

Hybrid ICs for Driving IGBTs

VLA517-01AR APPLICATION MANUAL



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1 Introduction

The insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT) is increasingly being used in small, low-noise, high-performance power supplies, inverters, uninterruptable power supplies (UPS), and motor speed controls.

2 Features

- High speed response for up to 40kHz operation
- **Built-in photocoupler for high isolation voltage:** 2500V AC for one minute
- **Single supply operation**
- **Built-in overcurrent protection circuit**
- **Overcurrent detection output**
- **SIL package for high-density mounting**

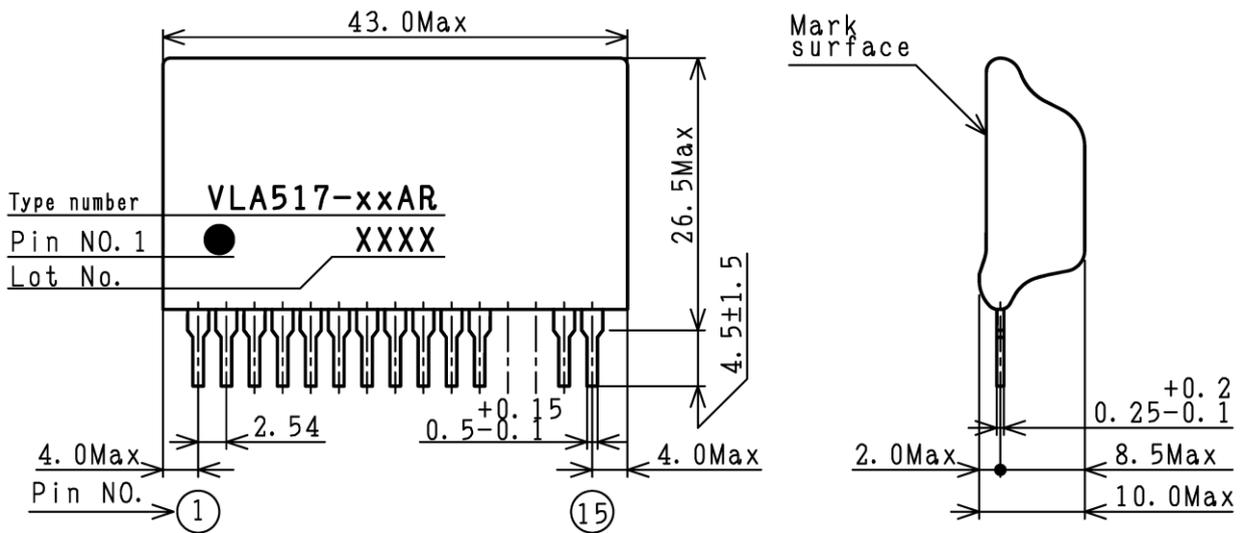
3 Application

- General-purpose inverter and motor control
- NC machine tools
- Uninterruptable power supplies (UPS)
- Welding machines

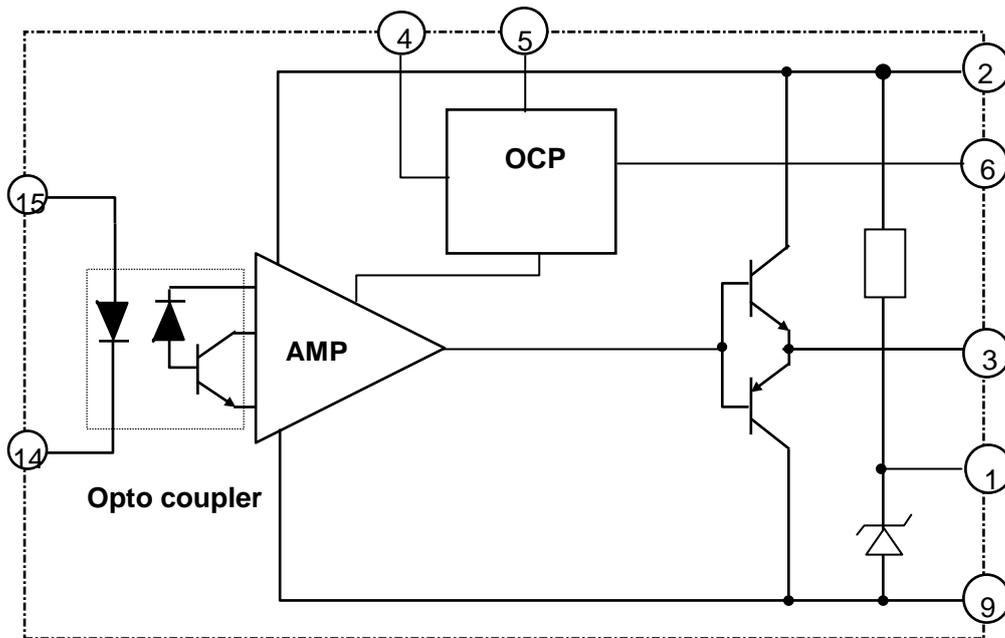
4 Comprehensive Chart

Fuji IGBT modules	V _{CES}	I _{CP}
	600V	up to 400A
	1200V	up to 300A

5 Dimensions, mm



6 Functional Block Diagrams



Pin number	Description
①	Connected to smoothing capacitor for reverse bias power supply
②	Power supply (+20V)
③	Drive output
④	For connecting an external capacitor to protect against malfunction of the overcurrent protection circuit (The capacitor is not needed in most cases.)
⑤	Overcurrent detection output
⑥	Collector voltage monitoring
⑦ ⑧	Not connected
⑨	Power supply (0V)
⑩ ⑪	Not connected
⑭	Drive signal input (-)
⑮	Drive signal input (+)

7 Ratings and Characteristics

Absolute Maximum Ratings (at Tc=25degree unless otherwise specified)

Items	Symbol	Conditions	Rated value
Power supply voltage	Vcc		25V
Photo coupler input current	Iin		25mA
Forward bias output current	Ig1	PW=2μs、duty=0.05 or less	4.0A
Reverse bias output current	Ig2	PW=2μs、duty=0.05 or less	4.0A
Isolation voltage	VISO	AC50Hz/60Hz, 1min	2500V
Operation temperature	Tc		-25 +85°C
Storage temperature	Tstg		-25 +125°C

Recommended Operations Conditions

Items	Symbol	Recommended condition
Power supply voltage	Vcc	20~22V
Photo Coupler Input Current	Iin	10mA+/-10%

Electrical Characteristics (Ta=25°C, Vcc=20V, IF=10mA)

Items	Symbol	Conditions	Rated value	
			Typ.	Max.
Switching time 1	ton			1.5μs
Switching time 2	toff			1.5μs
OCP operating voltage	Vocp		8.5V	
OCP delay time	tocp			10μs
Alarm delay time	tARM			1.5μs
Reverse bias power supply voltage	VRB	IF=0A	5V	
Opto coupler Common mode transient immunity	dv/dt		P-P, 1000V-5000V/μs	

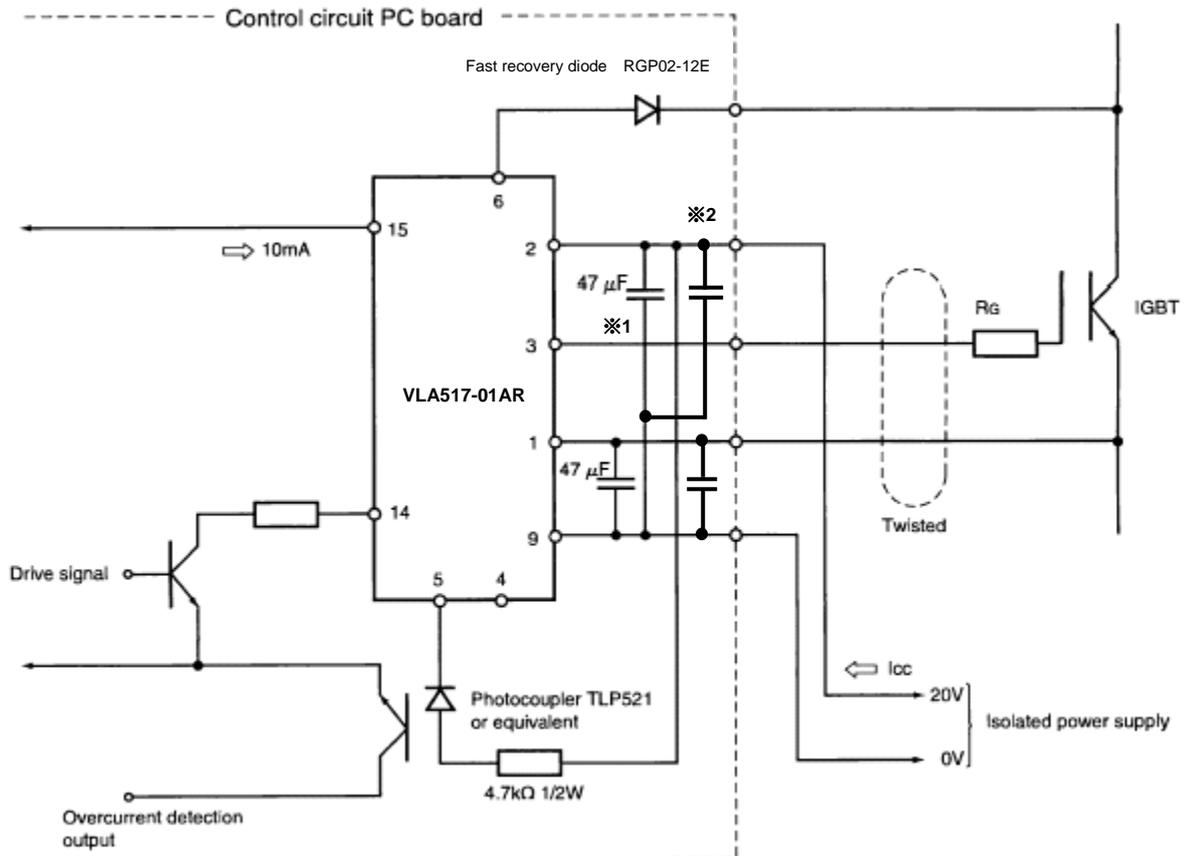
8 Application Circuits

VLA517-01AR application circuits

VLA517-01AR is a hybrid IC capable of driving up to 400A for a 600V IGBT and up to 300A for a 1200V IGBT. Since the signal delay in the drive circuit is 1.5 μ s or less, the hybrid IC is suitable for switching at up to about 40kHz.

Note the following when using the hybrid IC:

- The IGBT's gate-emitter drive loop wiring must be shorter than one meter.
- The IGBT's gate-emitter drive wiring should be twisted.
- If a large voltage spike is generated at the collector of the IGBT, increase the IGBT's gate series resistor (R_G).



※ The capacitor absorbs changes in the supply voltage caused by the power supply wiring impedance. It is not a power supply filter capacitor.

※ Opto-coupler might malfunction after the turn off on the IGBTs when V_{PN} is high voltage or R_G is small value. The problem will be solved to connect the film capacitor or the ceramic capacitor of about 1.5 μ F.

9 Operation

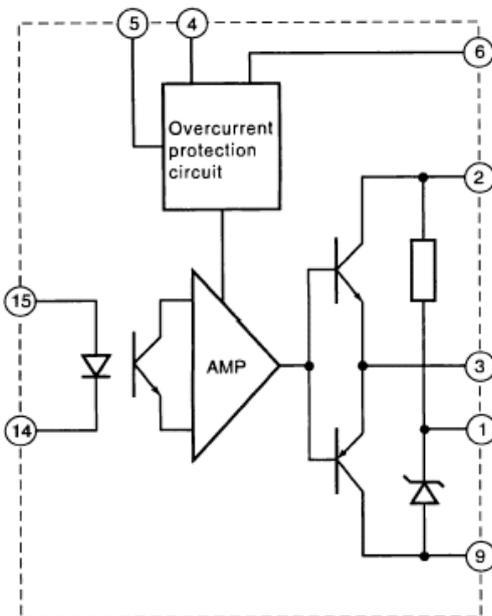
1. Outline

The following built-in functions make the fullest use of the IGBT.

- Signal isolation circuit
- Drive amplifier
- Overcurrent detector
- Low speed overcurrent cut-off circuit
- Gate turn-off power supply

2. Signal isolation circuit

A photocoupler with a high isolation voltage is used for signal isolation. Therefore, this hybrid IC can be used in devices powered from 480V AC.



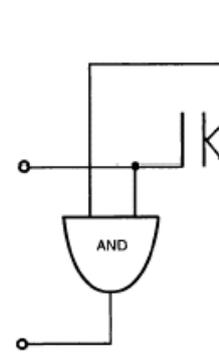
3. Overcurrent detector

The IGBT can withstand an overcurrent of only 10 μ s duration when short-circuited. An extremely fast protection circuit is necessary for this reason.

This hybrid IC incorporates an overcurrent protection circuit. An overcurrent is detected according to the relationship between the drive signal and the collector voltage.

The principle of overcurrent detection is shown below. An overcurrent is considered present when the collector voltage is high although an on-signal is inputted.

	VCE low	VCE high
On-signal	Normal	Overcurrent
Off-signal	–	Normal



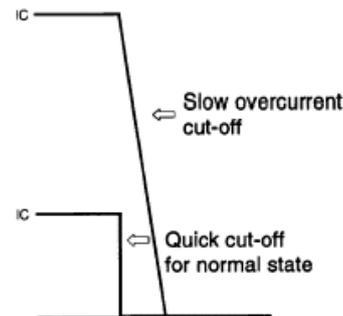
4. Low-speed overcurrent cut-off circuit

A low-speed cut-off circuit slowly turns off the IGBT in response to an overcurrent.

When an overcurrent is cut off at normal drive speed, the collector voltage spike generated is large enough to damage the IGBT.

The low-speed cut-off circuit protects the IGBT against damage.

(The low-speed cut-off circuit does not operate for overcurrents of 10 μ s or less duration.)

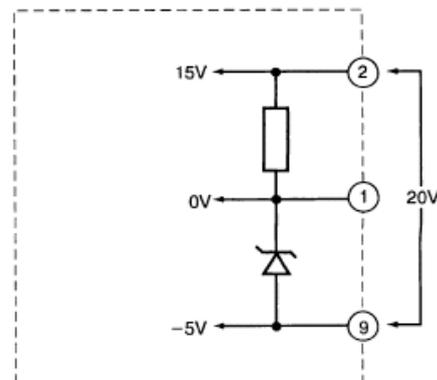


5. Gate turn-off power supply

The IGBT needs a +15V on-gate voltage to get a low on-voltage and -5V off-gate voltage to protect against malfunction in the off state.

This is a built-in circuit which generates a constant-voltage supply from the 20V supply for IGBT gate turn-off.

Do not apply external voltage to pin 1.

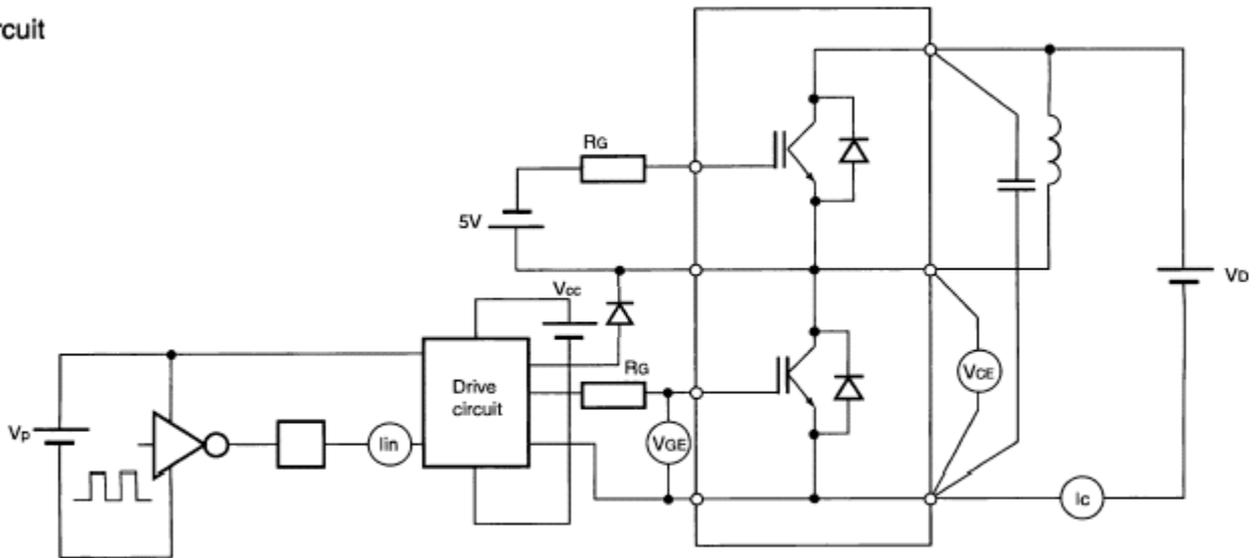


10 Operating Waveforms

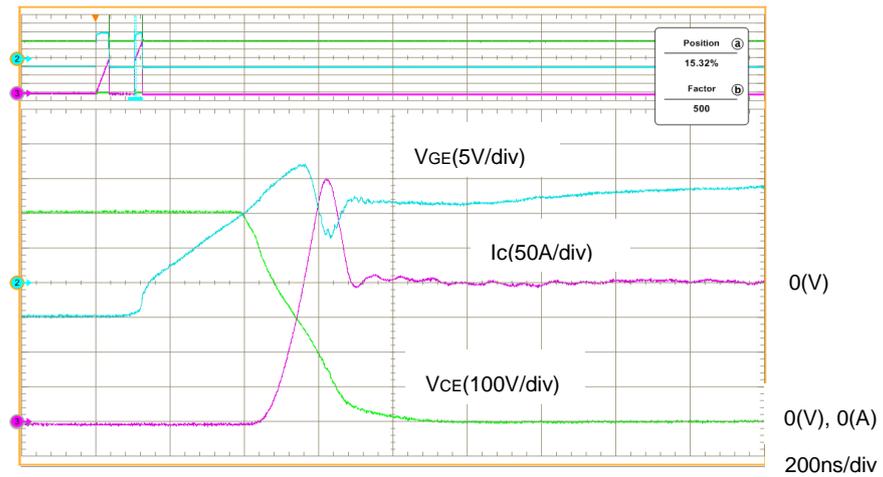
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• Input-output waveforms

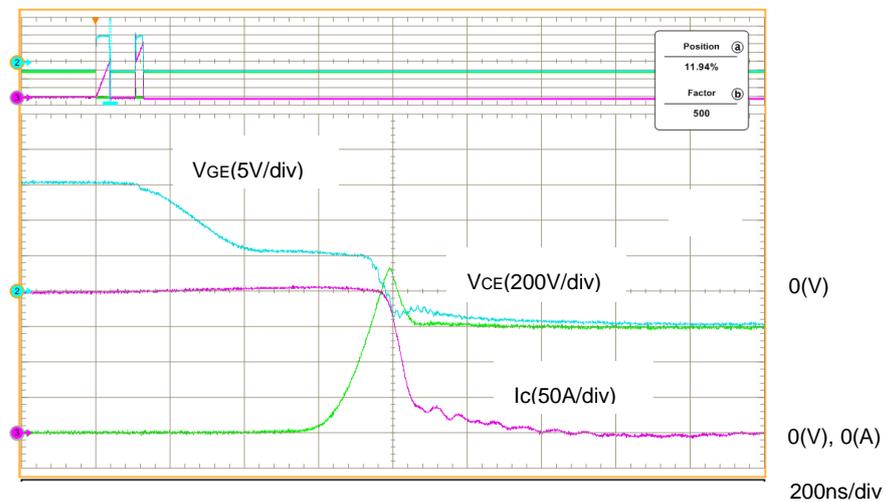
Test circuit



Operating conditions: $V_{cc}=20V$, $V_d=600V$, $I_c=200A$, IGBT module: 2MBI200U4B120, $R_g=6\Omega$



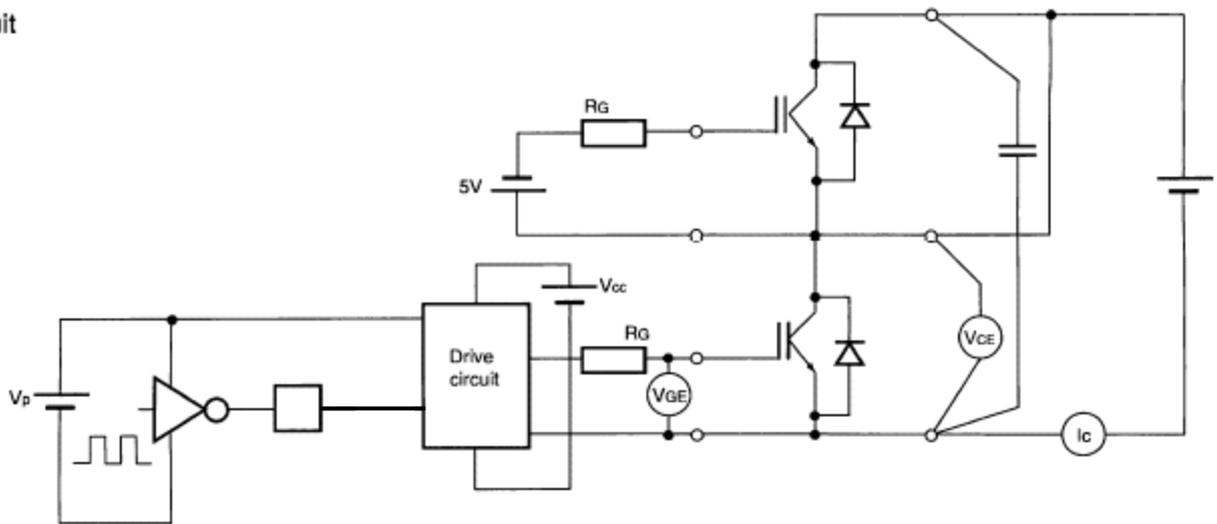
① Turn-on waveforms



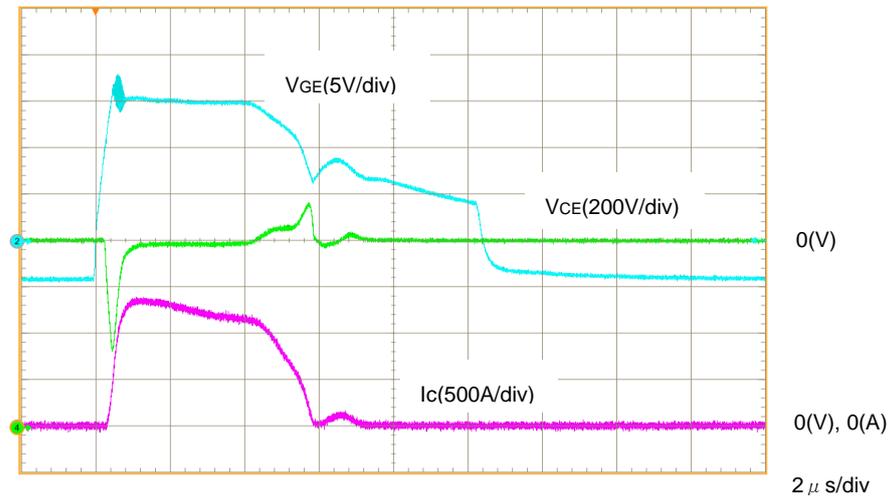
② Turn-off waveforms

● Waveforms at short circuit

Test circuit



Operating conditions: $V_{cc}=20V$, $V_d=800V$, IGBT module: 2MBI200U4B120, $R_g=6\Omega$

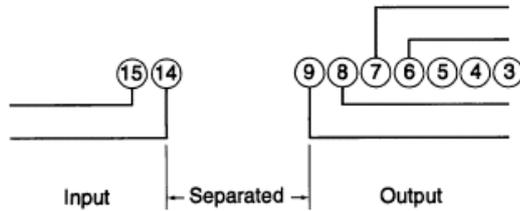


③ Turn-on waveforms (At short circuit)

11 Notes

1. Separation of input circuit from output circuit

Keep the wiring of the input circuit (Photocoupler) away from the output circuit wiring to assure that the proper dielectric strength and high noise resistance are maintained.



2. Use under recommended operating conditions

The IGBT works best if the recommended operating conditions driven in Section 7 are observed.

- Note that excessive drive supply voltage could damage the IGBT due to excess IGBT gate voltage, and that an insufficient drive voltage could abnormally increase the IGBT's ON voltage.
- Note that an excessive input current could increase the signal delay in the drive circuit, and that an insufficient input current could cause unstable operation of the drive circuit.
- Note that an insufficient gate resistance can increase the switching noise of the IGBT and freewheeling diode.
- Note the points above where the recommended operating conditions cannot be observed.

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