

REFERENCE DESIGN

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Technical Specifications

1. AC Input: $V=90\sim 265V$, $f=57\sim 63Hz$, $I= 1.3A_{rms}$ max
2. Inrush Current: 13A max
3. Efficiency: 87% at full load high line (82% at low line)
4. Turn On Delay: <2secs @ 90V full load
5. Short Circuit Protection: Yes
6. Over Voltage Protection: Yes
7. Hold-Up Time: 140msec (230Vin Full load) / 27ms (90Vin Full load)
8. Output Rise Time: 7ms max (10-90%)
9. Output Characteristics



Nominal Output Voltage	Load Range		Regulation (V)
	Min	Max	
15V	0A	4A	14.4V ~ 15.6V

- 10: Switching Frequency: 20 -250kHz

Relevant Technical Documents

- AN1018a - Using the IR40xx Series SMPS ICs
- AN1024a - Flyback transformer design for the IR40xx series
- AN1025a - Designing a Power Supply Using The IRIS40xx Series
- DT01-1 - A Standby Circuit For the IRIS40xx Integrated Switchers
- IRIStran.xls - IRIS Series Flyback Transformer Design Spreadsheet
- IRIS4013(K) - Datasheet

Circuit Description

The IRISMPS3 reference design is a complete tested power supply circuit. It is designed for a universal AC line input and will provide a 15V, 4A full load DC output.

The design uses a flyback converter topology, with an IRIS4013K as the main switch and control device. The initial start-up current for the IRIS4013K is provided by a dropper resistor from the DC bus. Once the circuit is started the Vcc power for the IRIS4013K comes from the bias winding of the main transformer. The primary current control circuit consists of a current sensing resistor which feeds a voltage proportional to the transformer primary current into the feedback (FB) pin of the IRIS4013K. The secondary voltage control loop uses an LM431 precision shunt regulator as the reference and an optocoupler to feedback the information across the transformer galvanic isolation boundary back to the control circuit of the IRIS4013K.

Test Circuit Set-up

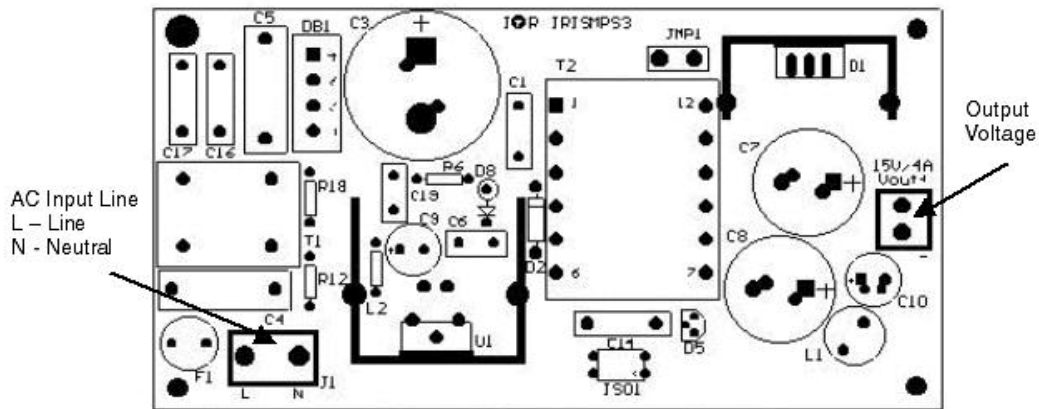


Fig 1) Connections to the board viewed from the top board layout

The circuit is designed for a universal AC line input. To safely test and evaluate this circuit it is recommended that an isolation transformer or a synthesized and isolated AC source (such as a Pacific Power Source 115-ASX) is used to power the board, with a voltage in the range of 90-265VAC, with a frequency of 50/60Hz. The AC input signal is applied to the pins at P1 and P3 marked on the board.

For the output the best load to use is an electronic load which will allow easy changes in the output load, e.g. something like a Chroma 63102. Another simple alternative is to use a High power resistor for the load. The output connection are as follows: P2 is the Positive output voltage connection, P4 is the negative(or return) output connection.

Circuit Operation

The front end of the circuit consists of an EMI Filter, a diode bridge rectifier, and a DC bus filter capacitor. These are all fairly common circuit components used to create a DC voltage at the top end of the transformer.

At power up the DC voltage is applied to the top of the transformer, and the top of resistor R2. R2 and R3 allow

about 100uA of quiescent current to flow which charges the Vcc capacitor C9. When the voltage at the Vcc pin of the IRIS4013K reaches the positive undervoltage lockout threshold (V_{CCUV+}), the IRIS4013K starts to operate and will turn on the internal FET. Now the DC bus voltage is applied across the transformer primary winding, the FET and the current sense resistors R15/R16. The current through the transformer primary, the FET and the current sense resistors will start to ramp up. The rate of the ramp is dependent on the DC bus voltage and hence the input line voltage (for example, the rate at 90VAC in is much lower than the rate at 230VAC in). The current ramps until the voltage across R15/R16 reaches the V_{th1} of the IRIS4013K (0.73V typ). During this time there is no current flowing in either the bias winding or the output winding, because this is blocked by the diodes D3 and D1 respectively.

At the point when the voltage across R15/R16 reaches V_{th1} this activates a comparator in the IRIS4013K and the internal FET is switched off. Now the energy stored in the transformer causes the voltage at the Drain connected end of the transformer to rise, and as a result the voltage at the bias winding and the output winding changes from negative to positive. The output rectifiers now conduct and the energy is transferred to the output and the bias winding. If there is a fixed full current load on the output it will take a number of cycles for the output voltage to rise to the required level, and also it will take a few cycles for the bias winding to begin supplying power to the Vcc pin of the IRIS4013K. Until this happens, C9 holds the voltage above the undervoltage lockout level (V_{CCUV-}) to make sure the circuit does not drop out. During this time the circuit cannot create enough voltage signal through the delay circuit to activate the quasi-resonant operation, so the circuit operates with a fixed off time of 50us (this is the pulse ratio control mode or PRC mode).

Once the output capacitors C7 & C8 and the Vcc capacitor C9 are fully charged, the complete quasi-resonant signal can be passed through the mode switching circuit & delay circuit D4/Q1/R11/D6 to the feedback (FB) pin. This will happen only if the Bias winding voltage is above the switching threshold of the mode switching circuit (the operation of the mode switching circuit will be discussed in the next section). This will give a voltage above the V_{th2} threshold of the IRIS4013K, and this activates the quasi-resonant operation, holding the internal FET off until all the energy is transferred from the primary side of the transformer to the secondary and bias outputs. When all the energy is transferred, the quasi-resonant signal at the FB pin will start to fall until it can no longer supply the 1.35mA required by the IRIS4013K internal latch, and the FET is turned back on. This is also the lowest point of the resonant voltage at the drain pin of the IRIS4013K (shown as point X in fig2), so results in reduced switching losses.

If the AC input voltage changes but the load stays constant, the primary current ramp will now be steeper resulting in a shorter ON time, but still the same off time as it still takes the same amount of time to transfer the same energy to the output. The reduced ON time leads to a higher operating frequency.

If the AC input voltage remains constant, but the load is reduced, the secondary side voltage monitoring circuit (ISO1A/R9/D5/R5/R13/C13) will see an increase in the voltage, as the circuit is still passing the same energy to the secondary side, but less current is being drawn. This causes the LM431 Precision Shunt Regulator (D5) to conduct, causing to a current flow in the optocoupler ISO1A, which in turn gets passed across the transformer boundary to the phototransistor part of the optocoupler ISO1B. This creates a voltage drop across R8, generating an offset voltage at the FB pin thereby reducing the current required through the current sense resistors R15/R16 needed to reach a voltage of 0.73V typ (V_{th1} threshold) at the FB pin, and hence less energy is put into the transformer, reducing both the ON time and the OFF time.

Mode Switching Circuit Operation

The mode switching circuit consists of Q1/R8/C12/R12/D7 and is used to switch the operating mode of the IRIS device between quasi-resonant and PRC modes dependant on the output loading, with the aim of reducing the power loss at light or no load.

At full load the bias winding voltage is higher than the switching threshold of the mode switching circuit which is set at about 13V in this circuit, this results in a current through D4/R8/R12/D7 which causes enough voltage across the base emitter junction of Q1 to forward bias it, which in turn allows the quasi-resonant signal to pass

through R11/D6 to the FB pin of the IRIS4013K.

If the bias winding voltage is below the threshold Q1 is off and no quasi-resonant signal is passed, this causes U1 to operate in the PRC mode with a fixed of time of 50us, this results in a further lowering of the Vcc voltage to provide some hysteresis to prevent spurious changing between modes.

Circuit Waveforms

The following plots show waveforms taken from the circuit under various stated conditions

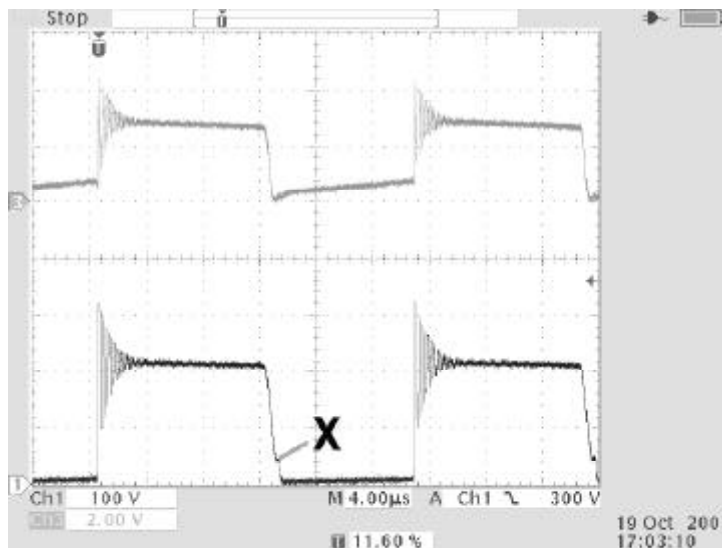


Fig 2) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1) and FB voltage (CH3) 90VAC in Full load

Fig 2) shows the drain voltage of the IRIS4013K and the FB voltage with full load output at 90VAC input. Note that point X marked on the drain waveform shows the detection point for the quasi-resonant signal which is the lowest point on the drain waveform after the energy is transferred.

Fig 3) shows the drain voltage and the feedback pin (FB) voltage at 265VAC input again with a full load output. Note that at the start of the ON time for the FET the FB pin signal has a higher dv/dt rise. This is due to the feedback signal from the output creating the offset voltage to keep the output power constant. Also note that the on-time is shorter and hence the operating frequency is higher.

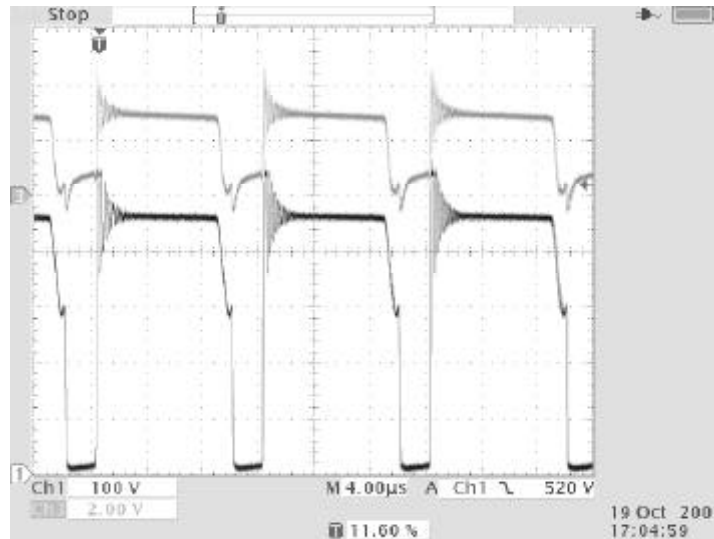


Fig 3) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1) and the FB pin voltage (CH3) at 265VAC in/Full load output

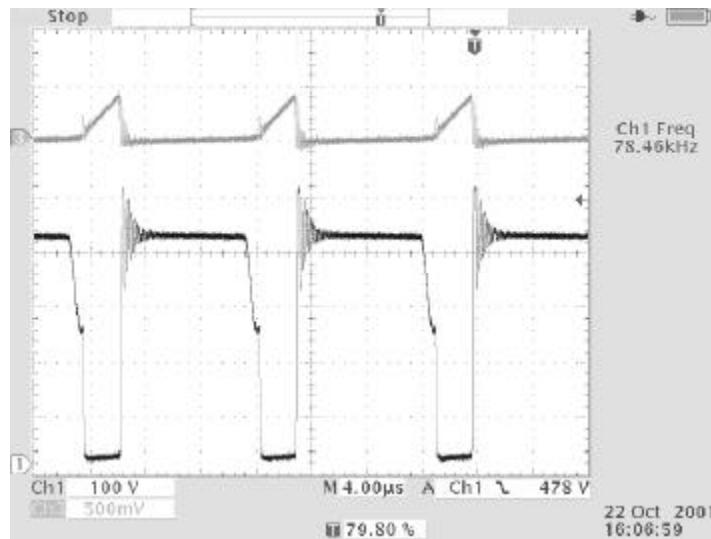


Fig 4) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1) and the Source pin voltage (CH3) at 230VAC in/Full load output

Fig 4) shows the Drain voltage and the source pin voltage at 230VAC input and full load output current. The Source pin voltage is effectively a measure of the primary current, as this is the voltage across the current

sense resistors R15/R16. There is a small spike at the beginning of the ramp which is due to the discharging of the resonant capacitor and the winding capacitance of the transformer primary winding. Note that if the input voltage was 90VAC and there was a full load output, there would be very little feedback, and the source voltage would ramp all the way to the $V_{th(1)}$ threshold of the IRIS4013K, but in this case the input voltage is 230VAC, so the feedback has generated an offset voltage to reduce the peak current in the transformer, and hence the source voltage ramps to about 0.4V, which keeps the output power constant.

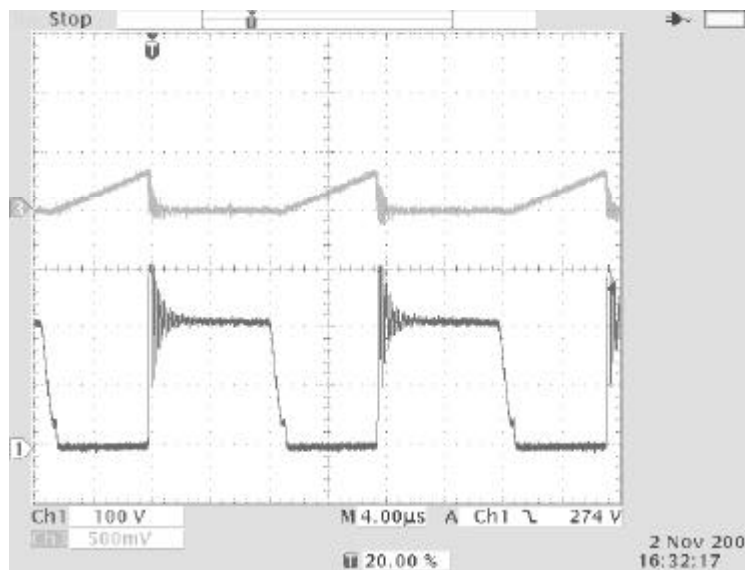


Fig 5) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1) and the source(S) pin voltage (CH3) at 90VAC in/3A load output

Fig 5) shows the same waveforms as in fig 4), but this time with a 90VAC input and a 3A load. Note that under these conditions the current ramp is less steep due to the lower voltage across the transformer primary winding, and The source pin voltage ramps to a higher level in order to get the correct amount of energy into the transformer. Remember that the energy stored is $\frac{1}{2}LI^2$ and $V=Ldi/dt$ so with a lower voltage across the transformer the rate of change of current is lower, so it will take longer to reach the same primary current level.

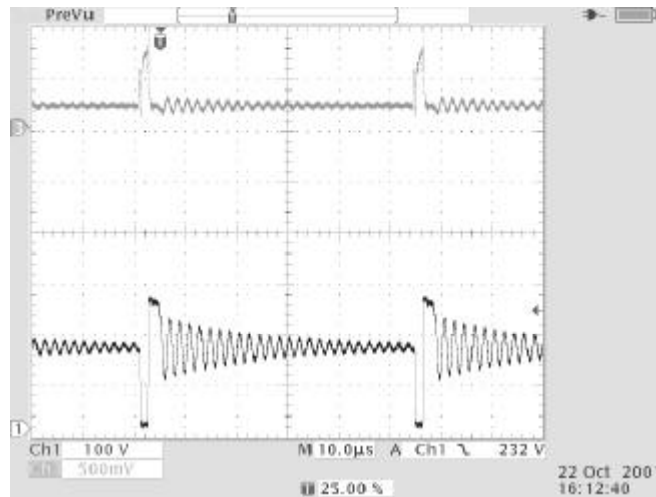
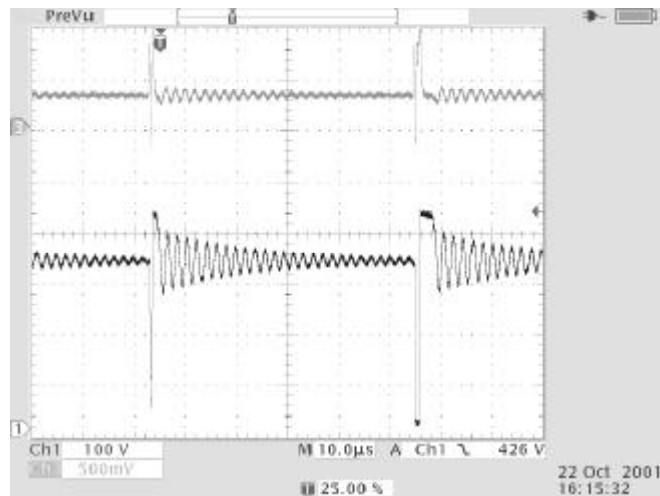


Fig 6) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1) and the FB pin voltage (CH3) at 110VAC in/no load output

Fig 6) again shows the drain and FB pin voltages, but this time with a 110VAC and a no load condition. In this case the circuit is operating in the PRC mode with a fixed off time of 50us as can be seen on the waveform. The on time is very short as the only energy required is the energy needed to keep the circuit operating and hold the output at 15V. Under these conditions the input power consumed is 488mW, which meets the



Energystar and Blue Angel Requirements.

Fig 7) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1) and the FB pin voltage (CH3) at 230VAC in/no load output

Fig 7) shows the same details as in fig 6), but at 230VAC input, in this case you can see the on time is even shorter as it takes very little time to get the energy required into the transformer. Again the circuit is operating in PRC mode with an input power of 825mW which again meets the Energystar and Blue Angel requirements for no load standby power.

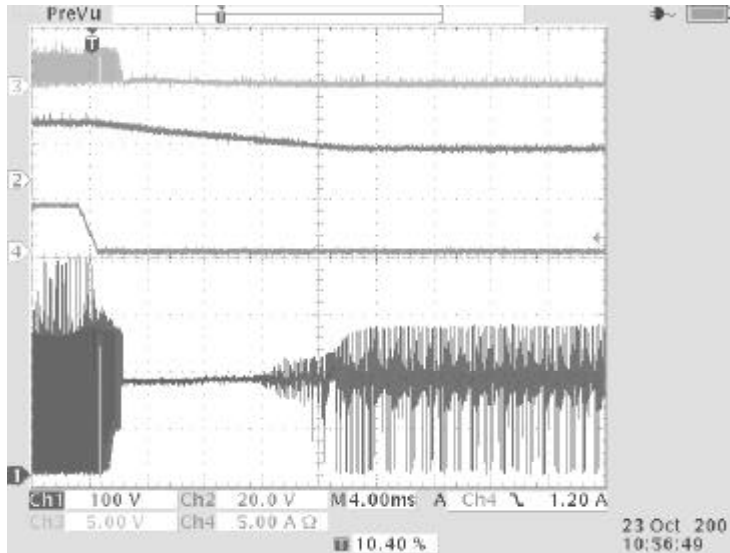


Fig 8) Drain (D) voltage of IRIS4013K (CH1)/Vcc Voltage (CH2)/ FB pin voltage (CH3)/Load Current (CH4) at 120VAC in/no load output

Fig 8) shows the circuit changing from Quasi-resonant mode to PRC mode due to a load change. The load change can be seen by the drop on CH4, as this occurs we see the quasi-resonant info on the FB pin (CH3) disappear after a short time due to the drop in voltage at the bias winding. This is a result of a high feedback current from the opto ISO1 as the output voltage tries to go higher to compensate for the drop in load current. At this point we see the feedback level is high enough to stop the drain from switching as can be seen by the flat part of the waveform on CH1. Eventually the circuit stabilizes and the circuit starts operating again in the PRC mode with a reduced Vcc and no quasi-resonant info on the FB pin.

Efficiency

In this section we will show the efficiency of the circuit under various conditions. Fig 9) shows a graph of the efficiency vs AC input voltage for a full load output. This shows the efficiency well above the 85% level for most of the input range.

Fig 10) shows the efficiency vs load current for various input voltages.

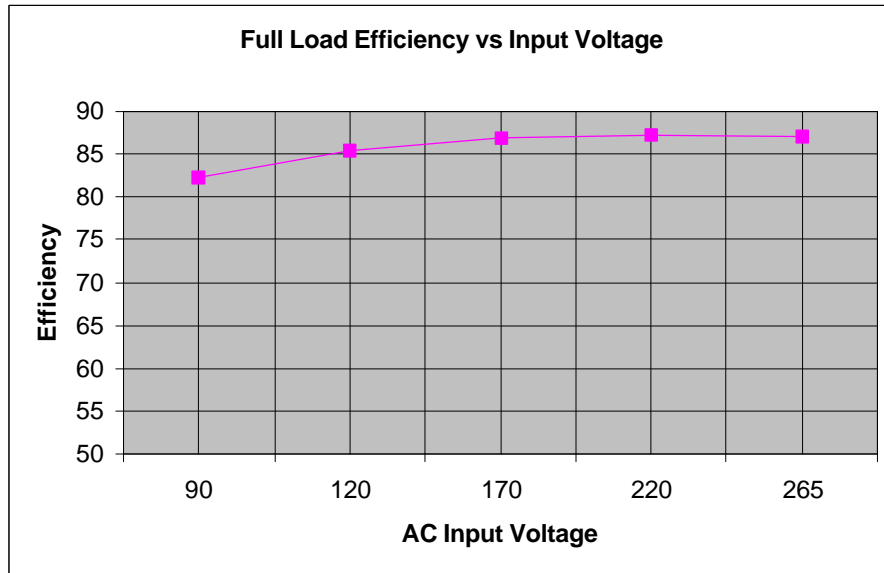


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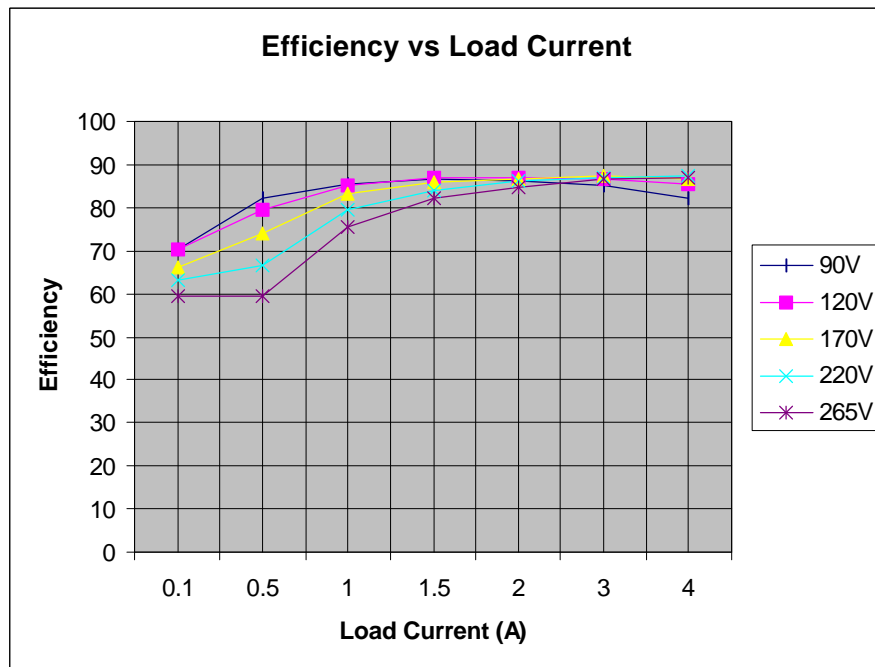


Fig.10)

Standby/No Load Power Consumption

Fig 11) shows the standby or no load power consumption vs AC input voltage, showing that over the entire voltage range the power consumption is less than 1W ensuring it complies with the Energystar/Blue Angel requirements.

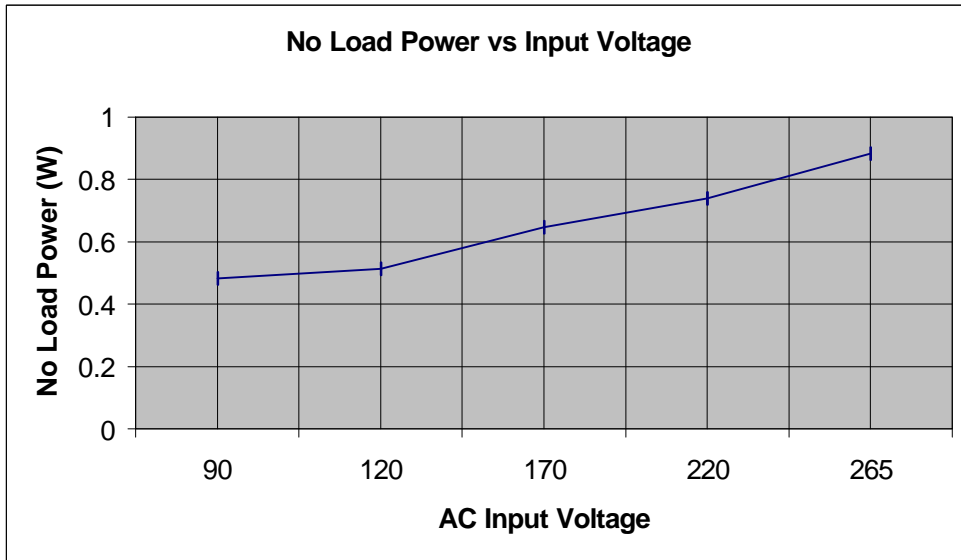
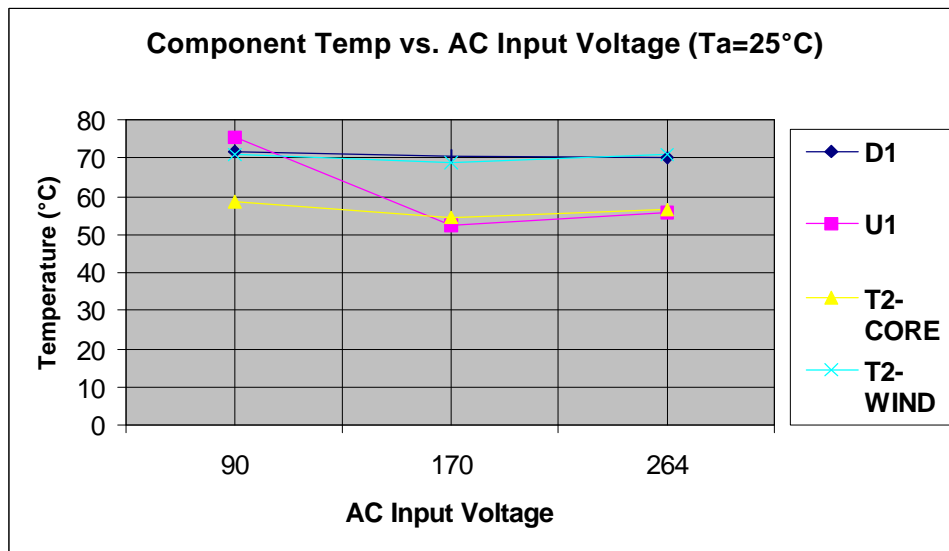


Fig 11)



Output Ripple

Fig 12) shows the output ripple of the power supply with a 90VAC input and full load 4A output. Peak to peak ripple is 100mV. the waveform is shown Bandwidth limited to remove HF noise from the measurement.

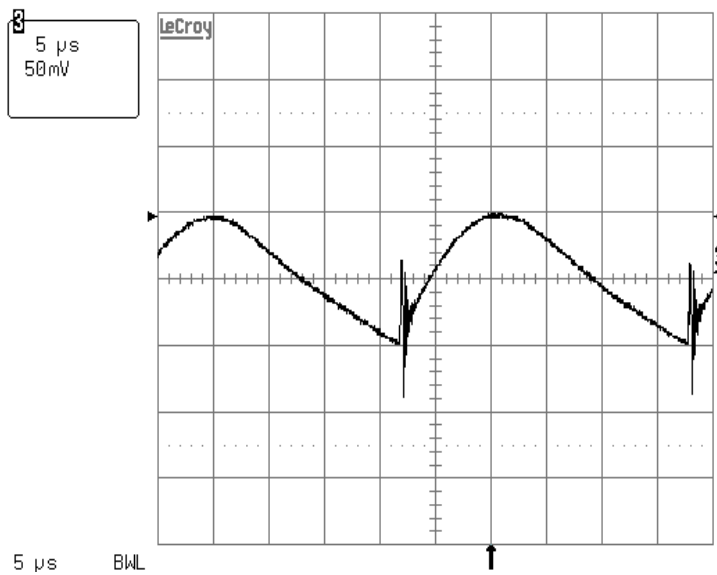


Fig 12) Output Ripple Voltage at 90VAC input / Full Load output

Transient Response

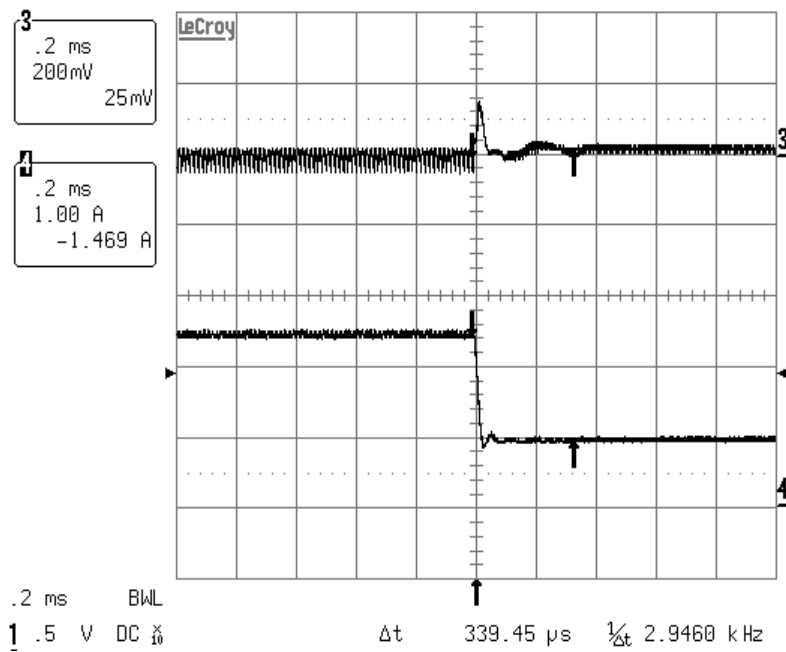
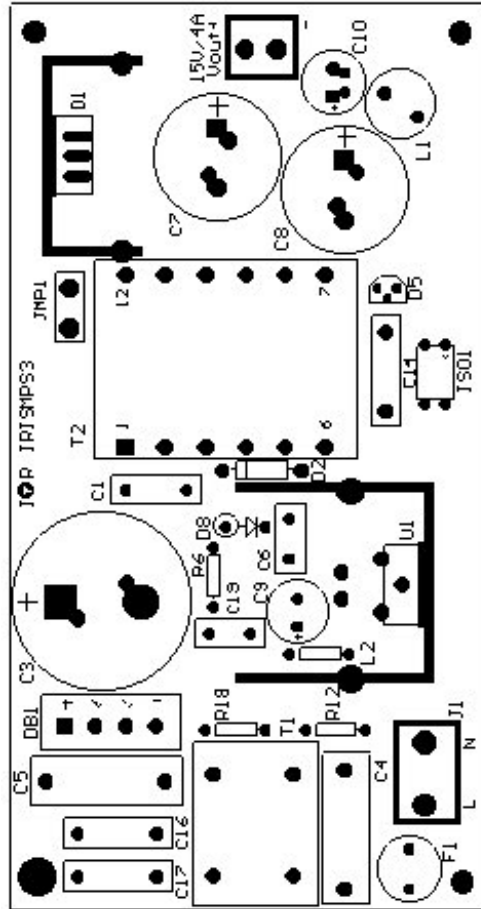


Fig 13) Transient Response at 90VAC in

Fig 13) shows the transient response of the power supply with a 90VAC input. The load change is set to change from 2.5A to 1.5A which is a 50% load typical setting $\pm 25\%$.

Top Board Layout



Bottom Board Layout

