

## Description

The AP5725 is a step-up DC/DC converter specifically designed to drive white LEDs with a constant current. The device can drive 2 ~ 6 LEDs in series from a Li-Ion cell. Series connection of the LEDs provides identical LED currents resulting in uniform brightness and eliminates the need for ballast resistors. For driving higher number of LEDs, AP5725 also supports a single feedback of parallel connected multiple strings of equal number of LEDs.

The AP5725 switches at 1.2MHz that allows the use of tiny external components. A low 0.25V feedback voltage minimizes power loss in the current setting resistor for better efficiency.

## Features

- High efficiency: 84% typical
- Fast 1.2MHz switching frequency
- Current limit and UVLO protections
- Internal thermal shutdown
- Internal Over Voltage Protection
- Integrated soft-start function
- SOT26, TSOT23-6 and DFN2020C-6: Available in "Green" Molding Compound (No Br, Sb)
- Lead Free Finish/ RoHS Compliant (Note 1)

Notes: 1. EU Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS). All applicable RoHS exemptions applied. Please visit our website at [http://www.diodes.com/products/lead\\_free.html](http://www.diodes.com/products/lead_free.html).

## Pin Assignments



## Applications

- Cellular Phones
- PDAs, Hand held Computers
- Digital Cameras
- MP3 Players
- GPS Receivers

## Typical Application Circuit

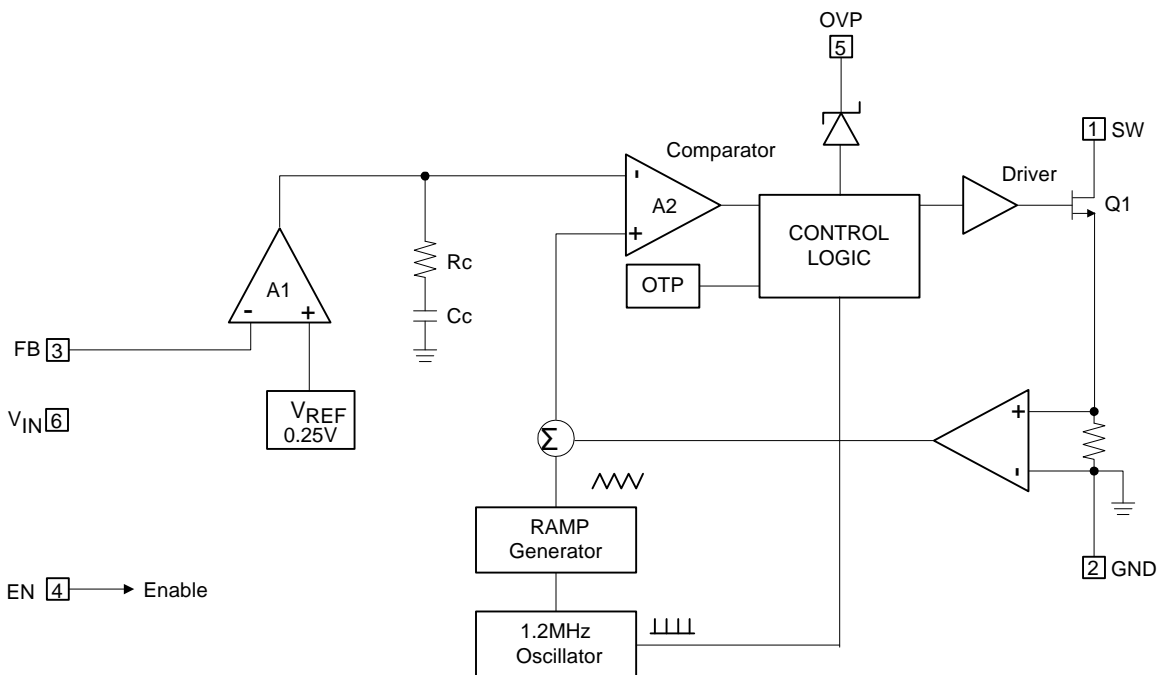


Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit

**Pin Descriptions**

Pin Name	Description
SW	Switch Pin. Connect inductor/diode here. Minimize trace area at this pin to reduce EMI.
GND	GND pin.
FB	Feedback Pin. Reference voltage is 0.25V. Connect cathode of lowest LED and a sense resistor here. Calculate resistor value according to the formula: $R_{SET} = 0.25V / I_{LED}$
EN	Converter On/Off Control Input. A high input at EN turns the converter On, and a low input turns it off. If On/Off control is not needed, connect EN to the input source for automatic startup. The EN pin cannot be left floating.
OVP	Output Voltage detect pin for over voltage protection.
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input Supply Pin. Must be locally bypassed with 1μF or 2.2μF to reduce input noise.

**Functional Block Diagram**



**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Rating	Unit
$V_{IN}$	VIN Pin Voltage	-0.3~7	V
VSW	SW Voltage	-0.3~34	V
$V_{OVP}$	OVP Pin Voltage	-0.3~35	V
$V_{FB}$	Feedback Pin Voltage	-0.3~7	V
EN	EN	-0.3~7	V
$T_{J(MAX)}$	Maximum Junction Temperature	150	°C
$T_{LEAD}$	Lead Temperature	300	°C
$T_{ST}$	Storage Temperature Range	-65 to +150	°C

Caution: Operation above the absolute maximum ratings can cause device failure. These values, therefore, must not be exceeded under any condition. Operation at the absolute maximum rating for extended periods, may reduce device reliability.

**Recommended Operating Conditions**

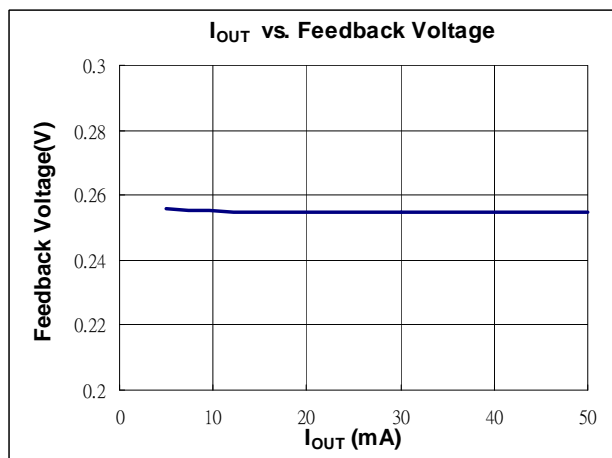
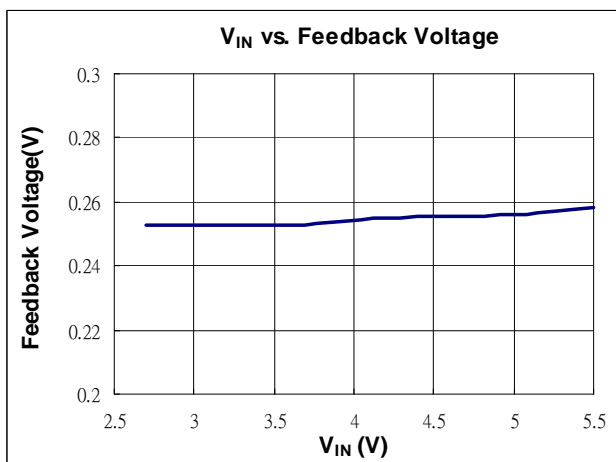
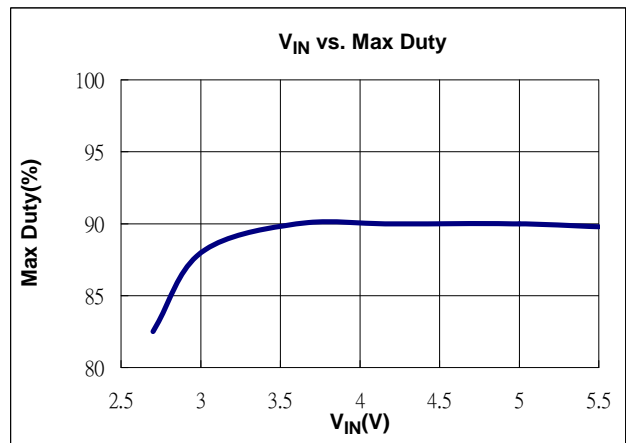
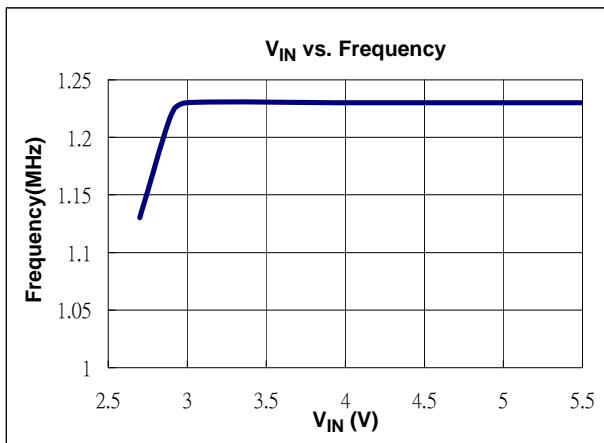
Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
$V_{IN}$	Input Voltage	2.7	5.5	V
$T_J$	Operating Junction Temperature	-40	125	°C
$T_A$	Operating Ambient Temperature	-40	85	°C

### Electrical Characteristics ( $V_{IN} = 3.6V$ , $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.)

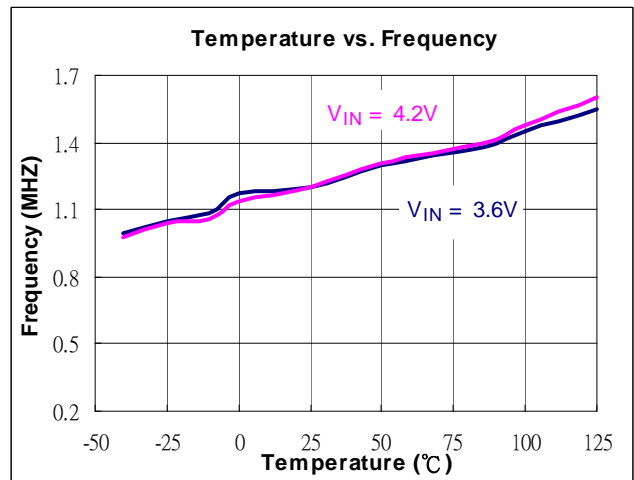
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit
<b>System Supply Input</b>						
$V_{IN}$	Operating Input Voltage		2.7	-	5.5	V
UVLO	Under Voltage Lockout		-	2.2	2.4	V
	Under Voltage Lockout Hysteretic		-	85	-	mV
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	FB=0.35V, No Switching	-	500	-	$\mu A$
$I_{SD}$	Shutdown Current	$V_{EN} < 0.4V$	-	0.1	1	$\mu A$
<b>Oscillator</b>						
$F_{OSC}$	Operation Frequency		1	1.2	1.4	MHz
Dmax	Maximum Duty Cycle		86	90	-	%
<b>Reference Voltage</b>						
$V_{FB}$	Feedback Voltage		0.225	0.25	0.275	V
$I_{FB}$	FB Pin Bias Current		10	45	100	nA
<b>MOSFET</b>						
Rds(on)	On Resistance of MOSFET		-	0.95	1.2	$\Omega$
$I_{OCP}$	Switching Current Limit	Normal Operation	-	750	-	mA
<b>Control and Protection</b>						
EN	Voltage High	ON	1.5	-	-	V
EN	Voltage Low	OFF	-	-	0.4	V
$I_{EN}$	EN Pin Pull Low Current		-	4	6	$\mu A$
OVP	OVP Threshold		26	30	34	V
$\theta_{JA}$	Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Ambient	SOT26 (Note 2)		162		$^\circ C/W$
		TSOT23-6 (Note 2)		152		
		DFN2020C-6 (Note2)		200		
$\theta_{JC}$	Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Case	SOT26 (Note 2)		36		$^\circ C/W$
		TSOT23-6 (Note 2)		32		
		DFN2020C-6 (Note 2)		30		

Notes: 2. Test condition for SOT26, TSOT23-6 and DFN2020C-6: Device mounted on FR-4 substrate, single-layer PC board, 2oz copper, with minimum recommended pad layout

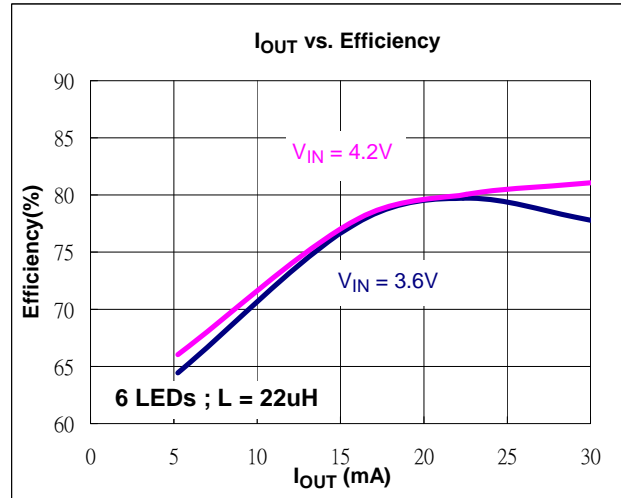
**Typical Performance Characteristics (6 LEDs ;  $V_{IN} = 3.6V$  ;  $I_{OUT} = 25mA$ )**



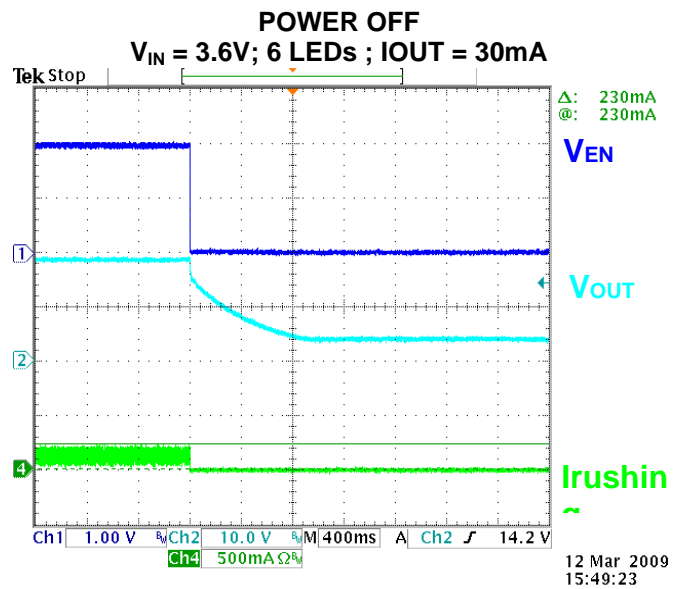
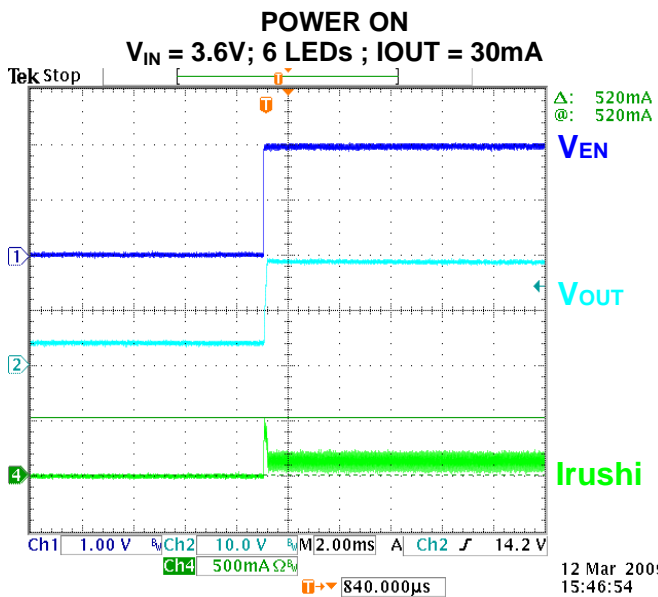
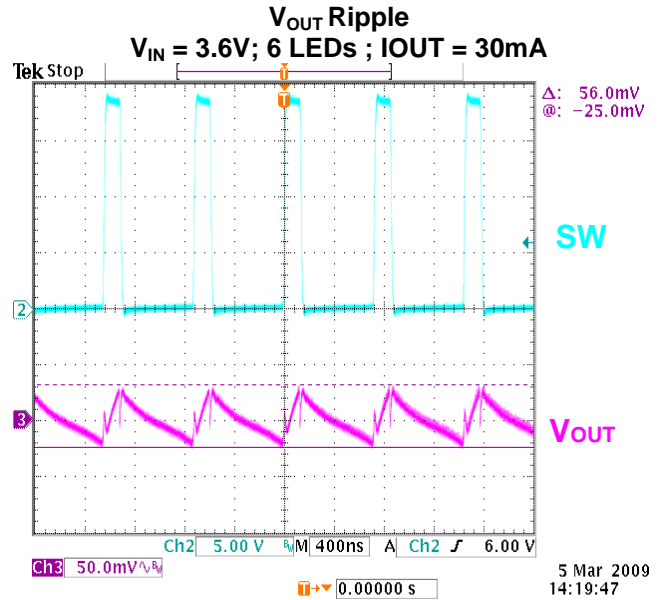
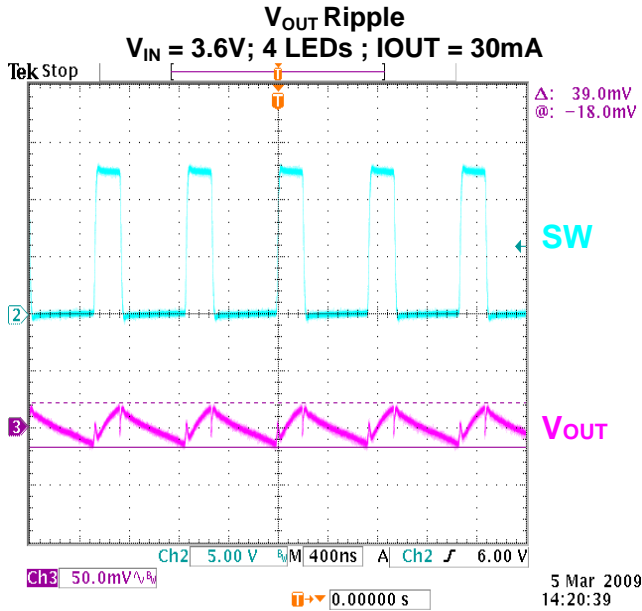
**Typical Performance Characteristics (Continued)**



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### Applications Information

#### Inductor Selection

A 10 $\mu$ H–22 $\mu$ H inductor is recommended for most AP5725 applications. For high efficiency the inductor should have low core losses at 1.2MHz and low DCR (copper wire resistance). The inductor saturation current rating should also exceed the peak input current, especially for high load current applications (like 3S8P).

#### Capacitor Selection

The small size of ceramic capacitors are ideal for AP5725 applications. X5R and X7R types are recommended because they retain their capacitance over wider voltage and temperature ranges than other types such as Y5V or Z5U. A 1 $\mu$ F input capacitor and a 1 $\mu$ F output capacitor are sufficient for most AP5725 applications. For high output current applications like 3S8P, larger output capacitor of 2.2 $\mu$ F ~ 4.7 $\mu$ F is recommended to minimize output ripple.

#### Diode Selection

Schottky diodes, with their low forward voltage drop and fast reverse recovery, are the ideal choices for AP5725 applications. The forward voltage drop of a Schottky diode represents the conduction losses in the diode, while the diode capacitance ( $C_T$  or  $C_D$ ) represents the switching losses. For diode selection, both forward voltage drop and diode capacitance need to be considered. Schottky diodes with higher current ratings usually have lower forward voltage drop and larger diode capacitance, which can cause significant switching losses at the 1.2MHz switching frequency of the AP5725. Schottky diodes with higher current ratings usually have lower forward voltage drop and larger diode capacitance. Larger Schottky diode capacitance can cause significant switching losses at the 1.2MHz switching frequency of the AP5725. A Schottky diode rated at 100mA to 200mA is sufficient for most AP5725 applications.

#### LED Current Control

The LED current is controlled by the feedback resistor ( $R_{SET}$  in **Figure 1**). The feedback reference is 0.25V. The LED current is  $0.25V / R_{SET}$ . In order to have accurate LED current, precision resistors are preferred (1% is recommended). The formula and table for  $R_{SET}$  selection are shown below.

$$R_{SET} = 0.25V / I_{LED} \text{ (See Table 1)}$$

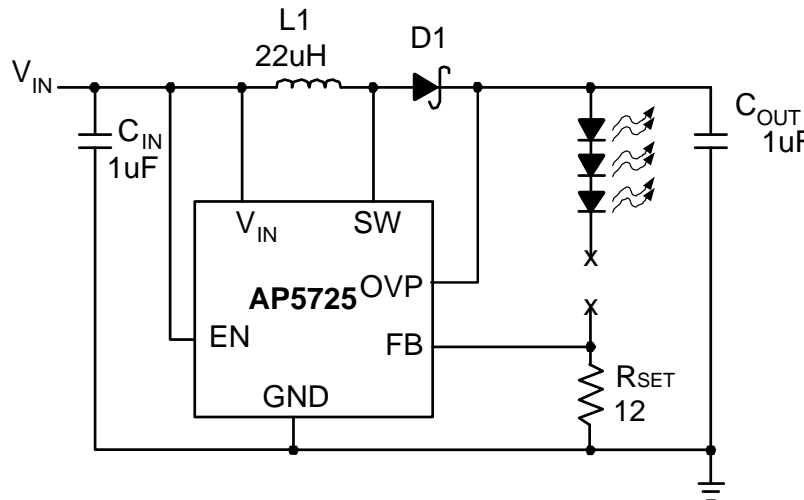
**Table 1.  $R_{SET}$  Resistor Value Selection**

$I_{LED}$ (mA)	$R_{SET}$ ( $\Omega$ )
5	50
10	25
15	16.6
20	12.5
30	8.3

**Applications Information (Continued)**

**Open-Circuit Protection**

In the cases of output open circuit, when the LEDs are disconnected from the circuit or the LEDs fail, the feedback voltage will be zero. The AP5725 will then switch at a high duty cycle resulting in a high output voltage, which may cause the SW and OVP pin voltage to exceed the voltage rating of these pins. The OVP pin monitors the output voltage. If the output voltage reaches the over voltage protection threshold at the OVP pin (**Figure 2**), the over voltage protection is activated and SW pin stops switching.



**Figure 2. LED Driver with Open-Circuit Protection**

**Dimming Control**

There are four different types of dimming control circuits:

**1. Using a PWM Signal to EN Pin**

With the PWM signal applied to the EN pin, the AP5725 is turned on or off by the PWM signal. The LEDs operate at either zero or full current. The average LED current increases proportionally with the duty cycle of the PWM signal. A 0% duty cycle will turn off the AP5725 and corresponds to zero LED current. A 100% duty cycle corresponds to full current. The typical frequency range of the PWM signal is below 2kHz.

**Applications Information (Continued)**

**2. Using a DC Voltage**

For some applications, the preferred method of brightness control is a variable DC voltage to adjust the LED current. The dimming control using a DC voltage is shown in **Figure 3**. As the DC voltage increases, the voltage drop on R2 increases and the voltage drop on R<sub>SET</sub> decreases. Thus, the LED current decreases. The selection of R2 and R3 will make the current from the variable DC source much smaller than the LED current and much larger than the FB pin bias current. For V<sub>DC</sub> range from 0V to 2V, the selection of resistors in **Figure 3** gives dimming control of LED current from 0mA to 20mA.



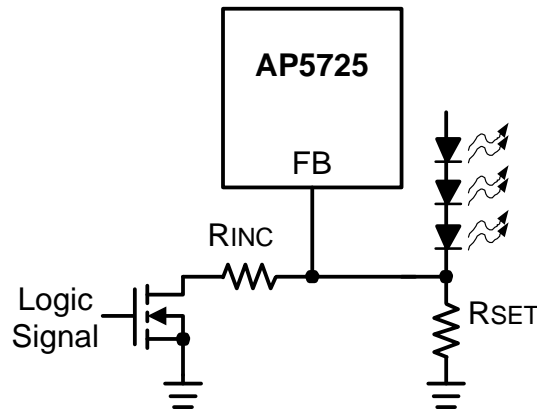
**Figure 3. Dimming Control Using a DC Voltage**

**3. Using a Filtered PWM Signal**

The filtered PWM signal can be considered as an adjustable DC voltage. It can be used to replace the variable DC voltage source in dimming control.

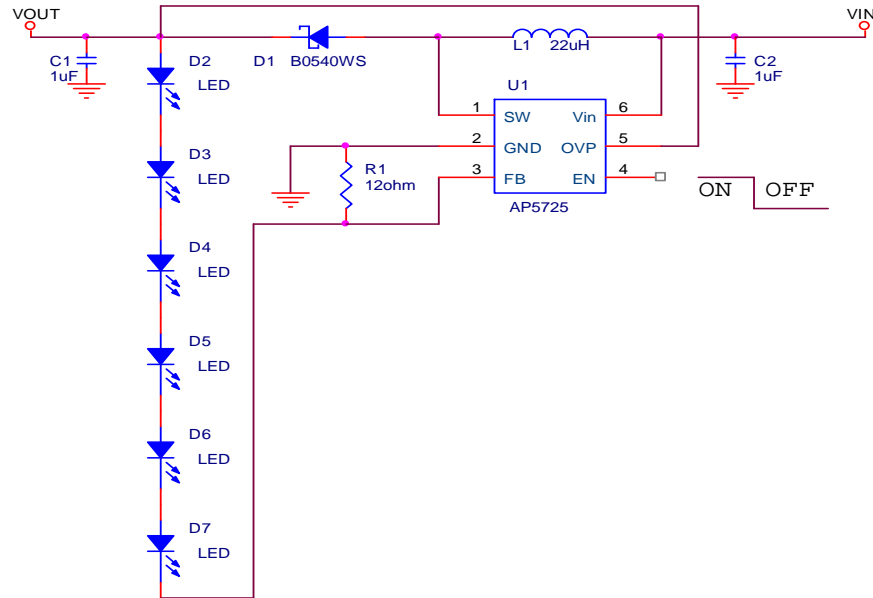
**4. Using a Logic Signal**

For applications that need to adjust the LED current in discrete steps, a logic signal can be used as shown in **Figure 4**. R<sub>SET</sub> sets the minimum LED current (when the NMOS is off). R<sub>SET</sub> sets how much the LED current increases when the NMOS is turned on.



**Figure 4. Dimming Control Using a Logic Signal**

### Applications Information (Continued)



**Table 2. Suggested Inductors**

Vendor	Inductors (µH)	Current Rating (A)	Type	Dimensions (mm)	Series
Würth Electronics	22	0.51A	SMD	3.8X 3.8 X 1.6	744031220
GOTREND	22	0.56A	SMD	3.8 X 3.8 X 1.05	GLP3810PH220N
TAIYO YUDRN	22	0.51A	SMD	4.0 X 4.0 X 1.25	NR4012

**Table 3. Suggested Capacitors for C<sub>IN</sub> and C<sub>OUT</sub>**

Vendor	Capacitance	Type	Series
TAIYO YUDEN	1µF	SMD	TMK212 B7105MG-T

**Table 4. Suggested Diodes**

Vendor	Rating	Type	Series
ZETEX	40V/0.5A	SOD323	ZLLS400
DIODES	40V/0.5A	SOD323	B0540WS
DIODES	40V/0.25A	SOD523	SDM20U40

**Table 5. Suggested Resistor**

Vendor	Type	Series
YAGEO	SMD	FR-SK

**Table 6. Suggested W-LED**

Vendor	Type	Series
LITEON	SMD	LTW-C1911UC5

### Ordering Information



Device	Package Code	Packaging (Note 3)	7" Tape and Reel	
			Quantity	Part Number Suffix
AP5725WG-7	W	SOT26	3000/Tape & Reel	-7
AP5725WUG-7	WU	TSOT23-6	3000/Tape & Reel	-7
AP5725FDCG-7	FDC	DFN2020C-6	3000/Tape & Reel	-7

Notes: 3. Pad layout as shown on Diodes Inc. suggested pad layout document AP02001, which can be found on our website at <http://www.diodes.com/datasheets/ap02001.pdf>.

### Marking Information

#### (1) SOT26 and TSOT23-6

( Top View )



XX : Identification Code  
Y : Year 0~9  
W : Week : A~Z : 1~26 week;  
a~z : 27~52 week; z represents 52 and 53 week  
X : A~Z : Green

Part Number	Package	Identification Code
AP5725WG-7	SOT26	FC
AP5725WUG-7	TSOT23-6	GC

#### (2) DFN2020C-6

( Top View )

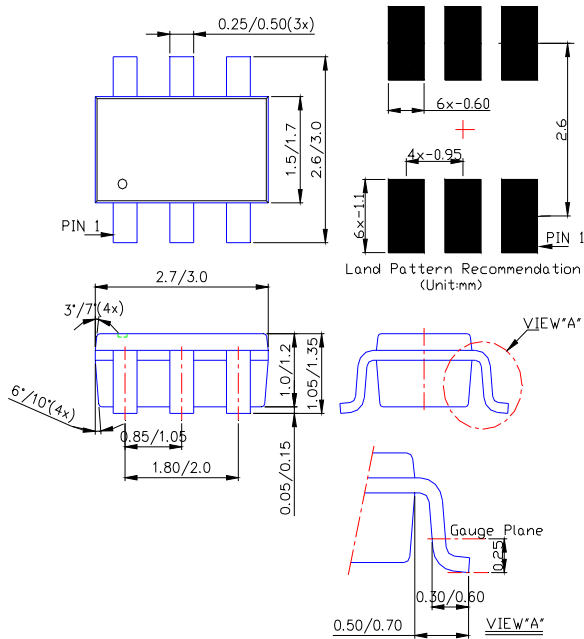


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Part Number	Package	Identification Code
AP5725FDCG-7	DFN2020C-6	GC

**Package Outline Dimensions (All Dimensions in mm)**

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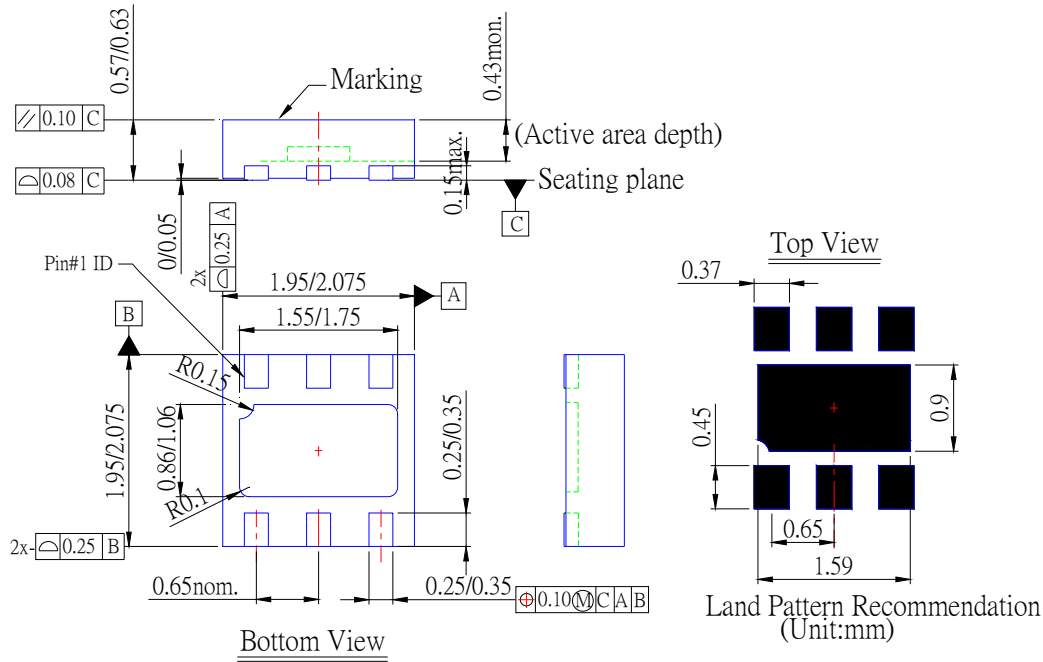


**(2) Package Type: TSOT23-6**



**Package Outline Dimensions (Continued)**

**(3) Package Type: DFN2020C-6**



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**Taping Orientation**

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For DFN2020C-6



Notes: 4. The taping orientation of the other package type can be found on our website at <http://www.diodes.com/datasheets/ap02007.pdf>.



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