

# SP7615

# Four Channel Constant Current LED Driver

#### **FEATURES**

- Cost Effective LED driver
- Constant current output ideal for Driving LED strings
- Four Channel LED Driver provides matched LED current
- Current adjusted via an external resistor
- PWM dimming possible
- Small 2mm x 3mm DFN package
- Outputs can be connected in parallel to increase drive
- Constant current for wide cathode voltage range (1.0V to 16V)
- Highly integrated design, minimal components
- Thermal shutdown protects the driver
- Available in Lead Free, RoHS Packaging: DFN and HSOICN

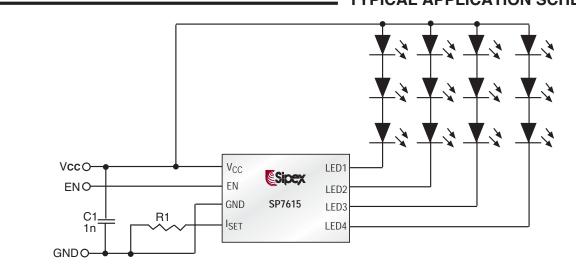


#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Next Generation Mobile Phones
- PDA, DSC, MP3 Players
- Handheld Computers
- LCD Display Modules
- Keyboard Backlight
- LED Displays

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The SP7615 is a linear constant current driver designed to drive multiple LEDs in series from a high input voltage rail. The driver acts as a high current matched, four-channel current source ensuring constant LED current for a range of input voltages. The SP7615 allows implementing the lowest cost LED driver for a variety of applications. Internal circuitry maintains the pre-set constant current output for a wide voltage range at the LED outputs (LED1,2,3,4). LED current can be adjusted up to 125mA per string with an external resistor. The dimming can be achieved by controlling the I<sub>SET</sub> input or by feeding a PWM signal to the EN pin. Fast EN turn-on and turn-off time allows for very fast PWM dimming frequencies, completely eliminating flicker. The built-in thermal protection automatically adjusts LED current to prevent overheating.



#### . TYPICAL APPLICATION SCHEMATIC

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## **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Vcc, Vled1, Vled2, Vled3,	
VLED4, Voltage to GND	0.3V to 16V
EN Voltage to GND	0 to (Vcc + 0.3V)
ISET Voltage to GND	0 to (Vcc + 0.3V)
	or 6V, whichever is lower
Output Current per LED (IOUT)	150mA
Power Dissipation per Package	
8-pin DFN at TA = 85°0	C 1.1W
Junction Temperature	+150°C
Storage Temperature	55°C to +150°C

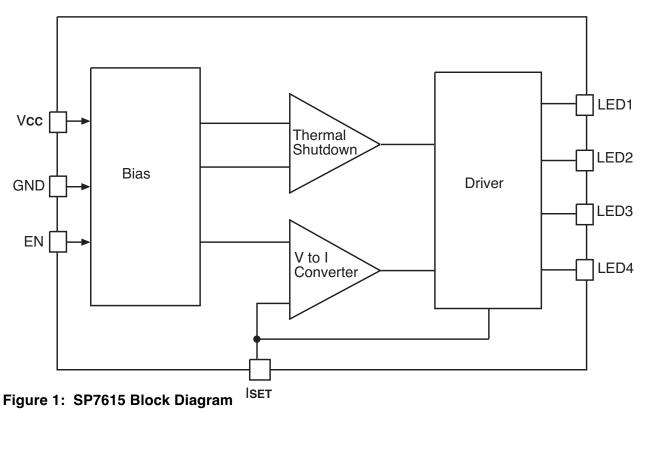
#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $4.5V < V_{CC} < 16V$ ,  $V_{EN} = 5V$ ,  $V_{LED1} = V_{LED2} = V_{LED3} = V_{LED4} = 1.0V$ ,  $R_{SET} = 10k\Omega$  or  $I_{SET} = 126\mu A$ ,  $-40 < T_A < 85^{\circ}C$ , Unless otherwise noted. Typical numbers are for  $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ .

PARAMETER	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS	CONDITIONS
Supply Voltage	4.5	5	16	V	
Quiescent Supply Current		20	39	mA	$I_{\text{LED1}} = I_{\text{LED2}} = I_{\text{LED3}} = I_{\text{LED4}} = 126 \text{mA}$
Output/I <sub>SET</sub> Current Multiplication Ratio	900	1000	1200		
LED Current (per diode)		126		mA	
LED to LED Current Matching	-2		+2	%	
LED Current Line Voltage Regulation		0.15	0.6	%/V	lout change per volt Vcc change
LED Current Load Voltage Regulation		2	4	%/V	$0.4V < V_{LED} < 5V, I_{LED} = 25mA$
LED Guirent Load Voltage negulation		9		%/V	$1.0V < V_{LED} < 5V$ , $I_{LED} = 126mA$
LED Current Thermal Regulation		0.1		%/°C	ILED = 126mA
ISET Pin Voltage	1.20	1.26	1.32	V	Iset = $1\mu A$
Thermal Shutdown Threshold		150		S	
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis		20		°C	
Current in OFF Mode			1	μA	$V_{EN} = 0.0 V$
Min. ENABLE "ON Voltage" (Note1)			1.6	v	
Max. ENABLE "OFF Voltage" (Note 2)	0.4			V	

Note 1. ENABLE "ON" is VEN for which ILED > 80mA

Note 2. ENABLE "OFF" is VEN for which ILED < 1uA@ VLED1 > 1.0V



## THEORY OF OPERATION

#### Introduction

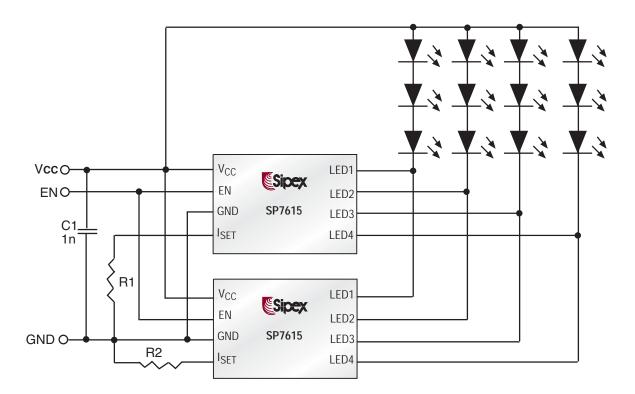
The SP7615 is a four channel constant current source LED driver with programmable output current level. The design consists of a regulator bandgap, voltage-to-current converter, and output mirror drivers. The bandgap ensures good performance over voltage and temperature. The four outputs are tightly coupled allowing for excellent channel matching.

#### **Thermal Shutdown**

The SP7615 uses a thermal comparator to monitor the system temperature shutting the device down if the internal temperature reaches 150°C. The device will remain off until the internal temperature drops below 130°C.

#### Enable

The device has an enable function that is designed for TTL level inputs. This input will also track the  $V_{cc}$ pin so levels up to  $V_{cc}$  are acceptable. The enable pin can also be used to control the LED brightness with a pulse width modulated control signal. Duty Cycle or PWM control of the LED current maintains constant LED color while brightness is changing. The SP7615 responds in less than 10µs to PWM signals applied to this pin. The EN pin is internally pulled down with an approximately 80kOhm resistor. The SP7615 will remain in shutdown mode if this pin is left open.

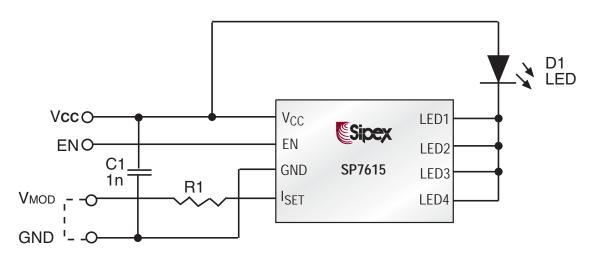


Current sharing capabilities allow two SP7615s to run in parallel for twice as much current through the LEDs.

# CATHODE VOLTAGE, SUPPLY VOLTAGE AND POWER DISSIPATION

The voltage applied to the cathode of each LED determines the overall efficiency of the SP7615 circuit. The SP7615 is designed to be able to sink 125mA at each of its four outputs; LED1 - 4. The SP7615 is also designed to be able to handle up to 16V on these pins. This voltage handling capability assumes the total power can be dissipated by the SP7615. The power dissipation inside the SP7615 will de directly related to the voltage and current applied to these pins. For example, the typical operating cathode voltage is 500mV. At maximum current the

power dissipated by one LED driver output is  $125\text{mA} \times 500\text{mV} = 62.5\text{mW}$ . The charts in the following pages show the power dissipation of the SP7615 under various conditions. The power dissipation should be kept below 1.3W for safe operation and long term reliability at room temperature and derated to 530mW at 85°C. While the above operating conditions are recommended, the part cannot be damaged due to internal temperature control as described above in the thermal shutdown section.



# $\mathbf{I}_{\text{SET}} \, \mathbf{Pin}$

The ISET pin is the servo point of an amplifier configured as a voltage-to-current converter. The voltage at this pin servos to the internal bandgap potential. A set resistor can be connected from the Iset pin to the ground to generate a reference current for the following current gain stages. A current could alternately be applied to this pin in the form of a current source or current output DAC.

This pin can be used also for LED current adjustment with external voltage from ambient light, optical feedback sensors or other voltage source. This voltage should not exceed 1.25V. The RSET value may be determined as

Rset =  $(1.26 - V_{MOD}) * 1000/Iout kΩ$ ,

where 1.26 is a typical ISET pin voltage, V<sub>MOD</sub> is an adjustment voltage (V), 1000 is a typical current multiplication ratio, IOUT is a required LED current in mA/channel.

If adjustment voltage V  $_{\rm MOD}$  isn't used, R  $_{\rm SET}$  resistor should be connected to the ground.

# **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

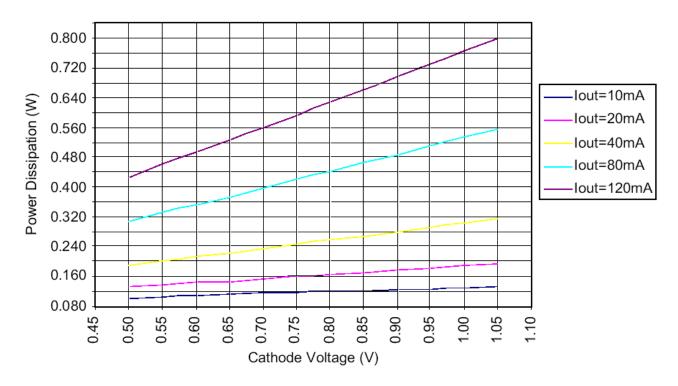


Figure 2 – Four Channel Total Power Dissipation versus Cathode Voltage at Vcc = 5V

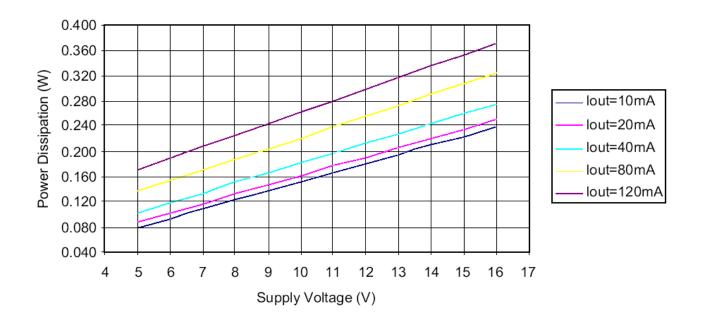


Figure 3 – Four Channel Total Power Dissipation versus Supply Voltage at Vcathode = 500mV

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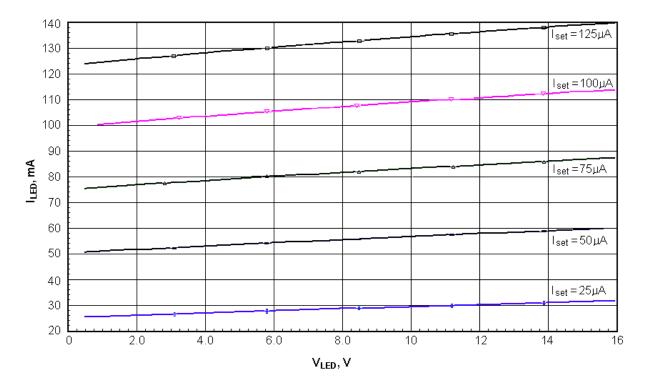


Figure 4 – LED Current versus I<sub>SET</sub> Current and Cathode Voltage, Vcc=5V, T= 27 ℃

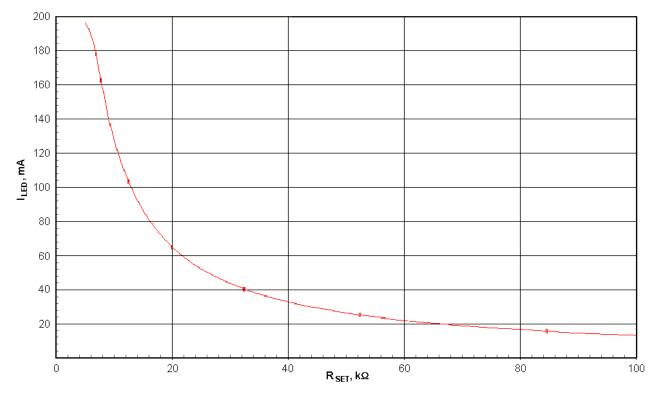


Figure 5 – LED Current versus  $R_{SET}$  Value

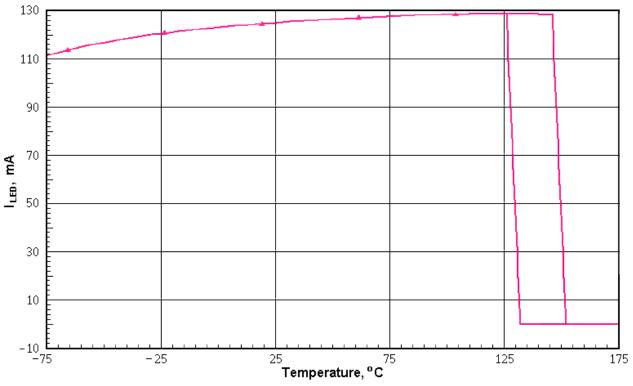


Figure 6 – LED Current versus Temperature with Thermal Shutdown

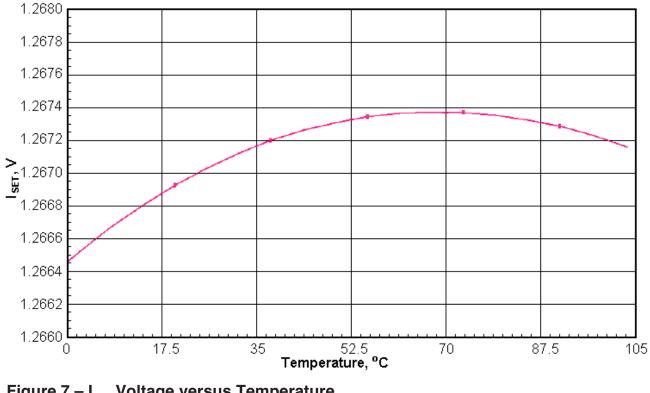


Figure 7 – I<sub>SET</sub> Voltage versus Temperature

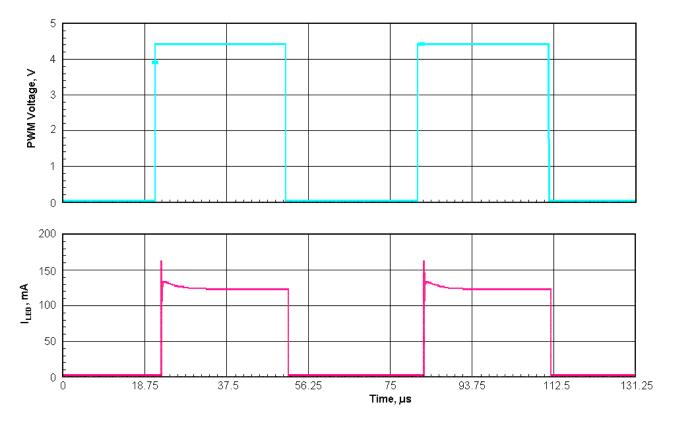
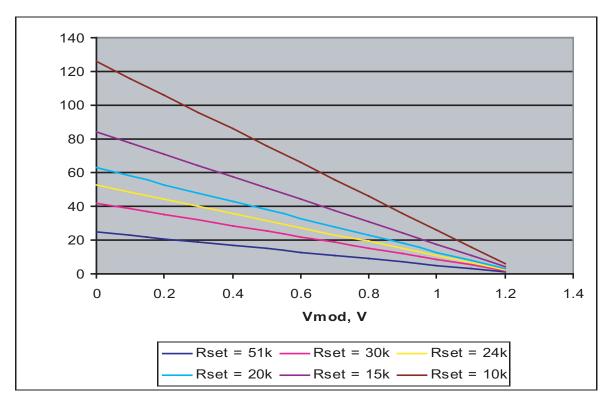
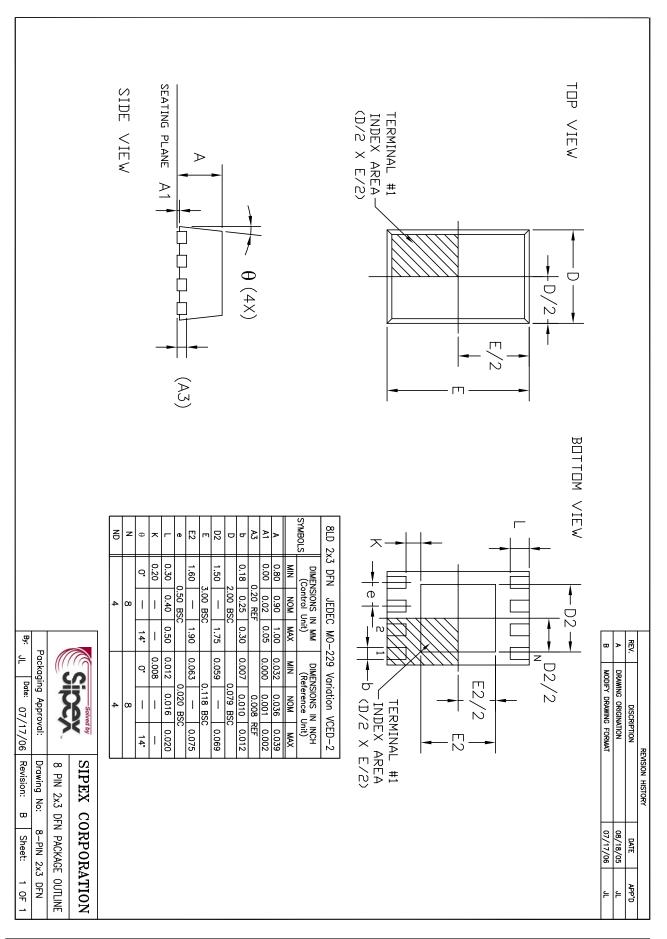


Figure 8 – PWM Signal Applied To The Enable Pin, Amplitude=5V, Duty Cycle=50%

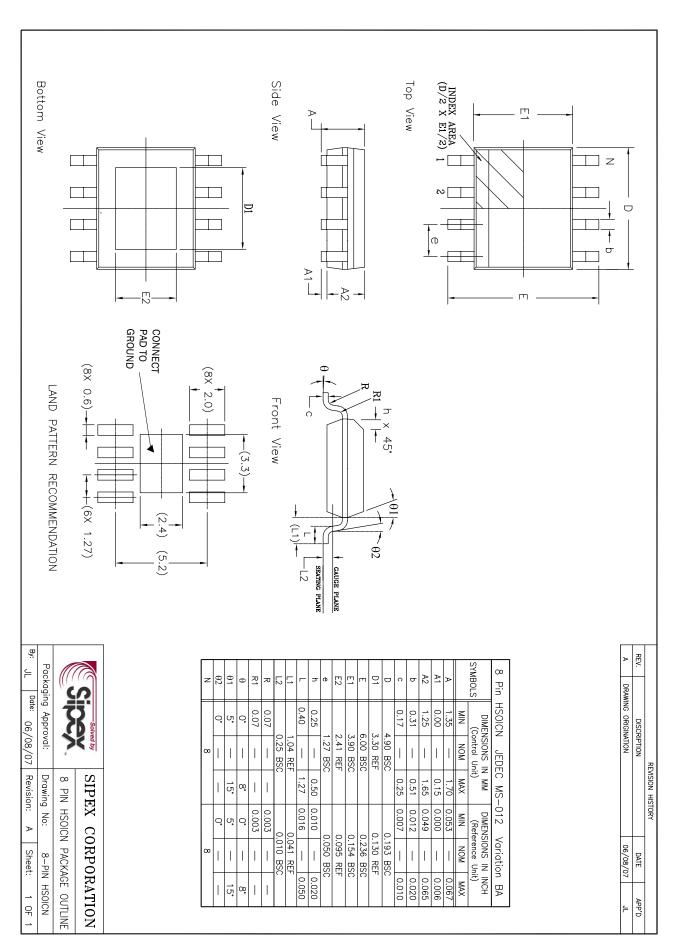


# Figure 9 -- lout current (mA per channel) vs. VMOD voltage

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Part Number	RoHS	Package	Pack Type	Quantity	Temperature Range	MSL Pb-Free	Theta JA
SP7615ER-L	Yes	<u>DFN8</u>	Canister	Any	-40°C to +85°C	L1 @ 260°C	59°C/W
SP7615ER-L/TR	Yes	<u>DFN8</u>	Tape & Reel	3000	-40°C to +85°C	L1 @ 260°C	59°C/W
SP7615EN2-L	Yes	HSOICN8	Canister	98	-40°C to +85°C	L1 @ 250°C	59°C/W
SP7615EN2-L/TR	Yes	HSOICN8	Tape & Reel	3000	-40°C to +85°C	L1 @ 250°C	59°C/W

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