

STKNX

Datasheet - production data

Miniature KNX transceiver with voltage regulators and microcontroller support



Features

- Very thin fine pitch 4 x 4 mm VQFNPN24 package
- KNX certified, KNX TP1-256 supported
- Easy interface to µC
- Very small system solution
- Two integrated voltage regulators for external use in application
 - Selectable 3.3 V / 5 V 20 mA linear regulator
 - Adjustable 1 V to 12 V 150 mA highefficiency DC/DC step down switching converter
- KNX bus power extractor supporting bus current up to 30 mA
- Adjustable KNX bus current slew rate dl/dt
- No crystal required
- Operating temperature range -40 °C to +85 °C

Applications

• KNX twisted pair network (KNX TP1-256)

Description

The STKNX is a transceiver device for KNX TP communication. The small package and few external components enable the very compact KNX nodes design.

The simple interface to the μ C allows easy replacement of physical layer discrete components implementations.

The STKNX device features two integrated voltage regulators for external use in the application: the selectable 3.3 V / 5 V - 20 mA linear regulator and the adjustable 1 V to 12 V - 150 mA high-efficiency DC/DC step down switching converter.

The integrated KNX bus power extractor supports bus current up to 30 mA to power external devices and the STKNX transceiver's own power needs, while limiting the bus current slew rate according to KNX specifications.

The STKNX assures the safe coupling to the bus and provides the bus monitoring warning for the loss of bus power.

| Table 1 | Device | summary |
|---------|--------|---------|
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| Order code | Package | Packaging |
|------------|----------|---------------|
| STKNX | VFQFPN24 | Tray |
| STKNXTR | VFQFPN24 | Tape and reel |

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1 Typical application circuit and block diagram

1.1 Typical application circuit





Note: VOUT range 1 V ÷ 12 V. VCORE selectable to 3.3 V / 5 V through VCC_SEL (3.3 V in the example).





Figure 2. Typical application circuit, buck converter enabled, linear regulator supplied by buck converter

Note: The VOUT level needs to be compliant with VDD_REGIN recommended operating conditions.

VCORE selectable to 3.3 V / 5 V through VCC_SEL (3.3 V in the example).







Note: VCORE selectable to 3.3 V / 5 V through VCC_SEL (3.3 V in the example).





Figure 4. Typical application circuit, linear regulator disabled

Note:The VOUT level needs to be compliant with VCCCORE recommended operating conditions.VCC_SEL needs to be set according to the VCCCORE level (3.3 V in the example).



| Reference | Туре | Typ. value | Rating | Description |
|------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Capacitors | 1 | | L | |
| СРН | MLCC | 100 nF | $V_{RATED} \ge 50 V$ | Equalizer storage capacitor |
| CPL | MLCC | 100 nF | V _{RATED} ≥ 50 V | Equalizer storage capacitor |
| CGATE | MLCC or electrolytic | 10 μF ÷ 47 μF | $V_{RATED} \ge 10 V$ | Impedance modulator storage capacitor - see <i>Table 8 on page 18</i> |
| CAC | MLCC | 10 nF | $V_{RATED} \ge 50 \text{ V}$ | Bus AC coupling capacitor |
| CVDDHV | Electrolytic | ≥ 100 μF | V _{RATED} ≥ 35 V | Impedance modulator output bulk capacitor - see <i>Table 8 on page 18</i> |
| CFH | MLCC | 47 nF | V _{RATED} ≥ 35 V | Impedance modulator compensation capacitor |
| CFL | MLCC | 47 nF | $V_{RATED} \ge 35 V$ | Impedance modulator compensation capacitor |
| CIN | MLCC | 10 μF | $V_{RATED} \ge 35 \text{ V}$ | Buck converter input decoupling capacitor |
| COUT | MLCC | 22 μF | V _{RATED} > VOUT | Buck converter output capacitor |
| CSS | MLCC | 10 nF ÷ 470 nF | V _{RATED} ≥ 6.3 V | Buck converter soft-start time programming capacitor - see <i>Equation 3 on page 19</i> |
| CREF | MLCC | 470 nF | $V_{RATED} \ge 35 \text{ V}$ | VREF decoupling capacitor |
| CCORE | MLCC | 4.7 μF | $V_{RATED} \ge 6.3 V$ | Linear regulator output capacitor |
| CFB1 | MLCC | 1/(2π * R _{FB1} * 28 kHz), NM if R _{FB1} = 0 Ω | V _{RATED} ≥ 16 V | Buck converter compensation capacitor |
| Resistors | | | | |
| RDIS | Resistor | 4.7 MΩ | - | Reverse polarity discharging resistor |
| RSH | Resistor | 1 kΩ | - | Series resistor to CPH |
| RSL | Resistor | 1 kΩ | - | Series resistor to CPL |
| RTX | Resistor | 68 Ω | $P_{DISS} \ge 1 W$ | Tx current limiting resistor |
| RFB1 | Resistor | $\begin{array}{l} (V_{OUT} / 1 V - 1) ^* R_{FB2}, \\ 0 \Omega \text{ for } V_{OUT} \texttt{=} 1 V \end{array}$ | - | Buck converter output voltage adjusting resistor |
| RFB2 | Resistor | 10 kΩ typ. (< 100 kΩ), NM for V _{OUT} = 1 V | - | Buck converter output voltage adjusting resistor |
| Inductors | | | | |
| L | Power inductor | 33 μH | I _R > 150 mA, I _{SAT} > 550 mA | Buck converter output inductor |
| Diodes | | | | |
| D1 | Diode | LL4148 or equivalent | V _{BR} > 50 V, V _F (50 mA) < 1 V | Input diode (protection from reverse polarity connection) |
| D2 | TVS | SMAJ40CA or equivalent | - | Transient voltage suppressor diode |

Table 2. External components typical value



| | Table 2. External components typical value (continued) | | | | |
|-----------|--|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Reference | Туре | Typ. value | Rating | Description | |
| D3 | Diode | LL4148 or equivalent | V _{BR} > 50 V, V _F (50 mA) < 1 V | Output diode | |
| D4 | Diode | LL4148 or equivalent | V _{BR} > 50 V, V _F (50 mA) < 1 V | Optional KNX_AC clamping diode. Recommended for noise immunity improvement in noisy environment. | |

Table 2. External components typical value (continued)

1.2 Block diagram







2 Pin connection and pin description

2.1 Pin connection





2.2 Pin description

| Pin | Pin name | Function |
|-----|-------------|---|
| 1 | VDD_REGIN | Linear regulator supply input. Short to VCCCORE to disable the linear regulator and supply VCCCORE externally. |
| 2 | KNX_AC | BUS AC-coupled sense for the Rx input and Tx feedback. DC biased to 9.7 V typ. |
| 3 | R68 | KNX transmitter output |
| 4 | KNX_B | Analog ground |
| 5 | CP_H | Equalization cap connection to KNX supply (KNX+) |
| 6 | CP_L | Equalization cap connection to KNX ground (KNX-) |
| 7 | VFLT | Impedance modulator compensation |
| 8 | VREF | Impedance modulator reference |
| 9 | VDDHV | VDDHV supply input and impedance modulator feedback |
| 10 | VDDHV_PD | Impedance modulator power output |
| 11 | KNX_A | KNX power supply input (KNX+) |
| 12 | KNX_B | Analog ground |
| 13 | VGATE | Impedance modulator storage capacitor connection |
| 14 | DCDC_IN | Step down converter supply input. Short to ground or leave floating to disable the switching converter. |
| 15 | DCDC_LX | Step down converter switching output |
| 16 | DCDC_GND | Step down converter power ground |
| 17 | DCDC_SS | Step down converter soft-start programming pin |
| 18 | DCDC_FB | Step down converter feedback input. Sets output voltage (1 V ÷ 12 V range) through the resistor divider. |
| 19 | VCC_OK | VCCCORE power good CMOS digital output |
| 20 | VCCCORE | Linear regulator output (3.3 V / 5 V selectable). Supply voltage for digital I/O. |
| 21 | KNX_OK | KNX bus power good CMOS digital output |
| 22 | VCC_SEL | Selects linear regulator output voltage. Internally pulled-down (6 μ A typ.). Tie to VCCCORE to select 5 V. Short to ground or leave floating to select 3.3 V. |
| 23 | KNX_RX | Receiver CMOS digital output |
| 24 | KNX_TX | Transmitter digital input. Internally pulled-down (6 μA typ.). |
| - | Exposed pad | Connect to analog ground. For thermal optimization, maximize the area of the ground layer on which the exposed pad is soldered and provide good thermal connection with the bottom ground layer through vias. |

Table 3. Pin description



3 Thermal characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Test condition | Value | Unit | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Τ _J | Maximum operating junction temperature | - | 110 | °C | | | | |
| T _{AMB} | Operating ambient temperature | - | -40 to 85 | °C | | | | |
| T _{STG} | Storage temperature | - | -50 to 150 | °C | | | | |
| R _{thJA} | Thermal resistance junction to ambient, steady state | Mounted on a 2s2p PCB, with a dissipating surface connected through vias on the bottom side of the PCB. | 35 | °C/W | | | | |

Table 4. Thermal characteristics



4 Electrical specifications

4.1 Absolute maximum ratings

| Table 5. Absolute maximum ratings | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------|--|--|
| Symbol | Parameter | Min. | Max. | Unit | | |
| KNX_A | KNX supply input | -0.3 | 45 | V | | |
| VDD_REGIN | Linear regulator supply input | -0.3 | 40 | V | | |
| VDDHV | VDDHV supply input and impedance modulator feedback | -0.3 | 40 | V | | |
| VREF | Impedance modulator reference | -0.3 | 40 | V | | |
| KNX_B, DCDC_GND | Variation between different ground pins | -0.3 | 0.3 | V | | |
| CP_H | Equalizing cap. high | -0.3 | KNX_A + 0.3 | V | | |
| CP_L | Equalizing cap. low | -0.3 | KNX_A + 0.3 | V | | |
| R68 | KNX transmitter output | -0.3 | KNX_A + 0.3 | V | | |
| KNX_AC | BUS AC-coupled sense | -0.3 | KNX_A + 0.3 | V | | |
| VDDHV_PD | Impedance modulator power output | -0.3 | KNX_A + 0.3 | V | | |
| VGATE | Impedance modulator coupling cap. | Max. (-0.3, KNX_A - 7.2) | KNX_A + 0.3 | V | | |
| VCCCORE | Linear reg. output. I/O supply. | -0.3 | 5.5 | V | | |
| KNX_TX | Transmitter digital input | -0.3 | Min. (5.5, VCCCORE + 0.3) | V | | |
| KNX_RX | Transmitter digital output | -0.3 | Min. (5.5, VCCCORE + 0.3) | V | | |
| KNX_OK | KNX bus power good | -0.3 | Min. (5.5, VCCCORE + 0.3) | V | | |
| VCC_SEL | 3.3 V / 5 V selection for linear reg. | -0.3 | Min. (5.5, VCCCORE + 0.3) | V | | |
| VCC_OK | VCCCORE power good | -0.3 | Min. (5.5, VCCCORE + 0.3) | V | | |
| VFLT | Impedance modulator compensation | -0.3 | 5.5 | V | | |
| DCDC_IN | Step down converter input | -0.3 | 40 | V | | |
| DCDC_LX | Step down converter switching node | -0.3 | Min. (40, DCDC_IN + 0.3) | V | | |
| DCDC_FB | Step down converter feedback | -0.3 | 3.6 | V | | |
| DCDC_SS | Step down converter soft-start programming pin | -0.3 | 3.6 | V | | |

Table 5. Absolute maximum ratings



4.2 Recommended operating conditions

| Table 6. Recommended operating conditions | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Symbol | Parameter | Test condition | Min. | Max. | Unit | | |
| KNX_A | KNX supply input ⁽¹⁾ | - | 20 | 32 | V | | |
| VCCCORE | I/O supply and linear reg. output | - | 3 | 5.5 | V | | |
| DCDC_IN | Step down converter input | - | 13 | 32 | V | | |
| VDD REGIN | Linear regulator supply input ⁽²⁾ | VCC_SEL shorted to GND | 6.8 | 32 | V | | |
| VDD_REGIN | | VCC_SEL shorted to VCCCORE | 8.5 | 32 | V | | |
| I _{VDDHV_PD} | Continuous output current from VDDHV $pin^{(3)}$ | - | - | 30 | mA | | |
| I _{REG} | Continuous output current from VCCCORE pin ⁽³⁾ | - | - | 20 | mA | | |
| IDCDC | Continuous output current from DCDC switching converter ⁽³⁾ | - | - | 150 | mA | | |

| Table 6. | Recommended | operating | conditions |
|----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
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1. Indicates DC value. With the active and equalization pulse bus voltage must be between 11 V and 45 V.

2. Short VDD_REGIN to VCCCORE to disable the internal linear regulator and provide VCCCORE voltage externally.

3. The maximum current capability refers to the voltage regulator only. The usable current capability can be limited by the KNX bus current consumption specification.

4.3 Electrical characteristics

Parameters given for a device operating within the recommended operating conditions, unless otherwise specified. Typical values are referred to $T_J = 27$ °C.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|----------------------------------|---|--|------|------|------|------|
| Power supply | | | | | | |
| V(KNX_A) | DC supply voltage on KNX_A pin | Excluding active and equalization pulse | 20 | - | 32 | V |
| | Bus current consumption, no load | V(KNX_A) = 32 V, no activity on bus, no transmission, no external load | - | 1 | - | mA |
| I(KNX_A) | Bus current consumption, 30 mA load | V(KNX_A) = 32 V, no activity on bus, no transmission, 30 mA load on VDDHV rail (including linear regulator and switching converter) | - | 31 | - | mA |
| KNX_OK _{RIS} (VREF) | KNX_OK rising threshold referred to VREF voltage | VREF rising | - | - | 13.5 | V |
| KNX_OK _{FALL} (VREF) | KNX_OK falling threshold referred to VREF voltage | VREF falling | 9.7 | - | - | V |

Table 7. Electrical characteristics



| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|----------------------------------|---|--|------|------|------|------|
| KNX_OK _{HYST} (VREF) | KNX_OK hysteresis referred to VREF voltage | - | - | 1.4 | - | V |
| KNX_OK _{RIS} (KNX_A) | KNX_OK rising threshold referred to KNX_A DC voltage | KNX_A rising slowly, VREF settled | - | - | 18.5 | V |
| Impedance mo | odulator | | | | | |
| VDDHV drop | V(KNX_A) - V(VDDHV) voltage drop | $V(KNX_A) = 20 V DC, I_{LOAD} = 5 mA,$ D3 = LL4148 or equivalent | - | - | 6.5 | V |
| VDDHV drop | V(KNX_A) - V(VDDHV) voltage drop | $V(KNX_A) = 20 V DC$, $I_{LOAD} = 30 mA$, D3 = LL4148 or equivalent | - | - | 7.2 | V |
| VREF drop | V(KNX_A) - V(REF) voltage drop | V(KNX_A) = 20 V DC, VREF settled | 3 | 4.3 | 5 | V |
| VCCCORE vo | Itage and linear regulato | r | | | | |
| 1/0000DF | | VCC_SEL shorted to GND | 3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | V |
| VCCCORE | Regulated voltage | VCC_SEL shorted to VCCCORE | 4.5 | 5 | 5.5 | V |
| | VCC OK rising | VCC_SEL shorted to GND | 2.3 | - | 2.8 | V |
| VCC_OK _{RIS} | threshold | VCC_SEL shorted to VCCCORE | 3.3 | - | 4 | V |
| | VCC_OK falling | VCC_SEL shorted to GND | 2.0 | - | 2.5 | V |
| VCC_OKF _{ALL} | threshold | VCC_SEL shorted to VCCCORE | 2.9 | - | 3.6 | V |
| | VCC_OK hysteresis | VCC_SEL shorted to GND | - | 0.3 | - | V |
| VCC_OK _{HYST} | VCC_OK Hysteresis | VCC_SEL shorted to VCCCORE | - | 0.4 | - | V |
| IVCCSEL | VCCSEL internal pull- down current | - | - | 6 | - | μA |
| Programmable | e DC-DC switching conv | rerter | | | | |
| V _{IN} | Input voltage at DCDC_IN pin | - | 13 | - | 32 | V |
| V _{OUT} | Output voltage adjusting range | - | 1 | - | 12 | V |
| V _{FB} | Feedback voltage reference | - | 0.9 | 1 | 1.1 | V |
| UVLO _{RIS} | Undervoltage lockout rising threshold on VIN voltage | V _{IN} rising | 9 | 10 | 11 | V |
| UVLO _{FALL} | Undervoltage lockout falling threshold on VIN voltage | V _{IN} falling | 5.4 | 6 | 6.6 | V |
| UVLO _{HYST} | Undervoltage lockout hysteresis on VIN voltage | - | - | 4 | - | V |



| Symbol | Parameter | Parameter Conditions | | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|----------------------|---|--|------------------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| I _{LIM} | High side MOSFET current limit | - | 325 | 650 | 975 | mA |
| V _{OUT_RIP} | Output voltage ripple | 13 V < V _{IN} < 32 V, 3.3 V < V _{OU} T < 12 V IOUT = 5 mA ~ 150 mA, COUT = 22 μ F MLCC ⁽¹⁾ | - | 50 | - | mV |
| D | High side MOSFET on resistance | - | - | 1.9 | - | Ω |
| R _{DS(ON)} | Low side MOSFET on resistance | - | - | 1.2 | - | 12 |
| OTP | Overtemperature protection | Junction temperature ⁽²⁾ | 110 | 140 | - | °C |
| OVP _{RIS} | Overvoltage protection rising threshold on FB | FB voltage rising | 1.1 | 1.25 | 1.4 | V |
| OVP _{FALL} | Overvoltage protection falling threshold on FB | FB voltage falling | 0.95 | 1.1 | 1.25 | V |
| I _{SS} | Current sourced from SS pin | During soft-start | - | 2.5 | - | μA |
| Transmitter | | | · | | | |
| R _{DS(ON)} | Tx MOSFET on resistance | - | - | 5 | - | Ω |
| I _{KNX_TX} | KNX_TX internal pull- down current | - | - | 6 | - | μA |
| Digital I/Os | | | | | | |
| | Maximum voltage level that will be interpreted as a logic 0 | VCCCORE = 3.3 V | 0.7 | - | - | |
| V _{IL} | | VCCCORE = 5 V | 1.2 | - | - | V |
| V _{IH} | Minimum voltage level that will be interpreted as a logic 1 | VCCCORE = 3.3 V | - | | 2.2 | |
| | | VCCCORE = 5 V | - | - | 3 | V |
| V _{OL} | Logic low output level | VCCCORE = 3.3 V, I _{SUNK} = 300 μA | 0 | - | 0.4 | V |
| | | VCCCORE = 5 V, I _{SUNK} = 400 μA | 0 | - | 0.4 | V |
| | | VCCCORE = 3.3 V, I _{SOURCED} = 300 μA | VCC _{CORE} - 0.5 | - | VCC _{CORE} | V |
| V _{OH} | Logic high output level | VCCCORE = 5 V, I _{SOURCED} = 400 μA | VCC _{CORE} - 0.5 | - | VCC _{CORE} | V |

Table 7. Electrical characteristics (continued)

1. Not tested in production. Guaranteed by design.

2. Not tested in production. Based on characterization.



5 Device description

The STKNX is a transceiver device for twisted pair communication, following the KNX twisted pair standard (KNX TP1-256). Detailed information on the KNX bus can be found in the KNX standards and on the KNX website (www.knx.org).

The STKNX is composed of two main functional blocks: the bus interface and the voltage regulators.

- The bus interface consists of the transmitter, receiver and impedance modulator
- The voltage regulators block consists of an adjustable output voltage step down switching converter with integrated power MOSFETs and a 3.3 V / 5 V programmable linear regulator





5.1 Bus interface

The bus interface connects the STKNX to the KNX bus for transmitting, receiving and extracting power.

Through the bus interface, the STKNX supports

- Interfacing a microcontroller with the KNX bus, translating signals between the logic level domain and KNX bus domain
- Extracting power from the bus to supply the STKNX itself, the microcontroller and application devices

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The KNX standard specifies a bit period of 104 μ s. It defines the logic 1 as the idle state of the bus (DC voltage level between 21 V and 32 V), the logic 0 (also called active pulse) as a voltage drop of the bus.

The active pulse is generated by the transmitter. Ideally, the drop has a rectangular shape, a depth between 6 V and 9 V and a duration of 35 μ s. Each active pulse is followed by an equalization phase of 69 μ s typical duration, which consists in an overshoot of the bus voltage above the DC level, followed by an exponential decay.

See the KNX Twisted Pair Standard (KNX TP1-256) for more detailed information.

5.1.1 Transmitter

The transmitter converts logic level signals received at the KNX_TX pin to analog signals on the KNX bus. To transmit a logic 1 (equivalent to transmitter in idle state), the KNX_TX pin has to be kept low for 104 μ s. To transmit a logic 0, the KNX_TX has to be forced high for 35 μ s (active pulse) and then low for 69 μ s.

During the active pulse, the transmitter forces a voltage drop of 7.5 V typ. on the KNX bus, by sinking current through the R68 pin.

5.1.2 Receiver

The receiver detects the beginning and the end of the active pulse and provides a logic level output on the KNX_RX pin. The KNX_RX pin is high during the active pulse, low during the equalization phase and idle state.

The detection threshold for the start of the active pulse is 0.6 V typ. below the bus DC voltage.

5.1.3 Impedance modulator

The KNX standard allows a bus voltage ranging from 21 V to 32 V (DC component). The bus provides supply for the STKNX and is the communication medium. During transmission, a -10.5 V / +13 V AC component can be superimposed to the DC component mentioned above.

Moreover, the KNX standard specifies that each module connected to the bus has to show a controlled impedance and to limit the bus load current slope dl/dt, while not transmitting.

The impedance modulator purpose is to extract power from the KNX bus in order to supply STKNX integrated voltage converters and the application on the KNX module, while ensuring compliance to KNX impedance specifications.

In particular, impedance modulator

- Extracts a stable power rail (VDDHV) from the KNX bus DC level
- Smooths any load change applied at its output, limiting dl/dt on the bus current
- Controls the impedance of the bus device during the active pulse and the equalization pulse according to KNX standard requirements

Since the current drawn from the bus must change very slowly, abrupt load current steps from the load applied to the STKNX have to be absorbed by the large filter capacitor on VDDHV rail (CVDDHV on *Figure 1 on page 3*), which should be sized accordingly.

The bus current slope limit is controlled through CGATE (*Figure 1*).



CGATE = 47 μ F sets a slope lower than 0.5 mA/ms, compliant to the KNX requirement for fan in model up to the 10 mA bus load.

For a higher fan in, it can be useful to set a higher current slope limit, in order to manage wider load changes minimizing the CVDDHV value. That can be done by reducing the CGATE value proportionally to the desired slope limit increase.

Table 8 shows recommended CGATE and CVDDHV values for the minimum and maximum fan in.

| Fan in | Recommended CGATE | Recommended minimum CVDDH | | |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| 10 mA | 47 μF | 100 μF | | |
| 30 mA | 10 μF ÷ 47 μF | 220 μF | | |

Table 8. Recommended CGATE and CVDDHV vs. fan-in

5.2 Voltage regulators

The STKNX features two integrated voltage regulators for external use in the application: a linear regulator with 3.3 V or 5 V selectable output voltage, 20 mA current capability, and a step down switching converter with 1 V \div 12 V adjustable output voltage, 150 mA current capability.

5.2.1 3.3 V / 5 V linear regulator

The linear regulator converts the input voltage on the VDD_REGIN pin to 3.3 V or 5 V output on the VCCCORE pin. The output voltage level is selectable by the VCCSEL pin.

- VCCSEL tied to GND \rightarrow VCCCORE = 3.3 V
- VCCSEL tied to VCCCORE \rightarrow VCCCORE = 5 V

VCCSEL should not be changed when STKNX is operational.

The output current capability is 20 mA. A 4.7 μF capacitor or higher is required between VCCCORE and KNX_B for stability.

VCCCORE is also the supply input for STKNX digital I/Os. The linear regulator can be disabled by shorting VCCCORE to VDD_REGIN; in that case VCCCORE voltage to supply I/Os has to be provided externally and VCCSEL has to be configured according to the voltage level (3.3 V or 5 V).

5.2.2 Buck converter

The STKNX integrates a high-efficiency low-consumption buck switching converter.

The switching converter is supplied from the DCDC_IN pin, connected to VDDHV rail in the typical application. When voltage at the DCDC_IN pin is lower than UVLO, the switching converter is disabled.



Buck converter output voltage is adjustable between 1 V and 12 V by means of an external resistor divider on the DCDC_FB pin, according to the following expression:

Equation 1

Vout =
$$1 V (1 + RFB1 / RFB2)$$

where *RFB1* and *RFB2* are the upper and lower resistor of the divider respectively (see *Figure 1 on page 3*). The RFB2 typical value is $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ (RFB2 values higher than $100 \text{ k}\Omega$ should be avoided).

To set VOUT = 1 V, RFB1 should be 0 Ω and RFB2 not mounted.

In the usual case of the low ESR ceramic capacitor as the output capacitor for the converter, it is recommended to add an external feedforward compensation capacitor CFB1 in parallel to RFB1, for VOUT > 1 V.

The CFB1 default value can be calculated according to the following expression:

Equation 2

CFB1 = 1 / $(2\pi \cdot \text{RFB1} \cdot 28 \text{ kHz})$

The buck converter can deliver a continuous output current up to 150 mA, however the maximum current capability will not always be usable. In fact, at the application level, the KNX bus current consumption must stay within the KNX specification.

The buck converter implements the soft-start to prevent a high inrush current at the start-up. Soft-start time TSS is programmable through the external capacitor CSS between the DCDC_SS pin and GND, according to the following expression:

Equation 3

$$T_{SS} = 1 V \cdot C_{SS} / I_{SS}$$

where I_{SS} is 2.5 μ A typ.

The buck converter features a full set of protections, which includes overtemperature protection (OTP), overcurrent protection (OCP) and overvoltage protection (OVP).



6 Package information

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6.1 VFQFPN 4 x 4 x 1.0 24 pitch 0.5 package information



Figure 8. VFQFPN 4 x 4 x 1.0 24 pitch 0.5 package outline



| Queen la l | Dimensions [mm] | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------|--------|--|--|
| Symbol - | Min. | Nom. | Max. | | |
| А | 0.80 - | | 1.00 | | |
| A1 | 0.00 | - | 0.05 | | |
| A2 | - | 0.65 | - | | |
| A3 | - | 0.20 | - | | |
| b | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.30 | | |
| D | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | | |
| D2 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | | |
| е | - | 0.5 | - | | |
| E | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | | |
| E2 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.9 | | |
| L | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.40 | | |
| k | 0.20 | - | - | | |
| Ν | - 24 | | - | | |
| Symbol | Tolerance of form and position [mm] | | n [mm] | | |
| aaa | 0.15 | | | | |
| bbb | 0.10 | | | | |
| CCC | 0.10 | | | | |
| ddd | 0.05 | | | | |
| eee | 0.08 | | | | |
| fff | 0.10 | | | | |

| Table 9. | VFQFPN | 4 x 4 x | 1.0 24 p | itch 0.5 | package | mechanical data |
|----------|--------|---------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------|
|----------|--------|---------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------|

Figure 9. Suggested footprint



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7 Revision history

| Date | Revision | Changes |
|-------------|----------|------------------|
| 08-Feb-2018 | 1 | Initial release. |



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