

25-40W, Single Output, DC/DC Converters





Features

- Higher operating temperatures
- Fully potted
- Designed to meet UL1950 and EN60950-1 (basic insulation)
- **(€** mark available (75V-input models)
- Fully isolated, 1500Vdc guaranteed
- 25/30/35/40W output power
- Standard pinout! Smaller size!
- New 2" x 3" package fits 3" x 3" footprint
- 5V, 12V or 15V outputs
- Four input voltage ranges:
 10-36V, 18-36V
 18-75V, 36-75V
- High efficiency (to 85%)
- Input under and overvoltage lockout
- Vout trim and on/off control
- Modifications and customs for OEM's

DATEL's UMP Models are fully potted, 25-40 Watt DC/DC converters designed to meet UL1950 and EN60950-1 safety standards. The combination of the UMP's higher efficiencies and thermally conductive potting compound enables these devices to achieve higher operating temperatures without derating. The 2" x 3" UMP "footprint" conforms with the standard pinout and pin geometries of most 3" x 3" devices (a 33% space savings) while delivering as much as 60% more power (40W vs. 25W).

Applicable to a wide range of telecom, computer and other OEM applications, UMP Model DC/DC's operate from four input voltage ranges (10-36V for "Q12" models, 18-36V for "D24" models, 18-75V for "Q48" models, and 36-75V for "D48" models). Available output voltages are 5, 12 and 15 Volts.

For reliability and affordability, DATEL exploits contemporary, high-speed, automatic assembly to construct the UMP's traditional, field-proven, SMT-on-pcb designs. Devices employ corrosion-resistant metal cases with plastic headers. Heat generating transformer cores and power semiconductors are mounted directly to the cases, which have threaded inserts for add-on heat sinks or pcb mounting. Devices are specified for –40 to +100°C operation and derating information is provided for operation with/without heat sinks and forced air flow.

All devices feature input pi filters, input undervoltage and overvoltage shutdown, output overvoltage protection, output current limiting, and thermal shutdown. UL, CSA, EN and IEC compliance testing is currently in progress (75V-input devices will be CE marked) as are full EMI/EMC characterizations. Contact DATEL for the latest available information.

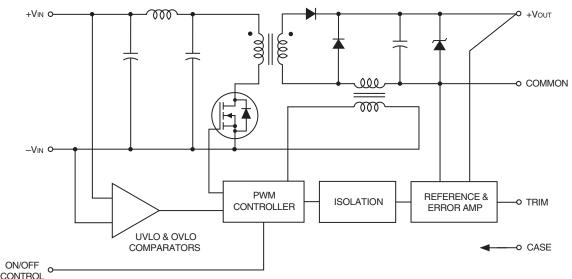


Figure 1. Simplified Schematic





Typical topology is shown



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Performance Specifications and Ordering Guide ^①

	Output					Input					D. dans	
	Vout	Іоит	R/N (m	Vp-p) ②	Regulati	on (Max.)	VIN Nom.	Range	lin ④	Efficiency		Package (Case,
Model	(Volts)	(Amps)	Тур.	Max.	Line	Load 3	(Volts)	(Volts)	(mA)	Min.	Тур.	Pinout)
UMP-5/5-Q12	5	5	75	100	±0.5%	±1%	24	10-36	50/1366	77%	79%	C11, P14
UMP-5/6-Q48	5	6	80	110	±0.5%	±1%	48	18-75	25/799	79%	80%	C11, P14
UMP-5/7-D24	5	7	75	100	±0.5%	±1%	24	18-36	25/1796	82%	83%	C11, P14
UMP-5/8-D48	5	8	75	100	±0.5%	±1%	48	36-75	25/1026	82%	84%	C11, P14
UMP-12/2.1-Q12	12	2.1	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	24	10-36	50/1326	80%	82%	C11, P14
UMP-12/2.5-Q48	12	2.5	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	48	18-75	30/770	82%	83%	C11, P14
UMP-12/3-D24	12	3	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	24	18-36	25/1825	82%	84%	C11, P14
UMP-12/3.3-D48	12	3.3	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	48	36-75	25/1004	83%	85%	C11, P14
UMP-15/1.7-Q12	15	1.7	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	24	10-36	50/1341	80%	82%	C11, P14
UMP-15/2-Q48	15	2	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	48	18-75	30/770	82%	83%	C11, P14
UMP-15/2.5-D24	15	2.5	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	24	18-36	25/1879	83%	84%	C11, P14
UMP-15/2.65-D48	15	2.65	100	150	±0.5%	±1%	48	36-75	25/1008	83%	85%	C11, P14

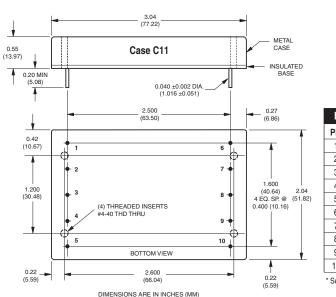
- \odot Typical at T_A = +25°C under nominal line voltage and full-load conditions unless otherwise noted.
- ② Ripple/Noise (R/N) measured over a 20MHz bandwidth.
- 3 10 to 100% load.
- Nominal line voltage, no-load/full-load conditions.

PART NUMBER STRUCTURE U MP - 5 / 8 - D48 C RoHS-6 **Output Configuration: U** = Unipolar compliant* Q12 = 10-36 Volts (24V nominal) **Fully Potted Metal Package D24** = 18-36 Volts (24V nominal) **Q48** = 18-75 Volts (48V nominal) **Nominal Output Voltage: D48** = 36-75 Volts (48V nominal) 5, 12 or 15 Volts **Maximum Output Current** * Contact Murata Power Solutions (Datel) for availability. in Amps

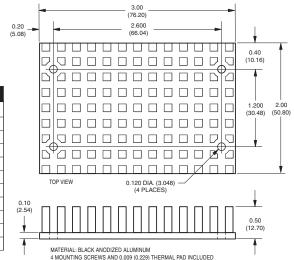
OUTPUT POWER CONSIDERATIONS

UMP Model DC/DC Converters are classified, by output power, into 25, 30, 35 and 40 Watt devices. For the single-output devices listed above, the maximum available output power is the product of the nominal output voltage and the maximum allowable output current indicated within the part number (see Part Number Structure). A UMP-5/6-Q48, for example, can source 6 Amps from its 5V output (over its entire 18-75V input voltage range) delivering an output power of 30 Watts. A UMP-5/8-D48 can deliver 40 Watts.

MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS



I/O Connections Pin Function P14 No Pin 2 -Input 3 +Input 4 Case 5 On/Off Control* 6 No Pin 7 No Pin 8 Common 9 +Vout 10 Trim * See note 3 on next page



Optional Heat Sink Kit (Part Number HS-23 < non-RoHS> or HS-23-C < RoHS>)

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Performance/Functional Specifications

Typical @ TA = +25°C under nominal line volta	ge and fall load conditions, affices floted.			
	Input			
Input Voltage Range:				
Q12 Models	10-36 Volts (24V nominal)			
D24 Models	18-36 Volts (24V nominal)			
Q48 Models	18-75 Volts (48V nominal)			
D48 Models	36-75 Volts (48V nominal)			
Undervoltage Lockout:	OVelle			
Q12 Models D24 Models	9 Volts 17 Volts			
Q48 Models	17 Volts			
D48 Models	34 Volts			
Input Current	See Ordering Guide			
Input Filter Type ②	Pi			
Overvoltage Shutdown:				
D24 and Q12 Models	40 Volts			
D48 and Q48 Models	80 Volts			
Reverse-Polarity Protection	Yes (Instantaneous, 6A maximum)			
On/Off Control (Pin 5) ③	TTL high (or open) = on, $low = off$			
	Output			
Vout Accuracy (50% load)	±1%, maximum			
Temperature Coefficient	±0.02% per °C			
Ripple/Noise (20MHz BW) ②	See Ordering Guide			
Line/Load Regulation	See Ordering Guide			
Efficiency	See Ordering Guide			
Isolation Voltage	1500Vdc, minimum			
Isolation Capacitance	130pF			
Current Limiting	Continuous, auto-recovery			
Overvoltage Protection	Zener/transorb clamp, magnetic feedback			
	Characteristics			
Dynamic				
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Dynamic Transient Response (50% load step) Switching Frequency	200µsec max. to ±1.5% of final value 165kHz (±10%)			
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- These converters require a minimum 10% output loading to maintain specified regulation. Operation under no-load conditions will not damage these devices; however they may not meet all listed specifications.
- 2 Application-specific input/output filtering can recommended or perhaps added internally upon request. Contact DATEL Applications Engineering for details.
- 3 Applying voltage to the Control pin with no input power applied can damage the converter.
- Listed spec is for input-to-output. Input-to-case and output-to-case isolation is 1000Vdc min.

Absolute Maximum Ratings				
Input Voltage: Q12/D24 Models Q48/D48 Models	44 Volts 88 Volts			
Input Reverse-Polarity Protection	Current must be <6A. Brief duration only. Fusing recommended.			
Output Overvoltage Protection 5V Outputs 12V Outputs 15V Outputs	6.8 Volts, limited duration 15 Volts, limited duration 18 Volts, limited duration			
Output Current	Current limited. Max. current and short-circuit duration are model dependent.			
Storage Temperature	−40 to +105°C			
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10 sec.)	+300°C			
These are stress ratings. Exposure of deversely affect long-term reliability. Proper				

TECHNICAL NOTES

Floating Outputs

Since these are isolated DC/DC converters, their outputs are "floating." Users may ground either the Common (pin 8) for normal usage or the positive side (+Output, pin 9) to effectively reverse the output polarity.

those listed in the Performance/Functional Specifications Table is not implied.

Filtering and Noise Reduction

All UMP 25-40 Watt DC/DC Converters achieve their rated ripple and noise specifications without the use of external input/output capacitors. In critical applications, input/output ripple and noise may be further reduced by installing electrolytic capacitors across the input terminals and/or low-ESR tantalum or electrolytic capacitors across the output terminals. The caps should be located as close to the power converters as possible. Typical values are listed in the tables below. In many applications, using values greater than those listed will yield better results.

To Reduce Input Ripple

Q12/D24 Models 47µF, 50V Q48/D48 Models 10μF, 100V

To Reduce Output Ripple

5V Outputs 47μF, 10V, Low ESR 12/15V Outputs 22µF, 20V, Low ESR

In critical, space-sensitive applications, DATEL may be able to tailor the internal input/output filtering of these devices to meet your specific require-ments. Contact our Applications Engineering Group for additional details.

Input Fusing

Certain applications and/or safety agencies may require the installation of fuses at the inputs of power conversion components. For DATEL UMP DC/DC Converters, you should use slow-blow type fuses with values no greater than the following:

V _{IN} Range	Fuse Value
Q12	4A
D24	4A
Q48	3A
D48	2A



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Temperature Derating and Electrical Performance Curves

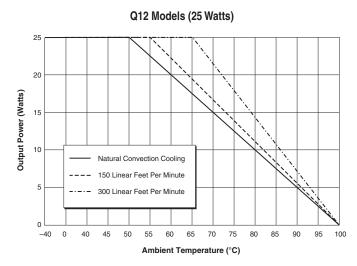


Figure 2a. Temperature Derating Without Heat Sink

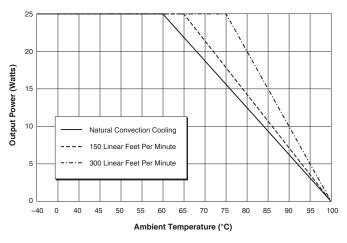


Figure 2b. Temperature Derating With Heat Sink

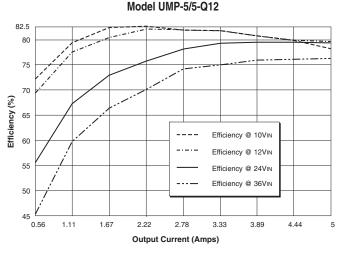


Figure 2c. Efficiency vs. Output Current and Input Voltage

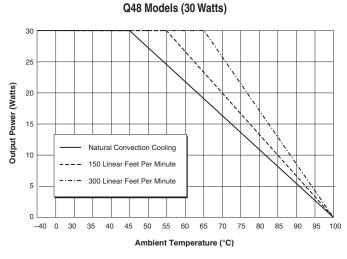


Figure 3a. Temperature Derating Without Heat Sink

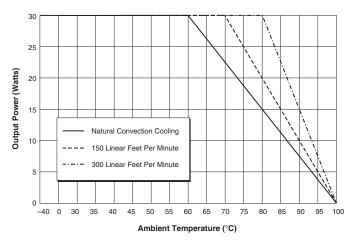


Figure 3b. Temperature Derating With Heat Sink

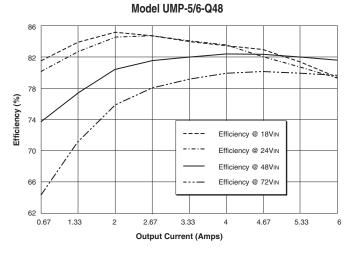


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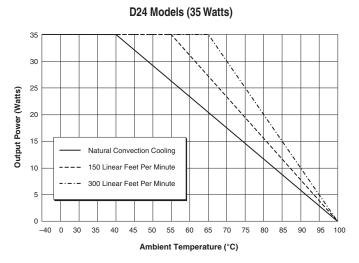


Figure 4a. Temperature Derating Without Heat Sink

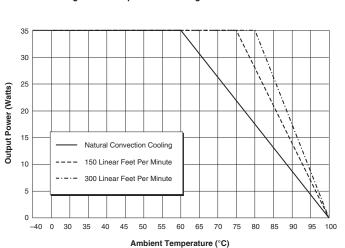


Figure 4b. Temperature Derating With Heat Sink

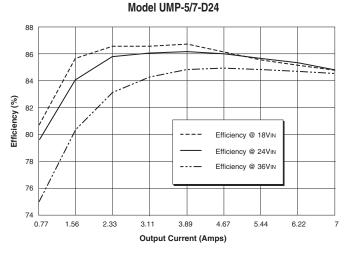


Figure 4c. Efficiency vs. Output Current and Input Voltage

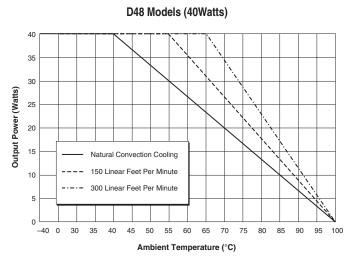


Figure 5a. Temperature Derating Without Heat Sink

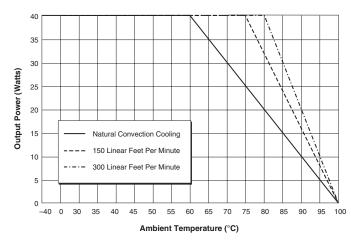


Figure 5b. Temperature Derating With Heat Sink

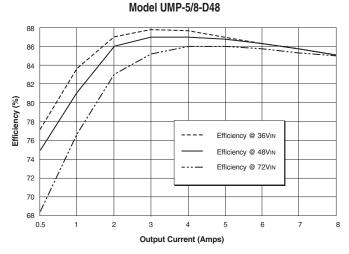


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On/Off Control (Standard)

The On/Off Control pin (pin 5) may be used for remote on/off operation. As shown in Figure 6, the control pin has an internal $10k\Omega$ pull-up resistor to approximately 10V. The converter is designed so that it is enabled when the control pin is left open (normal mode) and disabled when the control pin is pulled low (to less than +0.8V relative to -Input, pin 2).

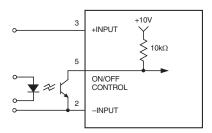


Figure 6. Driving the On/Off Control Pin

Dynamic control of the on/off function is best accomplished with a mechanical relay or an open-collector/open-drain drive circuit (optically isolated if appropriate). The drive circuit should obviously be able to sink approximately 1mA when activated and withstand more than 10 Volts when deactivated.

Applying an external voltage to pin 5 when no input power is applied to the converter can cause permanent damage to the converter. The on/off control function, however, is designed such that the converter can be disabled (pin 5 pulled low) while input power is ramping up and then "released" once the input has stabilized. Under these circumstances, it takes approximately 30ms for the output of the fully loaded DC/DC to ramp up and settle to within $\pm 1\%$ of its final value after the converter has been turned on.

Output Trimming

Vout may be trimmed $\pm 5\%$ via a single trimpot or fixed resistor. The trimpot should be connected between +Output (pin 9) and Common (pin 8) with its wiper connected to pin 10 (Trim). A trimpot can also be used to determine the value of a single fixed resistor which can be connected between pin 10 (Trim) and pin 9 (+Output) to trim "down" the output voltages, or between pins 10 (Trim) and 6 (-Output) to trim "up" the output voltages. Fixed resistors should be metal-film types with absolute TCR's less than 100ppm/°C to ensure stability.

Threaded Inserts and Heatsink Installation

CAUTION: Do not use the threaded inserts to bolt the converter down to a PC board. That will place unnecessary force on the mounting pins. Instead, the converter is held securely by only soldering the mounting pins.

When attaching the heat sink from above the converter, use a maximum torque of <u>2 inch-pounds (0.23 N-m)</u> on the 4-40 bolts to avoid damaging the threaded inserts. Use a tiny amount of fastener adhesive or 4-40 lockwashers to secure the bolts.

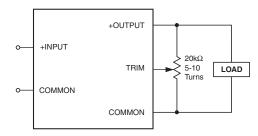


Figure 7. Trim Connections Using a Trimpot

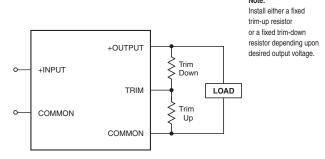


Figure 8. Trim Connections Using Fixed Resistors

Case Connection

Unlike most other DC/DC converters, UMP DC/DC's do not have their metal case connected to one of their input pins. The "uncommitted" case is connected to pin 4 which, depending on your system configuration, should be connected to either +Input (pin 3) or -Input (pin 2).

UMP Trim Resistor Equations

The equations listed below will set the output to a desired voltage using a single fixed trim resistor if you do not prefer to use a potentiometer. Do not exceed $\pm 5\%$ from the nominal output voltage. Trim resistors should have low temperature coefficients, ± 100 ppm/°C or less to ensure stability. Adjustment beyond the specified adjustment range is not recommended. Attach the trim resistors as close as practical to the converter.

To trim the voltage higher than the nominal output, install the resistor between the trim pin and $-Vou\tau$ terminal.

To trim the voltage lower than the nominal output, install the resistor between the trim pin and $+Vou\tau$ terminal.

These equations are a starting point. The final output voltage at the load will vary slightly with load current, distance to the load (and voltage drop), input voltage, ambient temperature, airflow, initial setpoint accuracy and several other variables. For critical applications, you should measure the actual voltage obtained.



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Trim Equations

UMP-5/5-Q12, UMP-5/6-Q48

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{2.49(Vo - 2.522)}{Vo_{NOM} - Vo} - 15$$

$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{6.28}{Vo - Vo_{NOM}} - 15$$

UMP-5/7-D24. UMP-5/8-D48

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{2.49(V_{O} - 2.503)}{V_{O_{NOM}} - V_{O}} - 15$$

$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{6.232}{V_{O} - V_{O_{NOM}}} - 15$$

UMP-12/2.1-Q12

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{9.53(Vo - 2.505)}{Vo_{NOM} - Vo} - 24.3$$

$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{23.873}{Vo - Vo_{NOM}} - 24.3$$

UMP-12/2.5-Q48, UMP-12/3-D24, UMP-12/3.3-D48

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{9.53(V_{O} - 2.497)}{V_{O_{NOM}} - V_{O}} - 24.3$$

$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{23.794}{V_{O} - V_{O_{NOM}}} - 24.3$$

UMP-15/1.7-Q12, UMP-15/2-Q48

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{12.4(Vo - 2.5)}{Vo_{NOM} - Vo} - 27.4$$

$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{30.998}{Vo - Vo_{NOM}} - 27.4$$

UMP-15/2.5-D24

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{12.4(Vo - 2.493)}{Vo_{NOM} - Vo} - 27.4$$

$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{30.909}{Vo - Vo_{NOM}} - 27.4$$

UMP-15/2.65-D48

$$R_{T_{DOWN}}(k\Omega) = \frac{12.4(Vo - 2.507)}{Vo_{NOM} - Vo} - 27.4$$

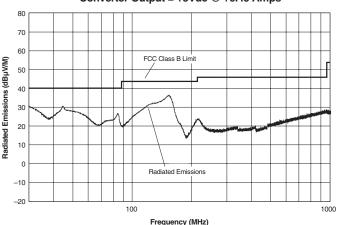
$$R_{T_{UP}}(k\Omega) = \frac{31.087}{Vo - Vo_{NOM}} - 27.4$$

Note: Resistor values are in $k\Omega$. Accuracy of adjustment is subject to tolerances of resistors and factory-adjusted, initial output accuracy. Vo = desired output voltage. $Vo_{NOM} = nominal$ output voltage.

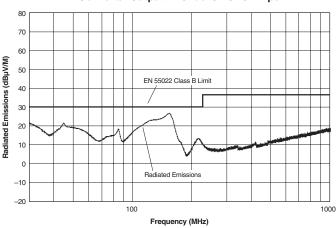
EMI RADIATED EMISSIONS

If you're designing with EMC in mind, please note that all of DATEL's UMP 25-40 Watt DC/DC Converters have been characterized for radiated and conducted emissions in our new EMI/EMC laboratory. Testing is conducted in an EMCO 5305 GTEM test cell utilizing EMCO automated EMC test software. Radiated emissions are tested to the limits of FCC Part 15, Class B and CISPR 22 (EN 55022), Class B. Correlation to other specifications can be supplied upon request. Radiated emissions plots to FCC and CISPR 22 for model UMP-5/8-D48 appear below. Published EMC test reports are available for each model number. Contact DATEL's Applications Engineering Department for more details.

UMP-5/8-D48 Radiated Emissions FCC Part 15 Class B, 3 Meters Converter Output = +5Vdc @ +6.45 Amps



UMP-5/8-D48 Radiated Emissions EN 55022 Class B, 10 Meters Converter Output = +5Vdc @ +6.45 Amps





25-40W, Single Output, DC/DC Converters

Quality and Reliability

These models are the latest DC/DC Converters to emerge from DATEL's new, company-wide approach to designing and manufacturing the most reliable power converters available. The five-pronged program draws our Quality Assurance function into all aspects of new-product design, development, characterization, qualification and manufacturing.

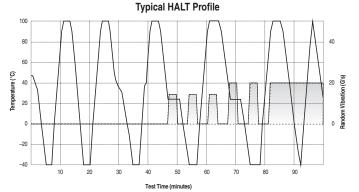
Design for Reliability

Design for Reliability is woven throughout our multi-phased, new-product-development process. Design-for-reliability practices are fully documented and begin early in the new-product development cycle with the following goals:

- 1. To work from an approved components/vendors list ensuring the use of reliable components and the rigorous qualification of new components.
- 2. To design with safety margins by adhering to a strict set of derating guidelines and performing theoretical worst-case analyses.
- 3. To locate potential design weaknesses early in the product-development cycle by using extensive HALT (Highly Accelerated Life Testing).
- 4. To prove that early design improvements are effective by employing a thorough FRACA (Failure Reporting Analysis and Corrective Action) system.

HALT Testing

The goal of the accelerated-stress techniques used by DATEL is to force device maturity, in a short period of time, by exposing devices to excessive levels of "every stimulus of potential value." We use HALT (Highly Accelerated Life Testing) repeatedly during the design and early manufacturing phases to detect potential electrical and mechanical design weaknesses that could result in possible future field failures.



During HALT, prototype and pre-production DC/DC converters are subjected to progressively higher stress levels induced by thermal cycling, rate of temperature change, vibration, power cycling, product-specific stresses (such as dc voltage variation) and combined environments. The stresses are not meant to simulate field environments but to expose any weaknesses in a product's electro/mechanical design and/or assembly processes. The goal of HALT is to make products fail so that device weaknesses can be analyzed and strengthened as appropriate. Applied stresses are continually stepped up until products eventually fail. After corrective actions and/or design changes, stresses are stepped up again and the cycle is repeated until the "fundamental limit of the technology" is determined.

DATEL has invested in a Qualmark OVS-1 HALT tester capable of applying voltage and temperature extremes as well as 6-axis, linear and rotational, random vibration. A typical HALT profile (shown above) consists of thermal cycling (–55 to +125°C, 30°C/minute) and simultaneous, gradually increasing, random longitudinal and rotational vibration up to 20G's with load cycling and applied-voltage extremes added as desired. Many devices in DATEL's new A-Series could not be made to fail prior to reaching either the limits of the HALT chamber or some previously known physical limit of the device. We also use the HALT chamber and its ability to rapidly cool devices to verify their "cold-start" capabilities.



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Qualification

For each new product, electrical performance is verified via a comprehensive characterization process and long-term reliability is confirmed via a rigorous qualification procedure. The qual procedure includes such strenuous tests as thermal shock and 500 hour life. Qual testing is summarized below.

Qualification Testing

Qualification Test	Method/Comments
HALT	DATEL in-house procedure
High Temperature Storage	Max. rated temp., 1,000 hours
Thermal Shock	10 cycles, -55 to +125°C
Temperature/Humidity	+85°C, 85% humidity, 48 hours
Lead Integrity	DATEL in-house procedure
Life Test	+70°C, 500 hours*
Marking Permanency	DATEL in-house procedure
End Point Electrical Tests	Per product specification

^{*} Interim electrical test at 200 hours

In-Line Process Controls and Screening

A combination of statistical sampling and 100% inspection techniques keeps our assembly line under constant control. Parameters such as solder-paste thickness, component placement, cleanliness, etc. are statistically sampled, charted and fine tuned as necessary. Visual inspections are performed by trained operators after pick-and-place, soldering and cleaning operations. Units are 100% electrically tested prior to potting. All devices are temperature cycled, burned-in, hi-pot tested and final-electrical tested prior to external visual examination, packing and shipping.

Rapid Response to Problems

DATEL employs an outstanding corrective-action system to immediately address any detected shortcomings in either products or processes. Whenever our assembly, quality or engineering personnel spot a product/process problem, or if a product is returned with a potential defect, we immediately perform a detailed failure analysis and, if necessary, undertake corrective actions. Over time, this system has helped refine our assembly operation to yield one of the lowest product defect rates in the industry.



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