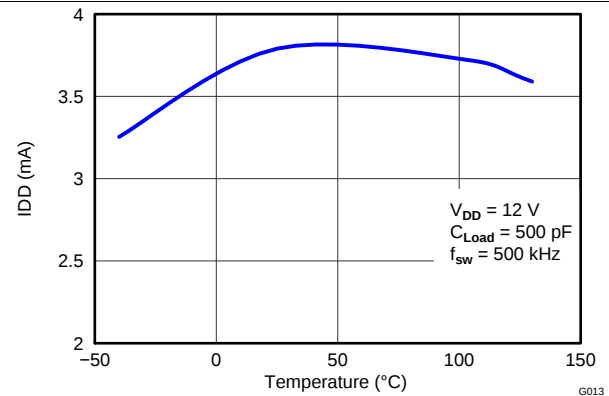


Figure 6. Operating Supply Current vs Temperature (Output Switching)

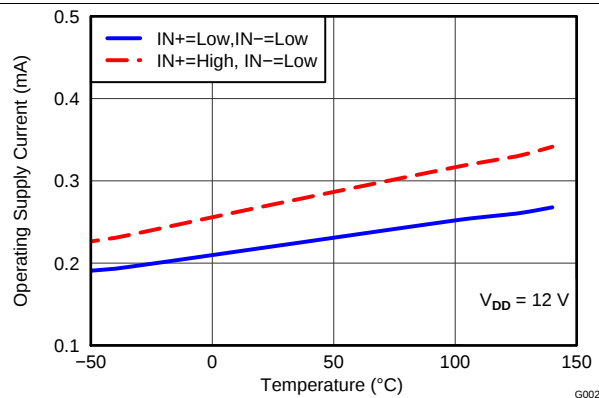


Figure 7. Supply Current vs Temperature (Output in DC ON/OFF Condition)

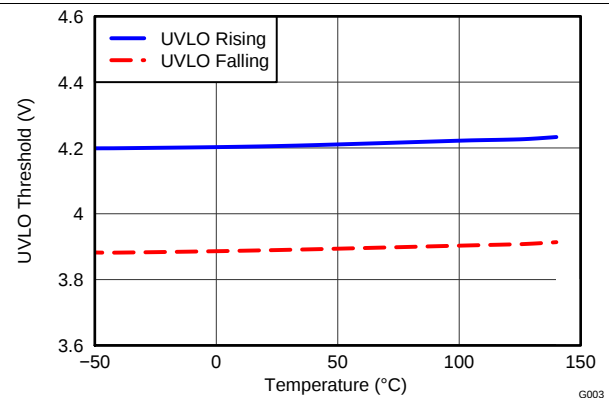


Figure 8. UVLO Threshold Voltage vs Temperature

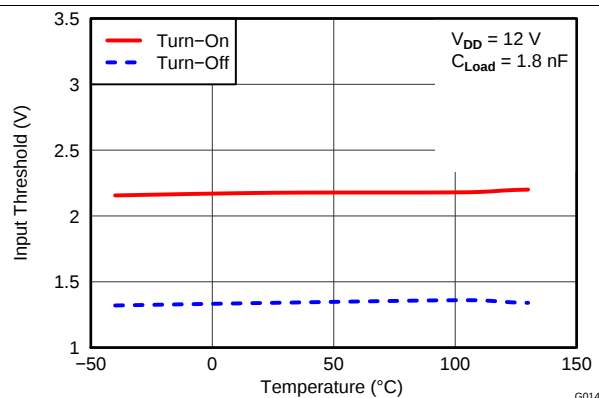


Figure 9. Input Threshold vs Temperature

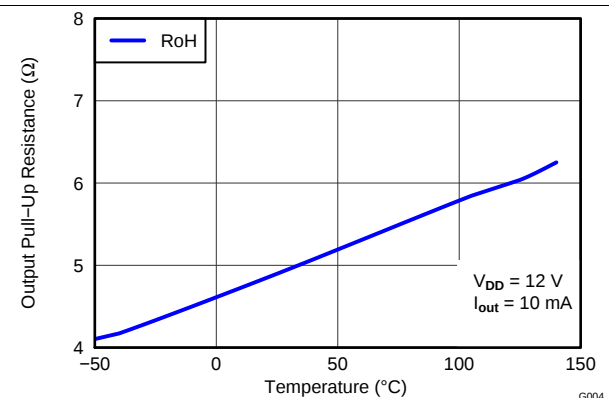


Figure 10. Output Pullup Resistance vs Temperature

## Typical Characteristics (continued)

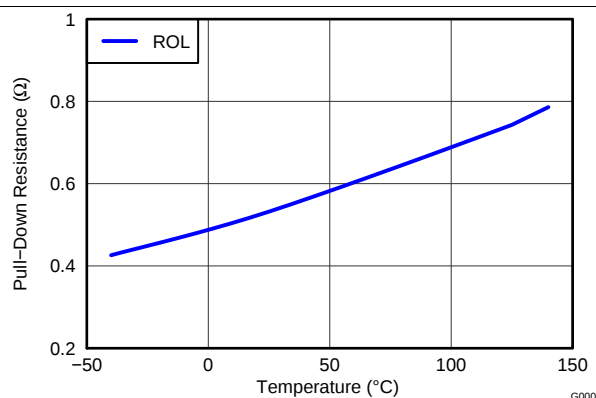


Figure 11. Output Pulldown Resistance vs Temperature

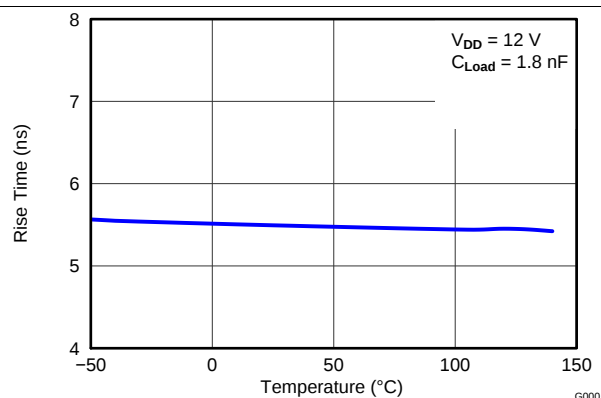


Figure 12. Rise Time vs Temperature

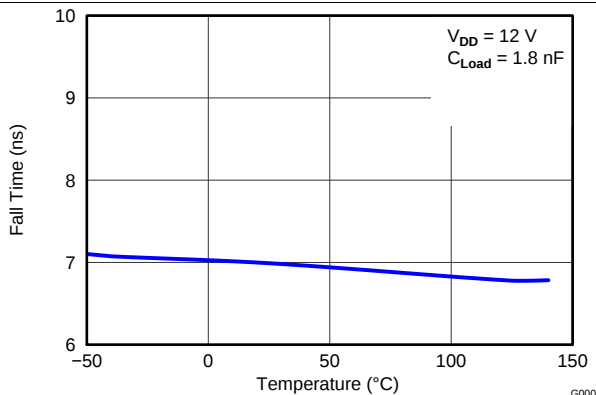


Figure 13. Fall Time vs Temperature

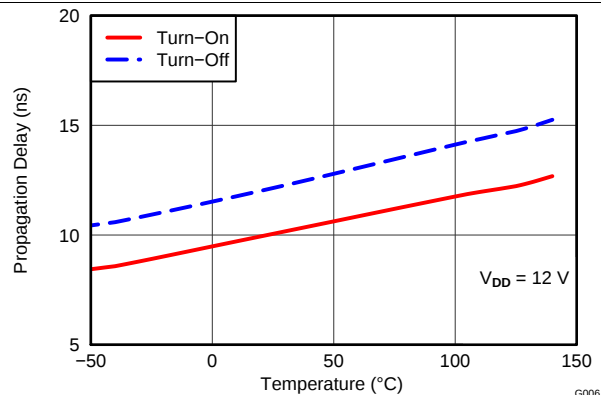


Figure 14. Input to Output Propagation Delay vs Temperature

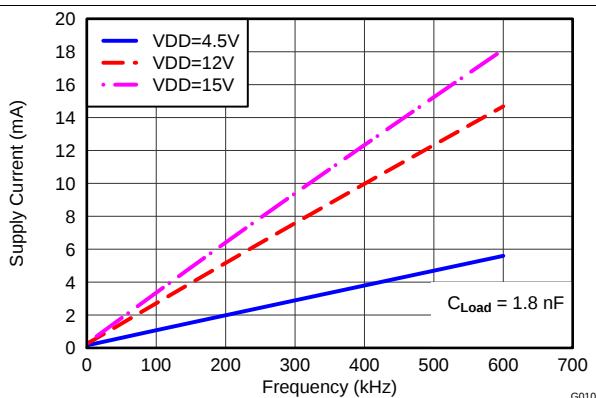


Figure 15. Operating Supply Current vs Frequency

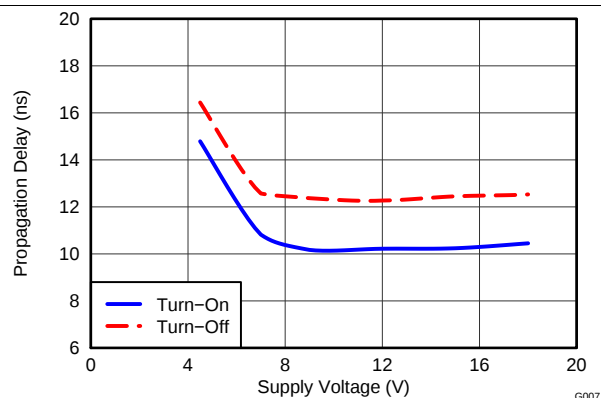
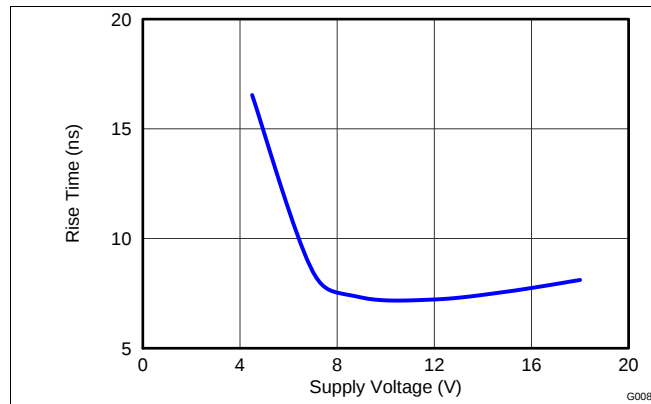
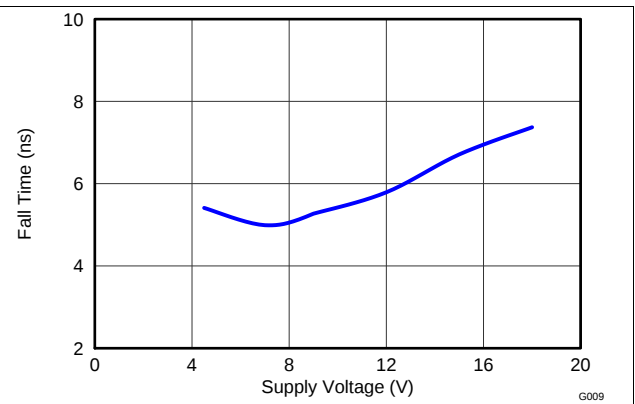


Figure 16. Propagation Delays vs Supply Voltage

## Typical Characteristics (continued)



**Figure 17. Rise Time vs Supply Voltage**



**Figure 18. Fall Time vs Supply Voltage**

## 9 Detailed Description

### 9.1 Overview

The UCC2751xA single-channel, high-speed, low-side gate-driver device is capable of effectively driving MOSFET and IGBT power switches. Using a design that inherently minimizes shoot-through current, the UCC2751x device is capable of sourcing and sinking high peak-current pulses into capacitive loads offering rail-to-rail drive capability and extremely small propagation delay of 13 ns (typical). The UCC2751xA family of devices provides 4-A source, 4-A sink (symmetrical drive) peak-drive current capability. The device is designed to operate over a wide  $V_{DD}$  range of 4.5 to 18 V, and a wide temperature range of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Internal undervoltage lockout (UVLO) circuitry on the  $V_{DD}$  pin holds the output low outside  $V_{DD}$  operating range. The capability to operate at low voltage levels, such as below 5 V, along with best-in-class switching characteristics, is especially suited for driving emerging wide bandgap power-switching devices such as GaN power-semiconductor devices.

The UCC27517A device features a dual-input design which offers flexibility of implementing both inverting (IN– pin) and non-inverting (IN+ pin) configuration with the same device. Either the IN+ or IN– pin can be used to control the state of the driver output. The unused input pin can be used for enable and disable functions. For system robustness, internal pull-up and pull-down resistors on the input pins ensure that outputs are held low when the input pins are in floating condition. Therefore the unused input pin is not left floating and must be properly biased to ensure that driver output is in enabled for normal operation.

The input pin threshold of the UCC27517A device is based on TTL and CMOS-compatible low-voltage logic which is fixed and independent of the  $V_{DD}$  supply voltage. Wide hysteresis between the high and low thresholds offers excellent noise immunity.

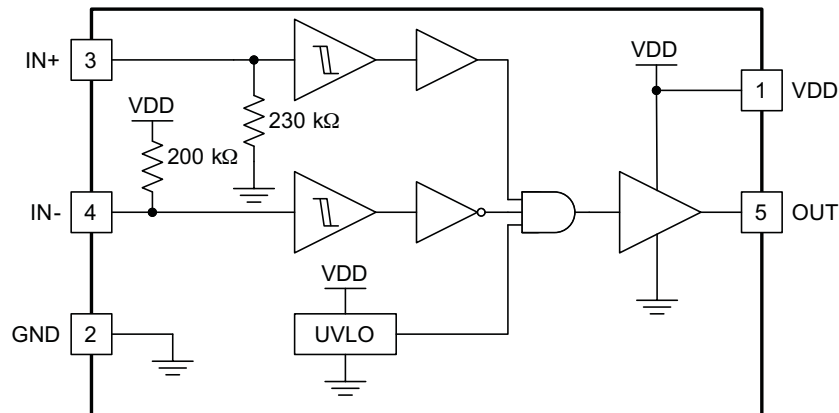
**Table 2. UCC27517A Summary**

| PART NUMBER   | PACKAGE       | PEAK CURRENT (SOURCE, SINK)     | INPUT THRESHOLD LOGIC                                                             |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UCC27517ADBQ1 | SOT-23, 5 pin | 4-A, 4-A<br>(Symmetrical Drive) | CMOS and TTL-Compatible<br>(low voltage, independent of $V_{DD}$<br>bias voltage) |

**Table 3. UCC27517A Features and Benefits**

| FEATURE                                                                                                                                                | BENEFIT                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| High Source, Sink Current Capability 4 A, 4 A (Symmetrical)                                                                                            | High current capability offers flexibility in employing the UCC27517A to drive a variety of power switching devices at varying speeds          |
| Best-in-class 13-ns (typ) Propagation delay                                                                                                            | Extremely low-pulse transmission distortion                                                                                                    |
| Expanded $V_{DD}$ Operating range of 4.5 V to 18 V                                                                                                     | Flexibility in system design                                                                                                                   |
| Expanded Operating Temperature range of $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $140^{\circ}\text{C}$<br>(See <a href="#">Recommended Operating Conditions</a> table) | Low $V_{DD}$ operation ensures compatibility with emerging wide-bandgap power devices such as GaN                                              |
| $V_{DD}$ UVLO Protection                                                                                                                               | Outputs are held low in UVLO condition, which ensures predictable glitch-free operation at power up and power down                             |
| Outputs held low when input pins (INx) in floating condition                                                                                           | Protection feature, especially useful in passing abnormal condition tests during protection certification                                      |
| Ability of input pins to handle voltage levels not restricted by $V_{DD}$ pin bias voltage                                                             | System simplification, especially related to auxiliary bias supply architecture                                                                |
| CMOS and TTL compatible input threshold logic with wide hysteresis in UCC27517A                                                                        | Enhanced noise immunity, while retaining compatibility with microcontroller logic-level input signals (3.3 V, 5 V) optimized for digital power |
| Ability to handle $-5 V_{DC}$ at input pins                                                                                                            | Increased robustness in noisy environments                                                                                                     |

## 9.2 Functional Block Diagram



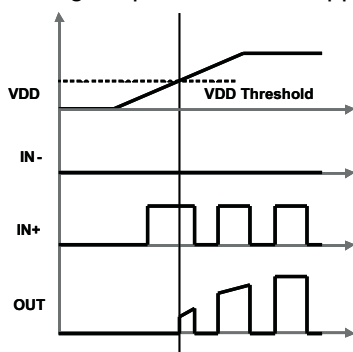
## 9.3 Feature Description

### 9.3.1 $V_{DD}$ and Undervoltage Lockout

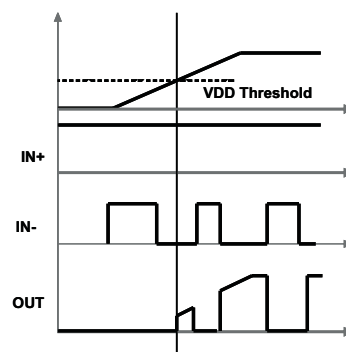
The UCC27517A has internal Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO) protection feature on the  $V_{DD}$ -pin supply-circuit blocks. Whenever the driver is in UVLO condition (for example when  $V_{DD}$  voltage is less than  $V_{ON}$  during power up and when  $V_{DD}$  voltage is less than  $V_{OFF}$  during power down), this circuit holds all outputs LOW, regardless of the status of the inputs. The UVLO is typically 4.2 V with 300-mV typical hysteresis. This hysteresis helps prevent chatter when low  $V_{DD}$  – supply voltages have noise from the power supply and also when there are droops in the  $V_{DD}$ -bias voltage when the system commences switching and there is a sudden increase in  $I_{DD}$ . The capability to operate at low voltage levels such as below 5 V, along with best-in-class switching characteristics, is especially suited for driving emerging GaN wide-bandgap power-semiconductor devices.

For example, at power up, the UCC27517A driver output remains LOW until the  $V_{DD}$  voltage reaches the UVLO threshold. The magnitude of the OUT signal rises with  $V_{DD}$  until steady-state  $V_{DD}$  is reached. In the non-inverting operation (PWM signal applied to IN+ pin) shown in Figure 19, the output remains LOW until the UVLO threshold is reached, and then the output is in-phase with the input. In the inverting operation (PWM signal applied to IN– pin) shown in Figure 20 the output remains LOW until the UVLO threshold is reached, and then the output is out-phase with the input. In both cases, the unused input pin must be properly biased to enable the output. Note that in these devices the output turns to high-state only if IN+ pin is high and IN– pin is low after the UVLO threshold is reached.

Because the driver draws current from the  $V_{DD}$  pin to bias all internal circuits, for the best high-speed circuit performance, two  $V_{DD}$  bypass capacitors are recommended to prevent noise problems. The use of surface-mount components is highly recommended. A 0.1- $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor should be located as close as possible to the  $V_{DD}$  to GND pins of the gate driver. In addition, a larger capacitor (such as 1  $\mu$ F) with relatively low ESR should be connected in parallel and close proximity, in order to help deliver the high-current peaks required by the load. The parallel combination of capacitors should present a low impedance characteristic for the expected current levels and switching frequencies in the application.



**Figure 19. Power-Up (Non-Inverting Drive)**



**Figure 20. Power-Up (Inverting Drive)**

## Feature Description (continued)

### 9.3.2 Operating Supply Current

The UCC27517A features very low quiescent  $I_{DD}$  currents. The typical operating-supply current in Undervoltage-Lockout (UVLO) state and fully-on state (under static and switching conditions) are summarized in [Figure 6](#), [Figure 6](#) and [Figure 7](#). The  $I_{DD}$  current when the device is fully on and outputs are in a static state (DC high or DC low, refer [Figure 5](#)) represents lowest quiescent  $I_{DD}$  current when all the internal logic circuits of the device are fully operational. The total supply current is the sum of the quiescent  $I_{DD}$  current, the average  $I_{OUT}$  current due to switching and finally any current related to pullup resistors on the unused input pin. For example when the inverting input pin is pulled low additional current is drawn from  $V_{DD}$  supply through the pull-up resistors (refer to [Detailed Description](#) for the device Block Diagram). Knowing the operating frequency ( $f_{SW}$ ) and the MOSFET gate ( $Q_G$ ) charge at the drive voltage being used, the average  $I_{OUT}$  current can be calculated as product of  $Q_G$  and  $f_{SW}$ .

A complete characterization of the  $I_{DD}$  current as a function of switching frequency at different  $V_{DD}$  bias voltages under 1.8-nF switching load is provided in [Figure 15](#). The strikingly-linear variation and close correlation with theoretical value of average  $I_{OUT}$  indicates negligible shoot-through inside the gate-driver device attesting to the high-speed characteristics of  $I_{OUT}$ .

### 9.3.3 Input Stage

The input pins of the UCC27517A are based on a TTL and CMOS compatible input-threshold logic that is independent of the  $V_{DD}$  supply voltage. With typical high threshold = 2.2 V and typ low threshold = 1.2 V, the logic-level thresholds can be conveniently driven with PWM-control signals derived from 3.3-V and 5-V digital-power controllers. Wider hysteresis (typically 1 V) offers enhanced noise immunity compared to traditional TTL-logic implementations, where the hysteresis is typically less than 0.5 V. These devices also feature tight control of the input-pin threshold-voltage levels which eases system-design considerations and ensures stable operation across temperature. The very low input capacitance on these pins reduces loading and increases switching speed.

The device features an important protection function wherein, whenever any of the input pins are in a floating condition, the output of the respective channel is held in the low state. This is achieved using  $V_{DD}$ -pullup resistors on all the inverting inputs (IN– pin) or GND-pulldown resistors on all the non-inverting input pins (IN+ pin), (refer to [Functional Block Diagram](#) section).

The device also features a dual-input configuration with two input pins available to control the state of the output. The user has the flexibility to drive the device using either a non-inverting input pin (IN+) or an inverting input pin (IN–). The state of the output pin is dependent on the bias on both the IN+ and IN– pins. Refer to the input/output logic truth table ([Table 4](#)) and the Typical Application Diagrams, ([Figure 22](#) and [Figure 23](#)), for additional clarification.

Once an input pin has been chosen for PWM drive, the other input pin (the *unused* input pin) must be properly biased in order to enable the output. As mentioned earlier, the *unused* input pin cannot remain in a floating condition because, whenever any input pin is left in a floating condition, the output is disabled for protection purposes. Alternatively, the *unused* input pin can effectively be used to implement an enable/disable function, as explained below.

- In order to drive the device in a non-inverting configuration, apply the PWM-control input signal to IN+ pin. In this case, the *unused* input pin, IN–, must be biased low (eg. tied to GND) in order to enable the output.
  - Alternately, the IN– pin can be used to implement the enable/disable function using an external logic signal. OUT is disabled when IN– is biased high and OUT is enabled when IN– is biased low.
- In order to drive the device in an inverting configuration, apply the PWM-control input signal to IN– pin. In this case, the *unused* input pin, IN+, must be biased high (eg. tied to  $V_{DD}$ ) in order to enable the output.
  - Alternately, the IN+ pin can be used to implement the enable/disable function using an external logic signal. OUT is disabled when IN+ is biased low and OUT is enabled when IN+ is biased high.
- Finally, note that the output pin is driven into a high state *only* when IN+ pin is biased high and IN– input is biased low.

The input stage of the driver should preferably be driven by a signal with a short rise or fall time. Caution must be exercised whenever the driver is used with slowly-varying input signals, especially in situations where the device is located in a mechanical socket or PCB layout is not optimal:

- High  $dI/dt$  current from the driver output coupled with board layout parasitics causes ground bounce. Because

## Feature Description (continued)

the device features just one GND pin, which may be referenced to the power ground, the differential voltage between input pins and GND is modified and triggers an unintended change of output state. Because of fast 13-ns propagation delay, high-frequency oscillations ultimately occur, which increases power dissipation and poses risk of damage.

- 1-V input-threshold hysteresis boosts noise immunity compared to most other industry-standard drivers.
- In the worst case, when a slow input signal is used and PCB layout is not optimal, adding a small capacitor (1 nF) between input pin and ground very close to the driver device is necessary. This helps to convert the differential mode noise with respect to the input-logic circuitry into common-mode noise and avoid unintended change of output state.

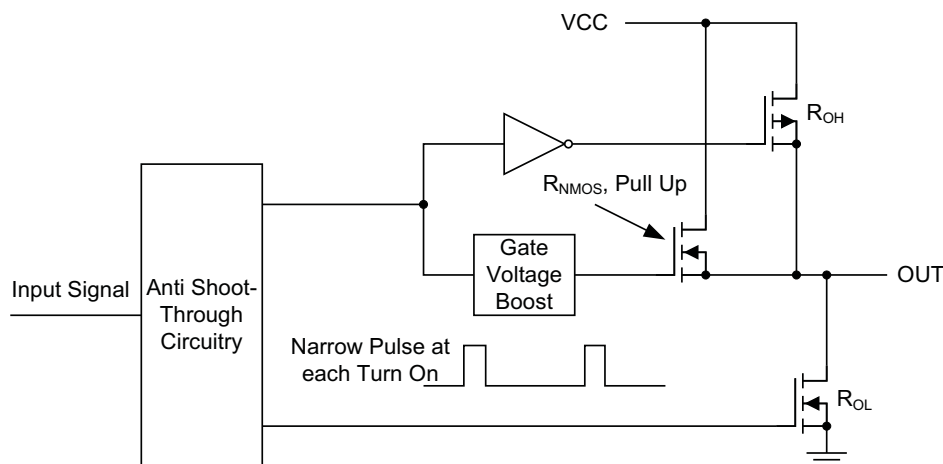
If limiting the rise or fall times to the power device is the primary goal, then an external resistance is highly recommended between the output of the driver and the power device instead of adding delays on the input signal. This external resistor has the additional benefit of reducing part of the gate charge related power dissipation in the gate-driver device package and transferring the gate driver into the external resistor.

### 9.3.4 Enable Function

As mentioned earlier, an enable or disable function is easily implemented in the UCC27517A using the *unused* input pin. When IN+ is pulled down to GND or IN– is pulled down to  $V_{DD}$ , the output is disabled. Thus IN+ pin is used like an enable pin that is based on active-high logic, while IN– can be used like an enable pin that is based on active-low logic.

### 9.3.5 Output Stage

The UCC27517A is capable of delivering 4-A source, 4-A sink (symmetrical drive) at  $V_{DD} = 12$  V. The output stage of the UCC27517A device is illustrated in Figure 21. The UCC27517A features a unique architecture on the output stage which delivers the highest peak-source current when most needed during the Miller-plateau region of the power-switch turnon transition (when the power-switch drain/collector voltage experiences  $dV/dt$ ). The device output stage features a hybrid pullup structure using a parallel arrangement of N-Channel and P-Channel MOSFET devices. By turning on the N-Channel MOSFET during a narrow instant when the output changes state from low to high, the gate-driver device delivers a brief boost in the peak-sourcing current enabling fast turnon.



**Figure 21. UCC27517A Gate Driver Output Structure**

The  $R_{OH}$  parameter (see [Electrical Characteristics](#)) is a DC measurement and is representative of the on-resistance of the P-Channel device only, since the N-Channel device is turned on only during output change of state from low to high. Thus the effective resistance of the hybrid pullup stage is much lower than what is represented by  $R_{OH}$  parameter. The pulldown structure is composed of a N-Channel MOSFET only. The  $R_{OL}$  parameter (see [Electrical Characteristics](#)), which is also a DC measurement, is representative of true impedance of the pulldown stage in the device. In the UCC27517A, the effective resistance of the hybrid pullup structure is approximately  $1.4 \times R_{OL}$ .

## Feature Description (continued)

The driver-output voltage swings between  $V_{DD}$  and GND providing rail-to-rail operation because of the MOS output stage which delivers very low dropout. The presence of the MOSFET-body diodes also offers low impedance to switching overshoots and undershoots. This means that in many cases, external Schottky-diode clamps may be eliminated. The outputs of these drivers are designed to withstand 500-mA reverse current without either damage to the device or logic malfunction.

### 9.3.6 Low Propagation Delays

The UCC27517A features best-in-class input-to-output propagation delay of 13 ns (typ) at  $V_{DD} = 12$  V. This promises the lowest level of pulse-transmission distortion available from industry-standard gate-driver devices for high-frequency switching applications. As seen in [Figure 14](#), there is very little variation of the propagation delay with temperature and supply voltage as well, offering typically less than 20-ns propagation delays across the entire range of application conditions.

## 9.4 Device Functional Modes

The device operates in normal mode and UVLO mode. See the [V<sub>DD</sub> and Undervoltage Lockout](#) section for information on UVLO operation mode. In the normal mode the output state is dependent on states of the IN+ and IN– pins. [Table 4](#) below lists the output states for different input pin combinations.

**Table 4. Device Logic Table**

| IN+ PIN          | IN– PIN          | OUT PIN |
|------------------|------------------|---------|
| L                | L                | L       |
| L                | H                | L       |
| H                | L                | H       |
| H                | H                | L       |
| x <sup>(1)</sup> | Any              | L       |
| Any              | x <sup>(1)</sup> | L       |

(1) x = Floating Condition

## 10 Application and Implementation

### NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

### 10.1 Application Information

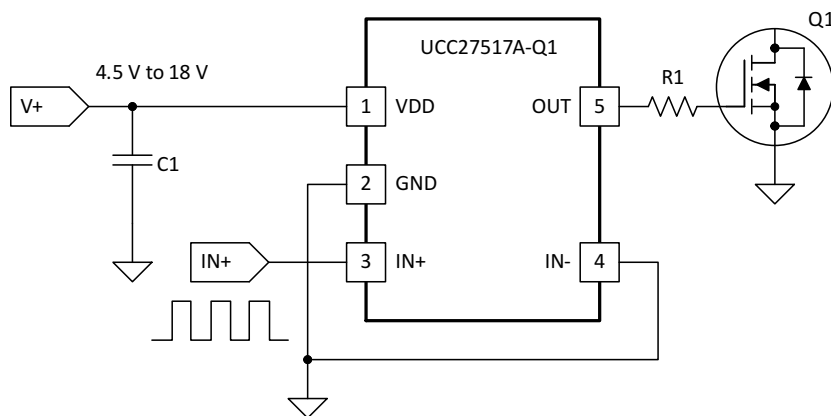
High-current gate-driver devices are required in switching power applications for a variety of reasons. In order to effect fast switching of power devices and reduce associated switching power losses, a powerful gate driver is employed between the PWM output of controllers and the gates of the power-semiconductor devices. Further, gate drivers are indispensable when there are times that the PWM controller cannot directly drive the gates of the switching devices. With advent of digital power, this situation is often encountered because the PWM signal from the digital controller is often a 3.3-V logic signal, which is not capable of effectively turning on a power switch. A level-shifting circuitry is needed to boost the 3.3-V signal to the gate-drive voltage (such as 12 V) in order to fully turn on the power device and minimize conduction losses. Because traditional buffer-drive circuits based on NPN/PNP bipolar transistors in totem-pole arrangement, being emitter-follower configurations, lack level-shifting capability, the circuits prove inadequate with digital power.

Gate drivers effectively combine both the level-shifting and buffer-drive functions. Gate drivers also find other needs such as minimizing the effect of high-frequency switching noise by locating the high-current driver physically close to the power switch, driving gate-drive transformers and controlling floating power-device gates, reducing power dissipation and thermal stress in controllers by moving gate-charge power losses into itself. Finally, emerging wide-bandgap power-device technologies, such as GaN based switches, which are capable of supporting very high switching frequency operation, are driving very special requirements in terms of gate-drive capability. These requirements include operation at low  $V_{DD}$  voltages (5 V or lower), low propagation delays and availability in compact, low-inductance packages with good thermal capability. In summary gate-driver devices are extremely important components in switching power combining benefits of high-performance, low cost, component count and board space reduction with a simplified system design.

### 10.2 Typical Application

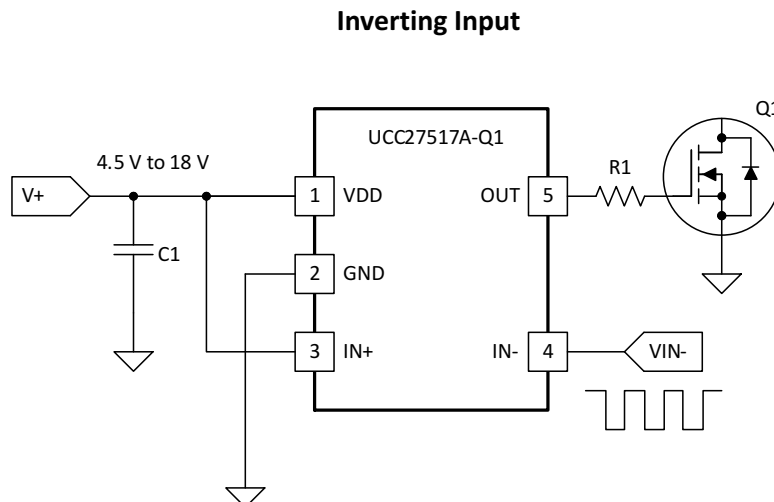
Typical application diagrams for the UCC27517A device are shown in [Figure 22](#) and [Figure 23](#) to illustrate use in non-inverting and inverting driver configurations.

#### Non-Inverting Input



**Figure 22. Using Non-Inverting Input (IN- is grounded to the enable output)**

## Typical Application (continued)



**Figure 23. Using Inverting Input**  
(IN+ is tied to V<sub>DD</sub> enable output)

### 10.2.1 Design Requirements

When selecting the proper gate driver device for an end application, some design considerations must be evaluated first to make the most appropriate selection. Among these considerations are input-to-output configuration, the input threshold type, bias supply voltage levels, peak source and sink currents, availability of independent enable and disable functions, propagation delay, power dissipation, and package type.

**Table 5. Design Parameters**

| DESIGN PARAMETER                    | EXAMPLE VALUE                               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Input-to-Output Logic               | Non-Inverting                               |
| Input Threshold Type                | Logic Level                                 |
| V <sub>DD</sub> Bias Supply Voltage | 10 V (minimum), 13 V (nominal), 15 V (peak) |
| Peak Source and Sink Currents       | Minimum 3 A Source, Minimum 3 A Sink        |
| Enable and Disable Function         | Yes, Needed                                 |
| Propagation Delay                   | Maximum 40 ns or Less                       |

### 10.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

#### 10.2.2.1 Input-to-Output Logic

The design should specify which type of input-to-output configuration should be used. If turning on the power MOSFET or IGBT when the input signal is in high state is preferred, then the noninverting configuration must be selected. If turning off the power MOSFET or IGBT when the input signal is in high state is preferred, the inverting configuration must be chosen. The UCC27517A device can be configured in either an inverting or noninverting input-to-output configuration, using the IN– or IN+ pins, respectively. To configure the device for use in inverting mode, tie the IN+ pin to V<sub>DD</sub> and apply the input signal to the IN– pin. For the non inverting configuration, tie the IN– pin to GND and apply the input signal to the IN+ pin

### 10.2.2.2 Input Threshold Type

The type of input voltage threshold determines the type of controller used with the gate driver device. The UCC27517A device features a TTL and CMOS-compatible input threshold logic, with wide hysteresis. The threshold voltage levels are low voltage and independent of the  $V_{DD}$  supply voltage, which allows compatibility with both logic-level input signals from microcontrollers, as well as higher-voltage input signals from analog controllers. See [Recommended Operating Conditions](#) for the actual input threshold voltage levels and hysteresis specifications for the UCC27517A device.

### 10.2.2.3 $V_{DD}$ Bias Supply Voltage

The bias supply voltage to be applied to the  $V_{DD}$  pin of the device should never exceed the values listed in the [Recommended Operating Conditions](#) table. However, different power switches demand different voltage levels to be applied at the gate terminals for effective turnon and turnoff. With certain power switches, a positive gate voltage may be required for turnon and a negative gate voltage may be required for turnoff, in which case the  $V_{DD}$  bias supply equals the voltage differential. With a wide operating range from 4.5 V to 18 V, the UCC27517A device can be used to drive a variety of power switches, such as Si MOSFETs (for example,  $V_{GS} = 4.5$  V, 10 V, 12 V), IGBTs ( $V_{GE} = 15$  V, 18 V), and wide-band gap power semiconductors (such as GaN, certain types of which allow no higher than 6 V to be applied to the gate terminals).

### 10.2.2.4 Peak Source and Sink Currents

Generally, the switching speed of the power switch during turnon and turnoff should be as fast as possible, to minimize switching power losses. The gate driver device must be able to provide the required peak current for achieving the targeted switching speeds for the targeted power MOSFET.

Using the example of a power MOSFET, the system requirement for the switching speed is typically described in terms of the slew rate of the drain-to-source voltage of the power MOSFET (such as  $dV_{DS}/dt$ ). For example, the system requirement might state that a SPP20N60C3 power MOSFET must be turned-on with a  $dV_{DS}/dt$  of 20V/ns or higher, under a DC bus voltage of 400 V in a continuous-conduction-mode (CCM) boost PFC-converter application. This type of application is an inductive hard-switching application and reducing switching power losses is critical. This requirement means that the entire drain-to-source voltage swing during power MOSFET turnon event (from 400 V in the OFF state to  $V_{DS(on)}$  in on state) must be completed in approximately 20 ns or less.

When the drain-to-source voltage swing occurs, the Miller charge of the power MOSFET (QGD parameter in SPP20N60C3 power MOSFET data sheet = 33 nC typical) is supplied by the peak current of gate driver. According to the power MOSFET inductive switching mechanism, the gate-to-source voltage of the power MOSFET at this time is the Miller plateau voltage, which is typically a few volts higher than the threshold voltage of the power MOSFET,  $V_{GS(TH)}$ . To achieve the targeted  $dV_{DS}/dt$ , the gate driver must be capable of providing the QGD charge in 20 ns or less. In other words, a peak current of 1.65 A ( $= 33 \text{ nC} / 20 \text{ ns}$ ) or higher must be provided by the gate driver. The UCC27517A gate driver is capable of providing 4-A peak sourcing current, which exceeds the design requirement and has the capability to meet the switching speed needed.

The 2.4x overdrive capability provides an extra margin against part-to-part variations in the QGD parameter of the power MOSFET, along with additional flexibility to insert external gate resistors and fine tune the switching speed for efficiency versus EMI optimizations. However, in practical designs the parasitic trace inductance in the gate drive circuit of the PCB will have a definitive role to play on the power MOSFET switching speed. The effect of this trace inductance is to limit the  $dI/dt$  of the output current pulse of the gate driver.

To illustrate this, consider output current pulse waveform from the gate driver to be approximated to a triangular profile, where the area under the triangle ( $\frac{1}{2} \times I_{PEAK} \times \text{time}$ ) would equal the total gate charge of the power MOSFET (QG parameter in SPP20N60C3 power MOSFET datasheet = 87 nC typical).

If the parasitic trace inductance limits the  $dI/dt$ , then a situation may occur in which the full peak current capability of the gate driver is not fully achieved in the time required to deliver the QG required for the power MOSFET switching. In other words, the time parameter in the equation would dominate and the  $I_{PEAK}$  value of the current pulse would be much less than the true peak current capability of the device, while the required QG is still delivered. Because of this, the desired switching speed may not be realized, even when theoretical calculations indicate the gate driver is capable of achieving the targeted switching speed. Thus, placing the gate driver device very close to the power MOSFET and designing a tight gate drive-loop with minimal PCB trace inductance is important to realize the full peak-current capability of the gate driver.

### 10.2.2.5 Enable and Disable Function

Certain applications demand independent control of the output state of the driver, without involving the input signal. A pin offering an enable and disable function achieves this requirement. The UCC27517A device offers two input pins, IN+ and IN –, both of which control the state of the output as listed in Table 4. Based on whether an inverting or non inverting input signal is provided to the driver, the appropriate input pin can be selected as the primary input for controlling the gate driver. The other unused input pin can be used for the enable and disable functionality. If the design does not require an enable function, the unused input pin can be tied to either the V<sub>DD</sub> pin (in case IN+ is the unused pin), or GND (in case IN – is unused pin) to ensure it does not affect the output status.

### 10.2.2.6 Propagation Delay

The acceptable propagation delay from the gate driver is dependent on the switching frequency at which it is used, and the acceptable level of pulse distortion to the system. The UCC27517A device features industry best-in-class 13-ns (typical) propagation delays, which ensure very little pulse distortion and allow operation at very high-frequencies. See [Switching Characteristics](#) for the propagation and switching characteristics of the UCC27517A device.

## 10.2.3 Application Curves

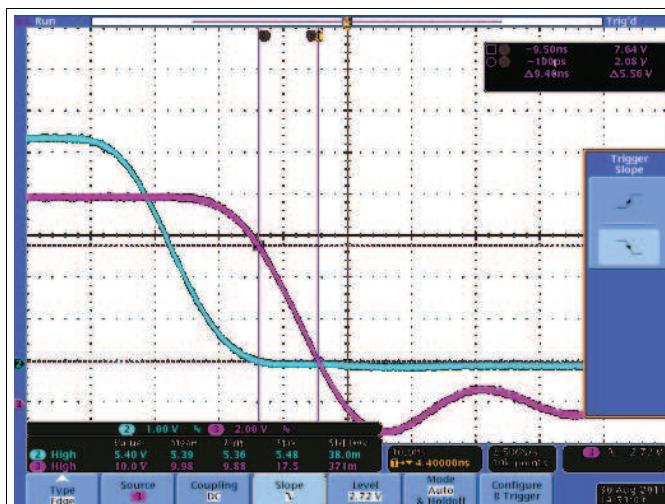


Figure 24. Typical Turnon Waveform

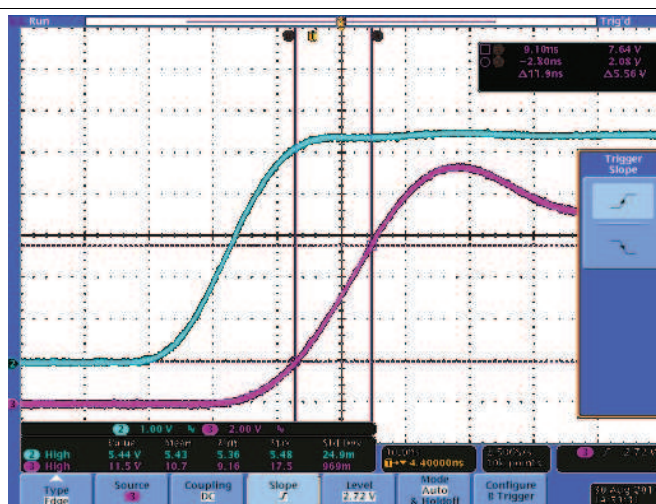


Figure 25. Typical Turnoff Waveform

## 11 Power Supply Recommendations

The bias supply voltage range for which the UCC27517A device is rated to operate is from 4.5 V to 18 V. The lower end of this range is governed by the internal UVLO protection feature on the  $V_{DD}$  pin supply circuit blocks. Whenever the driver is in UVLO condition when the  $V_{DD}$  pin voltage is below the  $V_{(ON)}$  supply start threshold, this feature holds the output low, regardless of the status of the inputs. The upper end of this range is driven by the 20-V absolute maximum voltage rating of the  $V_{DD}$  pin of the device (which is a stress rating). Keeping a 2-V margin to allow for transient voltage spikes, the maximum recommended voltage for the  $V_{DD}$  pin is 18 V.

The UVLO protection feature also involves a hysteresis function. This means that when the  $V_{DD}$  pin bias voltage has exceeded the threshold voltage and the device begins to operate, and if the voltage drops, then the device continues to deliver normal functionality unless the voltage drop exceeds the hysteresis specification  $V_{DD(hys)}$ . While operating at or near the 4.5 V range, ensure that the voltage ripple on the auxiliary power supply output is smaller than the hysteresis specification of the device, to avoid triggering a device shutdown.

During system shutdown, the device operation continues until the  $V_{DD}$  pin voltage has dropped below the  $V_{(OFF)}$  threshold, which must be accounted for while evaluating system shutdown timing design requirements. Likewise, at system startup the device does not begin operation until the  $V_{DD}$  pin voltage has exceeded above the  $V_{(ON)}$  threshold. The quiescent current consumed by the internal circuit blocks of the device is supplied through the  $V_{DD}$  pin. Keep in mind that the charge for source current pulses delivered by the OUT pin is also supplied through the same  $V_{DD}$  pin. As a result, every time a current is sourced out of the output pin (OUT), a corresponding current pulse is delivered into the device through the  $V_{DD}$  pin. Therefore, ensure that local bypass capacitors are provided between the  $V_{DD}$  and GND pins, and located as close to the device as possible for the purpose of decoupling. A low ESR, ceramic surface mount capacitor is necessary. TI recommends using 2 capacitors; a 100-nF ceramic surface-mount capacitor which can be nudged very close to the pins of the device, and another surface-mount capacitor of few microfarads added in parallel.

## 12 Layout

### 12.1 Layout Guidelines

Proper PCB layout is extremely important in a high-current fast-switching circuit to provide appropriate device operation and design robustness. The UCC27517A gate driver incorporates short-propagation delays and powerful output stages capable of delivering large current peaks with very fast rise and fall times at the gate of the power switch to facilitate voltage transitions very quickly. At higher VDD voltages, the peak-current capability is even higher (4-A/4-A peak current is at VDD = 12 V). Very high di/dt causes unacceptable ringing if the trace lengths and impedances are not well controlled. The following circuit layout guidelines are strongly recommended when designing with these high-speed drivers.

- Locate the driver device as close as possible to the power device in order to minimize the length of high-current traces between the output pins and the gate of the power device.
- Locate the VDD bypass capacitors between VDD and GND as close as possible to the driver with minimal trace length to improve the noise filtering. These capacitors support high-peak current being drawn from VDD during turnon of power MOSFET. The use of low inductance SMD components such as chip resistors and chip capacitors is highly recommended.
- The turnon and turnoff current-loop paths (driver device, power MOSFET and VDD bypass capacitor) should be minimized as much as possible in order to keep the stray inductance to a minimum. High di/dt is established in these loops at two instances – during turnon and turnoff transients, which will induce significant voltage transients on the output pin of the driver device and gate of the power switch.
- Wherever possible parallel the source and return traces, taking advantage of flux cancellation.
- Separate power traces and signal traces, such as output and input signals.
- Star-point grounding is a good way to minimize noise coupling from one current loop to another. The GND of the driver should be connected to the other circuit nodes such as source of power switch or the ground of PWM controller at one, single point. The connected paths should be as short as possible to reduce inductance and be as wide as possible to reduce resistance.
- Use a ground plane to provide noise shielding. Fast rise and fall times at OUT may corrupt the input signals during transition. The ground plane must not be a conduction path for any current loop. Instead the ground plane must be connected to the star-point with one single trace to establish the ground potential. In addition to noise shielding, the ground plane can help in power dissipation as well.
- In noisy environments, tying the unused input pin of the UCC27517A to VDD (in case of IN+) or GND (in case of IN-) using short traces in order to ensure that the output is enabled and to prevent noise from causing malfunction in the output is necessary.

## 12.2 Layout Example

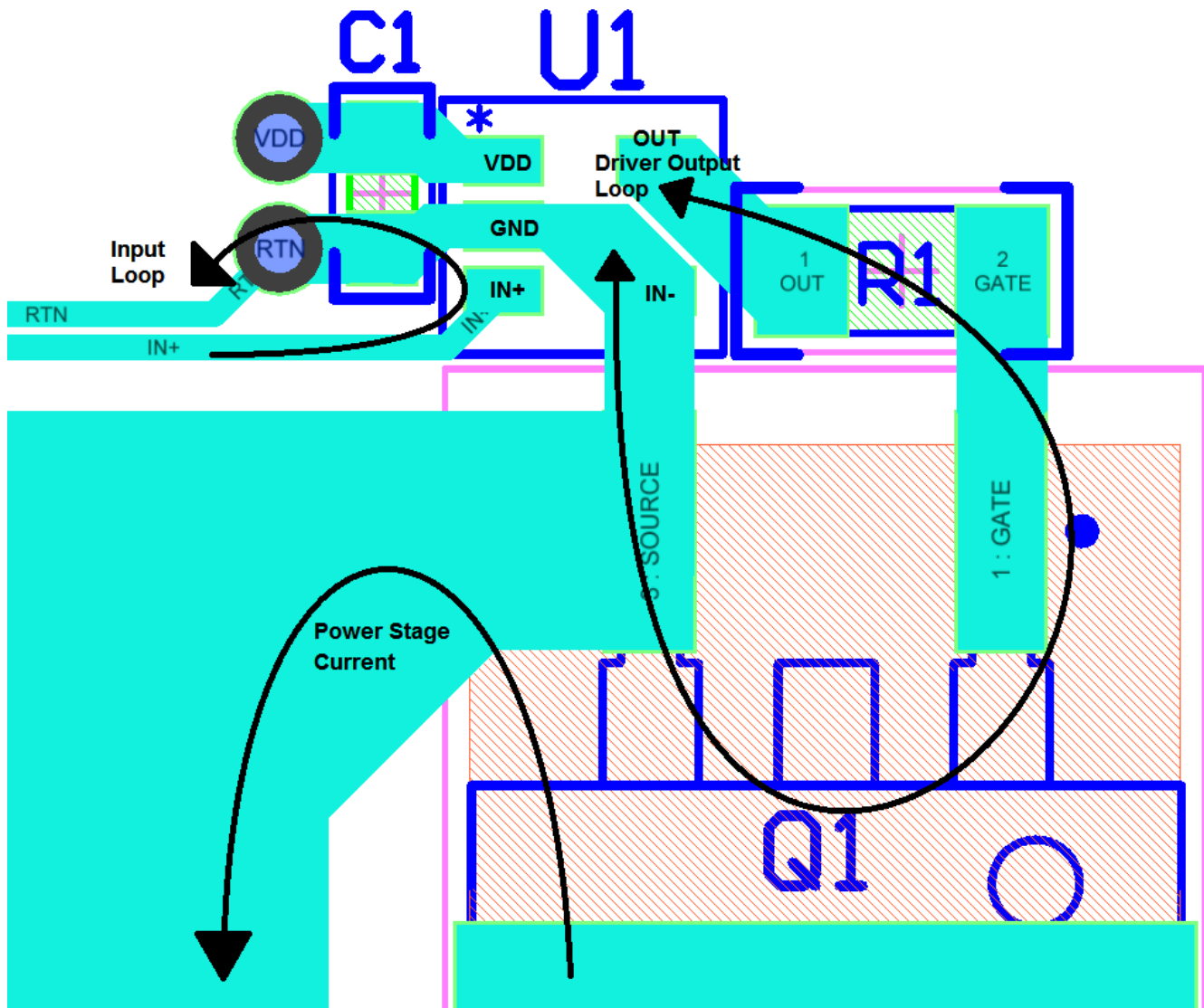


Figure 26. UCC27517A in Noninverting Configuration

## 12.3 Thermal Considerations

The useful range of a driver is greatly affected by the drive-power requirements of the load and the thermal characteristics of the package. In order for a gate driver to be useful over a particular temperature range the package must allow for the efficient removal of the heat produced while keeping the junction temperature within rated limits. The thermal metrics for the driver package is summarized in the [Thermal Information](#) section of the datasheet. For detailed information regarding the thermal information table, please refer to the Application Note from Texas Instruments entitled *IC Package Thermal Metrics* ([SPRA953](#)).

The UCC27517A is offered in SOT-23, 5-pin package (DBV). The [Thermal Information](#) table summarizes the thermal performance metrics related to the package.  $\theta_{JA}$  metric should be used for comparison of power dissipation between different packages. The  $\psi_{JT}$  and  $\psi_{JB}$  metrics should be used when estimating the die temperature during actual application measurements.

The DBV package heat removal occurs primarily through the leads of the device and the PCB traces connected to the leads.

## 12.4 Power Dissipation

Power dissipation of the gate driver has two portions as shown in [Equation 1](#).

$$P_{DISS} = P_{DC} + P_{SW} \quad (1)$$

The DC portion of the power dissipation is  $P_{DC} = I_Q \times V_{DD}$  where  $I_Q$  is the quiescent current for the driver. The quiescent current is the current consumed by the device to bias all internal circuits such as input stage, reference voltage, logic circuits, protections, and also any current associated with switching of internal devices when the driver output changes state (such as charging and discharging of parasitic capacitances, parasitic shoot-through etc). The UCC27517A features very low quiescent currents (less than 1 mA, refer [Figure 7](#)) and contains internal logic to eliminate any shoot-through in the output-driver stage. Thus the effect of the  $P_{DC}$  on the total power dissipation within the gate driver can be safely assumed to be negligible.

The power dissipated in the gate-driver package during switching ( $P_{SW}$ ) depends on the following factors:

- Gate charge required of the power device (usually a function of the drive voltage  $V_G$ , which is very close to input bias supply voltage  $V_{DD}$  due to low  $V_{OH}$  drop-out).
- Switching frequency.
- Use of external-gate resistors.

When a driver device is tested with a discrete, capacitive load calculating the power that is required from the bias supply is fairly easy. The energy that must be transferred from the bias supply to charge the capacitor is given by [Equation 2](#).

$$E_G = \frac{1}{2} C_{LOAD} V_{DD}^2$$

Where

- $C_{LOAD}$  is load capacitor
  - $V_{DD}$  is bias voltage feeding the driver
- (2)

There is an equal amount of energy dissipated when the capacitor is charged. This leads to a total power loss given by [Equation 3](#).

$$P_G = C_{LOAD} V_{DD}^2 f_{SW}$$

where

- $f_{SW}$  is the switching frequency
- (3)

The switching load presented by a power MOSFET/IGBT is converted to an equivalent capacitance by examining the gate charge required to switch the device. This gate charge includes the effects of the input capacitance plus the added charge needed to swing the drain voltage of the power device as it switches between the ON and OFF states. Most manufacturers provide specifications of typical and maximum gate charge, in nC, to switch the device under specified conditions. Using the gate charge  $Q_g$ , determine the power that must be dissipated when charging a capacitor. This is done by using the equation,  $Q_g = C_{LOAD} \times V_{DD}$ , to provide the following equation for power:

$$P_G = C_{LOAD} V_{DD}^2 f_{SW} = Q_g V_{DD} f_{SW} \quad (4)$$

This power  $P_G$  is dissipated in the resistive elements of the circuit when the MOSFET/IGBT is being turned on or turned off. Half of the total power is dissipated when the load capacitor is charged during turnon, and the other half is dissipated when the load capacitor is discharged during turnoff. When no external gate resistor is employed between the driver and MOSFET/IGBT, this power is completely dissipated inside the driver package. With the use of external gate-drive resistors, the power dissipation is shared between the internal resistance of driver and external gate resistor in accordance to the ratio of the resistances (more power dissipated in the higher resistance component). Based on this simplified analysis, the driver power dissipation during switching is calculated in [Equation 5](#).

$$P_{SW} = 0.5 \times Q_g \times V_{DD} \times f_{SW} \times \left( \frac{R_{OFF}}{R_{OFF} + R_{GATE}} + \frac{R_{ON}}{R_{ON} + R_{GATE}} \right)$$

where

- $R_{OFF} = R_{OL}$
  - $R_{ON}$  (effective resistance of pull-up structure) =  $1.4 \times R_{OL}$
- (5)

## 13 Device and Documentation Support

### 13.1 Community Resources

The following links connect to TI community resources. Linked contents are provided "AS IS" by the respective contributors. They do not constitute TI specifications and do not necessarily reflect TI's views; see TI's [Terms of Use](#).

**TI E2E™ Online Community** *TI's Engineer-to-Engineer (E2E) Community*. Created to foster collaboration among engineers. At [e2e.ti.com](http://e2e.ti.com), you can ask questions, share knowledge, explore ideas and help solve problems with fellow engineers.

**Design Support** *TI's Design Support* Quickly find helpful E2E forums along with design support tools and contact information for technical support.

### 13.2 Trademarks

E2E is a trademark of Texas Instruments.  
All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

### 13.3 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

### 13.4 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

## 14 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable part number         | Status<br>(1) | Material type<br>(2) | Package   Pins   | Package qty   Carrier | RoHS<br>(3) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(4) | MSL rating/<br>Peak reflow<br>(5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking<br>(6) |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">UCC27517ADBVR</a> | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 3000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU   SN                          | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| UCC27517ADBVR.A               | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 3000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | SN                                   | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| UCC27517ADBVR.B               | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 3000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | SN                                   | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| UCC27517ADBVRG4               | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 3000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| UCC27517ADBVRG4.A             | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 3000   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| <a href="#">UCC27517ADBVT</a> | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 250   SMALL T&R       | Yes         | NIPDAU   SN                          | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| UCC27517ADBVT.A               | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 250   SMALL T&R       | Yes         | SN                                   | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |
| UCC27517ADBVT.B               | Active        | Production           | SOT-23 (DBV)   5 | 250   SMALL T&R       | Yes         | SN                                   | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | -40 to 125   | 517A                |

<sup>(1)</sup> **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

<sup>(2)</sup> **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

<sup>(3)</sup> **RoHS values:** Yes, No, RoHS Exempt. See the [TI RoHS Statement](#) for additional information and value definition.

<sup>(4)</sup> **Lead finish/Ball material:** Parts may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead finish/Ball material values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

<sup>(5)</sup> **MSL rating/Peak reflow:** The moisture sensitivity level ratings and peak solder (reflow) temperatures. In the event that a part has multiple moisture sensitivity ratings, only the lowest level per JEDEC standards is shown. Refer to the shipping label for the actual reflow temperature that will be used to mount the part to the printed circuit board.

<sup>(6)</sup> **Part marking:** There may be an additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category of the part.

Multiple part markings will be inside parentheses. Only one part marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "-" will appear on a part. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire part marking for that device.

**Important Information and Disclaimer:** The information provided on this page represents TI's knowledge and belief as of the date that it is provided. TI bases its knowledge and belief on information provided by third parties, and makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of such information. Efforts are underway to better integrate information from third parties. TI has taken and continues to take reasonable steps to provide representative and accurate information but may not have conducted destructive testing or chemical analysis on incoming materials and chemicals. TI and TI suppliers consider certain information to be proprietary, and thus CAS numbers and other limited information may not be available for release.

In no event shall TI's liability arising out of such information exceed the total purchase price of the TI part(s) at issue in this document sold by TI to Customer on an annual basis.

**OTHER QUALIFIED VERSIONS OF UCC27517A :**

- Automotive : [UCC27517A-Q1](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects

## TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION



\*All dimensions are nominal

| Device          | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| UCC27517ADBVR   | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 3000 | 178.0              | 8.4                | 3.2     | 3.2     | 1.4     | 4.0     | 8.0    | Q3            |
| UCC27517ADBVRG4 | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 3000 | 180.0              | 8.4                | 3.2     | 3.2     | 1.4     | 4.0     | 8.0    | Q3            |
| UCC27517ADBVRG4 | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 3000 | 180.0              | 8.4                | 3.2     | 3.2     | 1.4     | 4.0     | 8.0    | Q3            |
| UCC27517ADBVT   | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 250  | 180.0              | 8.4                | 3.2     | 3.2     | 1.4     | 4.0     | 8.0    | Q3            |

## TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



\*All dimensions are nominal

| Device          | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ  | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| UCC27517ADBVR   | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 3000 | 208.0       | 191.0      | 35.0        |
| UCC27517ADBVRG4 | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 3000 | 210.0       | 185.0      | 35.0        |
| UCC27517ADBVRG4 | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 3000 | 210.0       | 185.0      | 35.0        |
| UCC27517ADSVT   | SOT-23       | DBV             | 5    | 250  | 210.0       | 185.0      | 35.0        |



## SOT-23 - 1.45 mm max height

PIN 1 INDEX AREA

1 2 3 4 5

2X 0.95

1.9

3.0 2.6

1.75 1.45

B

A

(0.1)

(0.15)

3.05 2.75

1.9

5X 0.5 0.3

$\oplus$  0.2  $\textcircled{M}$  C A B

NOTE 5

4X 0° -15°

C

0.1 C

(1.1)

1.45 0.90

0.15 0.00 TYP

4X 4° -15°

0.25

E PLANE

0.22 TYP 0.08

TYP

0.6 TYP 0.3

SEATING PLANE

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. Reference JEDEC MO-178.
4. Body dimensions do not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.
5. Support pin may differ or may not be present.

# EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

DBV0005A

SOT-23 - 1.45 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN  
SCALE:15X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

4214839/K 08/2024

NOTES: (continued)

6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

## EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DBV0005A

SOT-23 - 1.45 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE  
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL  
SCALE:15X

4214839/K 08/2024

NOTES: (continued)

8. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
9. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER

TI PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND RELIABILITY DATA (INCLUDING DATASHEETS), DESIGN RESOURCES (INCLUDING REFERENCE DESIGNS), APPLICATION OR OTHER DESIGN ADVICE, WEB TOOLS, SAFETY INFORMATION, AND OTHER RESOURCES "AS IS" AND WITH ALL FAULTS, AND DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS AND IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.

These resources are intended for skilled developers designing with TI products. You are solely responsible for (1) selecting the appropriate TI products for your application, (2) designing, validating and testing your application, and (3) ensuring your application meets applicable standards, and any other safety, security, regulatory or other requirements.

These resources are subject to change without notice. TI grants you permission to use these resources only for development of an application that uses the TI products described in the resource. Other reproduction and display of these resources is prohibited. No license is granted to any other TI intellectual property right or to any third party intellectual property right. TI disclaims responsibility for, and you fully indemnify TI and its representatives against any claims, damages, costs, losses, and liabilities arising out of your use of these resources.

TI's products are provided subject to [TI's Terms of Sale](#), [TI's General Quality Guidelines](#), or other applicable terms available either on [ti.com](https://www.ti.com) or provided in conjunction with such TI products. TI's provision of these resources does not expand or otherwise alter TI's applicable warranties or warranty disclaimers for TI products. Unless TI explicitly designates a product as custom or customer-specified, TI products are standard, catalog, general purpose devices.

TI objects to and rejects any additional or different terms you may propose.

Copyright © 2025, Texas Instruments Incorporated

Last updated 10/2025