Optocoupler Feedback Connection

AI Overview

In isolated switch-mode power supplies, the optocoupler transmits the secondary-side feedback signal to the primary-side controller, with proper LED and phototransistor biasing critical for stable voltage regulation.Role of the Optocoupler in FeedbackIn an isolated SMPS, the optocoupler acts as a bridge between the secondary-side voltage sensing and the primary-side PWM controller, maintaining galvanic isolation while transmitting the feedback signal. The secondary side monitors the output voltage using a precision shunt regulator (e.g., LT1431) and a resistor divider. Deviations from the desired voltage setpoint adjust the forward current (IF) through the optocoupler's LED, which emits light proportional to IF. The primary-side phototransistor detects this light and modulates the control signal, typically at the PWM controller's COMP pin, influencing the duty cycle of the switching transistor and closing the feedback loop ( ).Proper Biasing of the OptocouplerCorrect biasing ensures the optocoupler operates in its linear region, allowing accurate analog signal transmission:LED Forward Current (IF): Typically 1–10 mA depending on the optocoupler model. Too low IF results in weak phototransistor activation and poor regulation; too high can saturate the phototransistor ( ).Phototransistor Collector-Emitter Voltage and Current: Must be set to maintain linear operation. The phototransistor acts as a current amplifier, converting optical flux into a proportional electrical signal ( ).Current Transfer Ratio (CTR): The ratio of phototransistor current to LED current. Variations in CTR affect the feedback loop gain and must be considered in compensator design ( ).Integration with Compensation NetworkThe optocoupler is part of the compensator block in the control loop. Its parameters, including CTR and parasitic capacitance, influence the amplitude and phase of the feedback signal. Proper compensation network design ensures:Loop stability: Prevents oscillations and maintains transient response.Accurate voltage regulation:...

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The main purpose of an optocoupler interface is to completely isolate the input circuit from the output circuit, which normally means there will be two completely

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Learn how optocouplers ensure electrical isolation and signal transfer in circuits. This guide covers their components, working principles, and applications.

Optocoupler Tutorial and Optocoupler Application

The optocoupler can be used in many different applications as an interface between low voltage digital, such as 3.3V logic, or 24V control circuits and large mains power electronic devices.

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I am trying to understand how this TL431 and Optocoupler feedback works in a flyback converter. I understood that current through LED increases if TL431''s ref pin and also the current

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This application note provides an example procedure for designing the compensator circuit of a flyback converter with current-mode control and optocoupler-based feedback, including validation results in a

What Is Optocoupler and Its Application with Examples

An optocoupler is a semiconductor device that transmits an electrical signal between two isolated circuits using light. This process ensures there is no direct electrical connection between the

How to Analyze Optocoupler in Feedback System

How to Analyze Optocoupler in Feedback System The circuit enclosed in red is the optocoupler circuit. This circuit is used for isolation purposes since there is no physical connection between the diode

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A variety of low cost supervisory ICs contain the required building blocks for the more demanding optocoupler feedback drive applications. Initially developed to address other specific power supply

Understanding Optocoupler Biasing for Stable Isolated

In isolated switch-mode power supply (SMPS) architectures, feedback from the output (secondary) side to the input (primary) side must be transmitted

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What is an Optocoupler (Optoisolator / Photocoupler)? An Optocoupler (Optoisolator / Photocoupler) is an electronic component that transfers electrical signals between two isolated

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This capacitance, together with the output bias resistor RC, forms a low-pass filter which limits the optocoupler bandwidth. This is also referred as a ''pole'' in control systems, and it is an important

Feedback Control Design of Off-line Flyback Converter

Scope of Applications: Secondary-Side Flyback Converters Most flyback converters use secondary-side peak current-mode control of the secondary-side converters to adjust feedback for the output

Optocoupler feedback connection in switching power supply

In general isolated power supplies, optocoupler isolation feedback is a simple and cost-effective method. However, there has been little in-depth research on the various connection methods of optocoupler

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In order to design a functionally robust and reliable application with optocouplers, it is essential to understand not only the device''s main parameters and parasitic elements, but also their tolerances

Optocoupler feedback common connection methods and working

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Make sure your optocoupler is properly biased

The feedback network controls the power delivered to the power-supply output by varying the voltage on the feedback pin of the pulse-width modulation (PWM) controller. When VOUT drifts higher, the

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After studying this section, you should be able to: Describe basic applications of optocouplers: Understand the design of optocoupler circuits • Using the Current Transfer Ratio (CTR) . •

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An optocoupler (or opto-isolator) is a component that transfer signals between circuits using light. In this guide, you''ll learn how they work and how you can use one in your own projects.

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