



### FEATURES

- UL 60950 recognised
- 4:1 wide range voltage input
- Operating temperature range -40°C to 85°C with derating
- 1.5 kVDC Isolation 'Hi Pot Test'
- 3.3V, 5V, 12V & 15V outputs
- No electrolytic capacitors
- Continuous short circuit protection

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The NCS3 series of DC-DC converters offers a single output voltage from input voltage ranges of 9-36V and 18-80V. The NCS3 is housed in an industry standard package with a standard pinout.

Applications include telecommunications, battery powered systems, process control and distributed power systems.

### SELECTION GUIDE

| Order Code  | Input Voltage<br>Nom. | Output Voltage<br>V | Minimum Load<br>% | Rated Input Current<br>12V or 48V Input.<br>mA | Rated Input Current<br>24V Input.<br>mA | Output Current<br>mA | Efficiency<br>12V or 48V Input. |      | Efficiency<br>24V Input. |      | Ripple and Noise |       | MTTF <sup>1</sup><br>kHrs |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|------------------|-------|---------------------------|
|             |                       |                     |                   |  |   |                      | Min.                            | Typ. | Min.                     | Typ. | Typ.             | Max.  |                           |
|             |                       |                     |                   |  |   |                      | %                               | %    | %                        | %    | mVp/p            | mVp/p |                           |
| NCS3S1203SC | 12                    | 3.3                 | 10                | 250  | 125                                     | 700                  | 74                              | 77   | 73                       | 76   | 32               | 55    | 1335                      |
| NCS3S1205SC | 12                    | 5                   | 5                 | 305  | 150                                     | 600                  | 79                              | 82   | 79                       | 81   | 34               | 60    | 1081                      |
| NCS3S1212SC | 12                    | 12                  | 0                 | 300  | 150                                     | 250                  | 81                              | 84   | 80                       | 83   | 28               | 55    | 1272                      |
| NCS3S1215SC | 12                    | 15                  | 0                 | 300  | 150                                     | 200                  | 82                              | 86   | 81                       | 85   | 20               | 50    | 1617                      |
| NCS3S4803SC | 48                    | 3.3                 | 10                | 124  | 65                                      | 700                  | 70                              | 74   | 74                       | 77   | 22               | 55    | 1327                      |
| NCS3S4805SC | 48                    | 5                   | 5                 | 153  | 80                                      | 600                  | 77.5                            | 80   | 79                       | 81   | 36               | 75    | 1117                      |
| NCS3S4812SC | 48                    | 12                  | 0                 | 150  | 80                                      | 250                  | 77                              | 81   | 80                       | 83   | 31               | 65    | 1211                      |
| NCS3S4815SC | 48                    | 15                  | 0                 | 149  | 80                                      | 200                  | 78                              | 81   | 81                       | 83   | 22               | 55    | 1574                      |

### INPUT CHARACTERISTICS

| Parameter                      | Conditions      | Min.      | Typ. | Max. | Units     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| Voltage range                  | 12V input types | 9         | 12   | 36   | V         |
|                                | 48V input types | 18        | 48   | 80   |           |
| Input reflected ripple current | NCS3S12XX       | 12V input | 5.5  |      | mA<br>P-P |
|                                |                 | 24V input | 2    |      |           |
|                                | NCS3S48XX       | 24V input | 3.5  |      |           |
|                                |                 | 48V input | 2    |      |           |
| Power consumption at shutdown  |                 |           | 2    | mW   |           |
| Input current in shutdown      |                 |           |      | 2.5  | mA        |

### OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

| Parameter                  | Conditions                                      | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units             |
|----------------------------|---|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Rated power                | 3.3V output types                               |      |      | 2.31 | W                 |
|                            | All other output types                          |      |      | 3    |                   |
| Voltage set point accuracy | All output types                                |      | ±1   | ±2   | %                 |
| Line regulation            | Low line to high line                           |      |      | ±0.5 | %                 |
| Load regulation            | All output types                                |      |      | ±1   | %                 |
| Transient response         | Peak deviation (12.5-37.5% & 37.5-12.5% swing)  |      |      | 5    | %V <sub>out</sub> |
|                            | Settling time (within 5% V <sub>out</sub> Nom.) |      | 1.5  |      | ms                |

### ISOLATION CHARACTERISTICS

| Parameter              | Conditions                | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Isolation test voltage | Flash tested for 1 minute | 1500 |      |      | VDC   |
| Isolation Capacitance  | NCS3S12XXSC               |      | 180  |      | pF    |
|                        | NCS3S48XXSC               |      | 185  |      |       |
| Resistance             | Viso = 1kVDC              | 1    |      |      | GΩ    |

### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Parameter          | Conditions                                   | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|--------------------|--|------|------|------|-------|
| CTRL input current | Please refer to control pin application note | 2    |      | 8    | mA    |

### TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS

| Parameter                           | Conditions                                 | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|-------|
| Operation                           | See derating graphs                        | -40  |      | 85   | °C    |
| Storage                             |  | -50  |      | 115  |       |
| Case temperature rise above ambient | 100% Load, Nom V <sub>in</sub> , Still Air |      | 30   | 40   |       |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using MIL-HDBK-217 FN2, parts stress method with nominal input voltage at full load.  
All specifications typical at TA=25°C, nominal input voltage and rated output current unless otherwise specified.



For full details go to  
<https://www.murata.com/en-global/products/power/rohs>

### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Short-circuit protection (for SELV input voltages)                           | Continuous   |
| Control pin input current  | 8mA  |
| Lead temperature 1.0mm from case for 10 seconds (to JEDEC JESD22-B106 ISS C) | 260°C  |
| Wave Solder  | Wave Solder profile not to exceed the profile recommended in IEC 61760-1 Section 6.1.3. Please refer to <a href="#">application notes</a> for further information. |
| Input voltage, NCS3 12V input types  | 40V  |
| Input voltage, NCS3 48V input types for 100ms                                | 100V   |

### SWITCHING FREQUENCY

| Parameter   | Conditions      | Min.      | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------|------|------|-------|
| NCS3S1203SC | 12V input types | 10% Load  | 1200 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 280  |      |       |
|             | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1620 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 460  |      |       |
| NCS3S1205SC | 12V input types | 10% Load  | 1200 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 270  |      |       |
|             | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1690 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 490  |      |       |
| NCS3S1212SC | 12V input types | 10% Load  | 1220 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 310  |      |       |
|             | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1680 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 570  |      |       |
| NCS3S1215SC | 12V input types | 10% Load  | 1130 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 310  |      |       |
|             | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1580 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 570  |      |       |
| NCS3S4803SC | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1020 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 270  |      |       |
|             | 48V input types | 10% Load  | 1440 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 450  |      |       |
| NCS3S4805SC | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1190 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 260  |      |       |
|             | 48V input types | 10% Load  | 1590 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 470  |      |       |
| NCS3S4812SC | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1180 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 1570 |      |       |
|             | 48V input types | 10% Load  | 310  |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 560  |      |       |
| NCS3S4815SC | 24V input types | 10% Load  | 1180 |      | kHz   |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 330  |      |       |
|             | 48V input types | 10% Load  | 1590 |      |       |
|             |                 | 100% Load | 610  |      |       |

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### ISOLATION VOLTAGE

'Hi Pot Test', 'Flash Tested', 'Withstand Voltage', 'Proof Voltage', 'Dielectric Withstand Voltage' & 'Isolation Test Voltage' are all terms that relate to the same thing, a test voltage, applied for a specified time, across a component designed to provide electrical isolation, to verify the integrity of that isolation.

Murata Power Solutions NCS3 series of DC-DC converters are all 100% production tested at their stated isolation voltage. This is 1.5kVDC for 60 seconds.

A question commonly asked is, "What is the continuous voltage that can be applied across the part in normal operation?"

The NCS3 has been recognised by Underwriters Laboratory for functional isolation. Both input and output should normally be maintained within SELV limits i.e. less than 42.4V peak, or 60VDC. The isolation test voltage represents a measure of immunity to transient voltages and the part should never be used as an element of a safety isolation system. The part could be expected to function correctly with several hundred volts offset applied continuously across the isolation barrier; but then the circuitry on both sides of the barrier must be regarded as operating at an unsafe voltage and further isolation/insulation systems must form a barrier between these circuits and any user-accessible circuitry according to safety standard requirements.

### REPEATED HIGH-VOLTAGE ISOLATION TESTING

It is well known that repeated high-voltage isolation testing of a barrier component can actually degrade isolation capability, to a lesser or greater degree depending on materials, construction and environment. The NCS3 series has a toroid core, with no additional insulation between primary and secondary windings of enamelled wire. While parts can be expected to withstand several times the stated test voltage, the isolation capability does depend on the wire insulation. Any material, including this enamel (typically polyurethane) is susceptible to eventual chemical degradation when subject to very high applied voltages thus implying that the number of tests should be strictly limited. We therefore strongly advise against repeated high voltage isolation testing, but if it is absolutely required, that the voltage be reduced by 20% from specified test voltage.

This consideration equally applies to agency recognised parts rated for better than functional isolation where the wire enamel insulation is always supplemented by a further insulation system of physical spacing or barriers.

## SAFETY APPROVAL

### UL60950

The NCS3 series has been recognised by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) to UL 60950 for functional insulation, file number E151252 applies. The NCS3 Series of converters are not internally fused so to meet the requirements of UL 60950 an anti-surge input line fuse should always be used with ratings as defined below.

NCS3S12XXSC: 0.75A  
NCS3S48XXSC: 0.50A

### CE AND UKCA MARKING

The CE and UKCA markings are only applicable to NCS3S48XXSC variants.

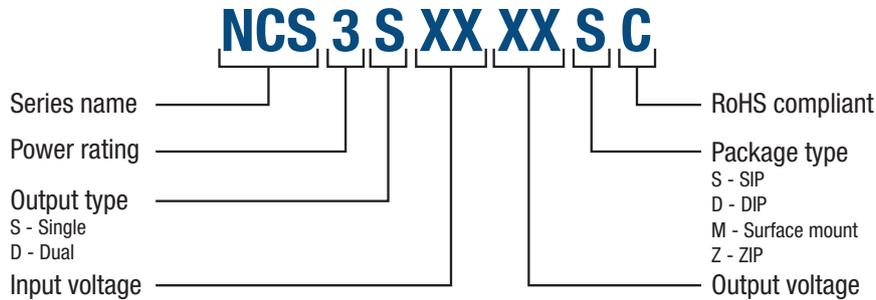
All fuses should be UL approved and rated to at least the maximum allowable DC input voltage.

## RoHS COMPLIANCE INFORMATION



This series is compatible with RoHS soldering systems with a peak wave solder temperature of 260°C for 10 seconds. Please refer to [application notes](#) for further information. The pin termination finish on this product series is Tin Plate, Hot Dipped over Matte Tin with Nickel Preplate. The series is backward compatible with Sn/Pb soldering systems.

## PART NUMBER STRUCTURE



## CHARACTERISATION TEST METHODS

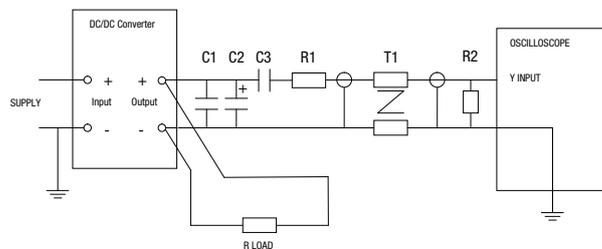
### Ripple & Noise Characterisation Method

Ripple and noise measurements are performed with the following test configuration.

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| C1    | 1µF X7R multilayer ceramic capacitor, voltage rating to be a minimum of 3 times the output voltage of the DC-DC converter                                |
| C2    | 10µF tantalum capacitor, voltage rating to be a minimum of 1.5 times the output voltage of the DC-DC converter with an ESR of less than 100mΩ at 100 kHz |
| C3    | 100nF multilayer ceramic capacitor, general purpose  |
| R1    | 450Ω resistor, carbon film, ±1% tolerance  |
| R2    | 50Ω BNC termination  |
| T1    | 3T of the coax cable through a ferrite toroid  |
| RLOAD | Resistive load to the maximum power rating of the DC-DC converter. Connections should be made via twisted wires  |

Measured values are multiplied by 10 to obtain the specified values.

### Differential Mode Noise Test Schematic



## APPLICATION NOTES

### Recommended Input Capacitor and Maximum Output Capacitance

A 10 µF output capacitor is recommended for stability under all operating conditions. Maximum output capacitance should not exceed:

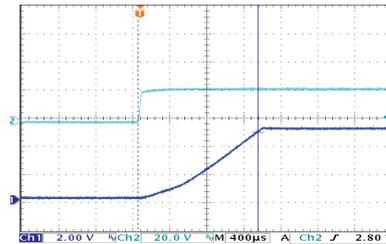
| Output Voltage<br>V | Maximum Load Capacitance<br>µF |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3.3                 | 470                            |
| 5                   | 470                            |
| 12                  | 220                            |
| 15                  | 110                            |

**APPLICATION NOTES (Continued)**

**Start-up times**

Typical start up times for this series, with a typical input voltage rise time of 2.2µs and output capacitance of 10µF, are shown in the table below. The product series will start into the maximum output capacitance with increased start times.

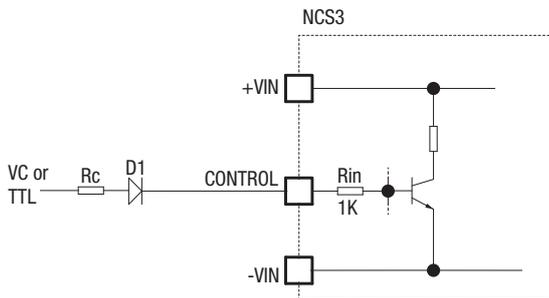
| Part No.    | Start-up times |
|-------------|----------------|
|             | ms             |
| NCS3S1203SC | 0.7            |
| NCS3S1205SC | 1              |
| NCS3S1212SC | 2.2            |
| NCS3S1215SC | 2.3            |
| NCS3S4803SC | 1.2            |
| NCS3S4805SC | 1.1            |
| NCS3S4812SC | 1.9            |
| NCS3S4815SC | 2.8            |



Typical Start-Up Wave Form

**Control Pin**

The NCS3S converters have a shutdown feature which enables the user to disable the converter into a low power state. The control pin connects to the base of an internal NPN transistor through a 1K resistor with the converter shut down when the transistor is turned on by an external applied voltage. The converter can also be shut down using a 5V TTL signal (the unit is OFF for logic High and ON for logic LOW). If the control pin is left open (high impedance), the converter will run normally. A suitable application circuit is shown below.



D1 (e.g. 1N4001) is necessary for correct operation of the NCS3 when the control signal is LOW. The recommended drive current  $I_b$  to shut down the NCS3 is 2 mA to 8 mA. The value of  $R_c$  can be derived as follows:

$$R_c = \frac{V_c - V_{D1} - 0.6 - (I_b \times R_{IN})}{I_b}$$

Note:  $R_{IN}$  is a 125mW resistor

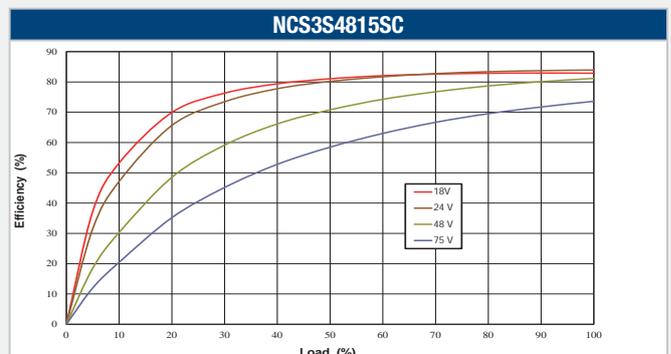
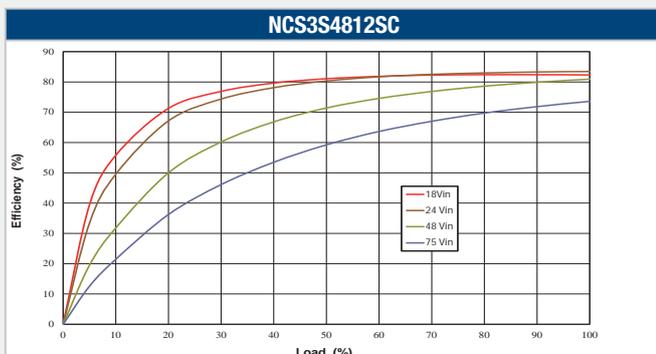
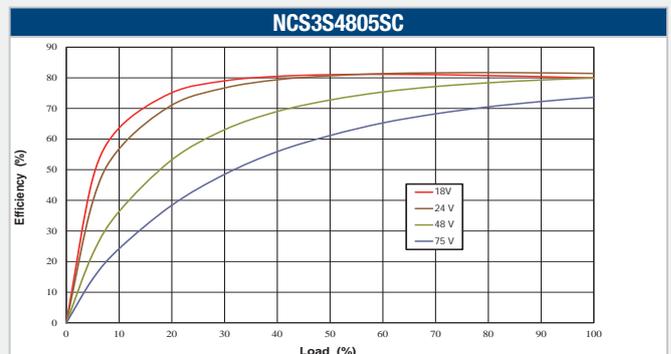
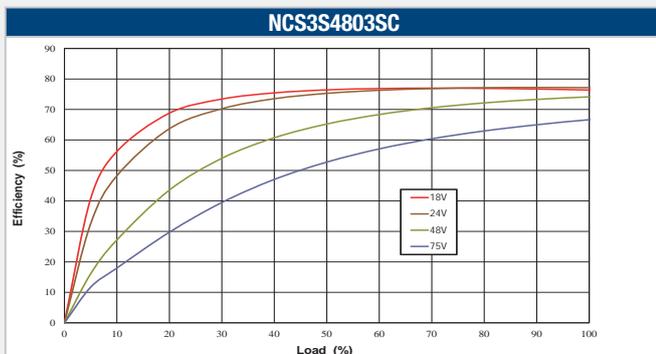
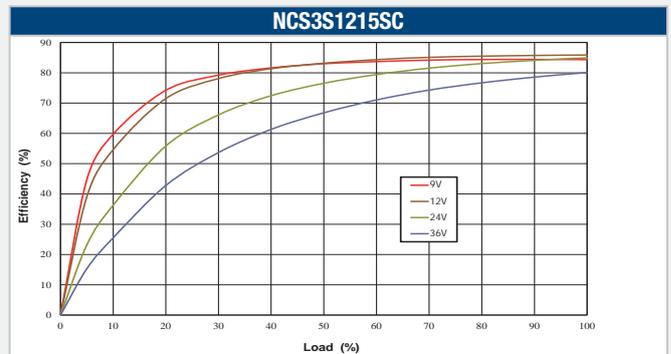
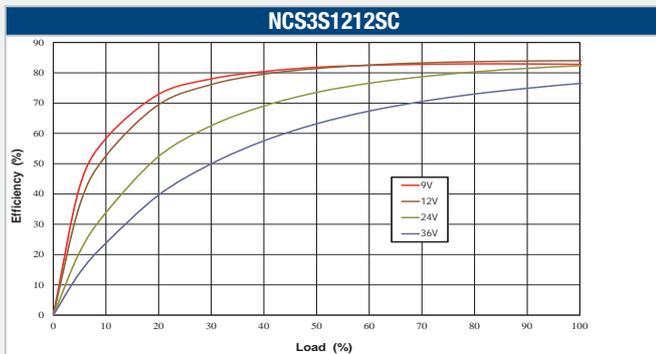
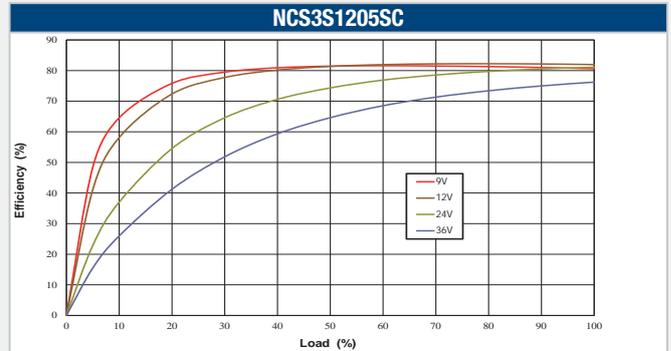
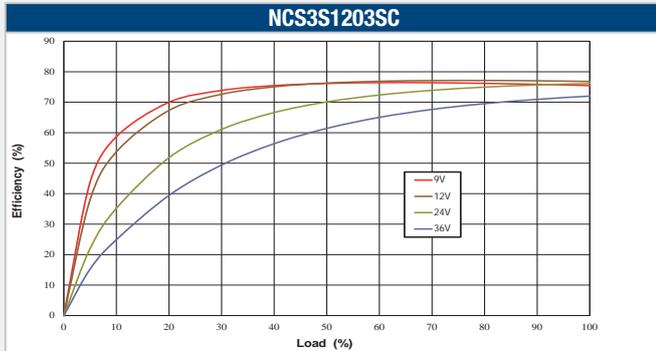
For a switch input:

Calculate the value of  $R_c$  from the above equation given switch voltage  $V_c$  and chosen current between 2 and 8 mA.

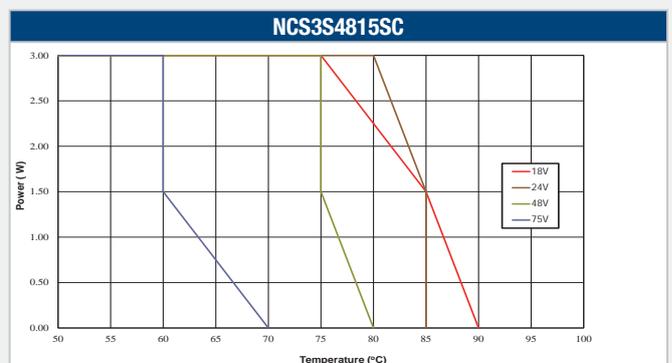
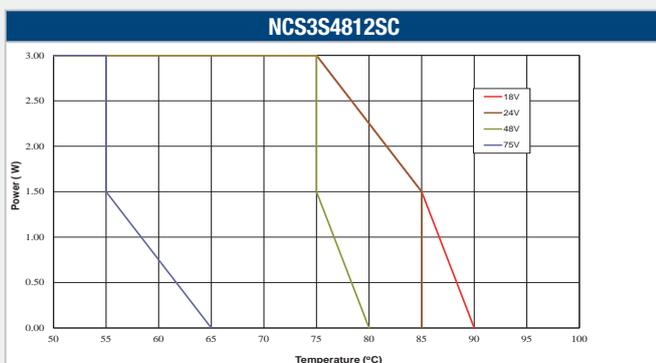
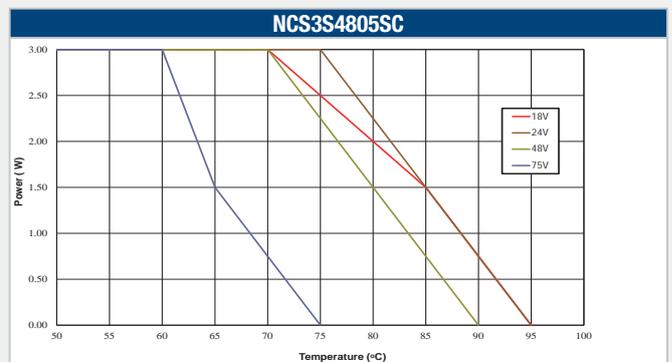
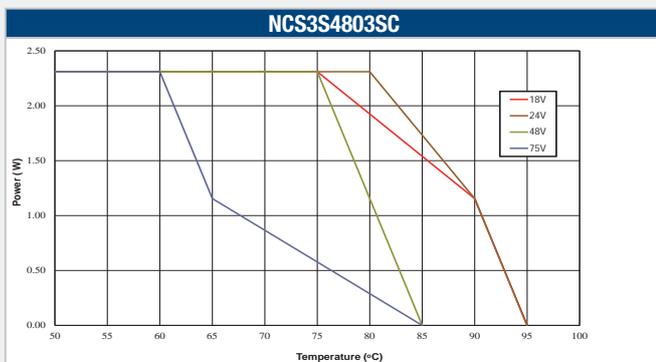
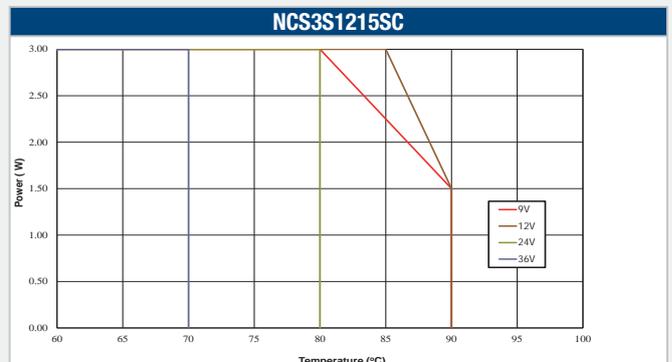
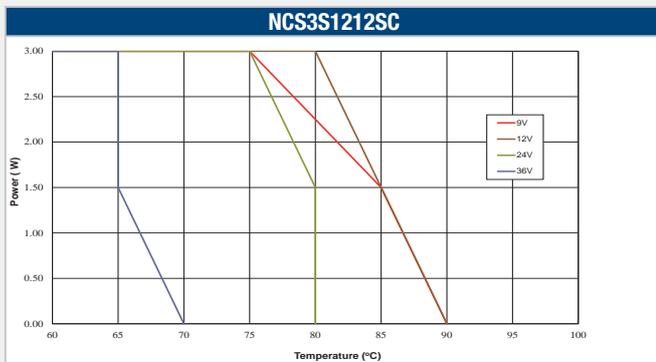
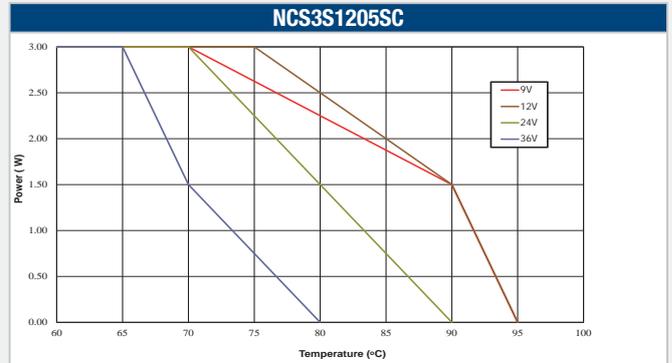
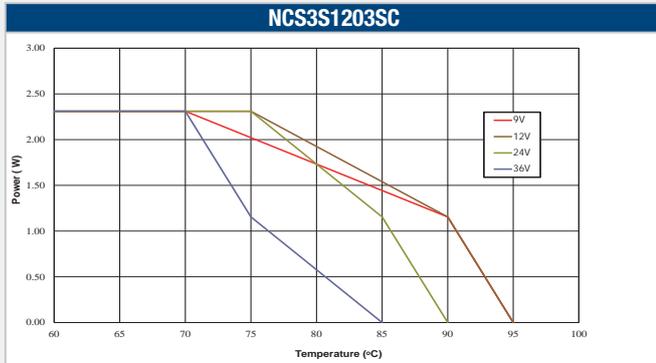
For 5V TTL Signal:

Set  $R_c$  to be 680Ω or less.

**EFFICIENCY VS LOAD**



**TEMPERATURE DERATING**



**EMC FILTERING AND SPECTRA**

**FILTERING**

The module includes a basic level of filtering, sufficient for many applications. Where lower noise levels are desired, filters can easily be added to achieve any required noise performance.

A DC-DC converter generates noise in two principal forms: that which is radiated from its body and that conducted on its external connections. There are three separate modes of conducted noise: input differential, output differential and input-output.

This last appears as common mode at the input and the output, and cannot therefore be removed by filtering at the input or output alone. The first level of filtering is to connect capacitors between input and output returns, to reduce this form of noise. It typically contains high harmonics of the switching frequency, which tend to appear as spikes on surrounding circuits. The voltage rating of this capacitor must match the required isolation voltage. (Due to the great variety in isolation voltage and required noise performance, this capacitor has not been included within the converter.)

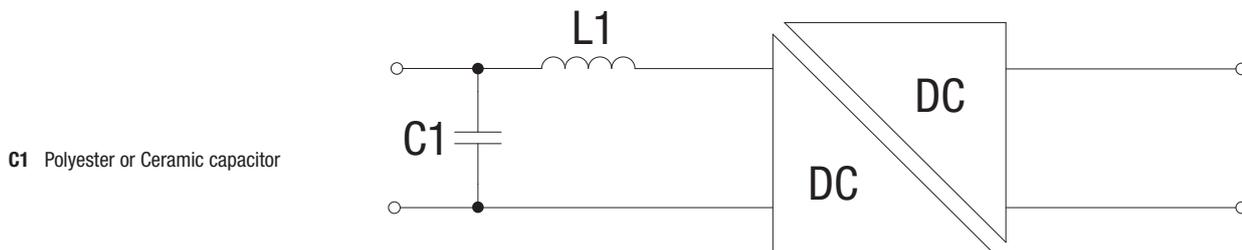
Input ripple is a voltage developed across the internal Input decoupling capacitor. It is therefore measured with a defined supply source impedance. Although simple series inductance will provide filtering, on its own it can degrade the stability. A shunt capacitor is therefore recommended across the converter input terminals, so that it is fed from a low impedance.

If no filtering is required, the inductance of long supply wiring could also cause a problem, requiring an input decoupling capacitor for stability. An electrolytic will perform well in these situations. The input-output filtering is performed by the common-mode choke on the primary. This could be placed on the output, but would then degrade the regulation and produce less benefit for a given size, cost, and power loss.

Radiated noise is present in magnetic and electric forms. Thanks to the small size of these units, neither form of noise will be radiated "efficiently", so will not normally cause a problem. Any question of this kind usually better repays attention to conducted signals.

**EMC FILTER AND VALUES TO OBTAIN SPECTRA AS SHOWN**

The following filter circuit and filter table shows the input filters typically required to meet EN55022 Quasi-Peak Curve A or B.



**C1** Polyester or Ceramic capacitor

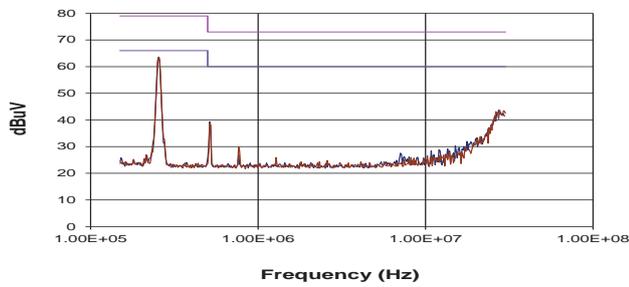
| TO MEET CURVE A |       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Part Number     | C1    | L1    |
| NCS3S1203SC     | 2.2µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S1205SC     | 2.2µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S1212SC     | 1.5µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S1215SC     | 1.5µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S4803SC     | 4.7µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S4805SC     | 4.7µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S4812SC     | 4.7µF | 3.3µH |
| NCS3S4815SC     | 4.7µF | 3.3µH |

| TO MEET CURVE B |       |      |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| Part Number     | C1    | L1   |
| NCS3S1203SC     | 4.7µF | 15µH |
| NCS3S1205SC     | 4.7µF | 10µH |
| NCS3S1212SC     | 4.7µF | 10µH |
| NCS3S1215SC     | 4.7µF | 10µH |
| NCS3S4803SC     | 9.4µF | 50µH |
| NCS3S4805SC     | 9.4µF | 50µH |
| NCS3S4812SC     | 9.4µF | 50µH |
| NCS3S4815SC     | 9.4µF | 50µH |

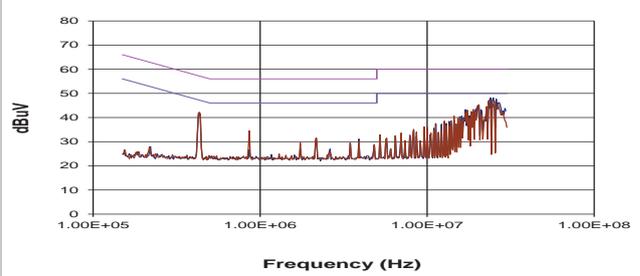
The following typical spectra are shown for class A and class B respectively with quasi peak and mean value limits.

**EMC FILTERING AND SPECTRA (Continued)**

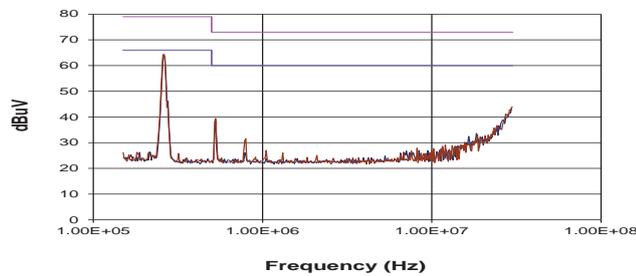
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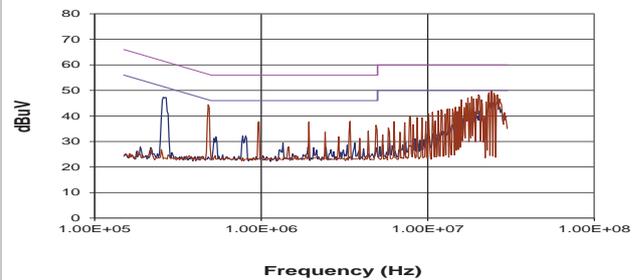
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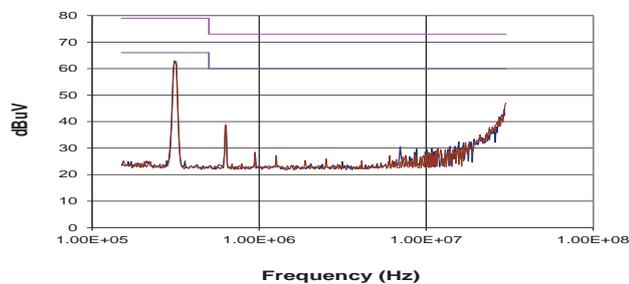
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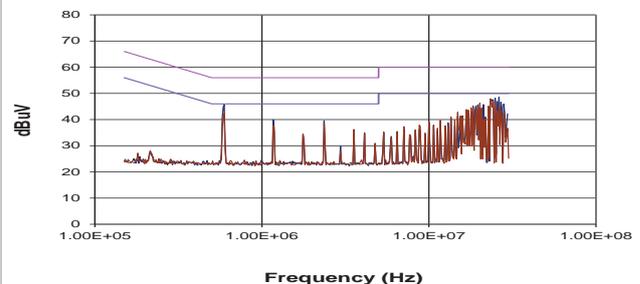
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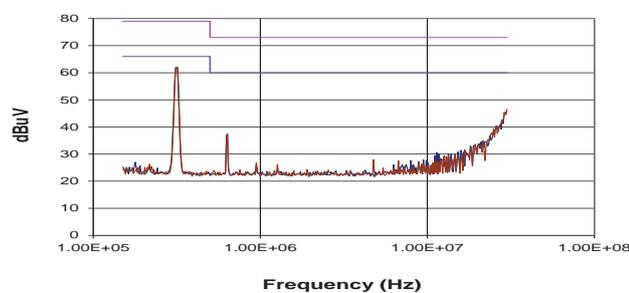
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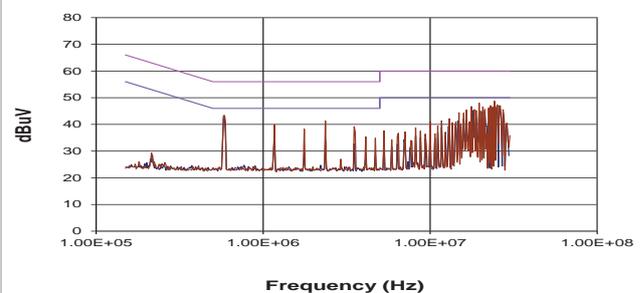
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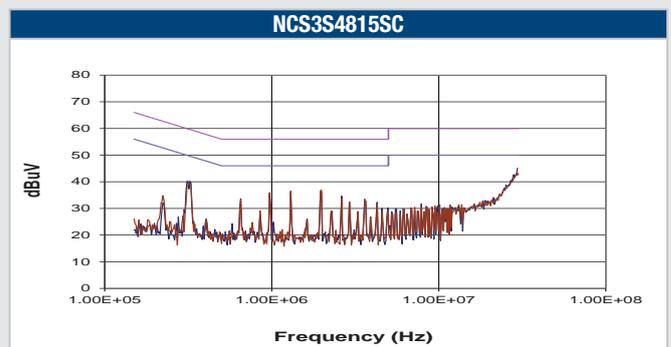
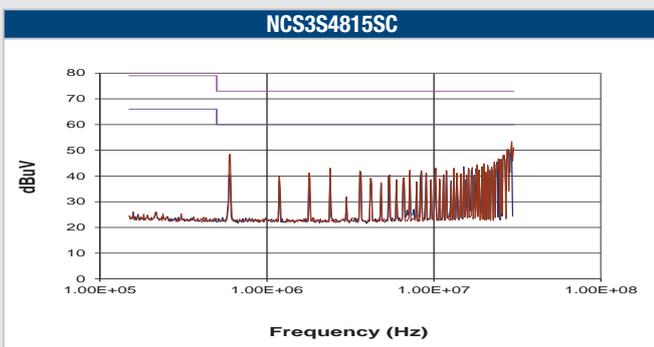
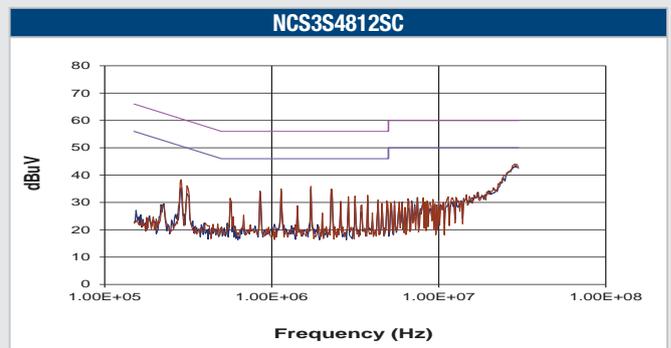
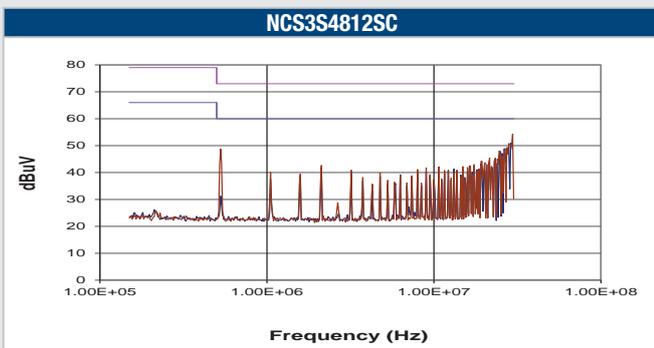
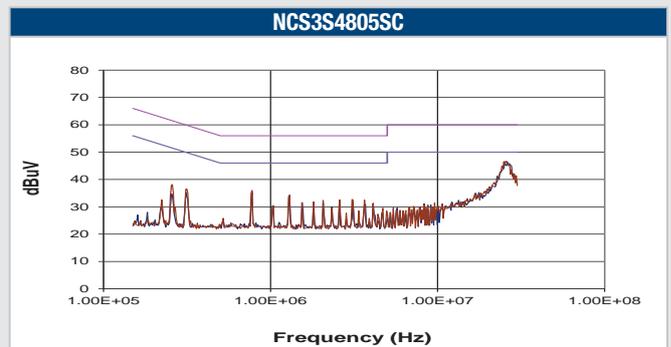
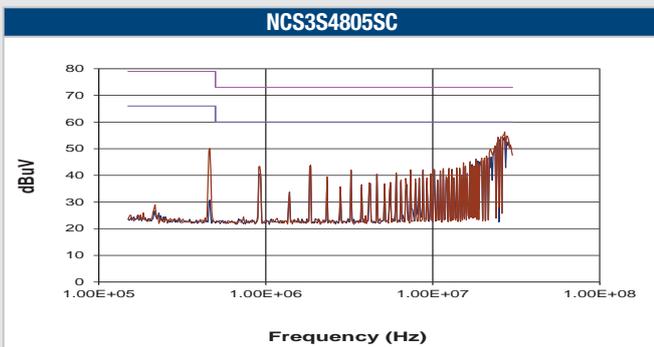
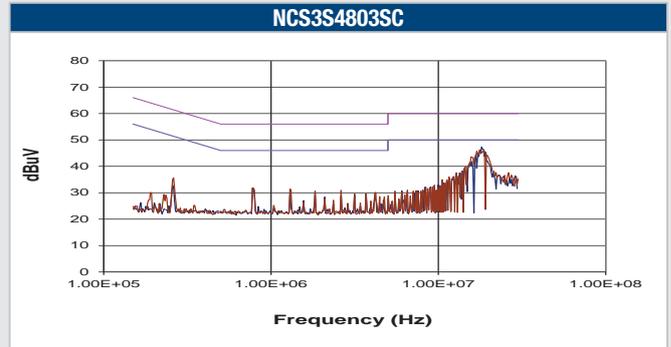
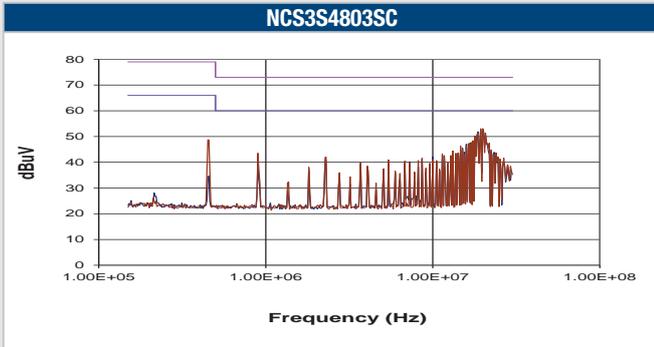
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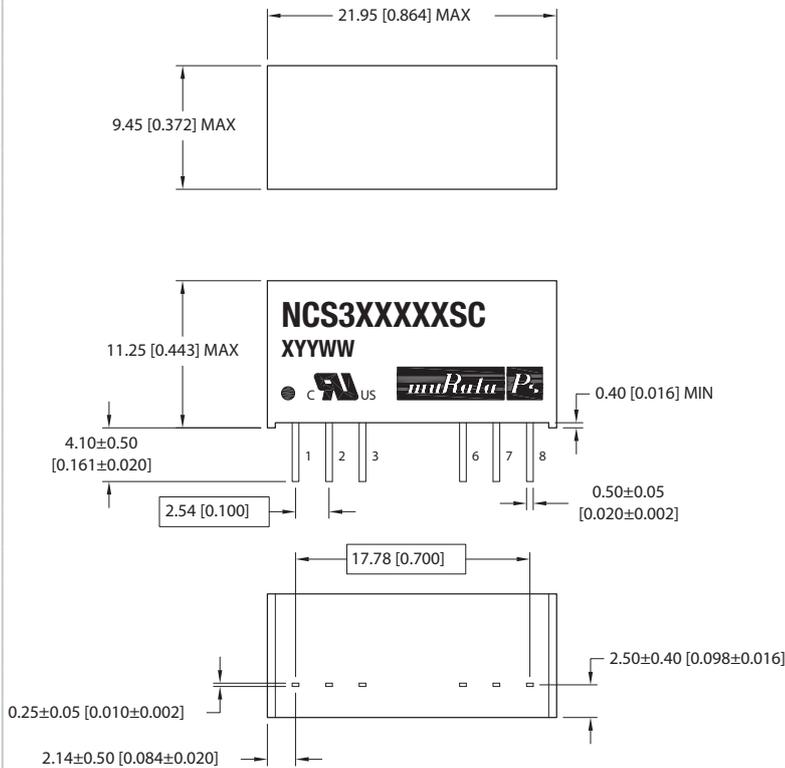


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## PACKAGE SPECIFICATIONS

### MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS



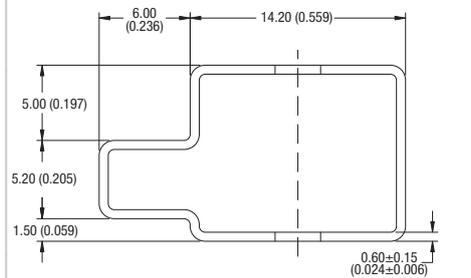
All dimensions in millimetres (inches), controlling dimension is mm.  
All pins on a 2.54 (0.100) pitch and within 0.25 (0.010) of true position.

Weight: 4.4g

### PIN CONNECTIONS

| Pin | Function |
|-----|----------|
|     | Single   |
| 1   | -VIN     |
| 2   | +VIN     |
| 3   | Control  |
| 6   | +VOUT    |
| 7   | 0V       |
| 8   | N/C      |

### TUBE OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

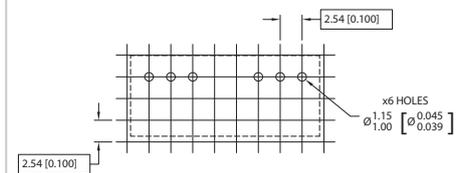


All dimensions in inches  $\pm 0.01$  (mm  $\pm 0.5$ mm).

Tube length : 20.47  $\pm 0.079$  (520mm  $\pm 2$ mm).

Tube Quantity : 23

### RECOMMENDED FOOTPRINT DETAILS



All dimensions in mm (inches)  $\pm 0.25$  ( $\pm 0.010$ ).

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