INTRODUCTION

5V, 0.5A Buck Regulator Operates From 15V

The converter design shows how simple it is to derive a TTL supply from a system supply of 15V (see Figure 1). The NE5561 drives a 2N4920 PNP transistor directly to provide switching current to the inductor. Overall line regulation is excellent and covers a range of 12V to 18V with minimal change (δ 10mV) in the output operating at full load.

As with all NE5561 circuits, the auxiliary slow start and δ_{MAX} circuit is required, as evidenced by Q1. The δ_{MAX} limit may be calculated by using the relationship.

$$\frac{R2}{R1 + R2}(8.2V) = V\delta_{MAX}$$

The maximum duty cycle is then determined from the pulse-width modulator transfer graph, and R1, R2 are defined from the desired conditions. (See Figure 2.)

NE5561 Boost Converter With Output Variable (18V to 30V, 0.2A)

The circuit shown uses the NE5561 SMPS controller in a non-isolated boost converter operating from a 15V line. The addition of three transistors and one diode is necessary to complete the design (see Figure 3).

Operation is as follows. Q1 is a combination slow start and max duty cycle limit transistor. When power is first applied to the circuit, C7 in a discharged state begins to charge toward the divider voltage, V_δ. This $V_\delta + V_{BE}$ controls the voltage on Pin 4, the error amp output, causing the duty cycle to be limited initially to δ_0, then to gradually approach its normal operating range, δ. The base divider is fed from V_Z, which is nominally 8.2V.

Output regulation starts at the error amplifier, with gain set by R2 (adj) and R5 combination. The error amp is stable for closed loop gain in excess of 40dB (x100), for which the regulation will be approximately 1%. C4 is added to the output to insure stability at gain below 40dB. C4 creates a dominant pole at approximately 1kHz, descending at 6dB per octave to unity near 1MHz. Input to the error amplifier is referenced to 3.75V and must reach this reference level for the output of the NE5561 to be active. Output voltage is then the quantity 3.75V times the divider ratio from V_{OUT} to Pin 3 as set by R2.

If the ratio is, for instance, 10:1, the output will be ≅ 37V. If the ratio is 5:1, the output will be ≅ 18.5V, etc.

Output to Q2 base is a square wave of variable duty cycle as determined by load demand. The internal transistor is open-collector and must have a pull-up resistance; in this application the base circuit of Q2. The duty cycle δ is a fraction between 0 and 1. The actual on time is proportional then to δ × T, where T is the period of the free-running frequency of the sawtooth generator internal to the NE5561. Frequency is set by the RC combination, R7× C5 with charging current supplied from V_Z (8.2V). The stabilizing effect of the internal zener supply gives a constant frequency. The sawtooth waveform is related to duty cycle as shown below.

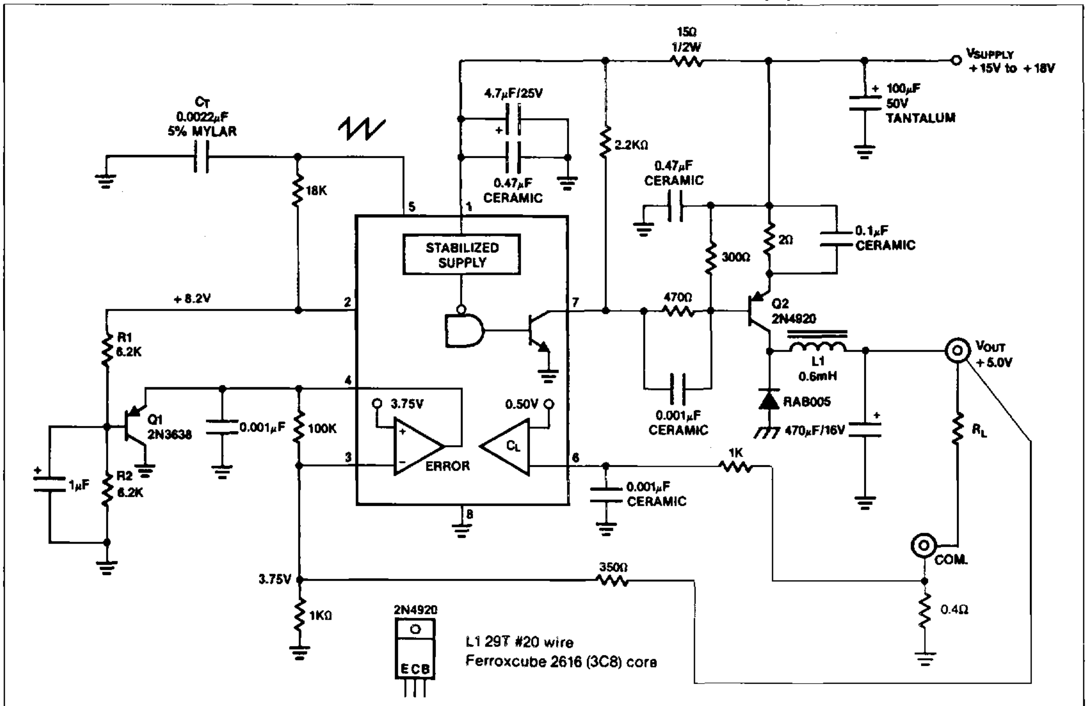


Figure 1. NE5561 5V/0.5A Buck Converter

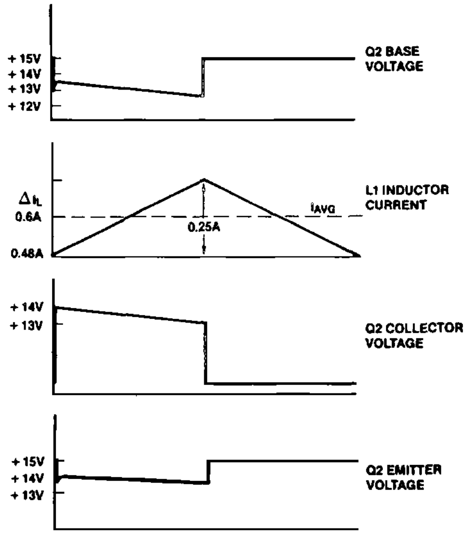


Figure 2. Typical Buck Converter Waveforms

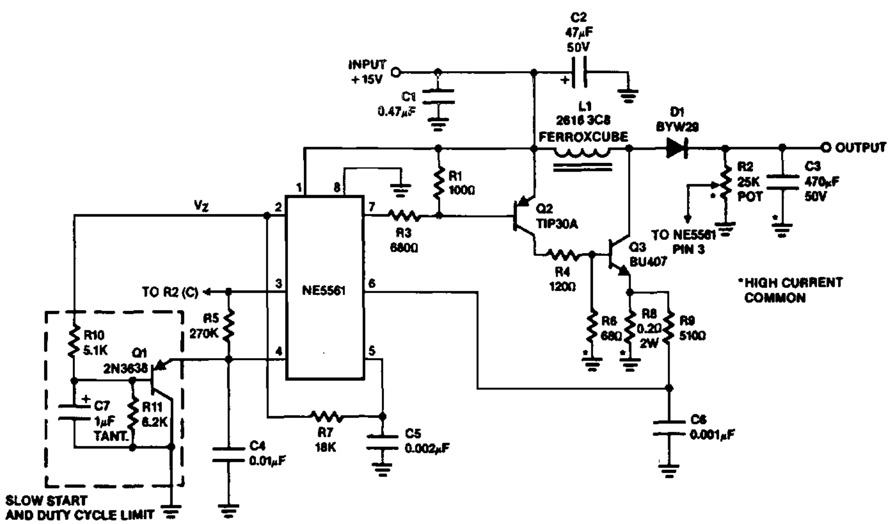
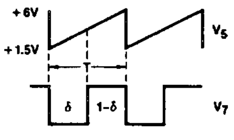


Figure 3. DC-to-DC SMPS Using NE5561 Variable 18V to 30V Out at 0.2A

Q3 is switched on during the saturated portion of the output waveform from Pin 7 of the NE5561, termed δ, and is switched off during the remainder of the cycle (1-δ).

The sawtooth frequency is set at approximately 22kHz in this example. The NE5561 is capable of operation to 100kHz, however.

Pin 6 of the NE5561 operates an overcurrent protective feature which resets the output on Pin 7 if the instantaneous Pin 6 voltage exceeds 0.50V. In this case, R8 determines the peak current of Q3 emitter circuit prior to shutdown. The operation of the overcurrent circuit is on a pulse-to-pulse basis, returning to normal as soon as the Pin 6 voltage falls below 0.50V. As is noted, a small degree of



(V_7 NOT TO SCALE)

filtering is needed to eliminate short switching transient, allowing only the primary current wave form to be sensed.

Switching circuit operation proceeds as follows. Q3 turns on, causing magnetization current to begin increasing in L1, the switching indicator. After initial start-up, C3 is charged to the output, thus with Q3 on, Diode D1 is reverse-biased and does not conduct during the duty cycle, δ. C3, the output capacitor, sustains the full load current during this part of the cycle. When Q3 turns off, the magnetic field energy previously stored in L1 is discharged through D1, which is now forward-biased. The output capacitor is incrementally charged, restoring its depleted voltage. The ripple voltage is a function of the size of C3 and its internal resistance. For minimum ripple, a low ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) capacitor must be used, since previously-mentioned peak load current flows in C3.

Single Transistor 100V, 250mA Buck Converter (Off-Line)

With a single 15V zener diode to limit package dissipation, the NE5561 controller may be operated directly from the rectified AC line. The following example shows the simplicity of such a converter which is capable of a nominal 100V output (see Figure 5). A base drive transformer is used to gain high voltage isolation between the NE5561 and the switching transistor, and to provide adequate base drive. A low power PNP transistor is used in an auxiliary slow-start and duty cycle limiting circuit to prevent over-excitation (Q1).

Operation is as follows. Drive from the NE5561 output is fed to the primary of T1, base drive transformer, with a pulse-width modulated signal causing Q2 (BU407) to switch current to inductor, L1. As the current builds up, energy is stored in L1, coincident with the saturation period (δ) of the NE5561 output stage. During this period, current also flows through L1 to C_O and the load. When Q2 cuts off, the choke field collapses and D1 conducts as the load is sustained by the inductor-stored energy.

V_{OUT} is sampled by the divider R7 and R8, rising until the junction of the divider is forced to 3.75V. Load variations are thus translated to duty cycle variations to maintain constant voltage at the output. The measured efficiency at 0.5A load is in excess of 72%. Line regulation is good from approximately 93V to 120V.

The base current waveform driving Q2 is shown in Figure 4. This indicates that the BU407 base current rises initially to 60mA to obtain fast turn-on, then settles to about 40mA for the remainder of the duty cycle, δ. Reverse-biasing of the emitter-base junction occurs to enhance turn-off.

Snubber networks are necessary, as shown across Q2 and commutation diode D1, to prevent component failure during fast switching. It is critical that these networks be placed physically adjacent to the respective components they protect, and that low inductance capacitors and resistors be used as snubbers (ceramic or dura mica caps and carbon resistors).

The base drive transformer is constructed using a Ferroxcube 2616-3C8 core, with primary of 120 turns of #26 wire, and 20 turns of #26 on secondary. The primary is wound in a simple solenoidal manner, first on the bobbin, followed by a layer of mylar tape to provide voltage isolation. Next, the secondary winding is added. Primary inductance measures 45mH with a leakage inductance of 120μH. It is important to have sufficient primary inductance to prevent excessive droop in base drive current. Also, leakage reactance must be kept reasonably low to minimize ringing.

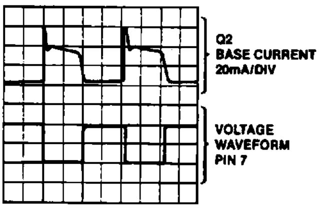


Figure 4. Switching Waveforms

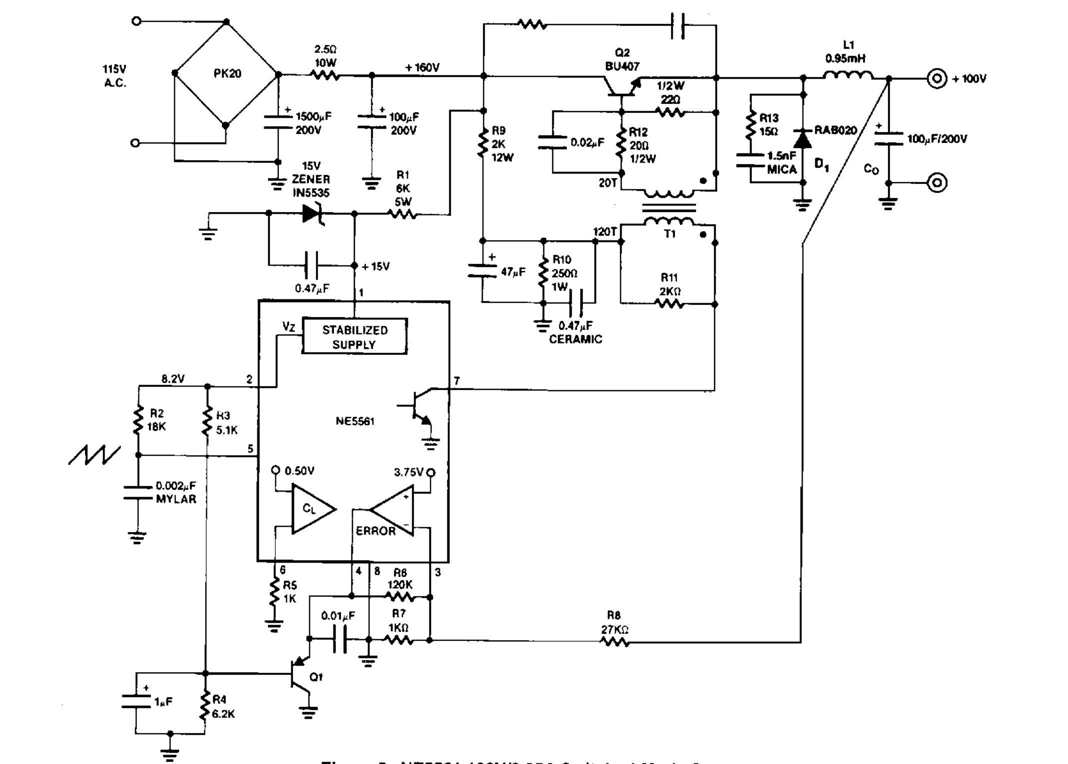


Figure 5. NE5561 100V/0.25A Switched-Mode Converter

DC Motor Drive with Fixed Speed Control

The circuit shown in Figure 7 incorporates a simple switched-mode approach to DC motor control, which is efficient and free of the dissipation problems inherent in linear drives. The NE5561 provides pulse-proportional drive and speed control based on DC tachometer feedback. A simple switching circuit consisting of one transistor (2N4920 PNP) and a commutation diode is used to deliver programmed pulse energy to the motor.

A frequency of approximately 20kHz is used to eliminate audio noise present in some switching drives. The DC tach in this example delivers 2.7V/1000 RPM. Its output is such that negative feedback occurs when this voltage is applied to the error amplifier of the NE5561, Pin 3, through a suitable divider. Note that the voltage to Pin 3 must be 3.75V in order to obtain servo lock. Thus, the divider from the tach output must be appropriate to maintain the proper ratio for speed control to occur.

As shown in the waveform pattern (Figure 6), duty cycle varies directly with load torque demand. No load current is ≅ 0.3A and full load is 0.6A. Current and voltage waveforms at 0.6A are shown in Figure 6. If desired, torque limiting may be set by feeding a derivative of motor return current back to Pin 6 of the NE5561.

Operating range is 12V to 18V input for a tach output nominal variation of less than 20mV, and approximately 4.35V for the divider values shown. The motor is a Globe 100A 565 rated at $12V_{DC}$.

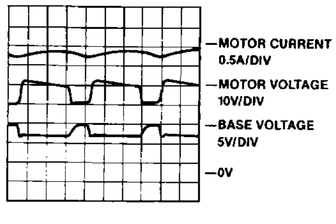


Figure 6. Switching Waveforms

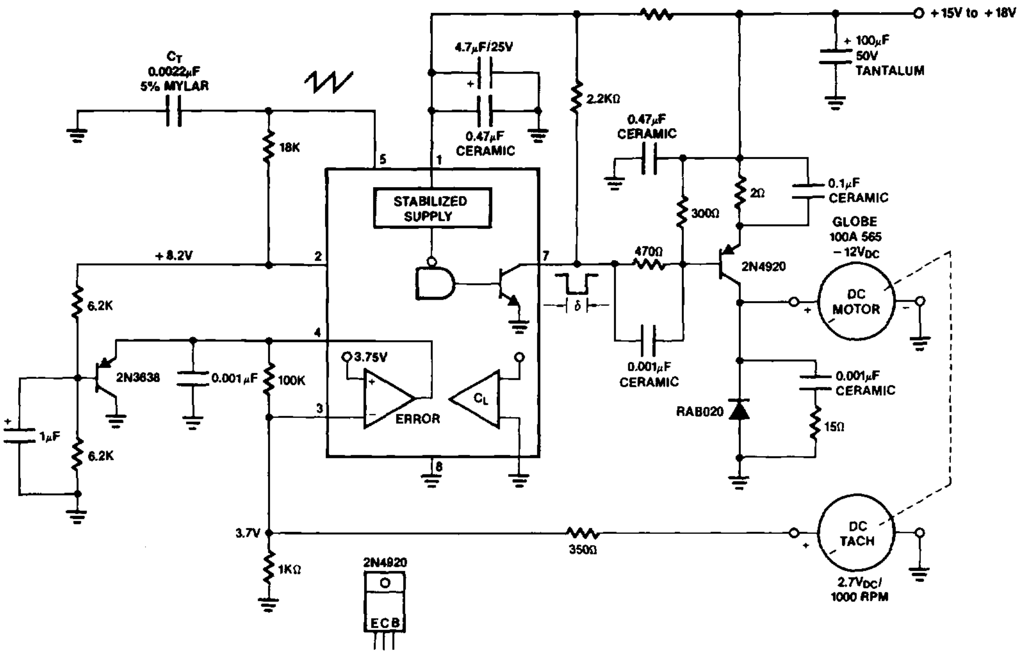


Figure 7. NE5561 Pulse-Width Modulated Motor Drive (Constant Speed)