

**M51978P,FP****SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL****DESCRIPTION**

Mitsubishi IC type M51978P, FP are primary switching regulator controller which are especially designed to get the regulated DC voltage from AC power supply.

These IC can directly drive the MOS-FET with fast rise and fast fall output pulse and with a large-capacity totem pole output.

Type M51978P, FP have the functions of not only high frequency OSC and fast output drive but also current limit with fast response and high sensibility so the true "fast switching regulator" can be realized.

**FEATURES**

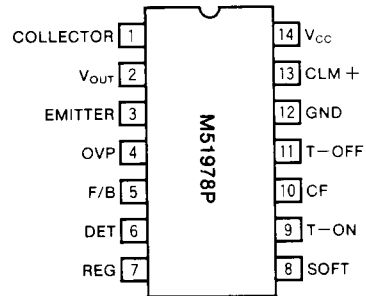
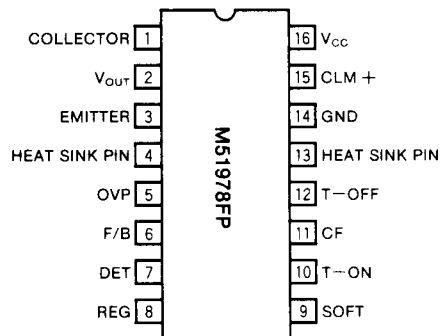
- 500kHz operation to MOS-FET
  - Output current .....  $\pm 1A$
  - Output rise time 60ns, fall time 40ns
  - Modified totempole output method with small through current
- Compact and light-weight power supply
  - Small start-up current .....  $100\mu A$  typ.
  - Big difference between "start-up voltage" and "stop voltage" makes the smoothing capacitor of the power input section small.
  - Start-up threshold 16V, stop voltage 10V
- Packages with high power dissipation are used to withstand the heat generated by the gate-drive current of MOS FET.
  - 14-pin DIP, 16-pin SOP (at 25°C)
- Simplified peripheral circuit with protection circuit and built-in large-capacity totempole output
  - High-speed current limiting circuit using pulse-by-pulse method (CLM + terminal)
  - Over-voltage protection circuit with a single signal input (OVP)
  - Output error prevention circuit at low supply voltage (UVLO)
- High-performance and highly functional power supply
  - Triangular wave oscillator for easy dead time setting
  - Soft start function by expanding period

**APPLICATION**

Feed forward regulator, Fly-back regulator

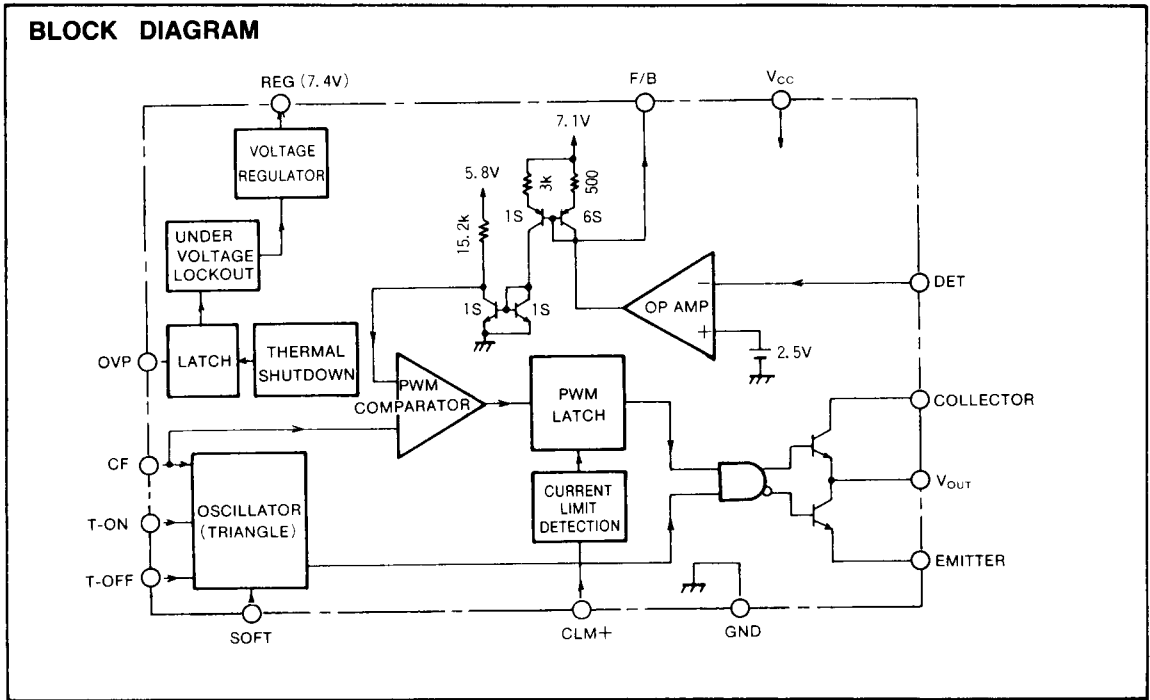
**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

- Supply voltage range ..... 12~30V  
 Operating frequency ..... less than 500kHz  
 Oscillator frequency setting resistance
- T-ON pin resistance  $R_{ON}$  ..... 10k~75k $\Omega$
  - T-OFF pin resistance  $R_{OFF}$  ..... 2k~30k $\Omega$

**PIN CONFIGURATION (TOP VIEW)****Outline 14P4****Outline 16P2N**

Connect the heat sink pin to GND.

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**



**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL****ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Rated	Unit
$V_{CC}$	Supply voltage		31	V
$V_C$	Collector voltage		31	V
$I_O$	Output current	Peak	$\pm 1$	A
		Continuous	$\pm 0.15$	
$I_{VREG}$	VREG terminal output current		-6	mA
$V_{SOFT}$	SOFT terminal voltage		$V_{REG} + 0.2$	V
$V_{CLM+}$	CLM+ terminal voltage		-0.3~3	V
$V_{DET}$	DET terminal voltage		6	V
$V_{OVP}$	OVP terminal voltage		$V_{CC}$	V
$I_{F/B}$	F/B terminal current		-10	mA
$I_{TON}$	T-ON terminal input current		-1	mA
$I_{TOFF}$	T-OFF terminal input current		-2	mA
$P_d$	Power dissipation	$T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$	1.5	W
$K\theta$	Thermal derating	$T_a > 25^\circ\text{C}$	12	mW/°C
$T_{opr}$	Operating temperature		-30~+85	°C
$T_{stg}$	Storage temperature		-40~125	°C

Note : "+" sign shows the direction of current flowing into the IC and "-" sign shows the current flowing out from the IC.

## SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

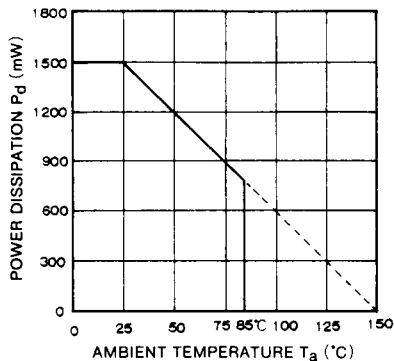
ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (V<sub>CC</sub>=18V, T<sub>a</sub>=25°C, unless otherwise noted)

Block	Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Limits			Unit
				Min	Typ	Max	
Supply voltage/circuit current	V <sub>CC</sub>	Operating supply voltage range		V <sub>CC</sub> (STOP)	—	30	V
	V <sub>CC</sub> (START)	Operation start up voltage		15.2	16.2	17.2	V
	V <sub>CC</sub> (STOP)	Operation stop voltage		9.0	9.9	10.9	V
	ΔV <sub>CC</sub>	V <sub>CC</sub> (START), V <sub>CC</sub> (STOP) difference	ΔV <sub>CC</sub> =V <sub>CC</sub> (START)−V <sub>CC</sub> (STOP)	5.0	6.3	7.6	V
	I <sub>CCL</sub>	Stand-by current	V <sub>CC</sub> =14.5V T <sub>a</sub> =25°C V <sub>CC</sub> =14.5V −30°C ≤ T <sub>a</sub> ≤ 85°C	65 50	100 100	150 200	μA
	I <sub>CCO</sub>	Operating circuit current	V <sub>CC</sub> =15V, f=188kHz V <sub>CC</sub> =30V, f=188kHz	7.3 8	11 12	17 19	mA
I <sub>CCOVP</sub>	Circuit current in OVP state	V <sub>CC</sub> =25V	1.3	2.0	3.0	mA	
		V <sub>CC</sub> =9.5V	140	210	320	μA	
F/B	I <sub>FBMIND</sub>	Current at 0% duty	F/B terminal input current	−2.1	−1.5	−1.0	mA
	I <sub>FBMAXD</sub>	Current at maximum duty	F/B terminal input current	−0.9	−0.6	−0.4	mA
	ΔI <sub>FB</sub>	Current difference between max and 0% duty	ΔI <sub>FB</sub> =I <sub>FBMIND</sub> −I <sub>FBMAXD</sub>	−1.35	−0.99	−0.70	mA
	V <sub>FB</sub>	F/B terminal voltage	F/B terminal input current=0.95mA	4.9	5.9	7.1	V
R <sub>FB</sub>	OVP terminal resistance		420	600	780	Ω	
OVP	V <sub>THOVP</sub>	OVP terminal threshold voltage		1.00	1.40	1.80	V
	I <sub>INOVP</sub>	OVP terminal input current		—	1.0	4.0	μA
	V <sub>CCOVP</sub>	OVP reset supply voltage		7.5	8.5	9.5	V
	V <sub>CC</sub> (STOP) −V <sub>CCOVP</sub>	Difference voltage between operation stop and OVP reset		0.65	1.30	—	V
CLM+	V <sub>THCLM+</sub>	CLM+ terminal threshold voltage		180	200	220	mV
	I <sub>INCLM+</sub>	CLM+ terminal current	V <sub>CLM+</sub> =0V	−280	−200	−140	μA
	T <sub>PDCLM+</sub>	Delay time from CLM+ to V <sub>OUT</sub>		—	150	—	ns
Oscillator	f <sub>OSC</sub>	Oscillating frequency	R <sub>ON</sub> =20kΩ C <sub>F</sub> =220pF	170	188	207	kHz
	T <sub>DUTY</sub>	Maximum ON duty	R <sub>OFF</sub> =17kΩ, −5 ≤ T <sub>a</sub> ≤ 85°C	47	50	53	%
	V <sub>OSCH</sub>	Upper limit voltage of oscillation waveform	R <sub>ON</sub> =20kΩ, R <sub>OFF</sub> =17kΩ C <sub>F</sub> =220pF	3.97	4.37	4.77	V
	V <sub>OSCL</sub>	Lower limit voltage of oscillation waveform		1.76	1.96	2.16	V
	ΔV <sub>OSC</sub>	Voltage difference between upper limit and lower limit of OSC waveform		2.11	2.41	2.71	V
	V <sub>T-ON</sub>	T−ON terminal voltage	R <sub>ON</sub> =20kΩ	3.8	4.5	5.4	V
	V <sub>T-OFF</sub>	T−OFF terminal voltage	R <sub>OFF</sub> =17kΩ	2.9	3.5	4.2	V
SOFT	f <sub>OSCSOFT</sub>	Oscillating frequency during SOFT operation	V <sub>SOFT</sub> =5.5V	170	188	207	kHz
			V <sub>SOFT</sub> =2.5V	111	131	151	kHz
			V <sub>SOFT</sub> =0.2V	19.0	23.3	27.0	kHz
	I <sub>SOFTIN</sub>	SOFT terminal input current	V <sub>SOFT</sub> =1V	−0.5	−0.1	—	μA
I <sub>SOFTDIS</sub>	SOFT terminal discharging current	Discharge current of SOFT terminal at V <sub>CC</sub> less than V <sub>CC</sub> (STOP)	1	3.3	—	mA	
REG	V <sub>REG</sub>	Regulator output voltage	6.8	7.8	8.8	V	
Output	V <sub>OL1</sub>	Output low voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> =18V I <sub>O</sub> =10mA	—	0.04	0.4	V
	V <sub>OL2</sub>		V <sub>CC</sub> =18V I <sub>O</sub> =100mA	—	0.7	1.4	V
	V <sub>OL3</sub>		V <sub>CC</sub> =5V I <sub>O</sub> =1mA	—	0.85	1.0	V
	V <sub>OL4</sub>		V <sub>CC</sub> =5V I <sub>O</sub> =100mA	—	1.30	2.0	V
	V <sub>OH1</sub>	Output high voltage	V <sub>CC</sub> =18V I <sub>O</sub> =−10mA	16.0	16.7	—	V
	V <sub>OH2</sub>		V <sub>CC</sub> =18V I <sub>O</sub> =−100mA	15.5	16.5	—	V
	T <sub>RISE</sub>	Output voltage rise time		—	60	—	ns
T <sub>FALL</sub>	Output voltage fall time		—	40	—	ns	
Detection	V <sub>DET</sub>	Detecting voltage		2.4	2.5	2.6	V
	I <sub>INDET</sub>	DET terminal input current	V <sub>DET</sub> =2.5V	—	1.0	3.0	μA
	G <sub>AVDET</sub>	Voltage gain of detection amp		30	40	—	dB
Over heating	T <sub>TS</sub>	Thermal shutdown temperature		120	140	160	°C

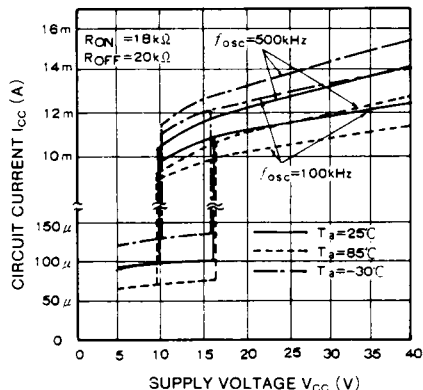
SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

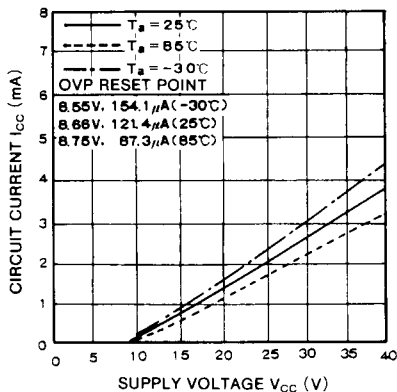
THERMAL DERATING  
(MAXIMUM RATING)



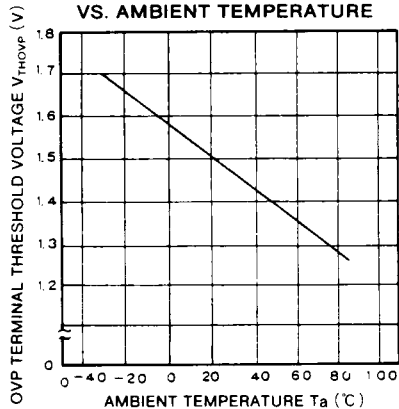
CIRCUIT CURRENT VS. SUPPLY VOLTAGE (NORMAL OPERATION)



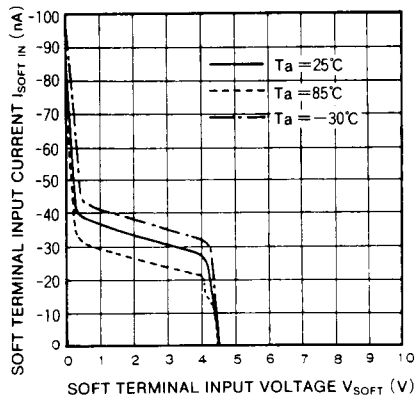
CIRCUIT CURRENT VS. SUPPLY VOLTAGE (OVP OPERATION)



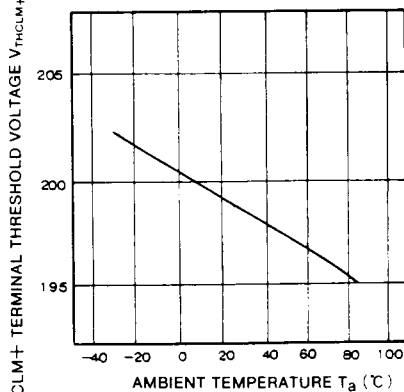
OVP TERMINAL THRESHOLD VOLTAGE VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE



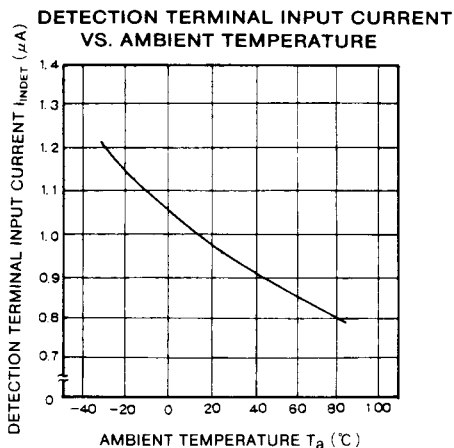
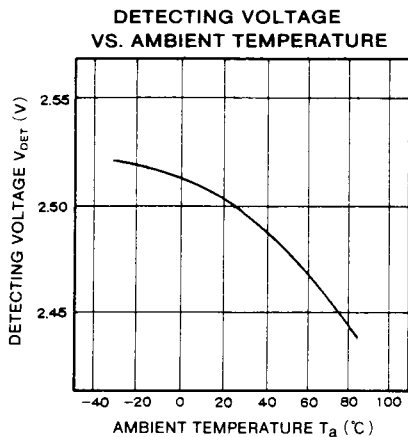
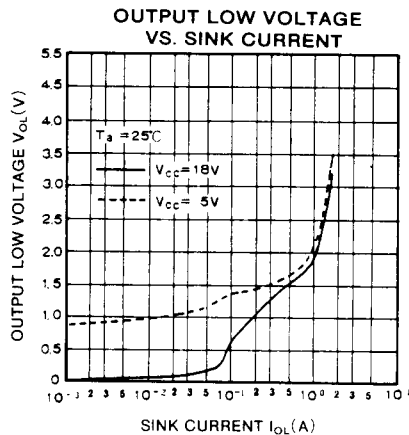
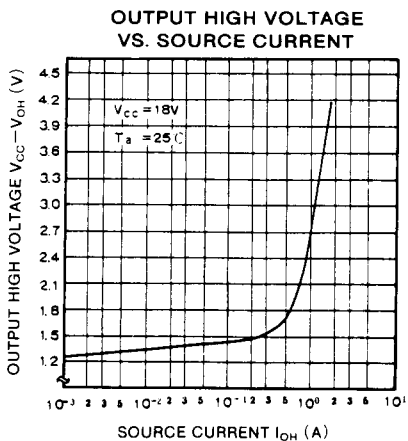
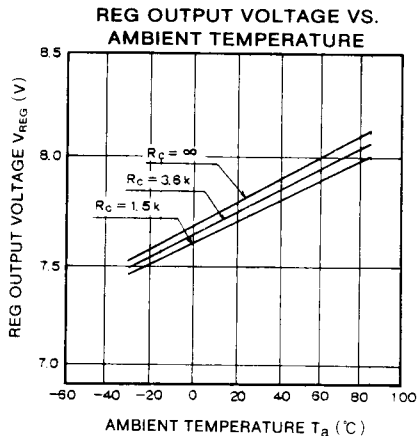
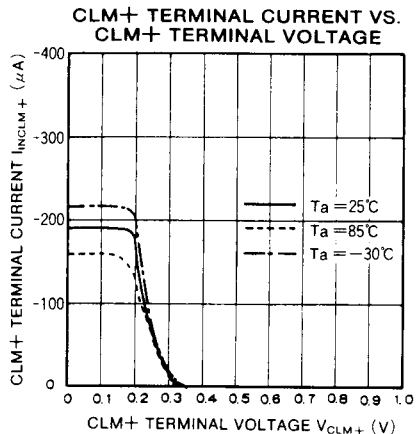
SOFT TERMINAL INPUT CURRENT VS. INPUT VOLTAGE



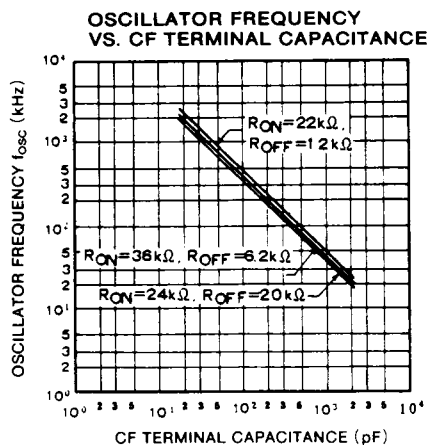
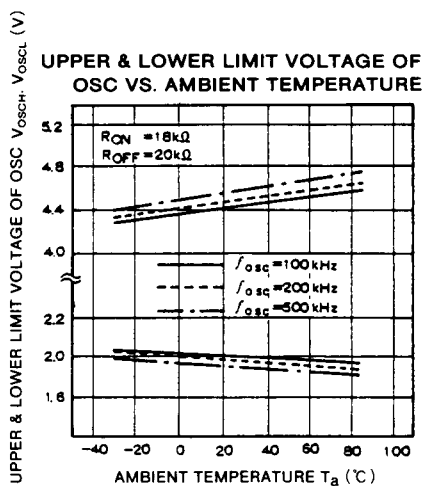
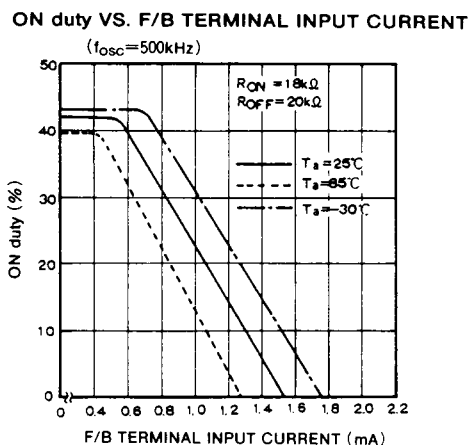
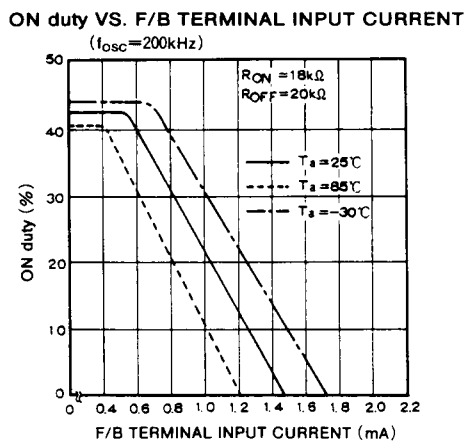
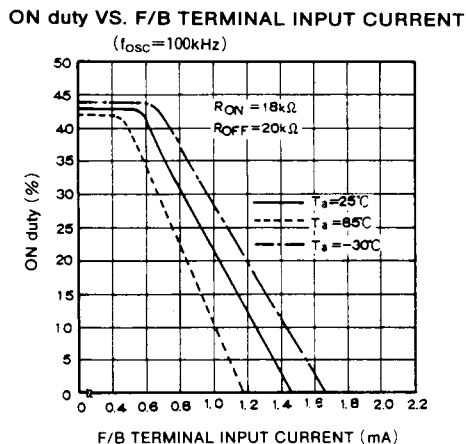
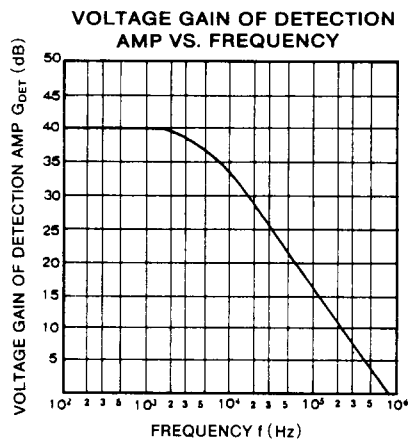
CLM+ TERMINAL THRESHOLD VOLTAGE VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE



SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

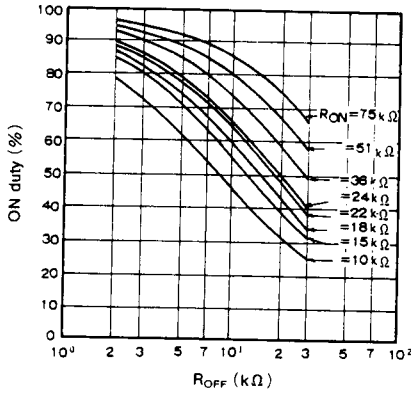


**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**



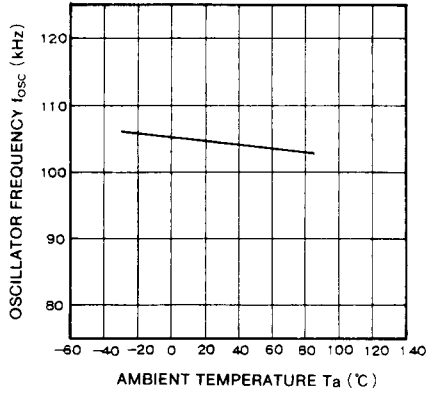
SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

ON duty VS.  $R_{OFF}$



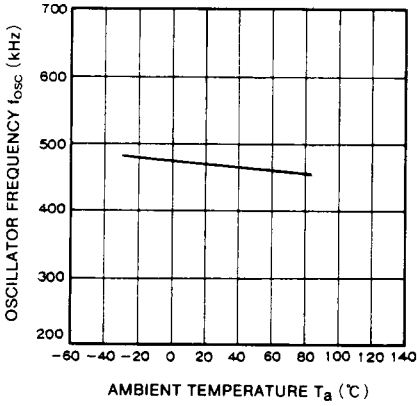
OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

( $R_{ON}=24k\Omega$ ,  $R_{OFF}=20k\Omega$ ,  $C_F=330pF$ )



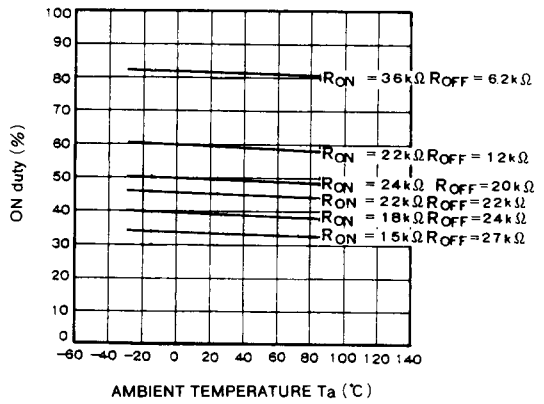
OSCILLATOR FREQUENCY VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

( $R_{ON}=24k\Omega$ ,  $R_{OFF}=20k\Omega$ ,  $C_F=47pF$ )



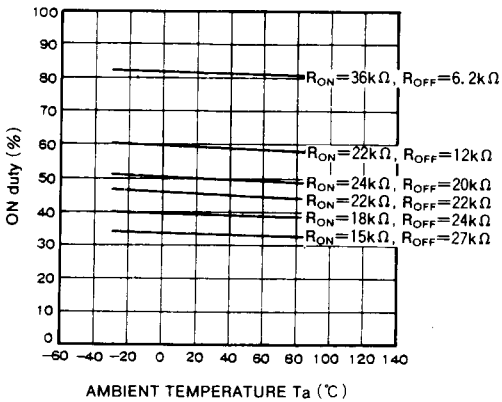
ON duty VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

( $f_{osc}=100kHz$ )



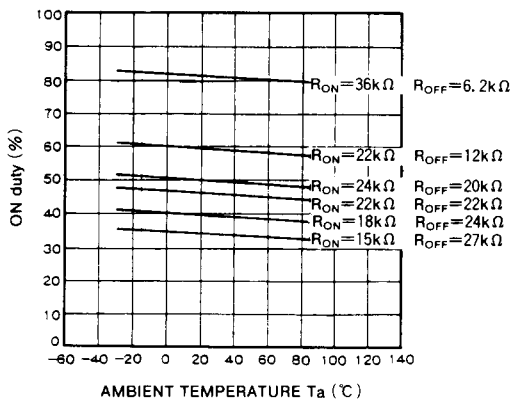
ON duty VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

( $f_{osc}=200kHz$ )



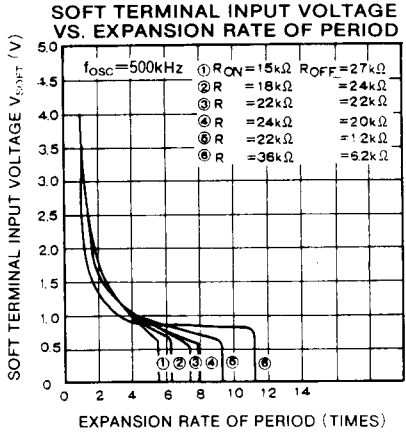
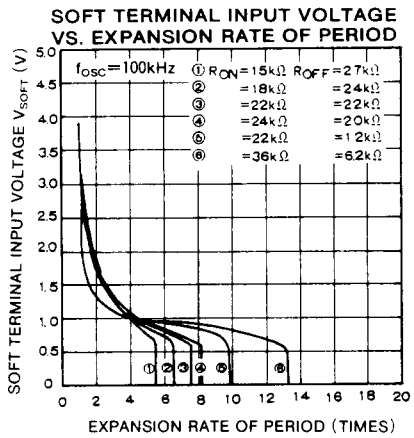
ON duty VS. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

( $f_{osc}=500kHz$ )

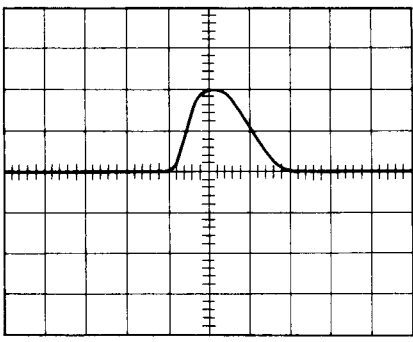




SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

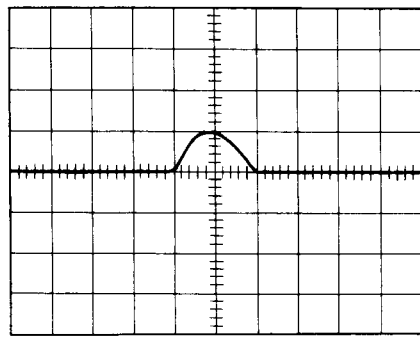


**OUTPUT THROUGH CURRENT WAVEFORM**  
( $V_{CC} = 18V$ , NO OUTPUT LOAD)  
AT RISING EDGE OF OUTPUT PULSE



Horizontal axis : 20ns/div  
Vertical axis : 50mA/div

**OUTPUT THROUGH CURRENT WAVEFORM**  
( $V_{CC} = 18V$ , NO OUTPUT LOAD)  
AT FALLING EDGE OF OUTPUT PULSE



Horizontal axis : 20ns/div  
Vertical axis : 5mA/div

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

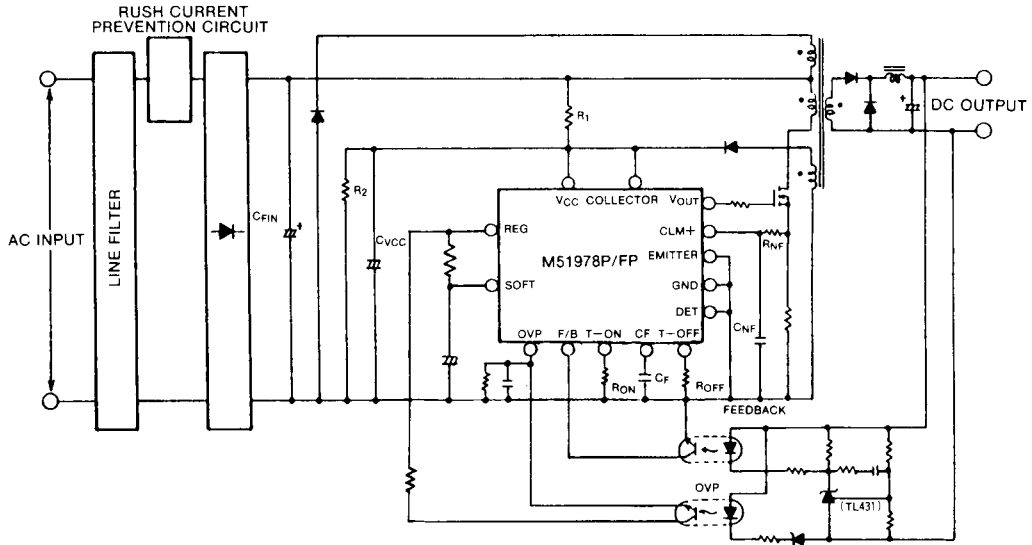
Types M51978P and M51978FP are especially designed for off-line primary PWM control IC of switching mode power supply to get DC voltage from AC power supply.

Using this IC, smart SMPS can be realized with reasonable cost and compact size as the number of external electric

parts can be reduced and also parts can be replaced by reasonable one.

In the following circuit diagram, MOS-FET is used for output transistor, however, bipolar transistor can be replaced with no problem.

**Application example**



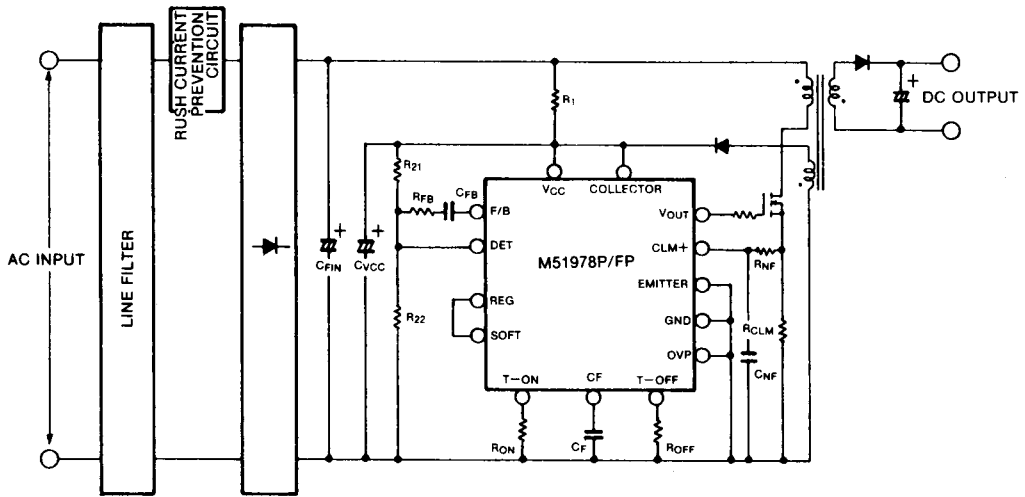
Soft start and OVP functions are used.

RC with small time constant connected to CLM+ pin is used to reduce noise when the MOS-FET is ON.

Small resistors connected to MOS FET gate is used to suppress noise generated from the MOS FET.

Fig.1 Application example of feed forward regulator

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**



How to obtain regulated output voltage using the winding ratio of the transformer.

Soft start and OVP function are not used. (Even though soft start is not used, pulse-by-pulse current limit method prevents destruction of the device by a rush current at power on.) RC with small time constant connected to CLM+ pin is used to reduce noise when MOS-FET is switched on. Small resistor connected to MOS-FET gate is used to suppress noise generated from the MOS-FET.

Fig.2 Application example of fly-back regulator

**Start-up circuit section**

Fig. 3 shows that the start-up current is the low current level of 100 $\mu$ A typ. when the V<sub>CC</sub> voltage is increased from low level to start-up voltage V<sub>CC(START)</sub>.

In this voltage range, only a few parts in this IC, which functions make the output voltage low level, are alive. The I<sub>CC</sub> current is used to keep output low level.

The large voltage difference between V<sub>CC(START)</sub> and V<sub>CC(STOP)</sub> makes start-up easy, because it takes rather long duration from V<sub>CC(START)</sub> to V<sub>CC(STOP)</sub>.

**Oscillator section**

The M51978 oscillator waveform is triangular one as shown in Fig. 5. The ON duration of output pulse depends on the rising duration of the triangle waveform and dead time is decided by the falling duration.

The rising duration is determined by the product of external resistor R<sub>ON</sub> and capacitor C<sub>F</sub> and the falling duration is mainly determined by the product of external resistor R<sub>OFF</sub> and capacitor C<sub>F</sub>.

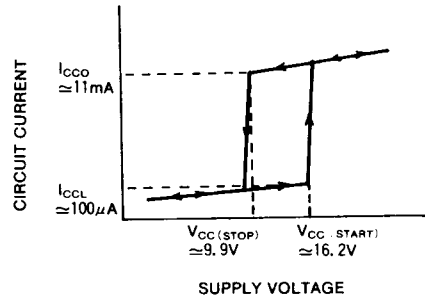


Fig.3 Start-up current vs. supply voltage

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

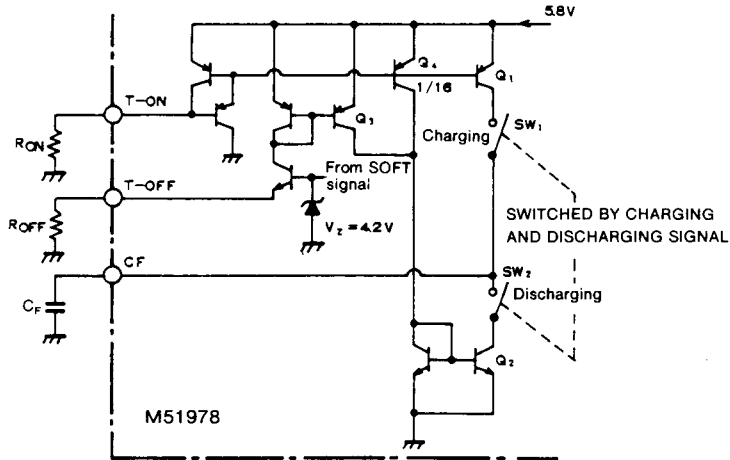


Fig.4 Control circuit for charging and discharging oscillator capacitor  $C_F$

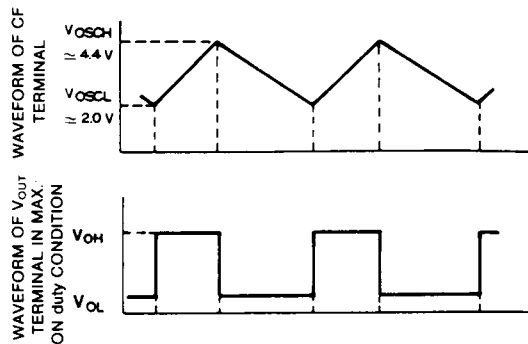


Fig.5 Oscillator waveform at normal condition (when the SOFT circuit is not operating.)

**(1)Oscillator circuit operation when SOFT circuit does not operate. (Normal operation)**

Fig. 4 shows the equivalent charging and discharging circuit diagram of oscillator.

The current flows through  $R_{ON}$  from the constant voltage source of 5.8V,  $C_F$  is charged up by the same amplitude as  $R_{ON}$  current, when internal switch  $SW_1$ ,  $SW_2$  is switched to "charging side".

The rise rate of  $C_F$  terminal is given as

$$\approx \frac{V_{T-ON}}{R_{ON} \cdot C_F} \text{ (V/s)} \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

where  $V_{T-ON} \approx 4.5V$

The maximum on duration is approximately given as

$$\approx \frac{(V_{OSCH} - V_{OSCL}) \cdot R_{ON} \cdot C_F}{V_{T-ON}} \text{ (s)} \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

where,  $V_{OSCH} \approx 4.4V$

$V_{OSCL} \approx 2.0V$

$C_F$  is discharged by the summed-up of  $R_{OFF}$  current and one sixteenth (1/16) of  $R_{ON}$  current by the function of  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  when  $SW_1$ ,  $SW_2$  are switched to "discharge side".

The fall rate of oscillation waveform is given as

$$\approx \frac{V_{T-OFF}}{R_{OFF} \cdot C_F} + \frac{V_{T-ON}}{16 \cdot R_{ON} \cdot C_F} \text{ (V/s)} \quad \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

The minimum off duration approximately is given as

SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

$$\approx \frac{(V_{OSCH} - V_{OSCL}) \cdot C_F}{\frac{V_{T-OFF}}{R_{OFF}} + \frac{V_{T-ON}}{16 \cdot R_{ON}}} \text{ (s)} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$V_{T-OFF} \approx 3.5V,$$

The period of oscillator waveform is given by the sum of equations (2) and (4). The frequency including the dead-time is not influenced by the temperature because of the built-in temperature compensating circuit.

**(2)Oscillator operation when the SOFT (soft start) circuit is operating**

Output transistor is protected from rush current by CLM function at the start time of power on. SOFT terminal is used to improve the rising response of the output voltage of power supply (prevention of overshooting).

The ON duration of output is kept constant, and the OFF duration is extended as the SOFT terminal voltage becomes lower by the soft start circuit of this IC.

The maximum value of extension is set internally at approximately sixteen times of the maximum ON duration.

The features of this method are as follows:

- ① It is ideal for primary control as IC driving current is supplied from the third winding of the main transformer at the start-up because constant ON duration is obtained from start-up.
- ② It is possible to get a wide dynamic range for ON/OFF ratio by pulse-by-pulse current limit circuit.
- ③ The response characteristics at power-on is not affected by input voltage as the pulse-by-pulse limit current value is not affected by the input voltage.

Fig. 6 shows the circuit diagram of the soft start. If SOFT terminal voltage is low, T-OFF terminal voltage becomes low and  $V_{T-OFF}$  in equations (3) and (4) become low.

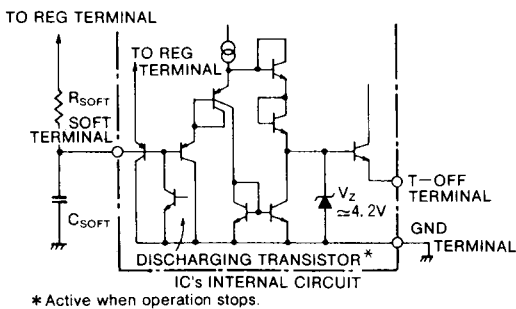


Fig.6 Circuit diagram of SOFT terminal section and T-OFF terminal section

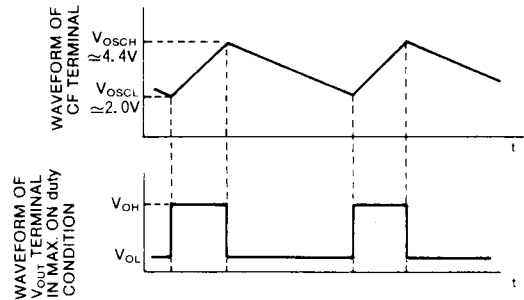


Fig.7 Oscillator waveform when the SOFT circuit is operating

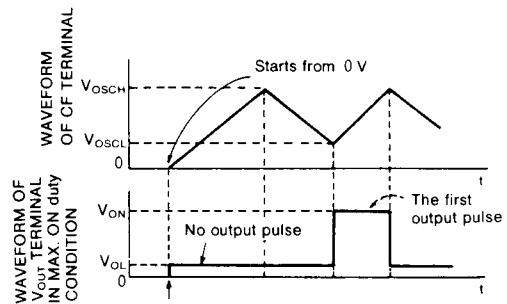


Fig.8 Relationship between oscillator waveform and output waveform at start-up

Fig. 7 shows the relationship between oscillator waveform and output pulse.

If the SOFT terminal voltage is  $V_{SOFT}$ , the rise rate of CF terminal is given as

$$\approx \frac{V_{T-ON}}{R_{ON} \cdot C_F} \text{ (V/S)} \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

The fall rate of oscillation waveform is given as

$$\approx \frac{V_{SOFT} - V_{BE}}{R_{OFF} \cdot C_F} + \frac{V_{T-ON}}{16 \cdot R_{ON} \cdot C_F} \text{ (V/S)} \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

where

$V_{SOFT}$ : SOFT terminal applied voltage

$V_{BE} \approx 0.65V$

If  $V_{SOFT} - V_{BE} < 0$ ,  $V_{SOFT} - V_{BE} = 0$

If  $V_{SOFT} - V_{BE} > V_{T-OFF} (\approx 3.5V)$ ,  $V_{SOFT} - V_{BE} = V_{T-OFF}$

**PWM comparator section, PWM latch section, current limit latch section**

Fig. 9 shows the schematic diagram of PWM comparator and PWM latch section. The on-duration of output waveform coincides with the rising duration of CF terminal waveform when the no output current flows from F/B terminal.

When the F/B terminal has finite impedance and current

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

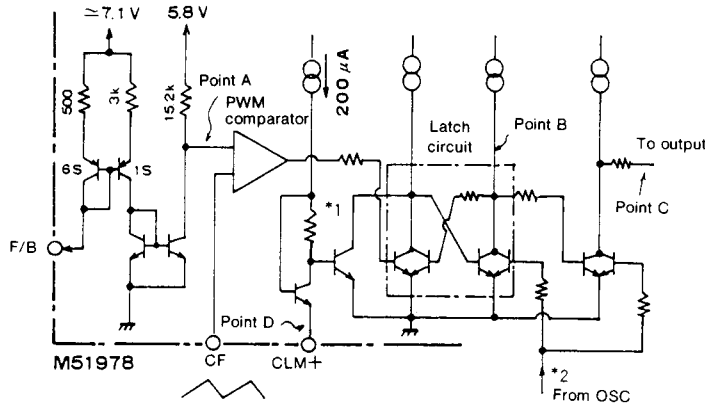
flows out from F/B terminal, "A" point potential shown in Fig. 9 depends on this current. So the "A" point potential is close to GND level when the flow-out current becomes large.

"A" point potential is compared to the CF terminal oscillator waveform and PWM comparator, and the latch circuit is set when the potential of oscillator waveform is higher than "A" point potential. The latch circuit is reset during the dead time of oscillator circuit (falling duration of oscillator

in Fig. 9, this signal makes the output "off" and the off state will continue until next cycle. Fig. 11 shows the timing relation among them.

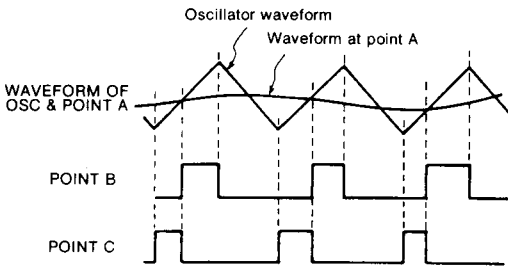
If the current limiting circuit is set, no waveform is generated at output terminal, however this state is reset during the succeeding dead-time.

So this current limiting circuit is able to have the function in every cycle, and is named "pulse-by-pulse current limit." There happen some noise voltage on  $R_{CLM}$  during the

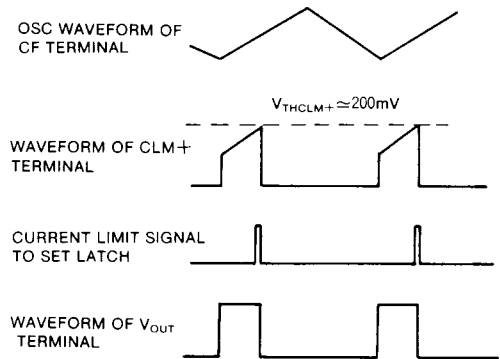


\*1; Resistor to determine current limit sensitivity \*2; High-level during dead time

**Fig.9 PWM comparator section, PWM latch and current limit latch section**



**Fig.10 Waveforms of PWM comparator input point A, latch circuit points B and C**



**Fig.11 Operating waveforms of current limiting circuit**

circuit). So the "B" point potential or output waveform of latch circuit is the one shown in Fig. 10. The final output waveform or "C" point potential is got by combining the "B" point signal and dead-time signal logically. (please refer to Fig. 10)

**Current limiting section**

When the current-limit signal is applied before the crossing instant of "A" point potential and CF terminal voltage shown

switching of power transistor due to the snubber circuit and stray capacitor of the transformer windings.

To eliminate the abnormal operation by the noise voltage, the low pass filter, which consists of  $R_{NF}$  and  $C_{NF}$  is used as shown in Fig. 12.

It is recommended to use 10~100Ω for  $R_{NF}$  because such

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

range of  $R_{NF}$  is not influenced by the flow-out current of some  $200\mu A$  from CLM terminal and  $C_{NF}$  is designed to have the enough value to absorb the noise voltage.

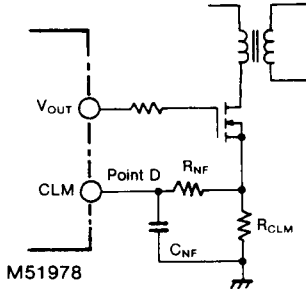


Fig.12 Connection diagram of current limit circuit

**Voltage detector circuit (DET) section**

The DET terminal can be used to control the output voltage which is determined by the winding ratio of fly back transformer in fly-back system or in case of common ground circuit of primary and secondary in feed forward system.

The circuit diagram is quite similar to that of shunt regulator type 431 as shown in Fig. 13. As well known from Fig. 13 and Fig. 14, the output of OP AMP has the current-sink ability, when the DET terminal voltage is higher than 2.5V but it becomes high impedance state when lower than 2.5V. DET terminal and F/B terminal have inverting phase characteristics each other, so it is recommended to connect

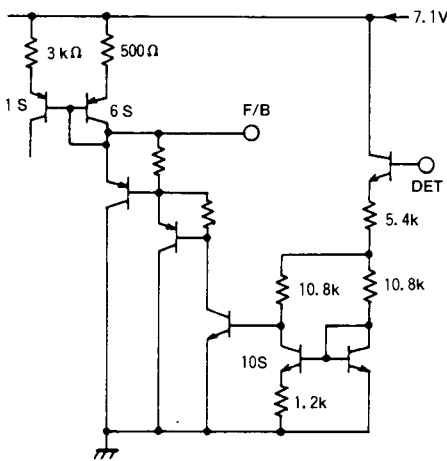


Fig.13 Voltage detector circuit section (DET)

the resistor and capacitor in series between them for phase compensation. It is very important one can not connect by resistor directly as there is the voltage difference between them and the capacitor has the DC stopper function.

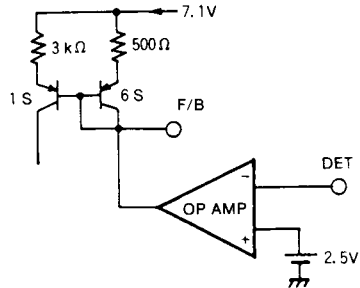


Fig.14 Schematic diagram of voltage detector circuit section (DET)

**OVP circuit section**

OVP circuit is basically constructed by the complementary flip-flop circuit as shown in Fig. 15. Once the input signal is applied to the OVP circuit which has the detect sensitivity of  $2V_{BE}$  the output becomes "off" and this "off" state will be kept until  $V_{CC}$  becomes to less than OVP reset voltage ( $\approx 8.5V$ ).

As the OVP "off" state is kept by the current through  $R_1$  shown in Fig. 1 and 2. M51978 is designed to have the low  $I_{CC}$ , which value is some level of adding  $10\mu A$  to the start-up current at OVP reset voltage.

As M51978 has such the  $I_{CC}$  versus  $V_{CC}$  characteristics as shown in Fig. 16, no failure is occurred by applied high vol-

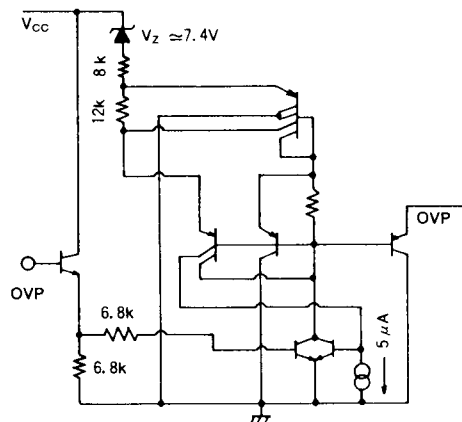


Fig.15 Detail diagram of OVP circuit

## SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL

tage to IC. That is; higher the  $V_{CC}$  or DC supply voltage, higher the  $I_{CC}$  current and larger the voltage drop at  $R_1$ .

As the OVP reset voltage is settled rather high voltage of 8.5V, SMPS can be reset in rather short time from the switch-off of AC power source if the smoothing capacitor is not so large value.

However the reset time may become problem when the  $C_{FIN}$  is large and so the discharge time constant of  $C_{FIN} \times (R_1 + R_2)$  is large.

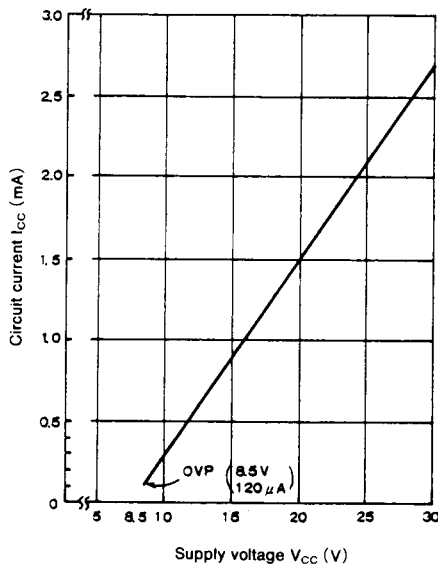


Fig.16 Circuit current vs. supply voltage during OVP circuit operation

### Output section

It is required that the output circuit have the high sink and source abilities for MOS-FET drive. It is well known that the "totem-pole circuit has high sink and source ability. However, it has the demerit of high through current.

For example, the through current may reach such the high current level of 1A, if type M51978 has the "conventional" totem-pole circuit. For the high frequency application such as higher than 100kHz, this through current is very important factor and will cause not only the large  $I_{CC}$  current and the inevitable heat-up of IC but also the noise voltage.

This IC uses the improved totem-pole circuit, so without deteriorating the characteristic of operating speed, its through current is approximately 100mA.

### APPLICATION NOTE OF TYPE M51978P,FP Design of start-up circuit and the power supply of IC

#### (1)The start-up circuit when it is not necessary to set the start and stop input voltage

Fig. 17 shows one of the example circuit diagram of the start-up circuit which is used when it is not necessary to set the start and stop voltage.

It is recommended that the current more than  $300\mu A$  flows through  $R_1$  in order to overcome the operation start-up current  $I_{CC(START)}$  and  $C_{VCC}$  is in the range of 10 to  $47\mu F$ . The product of  $R_1$  by  $C_{VCC}$  causes the time delay of operation, so the response time will be long if the product is too much large.

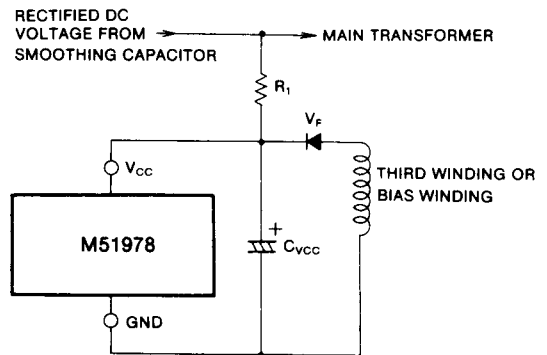


Fig. 17 Start-up circuit diagram when it is not necessary to set the start and stop input voltage

Just after the start-up, the  $I_{CC}$  current is supplied from  $C_{VCC}$ , however, under the steady state condition, IC will be supplied from the third winding or bias winding of transformer, the winding ratio of the third winding must be designed so that the induced voltage may be higher than the operation-stop voltage  $V_{CC(STOP)}$ .

The  $V_{CC}$  voltage is recommended to be 12V to 17V as the normal and optimum gate voltage is 10 to 15V and the output voltage ( $V_{OH}$ ) of type M51978P, FP is about  $(V_{CC} - 2V)$ . It is not necessary that the induced voltage is settled higher than the operation start-up voltage  $V_{CC(START)}$ , and the high gate drive voltage causes high gate dissipation, on the other hand, too low gate drive voltage does not make the MOS-FET fully on-state or the saturation state.

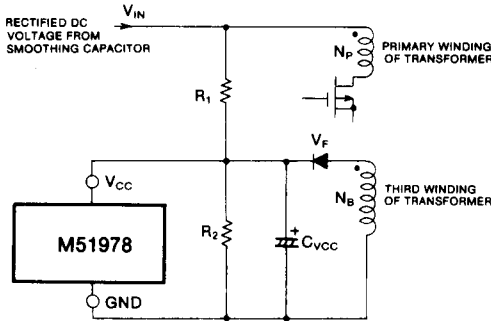
#### (2)The start-up circuit when it is necessary to set the start and stop input voltage

It is recommend to use the third winding of "forward winding" or "positive polarity" as shown in Fig. 18, when the DC source voltages at both the IC operation start and stop must be settled at the specified values.

The input voltage ( $V_{IN(START)}$ ), at which the IC operation



**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**



**Fig. 18 Start-up circuit diagram when it is necessary to set the start and stop input voltage**

starts, is decided by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  utilizing the low start-up current characteristics of type M51978P, FP.

The input voltage ( $V_{IN(STOP)}$ ), at which the IC operation stops, is decided by the ratio of third winding of transformer.

The  $V_{IN(START)}$  and  $V_{IN(STOP)}$  are given by following equations.

$$V_{IN(START)} \approx R_1 \cdot I_{OCL} + \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2} + 1\right) \cdot V_{CC(START)} \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

$$V_{IN(STOP)} \approx (V_{CC(STOP)} - V_F) \cdot \frac{N_P}{N_B} + \frac{1}{2} V'_{IN RIP(P-P)} \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

where

- $I_{OCL}$  is the operation start-up current of IC
- $V_{CC(START)}$  is the operation start-up voltage of IC
- $V_{CC(STOP)}$  is the operation stop voltage of IC
- $V_F$  is the forward voltage of rectifier diode
- $V'_{IN(P-P)}$  is the peak to peak ripple voltage of  $V_{CC}$  terminal  $\approx \frac{N_B}{N_P} V_{IN RIP(P-P)}$

It is required that the  $V_{IN(START)}$  must be higher than  $V_{IN(STOP)}$ .

When the third winding is the "fly back winding" or "reverse polarity", the  $V_{IN(START)}$  can be fixed, however,  $V_{IN(STOP)}$  can not be settled by this system, so the auxiliary circuit is required.

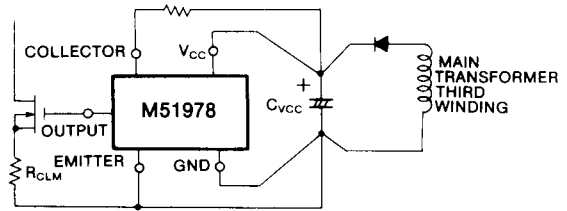
**(3)Notice to the  $V_{CC}$ ,  $V_{CC}$  line and GND line**

To avoid the abnormal IC operation, it is recommended to design the  $V_{CC}$  is not vary abruptly and has few spike voltage, which is induced from the stray capacity between the winding of main transformer.

To reduce the spike voltage, the  $C_{VCC}$ , which is connected between  $V_{CC}$  and ground, must have the good high frequency characteristics.

To design the conductor-pattern on PC board, following cautions must be considered as shown in Fig. 19.

- (a) To separate the emitter line of type M51978 from the the GND line of the IC
- (b) To locate the  $C_{VCC}$  as near as possible to type M51978 and connect directly
- (c) To separate the collector line of type M51978 from the  $V_{CC}$  line of the IC
- (d) To connect the ground terminals of peripheral parts of ICs to GND of type M51978 as short as possible



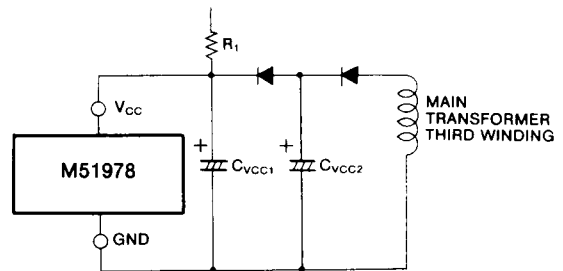
**Fig. 19 How to design the conductor-pattern of type M51978 on PC board (schematic example)**

**(4)Power supply circuit for easy start-up**

When IC start to operate, the voltage of the  $C_{VCC}$  begins to decrease till the  $C_{VCC}$  becomes to be charged from the third winding of main-transformer as the  $I_{CC}$  of the IC increases abruptly. In case shown in Fig. 17 and 18, some "unstable start-up" or "fail to start-up" may happen, as the charging interval of  $C_{VCC}$  is very short duration; that is the charging does occur only the duration while the induced winding voltage is higher than the  $C_{VCC}$  voltage, if the induced winding voltage is nearly equal to the "operation-stop voltage" of type M51978.

In this case the circuit shown in Fig. 27 is recommended.

It is recommended to use the 10 to  $47\mu F$  for  $C_{VCC1}$ , and about 5 times capacity bigger than  $C_{VCC1}$  for  $C_{VCC2}$ .



**Fig. 20 DC source circuit for stable start-up**

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

**OVP circuit**

**(1) To avoid the miss-operation of OVP**

It is recommended to connect the resistor of  $12k\Omega$  and capacitor between OVP terminal and GND, and also resistor of  $10k\Omega$  in series to the photo-coupler as the input impedance of OVP terminal is very high and the pulsive-displacement-current inclines to make the IC miss-operation when  $V_{CC}$  is changed abruptly.

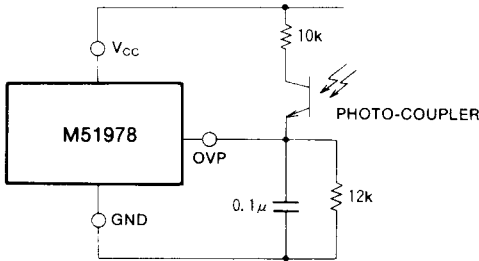


Fig. 21 Peripheral circuit of OVP terminal

**(2) Application circuit to make the OVP-reset time fast**

The reset time may become a problem when the discharge time constant of  $C_{FIN} \cdot (R_1 + R_2)$  is long. Under such the circuit condition, it is recommended to discharge the  $C_{VCC}$  forcibly and to make the  $V_{CC}$  low value; This makes the OVP-reset time fast.

Similar circuit is used to make the  $V_{CC}$  low, when the reset of OVP is done by the external signal.

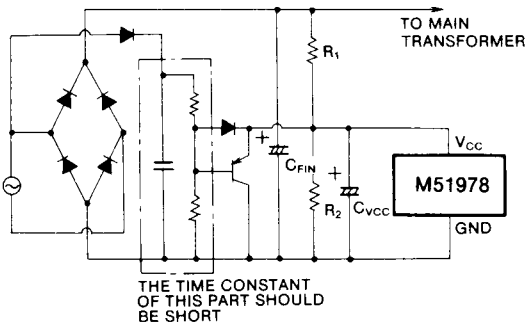


Fig. 22 Example circuit diagram to make the OVP-reset-time fast

**(3) OVP setting method using the induced third winding voltage on fly back system**

For the over voltage protection (OVP), the induced fly back type third winding voltage can be utilized, as the induced third winding voltage depends on the output voltage. Fig. 23 shows one of the example circuit diagram.

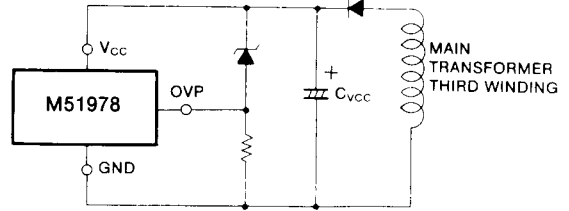


Fig. 23 OVP setting method using the induced third winding voltage on fly back system

**Current limiting circuit**

**(1) Peripheral circuit of CLM + terminal**

Fig.24 shows the example circuit diagrams around the CLM + terminal. It is required to connect the low pass filter, in order to reduce the spike current component, as the main current or drain current contains the spike current especially during the turn-on duration of MOS-FET.

1,000pF to 22,000pF is recommended for  $C_{NF}$  and the  $R_{NF1}$  and  $R_{NF2}$  have the functions both to adjust the "current-detecting-sensitivity" and to consist the low pass filter.

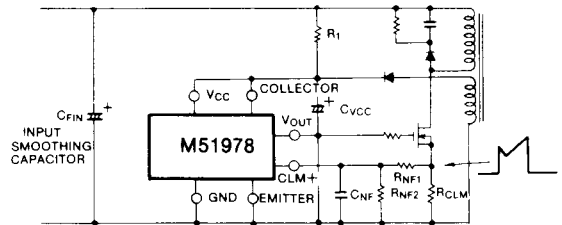


Fig. 24 Peripheral circuit diagram of CLM + terminal

To design the  $R_{NF1}$  and  $R_{NF2}$ , it is required to consider the influence of CLM + terminal source current ( $I_{INCLM+}$ ), which value is in the range of 90 to 270μA.

In order to be not influenced from these resistor paralleled value of  $R_{NF1}$  and  $R_{NF2}$ , ( $R_{NF1} // R_{NF2}$ ) is recommended to be less than  $100\Omega$ .

The  $R_{CLM}$  should be the non-inductive resistor.

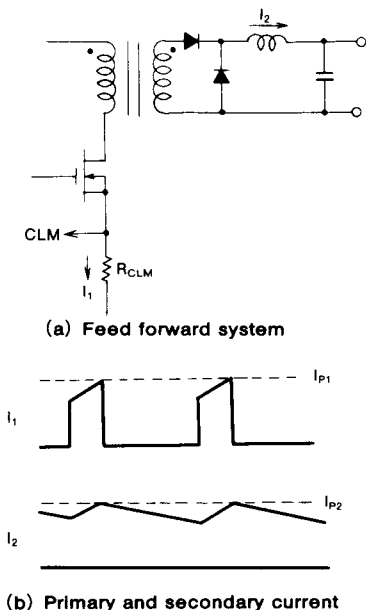
**(2) Over current limiting curve**

**(a) In case of feed forward system**

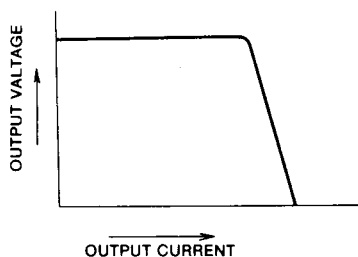
Fig. 25 shows the primary and secondary current waveforms under the current limiting operation.

At the typical application of pulse by pulse primary current detecting circuit, the secondary current depends on the primary current. As the peak value of secondary current is limited to specified value, the characteristics curve of output voltage versus output current become to the one as shown in Fig. 26.

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**



**Fig. 25** Primary and secondary current waveforms under the current limiting operation condition on feed forward system

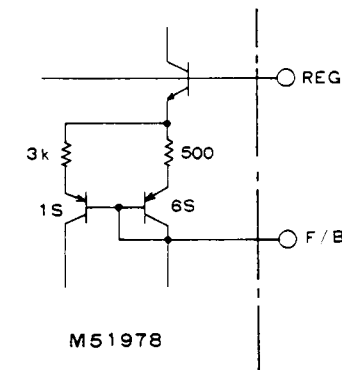


**Fig. 26** Over current limiting curve on feed forward system

The demerit of the pulse by pulse current limiting system is that the output pulse width can not reduce to less than some value because of the delay time of low pass filter connected to the CLM+ terminal and propagation delay time  $T_{PDCLM+}$  from CLM+ terminal to output terminal of type M51978. The typical  $T_{PDCLM+}$  is 150ns.

As the frequency becomes higher, the delay time must be shorter. And as the secondary output voltage becomes higher, the dynamic range of on-duty must be wider; it means that it is required to make the on-duration much more narrower. So this system has the demerit at the higher oscillating frequency and higher output voltage applications.

To prevent that, the SOFT terminal is used to lower the fre-



**Fig. 27** Relationship between REG terminal and F/B terminal

quency when the curve starts to become vertical.

If the curve becomes vertical because of an over current, the output voltage is lowered and no feedback current flows from feedback photo-coupler; the PWM comparator operates to enlarge the duty sufficiently, but the signal from the CLM+ section operates to make the pulse width narrower.

Under the condition in which  $I_2$  in Fig. 25 does not become 0, the output voltage is proportional to the product of the input voltage  $V_{IN}$  (primary side voltage of the main transformer) and on duty. If the bias winding is positive,  $V_{CC}$  is approximately proportional to  $V_{IN}$  and the smoothed output voltage of the IC is proportional to  $V_{IN}$ . The existence of feed back current of the photo-coupler is known by measuring the F/B terminal voltage which becomes less than  $2V_{BE}$  in the internal circuit of REG terminal and F/B terminal if the output current flows from the F/B terminal.

Fig. 28 shows an application example.

$Q_1$  is turned on when normal output voltage is controlled at a certain value. The SOFT terminal is clamped to a high-level voltage. If the output voltage decreases and the curve starts to drop, no feed back current flows,  $Q_1$  is turned off and the SOFT terminal responds to the smoothed output voltage.

It is recommended to use an  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  of  $10k\Omega \sim 30k\Omega$ . An  $R_3$  of  $20 \sim 100k\Omega$  and C of  $1000pF \sim 8200pF$  should be used.

To change the knee point of frequency drop, use the circuit in Fig. 29.

To have a normal SOFT start function in the circuit in Fig. 28, use the circuit in Fig. 30. It is recommended to use an  $R_4$  of  $10k\Omega$ .

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

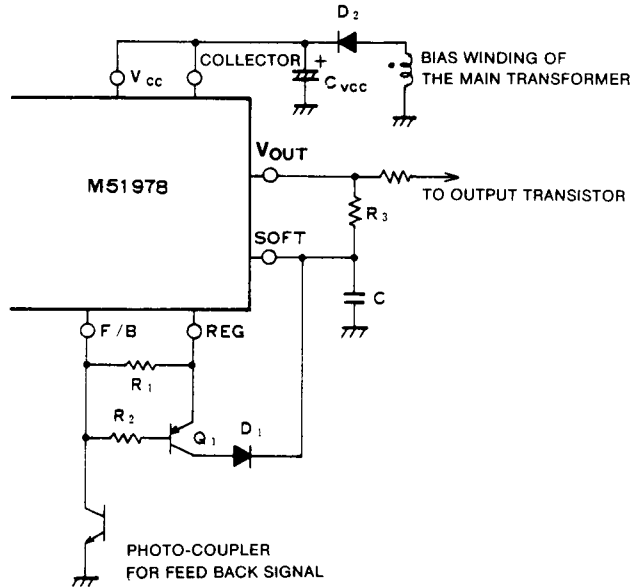


Fig. 28 Circuit to lower frequency during over current

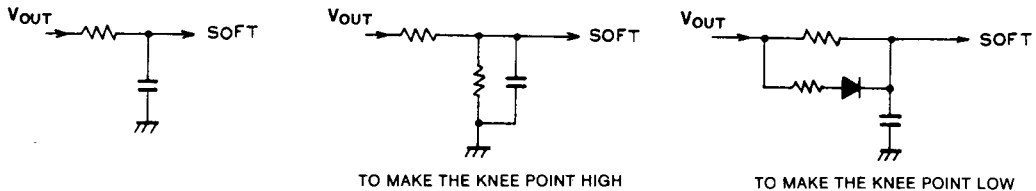


Fig. 29 Method to control the knee point of frequency drop

**(b) In case of fly back system**

The DC output voltage of SMPS depends on the  $V_{CC}$  voltage of type M51978 when the polarity of the third winding is negative and the system is fly back. So the operation of type M51978 will stop when the  $V_{CC}$  becomes lower than "Operation-stop voltage" of M51978 when the DC output voltage of SMPS decreases under specified value at over load condition.

However, the M51978 will non-operate and operate intermittently, as the  $V_{CC}$  voltage rises in accordance with the decrease of  $I_{CC}$  current.

The fly back system has the constant output power charac-

teristics as shown in Fig. 31 when the peak primary current and the operating frequency are constant.

To avoid an increase of the output current, the frequency is lowered using the SOFT terminal when the DC output voltage of SMPS starts to drop.  $V_{CC}$  is divided and is input to the SOFT terminal as shown in Fig. 32, because the voltage in proportional to the output voltage is obtained from the bias winding. In this application example, the current flowing into  $R_3$  is added to the start-up current. So please use high resistance or  $100k\Omega \sim 200k\Omega$  for  $R_3$ .

The start-up current is not affected by  $R_3$  if  $R_3$  is connected to  $C_{VCC2}$  in the circuit shown in Fig. 20.

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

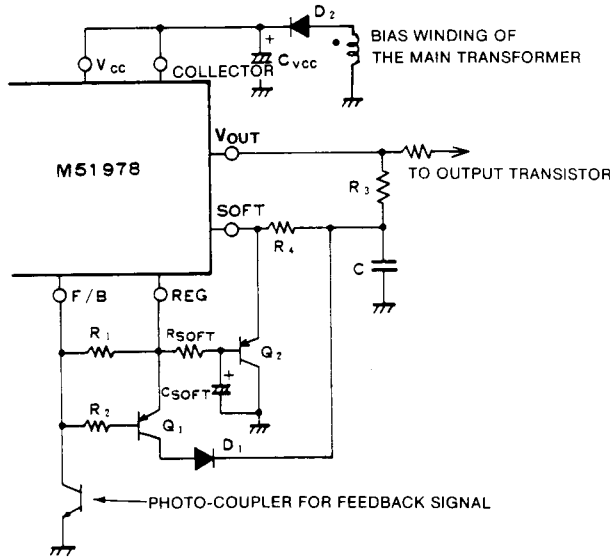


Fig. 30 Circuit to use frequency drop during the over current and normal soft start

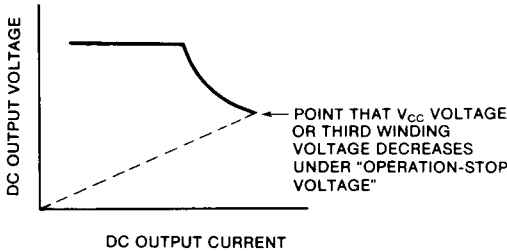


Fig. 31 Over current limiting curve on fly back system

**Output circuit**

(1)The output terminal characteristics at the  $V_{CC}$  voltage lower than the "Operation-stop" voltage

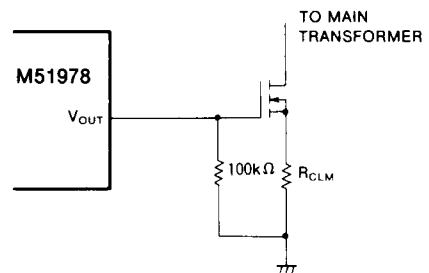
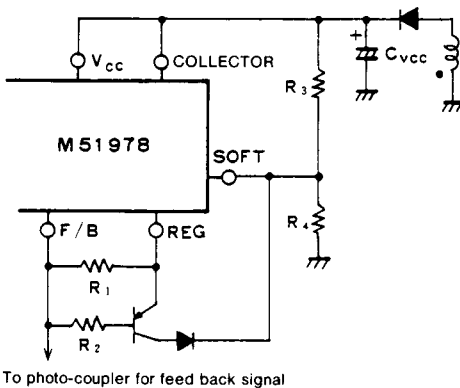


Fig. 33 Circuit diagram to prevent the MOS-FET gate potential rising

The output terminal has the current sink ability even though the  $V_{CC}$  voltage lower than the "Operation-stop" voltage or  $V_{CC(STOP)}$ . (It means that the terminal is "Output low state" and please refer characteristics of output low voltage versus sink current.)

This characteristics has the merit not to damage the MOS-FET at the stop of operation when the  $V_{CC}$  voltage decreases lower than the voltage of  $V_{CC(STOP)}$ , as the gate charge of MOS-FET, which shows the capacitive load characteristics to the output terminal, is drawn out rapidly.



To photo-coupler for feed back signal

Fig. 32 Circuit to lower the frequency during the over current in the fly back system

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

The output terminal has the draw-out ability above the  $V_{CC}$  voltage of 2V, however, lower than the 2V, it loses the ability and the output terminal potential may rise due to the leakage current.

In this case, it is recommended to connect the resistor of 100kΩ between gate and source of MOS-FET as shown in Fig. 33.

**(2) MOS-FET gate drive power dissipation**

Fig. 34 shows the relation between the applied gate voltage and the stored gate charge.

In the region ①, the charge is mainly stored at  $C_{GS}$  as the depletion is spread and  $C_{GD}$  is small owing to the off-state of MOS-FET and the high drain voltage.

In the region ②, the  $C_{GD}$  is multiplied by the "mirror effect" as the characteristics of MOS-FET transfers from off-state to on-state.

In the region ③, both the  $C_{GD}$  and  $C_{GS}$  affect to the characteristics as the MOS-FET is on-state and the drain voltage is low.

The charging and discharging current caused by this gate charge makes the gate power dissipation. The relation between gate drive current  $I_D$  and total gate charge  $Q_{GSH}$  is shown by following equation;

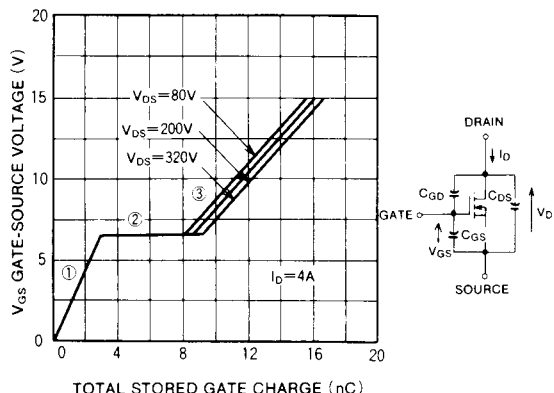
$$I_D = Q_{GSH} \cdot f_{OSC} \quad \dots\dots\dots (9)$$

Where

$f_{OSC}$  is switching frequency

As the gate drive current may reach up to several tenths milliampere at 500kHz operation, depending on the size of MOS-FET, the power dissipation caused by the gate current can not be neglected.

In this case, following action will be considered to avoid heat up of type M51978.

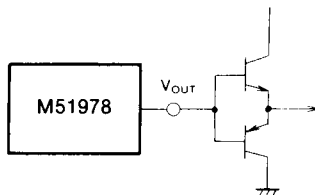


**Fig. 34 The relation between applied gate-source voltage and stored gate charge**

- (1) To attach the heatsink to type M51978
- (2) To use the printed circuit board with the good thermal conductivity
- (3) To use the buffer circuit shown next section

**(3) Output buffer circuit**

It is recommended to use the output buffer circuit as shown in Fig. 35, when type M51978 drives the large capacitive load or bipolar transistor.

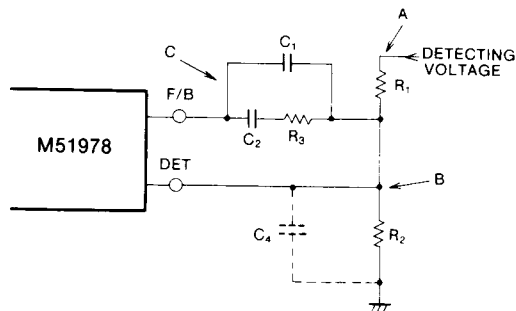


**Fig. 35 Output buffer circuit diagram**

**DET**

Fig. 36 shows how to use the DET circuit for the voltage detector and error amplifier.

For the phase shift compensation, it is recommended to connected the CR network between DET terminal and F/B terminal.



**Fig. 36 How to use the DET circuit for the voltage detector**

Fig. 37 shows the gain-frequency characteristics between point B and point C shown in Fig. 36.

The  $G_1$ ,  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are given by following equations;

$$G_1 = \frac{R_3}{R_1 // R_2} \quad \dots\dots\dots (10)$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{C_2 \cdot R_3} \quad \dots\dots\dots (11)$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{C_1 + C_2}{C_1 \cdot C_2 \cdot R_3} \quad \dots\dots\dots (12)$$

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL**

At the start of the operation, there happen to be no output pulse due to F/B terminal current through  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , as the potential of F/B terminal rises sharply just after the start of the operation.

Not to lack the output pulse, is recommended to connect the capacitor  $C_4$  as shown by broken line.

Please take notice that the current flows through the  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are superposed to  $I_{CC(START)}$ . Not to superpose,  $R_1$  is connected to  $C_{VCC2}$  as shown in Fig. 20

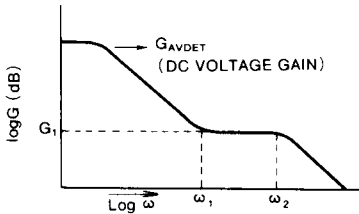


Fig. 37 Gain-frequency characteristics between point B and C shown in Fig. 36

**How to get the narrow pulse width during the start of operation**

Fig. 38 shows how to get the narrow pulse width during the start of the operation. If the pulse train of forcedly narrowed pulse-width continues too long, the misstart of operation may happen, so it is recommended to make the output pulse width narrow only for a few pulse at the start of operation.  $0.1\mu F$  is recommended for the C.

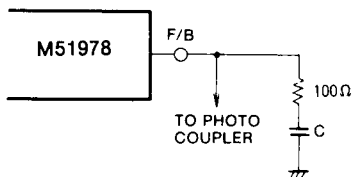


Fig. 38 How to get the narrow pulse width during the start of operation

**How to synchronize with external circuit**

Type M51978 has no function to synchronize with external circuit, however, there is some application circuit for synchronization as shown in Fig. 39.

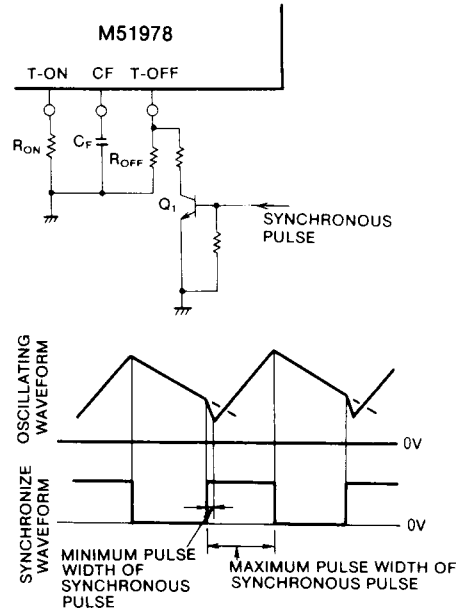


Fig. 39 How to synchronize with external circuit

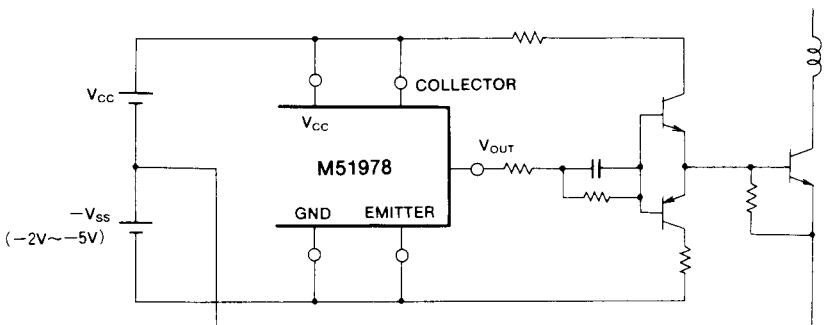


Fig. 40 Driver circuit diagram (1) for bipolar transistor

**SWITCHING REGULATOR CONTROL****Driver circuit for bipolar transistor**

When the bipolar transistor is used instead of MOS-FET, the base current of bipolar transistor must be sunk by the negative base voltage source for the switching-off duration, in order to make the switching speed of bipolar transistor fast one.

In this case, over current can not be detected by detecting resistor in series to bipolar transistor, so it is recommended to use the CT(current transformer).

For the low current rating transistor, type M51978 can drive it directly as shown in Fig. 41.

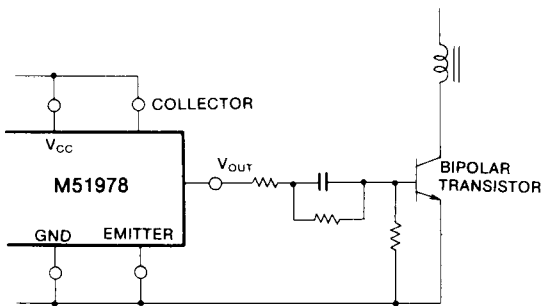


Fig. 41 Driver circuit diagram  
(2) for small bipolar transistor

**Attention for heat generation**

The maximum ambient temperature of type M51978 is +85°C, however, the ambient temperature in vicinity of the IC is not uniform and varies place by place, as the amount of power dissipation is fearely large and the power dissipation is generated locally in the switching regulator.

So it is one of the good idea to check the IC package temperature. The temperature difference between IC junction and the surface of IC package is 15°C or less, when the IC junction temperature is measured by temperature dependency of forward voltage of pn junction, and IC package temperature is measured by "thermo-viewer", and also the IC is mounted on the "phenol-base" PC board in normal atmosphere.

So it is concluded that the maximum case temperature (surface temperature of IC) rating is 120°C with adequate margin. It is noticed that the minimum thermal protection operating temperature is 120°C.