10 to 100mA LED CONSTANT CURRENT REGULATOR in SOT26

Description

The BCR401UW6 monolithically integrates a transistor, diodes, and resistors to function as a Constant Current Regulator (CCR) for LED driving. The device regulates with a preset 10mA nominal that can be adjusted with external resistor up to 100mA. It is designed for driving LEDs in strings and will reduce current at increasing temperatures to self-protect. Operating as a series linear CCR for LED string current control, it can be used in applications with supply voltages up to 40V.

With no need for additional external components, this CCR is fully integrated into a SOT26 package, minimizing PCB area and component count.

Features

- LED Constant Current Regulator Using PNP Emitter-Follower with Emitter Resistor to Current Limit
- I_{OUT} = 10mA ± 10% Constant Current (Preset)
- I_{OUT} up to 100mA Adjustable with an External Resistor
- V_S – 40V Supply Voltage
- P_D up to 1W in SOT26
- LED Dimming Using PWM up to 25kHz
- Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) Reduces I_{OUT} with Increasing Temperature
- Parallel Devices to Increase Regulated Current
- **Totally Lead-Free & Fully RoHS Compliant (Notes 1 & 2)**
- **Halogen and Antimony Free. “Green” Device (Note 3)**
- **An automotive-compliant part is available under separate datasheet (BCR401UW6Q)**

Applications

Constant Current Regulation (CCR) in:

- Emergency lighting
- Signage, advertising, and decorative/architectural lighting
- Retail lighting in fridges, freezer cases, and vending machines

Mechanical Data

- Package : SOT26
- Package Material: Molded Plastic. “Green” Molding Compound. UL Flammability Rating 94V-0
- Moisture Sensitivity: Level 1 per J-STD-020
- Terminals: Finish – Matte Tin Plated Leads, Solderable per MIL-STD-202, Method 208 e3
- Weight: 0.018 grams (Approximate)

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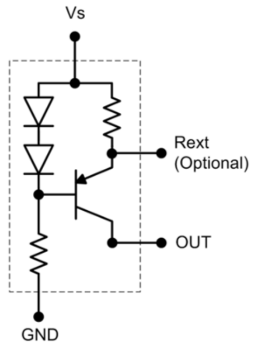
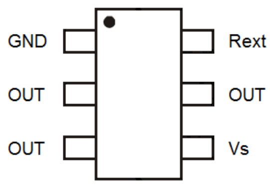
Top View



Internal Device Schematic



Top View
Pin-Out

Pin Name	Pin Function
V_S	Supply Voltage
OUT	Regulated Output Current
Rext	External resistor for adjusting Output Current
GND	Power Ground

Ordering Information (Note 4)

Orderable Part Number	Marking	Reel Size (inches)	Tape Width (mm)	Packing	
				Quantity	Carrier
BCR401UW6-7	401	7	8	3,000	Reel

Notes: 1. No purposely added lead. Fully EU Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS), 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) & 2015/863/EU (RoHS 3) compliant.
2. See https://www.diodes.com/quality/lead-free/ for more information about Diodes Incorporated’s definitions of Halogen- and Antimony-free, "Green" and Lead-free.
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4. For packaging details, go to our website at https://www.diodes.com/design/support/packaging/diodes-packaging/.

Marking Information

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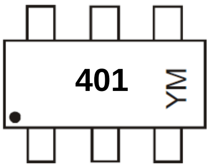


401 = Part Marking (See Ordering Information)
YM = Date Code Marking
Y = Year (ex: I = 2021)
M = Month (ex: 9 = September)

Date Code Key

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Code	I	J	K	L	M	N	P	R	S	T	U	V

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	O	N	D

Absolute Maximum Ratings (Voltage relative to GND, @ T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Supply Voltage	V_S	40	V
Output Current	I_{OUT}	100	mA
Output Voltage	V_{OUT}	40	V
Reverse voltage between all terminals	V_R	0.5	V

Thermal Characteristics

Characteristic		Symbol	Value	Unit
Power Dissipation	(Note 5)	P_D	1,190	mW
	(Note 6)		912	
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	(Note 5)	$R_{θJA}$	105	°C/W
	(Note 6)		137	
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Lead	(Note 7)	$R_{θJL}$	50	
Recommended Operating Junction Temperature Range		T_J	-55 to +150	°C
Maximum Operating Junction and Storage Temperature Range		T_J , T_{STG}	-65 to +150	

Notes:
5. For a device mounted with the OUT leads on 50mm x 50mm 1oz copper that is on a single-sided 1.6mm FR4 PCB; device is measured under still air conditions while operating in steady-state.
6. Same as Note 5, except mounted on 25mm x 25mm 1oz copper.
7. RθJL = Thermal resistance from junction to solder-point (at the end of the OUT leads).

ESD Ratings (Note 8)

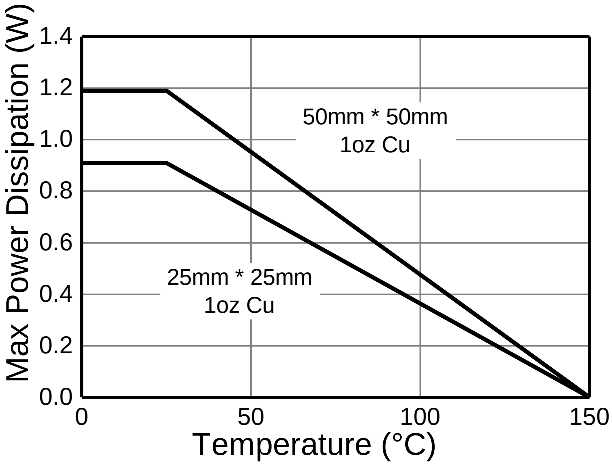
Characteristics	Symbols	Value	Unit	JEDEC Class
Electrostatic Discharge – Human Body Model	ESD HBM	800	V	1B
Electrostatic Discharge – Machine Model	ESD MM	300	V	B
Electrostatic Discharge – Charged Device Model	ESD CDM	1000	V	C6

Notes: 8. Refer to JEDEC specification JESD22-A114 and JESD22-A115.

Electrical Characteristics (@ T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Test Condition
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage	BV_{CEO}	40	—	—	V	I_C = 1mA
GND (Enable) Current	I_{GND}	340	420	500	µA	V_S = 10V; V_{OUT} = Open
GND (Enable) Current	I_{GND}	—	380	—	µA	V_S = 10V; V_{OUT} = 8.6V
DC Current Gain	h_{FE}	100	220	470	—	I_C = 50mA; V_{CE} = 1V
Internal Resistor	R_{INT}	78	91	104	Ω	I_{RINT} = 10mA
Output Current (Nominal)	I_{OUT}	9	10	11	mA	V_{OUT} = 8.6V; V_S = 10V
Voltage Drop (V_{REXT})	V_{DROP}	—	0.91	—	V	I_{OUT} = 10mA
Lowest Sufficient Supply Voltage (V_S-V_{OUT})	V_{SMIN}	—	1.4	—	V	I_{OUT} > 8mA
Output Current Change vs. Temperature	$ΔI_{OUT}/I_{OUT}$	—	-0.25	—	%/°C	V_S = 10V
Output Current Change vs. Supply Voltage	$ΔI_{OUT}/I_{OUT}$	—	1	—	%/V	V_S = 10V

Typical Thermal Characteristics (@ T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)



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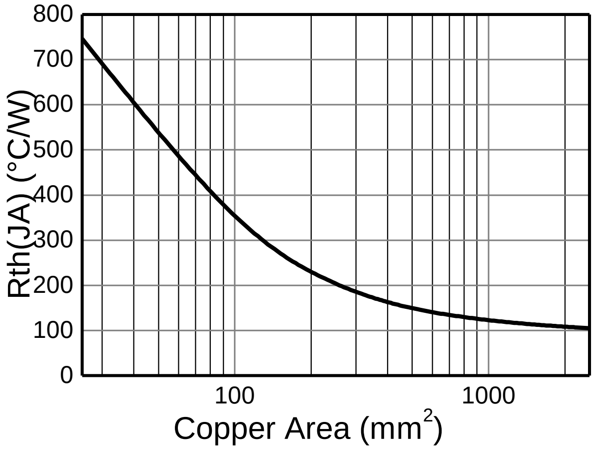
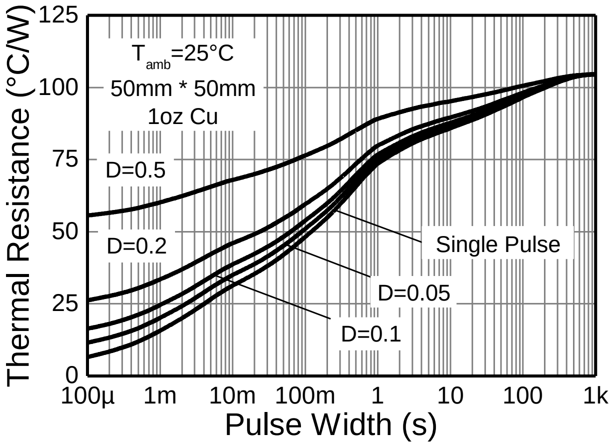


Rth(JA) VS Cu Area



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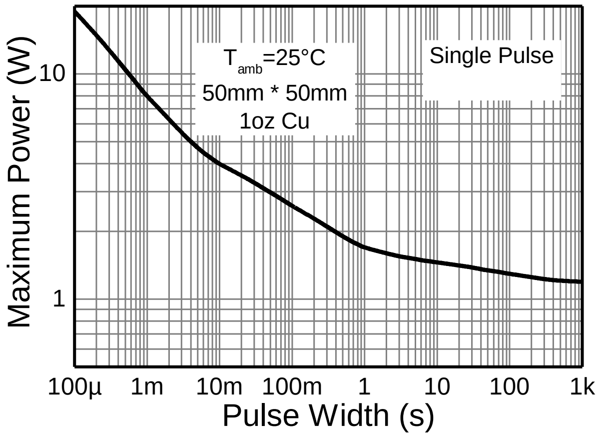

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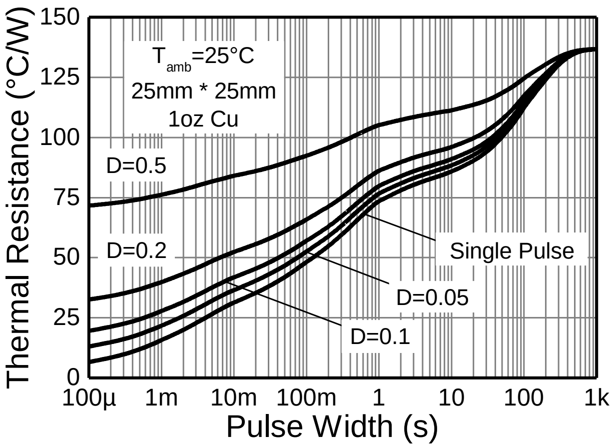

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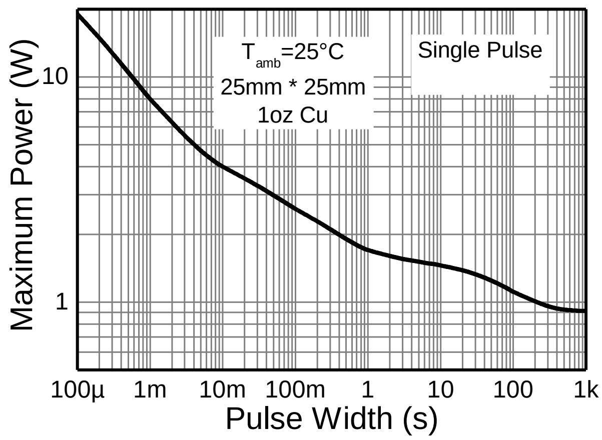
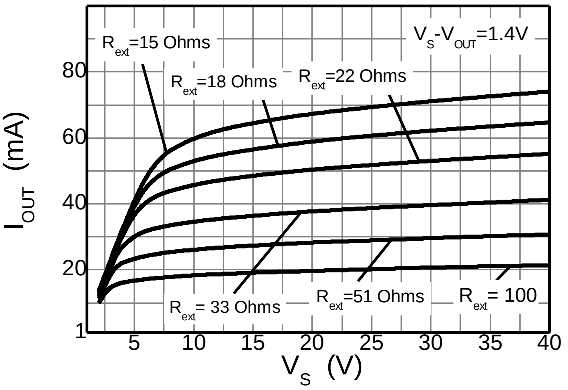
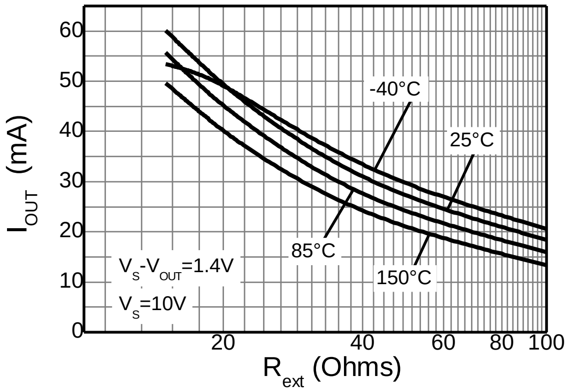


Pulse Power Dissipation

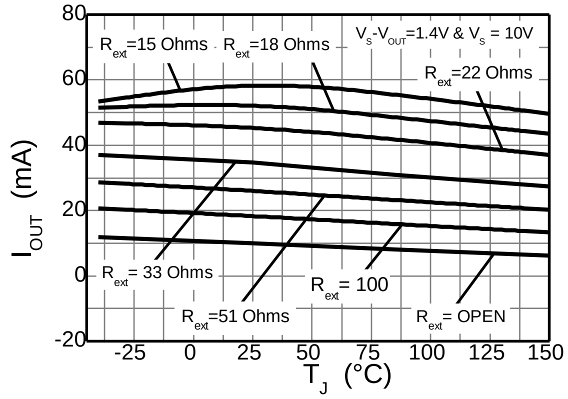
Typical Electrical Characteristics (@ T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.) (continued)



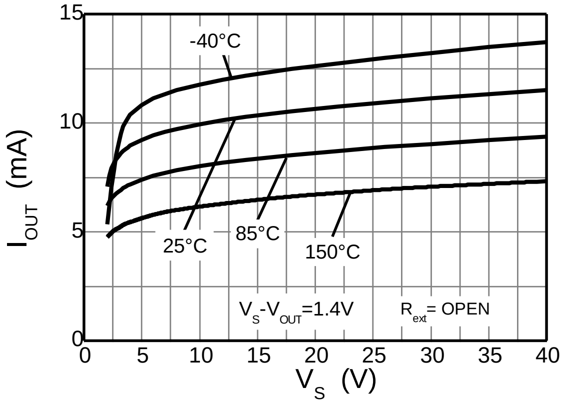
V_S vs I_{OUT}



R_{ext} (Ohms)vs I_{OUT}



T_J vs I_{OUT}



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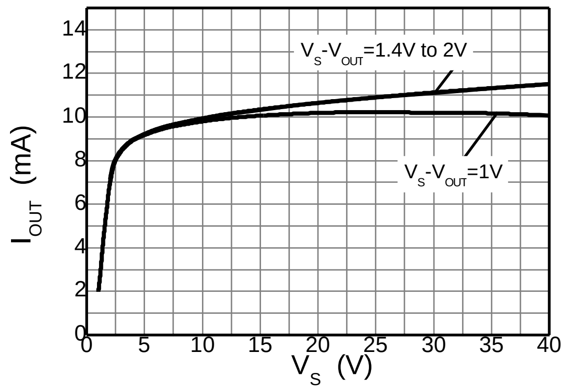

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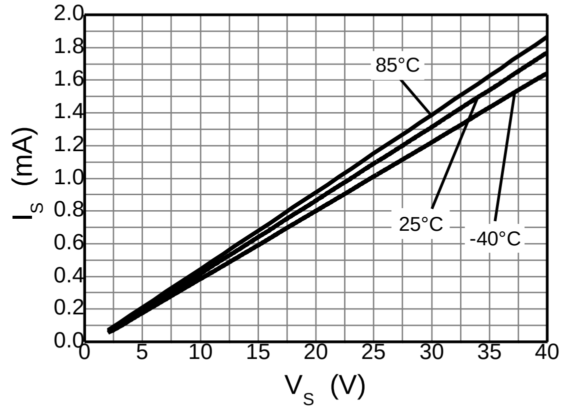

V_S vs I_S

Application Information

The BCR401/2/5 are designed for driving low-current LEDs with typical LED currents of 10mA to 100mA. The devices provide a cost-effective way for driving low-current LEDs compared with more complex switching regulator solutions. Furthermore, they reduce the PCB board area of the solution as there is no requirement for external components like inductors, capacitors, and switching diodes.

Figure 1 shows a typical application circuit diagram for driving an LED or string of LEDs. The devices come with an internal resistor (R_{INT}) of typically 91Ω, 44Ω, 16.5Ω which, in the absence of an external resistor, sets an LED current of 10mA, 20mA, 50mA, respectively. LED current can be increased to a desired value by choosing an appropriate external resistor, $R_{EXT.}$

The R_{EXT} vs. I_{OUT} graphs should be used to select the appropriate resistor. Choosing a low tolerance R_{EXT} improves the overall accuracy of the current sense formed by the parallel connection of R_{INT} and $R_{EXT.}$

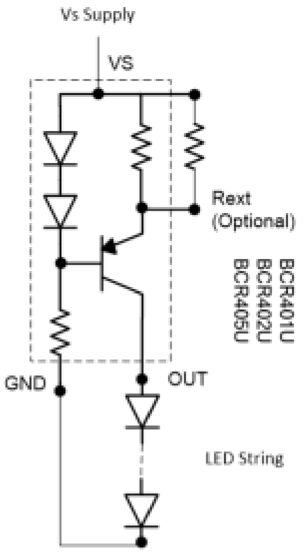

Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit for BCR40x LED Driver

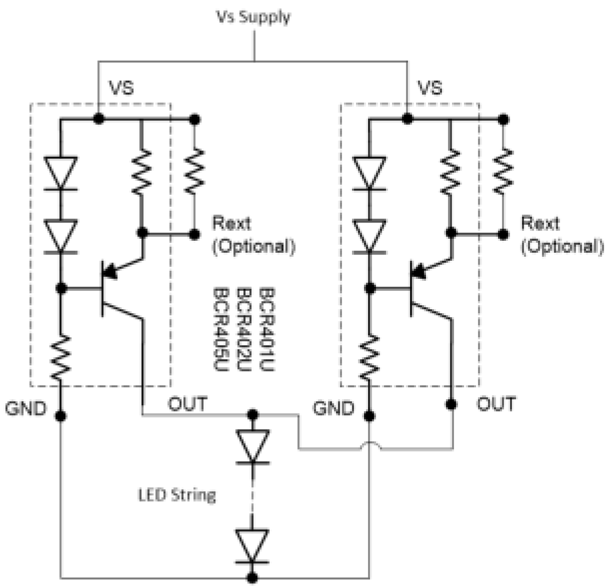

Figure 2. Application Circuit for Increasing LED Current

The negative temperature coefficient of the BCR series allows easy paralleling of BCR410/2/5s. In applications where current sharing is required, either due to high current requirements of LED strings or for power sharing, two or more BCR401/2/5s can be connected in parallel, as shown in Figure 2. Power dissipation capability must be factored into the design with respect to the BCR401/2/5's thermal resistance. The maximum voltage across the device can be calculated by taking the maximum supply voltage and subtracting the voltage across the LED string.

$V_{DEVICE} = V_S – V_{OUT}$

$P_D = (V_{DEVICE} \times I_{LED}) + (V_S \times I_{GND})$

As the output current of BCR401/2/5 increases, it is necessary to connect an appropriate heat sink to the OUT pins of the device. The power dissipation supported by the device is dependent upon the PCB board material, the copper area, and the ambient temperature. The maximum dissipation the device can handle is given by:

$P_D = (TJ_{(MAX)} - T_A) / R_{\theta JA}$

See the thermal characteristic graphs on page 4 for selecting the appropriate PCB copper area.

Application Information (continued)

PWM is the most pursued method for LED dimming. In the PWM method, dimming is achieved by turning the LEDs ON and OFF for a portion of a single cycle. PWM dimming can be achieved by enabling/disabling the LED driver itself (see Figure 3a, Figure 3b) or by the switching the power path on and off (see Figure 3c). The PWM signal can be provided by a microcontroller or analog circuitry. Figure 3 shows typical circuits, and Figure 4 is a typical response of LED current vs. PWM duty cycle. The PWM method shown in Figure 3b is used for generating the graphs.

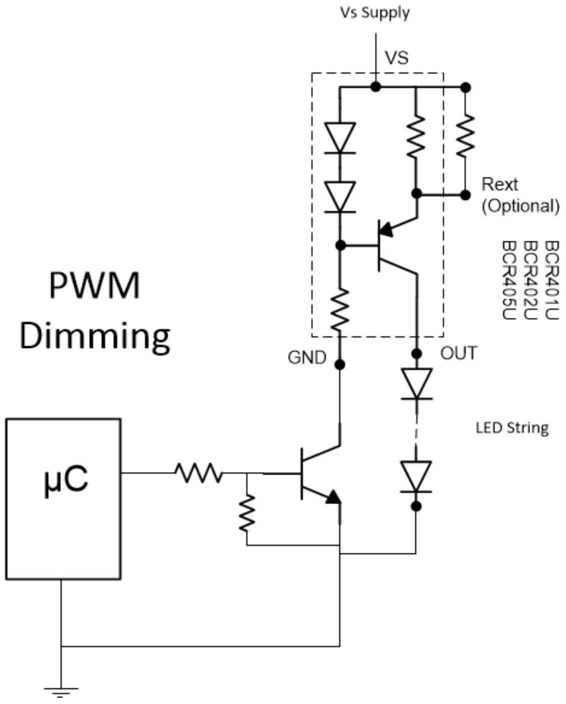

Figure 3a

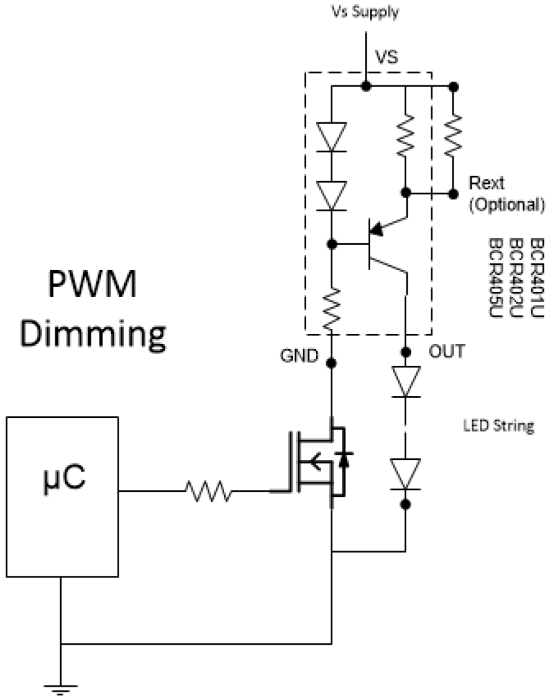

Figure 3b

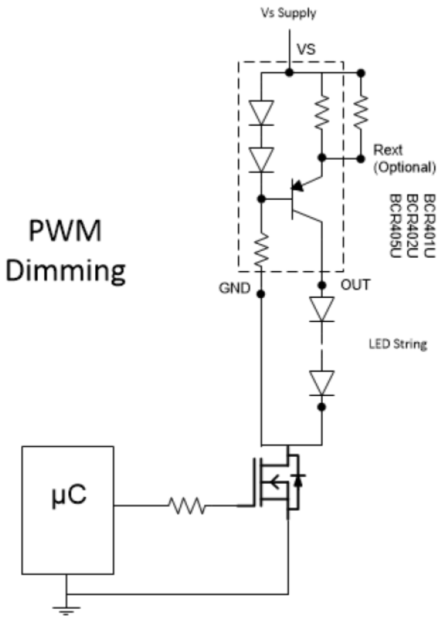

Figure 3c

Figure 3a, 3b, 3c. Application Circuits for LED Driver with PWM Dimming Functionality

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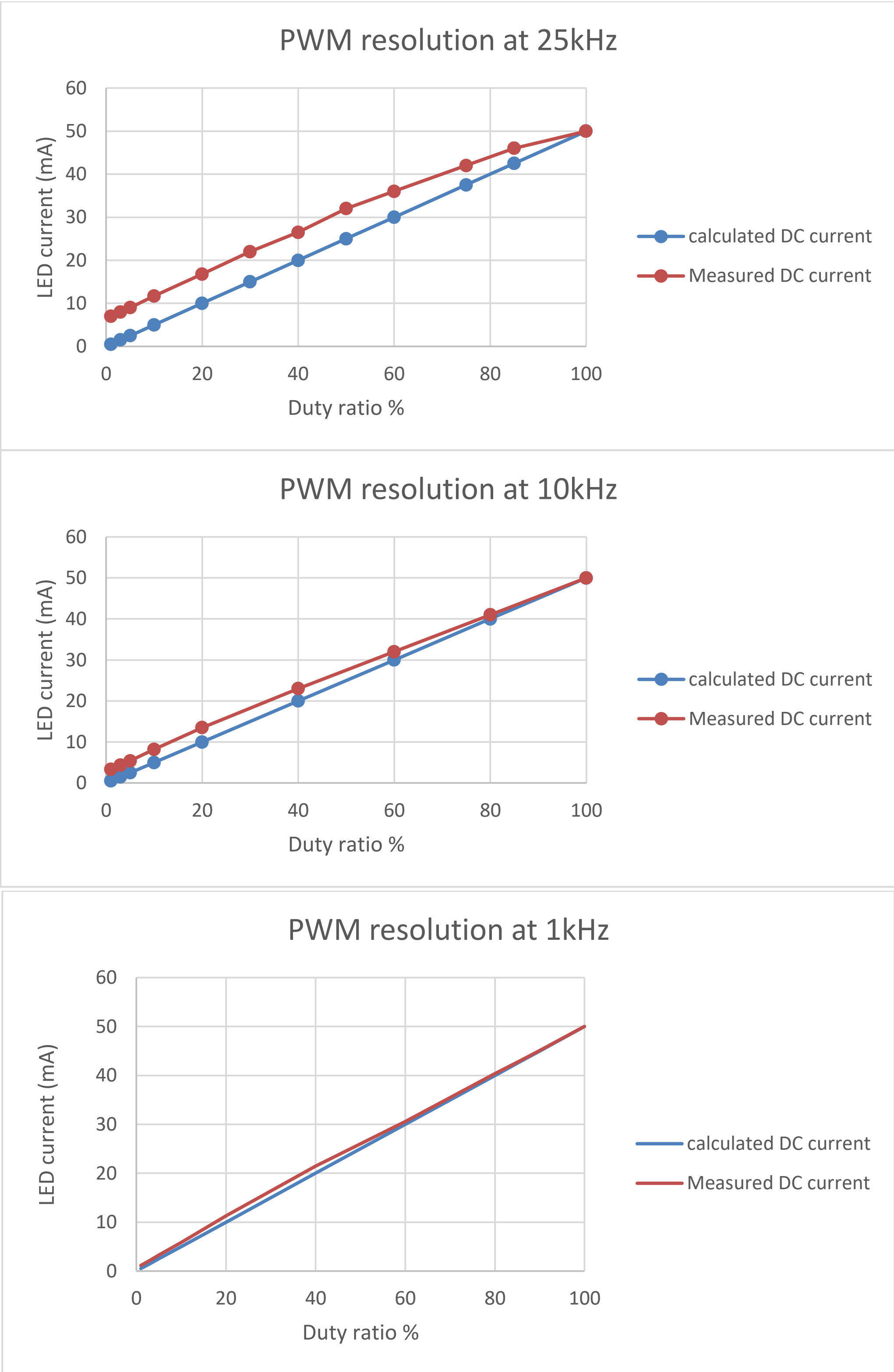

Figure 4. Typical LED Current Response vs. PWM Duty Cycle for 25kHz, 10kHz, and 1kHz PWM Frequency (see Figure 3b)

Application Information (continued)

The error between the calculated theoretical value and the measured value is due to the turn on and turn off times of the BCR401/2/5. There is a small contribution from the switches (a pre-biased transistor or a MOSFET) shown in Figure 3a and Figure 3b towards the total turn-on and turn-off times of the BCR401/2/5. It is recommended to keep the external switching delays to the lowest possible value to improve PWM accuracy. The typical switching times of the BCR401/2/5 for the configuration shown in Figure 3b are:

Turn-On Time = 200ns
Turn-Off Time = 10µs

Please refer to the Figure 5 and Figure 6 for the switching time performance. The percentage contribution of these switching delays increases with increasing frequency and decreasing duty ratio as shown in Figure 4.

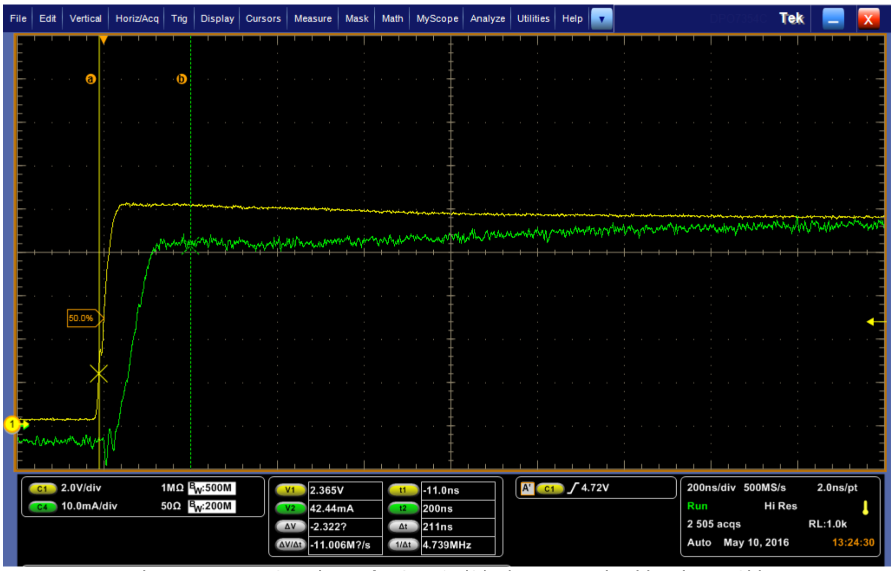

Figure 5. Turn-On Time of BCR401/2/5 (PWM Method in Figure 3b)

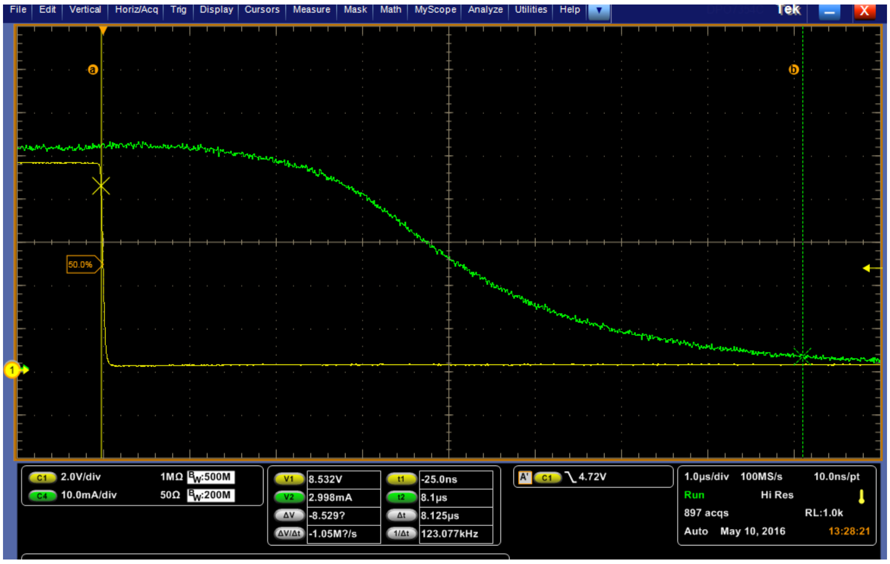

Figure 6. Turn-On Time of BCR401/2/5 (PWM Method in Figure 3c)

Where possible, the switching performance of the BCR401/2/5 can be significantly improved by switching the power path as shown in Figure 3c. Figure 7 shows the resulting turn-off time. This results in an improved PWM resolution at 25kHz as shown in Figure 8.

Turn-Off Time = ~200ns

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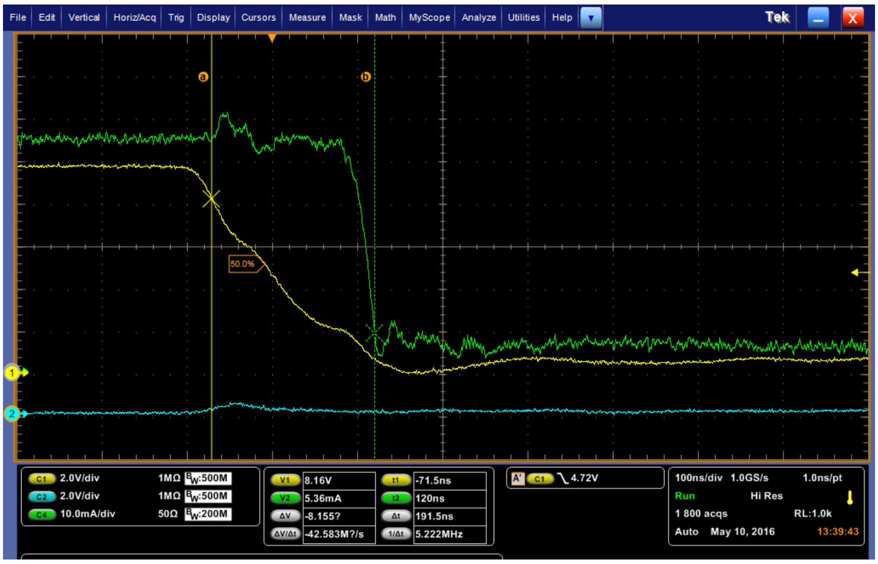

Figure 7. Turn-Off Time of BCR401/2/5 while Switching the Power Path (see Figure 3c)

Yellow → PWM Signal
Green → LED Current
Blue → No Connection Made to this Probe Channel

Figure 8. PWM Resolution with Power Path Switching (see Figure 3c)

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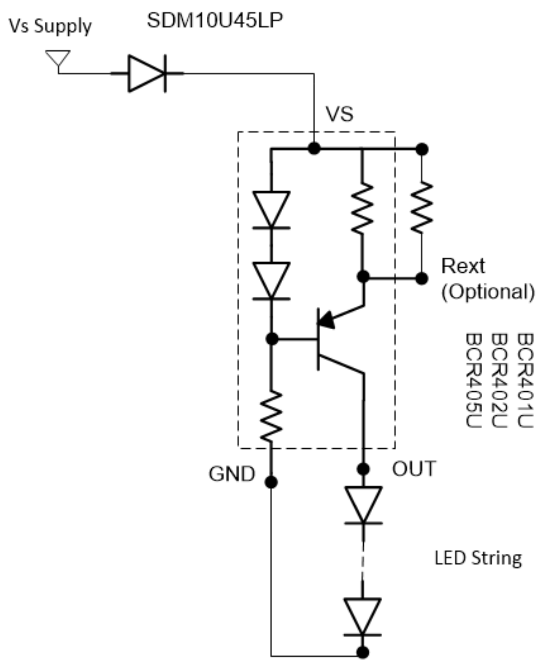

Figure 9. Application Circuit for LED Driver with Reverse Polarity Protection

To remove the potential of incorrect connection of the power supply damaging the lamp's LEDs, many systems use some form of reverse polarity protection.

One solution for reverse input polarity protection is to simply use a diode with a low V_F in line with the driver/LED combination. The low V_F increases the available voltage to the LED stack and dissipates less power. Figure 9 shows a circuit example which protects the light engine, although it will not function until the problem is diagnosed and corrected. An SDM10U45LP (0.1A/45V) is shown, which provides exceptionally low V_F for its package size of 1mm x 0.6mm. Other reverse voltage ratings are available on Diodes Incorporated's website, such as the SBR02U100LP (0.2A/100V) or SBR0220LP (0.2A/20V).

While automotive applications commonly use this method for reverse battery protection, Figure 10 shows an alternative approach shown that provides reverse polarity protection and corrects the reversed polarity, allowing the light engine to function.

The BAS40BRW incorporates four low V_F Schottky diodes in a single package, reducing the power dissipated and maximizing the voltage across the LED stack.

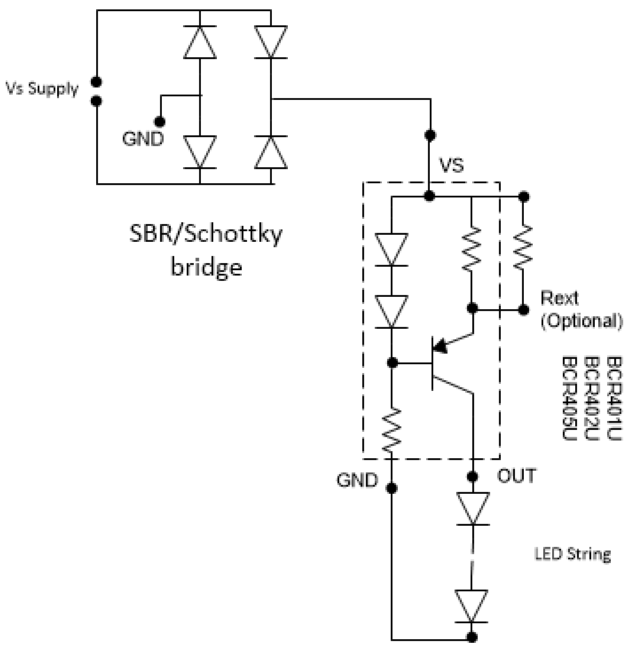

Figure 10. Application Circuit for LED Driver with Assured Operation Regardless of Polarity

Package Outline Dimensions

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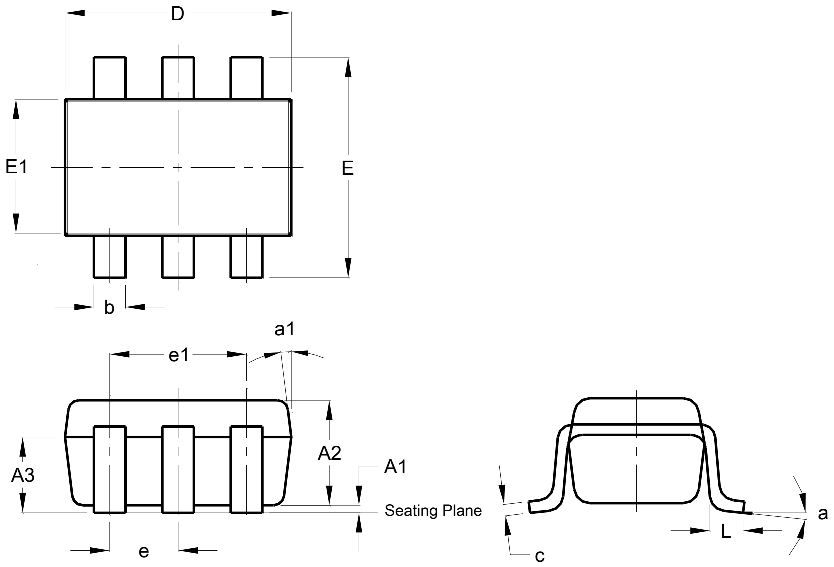

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Dim	**Min**	**Max**	**Typ**
A1	0.013	0.10	0.05
A2	1.00	1.30	1.10
A3	0.70	0.80	0.75
b	0.35	0.50	0.38
c	0.10	0.20	0.15
D	2.90	3.10	3.00
e	-	-	0.95
e1	-	-	1.90
E	2.70	3.00	2.80
E1	1.50	1.70	1.60
L	0.35	0.55	0.40
a	-	-	8°
a1	-	-	7°
All Dimensions in mm			

Suggested Pad Layout

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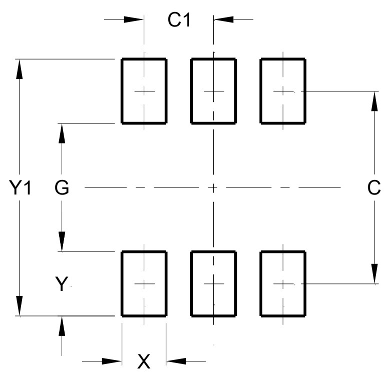

Dimensions	Value (in mm)
C	2.40
C1	0.95
G	1.60
X	0.55
Y	0.80
Y1	3.20

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