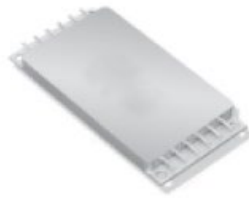# AFL2803R3S Series
28V Input, 3.3V Output

Part Numbers: AFL2803R3S

Advanced Product Brief

The AFL Series of DC/DC converters feature high power density with no derating over the full military temperature range. This series is offered as part of a complete family of converters providing single and dual output voltages and operating from nominal +28V or +270V inputs with output power ranging from 66W to 120W. For applications requiring higher output power, multiple converters can be operated in parallel. The internal current sharing circuits assure equal current distribution among the paralleled converters. This series incorporates our proprietary magnetic pulse feedback technology providing optimum dynamic line and load regulation response. This feedback system samples the output voltage at the pulse width modulator fixed clock frequency, nominally 550KHz. Multiple converters can be synchronized to a system clock in the 500KHz to 700KHz range or to the synchronization output of one converter. Under voltage lockout, primary and secondary referenced inhibit, soft start and load fault protection are provided on all models.

These converters are hermetically packaged in two enclosure variations, utilizing copper core pins to minimize resistive DC losses. Three lead styles are available, each fabricated with our rugged ceramic lead to-package seal assuring long term hermeticity in the most-harsh environments.

Manufactured in a facility fully qualified to MIL-PRF-38534, these converters are fabricated utilizing DSCC qualified processes. For available screening options, refer to device screening table in the data sheet. Variations in electrical, mechanical and screening can be accommodated.

Features

- 16V to 40V Input Range
- 3.3V Output
- High Power Density - up to 50W/in^3
- 66W Output Power
- Parallel Operation with Stress and Current Sharing
- Low Profile (0.380") Seam Welded Package
- Ceramic Feed thru Copper Core Pins
- High Efficiency - to 74%
- Full Military Temperature Range

- Continuous Short Circuit and Overload Protection
- Remote Sensing Terminals
- Primary and Secondary Referenced Inhibit Functions
- Line Rejection > 40dB - DC to 50KHz
- External Synchronization Port
- Fault Tolerant Design
- Dual Output Versions Available
- Standard Microcircuit Drawing Available

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Revision History

Revision	Description	Release Date
1.0	AFL2803R3S Micross Datasheet	11/21/2024

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Table 1. Absolute Maximum Ratings	
Input Voltage	-0.5V to +50VDC
Soldering Temperature	300°C for 10 seconds
Operating Case Temperature	-55°C to +125°C
Storage Case Temperature	-65°C to +135°C

Table 2. Electrical Performance Characteristics							
-55°C < T_{CASE} < +125°C, 16V< V_{IN} < 40V Unless Otherwise Specified							
Parameter	Group A Subgroups	Test Conditions	Min	Nom	Max	Unit	
Input Voltage		Note 6	16	28	40	V	
Output Voltage		V_{IN} = 28V, 100% Load		3.30		V	
	1		3.27		3.33		
	2,3		3.23		3.37		
Output Current		V_{IN} = 16, 28, 40V. Note 6			20	A	
Output Power		Note 6			66	W	
Maximum Capacitive Load	4	Note 1	10,000			µF	
Output Voltage Temperature Coefficient		V_{IN} = 28V, 100% Load Notes 1,6	-0.015		+0.015	%/°C	
Output Voltage Regulation							
Line	1,2,3	No Load, 50% Load, 100% Load	-20		+20	mV	
Load	1,2,3	V_{IN} = 16, 28, 40V	-35		+35		
Output Ripple Voltage	1,2,3	V_{IN} = 16, 28, 40V, 100% Load BW = 10MHz			30	mVpp	
Input Current		V_{IN} = 28V					
No Load	1	I_{OUT} = 0			80		
	2,3				100	mA	
Inhibit 1	1,2,3	Pin 4 Shortened to Pin 2			5.0		
Inhibit 2	1,2,3	Pin 12 Shortened to Pin 8			50		
Input Ripple Current	1,2,3	V_{IN} = 28V, 100% Load BW = 10MHz			60	mApp	

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Table 2. Electrical Performance Characteristics Cont.						
-55°C < T_{CASE} < +125°C, 80V< V_{IN} < 160V Unless Otherwise Specified						
Parameter	**Group A Subgroups**	**Test Conditions**	**Min**	**Nom**	**Max**	**Unit**
Current Limit Point		V_{OUT} = 90% V_{NOM}. Note 5				
Expressed as Percentage of Full Rated Load	1		115		125	%
	2		105		115	
	3		125		140	
Load Fault Power Dissipation		V_{IN} = 270V				
Overload or Short Circuit	1,2,3				30	W
Efficiency	1,2,3	V_{IN} = 28V, 100% Load	72	74		%
Switching Frequency	1,2,3		500	550	600	KHz
Isolation	1	Input Output or Any Pin to Case (except Pin 3). Test @ 500VDC	100			MΩ
MTBF		MIL-HDBK-217F, AIF at T_C = 40°C	300			KHrs
Enable Inputs (Inhibit Function)						
Converter Off	1,2,3	Logical Low, Pin 4 or Pin 12	-0.5		0.8	V
Sink Current		Note 1			100	µA
Converter On	1,2,3	Logical High, Pin 4 and Pin 12. Note 9	2.0		50	V
Sink Current		Note 1			100	µA
Synchronization Input						
Frequency Range	1,2,3		500		700	KHz
Pulse Amplitude, Hi	1,2,3		2.0		10	V
Pulse Amplitude, Lo	1,2,3		-0.5		0.8	V
Pulse Rise Time		Note 1			100	ns
Pulse Duty Cycle		Note 1	20		80	%
Load Transient Response		Notes 2,8				
Amplitude	4,5,6	Load Step 50% ⟷ 100%	-450		450	mV
Recovery	4,5,6				200	µs
Amplitude	4,5,6	Load Step 10% ⟷ 50%	-450		450	mV

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Table 2. Electrical Performance Characteristics Cont.						
-55°C < T$_{CASE}$ < +125°C, 80V< V$_{IN}$ < 160V Unless Otherwise Specified						
Parameter	**Group A Subgroups**	**Test Conditions**	**Min**	**Nom**	**Max**	**Unit**
Load Transient Response		Notes 2,8				
Recovery	4,5,6				400	µs
Line Transient Response		Notes 1,2,3				
Amplitude		V$_{IN}$ Step = 80 ↔ 160V	-500		500	mV
Recovery					500	µs
Turn-On Characteristics		V$_{IN}$ = 160, 270, 400V. Note 4				
Overshoot	4,5,6	Enable 1,2 on. (Pins 4, 12 high or open)			250	mV
Delay	4,5,6				10	ms
Load Fault Recovery		Same as Turn-On Characteristics				
Line Rejection		MIL-STD-461, CS101, 30Hz to 50KHz – Note 1	40	50		dB

Notes to Specifications:

1. Parameters not 100% tested but are guaranteed to the limits specified in the table.
2. Recovery time is measured from the initiation of the transient to where V$_{OUT}$ has returned to within ±1.0% of V$_{OUT}$ at 50% load.
3. Line transient transition time ≥ 100µs.
4. Turn-on delay is measured with an input voltage rise time of between 100V and 500V per millisecond.
5. Current limit point is that condition of excess load causing output voltage to drop to 90% of nominal.
6. Parameter verified as part of another test.
7. All electrical tests are performed with the remote sense leads connected to the output leads at the load.
8. Load transient transition time ≥ 10µs.
9. Enable inputs internally pulled high. Nominal open circuit voltage ≈ 4.0VDC.
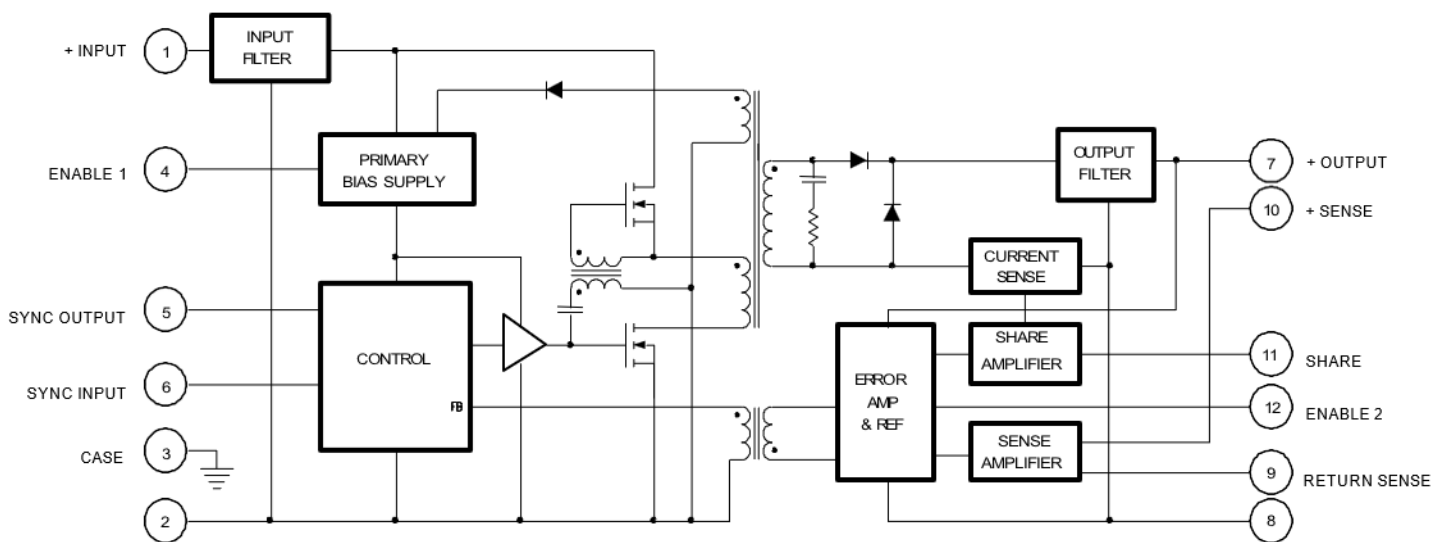
2.0 Block Diagram

Figure 1. AFL Single Output

3.0 Circuit Operation and Application Information

The AFL series of converters employ a forward switched mode converter topology. (refer to Figure 1.) Operation of the device is initiated when a DC voltage whose magnitude is within the specified input limits is applied between pins 1 and 2. If pin 4 is enabled (at a logical 1 or open) the primary bias supply will begin generating a regulated housekeeping voltage bringing the circuitry on the primary side of the converter to life. Two power MOSFETs used to chop the DC input voltage into a high frequency square wave, apply this chopped voltage to the power transformer. As this switching is initiated, a voltage is impressed on a second winding of the power transformer which is then rectified and applied to the primary bias supply. When this occurs, the input voltage is shut out and the primary bias voltage becomes exclusively internally generated.

The switched voltage impressed on the secondary output transformer winding is rectified and filtered to provide the converter output voltage. An error amplifier on the secondary side compares the output voltage to a precision reference and generates an error signal proportional to the difference. This error signal is magnetically coupled through the feedback transformer into the controller section of the converter varying the pulse width of the square wave signal driving the MOSFETs, narrowing the width if the output voltage is too high and widening it if it is too low.

4.0 Remote Sensing

Connection of the + and - sense leads at a remotely located load permits compensation for resistive voltage drop between the converter output and the load when they are physically separated by a significant distance. This connection allows regulation to the placard voltage at the point of application. When the remote sensing features is not used, the sense leads should be connected to their respective output terminals at the converter. Figure 3. illustrates a typical application.

5.0 Inhibit Converter Output (Enable)

As an alternative to application and removal of the DC voltage to the input, the user can control the converter output by providing TTL compatible, positive logic signals to either of two enable pins (pin 4 or 12). The distinction between these two signal ports is that enable 1 (pin 4) is referenced to the input return (pin 2) while enable 2 (pin 12) is referenced to the output return (pin 8). Thus, the user has access to an inhibit function on either side of the isolation barrier. Each port is internally pulled "high" so that when not used, an open connection on both enable pins permits normal converter operation. When their use is desired, a logical "low" on either port will shut the converter down.
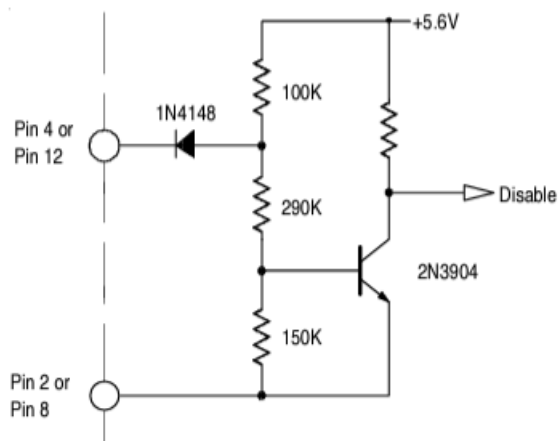
Figure 2. Enable Input Equivalent Circuit

Internally, these ports differ slightly in their function. In use, a low on Enable 1 completely shuts down all circuits in the converter while a low on Enable 2 shuts down the secondary side while altering the controller duty cycle to near zero. Externally, the use of either port is transparent to the user save for minor differences in idle current. (See specification table).

6.0 Synchronization of Multiple Converters

When operating multiple converters, system requirements often dictate operation of the converters at a common frequency. To accommodate this requirement, the AFL series converters provide both a synchronization input and output.

The sync input port permits synchronization of an AFL converter to any compatible external frequency source operating between 500KHz and 700KHz. This input signal should be referenced to the input return and have a 10% to 90% duty cycle. Compatibility requires transition times less than100 ns, maximum low level of +0.8V and a minimum high level of +2.0V.

The sync output of another converter which has been designated as the master oscillator provides a convenient frequency source for this mode of operation. When external synchronization is not required, the sync in pin should be left unconnected thereby permitting the converter to operate at its' own internally set frequency. The sync output signal is a continuous pulse train set at 550 ± 50KHz, with a duty cycle of 15 ±

5.0%. This signal is referenced to the input return and has been tailored to be compatible with the AFL sync input port. Transition times are less than 100ns and the low-level output impedance is less than 50Ω. This signal is active when the DC input voltage is within the specified operating range and the converter is not inhibited. This output has adequate drive reserve to synchronize at least five additional converters. A typical synchronization connection option is illustrated in Figure 3.
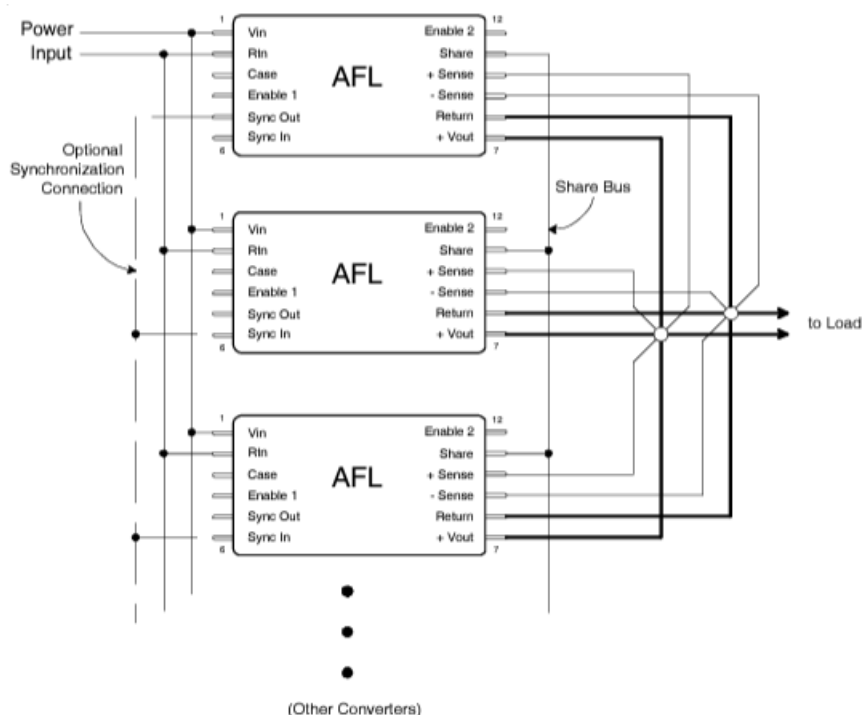
Figure 3. Preferred Connection for Parallel Operation

7.0 Parallel Operation-Current and Stress Sharing

Figure 3. illustrates the preferred connection scheme for operation of a set of AFL converters with outputs operating in parallel. Use of this connection permits equal sharing of a load current exceeding the capacity of an individual AFL among the members of the set. An important feature of the AFL series operating in the parallel mode is that in addition to sharing the current, the stress induced by temperature will also be shared. Thus, if one member of a paralleled set is operating at a higher case temperature, the current it provides to the load will be reduced as compensation for the temperature induced stress on that device.

When operating in the shared mode, it is important that symmetry of connection be maintained as an assurance of optimum load sharing performance. Thus, converter outputs should be connected to the load with equal lengths of wire of the same gauge and sense leads from each converter should be connected to a common physical point, preferably at the load along with the converter output and return leads. All converters in a paralleled set must have their share pins connected together. This arrangement is diagrammatically illustrated in Figure 3. showing the outputs and sense pins connected at a star point which is located close as possible to the load.

As a consequence of the topology utilized in the current sharing circuit, the share pin may be used for other functions. In applications requiring a single converter, the voltage appearing on the share pin may be used as a "current monitor". The share pin open circuit voltage is nominally +1.00V at no load and increases linearly with increasing output current to +2.20V at full load. The share pin voltage is referenced to the output return pin.

8.0 Thermal Considerations

Because of the incorporation of many innovative technological concepts, the AFL series of converters is capable of providing very high output power from a package of very small volume. These magnitudes of power density can only be obtained by combining high circuit efficiency with effective methods of heat removal from the die junctions. This requirement has been effectively addressed inside the device; but when operating at maximum loads, a significant amount of heat will be generated and this heat must be conducted away from the case. To maintain the case temperature at or below the specified maximum of 125°C, this heat must be transferred by conduction to an appropriate heat dissipater held in intimate contact with the converter base-plate.

Because effectiveness of this heat transfer is dependent on the intimacy of the baseplate/heatsink interface, it is strongly recommended that a high thermal conductivity heat transference medium is inserted between the baseplate and heatsink. The material most frequently utilized at the factory during all testing and burn-in processes is sold under the trade name of Sil-Pad® 400[1]. This particular pro duct is an insulator but electrically conductive versions are also available. Use of these materials assures maximum surface contact with the heat dissipator thereby compensating or minor variations of either surface. While other available types of heat conductive materials and compounds may provide similar performance, these alternatives are often less convenient and are frequently messy to use.

[1]Sil-Pad is a registered Trade Mark of Bergquist, Minneapolis, MN.

A conservative aid to estimating the total heat sink surface area (AHEAT SINK) required to set the maximum case temperature rise (ΔT) above ambient temperature is given by the following expression:

$$A_{HEATSINK} \approx \left\{ \frac{\Delta T}{80P^{0.85}} \right\}^{-1.43} - 3.0$$

Where

ΔT = Case temperature rise above ambient

P = Device dissipation in Watts = $P_{OUT} \left\{ \frac{1}{Eff} - 1 \right\}$

As an example, it is desired to maintain the case temperature of this device at ≤ +85°C in an area where the ambient temperature is held at a constant +25°C; then

$$\Delta T = 85 - 25 = 60°C$$

From the Specification Table, the worst-case full load efficiency for this device is 83%; therefore, the power dissipation at full load is given by

$$P = 120 \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{.83} - 1 \right\} = 120 \cdot (0.205) = 24.6W$$

And the required heat sink area is

$$A_{HEATSINK} = \left\{ \frac{60}{80 \cdot 24.6^{0.85}} \right\}^{-1.43} - 3.0 = 71 in^2$$

Thus, a total heat sink surface area (including fins, if any) of 71 in^2 in this example, would limit case rise to 60°C above ambient. A flat aluminum plate, 0.25" thick and of approximate dimension 4" by 9" (36 in^2 per side) would suffice for this application in a still air environment. Note that to meet the criteria in this example, both sides of the plate require unrestricted exposure to the ambient air.

9.0 Input Filter

The AFL270XXS series converters incorporate a LC input filter whose elements dominate the input load impedance characteristic at turn-on. The input circuit is as shown in Figure 4.
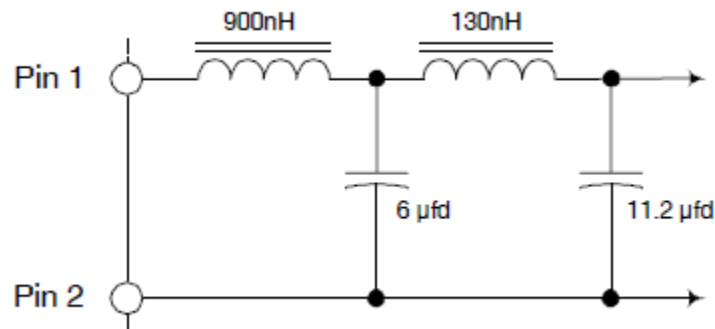

Figure 4. Input Filter Circuit

10.0 Undervoltage Lockout

A minimum voltage is required at the input of the converter to initiate operation. This voltage is set to 14 ± 0.5V. To preclude the possibility of noise or other variations at the input falsely initiating and halting converter operation, a hysteresis of approximately 1.0V is incorporated in this circuit. Thus, if the input voltage droops to 13 ± 0.5V, the converter will shut down and remain in operative until the input voltage returns to ≈ 14V.

11.0 Output Voltage Adjust

In addition to permitting close voltage regulation of remotely located loads, it is possible to utilize the converter sense pins to incrementally increase the output voltage over a limited range. The adjustments made possible by this method are intended as a means to "trim" the output to a voltage setting for some particular application, but are not intended to create an adjustable output converter. These output voltages setting variations are obtained by connecting an appropriate resistor value between the +sense and -sense pins while connecting the -sense pin to the output return pin as shown in Figure 5. below. The range of adjustment and corresponding range of resistance values can be determined by use of the following equation.
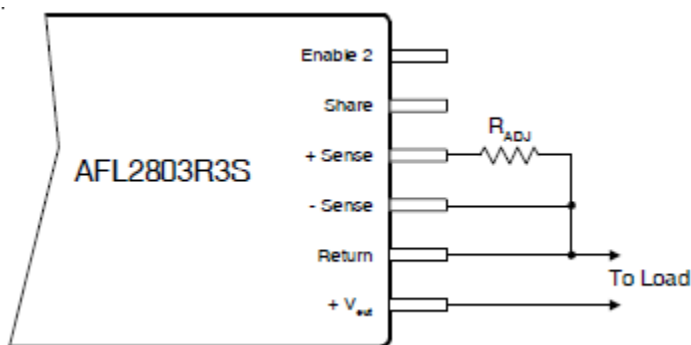
$$R_{adj} = 100 \cdot \left\{ \frac{V_{NOM}}{V_{OUT} - V_{NOM} - .025} \right\}$$

Where

V_{NOM} = device nominal output voltage, and

V_{OUT} = desired output voltage

Finding a resistor value for a particular output voltage, is simply a matter of substituting the desired output voltage and the nominal device voltage into the equation and solving for the corresponding resistor value.

Figure 5. Connection for V_{OUT} Adjustment

Caution: Do not set R_{adj} < 500Ω

Attempts to adjust the output voltage to a value greater than 120% of nominal should be avoided because of the potential of exceeding internal component stress ratings and subsequent operation to failure. Under no circumstance should the external setting resistor be made less than 500Ω. By remaining within this specified range of values, completely safe operation fully within normal component derating limits is assured.

Examination of the equation relating output voltage and resistor value reveals a special benefit of the circuit topology utilized for remote sensing of output voltage in theAFL270XXS series of converters. It is apparent that as the resistance increases, the output voltage approaches the nominal set value of the device. In fact, the calculated limiting value of output voltage as the adjusting resistor becomes very large is ≈ 25mV above nominal device voltage.

The consequence is that if the +sense connection is unintentionally broken, an AFL28XXS has a fail-safe output voltage of V_{OUT} + 25mV, where the 25mV is independent of the nominal output voltage. It can be further demonstrated that in the event of both the + and - sense connections being broken; the output will be limited to V_{OUT} + 440mV. This 440mV is also essentially constant independent of the nominal output voltage. While operation in this condition is not damaging to the device, not at all performance parameters will be met.
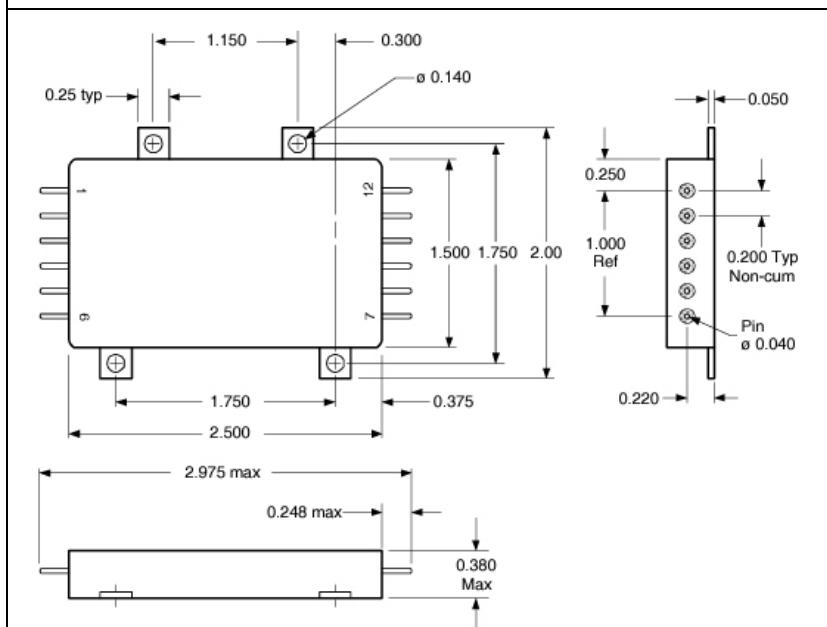
12.0 Mechanical Outlines
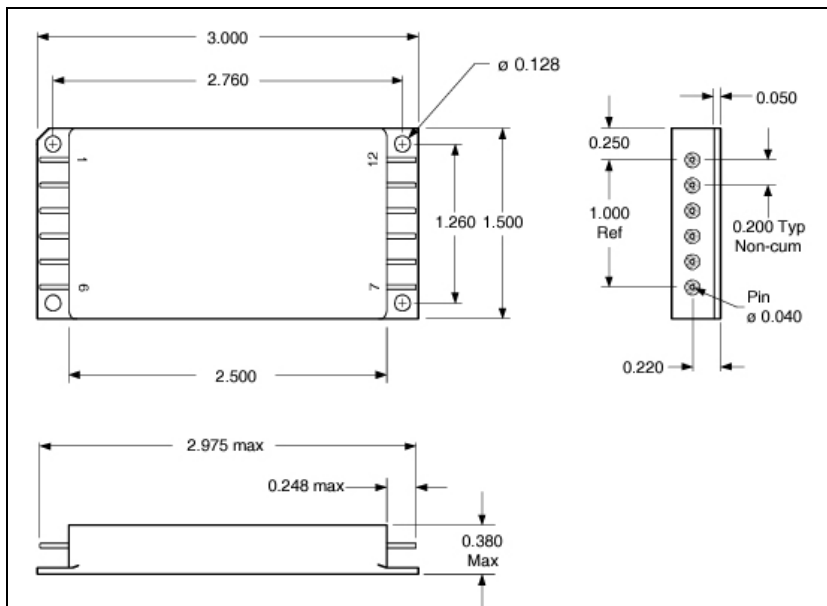
Figure 6. Case X
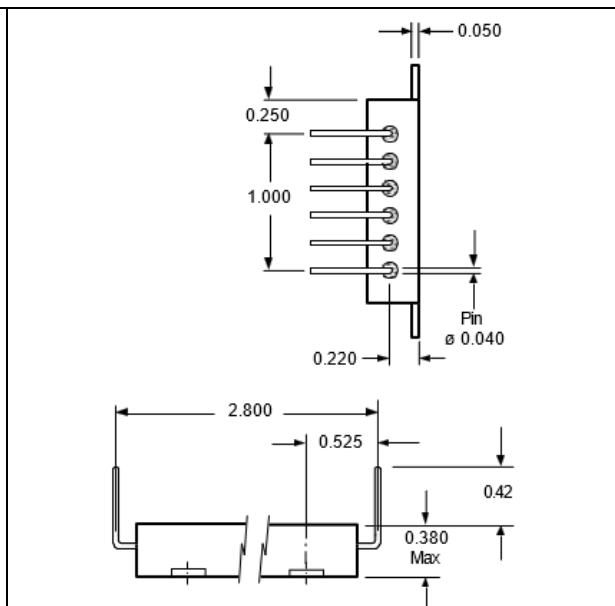
Figure 7. Case W

Pin Variation of Case Y

Figure 8. Case Y
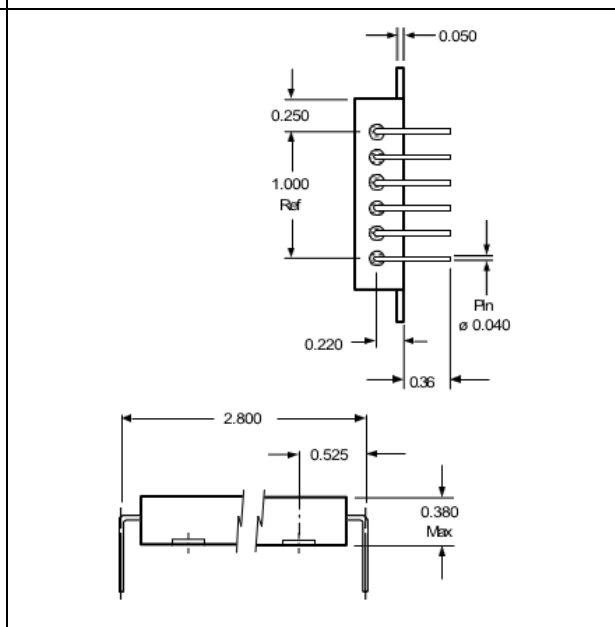
Figure 9. Case Z

Pin Variation of Case Y

Tolerances, unless otherwise specified: .XX   =   ±0.10

.XXX   =   ±0.005

BERYLLIA WARNING: These converters are hermetically sealed; however, they contain BeO substrates and should not be ground or subjected to any other operations including exposure to acids, which may produce Beryllium dust or fumes containing Beryllium

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13.0 Pin Designation

Table 3. Pin Designation			
Pin #	Designation	Pin #	Designation
1	+ Input	7	+ Output
2	Input Return	8	Output Return
3	Case Ground	9	Return Sense
4	Enable 1	10	+ Sense
5	Sync Output	11	Share
6	Sync Input	12	Enable 2

14.0 Standard Microcircuit Drawing Equivalence

Table 4. SMD Equivalence	
SMD Number	Part Number
5962-99552	AFL2803R3S

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15.0 Device Screening

Table 5. Device Screening					
Requirement	**MIL-STD-883 Method**	**No Suffix**	**ES – Note 2**	**HB**	**CH**
Temperature Range	–	-20°C to +85°C	-55°C to +125°C – Note 3	-55°C to +125°C	-55°C to +125°C
Element Evaluation	MIL-PRF-38534	N/A	N/A	N/A	Class H
Non-Destructive Bond Pull	2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Internal Visual	2017	Note 1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Temperature Cycle	1010	N/A	Cond B	Cond C	Cond C
Constant Acceleration	2001, Y1 Axis	N/A	500Gs	3000Gs	3000Gs
PIND	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Burn-In	1015	N/A	48hrs at Hi Temp	160hrs at 125°C	160hrs at 125°C
Final Electrical (Group A)	MIL-PRF-38534 & Specification	25°C	25°C – Note 2	-55°C, +25°C, +125°C	-55°C, +25°C, +125°C
PDA	MIL-PRF-38534	N/A	N/A	N/A	10%
Seal, Fine and Gross	1014	Cond A	Cond A,C	Cond A,C	Cond A,C
Radiographic	2012	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
External Visual	2009	Note 1	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes:

1. Best commercial practice
2. Sample tests at low and high temperature
3. -55°C to +105°C for AHE, ATO, ATW

16.0 Part Ordering

AFL 28 03R3 S X /CH

Model

Input Voltage
28 = 28V
50 = 50V
120 = 120V
270 = 270V

Output Voltage
03R3 = 3.3V

Output
S = Single

Case Style
W, X, Y, Z

Screening Level
(Please refer to Screening Table)
No suffix, ES, HB, CH