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As the primary switching element in DC-DC converters, Zetex MOSFETS allow greater power density designs to be realised. Switching frequencies extending into Mega-Hertz are possible, lowering inductance and smoothing requirements, and thereby the size of the finished products.

The simple circuit shown features bootstrapped gate drive, to enable this 48V to 5V converter to operate reliably at output currents exceeding 1.7A.

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