## Electronic Ballast Controller

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ML4831 is a complete solution for a dimmable, high power factor, high efficiency electronic ballast. Contained in the ML4831 are controllers for "boost" type power factor correction as well as for a dimming ballast.

The Power factor circuit uses the average current sensing method with a gain modulator and over-voltage protection. This system produces power factors of better than 0.99 with low input current THD at $>95 \%$ efficiency. Special care has been taken in the design of the ML4831 to increase system noise immunity by using a high amplitude oscillator, and a current fed multiplier. An over-voltage protection comparator inhibits the PFC section in the event of a lamp out or lamp failure condition.
The ballast section provides for programmable starting scenarios with programmable preheat and lamp out-ofsocket interrupt times. The IC controls lamp output through either frequency modulation using lamp current feedback.

The ML4831 is designed using Micro Linear's SemiStandard tile array technology. Customized versions of this IC, optimized to specific ballast architectures can be made available. Contact Micro Linear or an authorized representative for more information.

## FEATURES

- Complete Power Factor Correction and Dimming Ballast Control on one IC

■ Low Distortion, High Efficiency Continuous Boost, Average Current sensing PFC section

- Programmable Start Scenario for Rapid or Instant Start Lamps
- Lamp Current feedback for Dimming Control
- Variable Frequency dimming and starting
- Programmable Restart for lamp out condition to reduce ballast heating
- Over-Temperature Shutdown replaces external heat sensor for safety
■ PFC Over-Voltage comparator eliminates output "runaway" due to load removal
- Large oscillator amplitude and gain modulator improves noise immunity

BLOCK DIAGRAM


## ML4831

18-Pin DIP (P18)


## PIN DESCRIPTION

$\left.\begin{array}{cll}\text { PIN\# NAME } & \text { FUNCTION } \\ \hline 1 & \text { EA OUT } & \begin{array}{l}\text { PFC Error Amplifier output and } \\ \text { compensation node }\end{array} \\ 2 & \text { IA OUT } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Output and compensation node of the } \\ \text { PFC average current transconductance } \\ \text { amplifier. }\end{array} \\ 3 & \text { I(SINE) } & \begin{array}{l}\text { PFC gain modulator input. } \\ 4\end{array} \text { IA+ }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Non-inverting input of the PFC } \\ \text { average current transconductance } \\ \text { amplifier and peak current sense point } \\ \text { of the PFC cycle by cycle current limit } \\ \text { comparator. }\end{array}\right\}$

| PIN\# NAME | FUNCTION |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 8 | R(T)C(T) | Oscillator timing components <br> 9 |
| INTERRUPT | Input used for lamp-out detection and <br> restart. A voltage greater than 7.5 volts <br> resets the chip and causes a restart <br> after a programmable interval. |  |
| 10 | R(X)/C(X) | Sets the timing for the preheat, <br> dimming lockout, and interrupt |
| 11 | GND | Ground |
| 12 | PGND | Power ground for the IC |
| 13 | OUT B | Ballast MOSFET drive output <br> 14 |
| Ballast MOSFET drive output |  |  |

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Absolute maximum ratings are those values beyond which the device could be permanently damaged. Absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only and functional device operation is not implied.
Supply Current (ICC) 75 mA
Output Current, Source or Sink (Pins 13, 14, 15)
DC..
. 250 mA
(capacitive load per cycle) .............. 1.5 mJ
Gain Modulator I(SINE) Input (Pin 3) ...................... 10 mA
Analog Inputs (Pins 5, 9, 18) ............... -0.3 V to VCC -2 V
Pin 4 input voltage
.. -3 V to 2 V
Maximum Forced Voltage (Pins 1, 6) ................. 0.3 V to 7.7 V
Maximum Forced Current (Pins 1, 2, 6) ................ $\pm 20 \mathrm{~mA}$
Maximum Forced Voltage (Pin 2) .................. -0.3 V to 6 V
Junction Temperature .............................................. $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Storage Temperature Range ..................... $-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Lead Temperature (Soldering 10 Sec.) ...................... $260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{\mathrm{JA}}$ )
Plastic DIP-P
$70^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}$

## OPERATING CONDITIONS

Temperature Range
ML4831C
$0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{SET})=31.6 \mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{T})=16.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega, \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{T})=1.5 \mathrm{nF}, \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}=$ Junction Operating Temperature Range, $\underline{I_{C C}=25 \mathrm{~mA}}$

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PFC Current Sense Amplifier (Pins 2, 4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small Signal Transconductance |  | 130 | 200 | 270 | $\mu \mathrm{mhos}$ |
| Input Voltage Range |  | -0.3 |  | 3.5 | V |
| Output Low | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{SINE}}=0 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{PIN} 1}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{PIN} 4}=-0.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=\infty \end{aligned}$ |  | 0.2 | 0.4 | V |
| Output High | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=1.5 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 18 / 4}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=\infty$ | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6 | V |
| Source Current | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=1.5 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 18 / 4}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 2}=5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | -0.3 |  | mA |
| Sink Current | $\begin{aligned} & I_{\text {SINE }}=0 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN2 }}=0.3 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & V_{\text {PIN4 }}=-0.3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 1}=0 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ |  | 0.3 |  | mA |

PFC Voltage Feedback Amplifier (Pins 1, 18)/Lamp Current Amplifier (Pins 5, 6)

| Input Offset Voltage |  |  | $\pm 3.0$ | $\pm 10.0$ | mV |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Input Bias Current |  |  | -0.3 | -1.0 | $\mu \mathrm{~A}$ |
| Small Signal Transconductance |  | 50 | 80 | 110 | $\mu \mathrm{mhos}$ |
| Input Voltage Range |  | -0.3 |  | 3.5 | V |
| Output Low | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {PIN5/18 }}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=\infty$ |  | 0.2 | 0.4 | V |
| Output High | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {PIN5/18 }}=2 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{L}}=\infty$ | 7.2 | 7.5 |  | V |
| Source Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {PIN5/18 }}=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN1/6 }}=7 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | -0.2 |  | mA |
| Sink Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {PIN5/18 }}=5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN1/6 }}=0.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 0.2 | mA |  |

## Gain Modulator

| Output Voltage | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=100 \mu \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 1}=3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 40 |  | mV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=300 \mu \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 1}=3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 130 |  | mV |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=100 \mu \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 1}=6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 112 |  | mV |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=300 \mu \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 1}=6 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 350 |  | mV |
| Output Voltage Limit | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=1.5 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN18 }}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 865 |  | mV |
| Offset Voltage | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=0, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN1 }}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 15 | mV |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=150 \mu \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN18 }}=3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  | 15 | mV |
| I(SINE) Input Voltage | $\mathrm{I}_{\text {SINE }}=200 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.8 | V |

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oscillator |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial accuracy | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 72 | 76 | 80 | kHz |
| Voltage stability | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-3 \mathrm{~V}<\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}<\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 1 |  | \% |
| Temperature stability |  |  | 2 |  | \% |
| Total Variation | Line, temperature | 69 |  | 83 | kHz |
| Ramp Valley to Peak |  |  | 2.5 |  | V |
| C(T) Charging Current (FM Modes) | $\begin{aligned} & V_{\text {PIN5 }}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN8 }}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & V_{\text {PIN10 }}=0.9 \mathrm{~V} \text { (Preheat) } \end{aligned}$ |  | -78 |  | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & V_{\text {PIN } 5}=3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\text {PIN } 8}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}, \\ & V_{\text {PIN10 }}=\text { Open } \end{aligned}$ |  | -156 |  | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
| C(T) Discharge Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {PIN } 8}=2.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 5 |  | mA |
| Output Drive Deadtime |  |  | 0.75 |  | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |

## Reference Section

| Output Voltage | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{O}}=1 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | V |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Line regulation | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-3 \mathrm{~V}<\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}<\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 2 | 10 | mV |
| Load regulation | $1 \mathrm{~mA}<\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{O}}<20 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 2 | 15 | mV |
| Temperature stability |  |  | 0.4 |  | $\%$ |
| Total Variation | Line, load, temp | 7.35 |  | 7.65 | V |
| Output Noise Voltage | 10 Hz to 10 KHz |  | 50 | $\mu \mathrm{~V}$ |  |
| Long Term Stability | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}=125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1000 \mathrm{hrs}$ | 5 | mV |  |  |
| Short Circuit Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}<\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-0.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{REF}}=0 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | -40 | mA |  |

Preheat and Interrupt Timer (Pin 10) $(R(X)=590 K \Omega, C(X)=5.6 \mu \mathrm{~F})$

| Initial Preheat Period |  |  | 0.8 |  | s |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subsequent Preheat Period |  |  | 0.7 |  | s |
| Start Period |  |  | 2.1 |  | s |
| Interrupt Period |  |  | 6.3 |  | s |
| Pin 10 Charging Current |  |  | -19 |  | $\mu \mathrm{~A}$ |
| Pin 10 Open Circuit Voltage | $\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}=12.3 \mathrm{~V}$ in UVLO | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.1 | V |
| Pin 10 Maximum Voltage |  | 7.0 | 7.3 | 7.7 | V |
| Input Bias Current | $V_{\text {PIN10 }}=1.2 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | -0.2 |  | $\mu \mathrm{~A}$ |
| Preheat Lower Threshold |  |  | 1.18 |  | V |
| Preheat Upper Threshold |  |  | 3.36 |  | V |
| Interrupt Recovery Threshold |  |  | 1.18 |  | V |
| Start Period End Threshold |  | 7.35 | 7.5 | 7.65 | V |
| Interrupt Input (Pin 9) |  |  | -0.3 | -1 | $\mu \mathrm{~A}$ |
| Interrupt Threshold |  |  | V |  |  |
| Input Bias Current |  |  |  |  |  |

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OVP Comparator (Pin 18) |  | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | V |
| OVP Threshold |  |  | 0.25 |  | V |
| Hysteresis |  |  | 500 |  | ns |
| Propagation Delay |  |  |  |  |  |

Outputs

| Output Voltage Low | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=20 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 0.4 | 0.8 | V |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=200 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 2.1 | 3.0 | V |
| Output Voltage High | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=-20 \mathrm{~mA}$ | $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}-2.5$ | $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}-1.9$ |  | V |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=-200 \mathrm{~mA}$ | $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}-3.0$ | $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}-2.2$ |  | V |
| Output Voltage Low in UVLO | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{OUT}}=10 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=8 \mathrm{~V}$ | 0.8 | 1.5 | V |  |
| Output Rise/Fall Time | $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}=1000 \mathrm{pF}$ |  | 50 |  | ns |

Under-Voltage Lockout and Bias Circuits

| IC Shunt Voltage $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}\right)$ | $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CC}}=25 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 12.8 | 13.5 | 14.2 | V |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}$ Load Regulation | $25 \mathrm{~mA}<\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CC}}<68 \mathrm{~mA}$ |  | 150 | 300 | mV |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}$ Total Variation | Load, Temp | 12.4 |  | 14.6 | V |
| Start-up Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \leq 12.3 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 1.3 | 1.7 | mA |
| Operating Current | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ |  | 15 | 19 | mA |
| Start-up Threshold |  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-0.5$ |  | V |
| Shutdown Threshold |  |  | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-3.5$ |  | V |
| Shutdown Temperature $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}\right)$ |  | 120 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Hysteresis $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}\right)$ |  | 30 |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

## OVERVIEW

The ML4831 consists of an Average Current controlled continuous boost Power Factor front end section with a flexible ballast control section. Start-up and lamp-out retry timing are controlled by the selection of external timing components, allowing for control of a wide variety of different lamp types. The ballast section controls the lamp power using frequency modulation (FM) with additional programmability provided to adjust the VCO frequency range. This allows for the IC to be used with a variety of different output networks.

## POWER FACTOR SECTION

The ML4831 Power Factor section is an average current sensing boost mode PFC control circuit which is architecturally similar to that found in the ML4821. For detailed information on this control architecture, please refer to Application Note 16 and the ML4821 data sheet.

## GAIN MODULATOR

The ML4831 gain modulator provides high immunity to the disturbances caused by high power switching. The rectified line input sine wave is converted to a current via a dropping resistor. In this way, small amounts of ground noise produce an insignificant effect on the reference to the PWM comparator.
The output of the gain modulator appears on the positive terminal of the IA amplifier to form the reference for the current error amplifier. Please refer to Figure 1.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{MUL}} \approx \frac{[\mathrm{I}(\mathrm{SINE}) \times(\mathrm{VEA}-1.1 \mathrm{~V})]}{4.17 \mathrm{~mA}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where: I(SINE) is the current in the dropping resistor, $V(E A)$ is the output of the error amplifier (Pin 1 ).

The output of the gain modulator is limited to 1.0 V .

## average current and output voltage REGULATION

The PWM regulator in the PFC Control section will act to offset the positive voltage caused by the multiplier output by producing an offsetting negative voltage on the current sense resistor at Pin 4. A cycle-by-cycle current limit is included to protect the MOSFET from high speed current transients. When the voltage at Pin 4 goes negative by more than 1 V , the PWM cycle is terminated.
For more information on compensating the average current and boost voltage error amplifier loops, see ML4821 data sheet.

## OVERVOLTAGE PROTECTION AND INHIBIT

The OVP pin serves to protect the power circuit from being subjected to excessive voltages if the load should change suddenly (lamp removal). A divider from the high voltage DC bus sets the OVP trip level. When the voltage on Pin 18 exceeds 2.75 V , the PFC transistors are inhibited. The ballast section will continue to operate. The OVP threshold should be set to a level where the power components are safe to operate, but not so low as to interfere with the boost voltage regulation loop.

## TRANSCONDUCTANCE AMPLIFIERS

The PFC voltage feedback, PFC current sense, and the loop current amplifiers are all implemented as operational transconductance amplifiers. They are designed to have low small signal forward transconductance such that a large value of load resistor (R1) and a low value ceramic capacitor $(<1 \mu \mathrm{~F})$ can be used for AC coupling (C1) in the frequency compensation network. The compensation network shown in Figure 2 will introduce a zero and a pole at:

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{Z}=\frac{1}{2 \pi R_{1} C_{1}} \quad f_{p}=\frac{1}{2 \pi R_{1} C_{2}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$



Figure 2. Compensation Network


Figure 1. ML4831 Block Diagram

Figure 3 shows the output configuration for the operational transconductance amplifiers.


Figure 3. Output Configuration
A DC path to ground or VCC at the output of the transconductance amplifiers will introduce an offset error. The magnitude of the offset voltage that will appear at the input is given by $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OS}}=\mathrm{io} / \mathrm{gm}$. For a io of 1 uA and a gm of $0.08 \mu \mathrm{mhos}$ the input referred offset will be 12.5 mV . Capacitor C1 as shown in Figure 2 is used to block the DC current to minimize the adverse effect of offsets.

Slew rate enhancement is incorporated into all of the operational transconductance amplifiers in the ML4831. This improves the recovery of the circuit in response to power up and transient conditions. The response to large signals will be somewhat non-linear as the transconductance amplifiers change from their low to high transconductance mode. This is illustrated in Figure 4.


Figure 4. Transconductance Amplifier Characteristics

## BALLAST OUTPUT SECTION

The IC controls output power to the lamps via frequency modulation with non-overlapping conduction. This means that both ballast output drivers will be low during the discharging time $\mathrm{t}_{\text {DIS }}$ of the oscillator capacitor $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}$.

## OSCILLATOR

The VCO frequency ranges are controlled by the output of the LFB amplifier (Pin 6). As lamp current decreases, Pin 6 rises in voltage, causing the $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{T})$ charging current to decrease, thereby causing the oscillator frequency to decrease. Since the ballast output network attenuates high frequencies, the power to the lamp will be increased.


Figure 5. Oscillator Block Diagram and Timing
The oscillator frequency is determined by the following equations:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{OSC}}=\frac{1}{\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{CHG}}+\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{DIS}}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{CHG}}=\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}} \ln \left(\frac{\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{REF}}+\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CH}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{TL}}}{\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{REF}}+\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CH}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{TH}}}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The oscillator's minimum frequency is set when $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CH}}=0$ where:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{OSC}} \cong \frac{1}{0.51 \times \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{T}} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

This assumes that $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{CHG}} \gg \mathrm{t}_{\text {DIS }}$.
When LFB OUT is high, $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CH}}=0$ and the minimum frequency occurs. The charging current varies according to two control inputs to the oscillator:

1. The output of the preheat timer
2. The voltage at Pin 6 (lamp feedback amplifier output)
In preheat condition, charging current is fixed at

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CHG}(\text { PREHEAT })}=\frac{2.5}{\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{SET})} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

In running mode, charging current decreases as the VPIN6 rises from $0 V$ to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OH}}$ of the LAMP FB amplifier. The highest frequency will be attained when $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CHG}}$ is highest, which is attained when $\mathrm{V}_{\text {PIN6 }}$ is at 0 V :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CHG}(0)}=\frac{5}{\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{SET})} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Highest lamp power, and lowest output frequency are attained when $V_{\text {PIN6 }}$ is at its maximum output voltage $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OH}}\right)$.

In this condition, the minimum operating frequency of the ballast is set per (5) above.
For the IC to be used effectively in dimming ballasts with higher $Q$ output networks a larger $C_{T}$ value and lower $R_{T}$ value can be used, to yield a smaller frequency excursion over the control range $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{PING}}\right)$. The discharge current is set to 5 mA . Assuming that $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{DIS}} \gg \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{RT}}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{DIS}(\mathrm{VCO})} \cong 490 \times \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

## IC BIAS, UNDER-VOLTAGE LOCKOUT AND THERMAL SHUTDOWN

The IC includes a shunt regulator which will limit the voltage at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ to $13.5\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}\right)$. The IC should be fed with a current limited source, typically derived from the ballast transformer auxiliary winding. When $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ is below $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CCZ}}-0.7 \mathrm{~V}$, the IC draws less than 1.7 mA of quiescent current and the outputs are off. This allows the IC to start using a "bleed resistor" from the rectified AC line.

To help reduce ballast cost, the ML4831 includes a temperature sensor which will inhibit ballast operation if the IC's junction temperature exceeds $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. In order to use this sensor in lieu of an external sensor, care should be taken when placing the IC to ensure that it is sensing temperature at the physically appropriate point in the ballast. The ML4831's die temperature can be estimated with the following equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{J} \cong T_{A} \times P_{D} \times 65^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$



> Figure 6. Typical $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ and $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ Waveforms when the ML4831 is Started with a Bleed Resistor from the Rectified AC Line and Bootstrapped from an Auxiliary Winding.

## STARTING, RE-START, PREHEAT AND INTERRUPT

The lamp starting scenario implemented in the ML4831 is designed to maximize lamp life and minimize ballast heating during lamp out conditions.
The circuit in Figure 7 controls the lamp starting scenarios: Filament preheat and Lamp Out interrupt. $C(X)$ is charged with a current of $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{SET})} / 4$ and discharged through $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{X})$. The voltage at $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{X})$ is initialized to $0.7 \mathrm{~V}\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{BE}}\right)$ at power up. The time for $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{X})$ to rise to 3.4 V is the filament preheat time. During that time, the oscillator charging current $\left(\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{CHG}}\right)$ is $2.5 / \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{SET})$. This will produce a high frequency for filament preheat, but will not produce sufficient voltage to ignite the lamp.
After cathode heating, the inverter frequency drops to $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{MIN}}$ causing a high voltage to appear to ignite the lamp. If the voltage does not drop when the lamp is supposed to have ignited, the lamp voltage feedback coming into Pin 9 rises to above $V_{\text {REF }}$, the $C(X)$ charging current is shut off and the inverter is inhibited until $C(X)$ is discharged by $R(X)$ to the 1.2 V threshold. Shutting off the inverter in this manner prevents the inverter from generating excessive heat when the lamp fails to strike or is out of socket. Typically this time is set to be fairly long by choosing a large value of $R(X)$.


Figure 7. Lamp Preheat and Interrupt Timers

LFB OUT is ignored by the oscillator until C(X) reaches 6.8 V threshold. The lamps are therefore driven to full power and then dimmed. The $C(X)$ pin is clamped to about 7.5 V .

A summary of the operating frequencies in the various operating modes is shown below.

| Operating Mode | Operating Frequency |
| :---: | :---: |
| Preheat | $\frac{[\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{MAX}) \text { to } \mathrm{F}(\mathrm{MIN})]}{2}$ |
| Dimming <br> Lock-out | $\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{MIN})$ |
| Dimming <br> Control | $\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{MIN})$ to $\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{MAX})$ |



Figure 8. Lamp Starting and Restart Timing

## APPLICATIONS POWER FACTOR CORRECTED FLUORESCENT DIMMING LAMP ballast



Figure 9. Typical Application: 2-Lamp Isolated Dimming Ballast with Active Power Factor Correction for 120VAC Input

## TABLE 1: PARTS LIST FOR THE ML4831EVAL EVALUATION KIT

## CAPACITORS

| QTY. | REF. | DESCRIPTION | MFR. | PART NUMBER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | C1, 2 | $3.3 \mathrm{nF}, 125 \mathrm{VAC}, 10 \%$, ceramic, "Y" capacitor | Panasonic | ECK-DNS332ME |
| 1 | C3 | $0.33 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 250 \mathrm{VAC}$, "X", capacitor | Panasonic | ECQ-U2A334MV |
| 4 | C4, 8, 9, 22 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR215C104KAA |
| 2 | C5, 21 | $0.01 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR211C103KAA |
| 1 | C6 | $1.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 2.5 \%$, NPO ceramic capacitor | AVX | RPE121COG152 |
| 2 | C7, 12 | $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 20 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR305E105MAA |
| 1 | C10 | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 25 \mathrm{~V}, 20 \%$, electrolytic capacitor | Panasonic | ECE-A1EFS101 |
| 1 | C11 | $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 250 \mathrm{~V}, 20 \%$, electrolytic capacitor | Panasonic | ECE-S2EG101E |
| 1 | C13 | $4.7 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 20 \%$, electrolytic capacitor | Panasonic | ECE-A50Z4R7 |
| 3 | C14, 15, 17 | $0.22 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR305C224KAA |
| 1 | C16 | $1.5 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR151V152KAA |
| 1 | C19 | $22 \mathrm{nF}, 630 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \%$, polypropylene capacitor | WIMA | MKP10, 22nF, 630V, 5\% |
| 1 | C20 | $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 250 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \%$, polypropylene capacitor | WIMA | MKP10, $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 250 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \%$ |
| 1 | C23 | $0.068 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 160 \mathrm{~V}, 5 \%$, polypropylene capacitor | WIMA | MKP4, 68nF, 160V, 5\% |
| 1 | C24 | $220 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 16 \mathrm{~V}, 20 \%$, electrolytic capacitor | Panasonic | ECE-A16Z220 |
| 1 | C25 | $47 \mathrm{nF}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR211C472KAA |
| 1 | C26 | $330 \mathrm{pF}, 50 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \%$, ceramic capacitor | AVX | SR151A331JAA |
| RESISTORS: |  |  |  |  |


| 1 | R1 | $0.33 \Omega, 5 \%, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~W}$, metal film resistor | NTE | HWD33 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | R2 | $4.3 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | $4.3 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Q}$ |
| 1 | R3 | $47 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | $47 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Q}$ |
| 1 | R4 | $12 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | $12 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Q}$ |
| 1 | R5 | $20 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 1 \%$, metal film resistor | Dale | SMA4-20K-1 |
| 1 | R6 | $360 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | $360 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Q}$ |
| 1 | R7 | $36 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | $36 \mathrm{KW}-1-\mathrm{ND}$ |
| 3 | R8, 22, 11 | $22 \Omega, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | $22-\mathrm{Q}$ |
| 1 | R9 | $402 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 1 \%$, metal film resistor | Dale | SMA4-402K-1 |
| 1 | R10 | $17.8 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 1 \%$, metal film resistor | Dale | SMA4-17.8K-1 |
| 1 | R12 | $475 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 1 \%$, metal film resistor | Dale | SMA4-475K-1 |
| 1 | R13 | $5.49 \mathrm{~K}, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 1 \%$, metal film resistor | Dale | SMA4-5.49K-1 |

TABLE 1: PARTS LIST FOR ML4831EVAL EVALUATION KIT (Continued)

| RESISTORS: (Continued) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QTY. | REF. | DESCRIPTION | MFR. | PART NUMBER |
| 4 | R14, 17, 24, 25 | 100K, 1/4W, 5\%, carbon film resistor | Yageo | 100K-Q |
| 1 | R15 | 681K, 1/4W, 5\%, carbon film resistor | Yageo | 681K-Q |
| 1 | R16 | 10K, 1/4W, 1\%, metal film resistor | Dale | SMA4-10K-1 |
| 1 | R21 | $33 \Omega, 1 / 4 \mathrm{~W}, 5 \%$, carbon film resistor | Yageo | 33-Q |
| 1 | R23 | 25 K , pot (for dimming adjustment) | Bourns | 3386P-253-ND |

DIODES:

| 4 | D1, 2, 3, 4 | 1A, 600V, 1N4007 diode (or 1 N5061 as a substitute) | Motorola | 1N4007TR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | D5, 6 | 1A, 50V (or more), 1N4001 diodes | Motorola | 1N4001TR |
| 1 | D7 | 3A, 400V, BYV26C or BYT03 400 fast recovery or MUR440 Motorola ultra Fast diode | GI | BYV26C |
| 5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { D8, 9, 11, } \\ & 12,13 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1A, $75 \mathrm{~V}, 1 \mathrm{~N} 4148$ signal diode | Motorola | 1N4148TR |
| IC's: |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | IC1 | ML4831, Electronic Ballast Controller IC | Micro <br> Linear | ML4831CP |
| TRANSISTORS: |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Q1, 2, 3 | 3.3A, 400V, IRF720 power MOSFET | IR | IR720 |
| MAGNETICS: |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | T1 | T1 Boost Inductor, E24/25, 1mH, Custom Coils P/N 5039 or Coiltronics P/N CTX05-12538-1 E24/25 core set, TDK PC40 material <br> 8-pin vertical bobbin (Cosmo \#4564-3-419), <br> Wind as follows: <br> 195 turns 25AWG magnet wire, start pin \#1, end pin \#4 <br> 1 layer mylar tape <br> 14 turns 26AWG magnet wire, start pin \#3, end pin \#2 <br> NOTE: Gap for $1 \mathrm{mH} \pm 5 \%$ |  |  |
| 1 | T2 | T2 Gate Drive Xfmr, LPRI $=3 \mathrm{mH}$, Custom Coils P/N 5037 or Coiltronics P/N CTX05-12539-1 <br> Toroid Magnetics YW-41305-TC <br> Wind as follows: <br> Primary $=25$ turns 30AWG magnet wire, start pin \#1, end pin \#4 <br> Secondary $=50$ turns 30AWG magnet wire, start pin \#5, end pin \#8 |  |  |

TABLE 1: PARTS LIST FOR ML4831EVAL EVALUATION KIT (Continued)

| MAGNETICS: (Continued) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QTY. | REF. | DESCRIPTION | MFR. | PART NUMBER |
| 1 | T3 | T3 Inductor, LPRI $=1.66 \mathrm{mH}$, Custom Ciols P/N 5041 or Coiltronics P/N CTX05-12547-1 E24/25 core set, TDK PC40 material <br> 10 pin horizontal bobbin (Plastron \#0722B-31-80) <br> Wind as follows: <br> 1 st: 170 T of 25 AWG magnet wire; start pin \#10, end pin \#9. <br> 1 layer of mylar tape <br> 2nd: 5T of \#32 magnet wire; start pin \#2, end pin \#1 <br> 1 layer of mylar tape <br> 3rd: 3T of \#30 Kynar coated wire; start pin \#4, end pin \#5 <br> 4th: 3T of \#30 Kynar coated wire; start pin \#3, end pin \#6 <br> 5th: 3T of \#30 Kynar coated wire; start pin \#7, end pin \#8 <br> NOTE: Gap for $1.66 \mathrm{mH} \pm 5 \%$ (pins 9 to 10) |  |  |
| 1 | T4 | T4 Power Xfmr, $\mathrm{L}_{\text {PRI }}=3.87 \mathrm{mH}$, Custom Ciols P/N 5038 or Coiltronics P/N CTX05-12545 <br> E24/25 core set, TDK PC40 material <br> 8 pin vertical bobbin (Cosmo \#4564-3-419) <br> Wind as follows: <br> 1st: 200T of 30AWG magnet wire; start pin \#1, end pin \#4. <br> 1 layer of mylar tape <br> 2nd: 300T of 32AWG magnet wire; start pin \#5, end pin \#8 <br> NOTE: Gap for inductance primary: (pins 1 to 4 ) @ $3.87 \mathrm{mH} \pm 5 \%$ |  |  |
| 1 | T5 | T5 Current Sense Inductor, Custom Coils P/N 504 Toroid Magnetics YW-41305-TC <br> Wind as follows: <br> Primary $=3 T$ 30AWG magnet coated wire, start pin Secondary $=400 \mathrm{~T}$ 35AWG magnet wire, start pin | 40 or Coiltro <br> in \#1, end pin \#5, end pin | $-12546-1$ |
| INDUCTORS: |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | L1, 2 | EMI/RFI Inductor, $600 \mu \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{DC}$ resistance $=0.45 \Omega$ | Prem. <br> Magnetics | SPE116A |
| FUSES: |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | F1 | 2 A fuse, $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ miniature | Littlefuse | F948-ND |
| 2 |  | Fuse Clips, $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$, PC Mount |  | F058-ND |
| HARDWARE: |  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  | Single TO-220 Heatsink | Aavid Eng. | PB1ST-69 |
| 2 |  | Double TO-220 Heatsink | IERC | PSE1-2TC |
| 3 |  | MICA Insulators | Keystone | 4673 K -ND |

## PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS inches (millimeters)



## ORDERING INFORMATION

| PART NUMBER | TEMPERATURE RANGE | PACKAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ML4831CP | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Molded PDIP (P18) (END OF LIFE) |

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