

# LM3212

**LM3212 PRODUCT BRIEF Step-Down DC-DC Converter with Analog Bypass Mode for  
RF Power Amplifiers**



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### General Description

The LM3212 is a DC-DC converter optimized for powering GSM RF power amplifiers (PAs) from a single Lithium-Ion cell; however, it may also be used in other applications. The LM3212 steps down an input voltage from 2.7V to 5.5V to a dynamically adjustable output voltage of 0.5V to 3.4V. The output voltage is set through a VCON analog input that adjusts the output voltage to ensure efficient operation at all power levels of the RF PA.

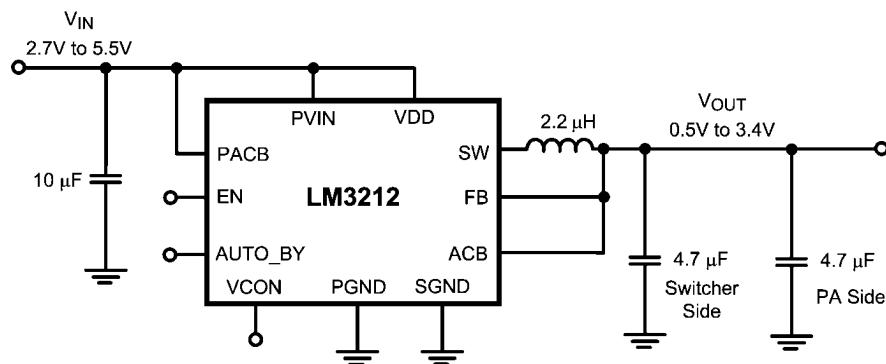
The LM3212 has a unique Active Current Bypass (ACB) feature that speeds up output voltage transition times, provides extra drive and a low-resistance analog bypass. The LM3212 has an AUTO\_BY pin to force the LM3212 into bypass mode during low input voltage operation, thus overriding the automatic analog bypass feature. Forced bypass can also be achieved by setting VCON > VIN/2.5.

In addition, the LM3212 offers a fixed-frequency PWM mode to minimize RF interference and a shutdown mode to turn the device off and reduce battery consumption to 0.02  $\mu$ A (typ.).

The LM3212 is available in a 16-bump lead-free micro SMD package. A 1.6 MHz switching frequency allows use of tiny surface-mount components for the required inductor and two ceramic capacitors.

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### Typical Application



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### Features

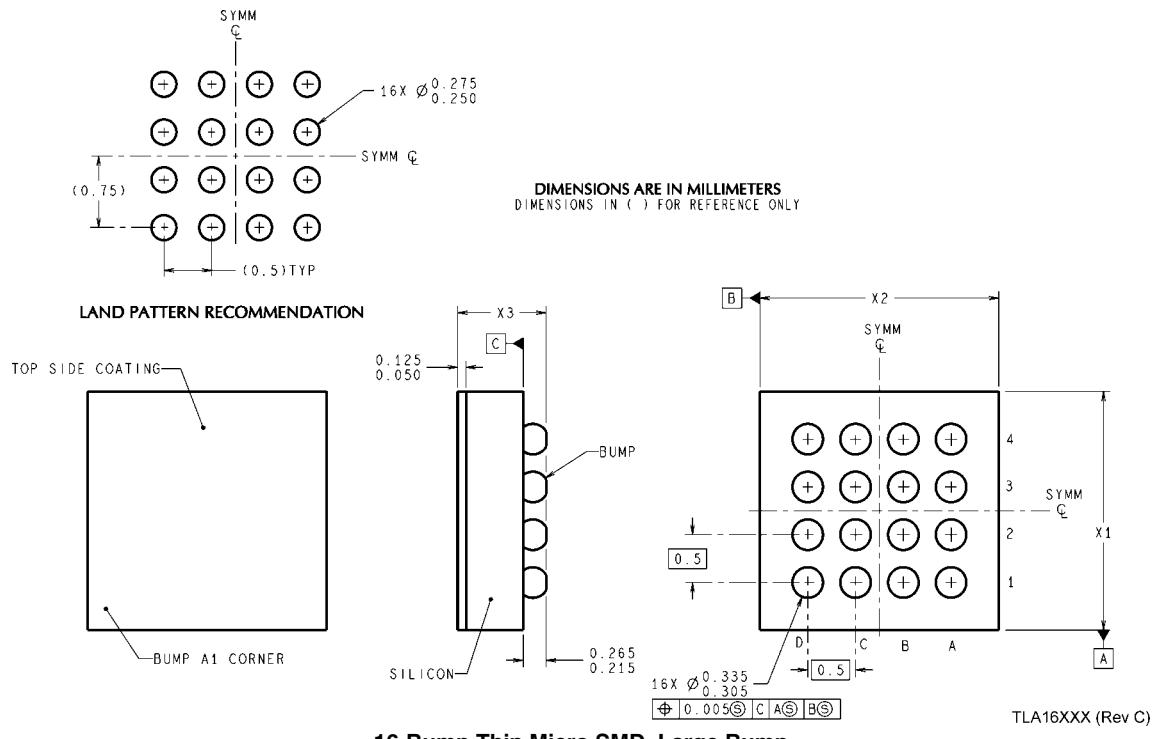
- 1.6 MHz (typ.) PWM Switching Frequency
- ACB reduces inductor requirements and size
- Operates from a single Li-Ion cell (2.7V to 5.5V)
- Dynamically Adjustable Output Voltage (0.5V to 3.4V)
- 2.5A Maximum Load Current
- Analog bypass function with low bypass resistance (33 mΩ typ.)
- High Efficiency to 95% with Internal Synchronous Rectification
- 16-bump micro SMD Package
- Current Overload Protection
- Thermal Overload Protection

### Applications

- Battery-Powered 2G/3G/4G RF Power Amplifiers
- Hand-Held Radios
- RF PC Cards

## Physical Dimensions

inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted



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