

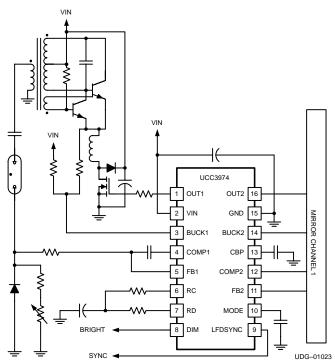
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# DUAL COLD CATHODE FLUORESCENT LAMP CONTROLLER

## FEATURES

- Synchronous or Nonsynchronous Operation
- Dual Output and Control Stages
- BiCMOS Technology
- Accurate Current Control with 2-mA Typical Supply Current
- Analog or Digital Low-Frequency Dimming Capability
- Open Lamp Protection with Voltage Clamp
- 4.5-V to 25-V Operation
- PWM Frequencies Synchronized to External Resonant Tanks
- TSSOP-16 (PW) Package

# **TYPICAL APPLICATION**



# APPLICATIONS

- Portable PCs
- Desktop LCD Monitors
- Internet Appliances

## DESCRIPTION

Design goals for a cold cathode fluorescent lamp (CCFL) converter used for a liquid crystal display (LCD) monitor application include small size, high efficiency, and low cost. The UCC2974/UCC3974 CCFL controllers provide the necessary circuit blocks to implement a highly efficient LCD monitor backlight supply in a small 16-pin TSSOP package. The device features two control stages for operating independent resonant tanks for multi-lamp designs. The BiCMOS controller typically consumes less than 2-mA of operating current, improving overall system efficiency. External parts count is minimized and system cost is reduced by integrating such features as dual PWM driver stages, open lamp protection, overvoltage clamp, and synchronization circuitry between the buck and push-pull stages. The device operates in both analog and low-frequency dimming modes.



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### absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)<sup>†</sup>

Supply voltage range,	VBAT	
Input voltage range,	BUCK	–5 V to VBAT
	MODE	–0.3 V to 4.3 V
Mode maximum forced	current	
Operating virtual junction	on temperature range, T <sub>J</sub>	–55°C to 150°C
Storage temperature ra	ange, T <sub>sta</sub>	–65°C to 150°C
Lead temperature sold	ange, T <sub>stg</sub>	s 260°C

<sup>†</sup> Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

<sup>‡</sup> Unless otherwise specified, all voltages are with respect to GND.



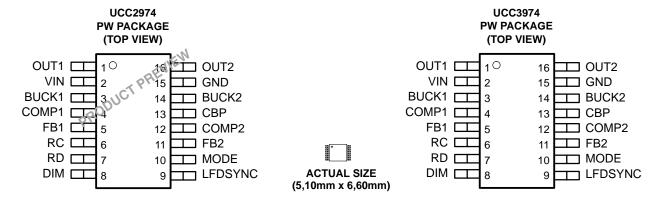
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#### DISSIPATION RATING TABLE

PACKAGE	$T_{A} \leq 25^{\circ}C$	DERATING FACTOR	T <sub>A</sub> = 70°C	T <sub>A</sub> = 85°C
16-pin PW with solder	775 mW	6.2 mW/°C	495 mW	402 mW

### recommended operating conditions

	MIN	NOM MAX	UNIT
Supply voltage, VIN	4.5	25	V
Mode voltage	0	4.3	V
DIM voltage	0	3.5	V
LFDSYNC amplitude	0	4.5	V





## electrical characteristics over recommended operating virtual junction temperature range, T<sub>A</sub> = 0°C to 70°C for the UCC3974, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to 85°C, for the UCC2974, T<sub>A</sub> = T<sub>J.</sub> $V_{IN} = V_{BUCK} = 12$ V, MODE = OPEN (unless otherwise noted)

### supply current

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	МІ	N TYP	MAX	UNIT
		$12 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_{IN} \le 25 \text{ V}$		1.7	3	mA
	VIN supply current	V <sub>IN</sub> = 12 V, MODE < 0.428	5 V	300	500	μA
	UVLO threshold voltage	LOW to HIGH	3.	6 4	4.4	V
	UVLO hysteresis voltage		3	5 120	200	mV

#### output

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS		TYP	MAX	UNIT
High-level output voltage	$12 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_{IN} \le 25 \text{ V}$	8	10.5	13	V
Low-level output voltage	MODE = 0.5 V, I <sub>SINK</sub> = 1 mA		50	200	mV
Rise time	C <sub>L</sub> = 1 nF		170	350	
Fall time	C <sub>L</sub> = 1 nF		140	300	ns

#### oscillator

PARAMETER	RAMETER TEST CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Free-running oscillator frequency	12 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ 25 V,	$BUCK = V_{IN}$	30	45	60	
Free-running synchronizable oscillator frequency	12 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ 25 V,	BUCK = V <sub>IN</sub> -3	62		220	kHz
Maximum duty cycle	FB = 1 V		100%			
Minimum duty cycle	FB = 2 V				0%	
	BUCK = VIN = 12 V			3	10	
BUCK input bias current	BUCK = VIN = 25 V			3	10	μA
Zero detect threshold voltage	Measured at BUCK wit 12 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ 25 V	h respect to V <sub>IN</sub> ,	-2.4	-1.7	-1.1	V

#### error amplifier

PARAMETER	TEST C	TEST CONDITIONS		TYP	MAX	UNIT
Least selfana	COMP = FB,	$0^{\circ}C \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}C$	1.465	1.5	1.535	
Input voltage	COMP = FB,	$-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 85^\circ C$	1.455	1.5	1.545	V
Line regulation voltage	$12 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_{IN} \le 25 \text{ V}$			1	5	mV
Input bias current				100	250	nA
Open loop gain			60	80		dB
High-level output voltage	FB = 1 V,	ISOURCE = 50 μA	3.5	3.7	4.2	
Low-level output voltage	FB = 2 V,	ISINK = 50 μA		0.15	0.35	V
Output source current	FB = 1 V,	COMP = 2 V		-1.2	-0.3	mA
Output sink current	FB = 2 V,	COMP = 2 V	45	90		μA
Unity gain bandwidth	T <sub>J</sub> = 25C,	See Note 1	2	5		MHz

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### mode select

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Enable threshold voltage		0.425	0.500	0.575	
Output enable threshold voltage		0.85	1.00	1.15	V
Open lamp detect enable voltage threshold		2.75	3	3.25	v
Low-frequency dimming (LFD) voltage threshold		3.8	4.0	4.1	
MODE output current	MODE = 0.5 V	3.3	5.0	6.8	μA
MODE clamp voltage	MODE = OPEN	4.0	4.2	4.4	V

#### low-frequency dimming

PARAMETER	TEST	TEST CONDITIONS		TYP	MAX	UNIT
Duty cycle	$R_{C} = 400 kΩ,$ $C_{LFD} = 10 nF,$	R <sub>D</sub> = 20 kΩ, DIM < 0.5 V	6%	10%	12%	
Maximum duty cycle	$R_{C} = 400 \text{ kΩ},$ $C_{LFD} = 10 \text{ nF},$	R <sub>D</sub> = 20 kΩ, DIM > 3.1 V	100%			
Free-running oscillator frequency	R <sub>C</sub> = 400 kΩ, C <sub>LFD</sub> = 10 nF	R <sub>D</sub> = 20 kΩ,		200		
Synchronized oscillator frequency	R <sub>C</sub> = 400 kΩ, C <sub>LFD</sub> = 10 nF, F <sub>LFDSYNC</sub> = 400 H:	R <sub>D</sub> = 20 kΩ, z at V <sub>LFDSYNC</sub> = 2.25 V	400			Hz

#### open lamp

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
	$V_{IN}$ = 12 V, Measured at VBUCK wrt $V_{IN}$	-8.5	-7.8	-7.0	
Open lamp detect threshold voltage	$V_{IN} = 25 V$ , Measured at VBUCK wrt $V_{IN}$	-8.6	-7.8	-6.9	V
Voltage clamp detect threshold voltage	Measured at VBUCK	-9.6	-8.75	-8.0	

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### **Terminal Functions**

TERM	INAL		DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.	I/O	
BUCK1	3	I	Voltage sense for the resonant tank.
BUCK2	14	I	
CBP	13	0	Internally generated low-voltage supply. Bypass to GND with 0.1-µF bypass coordinator.
COMP1	4	0	Outputs of the error amplifiers for the two channels.
COMP2	12	0	
DIM	8	I	Reference signal applied to the LFD PWM that determines the LFD duty cycle.
FB1	5	I	Inverting inputs of the error amplifiers.
FB2	11	I	
GND	15	_	Power supply return.
LFDSYNC	9	I	2.5-V logic-compatible pin used to synchronize the LFD oscillator.
MODE	10	I	Start-up timing control.
OUT1	1	0	FET drive outputs for the two channels. The pin is driven between GND and internal voltage
OUT2	16	0	(typically 12 V).
RC	6	0	Connection for the low-frequency dimming (LFD) charge resistor. The other terminal of the resistor is connected to the LFD capacitor, $C_{LFD}$ .
RD	7	ο	Connection for low-frequency dimming (LFD) discharge resistor, $R_D$ . The other terminal of the resistor is connected to the LFD capacitor, $C_{LFD}$ . LFD frequency us user programmable by varying $R_C$ , $R_D$ and $C_{FLD}$ .
VIN	2	I	Power supply input. 4.5 V to 25 V.

#### detailed pin descriptions

**DIM** – The range is approximately 0.5 V to 3 V for the programmed minimum 100% duty cycle. If the LFDSYNC pin is pulled above 2.25 V before MODE crosses the LFD enable threshold and is held high, the function of DIM changes from an analog voltage, which determines the LFD duty cycle, to a digital signal (2.5-V logic compatible) which turns the lamps on or off directly. This allows users to implement their own LFD solution and easily interface it to the UCC3974. Pulling this pin above 3.0 V (weak internal pull-up device is provided) causes the LFD section of the device to provide 100% LFD duty cycle.

**LFDSYNC** – This 2.5-V logic compatible pin is used to synchronize the LFD oscillator. A positive pulse restarts the LFD ramp. Weak internal pull-down device provided. This pin must be set high when digital LFD mode control is required.

**MODE** – This pin controls the start-up timing for the device. A capacitor is connected from this pin to ground and has a constant current forced into it. The pin voltage controls the state of the device. When the system has a power cycle, the pin is discharged to ground..

MODE PIN VOLTAGE	FUNCTION
V <sub>MODE</sub> < 0.5 V	All circuitry is disabled.
V <sub>MODE</sub> > 0.5 V	Internal circuitry is enabled.
V <sub>MODE</sub> > 1.0 V	Output driver is enabled.
V <sub>MODE</sub> > 3.0 V	Enable open lamp detection circuitry.
V <sub>MODE</sub> > 4.0 V	Enable low-frequency dimming (LFD).

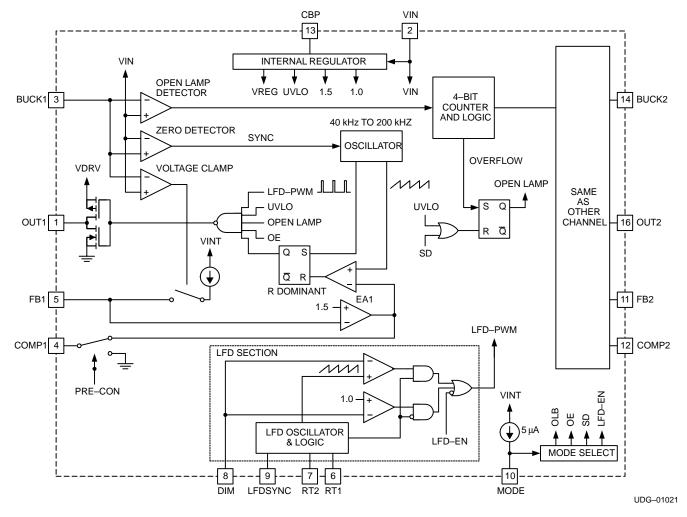
**BUCK1/BUCK2** – These pins are used to sense the voltage on the resonant tank. This voltage is used for synchronizing the internal high-frequency oscillators with the resonant tanks. This voltage is also used to detect an open lamp condition when MODE is above 3 V.



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## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

## functional block diagram



### general description

The UCC3974 extends the capabilities of the UCC3972 and UCC3973 backlight controllers. The basic functionality is the same as that for the UCC3972; a buck controlled current source feeding a royer oscillator CCFL circuit. As such the application information for the UCC3972 that pertains to the royer oscillator, buck controller and CCFL circuit in general apply to the UCC3974. Also, this device implements a voltage clamping scheme, similar to that of the UCC3973, using an internal current source to bias up the FB pin and thereby limiting the current available to the royer stage. This limits the voltage to which the secondary side of the transformer is exposed.

The extensions this device provides are two separately controlled channels to be used with two separate royer stages, and integrated low-frequency dimming (LFD) control.



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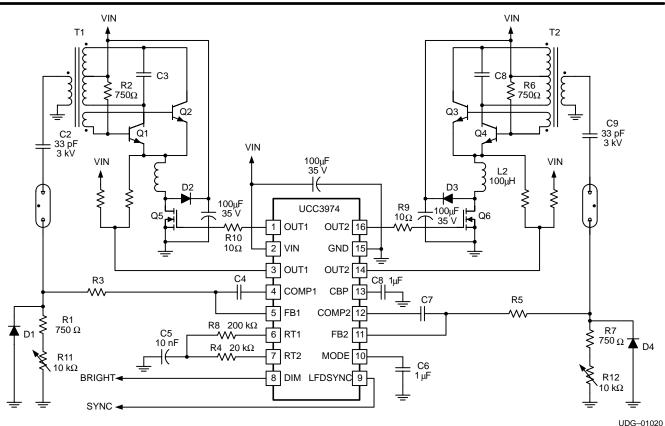


Figure 1. Typical Dual-Channel Application

## low-frequency dimming (LFD)

The low-frequency dimming section of the device is implemented as either a low frequency pulse width modulator (PWM) or as a direct digital input. In either case, the DIM pin is the controlling input. The type of DIM input is determined at startup. As the MODE pin transitions through the LFD\_ENABLE threshold, the LFDSYNC pin is observed. When this pin is high, the DIM pin is a 2.5-V compatible logic input. When the DIM pin is high, the output is enabled. When it is low the output is disabled. The user is required to provide the correct frequency and duty ratio to the DIM pin in this mode. To change the mode of operation without power cycling the device, the MODE pin must be brought below the LFD\_ENABLE threshold and then brought above it with the LFDSYNC pin held in the desired state.

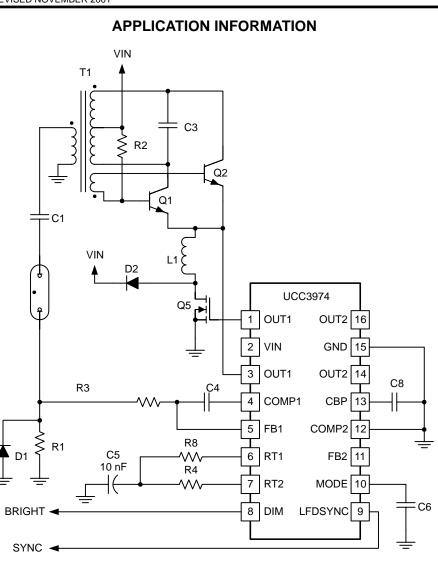
To use DIM as an analog input, the LFDSYNC pin must be low when mode crosses the LFD\_ENABLE threshold. In this mode, DIM becomes an analog input that varies the amount of time that the lamp is on during the period of the LFD oscillator. From 0.5 V to 3 V applied to the DIM pin varies the lamp on duty cycle from the programmed minimum to 100%.

**NOTE:** The analog dimming signal is senitive to coupled noise from the lamps. Noise on this line will be seen as lamp flicker. It is highly reccommended that precautions be taken to prevent noise coupling to this signal for optimum results.

Applying a pulse train to the LFDSYNC pin will synchronize the LFD oscillator to that pulse train. The frequency of the applied pulse train must be higher than the free running frequency of the oscillator.



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Figure 2. Typical Single-Channel Application



UCC3974

UCC2974

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### low-frequency dimming oscillator

The oscillator for the LFD section of the device is an R-C relaxation oscillator with programmable upslope and downslope on its timing ramp. Figure 3 shows a simplified LFD oscillator diagram that illustrates the principle. The charge time for the timing capacitor,  $C_T$  is the time it takes to charge that capacitor from 0.5 V to 3 V from a 4.2-V source through RC. This time is:

$$t_{c} = 1.126 \times R_{C} \times C_{T}$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

The discharge time is the time it takes to discharge the  $C_T$  capacitor from 3 V to 0.5 V through  $R_D$  connected to GND. This time is:

$$t_{d} = 1.792 \times R_{D} \times C_{T}$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The period of the LFD oscillator is simply the sum of the charge and discharge times, or

$$T = C_{T} \left( 1.126 \times R_{C} + 1.792 \times R_{D} \right)$$
(3)

The minimum duty cycle of the LFD PWM when operating in this mode is:

$$d_{\min} = \frac{t_d}{T}$$
(4)

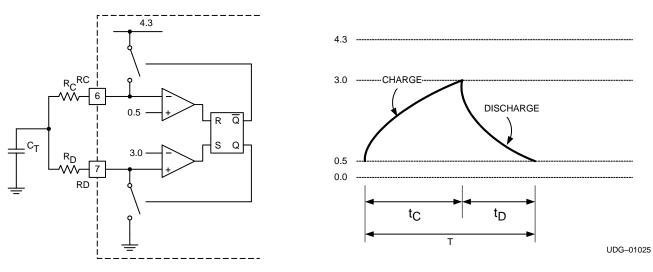
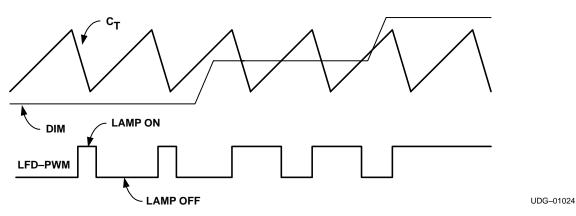


Figure 3. LFD Oscillator



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#### Figure 4. LFD Waveforms

Note from the Figure 4 that the LFD-PWM output is turned on at the start of the discharge cycle and is turned off when  $C_T$  crosses the DIM signal or at the start of the charge cycle if DIM is less than the valley voltage of 0.5 V.

The LFD oscillator runs free at some frequency determined by the external timing components. The LFD oscillator can be synchronized to a system clock signal. by applying this clock signal to the LFDSYNC pin. The signal must not be applied during power up since the MODE pin's crossing of the LFD\_ENABLE threshold determines the function DIM takes on. If the synchronization signal is applied during power up, unpredictable results may occur. The synchronization frequency should be fairly close to (but higher than) the free run frequency of the oscillator. The operating range for the DIM signal is reduced when synchronizing the LFD oscillator just as with any other PWM. A synchronization pulse causes termination of the current charge cycle and starts a discharge. The ratio of free run to synchronization frequencies is the reduction factor for DIM's operating range.

For instance if the free-run frequency is 90% of the synchronization frequency, DIM is active over the 0.5-V to 2.75-V range instead of the 0.5-V to 3-V range. As a general recommendation, the free-run frequency should be kept within the 100-Hz to 1-kHz range, and synchronization should be limited to 120% of the free-run frequency to preserve control range on DIM.

### output driver

The OUT1 and OUT2 pins are designed to directly drive small power MOSFETs. Output drive capability is limited by the 50- $\Omega$  maximum resistance of the driver. For large FETs where this drive level is insufficient, a separate driver is required. Note also that the output drive level is limited to approximately 12 V if the input voltage exceeds that level. For input voltages below 12 V, the driver drives to slightly below the input voltage.

#### startup sequence

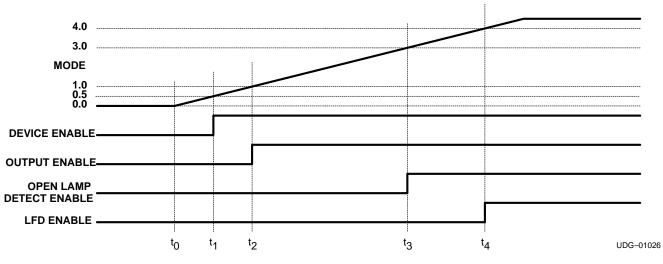




Figure 5 describes what happens during a typical startup sequence. At t0, power is applied to the system. A constant current source begins charging the external capacitor connected to the MODE pin. Until the voltage on the MODE pin reaches 0.5 V (t1), the internal circuitry on the device is disabled and nothing happens at the outputs. As the voltage crosses 0.5 V, the internal circuitry is powered up. When the voltage crosses 1 V at t2, the outputs are enabled, allowing the buck stages to begin to charge up and to supply current to the royer stages.

During the period from t2 to t3, the open lamp detection circuitry is disabled, preventing a false trip of the open lamp detector circuit when the lamp is trying to ignite for the first time. As a precaution against severe overvoltage on the high-voltage secondary of the transformer, a clamp circuit is included in the UCC3974. The function of the clamp circuit is to monitor the voltage on the BUCK pins and prevent that voltage to drop more than 8.7-V below the input rail. This is accomplished by sourcing a current from the FB pin when the BUCK voltage drops more than 8.7 V.

The magnitude of the current sourced from this pin is proportional to the excess drop of the BUCK voltage beyond 8.7 V. The maximum current sourced from this pin is approximately 200  $\mu$ A. Consequently, the impedance at the FB pin affects the speed at which this clamp becomes effective. A small capacitor and large resistors in the feedback network increases the effectiveness of this feature. From t3 onward, the open lamp detector circuit is enabled. Each time the BUCK pin drops more than 7.8-V below VIN, a 4-bit counter is clocked. If the counter reaches a count of 16 (4 bits) it declares an open lamp fault and shuts down the device. Resetting the device requires a power cycle. The counter in the open lamp condition is not declared since the counter is clocked down on each cycle in which BUCK does not cross the 7.8-V threshold. At time t4, LFD is enabled. Depending on the state of LFDSYNC when this threshold is crossed, DIM is either an analog input or a digital one.





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UCC3974PW	ACTIVE	TSSOP	PW	16	90	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	0 to 70	UCC3974	Samples

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