APPLICATION NOTE





Automotive Lighting Solutions

Lighting in the automotive industry is heading towards a transition stage with several technological advancements emerging in the market, enabling enhanced performance, safety, security and aesthetics. Based on the current trend, investments in R&D by major OEMs make it evident that there will be a significant growth in the lighting sector.

In Automotive industry particularly in lighting segment a new era came with the light emitting diodes (LED). Due to their advantages like smaller size, high efficiency, lower energy consumption and thus fuel efficiency, long service life and design freedom, LEDs are becoming a more popular choice to replace traditional lamps.

Their small size and design flexibility let them fit very well in the interior lighting, creating comfortable ambience and good mood, which improves the concentration of the driver. While in the exterior lighting, the laser headlight, LED/OLED matrix are added to the high beam, promoting higher luminance and greater visibility, to enhance safety driving.

Discrete components always provide flexibility in choosing the perfect match based on the circuit requirements. By choosing the best suited semiconductor components in the design, power losses decrease and energy savings can be pushed even further. Hence, the selection of the right components can also boost-up the overall performance.

Diotec offers a wide range of silicon based, power discrete components such as small signal, high voltage, transient protection, current limiting, Schottky, Zener diodes and transistors.

The following block diagram shows the typical energy regulation procedure from a Battery, DC voltage to a Constant output current:



Block diagram for typical automotive lighting applications

The overall function of the automotive lighting can be classified into three groups:

- 1) Power management system, which has different stages such as AC-DC rectification, power factor correction, DC-DC conversion for Alternator driven power supply. While Battery power supply is as an alternative/additional external source in parallel to the power supply from alternator.
- 2) Protection Circuit: One of the major technical challenges faced in automotive electronics is the protection against variety of electrical transient voltages. It includes load-dump protection from regular happening events due to disconnection of vehicle battery from the alternator while the battery being charged, ESD protection from the humans and most unlikely event like lightning. By adding extra protection components, it is possible to protect the automotive electronics from such higher voltage disturbances.
- 3) Electronic control and gate drive units: In the modern automobiles, the entire lighting systems are being controlled by intelligent lighting control systems to distribute power, sense the inputs, control and actuation function. It would facilitate to improve the energy savings, efficiency and helps to optimize the usage.





Protection Circuit

Reverse Polarity Protection

Schottky Diodes

Part no	Package	FAV	V _{RRM}
PPS1040 60 (-3G)	Power SMD	10 A	40 60 V
PPS1540 60 (-3G)	Power SMD	15 A	40 60 V
SK1040100D1)-3G)	D-PAK	10A	40100 V
SK1040100D2 (-3G)	D2-PAK single	10A	40100 V
SK2040100CD2 (-3G)	D2-PAK dual	2x 10A	40100 V
SK3040100CD2 (-3G)	D2-PAK dual	2x 15A	40100 V
SK404045CD2 (-3G)	D2-PAK dual	2x 20A	4045 V
SBT1040100 (-3G)	TO-220AC	10A	40 100 V
SBCT1040100 (-3G)	TO-220AB dual	2x 5A	40 100 V
SBCT2040100 (-3G)	TO-220AB dual	2x 10A	40 100 V
SBCT30100150	TO-220AB dual	2x 15A	100 150 V

-3G: Available in 3rd Generation Schottky Technology with low V_{F} and low I_{R}

Transient Protection

TVS Diodes (Load dump, Transient protection)

Part no	Package	PPPM / IFav*	V _{WM}	V _{BR}
6.6SM8Z	DO-218AB	6600 W	10 43 V	11.1 52.8 V
4.6SM8Z	DO-218AB	4600 W	10 43V	11.1 52.8 V
5KP	D8 x 7.5	5000 W	6.5 120 V	7.2 133 V
BYZ35	D12.75 x 4.2 / Press-fit	35 A*	17.8 38.1 V	22 47 V
BYZ50	D12.75 x 4.2 / Press-fit	50 A*	17.8 38.1 V	22 47 V

Diotec offers product families for load dump protection according to ISO 16750-2: 2012 (E), both for the application without central load dump limit (according to standard Table 5, test A) and for those with central limitation (Table 6, Test B).

The new 6.6SM8Z series with 6.6kW peak pulse power in DO-218AB is already available, it will soon be supplemented by the 4.6SM6Z with 4.6kW. Both variants conform to AEC-Q101. The 5KP series represents an alternative in the axial housing, it allows up to 5kW in the usual design with 10 / 1000µs pulses.

Classic alternator rectifier diodes in the Pressfit package are the BYZ35 and BYZ50, which we offer especially for the After Sales market. They have a delimiter feature and thus provide the central load dump protection.



Figure: Typical load dump surge, during disconnection of the battery when alternator is in operation ⁱ)

Boost Converter

Schottky Diode

Part no	Package	FAV	V _{RRM}
SKL34 36	SOD-123F	3 A	40 60 V
SK34SMA-3G 315SMA (-3G)	DO-214AC/SMA	3 A	40 150 V
SK420	DO-214AB/SMC	4 A	200 V
SK54 515 (-3G)	DO-214AA/SMB	5 A	40 150 V
SK84 815 (-3G)	DO-214AB/SMC	8 A	40 150 V

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LED Driver

DC – DC Converter

Schottky Output Rectifiers

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Zener Diodes

Part no	Package	Ptot	Vz
MM3Z	SOD-323	300 mW	2.4 47 V
BZT52	SOD-123	500 mW	2.4 75 V
ZMC	Micro Melf	500 mW	2.4 75 V



Current Regulation

CLD (Constant Current Regulator)

Part no	Package	Pnom	V _{AK}
CL10MD 30MD	DO-213AA/MiniMelf	20 40 mA	90 V
CL15M35 40M35	DO-214AC/SMA	15 40 mA	90 V
CL15M45 40M45	DO-214AA/SMB	15 40 mA	90 V

Electronic Control and Gate Drive

Zener Diodes

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Small Signal Diodes

Part no	Package	I _{FAV}	V _{RRM}
1N4148WS	SOD-323	150 mA	100 V
BAT54A	SOT-23	200 mA	30 V
BAV99	SOT-23	215 mA	85 V

Schottky Diodes

Part no	Package	FAV	V _{RRM}
BAT54A	SOT-23	200 mA	30 V
BAS40-05	SOT-23	200 mA	40 V



Bootstrap Diodes



Part no	Package	FAV	V _{RRM}
FR2TSMAFR2YSMA (Fast)	DO-214AC/SMA	1 A	1300 2000 V
BYG23T (Superfast / Avalanche)	DO-214AC/SMA	1A	1300V

TVS Diodes (Gate Protection/Active Clamping)

Part no	Package	P _{PPM}	V _{WM}	V _{BR}
TGL34	DO-213AA/MiniMelf	150 W	5.5 171 V	6.8 200 V
SMF	SOD-123F	200 W	5.0 220 V	6.8 260 V
TGL41	DO-213AB/Melf	400 W	5.5 423 V	6.8 520 V
P4SMA	DO-214AC/SMA	400 W	5.0 495 V	6.8 550 V
P6SMB	DO-214AA/SMB	600 W	5.0 495 V	6.8 550 V
1.5SMC	DO-214AB/SMC	1500 W	5.0 495 V	6.8 550 V

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ⁱ) Source: Low Quiescent Current Surge Stopper: Robust Automotive Supply Protection for ISO 7637-2 and ISO 16750-2 Compliance, Dan Eddleman, LT Journal of a Analog Innovation, January 2017