

## Step-up DC/DC converter for White LED Backlight

NO.EA-006-1025

### OUTLINE

The R1218X Series are PWM control type step-up DC/DC converter ICs with low supply current. The R1218X is fully dedicated to drive White LED with constant current. Each of these ICs consists of an NMOS FET, an oscillator, a PWM comparator, a voltage reference unit, an error amplifier, an under voltage lockout circuit (UVLO), an over-voltage protection circuit (OVP), and so on. The R1218X can drive white LEDs with high efficiency with low supply current. A diode is built-in the R1218XXX1A, therefore it is possible to drive up to 4LEDs without an external diode. The R1218XXX2A, an external diode is necessary, however, up to 6 serial LEDs can be driven with the R1218XXX2A.

Constant current can be set with an external resistance value. Dimming control is possible by PWM signal for CE pin. Feedback voltage is 0.2V, therefore power loss by current setting resistance is small and efficiency is good. Maximum duty cycle is internally fixed, Typ. 91%. LEDs can be driven from low voltage. Protection circuits are the current limit of Lx peak current, the over voltage limit of output, and the under voltage lockout function.

Packages are standard SOT23-6 and very tiny PLP1820-6.

### FEATURES

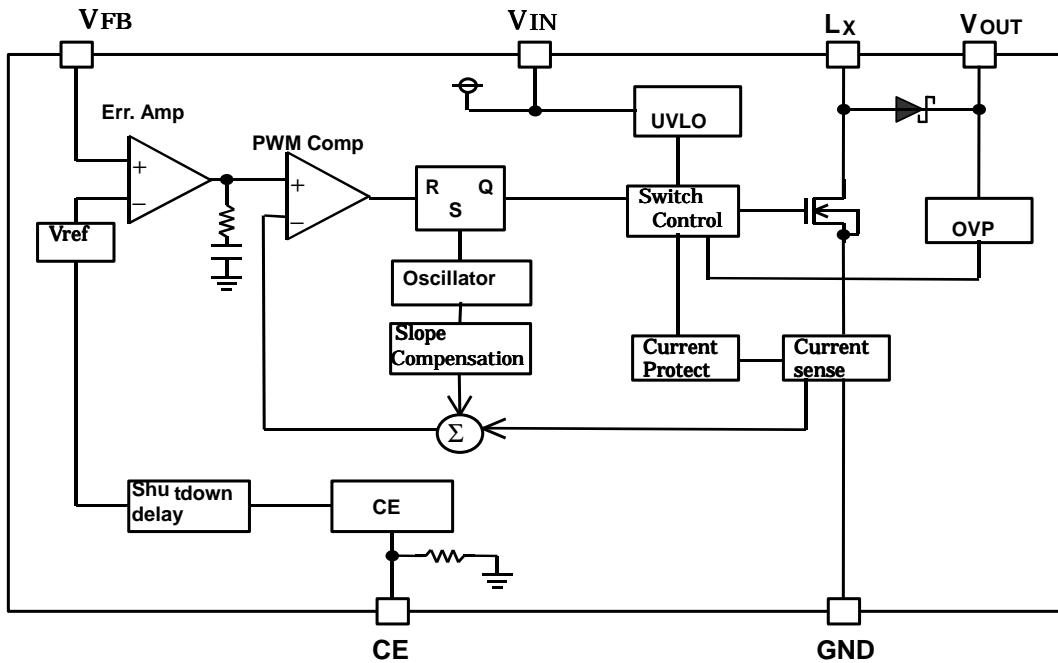
- Operating voltage ..... 1.8V to 5.5V
- Built-in 400mA, 1.5Ω, 20V Nch MOSFET (R1218XXX1A)
- Built-in 400mA, 1.5Ω, 29V Nch MOSFET (R1218XXX2A)
- High Frequency PWM control ..... Oscillator Frequency 1.2MHz
- Maximum Duty Cycle ..... Typ. 91%
- Low Feedback Voltage ..... Typ. 0.2V
- UVLO Threshold Voltage ..... Typ. 1.6V (Hysteresis Typ. 0.1V)
- Lx Current limit Protection ..... Typ. 700mA
- Over Voltage Protection (OVP) Threshold .....
  - ..... Typ. 9.5V(R1218X02XA)
  - ..... Typ. 14.0V(R1218X03XA)
  - ..... Typ. 18.5V(R1218X04XA)
  - ..... Typ. 23.0V(R1218X052A)
  - ..... Typ. 27.5V(R1218X062A)
- LED dimming control ..... by external PWM signal (Frequency 500Hz to 5kHz) to CE pin  
..... by feedback voltage and filtered PWM signal (high frequency)
- Packages ..... SOT23-6 or PLP1820-6

### APPLICATION

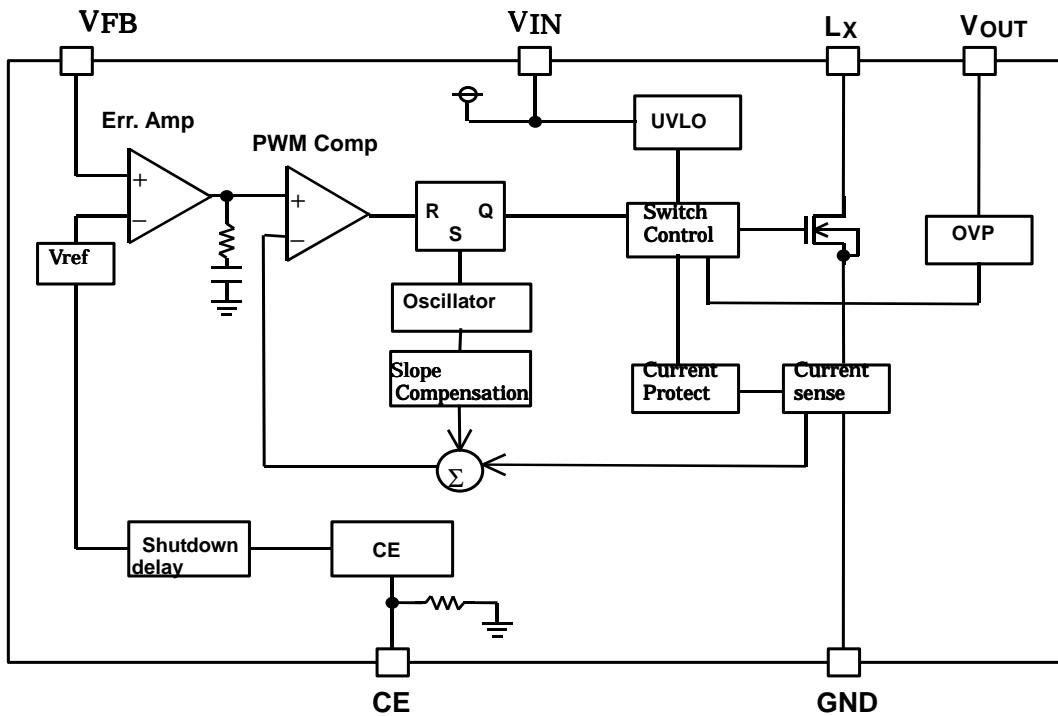
- White LED Backlight for portable equipment

## BLOCK DIAGRAMS

- R1218XXX1A



- R1218XXX2A



## SELECTION GUIDE

The OVP threshold voltage and the package for the ICs can be selected at the user's request. The selection can be available by designating the part number as shown below;

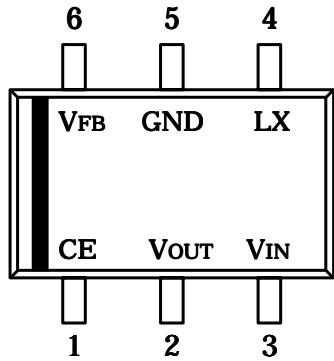
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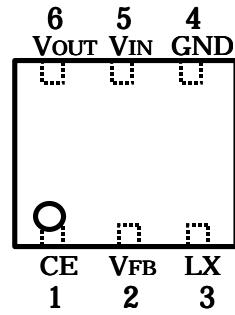
| Code | Descriptions  |
|------|---|
| a    | Designation of the package<br>N: SOT23-6<br>K: PLP1820-6  |
| b    | Designation of OVP threshold and with/without of built-in diode<br>021A: 9.5V with built-in diode<br>031A: 14.0V with built-in diode<br>041A: 18.5V with built-in diode<br>052A: 23.0V without built-in diode<br>062A: 27.5V without built-in diode |
| c    | Taping type (SOT23-6: TR-F, PLP1820-6: TR)  |

## PIN CONFIGURATIONS

- SOT23-6



- PLP1820-6



## PIN DESCRIPTION

- SOT23-6

| Pin No | Symbol | Pin Description                   |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 1      | CE     | Chip Enable Pin                   |
| 2      | VOUT   | Output Voltage                    |
| 3      | VIN    | Power Supply Input Pin            |
| 4      | Lx     | Switching Pin (Open Drain Output) |
| 5      | GND    | Ground Pin                        |
| 6      | VFB    | Feedback Pin                      |

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### • PLP1820-6

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| 2      | VFB    | Feedback Pin                      |
| 3      | Lx     | Switching Pin (Open Drain Output) |
| 4      | GND    | Ground Pin                        |
| 5      | VIN    | Power Supply Input Pin            |
| 6      | VOUT   | Output Voltage                    |

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| Symbol | Item                        | Rating                      |              | Unit |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------|
| VIN    | VIN Pin Voltage             | 6.5                         |              | V    |
| VCE    | CE Pin Voltage              | -0.3 to VIN+0.3             |              | V    |
| VFB    | VFB Pin Voltage             | -0.3 to VIN+0.3             |              | V    |
| VOUT   | VOUT Pin Voltage            | R1218XXX1A                  | -0.3 to 22.0 | V    |
|        |                             | R1218XXX2A                  | -0.3 to 32.0 |      |
| VLX    | Lx Pin Voltage              | R1218XXX1A                  | -0.3 to 22.0 | V    |
|        |                             | R1218XXX2A                  | -0.3 to 32.0 |      |
| ILX    | Lx Pin Current              | 1000                        |              | mA   |
| PD     | Power Dissipation           | R1218NXXXA suspended in air |              | 250  |
|        |                             | R1218KXXXA*Note1            |              | 880  |
| Topt   | Operating Temperature Range | -40 to +85                  |              | °C   |
| Tstg   | Storage Temperature Range   | -55 to 125                  |              | °C   |

(\*Note 1) Mounted on board. Conditions: Board material: FR4 Board Dimensions: 40\*40\*1.6(mm), Double layer, Wiring Ratio=50%(Both sides), Thermal via: 0.54mm\*30pcs, Wind velocity: 0m/s

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### • Common

(Topt=25°C)

| Symbol | Item                    | Conditions                      | MIN. | TYP.       | MAX. | Unit |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------|------------|------|------|
| VIN    | Operating Input Voltage |                                 | 1.8  |            | 5.5  | V    |
| IIN    | Supply Current          | VIN=5.5V, VFB=0V, Lx at no load |      | 0.5        | 1.0  | mA   |
| ISTB   | Standby Current         | VIN=5.5V, VCE=0V                |      | 0.0        | 3.0  | μA   |
| VUVLO1 | UVLO Detector Threshold | VIN falling                     | 1.5  | 1.6        | 1.7  | V    |
| VUVLO2 | UVLO Released Voltage   | VIN rising                      |      | VUVLO1+0.1 | 1.8  | V    |
| VCEH   | CE "H" Input Voltage    | VIN=5.5V                        | 1.5  |            |      | V    |
| VCEL   | CE "L" Input Voltage    | VIN=1.8V                        |      |            | 0.5  | V    |
| RCE    | CE Pull Down Resistance | VIN=3.6V                        | 600  | 1200       | 1600 | kΩ   |
| Tshudn | CE Shutdown Delay       | VIN=3.6V                        |      | 10         |      | ms   |

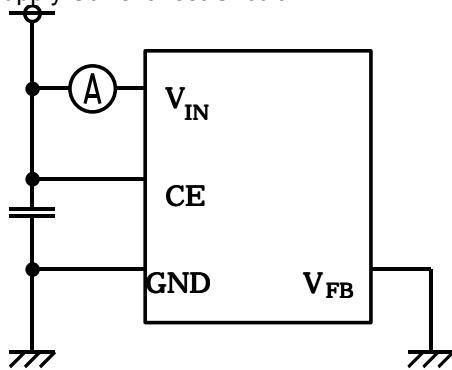
| Symbol                   | Item                                | Conditions   |                      | MIN. | TYP.       | MAX. | Unit                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| VFB                      | VFB Voltage Tolerance               | VIN=3.6V   |                      | 0.19 | 0.20       | 0.21 | V                       |
| $\Delta V_{FB}/\Delta T$ | VFB Voltage Temperature Coefficient | VIN=3.6V, $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq \text{T}_{\text{opt}} \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$ |                      |      | $\pm 150$  |      | ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| I <sub>FB</sub>          | VFB Input Current                   | VIN=5.5V, V <sub>FB</sub> =0V or 5.5V  |                      | -0.1 |            | 0.1  | $\mu\text{A}$           |
| R <sub>ON</sub>          | Switch On Resistance                | VIN=3.6V, I <sub>SW</sub> =100mA   |                      |      | 1.5        |      | $\Omega$                |
| I <sub>OFF</sub>         | Switch Leakage Current              | R1218XXX1A   | V <sub>LX</sub> =20V |      | 0.0        | 3.0  | $\mu\text{A}$           |
|                          |                                     | R1218XXX2A   | V <sub>LX</sub> =29V |      | 0.0        | 3.0  | $\mu\text{A}$           |
| I <sub>LIM</sub>         | Switch Current Limit                | VIN=3.6V   |                      | 400  | 700        | 1000 | mA                      |
| f <sub>osc</sub>         | Oscillator Frequency                | VIN=3.6V, V <sub>OUT</sub> =V <sub>FB</sub> =0V                                    |                      | 1000 | 1200       | 1400 | kHz                     |
| Maxduty                  | Maximum Duty Cycle                  | VIN=3.6V, V <sub>OUT</sub> =V <sub>FB</sub> =0V                                    |                      | 86   | 91         |      | %                       |
| VOVP1                    | OVP Detector Threshold              | VIN=3.6V<br>V <sub>OUT</sub> rising  | R1218X021A           | 8.5  | 9.5        | 10.5 | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X031A           | 13.0 | 14.0       | 15.0 | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X041A           | 17.0 | 18.5       | 20.0 | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X052A           | 21.5 | 23.0       | 24.5 | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X062A           | 26.0 | 27.5       | 29.0 | V                       |
| VOVP2                    | OVP Released Voltage                | VIN=3.6V<br>V <sub>OUT</sub> falling   | R1218X021A           |      | VOVP1-0.5  |      | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X031A           |      | VOVP1-0.75 |      | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X041A           |      | VOVP1-1.0  |      | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X052A           |      | VOVP1-1.25 |      | V                       |
|                          |                                     |  | R1218X062A           |      | VOVP1-1.5  |      | V                       |

- R1218XXX1A

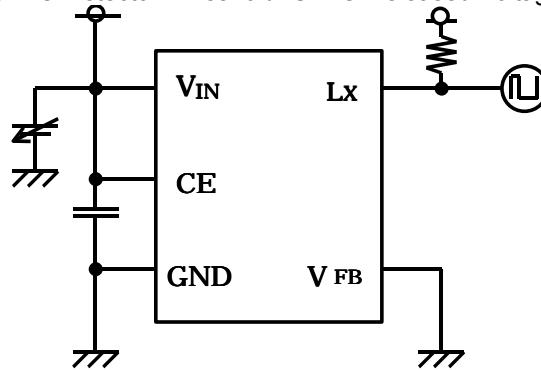
| Symbol         | Item                  | Conditions                                 | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | Unit          |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|------|------|------|---------------|
| V <sub>F</sub> | Diode Forward Voltage | I <sub>DIODE</sub> =100mA                  |      | 0.8  |      | V             |
| I <sub>R</sub> | Diode Leakage Current | V <sub>OUT</sub> =20V, V <sub>LX</sub> =0V |      | 10   |      | $\mu\text{A}$ |

## TEST CIRCUITS

Supply Current Test Circuit

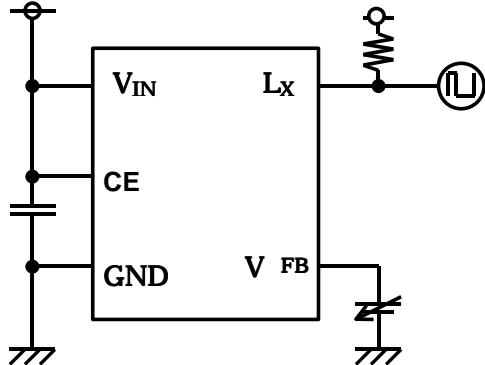


UVLO Detector Threshold/ UVLO Released Voltage

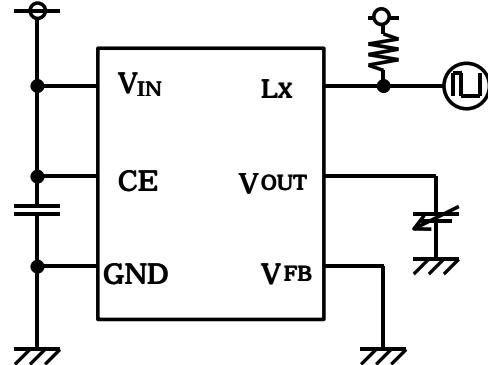


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**VFB Voltage, Oscillator Frequency, Maximum Duty Test Circuit**

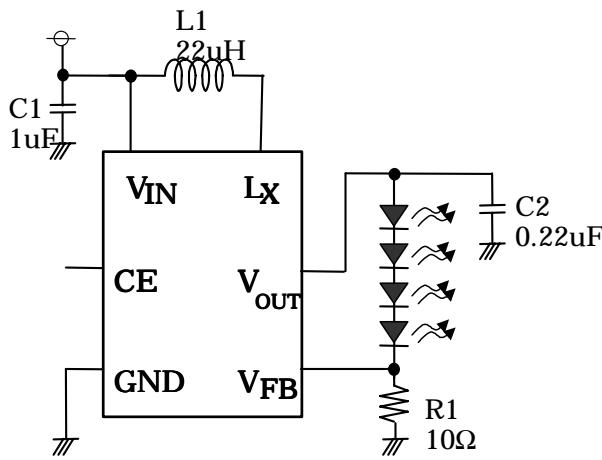


**OVP Detector Threshold, OVP Released Voltage Test Circuit**

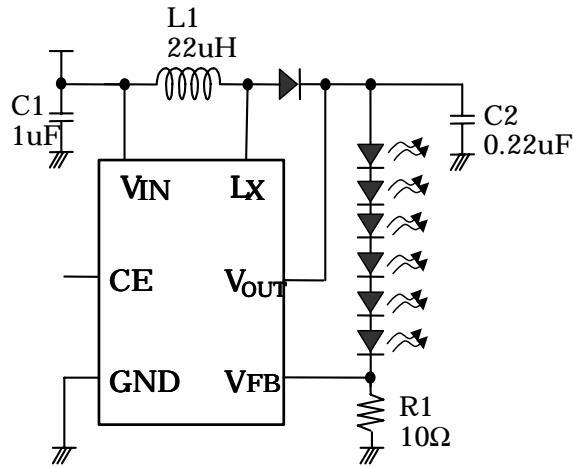


## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

**R1218X041A**



**R1218X062A**



### • LED Current setting

LED current can be set with feedback resistor(R1)  
 $I_{LED} = V_{FB}/R_1$

### • LED Dimming Control, Softstart

(1) LED dimming control by PWM signal to CE pin

LED dimming control is possible by forcing PWM signal to CE pin. When the power-on or start up with CE pin, softstart function works, however, after that, if the CE pin is set as "L" and set CE pin "H" again during the shutdown delay time, softstart function is disabled and starts up fast to normal mode, therefore 200Hz to 5kHz PWM signal is standard. By the CE pin input, LED turns on and off. Average LED current varies depending on the duty cycle of CE input. Too high frequency PWM signal is not effective because of its delay.

(2) Dimming control by DC voltage

LED dimming control is also possible by using the DC voltage to VFB pin. LED current is adjustable by DC voltage and resistors, R1 and R2 in the figure 4.

$I_{LED} = (DC-0.2)/R2-0.2/R1$

(3) Dimming control by feedback voltage and filtered PWM signal

LED dimming control is also possible by using the feedback voltage and filtered PWM signal. LED current is adjustable according to the "H" level (VH) and "L" level (VL) of PWM signal and resistors, R1, R2, R3, and R4 in the figure 5. Duty

=0% to 100% PWM signal duty cycle can be used up to the maximum LED current and minimum LED current as in the next formulas.

$$I_{LEDMIN} = (0.2 \cdot R2 \cdot (VH - 0.2) / (R3 + R4)) / R1$$

$$I_{LEDMAX} = (0.2 \cdot R2 \cdot (VL - 0.2) / (R3 + R4)) / R1$$

For example, supposed that the PWM signal level is set as 2.5V/0V, to adjust the LED current range from 0mA to 20mA by the duty cycle, our recommendation external components values are, R1=10Ω, R2=5.1kΩ, R3=51kΩ, R4=5.1kΩ or around.

C3 should be set large enough to regard the PWM signal as adjustable DC voltage by the filter. In this method, higher frequency control than the frequency against the CE pin can be used for dimming control. For example, if the frequency is 40kHz, 0.1μF or more capacitor is our recommendation value as C3.

Figure 3. Dimming control by CE pin input

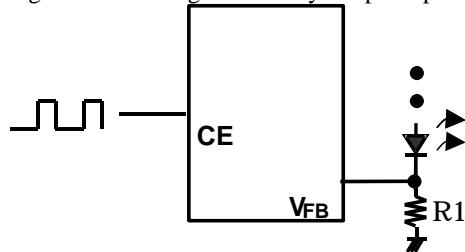


Figure 4. Dimming control by DC voltage

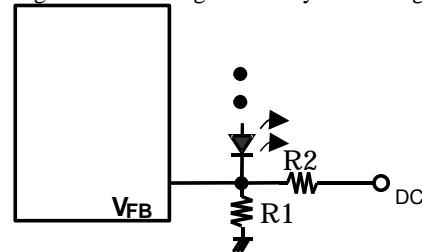
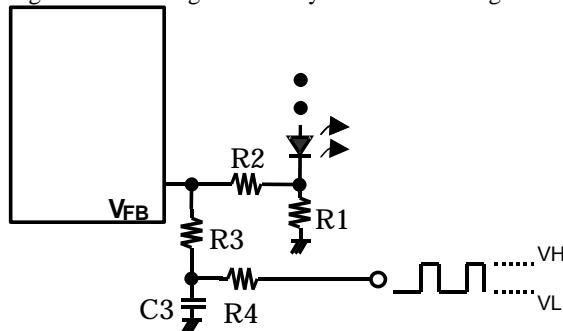


Figure 5. Dimming control by filtered PWM signal



### • Selection of Inductors

The peak current of the inductor at normal mode can be calculated as next formula:

$$ILxpeak = 1.25 \times I_{LED} \times V_{OUT} / V_{IN} + 0.5 \times V_{IN} \times (V_{OUT} - V_{IN}) / (L \times V_{OUT} \times f_{OSC})$$

When the start-up or dimming control by CE pin, transient current flows, the peak current must be equal or less than the current limit of the IC. The peak current should not beyond the rating current of the inductor. For example, for 4 serial LED drive from  $V_{IN}=3.6V$ , recommendation value of the inductor is 10uH or more.

### • Selection of Capacitors

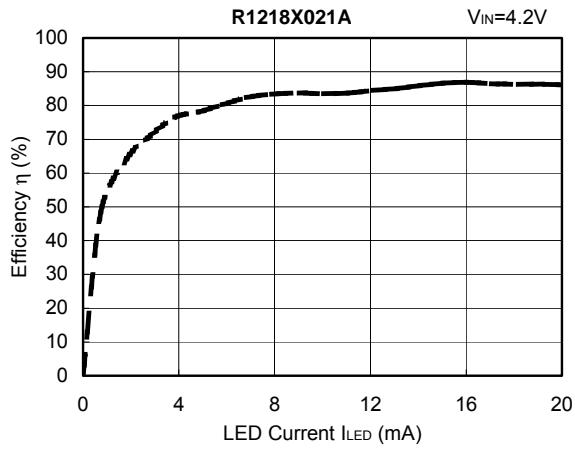
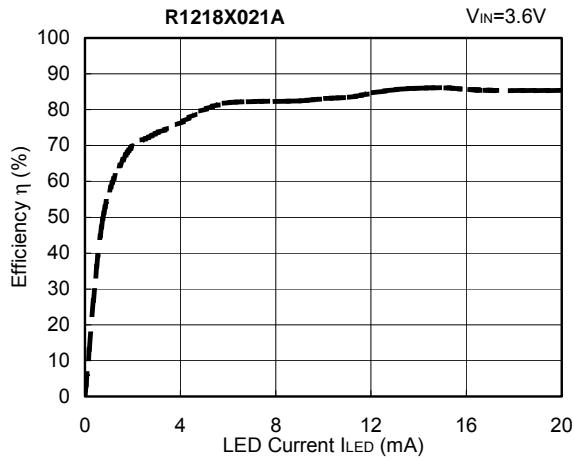
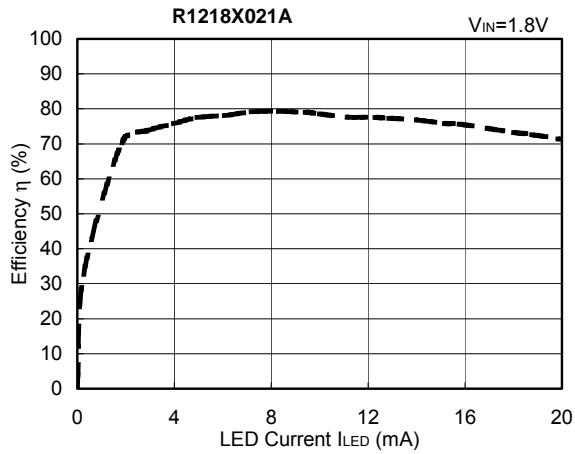
Set 1μF or more value bypass capacitor between  $V_{IN}$  pin and the GND like C1 as in the figure above as close as possible to the IC.

Set 0.22μF or more capacitor between  $V_{OUT}$  and the GND like C2 as in the figure above.

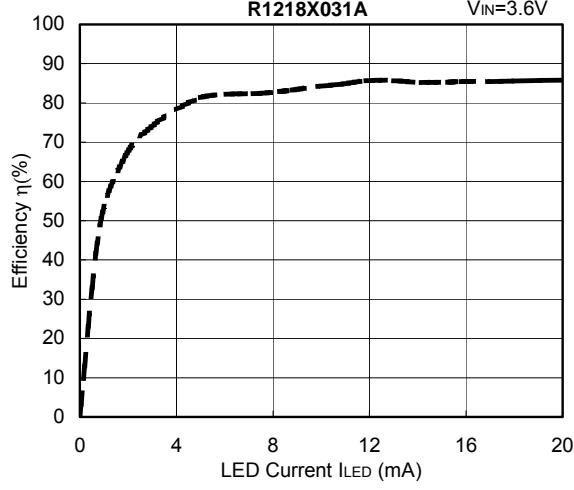
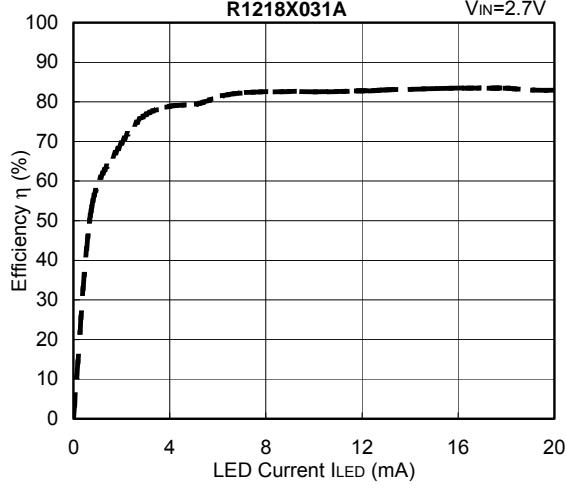
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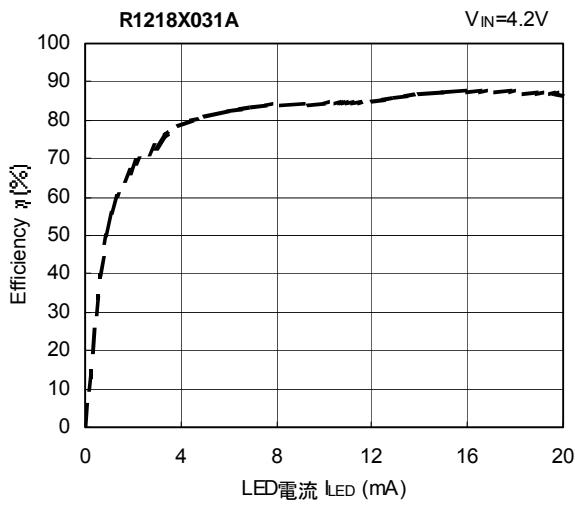
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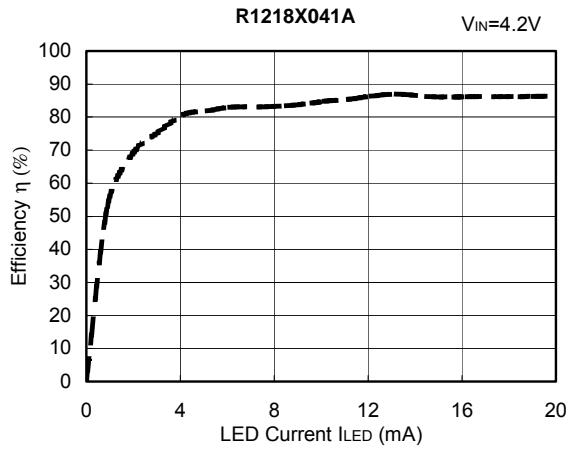
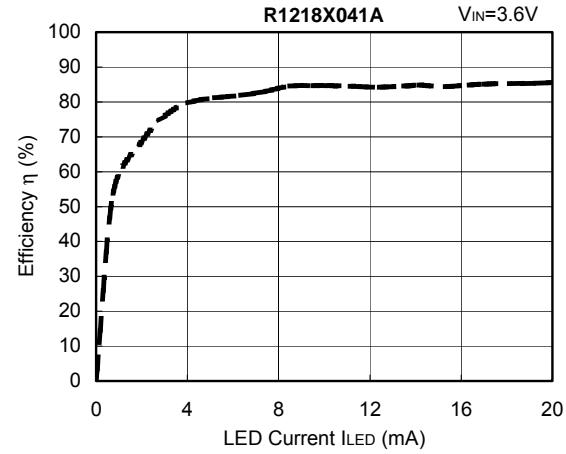
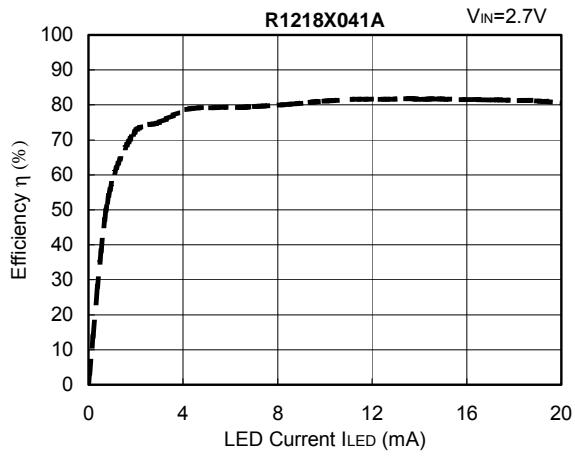


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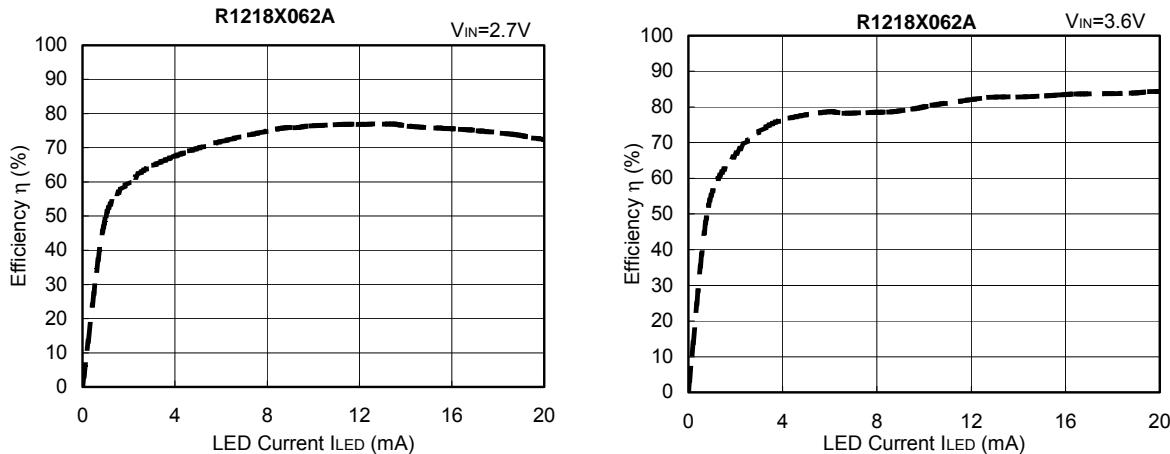


3. Efficiency vs. ILED (4 LED ) L: LQH32CN220,  $T_{opt}=25^{\circ}C$



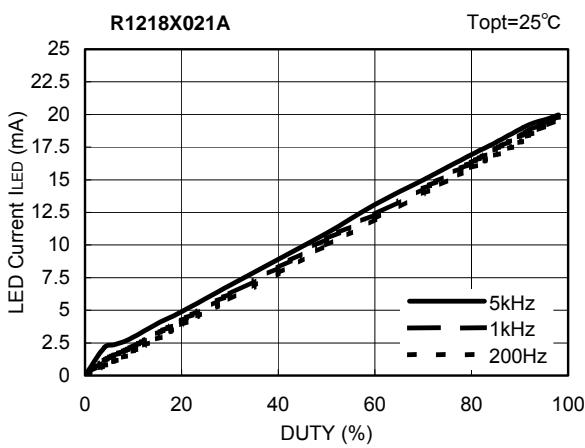
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### 4. Efficiency vs. I<sub>LED</sub> (6LED) L: LQH32CN220, Diode: CRS02

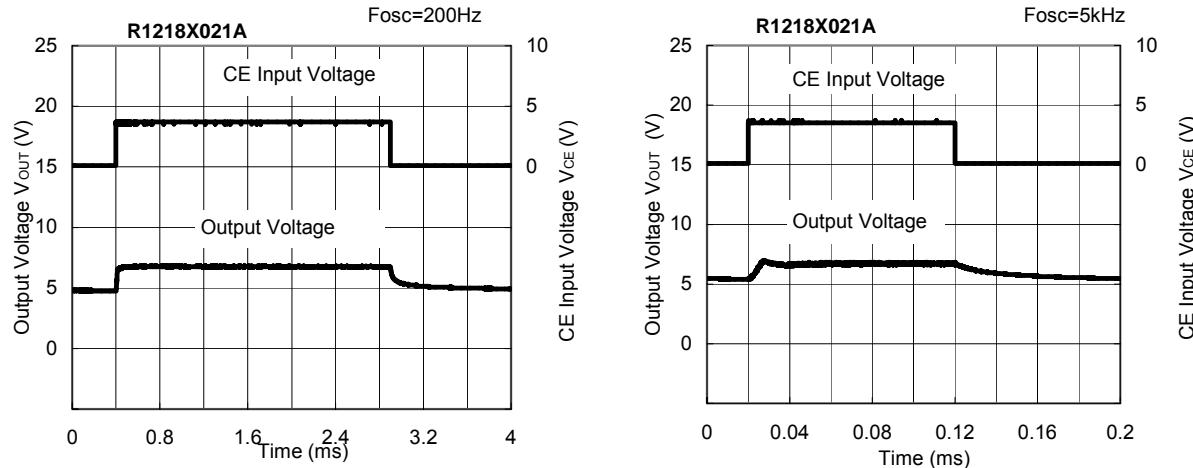


### 5. PWM Dimming Control (2 LED) $V_{IN}=3.6V$ , $R_1=10\Omega$

#### 5-1. Duty vs. LED current

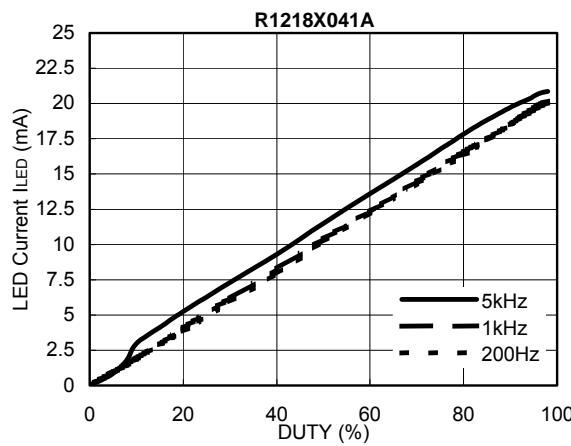


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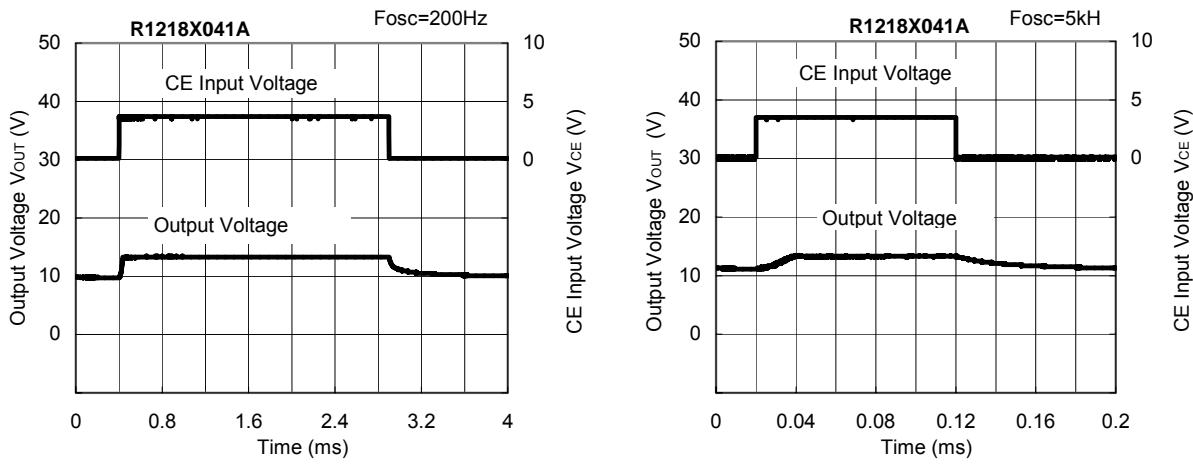


### 6. PWM Dimming Control (4 LED) $V_{IN}=3.6\text{V}$ , $R_1=10\Omega$

#### 6-1. Duty vs. LED Current ( $T_{opt}=25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

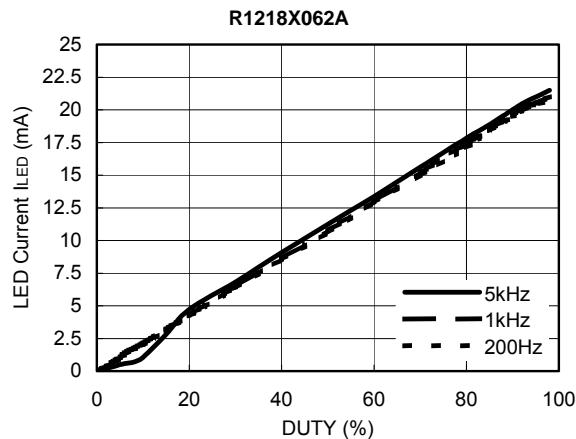


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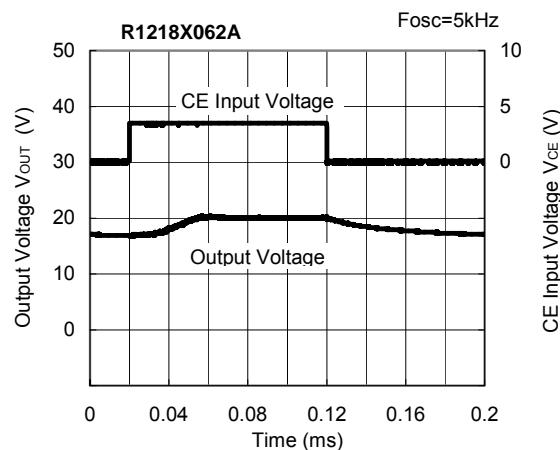
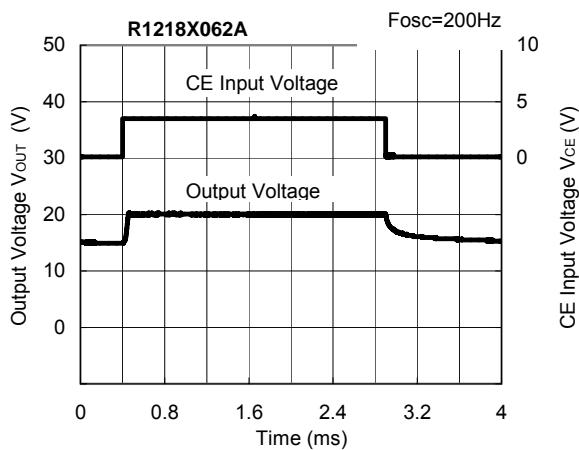


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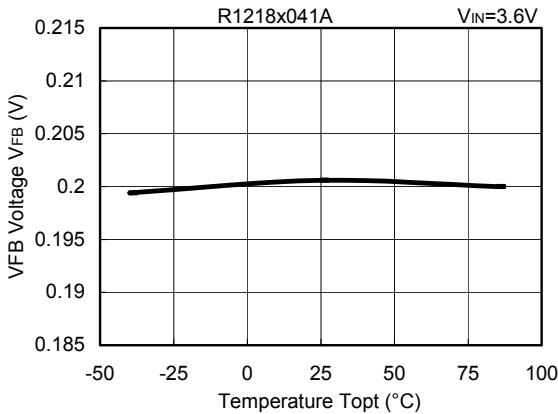
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**7-1. Duty vs. LED Current ( $T_{opt}=25^\circ C$ )**



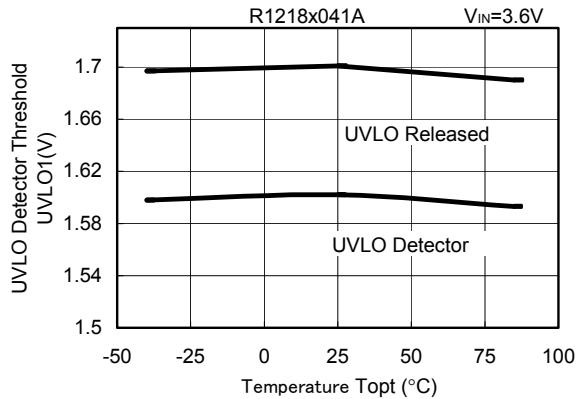
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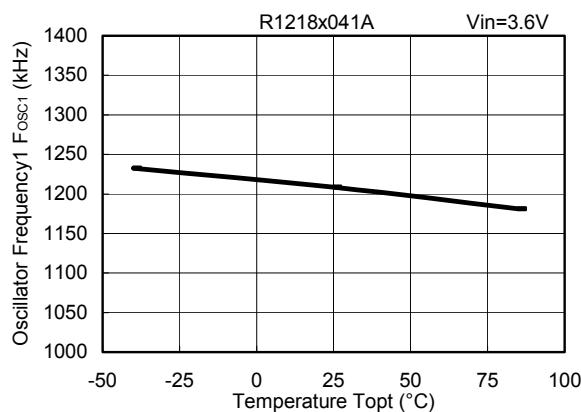
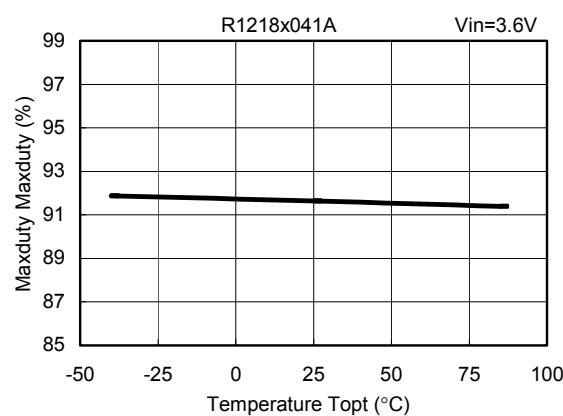
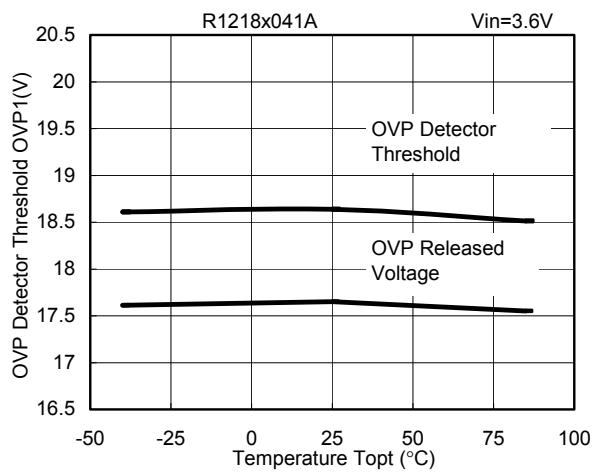
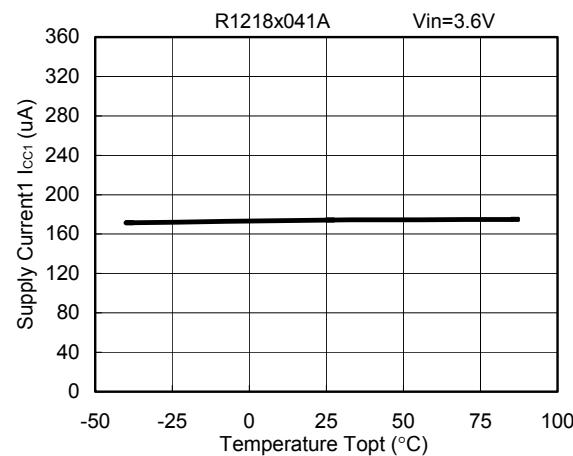
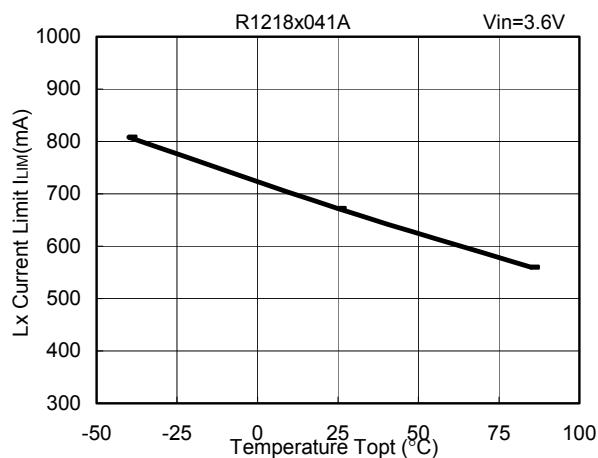


**8. VFB Voltage vs. Temperature**



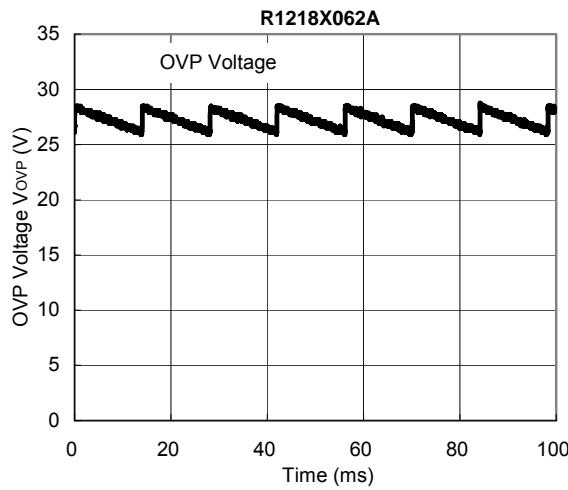
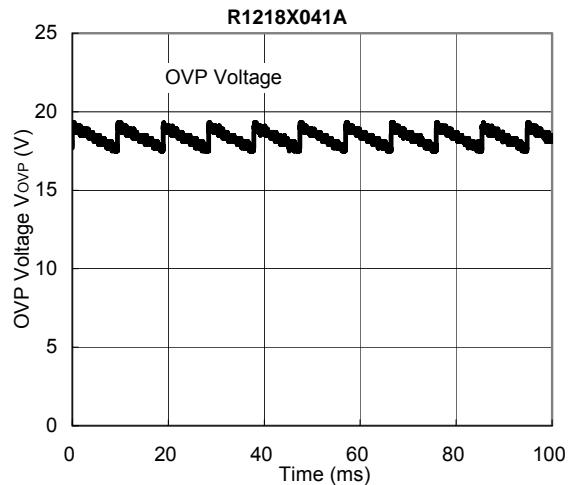
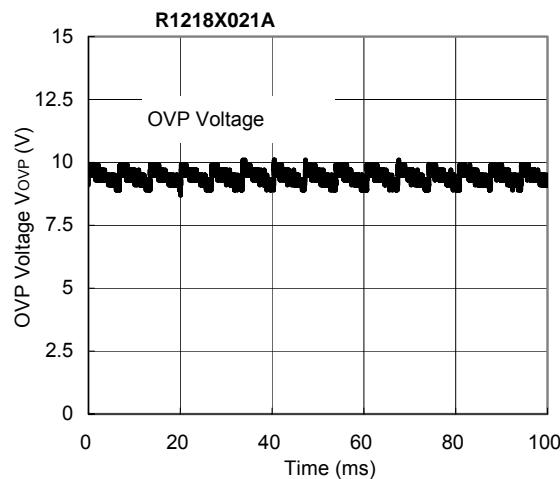
**9. UVLO Detector Threshold/Released Voltage vs. Temperature**



**10. Oscillator Frequency vs. Temperature****11. Maximum duty cycle vs. Temperature****12. OVP Detector Threshold/Released Voltage vs. Temperature****13. Supply Current vs. Temperature****14. LX Current Limit vs. Temperature**

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### 15. OVP Transient Response ( $T_{opt}=25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



### 16. Efficiency dependence on inductors

