

MCP73871

Stand-Alone System Load Sharing and Li-Ion / Li-Polymer Battery Charge Management Controller

Features

- Integrated System Load Sharing and Battery Charge Management
	- Simultaneously Power the System and Charge the Li-Ion Battery
	- Voltage Proportional Current Control (VPCC) ensures system load has priority over Li-Ion battery charge current
	- Low-Loss Power-Path Management with Ideal Diode Operation
- Complete Linear Charge Management Controller
	- Integrated Pass Transistors
	- Integrated Current Sense
	- Integrated Reverse Discharge Protection
	- Selectable Input Power Sources: USB Port or AC-DC Wall Adapter
- Preset High Accuracy Charge Voltage Options:
	- 4.10V, 4.20V, 4.35V or 4.40V
	- ±0.5% Regulation Tolerance
- Constant Current / Constant Voltage (CC/CV) Operation with Thermal Regulation
- Maximum 1.8A Total Input Current Control
- Resistor Programmable Fast Charge Current Control: 50 mA to 1A
- Resistor Programmable Termination Set Point
- Selectable USB Input Current Control
- Absolute Maximum: 100 mA (L) / 500 mA (H)
- Automatic Recharge
- Automatic End-of-Charge Control
- Safety Timer With Timer Enable/Disable Control
- 0.1C Preconditioning for Deeply Depleted Cells
- Battery Cell Temperature Monitor
- Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)
- Low Battery Status Indicator (LBO)
- Power-Good Status Indicator (PG)
- Charge Status and Fault Condition Indicators
- Numerous Selectable Options Available for a Variety of Applications:
	- Refer to **[Section 1.0 "Electrical](#page-4-0) [Characteristics"](#page-4-0)** for Selectable Options"
	- Refer to the **"[Product Identification](#page-34-0) [System"](#page-34-0)** for Standard Options
- Temperature Range: -40°C to +85°C
- Packaging: 20-Lead QFN (4 mm x 4 mm)

Applications

- GPSs / Navigators
- PDAs and Smart Phones
- Portable Media Players and MP3 Players
- Digital Cameras
- Bluetooth Headsets
- Portable Medical Devices
- Charge Cradles / Docking Stations
- Toys

Description

The MCP73871 device is a fully integrated linear solution for system load sharing and Li-Ion / Li-Polymer battery charge management with ac-dc wall adapter and USB port power sources selection. It's also capable of autonomous power source selection between input or battery. Along with its small physical size, the low number of required external components makes the device ideally suited for portable applications.

The MCP73871 device automatically obtains power for the system load from a single-cell Li-Ion battery or an input power source (ac-dc wall adapter or USB port). The MCP73871 device specifically adheres to the current drawn limits governed by the USB specification. With an ac-dc wall adapter providing power to the system, an external resistor sets the magnitude of 1A maximum charge current while supports up to 1.8A total current for system load and battery charge current.

The MCP73871 device employs a constant current / constant voltage (CC/CV) charge algorithm with selectable charge termination point. The constant voltage regulation is fixed with four available options: 4.10V, 4.20V, 4.35V, or 4.40V to accommodate new, emerging battery charging requirements. The MCP73871 device also limits the charge current based on die temperature during high power or high ambient conditions. This thermal regulation optimizes the charge cycle time while maintaining device reliability.

The MCP73871 device includes a low battery indicator, a power-good indicator and two charge status indicators that allows for outputs with LEDs or communication with host microcontrollers. The MCP73871 device is fully specified over the ambient temperature range of -40°C to +85°C.

Package Types

Typical Application Circuit

Functional Block Diagram

NOTES:

1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings†

† Notice: Stresses above those listed under "Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational listings of this specification is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise indicated, all limits apply for V_{IN} = V_{REG} + 0.3V to 6V, T_A = -40°C to +85°C. Typical values are at $+25^{\circ}$ C, $V_{\text{IN}} = [V_{\text{PRE}} \text{ (typical)} + 1.0 \text{V}]$

Note 1: The value is ensured by design and not production tested.

2: The maximum available charge current is also limited by the value set at PROG1 input.

DC CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise indicated, all limits apply for V_{IN} = V_{REG} + 0.3V to 6V, T_A = -40°C to +85°C. Typical values are at +25°C, $V_{\text{IN}} = [V_{\text{REG}} \text{ (typical)} + 1.0 \text{V}]$

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DC CHARACTERISTICS (CONTINUED)

Note 1: The value is ensured by design and not production tested.

2: The maximum available charge current is also limited by the value set at PROG1 input.

AC CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise indicated, all limits apply for $V_{IN} = 4.6V$ to 6V.

Note 1: Internal safety timer is tested base on internal oscillator frequency measurement.

TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

2.0 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $V_{IN} = [V_{REG}(typical) + 1V]$, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA and $T_A = +25$ °C, Constant-voltage mode.

FIGURE 2-1: Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}).

FIGURE 2-2: Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (T_A) .

FIGURE 2-3: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Programming Resistor (R_{PROG}).

FIGURE 2-4: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}).

FIGURE 2-5: Output Leakage Current (IDISCHARGE) vs. Ambient Temperature (TA).

FIGURE 2-6: Output Leakage Current (IDISCHARGE) vs. Battery Regulation Voltage (V_{BAT}) .

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $V_{\text{IN}} = [V_{\text{REG}}(\text{typical}) + 1V]$, $I_{\text{OUT}} = 10 \text{ mA}$ and $T_A = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, Constant-voltage mode.

FIGURE 2-7: Output Leakage Current (I_{DISCHARGE}) vs. Battery Voltage (V_{BAT}).

FIGURE 2-8: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}).

FIGURE 2-9: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}).

FIGURE 2-10: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. *Supply Voltage (V_{DD}).*

FIGURE 2-11: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (TA).

FIGURE 2-12: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. *Ambient Temperature (TA).*

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $V_{IN} = [V_{REG}(typical) + 1V]$, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA and $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, Constant-voltage mode.

FIGURE 2-13: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Ambient Temperature (TA).

FIGURE 2-14: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Junction Temperature (T_J).

FIGURE 2-15: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Junction Temperature (T_J).

FIGURE 2-16: Charge Current (I_{OUT}) vs. Junction Temperature (T_J).

FIGURE 2-17: Thermistor Current (ITHERM) vs. Supply Voltage (V_{DD}).

FIGURE 2-18: *Thermistor Current (I_{THERM}) vs. Ambient Temperature (T_A).*

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $V_{IN} = [V_{REG}(typical) + 1V]$, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA and $T_A = +25°C$, Constant-voltage mode.

FIGURE 2-20: Line Transient Response. $I_{OUT} = 100 \text{ mA}$.

FIGURE 2-21: Line Transient Response. $I_{OUT} = 500$ mA.

FIGURE 2-22: Load Transient Response. $I_{OUT} = 100 \text{ mA}$.

FIGURE 2-23: Load Transient Response. $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$.

FIGURE 2-24: Undervoltage Lockout.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, $V_{IN} = [V_{REG}(typical) + 1V]$, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA and $T_A = +25$ °C, Constant-voltage mode.

FIGURE 2-26: Complete Charge Cycle (130 mAh Li-Ion Battery).

FIGURE 2-27: Complete Charge Cycle (1000 mAh Li-Ion Battery).

FIGURE 2-28: Typical Charge Profile in Preconditioning (1000 mAh Battery).

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3.0 PIN DESCRIPTION

The descriptions of the pins are listed in [Table 3-1.](#page-14-0)

Note: The input pins should always tie to either High or Low, and never allow floating to ensure operation properly.

3.1 Power Supply Input (IN)

A supply voltage of V_{REG} + 0.3V to 6V is recommended. Bypass to V_{SS} with a minimum of 4.7 µF.

3.2 System Output Terminal (OUT)

The MCP73871 device powers the system via output terminals while independently charging the battery. This feature reduces the charge and discharge cycles on the battery, allows for proper charge termination and the system to run with an absent or defective battery pack. Also, this feature gives the system priority on input power, allowing the system to power-up with deeply depleted battery packs. Bypass to V_{SS} with a minimum of 4.7 µF is recommended.

3.3 Voltage Proportional Charge Control (VPCC)

If the voltage on the IN pin drops to a preset value, determined by the threshold established at the VPCC input, due to a limited amount of input current or input source impedance, the battery charging current is reduced. Further demand from the system is supported by the battery, if possible. To active this feature, simply supply 1.23V or greater to VPCC pin. This feature can be disabled by connecting the VPCC pin to IN.

For example, a system is designed with a 5.5V rated DC power supply with ±0.5V tolerance. The worst condition of 5V is selected, which is used to calculate the VPCC supply voltage with divider.

The voltage divider equation is shown below:

$$
V_{VPCC} = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}\right) \times V_{IN} = 1.23 \text{ V}
$$

$$
1.23 \text{ V} = \left(\frac{110 \text{ k}\Omega}{110 \text{ k}\Omega + R_1}\right) \times 5 \text{ V}
$$

$$
R_1 = 337.2 \text{ k}\Omega
$$

The calculated R₁ equals to 337.2 kΩ when 110 kΩ is selected for R₂. The 330 kΩ resistor is selected for R₁ to build the voltage divider for VPCC.

FIGURE 3-1: Voltage Divider Example.

3.4 Input Source Type Selection (SEL)

The input source type selection (SEL) pin is used to select input power source for input current limit control feature. With the SEL input High, the MCP73871 device is designed to provide a typical 1.65A to system power and charge Li-Ion battery from a regular 5V wall adapter. The MCP73871 device limits the input current up to 1.8A. When SEL active Low, the input source is designed to provide system power and Li-Ion battery charging from a USB Port input while adhering to the current limits governed by the USB specification.

3.5 Battery Management 0V Reference (V_{SS})

Connect to negative terminal of battery, system load and input supply.

3.6 Battery Charge Control Output (V_{BAT})

Connect to positive terminal of Li-Ion / Li-Polymer batteries. Bypass to V_{SS} with a minimum of 4.7 μ F to ensure loop stability when the battery is disconnected.

3.7 Battery Voltage Sense (VBAT_SENSE)

Connect to positive terminal of battery. A precision internal voltage sense regulates the final voltage on this pin to V_{REG} .

3.8 Charge Current Regulation Set (PROG1)

The maximum constant charge current is set by placing a resistor from PROG1 to V_{SS} . PROG1 sets the maximum constant charge current for both ac-dc adapter and USB port. However, the actual charge current is based on input source type and system load requirement.

3.9 USB-Port Current Regulation Set (PROG2)

The MCP73871 device USB-Port current regulation set input (PROG2) is a digital input selection. A logic Low selects a 1 unit load input current from USB port (100 mA); a logic High selects a 5 unit loads input current from USB port (500 mA).

3.10 Charge Status Output 1 (STAT1)

STAT1 is an open-drain logic output for connection to an LED for charge status indication. Alternatively, a pull-up resistor can be applied for interfacing to a host microcontroller. Refer to [Table 5-1](#page-22-0) for a summary of the status output during a charge cycle.

3.11 Charge Status Output 2 (STAT2)

STAT2 is an open-drain logic output for connection to an LED for charge status indication. Alternatively, a pull-up resistor can be applied for interfacing to a host microcontroller. Refer to [Table 5-1](#page-22-0) for a summary of the status output during a charge cycle.

3.12 Power-Good (PG)

The power-good (\overline{PG}) is an open-drain logic output for input power supply indication. The PG output is low whenever the input to the MCP73871 device is above the UVLO threshold and greater than the battery voltage. The PG output can be used as an indication to the user via an illuminated LED or to the system via a pull-up resistor for interfacing to a host microcontroller that an input source other than the battery is supplying power. Refer to [Table 5-1](#page-22-0) for a summary of the status output during a charge cycle.

3.13 Low Battery Output (LBO)

STAT1 also serves as low battery output (LBO) if the selected MCP73871 is equipped with this feature. It reminds the system or end user when the Li-Ion battery voltage level is low. The LBO feature enables when the system is running from the Li-Ion batteries. The LBO indicator can be used as an indication to the user via lit up LED or to the system via a pull-up resistor for interfacing to a host microcontroller that an input source other than the battery is supplying power. Refer to [Table 5-1](#page-22-0) for a summary of the status output during a charge cycle.

3.14 Timer Enable (TE)

The timer enable (\overline{TE}) feature is used to enable or disable the internal timer. A low signal on this pin enables the internal timer and a high signal disables the internal timer. The \overline{TE} input can be used to disable the timer when the system load is substantially limiting the available supply current to charge the battery. The $\overline{\text{TE}}$ input is compatible with 1.8V logic.

3.15 Battery Temperature Monitor (THERM)

The MCP73871 device continuously monitor battery temperature during a charge cycle by measuring the voltage between the THERM and V_{SS} pins. An internal 50 µA current source provides the bias for most common 10 kΩ negative-temperature coefficient thermistors (NTC). The MCP73871 device compares the voltage at the THERM pin to factory set thresholds of 1.24V and 0.25V, typically. Once a voltage outside the thresholds is detected during a charge cycle, the MCP73871 device immediately suspends the charge cycle. The charge cycle resumes when the voltage at the THERM pin returns to the normal range. The charge temperature window can be set by placing fixed value resistors in series-parallel with a thermistor. Refer to **[Section 6.0 "Applications"](#page-24-0)** for calculations of resistance values.

3.16 Charge Enable (CE)

With the CE input Low, the Li-Ion battery charger feature of the MCP73871 will be disabled. The charger feature is enabled when CE is active High. Allowing the CE pin to float during the charge cycle may cause system instability. The CE input is compatible with 1.8V logic. Refer to **[Section 6.0 "Applications"](#page-24-0)** for various applications in designing with CE features.

3.17 Exposed Thermal Pad (EP)

There is an internal electrical connection between the Exposed Thermal Pad (EP) and the V_{SS} pin; they must be connected to the same potential.

NOTES:

4.0 DEVICE OVERVIEW

The MCP73871 device is a simple, but fully integrated linear charge management controllers with system load sharing feature. [Figure 4-1](#page-18-0) depicts the operational flow algorithm.

FIGURE 4-1: MCP73871 Device Flow Chart.

4.1 UnderVoltage Lockout (UVLO)

An internal undervoltage lockout (UVLO) circuit monitors the input voltage and keeps the charger in shutdown mode until the input supply rises above the UVLO threshold.

In the event a battery is present when the input power is applied, the input supply must rise approximately 100 mV above the battery voltage before the MCP73871 device become operational.

The UVLO circuit places the device in shutdown mode if the input supply falls to approximately 100 mV of the battery voltage.

The UVLO circuit is always active. At any time, the input supply is below the UVLO threshold or approximately 100 mV of the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin, the MCP73871 device is placed in a shutdown mode.

During any UVLO condition, the battery reverse discharge current shall be less than 2 μ A.

4.2 System Load Sharing

The system load sharing feature gives the system priority on input power, allowing the system to power-up with deeply depleted battery packs.

With the SEL input active Low, the MCP73871 device is designed to provide system power and Li-Ion battery charging from a USB input while adhering to the current limits governed by the USB specification.

With the SEL input active High, the MCP73871 device limits the total supply current to 1.8A (system power and charge current combined).

4.3 Charge Qualification

For a charge cycle to begin, all UVLO conditions must be met and a battery or output load must be present.

A charge current programming resistor must be connected from PROG1 to V_{SS} when SEL = High. When SEL = Low, PROG2 needs to tie to High or Low for proper operation.

4.4 Preconditioning

If the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin is less than the preconditioning threshold, the MCP73871 device enters a preconditioning mode. The preconditioning threshold is factory set. Refer to **[Section 1.0](#page-4-0) ["Electrical Characteristics"](#page-4-0)** for preconditioning threshold options.

In this mode, the MCP73871 device supplies 10% of the fast charge current (established with the value of the resistor connected to the PROG1 pin) to the battery.

When the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin rises above the preconditioning threshold, the MCP73871 device enters the constant current (fast charge) mode.

4.5 Constant Current Mode - Fast Charge

During the constant current mode, the programmed charge current is supplied to the battery or load. The charge current is established using a single resistor from PROG1 to V_{SS} . The program resistor and the charge current are calculated using the following equation:

EQUATION 4-1:

Constant current mode is maintained until the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin reaches the regulation voltage, V_{REG} .

When constant current mode is invoked, the internal timer is reset.

4.5.1 TIMER EXPIRED DURING CONSTANT CURRENT - FAST CHARGE MODE

If the internal timer expires before the recharge voltage threshold is reached, a timer fault is indicated and the charge cycle terminates. The MCP73871 device remains in this condition until the battery is removed. If the battery is removed, the MCP73871 device enters the Stand-by mode where it remains until a battery is reinserted.

4.6 Constant Voltage Mode

When the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin reaches the regulation voltage, V_{REG} constant voltage regulation begins. The regulation voltage is factory set to 4.10V or 4.20V with a tolerance of $\pm 0.5\%$.

4.7 Charge Termination

The charge cycle is terminated when, during constant voltage mode, the average charge current diminishes below a threshold established with the value of a resistor connected from PROG3 to V_{SS} or internal timer has expired. A 1 ms filter time on the termination comparator ensures that transient load conditions do not result in premature charge cycle termination. The timer period is factory set and can be disabled. Refer to **[Section 1.0 "Electrical Characteristics"](#page-4-0)** for timer period options.

The program resistor and the charge current are calculated using the following equation:

EQUATION 4-2:

The charge current is latched off and the MCP73871 device enters a charge complete mode. The recommended PROG3 resistor values are between 5 kΩ and 100 kΩ.

4.8 Automatic Recharge

The MCP73871 device continuously monitors the voltage at the V_{BAT} pin in the charge complete mode. If the voltage drops below the recharge threshold, another charge cycle begins and current is once again supplied to the battery or load. The recharge threshold is factory set. Refer to **[Section 1.0 "Electrical](#page-4-0) [Characteristics"](#page-4-0)** for recharge threshold options.

4.9 Thermal Regulation

The MCP73871 device limits the charge current based on the die temperature. The thermal regulation optimizes the charge cycle time while maintaining device reliability. [Figure 4-3](#page-20-0) depicts the thermal regulation for the MCP73871 device. Refer to **[Section 1.0 "Electrical Characteristics"](#page-4-0)** for thermal package resistances and **[Section 6.1.1.2 "Thermal](#page-25-0) [Considerations"](#page-25-0)** for calculating power dissipation.

FIGURE 4-3: Thermal Regulation

4.10 Thermal Shutdown

The MCP73871 device suspends charge if the die temperature exceeds 150°C. Charging will resume when the die temperature has cooled by approximately 10°C. The thermal shutdown is a secondary safety feature in the event that there is a failure within the thermal regulation circuitry.

4.11 Temperature Qualification

The MCP73871 device continuously monitor battery temperature during a charge cycle by measuring the voltage between the THERM and V_{SS} pins. An internal 50 µA current source provides the bias for most common 10 kΩ negative-temperature coefficient thermistors (NTC). The MCP73871 device compares the voltage at the THERM pin to factory set thresholds of 1.24V and 0.25V, typically. Once a voltage outside the thresholds is detected during a charge cycle, the MCP73871 device immediately suspends the charge cycle. The MCP73871 device suspends charge by turning off the charge pass transistor and holding the timer value. The charge cycle resumes when the voltage at the THERM pin returns to the normal range.

4.12 Voltage Proportional Charge Control (VPCC)

If the voltage on the IN pin drops to a preset value, determined by the threshold established at the VPCC input, due to a limited amount of input current or input source impedance, then the battery charging current is reduced. The VPCC control tries to reach a steady-state condition where the system load has priority and the battery is charged with the remaining current. Therefore, if the system demands more current than the input can provide, the ideal diode will become forward biased and the battery is able to supplement the input current to the system load.

The VPCC sustains the system load as its highest priority. It does this by reducing the noncritical charge current while maintaining the maximum power output of the adapter. Further demand from the system is supported by the battery, if possible.

The VPCC feature functions identically for USB port or ac-dc adapter inputs. This feature can be disabled by connecting the VPCC to IN pin.

4.13 Input Current Limit Control (ICLC)

If the input current threshold is reached, then the battery charging current is reduced. The ICLC tries to reach a steady-state condition where the system load has priority and the battery is charged with the remaining current. No active control limits the current to the system. Therefore, if the system demands more current than the input can provide or the input ICLC is reached, the ideal diode will become forward biased and the battery is able to supplement the input current to the system load.

The ICLC sustains the system load as its highest priority. This is done by reducing the non-critical charge current while adhering to the current limits governed by the USB specification or the maximum ac-dc adapter current supported. Further demand from the system is supported by the battery, if possible.

FIGURE 4-4: Input Current Limit Control - USB Port.

5.0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION

5.1 Analog Circuitry

5.1.1 LOAD SHARING AND LI-ION BATTERY MANAGEMENT INPUT SUPPLY (V_{IN})

The V_{IN} input is the input supply to the MCP73871 device. The MCP73871 device can be supplied by either AC Adapter (V_{AC}) or USB Port (V_{USB}) with SEL pin. The MCP73871 device automatically powers the system with the Li-Ion battery when the V_{IN} input is not present.

5.1.2 FAST CHARGE CURRENT REGULATION SET (PROG1)

For the MCP73871 device, the charge current regulation can be scaled by placing a programming resistor (R_{PROG1}) from the PROG1 pin to V_{SS}. The program resistor and the charge current are calculated using the following equation:

EQUATION 5-1:

The fast charge current is set for maximum charge current from ac-dc adapter and USB port. The preconditioning current is 10% (0.1C) to the fast charge current.

5.1.3 BATTERY CHARGE CONTROL OUTPUT (V_{BAT})

The battery charge control output is the drain terminal of an internal P-channel MOSFET. The MCP73871 device provides constant current and voltage regulation to the battery pack by controlling this MOSFET in the linear region. The battery charge control output should be connected to the positive terminal of the battery pack.

5.1.4 TEMPERATURE QUALIFICATION (THERM)

The MCP73871 device continuously monitors battery temperature during a charge cycle by measuring the voltage between the THERM and V_{SS} pins. An internal 50 µA current source provides the bias for most common 10 kΩ negative-temperature coefficient (NTC) or positive-temperature coefficient (PTC) thermistors.The current source is controlled, avoiding measurement sensitivity to fluctuations in the supply voltage (V_{DD}) . The MCP73871 device compares the voltage at the THERM pin to factory set thresholds of

1.24V and 0.25V, typically. Once a voltage outside the thresholds is detected during a charge cycle, the MCP73871 device immediately suspends the charge cycle.

The MCP73871 device suspends charge by turning off the pass transistor and holding the timer value. The charge cycle resumes when the voltage at the THERM pin returns to the normal range.

If temperature monitoring is not required, place a standard 10 k Ω resistor from THERM to V_{SS}.

5.2 Digital Circuitry

5.2.1 STATUS INDICATORS AND POWER-GOOD (PG)

The charge status outputs have two different states: Low (L), and High Impedance (Hi-Z). The charge status outputs can be used to illuminate LEDs. Optionally, the charge status outputs can be used as an interface to a host microcontroller. [Table 5-1](#page-22-0) summarizes the state of the status outputs during a charge cycle.

TABLE 5-1: STATUS OUTPUTS

5.2.2 AC-DC ADAPTER AND USB PORT POWER SOURCE REGULATION SELECT (SEL)

With the SEL input Low, the MCP73871 device is designed to provide system power and Li-Ion battery charging from a USB input while adhering to the current limits governed by the USB specification. The host microcontroller has the option selecting either a 100 mA (L) or a 500 mA (H) current limit based on the PROG2 input. With the SEL input High, the MCP73871 device limits the input current to 1.8A. The programmed charge current is established using a single resistor from PROG1 to V_{SS} when driving SEL High.

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5.2.3 USB PORT CURRENT REGULATION SELECT (PROG2)

Driving the PROG2 input to a logic Low selects the low USB port source current setting (maximum 100 mA). Driving the PROG2 input to a logic High selects the high USB port source current setting (Maximum 500 mA).

5.2.4 POWER-GOOD (PG)

The power-good (PG) option is a pseudo open-drain output. The PG output can sink current, but not source current. However, there is a diode path back to the input, and as such, the output should only be pulled up to the input. The \overline{PG} output is low whenever the input to the MCP73871 device is above the UVLO threshold and greater than the battery voltage. The PG output can be used as an indication to the system that an input source other than the battery is supplying power.

5.2.5 TIMER ENABLE (TE) OPTION

The timer enable (\overline{TE}) input option is used to enable or disable the internal timer. A low signal on this pin enables the internal timer and a high signal disables the internal timer. The \overline{TE} input can be used to disable the timer when the charger is supplying current to charge the battery and power the system load. The \overline{TE} input is compatible with 1.8V logic.

6.0 APPLICATIONS

The MCP73871 device is designed to operate in conjunction with a host microcontroller or in stand-alone applications. The MCP73871 device provides the preferred charge algorithm for Lithium-Ion and Lithium-Polymer cells Constant-current followed by Constant-voltage. [Figure 6-1](#page-24-1) depicts a typical stand-alone MCP73871 application circuit, while Figures [6-2](#page-24-2) and [6-3](#page-24-3) depict the accompanying charge profile.

FIGURE 6-1: MCP73871Typical Stand-Alone Application Circuit with VPCC.

FIGURE 6-2: Typical Charge Profile (1000 mAh Battery).

FIGURE 6-3: Typical Charge Profile in Preconditioning (1000 mAh Battery).

6.1 Application Circuit Design

Due to the low efficiency of linear charging, the most important factors are **thermal design** and **cost**, which are a direct function of the input voltage, output current and thermal impedance between the battery charger and the ambient cooling air. The worst-case situation is when the device has transitioned from the Preconditioning mode to the Constant Current mode. In this situation, the battery charger has to dissipate the maximum power. A trade-off must be made between the charge current, cost and thermal requirements of the charger.

6.1.1 COMPONENT SELECTION

Selection of the external components in [Figure 6-1](#page-24-1) is crucial to the integrity and reliability of the charging system. The following discussion is intended as a guide for the component selection process.

6.1.1.1 Charge Current

The preferred fast charge current for Lithium-Ion cells should always follow references and guidances from battery manufacturers. For example, a 1000 mAh battery pack has a preferred fast charge current of 0.7C. Charging at 700 mA provides the shortest charge cycle times without degradation to the battery pack performance or life.

6.1.1.2 Thermal Considerations

The worst-case power dissipation in the battery charger occurs when the input voltage is at the maximum and the device has transitioned from the Preconditioning mode to the Constant-current mode. In this case, the power dissipation is:

EQUATION 6-1:

 $PowerDissipation = (V_{DDMAX} - V_{PTHMIN}) \times I_{REGMAX}$

Where:

For example, power dissipation with a 5V, \pm 10% input voltage source and 500 mA, ±10% fast charge current is:

EXAMPLE 6-1:

 $PowerDissipation = (5.5V - 2.7V) \times 550mA = 1.54W$

This power dissipation with the battery charger in the QFN-20 package will cause thermal regulation to be entered as depicted. Alternatively, the 4 mm x 4 mm DFN package could be utilized to reduce heat by adding vias on the exposed pad.

6.1.1.3 External Capacitors

The MCP73871 device is stable with or without a battery load. In order to maintain good AC stability in the Constant Voltage mode, a minimum capacitance of 4.7 μ F is recommended to bypass the V_{BAT} pin to V_{SS}. This capacitance provides compensation when there is no battery load. In addition, the battery and interconnections appear inductive at high frequencies. These elements are in the control feedback loop during Constant Voltage mode. Therefore, the bypass capacitance may be necessary to compensate for the inductive nature of the battery pack.

Virtually any good quality output filter capacitor can be used, independent of the capacitor's minimum Effective Series Resistance (ESR) value. The actual value of the capacitor (and its associated ESR) depends on the output load current. A 4.7 µF ceramic, tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitor at the output is usually sufficient to ensure stability for charge currents up to a 1000 mA.

6.1.1.4 Reverse-Blocking Protection

The MCP73871 device provides protection from a faulted or shorted input. Without the protection, a faulted or shorted input would discharge the battery pack through the body diode of the internal pass transistor.

6.1.1.5 Temperature Monitoring

The charge temperature window can be set by placing fixed value resistors in series-parallel with a thermistor. The resistance values of R_{T1} and R_{T2} can be calculated with the following equations in order to set the temperature window of interest.

For NTC thermistors:

EQUATION 6-2:

$$
24k\Omega = R_{T1} + \frac{R_{T2} \times R_{COLD}}{R_{T2} + R_{COLD}}
$$

$$
5k\Omega = R_{T1} + \frac{R_{T2} \times R_{HOT}}{R_{T2} + R_{HOT}}
$$

Where:

For example, by utilizing a 10 kΩ at 25°C NTC thermistor with a sensitivity index, $β$, of 3892, the charge temperature range can be set to 0°C - 50°C by placing a 1.54 kΩ resistor in series (R_{T1}) , and a 69.8 kΩ resistor in parallel (R_{T2}) with the thermistor.

6.1.1.6 Charge Status Interface

A status output provides information on the state of charge. The output can be used to illuminate external LEDs or interface to a host microcontroller. Refer to [Table 5-1](#page-22-0) for a summary of the state of the status output during a charge cycle.

6.1.1.7 System Load Current

The preferred discharge current for Lithium-Ion cells should always follow references and guidance from battery manufacturers. Due to the safety concerns when using Lithium-Ion batteries and power dissipation of linear solutions, the system load when design with the MCP73871 device is recommended to be less than 1A or the maximum discharge rate of the selected Lithium-Ion cell. Whichever is smaller is recommended.

The idea diode between V_{BAT} and OUT is designed to drive a maximum current up to 2A. The built-in thermal shutdown protection may turn the MCP73871 device off with high current.

6.2 PCB Layout Issues

For optimum voltage regulation, place the battery pack as close as possible to the device's V_{BAT} and V_{SS} pins, recommended to minimize voltage drops along the high current-carrying PCB traces.

If the PCB layout is used as a heatsink, adding many vias in the heatsink pad can help conduct more heat to the backplane of the PCB, thus reducing the maximum junction temperature.

NOTES:

7.0 PACKAGING

7.1 Package Marking Information

20-Lead QFN Example:

* Consult Factory for Alternative Device Options.

20-Lead Plastic Quad Flat. No Lead Package (ML) – 4x4x0.9 mm Body [QFN]

Note: r the most current package drawings, please see the Microchip Packaging Specification located at http://www.microchip.com/packaging

Notes:

1. Pin 1 visual index feature may vary, but must be located within the hatched area.

- 2. Package is saw singulated.
- 3. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

REF: Reference Dimension, usually without tolerance, for information purposes only.

Microchip Technology Drawing C04-126B

20-Lead Plastic Quad Flat, No Lead Package (ML) - 4x4 mm Body [QFN] With 0.40 mm Contact Length

Notes:

1. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M

BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

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NOTES:

APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision B (May 2009)

The following is the list of modifications:

- 1. Updated the QFN-20 package drawing.
- 2. Updated [Equation 4-1](#page-19-0).
- 3. Updated **[Section 4.7 "Charge Termination"](#page-20-1)** and [Equation 4-2](#page-20-2).
- 4. Updated [Equation 5-1](#page-22-1).

Revision A (July 2008)

• Original Release of this Document.

NOTES:

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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*** Operational Output Options**

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