

Four channel valve driver

Data brief – production data

Features

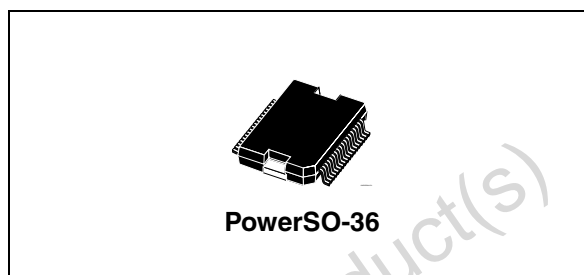
- Four low-side output drivers with protection diagnostic
 - 2 PWM controlled channels (0.2 Ω typ.)
 - 2 current controlled channels with 6 % accuracy (0.3 Ω typ.)
- All outputs with 35 V zener clamp
- Programmable channel timer
- Clock monitor
- Integrated recirculation diodes
- Serial peripheral interface with 16 bits, up to 5 MHz with diagnosis
- Battery compatible supply voltage
- Detailed load diagnosis
 - Overload protection
 - Open load
 - Undercurrent
 - Undervoltage
 - Temperature warning and shutdown
 - Power or signal GND loss
 - Freewheeling diode loss
 - Silent valve driver test

Description

The L9374 is a four channel low side driver with integrated recirculation diodes. The switching of the channels is programmable via a SPI (serial peripheral interface). The main time base is given by an external clock via CLKin. The clock unit monitors this external clock and provides the system clock for all timings.

A synchronization unit is used to monitor the SPI communication and provides a sync signal for the channel activation.

The output duty cycle for each channel can be programmed individually and will be activated by the set point unit. It is possible to program two output duty cycles per channel with a block of 16 SPI commands as well as an individual duration time for each channel actuation. Both pieces of



information are stored in the PWM and in the counter configuration register respectively.

The PWM controller translates the programmed digital duty cycle value in a PWM signal which controls the output.

For the current controlled channels the target current value is programmed. It is also possible to program two different target currents. The target current is compared with the real load current. The output duty cycle is then calculated with an arithmetic logic unit. As base for the calculation a load model is used respecting the resistivity of the load, the supply voltage as well as the internal recirculation path. To check the plausibility of the current controller all measured and calculated values are available and accessible via SPI.

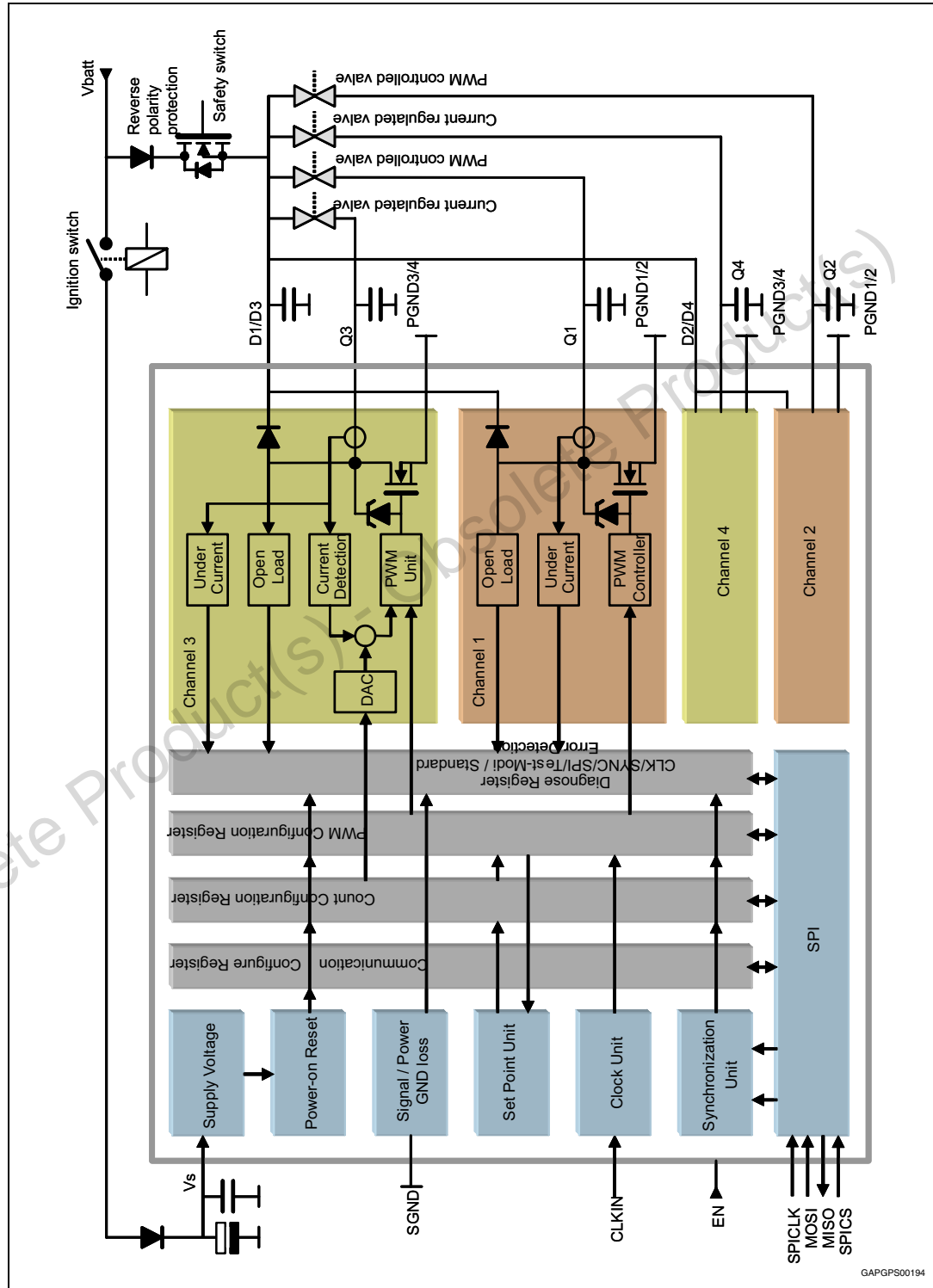
All channels are equipped with a load diagnostic. This allows to detect an open load in “off” conditions as well as an under current in “on” conditions. The power stage is protected against over current and over temperature. A weak connection in power ground or in the recirculation path is monitored. All monitored functions can be read out in a serial diagnostic protocol dedicated for each channel via SPI.

Table 1. Device summary

Order code	Package	Packing
L9374LF	PowerSO-36	Tube
L9374TRLF	PowerSO-36	Tape and reel

1 Block diagram

Figure 1. Block diagram



2 Pins description

Figure 2. PowerSO36 pins connection (top view)

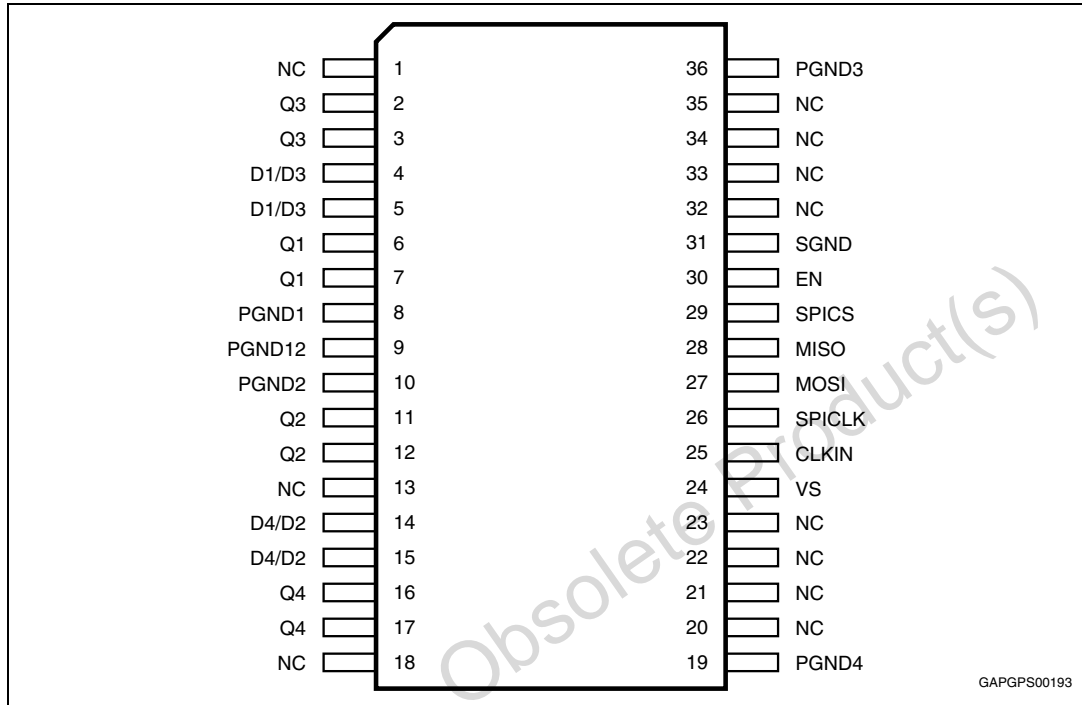


Table 2. Pins description

Pin #	PwSO36	Description
1	PGND	Not connected/Power ground.
2	Q3	Output.
3	Q3	Output.
4	D1/D3	Free wheeling diode.
5	D1/D3	Free wheeling diode.
6	Q1	Output.
7	Q1	Output.
8	PGND1	Power ground of the output driver 1 & 2.
9	PGND12	Power ground of the output driver 1 & 2.
10	PGND2	Power ground of the output driver 1 & 2.
11	Q2	Output.
12	Q2	Output.
13	N.C.	Not connected.
14	D4/D2	Free wheeling diode.
15	D4/D2	Free wheeling diode.
16	Q4	Output.

Table 2. Pins description (continued)

Pin #	PwSO36	Description
17	Q4	Output.
18	PGND	Not connected/Power ground.
19	PGND4	Power ground of the output driver 4.
20	N.C.	Not connected.
21	N.C.	Not connected.
22	N.C.	Not connected.
23	N.C.	Not connected.
24	VS	Supply pin.
25	CLKIN	Input for precise clock.
26	SPICLK	SPI communication clock.
27	MOSI	Master Out Slave In for SPI communication.
28	MISO	Master In Slave Out for SPI communication.
29	SPICS	SPI chip select.
30	EN	Enable.
31	SGND	Signal ground.
32	N.C.	Not connected.
33	N.C.	Not connected.
34	N.C.	Not connected.
35	N.C.	Not connected.
36	PGND3	Power ground of the output driver 3.

3 Absolute maximum ratings

Table 3. Absolute maximum ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
V_s	Supply voltage	-0.3	38	V
V_{Dx}	Freewheeling diode voltage	-0.3	35	V
V_{Qx}	Output voltage	-0.3	35	V
V_{EN} V_{SPICLK} V_{SPICS} V_{MOSI} V_{MISO} V_{CLKIN}	Enable voltage SPI clock voltage SPI chip select voltage SPI MOSI voltage SPI MISO voltage SPI clock input voltage	-0.3	6	V
$I_{Q1; 2}$	Output current at reversal voltage		-4	A
$I_{Q3; 4}$			-2	A
I_{EN_CL} I_{SPICLK_CL} I_{SPICS_CL} I_{MOSI_CL} I_{CLKIN_CL}	Input clamping currents (static) Input clamping currents (dynamic)	- 3 -10	+ 3 +10	mA
T_{amb}	Ambient operating temperature	-40	+125	°C

Definition: Current from outside into the L9374-> " + "
Current from L9374 towards external components -> " - "

Warning: Transients beyond this limit will cause currents into ESD structures which must be limited externally to ± 10 mA (maximum energy to be dissipated: 2 mJ).

4 ESD susceptibility

4.1 HBM

ESD susceptibility HBM according to EIA/JESD 22-A 114B otherwise defined.

Table 4. HBM

Pin	Condition	Min	Max	Unit
All Pins	-	± 2	-	kV
Output pins D _X ; Q _X ;	PGND12, PGND3, PGND4, LGND and GND are connected together.	± 4	-	kV

4.2 MM

ESD susceptibility according to EIA/JESD22-A115-A

Table 5. MM

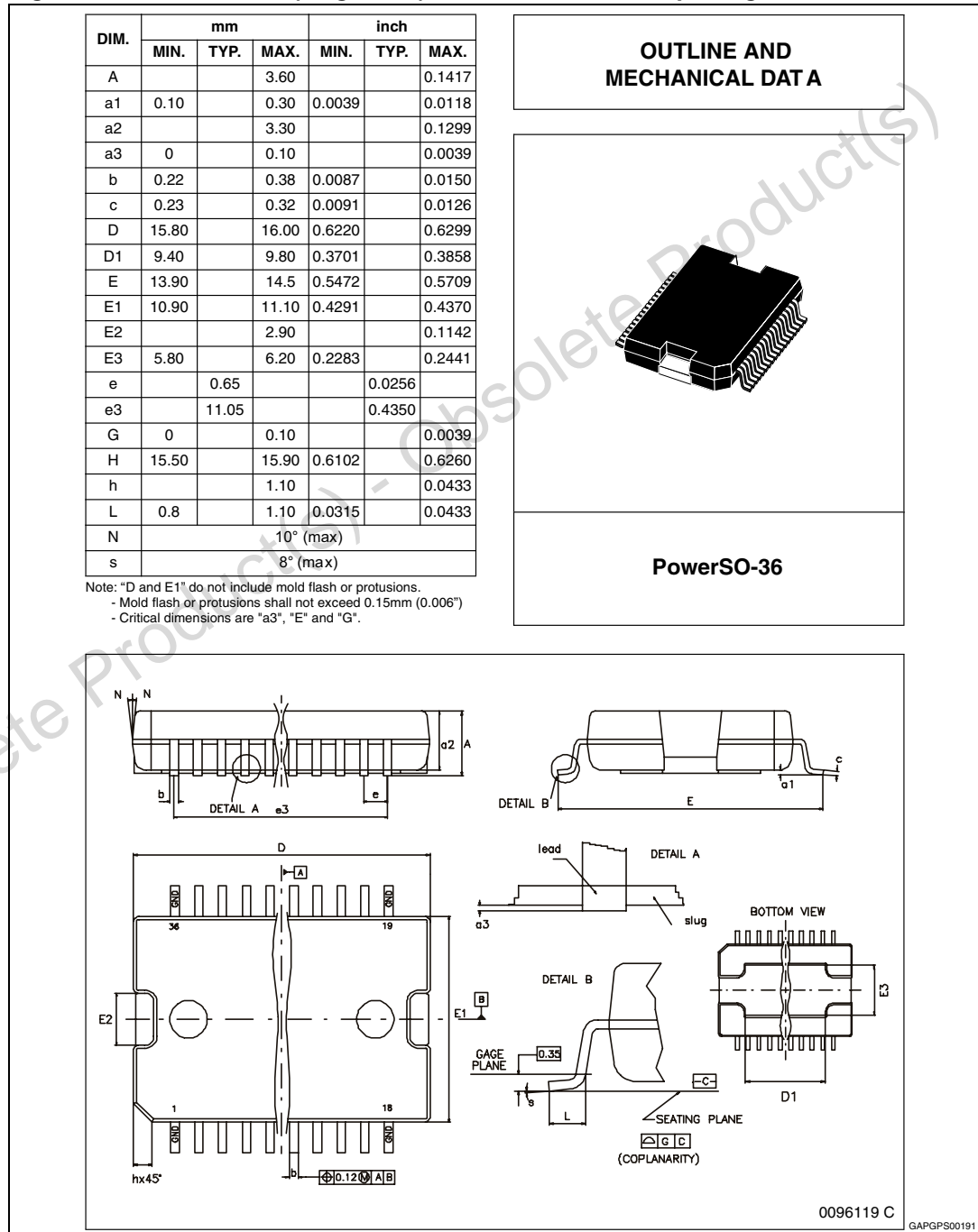
Parameter	Condition	Min	Max	Unit
Machine model (MM)	All pins	± 250	-	V

5 Package information

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Figure 3. PowerSO-36 (slug down) mechanical data and package dimensions



6 Revision history

Table 6. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
04-Jun-2007	1	Initial release.
31-Jul-2007	2	Updated Section 1: Block diagram , Section 2: Pins description and Section 4: ESD susceptibility .
20-May-2009	3	Updated Figure 5: PowerSSO-36 (exposed pad) mechanical data and package dimensions on page 8 .
18-Mar-2011	4	Modified Table 1: Device summary . Removed all references to PowerSSO-36 package. Modified Section 2: Pins description and Section 5: Package information .
04-Dec-2012	5	Updated Table 3: Absolute maximum ratings on page 5 .

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