

Title	Preliminary Reference Design Report for a 150 W Three-Phase Inverter Using BridgeSwitch™-2 BRD2463C and LinkSwitch™-TN2 LNK3204D in FOC Operation				
Specification	340 VDC Input, 150 W Continuous Three-Phase Inverter Output Power, 750 mA <sub>RMS</sub> Continuous Motor Phase Current				
Application	High-Voltage Brushless DC (BLDC) Motor Drive				
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# **Summary and Features**

- Integrated 600 V FREDFETs with ultra-soft, fast recovery diodes
- Fully self-biased operation (wired to support external bias supply if required)
  - +5 V auxiliary supply
- 97% full-load efficiency (external supply)
  - PCB-level cooling (no heatsink required)
- < 10 mW (total for inverter) no-load power consumption using sleep-mode
- High-side and low-side cycle-by-cycle current limit
- Optional latching low-side current limit
- Two-level device over-temperature protection (latching or hysteretic)
- System-level temperature monitoring
- High-voltage bus monitor with four undervoltage thresholds and one overvoltage threshold
- Simplified error notification via Error Flag (EF) pin
- Supports any microcontroller suitable for sensorless field-oriented control (FOC)
- Instantaneous phase-current telemetry reporting for each BridgeSwitch-2 IC

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# 1. Introduction

This document describes a 150 W, high efficiency, three-phase inverter using three BridgeSwitch-2 BRD2463C devices to drive a high-voltage brushless DC (BLDC) motor. The design showcases the BridgeSwitch-2 device performance – high efficiency, phase current reporting, self-supplied operation, extremely low no-load operation, internal and system-level monitoring plus fault protection. A high-voltage, low part-count buck converter utilizing the LinkSwitch-TN2 (LNK3204D) IC provides an optional external supply to increase full-load efficiency. A current sense amplifier is also included for each phase to provide an alternative current reporting mechanism.

This report is a preliminary summary. To receive additional information including bill of materials, printed circuit board (PCB) layout, computer performance data and test setup, contact your local PI representative.

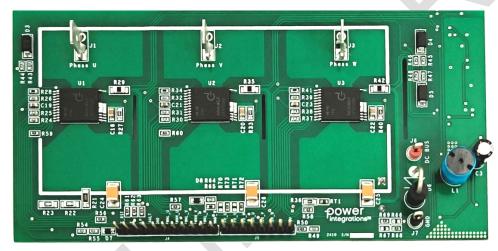


Figure 1 - Populated Circuit Board Top View.

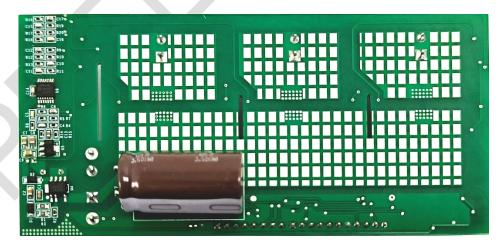


Figure 2 – Populated Circuit Board Bottom View.

# 2. Inverter Specification

The table below provides the electrical specification of the three-phase inverter design. Operation is based on sensorless field-oriented control (FOC) employing a Space Vector Modulation (SVM) control technique.

Description	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Comments	
Input			•	•			
Voltage	$V_{IN}$	270	340	365	V	2-wire DC Input.	
Current	${ m I_{IN}}$		0.46		$A_{RMS}$	RMS Current	
Power	$P_{IN}$		153		W	At Efficiency = 96%.	
Output							
Power	P <sub>OUT</sub>		147		W	Inverter Output Power	
Motor Phase Current	$I_{MOT(RMS)}$		0.75		A <sub>RMS</sub>	Continuous RMS per Phase	
Inverter Peak Output Current	I <sub>INT(PK)</sub>		2.50		Α	Inverter Peak Current	
PWM Carrier Frequency <sup>1</sup>	f <sub>PWM</sub>		10	4	kHz	Three-Phase FOC Modulation	
Inverter Efficiency	η		96		%	Self-Supplied Operation	
Output Speed	ω		3000		RPM	Motor Speed at 150 W Inverter Output	
Environmental							
Ambient Temperature	T <sub>AMB</sub>	-20	29	65	°C	Average Ambient Temperature. Closed case. Free Convection	
Device Case Temperature	T <sub>PACKAGE</sub>		75	111	°C	0.75 A <sub>RMS</sub> Phase Current in Self-Supplied Operation	
System Level Monitoring							
DC Bus Sensing							
OV Threshold	$V_{OV}$		362		V	Reported through Status Communication Bus (FAULT Pin)	
1st UV Threshold	$V_{UV100}$		212		٧		
2 <sup>nd</sup> UV Threshold	$V_{UV85}$		182		V		
3 <sup>rd</sup> UV Threshold	V <sub>UV60</sub>		152		V		
4 <sup>th</sup> UV Threshold	$V_{UV55}$		122		V		
Over Current Protection <sup>2</sup>	$I_{OCP}$		2.50		$A_{PK}$	At XL/XH = 42.2 kΩ	
System Warning Temperature <sup>3</sup>	T <sub>SYS</sub>		90		°C		

Notes: 1. 20 kHz is the maximum recommended PWM frequency when using self-supply

**Table 1** – Inverter Specification.

<sup>2.</sup> This can be manually configured by adjusting the value of the XL/XH resistors. For BRD2463C, the maximum current protection level is 2.50 A at an XL/XH resistance of 42.2 k $\Omega$ .

<sup>3.</sup> Sensed through an external thermistor, the temperature threshold depends on the chosen NTC thermistor.

# 3. Simplified Schematic

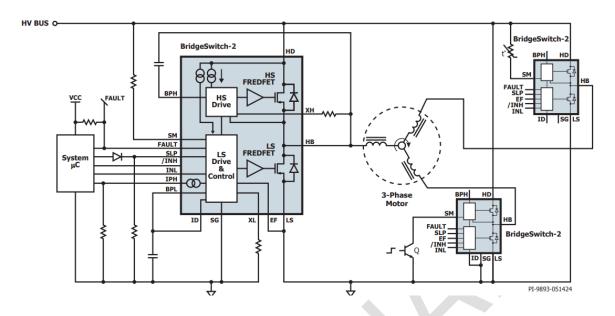


Figure 3 – BridgeSwitch Three-Phase Inverter Schematic

# 4. Preliminary Performance Information

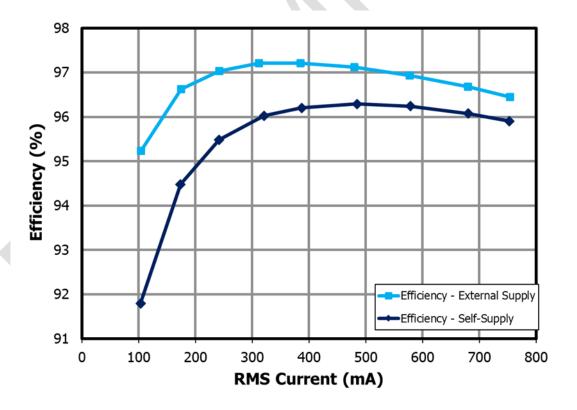


Figure 4 – 3-Phase Inverter Efficiency Across Load

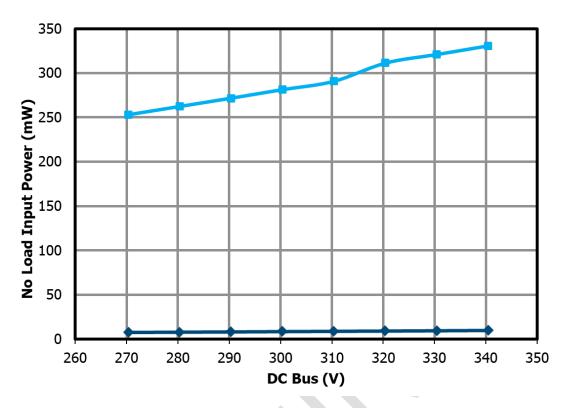


Figure 5 — No-Load Input Power Comparison (Sleep Mode ON vs. OFF)



**Figure 6** — BridgeSwitch-2 Case Temperature at 750 mA Phase Current (External Supply Mode) 29 °C Ambient

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