

**10 to 100mA LED CONSTANT CURRENT REGULATOR in SOT26 (SC74R)**

## Description

The BCR401U 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 (SC74R) minimizing PCB area and component count.

## Applications

Constant Current Regulation (CCR) in:

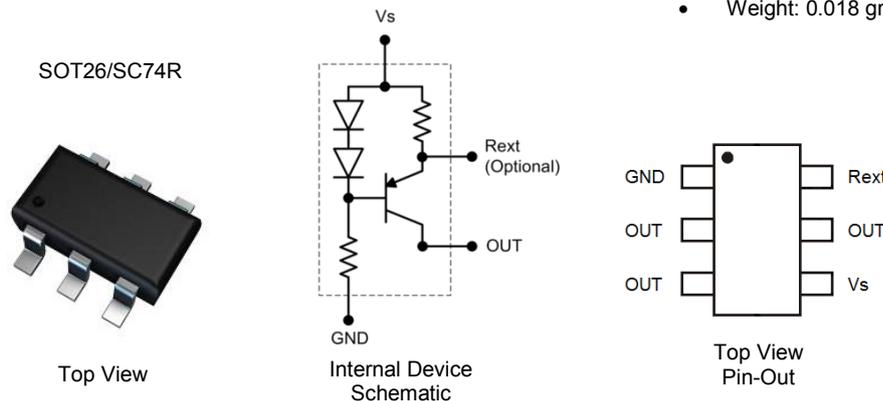
- Emergency Lighting
- Signage, Advertising, Decorative and Architectural Lighting
- Retail Lighting in Fridge, Freezer Case and Vending Machines

## Features

- LED Constant Current Regulator Using PNP Emitter-Follower with Emitter Resistor to Current Limit
- $I_{OUT} = 10\text{mA} \pm 10\%$  Constant Current (Preset)
- $I_{OUT}$  up to 100mA Adjustable with an External Resistor
- $V_S = 40\text{V}$  Supply Voltage
- $P_D$  up to 1W in SOT26 (SC74R)
- 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)**
- **For automotive applications requiring specific change control (i.e.: parts qualified to AEC-Q100/101/200, PPAP capable, and manufactured in IATF 16949 certified facilities), please refer to the related automotive grade (Q-suffix) part. A listing can be found at <https://www.diodes.com/products/automotive/automotive-products/>.**
- **This part is qualified to JEDEC standards (as references in AEC-Q) for High Reliability. <https://www.diodes.com/quality/product-definitions/>**
- **An Automotive-Compliant Part is Available Under Separate Datasheet ([BCR401UW6Q](#))**

## Mechanical Data

- Case: SOT26 (SC74R)
- Case 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 (3)
- Weight: 0.018 grams (Approximate)



Pin Name	Pin Function
$V_S$	Supply Voltage
OUT	Regulated Output Current
$R_{ext}$	External resistor for adjusting Output Current
GND	Power Ground

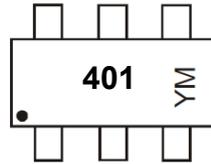
## Ordering Information (Note 4)

Product	Marking	Reel Size (inches)	Tape Width (mm)	Quantity per Reel
BCR401UW6-7	401	7	8	3000

- 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.
  3. Halogen- and Antimony-free "Green" products are defined as those which contain <900ppm bromine, <900ppm chlorine (<1500ppm total Br + Cl) and <1000ppm antimony compounds.
  4. For packaging details, go to our website at <http://www.diodes.com/products/packages.html>.

## Marking Information

SOT26 (SC74R)



401 = Part Marking (See Ordering Information)  
 YM = Date Code Marking  
 Y = Year (ex: H = 2020)  
 M = Month (ex: 9 = September)

Date Code Key

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Code	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R

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<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Supply Voltage	V <sub>S</sub>	40	V
Output Current	I <sub>OUT</sub>	100	mA
Output Voltage	V <sub>OUT</sub>	40	V
Reverse voltage between all terminals	V <sub>R</sub>	0.5	V

## Thermal Characteristics

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Power Dissipation	P <sub>D</sub>	(Note 5)	1,190
		(Note 6)	912
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	R <sub>θJA</sub>	(Note 5)	105
		(Note 6)	137
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Lead	R <sub>θJL</sub>	50	°C/W
Recommended Operating Junction Temperature Range	T <sub>J</sub>	-55 to +150	
Maximum Operating Junction and Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>J</sub> , T <sub>STG</sub>	-65 to +150	

## ESD Ratings (Note 8)

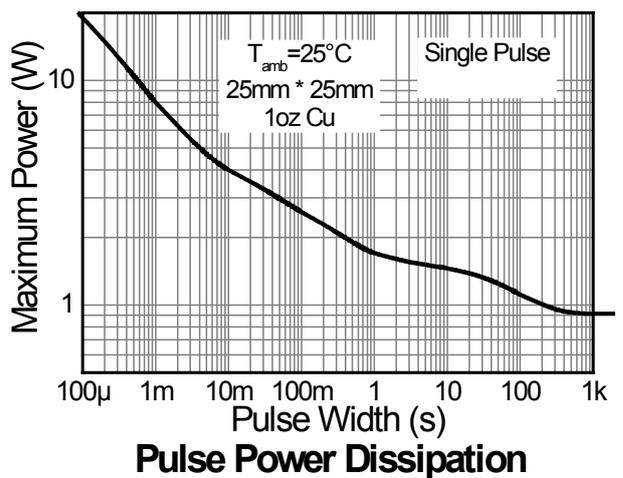
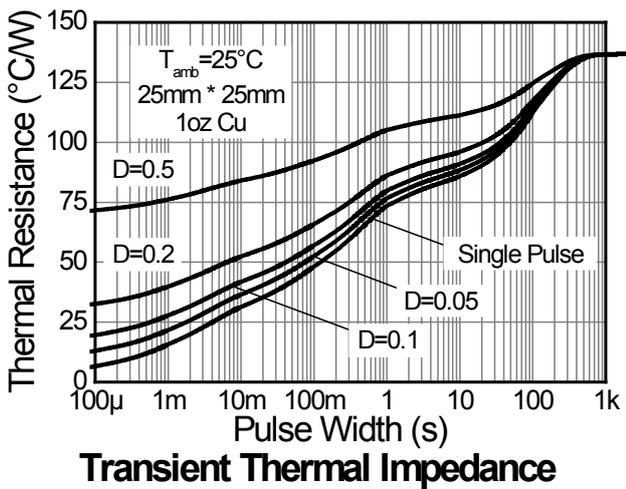
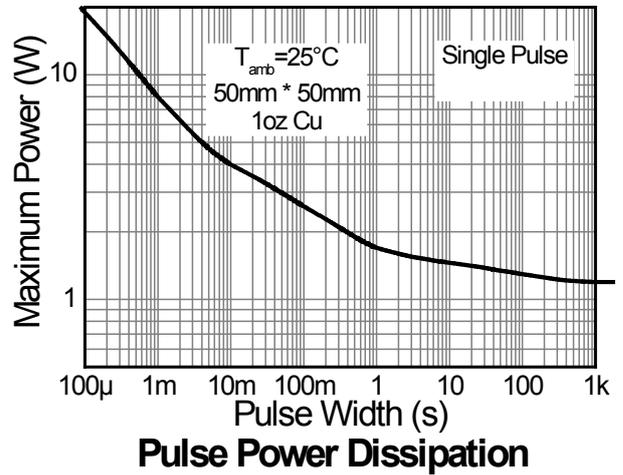
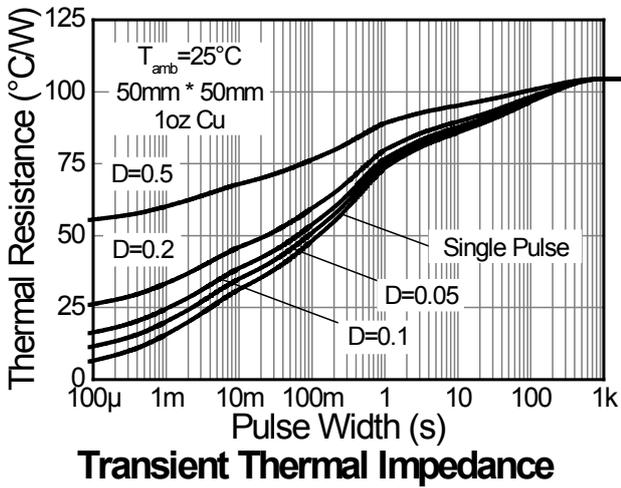
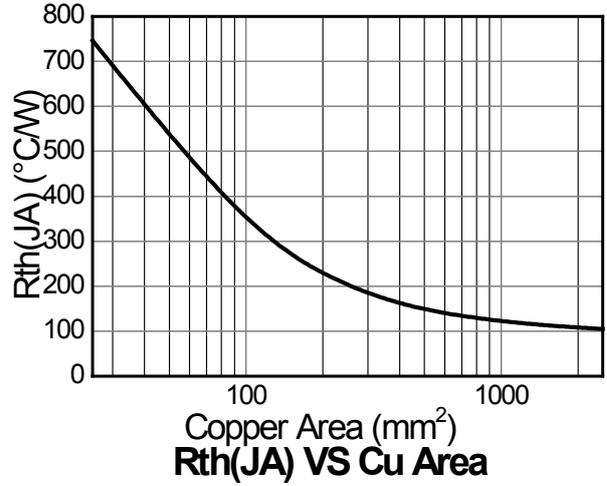
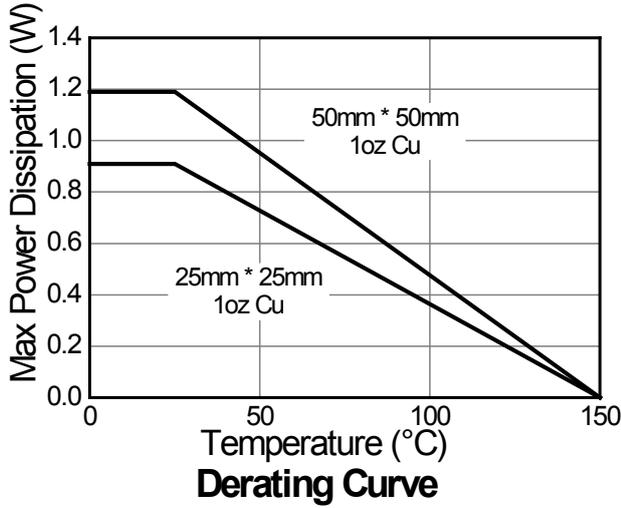
Characteristics	Symbols	Value	Unit	JEDEC Class
Electrostatic Discharge – Human Body Model	ESD HBM	800	V	1B
Electrostatic Discharge – Machine Model	ESD MM	300	V	B

- 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. R<sub>θJL</sub> = Thermal resistance from junction to solder-point (at the end of the OUT leads).
  8. Refer to JEDEC specification JESD22-A114 and JESD22-A115.

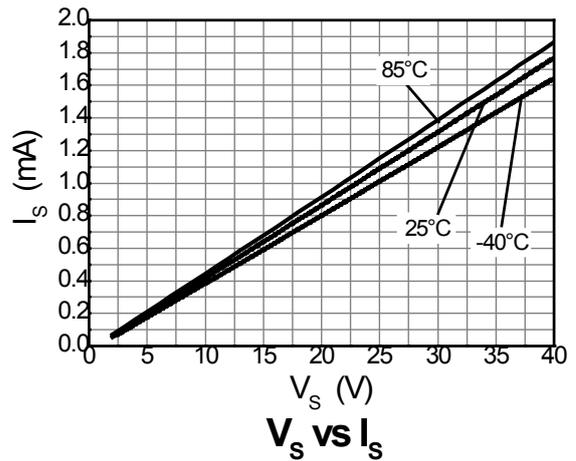
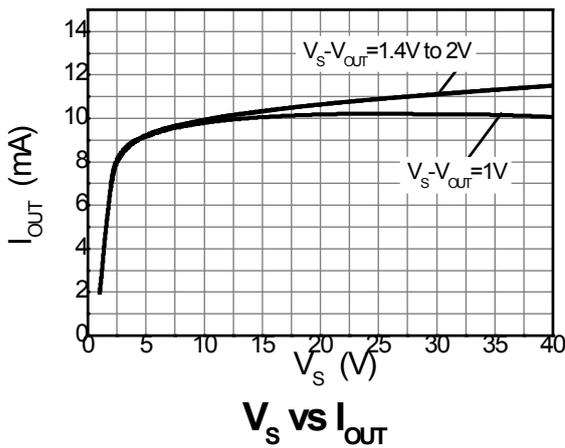
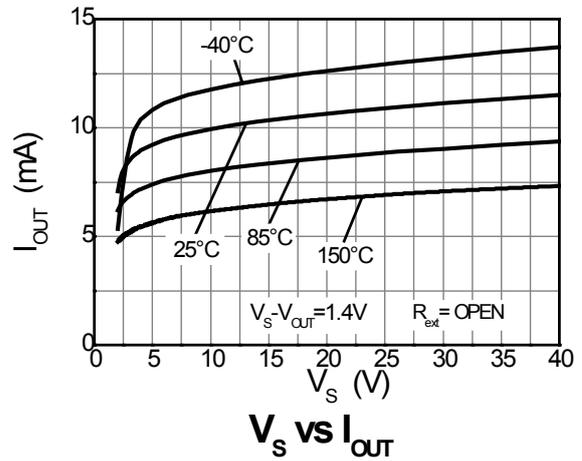
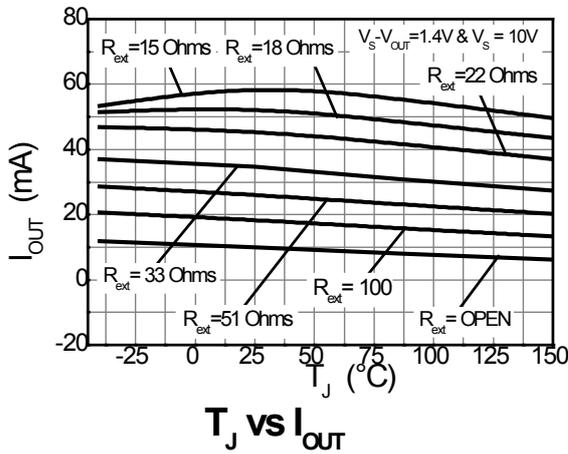
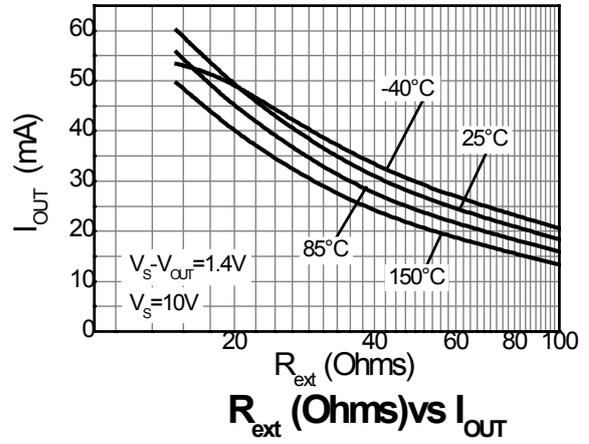
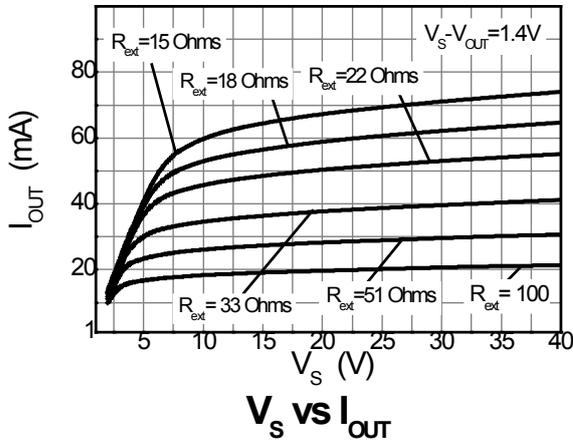
**Electrical Characteristics** (@T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Test Condition
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage	BV <sub>CEO</sub>	40	—	—	V	I <sub>C</sub> = 1mA
GND (Enable) Current	I <sub>GND</sub>	340	420	500	μA	V <sub>S</sub> = 10V; V <sub>OUT</sub> = Open
GND (Enable) Current	I <sub>GND</sub>	—	380	—	μA	V <sub>S</sub> = 10V; V <sub>OUT</sub> = 8.6V
DC Current Gain	h <sub>FE</sub>	100	220	470	—	I <sub>C</sub> = 50mA; V <sub>CE</sub> = 1V
Internal Resistor	R <sub>INT</sub>	78	91	104	Ω	I <sub>RINT</sub> = 10mA
Output Current (Nominal)	I <sub>OUT</sub>	9	10	11	mA	V <sub>OUT</sub> = 8.6V; V <sub>S</sub> = 10V
Voltage Drop (V <sub>REXT</sub> )	V <sub>DROP</sub>	—	0.91	—	V	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10mA
Lowest Sufficient Supply Voltage (V <sub>S</sub> -V <sub>OUT</sub> )	V <sub>SMIN</sub>	—	1.4	—	V	I <sub>OUT</sub> > 8mA
Output Current Change vs. Temperature	ΔI <sub>OUT</sub> /I <sub>OUT</sub>	—	-0.25	—	%/°C	V <sub>S</sub> = 10V
Output Current Change vs. Supply Voltage	ΔI <sub>OUT</sub> /I <sub>OUT</sub>	—	1	—	%/V	V <sub>S</sub> = 10V

**Typical Thermal Characteristics** (@ $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.)



**Typical Electrical Characteristics** (Continued) (@T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise specified.)



**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  $R_{EXT}$ .

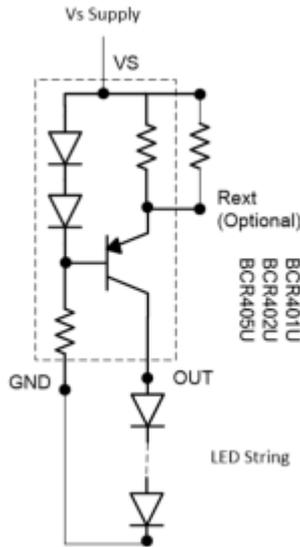


Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit for BCR40x LED Driver

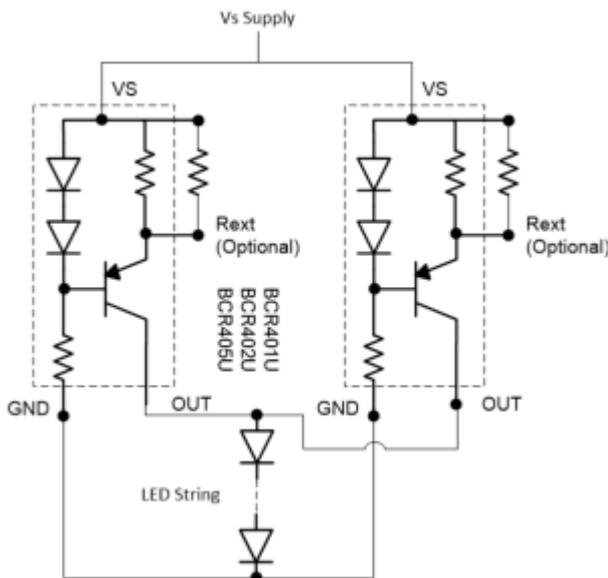


Figure 2. Application Circuit for Increasing LED Current

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:

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

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.

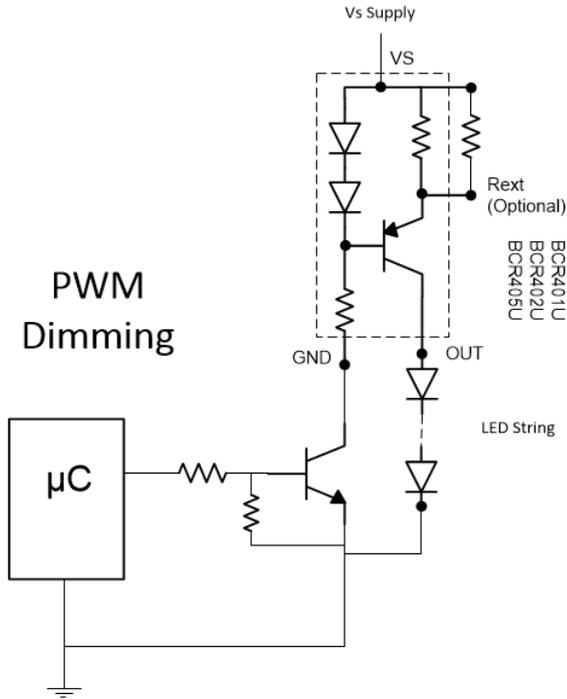


Figure 3a

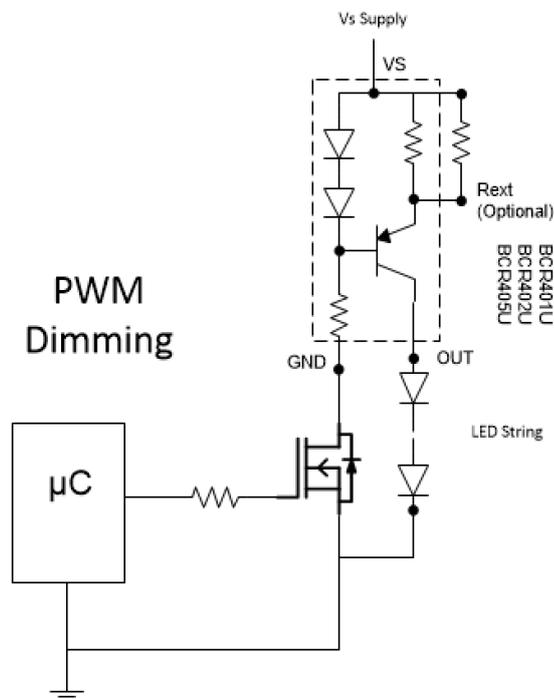


Figure 3b

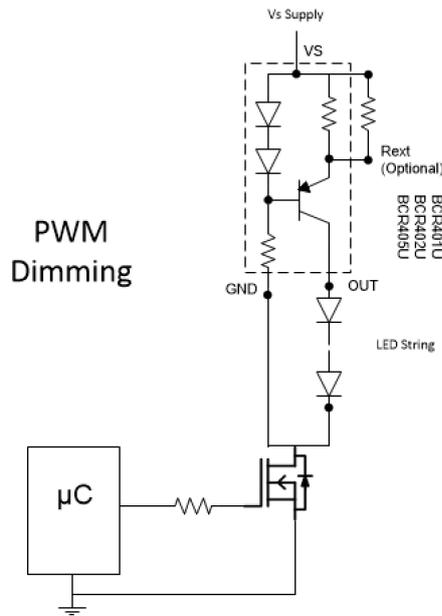


Figure 3c

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

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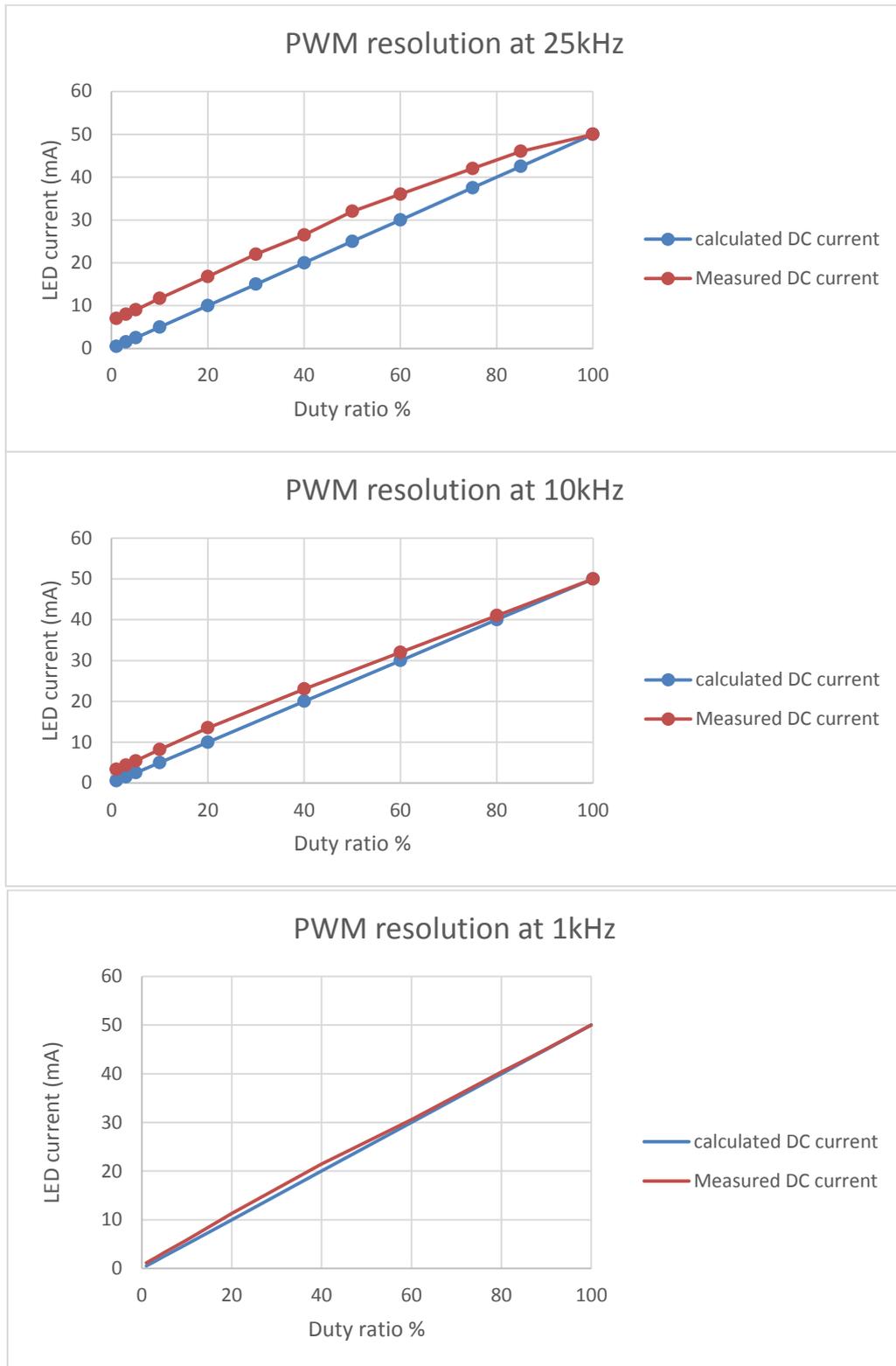


Figure 4. Typical LED Current Response vs. PWM Duty Cycle for 25kHz, 10kHz, and 1kHz PWM Frequency (see Figure 3b)

**Application Information** (Cont.)

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.

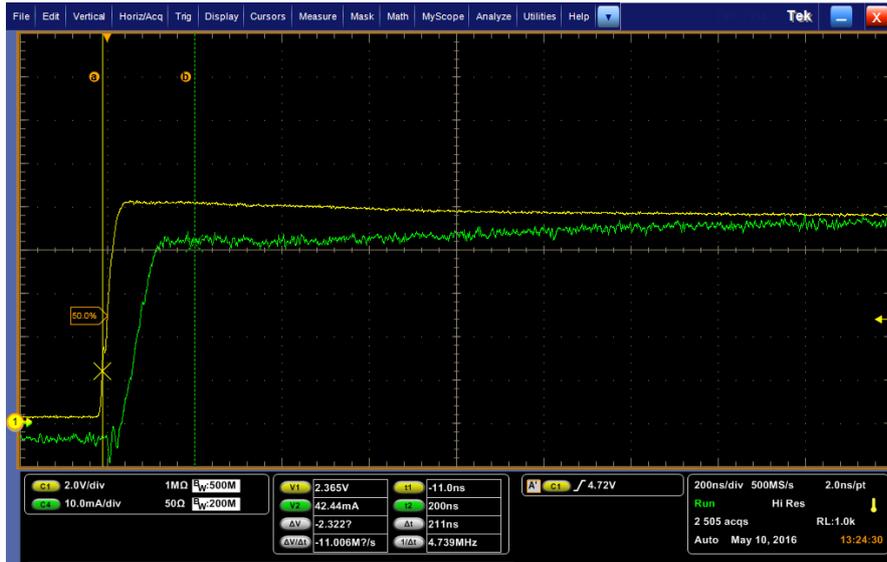


Figure 5. Turn-On Time of BCR401/2/5 (PWM Method in Figure 3b)



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

**Application Information** (Cont.)

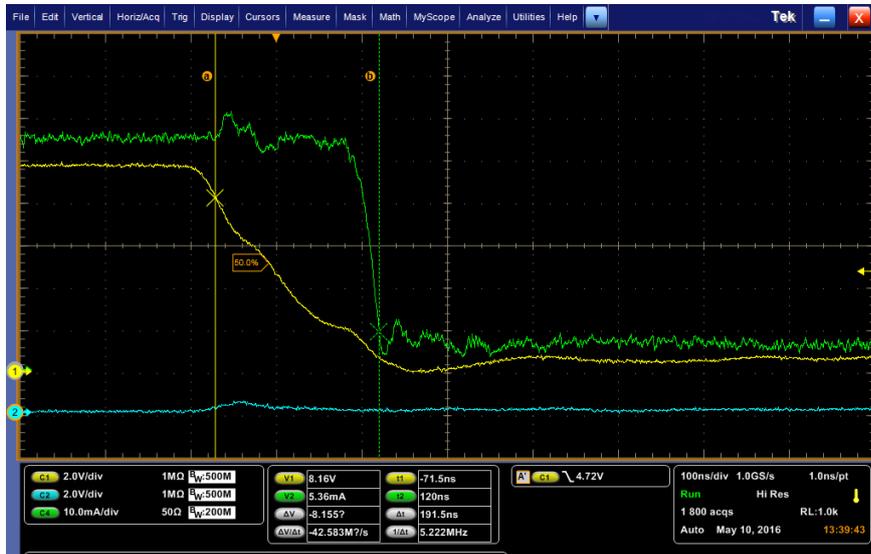


Figure 7. Turn-Off Time of BCR401/2/5 while Switching the Power Path (see Figure 3c)

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

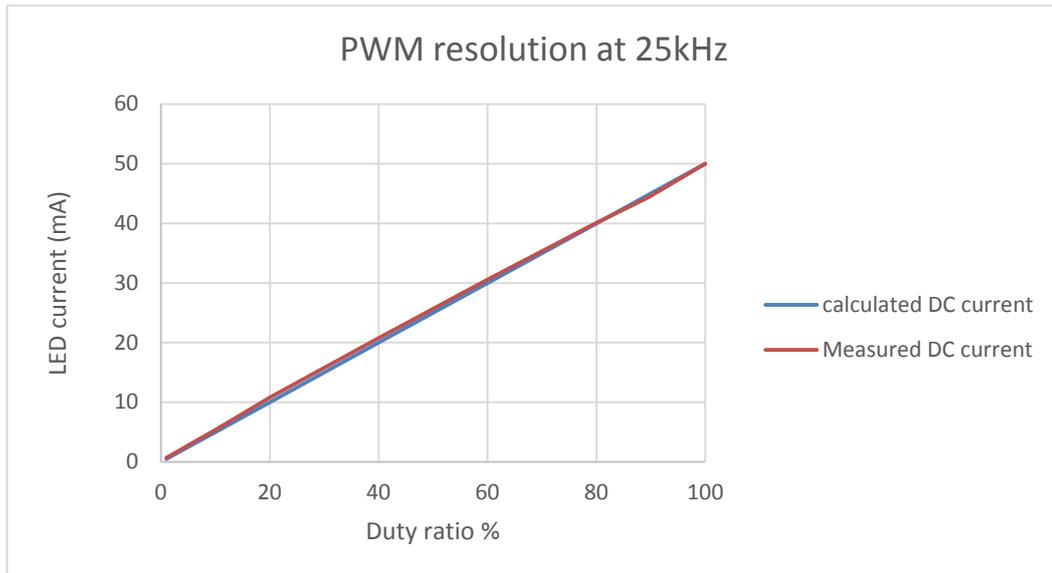


Figure 8. PWM Resolution with Power Path Switching (see Figure 3c)

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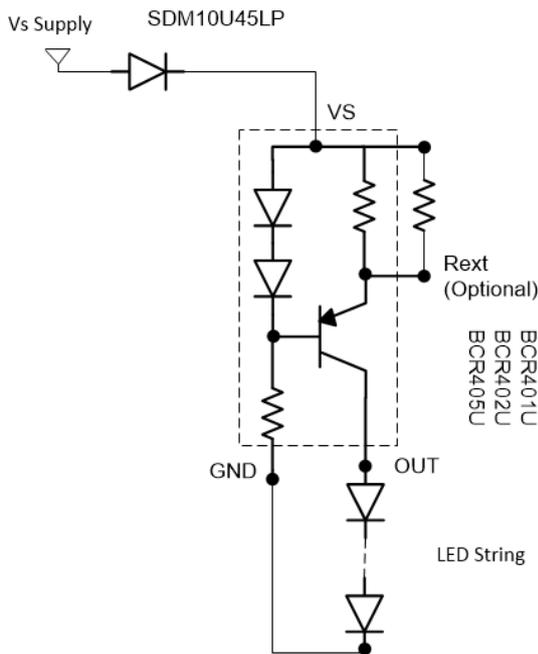


Figure 9. Application Circuit for LED Driver with Reverse Polarity Protection

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.

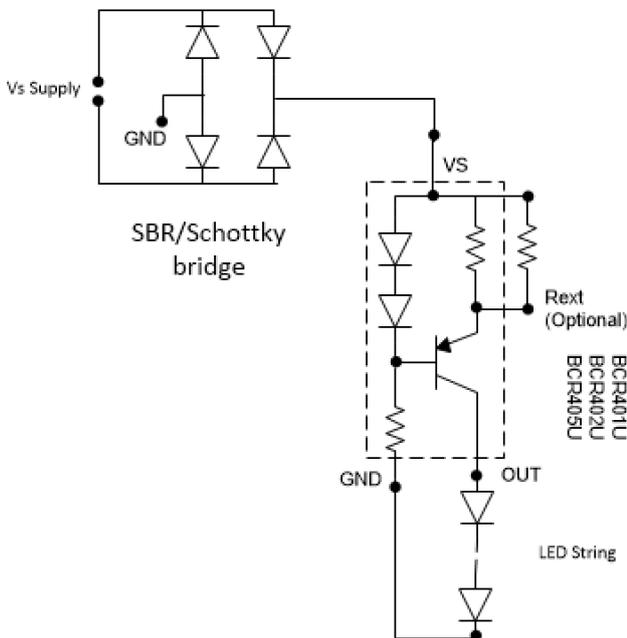
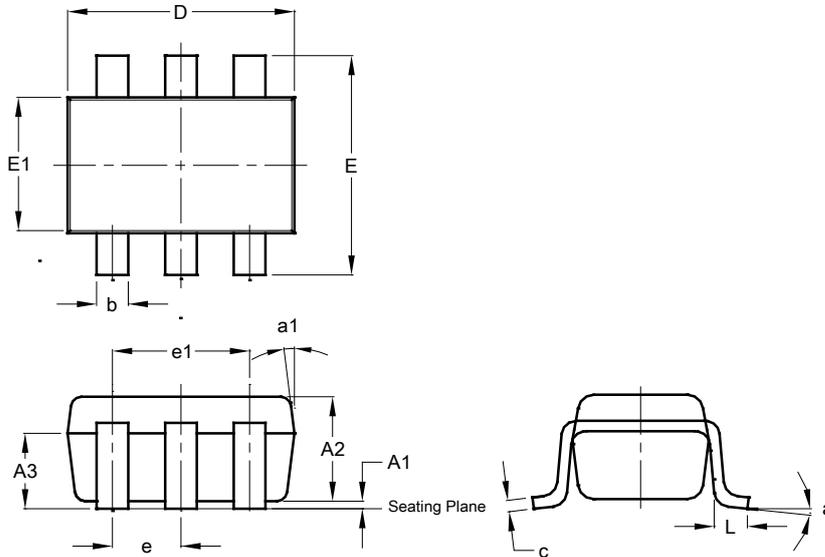


Figure 10. Application Circuit for LED Driver with Assured Operation Regardless of Polarity

**Package Outline Dimensions**

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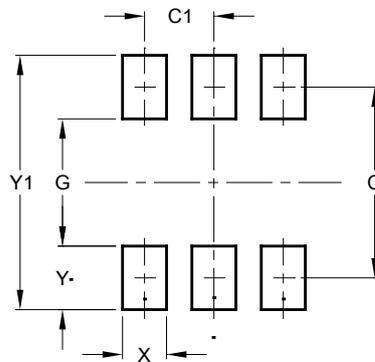


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Dim	Min	Max	Typ
A1	0.013	0.10	0.05
A2	1.00	1.30	1.10
A3	0.70	0.80	0.75
b	0.35	0.50	0.38
c	0.10	0.20	0.15
D	2.90	3.10	3.00
e	-	-	0.95
e1	-	-	1.90
E	2.70	3.00	2.80
E1	1.50	1.70	1.60
L	0.35	0.55	0.40
a	-	-	8°
a1	-	-	7°
All Dimensions in mm			

**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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